# 【手撕LLM-KVCache】显存刺客的前世今生--文末含代码



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前言

#### 什么是KV-Cache?

KV-Cache 是一种加速推理的技术,现代的LLM使用,包括 LLaMA KV-Cache 在长文本输入的情况下,占用的显存线性随句长增长,此时需要做 cache 优化可以说系统掌握KV-Cache是做LLM推理加速的基础,另一条线路是纯GPU算法优化如FlashAttention

#### 阅读完本文可以掌握:

- LLM 推理中的 KV-Cache 作用、原理、流程
- KV-Cache 的显存占用量分析
- KV-Cache 的优化手段
- 手撕 KV-Cache
- 现代 LLM 架构, 不同的 KV-Cache 优化实现手段

#### 1. Generate时的Next Token推理

```
1 # ÆKV-Cache
2 idx = torch.randn([1,10])
3 for i in range(max_length):
4    logist = model(idx)
5    next_idx = softmax(argmax(logist))
6    idx = cat(idx, next_idx)
```

#### 1.1 无KV-Cache生成代码

• 无 KV-Cache 推理

```
import torch import torch.nn.functional as F from transformers import LlamaModel, LlamaConfig, LlamaForCausalLM # 加载模型
```

```
config = LlamaConfig(vocab_size = 100,
                   hidden size = 256,
                    intermediate size = 512,
                    num_hidden_layers = 2,
                    num_attention_heads = 4,
                    num_key_value_heads = 4,
model = LlamaForCausalLM(config)
# 创建数据、不使用tokenizer
X = \text{torch. randint}(0, 100, (1, 10))
print(X.shape)
i dx = \{\}
idx['input_ids'] = X
for i in range (4):
    print(f"\nGeneration第{i}个时的输入{idx['input_ids'].shape}: ")
   print(f"Generation第{i}个时的输入{idx['input_ids']}: ")
    output = model(**idx)
   logits = output['logits'][:,-1,:]
    idx_next = torch.argmax(logits , dim=1)[0]
    idx['input_ids'] = torch.cat((idx['input_ids'], idx_next.unsqueeze(0).unsqueeze(1)), dim=-1)
```

#### 输出结果

```
torch. Size([1, 10])

Generation第0个时的输入torch. Size([1, 10]):
Generation第0个时的输入tensor([[48, 8, 96, 3, 1, 3, 65, 85, 18, 25]]):

Generation第1个时的输入torch. Size([1, 11]):
Generation第1个时的输入tensor([[48, 8, 96, 3, 1, 3, 65, 85, 18, 25, 1]]):

Generation第2个时的输入torch. Size([1, 12]):
Generation第2个时的输入tensor([[48, 8, 96, 3, 1, 3, 65, 85, 18, 25, 1, 66]]):

Generation第3个时的输入torch. Size([1, 13]):
Generation第3个时的输入tensor([[48, 8, 96, 3, 1, 3, 65, 85, 18, 25, 1, 66, 3]]):
```

## 1.2 有KV-Cache生成代码

- 在推理时, 计算 Qi@K^T 形式的 Attention, 如下图
- Qi 对应预测 Token\_{i+1}

```
# this code generate With KV Cache
i = 0
T = idx.size(0)
T_new = T+max_new_tokens
empty = torch.empty(T_new, dtype=dtype, device=device)
empty[:T] = idx
idx = empty
input_pos = torch.arange(0, T, device=device)
max_new_tokens = 10
for _ in range(max_new_tokens):
    x = idx.index_select(0, input_pos).view(1, -1)
    print(f"input_t{i}: ", x.int())
    i += 1
    # forward
```

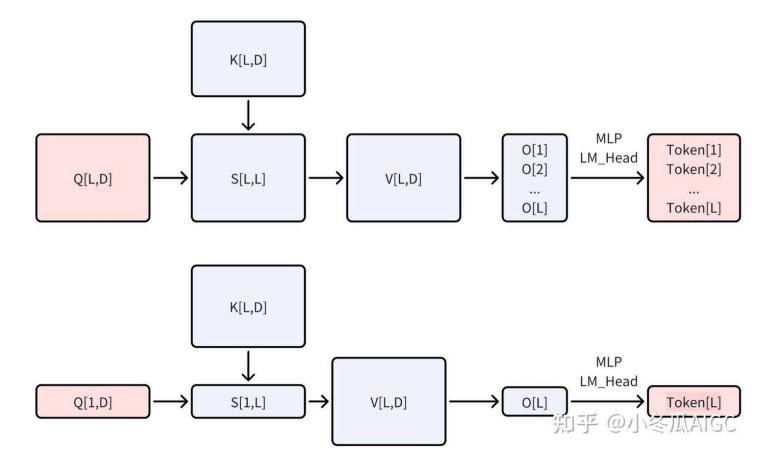
```
logits = model(x, max_seq_length, input_pos)
probs = torch.nn.functional.softmax(logits, dim=-1)
idx_next = torch.multinomial(probs, num_samples=1).to(dtype=dtype)
# advance
input_pos = input_pos[-1:] + 1
# concatenate the new generation
idx = idx.index_copy(0, input_pos, idx_next)
return idx
```

### 结果

```
input_t0: tensor([[ 1,  3,  13,  9,  20,  4,  3,  9,  5]], dtype=torch.int32)
input_t1: tensor([[3]], dtype=torch.int32)
input_t2: tensor([[8]], dtype=torch.int32)
input_t3: tensor([[4]], dtype=torch.int32)
input_t4: tensor([[3]], dtype=torch.int32)
input_t5: tensor([[6]], dtype=torch.int32)
input_t6: tensor([[13]], dtype=torch.int32)
input_t7: tensor([[6]], dtype=torch.int32)
input_t8: tensor([[15]], dtype=torch.int32)
input_t9: tensor([[23]], dtype=torch.int32)
```

### 2. LLM 训练和推理图解

- 训练时, QKV 满维度算 Attention 得出所有的 next\_token
- 推理时, 要预测下个 token 只需要当前最尾的一个 q
- 我们可以得出一个结论, Q[-1], K[:], V[:] 就可以计算 next\_token

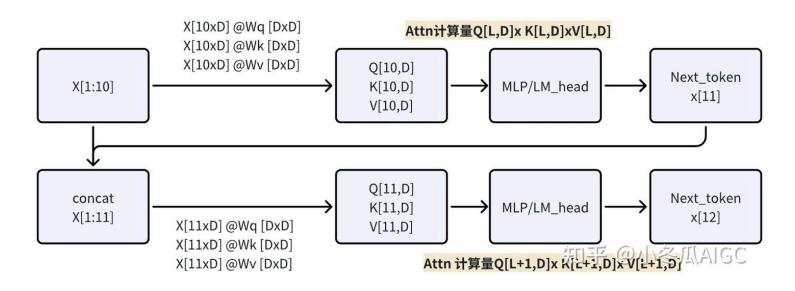


## 3. KV-Cache流程

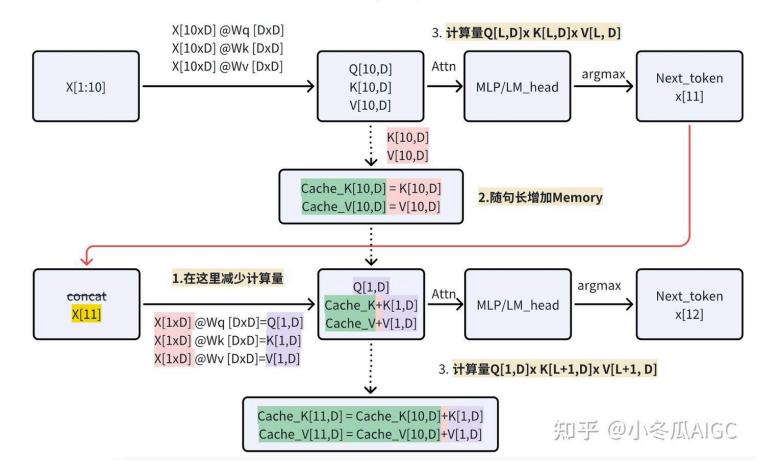
• Without KV-Cache 每次需要计算全 Wq(X), Wk(X), Wv(X), 每次需要计算全量 Attn

- With KV-Cache , 第一步计算完整 Attn , 将 KV 保存成 KV\_cache
- With KV-Cache, 第二步, 取第一步的 Next Token 计算 QKV , 将 [KV\_cache, KV] 联合, 计算出 QKV
- KV-Cache 每个循环累增, memory 量: 2\*(N层\*L长度\*D维度)

# Without KV Cache

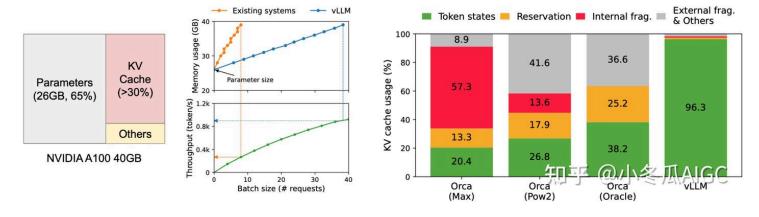


# With KV Cache

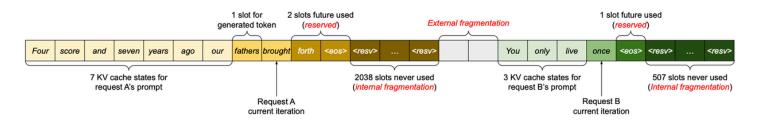


#### 4. KV-Cache占用分析

- KV-Cache 计算量
  - 2 x L x batch\_size x [d x n\_kv\_heads] x Layers x k-bits
- Existing System Memory中 KV cache >30%占用
- vLLM + 在40GB能跑30+个 batchsize , 800+ token/s 输出,相较baseline <10 batchsize , 300+token/s 输出



这里可以看出在连续的存储空间里有大量的 KV-Cache 存储碎片



关于 KV-Cache 的计算量分析,进一步阅读参考这篇博文Transformer Inference Arithmetic

#### 5. KV Cache推理优化

根据公式总结有四类方式

- 2 x Length x batch\_size x [d x n\_kv\_heads] x Layers x k-bits x 内存模型
- 1. n\_kv\_heads: MQA / GQA 通过减少KV的头数减少显存占用
- 2. Length:通过减少长度 L,以减少 KV 显存占用,如使用循环队列管理窗口 KV
- 3. KV-Cache 的管理:从 0S (操作系统)的内存管理角度,减少碎片,如Paged Attention
- 4. K-bits:从量化角度减少 KV cache 的宽度,如使用 LLM-QAT+ 进行量化

#### 5.1 减少头数 MQA/GQA

- 一种手段是减少KV heads的数量,如果以 MQA(Multi-Query-Attention) 来说, KV head 8->1 之间节省7倍存储量
- 对于 GQA (Grouped-Query\_Attention) 来说,平衡精度将KV head 8 -> N, 1<N<8之间trading off精度和速度
- 2 x L x batch size x D[d x n kv heads] x Layers x k-bits

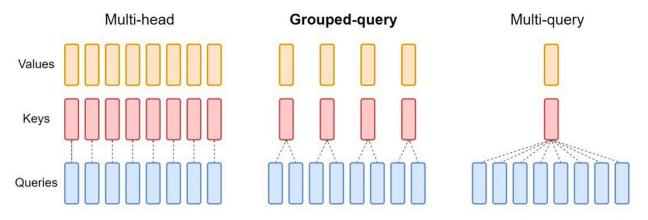


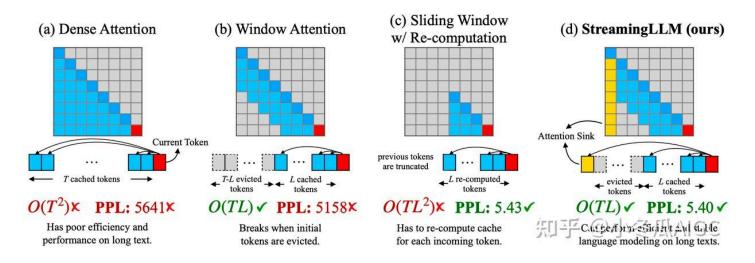
Figure 2: Overview of grouped-query method. Multi-head attention has H query, key, and value heads. Multi-query attention shares single key and value heads across all query heads. Grouped-query attention instead shares single key and value heads for each *group* of query heads, interpolating between multi-head and multi-query attention.

• KV 有单独的头数 n\_kv\_heads

```
# 11ama/11ama/mode1.py
class Attention(nn.Module):
       self.wq = ColumnParallelLinear(
            args.dim,
            args.n_heads * self.head_dim,
        self.wk = ColumnParallelLinear(
            args.dim,
            self.n_kv_heads * self.head_dim, # 与Q的头数不一样
        self.wv = ColumnParallelLinear(
            args.dim,
            self.n_kv_heads * self.head_dim,
        self.cache_k = torch.zeros(
            (
                args.max_batch_size,
                args.max_seq_len,
                self.n_local_kv_heads,
                self.head_dim,
       ).cuda()
        self.cache_v = torch.zeros(
                args.max_batch_size,
                args.max_seq_len,
                self.n_local_kv_heads,
                self.head_dim,
       ).cuda()
```

## 5.2 减少Length长度

• 减少 KV-Cache 的长度, base窗口: Mistral-7B, StreamingLLM, LongLoRA



以下是 Mistral 里采用循环队列

• 将 Cache 长度固定在 sliding-window 长度,借助 RollingBuffer ,不需要频繁 "移位"

```
# mistral-src/mistral/cache.py
# ...
```

```
class RotatingBufferCache:
   def __init__(self, n_layers: int, max_batch_size: int, sliding_window: int, n_kv_heads: int, head_dim: int):
       self.sliding_window = sliding_window
       self.n_kv_heads = n_kv_heads
       self.head_dim = head_dim
       self.cache k = torch.empty((
           n_layers,
           max_batch_size,
           sliding_window, # 窗口大小的cache
           n_kv_heads,
           head dim
       ))
       self.cache v = torch.empty((
           n_layers,
           max_batch_size,
           sliding_window,
           n kv heads,
           head dim
       # holds the valid length for each batch element in the cache
       self.kv\_seqlens = None
```

• 另外 StreamingLLM 采用 torch.tensor split/cat 操作实现

```
# streaming-llm/streaming-llm/kv_cache.py
class StartRecentKVCache:
...
def __call__(self, past_key_values): # 实现sink kv cache
...
def evict_for_space(self, past_key_values, num_coming):
...
def evict_range(self, past_key_values, start, end):
...
```

• 在 lit-LLama 中采用" rolling "算子管理 cache 的更新

```
# lit-llama/lit_llama/model.py

if kv_cache is not None:
    cache_k, cache_v = kv_cache
    # check if reached token limit

if input_pos[-1] >= max_seq_length:
    input_pos = torch.tensor(max_seq_length - 1, device=input_pos.device)
    # shift 1 position to the left
    cache_k = torch.roll(cache_k, -1, dims=2)
    cache_v = torch.roll(cache_v, -1, dims=2)

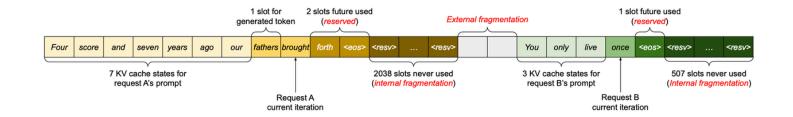
k = cache_k.index_copy(2, input_pos, k)

v = cache_v.index_copy(2, input_pos, v)

kv_cache = k, v
```

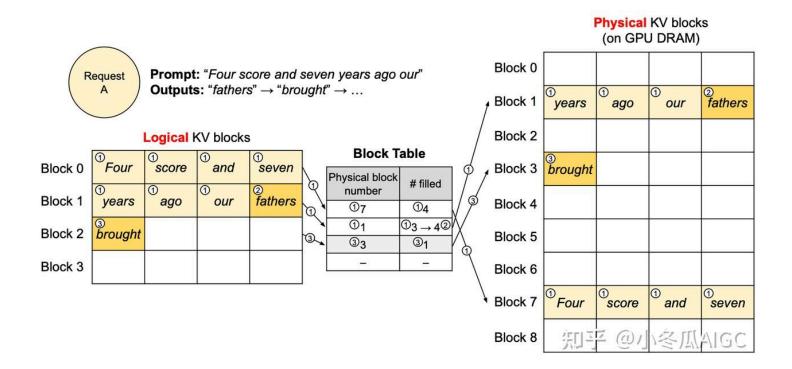
#### 5.3 KV-Cache的管理,减少碎片

- 优化 KV-Cache 存储模型: PagedAttention
- 对于以下连续存储模型,如果将 Page Length 改成4
- PagedAttention 不是去改变 Attention 的计算, 而是改变 KV-cache 的存取方式



Page1	Four	Score	and	Seven
Page2	years	ago	our	
Page3	you	only	live	
Page4				

- 1. 当完成分页后,消除External Fragmentation
- 2. 原来的2038+507的内部碎片, 现在为1+1
- 3. 每个Page可以分散的存储在memory中
- 4. 而page内部的数据存储是连续的 知乎 @小冬瓜AIGC



#### vLLM 构建了 CacheEngine 先申请一块大的连续 GPU 存储,再自己统一做内存管理

```
# vllm/worker/cache_engine.py
# ...
class CacheEngine:
    def __init__(
        self,
        cache_config: CacheConfig,
        model_config: ModelConfig,
        parallel_config: ParallelConfig,
) -> None:
    # ...
    # Initialize the cache.
    self.gpu_cache = self.allocate_gpu_cache()
    self.cpu_cache = self.allocate_cpu_cache()
    # ...
```

#### 5.4 减少bits数,量化模型

- LLM-QAT 在量化训练过程,将 KV-Cache 也做 Quantization
- 在部署时 KV-Cache 如果是 16bit , 量化成 4bit 的话, 显存直接减少4倍

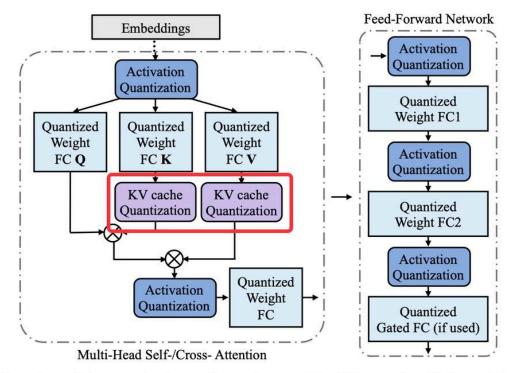


Figure 2: Overview of the quantized transformer in LLM-QAT. We quantize all the weights and input activations in fully-connected linear layers. The KV cache is also quantized it specified.

### 6 手撕KV-Cache

参照该讲解 【手撕LLM-KVCache】显存刺客的前世今生

手撕 KV-Cache 的推理过程,可以直接.py或jupyter运行

- 该代码实现一个从 embedding -> attention -> lm\_head 网络
- 该网络带 KV-Cache
- generation 可debug KV-Cache shape

```
# author: xiaodongguaAIGC
# KV-Cache + Generation + decoder

import torch
import torch.nn. functional as F
from transformers import LlamaModel, LlamaConfig, LlamaForCausalLM

D = 128 # single-head-dim
V = 64 # vocab_size

class xiaodonggua_kv_cache(torch.nn. Module):
    def __init__(self, D, V):
        super().__init__()
        self.D = D
        self.V = V
        self.Embedding = torch.nn. Embedding(V, D)
        self.Wq = torch.nn. Linear(D, D)
        self.Wk = torch.nn. Linear(D, D)
```

```
self.Wv = torch.nn.Linear(D, D)
        self.lm_head = torch.nn.Linear(D, V) # LM_head
        self.cache_K = self.cache_V = None # initial
    def forward(self, X):
        X = self. Embedding(X)
        Q, K, V = self. Wq(X), self. Wk(X), self. Wv(X)
        print("input_Q:", Q. shape)
        print("input_K:", K. shape)
        print("input_V:", V. shape)
        # Easy KV_Cache
        if self.cache K == None:
            self.cache_K = K
            self.cache V = V
        else:
            self.cache_K = torch.cat((self.cache_K, K), dim = 1)
            self.cache_V = torch.cat((self.cache_V, V), dim = 1)
            K = self.cache K
            V = self. cache V
        print("cache_K:", self.cache_K.shape)
        print("cache_V:", self.cache_K.shape)
        # ignore proj/MLP/scaled/mask/multi-head when calculate Attention
        attn =Q@K. transpose(1, 2)@V
        # output
        output=self.lm_head(attn)
        return output
model = xiaodonggua_kv_cache(D, V)
# 创建数据、不使用tokenizer
X = \text{torch. randint}(0, 64, (1, 10))
print(X.shape)
for i in range (4):
   print(f"\nGeneration {i} step input_shape: {X. shape}: ")
    output = model.forward(X)
   print(output.shape)
   next\_token = torch.argmax(F.softmax(output, dim = -1), -1)[:, -1]
    print(next_token.shape)
    X = next_token.unsqueeze(0)
```

#### 结果为

```
torch.Size([1, 10])

Generation 0 step input_shape: torch.Size([1, 10]):
input_Q: torch.Size([1, 10, 128])
input_K: torch.Size([1, 10, 128])
input_V: torch.Size([1, 10, 128])
cache_K: torch.Size([1, 10, 128])
cache_V: torch.Size([1, 10, 128])
torch.Size([1, 10, 64])
torch.Size([1])

Generation 1 step input_shape: torch.Size([1, 1]):
input_Q: torch.Size([1, 1, 128])
input_K: torch.Size([1, 1, 128])
input_V: torch.Size([1, 1, 128])
```

```
cache_K: torch.Size([1, 11, 128])
cache_V: torch.Size([1, 11, 128])
torch. Size([1, 1, 64])
torch.Size([1])
Generation 2 step input_shape: torch.Size([1, 1]):
input_Q: torch.Size([1, 1, 128])
input K: torch.Size([1, 1, 128])
input_V: torch.Size([1, 1, 128])
cache_K: torch.Size([1, 12, 128])
cache_V: torch.Size([1, 12, 128])
torch.Size([1, 1, 64])
torch.Size([1])
Generation 3 step input_shape: torch.Size([1, 1]):
input_Q: torch.Size([1, 1, 128])
input_K: torch.Size([1, 1, 128])
input_V: torch.Size([1, 1, 128])
cache K: torch. Size([1, 13, 128])
cache_V: torch.Size([1, 13, 128])
torch.Size([1, 1, 64])
torch.Size([1])
```

## 7. KV-Cache总结

- KV-Cache 的前身可以追溯到 Transformer 的 Encoder 出来的 KV 值, 用于做 cross-attention
- 从 Generate 看出, KV-Cache 存在的必要性,此时能准确计算出 KV-Cache 的显存占用逻辑
- 在 KV-Cache 里优化有4点思路: 减少长度,减少头数、减少 bits 数、增加 cache 的管理

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