

## 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	$81.09 \pm 0.15$	$77.58 \pm 0.08$	$65.36 \pm 0.13$	$66.78 \pm 0.15$	$77.85 \pm 0.15$
M-FAC	$84.29 \pm 0.08$	$79.71 \pm 0.13$	$68.28 \pm 3.29$	$68.98 \pm 3.05$	$81.17 \pm 0.43$

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	$86.45 \pm 0.12$	$82.43 \pm 0.10$	$73.30 \pm 0.20$	$74.85 \pm 0.09$	$83.85 \pm 0.10$
M-FAC	$86.75 \pm 0.20$	$82.67 \pm 0.23$	$74.59 \pm 0.41$	$75.95 \pm 0.14$	$83.70 \pm 0.13$

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.