

A BioBART-v2

A.1 Implementation Details

Here, we briefly introduce the implementation details of BioBART-v2. To make the best of the general domain knowledge and save the computational resource, for BioBART-v2, we apply Domain-Adaptive Pre-Training (DAPT) on PubMed abstracts, which contains around 41 GB of biomedical research paper abstracts and is the same corpus used to train BioBART. Compared to BioBART, the main difference is in BioBART-v2 we use a cross-domain vocabulary which comprises of 85,401 tokens, while BioBART inherits the general domain vocabulary of BART which comprises of 50,256 tokens.

We generate the cross-domain vocabulary \mathcal{V}_{cro} by mixing the origin general domain vocabulary \mathcal{V}_{gen} and the generated biomedical domain vocabulary \mathcal{V}_{bio} on the PubMed pre-training corpus. \mathcal{V}_{bio} generates 60,000 tokens of \mathcal{V}_{bio} based on the PubMed corpus by Byte Pair Encoding (BPE). The \mathcal{V}_{cro} is generated by taking the union of \mathcal{V}_{bio} and \mathcal{V}_{gen} and results in 85,401 tokens, since many BPE tokens in \mathcal{V}_{bio} and \mathcal{V}_{gen} are the same. As we pre-train BioBART-v2 based on BART and new tokens introduce extra parameters to the embedding layers, we initialize the embeddings of the new tokens by first decompose the new tokens into the sub-tokens in \mathcal{V}_{gen} and then take the average of the sub-token embeddings as the initialized weights.

We use the same experiment setups for DAPT and fine-tuning on downstream tasks as BioBART, except that we extend the pre-training update steps to 200k. The model is pre-trained on DGX with 8 NVIDIA A100 40G with DeepSpeed (Rajbhandari et al., 2020).

A.2 Results

Model	ShARe13 F1	ShARe14 F1	CADEC F1	GENIA F1
BART BASE	76.63	77.87	68.37	78.06
BioBART BASE	78.78	79.17	68.39	78.43
BioBART-v2 BASE	79.54	79.88	70.42	79.08
BART LARGE	79.69	80.34	70.64	78.93
BioBART LARGE	80.75	80.41	70.53	79.93
BioBART-v2 LARGE	80.78	81.13	70.58	80.00

Table 8: The main result on NER tasks.

Model	MedMentions Recall@1/@5	BC5CDR Recall@1/@5	NCBI Recall@1/@5	COMETA Recall@1/@5	AAP Recall@1/@5
BART BASE	69.77/84.59	91.56/94.89	88.54/95.31	78.34/87.40	86.37/94.29
BioBART BASE	71.15/86.22	93.01/95.59	89.27/95.31	79.63/88.64	87.51/94.92
BioBART-v2 BASE	71.04/85.78	92.63/ 95.70	88.33/95.00	79.05/88.37	87.36/94.86
BART LARGE	71.49/84.95	92.48/95.26	90.21/95.52	80.70/88.65	88.79/ 96.59
BioBART LARGE	71.78/85.42	93.26/ 95.74	89.90/ 95.63	81.77/88.87	89.40/95.76
BioBART-v2 LARGE	70.80/84.33	93.33/95.73	90.31/95.21	82.02/89.98	89.09/95.74

Table 9: The main results on Entity Linking tasks.

Model	Covid19-Dialogue				
	Rouge-1	Rouge-2	Rouge-L	BLEU	BERTscore
BART BASE	27.24	12.31	25.66	10.36	0.852
BioBART BASE	28.14	12.77	26.32	11.40	0.849
BioBART-v2 BASE	29.25	12.59	27.28	11.40	0.850
BART LARGE	29.02	12.08	26.93	10.96	0.852
BioBART LARGE	28.81	13.79	26.96	12.05	0.850
BioBART-v2 LARGE	28.85	13.48	26.90	12.55	0.853

Table 10: The main results on Dialogue System task.

Model	iCliniq		HealthCareMagic		MEDIQA-QS	
	Rouge-1/2/L	BERTscore	Rouge-1/2/L	BERTscore	Rouge-1/2/L	BERTscore
BART BASE	61.43/48.68/59.71	0.941	46.81/26.19/44.34	0.918	28.82/10.99/26.99	0.896
BioBART BASE	61.07/48.47/59.42	0.941	46.67/26.03/44.11	0.918	30.12/11.28/27.44	0.898
BioBART-v2 BASE	61.11/48.39/59.26	0.945	46.43/25.89/43.90	0.923	29.89/10.98/ 27.57	0.907
BART LARGE	59.87/47.01/58.12	0.938	47.24/26.54/44.68	0.919	29.97/10.64/28.41	0.901
BioBART LARGE	60.32/47.98/58.69	0.940	46.54/26.14/44.23	0.919	31.97/12.39/29.70	0.903
BioBART-v2 LARGE	61.97/48.95/60.05	0.946	46.43/26.17/44.18	0.924	30.47/12.33/29.10	0.911
Model	MEDIQA-MAS		MEDIQA-ANS(Pages)		MeQSum	
	Rouge-1/2/L	BERTscore	Rouge-1/2/L	BERTscore	Rouge-1/2/L	BERTscore
BART BASE	31.63/9.98/27.85	0.859	19.10/6.77/16.90	0.851	52.93/35.79/50.46	0.927
BioBART BASE	32.90/11.28/29.26	0.861	18.97/7.46/16.77	0.850	53.75/36.50/51.27	0.929
BioBART-v2 BASE	33.36/12.26/29.94	0.862	19.75/7.49/17.46	0.858	54.31/37.22/51.93	0.933
BART LARGE	29.32/9.00/26.14	0.857	21.52/9.31/19.15	0.853	53.68/36.80/51.05	0.928
BioBART LARGE	30.60/ 10.37/27.04	0.861	21.58/9.34/19.18	0.857	55.61/38.11/53.15	0.933
BioBART-v2 LARGE	30.75/9.27/27.61	0.861	21.85/9.83/19.54	0.863	55.17/ 38.11/52.94	0.936

Table 11: The main results on Summarization tasks.