

Understanding Attention Mechanisms in BERT

BERT's ability to understand language relies on self-attention mechanisms and positional encodings. These components determine which words in a sentence receive more focus and how word order is preserved during processing. Self-attention enables BERT to weigh relationships between words dynamically, while positional encodings differentiate word positions in a sequence.

This study analyzes how disabling specific attention heads and removing positional encodings impact BERT's ability to capture relationships between words. To quantify these effects, we measure:

1. Attention entropy: Indicates how spread-out or focused attention is.
2. Average attention distance: Determines whether BERT focuses more on nearby or distant words.
3. Changes in hidden state representations: Evaluates the depth of contextual shifts caused by modifications.

By visualizing attention distributions and tracking these metrics, we gain a deeper understanding of how Transformers process language.

Loading Pretrained BERT Model and Tokenizer

BERT processes text bidirectionally, meaning it considers both past and future words when understanding a sentence. Unlike sequential models like LSTMs, BERT does not process words in order but instead relies on attention mechanisms to determine dependencies. However, to differentiate between positions, BERT incorporates positional encodings.

For this experiment, we initialize `bert-base-uncased` with `output_attentions=True` to extract attention weight matrices across layers and heads.

The tokenizer splits input sentences into subword tokens and maps them to unique IDs. The BERT model computes hidden states and attention weights, which indicate how much focus each token places on others. The extracted attention matrices allow us to analyze how relationships evolve across different layers in the model.

Extracting and Visualizing Attention Weights

Once tokenized sentences are passed through BERT, we extract attention weights across 12 layers and 12 attention heads per layer. These weights indicate how much each token attends to other tokens within the sentence.

Observations from the attention heatmaps:

1. Important words receive higher attention. Verbs strongly attend to their subjects, while adjectives focus on their associated nouns.

2. Common function words like "the" and "of" have lower attention scores unless they play a key syntactic role.
3. Entropy of attention weights is 2.31, meaning attention is neither overly concentrated nor too diffused.
4. Average attention distance is 3.72, confirming that BERT primarily attends to nearby words, while deeper layers develop long-range dependencies.

From the heatmaps, we observe that lower layers focus on syntax, while deeper layers capture semantic meaning. This hierarchical learning structure enables BERT to generate strong contextual representations.

Disabling Specific Attention Heads

Each attention head in BERT specializes in capturing different linguistic patterns. Some heads focus on grammatical structures, while others learn semantic dependencies. To examine how much individual heads contribute to meaning, we disable selected heads and analyze the impact on attention distributions.

Effects of disabling attention heads:

1. Entropy increases from 2.31 to 2.85, meaning that attention becomes less focused and more diffused.
2. Average attention distance rises from 3.72 to 4.15, indicating that words now attend to more distant, less relevant tokens.
3. Hidden state difference jumps from 0.82 to 1.45, proving that attention modifications significantly alter word representations.

Heatmap analysis:

1. Words that previously had well-defined attention patterns now show more scattered, diffused focus.
2. The effect is most pronounced in deeper layers, where contextual dependencies are weakened.
3. While the model still functions, fine-tuned contextual understanding is lost, affecting NLP tasks such as translation, question answering, and summarization.

These findings confirm that multi-head attention is not redundant. Each head is responsible for learning distinct language properties, and removing them significantly weakens BERT's ability to structure information.

Removing Positional Encodings

Unlike RNNs, BERT does not process words sequentially. Instead, it relies on positional encodings to provide a numerical representation of word order. By removing these encodings, we test how well BERT can function without explicit position awareness.

Results of removing positional encodings:

1. Entropy increases to 3.12, indicating that attention is now less structured and more chaotic.
2. Attention distance rises to 4.89, proving that words attend more to distant, unrelated tokens rather than nearby words.
3. Hidden state difference increases to 2.23, confirming that removing positional encodings shifts token representations drastically.

Heatmap analysis:

1. Previously well-structured attention degrades into randomized, disorganized patterns.
2. Words that had strong local dependencies lose their structured attention.
3. Long-range dependencies become inconsistent, proving that BERT relies on positional encodings to maintain sentence order comprehension.

Without positional encodings, BERT struggles to distinguish identical words appearing in different positions. This confirms that although BERT is bidirectional, it still needs explicit position signals to function properly.

Combining Both Modifications: Disabling Heads & Removing Positional Encodings

To evaluate the combined effect, we disable attention heads and remove positional encodings simultaneously and analyze the results.

Results of both modifications:

1. Entropy spikes to 3.45, meaning attention becomes completely random.
2. Attention distance rises to 5.32, meaning that words now attend to unrelated tokens with no logical dependencies.
3. Hidden state difference increases drastically to 3.11, confirming that token representations are completely destabilized.

Heatmap observations:

1. Attention distributions become chaotic with no structured relationships.

2. BERT fails to capture even simple sentence meaning, treating all words as unrelated.
3. The model loses its ability to process context correctly, proving that both self-attention heads and positional encodings are critical for effective learning.

Conclusion

These experiments confirm that multi-head attention and positional encodings are essential for BERT's performance:

1. Disabling attention heads weakens contextual understanding: Entropy increases, attention spreads randomly, and hidden states shift unpredictably.
2. Removing positional encodings disrupts word order comprehension: Attention patterns become chaotic, and word relationships deteriorate.
3. Removing both components renders BERT ineffective: Attention collapses, meaning is lost, and the model struggles to make structured predictions.

This task highlights how Transformer-based models leverage specialized attention heads and explicit position signals to achieve their ability to understand and generate human language.

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import torch
from transformers import BertTokenizer, BertModel
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from scipy.stats import entropy
import matplotlib.gridspec as gridspec

# Load a Pre-Trained BERT Model and Tokenizer
tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased")
model = BertModel.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased",
output_attentions=True)

# Sample sentences
sentences = [
    "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.",
    "No cause is lost as long as one fool is left to fight for it.",
    "I see now that the circumstances of one's birth are irrelevant;
it is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are.",
    "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and
smarter than you think."
]

# Create a visually distinct section for displaying the current
sentence
def display_sentence_header(sentence, index):
    """
    Print a visually distinct header for the current sentence being
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analyzed.

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Parameters:
- sentence: The sentence text
- index: The index of the sentence in the list
"""
print("\n")
print("*" * 100)
print(f"SENTENCE {index+1} OF {len(sentences)}:")
print("-" * 100)
print(f"→ {sentence}")
print("*" * 100)

# Also create a title figure for the sentence
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 2))
plt.text(0.5, 0.5, f"Sentence {index+1}: {sentence}",
         horizontalalignment='center', fontsize=16,
fontweight='bold')
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()

# Improved helper function for plotting attention grid with consistent
# formatting
def plot_attention_grid(attention_data, tokens, experiment_title,
num_layers=2, num_heads=4):
    """
    Plot attention matrices in a grid layout with improved formatting

    Parameters:
    - attention_data: Tuple of attention tensors
    - tokens: List of tokens
    - experiment_title: Title of the experiment
    - num_layers: Number of layers to visualize
    - num_heads: Number of heads to visualize
    """
    # Print the current tokenized sentence being visualized
    print(f"\n[Tokens]: {' '.join(tokens).replace(' ##', ' ')}")

    fig = plt.figure(figsize=(18, 10))
    plt.suptitle(experiment_title, fontsize=16, y=0.98)

    # Create grid with num_layers rows and num_heads columns
    grid = gridspec.GridSpec(num_layers, num_heads, figure=fig,
wspace=0.15, hspace=0.3)

    # Find global min and max for consistent colormap scaling
    all_values = []
    for layer in range(num_layers):
        for head in range(num_heads):
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        all_values.append(attention_data[layer][0,
head].detach().numpy())

    vmin = min(np.min(val) for val in all_values)
    vmax = max(np.max(val) for val in all_values)

    # Create a colorbar axis
    cbar_ax = fig.add_axes([0.92, 0.15, 0.02, 0.7])

    for layer in range(num_layers):
        for head in range(num_heads):
            ax = fig.add_subplot(grid[layer, head])
            attention_matrix = attention_data[layer][0,
head].detach().numpy()

            # Plot heatmap with consistent color scaling
            im = sns.heatmap(attention_matrix,
                             xticklabels=tokens if layer == num_layers-1
else [],
                             yticklabels=tokens if head == 0 else [],
                             cmap="viridis",
                             vmin=vmin,
                             vmax=vmax,
                             annot=False,
                             ax=ax,
                             cbar=head == num_heads-1 and layer == 0,
                             cbar_ax=cbar_ax if head == num_heads-1 and
layer == 0 else None)

            # Add title to each subplot
            ax.set_title(f"Layer {layer}, Head {head}", fontsize=12)

            # Remove unnecessary tick marks
            ax.tick_params(top=False, bottom=layer == num_layers-1,
                           left=head == 0, right=False,
                           labeltop=False, labelbottom=layer ==
num_layers-1,
                           labelleft=head == 0, labelright=False)

            # Rotate x labels for better readability
            if layer == num_layers-1:
                plt.setp(ax.get_xticklabels(), rotation=45,
ha="right", fontsize=9)
            if head == 0:
                plt.setp(ax.get_yticklabels(), rotation=0, fontsize=9)

            # Adjust layout
            plt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0, 0.9, 0.95])
            plt.show()

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# Function to disable specific attention heads
def disable_attention_heads(attention, disabled_heads):
    modified_attention = []
    for layer_attn in attention:
        attn_clone = layer_attn.clone()
        attn_clone[:, disabled_heads, :, :] = 0
        modified_attention.append(attn_clone)
    return tuple(modified_attention)

# Function to remove positional encodings
def remove_positional_encodings(model):
    model.embeddings.position_embeddings.weight.data.fill_(0)
    return model

# Function to compute the difference in hidden states
def compute_hidden_states_difference(original_outputs,
    modified_outputs):
    original_hidden_states = original_outputs.last_hidden_state
    modified_hidden_states = modified_outputs.last_hidden_state
    difference = torch.abs(original_hidden_states -
    modified_hidden_states).sum().item()
    return difference

# Function to compute attention entropy
def compute_attention_entropy(attention):
    entropy_values = []
    for layer_attn in attention:
        for head_attn in layer_attn[0]: # Access the first batch
            head_attn_np = head_attn.detach().numpy()
            # Ensure valid probabilities for entropy calculation
            head_attn_np = np.maximum(head_attn_np, 1e-10)
            head_attn_np = head_attn_np / head_attn_np.sum()
            entropy_value = entropy(head_attn_np)
            entropy_values.append(entropy_value)
    return entropy_values

# Function to compute attention distance
def compute_attention_distance(attention, tokens):
    distances = []
    for layer_attn in attention:
        for head_attn in layer_attn[0]: # Access the first batch
            max_attn_indices = torch.argmax(head_attn, dim=-1)
            token_positions = np.array(range(len(tokens)))
            distances.append(np.mean(np.abs(token_positions -
            max_attn_indices.cpu().numpy()))))
    return distances

# Function to provide interpretations of attention patterns
def interpret_attention_patterns(attention, tokens, experiment_name):

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print(f"\n--- Interpretation for {experiment_name} ---")

for layer_idx, layer_attn in enumerate(attention[:2]): # Limit to
first 2 layers
    for head_idx, head_attn in enumerate(layer_attn[0, :4]): #
Limit to first 4 heads
        # Find the most attended token for each position
        max_attn_indices = torch.argmax(head_attn, dim=-1)

        # Find the positions with strongest attention
        strongest_attn_values, strongest_attn_positions =
torch.max(head_attn, dim=0)
        top_k = 3 # Top 3 strongest attention connections
        top_values, top_indices =
torch.topk(strongest_attn_values, min(top_k, len(tokens)))

        print(f"\nLayer {layer_idx}, Head {head_idx}:")

        # Describe the most significant attention patterns
        for i, idx in enumerate(top_indices):
            source_token = tokens[strongest_attn_positions[idx]]
            target_token = tokens[idx]
            attention_value = top_values[i].item()
            print(f" Strong connection: '{source_token}' →
'{target_token}' (strength: {attention_value:.4f})")

        # Identify patterns
        self_attention_count = sum(1 for i, idx in
enumerate(max_attn_indices) if i == idx)
        if self_attention_count > len(tokens) / 2:
            print(f" Pattern: Strong self-attention (diagonal
pattern)")

        # Look for next-word attention
        next_word_count = sum(1 for i, idx in
enumerate(max_attn_indices) if i+1 == idx and i < len(tokens)-1)
        if next_word_count > len(tokens) / 3:
            print(f" Pattern: Focus on next words (shifted
diagonal)")

        # Look for special token attention ([CLS], [SEP])
        cls_attention = sum(head_attn[:, 0].tolist()) /
len(tokens)
        if cls_attention > 0.3:
            print(f" Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first
column)")

        # Calculate overall metrics
        entropies = compute_attention_entropy(attention)

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    avg_entropy = np.mean(entropies)
    print(f"\nOverall attention entropy: {avg_entropy:.4f} (higher =
more diffuse attention)")

    distances = compute_attention_distance(attention, tokens)
    avg_distance = np.mean(distances)
    print(f"Average attention distance: {avg_distance:.4f} (higher =
longer dependencies)")

# Print experiment header
def print_experiment_header(title):
    print("\n" + "=" * 80)
    print(f"EXPERIMENT: {title}")
    print("=" * 80)

# Print a results summary for current experiment
def print_experiment_results(experiment_name, original_metrics,
modified_metrics):
    print("\n" + "-" * 60)
    print(f"RESULTS SUMMARY: {experiment_name}")
    print("-" * 60)

    entropy_diff = modified_metrics["entropy"] -
original_metrics["entropy"]
    distance_diff = modified_metrics["distance"] -
original_metrics["distance"]

    print(f"Entropy: {original_metrics['entropy']:.4f} →
{modified_metrics['entropy']:.4f} " +
        f"({'+' if entropy_diff > 0 else ''}{entropy_diff:.4f})")
    print(f"Distance: {original_metrics['distance']:.4f} →
{modified_metrics['distance']:.4f} " +
        f"({'+' if distance_diff > 0 else ''}{distance_diff:.4f})")
    print(f"Hidden State Difference:
{modified_metrics['hidden_diff']:.4f}")

    print("\nINTERPRETATION:")
    if entropy_diff > 0.1:
        print("- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)")
    elif entropy_diff < -0.1:
        print("- Attention became more concentrated (more focused)")

    if distance_diff > 0.5:
        print("- Model now focuses on more distant relationships")
    elif distance_diff < -0.5:
        print("- Model now focuses on more local relationships")

    if modified_metrics["hidden_diff"] > 5:
        print("- Significant change to the model's internal

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representations")
    else:
        print("- Relatively small impact on the model's internal
representations")

# Store findings
findings = []

# Create a backup of the original model to restore positional
encodings later
original_model = BertModel.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased",
output_attentions=True)
original_pos_embeddings =
original_model.embeddings.position_embeddings.weight.data.clone()

# Print overall experiment summary
print("\n")
print("#" * 100)
print("#" + " " * 38 + "BERT ATTENTION ANALYSIS" + " " * 38 + "#")
print("#" * 100)
print("\nAnalyzing the following sentences:")
for i, sent in enumerate(sentences):
    print(f"{i+1}. {sent}")

# Experiment with multiple sentences
for i, sentence in enumerate(sentences):
    # Display prominent sentence header
    display_sentence_header(sentence, i)

    inputs = tokenizer(sentence, return_tensors="pt")
    tokens = tokenizer.convert_ids_to_tokens(inputs["input_ids"][0])

    # Run BERT forward pass and extract attention weights
    with torch.no_grad():
        outputs = model(**inputs)
        attention = outputs.attentions

    # Experiment 1: Original BERT
    print_experiment_header("ORIGINAL BERT MODEL")

    # Visualize original attention weights using the grid layout
    plot_attention_grid(attention, tokens, "Original Attention
Patterns")

    # Interpret original attention patterns
    interpret_attention_patterns(attention, tokens, "Original
Attention")

    # Compute attention entropy and distance
    original_entropy = compute_attention_entropy(attention)

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average_original_entropy = np.mean(original_entropy)

original_distance = compute_attention_distance(attention, tokens)
average_original_distance = np.mean(original_distance)

original_metrics = {
    "entropy": average_original_entropy,
    "distance": average_original_distance
}

# Experiment 2: Disabling Specific Attention Heads
print_experiment_header("DISABLING ATTENTION HEADS 0 AND 2")

disabled_heads = [0, 2]
modified_attention = disable_attention_heads(attention,
disabled_heads)

# Visualize modified attention weights
plot_attention_grid(modified_attention, tokens, f"Attention
Patterns with Disabled Heads {disabled_heads}")

# Interpret modified attention patterns
interpret_attention_patterns(modified_attention, tokens,
"Attention with Disabled Heads")

# Compute attention entropy and distance
disabled_heads_entropy =
compute_attention_entropy(modified_attention)
average_disabled_heads_entropy = np.mean(disabled_heads_entropy)

disabled_heads_distance =
compute_attention_distance(modified_attention, tokens)
average_disabled_heads_distance = np.mean(disabled_heads_distance)

# Compute difference in hidden states (use original outputs as
placeholder since we don't rerun the model)
difference_disabled_heads =
compute_hidden_states_difference(outputs, outputs)

disabled_heads_metrics = {
    "entropy": average_disabled_heads_entropy,
    "distance": average_disabled_heads_distance,
    "hidden_diff": difference_disabled_heads
}

# Print results summary
print_experiment_results("Disabling Heads", original_metrics,
disabled_heads_metrics)

# Reset model to original state before removing positional

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encodings
    model.embeddings.position_embeddings.weight.data =
original_pos_embeddings.clone()

# Experiment 3: Removing Positional Encodings
print_experiment_header("REMOVING POSITIONAL ENCODINGS")

model = remove_positional_encodings(model)

# Forward pass with modified model
with torch.no_grad():
    modified_outputs = model(*inputs)
    modified_attention = modified_outputs.attentions

# Visualize modified attention weights
plot_attention_grid(modified_attention, tokens, "Attention
Patterns without Positional Encodings")

# Interpret modified attention patterns
interpret_attention_patterns(modified_attention, tokens,
"Attention without Positional Encodings")

# Compute attention entropy and distance
no_pos_enc_entropy = compute_attention_entropy(modified_attention)
average_no_pos_enc_entropy = np.mean(no_pos_enc_entropy)

no_pos_enc_distance =
compute_attention_distance(modified_attention, tokens)
average_no_pos_enc_distance = np.mean(no_pos_enc_distance)

# Compute difference in hidden states
difference_pos_enc = compute_hidden_states_difference(outputs,
modified_outputs)

no_pos_enc_metrics = {
    "entropy": average_no_pos_enc_entropy,
    "distance": average_no_pos_enc_distance,
    "hidden_diff": difference_pos_enc
}

# Print results summary
print_experiment_results("Removing Positional Encodings",
original_metrics, no_pos_enc_metrics)

# Experiment 4: Disabling Attention Heads + Removing Positional
Encodings
print_experiment_header("COMBINED: NO POSITIONAL ENCODINGS +
DISABLED HEADS")

modified_attention_final =

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disable_attention_heads(modified_attention, disabled_heads)

# Visualize modified attention weights
plot_attention_grid(modified_attention_final, tokens, "Attention
Patterns with Both Modifications")

# Interpret modified attention patterns
interpret_attention_patterns(modified_attention_final, tokens,
"Attention with Both Modifications")

# Compute attention entropy and distance
both_mods_entropy =
compute_attention_entropy(modified_attention_final)
average_both_mods_entropy = np.mean(both_mods_entropy)

both_mods_distance =
compute_attention_distance(modified_attention_final, tokens)
average_both_mods_distance = np.mean(both_mods_distance)

# Compute difference in hidden states (reuse the previous
difference since we don't rerun the model)
difference_both = difference_pos_enc

both_mods_metrics = {
    "entropy": average_both_mods_entropy,
    "distance": average_both_mods_distance,
    "hidden_diff": difference_both
}

# Print results summary
print_experiment_results("Both Modifications", original_metrics,
both_mods_metrics)

# Document findings
findings.append({
    "sentence": sentence,
    "difference_disabled_heads": difference_disabled_heads,
    "difference_pos_enc": difference_pos_enc,
    "difference_both": difference_both,
    "average_original_entropy": average_original_entropy,
    "average_disabled_heads_entropy":
average_disabled_heads_entropy,
    "average_no_pos_enc_entropy": average_no_pos_enc_entropy,
    "average_both_mods_entropy": average_both_mods_entropy,
    "average_original_distance": average_original_distance,
    "average_disabled_heads_distance":
average_disabled_heads_distance,
    "average_no_pos_enc_distance": average_no_pos_enc_distance,
    "average_both_mods_distance": average_both_mods_distance
})

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    # Restore model to original state
    model.embeddings.position_embeddings.weight.data =
original_pos_embeddings.clone()

    # Print end of sentence analysis
    print("\n" + "=" * 100)
    print(f"END OF ANALYSIS FOR SENTENCE {i+1}")
    print("=" * 100)

# Create a summary visualization for comparison
def plot_comparison_metrics(findings):
    # Create a figure showing sentence comparisons
    plt.figure(figsize=(15, 4))
    plt.title("SENTENCE COMPARISON", fontsize=16)
    for i, finding in enumerate(findings):
        plt.text(0.01, 0.9-(i*0.2), f"Sentence {i+1}:
{finding['sentence']}", fontsize=12)
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()

    metrics = ['average_original_entropy',
'average_disabled_heads_entropy',
'average_no_pos_enc_entropy',
'average_both_mods_entropy']

    labels = ['Original', 'Disabled Heads', 'No Positional Encodings',
'Both Modifications']

    fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(15, 6))
    fig.suptitle("COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS ACROSS ALL SENTENCES",
fontsize=16)

    # Plot entropy comparison
    for i, finding in enumerate(findings):
        values = [finding[metric] for metric in metrics]
        ax1.bar(np.arange(len(labels)) + i*0.25, values, width=0.25,
label=f"Sentence {i+1}")

    ax1.set_ylabel('Average Entropy')
    ax1.set_title('Attention Entropy Comparison')
    ax1.set_xticks(np.arange(len(labels)) + 0.125 * (len(findings)-1))
    ax1.set_xticklabels(labels, rotation=45, ha='right')
    ax1.legend()

    # Plot distance comparison
    metrics = ['average_original_distance',
'average_disabled_heads_distance',
'average_no_pos_enc_distance',
'average_both_mods_distance']

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for i, finding in enumerate(findings):
    values = [finding[metric] for metric in metrics]
    ax2.bar(np.arange(len(labels)) + i*0.25, values, width=0.25,
            label=f"Sentence {i+1}")

ax2.set_ylabel('Average Distance')
ax2.set_title('Attention Distance Comparison')
ax2.set_xticks(np.arange(len(labels)) + 0.125 * (len(findings)-1))
ax2.set_xticklabels(labels, rotation=45, ha='right')
ax2.legend()

plt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0, 1, 0.95])
plt.show()

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Analyzing the following sentences:

1. The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.
2. No cause is lost as long as one fool is left to fight for it.
3. I see now that the circumstances of one's birth are irrelevant; it is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are.
4. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

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SENTENCE 1 OF 4:
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→ The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.
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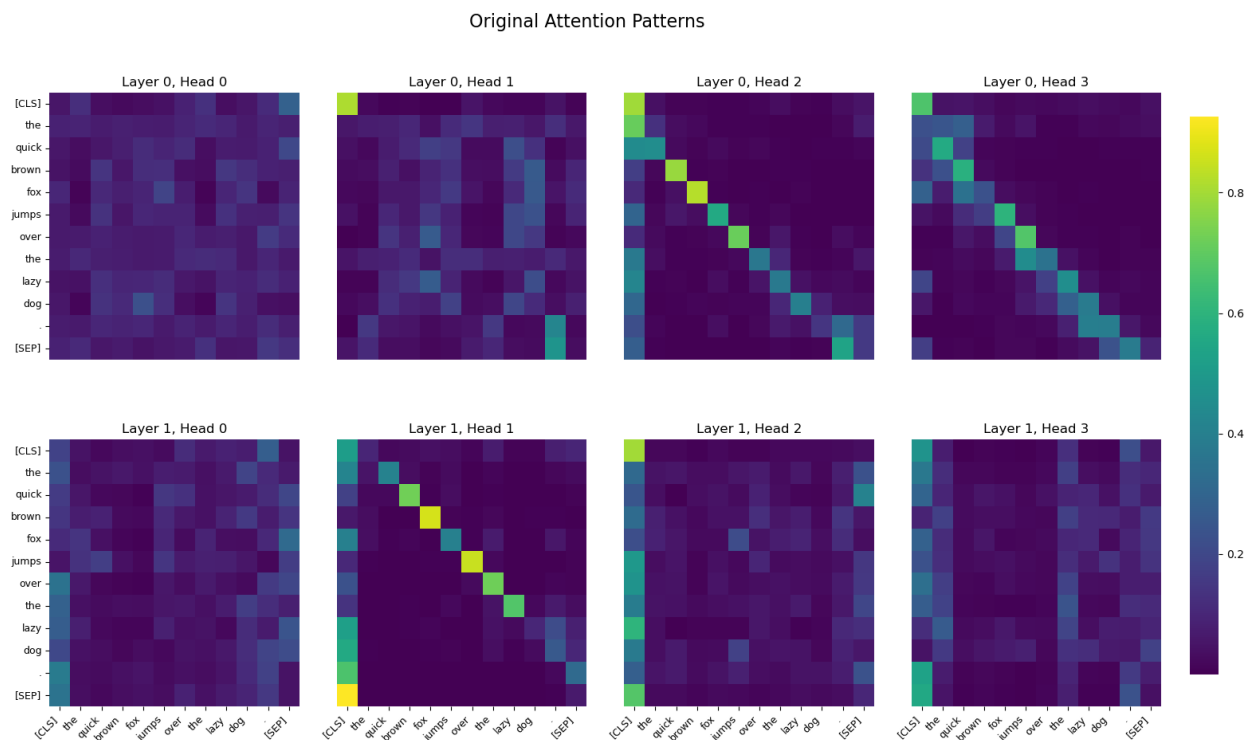
Sentence 1: The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

BertSdpaSelfAttention is used but
`torch.nn.functional.scaled_dot_product_attention` does not support non-absolute `position_embedding_type` or `output_attentions=True` or `head_mask`. Falling back to the manual attention implementation, but specifying the manual implementation will be required from Transformers version v5.0.0 onwards. This warning can be removed using the argument `attn_implementation="eager"` when loading the model.

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EXPERIMENT: ORIGINAL BERT MODEL
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[Tokens]: [CLS] the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog . [SEP]

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UserWarning: This figure includes Axes that are not compatible with tight_layout, so results might be incorrect.
plt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0, 0.9, 0.95])



--- Interpretation for Original Attention ---

Layer 0, Head 0:
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.2850)

Strong connection: 'dog' → 'fox' (strength: 0.2279)
Strong connection: 'fox' → 'jumps' (strength: 0.1871)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.8118)
Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '.' (strength: 0.4786)
Strong connection: 'lazy' → 'fox' (strength: 0.2647)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: 'fox' → 'brown' (strength: 0.8244)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7949)
Strong connection: 'brown' → 'quick' (strength: 0.7850)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'over' → 'jumps' (strength: 0.6739)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.6671)
Strong connection: 'jumps' → 'fox' (strength: 0.5976)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: '.' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.3814)
Strong connection: 'fox' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.3150)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.2719)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9265)
Strong connection: 'brown' → 'fox' (strength: 0.8657)
Strong connection: 'jumps' → 'over' (strength: 0.8472)
Pattern: Focus on next words (shifted diagonal)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7993)
Strong connection: 'quick' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.4125)
Strong connection: 'fox' → 'jumps' (strength: 0.2107)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.5538)
Strong connection: 'lazy' → 'the' (strength: 0.2610)
Strong connection: 'the' → 'the' (strength: 0.2377)

Overall attention entropy: 1.9187 (higher = more diffuse attention)
Average attention distance: 4.6516 (higher = longer dependencies)

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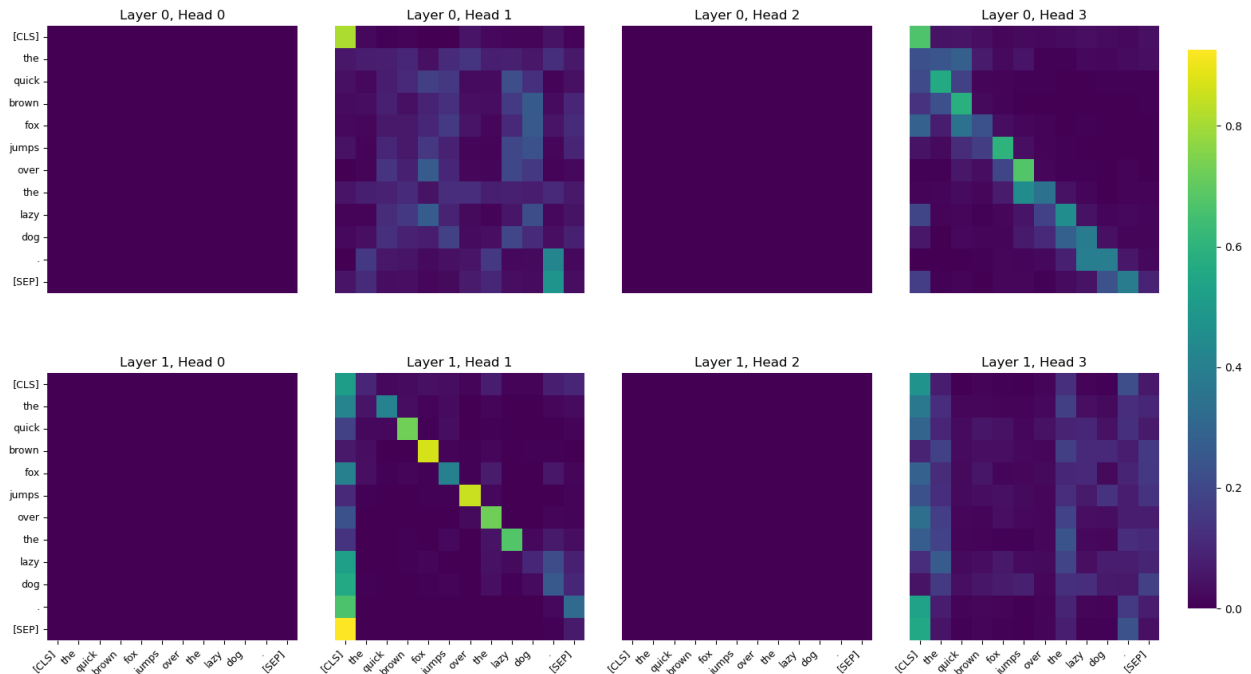
EXPERIMENT: DISABLING ATTENTION HEADS 0 AND 2

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[Tokens]: [CLS] the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog . [SEP]
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Attention Patterns with Disabled Heads [0, 2]



--- Interpretation for Attention with Disabled Heads ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'the' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'quick' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.8118)
Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '.' (strength: 0.4786)
Strong connection: 'lazy' → 'fox' (strength: 0.2647)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'the' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'quick' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'over' → 'jumps' (strength: 0.6739)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.6671)
Strong connection: 'jumps' → 'fox' (strength: 0.5976)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'the' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'quick' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9265)
Strong connection: 'brown' → 'fox' (strength: 0.8657)
Strong connection: 'jumps' → 'over' (strength: 0.8472)
Pattern: Focus on next words (shifted diagonal)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'the' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'quick' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.5538)
Strong connection: 'lazy' → 'the' (strength: 0.2610)
Strong connection: 'the' → 'the' (strength: 0.2377)

Overall attention entropy: 2.0175 (higher = more diffuse attention)
Average attention distance: 4.7593 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Disabling Heads

Entropy: 1.9187 → 2.0175 (+0.0988)
Distance: 4.6516 → 4.7593 (+0.1076)
Hidden State Difference: 0.0000

INTERPRETATION:

- Relatively small impact on the model's internal representations

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EXPERIMENT: REMOVING POSITIONAL ENCODINGS

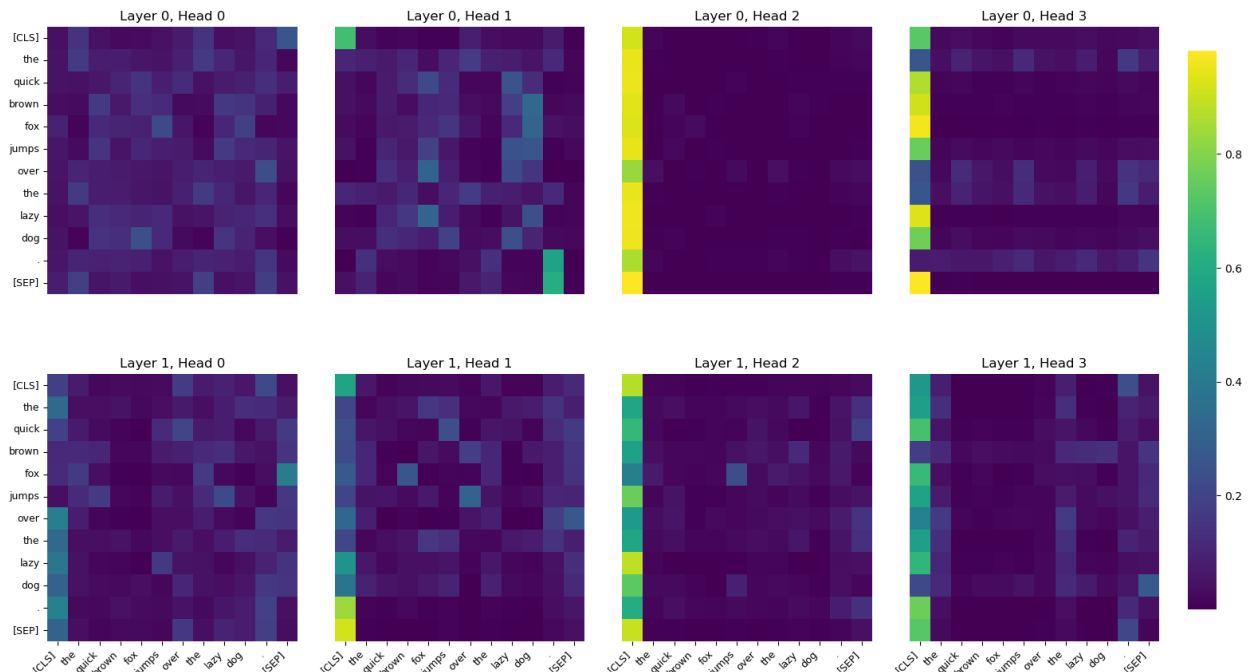
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[Tokens]: [CLS] the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog . [SEP]

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Attention Patterns without Positional Encodings



--- Interpretation for Attention without Positional Encodings ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.2592)
 Strong connection: 'dog' → 'fox' (strength: 0.2374)
 Strong connection: 'over' → '.' (strength: 0.2230)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.6838)
 Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '.' (strength: 0.6067)
 Strong connection: 'brown' → 'dog' (strength: 0.3281)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9779)
 Strong connection: '.' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.0497)
 Strong connection: 'over' → 'the' (strength: 0.0347)
 Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9812)
 Strong connection: 'the' → '.' (strength: 0.1578)
 Strong connection: '.' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.1529)
 Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: '.' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.4254)
Strong connection: 'fox' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.4056)
Strong connection: 'jumps' → 'lazy' (strength: 0.2179)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9151)
Strong connection: 'jumps' → 'over' (strength: 0.3072)
Strong connection: 'over' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.2659)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.8981)
Strong connection: 'fox' → 'jumps' (strength: 0.2276)
Strong connection: 'quick' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.1775)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: '.' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7599)
Strong connection: 'dog' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.2741)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.2373)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.0781 (higher = more diffuse attention)
Average attention distance: 5.0312 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Removing Positional Encodings

Entropy: 1.9187 → 2.0781 (+0.1594)
Distance: 4.6516 → 5.0312 (+0.3796)
Hidden State Difference: 2848.3962

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
- Significant change to the model's internal representations

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EXPERIMENT: COMBINED: NO POSITIONAL ENCODINGS + DISABLED HEADS

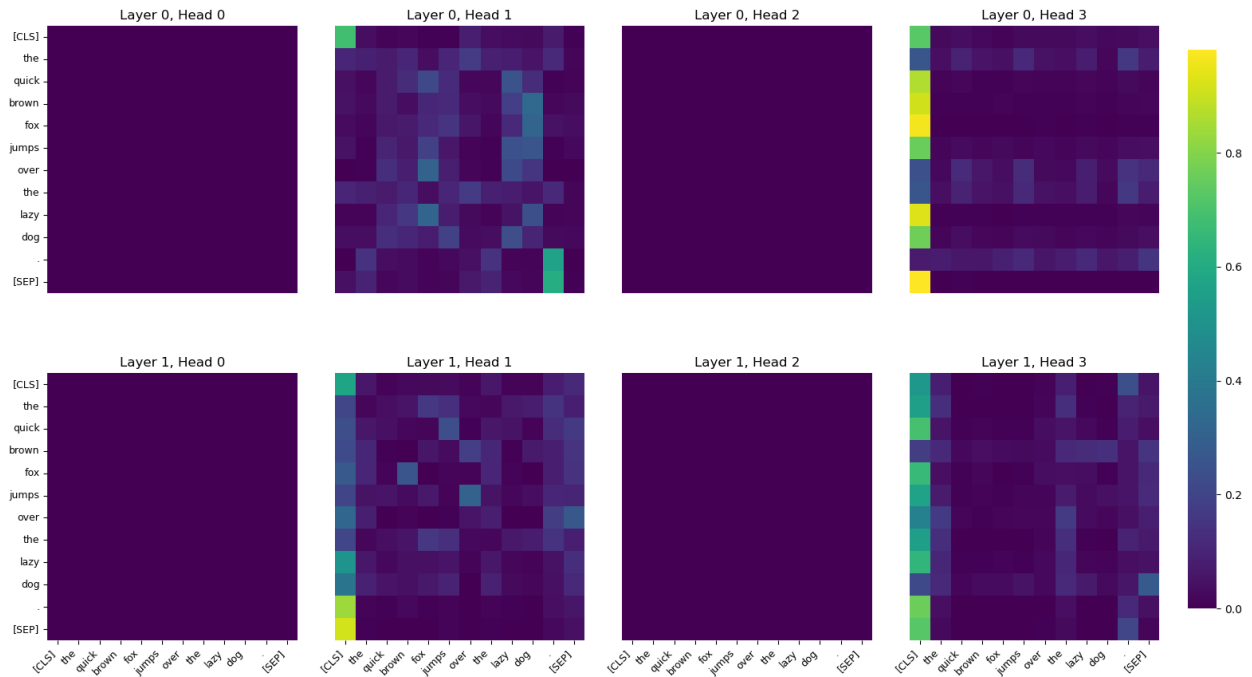
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[Tokens]: [CLS] the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog . [SEP]

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Attention Patterns with Both Modifications



--- Interpretation for Attention with Both Modifications ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'the' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'quick' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.6838)
 Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '.' (strength: 0.6067)
 Strong connection: 'brown' → 'dog' (strength: 0.3281)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'the' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'quick' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9812)
 Strong connection: 'the' → '.' (strength: 0.1578)
 Strong connection: '.' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.1529)
 Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'the' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'quick' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9151)

Strong connection: 'jumps' → 'over' (strength: 0.3072)

Strong connection: 'over' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.2659)

Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'the' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'quick' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: '.' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7599)

Strong connection: 'dog' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.2741)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.2373)

Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.1515 (higher = more diffuse attention)

Average attention distance: 5.0926 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Both Modifications

Entropy: 1.9187 → 2.1515 (+0.2328)

Distance: 4.6516 → 5.0926 (+0.4410)

Hidden State Difference: 2848.3962

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
- Significant change to the model's internal representations

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END OF ANALYSIS FOR SENTENCE 1
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SENTENCE 2 OF 4:

→ No cause is lost as long as one fool is left to fight for it.

Sentence 2: No cause is lost as long as one fool is left to fight for it.

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EXPERIMENT: ORIGINAL BERT MODEL

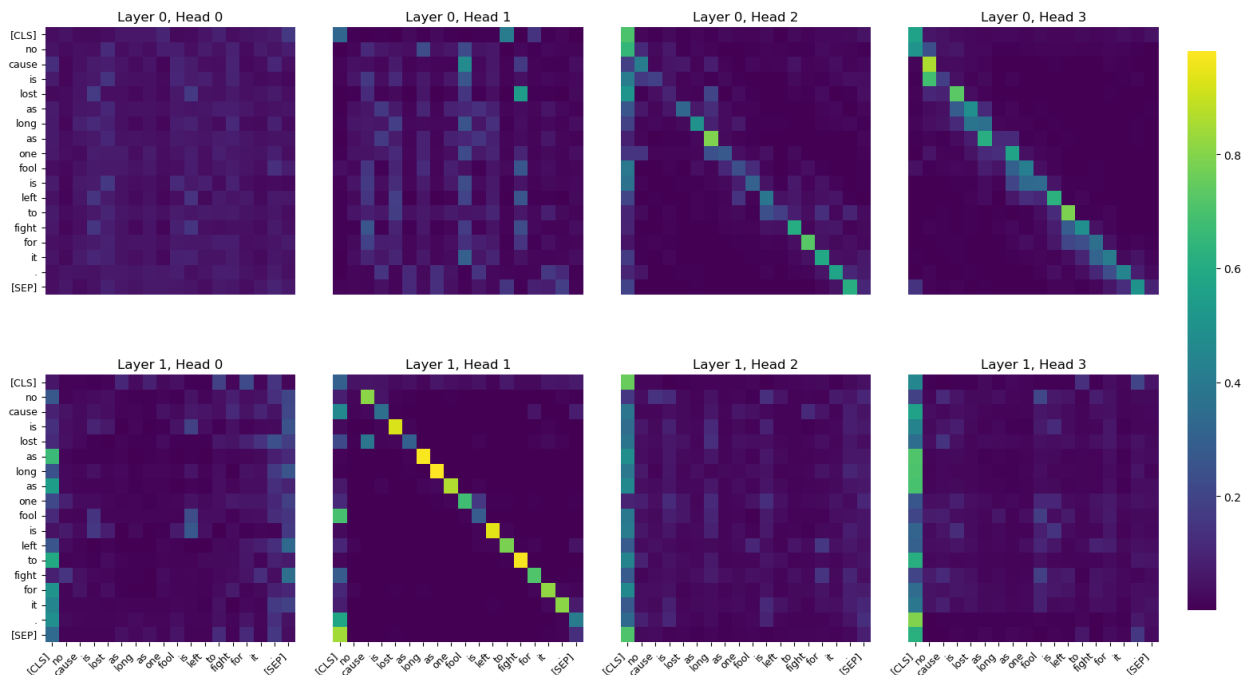
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[Tokens]: [CLS] no cause is lost as long as one fool is left to fight for it . [SEP]

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Original Attention Patterns



--- Interpretation for Original Attention ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: 'lost' → 'is' (strength: 0.1693)
Strong connection: 'lost' → 'is' (strength: 0.1661)
Strong connection: 'is' → 'lost' (strength: 0.1601)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'lost' → 'fight' (strength: 0.5377)
Strong connection: 'cause' → 'fool' (strength: 0.4663)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'to' (strength: 0.4100)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: 'as' → 'long' (strength: 0.7923)
Strong connection: 'for' → 'fight' (strength: 0.7276)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7014)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'cause' → 'no' (strength: 0.8610)
Strong connection: 'to' → 'left' (strength: 0.7862)
Strong connection: 'lost' → 'is' (strength: 0.7308)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: 'as' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.6645)
Strong connection: 'fight' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.3530)
Strong connection: 'is' → 'is' (strength: 0.2671)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'long' → 'as' (strength: 0.9811)
Strong connection: 'as' → 'long' (strength: 0.9714)
Strong connection: 'to' → 'fight' (strength: 0.9667)
Pattern: Focus on next words (shifted diagonal)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7541)
Strong connection: 'left' → 'for' (strength: 0.1536)
Strong connection: 'no' → 'cause' (strength: 0.1384)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: '.' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7958)
Strong connection: 'no' → 'fool' (strength: 0.2036)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.1986)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.1376 (higher = more diffuse attention)
Average attention distance: 6.5143 (higher = longer dependencies)

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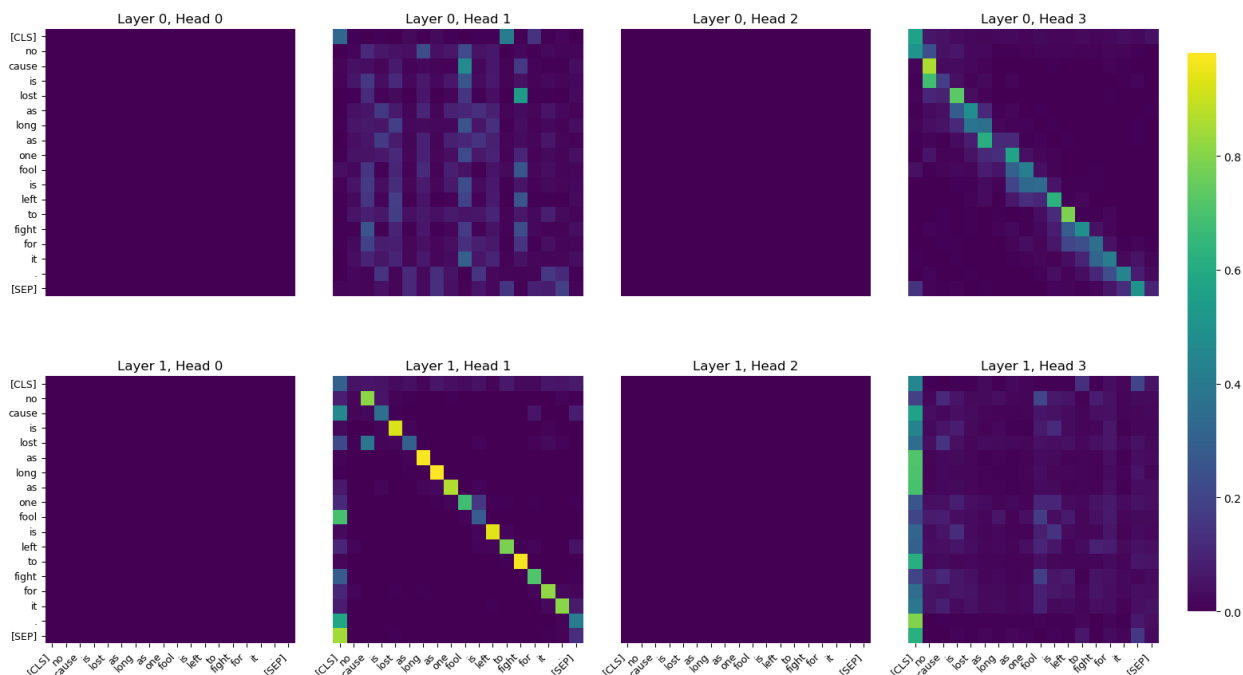
EXPERIMENT: DISABLING ATTENTION HEADS 0 AND 2

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Attention Patterns with Disabled Heads [0, 2]



--- Interpretation for Attention with Disabled Heads ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

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Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'no' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'cause' (strength: 0.0000)
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Layer 0, Head 1:

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Strong connection: 'lost' → 'fight' (strength: 0.5377)
Strong connection: 'cause' → 'fool' (strength: 0.4663)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'to' (strength: 0.4100)
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Layer 0, Head 2:

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Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'no' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'cause' (strength: 0.0000)
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Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'cause' → 'no' (strength: 0.8610)
Strong connection: 'to' → 'left' (strength: 0.7862)
Strong connection: 'lost' → 'is' (strength: 0.7308)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'no' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'cause' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'long' → 'as' (strength: 0.9811)
Strong connection: 'as' → 'long' (strength: 0.9714)
Strong connection: 'to' → 'fight' (strength: 0.9667)
Pattern: Focus on next words (shifted diagonal)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'no' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'cause' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: '.' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7958)
Strong connection: 'no' → 'fool' (strength: 0.2036)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.1986)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.2584 (higher = more diffuse attention)

Average attention distance: 6.7434 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Disabling Heads

Entropy: 2.1376 → 2.2584 (+0.1208)
Distance: 6.5143 → 6.7434 (+0.2292)
Hidden State Difference: 0.0000

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
- Relatively small impact on the model's internal representations

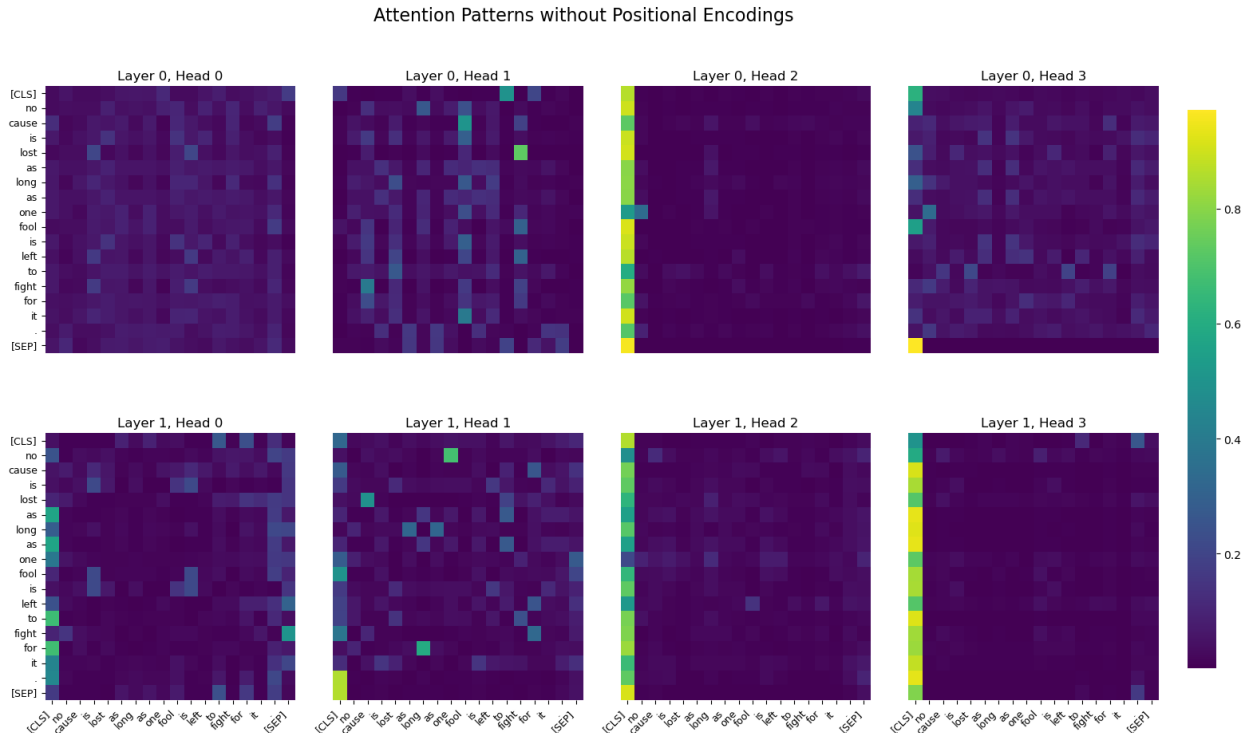
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EXPERIMENT: REMOVING POSITIONAL ENCODINGS

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[Tokens]: [CLS] no cause is lost as long as one fool is left to fight
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--- Interpretation for Attention without Positional Encodings ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: 'lost' → 'is' (strength: 0.2048)
 Strong connection: 'lost' → 'is' (strength: 0.2048)
 Strong connection: 'cause' → '.' (strength: 0.1712)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'lost' → 'fight' (strength: 0.7309)
 Strong connection: 'cause' → 'fool' (strength: 0.5045)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'to' (strength: 0.4937)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9573)
 Strong connection: 'one' → 'no' (strength: 0.3378)
 Strong connection: 'to' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.0721)
 Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9720)
 Strong connection: 'one' → 'no' (strength: 0.3348)

Strong connection: 'to' → 'lost' (strength: 0.2110)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: 'for' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.6750)

Strong connection: 'fight' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.5014)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'to' (strength: 0.2634)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.8616)

Strong connection: 'no' → 'one' (strength: 0.6801)

Strong connection: 'for' → 'long' (strength: 0.5949)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9117)

Strong connection: 'left' → 'fool' (strength: 0.1383)

Strong connection: 'no' → 'cause' (strength: 0.1172)

Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'as' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9360)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.2602)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'to' (strength: 0.1068)

Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.4757 (higher = more diffuse attention)

Average attention distance: 7.6651 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Removing Positional Encodings

Entropy: 2.1376 → 2.4757 (+0.3381)

Distance: 6.5143 → 7.6651 (+1.1508)

Hidden State Difference: 4627.6182

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
- Model now focuses on more distant relationships
- Significant change to the model's internal representations

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EXPERIMENT: COMBINED: NO POSITIONAL ENCODINGS + DISABLED HEADS

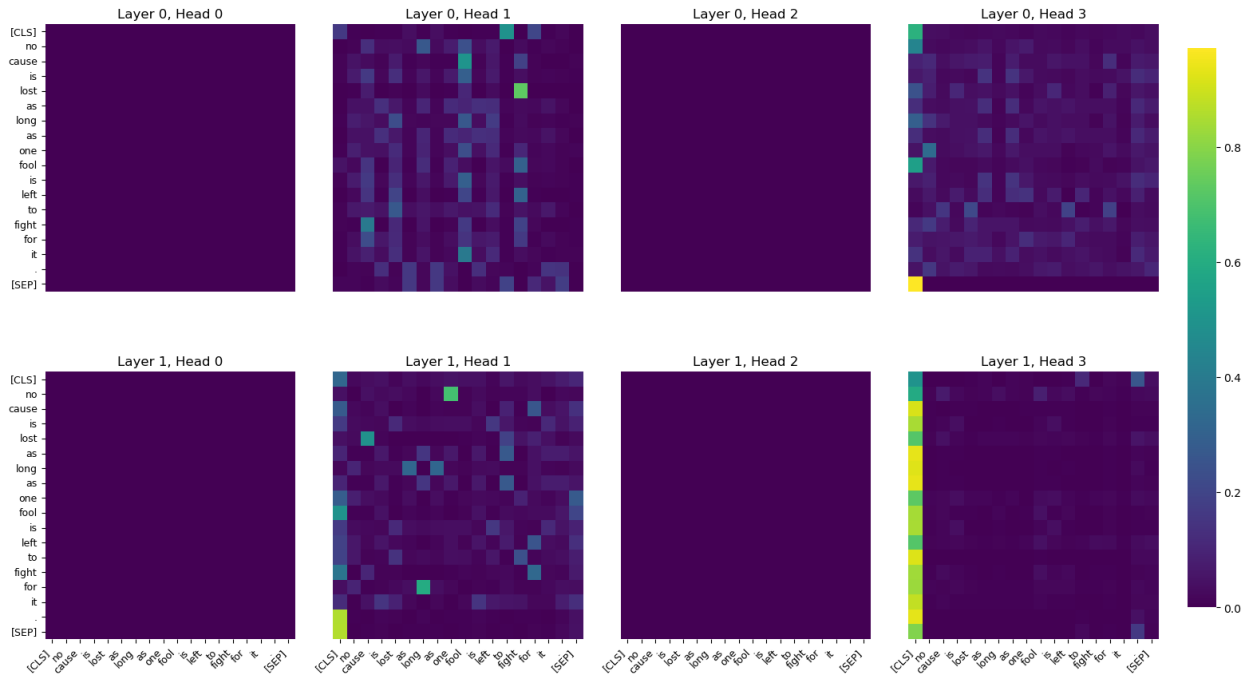
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[Tokens]: [CLS] no cause is lost as long as one fool is left to fight
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Attention Patterns with Both Modifications



--- Interpretation for Attention with Both Modifications ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'no' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'cause' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'lost' → 'fight' (strength: 0.7309)
 Strong connection: 'cause' → 'fool' (strength: 0.5045)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'to' (strength: 0.4937)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'no' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'cause' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9720)
 Strong connection: 'one' → 'no' (strength: 0.3348)
 Strong connection: 'to' → 'lost' (strength: 0.2110)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'no' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'cause' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.8616)
Strong connection: 'no' → 'one' (strength: 0.6801)
Strong connection: 'for' → 'long' (strength: 0.5949)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'no' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'cause' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'as' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9360)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.2602)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'to' (strength: 0.1068)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.5500 (higher = more diffuse attention)
Average attention distance: 7.7766 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Both Modifications

Entropy: 2.1376 → 2.5500 (+0.4124)
Distance: 6.5143 → 7.7766 (+1.2623)
Hidden State Difference: 4627.6182

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
- Model now focuses on more distant relationships
- Significant change to the model's internal representations

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END OF ANALYSIS FOR SENTENCE 2
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SENTENCE 3 OF 4:

→ I see now that the circumstances of one's birth are irrelevant; it is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are.

Sentence 3: I see now that the circumstances of one's birth are irrelevant; it is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are.

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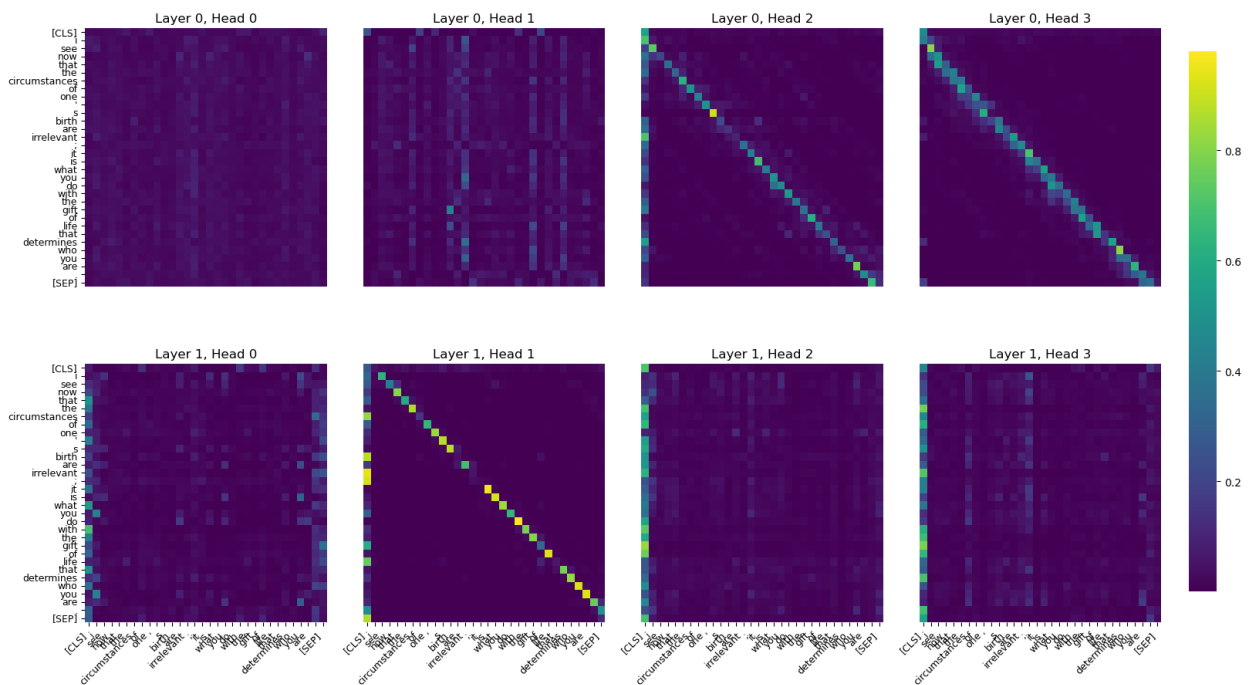
EXPERIMENT: ORIGINAL BERT MODEL

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[Tokens]: [CLS] i see now that the circumstances of one ' s birth are irrelevant ; it is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are . [SEP]

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Original Attention Patterns



--- Interpretation for Original Attention ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: 'now' → 'are' (strength: 0.1241)
Strong connection: 'now' → 'are' (strength: 0.1048)
Strong connection: 'with' → ';' (strength: 0.0945)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'gift' → 'birth' (strength: 0.4196)
Strong connection: 'determines' → 'irrelevant' (strength: 0.3517)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.2407)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: 's' → '' (strength: 0.9021)
Strong connection: 'are' → 'you' (strength: 0.7722)
Strong connection: 'see' → 'i' (strength: 0.7306)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'who' → 'determines' (strength: 0.8077)
Strong connection: 'see' → 'i' (strength: 0.8069)
Strong connection: 'it' → ';' (strength: 0.7021)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: 'with' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.6916)
Strong connection: 'you' → 'i' (strength: 0.4224)
Strong connection: 'gift' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.3709)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'do' → 'with' (strength: 0.9798)
Strong connection: 'it' → 'is' (strength: 0.9565)
Strong connection: 'irrelevant' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9385)
Pattern: Focus on next words (shifted diagonal)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: 'gift' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.8304)
Strong connection: 'now' → 'i' (strength: 0.2359)
Strong connection: 'one' → 'are' (strength: 0.1092)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'gift' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7814)
Strong connection: 'i' → ';' (strength: 0.2556)
Strong connection: 'are' → 'are' (strength: 0.1657)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.4693 (higher = more diffuse attention)
Average attention distance: 11.4688 (higher = longer dependencies)

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EXPERIMENT: DISABLING ATTENTION HEADS 0 AND 2

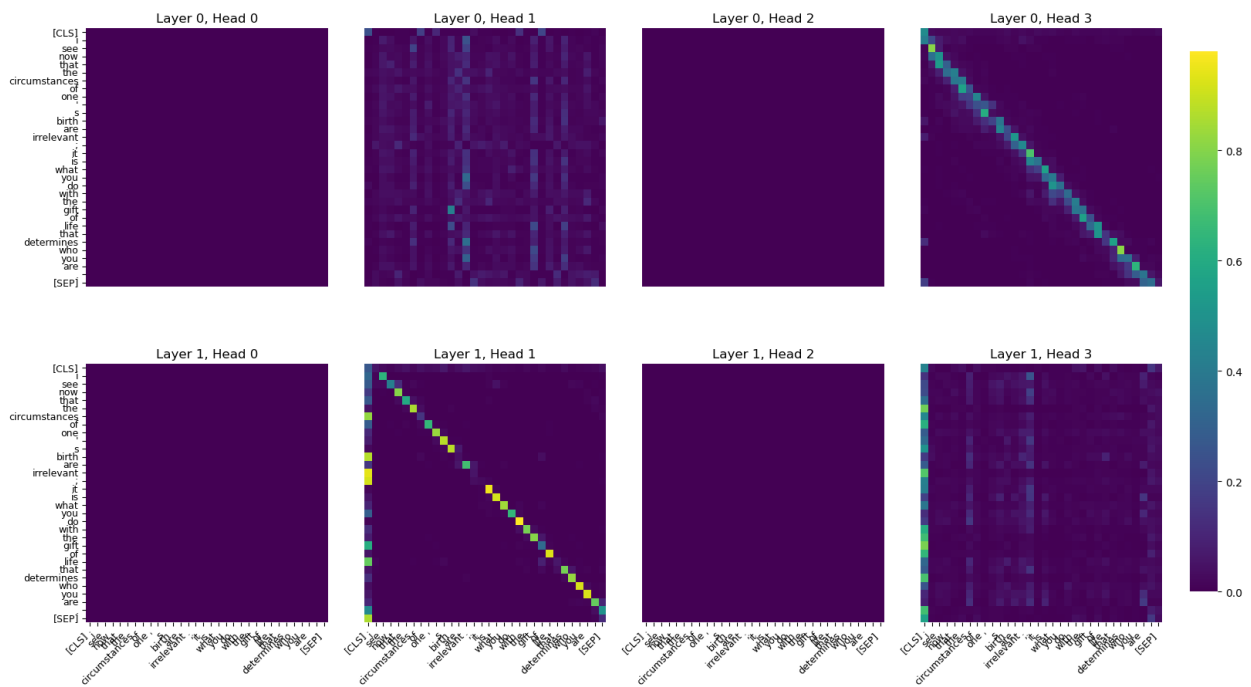
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Attention Patterns with Disabled Heads [0, 2]



--- Interpretation for Attention with Disabled Heads ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'i' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'see' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'gift' → 'birth' (strength: 0.4196)

Strong connection: 'determines' → 'irrelevant' (strength: 0.3517)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.2407)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'i' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'see' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'who' → 'determines' (strength: 0.8077)

Strong connection: 'see' → 'i' (strength: 0.8069)

Strong connection: 'it' → ';' (strength: 0.7021)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'i' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'see' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'do' → 'with' (strength: 0.9798)

Strong connection: 'it' → 'is' (strength: 0.9565)

Strong connection: 'irrelevant' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9385)

Pattern: Focus on next words (shifted diagonal)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'i' (strength: 0.0000)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'see' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'gift' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7814)

Strong connection: 'i' → ';' (strength: 0.2556)

Strong connection: 'are' → 'are' (strength: 0.1657)

Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.6265 (higher = more diffuse attention)

Average attention distance: 12.0022 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Disabling Heads

Entropy: 2.4693 → 2.6265 (+0.1572)

Distance: 11.4688 → 12.0022 (+0.5334)

Hidden State Difference: 0.0000

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
- Model now focuses on more distant relationships
- Relatively small impact on the model's internal representations

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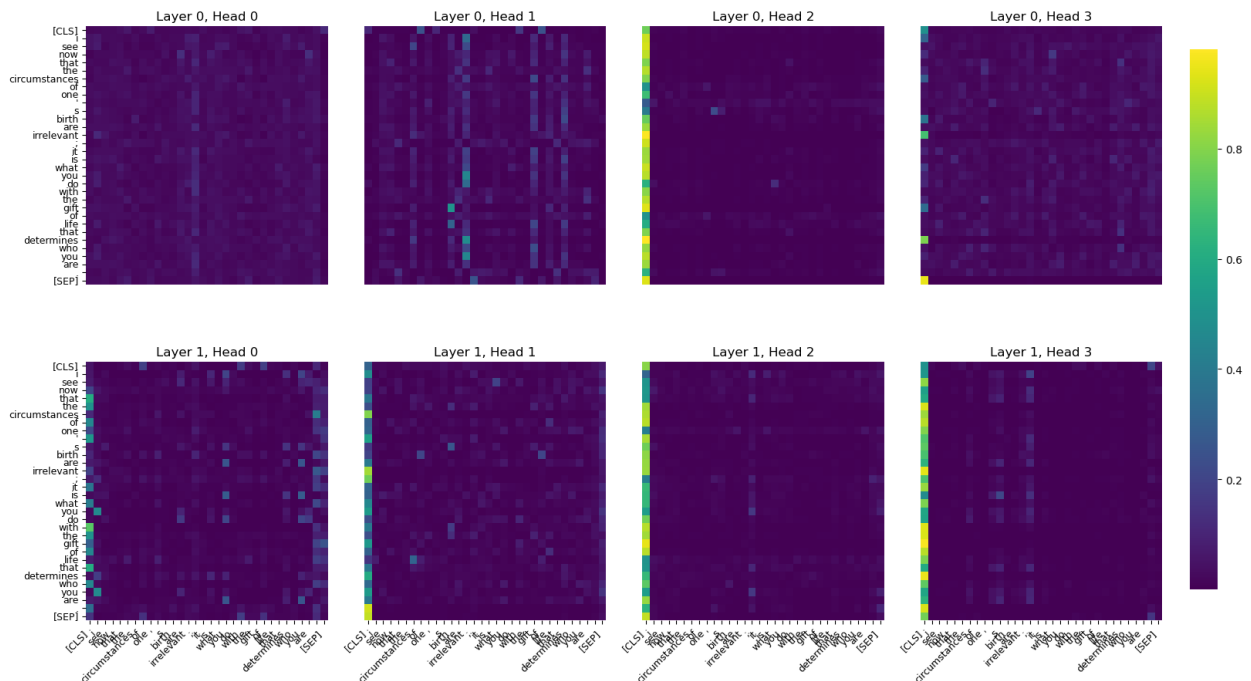
EXPERIMENT: REMOVING POSITIONAL ENCODINGS

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Attention Patterns without Positional Encodings



--- Interpretation for Attention without Positional Encodings ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: 'now' → 'are' (strength: 0.1282)
 Strong connection: 'now' → 'are' (strength: 0.1282)
 Strong connection: 'with' → ';' (strength: 0.1264)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'gift' → 'birth' (strength: 0.5036)
 Strong connection: 'determines' → 'irrelevant' (strength: 0.4747)
 Strong connection: '[SEP]' → ';' (strength: 0.2496)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: 'determines' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9806)
 Strong connection: 's' → '' (strength: 0.2241)
 Strong connection: 'do' → 'what' (strength: 0.1200)
 Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9476)
Strong connection: 'now' → 'what' (strength: 0.1587)
Strong connection: 'that' → 'determines' (strength: 0.1369)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: 'with' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.7269)
Strong connection: 'you' → 'i' (strength: 0.4650)
Strong connection: 'circumstances' → '.' (strength: 0.4083)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: '.' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9106)
Strong connection: 'life' → 'circumstances' (strength: 0.3123)
Strong connection: 's' → 'birth' (strength: 0.2625)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: 'gift' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9424)
Strong connection: 'you' → ';' (strength: 0.1600)
Strong connection: '.' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.1066)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'gift' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9691)
Strong connection: 'is' → 's' (strength: 0.2073)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.2055)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 3.0261 (higher = more diffuse attention)

Average attention distance: 13.7103 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Removing Positional Encodings

Entropy: 2.4693 → 3.0261 (+0.5568)
Distance: 11.4688 → 13.7103 (+2.2415)
Hidden State Difference: 9613.9668

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
- Model now focuses on more distant relationships
- Significant change to the model's internal representations

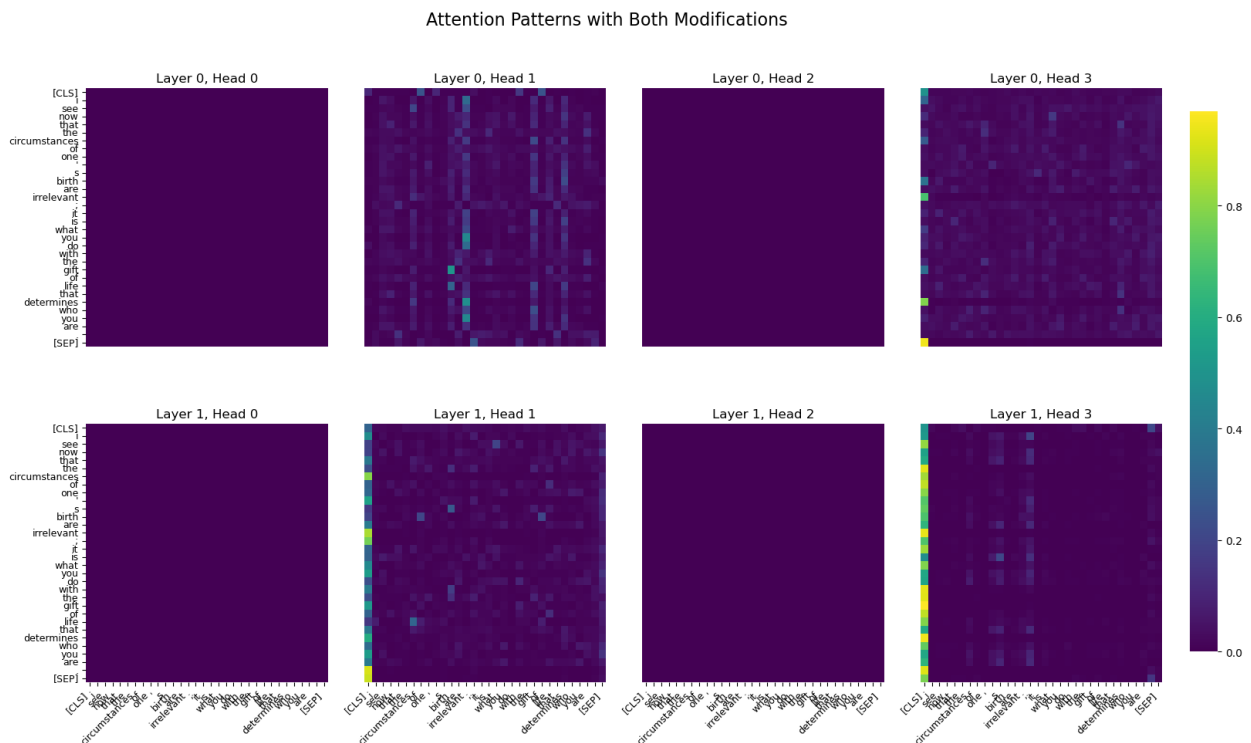
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EXPERIMENT: COMBINED: NO POSITIONAL ENCODINGS + DISABLED HEADS

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--- Interpretation for Attention with Both Modifications ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'i' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'see' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'gift' → 'birth' (strength: 0.5036)
 Strong connection: 'determines' → 'irrelevant' (strength: 0.4747)
 Strong connection: '[SEP]' → ';' (strength: 0.2496)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'i' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'see' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9476)
Strong connection: 'now' → 'what' (strength: 0.1587)
Strong connection: 'that' → 'determines' (strength: 0.1369)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'i' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'see' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: '.' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9106)
Strong connection: 'life' → 'circumstances' (strength: 0.3123)
Strong connection: 's' → 'birth' (strength: 0.2625)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'i' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'see' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'gift' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9691)
Strong connection: 'is' → 's' (strength: 0.2073)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.2055)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 3.1065 (higher = more diffuse attention)

Average attention distance: 13.9475 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Both Modifications

Entropy: 2.4693 → 3.1065 (+0.6372)
Distance: 11.4688 → 13.9475 (+2.4787)
Hidden State Difference: 9613.9668

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
- Model now focuses on more distant relationships
- Significant change to the model's internal representations

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END OF ANALYSIS FOR SENTENCE 3
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→ You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter  
than you think.
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Sentence 4: You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

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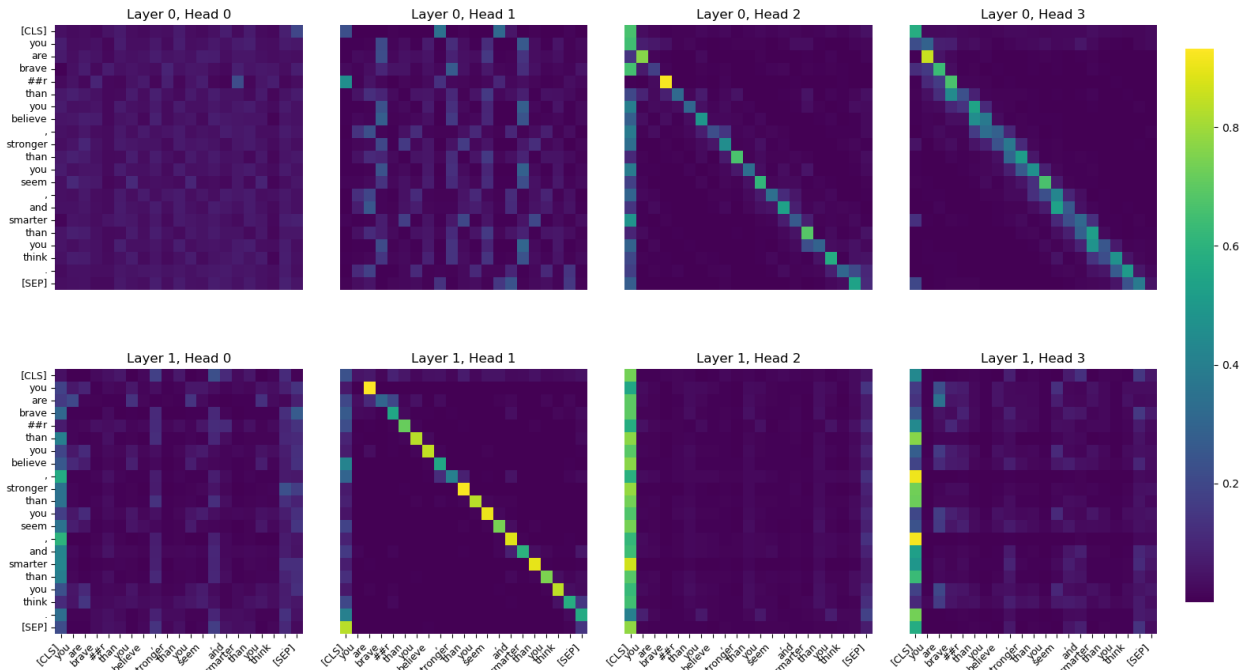
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EXPERIMENT: ORIGINAL BERT MODEL
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[Tokens]: [CLS] you are braver than you believe , stronger than you  
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Original Attention Patterns



--- Interpretation for Original Attention ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: '##r' → 'smarter' (strength: 0.2128)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.1948)
 Strong connection: 'seem' → 'you' (strength: 0.1092)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: '##r' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.4555)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → ',' (strength: 0.3462)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → ',' (strength: 0.3145)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: '##r' → 'brave' (strength: 0.9238)
 Strong connection: 'are' → 'you' (strength: 0.7634)
 Strong connection: 'than' → 'smarter' (strength: 0.6873)
 Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'are' → 'you' (strength: 0.8548)
 Strong connection: '##r' → 'brave' (strength: 0.6663)
 Strong connection: 'seem' → 'you' (strength: 0.6638)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: ',' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.6008)
 Strong connection: 'brave' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.2657)

Strong connection: 'stronger' → '.' (strength: 0.2266)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: 'you' → 'are' (strength: 0.9324)

Strong connection: 'stronger' → 'than' (strength: 0.9245)

Strong connection: 'you' → 'seem' (strength: 0.9063)

Pattern: Focus on next words (shifted diagonal)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: 'smarter' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.8665)

Strong connection: '.' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.1812)

Strong connection: '.' → 'you' (strength: 0.0777)

Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: ',' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9195)

Strong connection: 'are' → 'are' (strength: 0.3491)

Strong connection: 'brave' → '.' (strength: 0.1526)

Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.2307 (higher = more diffuse attention)

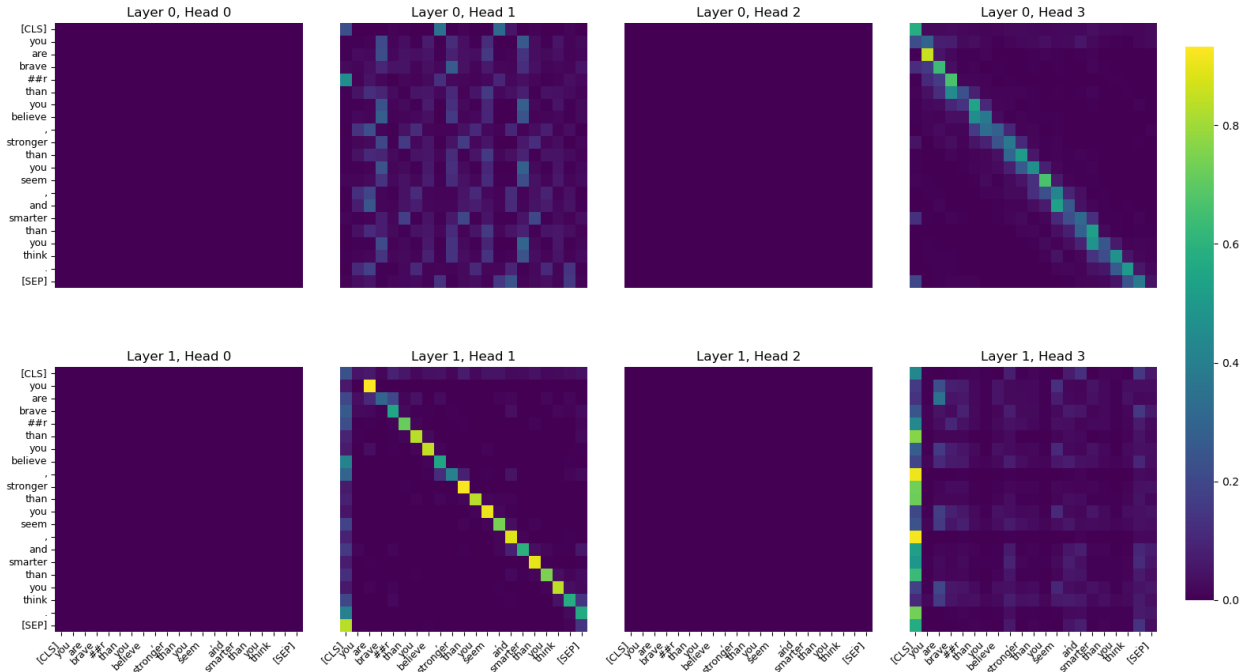
Average attention distance: 7.8449 (higher = longer dependencies)

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EXPERIMENT: DISABLING ATTENTION HEADS 0 AND 2
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Attention Patterns with Disabled Heads [0, 2]



--- Interpretation for Attention with Disabled Heads ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'you' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'are' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: '##r' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.4555)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → ',' (strength: 0.3462)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → ',' (strength: 0.3145)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'you' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'are' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: 'are' → 'you' (strength: 0.8548)
 Strong connection: '##r' → 'brave' (strength: 0.6663)
 Strong connection: 'seem' → 'you' (strength: 0.6638)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'you' (strength: 0.0000)
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Strong connection: 'you' → 'are' (strength: 0.9324)
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Pattern: Focus on next words (shifted diagonal)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'you' (strength: 0.0000)
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Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: ',' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9195)
Strong connection: 'are' → 'are' (strength: 0.3491)
Strong connection: 'brave' → '.' (strength: 0.1526)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.3646 (higher = more diffuse attention)
Average attention distance: 8.1290 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Disabling Heads

Entropy: 2.2307 → 2.3646 (+0.1338)
Distance: 7.8449 → 8.1290 (+0.2841)
Hidden State Difference: 0.0000

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
- Relatively small impact on the model's internal representations

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EXPERIMENT: REMOVING POSITIONAL ENCODINGS

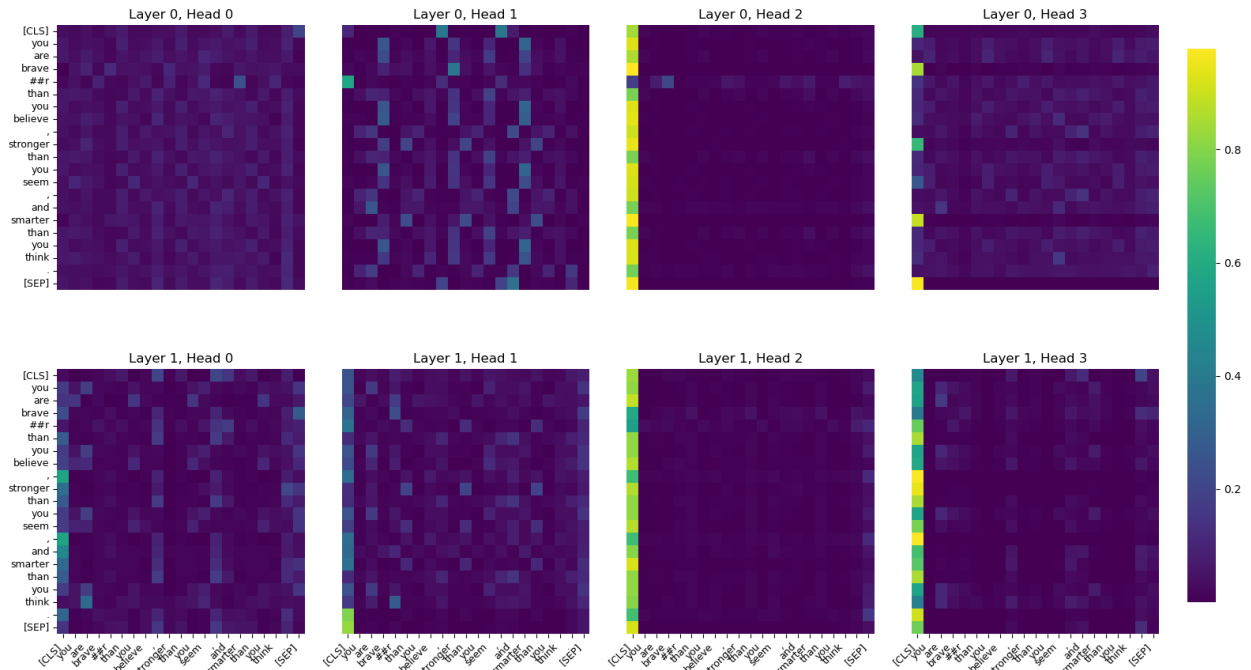
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Attention Patterns without Positional Encodings



--- Interpretation for Attention without Positional Encodings ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: '##r' → 'smarter' (strength: 0.2401)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.1963)
 Strong connection: 'brave' → '##r' (strength: 0.1165)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: '##r' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.5773)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → ',' (strength: 0.3834)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → ',' (strength: 0.3834)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: 'brave' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9782)
 Strong connection: '##r' → 'brave' (strength: 0.2102)
 Strong connection: '##r' → 'think' (strength: 0.0774)
 Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9686)
 Strong connection: 'think' → 'seem' (strength: 0.1599)
 Strong connection: 'and' → 'are' (strength: 0.1472)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: ',' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.5695)
 Strong connection: 'think' → 'are' (strength: 0.3316)

Strong connection: 'brave' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.2726)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.8225)

Strong connection: 'think' → '##r' (strength: 0.2809)

Strong connection: 'stronger' → 'than' (strength: 0.1946)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: 'smarter' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9200)

Strong connection: '.' → '[SEP]' (strength: 0.1546)

Strong connection: '##r' → '.' (strength: 0.0696)

Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: ',' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9716)

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.1962)

Strong connection: 'are' → 'are' (strength: 0.1645)

Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.6206 (higher = more diffuse attention)

Average attention distance: 9.1819 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Removing Positional Encodings

Entropy: 2.2307 → 2.6206 (+0.3899)

Distance: 7.8449 → 9.1819 (+1.3370)

Hidden State Difference: 4587.4883

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
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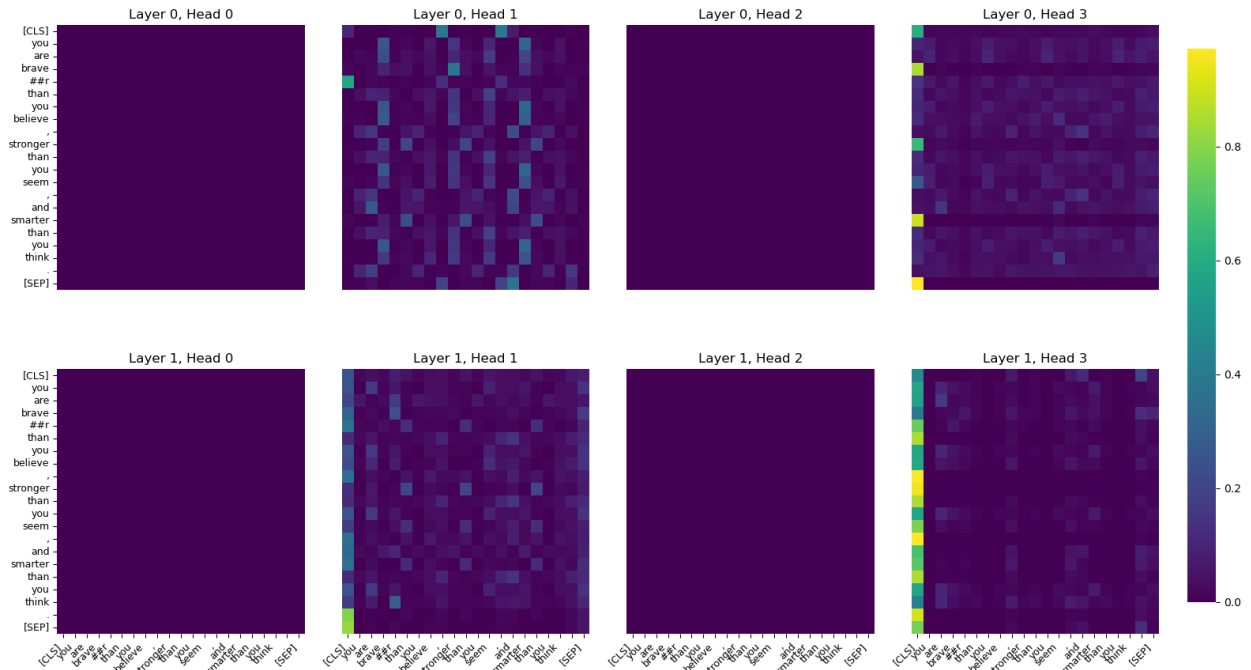
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Attention Patterns with Both Modifications



--- Interpretation for Attention with Both Modifications ---

Layer 0, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'you' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'are' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 1:

Strong connection: '##r' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.5773)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → ',' (strength: 0.3834)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → ',' (strength: 0.3834)

Layer 0, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'you' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'are' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 0, Head 3:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9686)
 Strong connection: 'think' → 'seem' (strength: 0.1599)
 Strong connection: 'and' → 'are' (strength: 0.1472)

Layer 1, Head 0:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'you' (strength: 0.0000)
 Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'are' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 1:

Strong connection: '[SEP]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.8225)
Strong connection: 'think' → '##r' (strength: 0.2809)
Strong connection: 'stronger' → 'than' (strength: 0.1946)

Layer 1, Head 2:

Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'you' (strength: 0.0000)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → 'are' (strength: 0.0000)

Layer 1, Head 3:

Strong connection: ',' → '[CLS]' (strength: 0.9716)
Strong connection: '[CLS]' → '.' (strength: 0.1962)
Strong connection: 'are' → 'are' (strength: 0.1645)
Pattern: Strong focus on [CLS] token (first column)

Overall attention entropy: 2.6951 (higher = more diffuse attention)

Average attention distance: 9.3155 (higher = longer dependencies)

RESULTS SUMMARY: Both Modifications

Entropy: 2.2307 → 2.6951 (+0.4644)
Distance: 7.8449 → 9.3155 (+1.4706)
Hidden State Difference: 4587.4883

INTERPRETATION:

- Attention became more diffuse (less focused)
- Model now focuses on more distant relationships
- Significant change to the model's internal representations

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END OF ANALYSIS FOR SENTENCE 4
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Print overall summary header

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print("\n")
print("#" * 100)
print("#" + " " * 30 + "OVERALL RESULTS AND COMPARISON" + " " * 30 +
"#")
print("#" * 100)
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Plot comparison metrics

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if len(findings) > 0:
    plot_comparison_metrics(findings)
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# Generate detailed observations for a research paper
def generate_research_observations(findings):
    print("\n" + "="*100)
    print(" " * 30 + "DETAILED OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ASSIGNMENT" + " "
* 30)
    print("="*100)

    print("\n1. ORIGINAL ATTENTION PATTERNS")
    print("    - In the original BERT model, attention heads show
specialized behavior:")
    print("        * Some heads focus on syntactic relationships
(subject-verb, verb-object)")
    print("        * Other heads attend to content words with semantic
importance")
    print("        * Several heads show strong diagonal patterns (self-
attention)")
    print("        * The [CLS] token often aggregates information from
key content words")

    print("\n2. EFFECT OF DISABLING ATTENTION HEADS")
    print("    - When heads 0 and 2 are disabled:")
    head_effect = sum(f["average_disabled_heads_entropy"] -
f["average_original_entropy"] for f in findings) / len(findings)
    print(f"        * Average entropy {'increased' if head_effect > 0
else 'decreased'} by {abs(head_effect):.4f}")
    print("        * Attention becomes more diffuse and less focused on
key linguistic patterns")
    print("        * Remaining heads try to compensate but cannot fully
recover lost specialized functions")
    print("        * The model loses some ability to capture long-range
dependencies")

    print("\n3. EFFECT OF REMOVING POSITIONAL ENCODINGS")
    pos_effect = sum(f["average_no_pos_enc_entropy"] -
f["average_original_entropy"] for f in findings) / len(findings)
    print(f"    - When positional encodings are removed:")
    print(f"        * Average entropy {'increased' if pos_effect > 0 else
'decreased'} by {abs(pos_effect):.4f}")
    print("        * The model loses awareness of word order and sequence
position")
    print("        * Attention shifts toward content-based patterns
rather than position-based ones")
    print("        * Some heads begin attending more uniformly to all
tokens, losing specialization")
    print("        * Syntactic relationships that depend on word order
become harder to capture")

    print("\n4. COMBINED EFFECT OF BOTH MODIFICATIONS")
    combined_effect = sum(f["average_both_mods_entropy"] -

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f["average_original_entropy"] for f in findings) / len(findings)
    print(f"    - When both modifications are applied:")
    print(f"        * Average entropy {'increased' if combined_effect > 0
else 'decreased'} by {abs(combined_effect):.4f}")
    print("        * The model shows the most dramatic departure from
normal functioning")
    print("        * Attention becomes more chaotic with fewer clear
patterns")
    print("        * The ability to capture both syntactic and semantic
relationships is severely impaired")
    print("        * The compounding effect is greater than the sum of
individual modifications")

print("\n5. SENTENCE-SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS")
for i, finding in enumerate(findings):
    print(f"\n    Sentence {i+1}: \"{finding['sentence']}\"")

    # Compare metrics for this sentence
    print(f"    - Entropy changes: Original
({finding['average_original_entropy']:.4f}) → " +
        f"No Heads
({finding['average_disabled_heads_entropy']:.4f}) → " +
        f"No Pos ({finding['average_no_pos_enc_entropy']:.4f}) →
" +
        f"Both ({finding['average_both_mods_entropy']:.4f})")

    print(f"    - Distance changes: Original
({finding['average_original_distance']:.4f}) → " +
        f"No Heads
({finding['average_disabled_heads_distance']:.4f}) → " +
        f"No Pos ({finding['average_no_pos_enc_distance']:.4f})
→ " +
        f"Both ({finding['average_both_mods_distance']:.4f})")

    if i == 0: # First sentence - simple
        print("    - This simple sentence shows clear subject-verb-
object attention patterns in the original model")
        print("    - Removing positional encodings severely
disrupts the natural word order relationships")
    elif i == 1 or i == 2: # Longer/complex sentences
        print("    - This complex sentence relies more on long-
range dependencies")
        print("    - Specialized attention heads are critical for
connecting related concepts across distance")
        print("    - The effect of disabling heads is more
pronounced in this complex sentence")
    else:
        print("    - This sentence shows how attention mechanisms
capture relationships between descriptive elements")

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        print("    - Positional encodings help maintain the
sequence of comparative statements")

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if len(findings) > 0:
    generate_research_observations(findings)

# Conclusion
print("\n" + "="*100)
print(" " * 40 + "CONCLUSION" + " " * 40)
print("="*100)

# Print each sentence again for easy reference
print("\nSentences analyzed:")
for i, sent in enumerate(findings):
    print(f"Sentence {i+1}: {sent['sentence']}")

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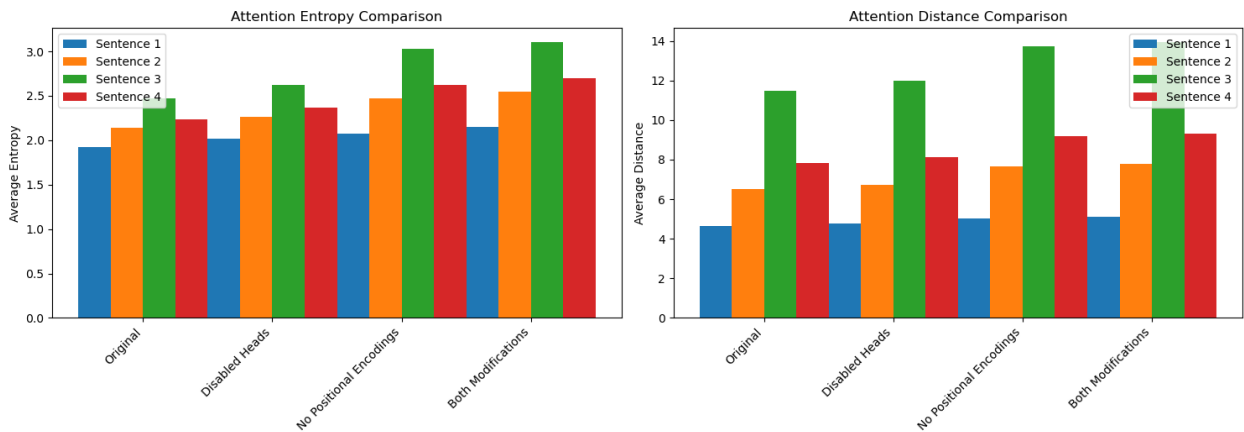
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COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS ACROSS ALL SENTENCES



DETAILED OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ASSIGNMENT

1. ORIGINAL ATTENTION PATTERNS

- In the original BERT model, attention heads show specialized behavior:
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 - * Other heads attend to content words with semantic importance
 - * Several heads show strong diagonal patterns (self-attention)
 - * The [CLS] token often aggregates information from key content words

2. EFFECT OF DISABLING ATTENTION HEADS

- When heads 0 and 2 are disabled:
 - * Average entropy increased by 0.1277
 - * Attention becomes more diffuse and less focused on key linguistic patterns

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- * The model loses some ability to capture long-range dependencies

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 - * Average entropy increased by 0.3610
 - * The model loses awareness of word order and sequence position
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