EEP 596: LLMs: From Transformers to GPT || Lecture 12 Dr. Karthik Mohan

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Deep Learning and Transformers References

Deep Learning

Great reference for the theory and fundamentals of deep learning: Book by Goodfellow and Bengio et al Bengio et al Deep Learning History

Embeddings SBERT and its usefulness SBert Details Instacart Search Relevance Instacart Auto-Complete

Attention

Illustration of attention mechanism

Prompt Engineering Prompt Design and Engineering: Introduction and Advanced Methods

Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) Toolformer RAG Toolformer explained

Misc GenAl references Time-Aware Language Models as Temporal Knowledge Bases Stable Diffusion Diffusion Explainer: Visual Explanation for Text-to-image Stable Diffusion The Illustrated Stable Diffusion

- MP2 (Mini-Project 2) part 3 assigned
- MP2 Part 3 will focus more on the design aspects of the chatbot
- There is no one best way to do the design Experiment and see which one helps you meet the criteria mentioned in the part 3
- Any questions/concerns?

Previous Lecture

• Design of Chatbots

Today's lecture

- Upcoming Machine Learning Interview Masterclass Short Course
- More Design principles for Chatbots
- Intro to Image Foundation Models
- Auto Encoders

Machine Learning Interview Masterclass Short Course -Heads up

- 1 credit course
- 2 12 hours over 2 weekends only
- Dates: 4/5, 4/6 and 4/12, 4/13
- Overs practical tips and hacks for better ML Interview Prep
- Overs ML Design, ML Depth and Coding, ML Coding rounds + Overall Interviewing tips
- Solution Theory + Hands-on in-person practice + Mock peer-interview sessions

ML Interview Masterclass - Target Audience

- You are a working professional or a full-time student with machine learning background
- You want to prep for Data Science Interviews but are unsure where to start
- You would like to benefit from structured interviewing prep material
- You want to gain comfort with prepping for interviews and getting to know how to ace them
- Solution You are looking for simulated/mock interview sessions with peers
- You would like to understand where you stand and get feedback for improvements

Vision for the Course

Elements in the Course

- Hands-on Prep and Practice The students will get both theory and practice sessions for interviewing prep
- 3 hour modules: There will be four 3 hour modules spanning two weekends.
- Presentation + Hands-on Tutorial in every module: The 3 hour module will be a combination of some background, theory and examples for the first half, followed by in-class exercises and mock interview sessions (with peers) that students can work on.
- Peer Learning: Each 3 hour module will also have couple of break-outs for the class to discuss in-class conceptual questions in small groups.

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- **Take Home assignment:** Take-home assignment will have you track your prep progress across different areas of interviewing.
- Optional Presentation: There will be an optional 1 hour presentation slot to show-case mini-project where students can present their learnings from the class and progress on their interviewing take-home assignment
- **Pitfalls to avoid:** Keep the course real by discussing common pitfalls to avoid in the interviewing process.

This is a little tricky for a short course - But someone with a familiarity with machine learning concepts and basic natural language processing is a must. Also coding in python is a must.

Module (3 hr)	Lecture Material	Coding Tutorial
4/5 2-5 pm	Intro to Interview Process	Sample Coding Questions
4/6 2-5 pm	Coding Deep-dive	Coding tutorial
Take-Home	Interview Prep Assignment	Simulated Interviewing
4/12 2-5 pm	DS/ML Design	ML Breadth/Depth tutorial
4/13 2-5 pm	Real-world interviewing	Pitfalls to avoid

Concepts to be covered

- Intro to Interviewing Process
- Interviewing Guidelines
- Coding Round
- ML Breadth round
- ML Depth round
- ML Design round
- ML Coding round
- I How to prep for coding interview?
- I how to prep for ML interviews?
- Gauging your gaps
- What is the interviewer looking for?
- Tips for better interviewing experience

Single Day Flow

Time	Торіс	Highlights
2 pm - 3:30 pm	Interviewing Concepts	Tutorial
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Breakouts	Peer Brainstorm
3:45 pm - 5 pm	Hands-on coding	Peer Practice Sessions

Next Topic: Design of Chatbots

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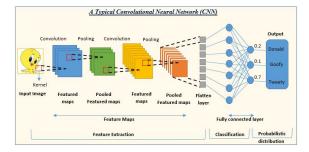
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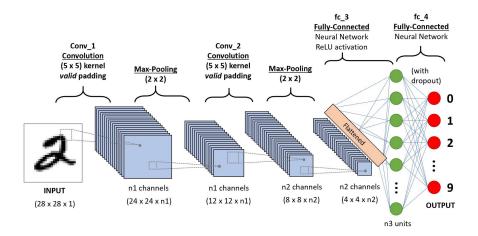
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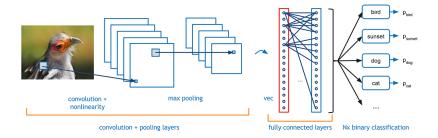
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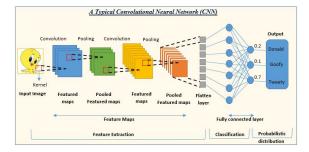
Applications

Classification (cat or dog?), Image2Text, Text2Image, Image Embeddings, Object Detection, Image Segmentation, etc

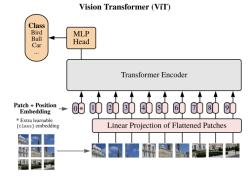






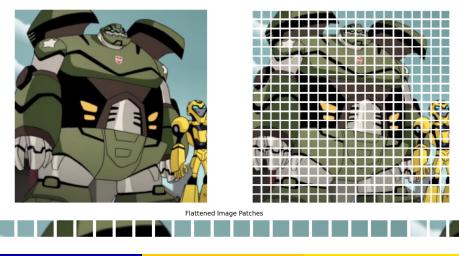


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Cropped Image



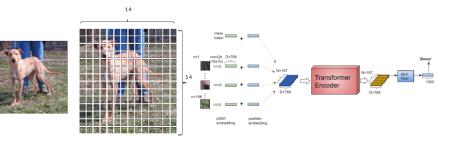
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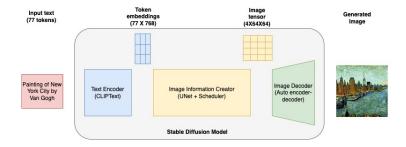
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Image Patches

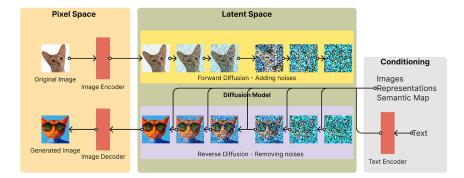
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Foundation Model - Stable Diffusion (Text2Image)

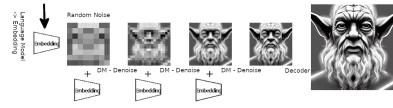


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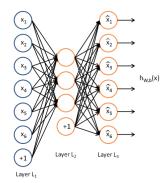
"A person half Yoda half Gandalf"



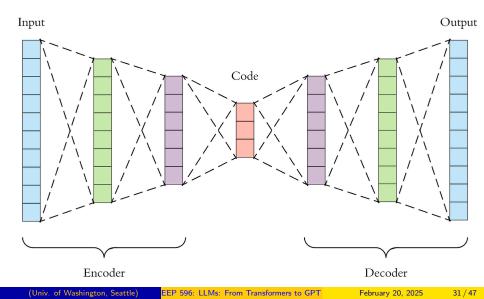
Reference

- Based on the concept of "de-noising auto encoders" and the use of text prompt to guide the de-noising
- Stable diffusion is also trained to successfully de-noise and increase the resolution of the image using text guidance

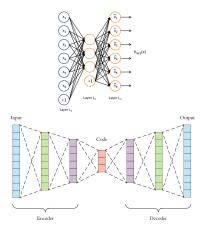
Auto Encoders



Deep Auto Encoders



PCA vs Auto-Encoders



PCA vs Auto Encoder

Which of the following statements are true ?

- Both PCA and Auto Encoders serve the purpose of dimensionality reduction
- They are both linear models but one uses a neural nets architecture and the other is based on projections
- Auto Encoders can compress images better than PCA

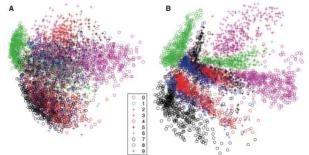
AutoEncoders and Dimensionality Reduction

Visualization Performance Auto Encoder Reference Paper

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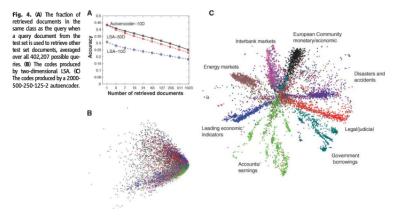
Reading Reference for AE Dimensionality Reduction

Fig. 3. (A) The twodimensional codes for 500 digits of each class produced by taking the first two principal components of all 60,000 training images. (B) The two-dimensional codes found by a 784-1000-500-250-2 autoencoder. For an alternative visualization. see (d).



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- Auto Encoders can learn convolutional layers instead of dense layers -Better for images! More flexibility!!

ICE #2: Loss Function for Auto-Encoders

What is the loss function used to train Deep Auto-Encoders?

- Logistic Loss
- Quadratic Loss
- Triplet Loss
- Cross-Entropy Loss

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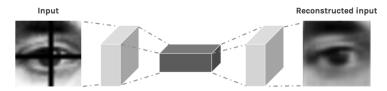


Figure 12: Reconstructed image from missing image [14]

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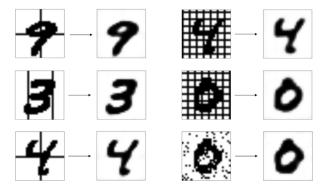
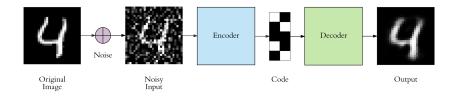
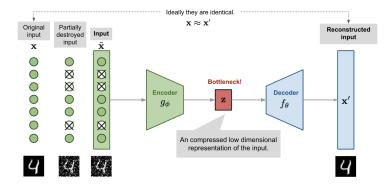


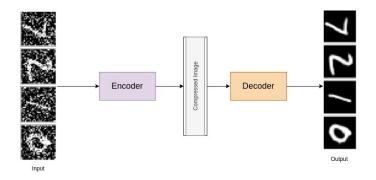
Figure 13: Source [15]

Coloring Images

Gray Image	Vanilla Autoencoder	Merge Model (YCbCr)	Merge Model (LAB)	Original
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- Esp. useful for a category of objects or images (e.g. digit recognition or face recognition, etc)



Unsupervised Learning

Which of these is NOT an example of unsupervised learning?

- Perceptron
- Q Auto Encoder
- Oe-noising Auto Encoder
- K-means++
- Some of the above
- Ill of the above

5 mins

Discuss in your groups what are some real-world applications of any or many of the Auto Encoder Architectures we discussed so far you can think of in your area of work or in a standard context e.g. images.