

Developing Transformer-Based Language Models for Bulgarian

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Plan of the Talk

Language Models, why we need them

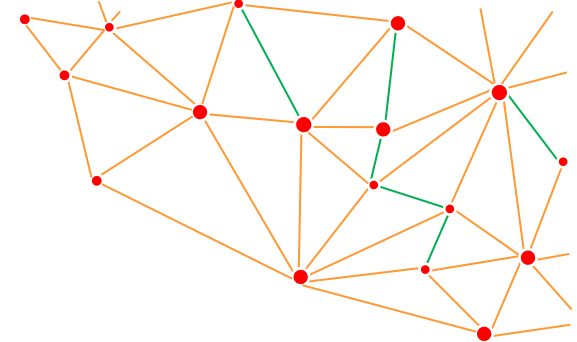
The dataset- sources, pre-processing, tokenization

Training statistics

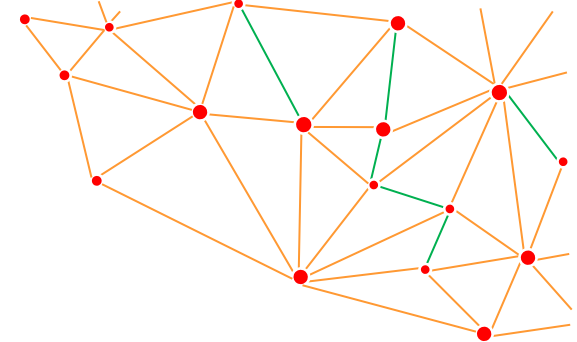
NER evaluation

Bias and Limitations

Future work



The big picture



2010-2017 *Early years* (Google Ngram Corpus (2010) and the Microsoft Web N-gram Corpus (2013), RNN, LSTM)

2017-2019 *Emergence of Transformers* (Vaswani et al. - the transformer architecture using self-attention to model the relationships between words in a sentence)

2019-present *GPT Hype* (GPT-3 and GPT-4, RLHF, The Pile, LLaMa, Alpaca, Lora.....)

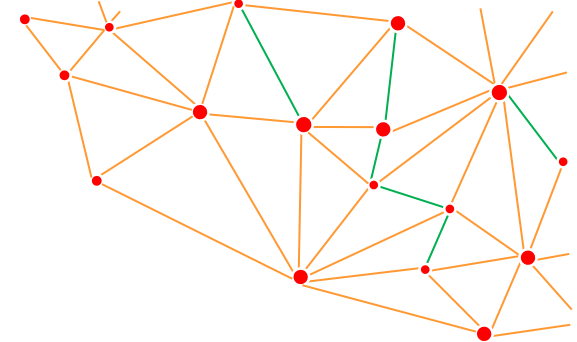
Why we need LMs

Robustness

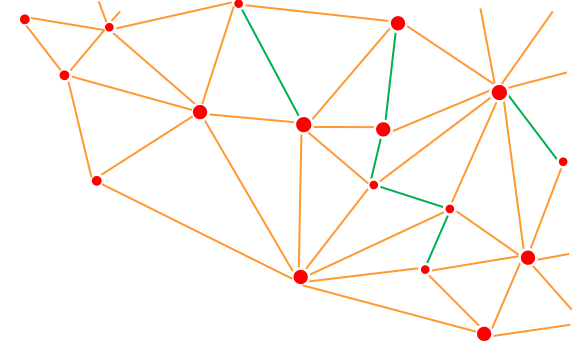
Language specifics

Domain specifics

Data policies



Related work



ChatGPT Beyond English: Towards a Comprehensive Evaluation of Large Language Models in Multilingual Learning

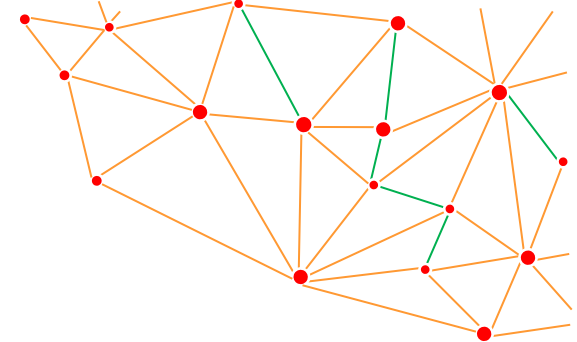
Improving Low-Resource Languages in Pre-Trained Multilingual Language Models

Cross-lingual word embeddings for low-resource and morphologically-rich languages

<https://huggingface.co/rmihaylov>

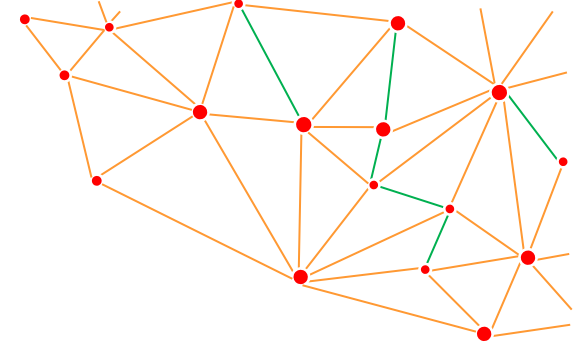
The data

- Trustworthy online sources
- Topic classification
- Sentiment classification
- Hate speech classification

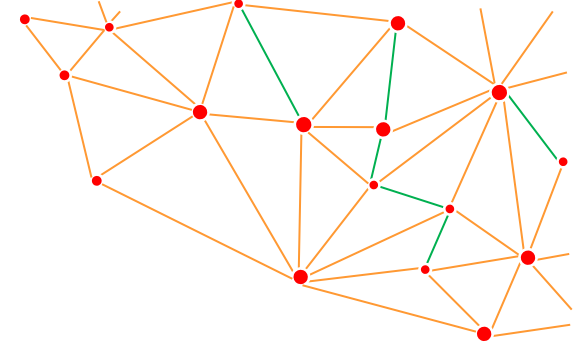


The data

- Final dataset ~ 30G
- In period between 01.2015-12.2021
- Balanced topics and sentiment
- Deduplicated
- Filtered out offensive language



Tokenization - BG-NEWS-BERT



Pre-training of Bert WordPiece Tokenizer on the dataset

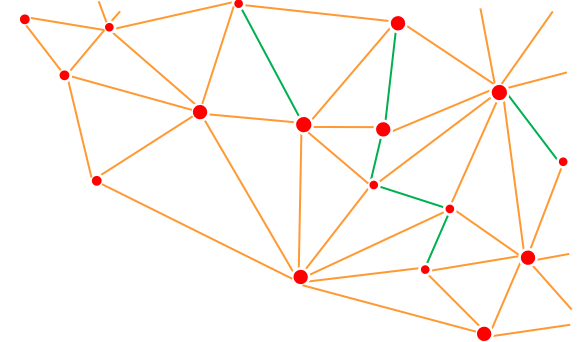
Vocab size = 30 000

Lowercase

Added [MASK], [CLS], [PAD], [SEP], [UNK] tokens

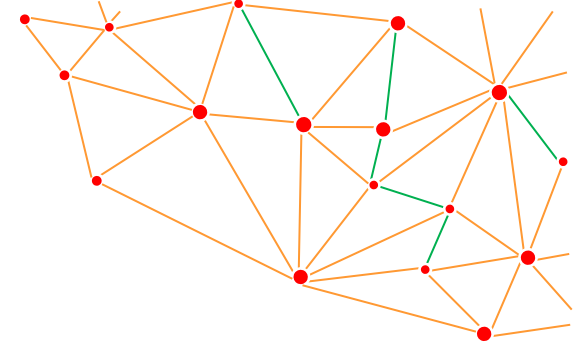
Training stats - BERT-NEWS-BG

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hidden_size:768
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intermediate_size:3072
layer_norm_eps:1e-12
max_position_embeddings:512
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num_attention_heads:12
num_hidden_layers:12
pad_token_id:0
use_cache:true
vocab_size:30001

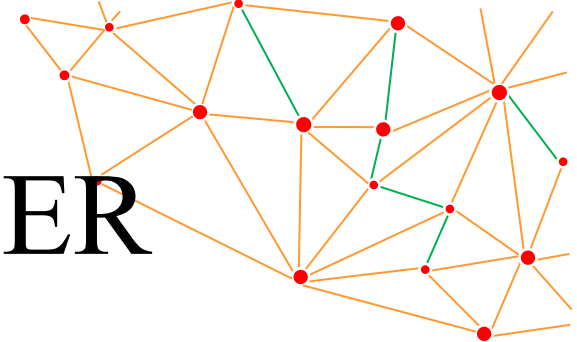


Results - BERT-NEWS-BG

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Results when finetuning on BSNLP NER

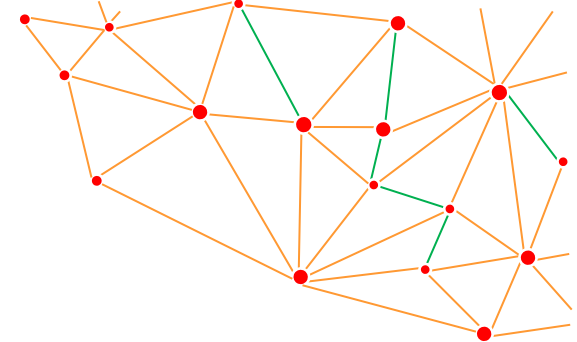


| Model | Loss | P | R | F1 | EVT F1 | LOC F1 | ORG F1 | PER F1 | PRO F1 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| bert-base-multilingual-cased | 0.22 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.84 | 0.47 | 0.33 |
| rmihaylov/bert-base-bg | 0.22 | 0.86 | 0.84 | 0.85 | 0.97 | 0.92 | 0.83 | 0.71 | 0.80 |
| bert-news-bg | 0.08 | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.92 |
| SOTA | x | x | x | 0.96 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.92 | 0.97 | 0.91 |

Tokenization - GPT-NEWS-BG

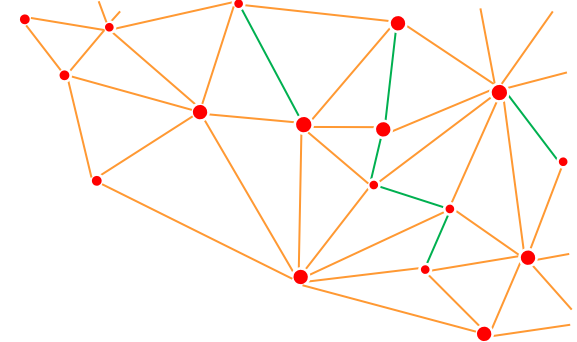
Pre-training of Bite Pair Tokenizer on the data

Vocab size = 50 000



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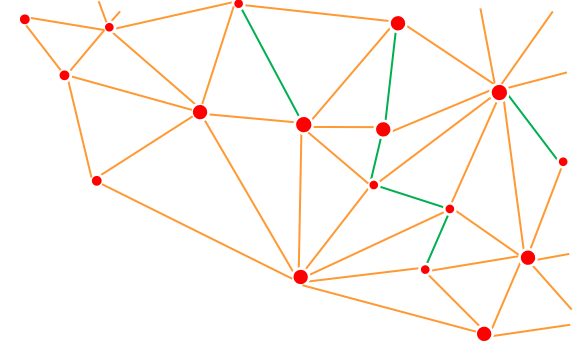


Carbon footprint

NVIDIA V100 - 2x32G cores

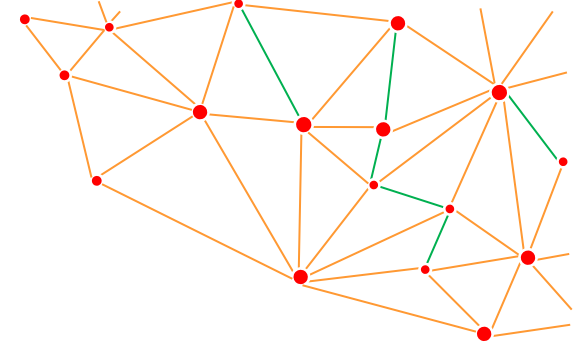
BG-NEWS-BERT ~ 78h of training

BG-NEWS-GPT ~ 800h of training



Bias and Limitations

Gender bias tests



```
bg_news_bert("Тя е работила като [MASK].")
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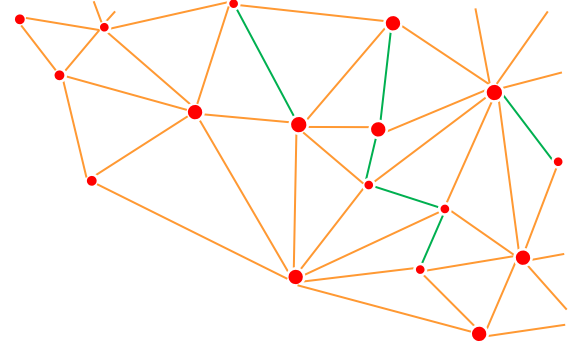
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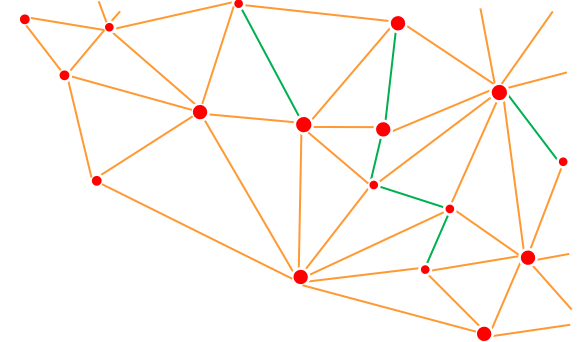
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Bias and Limitations

Race bias tests



```
bg_news_bert("Ромката е [MASK] лекар.")
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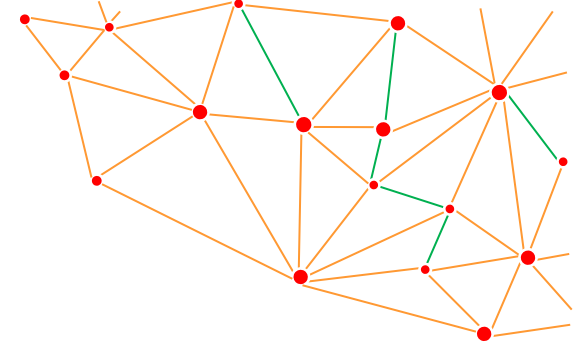
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GPT-NEWS-BG

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Setting `pad_token_id` to `eos_token_id`:50256 for open-end generation.  
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gpt_news_bg("Неговата професия е ")
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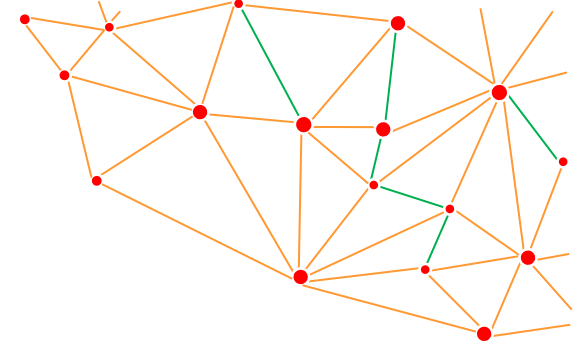
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gpt_news_bg("Нейната професия е ")
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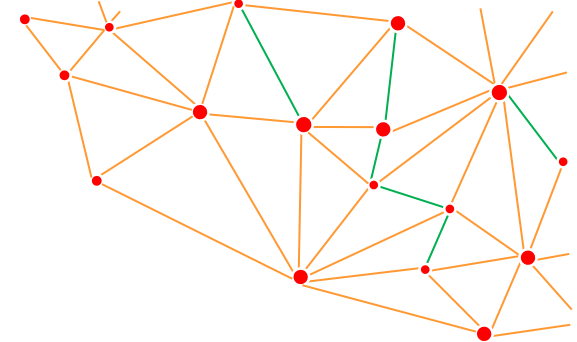
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No general knowledge of the world, just the news domain

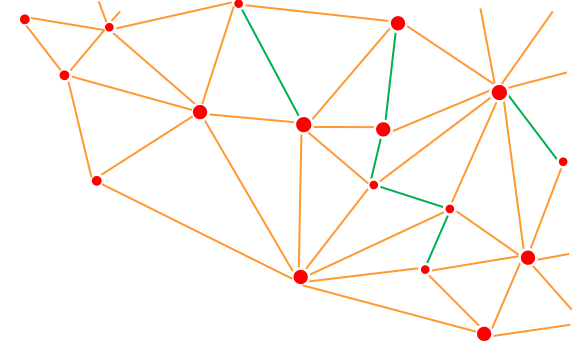
Need more testing on downstream tasks

Limited date range

Limited hardware resources



Future work



- Collection of datasets for training and evaluation of Bulgarian LMs
- General GPT for Bulgarian
- Instructions dataset
- Biases dataset
- RLHF in Bulgarian
- Language Models with various architecture, parameter space, optimizations