

Language Clustering Effects on Robustness in Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Transfer

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Abstract

Learning what to share between tasks has been a topic of great importance recently, as strategic sharing of knowledge has been shown to improve downstream task performance. This is particularly important for multilingual applications, as most languages in the world are under-resourced. Here, we consider the setting of training models on multiple different languages at the same time, when little or no data is available for languages other than English. We show that this challenging setup can be approached using meta-learning, where, in addition to training a source language model, another model

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Transfer with Meta Learning. Research question: To what extent does language clustering in meta-learning enhance robustness against domain shifts in zero-shot cross-lingual transfer as measured by F1 scores on XTREME-R classification tasks?.

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 8.0/10.

3 Results

14 papers retrieved. 10 claims extracted; 8 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.0/10.

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
Strategic sharing of knowledge has been shown to improve downstream task performance.	✓	0.26
Most languages in the world are under-resourced.	×	0.15
The proposed approach uses meta-learning where one model learns to select beneficial training instances for a source language	✓	0.22
Experiments were conducted using standard supervised, zero-shot cross-lingual, and few-shot cross-lingual settings.	✓	0.27
Experiments covered natural language inference and question answering tasks.	×	0.14
The experimental setup demonstrated the effectiveness of meta-learning for a total of 15 languages.	✓	0.25
The proposed method improves upon the state-of-the-art for zero-shot and few-shot Natural Language Inference on the Mult	✓	0.17
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The proposed method improves upon the state-of-the-art for zero-shot and few-shot Question Answering on the MLQA dataset	✓	0.17
Error analysis indicates that the correlation of typological features between languages can partly explain when parameters	✓	0.39

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