

1 Question answering task on the SQUADv2 dataset

	SQUADv2 (Exact Match)	SQUADv2 (F1)
Adam	48.41 \pm 0.57	49.99 \pm 0.54
M-FAC	49.80 \pm 0.43	52.18 \pm 0.20

Table 1: Comparing M-FAC optimizer (without weight decay) against HuggingFace’s Adam baseline on the **bert-tiny** model.

	SQUADv2 (Exact Match)	SQUADv2 (F1)
Adam	54.80 \pm 0.47	58.13 \pm 0.31
M-FAC	58.02 \pm 0.39	61.35 \pm 0.24

Table 2: Comparing M-FAC optimizer (without weight decay) against HuggingFace’s Adam baseline on the **bert-mini** model.

2 Text classification on a subset of GLUE tasks

	SST-2 (Acc.)	MRPC (F1)	MRPC (Acc.)	STS-B (Pearson)	STS-B (Spearman)
Adam	80.11 \pm 0.65	81.68 \pm 0.33	69.90 \pm 0.32	64.39 \pm 5.02	66.52 \pm 5.67
M-FAC	81.86 \pm 0.76	82.77 \pm 0.22	72.94 \pm 0.37	80.15 \pm 0.52	80.62 \pm 0.43

	QQP (F1)	QQP (Acc.)	MNLI-m (Acc.)	MNLI-mm (Acc.)	QNLI (Acc.)
Adam	77.58 \pm 0.08	81.09 \pm 0.15	65.36 \pm 0.13	66.78 \pm 0.15	77.85 \pm 0.15
M-FAC	79.71 \pm 0.13	84.29 \pm 0.08	68.28 \pm 3.29	68.98 \pm 3.05	81.17 \pm 0.43

Table 3: Comparing M-FAC optimizer (without weight decay) against HuggingFace’s Adam baselines on the **bert-tiny** model.

	SST-2 (Acc.)	MRPC (F1)	MRPC (Acc.)	STS-B (Pearson)	STS-B (Spearman)
Adam	85.46 \pm 0.58	84.57 \pm 0.36	76.57 \pm 0.80	82.09 \pm 0.54	82.64 \pm 0.71
M-FAC	84.20 \pm 0.58	85.06 \pm 1.63	78.87 \pm 2.33	84.66 \pm 0.30	84.65 \pm 0.30

	QQP (F1)	QQP (Acc.)	MNLI-m (Acc.)	MNLI-mm (Acc.)	QNLI (Acc.)
Adam	82.43 \pm 0.10	86.45 \pm 0.12	73.30 \pm 0.20	74.85 \pm 0.09	83.85 \pm 0.10
M-FAC	82.67 \pm 0.23	86.75 \pm 0.20	74.59 \pm 0.41	75.95 \pm 0.14	83.70 \pm 0.13

Table 4: Comparing M-FAC optimizer (without weight decay) against HuggingFace’s Adam baselines on the **bert-mini** model.

3 Text classification on a subset of GLUE tasks (evaluation on the official test sets)

	SST-2 (Acc.)	MRPC (F1)	MRPC (Acc.)	STS-B (Pearson)	STS-B (Spearman)
AdamW	83.2	81.1	71.1	74.3	73.6
M-FAC	83.4*	81.9*	72.7*	75.3*	73.2*

	QQP (F1)	QQP (Acc.)	MNLI-m (Acc.)	MNLI-mm (Acc.)	QNLI (Acc.)
AdamW	62.2	83.4	70.2	70.3	81.5
M-FAC	62.8	83.9	71.0	70.5	81.7

Table 5: Comparing M-FAC optimizer (without weight decay) against authors’ ([https://github.com/google-research/bert-tuned bert-tiny](https://github.com/google-research/bert-tuned-bert-tiny)) competitive baselines on a subset of GLUE benchmark test sets. * Modest tuning of learning rate and dampening because of an extremely low number of samples (*i.e.* gradients) in the dataset.