

Cross-domain Soft Patterns for Sentiment Analysis

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Abstract

This report describes experiments

1 Introduction

The objective of domain adaptation techniques is to adapt a hypothesis trained on a source data distribution so that it can perform well on a related target distribution. These techniques have been applied to a variety of NLP tasks such as sentiment analysis (Blitzer et al., 2007; McAuley and Leskovec, 2013; McAuley et al., 2015; Ruder and Plank, 2018), style transfer in text generation (Fu et al., 2018; Yang et al., 2018; Peng et al., 2018), textual and visual question answering (Chao et al., 2018; Zhao and Liu, 2018), and machine translation (Etchegoyhen et al., 2018; Britz et al., 2017), to name a few.

In the case of sentiment analysis of user reviews, the idea is to leverage large amounts of data available for certain product categories and domain adaptation techniques

what is sent analysis

why is domain adp important for sent analysis

In this report, we focus on unsupervised domain adaptation for the task of sentiment analysis, transferring from a single source domain into a single target domain.

what we are introducing build upon —

on what data, which domains, method, contributions?

2 Related Work

sopa does well on sent analysis on one-domain

how prev work struggled because of vocabulary mismatch

sopa's flexibility to match patterns with * or missing elements — chance to explicitly model vocab mismatch

3 Domain Adaptation with Soft Patterns

explain training proc here

4 Experimental Setup

We build upon the implementation of SoPa introduced by Schwartz et al. (2018).¹ All models are implemented in PyTorch².

4.1 Dataset

We use the provided dataset, a balanced subset of the reviews data extracted by McAuley et al. (2015). The data consists of users reviews on two domains —movies and TV, and games—, extracted from Amazon. We use Movies & TV category as source domain and Games as target domain. We extract a development subset from the source domain and further divide the target domain's data into unlabeled, development, and test splits. Table 1 presents the sizes of each split considered in the experiments.

4.2 Training of source domain

We use pre-trained 300-dimensional GloVe 840B embeddings Pennington et al. (2014) normalized to unit length. Training was performed using Adam (Kingma and Ba, 2014) as optimizer.

For hyper-parameter tuning, we resort to a subset of the training and development source data, consisting of 10,000 and 5,000 instances, respectively. These subsets were sampled following a uniform distribution without replacement. We use a Tree-structured Parzen Estimator (TPE) optimization model over 30 iterations³. Table 2 shows the range of hyper-paramter values explored and their optimal values.

¹https://github.com/Noahs-ARK/soft_patterns

²<https://pytorch.org/>

³We use HyperOpt library (<http://hyperopt.github.io/hyperopt/>)

Domain	Train	Dev	Test	Unlabeled
Movies & TV (src)	89,998	17,999	10,000	-
Games (tgt)	-	5,000	11,142	5,000

Table 1: Size of data splits in source (src) and target (tgt) domains.

Hyper-parameter	Range	Optimal
Patterns	{6:10, 5:10, 4:10, 3:10, 2:10}, {6:10, 5:10, 4:10}	{6:10, 5:10, 4:10}
Learning rate	10^{-9} – 10^{-2}	0.00015
Dropout	0–0.2	0.0017
MLP hid. dim.	100–300	100
Batch size	10–64	20

Table 2: Range and optimal values of hyper-parameters tuned.

4.3 Self-training of target domain

5 Results and Discussion

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