



# Enabling Lightweight Fine-tuning for Pretrained Language Model Compression based on Matrix Product Operators Peiyu Liu<sup>\*</sup>, Ze-Feng Gao<sup>\*</sup>, Wayne Xin Zhao<sup>†</sup>, Z.Y. Xie, Zhong-Yi Lu<sup>†</sup>, Ji-Rong Wen

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# Introduction-Background

#### **Background:**

- Pre-training and fine-tuning paradigm
- Huge number of parameters

#### **Observation:**

• Only a small proportion of parameters will significantly change during fine-tuning.

Model	#Total Param	#Trainable Param		
BERT_base	108M	108M		
BERT_large	334M	334M		
BERT_xlarge	1270M	1270M		



### **Matrix Product Operator (MPO)**

MPO factorizes a matrix into a sequential product of local tensors.



Figure 1: MPO decomposition for  $M_{i \times j}$ .

#### **Motivation:**

(11)





 $\{A_i\}$ 

The central tensor with most of parameters encode the core information of the original matrix

Can we compress the central tensor for parameter reduction and update auxiliary tensors for lightweight fine-tuning?



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### Preliminary



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Matrix decomposition with MPO:

$$MPO(M) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} \mathcal{T}_{(k)}[d_{k-1}, i_k, j_k, d_k], (1)$$
  
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$$d_k = \min(\prod_{m=1}^k i_m \times j_m, \prod_{m=k+1}^n i_m \times j_m).$$
 (2)

#### Algorithm 1 MPO decomposition for a matrix.

**Input:** matrix **M**, the number of local tensors n **Output** : MPO tensor list  $\{\mathcal{T}_{(k)}\}_{k=1}^{n}$ 1: for  $k = 1 \rightarrow n - 1$  do  $\mathbf{M}[I,J] \longrightarrow \mathbf{M}[d_{k-1} \times i_k \times j_k,-1]$ 2:  $\mathbf{U}\lambda\mathbf{V}^{\top} = \mathrm{SVD}\left(\mathbf{M}\right)$ 3:  $\mathbf{U}[d_{k-1} \times i_k \times j_k, d_k] \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}[d_{k-1}, i_k, j_k, d_k]$ 4:  $\mathcal{T}^{(k)}:=\mathcal{U}$ 5:  $\mathbf{M} := \lambda \mathbf{V}^{ op}$ 6: 7: end for 8:  $\mathcal{T}^{(n)} := \mathbf{M}$ 9: Normalization 10: return  $\{\mathcal{T}_{(k)}\}_{k=1}^{n}$ 



• MPO-based low-rank approximation

The truncation error induced by the *k*-th bond dimension  $d_k$  is denoted by  $\epsilon_k$  (called local truncation error)  $\frac{d_k}{d_k}$ 

Truncation error:

**Reconstruction error:** 

Compression ratio:

$$\epsilon_{k} = \sum_{i=d_{k}-d'_{k}} \lambda_{i}, \quad (3)$$
  
$$\|M-MPO(M)\|_{F} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \epsilon_{k}^{2}}, \quad (4)$$
  
$$\rho = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n} d'_{k-1} i_{k} j_{k} d'_{k}}{\prod_{k=1}^{n} i_{k} j_{k}}, \quad (5)$$



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# Overview

- Motivation
  - Can we compress the central tensor for parameter reduction and update auxiliary tensors for lightweight fine-tuning?
- Solution
  - Lightweight fine-tuning with auxiliary tensors
  - Dimension squeezing for stacked architecture optimization





 $A_3$ 

X

Trainable

 $A_4$ 

# Part 1: Lightweight Fine-tuning

Layers	(0,1e-4]	(1e-4,1e-3]	(1e-3,∞)
Word embedding	0.66	0.26	0.09
Feed-forward	0.09	0.64	0.27
Self-attention	0.09	0.64	0.27

Table 1: Distribution of parameter variations for BERT when fine-tuned on SST-2 task.

**Observation:** Variation degree of the parameters before and after fine-tuning.

**Solution:** Fix central tensor and update auxiliary tensors.

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 $A_1$ 

 $A_2$ 

×

Trainable



# Part 1: Lightweight Fine-tuning

• Theoretical analysis



Entanglement entropy: the metric to measure the information contained in MPO bonds[1], Calculation methods:

$$S_k = -\sum_{j=1}^{d_k} v_j \ln v_j, \qquad k = 1, 2, ..., n - 1,$$
 (6)

[1] Ze-Feng Gao, Song Cheng, Rong-Qiang He, ZY Xie, Hui-Hai Zhao, Zhong-Yi Lu, and Tao Xiang. 2020. Compressing deep neural networks by matrix product operators. Physical Review Research, 2(2):023300.

# Part 2: Dimension Squeezing

• Motivation:

Low-rank approximation on C will largely reduce total parameters.

- Fast Reconstruction Error Estimation
  Criterion
  - Efficiencies
- Fast Performance Gap Computation
  Early stopping



### Discussion

• Comparing with Tucker decomposition

Category	Method	Inference Time
Tucker	Tucker $_{(d=1)}(CP)$ Tucker $_{(d>1)}$	$\mathcal{O}(nmd^2)\ \mathcal{O}(nmd+d^n)$
MPO	$\frac{\text{MPO}_{(n=2)}(\text{SVD})}{\text{MPO}_{(n>2)}}$	${ {\cal O}(2md^3) \over {\cal O}(nmd^3)}$

Table 2: Inference time complexities of different lowrank approximation methods. Here, n denotes the number of the tensors, m denotes  $\max(\{i_k\}_{k=1}^n)$  means the largest  $i_k$  in input list, and d denotes  $\max(\{d'_k\}_{k=0}^n)$ means the largest dimension  $d'_k$  in the truncated dimension list.





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Experiments	Score	SST-2 (acc)	MNLI (m_cc)	QNLI (acc)	CoLA (mcc)	<b>STS-B</b> (ρ)	QQP (acc)	MRPC (acc)	RTE (acc)	WNLI (acc)	Avg. #Pr/#To(M)	
$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{ALBERT}_{\mathrm{pub}} \\ \textbf{ALBERT}_{\mathrm{rep}} \\ \textbf{MPOP} \end{array}$	- 78.9 <b>79.7</b>	90.3 90.6 <b>90.8</b>	81.6 <b>84.5</b> 83.3	- 89.4 <b>90.5</b>	- 53.4 <b>54.7</b>	- 88.2 <b>89.2</b>	- 89.1 <b>89.4</b>	- 88.5 <b>89.2</b>	- 71.1 <b>73.3</b>	- 54.9 <b>56.3</b>	11.6/11.6 11.6/11.6 <b>1.1/9</b>	
$\begin{array}{c} MPOP_{\rm full} \\ MPOP_{\rm full+LFA} \\ MPOP_{\rm dir} \end{array}$	80.3 80.4 68.6	92.2 93.0 86.6	84.4 84.3 79.2	91.4 91.3 81.9	55.7 56.0 15.0	89.2 89.2 82.5	89.6 89.0 87.0	87.3 88.0 74.3	76.9 78.3 54.2	56.3 56.3 56.3	12.7/12.7 1.2/12.7 1.1/9	

Table 3: Performance on GLUE benchmark obtained by fine-tuning ALBERT and MPOP. "ALBERT<sub>pub</sub>" and "ALBERT<sub>rep</sub>" denote the results from the original paper (Lan et al., 2020) and reproduced by ours, respectively. "#Pr" and "#To" denote the number (in millions) of pre-trained parameters and total parameters, respectively.



# Experimental Results

#### • Ablation results

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	78.9	90.6	<b>84.5</b>	89.4	53.4	88.2	89.1	88.5	71.1	54.9	11.6/11.6
	<b>79.7</b>	<b>90.8</b>	83.3	<b>90.5</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>1.1/9</b>
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	80.4	93.0	84.3	91.3	56.0	89.2	89.0	88.0	78.3	56.3	1.2/12.7
	68.6	86.6	79.2	81.9	15.0	82.5	87.0	74.3	54.2	56.3	1.1/9

MPO representation	Fine-tuning	Experiment
	Regular fine-tuning	MPOP <sub>full</sub>
Full-rank	Lightweight fine-tuning	MPOP <sub>full+LFA</sub>
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Dimension squeezing		МРОР

# **Experimental Results**

• Ablation results

Models	WNLI	VNLI MRPC		Avg.
	(acc)	(acc) (acc)		#Pr/#To(M)
BERT	56.3	<b>85.5</b>	70.0	110/110
MPOP <sub>B</sub>	56.3	84.3	<b>70.8</b>	<b>7.7/70.4</b>
DistilBERT	56.3	84.1	61.4	66/66
MPOP <sub>D</sub>	56.3	<b>84.3</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>4.0/43.4</b>
$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{MobileBERT} \\ \textbf{MPOP}_{M} \end{array}$	56.2	<b>86.0</b>	63.5	25.3/25.3
	56.2	85.3	<b>65.7</b>	<b>4.4/15.4</b>

Table 4: Evaluation with different BERT variants.



Models	SST-2	MRPC	RTE	Avg. #Pr(M)
BERT <sub>10-12</sub>	91.9	76.5	67.2	45.7
$BERT_{11-12}$	91.7	75.3	62.8	38.6
$BERT_{12}$	91.4	72.1	61.4	31.5
MPOPB	92.6	84.3	70.8	10.1

Table 5: Comparison of different fine-tuning strategies on three GLUE tasks. The subscript number in  $\text{BERT}_{(\cdot)}$  denotes the index of the layers to be fine-tuned.

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Figure 2: Comparison of different low-rank approximation variants. x-axis denotes the compression ratio ( $\rho$  in Eq. (5)) and y-axis denotes the reconstruction error, measured in the Frobenius norm.



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### Conclusion



We proposed an MPO-based PLM compression method. With MPO decomposition, we were able to reorganize and aggregate information in central tensors effectively. Inspired by this, we make following contributions:

Lightweight fine-tuning strategy: we largely reduced the parameters to be fine-tuned by only updating the auxiliary tensors.
 Dimension squeezing algorithm: we could optimize low-rank approximation over stacked network architectures.



### Q&A

Source code https://github.com/RUCAIBox/MPOP

# Thank you

