

Multi-Head Attention

Comprehensive Demo and Analysis

Parallel attention heads with fused weight matrices,
reshape transpose operations, and output projection.

Random seed: 42

Number of visualizations: 7

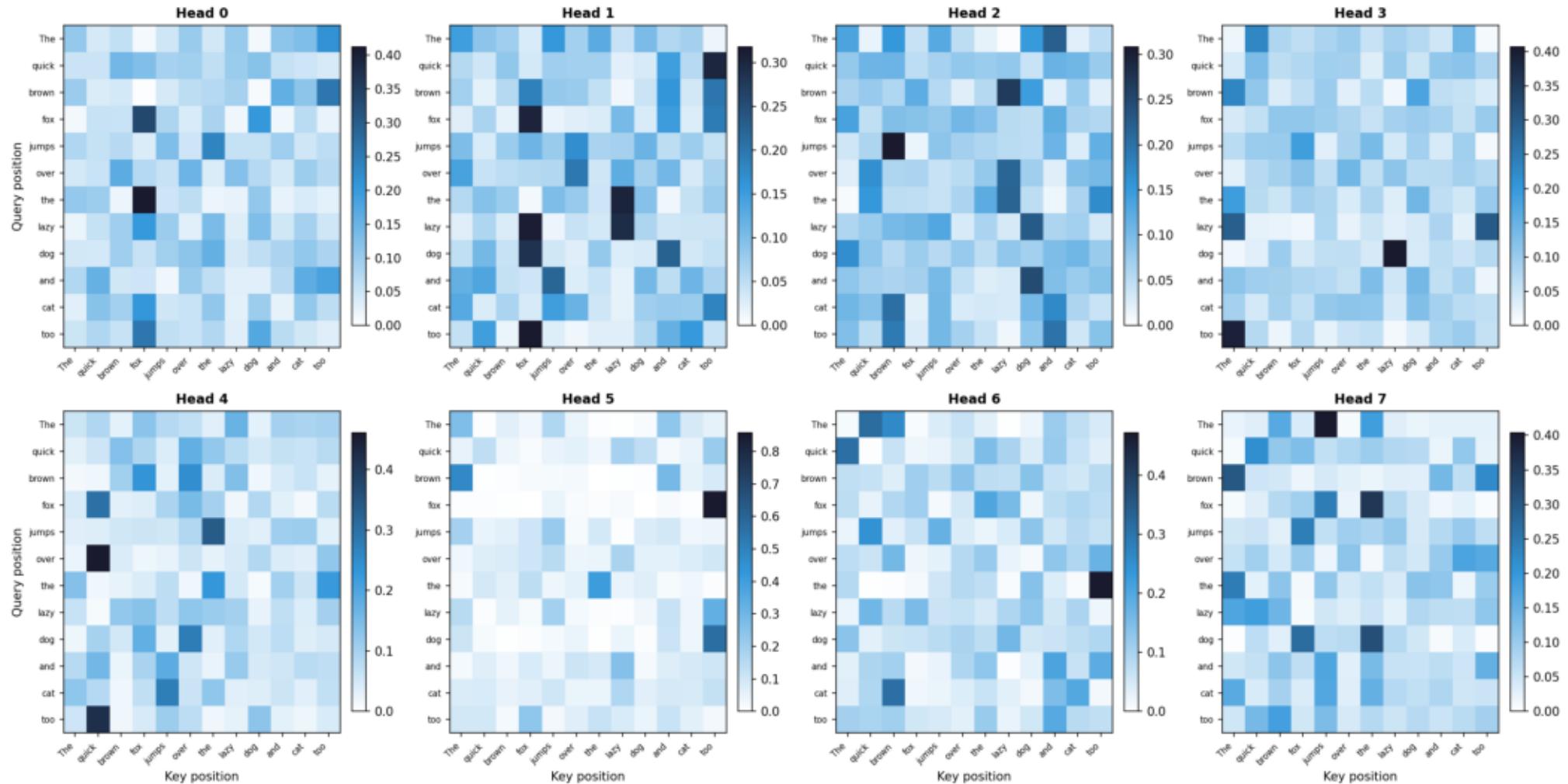
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Summary of Findings

1. Attention Patterns: Each head learns distinct attention distributions, visible as different heatmap structures across 8 heads.
2. Multi-Head vs Single-Head: Multiple heads provide richer representational diversity. Standard deviation across heads reveals complementary patterns.
3. Head Diversity: Pairwise cosine similarity between head attention matrices confirms heads attend to different positions/relationships.
4. Causal Masking: Lower-triangular structure enforced correctly. Future positions receive zero attention weight. Row sums remain 1.0.
5. Memory Scaling: Attention matrix memory grows $O(L^2)$. At long sequences ($L > 1024$), the attention matrix dominates total intermediate memory.
6. FLOPs Breakdown: Projection GEMMs dominate at short sequences. Attention core ($QK^T + AV$) overtakes at longer sequences.
7. Single-Head Equivalence: MHA($h=1$) matches SelfAttention: PASS
Both forward and backward pass agree to machine precision.

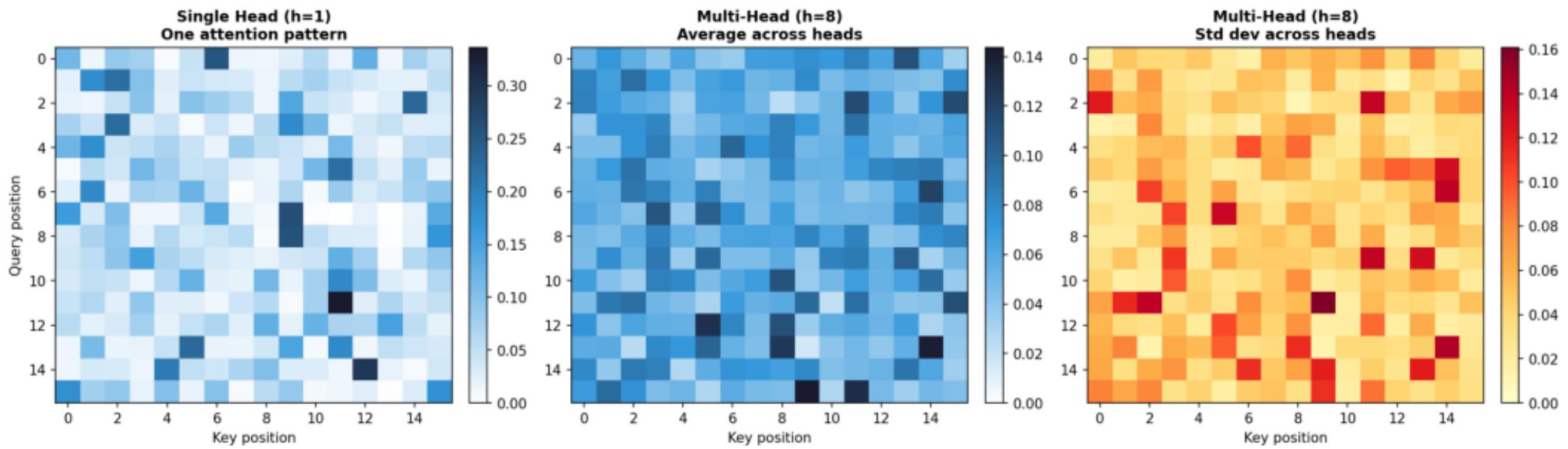
Example 1: Per-Head Attention Heatmaps

Multi-Head Attention Patterns (8 Heads, $d_{\text{model}}=64$)

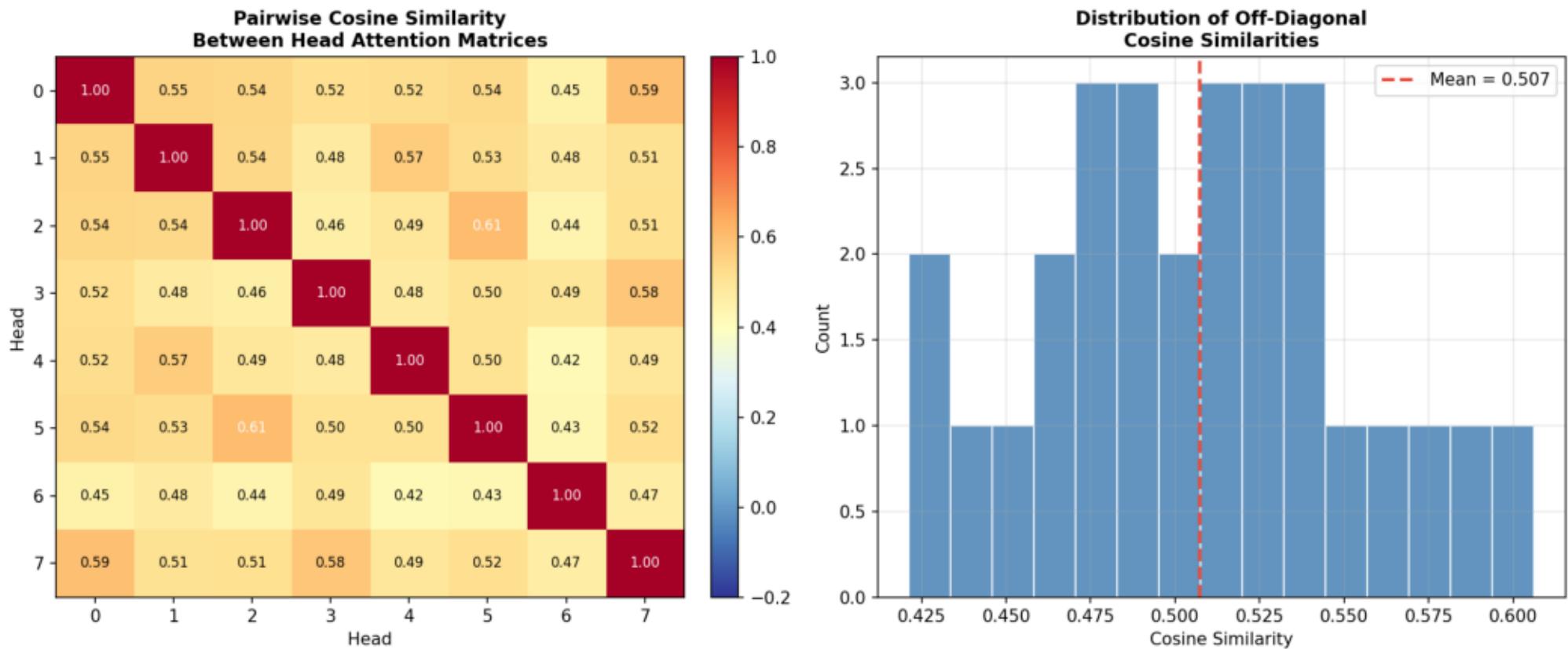


Example 2: Multi-Head vs Single-Head Comparison

Single-Head vs Multi-Head: Attention Diversity

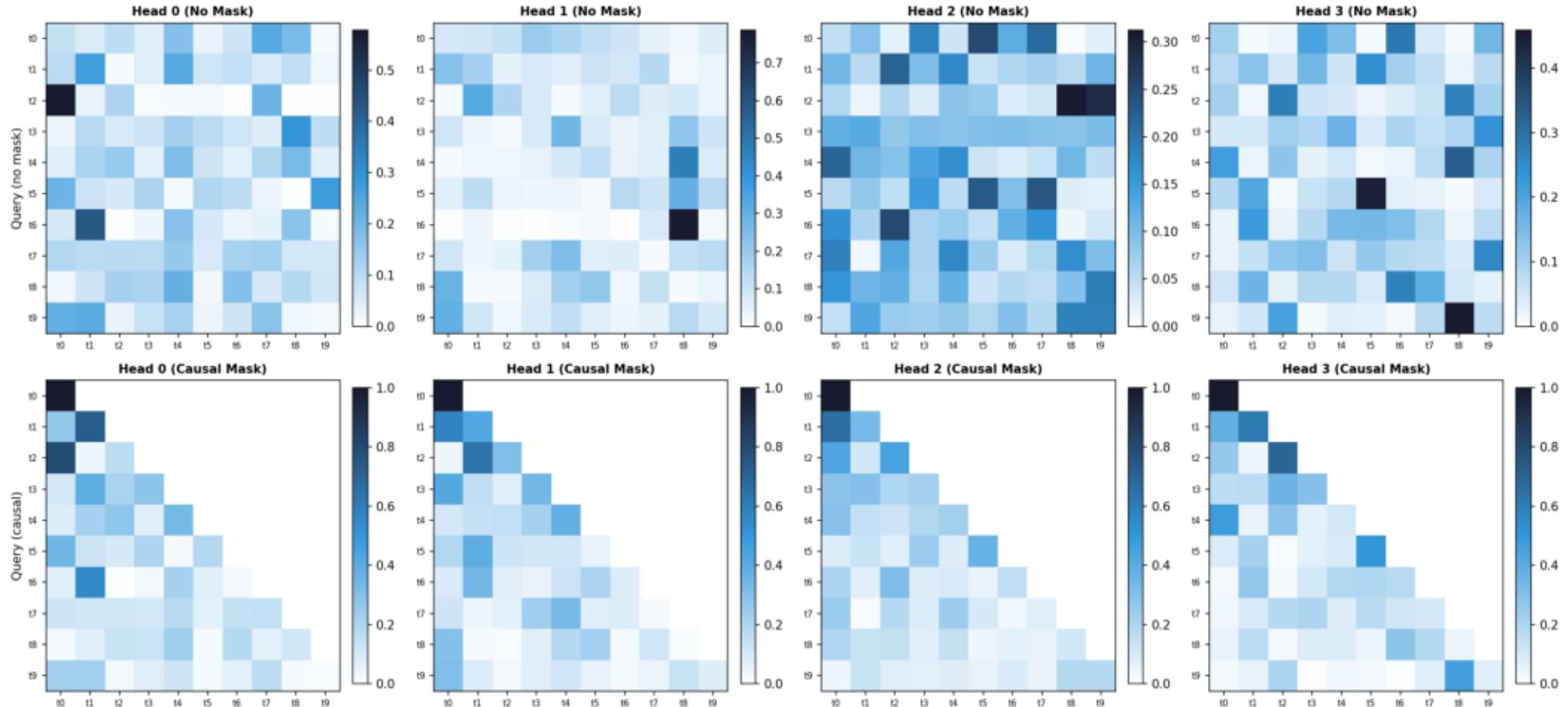


Example 3: Head Diversity Analysis (Cosine Similarity)

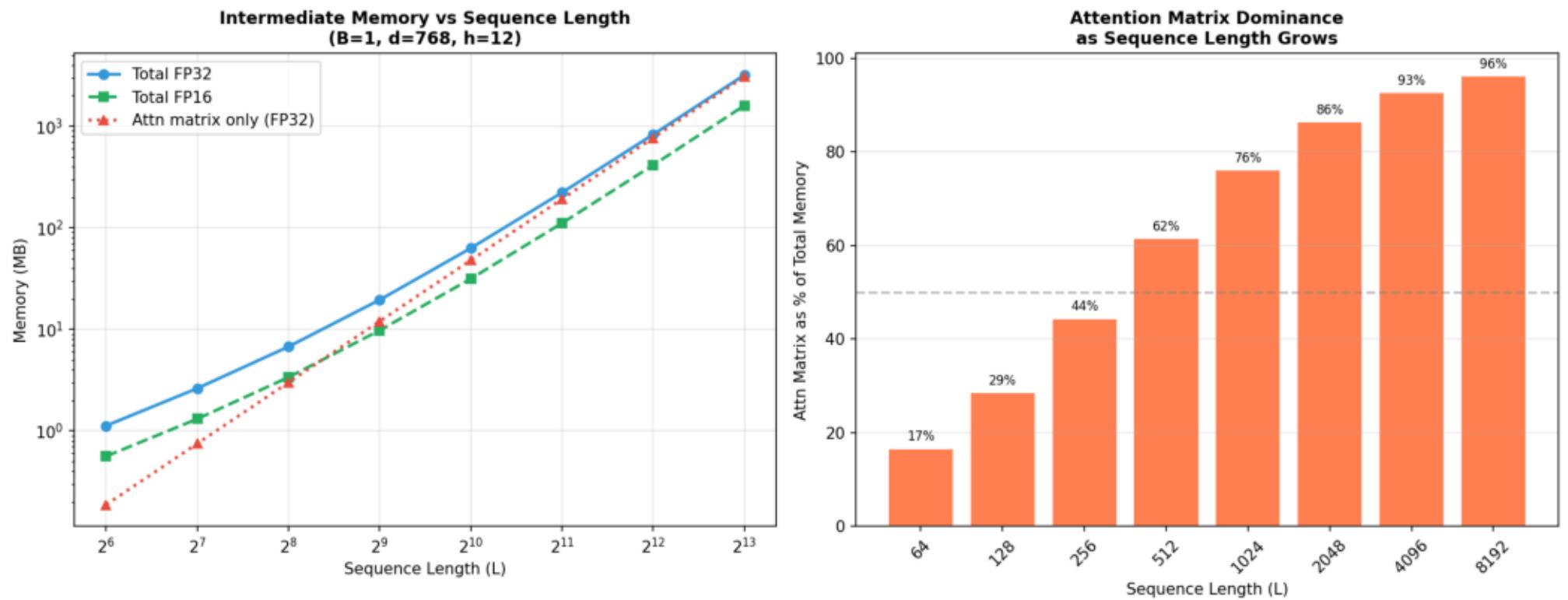


Example 4: Causal Masking Visualization

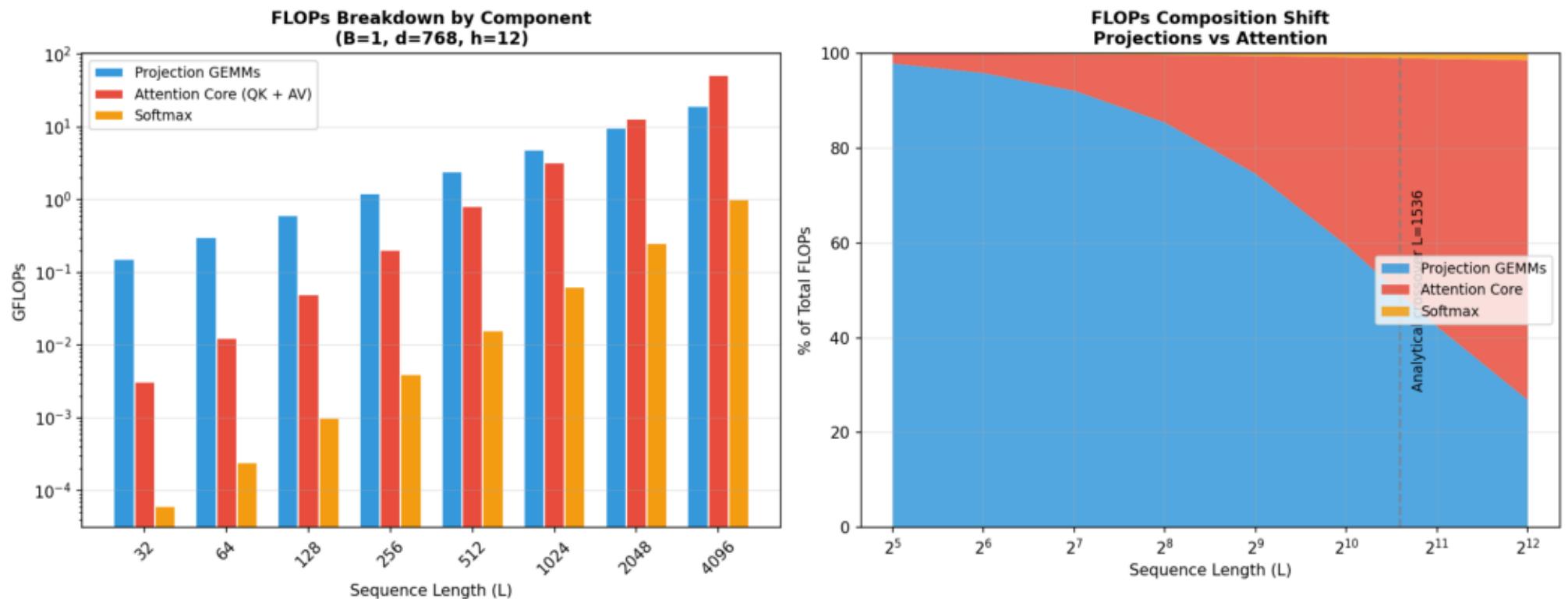
Effect of Causal Masking on Attention Patterns



Example 5: Memory Scaling Analysis O(L^2)



Example 6: FLOPs Breakdown by Component



Example 7: Single-Head Equivalence Verification

