

## Appendix

### 1 Single-Label Dataset

Dataset	Train	Dev	Test	Classes	Classification Task
MR	8.5k	1.0k	1.1k	2	review classification
SST-2	8.6k	1.0k	1.8k	2	sentiment analysis
Subj	8.1k	0.9k	1.0k	2	opinion classification
TREC	5.3k	1.1k	0.5k	6	question categorization
CR	3.1k	0.3k	0.4k	2	review classification
AG's news	108k	12k	7.6k	4	news categorization

Table A.1: Characteristics of the datasets. We picked 10 percent of training data randomly as dev data to train the best model and evaluate the model with the test data

	MR	SST2	Subj	TREC	CR	AG's
LSTM	75.9	80.6	89.3	86.8	78.4	86.1
BiLSTM	79.3	83.2	90.5	89.6	82.1	88.2
Tree-LSTM	80.7	85.7	91.3	91.8	83.2	90.1
LR-LSTM	81.5	87.5	89.9	-	82.5	-
CNN-rand	76.1	82.7	89.6	91.2	79.8	92.2
CNN-static	81.0	86.8	93.0	92.8	84.7	91.4
CNN-non-static	81.5	87.2	93.4	93.6	84.3	92.3
CL-CNN	-	-	88.4	85.7	-	92.3
VD-CNN	-	-	88.2	85.4	-	91.3
Capsule-A	81.3	86.4	93.3	91.8	83.8	92.1
Capsule-B	82.3*	86.8	93.8	92.8	85.1*	92.6

Table A.2: Comparisons of our capsule networks and baselines on six text classification benchmarks with significance test. Numbers with \* mean that improvement from the model is statistically significant over the baseline methods (t-test, p-value < 0.05).

	<b>MR</b>	<b>SST2</b>	<b>Subj</b>	<b>TREC</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>AG's</b>
SVM	80.8	86.3	92.3	92.5	83.4	91.8
LSTM	75.9	80.6	89.3	86.8	78.4	86.1
BiLSTM	79.3	83.2	90.5	89.6	82.1	88.2
Tree-LSTM	80.7	85.7	91.3	91.8	83.2	90.1
LR-LSTM	81.5	87.5	89.9	-	82.5	-
CNN-rand	76.1	82.7	89.6	91.2	79.8	92.2
CNN-static	81.0	86.8	93.0	92.8	84.7	91.4
CNN-non-static	81.5	87.2	93.4	93.6	84.3	92.3
CL-CNN	-	-	88.4	85.7	-	92.3
VD-CNN	-	-	88.2	85.4	-	91.3
Bi-BloSAN [1]	<b>83.1</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>94.8</b>	84.8	<b>93.3</b>
Capsule-A	81.3	86.4	93.3	91.8	83.8	92.1
Capsule-B	82.3	86.8	93.8	92.8	<b>85.1</b>	92.6

Table A.3: Comparisons of our capsule networks and baselines on six text classification benchmarks. (Adding SVM and Bi-BloSAN as baselines)

## 2 Multi-Label Experiment

Dataset	Train	Dev	Test	Category	Description
Reuters-Multi-label	5.8k	0.6k	0.3k	10	Remove single-label samples in test data.
Reuters-Full	5.8k	0.6k	3.4k	10	Include single- and multi-label samples in test data.

Table A.4: Characteristics of Reuters-21578 (10 categories) corpus

	Reuters-Multi-label				Reuters-Full			
	ER	Precision	Recall	F1	ER	Precision	Recall	F1
LSTM	23.3	86.7	54.7	63.5	62.5	78.6	72.6	74.0
BiLSTM	26.4	82.3	55.9	64.6	65.8	83.7	75.4	77.8
CNN-rand	22.5	88.6	56.4	67.1	63.4	78.7	71.5	73.6
CNN-static	27.1	91.1	59.1	69.7	63.3	78.5	71.2	73.3
CNN-non-static	27.4	92.0	59.7	70.4	64.1	80.6	72.7	75.0
SVM	26.3	90.7	57.6	68.2	63.2	81.2	73.3	75.1
Pruned-Sets [2]	29.6	93.1	62.2	72.5	66.1	84.2	76.5	78.2
Bi-BloSAN [1]	28.7	92.8	61.2	71.7	66.0	84.3	76.2	78.0
Capsule-A	57.2	88.2	80.1	82.0	66.0	83.9	<b>80.5</b>	80.2
Capsule-B	<b>60.3</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>86.4</b>	80.1	<b>81.4</b>

Table A.5: Comparisons of the capability for transferring from single-label to multi-label text classification on Reuters-Multi-label and Reuters-Full datasets. For fair comparison, we use margin-loss for our model and other baselines.

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