ExCP: Extreme LLM Checkpoint Compression via Weight-Momentum Joint Shrinking

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Large language/vision models are consuming more and more storage resources.



Twice the size!

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Adam series optimizer					
Model		Param.	Storage		
GPT3 (Brown et al., 202	20)	175B	2.3TB		
PaLM (Chowdhery et al., 2	540B	\sim 7TB			
LLaMA-70B (Touvron et al	75B	1.0TB			
PanGu- π (Wang et al	7B	99GB			



Residual Checkpoint

Pruning the residual checkpoint has almost no impact on the parameter distribution. This helps us to further prune the parameters.

- Previous work mainly concentrated on inference speed or the size of final checkpoints. During the training process of LLMs or VLMs, large storage is required to store the checkpoints. The storage of optimizer states should also be considered.
- Similarity of adjacent checkpoints should also be considered in the compression. Compression of residual checkpoints achieves better results.



Residual Checkpoint

The difference between adjacent model weights is mostly to be sparse, which is more suitable for compression. The residual checkpoint ΔPt is defined as

$$\Delta \mathcal{P}_t = \{\Delta \mathcal{W}_t, \mathcal{O}_t\} = \{\mathcal{W}_t - \mathcal{W}_{t-1}, \mathcal{O}_t\}.$$



Joint Weight-Momentum Pruning

Joint pruning leads to better performance for checkpoint compression. Weight pruning: $r_w = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{m_t}} \times \operatorname{median}(\mathcal{W}), \mathcal{M}_w(i) = \mathbb{1}_{w_t(i) > r_w}.$

Use the second-order momentum of gradients of weights as an indicator, since they can represent the **statistical average of the weight change** during training.



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If a specific location of weights is pruned, intuitively it is not important to preserve the corresponding momentum states.



Non-uniform quantization

Leave the pruned weights or momentum states to zero, and apply K-means algorithm on other weights or momentum states to cluster them to $2^n - 1$ cluster centers.

Compressing and Reconstructing

Algorithm 1 Compressing process

Require: last reconstructed weight checkpoint $\hat{\mathcal{W}}_{t-1}$, original weight checkpoint \mathcal{W}_t , original optimizer checkpoint \mathcal{O}_t $\Delta \mathcal{W}_t \leftarrow \mathcal{W}_t - \hat{\mathcal{W}}_{t-1}$ $\Delta \mathcal{W}_t^*, \mathcal{O}_t^* \leftarrow \text{joint_prune}(\Delta \mathcal{W}_t, \mathcal{O}_t)$ $\mathcal{I}_t^{\mathcal{W}}, \mathcal{C}_t^{\mathcal{W}} \leftarrow \text{quantize}(\Delta \mathcal{W}_t^*)$ $\mathcal{I}_t^{\mathcal{O}}, \mathcal{C}_t^{\mathcal{O}} \leftarrow \text{quantize}(\Delta \mathcal{O}_t^*)$ $\mathcal{P}_t' \leftarrow 7zip(\mathcal{I}_t^{\mathcal{W}}, \mathcal{C}_t^{\mathcal{W}}, \mathcal{I}_t^{\mathcal{O}}, \mathcal{C}_t^{\mathcal{O}})$ save \mathcal{P}_t'

Compressing process

Algorithm 2 Reconstructing process

Require: last reconstructed weight checkpoint $\hat{\mathcal{W}}_{t-1}$, compressed checkpoint \mathcal{P}_t $\mathcal{I}_t^{\mathcal{W}}, \mathcal{C}_t^{\mathcal{W}}, \mathcal{I}_t^{\mathcal{O}}, \mathcal{C}_t^{\mathcal{O}} \leftarrow \operatorname{unzip}(\mathcal{P}_t)$ $\Delta \mathcal{W}_t^{Q*} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}_t^{\mathcal{W}}[\mathcal{I}_t^{\mathcal{W}}]$ $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_t \leftarrow \mathcal{C}_t^{\mathcal{O}}[\mathcal{I}_t^{\mathcal{O}}]$ $\hat{\mathcal{W}}_t \leftarrow \hat{\mathcal{W}}_{t-1}/\mathcal{W}_{t-1} + \Delta \mathcal{W}_t^{Q*}$

 Algorithm 3 Reconstructing arbitrary checkpoints

 Require: random seed s, compressed checkpoints \mathcal{P}_i , required iterations t

 $\hat{\mathcal{W}}_0 = \text{init}(s)$

 while i < t do

 $\hat{\mathcal{W}}_i \leftarrow \text{recon}(\hat{\mathcal{W}}_{i-1}, \mathcal{P}_i)$

 end while

Reconstructing process

Experimental results: Pythia-410M

Table 3. Results of Pythia-410M models. We achieve almost lossless results while the storage is reduce by $\sim 70 \times$.

Model	Method	Size	Tasks						
			hellaswag	arc-e	piqa	C3	csl	lambada	Avg
Pythia-410M	Original model Residual+7Zip ExCP (Ours)	4.53G 3.40G 0.06G	32.52 32.52 31.95	35.80 35.80 37.04	62.13 62.13 62.62	37.21 37.21 36.22	53.75 53.75 52.50	37.22 37.22 37.24	43.11 43.11 42.93



Figure 4. Comparison of training loss and checkpoint size between original models and our methods.

Experimental results: ViT-L32 and ablation study

Method	M2W pruning	W2M pruning	Top-1 Accuracy(%)	CR(Weights)	CR(Weights & Momentum)
baseline			71.36	1	1
CNR+			71.57	7.82	1.41*
QD+			71.24	16.31	1.45*
DynaQuant			71.82	26.19	1.47*
ExCP(Ours)			71.51	-	19.88
ExCP(Ours)	\checkmark		71.53	-	25.54
ExCP(Ours)		\checkmark	71.80	-	22.76
ExCP(Ours)	\checkmark	\checkmark	71.69	-	35.21

	method		Size	Avg Acc	
residual	prune	quant			
			4070M	43.11	
\checkmark			3484M	43.11	
	\checkmark		324M	29.95	
		\checkmark	492M	40.17	
\checkmark	\checkmark		276M	42.92	
\checkmark		\checkmark	493M	42.94	
\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	61M	42.93	

- Pruning without residual would harm the accuracy.
- Joint weight-momentum pruning achieve the best results.

Experimental results: examples

Question: What kind of exercise do you suggest I do indoors?

Original PanGu- π -**1B**: If you are looking for a way to do some exercise in the comfort of your own home, there are several great exercises you can try. Some suggestions are: Squats: This is a great exercise for all levels, from beginner to advanced. You can do them by sitting on a chair with a squat rack at the back. Slowly lower your hips until your thighs are parallel to the ground, then push it back up. 2. Plank: Planks are a great core-strengthening exercise that can help improve your posture and lower your heart rate. Start by getting into a pushup, then a plank, and finally a layover. 3. Mountain climbers: Mountain climbers are a fun and challenging exercise that can help improve your strength and endurance. Start by bringing a heavy object, like a bag or bottle, into a vertical position. Climb the object up to the ceiling, then bring it back down to the ground. 4. Mountain climbers: Mountain climbers are a challenging and exciting exercise that can help improve your object, like a bag or bottle, into a vertical position. Climb the object, like a bag or bottle, into a vertical position. Climb the object, like a bag or bottle, into a vertical position. Climb the object, like a bag or bottle, into a vertical position. Climb the object, like a bag or bottle, into a vertical position. Climb the object up to the ceiling, then bring it back down to the ground. 5. Yoga: Yoga is a great way to improve your flexibility, strength, and balance. There are many online videos and apps that you can use to learn. Remember, it's important to start slowly and gradually increase the intensity of your workouts. If you feel uncomfortable with any of these exercises, you can always turn back to doing them at your own pace.

Compressed PanGu- π -**1B**: There are a lot of great exercises you can do indoors to help improve your fitness, such as: 1. Yoga: Yoga is a great way to improve flexibility, strength, and balance. There are many online videos and classes available that can help you learn the basics. 2. Bodyweight exercises: You can do bodyweight exercises such as push-ups, squats, lunges, and planks to build strength and improve your overall fitness. 3. Dancing: Dancing is a fun way to improve your cardiovascular fitness, coordination, and balance. There are many online tutorials and classes available that can help you learn the basics. 4. Yoga for beginners: If you're new to yoga, there are many beginner classes available that can help you learn the basics. 5. Pilates: Pilates is a great way to improve your core strength, flexibility, and balance. There are many online videos and classes available that can help you learn the basics. Remember to start slow and gradually increase the intensity and duration of your workouts as you get stronger and more confident.

Thanks

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