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Generative Model Compression and Acceleration

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Trend of Generative Models



The model size & input/output length of generative models have being rapidly increasing



[1] Villalobos et al. "Machine Learning Model Sizes and the Parameter Gap." arXiv 2022.

[2] Touvron, Hugo, et al. "Llama 2: Open foundation and fine-tuned chat models." arXiv 2023.

[3] Rombatch et al., High-Resolution Image Synthesis with Latent Diffusion Models, CVPR 2022.

on ChatGPT and Beyond", ACM Transactions on Knowledge

Discoverv from Data 2023.



Methodology: System-aware algorithm-level and model-level optimization



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Directions to improve Large Language Models' efficiency









To accelerate the sequential generation of LLM inference, SoT relies on the LLMs' planning ability and proposes a two-stage parallel generation scheme to achieve up to $2.39 \times$ end-to-end speed-up.



 [1] Ning, Xuefei*, Zinan Lin*, et. al., "Skeleton-of-Thought: Prompting LLMs for Efficient Parallel Generation." ICLR 2024.

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To explore ultra-low bit-width weight quantization for accelerating LLM decoding, LLM-MQ proposes a mixed-precision quantization method and achieve 1.2~1.4× e2e speed-up

Methodology: Challenge: Using a consistent low bit-width format across all layers is hard to push the bit-Keep the outliers with FP16 format. Assign high bit-width to sensitive layers in order width to 3-bit without significant accuracy loss. to minimize the change in model output. **Motivation:** Different layers have significant sensitivities, requirin : 12.84 PPL: 12.85 3bit we aim to develop a Does the accuracy on specific tasks sufficiently method for ultra lov reflect the effect of quantization on LLMs? 3-bit (ii) 2.75-bit of Sensitivity-based Precision Allocation sensitivities • For zero-shot understanding tasks: When the average accuracy loss is around 0.1%, the model can be quantized to an average of 3.6 bits. When the average accuracy loss is around 1%, the Attention FFN model can be quantized to an average of 2.8 bits. Sensitivity Analysis of LLaMA2-13B

[1] Li, Shiyao, Ning, Xuefei et. al., "LLM-MQ: Mixed-precision Quantization for Efficient LLM Deployment." NeurIPS Workshop 2023



To optimize LLMs for efficiency across diverse scenarios, we propose a comprehensive evaluation for 11 LLM families under W, WA, KV quant on various tasks

Knowledge Level	Key Knowledge
Tensor-level	 Tensor type (Sec. 3.2): The larger the model, the higher the tolerance for Weight-only and KV Cache Quantization, while the tolerance for Activation Quantization is lower. Tensor position (Sec. 3.2): The sensitivity to quantization varies significantly across different tensor positions due to their distinct data distributions.
Model-level	 (Sec. 3.3) The relative rankings of quantized LLMs are generally consistent with those of the FP16 LLMs when the bit-width is higher than W4, W4A8, and KV4. (Sec. 3.3) Leveraging MoE to increase the model size can improve the model's performance but may not improve the tolerance to quantization.
Task-level	 Emergent abilities (Sec. 4): The tolerance of Multi-Step Reasoning and Self-Calibration to quantization is lower than that of Instruction-Following and In-Context Learning abilities. Dialogue tasks (Sec. 6): As the bit-width decreases, sentence-level repetition occurs first, followed by token-level repetition, and token-level randomness. Long-Context tasks (Sec. 7): The longer the text, the larger the performance loss caused by Weight and KV Cache quantization. Most LLMs are more sensitive to KV Cache Quantization than Weight-only and Weight-Activation Quantization.
Bit-width Recommendation	 Basic NLP tasks (Sec. 3): W4, W4A8, KV4, W8KV4. Emergent (Sec. 4): W8, W8A8, KV8 (< 13B); W4, W4A8, KV4 (≥ 13B). Trustworthiness (Sec. 5): W8, W8A8, KV8 (< 7B); W4, W4A8, KV4 (≥ 7B). Dialogue (Sec. 6): W8, W8A8, KV4. Long-Context (Sec. 7): W4, W4A8, KV4 (token < 4K); W4, W4A8, KV8 (token ≥ 4K). (Note: Within 2% accuracy loss on the evaluated tasks. The recommended quantization bit-width may not generalize to other LLMs or tasks)

[1] Li, Shiyao, Ning, Xuefei, et al. "Evaluating Quantized Large Language Models." ICML 2024.



For long-context LLM decoding, MoA assigns the heterogeneous elastic sparse pattern for each attention head and improves the inference throughput by 1.7-1.9x compared to vLLM.



[1] Fu, Tianyu*, Huang, Haofeng*, Ning, Xuefei*, et al. "MoA: Mixture of Sparse Attention for Automatic Large Language Model Compression." arXiv 2024.

MoA: Heterogeneous Mask

1.00

0.92

0.83

0.46

MoA

to 256k and achieves

improvements.

Efficient Expert Pruning (EEP)



For MoE LLM inference, we propose to merge expert to inherit knowledge, achieving 75%/50% total/active expert sparsity. EEP can generalize on OOD data.

Challenge & Motivation:

- The mixture-of-expert (MoE) architecture has a large parameter size when there are many experts.
- We aim to reduce the latency & peak memory through expert pruning and recover the accuracy through expert merging.
- How to efficiently and best inherit the knowledge from original model when pruning experts?

Methodology

- 1. Use **weight merging** to preserve the "knowledge" of pruned experts
- 2. Use **evolutionary search** to optimize merging matrix
- 3. Use **absolute performance** as the objective.



[1] Liu, Enshu*, Zhu, Junyi*, Lin, Zinan+, Xuefei Ning+, et al. "Efficient Expert Pruning for Sparse Mixture-of-Experts Language Models: Enhancing Performance and Reducing Inference Costs" arXiv 2024.



Overall Cost	Total Latency: $t_{prefill} + t_{decode} * N_{token}$
(for each request)	Total Memory: $M_{weight} + M_{kv cache} + M_{other_act}$
SoT	Total Latency: $t_{prefill} + t_{decode} * N_{token} / B$
(Skeleton-of-Thought)	Total Memory: $M_{weight} + M_{kv \ cache} + M_{other_act}$
LLM-MQ, QLLM-Eval	Total Latency: $t_{prefill} + t_{decode} \downarrow * N_{token}$
(Quantization)	Total Memory: $M_{weight} \downarrow + M_{kv \ cache} + M_{other_act}$
MoA (Mixture of Attention)	Total Latency: $t_{prefill} + t_{decode} \downarrow * N_{token}$ Total Memory: $M_{weight} + M_{kv \ cache} \downarrow + M_{other_act}$
EEP	Total Latency: $t_{prefill} + t_{decode} \downarrow * N_{token}$
(Efficient Expert Pruning)	Total Memory: $M_{weight} \downarrow + M_{kv \ cache} + M_{other_act}$



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- Forward Process: Gradually add gaussian noise of different levels
- Backward Process: Gradually denoise the gaussian noise
- Intuition: the NN learns to predict the "noise" at each timestep.







For Text-to-Image generation tasks, we propose a predictor-based search algorithm to optimize the model schedule, achieve 2× speed-up.



[1] Liu, Enshu*, Ning, Xuefei*, et al. "OMS-DPM: Optimizing the Model Schedule for Diffusion Probabilistic Models." ICML 2023.

Unified Sampling Framework (USF)



For text-to-image generation, we propose to optimize solver schedule, achieving $2 \times$ speed-up and enables sampling with very low NFE.

Challenge: Most of the current solvers use suboptimal **empirical strategies**, cause poor quality with few number of function evaluations (<10).



The ranking of all strategies changes over timestep

Motivation: Instead of using the empirical solver strategies, we aim to propose **a unified sampling framework to automatically search** for better solver strategies.



Construct a **performance predictor** to enable the fast evaluation of different solver schedules.



[1] Liu, Enshu, Ning, Xuefei+, et al. "A Unified Sampling Framework for Solver Searching of Diffusion Probabilistic Models". ICLR 2024.



For the training of Consistency and Diffusion Models, we propose to combine checkpoints and optimize the coefficients, achieving 15~23× training speed-up on CM and 1.25~1.7× inference speed-up on DM.

Challenge: The **training variance** of DMs and CMs **is relatively high**, leading to suboptimal performance and large time cost (e.g., **>600 GPU hours** on CIFAR-10)



Motivation: Combining checkpoints during the training process instead of relying solely on gradient-based training might help.



Methodology: Search the combination coefficients of saved checkpoints with evolutionary search.



Use Case: LCSC can (1) accelerate training process and (2) enhancing the performance of converged DMs and CMs.

[1] Liu, Enshu*, Zhu, Junyi*, Lin, Zinan+, Ning, Xuefei+, et al. "Linear Combination of Saved Checkpoints Makes Consistency and Diffusion Models Better." arXiv 2024.

Distilled Decoding of Image AR model (DD)



For AR image generation, we introduce noise token and propose distilled decoding, which generates image in 0.02s and can achieve >100x speedup with acceptable performance loss.

Challenge & Motivation: Auto-regressive (AR) image generation model often takes a significant inference latency **since the token generation cannot be parallelized**. The typical solutions try to model the distribution of multiple steps simultaneously, and **don't work for very few steps generation**.

Methodology:

- Introduce noise token and flow-matching to construct an auto-regressive trajectory
- Train the model to skip further along the trajectory





[1] Liu, Enshu, Ning Xuefei, Yu Wang, Zinan Lin. "Distilling Autoregressive Models Into Few Steps 1: Image Generation." arXiv 2024.

Mixed-precision Quantization (MixDQ)



For few-step DMs, MixDQ adopts a metric-decoupled sensitivity analysis method for mixed precision bitwidth allocation to achieve W4A8 quantization of 1-step DMs, achieving 2-3x peak memory reduction and 1.4x speed-up on RTX3090 (SDXL-Turbo, 1024x1024).

Challenge & Motivation: Few-step text-to-image DMs is hard to be quantized because of the large outliers in text embeddings and the existence of highly sensitive layers. Methodology:

- Design **BOS-aware guantization** technique to protect the large outliers in text embeddings without guantization.
- Design mixed-precision bit-width allocation to assign high-• precision for sensitive layers

BOS-aware Text Metric-Decoupled Sensitivity Analysis Mixed Precision Search **Embedding Quantization** (Sec. 3.2) (Sec. 3.3) (Sec. 3.1) Diffusion U-Net Integer Planning BOS features are Outliers Transforme Candidate: W[2/4/8] A[4/8] (Each Layer) Objective: Minimize Sensitivity Quality-related Layers Constraint: Memory Budget Content-related Lavers Text Emb. Motric Metric: SSIM Metric: SQNR (Preserve Content) (Preserve Quality) \Rightarrow Memor OS features remain the same Output Logits for different prompts Get the optimal mixed Get layer sensitivity separately p Quantization & Pre-Computed Offline precision configuration

Challenge & Motivation: Quantization affects both the image quality and content, so we need to consider both effects when assessing the sensitivity of each layer.

Methodology:

Design "Metric-decoupled" sensitivity analysis to guide the bit-width allocation process.



[1] Zhao, Tianchen*, Ning, Xuefei*+, et al. "MixDQ: Memory-Efficient Few-Step Text-to-Image Diffusion Models with Metric-Decoupled Mixed Precision Quantization." ECCV 2024.

Video and Image DiT Quantization (ViDiT-Q)



For DiT models and video generation, ViDiT-Q uses a static-dynamic channel balancing technique and metric-decoupled mixed-precision quantization to achieve lossless W8A8 with a 1.4-1.7x E2E speed-up on A100 (OpenSoRA and Pixart- α/σ).

Challenge & Motivation: DiT (Diffusion Transformers) have unique properties for quantization:

- Highly variant activation distribution along token, CFG and timestep levels.
- Time-varying Channel-wise Imbalance.

Methodology:

- · Fine-grained group-wise dynamic quantization for activations.
- Static-Dynamic Channel Balance: Combine the advantage of current scale-based and rotation-based balancing methods.



Challenge & Motivation: Quantization affects multiple evaluation aspects on video generation task.

Methodology: Quantization scheme tailored for visual generation task

• **Decouple the quantization's effect** on **multiple aspects** to preserve performance for each aspect.



[1] Zhao, Tianchen, ..., Ning, Xuefei+, et al. "ViDiT-Q: Efficient and Accurate Quantization of Diffusion Transformers for Image and Video Generation." arXiv 2024.

Attention Compression (DiTFastAttn)



To reduce the attention overhead in DiTs, we leverage local attention and activation sharing, achieving 76% FLOPs and 1.8x speed-up on A100 (Pixart- σ , 2048x2048).

Challenge: DiTs excel at image & video generation but face computational challenges due to the O(N²) complexity of self-attn.

Motivation: The changes in the attention output across different timesteps are **primarily driven by a local attention window**.

Methodology: Design window attention with residual

 In each timestep, we only compute the local attention and then add the residual of previous global attention, without the need to recompute the full global attention.



Motivation: We observe that in different **timesteps and CFG**, the attention outputs of a certain attention head exhibit **significant similarity**.

Methodology: Design to share the attention results across timesteps and CFG



[1] Yuan, Zhihang*, Lu, Pu*, Zhang, Hanling*, Ning, Xuefei+, et al. "DiTFastAttn: Attention Compression for Diffusion Transformer Models". NeurIPS 2024.



Overall Cost	Total Latency: <i>t_{model}</i> * <i>N_{timestep}</i>
(for each iter)	Total Memory: $M_{weight} + M_{activation}$

LCSC & OMS-DPM & USF & DD
(Schedule Optimization)Total Latency: $t_{model} * N_{timestep} \downarrow$ Total Memory: $M_{weight} + M_{activation}$

MixDQ & ViDiT-QTotal Latency: $t_{model} \downarrow * N_{timestep}$ (Mixed-precision quantization)Total Memory: $M_{weight} \downarrow + M_{activation} \downarrow$

DiTFastAttn (Attention Compression) Total Latency: $t_{model} \downarrow * N_{timestep}$ Total Memory: $M_{weight} + M_{activation} \downarrow$



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Efficient LLM/VLM

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- [Application-driven] Applying and analyzing efficiency techniques on *multi-modality understanding models & video generative models*, to use them well
- [Application-driven] Developing methods for efficient *long-context inference*
- [Application-driven] *Pushing to the edge*: We want high compression ratio or a small model from scratch
 - Training-free techniques -> Training-based techniques
 - Integrating efficiency techniques together, to understand their interplay and use them well
 - How can we still *inherit the knowledge* well, or there is not difference from training from scratch?
- [Algorithm-driven] *Developing efficient generative algorithm*: Combining the benefits of data-space autoregressive models and flow matching





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