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Abstract

This is a literature review of the Natural Language Inference (NLI) task, particularly as it relates to adversarial data. We also review structural properties of BERT, with an eye towards how they relate to the adversarial setting.

1 General Problem

The general problem we are trying to address is Natural Language Inference (NLI), the task of determining if a premise sentence entails a hypothesis statement. In recent years, Transformer-based models have been shown to be very effective in this task.

In particular, we study the problem of Adversarial NLI (Nie et al., 2019) which poses a challenge to the state-of-the-art models. We then study the structural properties of a popular deep learning model, BERT (Devlin et al., 2019) from the perspective of what it does (Michel et al., 2019; Rogers et al., 2020; Clark et al., 2019).

2 Article Summary

In this section we provide summaries of several papers.

2.1 (Devlin et al., 2019)

2.2 (Nie et al., 2019)

2.3 (Michel et al., 2019)

2.4 (Rogers et al., 2020)

2.5 (Clark et al., 2019)

2.6 (Vaswani et al., 2017)

2.7 (McCoy et al., 2019)

3 Compare And Contrast

Point out the similarities and differences of the papers. Do they agree with each other? Are results

seemingly in conflict? If the papers address different subtasks, how are they related? (If they are not related, then you may have made poor choices for a lit review...). This section is probably the most valuable for the final project, as it can become the basis for a lit review section..

4 Future Work

Future work

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