



# Unified Multilingual Robustness Evaluation Toolkit for Natural Language Processing

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## **0** NLP Progress



#### SQUAD**2.0** The Stanford Question Answering Dataset

#### Leaderboard

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Rank	Model	EM	F1
	Human Performance	86.831	89.452
	Stanford University		
	(Rajpurkar & Jia et al. '18)		
1	SA-Net on Albert (ensemble)	90.724	93.011
Apr 06, 2020	QIANXIN		
2	SA-Net-V2 (ensemble)	90.679	92.948
May 05, 2020	QIANXIN		
2	Retro-Reader (ensemble)	90.578	92.978
Apr 05, 2020	Shanghai Jiao Tong University		
	http://arxiv.org/abs/2001.09694		
3	EntitySpanFocusV2 (ensemble)	90.521	92.824
Dec 01, 2020	RICOH_SRCB_DML		
3	ATRLP+PV (ensemble)	90.442	92.877
Jul 31, 2020	Hithink RoyalFlush		
3	ELECTRA+ALBERT+EntitySpanFocus (ensemble)	90.442	92.839
May 04, 2020	SRCB_DML		
4	ELECTRA+ALBERT+EntitySpanFocus (ensemble)	90.420	92.799
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### **Penn Treebank**

Model	POS	UAS	LAS
Label Attention Layer + HPSG + XLNet (Mrini et al., 2019)	97.3	97.42	96.26
HPSG Parser (Joint) + XLNet (Zhou and Zhao, 2019)	97.3	97.20	95.72
HPSG Parser (Joint) + BERT (Zhou and Zhao, 2019)	97.3	97.00	95.43
CVT + Multi-Task (Clark et al., 2018)	97.74	96.61	95.02
CRF Parser (Zhang et al., 2020)	-	96.14	94.49
Left-to-Right Pointer Network (Fernández- González and Gómez-Rodríguez, 2019)	97.3	96.04	94.43
Graph-based parser with GNNs (Ji et al., 2019)	97.3	95.97	94.31
Deep Biaffine (Dozat and Manning, 2017)	97.3	95.74	94.08
jPTDP (Nguyen and Verspoor, 2018)	97.97	94.51	92.87
Andor et al. (2016)	97.44	94.61	92.79
Distilled neural FOG (Kuncoro et al., 2016)	97.3	94.26	92.06
Distilled transition-based parser (Liu et al., 2018)	97.3	94.05	92.14
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### IMDb

Model	Accuracy
XLNet (Yang et al., 2019)	96.21
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ULMFiT (Howard and Ruder, 2018)	95.4
Block-sparse LSTM (Gray et al., 2017)	94.99
oh-LSTM (Johnson and Zhang, 2016)	94.1
Virtual adversarial training (Miyato et al., 2016)	94.1
BCN+Char+CoVe (McCann et al., 2017)	91.8



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#### Sentiment Analysis Data

Tasty burgers, and crispy fries.

SA 😃

burgers fries



SubQ.	Generation Strategy	Example
Prereq.	<b>SOURCE</b> : The original sample from the test set	Tasty burgers, and crispy fries. (Tgt: burgers)
Q1	<b>REVTGT</b> : Reverse the sentiment of the <i>target</i> aspect	Terrible burgers, but crispy fries.
Q2	<b>REVNON:</b> Reverse the sentiment of the <i>non-target</i>	Tasty burgers, but soggy fries.
	aspects with originally the same sentiment as target	
Q3	ADDDIFF: Add aspects with the opposite sentiment	Tasty burgers, crispy fries, but poorest service
	from the target aspect	ever!



Model	Entire Test	<b>REVTGT</b> Subset	<b>REVNON Subset</b>	ADDDIFF Subset
	$Ori \rightarrow New$ (Change)	$Ori \rightarrow New$ (Change)	$Ori \rightarrow New (Change)$	$Ori \rightarrow New (Change)$
Laptop Data	set			
MemNet	$64.42 \rightarrow 16.93 \; (\downarrow 47.49)^{\star}$	$72.10 \rightarrow 28.33 \ (\downarrow 43.77)^{\star}$	$82.22 \rightarrow 79.26 \; (\downarrow 02.96)$	$64.42 \rightarrow 56.58 \; (\downarrow 07.84)^{\star}$
GatedCNN	$65.67 \rightarrow 10.34 \ (\downarrow 55.33)^{\star}$	$75.11 \rightarrow 24.03 \ (\downarrow 51.08)^{\star}$	$83.70 \rightarrow 78.52 \; (\downarrow 05.18)$	$65.67 \rightarrow 45.14 \; (\downarrow 20.53)^{\star}$
AttLSTM	$67.55 \rightarrow 09.87 \ (\downarrow 57.68)^{\star}$	$72.96 \rightarrow 27.04 \ (\downarrow 45.92)^{\star}$	$85.93 \rightarrow 75.56 \; (\downarrow 10.37)^{\star}$	$67.55 \rightarrow 39.66 \; (\downarrow 27.89)^{\star}$
<b>TD-LSTM</b>	$68.03 \rightarrow 22.57 \; (\downarrow 45.46)^{\star}$	$73.39 \rightarrow 29.83 \ (\downarrow 43.56)^{\star}$	$83.70 \rightarrow 77.04 \ (\downarrow 06.66)$	$68.03 \rightarrow 60.66 \; (\downarrow 07.37)^{\star}$
GCN	$72.41 \rightarrow 19.91 \; (\downarrow 52.50)^{\star}$	$78.33 \rightarrow 35.62 \ (\downarrow 42.71)^{\star}$	$88.89 \rightarrow 74.81 \; (\downarrow 14.08)^{\star}$	$72.41 \rightarrow 52.51 \; (\downarrow 19.90)^{\star}$
BERT-Sent	$73.04 \rightarrow 17.40 \ (\downarrow 55.64)^{\star}$	$78.76 \rightarrow 59.44 \; (\downarrow 19.32)^{\star}$	$88.15 \rightarrow 42.22 \; (\downarrow 45.93)^{\star}$	$73.04 \rightarrow 34.64 \ (\downarrow 38.40)^{\star}$
CapsBERT	$77.12 \rightarrow 25.86^6 \ (\downarrow 51.26)^*$	$80.69 \rightarrow 57.73 \ (\downarrow 22.96)^{\star}$	$88.89 \rightarrow 49.63 \ (\downarrow 39.26)^{\star}$	$77.12 \rightarrow 45.14 \; (\downarrow 31.98)^{\star}$
BERT	$77.59 \rightarrow 50.94 \ (\downarrow 26.65)^{\star}$	$83.05 \rightarrow 65.02 \ (\downarrow 18.03)^{\star}$	$93.33 \rightarrow 71.85 \ (\downarrow 21.48)^{\star}$	$77.59 \rightarrow 71.00 \ (\downarrow 06.59)^{\star}$
BERT-PT	$78.53 \rightarrow 53.29 \; (\downarrow 25.24)^{\star}$	$82.40 \rightarrow 60.09 \; (\downarrow 22.31)^{\star}$	$93.33 \rightarrow 83.70 \ (\downarrow 09.63)^{\star}$	$78.53 \rightarrow 75.71 \; (\downarrow 02.82)$
Average	$71.60 \rightarrow 25.23 \; (\downarrow 46.37)^{\star}$	$77.42 \rightarrow 43.01 \; (\downarrow 34.41)^{\star}$	$87.57 \rightarrow 70.29 \; (\downarrow 17.28)^{\star}$	$71.60 \rightarrow 53.45 \; (\downarrow 18.15)^{\star}$
Restaurant 1	Dataset			
MemNet	$75.18 \rightarrow 21.52 \ (\downarrow 53.66)^{\star}$	$80.73 \rightarrow 27.54 \ (\downarrow 53.19)^{\star}$	$84.46 \rightarrow 73.65 \; (\downarrow 10.81)^{\star}$	$75.18 \rightarrow 60.71 \; (\downarrow 14.47)^{\star}$
GatedCNN	$76.96 \rightarrow 13.12 \ (\downarrow 63.84)^{\star}$	$85.11 \rightarrow 23.17 \ (\downarrow 61.94)^{\star}$	$88.06 \rightarrow 72.97 \; (\downarrow 15.09)^{\star}$	$76.96 \rightarrow 54.91 \; (\downarrow 22.05)^{\star}$
AttLSTM	$75.98 \rightarrow 14.64 \ (\downarrow 61.34)^{\star}$	$82.98 \rightarrow 28.96 \ (\downarrow 54.02)^{\star}$	$86.26 \rightarrow 61.26 \ (\downarrow 25.00)^{\star}$	$75.98 \rightarrow 52.32 \; (\downarrow 23.66)^{\star}$
<b>TD-LSTM</b>	$78.12 \rightarrow 30.18 \; (\downarrow 47.94)^{\star}$	$85.34 \rightarrow 34.99 \ (\downarrow 50.35)^{\star}$	$88.51 \rightarrow 75.68 \; (\downarrow 12.83)^{\star}$	$78.12 \rightarrow 70.18 \; (\downarrow 07.94)^{\star}$
GCN	$77.86 \rightarrow 24.73 \; (\downarrow 53.13)^{\star}$	$86.76 \rightarrow 35.58 \ (\downarrow 51.18)^{\star}$	$88.51 \rightarrow 79.50 \ (\downarrow 09.01)^{\star}$	$77.86 \rightarrow 65.00 \; (\downarrow 12.86)^{\star}$
BERT-Sent	$80.62 \rightarrow 10.89 \ (\downarrow 69.73)^{\star}$	$89.60 \rightarrow 44.80 \ (\downarrow 44.80)^{\star}$	$89.86 \rightarrow 57.21 \; (\downarrow 32.65)^{\star}$	$80.62 \rightarrow 30.89 \; (\downarrow 49.73)^{\star}$
CapsBERT	$83.48 \rightarrow 55.36 \ (\downarrow 28.12)^{\star}$	$89.48 \rightarrow 71.87 \; (\downarrow 17.61)^{\star}$	$90.99 \rightarrow 74.55 \; (\downarrow 16.44)^{\star}$	$83.48 \rightarrow 77.86 \; (\downarrow 05.62)^{\star}$
BERT	$83.04 \rightarrow 54.82 \ (\downarrow 28.22)^{\star}$	$90.07 \rightarrow 63.00 \ (\downarrow 27.07)^{\star}$	$91.44 \rightarrow 83.33 \ (\downarrow 08.11)^{\star}$	$83.04 \rightarrow 79.20 \; (\downarrow 03.84)^{\star}$
BERT-PT	$86.70 \rightarrow 59.29 \; (\downarrow 27.41)^{\star}$	$92.20 \rightarrow 72.81 \; (\downarrow 19.39)^{\star}$	$92.57 \rightarrow 81.76 \; (\downarrow 10.81)^{\star}$	$86.70 \rightarrow 80.27 \; (\downarrow 06.43)^{\star}$
Average	$79.77 \rightarrow 31.62 \; (\downarrow 48.15)^{\star}$	$86.92 \rightarrow 44.75 \; (\downarrow 42.17)^{\star}$	$88.96 \rightarrow 73.32 \; (\downarrow 15.64)^{\star}$	$79.77 \rightarrow 63.48 \; (\downarrow 16.29)^{\star}$



Xing et al., Tasty Burgers, Soggy Fries: Probing Aspect Robustness in Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis, EMNLP 2020

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# Unified Multilingual Robustness Evaluation Toolkit for Natural Language Processing





#### Integrity

TextFlint offers 20 general transformations, 60 task-specific transformations and thousands of their combinations, and provides over 67,000 evaluation results generated by the transformation on 24 classic datasets from 12 tasks, basically covers all aspects of text transformations to comprehensively evaluate the robustness of a model.

#### Acceptability

Only when the new generated texts conforms to human language, can the robustness result obtained by the verification be credible. Transformation methods provided by TextFlint are scored in plausibility and grammaticality by human evaluation. The results of human and model evaluation can be found on this website.

#### Analyzability

TextFlint can give a standard analysis report from the lexics, syntax, semantic levels. All evaluation results can be displayed with visualization and tabulation, so that users can accurately grasp the shortcomings of the model. More evaluation results and related analysis are in the paper.



#### **Transformation - General**

#### Synonym

"He loves NLP" is transformed into "He likes NLP"

#### **Spelling Error**

definitely $\rightarrow$ difinately	Typos
Shanghai $ ightarrow$ Shenghai	EntTypos
like → I1ke	OCR

#### Antonym

John lives in Ireland  $\rightarrow$  John <u>doesn't</u> live in Ireland





#### **Transformation – Domain Specific**

#### NER: SwapNamedEnt

"He was born in <u>China</u>"  $\rightarrow$  "He was born in Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch"

#### CWS: SwapVerb

看 → "看看," "看一看," "看了看," and "看了一看."

#### **POS:** SwapMultiPOS

"There is an <u>apple</u> on the desk"  $\rightarrow$ "There is an <u>imponderable</u> on the desk"

















from TextFlint.engine import TextFlintEngine
from TextFlint.config.config import Config

```
# load the data samples
sample1 = {'x': 'Titanic is my favorite movie.', 'y': 'pos'}
sample2 = {'x': 'I don\'t like the actor Tim Hill', 'y': 'neg'}
data_samples = [sample1, sample2]
```

# define the transformation/subpopulation/attack types in the json config file config = Config.from\_json\_file("TextFlint/common/config\_files/SA/SA.json")

```
# define the output directory
out_dir_path = './test_result/'
```

# run transformation/subpopulation/attack and save the transformed data to out\_dir\_path in json format engine = TextFlintEngine('SA', config\_obj=config) engine.run(data\_samples, out\_dir\_path)



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#### **Human Evaluation**

- Plausibility (Lambert et al., 2010) measures whether the text is reasonable and written by native speakers. Sentences or documents that are natural, appropriate, logically correct, and meaningful in the context will receive a higher plausibility score. Texts that are logically or semantically inconsistent or contain inappropriate vocabulary will receive a lower plausibility score.
- Grammaticality (Newmeyer, 1983) measures whether the text contains syntax errors. It refers to the conformity of the text to the rules defined by the specific grammar of a language.





#### **Human Evaluation**

Table 2: Human evaluation results for task-specific transformation. Ort. and Trans. represent the original text and the transformed text, respectively. These metrics are rated on a 1-5 scale (5 for the best).

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(b) NER

	Plau	sibility	Grammaticality			Plausibility		Grammaticality	
	Ort.	Trans.	Ort.	Trans.		Ort.	Trans.	Ort.	Trans.
DoubleDenial	3.26	3.37	3.59	3.49	OOV	3.69	3.76	3.54	3.48
AddSum-Person	3.39	3.32	3.76	3.59	SwapLonger	3.73	3.66	3.77	3.54
AddSum-Movie	3.26	3.34	3.61	3.58	EntTypos	3.57	3.5	3.59	3.54
SwapSpecialEnt-Person	3.37	3.14	3.75	3.73	CrossCategory	3.48	3.44	3.41	3.32
SwapSpecialEnt-Movie	3.17	3.28	3.70	3.49	ConcatSent	4.14	3.54	3.84	3.81

#### (c) SM

(d)	RE
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2	Plau	sibility	oility Gramm		mmaticality		Plausibility		Grammaticality	
						Ort.	Trans.	Ort.	Trans.	
	Ort.	Trans.	Ort.	Trans.	SwapEnt-MultiType	3.59	3.36	3.97	3.94	
Swan Word	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.02	SwapEnt-LowFreq	3.34	3.56	3.94	4.05	
Swapmora	5.00	5.00	5.90	5.92	InsertClause	3.37	3.4	3.89	3.95	
<b>SwapNum</b>	3.14	3.21	3.87	3.86	SwapEnt-AgeSwap	3.29	3.52	3.85	4.07	
0 1		2.22		4 1 1	SwapTriplePos-BirthSwap	3.52	3.53	3.91	3.86	
Overlap	-	3.33		4.11	SwapTriplePos-EmployeeSwap	3.39	3.43	3.88	3.86	



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#### Table 4: F1 score on the CoNLL 2003 dataset.

Model	ConcatSent Ori. $\rightarrow$ Trans.	CrossCategory Ori. $\rightarrow$ Trans.	$\frac{EntTypos}{Ori. \rightarrow Trans.}$	$\begin{array}{c} OOV \\ Ori. \rightarrow Trans. \end{array}$	SwapLonger Ori. $\rightarrow$ Trans.
CoNLL 2003					
CNN-LSTM-CRF (Ma and Hovy, 2016)	$90.61 \rightarrow 87.99$	$90.59 \rightarrow 44.18$	$91.25 \rightarrow 79.10$	$90.59 \rightarrow 58.99$	$90.59 \rightarrow 61.15$
LSTM-CRF (Lample et al., 2016)	$88.49 \rightarrow 86.88$	$88.48 \rightarrow 41.33$	$89.31 \rightarrow 74.32$	$88.48 \rightarrow 43.55$	$88.48 \rightarrow 54.50$
LM-LSTM-CRF (Liu et al., 2018)	$90.89 \rightarrow 88.21$	$90.88 \rightarrow 44.28$	$91.54 \rightarrow 82.90$	$90.88 \rightarrow 70.40$	$90.88 \rightarrow 65.43$
Elmo (Peters et al., 2018)	$91.80 \rightarrow 90.67$	$91.79 \rightarrow 44.13$	$92.48 \rightarrow 86.19$	$91.79 \rightarrow 68.10$	$91.79 \rightarrow 61.82$
Flair (Akbik et al., 2018)	$92.25 \rightarrow 90.73$	$92.24 \rightarrow 45.30$	$93.05 \rightarrow 86.78$	$92.24 \rightarrow 73.45$	$92.24 \rightarrow 66.13$
Pooled-Flair (Akbik et al., 2019)	$91.90 \rightarrow 90.45$	$91.88 \rightarrow 43.64$	$92.72 \rightarrow 86.38$	$91.88 \rightarrow 71.70$	$91.88 \rightarrow 67.92$
TENER (Yan et al., 2019)	$91.36 \rightarrow 90.27$	$91.35 \rightarrow 45.43$	$92.01 \rightarrow 82.26$	$91.35 \rightarrow 55.67$	$91.35 \rightarrow 51.10$
GRN (Chen et al., 2019)	$91.57 \rightarrow 89.30$	$91.56 \rightarrow 42.90$	$92.29 \rightarrow 82.72$	$91.56 \rightarrow 68.20$	$91.56 \rightarrow 65.38$
BERT-base (cased) (Devlin et al., 2019)	$91.43 \rightarrow 89.91$	$91.42 \rightarrow 44.42$	$92.20 \rightarrow 85.02$	$91.42 \rightarrow 68.71$	$91.42 \rightarrow 79.28$
BERT-base (uncased) (Devlin et al., 2019)	$90.41 \rightarrow 90.05$	$90.40 \rightarrow 47.19$	$91.25 \rightarrow 81.25$	$90.40 \rightarrow 64.46$	$90.40 \rightarrow 78.26$
Average	$91.07 \rightarrow 89.45$	$91.06 \rightarrow 44.28$	$91.81 \rightarrow 82.69$	$91.06 \rightarrow 64.32$	$91.06 \rightarrow 65.10$





#### Table 5: Exact Match (EM) and F1 score on the SQuAD 1.0 dataset.

Model	ModifyPos (	Ori.→Trans.)	AddSentDiverse	e (Ori.→Trans.)	PerturbAnswer (Ori.→Trans.)		
WIOdel	Exact Match	F1 Score	Exact Match	F1 Score	Exact Match	F1 Score	
SQuAD 1.0							
BiDAF (Seo et al., 2016)	$68.93 \rightarrow 68.64$	$78.09 \rightarrow 77.52$	$68.10 \rightarrow 22.68$	$77.45 \rightarrow 26.07$	$68.27 \rightarrow 51.24$	$77.50 \rightarrow 63.76$	
BiDAF <sup>+</sup> (Seo et al., 2016)	$69.60 \rightarrow 67.58$	$78.91 \rightarrow 76.72$	$68.88 \rightarrow 22.71$	$78.21 \rightarrow 26.60$	$68.91 \rightarrow 52.19$	$78.24 \rightarrow 64.55$	
DrQA (Chen et al., 2017)	$70.99 \rightarrow 69.99$	$80.20 \rightarrow 78.67$	$70.34 \rightarrow 35.34$	$79.62 \rightarrow 40.56$	$70.19 \rightarrow 52.32$	$79.52 \rightarrow 64.85$	
R-Net (Wang et al., 2017)	$72.06 \rightarrow 70.79$	$80.56 \rightarrow 78.96$	$71.31 \rightarrow 26.55$	$79.83 \rightarrow 30.63$	$71.35 \rightarrow 54.15$	$79.87 \rightarrow 66.13$	
FusionNet (Huang et al., 2018)	$73.00 \rightarrow 71.60$	$82.01 \rightarrow 80.38$	$72.21 \rightarrow 34.40$	$81.28 \rightarrow 39.33$	$72.47 \rightarrow 54.90$	$81.44 \rightarrow 67.49$	
QANet (Yu et al., 2018)	$71.52 \rightarrow 71.27$	$79.98 \rightarrow 79.79$	$70.67 \rightarrow 19.34$	$79.32 \rightarrow 22.09$	$70.86 \rightarrow 55.13$	$79.45 \rightarrow 67.36$	
BERT (Devlin et al., 2019)	$79.95 \rightarrow 79.81$	$87.68 \rightarrow 87.25$	$79.25 \rightarrow 27.93$	$87.09 \rightarrow 32.47$	$79.30 \rightarrow 62.48$	$87.13 \rightarrow 75.40$	
ALBERT-V2 (Lan et al., 2019)	$85.31 \rightarrow 84.24$	$91.76 \rightarrow 90.82$	$84.70 \rightarrow 35.87$	$91.27 \rightarrow 40.45$	$84.63 \rightarrow 68.80$	$91.26 \rightarrow 80.52$	
XLNet (Yang et al., 2019b)	$81.79 \rightarrow 81.13$	$89.81 \rightarrow 88.94$	$81.37 \rightarrow 32.12$	$89.50 \rightarrow 37.48$	$81.30 \rightarrow 67.15$	$89.45 \rightarrow 80.15$	
DistillBERT (Sanh et al., 2019)	$79.96 \rightarrow 79.10$	$87.56 \rightarrow 86.69$	$79.43 \rightarrow 25.53$	$87.10 \rightarrow 29.60$	$79.35 \rightarrow 62.21$	$87.04 \rightarrow 74.92$	
Average	$75.31 \rightarrow 74.42$	$83.65 \rightarrow 82.57$	$74.63 \rightarrow 28.25$	$83.07 \rightarrow 32.53$	$74.66 \rightarrow 58.06$	$83.09 \rightarrow 70.51$	





#### Table 6: Model accuracy on the MultiNLI dataset.

Model	SwapAnt Ori. $\rightarrow$ Trans.	AddSent Ori. $\rightarrow$ Trans.	$\frac{NumWord}{Ori. \rightarrow Trans.}$	$\begin{array}{l} \textit{Overlap} \\ \textit{Ori.} \rightarrow \textit{Trans.} \end{array}$
MultiNLI				11177 Mar
BERT-base (Devlin et al., 2019)	$85.10 \rightarrow 55.69$	$84.43 \rightarrow 55.27$	$82.97 \rightarrow 49.16$	None $\rightarrow$ 62.67
BERT-large (Devlin et al., 2019)	$87.84 \rightarrow 61.18$	$86.36 \rightarrow 58.19$	$85.42 \rightarrow 54.19$	None $\rightarrow$ 70.65
XLNet-base(Yang et al., 2019b)	$87.45 \rightarrow 70.98$	$86.33 \rightarrow 57.65$	$85.55 \rightarrow 48.77$	None $\rightarrow$ 70.35
XLNet-large(Yang et al., 2019b)	$89.41 \rightarrow 75.69$	$88.63 \rightarrow 63.37$	$86.84 \rightarrow 51.35$	None $\rightarrow$ 78.09
RoBERTa-base(Delobelle et al., 2020)	$87.45 \rightarrow 63.53$	$87.13 \rightarrow 57.25$	$86.58 \rightarrow 50.32$	None $\rightarrow$ 75.49
RoBERTa-large(Delobelle et al., 2020)	$92.16 \rightarrow 74.90$	$90.12 \rightarrow 67.73$	$88.65 \rightarrow 54.71$	None $\rightarrow$ 73.14
ALBERT-base-v2 (Lan et al., 2019)	$87.45 \rightarrow 50.20$	$84.09 \rightarrow 53.59$	$82.97 \rightarrow 49.42$	None $\rightarrow 67.15$
ALBERT-xxlarge-v2 (Lan et al., 2019)	$91.76 \rightarrow 69.80$	$89.89 \rightarrow 79.11$	$89.03 \rightarrow 46.84$	None $\rightarrow$ 74.92
Average	$88.58 \rightarrow 65.25$	$87.12 \rightarrow 61.52$	$86.00 \rightarrow 50.60$	None $\rightarrow$ 71.56





#### Table 7: F1 score on the CTB6 dataset.

Model	$\frac{SwapName}{Ori. \rightarrow Trans.}$	$\frac{SwapNum}{Ori. \rightarrow Trans.}$	$\frac{SwapVerb}{Ori. \rightarrow Trans.}$	$\frac{SwapContraction}{Ori. \rightarrow Trans.}$	$\frac{SwapSyn}{Ori. \rightarrow Trans.}$
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FMM <sup>1</sup>	$82.13 \rightarrow 78.39$	$83.62 \rightarrow 79.88$	$82.03 \rightarrow 78.14$	$84.25 \rightarrow 79.11$	$83.97 \rightarrow 79.26$
BMM <sup>1</sup>	$83.21 \rightarrow 79.28$	$83.91 \rightarrow 80.11$	$82.45 \rightarrow 78.61$	$84.82 \rightarrow 79.51$	$84.41 \rightarrow 79.75$
CRF <sup>2</sup>	$93.80 \rightarrow 91.70$	$93.30 \rightarrow 89.33$	$91.13 \rightarrow 87.32$	$94.20 \rightarrow 87.83$	$93.50 \rightarrow 92.00$
CWS-LSTM (Chen et al., 2015)	$94.87 \rightarrow 91.56$	$95.25 \rightarrow 91.32$	$93.16 \rightarrow 88.91$	$95.47 \rightarrow 88.88$	$94.84 \rightarrow 93.01$
CWS (Cai and Zhao, 2016)	$94.96 \rightarrow 91.31$	$94.12 \rightarrow 86.42$	$92.42 \rightarrow 87.92$	$94.91 \rightarrow 91.02$	$94.02 \rightarrow 92.85$
GreedyCWS (Cai et al., 2017)	$95.18 \rightarrow 91.74$	$94.04 \rightarrow 86.75$	$93.27 \rightarrow 88.54$	$94.83 \rightarrow 88.58$	$94.61 \rightarrow 93.07$
Sub-CWS (Yang et al., 2019a)	$95.72 \rightarrow 92.92$	$96.92 \rightarrow 92.26$	$94.01 \rightarrow 89.26$	$96.51 \rightarrow 89.49$	$96.15 \rightarrow 94.75$
MCCWS (Qiu et al., 2020)	$92.30 \rightarrow 89.97$	$92.85 \rightarrow 88.94$	$89.60 \rightarrow 85.76$	$93.12 \rightarrow 87.03$	$92.36 \rightarrow 89.77$
Average	$91.52 \rightarrow 88.36$	$91.75 \rightarrow 86.88$	$89.76 \rightarrow 85.56$	$92.26 \rightarrow 86.43$	$91.73 \rightarrow 89.31$





#### Table 10: F1 score of commercial APIs on the CoNLL 2003 dataset.

Model	$\begin{array}{l} CrossCategory\\ Ori. \rightarrow Trans. \end{array}$	cossCategoryEntTyposri. $\rightarrow$ Trans.Ori. $\rightarrow$ Trans.		SwapLonger Ori. $\rightarrow$ Trans.	
CoNLL 200	03				
Amazon	$69.68 \rightarrow 33.01$	$70.19 \rightarrow 65.98$	$69.68 \rightarrow 56.27$	$69.68 \rightarrow 57.63$	
Google	$59.14 \rightarrow 28.30$	$62.41 \rightarrow 50.87$	$59.14 \rightarrow 48.53$	$59.14 \rightarrow 53.40$	
Microsoft	$82.69 \rightarrow 43.37$	$83.42 \rightarrow 78.47$	$82.69 \rightarrow 60.18$	$82.69 \rightarrow 52.51$	
Average	$70.50 \rightarrow 34.89$	$72.01 \rightarrow 65.11$	$70.50 \rightarrow 54.99$	$70.50 \rightarrow 54.51$	





Figure 4: Accuracy results of multi-granularity universal transformations (UT). We choose **Typos**, **SwapNamedEnt**, and **WordCase** for character-level, word-level, and sentence-level UT, respectively.

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Figure 5: Results of gender bias transformations. We replace human names by female names and perform robustness evaluation in NLI and Coref tasks.



1. Is there a simple TOOLKIT that can comprehensively evaluate the robustness of existing models?

2. Is this robustness evaluation **REASONABLE**?
3. Is this phenomenon **COMMON** in real experiments?
4. How can we **BENEFIT** from the use of this toolkit?

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#### TextFlint

#### IMDB

The IMDb dataset is a binary sentiment analysis dataset consisting of 50,000 reviews from the Internet Movie Database (IMDb) labeled as positive or negative. The dataset contains an even number of positive and negative reviews. Only highly polarizing reviews are considered. A negative review has a score  $\leq 4$  out of 10, and a positive review has a score  $\geq 7$  out of 10. No more than 30 reviews are included per movie. Models are evaluated based on accuracy.

MODEL	PAPER	GITHUB	ACCURACY	F1
<b>XLNET</b> XLNet: Generalized Autoregressive Pretraining for Language Understanding		Ċ,	96.17	88
<b>BERT</b> How to Fine-Tune BERT for Text Classification?		0	95.3	
<b>ULMFIT</b> Universal Language Model Fine-tuning for Text Classification		0	94.6	
OH-LSTM Supervised and Semi-Supervised Text Categorization using LSTM for Region Embeddings		0	93.86	
ADV Adversarial Training Methods for Semi-Supervised Text Classification		0	93.26	



#### **Domain Specific**

5 domain specific transformations are available

IMDB Yelp-Binary

Model/accuracy	SpecialEntityReplace(Movie)		SpecialEntityReplac	e(Person)	AddSummary(Movie)		
	ori 🔶	trans 🔶	ori 🔶	trans 🔶	ori 🔶	trans 🔶	
XLNET	95.97	95.75	95.92	95.85	95.97	95.38	
ULMFIT	94.38	94.33	94.76	94.7	94.38	94.03	
BERT	95.12	95.14	95.27	95.23	95.12	94.97	
SSL	93.07	93.01	93.31	93.28	93.07	92.81	
OH-LSTM	93.94	93.84	94.07	94.13	93.94	93.49	
ADV	93.23	93.25	93.22	93.28	93.23	92.56	











Figure 2: Robustness reports of BERT base model on CONLL 2003 dataset. The first one, namely the radar report, provides an overview of the linguistic ability of the target model. The middle chart gives an intuitive result on each transformation categorized by linguistics. The last bar-chart reveals the details of model performance towards every single generation method.



## Text Modelling – Named Entity Recognition



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#### **Noisy Label in Distant Supervision** $\mathcal{L}_{PT}(f, y^*) = -\sum y_k \log p_k$ k=1After positive training 12000 Which 1 Place\_of\_birth Noisy data The sentence bag of <Obama, United-States> label ? 10000 United-Clean data **Bag labels** Obam States Obama was born in the United-States. 8000 ② Employee\_of 6000 Obama is the 44<sup>th</sup> president of the United-States. 1 Place\_of\_birth 4000 (We need) Obama was back to the United-States yesterday. 2 Employee\_of Sentence 2000 labels Lived\_in (unincluded label) 0.2 0.8 0.0 0.4 0.6 1.0 Probability on given label **Important for** downstream tasks

- 1. Given bag-level labels, can we obtain sentence-level labels?
- 2. Sentence bag contains correct labels, incorrect labels, and unincluded labels.
- 3. Previous positive learning framework cannot distinguish noisy data.

Ma et al., SENT: Sentence-level Distant Relation Extraction via Negative Training, ACL 2021







**Comparison between positive and negative training** 



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