

BEYOND OUR CONTRADICTIONS

Feature augmentation in large language models for textual entailment detection.

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TEXTUAL ENTAILMENT

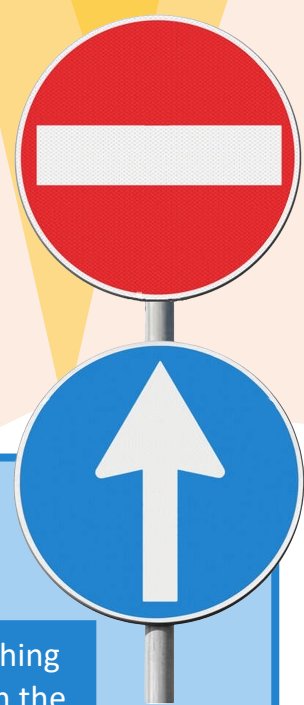
A huge part of the **meaning** of a text is **not expressed explicitly**, but added to the text by readers through **inference**.

Given 2 excerpts of texts, can the meaning of one be inferred from the other?

In Moria you will find the remains of a huge Roman aqueduct.



There is something special to see in the village of Moria.



LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS AND FEATURE AUGMENTATION

Large Language Models :

Large data scrapped on the internet

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Several pre-trained attention layers + hundreds of millions of parameters



Sentence 1

+

Sentence 2



Attention layers :

$$x_{n+1} = \text{softmax} \left(\frac{Q^T K}{\sqrt{d}} \right) \cdot V$$

$$Q = \sigma(W^Q \cdot x_n)$$

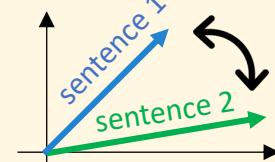
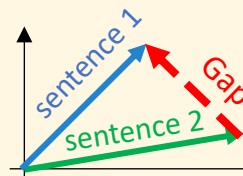
$$K = \sigma(W^K \cdot x_n)$$

$$V = \sigma(W^V \cdot x_n)$$

Feature augmentation :

cosine similarity

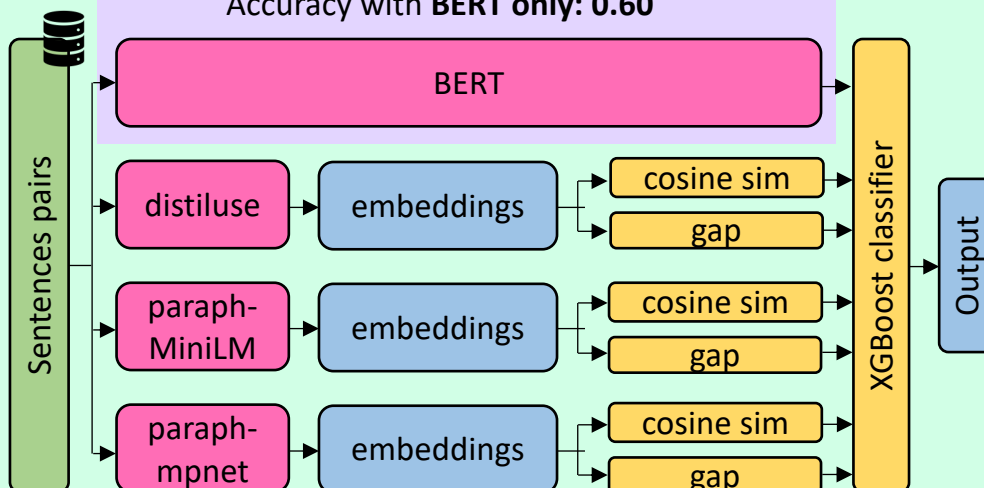
gap



Cosine similarity between :
- The gap
- The mean gap of each class

RESULTS

Accuracy with BERT only: 0.60



BERT training time: 90min

New features computation time + XGBoost: 2.3min

Whole model accuracy : 0.63 \Rightarrow +3% accuracy!

DISCUSSION

The classification accuracy remains surprisingly low, even after using different embedding models. However, we have achieved to show that adding our new features significantly increases performance, with negligible additional computation time.