Large Pre-Trained Models for Code

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Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. Everything was in confusion in the Oblonskys’ house. The wife had discovered that the husband was carrying on an intrigue with a French girl...

def go_shopping():
    if store.has_eggs():
        store.buy_milk()
    for i in range(5):
        store.buy_bread()
```python
import datetime

def parse_expenses(expenses_string):
    # Parse the list of expenses and return the list of triples (date, value, currency).
    # Ignore lines starting with #.
    # Parse the date using datetime.
    Example expenses_string:
    2016-01-02 -34.01 USD
    2016-01-03 2.59 DKK
    2016-01-03 -2.72 EUR
    
    expenses = []
    for line in expenses_string.splitlines():
        if line.startswith('#'):
            continue
        date, value, currency = line.split(' ')  # Customize the delimiter based on your input format.
        date = datetime.datetime.strptime(date, '%Y-%m-%d').date()
        expenses.append((date, float(value), currency))

    return expenses
```

**Problem statement**

You are given two strings $s$ and $t$, both consisting of lowercase English letters. You are going to type the string $s$ character by character, from the first character to the last one. When typing a character, instead of pressing the button corresponding to it, you can press the “backspace” button. It deletes the last character you have typed among those that you have typed yet (or does nothing if there are no characters in the current string). For example, if $s = "\text{ababa}\text{bb}\text{aaaa}\text{ababa}\text{ababa}"$ and you press “backspace” instead of typing the first and the fourth characters, you will get the string “$\text{baba}\text{bb}\text{aaaa}\text{ababa}\text{ababa}$$". Another example, if $s = "\text{ababa}\text{bb}\text{aaaa}\text{ababa}\text{ababa}"$, you press “backspace” instead of typing the last two letters, then the resulting text is “$\text{ababa}\text{bb}\text{aaaa}\text{ababa}". Your task is to determine whether you can obtain the string $s$ by typing the string $t$ and pressing “backspace” instead of typing several (maybe zero) characters of $t$.

**Input**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Input</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>a</td>
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<tr>
<td>ababa</td>
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<td>be</td>
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<td>ababa</td>
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<td>bb</td>
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<tr>
<td>ababa</td>
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</table>

**Output**

| Output | YES | NO | NO | YES |

**Code solution**

```python
t=int(input())
for i in range(t):
s=input()
t=input()
a=[]
b=[]
for j in s:
a.append(j)
for j in t:
b.append(j)
a.reverse()
b.reverse()
c=[]
while len(b)!=0 and len(a)!=0:
    if a[0]==b[0]:
        c.append(b.pop(0))
        a.pop(0)
    elif a[0]!=b[0] and len(a)!=1:
        a.pop(0)
a.pop(0)
    elif a[0]!=b[0] and len(a)==1:
        a.pop(0)
    else:
        print("NO")
```

Illustrations taken from https://www.deepmind.com/blog/competitive-programming-with-alphacode
Motivation - Tasks

• Code generation
• Code search
• Code summarization
• Duplication detection
• Bug & vulnerability detection
• Programming language translation
BERT Architecture

• Training
  • 1) pre-training (masked LM + next sentence prediction)
  • 2) fine-tuning – task specific

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Entailment: 0.20
Contradiction: 0.05
Neutral: 0.75

she opened the hood of the car, then, she examined the engine

fine-tuning example: sentence-pair classification
she opened the hood of the car, then, she examined the engine

return maximum value if a > b: return a ...
def max(a, b):
    """
    Returns the maximum of the two numbers
    :param a: the first number
    :param b: the second number
    :returns: the maximum of the two numbers
    """
    if a > b:
        return a
    else:
        return b
CodeBERT (Feng et al., 2020)

- Architecture: RoBERTa
- Data: Code from public GitHub repos
  - 6 programming languages (CodeSearchNet dataset)
- Pre-training data:
  - NL (documentation) + PL (function code) pairs
- Pre-training tasks:
  - 1) Masked Language Modelling
  - 2) Replaced Token Detection
CodeBERT – Replaced Token Detection

NL and code generator – simple n-gram language model

Figure taken from Feng et al., 2020
CodeBERT – Fine-Tuning (Code Search)

**Code search task**
- Output: similarity score \([0, 1]\]
- Data: CodeSearchNet corpus
  - Code + docstring pairs
- Balanced positive and negative samples
  - Negative sample – replace docstring or code

**CodeBERT**

- \text{CLS} text
- `return maximum value`
- \text{SEP} `if a > b: return a ...
- \text{code}
GraphCodeBERT (Guo et al., 2021)

GraphCodeBERT

1. CLS
2. return maximum value
3. SEP
4. if a > b: return a ...
5. SEP
6. a₁, b₁, a₂
7. text
8. code
9. data flow
GraphCodeBERT - Data Flow

\[ a = 2 \]
\[ b = 3 \]
\[ x = a + b \]
\[ \text{if } x < 0 : \]
\[ y = x \]

\[ V = \{ a, b, x_1, x_2, x_3, y \} \]
\[ E = \{(a, x_1), (b, x_1), (x_1, x_2), (x_1, x_3), (x_3, y)\} \]

variable relation graph

\( \rightarrow \) = value comes from
GraphCodeBERT - Attention

Attention (dot-product): $q_i \cdot k_j$

$$M_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{or } -\infty \\ \end{cases}$$

Attention scores:
$$\alpha = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{Q \cdot K}{\sqrt{d}}\right)$$
$$\alpha = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{Q \cdot K}{\sqrt{d}} + M\right)$$

Allow data flow token attention only with:
1. Code token that correspond to it
2. Data flow token with edge in relation graph
3. [CLS], [SEP]
GraphCodeBERT (Guo et al., 2021)

- Pre-training tasks:
  - 1) Masked Language Modeling
    - Data flow tokens are never masked
  - 2) Edge Prediction
  - 3) Node Alignment
GraphCodeBERT – Edge Prediction

• Edge Prediction
  • Learn to predict edges in data flow (where the value comes from)

• Procedure:
  • Randomly select data flow tokens
  • Mask them in attention
  • Let the model predict them (product = 1 if exists or 0 otherwise)
GraphCodeBERT – Node Alignment

• Node Alignment
  • Learn to predict edges between code tokens and data flow tokens
  • Procedure:
    • Randomly select data flow and code token pairs
    • Mask them in attention
    • Let the model predict them (product = 1 if exists or 0 otherwise)
SynCoBERT (Wang et al., 2021)

- Pre-training tasks:
  - 1) (multi-modal) masked LM
    - AST tokens can also be masked
  - 2) identifier prediction
    - Predict whether a token is identifier
  - 3) AST edge prediction
    - Predict masked edges in AST
  - 4) (multi-modal) contrastive learning
    - Solve imbalance problems (high-frequency tokens)
    - Positive and negative samples
Tasks – Natural Language Code Search

• From a collection, find the most semantically related code given NL description
• Dataset: CodeSearchNet
• Metric: MRR (Mean Reciprocal Rank)
• 999 distractors
• \[ \text{MRR} = \frac{1}{Q} \sum_{i=1}^{Q} \frac{1}{\text{rank}_i} \]
Tasks - Code Clone Detection

• Detect whether 2 code fragments output same result when given the same input

• Dataset: BigCloneBench
  • Pairs of code -> clone / not clone (binary)

• Metric: F1 score
Tasks - Code Defect Detection

• Detect whether there are defects in the code fragment (binary)
• Dataset: Defects4J (C language)
• Metric: accuracy
Tasks - Program Translation

• Translate the code from one to another language
• Dataset: C# -> Java
• Metric: BLEU (CodeBLEU)
AlphaCode

• A model that solves competitive programming problems

• Data:
  • Pre-training: public repos from GitHub
  • Fine-tuning: CodeContests – task and solution pairs (including incorrect ones) from codeforces

Figure taken from Li et al., 2022
AlphaCode

• Architecture: encoder-decoder transformer
  • problem statement -> solution code pair
  • like for natural language translation
  • no syntax info

• 41B parameters
AlphaCode

**Evaluation:**
- Generate many samples (C++ & python) -> 100k
- Filter based on whether the generated solution passes simple tests
- From a separate model generate new tests and cluster candidates
- Select 10 samples

Figure taken from Li et al., 2022
AlphaCode

• Result
  • Within top 54% contestants based on sampled solutions

• Limitations and problems
  • More syntactically correct Python than C++ samples -> syntax understanding?
  • Lack of understanding complex ideas:
    • Better at problems with bitmaps, sorting, greedy
    • Worse at DP problems
  • Generating many samples (100k)
    • During sampling, a random tag (DP, binary search, …) is added
    • Just generating all possible solutions with different algorithms?
Chess – DeepBlue vs Garry Kasparov

Figure taken from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep_Blue_versus_Garry_Kasparov
OpenAI Codex

- Model used for Github Copilot
- Architecture: based on GPT (12B) + modified text tokenization (?)
- Data: Python code from Github public repos
- pass@k evaluation (like AlphaCode)
- Experiments
  - Hand-crafted evaluation set (NL and PL pairs)
  - Additional fine-tuning on correct code (competitive programming + CI)
OpenAI Codex
OpenAI Codex - Problems

```python
import os
import time
import json
import twitter
import pickle
import sys
import logging
import argparse
import pdb
import re
import nltk

from nltk.corpus import stopwords
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
from nltk.corpus import wordnet
from nltk.corpus import sentiwordnet as swn
from textblob import TextBlob

# Go to https://apps.twitter.com/ to create your own Twitter app
# and get all the keys and access tokens

CONSUMER_KEY = '...
CONSUMER_SECRET = '...
ACCESS_KEY = '...
ACCESS_SECRET = '...
```
Conclusion

• Models for textual data can also be used for code (with slight modifications)

• Efficient program representation
  • Improves results
  • More in the following presentation!

• Training a huge model with billions of parameters produces amazing results – advancement, fairness?
Thank you for your attention!
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