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# Intent Classification Using Bert

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# Abstract

Intent classification is a fundamental task in natural language processing and plays a crucial role in various applications, such as chatbots, virtual assistants, and customer support systems. Accurate intent classification helps understand user queries and facilitates appropriate responses. In recent years, Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT), a state-of-the-art pre-trained deep learning model, has revolutionized the field of natural language understanding.

This abstract provides an overview of intent classification using BERT, highlighting its key components and benefits. We explore the methodologies employed to harness BERT's capabilities for this task and discuss the results achieved by various research and industrial applications.

The BERT model, with its contextualized word embeddings and pre-trained knowledge, offers exceptional performance in understanding the nuances of user queries. We discuss how BERT is fine-tuned for intent classification by training on labeled datasets containing user utterances and their associated intents. This fine-tuning process enables the model to generalize from these examples, making it capable of classifying a wide range of user inputs accurately.

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# Chapter # 1

## 1.1 Problem Statement:

Intent classification is a crucial task in natural language processing, enabling various applications such as chatbots, virtual assistants, and information retrieval systems to understand and respond to user queries effectively. Traditionally, intent classification has been focused on single-sentence or short-text inputs. However, in real-world scenarios, users often provide more extended paragraphs or multi-sentence queries. Existing models that excel in single-sentence intent classification may struggle when applied to longer texts.

Solving this problem has substantial implications for various natural language processing applications, particularly in customer service, information retrieval, and virtual assistants, where users often provide more extended descriptions or queries. Accurate intent classification in paragraphs can lead to more personalized and relevant responses, ultimately enhancing user experiences and system performance.

To address this problem, a combination of techniques such as pre-trained language models, attention mechanisms, and context-aware classification methods may be employed. Furthermore, data preprocessing and cleaning procedures should be developed to filter out noise from paragraphs. Fine-tuning or training on a diverse dataset of extended text inputs and corresponding intent labels is essential to create a robust model.

# Chapter # 2

## 2.1 Description and Working:

Intent classification using BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) is a natural language processing (NLP) task that involves determining the underlying intention or purpose behind a given text or sentence. This task is often used in applications like chatbots, virtual assistants, and customer support systems to understand user queries and provide appropriate responses.

BERT is a state-of-the-art transformer-based model that excels in various NLP tasks, including intent classification. Here's how it works:

1. Pre-training:

BERT is initially pre-trained on a large corpus of text data, learning to predict missing words in a sentence by considering both the left and right context. This bidirectional context modeling allows BERT to capture deep contextual information.

2. Fine-tuning:

To perform intent classification, the pre-trained BERT model is fine-tuned on a specific dataset related to the intended task. In this case, the dataset consists of labeled examples where each text is associated with a particular intent. For example, in a chatbot application, these intents could be "greeting," "inquiry," "goodbye," and so on.

3. Tokenization:

The input text is tokenized into subwords or words, and special tokens (e.g., [CLS] for classification) are added to the input. BERT can handle variable-length inputs, and the tokens are converted into dense vector representations.

4. Classification:

The output from BERT is a representation of the entire input sequence. For intent classification, this representation is passed through a classification layer (typically a feedforward neural network) to predict the intent. The model is trained to minimize a loss function, such as cross-entropy, to make accurate intent predictions.

5. Inference:

During inference, when a new text is provided, BERT tokenizes it and passes it through the fine-tuned model. The model outputs a probability distribution over all possible intents, and the intent with the highest probability is selected as the predicted intent.

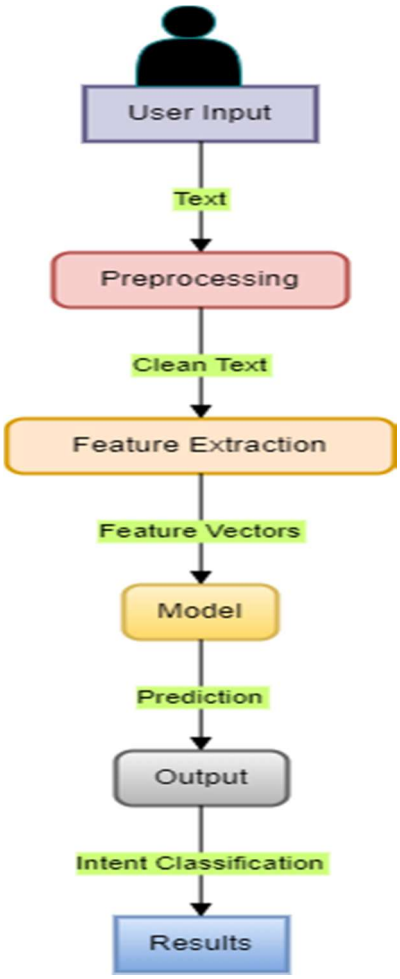


Fig. 1: Working of the model.

## 2.2 Software & Hardware used:

Software:

- Python 3.11
- Windows 10 OS
- Google Colab

Hardware:

- 64 bit Operating System
- 6gb RAM
- Intel i5 processor

# Chapter # 3

## 3.1 Code:

```
# Importing the Libraries
pip install transformers torch scikit-learn

import pandas as pd
import torch
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from transformers import BertTokenizer,
BertForSequenceClassification, AdamW
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader, Dataset
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder

 # Load your CSV data
data = pd.read_csv('intentClassification.csv')

# Split the data into training and validation sets
train_data, val_data = train_test_split(data, test_size=0.2,
random_state=42)

# Initialize the BERT tokenizer and model
tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
num_labels = len(data['intent'].unique())  # Calculate the number of
unique intent labels in your dataset
model = BertForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained('bert-base-
uncased', num_labels=num_labels)

# Tokenize and encode the training and validation data
train_encodings = tokenizer(list(train_data['sentence']),
truncation=True, padding=True, return_tensors='pt')
val_encodings = tokenizer(list(val_data['sentence']),
truncation=True, padding=True, return_tensors='pt')

# Convert string labels to numerical labels
label_encoder = LabelEncoder()
train_labels = label_encoder.fit_transform(train_data['intent'])
val_labels = label_encoder.transform(val_data['intent'])

# Create PyTorch datasets
class MyDataset(Dataset):
    def __init__(self, encodings, labels):
        self.encodings = encodings
        self.labels = labels

    def __getitem__(self, idx):
        item = {key: val[idx] for key, val in
self.encodings.items()}
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        item['labels'] = torch.tensor(self.labels[idx])
        return item

    def __len__(self):
        return len(self.labels)

train_dataset = MyDataset(train_encodings, train_labels)
val_dataset = MyDataset(val_encodings, val_labels)

# Create data loaders
batch_size = 32
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=batch_size,
shuffle=True)
val_loader = DataLoader(val_dataset, batch_size=batch_size)

# Define optimizer and loss function
optimizer = AdamW(model.parameters(), lr=2e-5)
loss_fn = torch.nn.CrossEntropyLoss()

# Training loop
device = torch.device('cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else
'cpu')
model.to(device)
model.train()

epochs = 3  # Specify the number of training epochs
for epoch in range(epochs):
    for batch in train_loader:
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        input_ids = batch['input_ids'].to(device)
        attention_mask = batch['attention_mask'].to(device)
        labels = batch['labels'].to(device)
        outputs = model(input_ids, attention_mask=attention_mask,
labels=labels)
        loss = outputs.loss
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()

# Evaluation loop
model.eval()
correct = 0
total = 0

with torch.no_grad():
    for batch in val_loader:
        input_ids = batch['input_ids'].to(device)
        attention_mask = batch['attention_mask'].to(device)
        labels = batch['labels'].to(device)
        outputs = model(input_ids, attention_mask=attention_mask)
```

```
        predicted = torch.argmax(outputs.logits, dim=1)
        total += labels.size(0)
        correct += (predicted == labels).sum().item()

accuracy = correct / total
print(f'Validation Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}')
```

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Validation Accuracy: 0.9815
```

```
# Take user input
user_input = input("Enter your text: ")

# Tokenize and encode the user input
user_input_encoding = tokenizer(user_input, truncation=True,
padding=True, return_tensors='pt')

# Make a prediction
with torch.no_grad():
    input_ids = user_input_encoding['input_ids'].to(device)
    attention_mask =
user_input_encoding['attention_mask'].to(device)
    output = model(input_ids, attention_mask=attention_mask)
    predicted_label_id = torch.argmax(output.logits, dim=1).item()

# Convert the numerical label back to the original intent label
predicted_intent =
label_encoder.inverse_transform([predicted_label_id])[0]

print(f'Predicted Intent: {predicted_intent}')
```

## 3.2 Results:

```
Enter your text: set an alarm
Predicted Intent: alarm


Enter your text: is there any traffic on my way ?
Predicted Intent: traffic

Enter your text: what's going on?
Predicted Intent: greeting
```

Fig. 2: Results of the Intent Classification Model.

## 3.3 Conclusion and Future Work:

In conclusion, the use of BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) for intent classification has proven to be a significant advancement in natural language processing. BERT's ability to capture contextual information and semantic nuances in text has led to remarkable improvements in the accuracy of intent classification systems. It has enabled a wide range of applications, including chatbots, virtual assistants, and customer support systems, to better understand and respond to user queries.

The future scope for intent classification using BERT is promising. Researchers and developers can explore several avenues to further enhance this technology. Firstly, fine-tuning BERT models on domain-specific data can lead to more precise intent recognition in specialized contexts. Additionally, investigating methods to reduce the computational resources required for BERT, such as model compression and quantization, can make it more accessible for real-time applications and resource-constrained environments.

Furthermore, incorporating multi-modal capabilities, where BERT can understand both text and other data types like images and audio, can expand its use cases. Improving the model's interpretability is another critical area for future research, as understanding why BERT makes certain intent predictions is crucial, especially in safety-critical applications.

In summary, intent classification using BERT has already transformed how natural language understanding systems work, and the ongoing research and development in this field hold great promise for even more accurate, efficient, and versatile applications in the future.

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