# Cross-lingual Transfer learning for Causal Commonsense Reasoning

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## Background

#### Causal Commonsense Reasoning

▶ "Bridge between premises and possible hypotheses with world knowledge that is not explicit in text"

	Premise	Hypothesis
$\checkmark$	I poured water on my sleeping friend.	My friend awoke.
×	Teddy is my son.	Teddy is a male.

## Background

Cross-lingual Transfer Learning

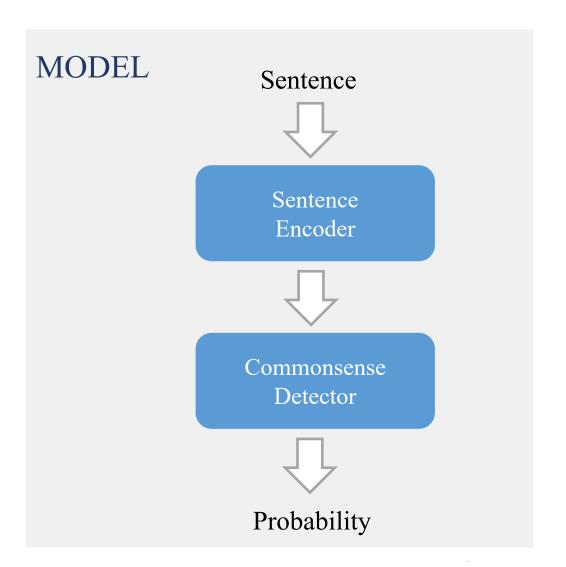
- ▶ Solve one problem and apply it to a different but related problem (Transfer Learning)
- Leverage large datasets available in one language—typically English—to build multilingual models that can generalize to other languages
- ► ZERO-SHOT / FEW-SHOT

## Overview

#### **PROCEDURE**

- Data preprocessing
- Pretraining
- Fine-tuning

**▶** Test



#### **Datasets**

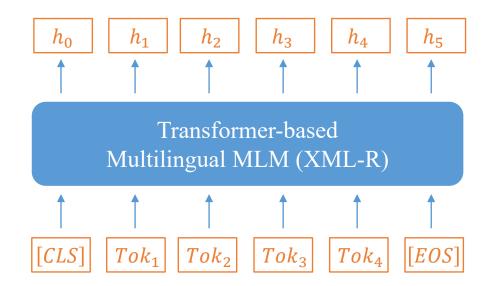
- Datasets for Pretraining
  - SocialIQA
    - "context": "Tracy protected her teammates from injury when she saw an accident about to happen prevented it."
    - "question": "Why did Tracy do this?"
    - "answerA": "make a play", "answerB": "prevent injuries", "answerC": "injure them"

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- "sentence": "The GPS and map helped me navigate home. I got lost when the \_ got turned off. "
- "option1": "GPS", "option2": "map"
- Datasets for Fine-tuning
  - COPA
    - "premise": "I poured water on my sleeping friend. "
    - "choice1": "My friend awoke. ", "choice2": "My friend snored. "
- Datasets for Test
  - COPA
  - XCOPA

#### Sentence Encoder

- Input sentence  $S = \{[CLS], Tok_1, Tok_2, ..., Tok_n, [EOS]\}$
- Hidden states  $H = \{h_0, h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n, h_{n+1}\}$
- Take the hidden state of [CLS]  $(h_0)$  as the representation of the sentence



#### Commonsense Detector

- lacksquare Obtain the representation of the i- sentence :  $r_i$
- Compute the possibility of having a causal relation

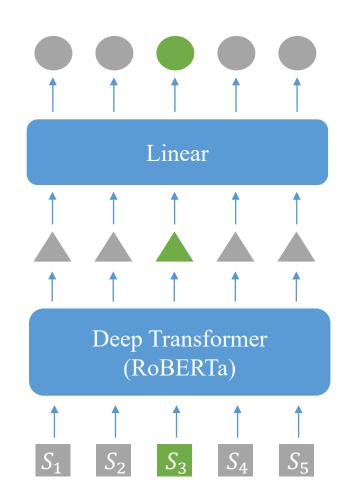
$$P_i = sigmoid(W_b \sigma(W_a r_i + b_a) + b_b)$$

■ Use binary cross entropy (BCE) as the detection loss

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{I}(label_i = 1) \log P_i + \mathbb{I}(label_i = 0) \log (1 - P_i)$$

#### Denoising Module

- Background
  - Noncausal relation with positive label
- Target
  - Denoise low-quality input data
- Method
  - Train a rank model for monolingual (English) causal commensense reasoning detection
  - Compute positive scores for *N* sentences
  - Keep top *k* sentences



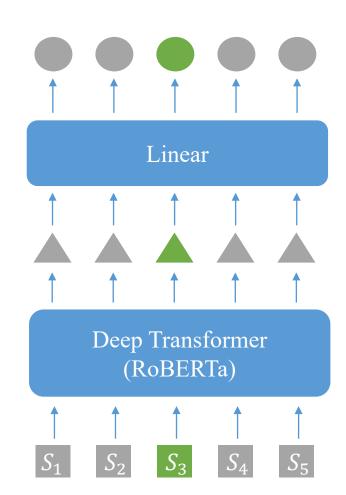
Denoising Module

#### How to train?

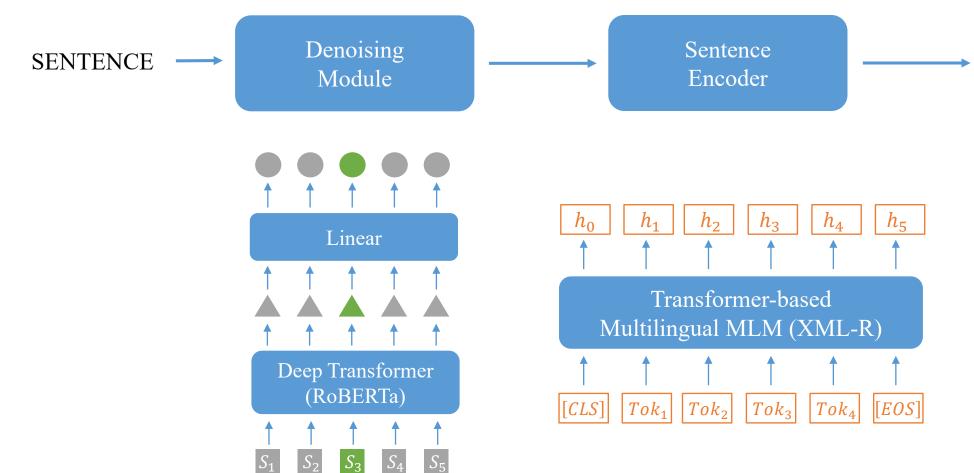
- Input m instances  $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^m$  where only one is positive
- ▶ Compute their positive scores using Roberta and MLP

$$r_i = Encoder(S_i)$$
  
 $score_i = w_m r_i + b_m$ 

ightharpoonup Apply a softmax function to compute the probability of i-th instance to be positive



Network Architecture



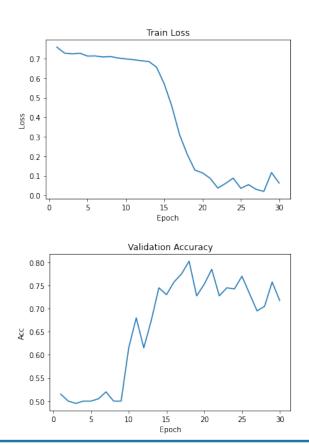
Commonsense

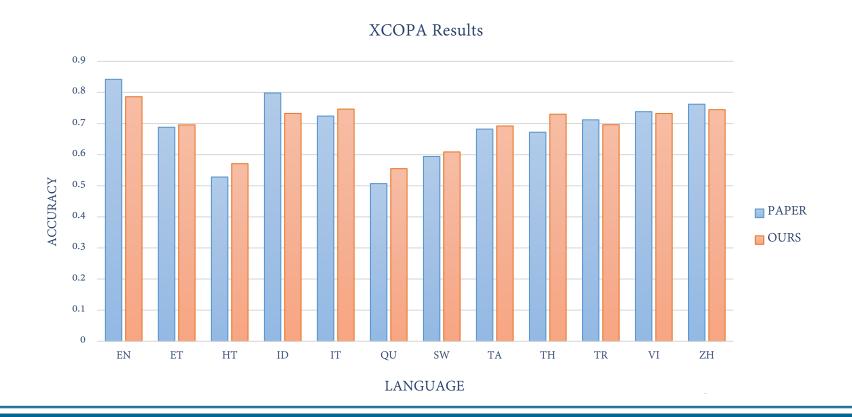
Detector

## Experiment

▶ Pretraining: batch\_size=64 Adam with learning\_rate=4e-4 and weight\_decay=0.01

Fine tuning: batch\_size=16 Adam with learning\_rate=1e-5 and weight\_decay=0.1





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