Performance Comparison of Dual-Encoder and Transformer Models on Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual NLI Tasks

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Abstract

The introduction of pretrained cross-lingual language models brought decisive improvements to multilingual NLP tasks. However, the lack of labelled task data necessitates a variety of methods aiming to close the gap to high-resource languages. Zero-shot methods in particular, often use translated task data as a training signal to bridge the performance gap between the source and target language(s). We introduce XeroAlign, a simple method for task-specific alignment of cross-lingual pretrained transformers such as XLM-R. XeroAlign uses translated task data to encourage the model to generate sim

1 Introduction

This paper examines: XeroAlign: Zero-Shot Cross-lingual Transformer Alignment. Research question: How does the performance of dual-encoder models trained on XTREME-R compare to transformer-based models like mBERT or XLM-R on zero-shot cross-lingual natural language inference tasks, measured by accuracy and F1 scores?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 14 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.9/10.

3 Results

14 papers retrieved. 13 claims extracted; 12 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.9/10.

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
XeroAligned XLM-R achieves state-of-the-art scores on three task-oriented XNLU datasets.	✓	0.18
For MTOP, the intent classification accuracy (+1.1) and slot filling F-Score (+2.4) averaged over 5 languages improved o	✓	0.43
For MultiATIS++, XLM-RA shows an improved intent accuracy (+1.1) and slot F-Score (+3.2) over 8 languages, as compared t	✓	0.41
For MTOD, the classification accuracy (+1.3) and slot tagging F-Score (+5.0) on average improved on XLM-R-Large with tra	✓	0.46
On the adversarial paraphrase task (PAWS-X), averaged over 7 languages, XLM-RA scores marginally higher (+0.1 accuracy)	✓	0.46
The intent classification accuracy of XeroAligned XLM-R exceeds that of XLM-R trained with labelled data, averaged acros	✓	0.47
XeroAlign improves intent classification by $\sim$5-10 points (larger for XLM-R-base, see Table 7 in Section 4.4).	✓	0.18
Zero-shot paraphrase detection is another instance of text classification. XLM-RA accuracy exceeds both Target and the T	×	0.12
XeroAlign uses translated task data to encourage the model to generate similar sentence embeddings for different languag	✓	0.36
XLM-RA shows strong improvements over the baseline models to achieve state-of-the-art zero-shot results on three multili	✓	0.42
XLM-RA's text classification accuracy exceeds that of XLM-R trained with labelled data and performs on par with state-of	✓	0.42
XeroAligned XLM-R model (XLM-RA) achieves SOTA scores on three XNLU datasets, exceeds the text classification performanc	✓	0.27
We evaluate our method on 4 datasets that cover 11 unique languages.	✓	0.17

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