

# Mutual Intent-Slot Guidance in Zero-Shot SLU for Cross-Lingual Robustness

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## Abstract

Spoken language understanding (SLU) typically includes two sub-tasks: intent detection and slot filling. Currently, it has achieved great success in high-resource languages, but it still remains challenging in low-resource languages due to the scarcity of labeled training data. Hence, there is a growing interest in zero-shot cross-lingual SLU. Despite of the success of existing zero-shot cross-lingual SLU models, most of them neglect to achieve the mutual guidance between intent and slots. To address this issue, we propose an Intra-Inter Knowledge Distillation framework for zero-shot cross-ling

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: I<sup>2</sup>KD-SLU: An Intra-Inter Knowledge Distillation Framework for Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Spoken Language Understanding. Research question: How does mutual intent-slot guidance in zero-shot SLU models impact the robustness of cross-lingual intent detection (measured by F1 score) when evaluated on the MultiWOZ dataset with typologically distant language pairs?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 4 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

4 papers retrieved. 14 claims extracted; 10 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 MultiATIS++ dataset consists of 18 intents and 84 slots for each language.	✓	0.18
The MultiATIS++ dataset includes human-translated data for six languages: Spanish, German, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese	✓	0.23
The mBERT model used in the experiment has $N = 12$ attention heads and $M = 12$ transformer blocks.	✓	0.19
Hyperparameters are selected by searching a combination of batch size and learning rate within the candidate sets $\{4, 8,$	✓	0.28
The parameters $\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\lambda$ , $\gamma$ are set to 0.9, 0.1, 0.7, and 0.3 in Eq.10, respectively.	✓	0.16
The Adam optimizer is used with $\beta_1 = 0.9$ and $\beta_2 = 0.98$ .	×	0.13
The learning rate decreases proportionally to the inverse square root of the step number after the warm-up phase.	✓	0.25
All experiments are conducted on an Nvidia Tesla-V100 GPU.	✓	0.19
I2KD-SLU achieves the new state-of-the-art performance on the MultiATIS++ dataset, obtaining a significant improvement o	✓	0.32
The I2KD-SLU model achieves an average intent accuracy of 92.91% on the MultiATIS++ dataset.	×	0.13
The I2KD-SLU model achieves an average slot F1 score of 87.94% on the MultiATIS++ dataset.	×	0.08
The I2KD-SLU model achieves an overall accuracy of 80.23% on the MultiATIS++ dataset.	×	0.08
The I2KD-SLU model correctly predicts the intent and slots for the utterance 'what's the ground transportation in westch	✓	0.23
The I2KD-SLU model correctly predicts the intent and slots for the utterance 'Welchen Bodenverkehr gibt es in Westcheste	✓	0.30

## References

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