Soft Layer Selection for Multimodal Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Transfer

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Abstract

Multilingual pre-trained contextual embedding models (Devlin et al., 2019) have achieved impressive performance on zero-shot cross-lingual transfer tasks. Finding the most effective fine-tuning strategy to fine-tune these models on high-resource languages so that it transfers well to the zero-shot languages is a non-trivial task. In this paper, we propose a novel meta-optimizer to soft-select which layers of the pre-trained model to freeze during fine-tuning. We train the meta-optimizer by simulating the zero-shot transfer scenario. Results on cross-lingual natural language inference show that

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Soft Layer Selection with Meta-Learning for Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Transfer. Research question: Can the soft layer selection method be extended to multimodal models (e.g., CLIP, OWL-ViT) to improve zero-shot cross-lingual transfer performance on vision-language tasks, as measured by accuracy on XTREME-R images subtasks?.

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 8.5/10.

3 Results

12 papers retrieved. 14 claims extracted; 13 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.5/10.

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 proposed approach improves over the simple fine-tuning baseline and X-MAML (Nooralahzadeh et al., 2020).	✓	0.34
The meta-optimizer uses much less meta-parameters than the X-MAML approach (Nooralahzadeh et al., 2020).	✓	0.17
The approach outperforms both the simple fine-tuning baseline and the X-MAML algorithm.	✓	0.21
The approach brings larger gains when transferring from multiple source languages.	✓	0.22
Ablation study shows that both the layer-wise update rate and cross-lingual meta-training are key to the success of the	✓	0.29
The most widely used approach to zero-shot cross-lingual transfer using multilingual BERT is to fine-tune the BERT model	✓	0.33
The gap between training and testing can lead to sub-optimal performance on the target language.	✓	0.24
The meta-optimizer is trained by selecting a 'surprise' language randomly from the source language tasks.	✓	0.17
The meta-optimizer consists of a standard optimizer as the base optimizer and a set of meta-parameters to control the la	✓	0.27
An update step is formulated as θt = θt-1 -λ $\Delta$$\theta$t where $\Delta$$\theta$t = fopt(g1, ..., gt).	✓	0.31
The function fopt is defined by the optimization algorithm and its hyper-parameters.	✓	0.19
Natural Language Inference (NLI) can be cast into a sequence pair classification problem.	✓	0.17
The Multi-Genre Natural Language Inference Corpus consists of 433k English sentence pairs labeled with textual entailmen	✓	0.25
The XNLI dataset is used for evaluation.	×	0.05

References

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