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Introduction to Training Foundational Models with 4M

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"Plain Vanilla" Feed forward Neural Network





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Recurrent Neural Networks



Transformers

Attention Is All You Need

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Abstract

The dominant sequence transduction models are based on complex recurrent or convolutional neural networks that include an encoder and a decoder. The best performing models also connect the encoder and decoder through an attention mechanism. We propose a new simple network architecture, the Transformer, based solely on attention mechanisms, dispensing with recurrence and convolutions entirely. Experiments on two machine translation tasks show these models to be superior in quality while being more parallelizable and requiring significantly Transformers brought two key innovations from its predecessor (RNNs)

Positional Encodings

Self-Attention

high attention

Transformers

Input Sentence	Bank	of	the	river
Embeddings	0.1 0.8 -0.5 -0.1	0.6 -0.2 -0.4 0.9	0.7 -0.5 0.3 0.7	0.3 0.6 -0.2 -0.4
Word2Vec, GloVe				
Add positional context	1	2	3	4
Positional-Aware Embeddings	0.1 0.9 -0.5 -0.1 1.0	0.6 -0.2 -0.4 0.9 2.0	0.7 -0.5 0.3 0.7 3.0	0.3 0.6 -0.2 -0.4 4.0







Inputs

Outputs

GPT

Decoder

N×

Improving Language Understanding by Generative Pre-Training

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Abstract

Natural language understanding comprises a wide range of diverse tasks such as textual entailment, question answering, semantic similarity assessment, and document classification. Although large unlabeled text corpora are abundant, labeled data for learning these specific tasks is scarce, making it challenging for discriminatively trained models to perform adequately. We demonstrate that large gains on these tasks can be realized by generative pre-training of a language model on a diverse corpus of unlabeled text, followed by discriminative fine-tuning on each specific task. In contrast to previous approaches, we make use of task-aware input transformations during fine-tuning to achieve effective transfer while requiring minimal changes to the model architecture. We demonstrate the effectiveness of

ford et al., 2018), BERT is designed to pretional features. The fine-tuning approach, such as train deep bidirectional representations from the Generative Pre-trained Transformer (OpenAI unlabeled text by jointly conditioning on both GPT) (Radford et al., 2018), introduces minimal left and right context in all lavers. As a retask-specific parameters, and is trained on the sult, the pre-trained BERT model can be finedownstroom tooks by simply fine tuning all pro

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AN IMAGE IS WORTH 16x16 WORDS: TRANSFORMERS FOR IMAGE RECOGNITION AT SCALE

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Abstract

While the Transformer architecture has become the de-facto standard for natural language processing tasks, its applications to computer vision remain limited. In vision, attention is either applied in conjunction with convolutional networks, or used to replace certain components of convolutional networks while keeping their overall structure in place. We show that this reliance on CNNs is not necessary and a pure transformer applied directly to sequences of image patches can perform very well on image classification tasks. When pre-trained on large amounts of data and transferred to multiple mid-sized or small image recognition benchmarks (ImageNet, CIFAR-100, VTAB, etc.), Vision Transformer (ViT) attains excellent results compared to state-of-the-art convolutional networks while requiring substantially fewer computational resources to train.¹

Treat an image like a **sequence of patch tokens**, just like words in a sentence and use the same transformer architecture from NLP.







Transformers

Learning Transferable Visual Models From Natural Language Supervision

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Abstract

State-of-the-art computer vision systems are trained to predict a fixed set of predetermined object categories. This restricted form of supervision limits their generality and usability since additional labeled data is needed to specify any Task-agnostic objectives such as autoregressive and masked language modeling have scaled across many orders of magnitude in compute, model capacity, and data, steadily improving capabilities. The development of "text-to-text" as a standardized input-output interface (McCann et al., 2018; Radford et al., 2019; Raffel et al., 2019) has enabled task-

Flamingo: a Visual Language Model for Few-Shot Learning

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ViLBERT: Pretraining Task-Agnostic Visiolinguistic

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Abstract

We present ViLBERT (short for Vision-and-Language BERT), a model for learning task-agnostic joint representations of image content and natural language. We extend the popular BERT architecture to a multi-modal two-stream model, processing both visual and textual inputs in separate streams that interact through co-attentional transformer layers. We pretrain our model through two proxy tasks on the large, automatically collected Conceptual Captions dataset and then transfer it to multiple established vision-and-language tasks – visual question answering, visual commonsense reasoning, referring expressions, and caption-based image retrieval – by making only minor additions to the base architecture. We observe significant improvements across tasks compared to existing task-specific models – achieving state-of-the-art on all four tasks. Our work represents a shift away from learning groundings between vision and language only as part of task training and towards treating visual grounding as a pretrainable and transferable capability.

1 Introduction

"... spend the summer linking a camera to a computer and getting the computer to describe what it saw."

Marvin Minsky on the goal of a 1966 undergraduate summer research project [1]

Foundation Model

On the Opportunities and Risks of Foundation Models

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Foundation Model = (Large corpus of (unlabeled) data + Scale + SSL) \rightarrow Transfer learning capability

4M: Massively Multimodal Masked Modeling

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Abstract

Current machine learning models for vision are often highly specialized and limited to a single modality and task. In contrast, recent large language models exhibit a wide range of capabilities, hinting at a possibility for similarly versatile models in computer vision. In this paper, we take a step in this direction and propose a multimodal training scheme called 4M. It consists of training a **single unified Transformer encoder-decoder** using a **masked modeling objective** across a **wide range of input/output modalities** – including text, images, geometric, and semantic modalities, as well as neural network feature maps. 4M achieves **scalability** by unifying the representation space of all modalities through mapping them into discrete tokens and performing multimodal masked modeling on a small randomized subset of tokens.

4M leads to models that exhibit several key capabilities: (1) they can perform a diverse set of vision tasks out of the box, (2) they excel when fine-tuned for unseen downstream tasks or new input modalities, and (3) they can function as a generative

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4M-21: An Any-to-Any Vision Model for Tens of Tasks and Modalities

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Figure 1: We demonstrate training a single model on tens of highly diverse modalities without a loss in performance compared to specialized single/few task models. The modalities are mapped to discrete tokens using modality-specific tokenizers. The model can generate any of the modalities from any subset of them.

Abstract

Current multimodal and multitask foundation models, like 4M [62] or UnifiedIO [59, 58], show promising results. However, their out-of-the-box abilities to accept diverse inputs and perform diverse tasks are limited by the (usually small) number of modalities and tasks they are trained on. In this paper, we develop a single any-to-any model trained on tens of highly diverse modalities and by



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We want to solve multiple tasks



We want to solve multiple tasks



Solve multiple tasks & understand multiple modalities

Efficiency

- Avoid training one model for each task
- Operate on a wide range of modalities and solves many tasks
- Anything in, anything out (any-to-any)
- Scale to large model sizes
- Benefit from large datasets



Fine-grained multimodal conditions control

Caption input: two football players warming up on the pitch

Human pose input:





Caption input: a minimalist sketch of two stick figures



Caption input: a picture of two astronauts in a lush jungle

Caption input:

a sketch of business

people walking in the

corridor of a modern

ingle walking on an old street



Caption input:

a painting of two

greek philosophers

Caption input: an oil painting of two shepherds on a mountain meadow



Caption input: a painting of two clowns walking on the street with skyscrapers



Caption input: a colorful painting of bride and groom walking down the aisle



Probing with grounded generation

Polygon input RGB generation





Caption input

a bowl of soup on a wooden table





Caption input

a bowl of

soup on a wooden table

Probing with grounded generation

Polygon input

RGB generation



SAM edges input



blue car at sunset

a winter ride with family

a historical photo of a classic car





RGB generation





riding a









Caption input



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Modality specific tokenizer.... how to deal with them ?



Multimodal tokenization

Spatial discrete VAE with diffusion decoder: RGB, normal, depth, edges



MLP discrete VAE: Human poses, DINOv2 & ImageBind global tokens



Spatial discrete VAE: Segmentation, CLIP, DINOv2, ImageBind, SAM inst.



Sequence tokenizer: Text, bounding boxes, metadata, color palette



4M pre-training objective

Scalgible crockslitreschilderaghingkterriziagiomasking



Multimodal masked modeling



Generate any modality conditioned on any other





Generate any modality conditioned on any other



Tokenization

A B C

DE

Self-consistent prediction through <u>chained multimodal</u> <u>generation</u>

4M chained multimodal generation

Iteration 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Bounding boxes

xmin=0.30 ymin=0.51 xmax=0.68 ymax=0.99 horse

> Transformer encoder

Transformer decoder

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Tokenization

Iteration (1 4 5 6 7 (Generate RGB with MaskGIT)



4M chained multimodal generation

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Tokenization	4M chained multimodal generation		
	Iteration 1 8 3 4 5 6 7 (Generate RGB with MaskGIT)		
Bounding boxes xmin=0.30 ymin=0.51 xmax=0.68 ymax=0.99 → A B C D E	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1		
	Transformer encoder decoder		

Tokenization	4M chained multimodal generation		
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Tokenization





4M chained multimodal generation




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Tokenization



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xmin=0.30 ymin=0.51 xmax=0.68 ymax=0.99 horse

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Detokenization



Transfer learning

Traditional Approach

(without Transfer Learning) We train for each task in isolation



Transfer Learning

We leverage knowledge from existing tasks



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4M models

Model	# Mod.	Datasets	# Params	Config	Weights
4M-B	7	CC12M	198M	Config	Checkpoint / HF Hub
4M-B	7	COYO700M	198M	Config	Checkpoint / HF Hub
4M-B	21	CC12M+COYO700M+C4	198M	Config	Checkpoint / HF Hub
4M-L	7	CC12M	705M	Config	Checkpoint / HF Hub
4M-L	7	COYO700M	705M	Config	Checkpoint / HF Hub
4M-L	21	CC12M+COYO700M+C4	705M	Config	Checkpoint / HF Hub
4M-XL	7	CC12M	2.8B	Config	Checkpoint / HF Hub
4M-XL	7	COYO700M	2.8B	Config	Checkpoint / HF Hub
4M-XL	21	CC12M+COYO700M+C4	2.8B	Config	Checkpoint / HF Hub

To load models from Hugging Face Hub:

<pre>from fourm.models.fm import FM</pre>								
fm7b_cc12m fm7b_coyo fm21b	=	<pre>FM.from_pretrained('EPFL-VILAB/4M-7_B_CC12M') FM.from_pretrained('EPFL-VILAB/4M-7_B_COY0700M') FM.from_pretrained('EPFL-VILAB/4M-21_B')</pre>						
fm7l_cc12m fm7l_coyo fm21l	=	<pre>FM.from_pretrained('EPFL-VILAB/4M-7_L_CC12M') FM.from_pretrained('EPFL-VILAB/4M-7_L_COY0700M') FM.from_pretrained('EPFL-VILAB/4M-21_L')</pre>						
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Tokenizers

Modality	Resolution	Number of tokens	Codebook size	Diffusion decoder	Weights
RGB	224-448	196-784	16k	\checkmark	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
Depth	224-448	196-784	8k	\checkmark	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
Normals	224-448	196-784	8k	\checkmark	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
Edges (Canny, SAM)	224-512	196-1024	8k	\checkmark	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
COCO semantic segmentation	224-448	196-784	4k	×	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
CLIP-B/16	224-448	196-784	8k	×	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
DINOv2-B/14	224-448	256-1024	8k	×	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
DINOv2-B/14 (global)	224	16	8k	×	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
ImageBind-H/14	224-448	256-1024	8k	×	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
lmageBind-H/14 (global)	224	16	8k	×	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
SAM instances	-	64	1k	×	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>
3D Human poses	-	8	1k	×	<u>Checkpoint</u> / <u>HF</u> <u>Hub</u>

Method	Normals \downarrow	$Depth \downarrow$	Sem. seg.	\uparrow Inst. seg.	\uparrow IN1K kNN \uparrow	3D human KP \downarrow
22 Omnidata [37] [3] M2F-B [18] [4] SAM [39]	22.5	0.68	X	X	×	×
์ ชั้ M2F-B [18]	×	X	45.7	×	X	X
ਕ SAM [39]	×	X	X	32.9	X	X
o DINOv2-B14 [53] ImageBind-H14 [28]	×	X	X	×	82.1 / <u>93.9</u>	X
a ImageBind-H14 [28]	×	X	X	×	81.1 / 94.4	X
م 4D-Humans [30]	X	×	×	×	×	81.3
OASIS [17]	34.3	X	X	X	×	×
MiDaS DPT [58]	×	0.73	X	×	X	X
M2F-S [18]	×	X	44.6	×	X	X
M2F-L [18]	×	X	48.0	×	X	X
HMR [36]	×	X	X	×	×	130.0
UnifiedIO-B [47]	35.7	1.00	32.9	X	X	X
UnifiedIO-L [47]	33.9	0.87	41.6	×	X	×
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ਕੁ SAM [39]	×	X	×	32.9	×	×
o DINOv2-B14 [53]	×	×	×	×	82.1 / 93.9	×
\tilde{e} ImageBind-H14 [28]	X	X	×	×	$\underline{81.1} \;/\; 94.4$	×
$\overset{\infty}{\leftarrow}$ 4D-Humans [30]	×	×	X	×	×	81.3
OASIS [17]	34.3	×	X	X	×	×
MiDaS DPT [58]	×	0.73	×	×	×	×
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$\stackrel{\sigma}{\rightharpoonup}$ 4D-Humans [30]	×	×	×	×	×	81.3
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More resources : https://4m.epfl.ch/

What's Next





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