

▼ Homework 3

Instructions

- This homework focuses on understanding and applying DETR for object detection and attention visualization. It consists of **three questions** designed to assess both theoretical understanding and practical application.
- Please organize your answers and results for the questions below and submit this jupyter notebook as a **.pdf file**.
- **Deadline: 11/14 (Thur) 23:59**

Reference

- End-to-End Object Detection with Transformers (DETR): <https://github.com/facebookresearch/detr>

▼ Q1. Understanding DETR model

- Fill-in-the-blank exercise to test your understanding of critical parts of the DETR model workflow.

```
from torch import nn
class DETR(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, num_classes, hidden_dim=256, nheads=8,
                 num_encoder_layers=6, num_decoder_layers=6, num_queries=100):
        super().__init__()

        # create ResNet-50 backbone
        self.backbone = resnet50()
        del self.backbone.fc

        # create conversion layer
        self.conv = nn.Conv2d(2048, hidden_dim, 1)

        # create a default PyTorch transformer
        self.transformer = nn.Transformer(
            hidden_dim, nheads, num_encoder_layers, num_decoder_layers)

        # prediction heads, one extra class for predicting non-empty slots
        # note that in baseline DETR linear_bbox layer is 3-layer MLP
        self.linear_class = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, num_classes + 1)
        self.linear_bbox = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, 4)

        # output positional encodings (object queries)
        self.query_pos = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(num_queries, hidden_dim))

        # spatial positional encodings
        # note that in baseline DETR we use sine positional encodings
        self.row_embed = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(50, hidden_dim // 2))
        self.col_embed = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(50, hidden_dim // 2))

    def forward(self, inputs):
        # propagate inputs through ResNet-50 up to avg-pool layer
        x = self.backbone.conv1(inputs)
        x = self.backbone.bn1(x)
        x = self.backbone.relu(x)
        x = self.backbone.maxpool(x)

        x = self.backbone.layer1(x)
        x = self.backbone.layer2(x)
        x = self.backbone.layer3(x)
        x = self.backbone.layer4(x)

        # convert from 2048 to 256 feature planes for the transformer
        h = self.conv(x)

        # construct positional encodings
        H, W = h.shape[-2:]
        pos = torch.cat([
            self.col_embed[:W].unsqueeze(0).repeat(H, 1, 1),
            self.row_embed[:H].unsqueeze(1).repeat(1, W, 1),
        ], dim=-1).flatten(0, 1).unsqueeze(1)

        # propagate through the transformer
        h = self.transformer(pos + 0.1 * h.flatten(2).permute(2, 0, 1),
                           self.query_pos.unsqueeze(1)).transpose(0, 1)

        # finally project transformer outputs to class labels and bounding boxes
        pred_logits = self.linear_class(h)
        pred_boxes = self.linear_bbox(h).sigmoid()

        return {'pred_logits': pred_logits,
                'pred_boxes': pred_boxes}
```

▼ Q2. Custom Image Detection and Attention Visualization

In this task, you will upload an **image of your choice** (different from the provided sample) and follow the steps below:

- Object Detection using DETR
 - Use the DETR model to detect objects in your uploaded image.
- Attention Visualization in Encoder
 - Visualize the regions of the image where the encoder focuses the most.
- Decoder Query Attention in Decoder
 - Visualize how the decoder's query attends to specific areas corresponding to the detected objects.

```
import math

from PIL import Image
import requests
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'retina'

import ipywidgets as widgets
from IPython.display import display, clear_output

import torch
from torch import nn

from torchvision.models import resnet50
import torchvision.transforms as T
torch.set_grad_enabled(False)

# COCO classes
CLASSES = [
    'N/A', 'person', 'bicycle', 'car', 'motorcycle', 'airplane', 'bus',
    'train', 'truck', 'boat', 'traffic light', 'fire hydrant', 'N/A',
    'stop sign', 'parking meter', 'bench', 'bird', 'cat', 'dog', 'horse',
    'sheep', 'cow', 'elephant', 'bear', 'zebra', 'giraffe', 'N/A', 'backpack',
    'umbrella', 'N/A', 'N/A', 'handbag', 'tie', 'suitcase', 'frisbee', 'skis',
    'snowboard', 'sports ball', 'kite', 'baseball bat', 'baseball glove',
    'skateboard', 'surfboard', 'tennis racket', 'bottle', 'N/A', 'wine glass',
    'cup', 'fork', 'knife', 'spoon', 'bowl', 'banana', 'apple', 'sandwich',
    'orange', 'broccoli', 'carrot', 'hot dog', 'pizza', 'donut', 'cake',
    'chair', 'couch', 'potted plant', 'bed', 'N/A', 'dining table', 'N/A',
    'N/A', 'toilet', 'N/A', 'tv', 'laptop', 'mouse', 'remote', 'keyboard',
    'cell phone', 'microwave', 'oven', 'toaster', 'sink', 'refrigerator', 'N/A',
    'book', 'clock', 'vase', 'scissors', 'teddy bear', 'hair drier',
    'toothbrush'
]

# colors for visualization
COLORS = [[0.000, 0.447, 0.741], [0.850, 0.325, 0.098], [0.929, 0.694, 0.125],
           [0.494, 0.184, 0.556], [0.466, 0.674, 0.188], [0.301, 0.745, 0.933]]

# standard PyTorch mean/std input image normalization
transform = T.Compose([
    T.Resize(800),
    T.ToTensor(),
    T.Normalize([0.485, 0.456, 0.406], [0.229, 0.224, 0.225])
])

# for output bounding box post-processing
def box_cxcywh_to_xyxy(x):
    x_c, y_c, w, h = x.unbind(1)
    b = [(x_c - 0.5 * w), (y_c - 0.5 * h),
          (x_c + 0.5 * w), (y_c + 0.5 * h)]
    return torch.stack(b, dim=1)

def rescale_bboxes(out_bbox, size):
    img_w, img_h = size
    b = box_cxcywh_to_xyxy(out_bbox)
    b = b * torch.tensor([img_w, img_h, img_w, img_h], dtype=torch.float32)
    return b
```

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def plot_results(pil_img, prob, boxes):
    plt.figure(figsize=(16,10))
    plt.imshow(pil_img)
    ax = plt.gca()
    colors = COLORS * 100
    for p, (xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax), c in zip(prob, boxes.tolist(), colors):
        ax.add_patch(plt.Rectangle((xmin, ymin), xmax - xmin, ymax - ymin,
                                  fill=False, color=c, linewidth=3))
        ci = p.argmax()
        text = f'{CLASSES[ci]}: {p[ci]:0.2f}'
        ax.text(xmin, ymin, text, fontsize=15,
                bboxdict(facecolor='yellow', alpha=0.5))
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()
```

In this section, we show-case how to load a model from hub, run it on a custom image, and print the result. Here we load the simplest model (DETR-R50) for fast inference. You can swap it with any other model from the model zoo.

```
model = torch.hub.load('facebookresearch/detr', 'detr_resnet50', pretrained=True)
model.eval()

url = 'https://i.pinimg.com/736x/05/69/fd/0569f4b39732fcd21dd9bb8c1250f.jpg'
im = Image.open(requests.get(url, stream=True).raw) # put your own image

# mean-std normalize the input image (batch-size: 1)
img = transform(im).unsqueeze(0)

# propagate through the model
outputs = model(img)

# keep only predictions with 0.7+ confidence
probas = outputs['pred_logits'].softmax(-1)[0, :, :-1]
keep = probas.max(-1).values > 0.9

# convert boxes from [0, 1] to image scales
bboxes_scaled = rescale_bboxes(outputs['pred_boxes'][0, keep], im.size)

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bboxes_scaled = rescale_bboxes(outputs['pred_boxes'][0, keep], im.size)

plot_results(im, probas[keep], bboxes_scaled)
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Downloading: "https://github.com/facebookresearch/detr/zipball/main" to /root/.cache/torch/hub/main.zip
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 warnings.warn(
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Here we visualize attention weights of the last decoder layer. This corresponds to visualizing, for each detected objects, which part of the image the model was looking at to predict this specific bounding box and class.

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# use lists to store the outputs via up-values
conv_features, enc_attn_weights, dec_attn_weights = [], [], []

hooks = [
    model.backbone[-2].register_forward_hook(
        lambda self, input, output: conv_features.append(output)
    ),
    model.transformer.encoder.layers[-1].self_attn.register_forward_hook(
        lambda self, input, output: enc_attn_weights.append(output[1])
    ),
    model.transformer.decoder.layers[-1].multihead_attn.register_forward_hook(
        lambda self, input, output: dec_attn_weights.append(output[1])
    ),
]

# propagate through the model
outputs = model(img) # put your own image

for hook in hooks:
    hook.remove()

# don't need the list anymore
conv_features = conv_features[0]
enc_attn_weights = enc_attn_weights[0]
dec_attn_weights = dec_attn_weights[0]

# get the feature map shape
h, w = conv_features[0].tensors.shape[-2:]

fig, axs = plt.subplots(ncols=len(bboxes_scaled), nrows=2, figsize=(22, 7))
colors = COLORS * 100

# Iterate through the detected objects
for idx, (xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax) in zip(keep.nonzero(), bboxes_scaled):
    # Get the corresponding axes for this object
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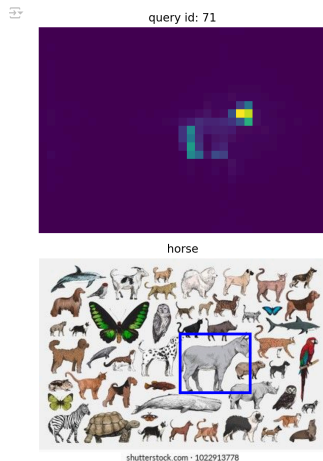
ax_11, ax_12 = axs[:, idx.item()] if len(axs.shape) > 1 else axs # Handle single detection case

# Display the attention weights
ax_11.imshow(dec_attn_weights[0, idx].view(h, w))
ax_11.axis('off')
ax_11.set_title(f'query id: {idx.item()}')

# Display the bounding box on the image
ax_12.imshow(im)
ax_12.add_patch(plt.Rectangle((xmin, ymin), xmax - xmin, ymax - ymin,
                             fill=False, color='blue', linewidth=3))
ax_12.axis('off')
ax_12.set_title(CLASSES[probas[idx].argmax()])

fig.tight_layout()

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# output of the QN
f_map = conv_features['0']
print("Encoder attention: ", enc_attn_weights[0].shape)
print("Feature map: ", f_map.tensors.shape)

Encoder attention: torch.Size([875, 875])
Feature map: torch.Size([1, 2048, 25, 35])

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# get the HxW shape of the feature maps of the QN
shape = f_map.tensors.shape[-2:]
# and reshape the self-attention to a more interpretable shape
s_attn = enc_attn_weights[0].reshape(shape + shape)
print("Reshaped self-attention:", s_attn.shape)

Reshaped self-attention: torch.Size([25, 35, 25, 35])

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# downsampling factor for the QN, is 32 for DETR and 16 for DETR DCS
fact = 32

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# let's select 4 reference points for visualization
idxs = [(200, 200), (280, 400), (200, 600), (440, 800)]

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# here we create the canvas
fig = plt.figure(constrained_layout=True, figsize=(25 * 0.7, 8.5 * 0.7))
# and we add one plot per reference point
gs = fig.add_gridspec(2, 4)
axs = [
    fig.add_subplot(gs[0, 0]),
    fig.add_subplot(gs[1, 0]),
    fig.add_subplot(gs[0, -1]),
    fig.add_subplot(gs[1, -1]),
]

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# for each one of the reference points, let's plot the self-attention
# for that point
for idx_o, ax in zip(idxs, axs):
    idx = (idx_o[0] // fact, idx_o[1] // fact)
    ax.imshow(s_attn[... , idx[0], idx[1]], cmap='cividis', interpolation='nearest')
    ax.axis('off')
    ax.set_title(f'self-attention{idx_o}')

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# and now let's add the central image, with the reference points as red circles
fcenter_ax = fig.add_subplot(gs[-1, 1:-1])
fcenter_ax.imshow(im)
for (y, x) in idxs:
    scale = (h.height / im.shape[-2])
    x = ((x // fact) + 0.5) * fact
    y = ((y // fact) + 0.5) * fact
    fcenter_ax.add_patch(plt.Circle((x * scale, y * scale), fact // 2, color='r'))
    fcenter_ax.axis('off')

```



Q3. Understanding Attention Mechanisms

In this task, you focus on understanding the attention mechanisms present in the encoder and decoder of DETR.

- Briefly describe the types of attention used in the encoder and decoder, and explain the key differences between them.
- Based on the visualized results from Q2, provide an analysis of the distinct characteristics of each attention mechanism in the encoder and decoder. Feel free to express your insights.

The visualized results from Q2 highlight the distinct characteristics of attention mechanisms in DETR's encoder and decoder. The encoder's attention is diffuse and distributed across the entire image, reflecting its role in capturing global relationships and understanding the overall scene layout. It processes structural and contextual information from all image regions, helping the model learn complex interactions between objects and the background. In contrast, the decoder's attention is focused and object-centric, concentrating on specific areas relevant to each object query. For example, when detecting the "horse" object, the decoder's attention clearly zeroes in on the horse's shape and location, enabling precise recognition while minimizing confusion with other objects. This focused attention extracts key details from the encoder's global information, effectively drawing bounding boxes around the detected objects. Together, these mechanisms work complementarily: the encoder provides comprehensive scene understanding, while the decoder refines this information to detect and differentiate individual objects accurately. This synergy enables DETR to handle complex scenes with multiple objects while maintaining high detection accuracy.

