

Cross-Lingual Transfer of Large Context

Efficient models in low-resource Languages



Introduction

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- Transformers for NLP
- 7000+ Languages
- 20 pre-trained Different Languages BERT
- Open-problems:
 - Lack of Available Data
 - High- vs. Low-Resource Languages
 - Inference and Short Retention



Research Questions

- 1. Large Context in Low-Resource Languages?
- 2. Can Long Context be Transferred?
- 3. How to Design such Datasets for Evaluation?
- 4. Performance Effects?
 - a. Other Languages
 - b. Other Context Lengths



Outline

- 1. Background
- 2. Method
- 3. Results
- 4. Conclusion & Future Works

Peltarion - the operational AI platform



01 / Background

Transformer Models and Attention

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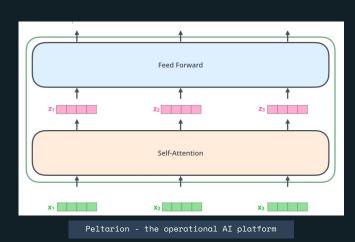
Some of the biggest open problems in NLP

- Short Attention-Window / Retention -Leads to poor retention
- Lack of Support for Low-Resource
 Languages Looking at Bert lang, most
 are for high-resource langs
- Poor Language Understanding / Inference

Training a Transformer Model

- Transformers Encoder/Decoder blocks
- **Ideal:** Train on annotated data
- **However:** Annotations = Expensive
 - Pre-train a general Language Model
 - Fine-tune on Downstream Task QA

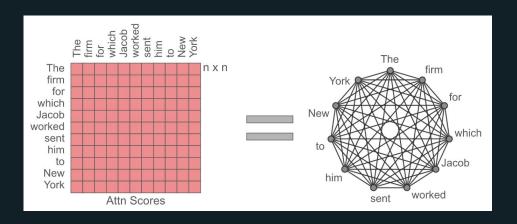
Encoder Block





The Attention Mechanism

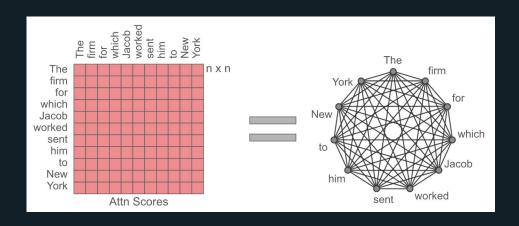
- Similarity measure
- Learn relations between words
- An all-to-all comparison
- Learn different representations





Problem with Attention

- Expensive!
- **Restricted Attention Window**
- Shorter Retention



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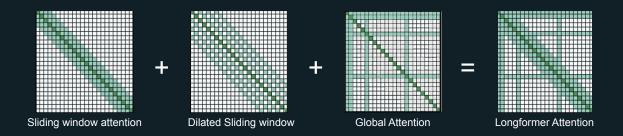
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The Longformer

RoBERTa-base max length: 512 tokens

Longformer length: 4,096 tokens (x8 RoBERTa)
Longformer max length: 32,256 tokens (x16 RoBERTa)





Tasks for Evaluation

Requirements:

- Language Understanding
- Long-Context Reasoning
- Data Available in Multiple Languages



Question and Answering SQuAD Formated Datasets

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Long Context QA Datasets



- Multi-Sentence Reasoning
- Inference and Reading Comprehension

Big Oak Tree State Park is a state - owned nature preserve ... in the Mississippi Alluvial Plain portion of the **Gulf Coastal Plain**.

The Gulf Coastal Plain extends around the Gulf of Mexico in the Southern United States...

The Southern United States, commonly referred to as the American South, Dixie, or simply the South, is a region of the United States of America.

Q: (Big Oak Tree State Park, located in, ?)
A: United States of America



SQ3 - Long-Context

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02 / Method

Pre-Train + Fine-Tune

1. Pre-train Long Context:

- English & Multilingual
- Wikitext 103

2. Fine-Tune for Question-Answering:

- SQuAD-formated
- Multiple Languages
- Longer Context Length
- 5 Different seeds



Monolingual QA

Model	SQuAD	SQ3 (512)	SQ3 (4096)
RoBERTa		<	_
Longformer		<	<
RoBERTa-Long		<	$ \checkmark $
XLM-R		<	
XLM-Long	⊘	<	<

Multilingual QA

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Results



1. Pre-Training

• Same Perplexity and BPC as Longformer





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Longformer	85.1 ± 0.2	91.4 ± 0.2	84.8 ± 0.2	91.0 ± 0.3	84.3 ± 0.2	90.8 ± 0.2
RoBERTa-Long	83.8 ± 0.2	90.8 ± 0.1	78.7 ± 0.2	83.4 ± 0.1	76.8 ± 0.1	81.8 ± 0.2
XLM-R	81.9 ± 0.3	88.7 ± 0.1	76.3 ± 0.3	83.0 ± 0.1	-	-
XLM-Long	81.9 ± 0.5	89.1 ± 0.1	$\textbf{76.7} \pm \textbf{0.1}$	83.5 ± 0.0	$\textbf{70.2} \pm \textbf{0.1}$	77.3 ± 0.1



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Arabic (AR)	65.2 ± 1.1	66.1 ± 0.9	62.4 ± 1.4	61.9±0.4	24	51.3 ± 1.4
German (DE)	74.8 ± 0.5	74.7 ± 0.7	67.7 ± 1.1	66.9 ± 0.8		59.7 ± 1.0
Greek (EL)	72.5 ± 0.3	72.3 ± 0.3	58.6 ± 0.3	61.1 ± 0.5	-	48.9 ± 1.6
English (EN)	84.0 ± 0.6	83.8 ± 0.1	81.3 ± 0.3	81.6 ± 0.5		74.7 ± 1.3
Spanish (ES)	75.8 ± 0.4	75.6 ± 0.3	69.7 ± 0.1	71.1 ± 0.6	-	60.8 ± 1.5
Hindi (HI)	66.1 ± 0.7	67.0 ± 0.3	65.1 ± 1.1	65.2 ± 0.1	-	47.1 ± 1.5
Russian (RU)	73.6 ± 0.3	73.0 ± 0.4	68.7 ± 0.1	68.5 ± 0.6	-	59.7 ± 0.6
Taiwanese (TH)	60.6 ± 1.0	58.8 ± 0.8	49.7 ± 1.3	49.1 ± 1.1	-	33.5 ± 0.8
Turkish (TR)	66.1 ± 0.2	65.8 ± 0.6	66.6 ± 0.1	65.7 ± 0.6	2%	55.5 ± 0.9
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Conclusion

And Future Works



- Longformer to Extend Attention Window
- Extend in One Language = Same performance
- Replicated Longformer Results
- Could **Not** Confirm Cross-Lingual context Transfer

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Links and References

- 4 Biggest Open Problems in NLP
- The Illustrated Transformer
- BigBird Presentation
- WikiHop Dataset
- Huggingface's Datasets Viewer SQuAD Dataset
- Bert Lang Street
- Master Thesis + Code







Language models for Swedish authorities

The project will build a Swedish BERT model for the Swedish public sector and apply these in a number of applications that are relevant to Swedish authorities.



RISE













Peltarion - the operational AI platform



Swedish Medical Language Data Lab

An extensive amount of medical text data is produced in Swedish healthcare, dental care, and the life science sector. The Swedish Medical Language Data Lab aims to utilize this data to develop language models for the medical domain.

















Best practice: Towards an Al-driven organization

- Basic understanding of Al for everyone, e.g. through the free <u>Elements of Al</u> course.
- Ensure "sponsors" and proper understanding of Alin management, e.g. with the free <u>Essential Alhandbook for leaders</u>
- Avoid the "analytical ladder", AI is different from analytics. Both are important but can be built in parallel
- A truly Al-driven organization happens when Albecomes a natural component in every department, product, and service



