CS371N Lecture 11

Transformers, Transformer Language Modeling

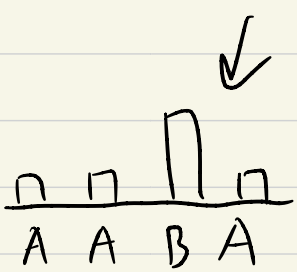
Announcements

- A3 due in 9 days

Recap

Attention over a sequence of n tokens with embeddings $e_1 \ldots e_n$

1. Form keys $= W^K e_i$, query $= q$
2. Scores $s_i = k_i^T q$
3. Attention weights (probs) $\alpha = \text{softmax}(s)$
4. Result (output) $= \sum \alpha_i e_i$



we'll throw a matrix here later

Today

- Self-attention recap
- Exercises
- Multi-head self-attention
- Transformers
- Language modeling

Self-attention

Idea: all words are now keys and queries simultaneously

E: seq len x d matrix

W^K: $d \times d$ $\quad K = E(W^K)^T$ } same as before

Q: seq len x d $\quad (Q = E(W^Q)^T)$

scores

$$S = QK^T \qquad S_{ij} = q_i \cdot k_j$$

len x len

$A = \text{softmax}(S)$ by rows

distribution A_i for each word's query q_i

Ex $A = [1\ 0] \quad B = [0\ 1]$

A B ← sequence

"boosted" identity

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow A \\ \leftarrow B \end{matrix} \qquad W^K = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$ ← (Greg says) "find Bs"

$$K = E(W^K)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Last step:

Output = AE "weighted sum" of E

$$S = QK^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

A B

$$A = \text{softmax}(S) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{sm} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.999 \\ 0 & 0.999 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Big K made our probs. peaked
- Q had B for each row ⇒ prob on B

A A B A

$$W^K = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K = E(W^K)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \\ 10 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

4×4

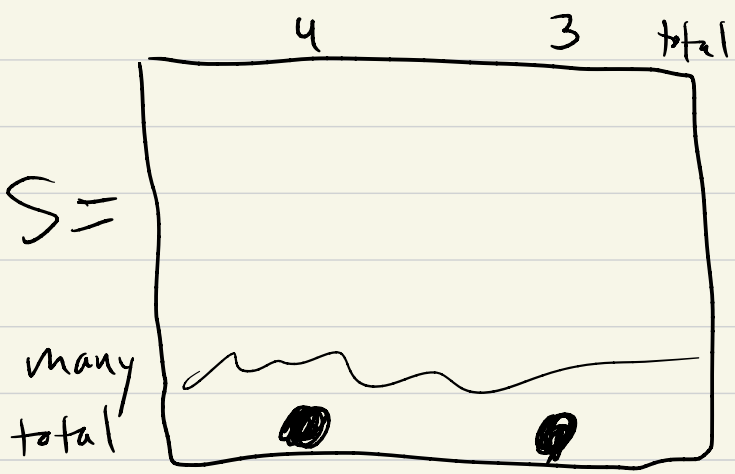
Softmax → high prob on B

S: for word i, how much does it "attend" to word j

Mary had 4 apples. Jane had 3.
How many total? ___

12 words

12x12 matrix



result vector

$$\sum_{i=1}^{seqlen} A_{total,i} \cdot E_i$$