# Using BERT to predict disaster Tweets

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In 2019, Kaggle hosted the Natural Language Processing with Disaster Tweets competition. It was made for contestants to test their ability to build a machine learning model able to understand the nuances of natural language and able to predict whether a tweet is about a real disaster or not. Today, this contest is one of Kaggle's most popular competitions used to learn about NLP and test the capabilities of various language models.

In this notebook, we are going to build two deep learning solutions based on BERT in order to predict the tweets.

```
[1]: import torch
     import base64
     import random
     import numpy as np
     import pandas as pd
     from torch import nn
     from tqdm.auto import tqdm
     from rich.table import Table
     from torchinfo import summary
     from rich.console import Console
     from torch.utils.data import Dataset
     from IPython.display import Image, display
     from transformers import BertModel, BertTokenizer, get_scheduler
     from sklearn.metrics import f1_score, accuracy_score, precision_score,_
      →recall_score, roc_auc_score
     torch.manual seed(0)
     random.seed(0)
     np.random.seed(0)
     console = Console()
```

#### 1.1 About the data

Kaggle provides us with a dataset containing tweets and a binary label indicating whether this data is about a real disaster or not. The data contains three predictors: text, keyword, and location.

We will start by creating helper functions to load both the train and test data.

```
[2]: FULL_TRAIN_DATA_PATH = '/kaggle/input/nlp-getting-started/train.csv'
     TEST_DATA_PATH = '/kaggle/input/nlp-getting-started/test.csv'
     def load_full_raw_train_df():
         return pd.read_csv(FULL_TRAIN_DATA_PATH)
     def load_raw_test_df():
         return pd.read_csv(TEST_DATA_PATH)
     def rich_display_dataframe(df, title="Dataframe", style = None):
         df = df.astype(str)
         table = Table(title=title)
         for i, col in enumerate(df.columns):
             if style is None:
                 table.add_column(col)
             else:
                 table.add_column(col, style=style[i])
         for row in df.values:
             table.add_row(*row)
         console.print(table)
     full_train_df = load_full_raw_train_df()
     rich_display_dataframe(full_train_df.head(), title="Full-Train Dataframe")
```

Full-Train Dataframe

```
id
    keyword
              location
                         text
                                                                                ш
                         target
                         Our Deeds are the Reason of this #earthquake May ALLAH
1
    nan
              nan
→Forgive us all
    nan
                         Forest fire near La Ronge Sask. Canada
              nan
                                                                                Ш
                         All residents asked to 'shelter in place' are being_
              nan
⇔notified by officers. No
                         other evacuation or shelter in place orders are⊔
⇔expected
    nan
                         13,000 people receive #wildfires evacuation orders in ⊔
              nan
→California
              nan
                         Just got sent this photo from Ruby #Alaska as smoke⊔
ofrom #wildfires pours
                         into a school
                                                                                ш
```

While building the model, we would like to know how well our model is performing. To do that,

we are going to use a validation dataset to check our model's predictions.

```
[3]: TRAIN_DATA_RATIO = 0.9
     TRAIN_DATA_PATH = './train.csv'
     VAL_DATA_PATH = './val.csv'
     def create_train_val_split():
         df = load_full_raw_train_df()
         train_no_samples = round(TRAIN_DATA_RATIO * df.shape[0])
         train = df.sample(train_no_samples)
         val = df.drop(train.index)
         train.to_csv(TRAIN_DATA_PATH, index=False)
         val.to_csv(VAL_DATA_PATH, index=False)
     create_train_val_split()
     def load_raw_train_df():
         return pd.read_csv(TRAIN_DATA_PATH)
     def load_raw_val_df():
         return pd.read_csv(VAL_DATA_PATH)
     train_df = load_raw_train_df()
     val_df = load_raw_val_df()
     rich display dataframe(train df.head(), title="Train Dataframe")
```

#### Train Dataframe

```
keyword
                       location
id
                                                  t.ext.
                                                                              Ш
                        target
454
      armageddon
                       Wrigley Field
                                                  @KatieKatCubs you already⊔
⇒know how this shit goes. 0
                                                  World Series or Armageddon.
                       Two Up Two Down
                                                  @LeMaireLee @danharmon
7086 meltdown
→People Near Meltdown Comics 0
                                                  Who Have Free Time to Wait
→in Line on Sunday
                                                  Nights are not a
⇒representative sample. #140
      avalanche
                       Score Team Goals Buying @ 1-6 TIX Calgary Flames vs⊔
→COL Avalanche Preseason
                                                  9/29 Scotiabank Saddledome
⇔http://t.co/5G8qA6mPxm
9094
     suicide%20bomb Roadside
                                                  If you ever think you⊔
orunning out of choices in
```

```
life rembr there's that kid wear a suicide bomb vest under the suicide bomb vest unde
```

### 1.2 Metaphor's Misuse

A challenge facing our model is the figurative use of tragedy related terms. For example, consider the following two Tweets.

Confusion Caused by Figurative Use of Words

```
Tweet

→Is Related to Disaster?

©bbcmtd Wholesale Markets ablaze http://t.co/lHYXEOHY6C

→ Disaster

On plus side LOOK AT THE SKY LAST NIGHT IT WAS ABLAZE http://t.co/qqsmshaJ3N

→ Not a Disaster
```

Although both Tweets share the term *ablaze*, they mean very different things. In the first sentence *ablaze* is used to mean *burning fiercely*, and in the second sentence it means *brightly coloured or lighted*. Thus, the context of the words specify its meaning, thus, determining its classification.

We learn from this that in order to reach high accuracy, we need to use a model that is able to understand the full context of the sentence. We expect model's like CountVictorizer to fail due to their inability to understand the nuances of language and the context of the terms.

### 1.3 Proposed Model

In order to understand the context of the sentence, we are going to use a pretrained language model. This model is able to generate an embedding vector from given text. This embedding is a high dimensional vector having the property that the closer the embeddings are to each other the more semantically similar are the text inputs. Such model gives us the ability to understand the intended meaning of the tweets.

After generating the embeddings, we are going to use a small classification head to make our predictions. This head is a small deep learning model that we are going to train. It takes the embeddings as input and generate the final prediction.

Here is a diagram showing a high level overview of the model.

```
[5]: def mm(graph):
    graph_bytes = graph.encode("utf8")
    base64_bytes = base64.urlsafe_b64encode(graph_bytes)
    base64_string = base64_bytes.decode("ascii")
    display(Image(url="https://mermaid.ink/img/" + base64_string))

mm("""
flowchart LR
    data[Tweet]
    model[Pretrained Language Model]
    head[Binary Classification Head]
    output[Prediction]
    data --> model ---> head ---> output
""")
```

<IPython.core.display.Image object>

#### 1.4 The Pretrained Language Model

The pretrained language model we are going to use is BERT. BERT, Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is an open-source language representation model developed by researchers at Google in October 2018. It was trained on a large corpus including the Toronto Book Corpus and Wikipedia.

There are two important versions of the model: bert-base and bert-large. The difference is in the size of the model and the size of the embeddings vector. As indicated by its name, bert-large is nearly 3 times larger than bret-base. While its size helps it be more accurate, it makes it slower and more expensive to use. Thus, we will start by using the bert-base version.

The following shows the model architecture.

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model.safetensors:

```
[6]: bert = BertModel.from_pretrained('google-bert/bert-base-uncased')
summary(bert)

config.json: 0%| | 0.00/570 [00:00<?, ?B/s]</pre>
```

| 0.00/440M [00:00<?, ?B/s]

```
Layer (type:depth-idx)
                                             Param #
   ______
   BertModel
    BertEmbeddings: 1-1
       Embedding: 2-1
                                             23,440,896
       Embedding: 2-2
                                             393,216
                                             1,536
       Embedding: 2-3
       LayerNorm: 2-4
                                             1,536
       Dropout: 2-5
    BertEncoder: 1-2
       ModuleList: 2-6
           BertLayer: 3-1
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-2
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-3
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-4
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-5
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-6
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-7
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-8
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-9
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-10
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-11
                                            7,087,872
           BertLayer: 3-12
                                            7,087,872
    BertPooler: 1-3
                                             --
       Linear: 2-7
                                             590,592
       Tanh: 2-8
   ______
   Total params: 109,482,240
   Trainable params: 109,482,240
   Non-trainable params: 0
```

#### 1.5 Building the Model

Now we are going to use PyTorch to add the classification head to bert.

```
hidden_layer = outputs['pooler_output']

logits = self.head(hidden_layer)

if labels is not None:
    loss = nn.functional.cross_entropy(logits, labels)
    return {'loss': loss, 'logits': logits}

else:
    return {'logits': logits}

model = Model()

summary(model)
```

```
[7]: -----
   Layer (type:depth-idx)
                                                 Param #
   =====
   Model
    BertModel: 1-1
                                                ___
       BertEmbeddings: 2-1
           Embedding: 3-1
                                                23,440,896
           Embedding: 3-2
                                                393,216
           Embedding: 3-3
                                                1,536
           LayerNorm: 3-4
                                                1,536
           Dropout: 3-5
       BertEncoder: 2-2
           ModuleList: 3-6
                                                85,054,464
       BertPooler: 2-3
                                                --
           Linear: 3-7
                                                590,592
           Tanh: 3-8
    Sequential: 1-2
       LazyLinear: 2-4
   Total params: 109,482,240
   Trainable params: 109,482,240
   Non-trainable params: 0
   _____
```

We are now ready to start training the model. This training process is responsible for training the classification head from scratch and fine-tuning the BERT model on the data making it more

accurate to our use case.

```
[8]: class KeyedDataset(Dataset):
         def __init__(self, **tensor_dict):
             self.tensor_dict = tensor_dict
             for key, tensor in tensor_dict.items():
                 assert isinstance(tensor, torch.Tensor)
                 assert tensor.size(0) == tensor_dict[next(iter(tensor_dict))].
      ⇒size(0)
         def __len__(self):
             return next(iter(self.tensor_dict.values())).size(0)
         def __getitem__(self, idx):
             return {key: tensor[idx] for key, tensor in self.tensor_dict.items()}
     def create dataset(df: pd.DataFrame, include_labels=True) -> KeyedDataset:
         tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from pretrained('google-bert/bert-base-uncased',,,
      →do_lower_case=True)
         encoded_dict = tokenizer(df['text'].tolist(), padding=True,_
      ⇔truncation=True, return_tensors='pt')
         input_ids = encoded_dict['input_ids']
         attention_mask = encoded_dict['attention_mask']
         if include_labels:
             labels = torch.tensor(df['target'].tolist())
             return KeyedDataset(input_ids=input_ids,
                                 attention mask=attention mask,
                                 labels=labels)
         else:
             return KeyedDataset(input_ids=input_ids,
                                 attention_mask=attention_mask)
     def train(model: nn.Module,
               train_dataloader: torch.utils.data.DataLoader,
               eval_dataloader: torch.utils.data.DataLoader = None,
               device: torch.device = torch.device('cpu'),
               lr: float = 5e-5,
               epochs: int = 4):
         model = model.to(device)
         optimizer = torch.optim.AdamW(model.parameters(), lr=lr)
         num_training_steps = len(train_dataloader) * epochs
         lr_scheduler = get_scheduler('linear', optimizer, num_warmup_steps=0,__
      →num_training_steps=num_training_steps)
         progress = tqdm(range(num_training_steps))
         table = Table()
         table.add_column('Metric')
```

```
table.add_column('f1', style='red')
    table.add_column('Accuracy')
    table.add_column('Precision')
    table.add_column('Recall')
    table.add_column('roc_auc')
    for epoch in range(epochs):
        model.train()
        for batch in train dataloader:
            batch = {key: value.to(device) for key, value in batch.items()}
            outputs = model(**batch)
            loss = outputs['loss']
            loss.backward()
            optimizer.step()
            lr_scheduler.step()
            optimizer.zero_grad()
            progress.update()
            progress.set_postfix({'loss': loss.item()})
        model.eval()
        predictions_list = []
        labels list = []
        with torch.no_grad():
            for batch in eval dataloader:
                batch = {key: value.to(device) for key, value in batch.items()}
                outputs = model(**batch)
                predictions = outputs['logits'].argmax(dim=1)
                predictions_list.extend(predictions.tolist())
                labels_list.extend(batch['labels'].tolist())
        table.add_row(f'Epoch: {epoch+1}',
            f"{round(f1_score(labels_list, predictions_list) * 100, 3)},",
            f"{round(accuracy_score(labels_list, predictions_list) * 100, 3)}%",
            f"{round(precision_score(labels_list, predictions_list) * 100,__

→3)}%",

            f"{round(recall_score(labels_list, predictions_list) * 100, 3)}%",
            f"{round(roc_auc_score(labels_list, predictions_list) * 100, 3)}%")
    console.print(table)
train_df = load_raw_train_df()
val_df = load_raw_val_df()
train_dataset = create_dataset(train_df)
val_dataset = create_dataset(val_df)
train_dataloader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=32,__
 ⇔shuffle=True)
```

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tokenizer_config.json: 0%| | 0.00/48.0 [00:00<?, ?B/s]
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vocab.txt: 0%| | 0.00/232k [00:00<?, ?B/s]

tokenizer.json: 0% | 0.00/466k [00:00<?, ?B/s]

```
0%| | 0/860 [00:00<?, ?it/s]
```

Metric	f1	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	roc_auc
Epoch: 1	77.465%	83.18%	90.164%	67.901%	81.205%
Epoch: 2	78.827%	82.917%	83.448%	74.691%	81.854%
Epoch: 3	78.146%	82.654%	84.286%	72.84%	81.385%
Epoch: 4	78.438%	81.866%	79.43%	77.469%	81.297%

#### 1.6 Utilizing the Keywords

Now, we have successfully built a model that is able to do the prediction, and we can submit it to the competition. However, we are going to build another model to further increase our performance.

The keyword field seems promising. It's my belief that this field will help the model make its classification. But how can we use the data to check our hypothesis?

The best possible model for classifying tweets using only the keyword is a Bayes classifier which works by calculating

```
P(Tweet Refers to Disaster | Keyword)
```

Before we start building a model, we can get a feel for the validity of the hypothesis by calculating  $P(\text{Tweet Refers to Disaster} \mid \text{Keyword})$  for each of the keywords in the training dataset. If the

range of probabilities is wide, then our hypothesis is correct, and we are going to build a model that extrapolates to unseen keywords.

```
[10]: def create_keywords_stats_df(df: pd.DataFrame):
         keywords = df['keyword'][~df['keyword'].isna()].unique()
         prob_disaster_given_keyword_list = []
         no_tweets_list = []
         for keyword in keywords:
             prob_disaster_given_keyword = ((df['target']==1) &__
      no_tweets = (df['keyword'] == keyword).sum()
             prob_disaster_given_keyword_list.append(prob_disaster_given_keyword)
             no_tweets_list.append(no_tweets)
         keyword_stats_df = pd.DataFrame({
             'Keyword': keywords,
             'P(Tweet Refers to Disaster | Keyword)':
       ⇒prob_disaster_given_keyword_list,
             'No. Tweets': no_tweets_list
         })
         keyword_stats_df['Keyword'] = keyword_stats_df['Keyword'].str.
       return keyword_stats_df
     keyword_stats_df = create_keywords_stats_df(train_df)
     keyword stats df = keyword stats df.sort values('P(Tweet Refers to Disaster | 11
      keyword_stats_df['P(Tweet Refers to Disaster | Keyword)'] = __
       skeyword_stats_df['P(Tweet Refers to Disaster | Keyword)'].apply(
         lambda x: f''{round(100 * x, 3)}%")
     rich_display_dataframe(keyword_stats_df.head(15),
                           style = ['blue', 'red', 'green'],
                           title = 'Keyword with Lowest Disaster Probability')
     rich_display_dataframe(keyword_stats_df.iloc[::-1].head(15),
                           style = ['blue', 'red', 'green'],
                           title = 'Keyword with Highest Disaster Probability')
```

Keyword with Lowest Disaster Probability

#### Keyword P(Tweet Refers to Disaster | Keyword) No. Tweets aftershock 0.0% 32 2.778% body bags 36 ruin 3.03% 33 screaming 3.03% 33 blazing 3.333% 30

electrocute	3.333%	30
body bag	3.448%	29
traumatised	6.061%	33
panic	6.061%	33
wrecked	6.25%	32
bloody	6.452%	31
blew up	6.667%	30
blight	7.143%	28
panicking	7.407%	27
obliterated	7.692%	26

Keyword with Highest Disaster Probability

Keyword	P(Tweet Refers to Disaster   Keyword)	No. Tweets
wreckage	100.0%	34
derailment	100.0%	36
debris	100.0%	31
outbreak	97.222%	36
typhoon	96.97%	33
oil spill	96.875%	32
rescuers	96.875%	32
suicide bomber	96.774%	31
suicide bombing	96.552%	29
nuclear disaster	93.103%	29
bombing	92.0%	25
suicide bomb	90.909%	33
wildfire	89.655%	29
evacuated	88.235%	34
razed	87.879%	33

We can see that the probabilities have a wide range which suggest to us to move further with our new idea.

## 1.7 The Updated Model

This time we are going to embed both the keywords and the Tweet, concatenate the embeddings, and then pass the new vector to a classification head.

```
[11]: mm("""
  flowchart LR
          data[Tweet]
          model1[Pretrained Language Model]
          model2[Pretrained Language Model]
          keyword[Keyword]
```

```
head[Binary Classification Head]
  output[Prediction]
  data --> model1 --> head --> output
  keyword --> model2 --> head
""")
```

<IPython.core.display.Image object>

We are going to use bert-large for the text and bert-base for the keywords.

```
[12]: class Model(nn.Module):
          def init (self):
              super().__init__()
              self.text_bert = BertModel.from_pretrained('google-bert/
       ⇔bert-large-uncased')
              self.text_bert_no_hidden = 1024
              self.keyword bert = BertModel.from pretrained('google-bert/
       ⇔bert-base-uncased')
              self.keyword_bert_no_hidden = 768
              self.head = nn.Sequential(nn.LazyLinear(512),
                                        nn.ReLU(),
                                        nn.LazyLinear(2))
          def forward(self, text_input_ids: torch.Tensor,
                      text_attention_mask: torch.Tensor,
                      keyword_input_ids: torch.Tensor,
                      keyword attention mask: torch. Tensor,
                      labels: torch.Tensor = None):
              text_outputs = self.text_bert(input_ids=text_input_ids,__
       →attention_mask=text_attention_mask)
              text_hidden_layer = text_outputs['pooler_output']
              keyword_outputs = self.keyword_bert(input_ids=keyword_input_ids,__
       →attention_mask=keyword_attention_mask)
              keyword_hidden_layer = keyword_outputs['pooler_output']
              full_hidden_layer = torch.cat((text_hidden_layer,__
       →keyword_hidden_layer), dim=1)
              logits = self.head(full_hidden_layer)
              if labels is not None:
                  loss = nn.functional.cross_entropy(logits, labels)
                  return {'loss': loss, 'logits': logits}
              else:
                  return {'logits': logits}
```

```
def create_dataset(df: pd.DataFrame, include_labels=True) -> KeyedDataset:
         df['keyword'] = df['keyword'].fillna('')
         tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained('google-bert/bert-large-uncased',_

do_lower_case=True)

         encoded_dict = tokenizer(df['text'].tolist(), padding=True,_
       text_input_ids = encoded_dict['input_ids']
         text_attention_mask = encoded_dict['attention_mask']
         tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from pretrained('google-bert/bert-base-uncased',,,
       →do_lower_case=True)
         encoded dict = tokenizer(df['keyword'].tolist(), padding=True, __
       keyword_input_ids = encoded_dict['input_ids']
         keyword_attention_mask = encoded_dict['attention_mask']
         if include_labels:
             labels = torch.tensor(df['target'].tolist())
             return KeyedDataset(text_input_ids=text_input_ids,
                                text attention mask=text attention mask,
                                keyword_input_ids=keyword_input_ids,
                                keyword_attention_mask=keyword_attention_mask,
                                 labels=labels)
         else:
             return KeyedDataset(text_input_ids=text_input_ids,
                                text_attention_mask=text_attention_mask,
                                 keyword_input_ids=keyword_input_ids,
                                keyword_attention_mask=keyword_attention_mask)
[13]: train_df = load_raw_train_df()
     val_df = load_raw_val_df()
     train_dataset = create_dataset(train_df)
     val_dataset = create_dataset(val_df)
     train_dataloader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=32,__
       ⇔shuffle=True)
     val_dataloader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(val_dataset, batch_size=32,__
      ⇔shuffle=False)
     model = Model()
     tokenizer_config.json:
                             0%1
                                         | 0.00/48.0 [00:00<?, ?B/s]
                             | 0.00/232k [00:00<?, ?B/s]
     vocab.txt:
                 0%1
```

```
tokenizer.json:
                       0%1
                                   | 0.00/466k [00:00<?, ?B/s]
                                | 0.00/571 [00:00<?, ?B/s]
     config.json:
                    0%1
     model.safetensors:
                          0%|
                                       | 0.00/1.34G [00:00<?, ?B/s]
[14]: train(model=model,
             train_dataloader=train_dataloader,
              eval_dataloader=val_dataloader,
              device=device,
              lr=5e-5,
              epochs=4)
       0%1
                    | 0/860 [00:00<?, ?it/s]
      Metric
                 f1
                           Accuracy Precision Recall
                                                          roc_auc
      Epoch: 1 80.569%
                          83.837%
                                     82.524%
                                                78.704%
                                                          83.173%
      Epoch: 2 79.263%
                          82.26%
                                     78.899%
                                                79.63%
                                                          81.92%
      Epoch: 3 78.425% 81.997%
                                     80.064%
                                                76.852%
                                                          81.332%
      Epoch: 4
                79.805%
                          83.706%
                                     84.483%
                                                75.617%
                                                          82.66%
[15]: def predict(model: nn.Module,
                 dataloader: torch.utils.data.DataLoader,
                  device = torch.device('cpu')):
         predictions = []
         model.to(device)
         model.eval()
         with torch.no_grad():
              for batch in dataloader:
                  batch = {key: val.to(device) for key, val in batch.items()}
                  outputs = model(**batch)
                  predictions.extend(outputs['logits'].argmax(dim=1).tolist())
         return predictions
      test_df = load_raw_test_df()
      test_dataset = create_dataset(test_df, include_labels=False)
      test_dataloader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=32,__
       ⇒shuffle=False)
      test_df['target'] = predict(model, test_dataloader, device)
      test_df = test_df[['id', 'target']]
      rich_display_dataframe(test_df.head(10), title = 'Test Predictions')
```

Test Predictions

test\_df.to\_csv('submission.csv', index=False)

#### target id

#### 1.8 Future Work

Now, we have our predictions, and we are ready to submit to the contest.

There is still room for improvement of the model. If we evaluate the model on the training dataset, we will find huge disparity between the model's performance on the training and validation sets. This guides me to believe that we can get even higher performance using the same model architecture if we train it on an even bigger dataset.

Although getting more disaster Tweets data is expensive, it is not necessary. We need our model to be better able to understand the subtle differences between jokes and factual statements. The model should be able to better understand figurative use of language and the intentions behind the sentences. Hence, I propose fine-tuning the model on a large emotions dataset. After training the model, we will replace the head with a binary classification head and train it on the disaster Tweets data.