

# Project 4: Pretraining

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# Preprocessing: Winogrande dataset

"I moved the couch from the garage to the backyard to create space. The   is small."

1. Replace the blank with each **option** and combine the two sequences

"... to create space. The **couch** is small."

+ **[SEP]** +

"... to create space. The **garage** is small."



*Stemming and  
Lemmatizing*

2. Tokenize the sequence using BertTokenizer

-> **lowercase**, **add special tokens**, **add padding to max\_length**

*Remove punctuation  
and stopwords*



**[CLS]** i moved ... to create space . **the couch** is small . **[SEP]** i  
moved ... to create space . **the garage** is small . **[SEP]** **[PAD]** ... **[PAD]**

3. Return for each sequence an **input\_id**, **attention\_mask** and a **label**  
**label remapping to right option**

- **Input\_ids**: unique ID for each token
- **Attention\_mask**: 1 for tokens, 0 for padding
- **Label**: 0 if first sentence is true, 1 otherwise

# Preprocessing: Anagram datasets

1. Replace the **<sep>** with the Bert separator token

b p k <sep> k p b

b p k [SEP] k p b

2. Tokenize the sequence using BertTokenizer

-> add special tokens, add padding to max\_length

[CLS] b p k [SEP] k p b [SEP] [PAD] ... [PAD]

3. Return for each sequence an input\_id, attention\_mask and a label

- **Input\_ids:** unique ID for each token
- **Attention\_mask:** 1 for tokens, 0 for padding
- **Label:** 1 if it is an anagram, 0 otherwise

# Model: Pretrained encoder transformer

## BertForSequenceClassification

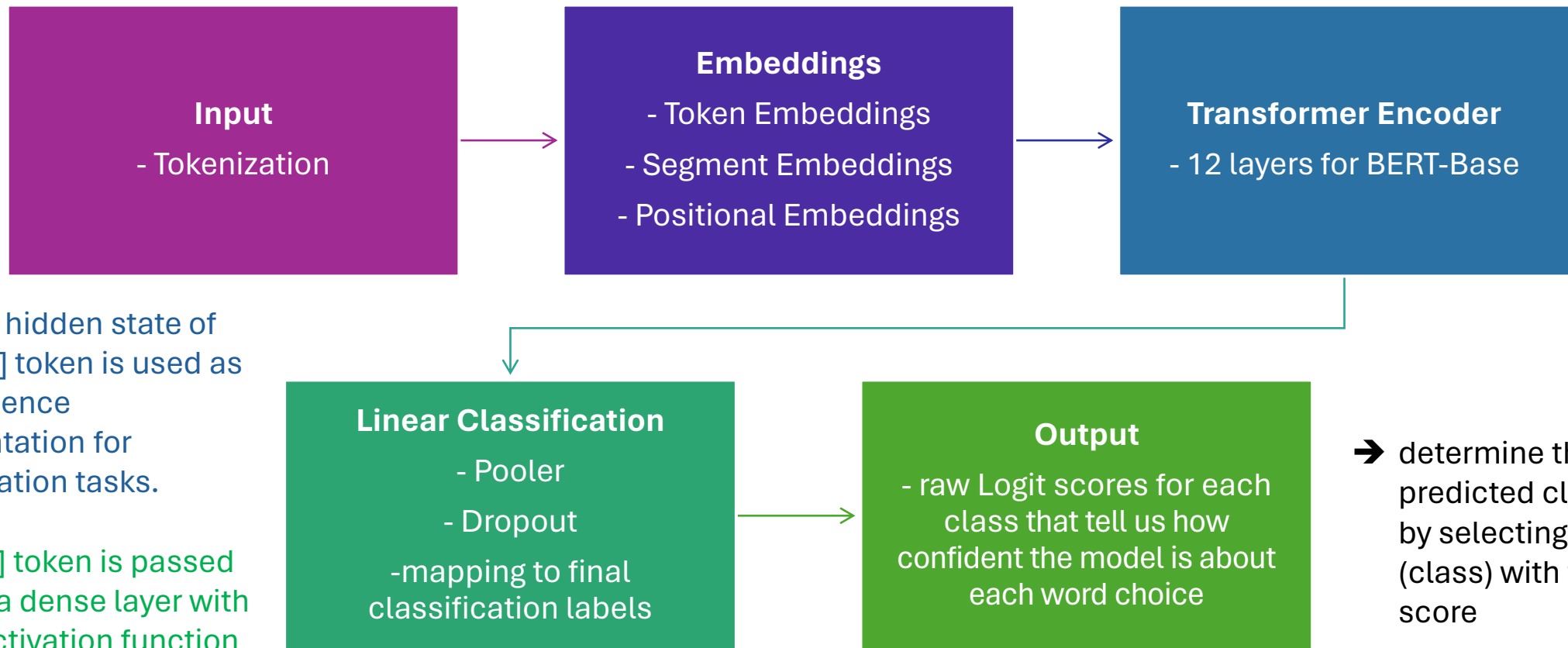
(a pre-trained BERT model with a classification layer on top)

### Model Specification

- Pre-trained Knowledge
  - great language understanding
- Bidirectional Contextual Understanding
  - consider both the words before and after the target word in the sentence
- Fine-Tuning for Our Specific Need
  - classify sequences into categories
  - decide if a sentence makes sense with one word or another

# Model: Pretrained encoder transformer

## BertForSequenceClassification



The final hidden state of the [CLS] token is used as the sequence representation for classification tasks.

The [CLS] token is passed through a dense layer with a tanh activation function to create a pooled output.

➔ determine the predicted class label by selecting the index (class) with the highest score

# Experiment settings

## Sweep configurations

- method: grid
- learning\_rate: 1e-6, 1e-5, 1e-4, 1e-3, 1e-2

## Fixed parameters

- batch\_size: 32/64 (max possible)
- num\_epochs: 100/10
- warmup\_ratio: 0.1
- early\_stopping\_patience: 20
- Loss Function: CrossEntropy
- Optimizer: AdamW with weight\_decay: 0.1

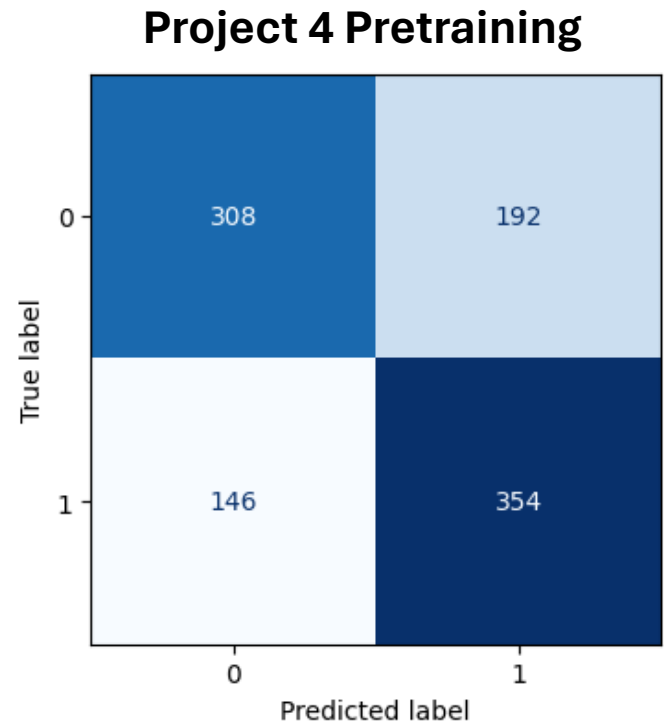
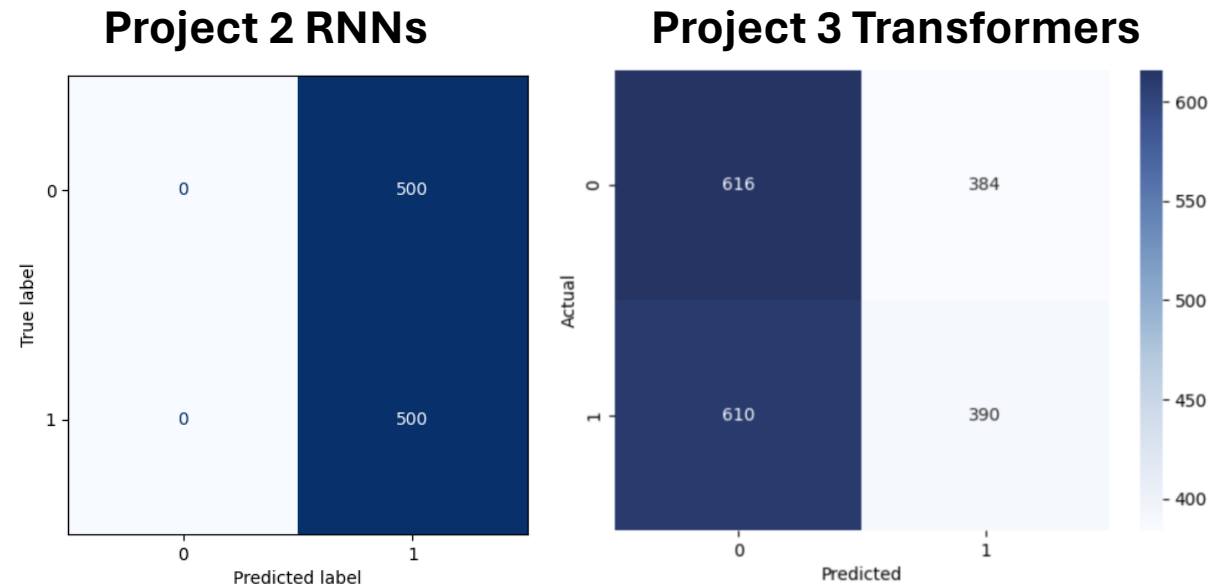
# Results: Winogrande

## Best model

- Validation accuracy: 55.3%
  - last project 50.9%
- Test accuracy: 66.2%
  - last project 50.0%
- Small increase in accuracy
- Slightly better performance than random

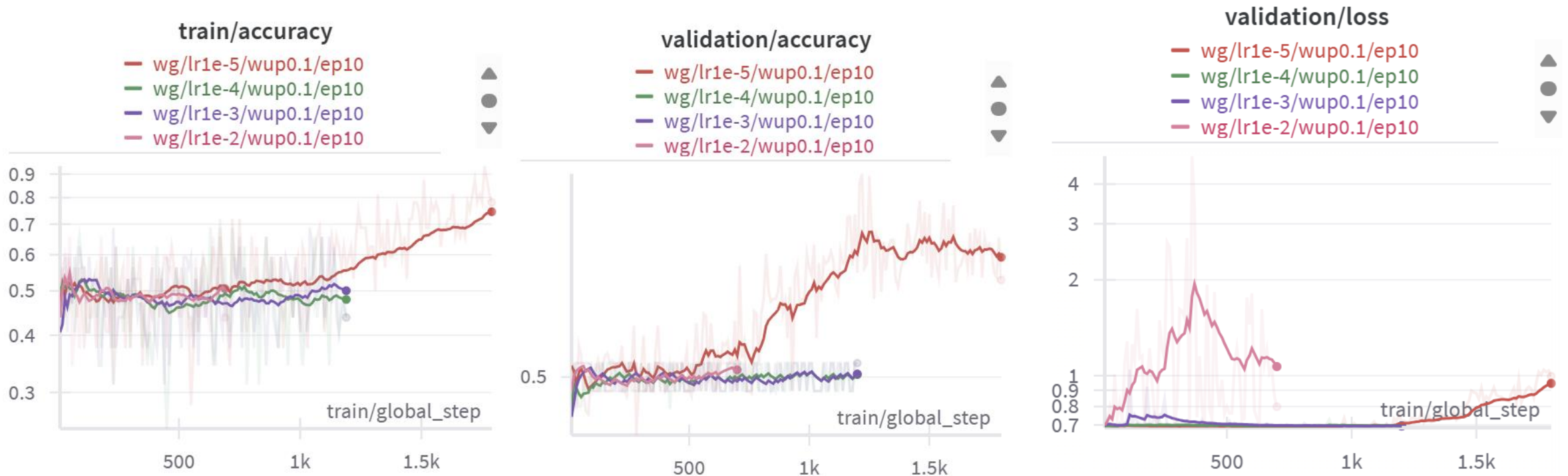
## Confusion-matrix

- more balance in predictions



# Results: Winogrande

Finally some learning progress in train and validation!





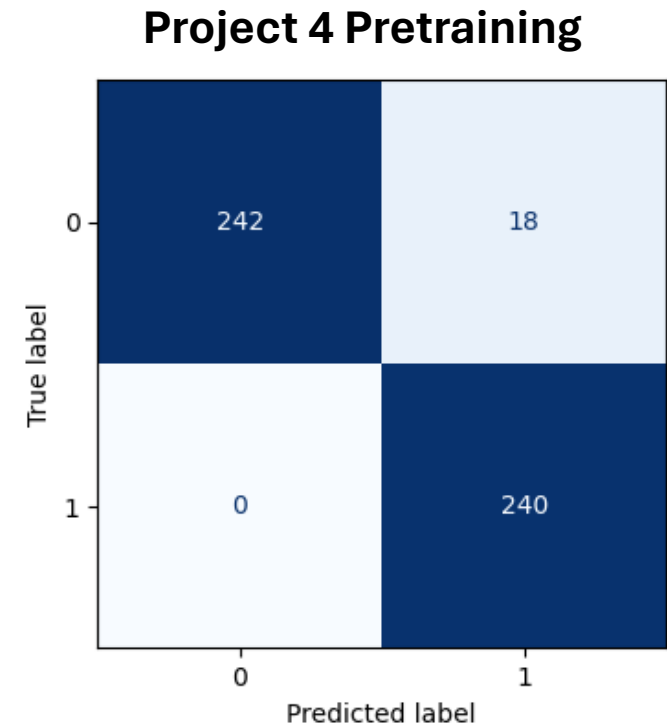
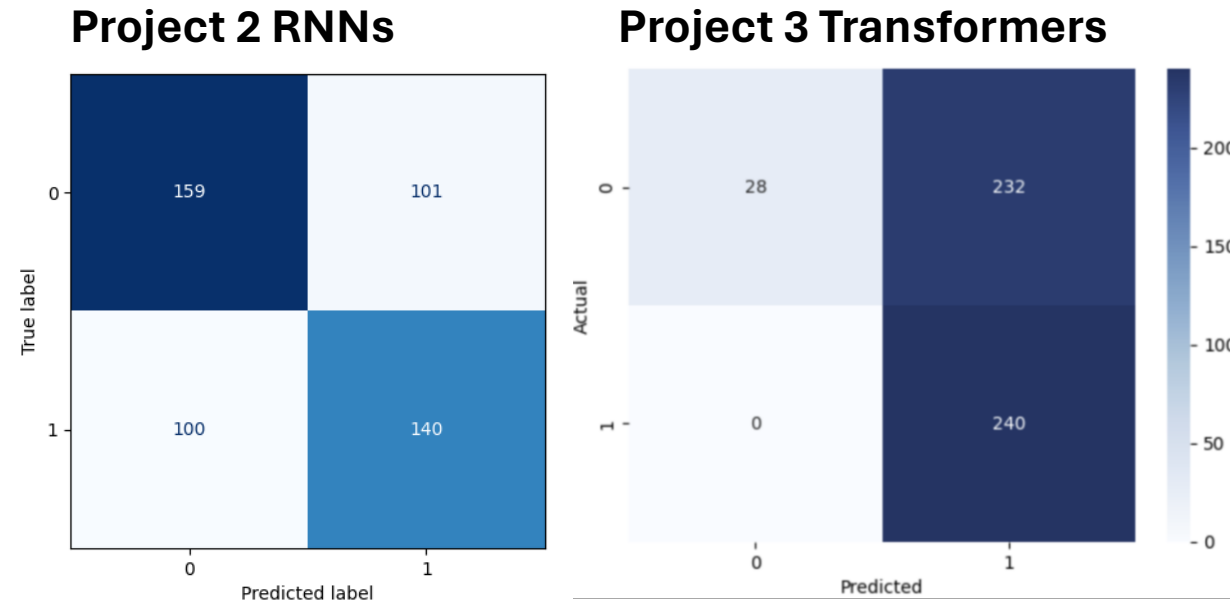
# Results: Anagram Small

## Best model

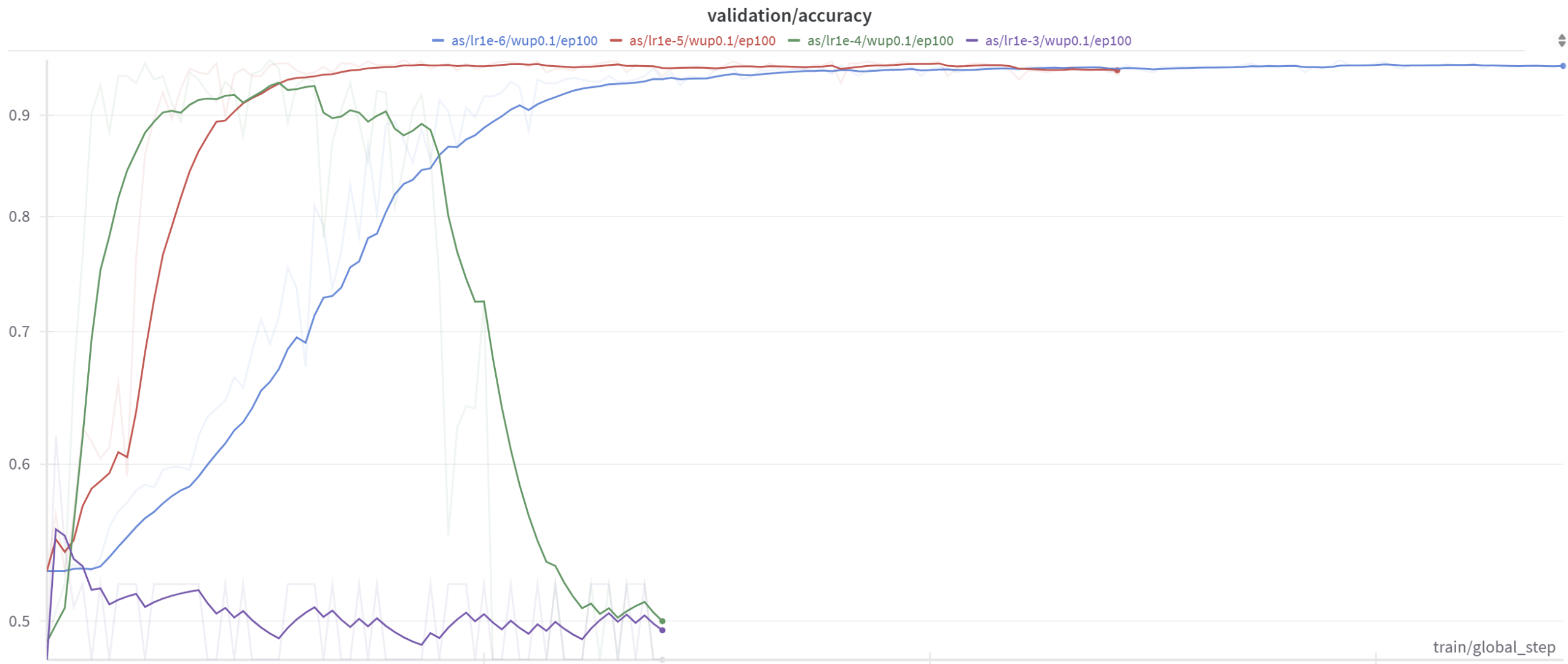
- Validation accuracy: 95.6%
  - last project 56.4%
- Test accuracy: 96.4%
  - last project 53.6%

## Confusion-matrix

- more balance in predictions
- Performs much better than previous projects



# Results: Anagram Small



# Results:

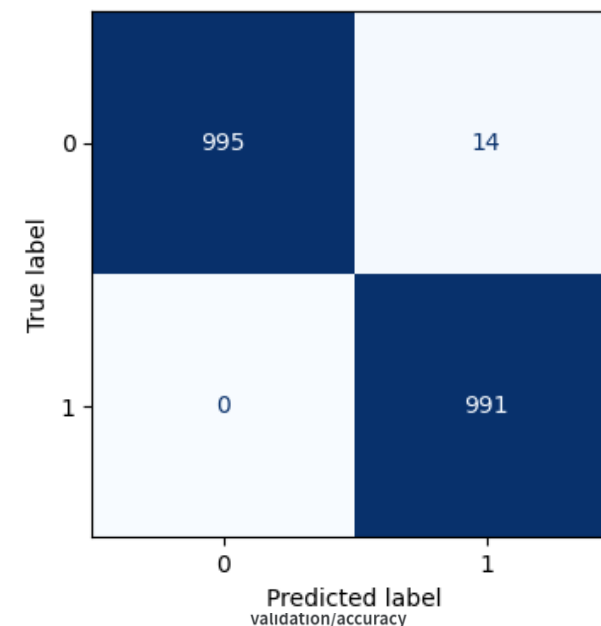
## Anagram Large

### Best model

- Validation accuracy: 99.5%
  - last project 99.9%
- Test accuracy: 99.3%
  - last project 97.2%

### Confusion-matrix

- Almost perfect performance



# Conclusions

## Interpretation

### Winogrande dataset

- still too complex for my model choice

### Anagram datasets

- almost perfect performance

➔ For all tasks small learning rates  
( $1e-5$  and  $1e-6$ ) showed best results

## Lessons Learned

### Less Data required

- with the pretrained transformer I already got good results on the smaller dataset as well

### Warmup learning rate

- try fixed steps and ratio