



Training on Lexical Resources

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gft (general fine-tuning):

A Little Language for Deep Nets
(Unix Philosophy: *Less is More*)

Standard 3-Step Recipe					
Step 1	gft Support	Description	Time	Hardware	
1	Pre-Training	Days/Weeks		Large GPU Cluster	
2	gft.fit	Hours/Days	1+ GPUs		
3	gft.predict	Seconds/Minutes	0+ GPUs		
Terminology borrowed from <i>sklearn</i> :					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fit: $f_{pre} + \text{data} \rightarrow f_{post}$ predict: $f(x) \rightarrow y$ 					
fit and predict are (almost) all you need					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gft programs are short (1-line) No (not much) programming required No python in this tutorial Examples on hubs are (unnecessarily) long/complicated 					

Agenda

Syn/Ant Binary Classification

From Words to Texts

- MWEs: Multiword Expressions
- OOVs: Out of Vocabulary words
- Multi-Lingual
- Negation

Leakage with Standard Benchmarks

VAD Regression

- VAD = Valance, Arousal, Dominance

Training on Fallows Thesaurus

Training (fit)			Inference (predict)		
classify: gold ~ word1 + word2			0 → Synonym 1 → Antonym		
word1	word2	gold	text ₁	text ₂	y ₁
ancient	oldfashioned	0	good	bad	-3.95
blame	disapprove	0	bad	evil	4.44
clearly	confusedly	1	good	benevolent	4.43
debt	liability	0	bad	benevolent	-3.44
demure	modest	0	good	terrorist	-3.43
profitable	fruitless	1	bad	terrorist	4.48
revelry	orgies	0			-5.10
rotation	order	0			
vanity	selfdistrust	1			

MoE with better settings

Test	Train			
	adj	noun	verb	fallows
adj	0.921	0.859	0.852	0.897
noun	0.841	0.917	0.857	0.828
verb	0.813	0.829	0.903	0.851
fallow	0.633	0.604	0.620	0.666
fallow-s	0.659	0.602	0.591	0.659

Proposed: Fine-Tuning

Test	Train			
	adj	noun	verb	fallows
adj	0.908	0.657	0.713	0.881
noun	0.773	0.877	0.792	0.797
verb	0.767	0.722	0.906	0.867
fallows	0.722	0.610	0.698	0.947

Evidence for Leakage

Paths of Length 1

- Consider 99 edges of length 1
 - Example: $good \leftrightarrow awful$
- These are particularly worrisome.
 - The same edge is in both train and validation splits, but in different directions
- These 99 pairs are clearly leaking information across splits

Many Short Paths

Path Length	adj	noun	verb	fallows
0				2
1	99	59	60	946
2	80	7	15	3835
3	59	3	7	1156
4+	70	2	35	639
NA	90	135	65	612
total	398	206	182	7190

Table 10: For most pairs of words in the validation set, w_1 and w_2 , there is a short path from w_1 to w_2 based on edges in the training set.

Syn/Ant Classification → VAD Regression

Motivation: classify → regress

- Concerns about leakage
- NRC-VAD is similar to sym/lex
 - but lexicon is fully-connected
- 20k lemmas, w , where $VAD(w) \in \mathbb{R}^3$
 - $y(w_1, w_2) = |VAD(w_1) - VAD(w_2)|$
- Regression: $y \sim w_1 + w_2$
- Standard test/val/train splits:
 - Split lexicon by E
- But for generalizations to OOVs
 - Might be more interested in splits by $V(w)$

word	Val	Arousal	Dom	Dist
open	0.620	0.880	0.569	0.00
unfold	0.612	0.510	0.520	0.06
reopen	0.656	0.528	0.568	0.06
close	0.292	0.260	0.263	0.50
closed	0.240	0.164	0.318	0.55
undec	0.286	0.433	0.127	0.56

Table 12: Words above the double line are near *open*. The last column is the Euclidean distance to *open*.

adj	noun	verb	fallows	SimLex
0.55	0.48	0.44	0.52	-0.40

Table 13: VAD distances are positively correlated with antonyms, and negatively correlated with SimLex similarities, though none of these correlations are large.

VAD Results (R2)

R2 → 1.0 (good); R2 → 0 (bad)

- Train/Val/Test splits
 - Based on $V = 16k$ (of 20k)
 - Remainder held-out to test generalizations to OOVs
- Results are promising when
 - Splits are large and representative of one another
- Experimented with training sets of 10k, 100k and 1M edges

Promising Transfer: Train with 1M Edges
 $R2(\text{test}) \approx R2(\text{val}) \approx R2(\text{train}) \approx 1$

base model	train	val	test
BERTun	0.993	0.993	0.993
SciBERTun	0.993	0.993	0.992
ERNIE	0.991	0.990	0.990
SciBERTc	0.988	0.988	0.987
BERTmulti	0.988	0.987	0.991
BERTc	0.995	0.995	0.988

Conclusions

- Proposed fine-tuning deep nets on lexical resources
 - Thesaurus (syn/ant classification)
 - VAD Regression
 - $y \sim text_1 + text_2$
- Proposed method is competitive with MoE baseline, and
 - Generalizes better to Fallows (1898)
- Words → Texts
 - Proposed method can be applied at inference time to MWEs, OOVs and longer tests in multiple languages
- On a cautionary note,
 - found evidence of leakage
 - in standard benchmarks as well as Fallows (1898)
 - Work based on bad benchmarks
 - may need to be retracted

- To address concerns with leakage,
 - we introduced a new task: VAD regression
 - Since VAD is fully-connected, we could study sampling methods
- Transfer is more effective
 - when splits are large and representative of one another
 - In such cases,
 - reduces training loss (in fine-tuning)
 - also reduces loss on other splits
- Proposed method:
 - effective for pairs of words in training set
 - but less so for pairs of unseen words

Morpheme Diagnostic

- Group words by affixes
 - over-*
 - overtake/take*
 - overlook/look*
- Plot y for pairs in each group
 - $y(w_1, w_2) = |VAD(w_1) - VAD(w_2)|$
- Red baselines:
 - 0: distance for maximally similar pair
 - $\sqrt{2}$: distance for random pair
- Observations:
 - VAD varies systematically:
 - Small (similar in VAD): *-ism*, *-ly*
 - Large (dissimilar in VAD): *less*, *dis-*, *un-*
 - Word2vec is large (almost everywhere)
 - Almost all pairs of words are far apart
 - Even words that are morphologically related

