

Alignment Enhancement in Multilingual Models via Intermediate-Task Training

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Abstract

State-of-the-art natural language processing systems rely on supervision in the form of annotated data to learn competent models. These models are generally trained on data in a single language (usually English), and cannot be directly used beyond that language. Since collecting data in every language is not realistic, there has been a growing interest in cross-lingual language understanding (XLU) and low-resource cross-language transfer. In this work, we construct an evaluation set for XLU by extending the development and test sets of the Multi-Genre Natural Language Inference Corpus (MultiNL

1 Introduction

This paper examines: XNLI: Evaluating Cross-lingual Sentence Representations. Research question: What is the impact of intermediate-task training on the alignment of multilingual language models, as measured by the Cross-Lingual Natural Language Inference (XNLI) benchmark?.

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 8.3/10.

3 Results

14 papers retrieved. 6 claims extracted; 6 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
XNLI is the first large-scale corpus for evaluating sentence-level representations on that many languages.	✓	0.20
The Reuters cross-lingual document classification corpus is highly unbalanced and lacks a development set in the target	✓	0.18
Cross-lingual word embeddings can be generated with no supervision whatsoever.	✓	0.19
The most straightforward way to generate sentence embeddings is to consider an average or weighted average of word repre	✓	0.23
Recent crowdsourced annotation efforts have yielded datasets for NLI in English with nearly a million examples.	✓	0.18
Natural language inference (NLI) has emerged as a practical test bed for work on sentence understanding.	✓	0.24

References

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