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1 Experiment 11 - Implementing a Bidirectional Encoder Representation with Transformers (BERT)

1.1 About the BERT

BERT stands for "Bidirectional Encoder Representation with Transformers". To put it in simple words BERT extracts patterns or representations from the data or word embeddings by passing it through an encoder. The encoder itself is a transformer architecture that is stacked together. It is a bidirectional transformer which means that during training it considers the context from both left and right of the vocabulary to extract patterns or representations.

1.2 Paradigms of Use

BERT uses two training paradigms: Pre-training and Fine-tuning.

During pre-training, the model is trained on a large dataset to extract patterns. This is generally an unsupervised learning task where the model is trained on an unlabelled dataset like the data from a big corpus like Wikipedia.

During fine-tuning the model is trained for downstream tasks like Classification, Text-Generation, Language Translation, Question-Answering, and so forth. Essentially, you can download a pre-trained model and then Transfer-learn the model on your data.

1.3 How does BERT work?

BERT makes use of Transformer, an attention mechanism that learns contextual relations between words (or sub-words) in a text. In its vanilla form, Transformer includes two separate mechanisms — an encoder that reads the text input and a decoder that produces a prediction for the task. Since BERT's goal is to generate a language model, only the encoder mechanism is necessary. The detailed workings of Transformer are described in a paper by Google.

As opposed to directional models, which read the text input sequentially (left-to-right or right-to-left), the Transformer encoder reads the entire sequence of words at once. Therefore it is considered bidirectional, though it would be more accurate to say that it's non-directional. This characteristic allows the model to learn the context of a word based on all of its surroundings (left and right of the word).

When training language models, there is a challenge of defining a prediction goal. Many models predict the next word in a sequence (e.g. "The child came home from _____"), a directional approach

which inherently limits context learning. To overcome this challenge, BERT uses two training strategies:

1.3.1 Masked LM (MLM)

Before feeding word sequences into BERT, 15% of the words in each sequence are replaced with a [MASK] token. The model then attempts to predict the original value of the masked words, based on the context provided by the other, non-masked, words in the sequence. In technical terms, the prediction of the output words requires: 1. Adding a classification layer on top of the encoder output. 2. Multiplying the output vectors by the embedding matrix, transforming them into the vocabulary dimension. 3. Calculating the probability of each word in the vocabulary with softmax.

The BERT loss function takes into consideration only the prediction of the masked values and ignores the prediction of the non-masked words. As a consequence, the model converges slower than directional models, a characteristic which is offset by its increased context awareness.

1.3.2 Next Sentence Prediction (NSP)

In the BERT training process, the model receives pairs of sentences as input and learns to predict if the second sentence in the pair is the subsequent sentence in the original document. During training, 50% of the inputs are a pair in which the second sentence is the subsequent sentence in the original document, while in the other 50% a random sentence from the corpus is chosen as the second sentence. The assumption is that the random sentence will be disconnected from the first sentence.

To help the model distinguish between the two sentences in training, the input is processed in the following way before entering the model:

- 1. A [CLS] token is inserted at the beginning of the first sentence and a [SEP] token is inserted at the end of each sentence.
- 2. A sentence embedding indicating Sentence A or Sentence B is added to each token. Sentence embeddings are similar in concept to token embeddings with a vocabulary of 2.
- 3. A positional embedding is added to each token to indicate its position in the sequence. The concept and implementation of positional embedding are presented in the Transformer paper.

Source: BERT [Devlin et al., 2018], with modifications

To predict if the second sentence is indeed connected to the first, the following steps are performed:

- 1. The entire input sequence goes through the Transformer model.
- 2. The output of the [CLS] token is transformed into a 2×1 shaped vector, using a simple classification layer (learned matrices of weights and biases).
- 3. Calculating the probability of IsNextSequence with softmax.

When training the BERT model, Masked LM and Next Sentence Prediction are trained together, with the goal of minimizing the combined loss function of the two strategies.

1.4 How to use BERT (Fine-tuning)

Using BERT for a specific task is relatively straightforward:

BERT can be used for a wide variety of language tasks, while only adding a small layer to the core model:

- 1. Classification tasks such as sentiment analysis are done similarly to Next Sentence classification, by adding a classification layer on top of the Transformer output for the [CLS] token.
- 2. In Question Answering tasks (e.g. SQuAD v1.1), the software receives a question regarding a text sequence and is required to mark the answer in the sequence. Using BERT, a Q&A model can be trained by learning two extra vectors that mark the beginning and the end of the answer.
- 3. In Named Entity Recognition (NER), the software receives a text sequence and is required to mark the various types of entities (Person, Organization, Date, etc) that appear in the text. Using BERT, a NER model can be trained by feeding the output vector of each token into a classification layer that predicts the NER label.

In the fine-tuning training, most hyper-parameters stay the same as in BERT training.

1.5 Summary

BERT falls into a self-supervised model. That means, it can generate inputs and labels from the raw corpus without being explicitly programmed by humans. Remember the data it is trained on is unstructured.

BERT was pre-trained with two specific tasks: Masked Language Model and Next sentence prediction. The former uses masked input like "the man [MASK] to the store" instead of "the man went to the store". This restricts BERT to see the words next to it which allows it to learn bidirectional representations as much as possible making it much more flexible and reliable for several downstream tasks. The latter predicts whether the two sentences are contextually assigned to each other.

1.6 Code

1.6.1 Import Libraries

```
import time
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

import torch
import torch.nn as nn
from torch.utils.data import TensorDataset, DataLoader, RandomSampler,
SequentialSampler

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
from sklearn.utils.class_weight import compute_class_weight
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

import transformers
from transformers
from transformers import AutoModel, BertTokenizerFast
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

import seaborn as sns /home/volt/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/scipy/__init__.py:146: UserWarning: A NumPy version >=1.16.5 and <1.23.0 is required for this version of SciPy (detected version 1.24.3 warnings.warn(f"A NumPy version >={np minversion} and <{np maxversion}" 2023-04-24 00:17:59.166567: I tensorflow/core/platform/cpu_feature_guard.cc:193] This TensorFlow binary is optimized with oneAPI Deep Neural Network Library (oneDNN) to use the following CPU instructions in performance-critical operations: AVX2 FMA To enable them in other operations, rebuild TensorFlow with the appropriate compiler flags. 2023-04-24 00:18:00.175588: W tensorflow/compiler/xla/stream_executor/platform/default/dso_loader.cc:64] Could not load dynamic library 'libnvinfer.so.7'; dlerror: libnvinfer.so.7: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory 2023-04-24 00:18:00.175771: W tensorflow/compiler/xla/stream_executor/platform/default/dso_loader.cc:64] Could not load dynamic library 'libnvinfer_plugin.so.7'; dlerror: libnvinfer_plugin.so.7: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory 2023-04-24 00:18:00.175781: W tensorflow/compiler/tf2tensorrt/utils/py_utils.cc:38] TF-TRT Warning: Cannot

Define GPU Here if Available

```
[]: device = torch.device("cuda")
```

1.6.2 Preprocessing

properly.

Import the Corpus of Raw Text

```
[]: data = pd.read_csv(r"../assets/data/spam-data.csv")
  data.head()
```

dlopen some TensorRT libraries. If you would like to use Nvidia GPU with

TensorRT, please make sure the missing libraries mentioned above are installed

```
[]: label text
0 0 Go until jurong point, crazy.. Available only ...
1 0 Ok lar... Joking wif u oni...
2 1 Free entry in 2 a wkly comp to win FA Cup fina...
3 0 U dun say so early hor... U c already then say...
4 0 Nah I don't think he goes to usf, he lives aro...
```

1.6.3 Check the Shape of Data

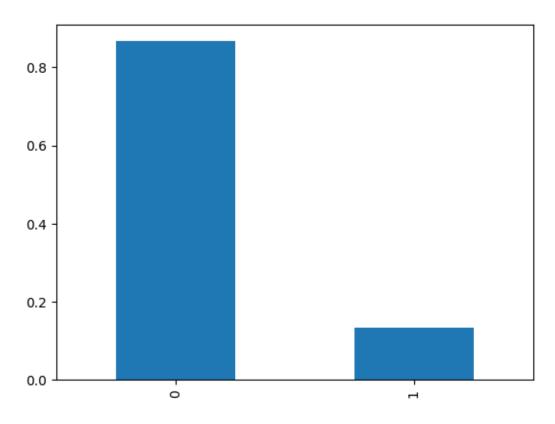
```
[]: data.shape
[]: (5572, 2)

Check the Way Labels are Distributed
[]: data['label'].value_counts(normalize=True)

[]: 0     0.865937
     1     0.134063
     Name: label, dtype: float64

Plot the Bar Plot for the Distribution
[]: data['label'].value_counts(normalize=True).plot.bar()

[]: <AxesSubplot: >
```



1.6.4 Split the Data into Training, Testing and Validation SetsTrain-test Split

```
[]: XTrain, XTest, yTrain, yTest = train_test_split(data['text'], data['label'], userandom_state=42, test_size=0.3, stratify=data['label'])
```

Validation Split

1.6.5 Download and Import the Pre-trained BERT Model from Huggingface

```
[]: # Import the BERT-base pretrained model

BERT = AutoModel.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')

# Load the BERT tokenizer

tokenizer = BertTokenizerFast.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
```

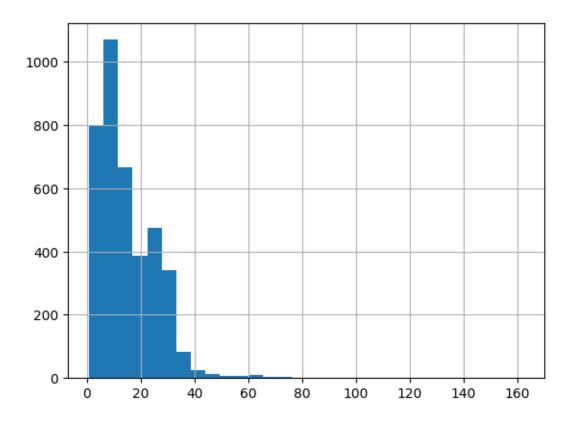
```
Some weights of the model checkpoint at bert-base-uncased were not used when initializing BertModel: ['cls.predictions.decoder.weight', 'cls.predictions.transform.dense.bias', 'cls.seq_relationship.bias', 'cls.predictions.bias', 'cls.seq_relationship.weight', 'cls.predictions.transform.dense.weight', 'cls.predictions.transform.LayerNorm.bias', 'cls.predictions.transform.LayerNorm.weight'] - This IS expected if you are initializing BertModel from the checkpoint of a model trained on another task or with another architecture (e.g. initializing a BertForSequenceClassification model from a BertForPreTraining model). - This IS NOT expected if you are initializing BertModel from the checkpoint of a model that you expect to be exactly identical (initializing a BertForSequenceClassification model).
```

1.6.6 Get the Length of each Sequence of Text and Plot their Distributions

```
[]: # get length of all the messages in the train set
sequenceLength = [len(sample.split()) for sample in XTrain]

pd.Series(sequenceLength).hist(bins = 30)
```

[]: <AxesSubplot: >



1.6.7 Tokenise and Encode Sequences

```
[]: # Tokenize and encode sequences in the training set
     trainTokens = tokenizer.batch_encode_plus(
         XTrain.tolist(),
         max_length = 25,
         pad_to_max_length=True,
         truncation=True
     )
     # Tokenize and encode sequences in the validation set
     validationTokens = tokenizer.batch_encode_plus(
         XValidationTrain.tolist(),
         max_length = 25,
         pad_to_max_length=True,
         truncation=True
     )
     # Tokenize and encode sequences in the test set
     testTokens = tokenizer.batch_encode_plus(
         XValidationTest.tolist(),
         max_length = 25,
```

```
pad_to_max_length=True,
    truncation=True
)
```

/home/volt/.local/lib/python3.10/sitepackages/transformers/tokenization_utils_base.py:2339: FutureWarning: The
`pad_to_max_length` argument is deprecated and will be removed in a future
version, use `padding=True` or `padding='longest'` to pad to the longest
sequence in the batch, or use `padding='max_length'` to pad to a max length. In
this case, you can give a specific length with `max_length` (e.g.
`max_length=45`) or leave max_length to None to pad to the maximal input size of
the model (e.g. 512 for Bert).

warnings.warn(

[]: type(trainTokens)

[]: transformers.tokenization_utils_base.BatchEncoding

1.6.8 Convert these Lists to Tensors

```
[]: trainSequenceTensor = torch.tensor(trainTokens['input_ids'])
    trainMaskTensor = torch.tensor(trainTokens['attention_mask'])
    trainYTensor = torch.tensor(yTrain.tolist())

validationSequenceTensor = torch.tensor(validationTokens['input_ids'])
    validationMaskTensor = torch.tensor(validationTokens['attention_mask'])
    validationYTensor = torch.tensor(yValidationTrain.tolist())

testSequenceTensor = torch.tensor(testTokens['input_ids'])
    testMaskTensor = torch.tensor(testTokens['attention_mask'])
    testYTensor = torch.tensor(yValidationTest.tolist())
```

Here're the Created Tensors

```
[\ ]: \ | \ trainSequenceTensor, \ trainSequenceTensor.shape
```

```
102],
[]: (tensor([[ 101,
                      3125,
                              999,
                                        1037,
                                               3413,
              [ 101, 1045, 2123, ...,
                                                  0,
                                                         0],
                                           0,
             Γ 101.
                      9779, 2232, ...,
                                           Ο,
                                                  0,
                                                         0],
             [ 101,
                      2469,
                            1010, ...,
                                       1998, 3227,
                                                       102],
                                                       102],
              [ 101,
                      2498, 2021, ...,
                                        2253, 11047,
              [ 101, 7087,
                             1012, ..., 2061, 1045,
                                                       102]]),
     torch.Size([3900, 25]))
```

[]: testSequenceTensor, testSequenceTensor.shape

```
[]: (tensor([[ 101,
                      4067,
                             2017, ...,
                                                          0],
                                            0,
                                                   0,
                101,
                      6203,
                             5718,
                                    ...,
                                        2345,
                                               3535,
                                                        102],
              Γ
                101,
                      2073,
                             2024,
                                            0,
                                                   0,
                                                          0],
                      2053,
                             1012, ...,
                                               2489.
                                                        1027.
              [ 101,
                                        4309,
              [ 101,
                      1015,
                             1045, ...,
                                         1005, 1040,
                                                        102],
                             2444, ..., 21472, 21472,
              [ 101,
                      2524,
                                                        102]]),
     torch.Size([836, 25]))
[]: validationSequenceTensor, validationSequenceTensor.shape
[]: (tensor([[ 101, 5003,
                             2132,
                                                          0],
              [ 101, 11948,
                             2072,
                                         1012, 20228,
                                                        102],
                101, 13433,
                             2139, ...,
                                        2050, 1012,
                                                        102],
              [ 101,
                      2053,
                             3291, ...,
                                            0,
                                                   0,
                                                          07.
              [ 101,
                      1998,
                             2011, ...,
                                            Ο,
                                                          0],
              [ 101,
                             2758, ..., 1055, 5791,
                      2002,
                                                        102]]),
     torch.Size([836, 25]))
    1.6.9 Using the Data Loader in PyTorch to Load the Dataset
    Define Hyper-parameter(s)
[]: batchSize = 16
    Create Training Tensors
[]: # Wrapping the training tensors
    trainingTensor = TensorDataset(trainSequenceTensor, trainMaskTensor, 
      # Randomly Sampling the Wrapped Tensor
    trainingSampler = RandomSampler(trainingTensor)
     # Putting the training sampled data in a data loader
    trainingDataLoader = DataLoader(trainingTensor, sampler=trainingSampler, __
      →batch_size=batchSize)
[]: type(trainingTensor), type(trainingSampler), type(trainingDataLoader)
[]: (torch.utils.data.dataset.TensorDataset,
     torch.utils.data.sampler.RandomSampler,
     torch.utils.data.dataloader.DataLoader)
```

Now, the same for Validation Tensors

1.6.10 Construct the BERT Model

```
[]: # Freeze all the parameters
for parameter in BERT.parameters():
    parameter.requires_grad = False
```

```
[]: class BERTArchitecture(nn.Module):
         def __init__(self, bert):
             super(BERTArchitecture, self).__init__()
             self.bert = bert
             # Dropout layer
             self.dropout = nn.Dropout(0.1)
             # ReLU activation function
             self.relu = nn.ReLU()
             # Dense layer 1
             self.fullyConnected1 = nn.Linear(768, 512)
             # Dense layer 2 (Output layer)
             self.fullyConnected2 = nn.Linear(512, 2)
             # Softmax activation function
             self.softmax = nn.LogSoftmax(dim=1)
         # Define the forward pass
         def forward(self, sent_id, mask):
             # Pass the inputs to the model
             _, cls_hs = self.bert(sent_id, attention_mask=mask, return_dict=False)
             # Input layer
             x = self.fullyConnected1(cls_hs)
             x = self.relu(x)
             x = self.dropout(x)
```

```
# Output layer
x = self.fullyConnected2(x)

# Apply softmax activation
x = self.softmax(x)

return x
```

1.6.11 Pass the Pre-trained BERT from Huggingface to our Defined Architecture

```
[ ]: model = BERTArchitecture(BERT)
```

Push our Model to the Device

```
[]: model = model.to(device)
```

1.6.12 Create an Optimiser

```
[]: # Optimizer from hugging face transformers
from transformers import AdamW

# Define the optimizer
optimizer = AdamW(model.parameters(), lr=1e-5)
```

/home/volt/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/transformers/optimization.py:306: FutureWarning: This implementation of AdamW is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Use the PyTorch implementation torch.optim.AdamW instead, or set `no_deprecation_warning=True` to disable this warning warnings.warn(

1.6.13 Compute Class Weights

Class Weights: [0.57743559 3.72848948]

Convert Class Weights List to Tensor

```
[]: # Converting list of class weights to a tensor
weights = torch.tensor(weightsList, dtype=torch.float)

# Push to GPU
weights = weights.to(device)
```

1.6.14 Define Hyper-parameters to Train

```
[]: # Define the loss function
crossEntropy = nn.NLLLoss(weight=weights)

# Define the number of training epochs
epochs = 10

# Define how many steps before printing an update
trainingStepsUpdate = 20
validationStepsUpdate = 10
```

1.6.15 Training the Model - Fine Tuning

Define a function to train the model.

```
[]: def train():
         model.train()
         totalLoss = 0
         # Empty list to save model predictions
         totalPredictions = []
         # Iterate over batches
         for step, batch in enumerate(trainingDataLoader):
             # Progress update after every 50 batches.
             if step % trainingStepsUpdate == 0 and not step == 0:
                 print('\tBatch {:>3,} of {:>3,}.'.format(step,__
      →len(trainingDataLoader)))
             # Push the batch to gpu
             batch = [r.to(device) for r in batch]
             sent_id, mask, labels = batch
             # Clear previously calculated gradients
             model.zero_grad()
             # Get model predictions for the current batch
             preds = model(sent_id, mask)
             # Compute the loss between actual and predicted values
             loss = crossEntropy(preds, labels)
             # Add on to the total loss
             totalLoss = totalLoss + loss.item()
             # Backward pass to calculate the gradients
```

```
loss.backward()
      # Clip the the gradients to 1.0. It helps in preventing the exploding
⇒gradient problem
      torch.nn.utils.clip_grad_norm_(model.parameters(), 1.0)
      # Update parameters
      optimizer.step()
      # Model predictions are stored on GPU. So, push it to CPU
      preds = preds.detach().cpu().numpy()
  # Append the model predictions
  totalPredictions.append(preds)
  # Compute the training loss of the epoch
  averageLoss = totalLoss / len(trainingDataLoader)
  # Predictions are in the form of (no. of batches, size of batch, no. of \Box
⇒classes). Reshape the predictions in form of (number of samples, no. of U
⇔classes)
  totalPredictions = np.concatenate(totalPredictions, axis=0)
  # Returns the loss and predictions
  return averageLoss, totalPredictions
```

1.6.16 Evaluating the Model - Using the Validation Set

Define a function to evaluate the model.

```
[]: def evaluate():
    print("\nEvaluating...")

# Deactivate dropout layers
    model.eval()

totalLoss = 0

# Empty list to save the model predictions
totalPredictions = []

# Iterate over batches
for step, batch in enumerate(validationDataLoader):
    # Progress update every 50 batches.
    if step % validationStepsUpdate == 0 and not step == 0:
        # Report progress.
```

```
print('\tBatch {:>3,} of {:>3,}.'.format(step,__
⇔len(validationDataLoader)))
      # Push the batch to gpu
      batch = [t.to(device) for t in batch]
      sent_id, mask, labels = batch
      # Deactivate autograd
      with torch.no_grad():
          # Model predictions
          preds = model(sent_id, mask)
          # Compute the validation loss between actual and predicted values
          loss = crossEntropy(preds,labels)
          totalLoss = totalLoss + loss.item()
          preds = preds.detach().cpu().numpy()
          totalPredictions.append(preds)
  # Compute the validation loss of the epoch
  averageLoss = totalLoss / len(validationDataLoader)
  # Reshape the predictions in form of (number of samples, no. of classes)
  totalPredictions = np.concatenate(totalPredictions, axis=0)
  return averageLoss, totalPredictions
```

1.6.17 Running the Model to Train and Evaluate

```
[]: # Set initial loss to infinite
bestValidationLoss = float('inf')

# Empty lists to store training and validation loss of each epoch
trainingLosses = []
validationLosses = []

# Initialize total time taken to 0
totalTimeTaken = 0

# For each epoch
for epoch in range(epochs):
    print('\nEpoch {:} of {:}'.format(epoch + 1, epochs))
```

```
# Train model and record time taken
    startTime = time.time()
    trainingLoss, _ = train()
    trainingTimeTaken = time.time() - startTime
    # Evaluate model and record time taken
    startTime = time.time()
    validationLoss, _ = evaluate()
    validationTimeTaken = time.time() - startTime
    # Save the best model
    if validationLoss < bestValidationLoss:</pre>
        bestValidationLoss = validationLoss
        torch.save(model.state_dict(), r'../assets/weights/main-weights.pt')
    # Append training and validation losses
    trainingLosses.append(trainingLoss)
    validationLosses.append(validationLoss)
    # Print epoch results and times taken
    print(f'\nTraining Loss: {trainingLoss:.3f}')
    print(f'Training Time Taken: {trainingTimeTaken:.2f} seconds')
    print(f'Validation Loss: {validationLoss:.3f}')
    print(f'Validation Time Taken: {validationTimeTaken:.2f} seconds')
    # Update total time taken
    totalTimeTaken += trainingTimeTaken + validationTimeTaken
# Print total time taken for all epochs
print(f'\nTotal Time Taken: {totalTimeTaken:.2f} seconds')
       Batch 20 of 244.
```

```
Epoch 1 of 10

Batch 20 of 244.

Batch 40 of 244.

Batch 60 of 244.

Batch 80 of 244.

Batch 100 of 244.

Batch 120 of 244.

Batch 140 of 244.

Batch 160 of 244.

Batch 180 of 244.

Batch 200 of 244.

Batch 200 of 244.

Batch 240 of 244.
```

Evaluating...

Training Loss: 0.410

Training Time Taken: 11.36 seconds

Validation Loss: 0.381

Validation Time Taken: 2.35 seconds

Total Time Taken: 139.19 seconds

1.6.18 Using Trained Model to Predict

```
[]: # Get predictions for test data
with torch.no_grad():
    preds = model(testSequenceTensor.to(device), testMaskTensor.to(device))
    preds = preds.detach().cpu().numpy()
```

1.6.19 Evaluate Model's Performance on Testing Data

Get the model's predictions.

```
[]: predications = np.argmax(preds, axis=1)
```

Get the model's confusion matrix.

```
[]: confusionMatrix = confusion_matrix(testYTensor, predications)
```

Print the accuracy of the model.

```
[]: print(accuracy_score(testYTensor, predications))
```

0.8923444976076556

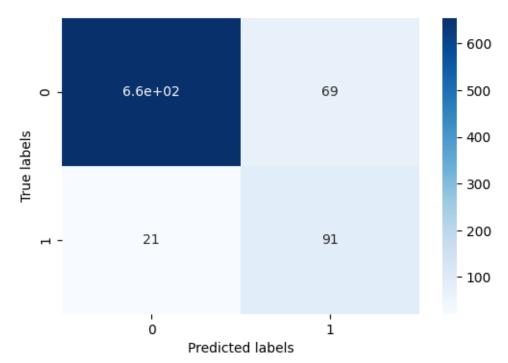
```
[]: print(classification_report(testYTensor, predications))
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.97	0.90	0.94	724
1	0.57	0.81	0.67	112
accuracy			0.89	836
macro avg	0.77	0.86	0.80	836
weighted avg	0.92	0.89	0.90	836

Plotting the correlation heatmap using the model's classification report.

```
[]: plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
    sns.heatmap(confusionMatrix, annot=True, cmap='Blues')
    plt.xlabel('Predicted labels')
```

```
plt.ylabel('True labels')
plt.show()
```



1.6.20 Plotting Change in Training and Validation Losses

Convert lists to arrays

```
[]: # Convert trainingLosses into a numpy array
trainingLosses = np.array(trainingLosses)

# Convert validationLosses into a numpy array
validationLosses = np.array(validationLosses)
```

Creating an x-axis

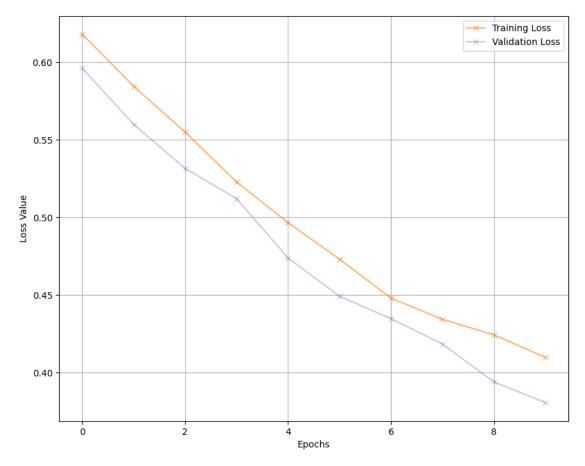
```
[]: X = np.arange(0, epochs)
X
```

[]: array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])

[]: X.shape, trainingLosses.shape

[]: ((10,), (10,))

Plotting losses



1.7 References

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