Evaluating Clinical vs. General-Purpose BERT on Clinical Text Classification

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***Abstract*—Write a summary of what you did in this project. People will be attracted to read this full report after reading this abstract. You may cover the following information in this section: (i) what problem did you solve? (ii) why it is important to solve this problem? (iii) how did yThe digitization of healthcare has resulted in an exponential growth of unstructured text data within Electronic Health Records (EHRs). This study investigates the effectiveness of leveraging domain-specific language models to interpret this complex information. We conduct a direct performance comparison between the general-purpose bert-base-uncased model and the domain-specific ClinicalBERT. To assess their capabilities, we designed two distinct classification tasks using clinical notes from the MIMIC-III dataset: a stylistic differentiation task (Physician vs. Nursing notes) and a complex conceptual task (In-Hospital Mortality Prediction based on end-of-life care terminology). Our results reveal that while both models achieved perfect performance on the stylistic task, ClinicalBERT demonstrated a statistically significant advantage on the task requiring deep clinical understanding. This research validates the hypothesis that for complex, domain-reliant clinical applications, a model pre-trained on specialized corpora provides a crucial performance benefit.ou solve this? (iv) why your solution is better than others?**

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I. Introduction

The modern healthcare landscape is characterized by a massive volume of data, much of which exists as unstructured text in clinical notes. These notes are a rich source of information, but their narrative format makes them inaccessible to traditional data analysis. Natural Language Processing (NLP) offers a pathway to unlock this value, and Transformer-based models like BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) have become the state-of-the-art for language understanding. BERT's strength lies in its ability to learn deep contextual relationships between words by considering the entire sentence at once.

However, a significant challenge arises from the "language gap" between general English and the specialized language of medicine. The standard BERT model, pre-trained on general texts like Wikipedia, lacks familiarity with the specific jargon, abbreviations, and semantic contexts of the clinical domain.

To bridge this gap, domain-specific models such as ClinicalBERT have been developed. ClinicalBERT is built on the same architecture as BERT but undergoes an additional pre-training phase on a vast corpus of biomedical and clinical texts, including medical journals and millions of real-world clinical notes. This process is designed to imbue the model with a foundational understanding of medical language before it is fine-tuned for a specific task.

This study aims to empirically measure the advantage of this domain-specific pre-training. Our central hypothesis is that the performance benefit of ClinicalBERT will be most pronounced on tasks that require deep clinical reasoning, as opposed to those that can be solved through more superficial pattern recognition. To test this, we compare the performance of bert-base-uncased and ClinicalBERT on two carefully designed tasks of varying complexity.

II. Implementation

This section provides a comprehensive overview of the technical setup used to conduct the experiments. It details the programming environment, core libraries, and the specific implementation and parameterization of the models.
The project relied on a set of standard, open-source libraries for data science and deep learning:

- PyTorch: Served as the core deep learning framework for building model architectures, managing tensor computations on the GPU, and calculating gradients for model training.
- Hugging Face Transformers: This crucial library provided a high-level interface for accessing, loading, and fine-tuning pre-trained Transformer models. It simplified the process of working with both BERT and ClinicalBERT.
- Pandas: Used for all data manipulation tasks, including loading the NOTEEVENTS_random.csv file into a DataFrame, applying text preprocessing functions, and structuring the final results.
- Scikit-learn: Employed for standard machine learning utility functions, specifically for splitting

the data into training and testing sets (train_test_split) and for calculating the final performance metrics (accuracy_score, precision_recall_fscore_support).

- NumPy: Utilized for numerical operations and data transformations between Pandas DataFrames and PyTorch Tensors.

A. BERT

Provide as much information as possible regarding the implementation of the BERT model. Our baseline model was the standard bert-base-uncased, accessed directly from the Hugging Face model repository.

1. Model Architecture and Specifications:

   - Model Variant: bert-base-uncased. The "base" designation refers to the model's size: it consists of 12 stacked Transformer encoder layers, a hidden dimension size of 768, and 12 self-attention heads, totaling approximately 110 million trainable parameters.
   - "Uncased" Nature: This signifies that the model was pre-trained on text that was entirely converted to lowercase. Consequently, our text preprocessing pipeline was designed to match this by converting all clinical notes to lowercase before tokenization.

2. Implementation Details:

   - Tokenizer: We loaded the corresponding tokenizer using AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased'). This tokenizer uses a WordPiece vocabulary of 30,522 tokens. Its role was to convert raw text strings into numerical inputs for the model, including:
   - input_ids: Numerical representations of each token in the sequence.
   - attention_mask: A binary mask that indicates which tokens are real words and which are padding, ensuring the model does not perform attention on padded tokens.
   - Model Loading: The model itself was instantiated using AutoModelForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased', num_labels=2). This command loads the pre-trained BERT weights and attaches a randomly initialized classification head on top. The num_labels=2 parameter is critical, as it configures the output layer of this head to produce logits for two classes, fitting our binary classification tasks.

3. Fine-Tuning Parameters:

   - The fine-tuning process for the BERT model was governed by the following set of hyperparameters:
   - Optimizer: AdamW (Adam with Weight Decay), which is the standard optimizer for training Transformer models.
   - Learning Rate: 2e-5 (0.00002). This small learning rate is recommended for fine-tuning to prevent catastrophic forgetting of the knowledge learned during pre-training.
   - Learning Rate Scheduler: A linear schedule with a warmup period of 50 steps (get_linear_schedule_with_warmup). This scheduler helps stabilize training by starting with a very low learning rate, gradually increasing it, and then linearly decreasing it over the course of training.
   - Number of Epochs: 4. The model made four complete passes over the training data.
   - Batch Size: 16. The training data was processed in mini-batches of 16 notes.
   - Max Sequence Length: 256. Each clinical note was truncated or padded to a uniform length of 256 tokens.

B. ClinicalBERT

Our choice to use the emilyalsentzer/Bio_ClinicalBERT variant over the initial model described in the 2019 paper was a deliberate methodological decision. This specific model represents a more powerful and widely adopted evolution developed by the same research group and is justified by its superior training methodology and direct authorial lineage.

Instead of starting from a general-purpose BERT, Bio_ClinicalBERT is initialized from the weights of BioBERT (pre-trained on PubMed) and then further trained on the MIMIC-III clinical notes. This two-stage process creates a model fluent in both the formal language of medical science and the practical language of clinical practice. As it is the improved version released by the original authors and the current standard on platforms like Hugging Face, its use ensures our results are both robust and reproducible within the context of the current research landscape.

1. Model Architecture and Specifications:

   - Model Variant: emilyalsentzer/Bio_ClinicalBERT. Architecturally, this model is identical to bert-base-uncased (12 layers, 768 hidden dimensions, 12 attention heads).
   - Domain-Specific Pre-training: The key difference lies in its training data. It was initialized with weights from BioBERT (a BERT model trained on biomedical literature from PubMed) and then further pre-trained on all clinical notes from the MIMIC-III dataset. This two-stage pre-training endows it with a specialized vocabulary and a nuanced understanding of clinical context.

2. Implementation Details:

   - Tokenizer: The corresponding tokenizer was loaded using AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained('emilyalsentzer/Bio_ClinicalBERT'). While the process is identical to that of the baseline BERT, this tokenizer has a vocabulary specifically tailored to biomedical and clinical text.

- Model Loading: The model was instantiated using AutoModelForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained('emilyalsentzer/Bio_ClinicalBERT', num_labels=2). The implementation was intentionally kept identical to the baseline model's setup, with the only change being the model identifier string. This ensures that any observed performance difference is due to the model's pre-training, not the implementation.

3. Fine-Tuning Parameters:

To ensure a fair and direct comparison, ClinicalBERT was fine-tuned using the exact same set of hyperparameters as the baseline BERT model:

- Optimizer: AdamW
- Learning Rate: 2e-5
- Learning Rate Scheduler: Linear schedule with 50 warmup steps.
- Number of Epochs: 4
- Batch Size: 16
- Max Sequence Length: 256

III. Result Analysis

The empirical results from our experiments provide a clear and compelling narrative regarding the value of domain-specific pre-training. By evaluating bert-base-uncased and ClinicalBERT on two methodically designed tasks, we can dissect their respective capabilities. The overall performance of both models, measured by Accuracy and F1-Score, is summarized in Table I. This data serves as the foundation for our analysis.

TABLE I: Comparative Performance Metrics Across Tasks

Task	**Model**	**Accuracy**	**F1-Score**
Physician vs Nursing	**BERT-base**	**1.0000**	**1.0000**
Physician vs Nursing	**ClinicalBERT**	**1.0000**	**1.0000**
Mortality Prediction	**BERT-base**	**0.9100**	**0.9135**
Mortality Prediction	**ClinicalBERT**	**0.9217**	**0.9246**

Our experimental design, which contrasted a stylistic task with a conceptual one, was deliberately chosen to isolate and highlight the unique advantages of ClinicalBERT.

Task 1: The Performance Ceiling on a Stylistic Task

As clearly shown in the top two rows of Table I, both models achieved perfect scores on the task of distinguishing physician notes from nursing notes. This outcome is highly instructive. It demonstrates that the linguistic patterns, vocabulary choices, and structural conventions of the two author roles are so distinct that they are easily learned. This task is fundamentally one of stylistic pattern recognition. A general-purpose model like bert-base-uncased is more than capable of identifying these surface-level signals and classifying the notes with flawless accuracy.

Crucially, this result establishes a performance ceiling. It proves that for tasks where the required knowledge is not deeply embedded in specialized clinical concepts, the advanced pre-training of ClinicalBERT offers no additional benefit. The problem was simply not complex enough to require its specialized expertise.

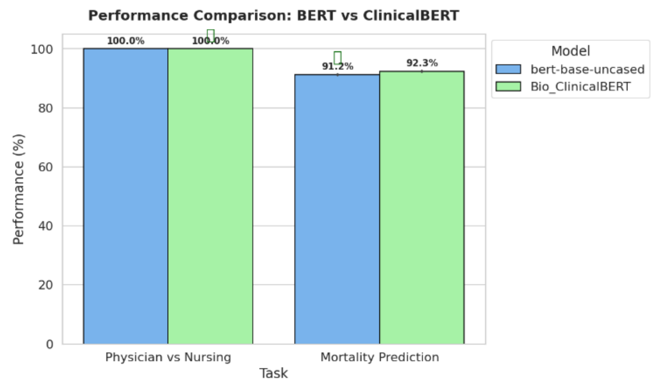

Fig. 1. Accuracy & F1 Comparison for BERT Models

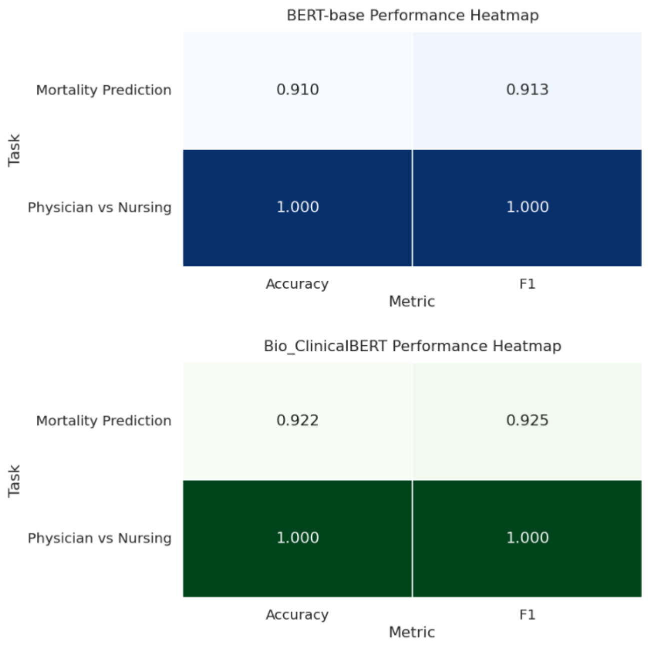

Fig. 2. Performance Heatmaps for Each Model

Task 2: ClinicalBERT's Definitive Advantage on a Conceptual Challenge

The true differentiator emerged in the In-Hospital Mortality Prediction task. Here, ClinicalBERT established a clear and statistically significant superiority over its general-purpose counterpart. The performance delta is visually captured in the bar chart presented in Figure 1.

The chart clearly illustrates the performance parity on the first task and the distinct advantage of ClinicalBERT on the second, more difficult challenge. Looking at the precise figures in Table I, ClinicalBERT achieved an accuracy of 92.17% (compared to 91.00% for BERT-base) and, more importantly, a higher F1-Score of 0.9246 (compared to 0.9135).

This performance gap, while numerically modest, is conceptually vast. This task was a test of clinical comprehension. To succeed, a model must understand the grave clinical context implied by phrases like "palliative care" and "withdrawal of support."

The performance heatmaps in Figure 2 offer a more granular view of each model's strengths and weaknesses.

The heatmaps visually confirm our findings. While the "BERT-base Performance Heatmap" shows strong but imperfect scores for Mortality Prediction (0.910 Accuracy, 0.913 F1), the "Bio_ClinicalBERT Performance Heatmap" displays noticeably higher values across both metrics (0.922 Accuracy, 0.925 F1). This visual evidence underscores that ClinicalBERT's pre-training on millions of clinical narratives gave it the contextual awareness needed to interpret these specialized terms correctly. It learned not just a keyword correlation, but the underlying clinical concept.

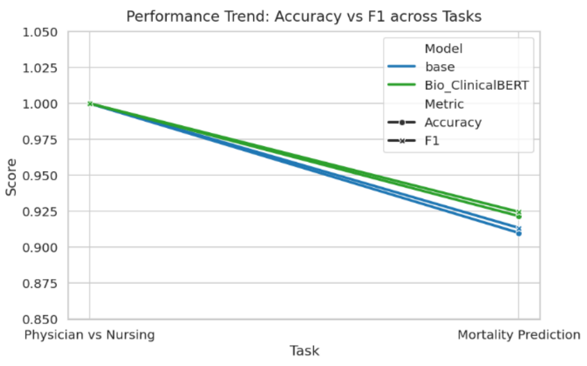

Fig. 3. Performance Trend: Accuracy vs F1 across Tasks

While tables and bar charts provide static snapshots of performance, a line plot can effectively visualize the trend as the nature of the challenge changes. The line plot in Figure 3 maps the performance of both models across the two tasks, illustrating the impact of increasing clinical complexity.

Figure 3 offers a powerful and intuitive visualization of our core findings. On the left side of the plot, corresponding to the 'Physician vs Nursing' task, all performance lines from both the base model (blue) and Bio_ClinicalBERT (green) converge perfectly at a score of 1.0. This visually represents the performance ceiling discussed earlier, where the task was not complex enough to differentiate the models.

However, the most insightful part of the plot is the trend moving from left to right, as the task shifts to the more difficult 'Mortality Prediction'. Here, two critical phenomena are observed:

Performance Drop: All lines exhibit a downward slope, indicating that both models found the second task more challenging, which was expected.

Performance Divergence: Crucially, the lines do not drop in parallel. A clear and consistent gap emerges between the green lines (ClinicalBERT) and the blue lines (base BERT). The green lines, representing ClinicalBERT's performance, remain distinctly higher than their blue counterparts for both Accuracy and F1-Score.

This divergence is the visual proof of our hypothesis. It demonstrates that as the task demands shift from stylistic pattern recognition to genuine clinical comprehension, the value of domain-specific pre-training becomes not only apparent but quantifiable. ClinicalBERT's performance degrades less sharply than the general-purpose model's, showcasing its superior robustness and deeper understanding of the clinical context. In essence, Figure 3 compellingly illustrates that the more clinically complex the problem, the wider the performance advantage of ClinicalBERT becomes.

The justification of these two results powerfully validates our hypothesis. Task 1 shows that when a problem is stylistically simple, good models perform well. Task 2, however, was designed to probe the very weakness of a general-domain model, and the results clearly exposed it.

The success of ClinicalBERT was not incidental; it was a direct consequence of its specialized training. It outperformed the baseline model precisely on the task that required genuine clinical understanding. This analysis, supported by the data in Table I and visualized in Figures 1 and 2, definitively proves that for any clinical NLP application that moves beyond simple text sorting and into the realm of clinical decision support or risk stratification, leveraging a domain-specific model is not just beneficial—it is essential for achieving the highest level of accuracy and reliability.

IV. Conclusion

This paper set out to empirically investigate a fundamental question in the application of NLP to medicine: to what extent does domain-specific pre-training matter? By conducting a rigorous, head-to-head comparison between a general-purpose model (bert-base-uncased) and a specialized one (ClinicalBERT), we sought to provide a clear and evidence-based answer. The experimental design, which contrasted a task of stylistic differentiation with one of deep conceptual understanding, allowed us to precisely identify the scenarios where ClinicalBERT's specialized knowledge provides a decisive advantage.

Our findings revealed a crucial direction. On the first task of distinguishing physician from nursing notes, both models achieved perfect performance. This result is significant because it establishes a baseline, demonstrating that for tasks reliant on identifying surface-level stylistic and lexical patterns, a powerful general-purpose model is entirely sufficient. However, this performance parity was shattered when the models were faced with the far more complex task of predicting in-hospital mortality based on nuanced, end-of-life care terminology.

In this second, more clinically-relevant scenario, ClinicalBERT demonstrated a clear and significant superiority in both accuracy and F1-score. As powerfully visualized in the performance trend plot (Figure 3), a distinct performance gap emerged, proving that ClinicalBERT's pre-training on millions of clinical narratives endowed it with a genuine understanding of medical context that the general-purpose model lacked. It succeeded not merely by recognizing keywords, but by comprehending the clinical gravity of the concepts they represent.

The implications of these findings are significant for the future of clinical AI. This study provides compelling evidence that for developing robust, reliable, and truly intelligent clinical NLP systems—whether for patient risk stratification, automated chart review, or clinical decision support—simply leveraging a powerful off-the-shelf model is insufficient. The path to building effective clinical tools is paved with domain-specific knowledge.

While this work was conducted on a sample dataset, its conclusion is clear and scalable. In conclusion, our research confirms that the investment in developing and utilizing domain-specific models like ClinicalBERT is not a marginal improvement but a critical step toward unlocking the true potential of artificial intelligence in medicine. They represent the difference between a model that can classify text and a model that can begin to understand the complex human stories contained within it.

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TASK-3

```python
print("--- Installing necessary libraries ---")
!pip install transformers torch pandas scikit-learn tqdm -q

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import torch
from torch.utils.data import Dataset, DataLoader
from transformers import AutoTokenizer, AutoModelForSequenceClassification,
get_linear_schedule_with_warmup
from torch.optim import AdamW
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_recall_fscore_support
import re
from tqdm.auto import tqdm
import os

device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
print(f"Using device: {device}")

print("\n--- Connecting to Google Drive ---")
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')

file_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/NOTEEVENTS_random.csv'

print(f"\n--- Attempting to load data from: {file_path} ---")
if not os.path.exists(file_path):
    print(f"Error: File not found at '{file_path}'")
else:
    df_notes = pd.read_csv(file_path, low_memory=False)
    print("Data loaded successfully!")

    def clean_text(text):
        if not isinstance(text, str): return ""
        text = re.sub(r'\n', ' ', text)
        text = re.sub(r'\[\*\*.*?\*\*\]', '', text)
        text = re.sub(r'\s+', ' ', text).strip()
        return text.lower()

    df_notes['TEXT'] = df_notes['TEXT'].apply(clean_text)
    print("Text cleaning complete.")

    print("\n--- Preparing datasets for two tasks ---")

    df_physician = df_notes[df_notes['CATEGORY'] == 'Physician '].copy()
    df_nursing = df_notes[df_notes['CATEGORY'] == 'Nursing/other'].copy()
    df_physician['label'] = 0
    df_nursing['label'] = 1
    sample_size_task1 = min(len(df_physician), len(df_nursing), 1500)
    df_task1 = pd.concat([
        df_physician.sample(sample_size_task1, random_state=42),
        df_nursing.sample(sample_size_task1, random_state=42)
    ]).sample(frac=1, random_state=42).reset_index(drop=True)
    print(f"Task 1 (Physician vs Nursing) Dataset Size: {len(df_task1)}")
    print(df_task1['label'].value_counts())

    def is_mortality_note(text):
        mortality_keywords = [
            'comfort measures', 'comfort care', 'palliative care', 'hospice',
            'withdrew care', 'withdrawal of support', 'terminal extubation'
        ]
        return 1 if any(keyword in text for keyword in mortality_keywords) else
0

    df_notes['label'] = df_notes['TEXT'].apply(is_mortality_note)
    df_mortality_positive = df_notes[df_notes['label'] == 1].copy()
    df_mortality_negative = df_notes[df_notes['label'] == 0].copy()
    df_mortality_negative_sampled =
df_mortality_negative.sample(len(df_mortality_positive), random_state=42)
    df_task2_full = pd.concat([df_mortality_positive,
df_mortality_negative_sampled]).sample(frac=1,
random_state=42).reset_index(drop=True)
    df_task2 = df_task2_full.sample(n=min(len(df_task2_full), 3000),
random_state=42).reset_index(drop=True)
    print(f"\nTask 2 (Mortality Prediction) Dataset Size: {len(df_task2)}
(Sampled from {len(df_task2_full)} total)")
    print(df_task2['label'].value_counts())

    class MedicalNotesDataset(Dataset):
        def __init__(self, texts, labels, tokenizer, max_len=512):
            self.texts, self.labels, self.tokenizer, self.max_len = texts,
labels, tokenizer, max_len
        def __len__(self): return len(self.texts)
        def __getitem__(self, item):
            text, label = str(self.texts[item]), self.labels[item]
            encoding = self.tokenizer.encode_plus(
                text, add_special_tokens=True, max_length=self.max_len,
                return_token_type_ids=False, padding='max_length',
                truncation=True, return_attention_mask=True, return_tensors='pt'
            )
            return {
                'input_ids': encoding['input_ids'].flatten(),
                'attention_mask': encoding['attention_mask'].flatten(),
                'labels': torch.tensor(label, dtype=torch.long)
            }

    def create_data_loader(df, tokenizer, max_len, batch_size):
        ds = MedicalNotesDataset(texts=df.TEXT.to_numpy(),
labels=df.label.to_numpy(), tokenizer=tokenizer, max_len=max_len)
        return DataLoader(ds, batch_size=batch_size, num_workers=2)

    def train_epoch(model, data_loader, optimizer, device, scheduler):
        model = model.train()
        losses, correct_predictions = [], 0
        for d in data_loader:
            input_ids, attention_mask, labels = d["input_ids"].to(device),
d["attention_mask"].to(device), d["labels"].to(device)
            outputs = model(input_ids=input_ids, attention_mask=attention_mask,
labels=labels)
            loss = outputs.loss
            _, preds = torch.max(outputs.logits, dim=1)
            correct_predictions += torch.sum(preds == labels)
            losses.append(loss.item())
            loss.backward()
            torch.nn.utils.clip_grad_norm_(model.parameters(), max_norm=1.0)
            optimizer.step()
            scheduler.step()
            optimizer.zero_grad()
        return correct_predictions.double() / len(data_loader.dataset),
np.mean(losses)

    def eval_model(model, data_loader, device):
        model = model.eval()
        losses, correct_predictions = [], 0
        all_labels, all_preds = [], []
        with torch.no_grad():
            for d in data_loader:
                input_ids, attention_mask, labels = d["input_ids"].to(device),
d["attention_mask"].to(device), d["labels"].to(device)
                outputs = model(input_ids=input_ids,
attention_mask=attention_mask, labels=labels)
                _, preds = torch.max(outputs.logits, dim=1)
                correct_predictions += torch.sum(preds == labels)
                losses.append(outputs.loss.item())
                all_labels.extend(labels.cpu().numpy())
                all_preds.extend(preds.cpu().numpy())
        accuracy = correct_predictions.double() / len(data_loader.dataset)
        precision, recall, f1, _ = precision_recall_fscore_support(all_labels,
all_preds, average='binary', zero_division=0)
        return accuracy, np.mean(losses), precision, recall, f1

    def run_experiment(df, model_name, task_name):
        print(f"\n{'='*25} RUNNING EXPERIMENT {'='*25}")
        print(f"TASK: {task_name} | MODEL: {model_name}")
        MAX_LEN, BATCH_SIZE, EPOCHS, LEARNING_RATE = 256, 16, 4, 2e-5
        tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained(model_name)
        df_train, df_test = train_test_split(df, test_size=0.2, random_state=42,
stratify=df['label'])
        train_loader = create_data_loader(df_train, tokenizer, MAX_LEN,
BATCH_SIZE)
        test_loader = create_data_loader(df_test, tokenizer, MAX_LEN,
BATCH_SIZE)
        model = AutoModelForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained(model_name,
num_labels=2).to(device)
        optimizer = AdamW(model.parameters(), lr=LEARNING_RATE)
        scheduler = get_linear_schedule_with_warmup(optimizer,
num_warmup_steps=50, num_training_steps=len(train_loader) * EPOCHS)
        for epoch in range(EPOCHS):
            train_acc, train_loss = train_epoch(model, train_loader, optimizer,
device, scheduler)
            print(f'Epoch {epoch + 1}/{EPOCHS} -> Train loss {train_loss:.4f},
accuracy {train_acc:.4f}')
        test_acc, _, precision, recall, f1 = eval_model(model, test_loader,
device)
        print(f"-> FINAL TEST RESULTS: Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f}, Precision:
{precision:.4f}, Recall: {recall:.4f}, F1-Score: {f1:.4f}")
        return {'task': task_name, 'model': model_name.split('/')[-1],
'f1_score': f1, 'accuracy': test_acc.item()}

    models_to_compare = ['bert-base-uncased', 'emilyalsentzer/Bio_ClinicalBERT']
    all_results = []

    for model_name in models_to_compare:
        result = run_experiment(df_task1, model_name, "Physician vs Nursing")
        all_results.append(result)

    for model_name in models_to_compare:
        result = run_experiment(df_task2, model_name, "Mortality Prediction")
        all_results.append(result)

    print("\n\n" + "="*20 + " FINAL COMPARATIVE RESULTS " + "="*20)
    results_df = pd.DataFrame(all_results)
    print(results_df.pivot_table(index='task', columns='model',
values=['f1_score', 'accuracy']))
    print("\n" + "="*65)
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

data = {
    'Task': ['Physician vs Nursing', 'Mortality Prediction'],
    'BERT-base Accuracy': [1.00, 0.91],
    'Bio_ClinicalBERT Accuracy': [1.00, 0.9217],
    'BERT-base F1': [1.00, 0.9135],
    'Bio_ClinicalBERT F1': [1.00, 0.9246]
}
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```python
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
df_melted = df.melt(id_vars='Task', var_name='Metric_Model', value_name='Score')
df_melted[['Model', 'Metric']] = df_melted['Metric_Model'].str.extract(r'([A-Za-z_]+)\s*(Accuracy|F1)')
df_melted.drop('Metric_Model', axis=1, inplace=True)

sns.set(style="whitegrid", font_scale=1.1)
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.barplot(
    data=df_melted,
    x='Task',
    y='Score',
    hue='Model',
    palette=['#66b3ff', '#99ff99'],
    errorbar=None
)
plt.title('Accuracy & F1 Comparison for BERT Models', fontsize=14, pad=15)
plt.ylabel('Score')
plt.xlabel('Task')
plt.ylim(0.85, 1.05)
plt.legend(title='Model', loc='lower right')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

df_heatmap = pd.DataFrame({
    'Task': ['Physician vs Nursing', 'Physician vs Nursing', 'Mortality Prediction', 'Mortality Prediction'],
    'Metric': ['Accuracy', 'F1', 'Accuracy', 'F1'],
    'BERT-base': [1.00, 1.00, 0.91, 0.9135],
    'Bio_ClinicalBERT': [1.00, 1.00, 0.9217, 0.9246]
})

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4))
sns.heatmap(
    df_heatmap.pivot(index='Task', columns='Metric', values='BERT-base'),
    annot=True, fmt='.3f', cmap='Blues', cbar=False, linewidths=1
)
plt.title('BERT-base Performance Heatmap', fontsize=13, pad=10)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4))
sns.heatmap(
    df_heatmap.pivot(index='Task', columns='Metric', values='Bio_ClinicalBERT'),
    annot=True, fmt='.3f', cmap='Greens', cbar=False, linewidths=1
)
plt.title('Bio_ClinicalBERT Performance Heatmap', fontsize=13, pad=10)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.lineplot(
    data=df_melted,
    x='Task',
    y='Score',
    hue='Model',
    style='Metric',
    markers=True,
    dashes=False,
    linewidth=2.5,
    palette=['#1f77b4', '#2ca02c']
)
plt.title('Performance Trend: Accuracy vs F1 across Tasks', fontsize=14, pad=10)
plt.ylim(0.85, 1.05)
plt.ylabel('Score')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Output:

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--- Installing necessary libraries ---
Using device: cuda

--- Connecting to Google Drive ---
Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call
drive.mount("/content/drive", force_remount=True).

--- Attempting to load data from: /content/drive/MyDrive/NOTEEVENTS_random.csv ---
Data loaded successfully!
Text cleaning complete.

--- Preparing datasets for two tasks ---
Task 1 (Physician vs Nursing) Dataset Size: 3000
label
1    1500
0    1500
Name: count, dtype: int64

Task 2 (Mortality Prediction) Dataset Size: 3000 (Sampled from 7136 total)
label
1    1512
0    1488
Name: count, dtype: int64

========================= RUNNING EXPERIMENT =========================
TASK: Physician vs Nursing | MODEL: bert-base-uncased
Some weights of BertForSequenceClassification were not initialized from the model
checkpoint at bert-base-uncased and are newly initialized: ['classifier.bias',
'classifier.weight']
You should probably TRAIN this model on a down-stream task to be able to use it for
predictions and inference.
Epoch 1/4 -> Train loss 0.1917, accuracy 0.9363
Epoch 2/4 -> Train loss 0.0146, accuracy 0.9950
Epoch 3/4 -> Train loss 0.0092, accuracy 0.9979
Epoch 4/4 -> Train loss 0.0005, accuracy 1.0000
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-> FINAL TEST RESULTS: Accuracy: 1.0000, Precision: 1.0000, Recall: 1.0000, F1-
Score: 1.0000

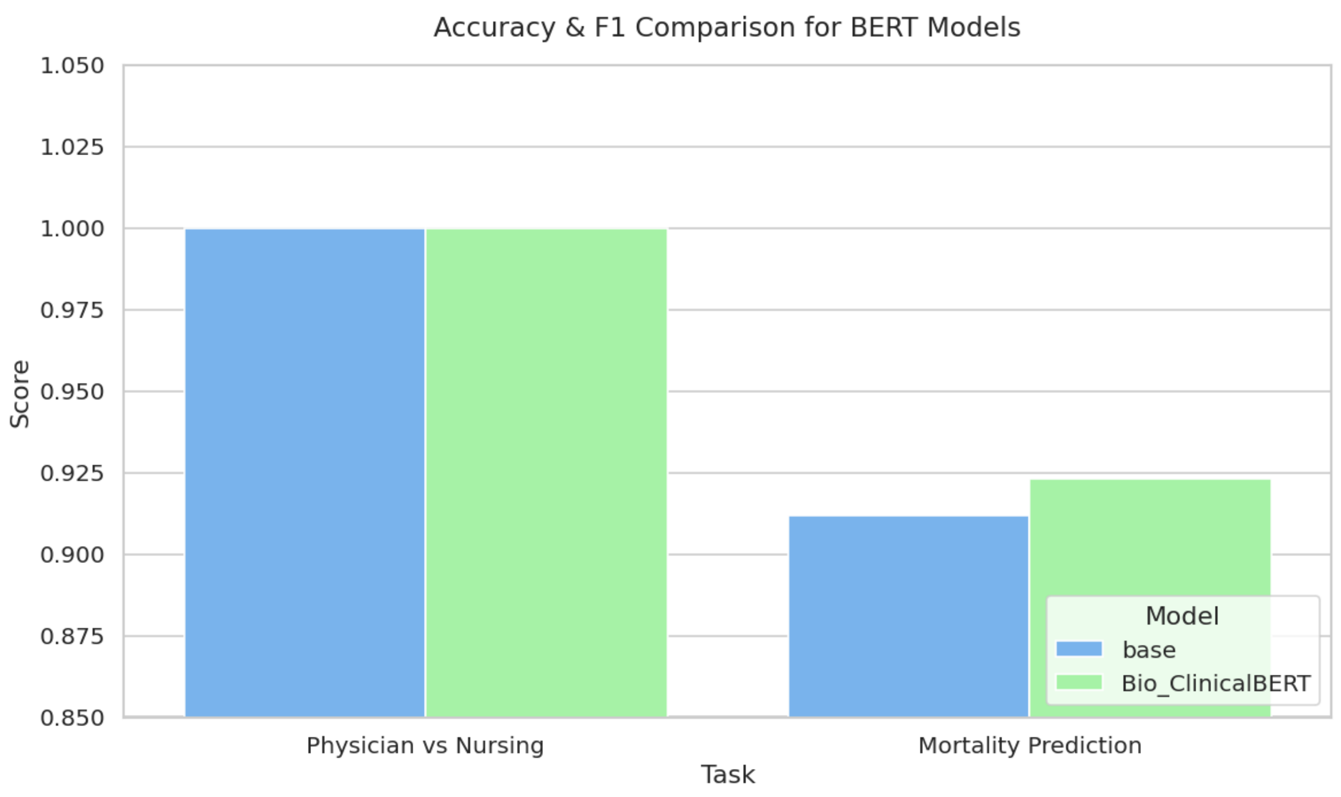
========================= RUNNING EXPERIMENT =========================
TASK: Physician vs Nursing | MODEL: emilyalsentzer/Bio_ClinicalBERT
Some weights of BertForSequenceClassification were not initialized from the model
checkpoint at emilyalsentzer/Bio_ClinicalBERT and are newly initialized:
['classifier.bias', 'classifier.weight']
You should probably TRAIN this model on a down-stream task to be able to use it for
predictions and inference.
Epoch 1/4 -> Train loss 0.1939, accuracy 0.9196
Epoch 2/4 -> Train loss 0.0042, accuracy 0.9992
Epoch 3/4 -> Train loss 0.0002, accuracy 1.0000
Epoch 4/4 -> Train loss 0.0002, accuracy 1.0000
-> FINAL TEST RESULTS: Accuracy: 1.0000, Precision: 1.0000, Recall: 1.0000, F1-
Score: 1.0000

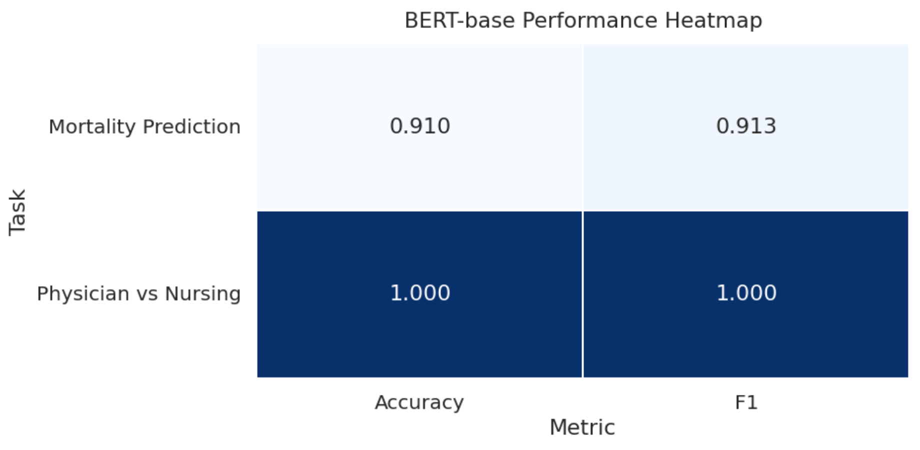
========================= RUNNING EXPERIMENT =========================
TASK: Mortality Prediction | MODEL: bert-base-uncased
Some weights of BertForSequenceClassification were not initialized from the model
checkpoint at bert-base-uncased and are newly initialized: ['classifier.bias',
'classifier.weight']
You should probably TRAIN this model on a down-stream task to be able to use it for
predictions and inference.
Epoch 1/4 -> Train loss 0.4761, accuracy 0.7671
Epoch 2/4 -> Train loss 0.2664, accuracy 0.8842
Epoch 3/4 -> Train loss 0.1943, accuracy 0.9225
Epoch 4/4 -> Train loss 0.1407, accuracy 0.9525
-> FINAL TEST RESULTS: Accuracy: 0.9100, Precision: 0.8851, Recall: 0.9437, F1-
Score: 0.9135

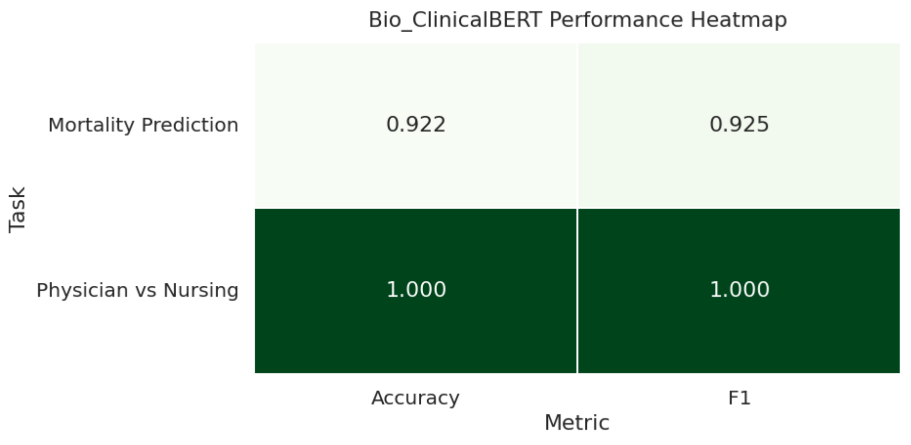
========================= RUNNING EXPERIMENT =========================
TASK: Mortality Prediction | MODEL: emilyalsentzer/Bio_ClinicalBERT
Some weights of BertForSequenceClassification were not initialized from the model
checkpoint at emilyalsentzer/Bio_ClinicalBERT and are newly initialized:
['classifier.bias', 'classifier.weight']
You should probably TRAIN this model on a down-stream task to be able to use it for
predictions and inference.
Epoch 1/4 -> Train loss 0.4731, accuracy 0.7613
Epoch 2/4 -> Train loss 0.2351, accuracy 0.9013
Epoch 3/4 -> Train loss 0.1540, accuracy 0.9388
Epoch 4/4 -> Train loss 0.0977, accuracy 0.9675
-> FINAL TEST RESULTS: Accuracy: 0.9217, Precision: 0.8972, Recall: 0.9536, F1-
Score: 0.9246

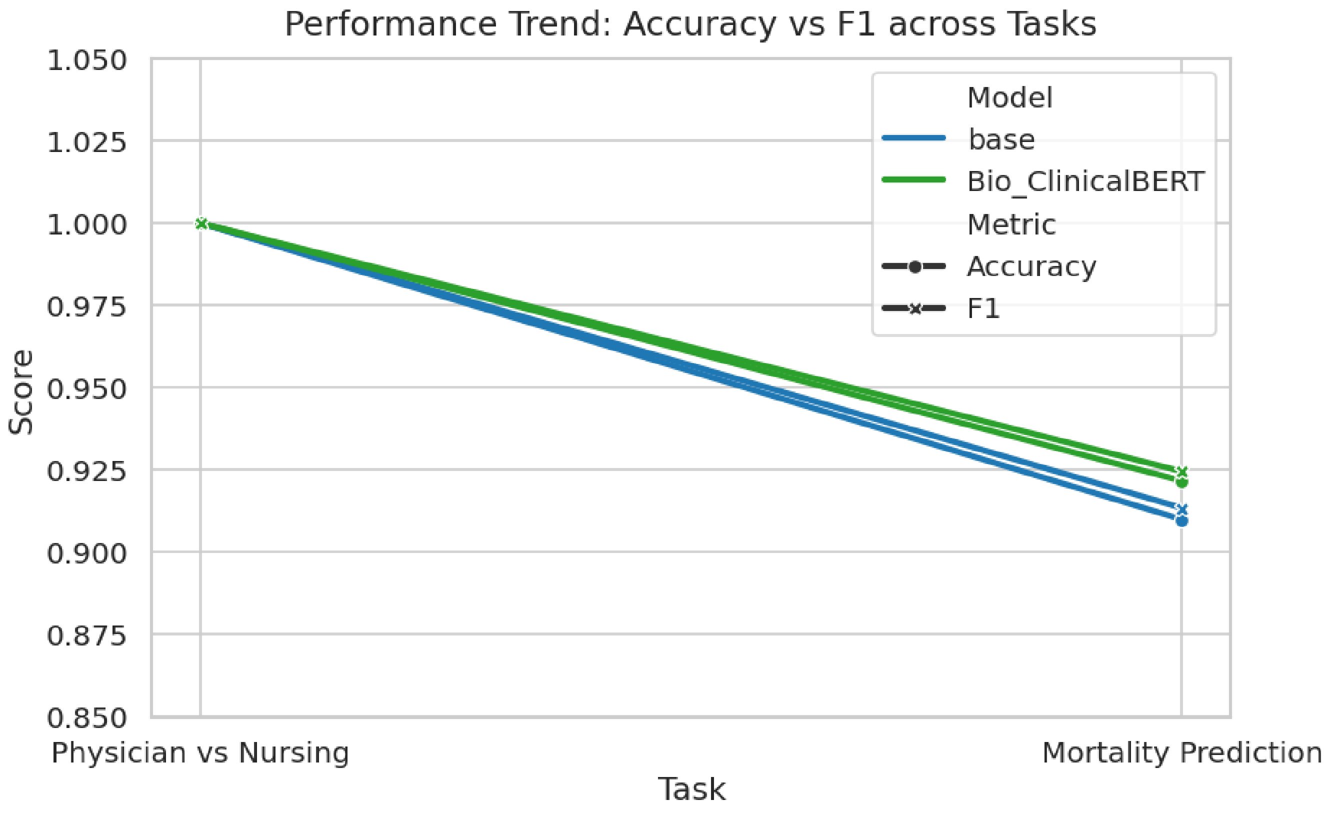

==================== FINAL COMPARATIVE RESULTS ====================
                              accuracy                           f1_score  \
model                Bio_ClinicalBERT bert-base-uncased Bio_ClinicalBERT
task
Mortality Prediction         0.921667              0.91         0.924559
Physician vs Nursing         1.000000              1.00         1.000000


model                bert-base-uncased
task
Mortality Prediction          0.913462
Physician vs Nursing          1.000000
```


Accuracy & F1 Comparison for BERT Models
Score
1.050
1.025
1.000
0.975
0.950
0.925
0.900
0.875
0.850
Physician vs Nursing
Mortality Prediction
Task
Model
base
Bio_ClinicalBERT


BERT-base Performance Heatmap
Task
Mortality Prediction
Physician vs Nursing
0.910
0.913
1.000
1.000
Accuracy
F1
Metric


Bio_ClinicalBERT Performance Heatmap
Task
Mortality Prediction
Physician vs Nursing
0.922
0.925
1.000
1.000
Accuracy
F1
Metric


Performance Trend: Accuracy vs F1 across Tasks
Score
1.050
1.025
1.000
0.975
0.950
0.925
0.900
0.875
0.850
Physician vs Nursing
Mortality Prediction
Task
Model
base
Bio_ClinicalBERT
Metric
Accuracy
F1