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Main task: Grammatical Error Correction (GEC) for non-native language learners

Sub-task: Create an GEC for latin languages

Sub-task: Test our methodology to create

a language specific GEC



Data Quality



Analyze the data

Look at the data and find out what kind of problems are present

Duplicates removal

A lot of duplicates of text in the data

Select desired language

The dataset contains multiple languages, some languages have accents.



Remove non-english sentences

Foreigners tend to add a bit of their own language when speaking english

Compute the correct sentence

Dataset contains only wrong sentences, we used a model to correct them. Possible circular dependency

Error Tagging

- ERRANT (grammatical ERRor Annotation Toolkit)
- Error categories: Unnecessary, Missing and Replacement

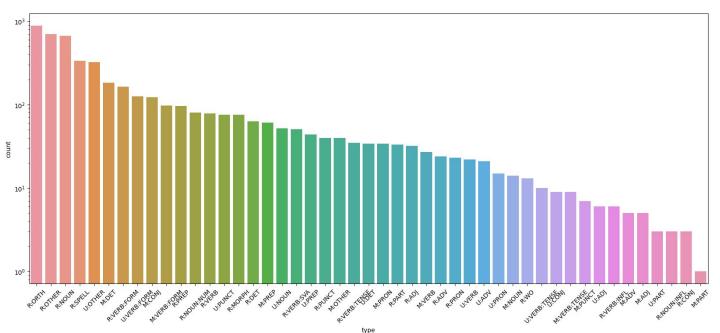
Corrupt: This are gramamtical sentence. **Correct:** This is a grammatical sentence.

Predicted tags: R:VERB:SVA, M:DET and R:SPELL

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Training data: Part 1

Step 1: Get corrupt and correct sentence pairs for language subset Step 2: Apply error tagging and retrieve the error frequencies

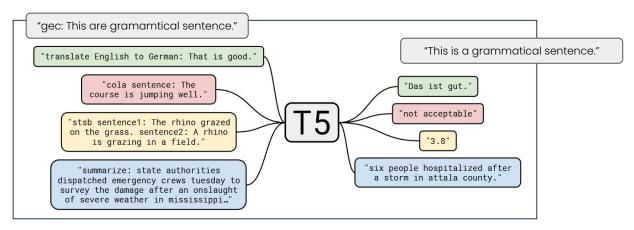


Training data: Part 2

- Take sample from C4 200M dataset
 - Needed 120000 to have the exact same frequencies
- Calculate error tags
- Create a training set with the frequencies for the specific language set
 - Sentences have multiple tags
 - Run once to see what frequencies are missing most, select those first

T5 model

- T5 = Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer
- Encoder-Decoder Model
- Prefix specifies task



Text-to-text framework

Evaluation

Original: 4. I get nourish myself so help me to help others. **Correct Old:** 4. I nourish myself so help me to help others. **Correct New:** 4. I get to nourish myself so I can help others.

Original: We hope see our future anglershops There!

Correct Old: We hope to see our future anglershops there!

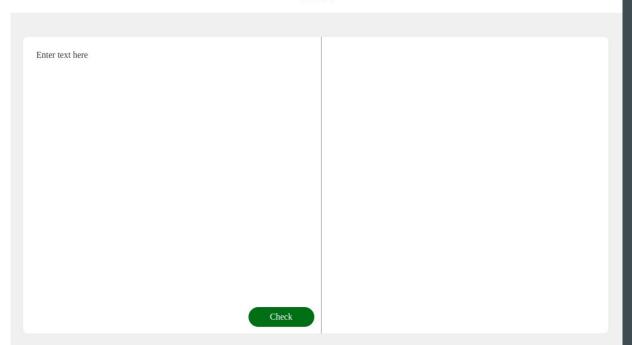
Correct New: We hope to see our future anglershops!

Loss 0.76 -> 0.43 for a dataset with the same frequencies

Demo

- Created a web app
 - o FastApi
 - o HTML, CSS and JS
 - o T5 model

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Future

- Improve the dataset from which the feature frequencies are extracted
- Exploring other model architectures than T5
- Fine-tune a better model
- Create an automated script that would do the whole process for you with the provided parameters
- Test how big of a difference more data would do on the fine-tuned model
- Test how the length of the sentence influences the model fine-tuning
- Getting a better understanding of the results
- Test other tools for generating synthetic training data from the frequencies such as Errgent
- Select data from a different dataset than C4
- More models, for example Hindi and Urdu

