Survey Scaling Law and Efficiency

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Intro, Background, Survey

Based on the paper Efficient Large Language Models: A Survey, <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.03863</u>, Presented by Aidan Hesselroth (ash2taf) In the modern era of AI, and specifically with the popularity of LLMs, the resource and time demands of models keep increasing, often with little regard to efficiency. What measures are being taken to improve performance, and how do current models stack up?

Background I

- Ever growing parameter counts
- Better performance on larger, slower models
- Some groups abandon efficiency for better accuracy/reasoning/et c



Figure 1: Illustration of model performance and model training time in GPU hours of LLaMA models at different scales. The reported performance is the average score of several commonsense reasoning benchmarks. The training time is based on Nvidia A100 80GB GPU. The size of each circle corresponds to the number of model parameters. The original data can be found in Touvron et al. (2023a;b).

Background II

- Obviously, there are some models more focused on efficiency than others
- Look at Mistral 7B, LLama-2-7B, and LLaMa-1-33B



Figure 2: Performance score vs. inference throughput for various LLMs. The throughputs are measured on Nvidia A100 80GB GPU with 16-bit floating point quantization. The size of each circle corresponds to the memory footprint (in Gigabytes) of each model when running with batch size of 1, prompt size of 256 and generating 1000 tokens. The original data can be found in Ilyas Moutawwakil (2023).

Efficiency Taxonomy

3 Categories of efficiency techniques:

- **1. Model-Centric Methods:** research directions related to model compression, efficient pre-training, efficient fine-tuning, efficient inference, and efficient architecture design
- **2. Data-Centric Methods**: research directions related to data selection and prompt engineering
- **3.** LLM Frameworks: existing frameworks specifically designed for efficient LLMs, addressing their unique features, underlying libraries, and specialization

Taxonomy Diagram

- Don't let the diagram fool you, while there is less variety in some, all 3 areas are relatively 'hot'
- Specifically focused on LARGE Language models, unlike previous surveys
- Obviously out of scope to go over in detail, so we'll skim



Figure 3: Taxonomy of efficient large language models (LLMs) literature.

Model Compression

"As summarized in Figure 4, model compression techniques for LLMs can be grouped into four categories: quantization, parameter pruning, low-rank approximation, and knowledge distillation"



Figure 4: Summary of model compression techniques for LLMs.



Efficient Pre-Training

"As shown in Table 1, pre-training LLMs incurs high costs. Efficient pre-training aims to enhance the efficiency and reduce the cost of the LLM pre-training process. As summarized in Figure 6, efficient pretraining techniques can be grouped into four categories: mixed precision acceleration, scaling models, initialization techniques, and optimization strategies"

| Efficient Pre-Training | -(| Mixed Precision Acceleration | Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) (Micikevicius et al., 2017; Facebook AI Research (FAIR), 2023; Rae et al., 2021), Brain Floating Point (BF16) (Kalamkar et al., 2019; Burgess et al., 2019), GACT (Liu et al., 2022d), Mesa (Pan et al., 2021) |
|------------------------|----|--|--|
| | H | Scaling Models | Gong et al. (2019), MSLT (Yang et al., 2020), CompoundGrow (Gu et al., 2021), Knowledge Inheritance (Qin et al., 2021), — Staged Training (Shen et al., 2022), LiGO (Wang et al., 2023d), Mango (Pan et al., 2023), Yao et al. (2023c), Growth Strategy (Li et al., 2023d) |
| | +(| Initialization Techniques | Kumar (2017), Fixup (Zhang et al., 2019), ZerO (Zhao et al., 2021), SkipInit (De & Smith, 2020), ReZero (Bachlechner et al., 2021), T-Fixup (Huang et al., 2020), DeepNet (Wang et al., 2022c) |
| | | Optimization Strategies | Lion (Chen et al., 2023h), Sophia (Liu et al., 2023a) |
| | - | System-Level Pre-Training Efficiency Optimization | -ZeRO (Rajbhandari et al., 2020), FSDP (Zhao et al., 2023c), ZeRO-Officed (Ren et al., 2021), ZeRO-Infinity (Rajbhandari et al., 2021), |

Figure 6: Summary of efficient pre-training techniques for LLMs.



Figure 7: Illustrations of efficient pre-training techniques for LLM.

Table 1: Pre-training costs of representative LLMs.

| Model | Parameter Size | Data Scale | GPUs Cost | Training Time |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| GPT-3 (Brown et al., 2020) | 175B | 300B tokens | - | - |
| GPT-NeoX-20B (Black et al., 2022) | 20B | 825GB corpus | 96 A100-40G | - |
| OPT (Zhang et al., 2022a) | 175B | 180B tokens | 992 A100-80G | - |
| BLOOM (Scao et al., 2022) | 176B | 366B tokens | 384 A100-80G | 105 days |
| GLM (Zeng et al., 2022) | 130B | 400B tokens | 786 A100-40G | 60 days |
| LLaMA (Touvron et al., 2023a) | 65B | 1.4T tokens | 2048 A100-80G | 21 days |
| LLaMA-2 (Touvron et al., 2023b) | 70B | 2T tokens | A100-80G | 71,680 GPU days |
| Gopher (Rae et al., 2021) | 280B | 300B tokens | 1024 A100 | 13.4 days |
| LaMDA (Thoppilan et al., 2022) | 137B | 768B tokens | 1024 TPU-v3 | 57.7 days |
| GLaM (Du et al., 2022) | 1200B | 280B tokens | 1024 TPU-v4 | 574 hours |
| PanGu- α (Zeng et al., 2021) | 13B | 1.1TB corpus | 2048 Ascend 910 | - |
| PanGu-∑ (Ren et al., 2023b) | 1085B | 329B tokens | 512 Ascend 910 | 100 days |
| PaLM (Chowdhery et al., 2022) | 540B | 780B tokens | 6144 TPU-v4 | - |
| PaLM-2 (Anil et al., 2023) | - | 3.6T tokens | TPUv4 | - |
| WeLM (Su et al., 2022b) | 10B | 300B tokens | 128 A100-40G | 24 days |
| Flan-PaLM (Chung et al., 2022) | 540B | - | 512 TPU-v4 | 37 hours |
| AlexaTM (Soltan et al., 2022) | 20B | 1.3 tokens | 128 A100 | 120 days |
| Codegeex (Zheng et al., 2023) | 13B | 850 tokens | 1536 Ascend 910 | 60 days |
| MPT-7B (Team, 2023) | 7B | 1T tokens | - | - |

., 2021a

Fine-tuning

"Efficient fine-tuning aims to enhance the efficiency of the fine-tuning process for LLMs. As shown in Figure 8, efficient fine-tuning methods can be grouped into parameter-efficient fine-tuning (PEFT), and memory- efficient fine-tuning (MEFT).





Figure 9: Illustrations of Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning (a)-(d) and Memory-Efficient Fine-Tuning (e).

Figure 8: Summary of efficient fine-tuning methods for LLMs.

Efficient Inference

"Efficient inference aims to enhance the efficiency of the inference process for LLMs. As summarized in Figure 10, efficient inference techniques can be grouped into techniques at the algorithm level and system level."



Figure 10: Summary of efficient inference techniques for LLMs.



Figure 11: Illustrations of algorithm-level efficiency optimization techniques for LLM inference.

Efficient Architecture

"Efficient architecture design for LLMs refers to the strategic optimization of model architecture and computational processes to enhance performance and scalability while minimizing resource consumption. Figure 12 summarizes efficient architecture designs for LLMs"



Figure 12: Summary of efficient architecture designs for LLMs.

Data Centric



Figure 17: Summary of prompt engineering techniques for LLMs.

Data Centric: Few Shot Prompting

By training to work with few shot scenarios, further training costs avoided and increases speed of adaptation



Figure 18: Illustrations of few-shot prompting techniques for LLMs.

Data Centric: Prompt Compression and Generation

Prompt compression via condensing inputs or compact prompt representation allows for denser information, reducing size in memory, time to query, etc. Prompt Generation automatically creates optimized prompts to improve performance even with unskilled users



Figure 19: Illustrations of Prompt Compression (a) and Prompt Generation (b) for LLMs.

Frameworks

More details on individual frameworks can be found in section 4 of the paper, recommended to check there if you want a better description

| Framework | Training | Fine- Tuning | Inference | Features |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|------------|--|
| DeepSpeed | 0 | 0 | 0 | Data Parallelism, Model Parallelism, Pipeline Paral- lelism, Prompt Batching, Quantisation, Kernel Opti- mizations, Compression, Mixture of Experts. |
| Megatron | 0 | 0 | 0 | Data Parallelism, Model Parallelism, Pipeline Parallelism, Prompt Batching, Automatic Mixed precision, Selective activation Recomputation |
| Alpa | 0 | 0 | 0 | Data Parallelism, Model Parallelism, Pipeline Par- allelism, Operator Parallelism, Automated Model- Parallel Training, Prompt Batching |
| Colossal AI | 0 | 0 | 0 | Data Parallelism, Model Parallelism, Pipeline Paral- lelism, Mixed Precision Training, Gradient accumu- lation, heterogeneous Distributed Training, Prompt Batching, Quantization |
| FairScale | 0 | 0 | 0 | Data Parallelism, Model Parallelism, Pipeline Paral- lelism, Activation Checkpointing, Model Offloading, Model scaling, Adascale Optimization |
| Pax | 0 | 0 | \bigcirc | Data Parallelism, Model Parallelism, Kernel Opti- mization |
| Composer | 0 | | | Fully Sharded Data Parallelism, Elastic sharded checkpointing, Flash Attention |
| vLLM | 8 | 8 | 0 | Data Parallelism, Model Parallelism, Tensor Paralel- lism, Efficient management via PagedAttention, Op- timized CUDA kernels, Dynamic Batching, Quantiza- tion |
| OpenLLM | 8 | 0 | 0 | Distributed Finetuning and Inference, Integration with BentoML, LangChain, and Transformers Agents, Prometheus Metrics, Token Streaming |
| Ray LLM | 8 | 8 | | Distributed Inference, Integration with Alpa, Prompt Batching, Quantization, Prometheus Metrics |
| MLC LLM | 8 | 8 | 0 | Distributed Inference, Compiler Acceleration, Prompt Batching, Quantization |
| Sax | 8 | 8 | 0 | Distribute Inference, Serves PaxML, JAX, and Py- Torch models, Slice Serving, Prometheus Metrics |
| Mosec | 8 | 8 | 0 | Distribute Inference, Dynamic Batching, Rust-based Task Coordinator, Prometheus Metrics |
| LLM Foundry | 8 | 8 | S | Distribute Inference, Dynamic Batching, Prompt Batching |

Taxonomy Diagram (Again)

- Returning to the full tree, you can see the 3 areas again
- All of them are deep, but model centric is easily the broadest
- This paper is a great way to find relevant papers for any of these areas that sounded interesting to you!



Figure 3: Taxonomy of efficient large language models (LLMs) literature.

Scaling Laws for Neural Language Models

Presented by: Henry Radzikowski

Language serves as a natural domain for AI research, facilitating reasoning tasks and offering abundant textual data for unsupervised learning.

Empirical Results and Basic Power Laws

- To characterize language model scaling we train a wide variety of models, varying a number of factors including:
 - Model size (ranging in size from 786 to 1.5 billion non-embedding parameters)
 - Data size (ranging from 22 million to 23 billion tokens)
 - Shape (including depth, width, attention heads, and feed-forward dimension)
 - Context length (1024 for most runs)
 - Batch size (2^19 for most runs, sometimes varied to measure critical batch size)

Summary



Language modeling performance improves smoothly as we increase model size, dataset size, and amount of computing power used for training. For optimal performance, all three must be scaled up together.

Optimizing Compute Efficiency in Training Al Models

With increased computational resources, optimizing training efficiency involves allocating the majority towards lager model sizes, with inversely smaller increase in data.



Notation

- L the cross entropy loss in nats. Typically it will be averaged over the tokens in a context, but in some cases we report the loss for specific tokens within the context.
- N the number of model parameters, excluding all vocabulary and positional embeddings
- $C \approx 6NBS$ an estimate of the total non-embedding training compute, where B is the batch size, and S is the number of training steps (ie parameter updates). We quote numerical values in PF-days, where one PF-day = $10^{15} \times 24 \times 3600 = 8.64 \times 10^{19}$ floating point operations.
- D the dataset size in tokens
- $B_{\rm crit}$ the critical batch size [MKAT18], defined and discussed in Section 5.1. Training at the critical batch size provides a roughly optimal compromise between time and compute efficiency.
- C_{\min} an estimate of the minimum amount of non-embedding compute to reach a given value of the loss. This is the training compute that would be used if the model were trained at a batch size much less than the critical batch size.
- S_{\min} an estimate of the minimal number of training steps needed to reach a given value of the loss. This is also the number of training steps that would be used if the model were trained at a batch size much greater than the critical batch size.
- α_X power-law exponents for the scaling of the loss as $L(X) \propto 1/X^{\alpha_X}$ where X can be any of N, D, C, S, B, C^{\min} .

Summary of Scaling Laws

1. For models with a limited number of parameters, trained to convergence on sufficiently large datasets:

 $L(N) = (N_c/N)^{\alpha_N}; \ \alpha_N \sim 0.076, \ N_c \sim 8.8 \times 10^{13} \text{ (non-embedding parameters)}$ (1.1)

2. For large models trained with a limited dataset with early stopping:

$$L(D) = (D_{\rm c}/D)^{\alpha_D}; \ \alpha_D \sim 0.095, \ D_{\rm c} \sim 5.4 \times 10^{13} \text{ (tokens)}$$
 (1.2)

3. When training with a limited amount of compute, a sufficiently large dataset, an optimally-sized model, and a sufficiently small batch size (making optimal³ use of compute):

$$L(C_{\rm min}) = \left(C_{\rm c}^{\rm min}/C_{\rm min}\right)^{\alpha_C^{\rm min}}; \ \alpha_C^{\rm min} \sim 0.050, \quad C_{\rm c}^{\rm min} \sim 3.1 \times 10^8 \,(\text{PF-days}) \tag{1.3}$$

Eq 1.1 - predicts the test loss of a transformer model with constrained by N.

Eq 1.2 - predicts the test loss on large models trained on limited data and early stopping.

Eq 1.3 - describes test loss when training with limited amount of compute, large dataset, optimally-sized model, and small batch size.

Model-Data Scaling Relationship in Language Modeling

$$L(N,D) = \left[\left(\frac{N_c}{N} \right)^{\frac{\alpha_N}{\alpha_D}} + \frac{D_c}{D} \right]^{\alpha_D}$$

- Eq 1.5 combines the impact of both model size and dataset size on test loss and overfitting.

(1.5)

- Indicates sublinear increase in dataset size relative to model size, crucial for optimizing performance and mitigating overfitting in language modeling size.

Model Training Dynamics: Optimizing Performance (Finite)

$$L(N,S) = \left(\frac{N_c}{N}\right)^{\alpha_N} + \left(\frac{S_c}{S_{\min}(S)}\right)^{\alpha_S}$$
(1.6)

- Equation (1.6) characterizes the learning curves of a model during training within a fixed computational budget (C) and a finite number of parameter update steps.
- It illustrates how the test loss (L) is influenced by model size (N), the number of parameter update steps (S), and the minimum possible number of steps (Smin), offering insights into optimizing model training efficiency and resource allocation.

Efficient Language Model Training



Left - The test loss varies predictably with both dataset size and model size. (eq 1.5)

Right - Learning curves for different model sizes can be accurately modeled, where Smin represents the number of steps for a large batch size, holding true for various orders of magnitude. (eq 1.6)

Model Performance



Performance depends very mildly on model shape when the total number of non-embedding parameters N is held fixed. The loss varies only a few percent over a wide range of shapes. Small differences in parameter counts are compensated for by using the fit to L(N) as a baseline. Aspect ratio in particular can vary by a factor of 40 while only slightly impacting performance; an (nlayer, dmodel) = (6, 4288) reaches a loss within 3% of the (48, 1600) models used.

Optimal Loss Parameterization: L(N,D) Equation

$$L(N,D) = \left[\left(\frac{N_c}{N} \right)^{\frac{\alpha_N}{\alpha_D}} + \frac{D_c}{D} \right]^{\alpha_D}$$
(4.1)

- Equation (4.1) (based on eq 1.5) defines the proposed parameterization for the test loss (L) as a function of model size (N) and dataset size (D).
- It adheres to three key principles: accommodating rescaling due to changes in vocabulary size or tokenization, ensuring convergence to individual losses L(N) and L(D) as N or D approach infinity, and maintaining analyticity at infinite dataset size to support series expansion.

Predictable Dependency of Test Loss on Model and Dataset Size

 Equation 4.1 shows the relationship between earlystopped test loss and both dataset size and model size.



Optimal Allocation of the Compute Budget



LIMA: Less Is More for Alignment

Presented by: Rituparna Datta

LIMA demonstrates strong performance even with minimal fine-tuning, suggesting that the bulk of their knowledge is acquired during unsupervised pre training rather than largescale instruction tuning.

Research Questions

- 1. Do we need large amount of annotated data to train a competent chatbot?
- 2. What are the critical axes when creating the annotated data?
- 3. How well can a model trained with a small number of annotated data generalizes to new tasks?

Superficial Alignment Hypothesis

- A model's knowledge and capabilities are learnt almost entirely during pre-training
- Alignment teaches it which subdistribution of format should be used while interacting with users



One could sufficiently tune a pre-trained language model with a rather small set of examples

Alignment Data

| Source | #Examples | Avg Input Len. | Avg Output Len. |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Training | | | |
| Stack Exchange (STEM) | 200 | 117 | 523 |
| Stack Exchange (Other) | 200 | 119 | 530 |
| wikiHow | 200 | 12 | 1,811 |
| Pushshift r/WritingPrompts | 150 | 34 | 274 |
| Natural Instructions | 50 | 236 | 92 |
| Paper Authors (Group A) | 200 | 40 | 334 |
| Dev | | | |
| Paper Authors (Group A) | 50 | 36 | N/A |
| Test | | | |
| Pushshift r/AskReddit | 70 | 30 | N/A |
| Paper Authors (Group B) | 230 | 31 | N/A |

Quality and Diversity are the keys!

Quality Control

- <u>For public data</u>: remove artifacts and select data with higher user ratings
- <u>For in house authored</u> <u>data(200)</u>: Set a uniform tone and format

Diversity Control

- <u>For public data</u>: stratified sampling to increase **domain diversity**
- For in house authored <u>data(200)</u>: come up with different scenarios to increase task/scenario diversity

Training Setup & Methodology

Training

- LLaMa 65B [Touvron et al., 2023]
- fine-tune on 1,000-example
- Standard Fine Tuning params:
 - Finetune 15 epochs with AdamW
 - \circ β₁ = 0.9 β₂ = 0.95; weight decay= 0.1
 - \circ Batch size = 32
- residual dropout: Ouyang et al.
 [2022] and apply dropout over residual connections

Annotation Methodology

- assign one point if both annotators agreed
- half a point if either annotator agreed, (but not both) labeled a tie,
- zero points otherwise.
- measure agreement over a shared set of 50 annotation examples (single prompt, two model responses – all chosen randomly), comparing author, crowd, and GPT-4 annotations.

Experiment Setup

To compare LIMA to other **Baselines**

- generate a single response for each test prompt.
- ask crowd workers to compare LIMA outputs to each of the baselines
- repeat this experiment, replacing human crowd workers with GPT-4

<u>Baselines:</u>

- **Alpaca 65B [Taori et al., 2023]** finetune LLaMa 65B on the 52,000 examples in the Alpaca training set [Taori et al., 2023];
- **OpenAI's DaVinci003**, a large language model tuned with reinforcement learning from human feedback (RLHF) [Ouyang et al., 2022];
- **Google's Bard**, based on PaLM [Chowdhery et al., 2022]
- **Anthropic's Claude,** 4 a 52B parameter model trained with reinforcement learning from AI
- **OpenAI's GPT-4** [OpenAI, 2023], a large language model trained with RLHF, which is currently considered the state of the art

Lima performs pretty well with 1000 examples



Figure 1: Human preference evaluation, comparing LIMA to 5 different baselines across 300 test prompts.



Figure 2: Preference evaluation using GPT-4 as the annotator, given the same instructions provided to humans.

Why is Less More? Ablations on Data Diversity, Quality, and Quantity



Figure 5: Performance of 7B models trained with 2,000 examples from different sources. Filtered Stack Exchange contains diverse prompts and high quality responses; Unfiltered Stack Exchange is diverse, but does not have any quality filters; wikiHow has high quality responses, but all of its prompts are "how to" questions.



Figure 6: Performance of 7B models trained with exponentially increasing amounts of data, sampled from (quality-filtered) Stack Exchange. Despite an up to 16-fold increase in data size, performance as measured by ChatGPT plateaus.

Task Generalization Capability with a Few Example

Two Showcases:

- 30 multi turn dialogue data improves dialogue capabilities of LIMA
- Adding <u>6 format constraint examples</u> enables model to generate long form highly structured response following user instructions:
 - Training example : Review a paper from the following aspects: summary, strengths, weaknesses, potentials
 - Test example: Create a marketing plan with the following elements: Marketing goal and objectives, Define Target Audience, Research Marketing Tactics, Plan Marketing Tactics and Develop Your Timeline and Budget

Task Generalization Capability with a Few Example

Here's a marketing plan for your local coffee shop. Marketing Goals and Objectives

- Increase awareness of our brand among consumers [...]
- Drive foot traffic [...] during slow business hours [...]
- Build relationships with influencers in our community who [...]

Define Target Audience

Our target audiences include:

- Residents of the neighborhood surrounding our coffee shop
- Office workers near our coffee shop
- Students at nearby schools

We will focus our marketing efforts on these audiences because they are most likely to become regular customers at our [...]

Research Marketing Tactics

Here are some marketing tactics that we could use to reach to reach our target audiences and achieve our goals:

- Host events at our coffee shop that appeal to our target audiences (e.g., open mic nights for students or networking events [...]
- Offer discounts during slow business hours to entice [...]

Here's how we will implement the marketing tactics above:

- Events: We will host one event per month at our coffee shop. For each event, we will send out email invitations [...]
- Discounts: Every Monday through Thursday from 3pm–6pm, we will offer \$1 off any drink purchase. To promote [...]
- Local partnerships: We will reach out to five local businesses and schools to ask if we can leave stacks of coupons [...]
- Social media: [...]
- Reviews: [...]

Develop Your Timeline and Budget

This is what our marketing timeline looks like:

- · Month 1: Launch email newsletter and social media accounts
- Month 2: Start distributing coupons at [...]
- [...]

Here's the budget for each marketing activity:

- Email newsletter: \$50/month for MailChimp subscription
- Social media: \$100/month for paid ads [...]
- [...]

• [...]

Plan Marketing Tactics

Limitations and Conclusion

Fine-tuning a strong pretrained language model on 1,000 carefully curated examples can produce remarkable, competitive results on a wide range of prompts

<u>Limitations:</u>

- The mental effort in constructing such examples is significant and difficult to scale up.
- LIMA is not as robust as product-grade models
 - while LIMA typically generates good responses, an unlucky sample during decoding or an adversarial prompt can often lead to a weak response

The Era of 1-bit LLMs: All Large Language Models are in 1.58 Bits

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BitNet: Scaling 1-bit Transformers for Large Language Models

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Context

Problem:

- Vanilla LLMs are in FP16
- the bulk of any LLMs is matrix multiplication costly
- KV cache memory size

Therefore, the major computation cost comes from the floating-point addition and multiplication operations.

One solution: post training quantization – but it is suboptimal

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^{k} p_i * \log_2(p_i)$$

To mitigate: BitNet1.58

- Represent weight values with -1, 0, and 1 requires 1.58 bits (from shannon's entropy formula, log_2(3) = 1.58
- the matrix multiplication of BitNet only involves integer addition, which saves orders of energy cost for LLMs.
- BitNet b1.58 can match full precision (i.e., FP16) baselines in terms of both perplexity and end-task performance, starting from a 3B size, when using the same configuration (e.g., model size, training tokens, etc.)

- BitNet b1.58 is based on the BitNet architecture, which is a Transformer that replaces nn.Linear with BitLinear.
- Trained from scratch, with 1.58-bit weights and 8-bit activations.



Figure 2: (a) The computation flow of BitLinear. (b) The architecture of BitNet, consisting of the stacks of attentions and FFNs, where matrix multiplication is implemented as BitLinear.



Improvement in memory & latency



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

Comparison: Energy consumption



Figure 3: Energy consumption of BitNet b1.58 compared to LLaMA LLM at 7nm process nodes. On the left is the components of arithmetic operations energy. On the right is the end-to-end energy cost across different model sizes.

Performance

| 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.

| Models | Size | Memory (GB)↓ | Latency (ms)↓ | PPL↓ |
|--------------|------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| LLaMA LLM | 700M | 2.08 (1.00x) | 1.18 (1.00x) | 12.33 |
| BitNet b1.58 | 700M | 0.80 (2.60x) | 0.96 (1.23x) | 12.87 |
| LLaMA LLM | 1.3B | 3.34 (1.00x) | 1.62 (1.00x) | 11.25 |
| BitNet b1.58 | 1.3B | 1.14 (2.93x) | 0.97 (1.67x) | 11.29 |
| LLaMA LLM | 3B | 7.89 (1.00x) | 5.07 (1.00x) | 10.04 |
| BitNet b1.58 | 3B | 2.22 (3.55x) | 1.87 (2.71x) | 9.91 |
| BitNet b1.58 | 3.9B | 2.38 (3.32x) | 2.11 (2.40x) | 9.62 |

Table 1: Perplexity as well as the cost of BitNet b1.58 and LLaMA LLM.

Future Potential

Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) Challenges and Solutions

Memory Efficiency for Long Text Processing

Innovations on Smartphones and Small Devices

Development of New Hardware for 1-bit LLMs