**Week 2: Mistral-7B Fine-Tuning Documentation**

In my second week, I focused on fine-tuning a Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.1 model to create a dual-purpose chatbot capable of handling mental health and medical queries. I used Google Colab Pro+ to leverage its high-performance GPU, an A100 GPU, to process the preprocessed datasets (MentalChat16K and MedQuAD) from Week 1. The pipeline involved uploading preprocessed JSONL files to Colab, training a DistilBERT-based query routing classifier, fine-tuning the Mistral-7B model with QLoRA, implementing safety guardrails for crisis detection and domain-specific responses, and testing the chatbot with sample queries. Training achieved a routing classifier accuracy of 1.0 and a final loss of 0.3678. All outputs, including the fine-tuned model, classifier, and configuration, were saved to Google Drive. This work took approximately **20 hours** to complete, covering setup, data processing, training, testing, and saving results.

**Google Colab Notebook**: <https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1PQ2llGgpL8aOzSn5iPOqUeupvXWm2isL#scrollTo=h4bMVnyVJF82&uniqifier=1>

**Google Drive Fined\_Tuned\_Mistral\_ Model:** <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bjNK7msTawk3y2ITF1d4D3BYK-dgHtE6?usp=drive_link>

**Google Drive Preprocessed\_Data\_From\_Week\_1:** <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13riLhvqSKv__ZwXDrSbZGRu2mvVtKrH3?usp=drive_link>

**Week\_2 Documentation:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ADjaGA2jFM76yoOG1zzRhA7UwJjk8fqPOJOvXhz0jjs/edit?usp=sharing>

**GitHub:** <https://github.com/I-VAGAT/STEMRESEARCH>

**Objectives**

* **Upload Preprocessed Data**: Load preprocessed train.jsonl, validation.jsonl, and test.jsonl files from Week 1 into Google Colab Pro+.
* **Query Routing Classifier**: Train a DistilBERT-based classifier to route queries to mental health or medical domains.
* **Model Fine-Tuning**: Fine-tune Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.1 using QLoRA for efficient training on the A100 GPU.
* **Safety Guardrails**: Implement safety checks to detect crisis language and add medical disclaimers or mental health resources.
* **Testing**: Test the chatbot with sample queries to ensure appropriate responses.
* **Save Outputs**: Store the fine-tuned model, classifier, and configuration to Google Drive.

**Methodology**

I used Google Colab Pro+ with an A100 GPU to execute the following pipeline:

1. **Data Upload**:
   * Uploaded preprocessed JSONL files (train.jsonl, validation.jsonl, test.jsonl) from the combined\_medical\_data directory to Colab.
   * Moved files to a structured directory for processing.
2. **Query Routing Classifier**:
   * Trained a DistilBERT (distilbert-base-uncased) classifier to distinguish between mental health and medical queries.
   * Used the preprocessed datasets to extract questions and labels (mental\_health: 0, medical: 1).
   * Applied 3 epochs with a learning rate of 2e-5 and dropout of 0.3 for regularization.
3. **Mistral-7B Fine-Tuning**:
   * Loaded Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.1 with BF16 precision for efficient training.
   * Applied QLoRA (rank=64, alpha=16, dropout=0.1) to target key modules (e.g., q\_proj, k\_proj).
   * Balanced the dataset by sampling equal numbers of mental health and medical records (up to 7,500 each).
   * Formatted data in Mistral’s instruction format with domain-specific prompts (empathetic for mental health, evidence-based for medical).
   * Trained for 3 epochs with a learning rate of 2e-4, cosine scheduler, and gradient accumulation.
4. **Safety Guardrails**:
   * Implemented regex-based crisis detection for terms like "suicide" or "harm."
   * Added disclaimers for medical queries and crisis resources for mental health queries.
   * Enhanced response cleaning to remove repetitive sentences, links, and promotional content.
5. **Testing**:
   * Tested the chatbot with sample queries covering mental health and medical scenarios.
   * Ensured responses included appropriate disclaimers or resources based on domain and content.
6. **Saving Outputs**:
   * Saved the fine-tuned Mistral model, DistilBERT classifier, and configuration to Google Drive under mistral\_mental\_medical\_chatbot.

**Time Breakdown**

I spent **20 hours** in Week 2, broken down as follows:

* **Setup and Data Upload (2 hours)**: Configured Colab Pro+ with the A100 GPU, uploaded preprocessed JSONL files, and set up the environment with required libraries.
* **Query Routing Classifier Training (4 hours)**: Prepared data, trained, and evaluated the DistilBERT classifier, including debugging and logging setup.
* **Mistral-7B Fine-Tuning (10 hours)**: Processed data, configured QLoRA, fine-tuned the model, and monitored training progress. The A100 GPU significantly reduced training time.
* **Safety Guardrails and Testing (3 hours)**: Implemented and tested safety features, cleaned responses, and ran sample queries.
* **Saving to Google Drive (1 hour)**: Organized and saved the model, classifier, and configuration files to Google Drive.

**Code Structure and Explanation**

I developed a modular pipeline in Google Colab Pro+, leveraging the A100 GPU for efficiency. Key components include:

**1. Data Upload**

* Used google.colab.files to upload preprocessed JSONL files to combined\_medical\_data/.
* Mounted Google Drive for persistent storage.

**2. Routing Classifier**

* QueryRoutingClassifier: Trained DistilBERT to classify queries with 100% accuracy.
* Used transformers.Trainer with 3 epochs, batch size 8, and accuracy metrics.

**3. Data Processing**

* AdvancedDataProcessor: Loaded JSONL files, balanced datasets, and added domain-specific prefixes (e.g., empathetic for mental health).

**4. Fine-Tuning**

* Loaded Mistral-7B with BF16 precision and applied QLoRA.
* Used MistralTrainer with custom loss weighting (mental\_health: 1.2, medical: 1.0).
* Trained on 15,000 samples (7,500 per domain) with a final loss of 0.3678.

**5. Safety Guardrails**

* SafetyGuardrails: Detected crisis language, added disclaimers, and cleaned responses (e.g., removed links, repetitive sentences).
* Ensured professional guidance for mental health queries and medical disclaimers.

**6. Testing**

* MistralChatbot: Generated responses for sample queries, applying routing and safety checks.
* Saved outputs to Google Drive for accessibility.

**Fine-Tuning Output**

The fine-tuning process yielded the following results:

* **Routing Classifier**:
  + Epochs: 3
  + Training Time: 5 minutes 11 seconds
  + Validation Accuracy: 1.0 (Epoch 3)
  + Validation Loss: 0.000001
* **Mistral-7B Fine-Tuning**:
  + Steps: 4,000/5,625 (2/3 epochs)
  + Training Time: 4 hours 41 minutes
  + Final Validation Loss: 0.3678
  + Evaluation Time: 6 minutes 32 seconds
* **Model Stats**:
  + Trainable Parameters: 167,772,160 (2.26% of 7,409,504,256)
  + Dataset Sizes: 15,000 train (7,500 per domain), 3,232 validation
* **Output Files**:
  + Model: mistral\_mental\_medical\_chatbot/mistral\_model
  + Classifier: mistral\_mental\_medical\_chatbot/routing\_classifier
  + Config: mistral\_mental\_medical\_chatbot/mistral\_config.json

**Challenges Addressed**

1. **Resource Constraints**: Used Colab Pro+ with high-RAM and GPU (A100) to handle Mistral-7B’s 14.48GB size.
2. **Model Efficiency**: Applied QLoRA to reduce trainable parameters to 2.26%.
3. **Safety**: Implemented guardrails to handle crisis language and ensure disclaimers.
4. **Data Balance**: Balanced mental health and medical samples to prevent bias.
5. **Response Quality**: Cleaned responses to remove links and repetitive content.

**Conclusion**

In Week 2, I successfully fine-tuned a Mistral-7B model on Google Colab Pro+ using an A100 GPU, using preprocessed data from Week 1. The pipeline achieved a routing accuracy of 1.0 and a validation loss of 0.3678. The 20-hour effort resulted in a functional chatbot with a trained DistilBERT classifier, QLoRA fine-tuning, and robust safety guardrails. All outputs were saved to Google Drive, and the system was tested with sample queries. The pipeline is ready for further testing and refinement in future weeks.

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