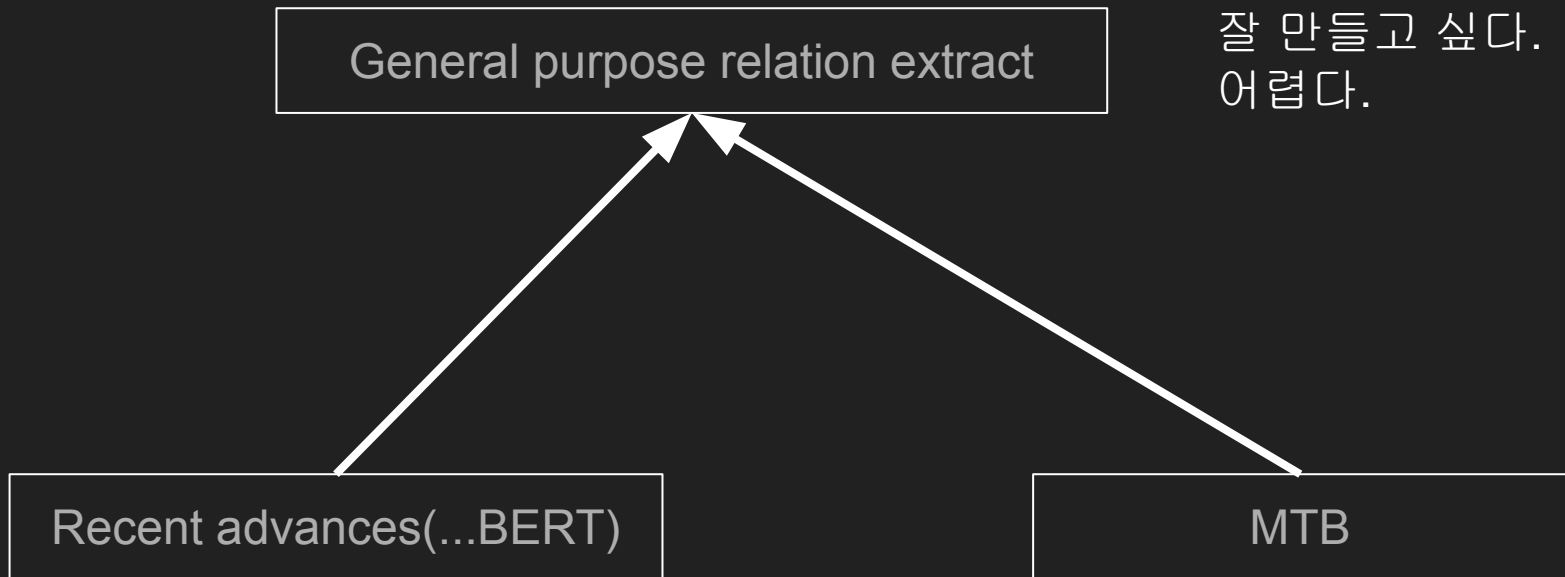


# Matching the Blanks

Matching the Blanks: Distributional Similarity for Relation Learning

# ABSTRACT



# Overviews

Sequence of tokens

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_0 \dots x_n]$$

Statement

$$\mathbf{s}_1 = (i, j) \text{ and } \mathbf{s}_2 = (k, l)$$

Relation statement

A relation statement is a triple  $\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2)$

Goal

Our goal is to learn a function  $\mathbf{h}_r = f_\theta(\mathbf{r})$

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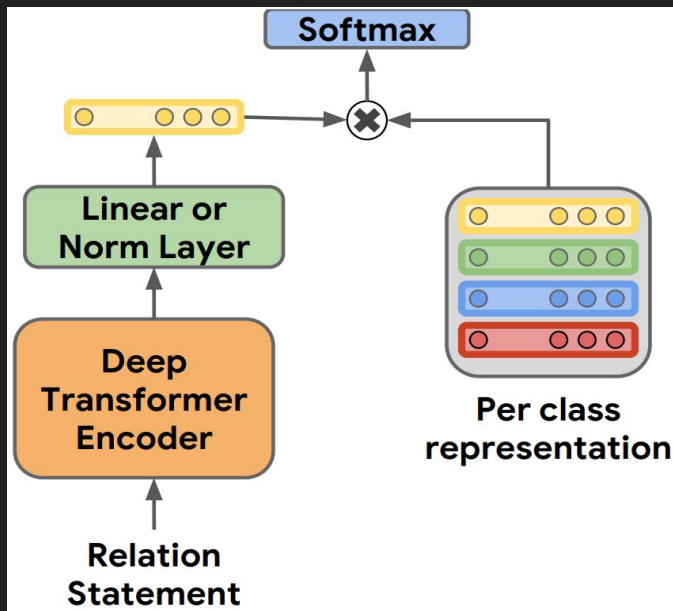
## Contributions

1. Investigate different architectures on Transformer.
2. Show that model can be learned from widely available distant supervision in the form of entity linked text.

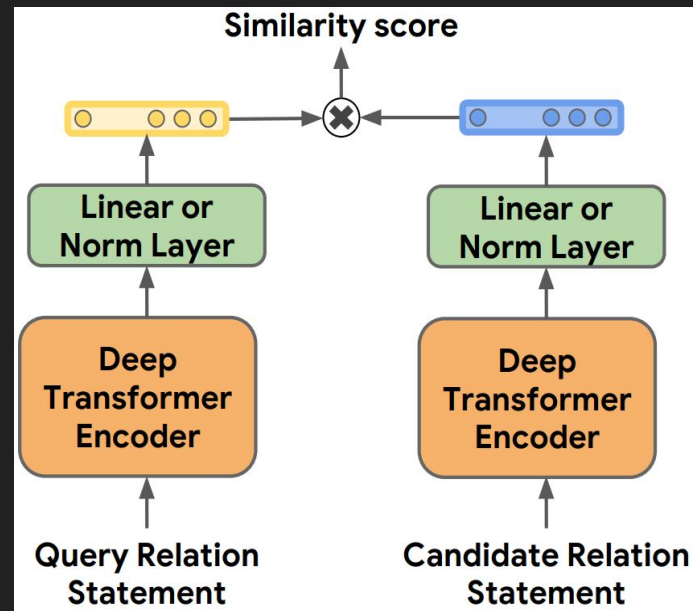
# Architectures for Relation Learning

relation extractions tasks:

## 1. Fully supervised relation extraction

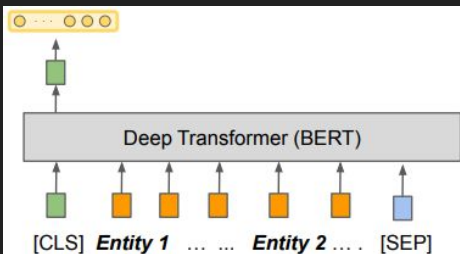


## 2. Few-shot relation matching

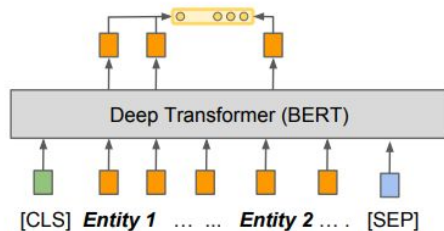


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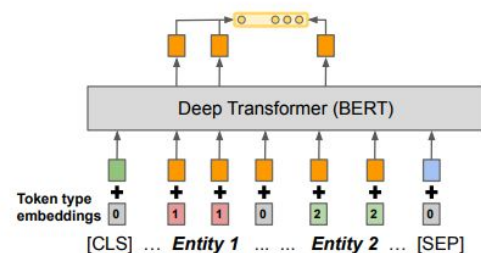
## Different architectures on Transformer



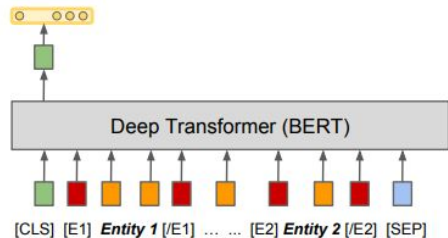
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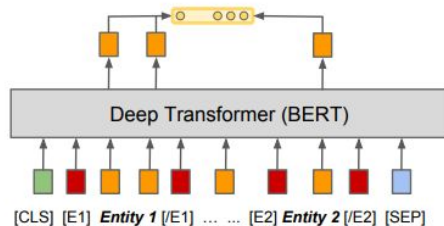
(b) STANDARD – MENTION POOLING



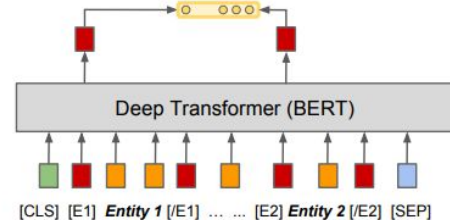
(c) POSITIONAL EMB. – MENTION POOL.



(d) ENTITY MARKERS – [CLS]



(e) ENTITY MARKERS – MENTION POOL.



(f) ENTITY MARKERS – ENTITY START

# Architectures for Relation Learning

	SemEval 2010 Task 8		KBP37		TACRED		FewRel 5-way-1-shot
# training annotated examples	8,000 (6,500 for dev)		15,916		68,120		44,800
# relation types	19		37		42		100
	Dev F1	Test F1	Dev F1	Test F1	Dev F1	Test F1	Dev Acc.
Wang et al. (2016)*	–	88.0	–	–	–	–	–
Zhang and Wang (2015)*	–	79.6	–	58.8	–	–	–
Bilan and Roth (2018)*	–	84.8	–	–	–	68.2	–
Han et al. (2018)	–	–	–	–	–	–	71.6

Input type	Output type							
STANDARD	[CLS]	71.6	–	41.3	–	23.4	–	85.2
STANDARD	MENTION POOL.	78.8	–	48.3	–	66.7	–	87.5
POSITIONAL EMB.	MENTION POOL.	79.1	–	32.5	–	63.9	–	87.5
ENTITY MARKERS	[CLS]	81.2	–	68.7	–	65.7	–	85.2
ENTITY MARKERS	MENTION POOL.	80.4	–	68.2	–	69.5	–	87.6
ENTITY MARKERS	ENTITY START	<b>82.1</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>88.9</b>

**Table 1:** Results for supervised relation extraction tasks. Results on rows where the model name is marked with a \* symbol are reported as published, all other numbers have been computed by us. SemEval 2010 Task 8 does not establish a default split for development; for this work we use a random slice of the training set with 1,500 examples.

# Learning by Matching the Blanks

MTB: learning  $f_{\{\theta\}}$  from entity linked text

$r_A$	In 1976, $e_1$ (then of Bell Labs) published $e_2$ , the first of his books on programming inspired by the Unix operating system.
$r_B$	The “ $e_2$ ” series spread the essence of “C/Unix thinking” with makeovers for Fortran and Pascal. $e_1$ ’s Ratfor was eventually put in the public domain.
$r_C$	$e_1$ worked at Bell Labs alongside $e_3$ creators Ken Thompson and Dennis Ritchie.
<b>Mentions</b>	$e_1$ = Brian Kernighan, $e_2$ = Software Tools, $e_3$ = Unix

**Table 2:** Example of “matching the blanks” automatically generated training data. Statement pairs  $r_A$  and  $r_B$  form a positive example since they share resolution of two entities. Statement pairs  $r_A$  and  $r_C$  as well as  $r_B$  and  $r_C$  form strong negative pairs since they share one entity in common but contain other non-matching entities.



# Learning by Matching the Blanks

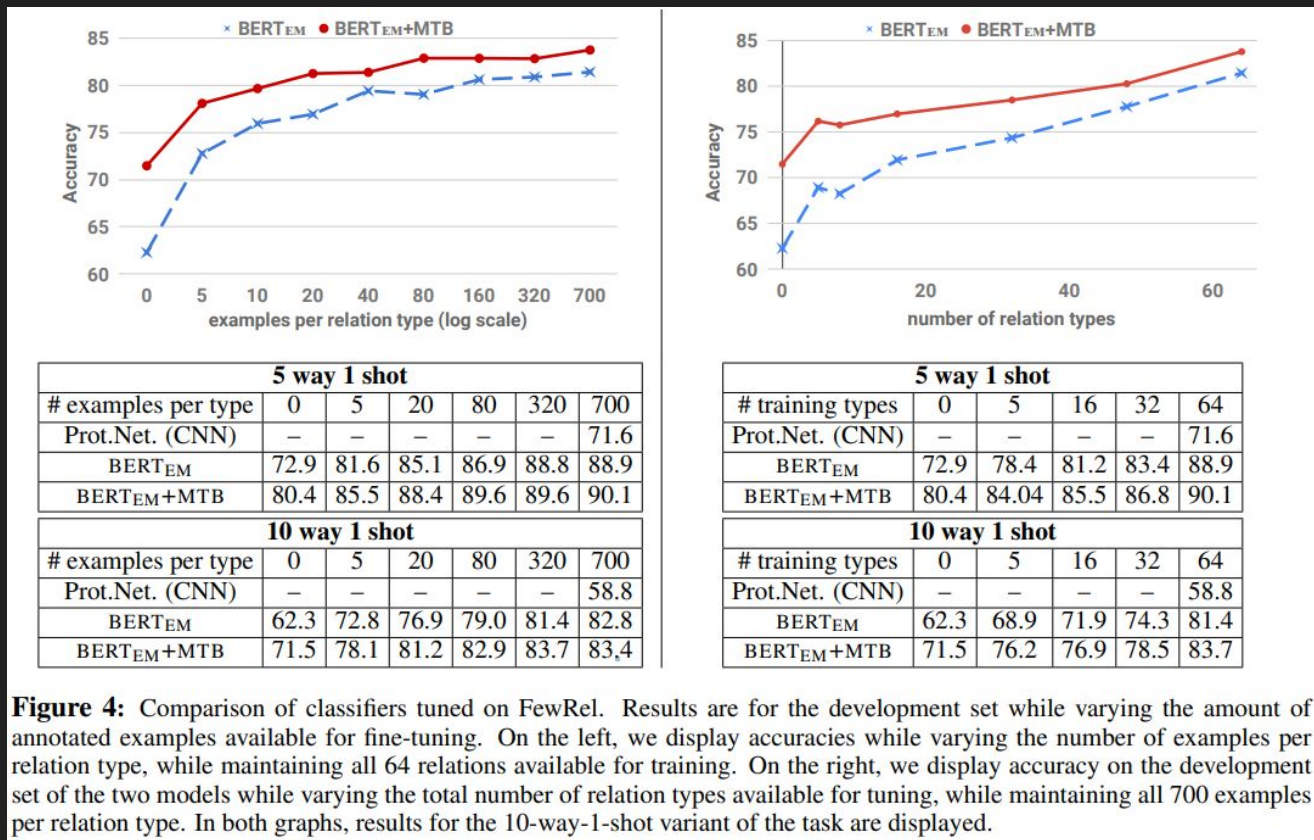
BERT pre-training use 2 loss: Loss\_{MLM}, Loss\_{MTB}

minimizes the loss  $p(l = 1|\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{1 + \exp f_{\theta}(\mathbf{r})^{\top} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{r}')}$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) = -\frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|^2} \sum_{(\mathbf{r}, e_1, e_2) \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{(\mathbf{r}', e'_1, e'_2) \in \mathcal{D}} \quad (1)$$
$$\delta_{e_1, e'_1} \delta_{e_2, e'_2} \cdot \log p(l = 1|\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') +$$
$$(1 - \delta_{e_1, e'_1} \delta_{e_2, e'_2}) \cdot \log(1 - p(l = 1|\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'))$$

where  $\delta_{e, e'}$  is the Kronecker delta that takes the value 1 iff  $e = e'$ , and 0 otherwise.

# Experiments



# Experiments

% of training set	1%	10%	20%	50%	100%
<b>SemEval 2010 Task 8</b>					
BERT <sub>EM</sub>	28.6	66.9	75.5	80.3	82.1
BERT <sub>EM</sub> +MTB	31.2	70.8	76.2	80.4	82.7
<b>KBP-37</b>					
BERT <sub>EM</sub>	40.1	63.6	65.4	67.8	69.5
BERT <sub>EM</sub> +MTB	44.2	66.3	67.2	68.8	70.3
<b>TACRED</b>					
BERT <sub>EM</sub>	32.8	59.6	65.6	69.0	70.1
BERT <sub>EM</sub> +MTB	43.4	64.8	67.2	69.9	70.6

**Table 5:** F1 scores on development sets for supervised relation extraction tasks while varying the amount of tuning data available to our BERT<sub>EM</sub> and BERT<sub>EM</sub>+MTB models.

# Conclusion

Producing useful relation representations directly from text.

We describe a novel training setup, which we call matching the blanks.

1. Our models achieves state of the art results on three relation extraction tasks, and outperforms human accuracy on few-shot relation matching.
2. We argue that it could significantly reduce the amount of human effort required to create relation extractors.