

# Review On Bert

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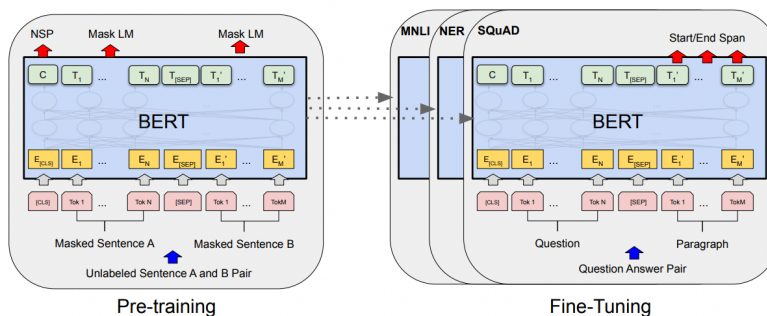
## Abstract

BERT is frequently used language model in variety of NLP fields. This article will review the paper “BERT:Pretraining of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Modeling”

## Introduction

There are two existing strategies for applying pre-trained language model, one is feature-based and another is fine-tuning. Both of them uses unidirectional language models during pre-training. This approach has limitation because the every token can only attend to previous tokens. So some tasks like Question and Answering which needs to incorporate context have a short comings.

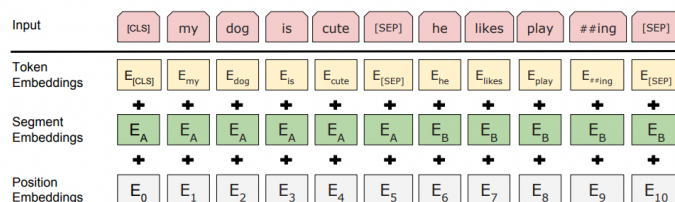
The important improvements of BERT is fine-tuning based on Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers. Especially, bidirectional encoding makes the model to see the current word token which makes overfit to the model. However BERT used Masked Language Model, which masks some of the tokens and predicting it. Another improvement of BERT is ‘next sentence prediction’



## Model Architecture

BERT has unified architecture across different tasks. It is a multi-layer bidirectional Transformer Encoder based on original tensor2tensor library. Two model sizes are as follows.

- BERT<sub>BASE</sub> (L=12, H=768, A=12, Total Parameters=110M)
- BERT<sub>LARGE</sub> (L=24, H=1024, A=16, Total Parameters=340M)



## Input/Output Representations

BERT takes input in both a single sentence and a pair of sentences in one token sequence. This input representation makes the model fit to both of NLP tasks like language inference

and question and answering. It contains the first token [CLS]. If it is pair of sentences(<Question, Answer>), it has special token [SEP] between them.

## **Pretraining BERT**

### **#1. Masked LM**

Most conditional language model approaches are focused on unidirectional conditioning although learning bidirectional is conceptually better. Bidirectional approach has limitation of seeing it self. So hidden layers will be affected by this 'seeing'. BERT introduces Masked Language Model. Researchers have masked some of the tokens and the model predicted it. This masking has downside, which is mismatch between pre-training and fine-tuning since there is [MASK] token does not appear during fine-tuning. So this paper changes chosen token into one of three. 1) masked token 2) random token 3) unchanged.

### **#2. Next Sentence Prediction**

question and answering and natural language inference are based on understanding the relationship between two sentences. Additional approach is needed for it because language modeling can not capture the relationship between the sentences. So the BERT has pretrained for binarized next sentence prediction task. Half of pretraining data was actual next sentence and half was randomly sentence from corpus. This pretraining improved score on both of question and answering and natural language inference.

### **\* Pretraining Data**

For pretraining, BooksCorpus(800M words) and English wikipedia(2,500M words) were used.

## **Fine-tuning BERT**

As BERT takes pair of sentences, common pattern would be independently encoding two sentence before cross attention. However, BERT used self-attention mechanism to unify two stages. It simply encodes a concatenated sequence(text pair). So the bidirectional cross attention between two sentences were made.

For each tasks, it plugs in task specific inputs and outputs. pair of sentences were sentences for paraphrasing, hypothesis-premise of question-passage pairs for question and answering and degenerate text-0 in text classification.

Fine-tuning is less expensive than pre-training.

## **Experiments**

Paper explains that BERT has achieved state-of-the-art results on 11 results including following results. This is part of all scores from paper focused on question and answering which is the reason I am reviewing BERT for.

**[GLUE score to 80.5%]**

System	MNLI-(m/mm) 392k	QQP 363k	QNLI 108k	SST-2 67k	CoLA 8.5k	STS-B 5.7k	MRPC 3.5k	RTE 2.5k	Average -
Pre-OpenAI SOTA	80.6/80.1	66.1	82.3	93.2	35.0	81.0	86.0	61.7	74.0
BiLSTM+ELMo+Attn	76.4/76.1	64.8	79.8	90.4	36.0	73.3	84.9	56.8	71.0
OpenAI GPT	82.1/81.4	70.3	87.4	91.3	45.4	80.0	82.3	56.0	75.1
BERT <sub>BASE</sub>	84.6/83.4	71.2	90.5	93.5	52.1	85.8	88.9	66.4	79.6
BERT <sub>LARGE</sub>	<b>86.7/85.9</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>82.1</b>

[Squad v1.1 question answering Test F1 to 93.2]

[Squad v2.0 question answering Test F1 to 83.1]

System	Dev		Test	
	EM	F1	EM	F1
Top Leaderboard Systems (Dec 10th, 2018)				
Human	-	-	82.3	91.2
#1 Ensemble - nlnet	-	-	86.0	91.7
#2 Ensemble - QANet	-	-	84.5	90.5
Published				
BiDAF+ELMo (Single)	-	85.6	-	85.8
R.M. Reader (Ensemble)	81.2	87.9	82.3	88.5
Ours				
BERT <sub>BASE</sub> (Single)	80.8	88.5	-	-
BERT <sub>LARGE</sub> (Single)	84.1	90.9	-	-
BERT <sub>LARGE</sub> (Ensemble)	85.8	91.8	-	-
BERT <sub>LARGE</sub> (Sgl.+TriviaQA)	<b>84.2</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>91.8</b>
BERT <sub>LARGE</sub> (Ens.+TriviaQA)	<b>86.2</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>93.2</b>

System	Dev		Test	
	EM	F1	EM	F1
Top Leaderboard Systems (Dec 10th, 2018)				
Human	86.3	89.0	86.9	89.5
#1 Single - MIR-MRC (F-Net)	-	-	74.8	78.0
#2 Single - nlnet	-	-	74.2	77.1
Published				
unet (Ensemble)	-	-	71.4	74.9
SLQA+ (Single)	-	-	71.4	74.4
Ours				
BERT <sub>LARGE</sub> (Single)	78.7	81.9	80.0	83.1

## References

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