

Performance of Multilingual Models on Domain-Specific vs. General Tasks in XGLUE Cross-Lingual NLI

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Abstract

In this paper, we introduce XGLUE, a new benchmark dataset that can be used to train large-scale cross-lingual pre-trained models using multilingual and bilingual corpora and evaluate their performance across a diverse set of cross-lingual tasks. Comparing to GLUE (Wang et al., 2019), which is labeled in English for natural language understanding tasks only, XGLUE has two main advantages: (1) it provides 11 diversified tasks that cover both natural language understanding and generation scenarios; (2) for each task, it provides labeled data in multiple languages. We extend a recent cross-lingual

1 Introduction

This paper examines: XGLUE: A New Benchmark Dataset for Cross-lingual Pre-training, Understanding and Generation. Research question: How does the performance of multilingual models trained on domain-specific intermediate tasks compare to those trained on general language understanding tasks when evaluated on the XGLUE benchmark for cross-lingual natural language inference?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 12 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.3/10.

3 Results

12 papers retrieved. 22 claims extracted; 19 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.3/10.

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
XGLUE provides 11 diversified tasks that cover both natural language understanding and generation scenarios.	✓	0.39
XGLUE provides labeled data in multiple languages for each task.	✓	0.23
Unicoder is extended to cover both understanding and generation tasks and is evaluated on XGLUE as a strong baseline.	✓	0.28
Multilingual BERT, XLM, and XLM-R base versions (12-layer) are evaluated for comparison.	✓	0.26
XLM-R is a RoBERTa-version XLM without using translation language model in pre-training.	✓	0.21
XLM-R is trained based on a much larger multilingual corpus (i.e., Common Crawl) and becomes the new state-of-the-art on	✓	0.25
The hyper-parameters for understanding tasks are set as follows: 768 hidden units, 12 heads, GELU activation, a dropout	✓	0.33
UnicoderLC is initialized with XLM-Rbase and then run continue pre-training with an accumulated 8,192 batch size with gr	✓	0.21
Adam Optimizer with a linear warm-up is used with a learning rate set to 3e-5 in the pre-training stage.	✓	0.23
Different understanding tasks are selected randomly in different batches.	×	0.14
The batch size is set to 32 in the fine-tuning stage.	✓	0.17
Adam Optimizer with warm-up is used with a learning rate set to 5e-6 in the fine-tuning stage.	✓	0.18
For all sentence classification tasks, the model is fine-tuned for 10 epochs.	×	0.10
For POS Tagging and NER, the model is fine-tuned for 20 epochs.	✓	0.23
For POS Tagging, the learning rate is set to 2e-5.	✓	0.23
For MLQA, the learning rate is set to 3e-5, batch size to 12, and the model is trained for 2 epochs following BERT for S	✓	0.31
After each epoch, the fine-tuned model is tested on the dev sets of all languages.	✓	0.19
The model with the best average result on the dev sets of all languages is selected.	✓	0.29
UnicoderxDAE_SC and UnicoderxFNP_SC are evaluated as two separate models.	×	0.06
The hyper-parameters for UnicoderxDAE_SC are set as follows: 768 hidden units, 12 heads, GELU activation.	✓	0.27
The Small Corpus (SC) consists of a 101G multilingual corpus covering 100 languages and a 146G bilingual corpus covering	✓	0.29

References

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