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Regular lab Question

Lab Exercise 5:

Implement and Analyze the Application of BERT and BERT-based Models in NLP Tasks: Sequence Classification, Token Classification, and Question Answering

Objective:

To explore and implement BERT and its variants in three core NLP tasks—**sequence classification, token classification, and question answering**. The objective is to understand how BERT's architecture is adapted for each task and to evaluate its performance through practical implementation and experimentation.

Task Descriptions:

i. Model Selection and Description

Choose and describe one of the following BERT models for each task:

- **Base Model:** BERT-Base (uncased)
- **Variants (if required):**
 - **DistilBERT** – a lightweight version of BERT
 - **BioBERT** – domain-specific for biomedical text
 - **ALBERT** – A Lite BERT
 - **IndicBERT** – for Indian languages
 - **Multilingual BERT** – for cross-lingual tasks

For each task, provide:

- Architecture overview
- Pre-training objectives (MLM, NSP)
- Dataset used for fine-tuning

- Practical applications (e.g., sentiment analysis, NER, QA systems)

ii. Implementation Tasks

You will implement BERT for the following three tasks using either HuggingFace Transformers or a PyTorch-based approach:

a) Sequence Classification

- **Example Use-Case:** Sentiment analysis on English or multilingual reviews.
- **Steps:**
 - Load a pre-trained BERT model for classification (e.g., bert-base-uncased)
 - Fine-tune it on a labeled dataset (e.g., IMDb, SST-2, Indic movie reviews)
 - Evaluate classification metrics like accuracy, precision, recall

b) Token Classification

- **Example Use-Case:** Named Entity Recognition (NER)
- **Steps:**
 - Use a token classification head on BERT
 - Use datasets like CoNLL-2003 or IndicNER
 - Output labeled tokens (e.g., Person, Location, Organization)

c) Question Answering

- **Example Use-Case:** Extractive QA from a document paragraph
- **Steps:**
 - Use BERT for extractive QA (e.g., bert-large-uncased-whole-word-masking-finetuned-squad)
 - Pass a context paragraph and a question

- Evaluate predicted start and end spans for the answer

iii. Dataset and Preprocessing (Optional Based on Tasks)

- Use standard datasets or create your own:
 - IMDb/SST2 for sentiment classification
 - CoNLL-2003/IndicNER for token classification
 - SQuAD or synthetic QA datasets for QA
- Preprocessing should include:
 - Tokenization using BERT tokenizer
 - Padding/truncation
 - Label encoding (where applicable)
 - Batch preparation

iv. Evaluation and Results

Provide for each task:

- Input samples and predictions
- Model performance metrics:
 - Sequence Classification: Accuracy, F1-Score
 - Token Classification: Entity-level precision, recall
 - QA: Exact Match (EM), F1
- Discuss strengths and limitations observed during experiments

v. Evaluation Metrics

Use both automatic and manual evaluation methods:

- **Automatic:**
 - Accuracy, F1, Precision, Recall
 - Span-level EM/F1 for QA
- **Human Evaluation:**

- Output interpretability
- Clarity and correctness of predictions
- Relevance to context

NB: No marks will be credited for the pipeline implementation.

Program Evaluation Rubrics

Model Selection and Implementation	6 Marks
Timely Submission	2 Marks
Viva	2 Marks

General Instructions

- The file you have to save with your name, last 3 digits of register number and program number "Anto_501_Lab1".
- The implemented code you have to download and upload in the Google Class room in the given scheduled time.