Scaling Training Data and Cross-Lingual Transferability in Low-Resource Dialogue State Tracking

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Abstract

There has been a rapid development in data-driven task-oriented dialogue systems with the benefit of large-scale datasets. However, the progress of dialogue systems in low-resource languages lags far behind due to the lack of high-quality data. To advance the cross-lingual technology in building dialog systems, DSTC9 introduces the task of cross-lingual dialog state tracking, where we test the DST module in a low-resource language given the rich-resource training dataset. This paper studies the transferability of a cross-lingual generative dialogue state tracking system using a multilingual

1 Introduction

This paper examines: An Empirical Study of Cross-Lingual Transferability in Generative Dialogue State Tracker. Research question: How does the scaling of training data size affect the cross-lingual transferability of dialogue state trackers in low-resource languages, as measured by model performance on standard benchmarks like MultiWOZ?.

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 7.3/10.

3 Results

12 papers retrieved. 26 claims extracted; 24 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.3/10.

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
MultiWOZ 2.1 is a cleaner version of the previous counterpart with more than 30% updates in dialogue state annotations.	✓	0.21
CrossWOZ is a Chinese multi-domain task-oriented dataset with more than 6,000 dialogues, five domains, and 72 slots.	✓	0.22
Both MultiWOZ and CrossWOZ collect human-to-human dialogues in Wizard-of-Oz settings.	✓	0.15
In DSTC9 Track 2, the organizers translate MultiWOZ and CrossWOZ into Chinese and English, respectively.	✓	0.24
The public and private test of CrossWOZ-en in DSTC9 has 250 dialogues, but only the public test set has annotations.	✓	0.22
MultiWOZ has 8,438 dialogues, 113,556 total turns, 7 domains, 24 slots, and 4,510 values.	×	0.14
CrossWOZ has 5,012 dialogues, 84,692 total turns, 5 domains, 72 slots, and 7,871 values.	✓	0.16
The translated version of MultiWOZ and CrossWOZ have the same metrics.	✓	0.17
Traditional dialogue state tracking depends on fixed vocabulary approaches where retrieval-based models rank slot candid	✓	0.18
Recent research efforts in DST have moved towards generation-based approaches where the models generate slot value given	✓	0.27
Wu et al. (2019) proposed a generative multi-domain DST model with a copy mechanism which ensures the capability to gene	✓	0.34
Kim et al. (2019) introduced a selectively overwriting mechanism, a memory-based approach to increase efficiency in trai	✓	0.27
Le, Socher, and Hoi (2020) adopted a non-autoregressive architecture to model potential dependencies among (domain, slot	✓	0.27
Hosseini-Asl et al. (2020) took advantage of the powerful generation ability of large-scale autoregressive language mode	✓	0.30
Schuster et al. (2019) introduced a multilingual multi-domain NLU dataset.	✓	0.29
Mrksic et al. (2017) annotated two additional languages to WOZ 2.0.	✓	0.25
Liu et al. (2019) proposed a mixed-language training for cross-lingual NLU and DST tasks.	✓	0.31
All previous multilingual DST methods modeled the dialogue state tracking task as a classification problem.	✓	0.18
DSTC9 Track 2 proposed a cross-lingual multi-domain dialogue state tracking task.	✓	0.19
The main goal of DSTC9 Track 2 is to build a	✓	0.24

References

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