

##请解释:

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Explanation of LoRA Configuration Parameters

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1. `r=8` (Rank of Low-Rank Matrices)

##- **Definition**: The `r` parameter specifies the **rank** of the low-rank matrices used in LoRA's decomposition of weight updates. In LoRA, the weight update for a matrix $(W \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n})$ (e.g., an attention weight matrix) is approximated as $(\Delta W = A \cdot B^T)$, where:

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##- **Intuition**:

- A smaller (r) reduces the number of parameters, as the update has $(r \cdot (m + n))$ parameters instead of $(m \cdot n)$.

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- In the YouTube recommendation task, `r=8` allows the model to adapt attention mechanisms to generate relevant descriptions while

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where (α) is `lora_alpha`, and the division by (r) normalizes the update's magnitude.

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- Common values: $(\alpha = 2 \cdot r)$ (e.g., 16 for $(r=8)$) or $(\alpha = 4 \cdot r)$, based on empirical results (as seen in LoRA papers).

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##### Practical Example in YouTube Recommendation Context
##- **Task**: Fine-tune `distilgpt2` to generate recommendation
descriptions (e.g., "User likes cooking videos" → "I recommend 'Pasta
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##- **How Parameters Work**:
## - **`r=8`**: Limits LoRA updates to rank-8 matrices, adding
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tuning on a small dataset.
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related tokens.
## - **`target_modules=["c_attn"]`**: Applies LoRA to attention
layers, modifying how the model attends to user preferences (e.g.,
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examples, improving generalization to evaluation inputs (e.g., "User
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##Diagram: Adapter-Like LoRA Integration

##Diagram 1: Transformer Layer with LoRA (Adapter-Like)

##textCollapseWrapCopy[Input Tokens]

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##[Attention:  $W_{c\_attn} + (128/64) \cdot (A \cdot B^T, r=64)$ ] → [Add & Norm]

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##[Feed-Forward:  $W_{c\_fc} + (128/64) \cdot (A \cdot B^T, r=64)$ ] → [Add & Norm]

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##[Output to Next Layer]

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##Key: LoRA updates (blue) with  $r=64$  mimic adapters, applied to `c_attn` and `c_fc`. Original weights (black) are frozen.

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##Diagram 2: LoRA Update (Adapter-Like)

##textCollapseWrapCopyInput  $x$  (768) → [ $W_{c\_attn}$  (768×2304)] + [LoRA:  $A$  (768×64) ·  $B^T$  (64×2304),  $\alpha=128$ ] → Output  $y$  (2304)

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