Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning for Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Transfer in Low-Resource Turkic Languages on XCOPA and XNLI

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Abstract

Large language models (LLMs) have transformed natural language processing, yet their capabilities remain uneven across languages. Most multilingual models are trained primarily on high-resource languages, leaving many languages with large speaker populations underrepresented in both training data and evaluation benchmarks. This imbalance is particularly visible in the Turkic language family. This paper proposes a theoretical framework for studying cross-lingual transfer and parameter-efficient adaptation of multilingual LLMs within the Turkic language family, focusing on Azerbaijani, Kazakh, U

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Cross-Lingual Transfer and Parameter-Efficient Adaptation in the Turkic Language Family: A Theoretical Framework for Low-Resource Language Models. Research question: How does parameter-efficient fine-tuning impact zero-shot cross-lingual transfer accuracy for low-resource Turkic languages on the XCOPA and XNLI benchmarks compared to full-model fine-tuning?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 9 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 7.6/10.

3 Results

9 papers retrieved. 9 claims extracted; 8 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.6/10.

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
Differences in morphology and tokenization may affect the reliability of standard automatic evaluation metrics when appl	✓	0.26
The paper proposes a conceptual scaling model for multilingual language model adaptation in morphologically rich languag	✓	0.25
The paper introduces the Turkic Transfer Coefficient (TTC) as a theoretical construct to quantify cross-lingual transfer	✓	0.24
The Turkic Transfer Coefficient (TTC) is based on morphological similarity, lexical overlap, syntactic structure, script	✓	0.23
The study uses the Turkic language family as a typologically coherent testbed for a language-family-level analytical fra	✓	0.20
The framework integrates insights from multilingual representation learning, parameter-efficient fine-tuning, and cross-	✓	0.25
The analysis examines linguistic properties of the Turkic language family, specifically agglutinative morphology, suffix	✓	0.17
The study analyzes Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA) to determine how adaptation capacity interacts with language-specific feat	✓	0.17
The study presents empirical experiments or benchmark results.	×	0.13

References

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