

Zero-shot cross-lingual transfer performance with Japanese vs. English on PAWS-X

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Abstract

This research explores the applicability of cross-lingual transfer learning from English to Japanese and Indonesian using the XLM-R pre-trained model. The results are compared with several previous works, either by models using a similar zero-shot approach or a fully-supervised approach, to provide an overview of the zero-shot transfer learning approach's capability using XLM-R in comparison with existing models. Our models achieve the best result in one Japanese dataset and comparable results in other datasets in Japanese and Indonesian languages without being trained using the target language.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: On the Applicability of Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Transfer Learning for Sentiment Classification in Distant Language Pairs. Research question: What is the impact of using Japanese as a source language for zero-shot cross-lingual transfer on the PAWS-X benchmark compared to English, measured by accuracy across different language pairs?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 9 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

9 papers retrieved. 13 claims extracted; 12 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
The XLM-R base pre-trained model achieves the best result in one Japanese dataset and comparable results in other dataset	✓	0.42
The XLM-R base pre-trained model is trained on the CommonCrawl-100 data of 100 languages.	✓	0.23
XLM-R’s monolingual data for some languages (e.g., Kiswahili) are several orders of magnitude larger than with mBERT.	✓	0.20
XLM-R is pre-trained using 100 languages.	✓	0.20
Fine-tuning specifications and elapsed time for AmazonEN: GPU Tesla T4, 4 epochs, average elapsed time per epoch 33 minu	✓	0.27
Fine-tuning specifications and elapsed time for AmazonJA: GPU Tesla P100-PCIE-16GB, 4 epochs, average elapsed time per e	✓	0.32
Fine-tuning specifications and elapsed time for AmazonENJA: GPU Tesla P100-PCIE-16GB, 2 epochs, average elapsed time per	✓	0.33
Model performance on AmazonJA dataset: mBERT 19.04, XLM-R w/ BASE AmazonEN 11.12.	✓	0.17
Model performance on RakutenJA dataset: XLM-R w/ BASE AmazonEN 13.09.	×	0.10
Model performance on IndolemID dataset: Fully-supervised BERT 84.13, Fully-supervised mBERT 76.58, XLM-R w/ BASE AmazonE	✓	0.29
Model performance on SmsaID dataset: Fully-supervised BERT 92.72, Fully-supervised mBERT 84.14, XLM-R w/ BASE AmazonEN 8	✓	0.27
Fine-tuning parameters for AmazonEN and AmazonJA: linear scheduler with warmup, 4 epochs, batch size=32, optimizer=AdamW	✓	0.26
Fine-tuning parameters for AmazonENJA: linear scheduler with warmup, 2 epochs, batch size=32, optimizer=AdamW, learning	✓	0.24

References

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