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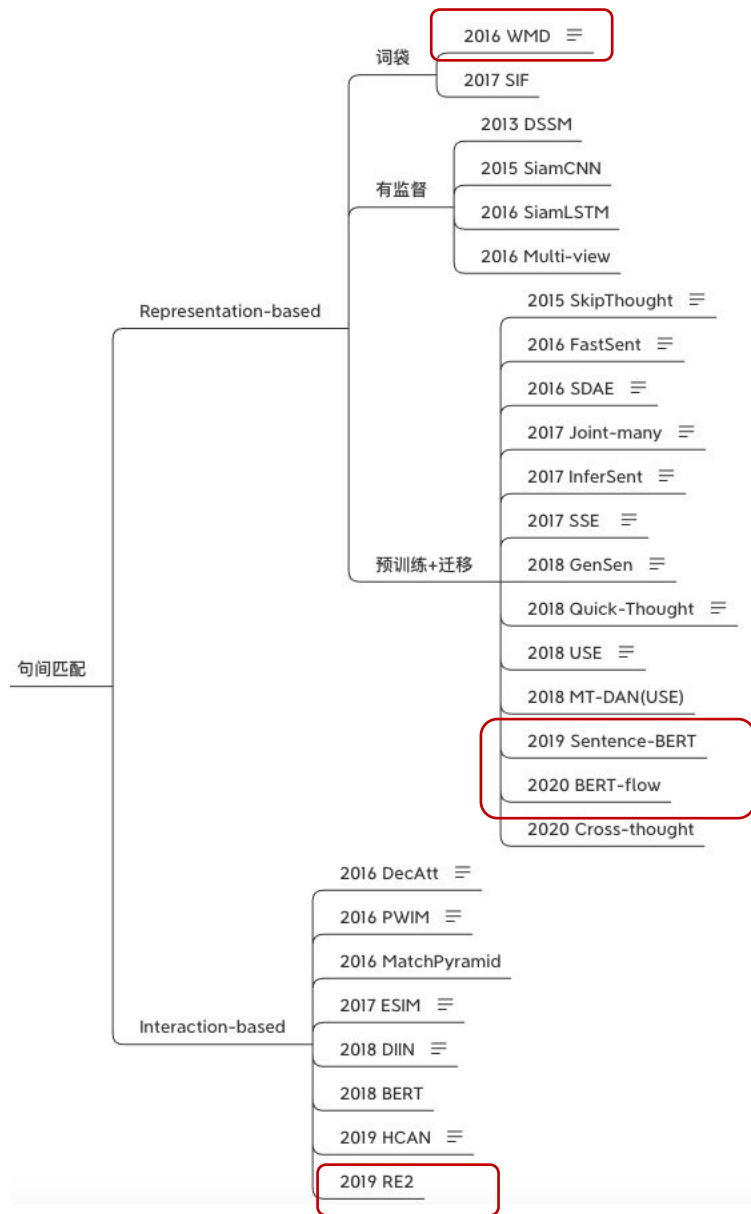
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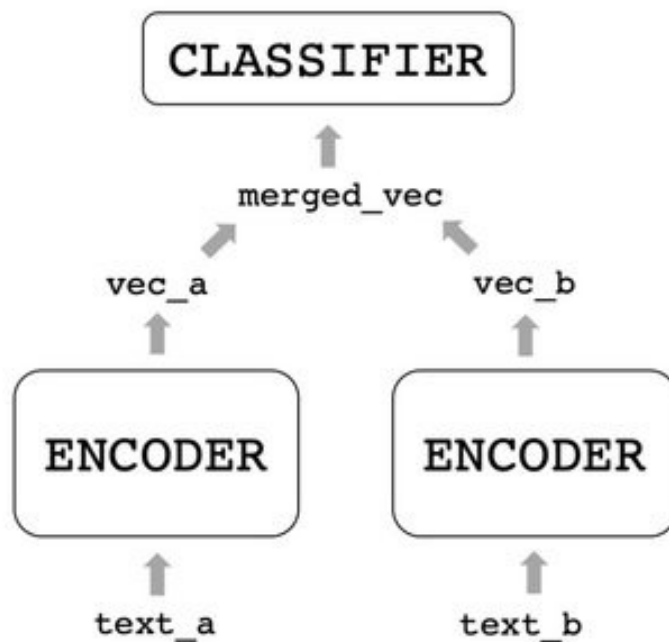
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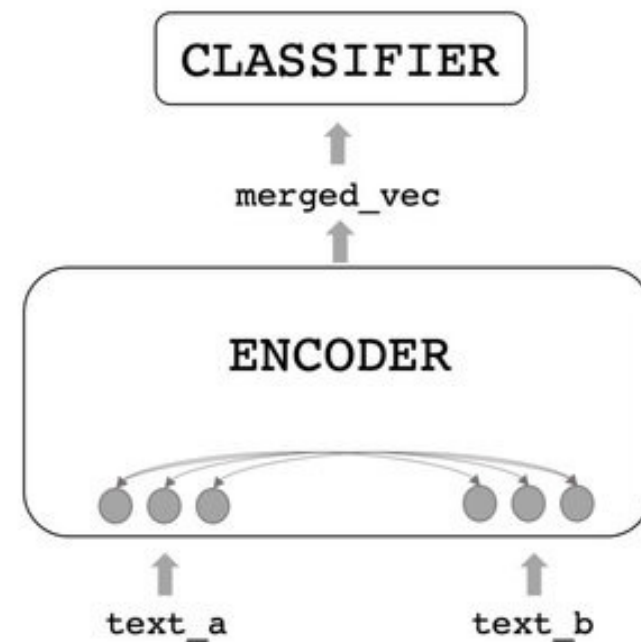
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## Representation based



## Interaction based



## Sentence-BERT: Sentence Embeddings using Siamese BERT-Networks

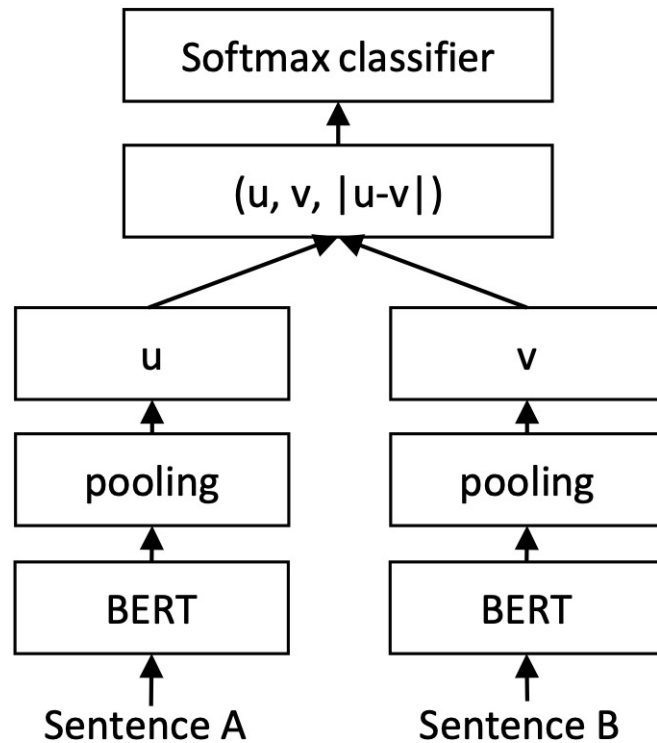


Figure 1: SBERT architecture with classification objective function, e.g., for fine-tuning on SNLI dataset. The two BERT networks have tied weights (siamese network structure).

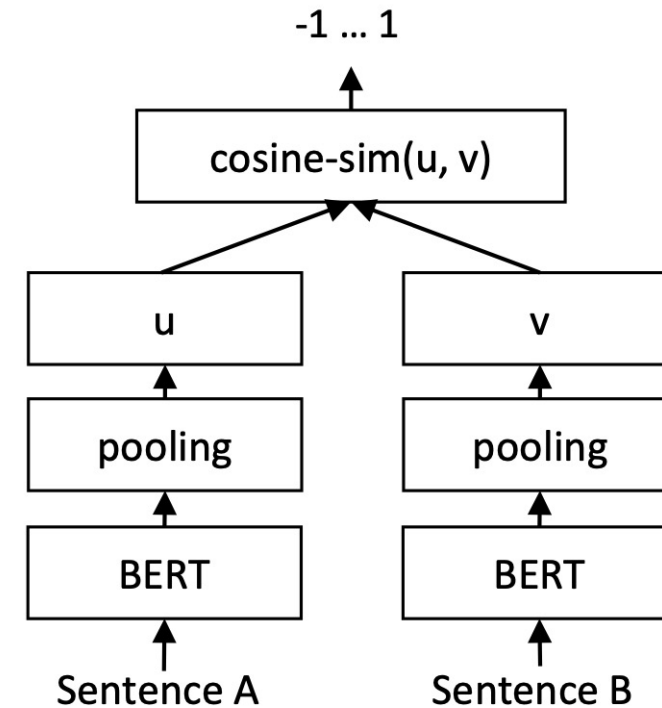


Figure 2: SBERT architecture at inference, for example, to compute similarity scores. This architecture is also used with the regression objective function.

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Train the sentence matching model from **two views**:

- (1) **Siamese View**, they start with the siamese BERT-networks as a backbone to derive sentence embeddings, to be able to capture semantics similarity efficiently by calculating distances on the two fixed-size vectors.
- (2) **Interaction View**, the standard pre-trained models with cross-sentence interactions are utilized, acting as multiple teachers that generate predictions about the training set provided to the siamese networks to learn.

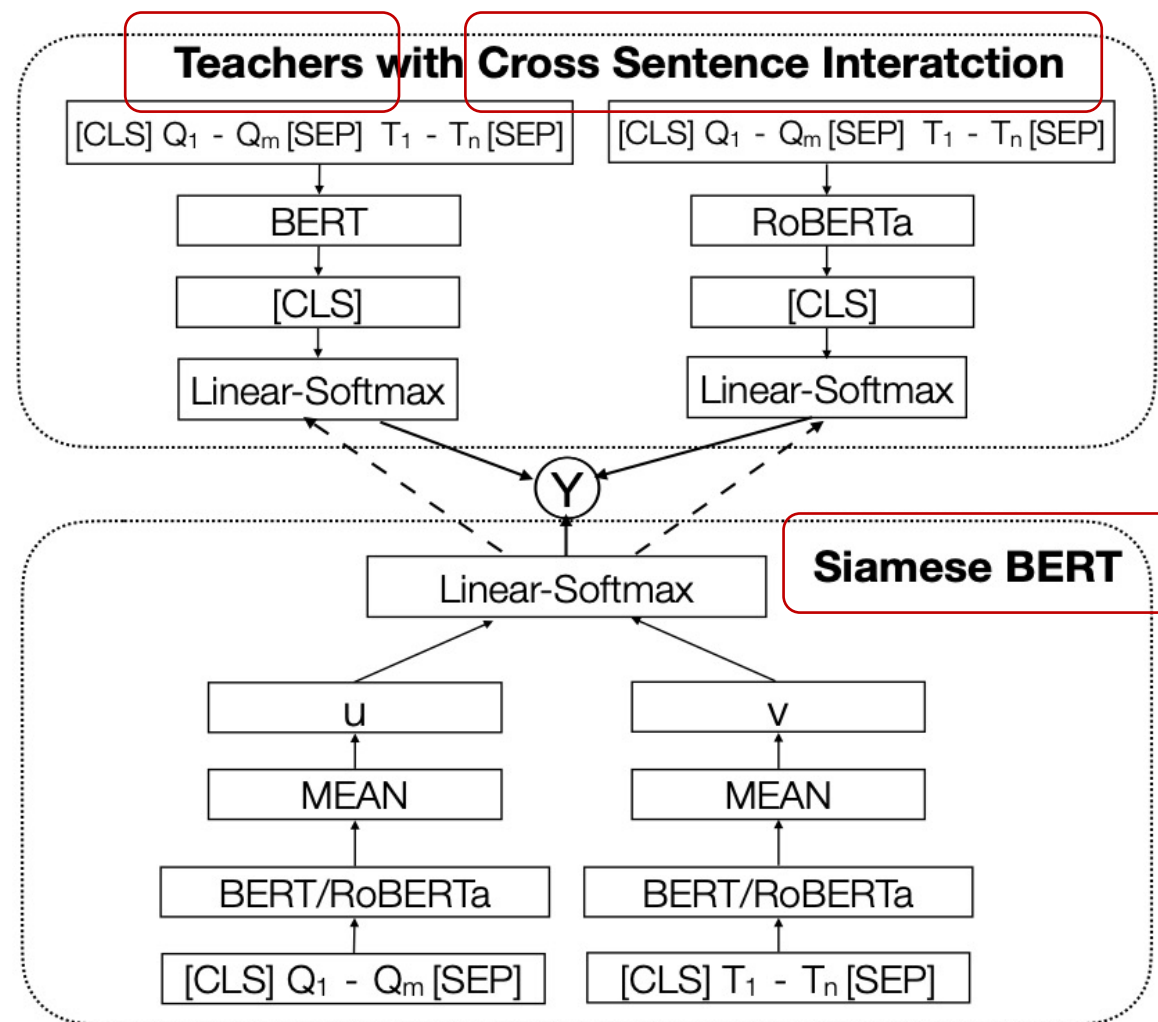


Figure 1: Overview of Dual View Distilled BERT. Dash lines indicate distillation.

## Siamese BERT-Networks

dataset  $D_l \longrightarrow y \in Y$

$Y = \{entailment, contradiction, neutral\}$

对于分类任务，如NLI，将 $\mathbf{u}$ 、 $\mathbf{v}$ 和 $|\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{v}|$ 连接起来，然后是一个全连接层将其映射到一个固定的概率分布中，如下：  
hidden size into a probability distribution.

$$p(y|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}; \theta) = \text{softmax}(W[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}|]),$$

where  $\theta$  represents all learnable parameters from BERT, shared for  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$ . And  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{3d \times n}$  is the parameter of the fully-connected layer.  $d$  is the dimension of the sentence embeddings. We optimize the standard cross-entropy loss.

For any sentence-pairs, the siamese BERT converts the two sentences into sequential vectors individually, and then pool these two vectors into two sentence embeddings  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . SBERT (Reimers and Gurevych, 2019)

Cross Sentence Interaction

使用多种不同的预训练语言模型作为教师模型，指导Siamese BERT-Networks学习，通过引入句子之间的词交互信息，以丰富词级别的交互特征。

Each model first pre-trains with **labeled** data, then **re-labeling** the data and adds it to a new training set.

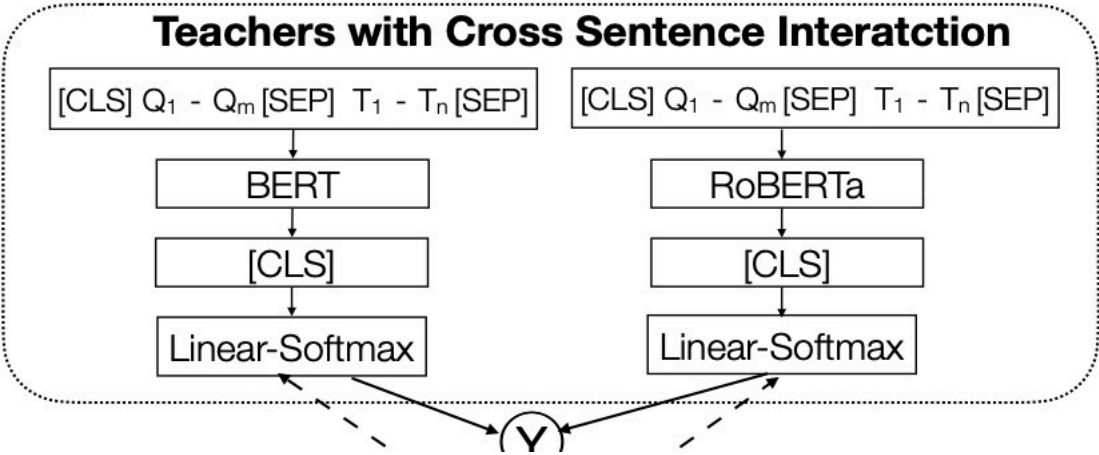


Fig 1 (top), we concatenate the sentence-pair  $Q = \{Q_i\}_{i=1,...,m}$  and  $T = \{T_i\}_{i=1,...,N}$  into a text sequence  $[ [CLS] Q [SEP] T [SEP] ]$ .

第k个预训练模型的[CLS]标记

$$q(y|\mathbf{z}_k^c; \phi_k) = softmax(O\mathbf{z}_k^c),$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, W) = \sum_{k=1}^K D(q(y|\mathbf{z}_k^c; \phi_k), p(y|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}; \theta)),$$

模型的参数

## Teacher Annealing

We leverage teacher annealing (Clark et al., 2019) strategy, which mixes the teacher prediction with the gold label during training.

孪生BERT-Networks模型和其他K个BERT模型的目标函数，如下：

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{x_{\tau}^i, y_{\tau}^i \in \mathcal{D}_{\tau}} \ell(f_{\tau}(x_{\tau}^i, \theta_{\tau}), f_{\tau}(x_{\tau}^i, \theta))$$

其中， $\lambda$ 从0到1线性增加。一开始， $\lambda=0$ 时，意味着模型完全基于教师的软目标进行训练。随着模型的逐渐收敛，模型更多地学习硬目标。



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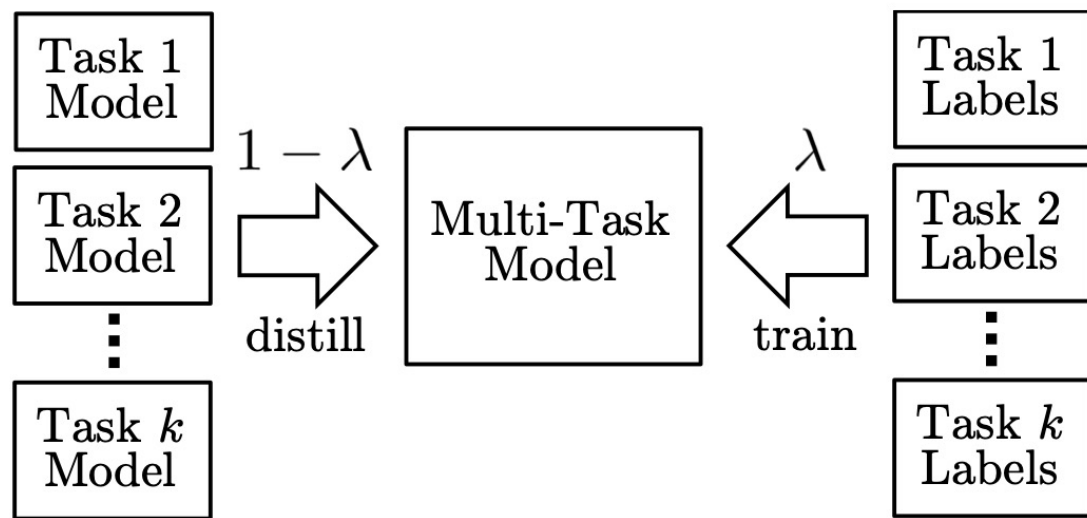


Figure 1: An overview of our method.  $\lambda$  is increased linearly from 0 to 1 over the course of training.

## 3.1 Dataset

The NLI dataset consists of **SNLI** (Bowman et al., 2015) and **MultiNLI** (Williams et al., 2018), annotated with the labels contradiction, entailment, and neutral. **STS** (Agirre et al., 2012) assesses the matching degree to which two sentences are semantically equivalent to each other, which are human-annotated with a level of equivalence from 1 to 5. We follow the previous works (Conneau et al., 2017; Cer et al., 2018) to merge the training and test datasets in both NLI data as pre-training datasets of 940k sentence pairs. STS 2012-2016 datasets have no training data but 26k test data, so the datasets are used to evaluate the pre-trained DvBERT on NLI. STS-B is a collection of 8.6k sentence pairs and contains training, development, and test sets drawn from heterogeneous sources.

	STS12	STS13	STS14	STS15	STS16	STS-B	Avg.
BERT Avg. embedding	38.78	57.98	57.98	63.15	61.06	46.35	54.22
BERT [CLS] embedding	20.16	30.01	20.09	36.88	38.08	16.50	26.95
SBERT-base	70.4	71.77	70.66	78.67	74.11	76.28	73.64
SRoBERTa-base	71.70	73.43	71.47	<b>80.79</b>	75.99	77.02	75.06
DvBERT-base	70.52	73.17	71.18	79.88	75.08	77.96	74.63
DvRoBERTa-base	<b>72.42</b>	<b>73.44</b>	<b>72.21</b>	80.43	<b>76.52</b>	<b>78.32</b>	<b>75.56</b>
SBERT-large	71.68	72.79	72.20	80.32	76.45	78.00	75.24
SRoBERTa-large	72.14	76.69	74.12	79.81	75.97	78.60	76.22
DvBERT-large	72.95	72.26	71.87	79.27	76.16	78.28	75.13
DvRoBERTa-large	<b>74.99</b>	<b>76.16</b>	<b>73.34</b>	<b>81.93</b>	<b>78.77</b>	<b>79.61</b>	<b>77.47</b>

Table 1: Spearman correlation of STS tasks without fine-tuning on task-specific data.

	Base models	Large models
BERT-NLI	$87.33 \pm 0.23$	$89.09 \pm 0.36$
RoBERTa-NLI	<b><math>89.77 \pm 0.47</math></b>	<b><math>91.12 \pm 0.17</math></b>
SBERT	$84.57 \pm 0.2$	$84.72 \pm 1.01$
SRoBERTa	$84.89 \pm 0.34$	$86.13 \pm 0.94$
DvBERT	$84.67 \pm 0.23$	$85.31 \pm 0.21$
DvRoBERTa	<b><math>85.31 \pm 0.37</math></b>	<b><math>86.23 \pm 0.67</math></b>
SBERT-NLI	$85.01 \pm 0.17$	$85.91 \pm 0.58$
SRoBERTa-NLI	$85.40 \pm 0.2$	$86.15 \pm 0.35$
DvBERT-NLI	$85.15 \pm 0.24$	$86.21 \pm 0.13$
DvRoBERTa-NLI	<b><math>86.05 \pm 0.22</math></b>	<b><math>86.98 \pm 0.46</math></b>

Table 2: Spearman correlation of STS tasks. The average of 10 runs with different random seeds is reported. “-NLI” indicates the model is pre-trained on NLI data.

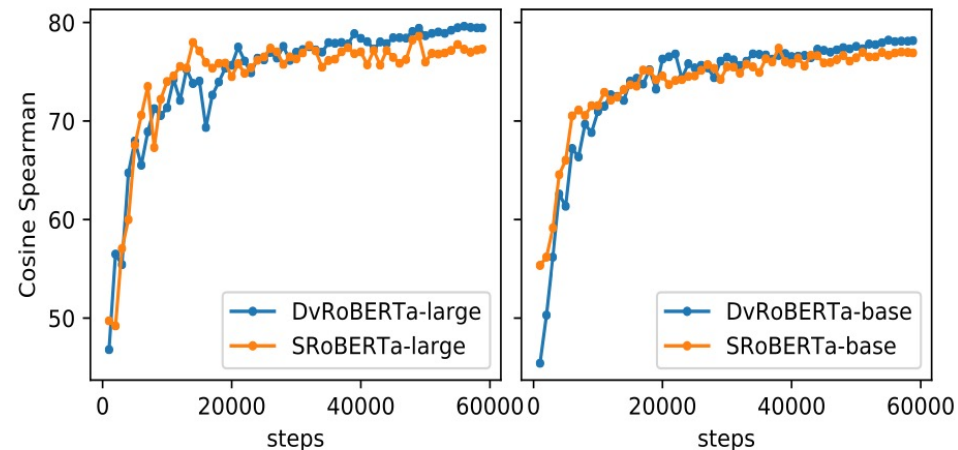


Figure 2: Spearman correlation for SRoBERTa and DvRoBERTa.

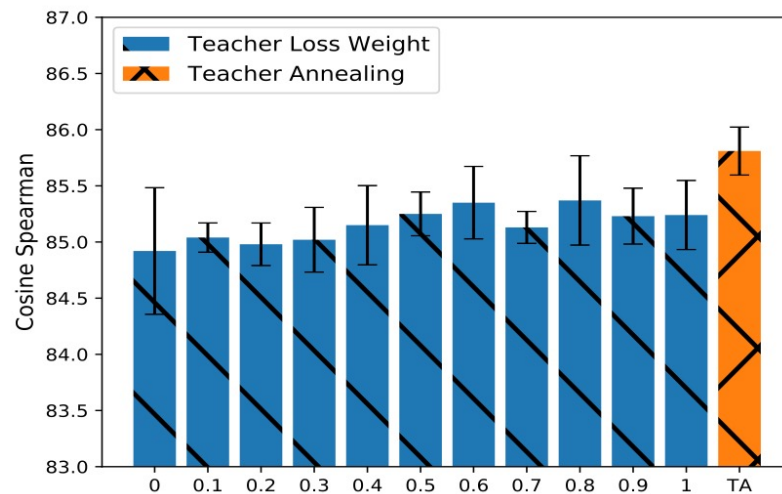


Figure 3: Comparison of teacher loss Weighting and teacher annealing