

Low-Resource African Language Pretraining for Zero-Shot XTREME-R Natural Language Inference Accuracy

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Abstract

Multilingual Pretrained Language Models (MPLMs) have shown their strong multilinguality in recent empirical cross-lingual transfer studies. In this paper, we propose the Prompts Augmented by Retrieval Crosslingually (PARC) pipeline to improve the zero-shot performance on low-resource languages (LRLs) by augmenting the context with semantically similar sentences retrieved from a high-resource language (HRL) as prompts. PARC improves the zero-shot performance on three downstream tasks (binary sentiment classification, topic categorization and natural language inference) with multilingual parallel

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Cross-Lingual Retrieval Augmented Prompt for Low-Resource Languages. Research question: How does the inclusion of low-resource African language pretraining data impact zero-shot accuracy on XTREME-R natural language inference tasks compared to high-resource language baselines?.

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 7.5/10.

3 Results

14 papers retrieved. 7 claims extracted; 5 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.5/10.

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 Amazon Reviews dataset categorizes shopping reviews into 5 star ratings from 1 to 5.	✓	0.21
The AG News dataset contains over 1 million news articles categorized into World (0), Sports (1), Business (2), and Tech	✓	0.26
XNLI is a multilingual version of the MultiNLI dataset and includes tasks to predict entailment (0), neutral (1), and co	✓	0.17
Automatically translated test sets are useful for measuring cross-lingual performance.	✓	0.22
The Google Translate System was used to construct multilingual parallel test sets.	✓	0.19
The translation method was validated using Swahili and Urdu datasets from XNLI, showing effective translation and genera	×	0.12
The performance metrics for Swahili (sw) and Urdu (ur) show minor differences in accuracy and translation quality scores	×	0.10

References

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