PowerInfer Dynamic Hot Neuron Thresholding vs Static Inference in LLaMA-70B Code Generation

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 11 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does PowerInfer's dynamic hot neuron threshold adjustment compare to static inference methods in terms of throughput and memory efficiency when applied to LLaMA-70B on the HumanEval code. This paper introduces PowerInfer, a high-speed Large Language Model (LLM) inference engine on a personal computer (PC) equipped with a single consumer-grade GPU. The key principle underlying the design of PowerInfer is exploiting the high locality inherent in LLM inference. 10 claims were extracted from source literature; 10 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 8.7/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: PowerInfer: Fast Large Language Model Serving with a Consumer-grade GPU. Research question: How does PowerInfer's dynamic hot neuron threshold adjustment compare to static inference methods in terms of throughput and memory efficiency when applied to LLaMA-70B on the HumanEval code generation benchmark?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 11 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.7/10.

3 Results

11 papers retrieved. 10 claims extracted; 10 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.7/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
PowerInfer is an inference engine designed to run on a personal computer equipped with a single consumer-grade GPU.	✓	0.26
LLM inference exhibits a power-law distribution in neuron activation.	✓	0.22
A small subset of neurons, termed 'hot neurons', are consistently activated across different inputs.	✓	0.22
The majority of neurons, termed 'cold neurons', vary in activation based on specific inputs.	✓	0.20
PowerInfer preloads hot-activated neurons onto the GPU for fast access.	✓	0.20
PowerInfer computes cold-activated neurons on the CPU.	✓	0.16
PowerInfer integrates adaptive predictors and neuron-aware sparse operators.	✓	0.23
PowerInfer outperforms llama.cpp by up to 11.69$\times$ on a single NVIDIA RTX 4090 GPU.	✓	0.27
PowerInfer retains model accuracy across various LLMs, including OPT-175B.	✓	0.19
For the OPT-30B model, PowerInfer reaches 82% of the token generation rate of a high-end server-grade A100 GPU when runn	✓	0.36

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