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# Comparative Analysis of NLP Models for Automatic Grammar Correction

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#### Introduction

- Grammar correction is the task of identifying and correcting grammatical errors in text.
- One of the problems 'select the most suitable model for grammar correction', we need to conduct research.

### Objective

To develop and implement an NLP-based system for the automatic replacement of terms in text with their correct forms.

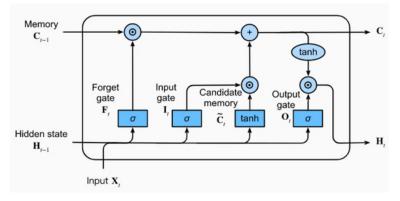
- Investigate NLP models capable of syntactic analysis of sentences.
- Utilize NLP models trained on grammatically correct text corpora to identify and rectify grammatical errors in text fragments.
- Evaluate the performance of these models through experiments and identify the most suitable one.
- Develop a prototype of a tool that can perform grammar correction on texts, ensuring proper case and number usage.

#### **NLP Models**

- Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM)
- Attention Mechanism (Bahdanau)
- Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer (T5)

# Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)<sup>1</sup>

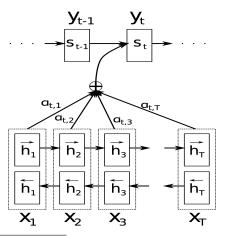
LSTM excels at capturing long-term dependencies, making it a powerful tool for sequence prediction in Deep Learning.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ottavio Calzone, "An Intuitive Explanation of LSTM - 2022"

#### Attention Mechanism <sup>2</sup>

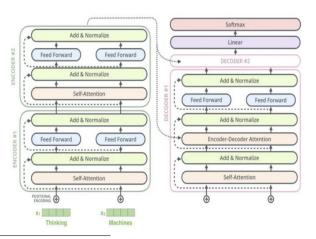
Attention mechanisms enable deep learning models to focus on specific part of data by assigning weights.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Bahdanau, Dzmitry and Cho, Kyunghyun and Bengio, Yoshua, "Neural machine translation by jointly learning to align and translate - 2014"

# Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer (T5) <sup>3</sup>

T5 leverages the Transformer architecture to effectively capture and process hierarchical representations of input and output sequences for text-to-text tasks.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Qiurui Chen, "T5: a detailed explanation - 2020"

#### **Implementation**

In implementation, the following things were executed:

- Data Collection
  - ► The Lang-8 Learner Corpora were utilized to collect data for this study.
- Data Preprocessing
  - ► The dataset was thoroughly cleaned to ensure its accuracy and consistency before analysis.
  - ► The dataset was purged of duplicate records to ensure the integrity and reliability of the data.
- Data Partitioning
  - ► The prepared data was systematically divided into three distinct subsets: training, validation, and testing sets.
- Model Selection
  - ► Three algorithms, LSTM, Attention Mechanism (Bahdanau), and T5, were chosen for training.
- Model Evaluation
  - ▶ To train the models, Adam and AdamW optimizers were employed.
  - ► To evaluate the quality of the generated text against the actual data, the GLEU score was used.

#### **Experiments**

 ${\sf GLEU}^4$  score is simply the minimum of recall and precision. This  ${\sf GLEU}$  score's range is always between 0 (no matches) and 1 (all match) and it is symmetrical when switching output and target.

GLEU Score	
Models	Measure
LSTM	0.217
Attention	0.319
Mechanism	0.013
T5	0.418

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>NLTK, "GLEU Score Module"

#### Examples

LSTM excels at capturing long-term dependencies, making it a powerful tool for sequence prediction in Deep Learning.

- LSTM
  - ▶ Input: Yes , I have finally got my own one .
  - Actual: Yes, I have finally gotten my own one.
  - Predicted: Sometimes , I have been one of this month .
- Attention Mechanism (Bahdanau)
  - ▶ Input: Yes , I have finally got my own one .
  - Actual: Yes, I have finally gotten my own one.
  - Predicted: Yes , I finally finally got my own one .
- Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer (T5)
  - ▶ Input: Yes , I have finally got my own one .
  - Actual: Yes, I have finally gotten my own one.
  - Predicted: Yes, I have finally gotten my own one.

## Additional Feature - Language Tool<sup>5</sup>

- LanguageTool is an open-source spelling, grammar, punctuation, and style tool that can correct mistakes in your writing.
- It's ideal for both native and non-native English speakers. Plus, it works with over 25 other languages.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Language Tool - https://languagetool.org/

#### Result

- Investigated various NLP models capable of analyzing sentences, including LSTM, Attention Mechanism (Bahadanu), and T5.
- Embraced T5 as a prominent model for grammar correction in sentences.
- Evaluated three models: LSTM, Attention Mechanism, and T5, through experiments.
- Integrated the tool with the LanguageTool library for additional sentence correction capabilities.
- Implemented a CI pipeline using GitHub Actions.
- Designed a prototype grammar correction model that effectively identifies and corrects grammatical errors in sentences.
- Source code available: https://github.com/Hurmatullah/English-Grammar-Corrector.git