Hybrid Batch Training vs Contrastive Learning for Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Retrieval in Low-Resource Languages with XLM-R

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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 languag

1 Introduction

This paper examines: On the Applicability of Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Transfer Learning for Sentiment Classification in Distant Language Pairs. Research question: How does the hybrid batch training approach compare to contrastive learning methods in improving zero-shot cross-lingual retrieval accuracy on low-resource language pairs using the XLM-R model in the XTREME benchmark?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 10 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

10 papers retrieved. 22 claims extracted; 16 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 XLM-R base pre-trained model achieves the best result in one Japanese dataset and comparable results in other datase	✓	0.43
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.	✓	0.21
XLM-R is pre-trained using 100 languages.	✓	0.19
Fine-tuning the xlm-roberta-base pre-trained model using AmazonEN takes an average of 33 minutes and 5 seconds per epoch	✓	0.25
Fine-tuning the xlm-roberta-base pre-trained model using AmazonJA takes an average of 17 minutes and 31 seconds per epoc	✓	0.28
Fine-tuning the xlm-roberta-base pre-trained model using AmazonENJA takes an average of 35 minutes and 57 seconds per ep	✓	0.28
The fine-tuned model using AmazonEN achieves an error percentage of 7.35% on the EN-only dataset.	✓	0.16
The fine-tuned model using AmazonJA achieves an error percentage of 7.25% on the JA-only dataset.	×	0.14
The fine-tuned model using AmazonENJA achieves an error percentage of 7.19% on the EN&JA dataset.	✓	0.17
The zero-shot mBERT model achieves an error percentage of 19.04% on the AmazonJA dataset.	✓	0.21
The fully-supervised ULMFiT model achieves an error percentage of 4.45% on the RakutenJA dataset.	✓	0.16
The XLM-R model with BASE AmazonEN achieves an error percentage of 11.12% on the AmazonJA dataset.	✓	0.16
The XLM-R model with BASE AmazonEN achieves an error percentage of 13.09% on the RakutenJA dataset.	×	0.13
The fully-supervised BERT model achieves an error percentage of 84.13% on the IndolemID dataset.	✓	0.17
The fully-supervised BERT model achieves an error percentage of 92.72% on the SmsaID dataset.	✓	0.17
The fully-supervised mBERT model achieves an error percentage of 76.58% on the IndolemID dataset.	✓	0.18
The fully-supervised mBERT model achieves an error percentage of 84.14% on the SmsaID dataset.	✓	0.19

References

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