CSCI 5541: Natural Language Processing

Lecture XX: LLM Compute efficiency and engineering

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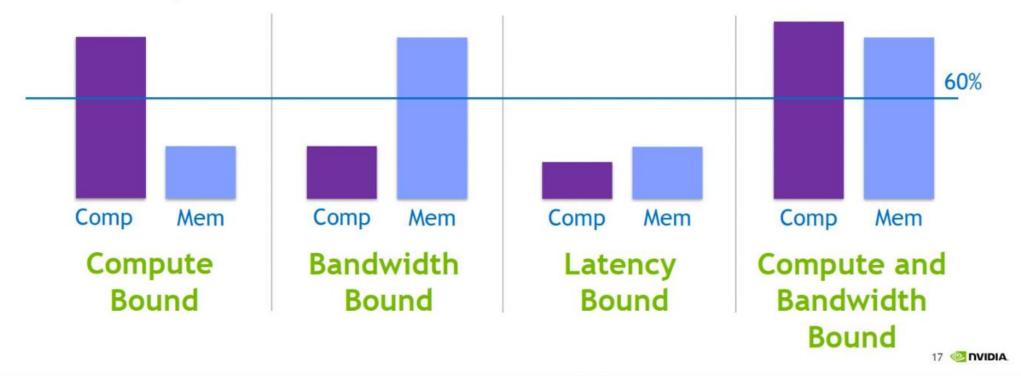
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Memory Utilization vs Compute Utilization

Four possible combinations:





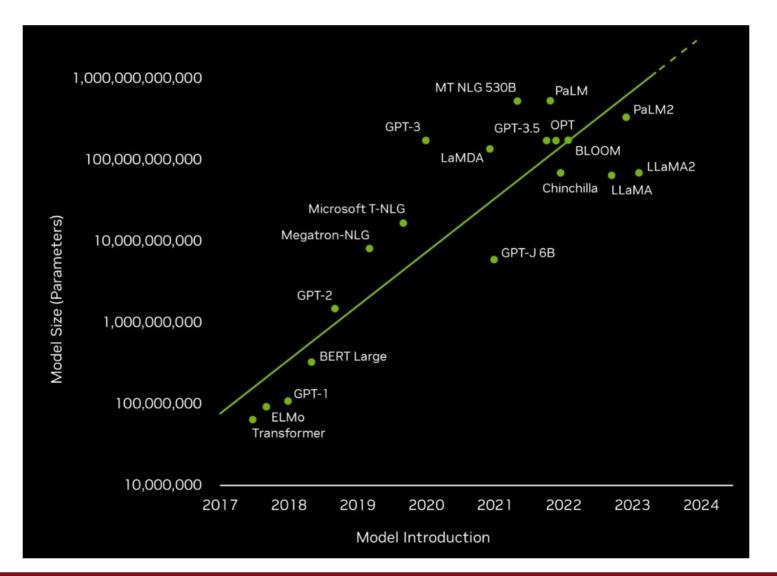
Model Energy Use

Operation	Energy [pJ]	Relative Energy Cost
32 bit int ADD	0.1	
32 bit float ADD	0.9	
32 bit Register File	1	
32 bit int MULT	3.1	200 ×
32 bit float MULT	3.7	
32 bit SRAM Cache	5	
32 bit DRAM Memory	640	
Rough Energy Cost For Various C	Operations in 45nm 0.9V	1 10 100 100 10

Computing's Energy Problem (and What We Can Do About it) [Horowitz, M., IEEE ISSCC 2014

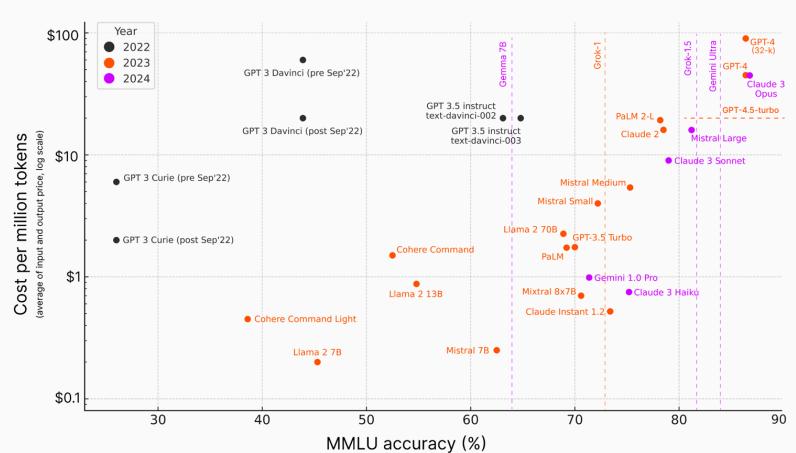


Model Size





Model Cost

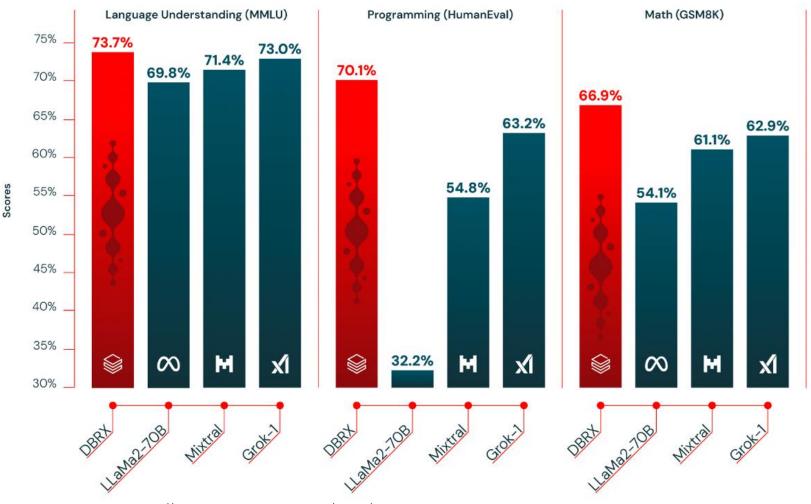


MMLU Performance vs. Cost Over Time (2022-2024)





Development Speed

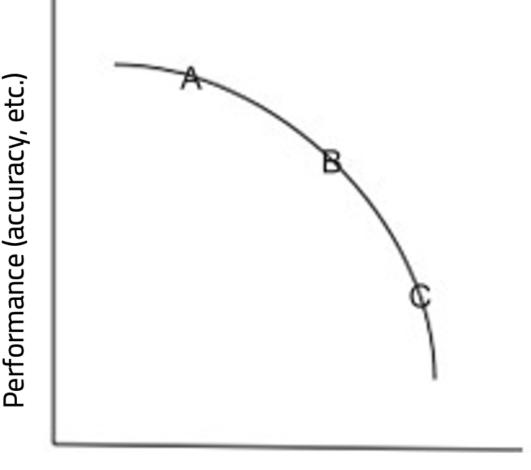


https://www.databricks.com/blog/introducing-dbrx-new-state-art-open-llm



Efficiency Tradeoff

- More efficient models (smaller, faster) typically come at a cost of some performance of the model itself
- In the other direction, getting more performance from a model architecture likely means it will be larger, and require more computation



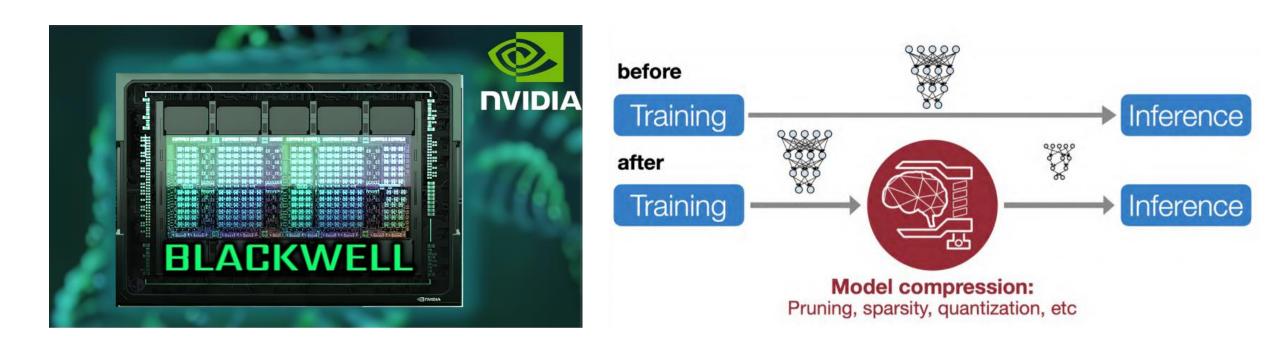
Efficiency (speed, size, etc.)



How to Improve Model Efficiency?

Hardware

Software





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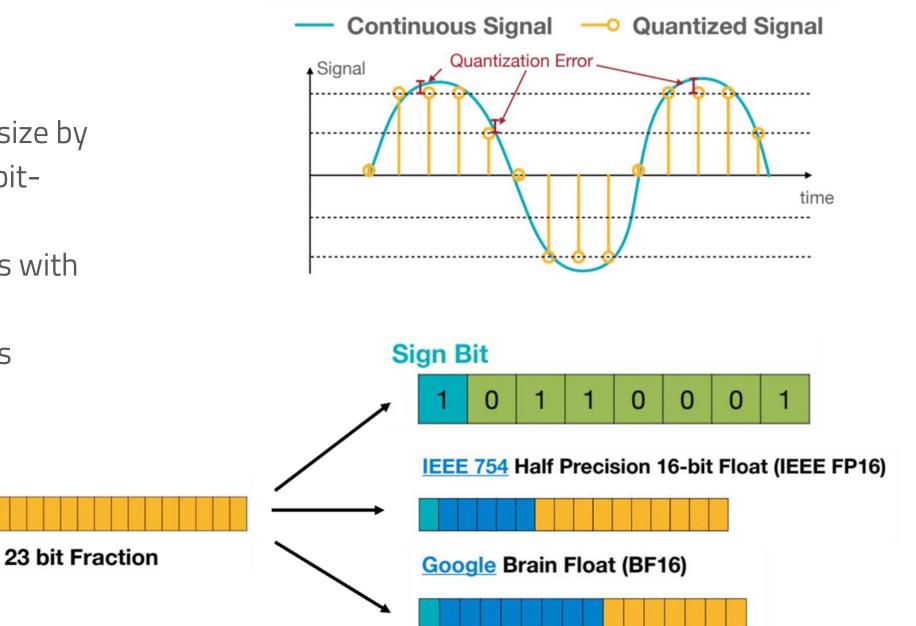
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Reduce model size by replacing high bitwidth representations with low bit-width representations



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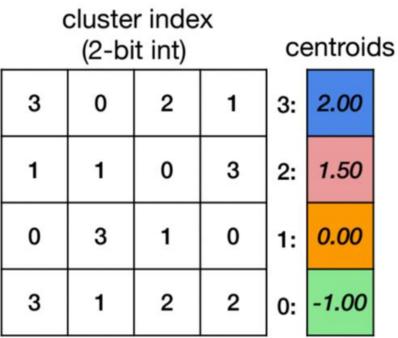
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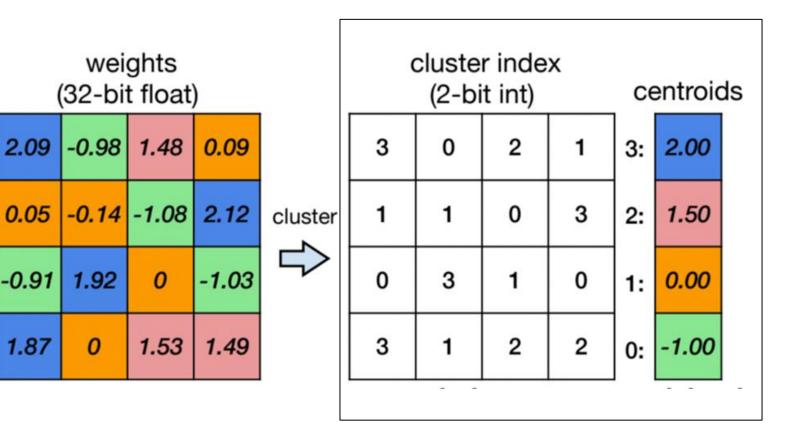


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Stored weights after clustering

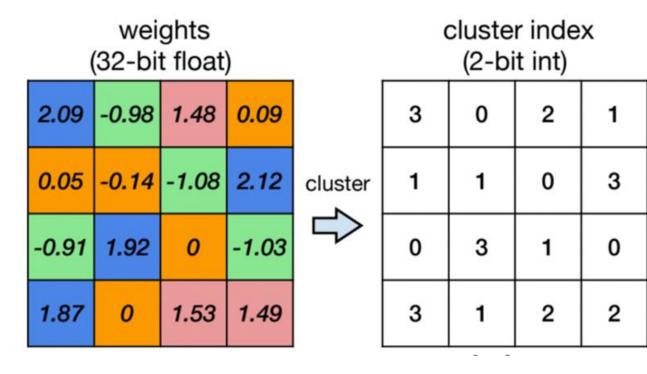


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Retrieved weights to be used at inference time



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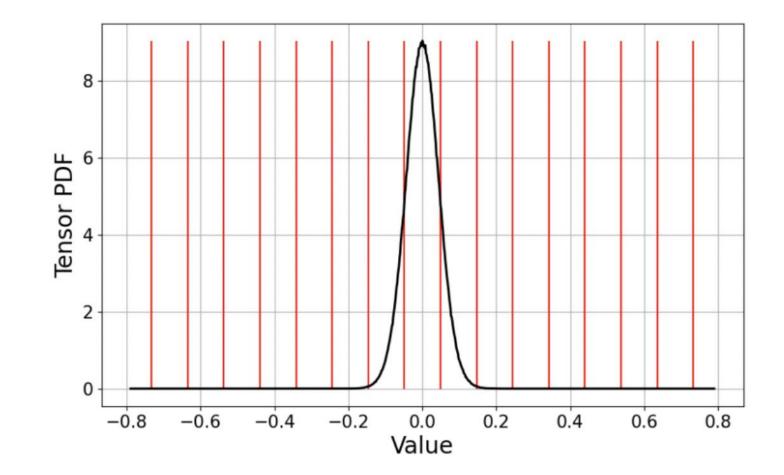
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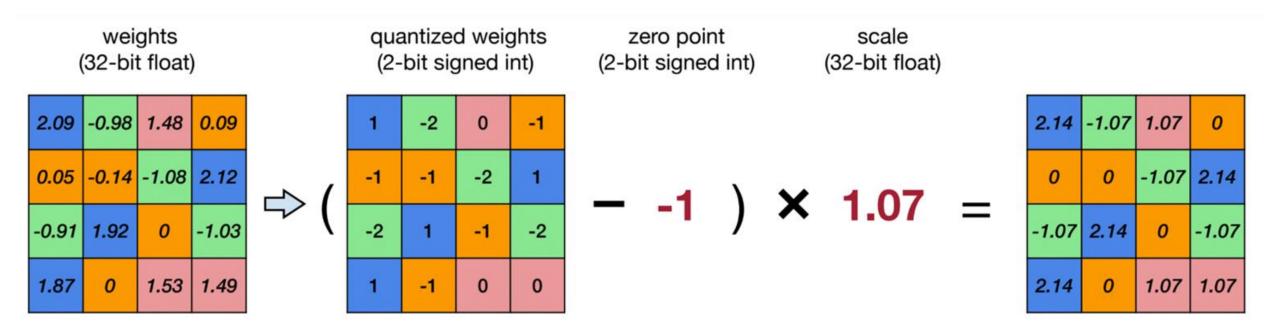


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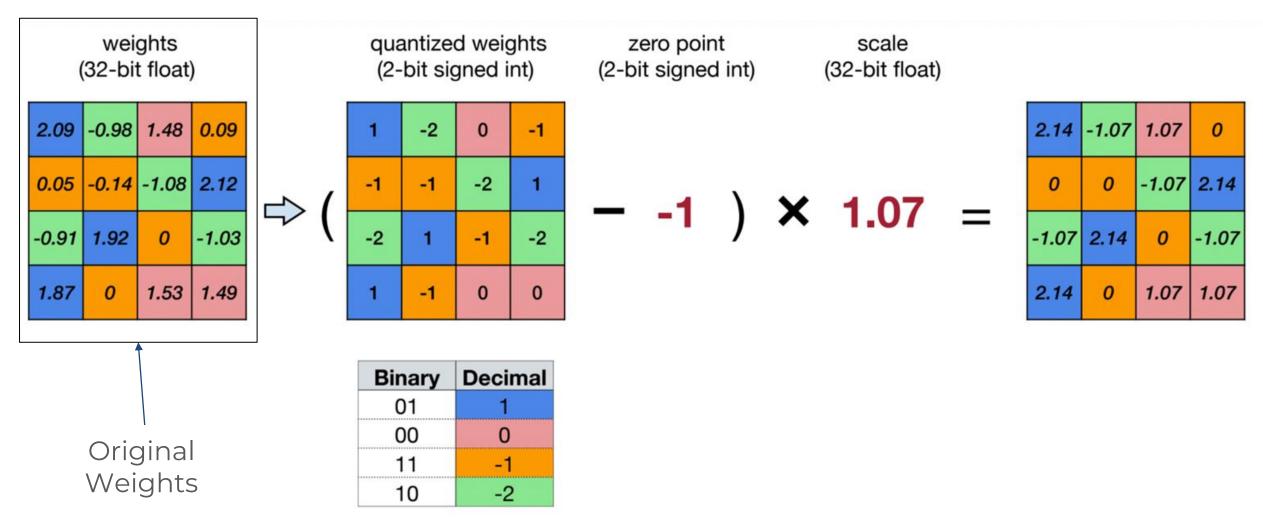
- Apply linear function on weights and hidden state activations from floating point values (r) to integer values (q)
- Original weights (black), Quantized bins (red)



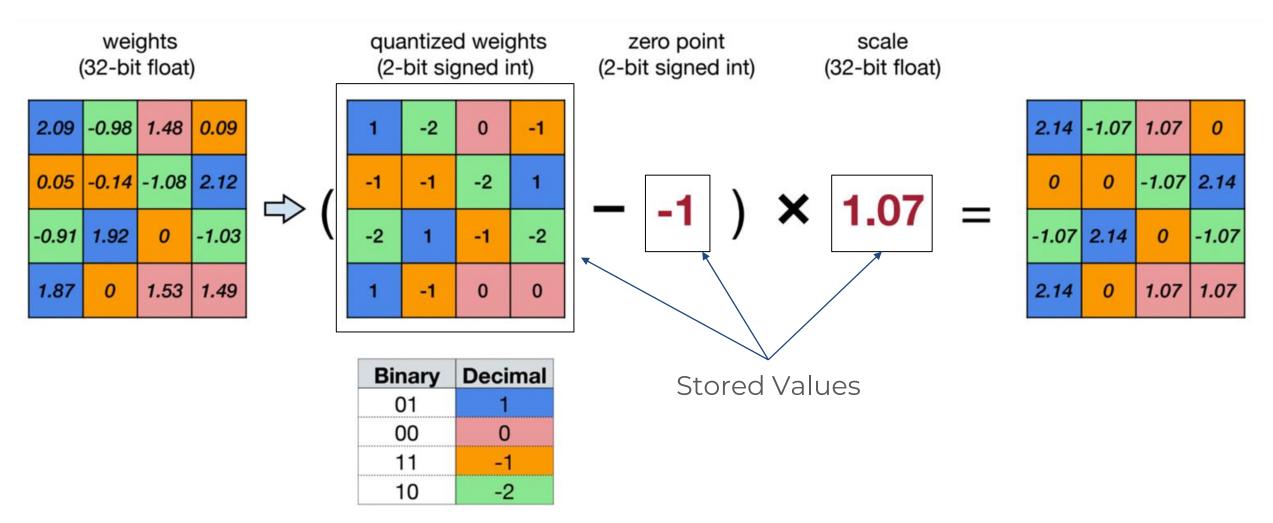


Binary	Decimal
01	1
00	0
11	-1
10	-2

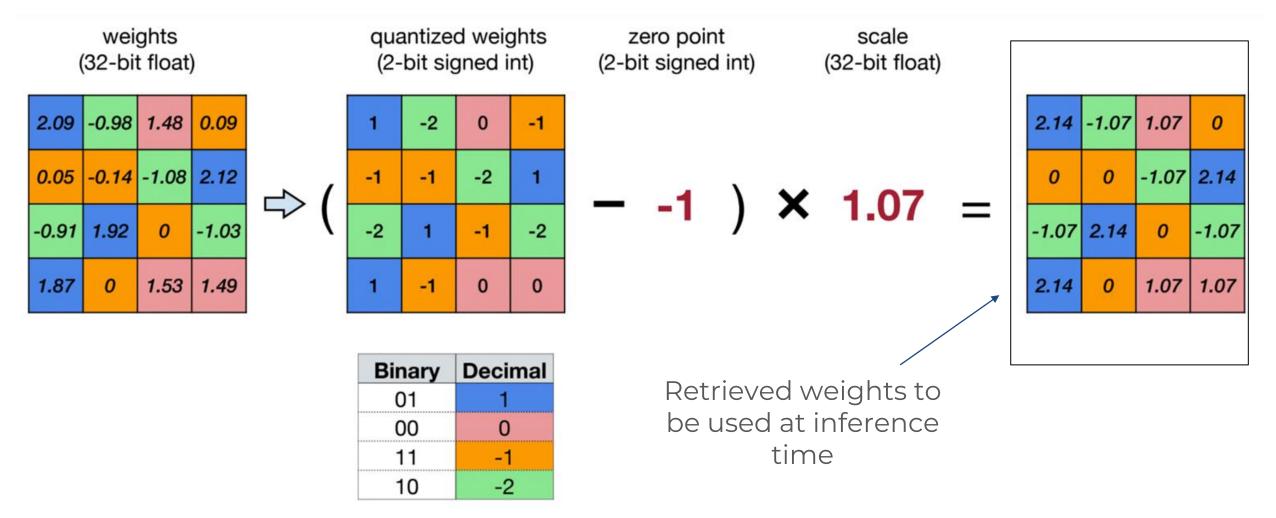














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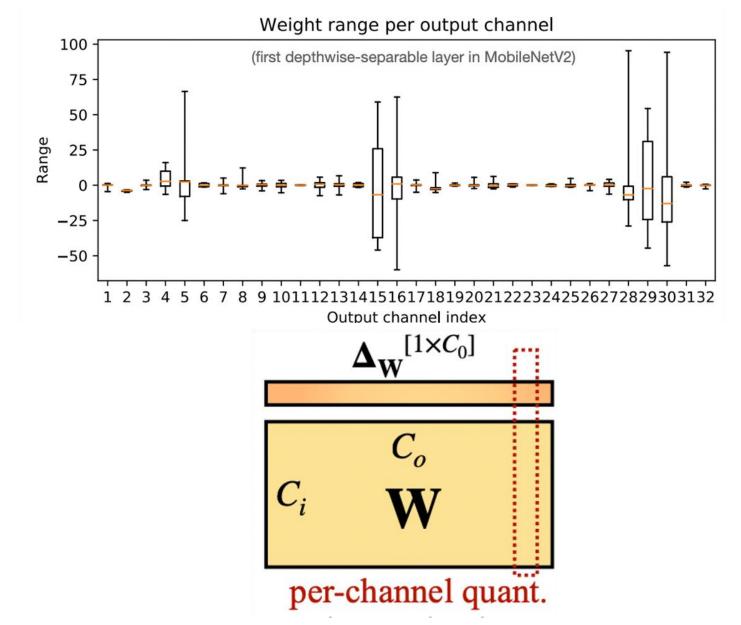
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Weight Granularity

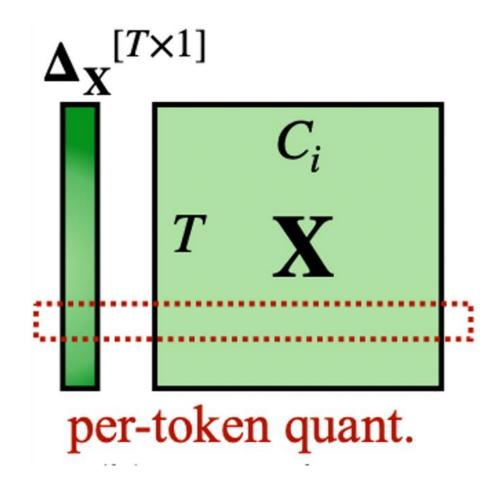
- Weight matrices will often have different variances along each output channel
- High variance in weights means that applying linear quantization will result in large performance degradation
- To fix this, we can perform
 linear quantization along each
 channel of the weight tensor
 separately



SmoothQuant: Accurate and Efficient Post-Training Quantization for Large Language Models[Xiao et. al., ICML 2023]

Activation Granularity

- Activations can have a similar
 problem whereby the variance
 by channel can be quite
 different
- The variance by token can also differ dramatically
- When applying quantization, we should split up channels, tokens to take this into account



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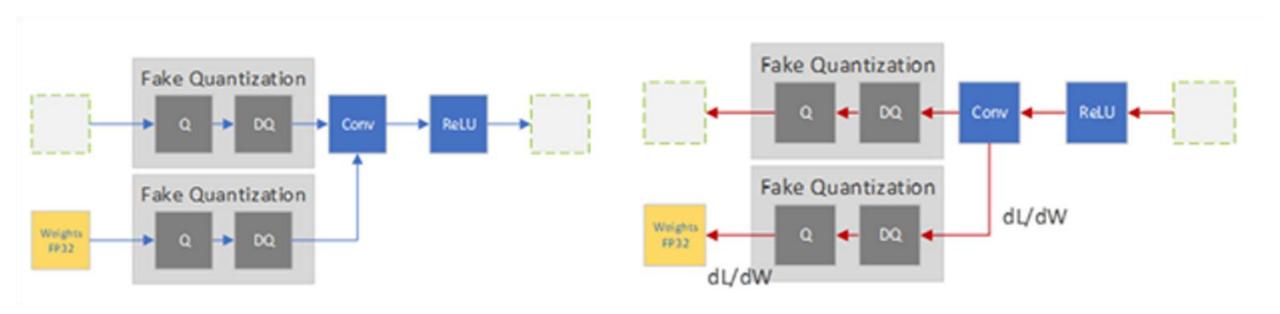
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Quantization Aware Training (QAT)

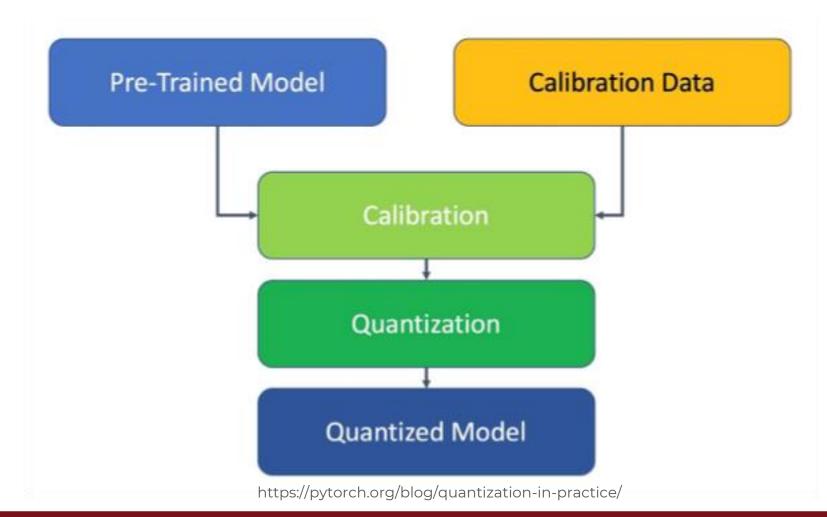
Quantize while training





Post Training Quantization (PTQ)

Quantize after training



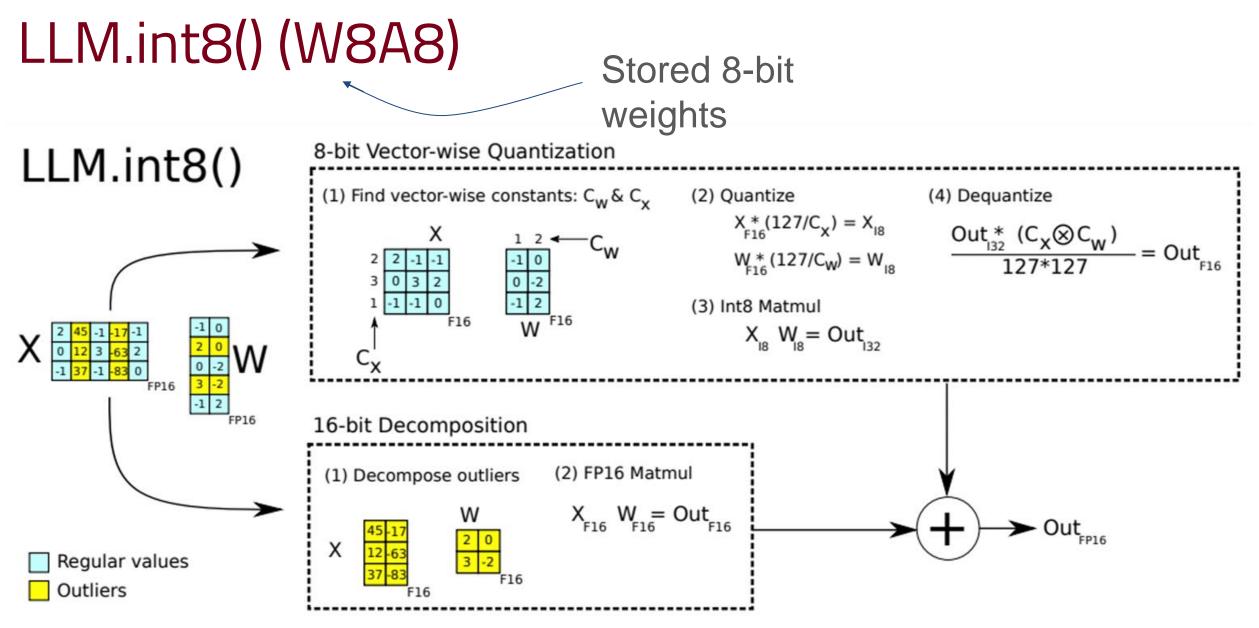


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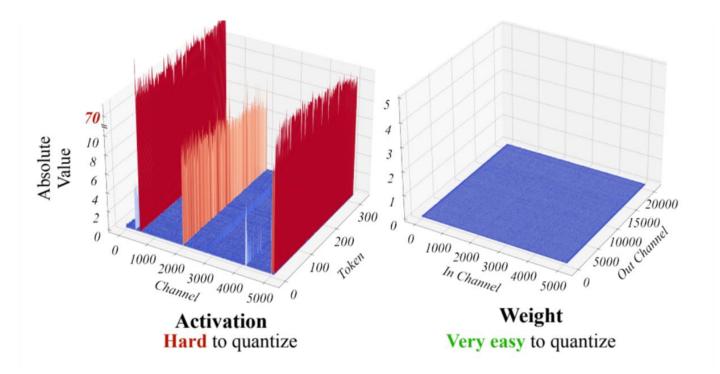
LLM.int8(): 8-bit Matrix Multiplication for Transformers at Scale [Dettmers et. al., NeurIPS 2022]

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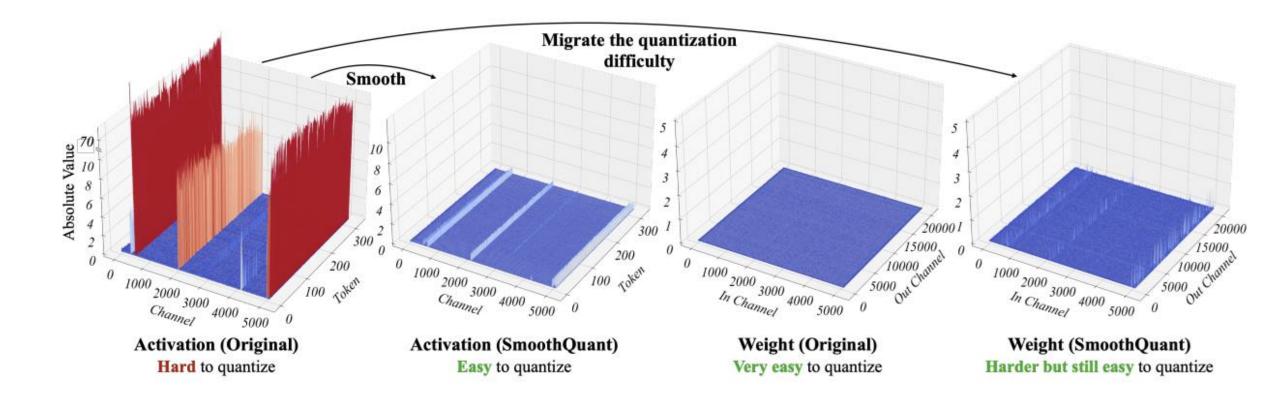
SmoothQuant (W8A8)

Observation: High variance channels are fixed in activations in LLM FFN layers-weights have relatively little difference in variance





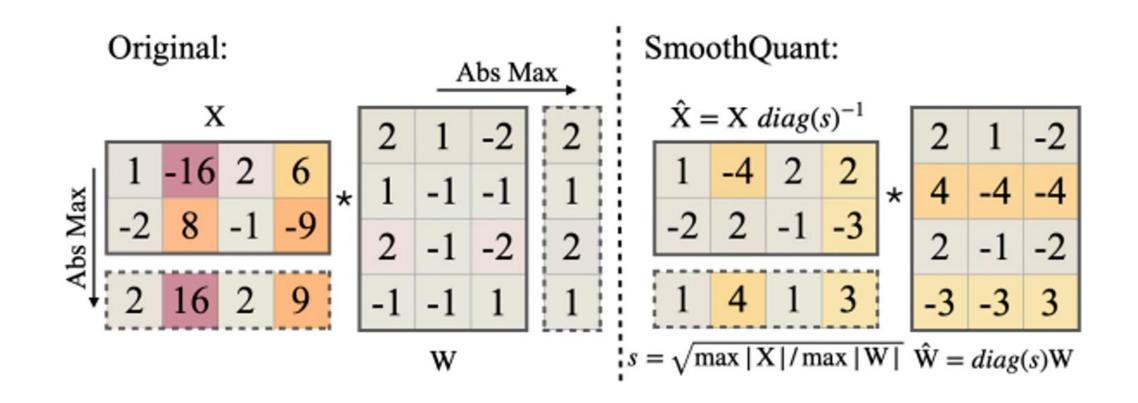
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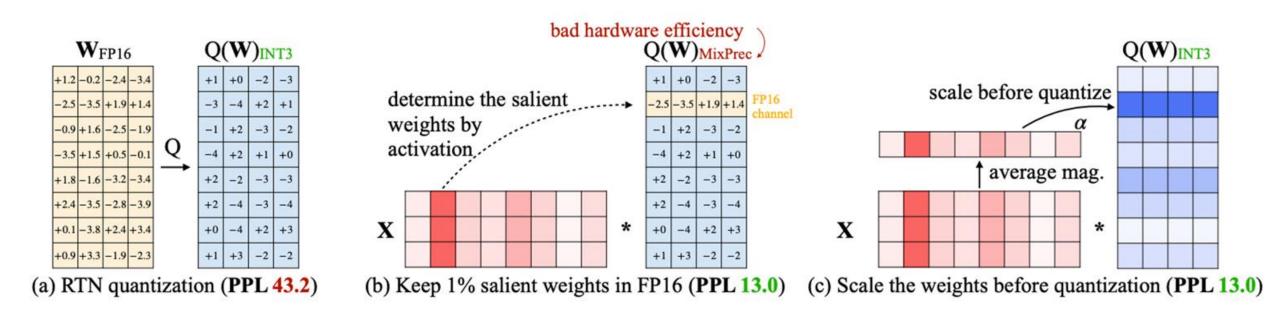


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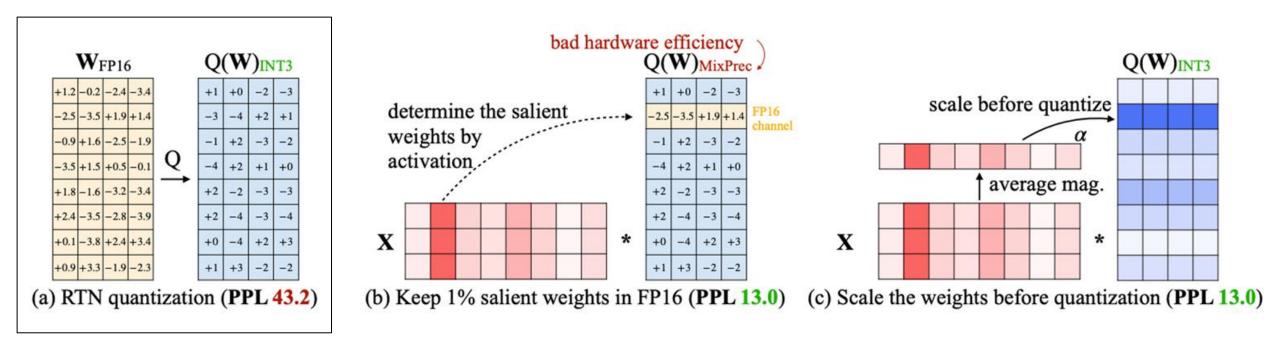
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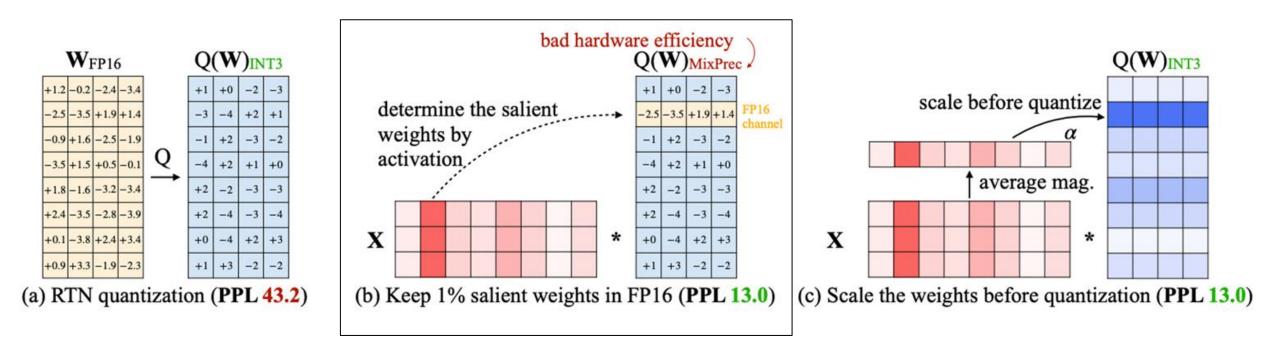


Normal quantization on LLMs performs poorly due to outliers in the model's hidden state



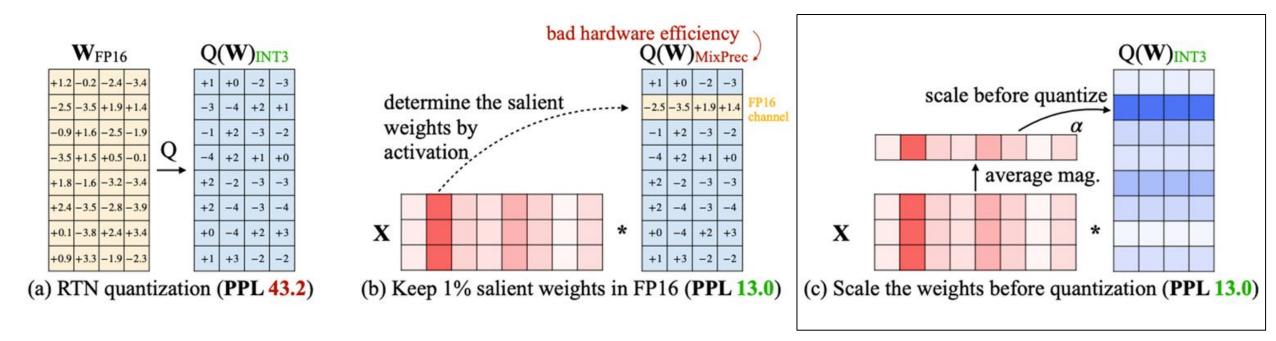


LLM.int8() can resolve these issues, but mixed precision matrix multiplication is hardware inefficient



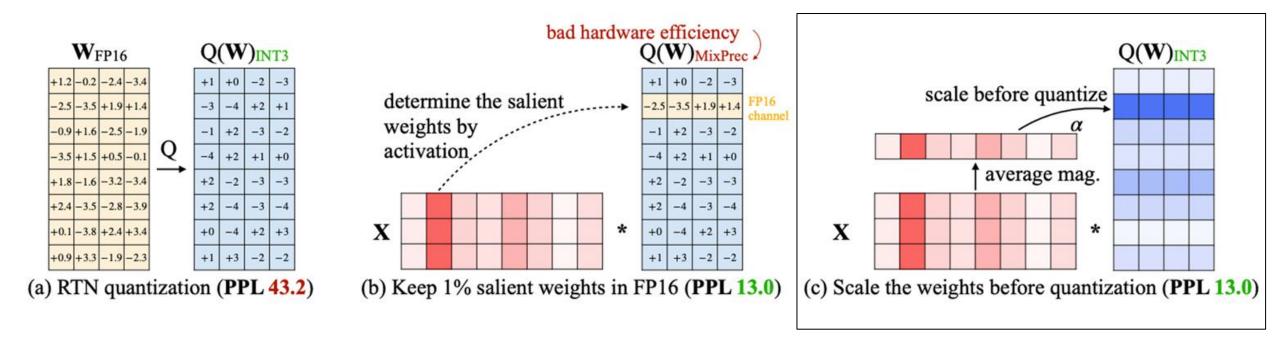


As in SmoothQuant, we can resolve this issue by shifting the difficulty to the weights using a scaling factor.





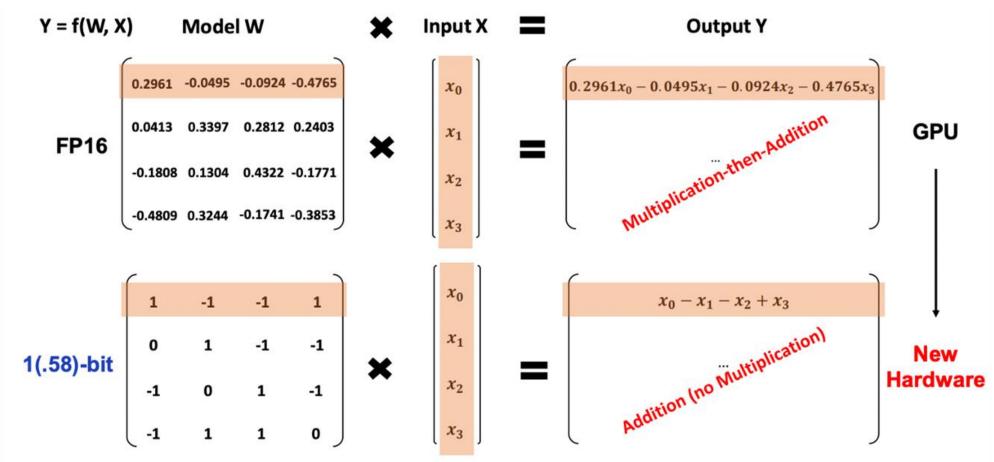
Where Smoothquant quantizes both activations and weights, AWQ only quantizes the weights





Era of 1-bit LLMs (W1.58A8)

Weight-only QAT algorithm that uses only weights in {-1, 0, 1}



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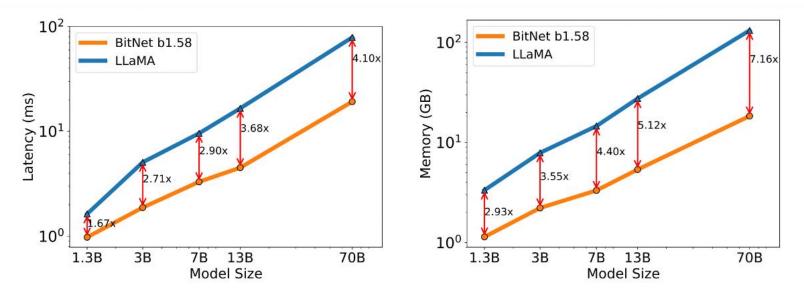


Figure 2: Decoding latency (Left) and memory consumption (Right) of BitNet b1.58 varying the model size.

Models	Size	Max Batch Size	Throughput (tokens/s)		
LLaMA LLM	70B	16 (1.0x)	333 (1.0x)		
BitNet b1.58	70B	176 (11.0x)	2977 (8.9x)		

Table 3: Comparison of the throughput between BitNet b1.58 70B and LLaMA LLM 70B.

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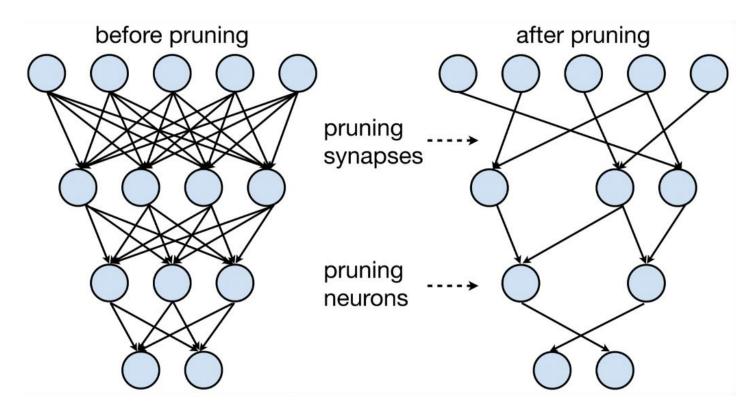
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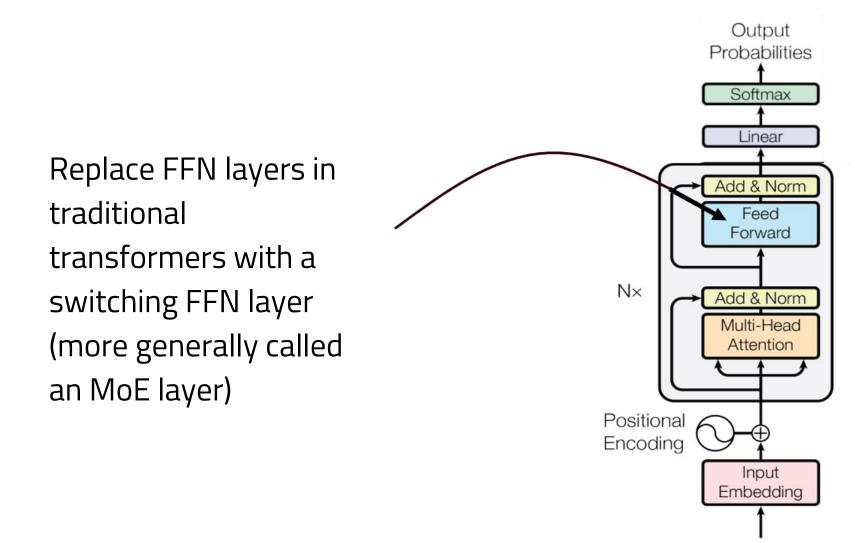


Even though our model may have many parameters, we can get speedups by only using a much smaller number of those parameters for a given instance





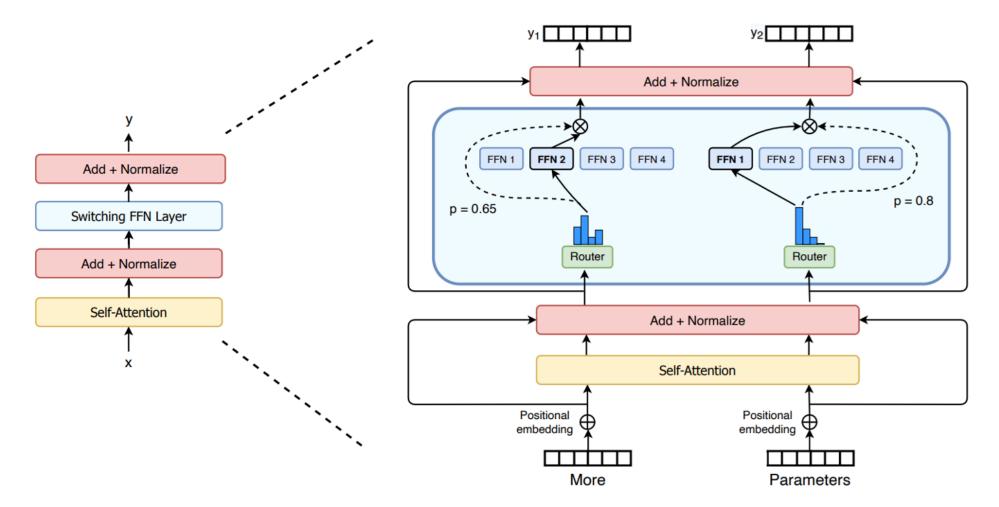
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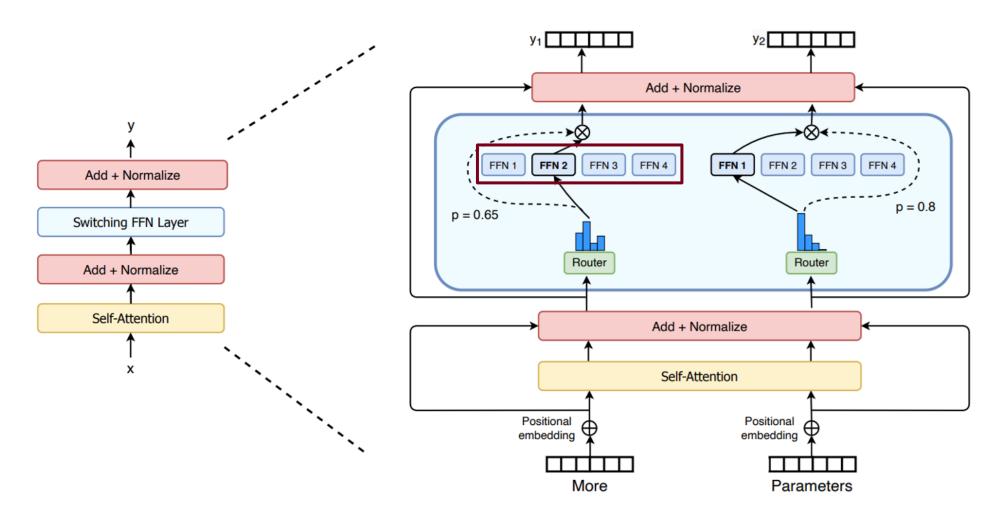
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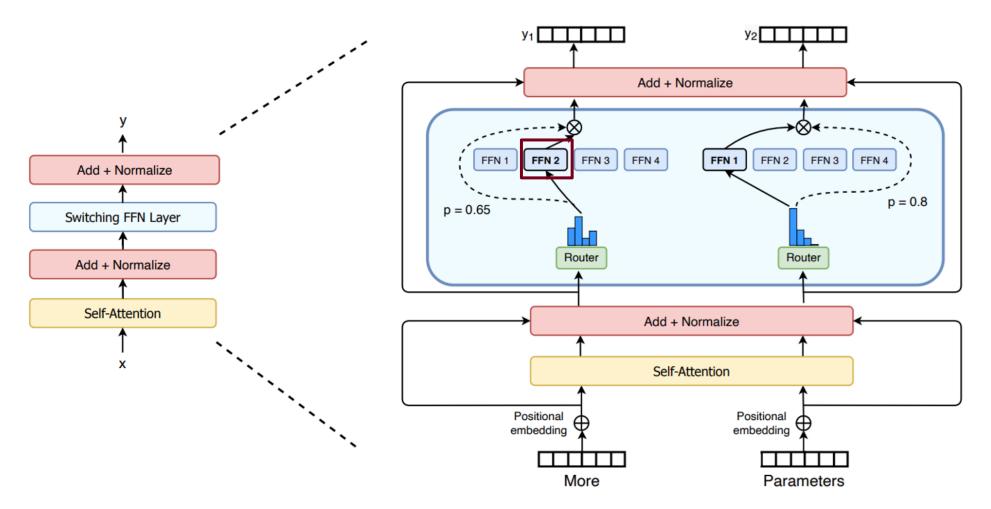
Mixture of Experts (MoE) Four FFN layers





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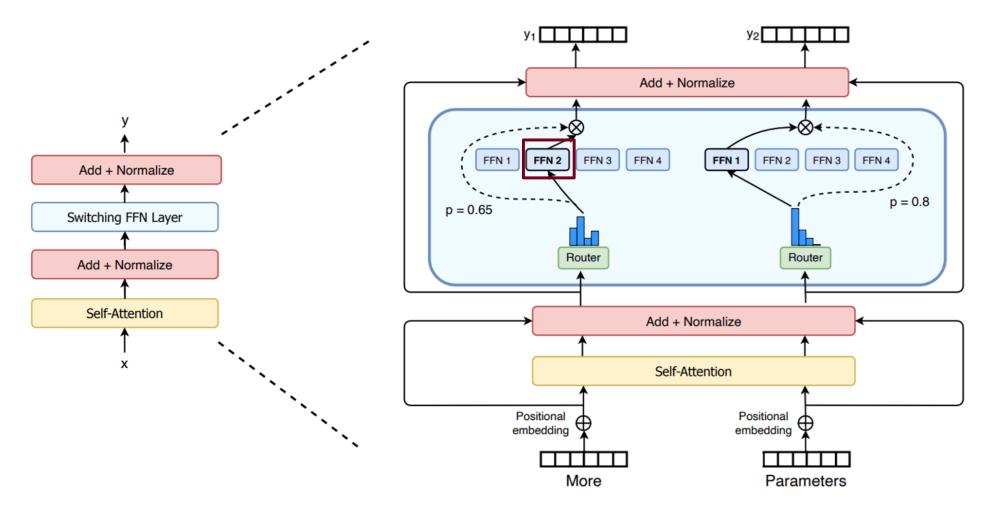
Only one is used per token





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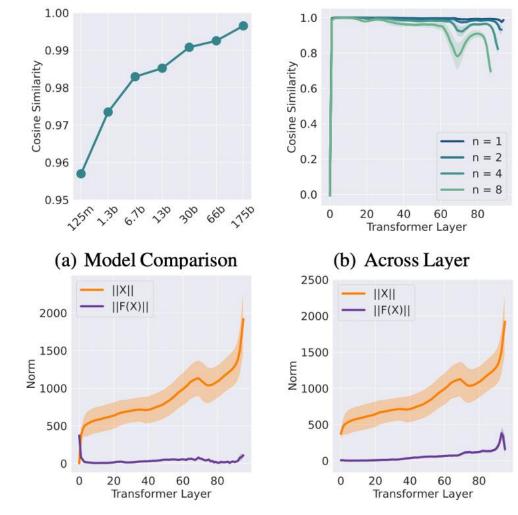
Only 25% of the FFN parameters are used for a single token





Deja Vu: Contextual Sparsity

Observation 1: Model activations change very little between consecutive layers of a network



(c) Residual Around Attention

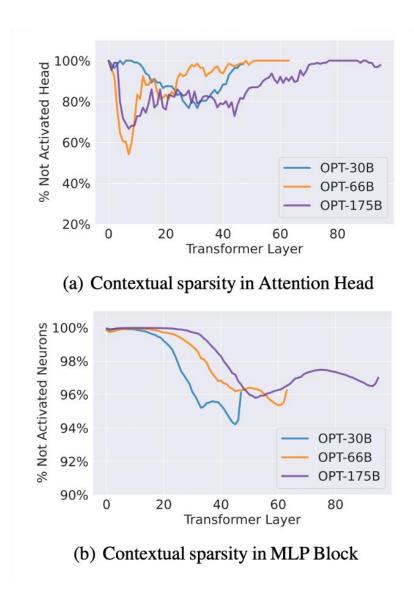
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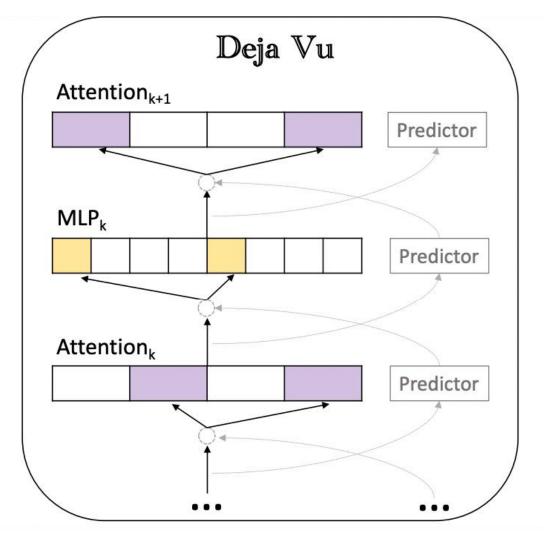
Observation 2: Most attention heads and most neurons are not used





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Sparsification: Use predictors in each layer to determine which neurons to activate and which attention heads to use – ignore all unpredicted heads/neurons



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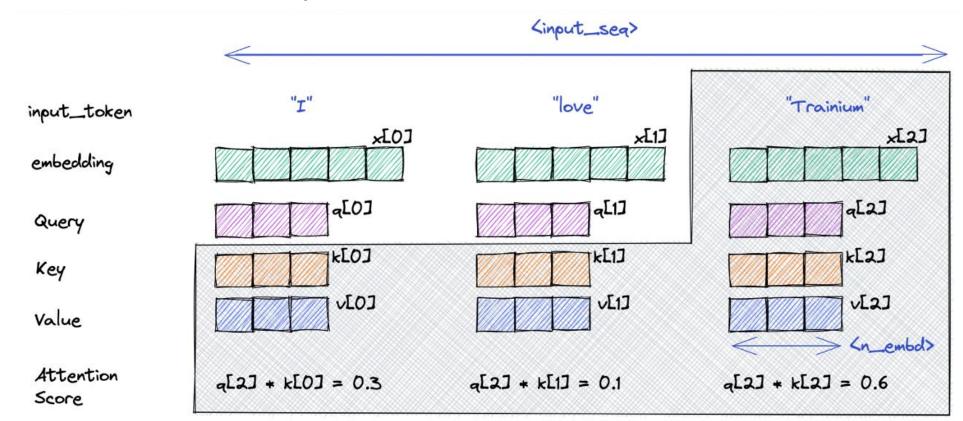
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The KV-Cache

The transformer needs to have access to the keys and values for all previous tokens in all layers for all heads when



https://awsdocs-neuron.readthedocs-hosted.com/en/latest/general/appnotes/transformers-neuronx/generative-IIm-inference-with-neuron.html



The KV-Cache

In total, we must store

Batch_size * seq_len * num_heads * num_layers * emb_dim * 2

separate values in the kv cache

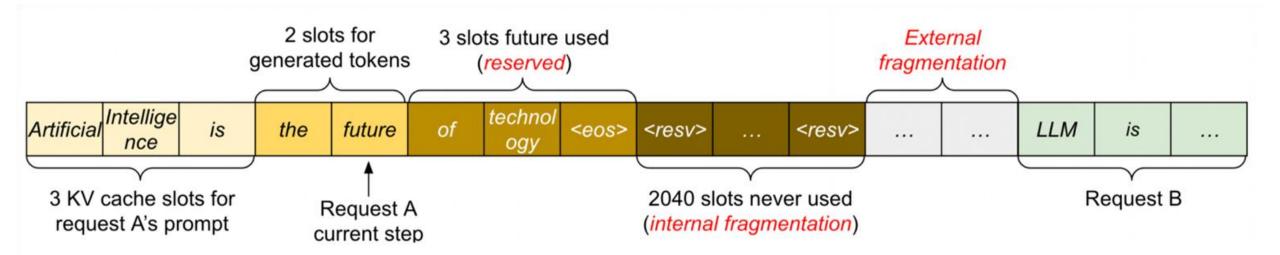




vLLM

How does a large LLM service (large ChatGPT) handle multiple incoming requests with respect to the KV-cache?

-Originally, most systems just assign fixed sized blocks of memory to each incoming request. How to improve?

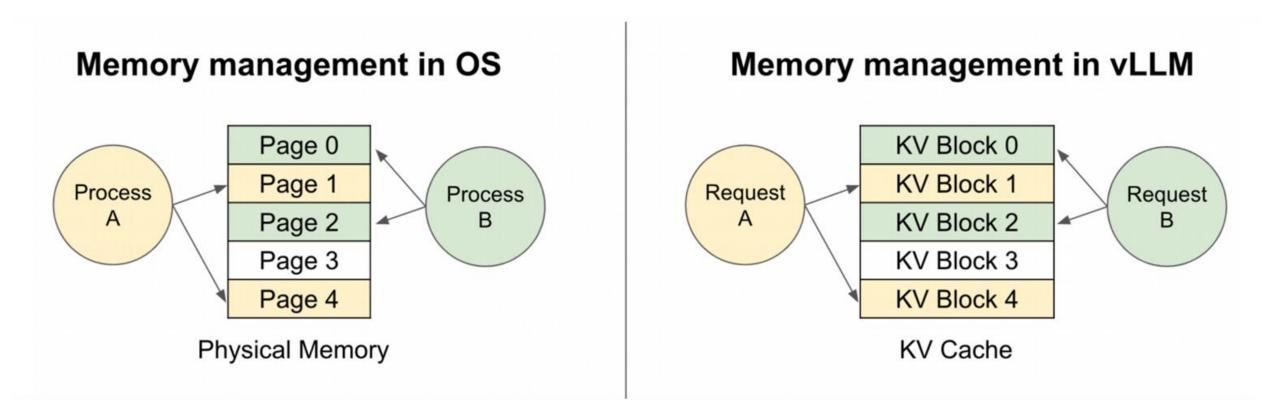


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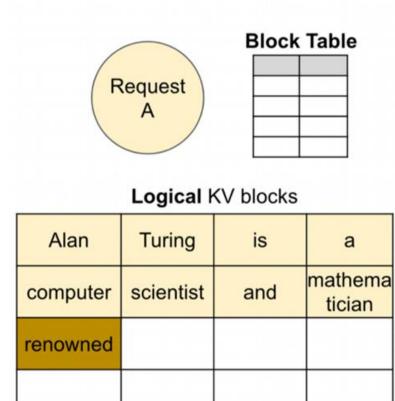
Let's adopt a similar approach to that found in virtual memory!



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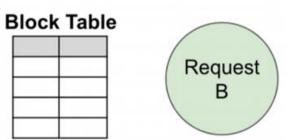


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Physical KV blocks



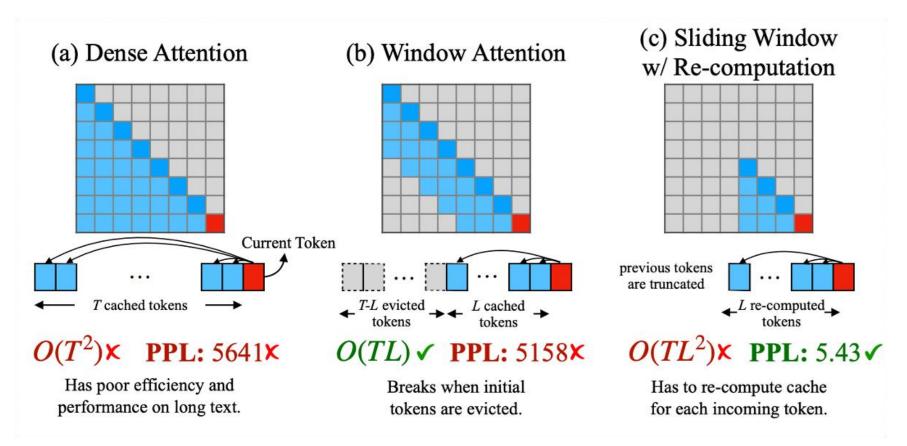
Logical KV blocks

Artificial	Intelligence	is	the
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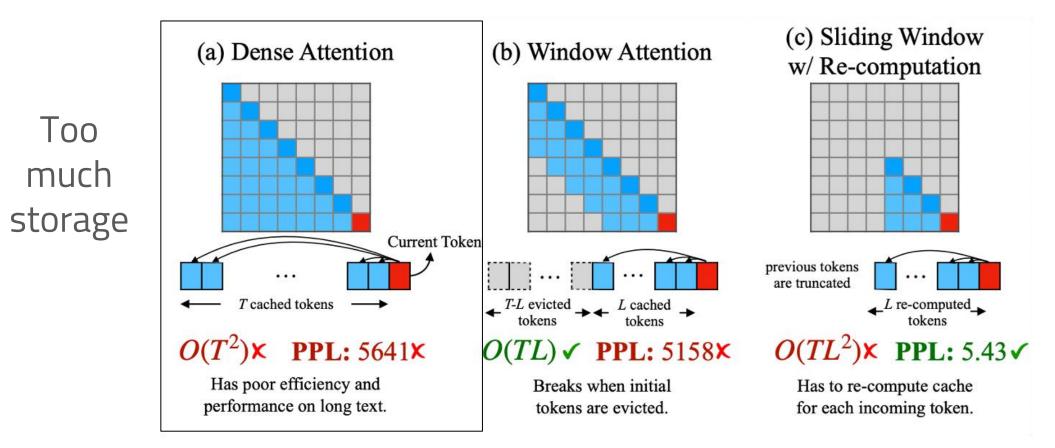
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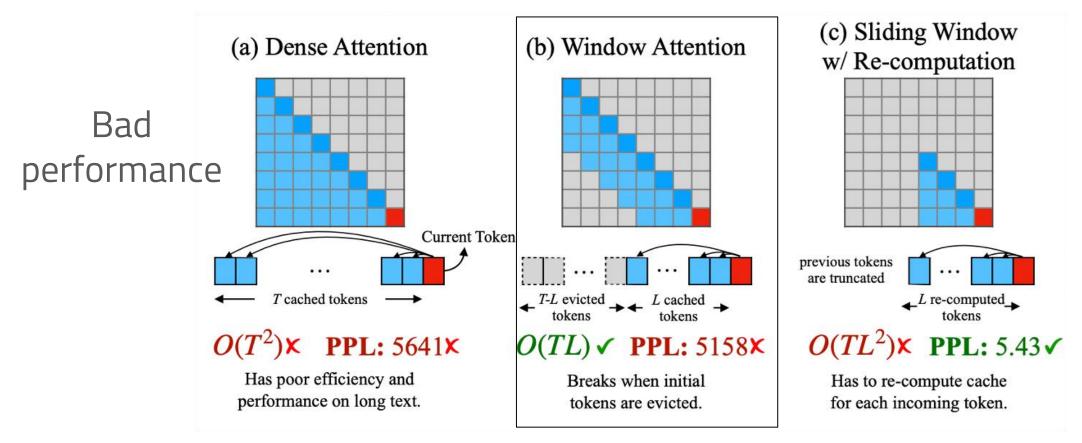


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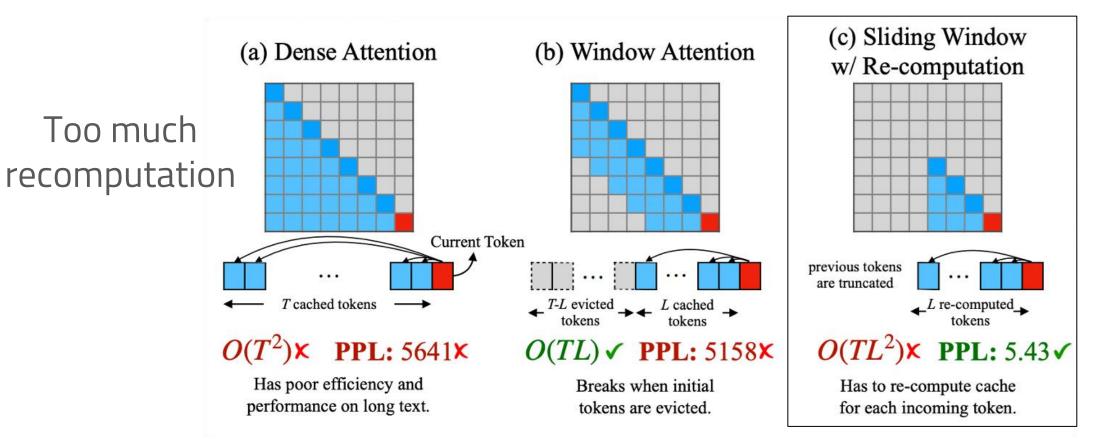


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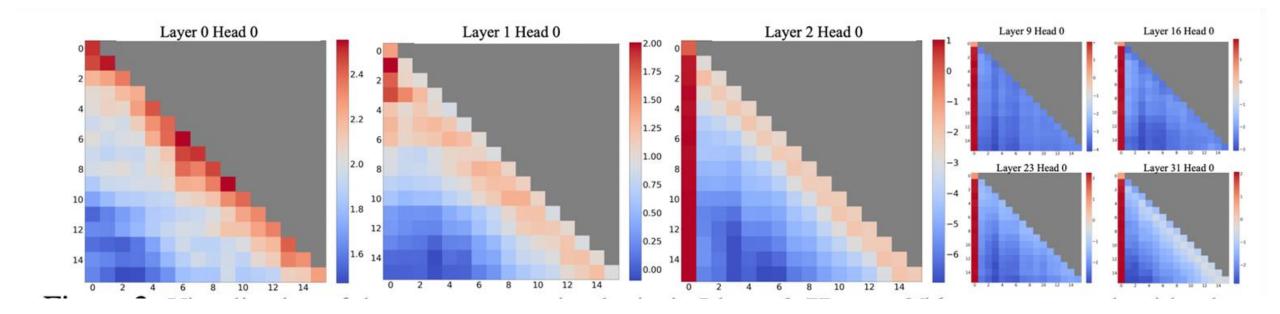


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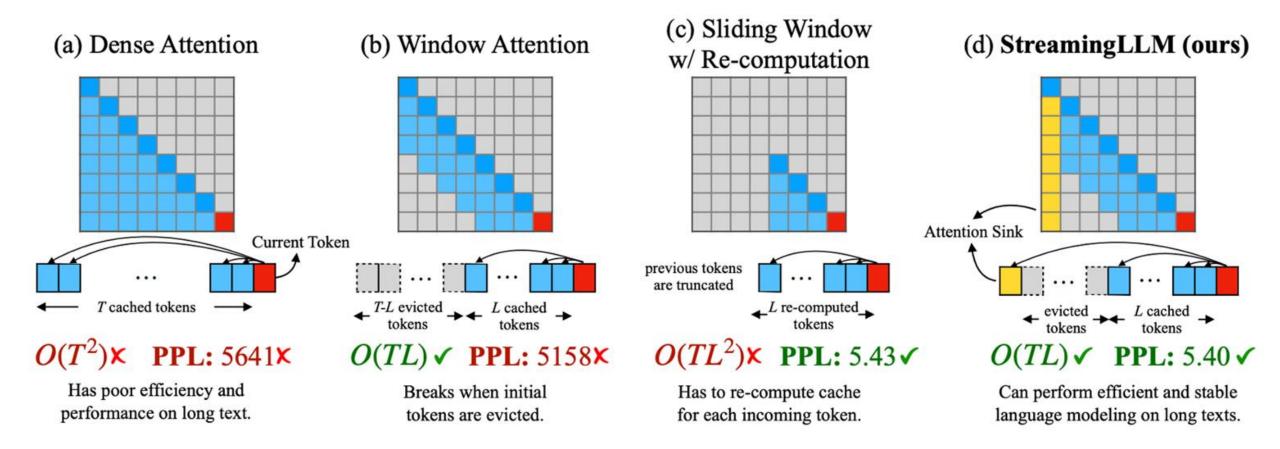




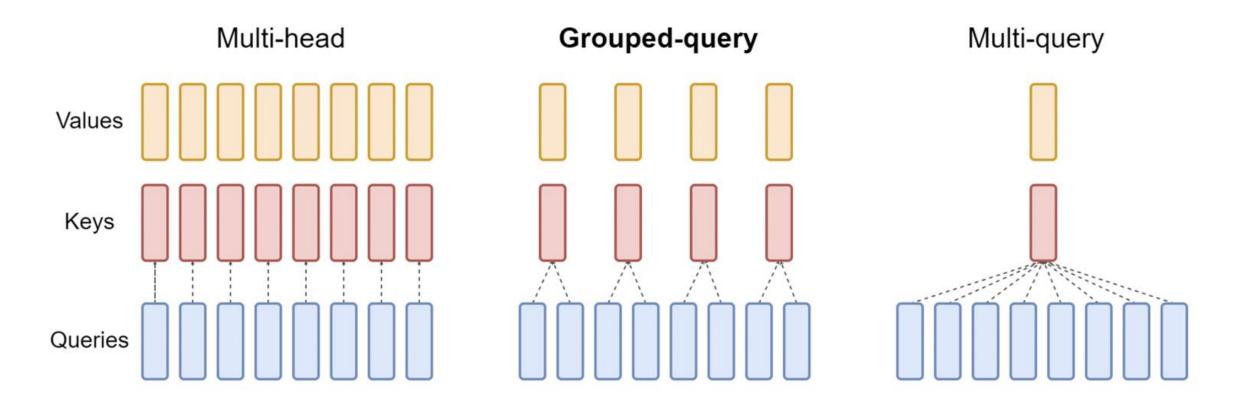
Observation: Most attention is either placed on the first token or to tokens that the model has recently seen.





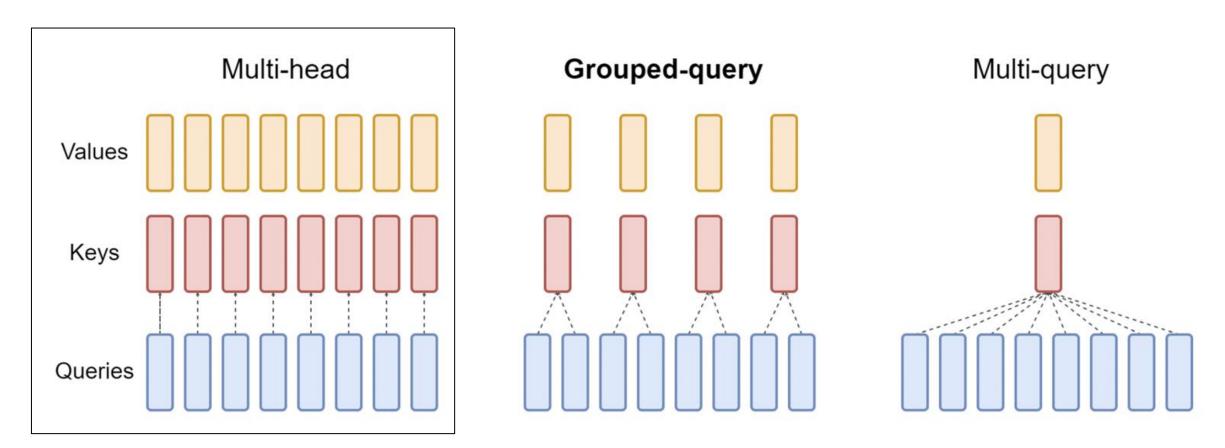






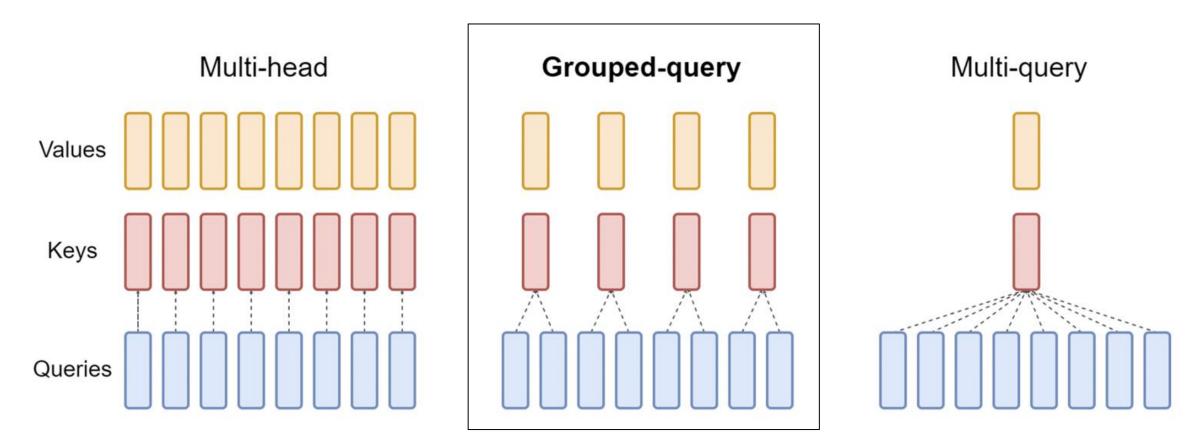


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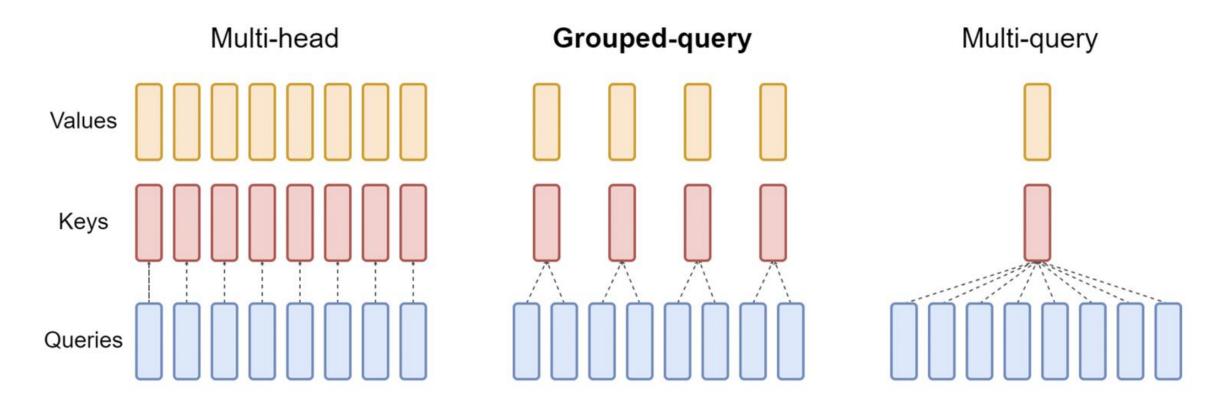


Attention heads are split into groups. Each group has one key/value per token.





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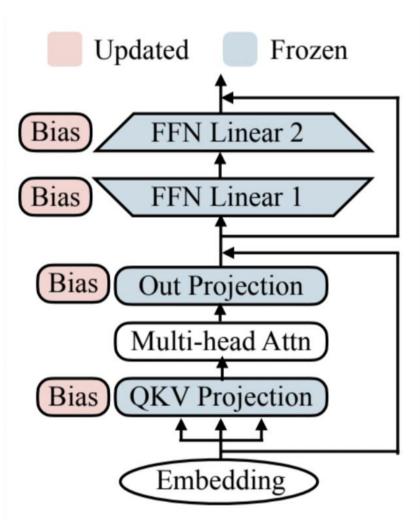


Efficient LLMs

Quantization

- o Background
- o K-Means vs. Linear Quantization
- o Quantization Granularity
- Quantization Aware Training (QAT) vs Post-Training Quantization (PTQ)
- LLM Quantization (LLM.int8(), SmoothQuant, AWQ, 1-bit LLMs)
- Sparsity (Mixture of Experts, Deja Vu: Contextual Sparsity)
- Efficient Inference Systems (vLLM, StreamingLLM, MHA/GQA/MQA)
- Parameter Efficient Fine-Tuning (BitFit, Adapter, Prompt Tuning, LoRA)

BitFit



Update only the bias parameters

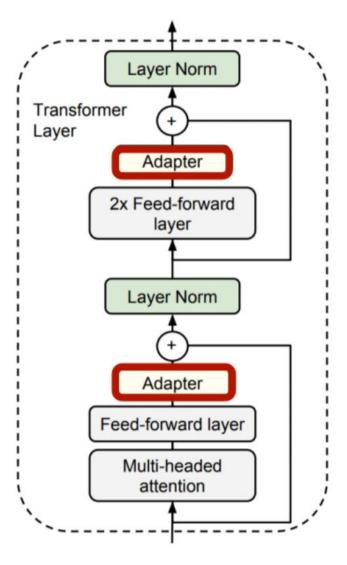
		%Param	QNLI	SST-2	MNLIm	MNLImm	CoLA	MRPC	STS-B	RTE	QQP	Avg.
	Train size		105k	67k	393k	393k	8.5k	3.7k	7k	2.5k	364k	-
(V)	Full-FT [†]	100%	93.5	94.1	86.5	87.1	62.8	91.9	89.8	71.8	87.6	84.8
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(V)	Diff-Prune [†]	0.5%	93.4	94.2	86.4	86.9	63.5	91.3	89.5	71.5	86.6	84.6
(V)	BitFit	0.08%	91.4±2.4	93.2±0.4	$84.4 {\pm} 0.2$	$84.8{\pm}0.1$	63.6±0.7	$91.7{\pm}0.5$	90.3±0.1	73.2±3.7	85.4±0.1	84.2
(T)	Full-FT [‡]	100%	91.1	94.9	86.7	85.9	60.5	89.3	87.6	70.1	72.1	81.8
(T)	Full-FT [†]	100%	93.4	94.1	86.7	86.0	59.6	88.9	86.6	71.2	71.7	81.5
(T)	Adapters [‡]	3.6%	90.7	94.0	84.9	85.1	59.5	89.5	86.9	71.5	71.8	81.1
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Table 1: BERT_{LARGE} model performance on the GLUE benchmark validation set (V) and test set (T). Lines with \dagger and \ddagger indicate results taken from Guo et al. (2020) and Houlsby et al. (2019) (respectively).

BitFit: Simple Parameter-efficient Fine-tuning for Transformer-based Masked Language-models [Zeken et al, ACL 2021]



Adapter



Add trainable layers after each feedforward layer

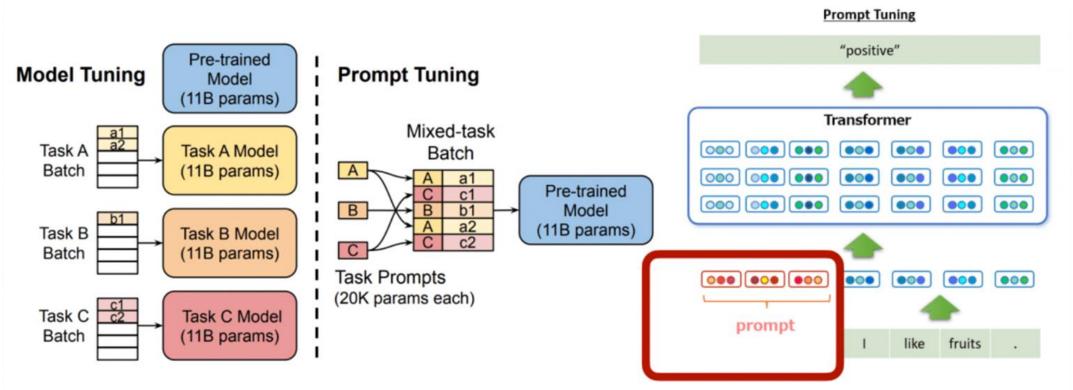
	Total num params	Trained params / task	CoLA	SST	MRPC	STS-B	QQP	MNLI _m	MNLI _{mm}	QNLI	RTE	Total
BERTLARGE	9.0×	100%	60.5	94.9	89.3	87.6	72.1	86.7	85.9	91.1	70.1	80.4
Adapters (8-256)	$1.3 \times$	3.6%	59.5	94.0	89.5	86.9	71.8	84.9	85.1	90.7	71.5	80.0
Adapters (64)	$1.2 \times$	2.1%	56.9	94.2	89.6	87.3	71.8	85.3	84.6	91.4	68.8	79.6

Parameter-Efficient Transfer Learning for NLP [Houlsby et al, ICML 2019]



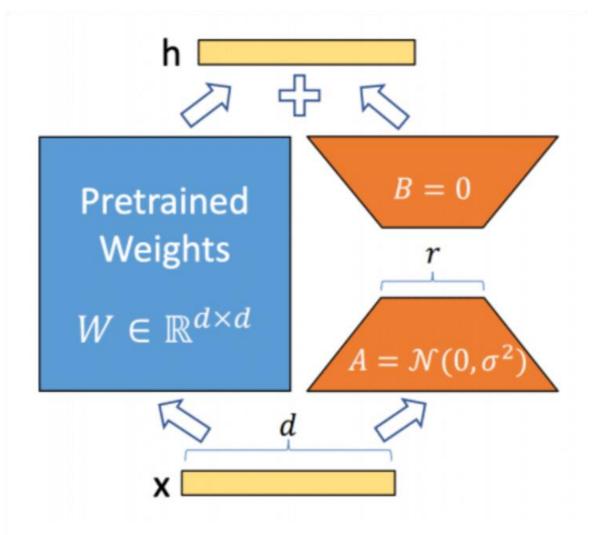
Prompt Tuning (Soft Prompting)

Train a continuous, learnable prompt in embedding space for each task we are training on





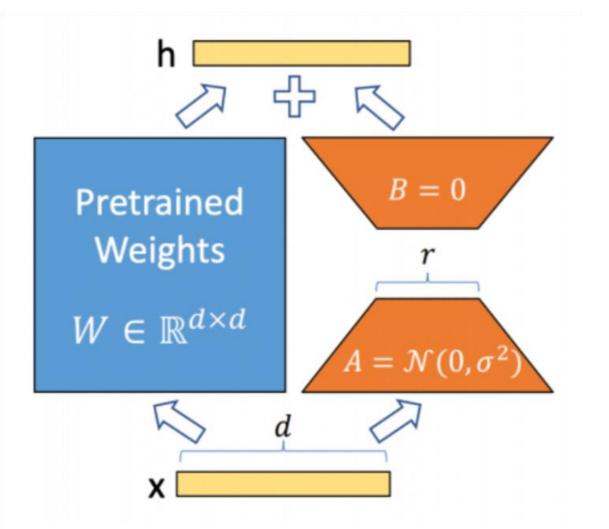




- Hypothesizes that fine-tuning results in only low rank updates
- Thus, we may approximate the updates themselves as low-rank and train on this low-rank approximation directly







 $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}$

h = Wx + BAx





LoRA

Model & Method	# Trainable Parameters		SST-2	MRPC	CoLA	QNLI	QQP	RTE	STS-B	Δνσ
	1 arameters	WINLI	551-2	MIC	COLA	QULL	VQI	KIL	919-D	Avg.
RoB _{base} (FT)*	125.0M	87.6	94.8	90.2	63.6	92.8	91.9	78.7	91.2	86.4
RoB _{base} (BitFit)*	0.1M	84.7	93.7	92.7	62.0	91.8	84.0	81.5	90.8	85.2
RoB _{base} (Adpt ^D)*	0.3M	$87.1_{\pm.0}$	$94.2{\scriptstyle \pm.1}$	$88.5{\scriptstyle\pm1.1}$	$60.8_{\pm.4}$	$93.1{\scriptstyle \pm.1}$	$90.2 {\scriptstyle \pm .0}$	$71.5_{\pm 2.7}$	$89.7{\scriptstyle \pm.3}$	84.4
RoB_{base} (Adpt ^D)*	0.9M	$87.3_{\pm.1}$	$94.7{\scriptstyle\pm.3}$	$88.4_{\pm.1}$	$62.6 \pm .9$	$93.0_{\pm.2}$	$90.6 {\scriptstyle \pm.0}$	$75.9_{\pm 2.2}$	$90.3_{\pm.1}$	85.4
RoB _{base} (LoRA)	0.3M	$87.5_{\pm.3}$	$95.1_{\pm.2}$	$89.7_{\pm.7}$	$63.4_{\pm 1.2}$	$93.3_{\pm.3}$	$90.8_{\pm.1}$	$\pmb{86.6}_{\pm.7}$	$91.5_{\pm.2}$	87.2
RoB _{large} (FT)*	355.0M	90.2	96.4	90.9	68.0	94.7	92.2	86.6	92.4	88.9
RoB _{large} (LoRA)	0.8M	$\textbf{90.6}_{\pm.2}$	$96.2 {\scriptstyle \pm .5}$	$\textbf{90.9}_{\pm 1.2}$	68.2 _{±1.9}	$\textbf{94.9}_{\pm.3}$	$91.6_{\pm.1}$	$\textbf{87.4}_{\pm 2.5}$	$\textbf{92.6}_{\pm.2}$	89.0
RoB _{large} (Adpt ^P)†	3.0M	90.2 _{±.3}	96.1 _{±.3}	$90.2_{\pm.7}$	68.3±1.0	94.8 ±.2	91.9 ±.1	83.8 _{±2.9}	92.1 _{±.7}	88.4
RoB _{large} (Adpt ^P) [†]	0.8M	90.5±.3	96.6±.2	$89.7_{\pm 1.2}$	$67.8_{\pm 2.5}$	94.8±.3	$91.7_{\pm .2}$	$80.1_{\pm 2.9}$	$91.9_{\pm.4}$	87.9
RoB _{large} (Adpt ^H)†	6.0M	$89.9_{\pm.5}$	$96.2_{\pm.3}$	$88.7_{\pm 2.9}$	$66.5_{\pm 4.4}$	$94.7_{\pm .2}$	$92.1_{\pm.1}$	$83.4_{\pm 1.1}$	$91.0_{\pm 1.7}$	87.8
RoB _{large} (Adpt ^H) [†]	0.8M	$90.3_{\pm.3}$	$96.3_{\pm.5}$	$87.7_{\pm 1.7}$	$66.3_{\pm 2.0}$	$94.7_{\pm .2}$	$91.5_{\pm.1}$	$72.9_{\pm 2.9}$	$91.5_{\pm.5}$	86.4
RoB _{large} (LoRA)†		$\textbf{90.6}_{\pm.2}$	$96.2_{\pm.5}$	$\textbf{90.2}_{\pm 1.0}$	$68.2{\scriptstyle \pm 1.9}$	$\textbf{94.8}_{\pm.3}$	$91.6_{\pm.2}$	$\textbf{85.2}_{\pm 1.1}$	$\textbf{92.3}_{\pm.5}$	88.6
DeB _{XXL} (FT)*	1500.0M	91.8	97.2	92.0	72.0	96.0	92.7	93.9	92.9	91.1
DeB _{XXL} (LoRA)	4.7M	$91.9_{\pm .2}$	$96.9_{\pm.2}$	$92.6_{\pm.6}$	$\textbf{72.4}_{\pm 1.1}$	$\textbf{96.0}_{\pm.1}$	$\textbf{92.9}_{\pm.1}$	$\textbf{94.9}_{\pm.4}$	$\textbf{93.0}_{\pm.2}$	91.3

Table 2: RoBERTa_{base}, RoBERTa_{large}, and DeBERTa_{XXL} with different adaptation methods on the GLUE benchmark. We report the overall (matched and mismatched) accuracy for MNLI, Matthew's correlation for CoLA, Pearson correlation for STS-B, and accuracy for other tasks. Higher is better for all metrics. * indicates numbers published in prior works. † indicates runs configured in a setup similar to Houlsby et al. (2019) for a fair comparison.





Efficient inference algorithms in LLMs lead to lower cost, faster inference, and smaller models

- Quantization and sparsity are the primary techniques for realizing these efficiencies
- PEFT techniques allow for faster fine-tuning with smaller storage requirements



Open Source Models

- \Box Llama (Meta) \rightarrow
 - https://huggingface.co/docs/transformers/en/model_doc/llama
- \Box Mixtral (Mistral) \rightarrow
 - https://huggingface.co/docs/transformers/en/model_doc/mixtral
- □ DBRX (Databricks) → <u>https://huggingface.co/databricks/dbrx-base</u>
- □ Grok (xai) \rightarrow <u>https://huggingface.co/xai-org/grok-1</u>
- $\Box \text{ Gemma (Google)} \rightarrow \underline{\text{https://huggingface.co/google/gemma-2b-it}}$

Repos to Make Models More Efficient

- $\square Megablocks (MoE library) \rightarrow \underline{https://github.com/databricks/megablocks}$
- \Box LLM.int8() \rightarrow <u>https://huggingface.co/blog/hf-bitsandbytes-integration</u>
- □ AutoAWQ (AWQ integration) → <u>https://github.com/casper-hansen/AutoAWQ</u>
- $\Box \text{ LoRA} \rightarrow \underline{\text{https://huggingface.co/docs/diffusers/en/training/lora}$
- □ QLoRA (not covered here) \rightarrow <u>https://huggingface.co/blog/4bit-</u> <u>transformers-bitsandbytes</u>