

# Plug and Play Language Models: a Simple Approach to Controlled Text Generation

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This folder contains the original code used to run the Plug and Play Language Model (PPLM).

Paper link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.02164>

Blog link: <https://eng.uber.com/pplm>

Please check out the repo under uber-research for more information: <https://github.com/uber-research/PPLM>

## Note

⚠ This project should be run with pytorch-lightning==1.0.4 which has a potential security vulnerability

## Setup

```
git clone https://github.com/huggingface/transformers && cd transformers
pip install .
pip install nltk torchtext # additional requirements.
cd examples/research_projects/pplm
```

## PPLM-BoW

### Example command for bag-of-words control

```
python run_pplm.py -B military --cond_text "The potato" --length 50 --gamma 1.5 --
num_iterations 3 --num_samples 10 --stepsize 0.03 --window_length 5 --kl_scale 0.01
--gm_scale 0.99 --colorama --sample
```

### Tuning hyperparameters for bag-of-words control

1. Increase `--stepsize` to intensify topic control, and decrease its value to soften the control. `--stepsize 0` recovers the original uncontrolled GPT-2 model.
2. If the language being generated is repetitive (For e.g. "science science experiment experiment"), there are several options to consider:
  - a) Reduce the `--stepsize`
  - b) Increase `--kl_scale` (the KL-loss coefficient) or decrease `--gm_scale` (the gm-scaling term)
  - c) Add `--grad-length xx` where xx is an (integer <= length, e.g. `--grad-length 30`).

## PPLM-Discrim

### Example command for discriminator based sentiment control

```
python run_pplm.py -D sentiment --class_label 2 --cond_text "My dog died" --length
50 --gamma 1.0 --num_iterations 10 --num_samples 10 --stepsize 0.04 --kl_scale 0.01
--gm_scale 0.95 --sample
```

### Tuning hyperparameters for discriminator control

1. Increase `--stepsize` to intensify topic control, and decrease its value to soften the control. `--stepsize 0` recovers the original uncontrolled GPT-2 model.
2. Use `--class_label 3` for negative, and `--class_label 2` for positive