# Large Language Models

Parameter Efficient Fine Tuning II

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### Motivation

- Providing proper task-specific context in the input can steer the LM to solve the task more efficiently.
- Encoding of the original input x will change. Why?
	- Guiding the model to extract relevant information from x.
- Does this context exist? How to find it?

### Prefix Tuning

### **Prefix-Tuning: Optimizing Continuous Prompts for Generation**

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- Prepend certain trainable prefix tokens to the input/hidden activations.
- The hidden representation becomes:

$$
h_i = \begin{cases} P_{\theta}[i, :], & \text{if } i \in \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{idx}}, \\ \mathsf{LM}_{\phi}(z_i, h_{< i}), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}
$$

• All h<sub>i</sub>'s would indeed be a function of the trainable parameters  $P_{\theta}$ . Why?  $\frac{1}{3}$ 

#### **Fine-tuning**



### Prefix Tuning (cont.)

 $\text{head}_i = \text{Attn}(\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{W}_q^{(i)}, \text{concat}(\boldsymbol{P}_k^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{C}\boldsymbol{W}_k^{(i)}), \text{concat}(\boldsymbol{P}_v^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{C}\boldsymbol{W}_v^{(i)}))$ 



### Prefix Tuning (cont.)





#### **Summarization Example**

Article: Scientists at University College London discovered people tend to think that their hands are wider and their fingers are shorter than they truly are. They say the confusion may lie in the way the brain receives information from different parts of the body. Distorted perception may dominate in some people, leading to body image problems ... [ignoring 308 words] could be very motivating for people with eating disorders to know that there was a biological explanation for their experiences, rather than feeling it was their fault."

Summary: The brain naturally distorts body image a finding which could explain eating disorders like anorexia, say experts.

#### Table-to-text Example

Table: name[Clowns] customerrating [1 out of 5] eatType [coffee] shop] food[Chinese] area[riverside] near [Clare Hall]

Textual Description: Clowns is a coffee shop in the riverside area near Clare Hall that has a rating 1 out of 5. They serve Chinese food.

### Parametrization of  $P_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$

- Directly optimizing  $P_{\theta}$  leads to unstable optimization.
	- Slight drop in performance.
- Use a smaller  $P'_{\theta}$  as input to an MLP with shared trainable weights  $\varphi$ .
- So  $P_{\theta} = MLP_{\varphi}(P_{\theta}')$ .
- We can drop  $P'_{\theta}$  after training and use the result  $(P_{\theta})$ .

### Results



Table 1: Metrics (higher is better, except for TER) for table-to-text generation on E2E (left), WebNLG (middle) and DART (right). With only  $0.1\%$  parameters, Prefix-tuning outperforms other lightweight baselines and achieves a comparable performance with fine-tuning. The best score is boldfaced for both GPT-2MEDIUM and GPT-2LARGE.

# Qualitative Results on Table-to-Text (low data setting)



# Prefix-tuning Outperforms FT in low-data regimes

Summarization



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Text-to-Table

### Ablation (Prefix length)



### Ablation (Initialization of Prefixes)



### INTRINSIC DIMENSIONALITY EXPLAINS THE EFFEC-TIVENESS OF LANGUAGE MODEL FINE-TUNING

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### Intrinsic Dimensionality of a Model

- Model with trainable parameters  $\theta^D \in \mathbb{R}^D$ .
- Map  $\theta$  to a lower dimensional space  $\theta^d \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- Solve the optimization (training) in that space:

$$
\theta^D = \theta^D_0 + P(\theta^d)
$$

with  $\theta^D = P(\theta^d)$  (FastFood Transform)

- Let  $d_{90}$  be the dimensionality that results to 90% of the performance of full fine tuning.
- Structure aware intrinsic dimension  $\theta_i^D = \theta_{0,i}^D + \lambda_i P(\theta^{d-m})_i$



### LoRA (Low Rank Adaptation)

- Learned overparameterized models facilitate learning on a low dimensional space.
- So ... weight updates could possibly be low rank.



### LORA: LOW-RANK ADAPTATION OF LARGE LAN-**GUAGE MODELS**

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### Problem Statement

- Given a pretrained autoregressive language model  $P_{\Phi_0}(y|x)$ .
- Also given a downstream conditional text generation task  $\mathcal{Z} = \{ (x_i, y_i) \}_{i=1 \ N}.$ 
	- e.g. NL2SQL  $x_i$  = seq. of natural lang. query;  $y_i$  = SQL command
- Update the weights to  $\Phi_0 + \Delta \Phi$  to optimize:

$$
\max_{\Phi} \sum_{(x,y)\in\mathcal{Z}} \sum_{t=1}^{|y|} \log \left( P_{\Phi}(y_t | x, y_{
$$

• Now let  $\Delta\Phi(\Theta)$  be a function of  $\Theta$ , which lives in a lower dimensional space.

### Solution

• We let  $\Delta \Phi(\Theta) = BA$ , so  $\Theta = (A, B)$ .



- Random Gaussian initialization of A, and B = 0. Why?
- Only weights in the self-attention module are trainable; MLPs are frozen.

### Results



Table 2: RoBERTa<sub>base</sub>, RoBERTa<sub>large</sub>, and DeBERTa<sub>XXL</sub> 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.

# Results (cont.)



Table 3: GPT-2 medium (M) and large (L) with different adaptation methods on the E2E NLG Challenge. For all metrics, higher is better. LoRA outperforms several baselines with comparable or fewer trainable parameters. Confidence intervals are shown for experiments we ran. \* indicates numbers published in prior works.

# Results (cont.)



Table 4: Performance of different adaptation methods on GPT-3 175B. We report the logical form validation accuracy on WikiSQL, validation accuracy on MultiNLI-matched, and Rouge-1/2/L on SAMSum. LoRA performs better than prior approaches, including full fine-tuning. The results on WikiSQL have a fluctuation around  $\pm 0.5\%$ , MNLI-m around  $\pm 0.1\%$ , and SAMSum around  $\pm 0.2$ / $\pm 0.2$ / $\pm 0.1$  for the three metrics.

### Comparison to other PEFTs



Figure 2: GPT-3 175B validation accuracy vs. number of trainable parameters of several adaptation methods on WikiSQL and MNLI-matched. LoRA exhibits better scalability and task performance. See Section F.2 for more details on the plotted data points.

### Why r=1 works well in practice?

- Let  $A_{r=8}$  and  $A_{r=64}$  be the learned matrices for r = 8, and 64.
- Do they extract similar features from the token embeddings?
- How to measure this?
- $\bullet$  Each  $\Lambda$  can be considered as a subspace.
- Find how similar these two subspaces are?

### Why r=1 works well in practice? (cont.)

$$
A = V\Sigma U
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$$
\Rightarrow A = \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sigma_i v_i u_i^T
$$

$$
\implies Ax = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i v_i u_i^T x
$$

$$
\Rightarrow Ax = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \langle u_i, x \rangle v_i
$$

Pick highest  $\sigma_i$ , compare the corresponding u<sub>i</sub>'s in two A's

### Why r=1 works well in practice? (cont.)

• Grassmann distance:

$$
\phi(A_{r=8}, A_{r=64}, i, j) = \frac{||U_{A_{r=8}}^{i\top} U_{A_{r=64}}^{j}||_F^2}{\min(i, j)} \in [0, 1]
$$

### Why r=1 works well in practice? (cont.)

 $\phi(A_{r=64}, A_{r=8}, i, i)$ 



Figure 3: Subspace similarity between column vectors of  $A_{r=8}$  and  $A_{r=64}$  for both  $\Delta W_q$  and  $\Delta W_v$ . The third and the fourth figures zoom in on the lower-left triangle in the first two figures. The top directions in  $r = 8$  are included in  $r = 64$ , and vice versa.

# ∆W only amplifies directions that are not emphasized in W

	$r=4$			$r=64$		
			$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta W_a & W_a \end{array}$ Random $\Delta W_a$ $W_a$ Random			
$  U^{\top}W_qV^{\top}  _F =   0.32 \t 21.67 \t 0.02   1.90 \t 37.71 \t 0.33$						
	$  W_a  _F = 61.95$ $  \Delta W_a  _F = 6.91$ $  \Delta W_a  _F = 3.57$					

Table 7: The Frobenius norm of  $U^{\top}W_qV^{\top}$  where U and V are the left/right top r singular vector directions of either (1)  $\Delta W_q$ , (2)  $W_q$ , or (3) a random matrix. The weight matrices are taken from the 48th layer of GPT-3.

• Adapter

 $\boldsymbol{h} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{h} + f(\boldsymbol{hW_\text{down}}) \boldsymbol{W_\text{up}}$ 

• Prefix tuning

head = Attn(
$$
xW_q
$$
, concat( $P_k$ ,  $CW_k$ ), concat( $P_v$ ,  $CW_v$ ))  
\n= softmax( $xW_q$ concat( $P_k$ ,  $CW_k$ )<sup>T</sup>)  $\begin{bmatrix} P_v \\ CW_v \end{bmatrix}$   
\n=  $(1 - \lambda(x))$ softmax( $xW_qW_k^{\top}C^{\top})CW_v + \lambda(x)$ softmax( $xW_qP_k^{\top})P_v$   
\n=  $(1 - \lambda(x))$  Attn( $xW_q$ ,  $CW_k$ ,  $CW_v$ ) +  $\lambda(x)$  Attn( $xW_q$ ,  $P_k$ ,  $P_v$ )  
\nstandard attention  
\n
$$
\lambda(x) = \frac{\sum_i \exp(xW_qP_k^{\top})_i}{\sum_i \exp(xW_qP_k^{\top})_i + \sum_j \exp(xW_qW_k^{\top}C^{\top})_j}
$$
\n
$$
h \leftarrow (1 - \lambda(x))h + \lambda(x)\Delta h, \quad \Delta h := softmax(xW_qP_k^{\top})P_v
$$
\n
$$
h \leftarrow (1 - \lambda(x))h + \lambda(x)f(xW_1)W_2
$$

Table 1: Parameter-efficient tuning methods decomposed along the defined design dimensions. Here, for clarity, we directly write the adapter nonlinear function as ReLU which is commonly used. The bottom part of the table exemplifies new variants by transferring design choices of existing approaches.





### Remarks

- Prefix tuning can be thought of as a "parallel" computation to the PLM layer, whereas the typical adapter is "sequential" computation.
- Adapters are more flexible w.r.t. where they are inserted than prefix tuning
	- Adapters typically modify attention or FFN outputs, while prefix tuning only modifies the attention output of each head.
- Prefix tuning applies to each attention head, while adapters are always single-headed, which makes prefix tuning more expressive.