

Natural Language Processing

Summary

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Problems with NLP

- Problems with NLP
 - Zipf's law
 - Ambiguity
 - Variability
- Approaches
 - symbolic (rule-based)
 - no data available
 - statistical
 - neural (deep learning)
 - huge data available

Statistical NLP

- counts
- keywords
- collocations, multi-word units
- language modeling

Language Modeling

- probability of sentences, chain rule
- n-grams, Markov's assumption

$$p(W) = \prod_i p(w_i | w_{i-2}, w_{i-1})$$

- maximum-likelihood estimation gives zero probabilities
- smoothing
- evaluation using cross entropy, perplexity

Text Classification

- applications
- Naive Bayes Classifier
- evaluation:
 - precision
 - recall
 - accuracy

Continuous Space Representation

- words as vectors, word embeddings
- methods of learning vectors
- evaluation of words embeddings

Neural Networks

- structure of NN
- matrix representation
- activation functions
- NN training
 - stochastic gradient descent
 - backpropagation
- sub-word tokenization
 - *opt. hw: subword coverage*

Recurrent NN

- language modeling using NN
- training RNN
- problems in training RNN
- LSTM
- Bidirectional, multi layer RNN

Simple NLP using NN

- Named Entity Recognition (NER)
- language modeling
- training
- evaluation
- *opt. hw: NN for adding accents*

Machine translation

- sequence to sequence RNN
- attention
- decoding, beam search
- MT evaluation: BLEU, ChrF++

Transformers

- encoder, decoder
- encoding position
- attention structure

Pretrained models

- Encoder only
- Decoder only
- Encoder-decoder
- training objectives
- BERT, GPT, T5

Question Answering

- QA types
- usage
- reading comprehension
- applying NN for QA

Where to start

- Hugging Face
 - models
 - code
 - pre-trained, ready to use
 - datasets
 - sometimes with evaluation
- transformers library
 - very complex
 - 3 implementations: Jax, PyTorch, TensorFlow

Pre-trained models

- olamma
- llama.cpp
 - run the LLaMA model using 4-bit integer quantization on a MacBook
- optimizations
 - float16, bfloat16
 - quantization

Training from scratch

- nanoGPT
 - easy to read
 - minimal dependencies
- nanoT5
 - train T5 on 1xA100 GPU in less than 24 hours
- BabyLM Challenge
 - 100/10M word text-only dataset