

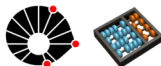
# Employing Transformers and Emoji to Perform Sentiment Classification of Social Media Texts

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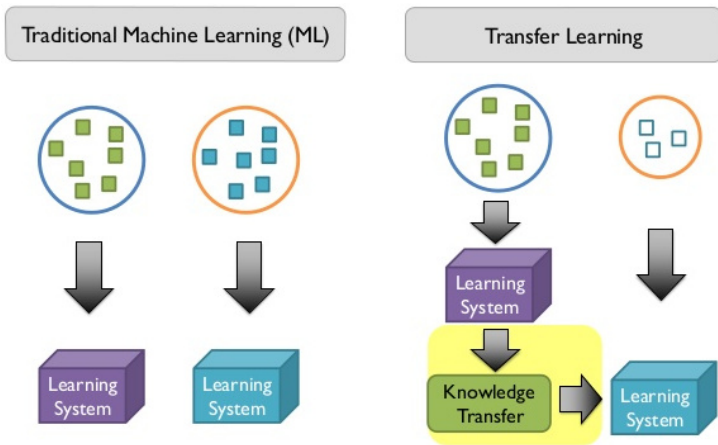
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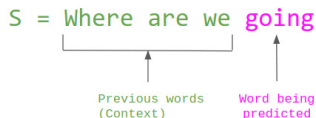
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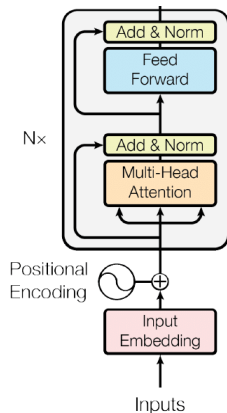
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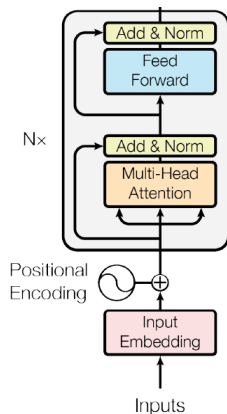
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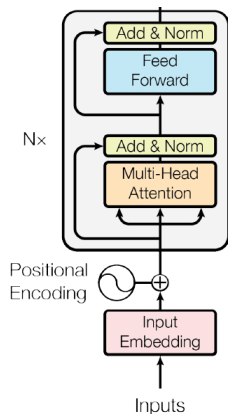
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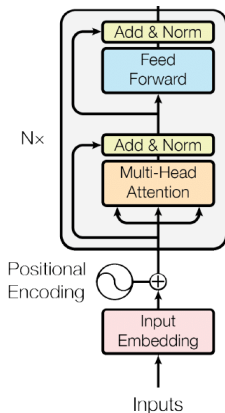
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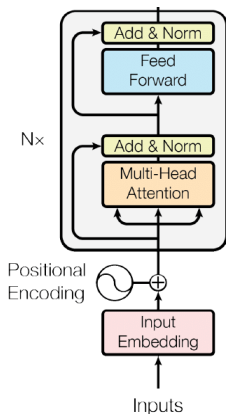
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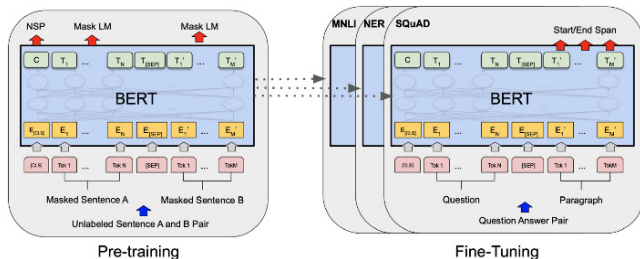


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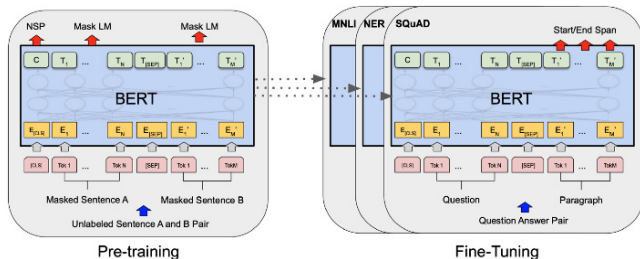
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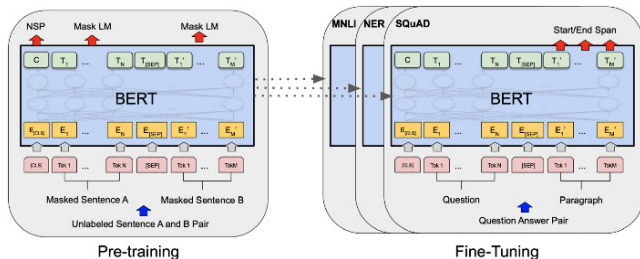
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- Universal Language Model Fine-Tuning (ULMFiT)<sup>3</sup>: addresses issues of over-fitting and catastrophic forgetting.

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U+1F44F		518	U+1F44F		62
U+1F62D		282	U+1F62D		46
U+1F622		120	U+1F499		28
U+1F631		105	U+1F631		25
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U+1F3FB		89	U+1F3B6		21
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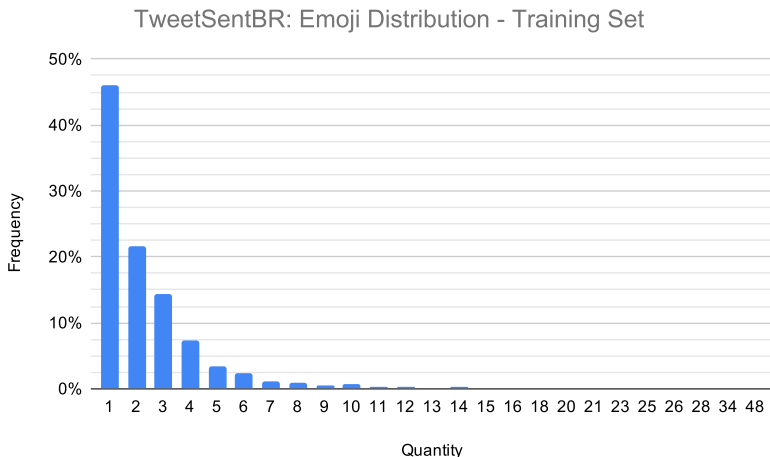
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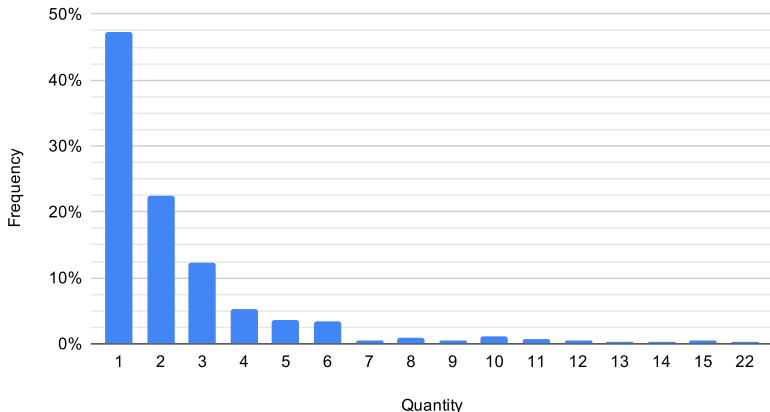
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TweetSentBR: Emoji Distribution - Test Set



Frequency of emoji in tweets from TweetSentBR – test set.

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- Originally four classes: positive, neutral, negative, and mixed.
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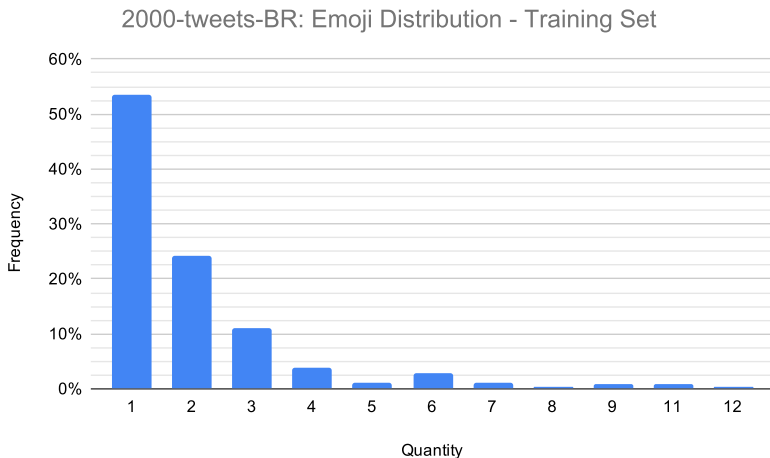
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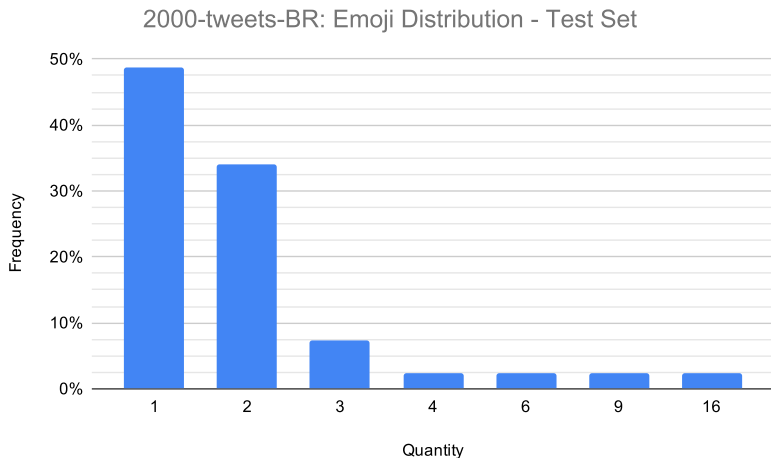
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Overview of our method for sentiment classification.

- Use of *BERTimbau*<sup>1</sup> as pre-trained model.
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- All of which contain at least one emoji.
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Examples of samples from the pre-training corpus.

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Linda a Jessica e tem senso de humor. 😊 😍

Quando foi isso? A mulher não ganhou com um nhoque? 🤔

Caramba, que nível.... circo de horrores 😏

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- **Masked Language Modeling (MLM)**: the same task used during pre-training of BERT. Random tokens are masked with a probability of 15% and the model is trained to predict those masked tokens.

## Example of MLM.

Text	Labels
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- **Masked Language Modeling 50% (MLM50)**: similar to the *Masked Language Modeling* configuration, but using a probability of 50% to mask a token.

Example of **MLM50**.

Text	Labels
<p>⟨MASK⟩ pede pra ⟨MASK⟩ trocar ⟨MASK⟩ vestido. ⟨MASK⟩ 🏃 ⟨MASK⟩ 🏃 🏃 🏃 ⟨MASK⟩</p>	<p>Alguém Jojo esse 😏 🏃 🏃</p>

- **All Emoji (All)**: all emoji (and only emoji) are masked and the model is trained to predict those masked emoji.

Example of **All**.

Text	Labels
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- **First Emoji (First)**: the first occurring emoji of a text is masked and the model is trained to predict this masked emoji.

Example of **First**.

Text	Label
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Example of **EMLM**.

Text	Label
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Example of **EMLM50**.

Text	Labels
Alguém pede pra Jojo trocar esse vestido. <MASK> 🎨 <MASK> 🎨 🎨 🏃 <MASK>	😏 🎨 🏃

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- Four operations:

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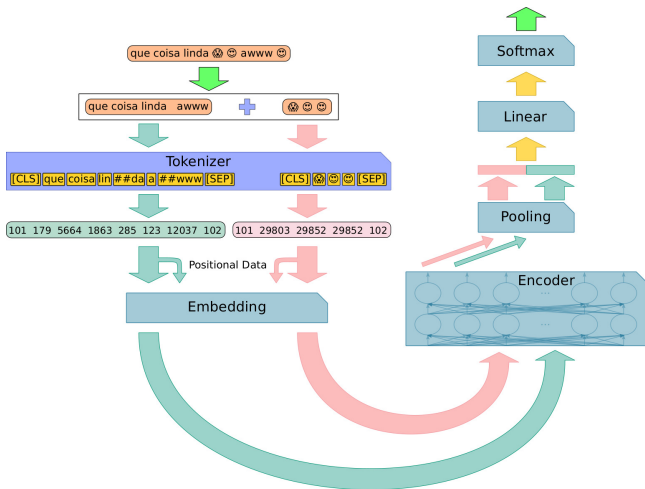
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# Methodology

## Model Architecture



Our method for sentiment classification.

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  - Probabilities ranging from 0 to 0.5 in steps of 0.05.



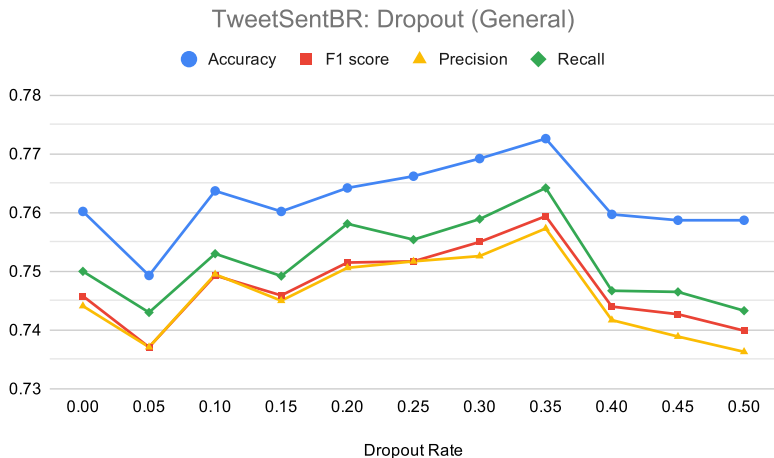
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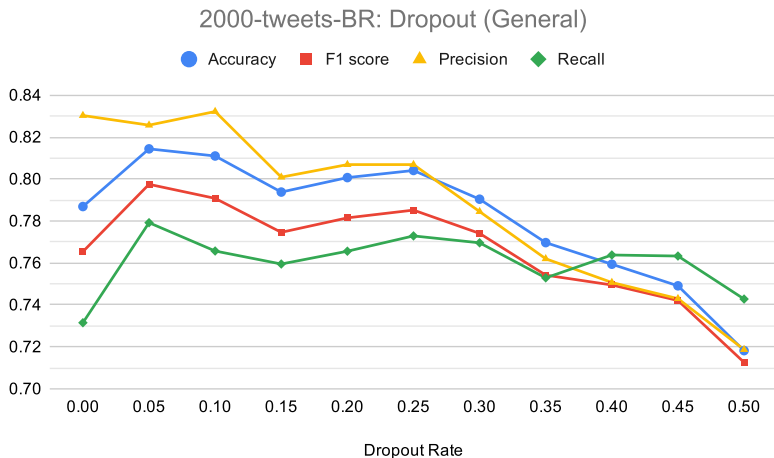
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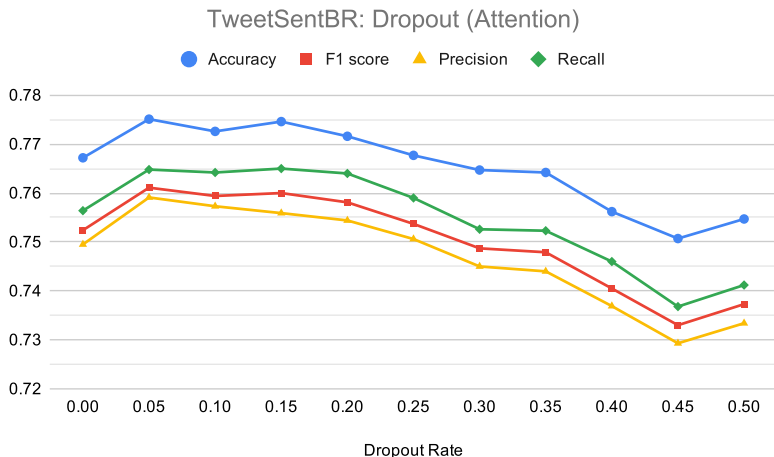
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Dropout results for TweetSentBR.

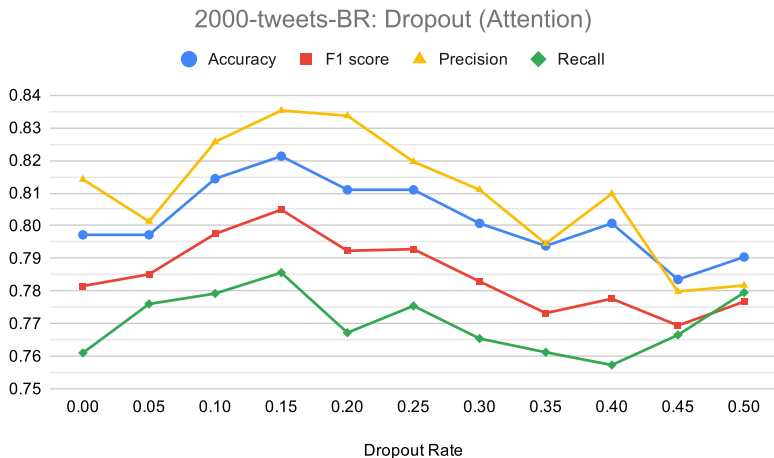


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- Stratified 5-fold cross-validation.

- Batch size of 32.

- Maximum number of epochs:

  - 100 for training sets.

  - 100 for validation sets.

- AdamW optimizer.<sup>1</sup>

  - Initial learning rate of  $1 \times 10^{-3}$ .

  - Learning rate decay of 0.01.

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## Software:

- Python.
- PyTorch.
- 😊 Transformers.
- BERTimbau.
- NumPy.
- Pandas.
- NLTK.
- scikit-learn.
- Odysci Media Analyzer.

## Hardware:

- Google Colaboratory.
- Processor: 2.2 GHz Intel Xeon.
- Main Memory: 12 GB of RAM.
- Graphics Card: NVidia Tesla P100.
  - Default memory HBM2 of 16 GB.
  - 3584 CUDA cores.

# Agenda

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- Accuracy:

$$Accuracy(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbb{1}(\hat{y}_i = y_i))$$

- $N$ : number of samples.
- $\hat{y}_i$ : predicted label of the  $i$ -th sample.
- $y_i$ : corresponding true label.
- Balanced accuracy.
- Precision.
- Recall.
- $F_1$  score.
- Balanced  $F_1$  score.

# Experimental Results

Evaluation Metrics :: Balanced Accuracy

- Accuracy.
- Balanced Accuracy:

$$\text{Balanced Accuracy} = \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{c \in C} \left( \frac{r_c}{n_c} \right)$$

- $C$ : set of classes.
- $n_c$ : number of samples from class  $c$ .
- $r_c$ : number of samples from class  $c$  that were predicted correctly.
- Precision.
- Recall.
- $F_1$  score.
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# Experimental Results

Evaluation Metrics :: Precision

- Accuracy.
- Balanced Accuracy.
- Precision:

$$\textit{Precision}(c) = \frac{TP_c}{TP_c + FP_c}$$

- $TP_c$ : number of “true positives” for class  $c$ .
- $FP_c$ : number of “false positives” for class  $c$ .
- Recall.
- $F_1$  score.
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# Experimental Results

Evaluation Metrics :: Recall

- Accuracy.
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- Precision.
- Recall:

$$\text{Recall}(c) = \frac{TP_c}{TP_c + FN_c}$$

- $TP_c$ : number of “true positives” for class  $c$ .
- $FN_c$ : number of “false negatives” for class  $c$ .
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# Experimental Results

Evaluation Metrics ::  $F_1$  score

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$$F_1 \text{ score}(c) = 2 \times \frac{\textit{Precision}(c) \times \textit{Recall}(c)}{\textit{Precision}(c) + \textit{Recall}(c)}$$

$$\textit{Macro-}F_1 \text{ score} = \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{c \in C} (F_1 \text{ score}(c))$$

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# Experimental Results

Evaluation Metrics :: Balanced  $F_1$  score

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- Balanced  $F_1$  score:

$$\text{Balanced } F_1 \text{ score} = \frac{1}{\sum_{c \in C} |S_c|} \sum_{c \in C} (|S_c| \times F_1 \text{ score}(c))$$

- $C$ : set of classes.
- $S$ : set of input samples.
- $S_c$ : subset of  $S$  for the class  $c$ .



# Experimental Results

Pre-Training :: TweetSentBR

Pre-training results for TweetSentBR.

Config.	Accuracy	Bal. Acc.	F <sub>1</sub> score	Bal. F <sub>1</sub>	Precision	Recall
None	0.7592	0.7476	0.7441	0.7621	0.7425	0.7476
MLM	0.7647	0.7531	0.7495	0.7670	0.7466	0.7531
<b>MLM50</b>	<b>0.7706</b>	<b>0.7576</b>	<b>0.7552</b>	<b>0.7727</b>	<b>0.7532</b>	<b>0.7576</b>
All	0.7567	0.7383	0.7389	0.7589	0.7432	0.7383
First	0.7627	0.7528	0.7487	0.7668	0.7489	0.7528
EMLM	0.7582	0.7445	0.7423	0.7607	0.7431	0.7445
EMLM50	0.7637	0.7500	0.7484	0.7659	0.7482	0.7500

# Experimental Results

Pre-Training :: 2000-tweets-BR

Pre-training results for 2000-tweets-BR.

Config.	Accuracy	Bal. Acc.	F <sub>1</sub> score	Bal. F <sub>1</sub>	Precision	Recall
None	<b>0.8144</b>	0.7665	<b>0.7939</b>	<b>0.8102</b>	<b>0.8416</b>	0.7665
MLM	0.7972	0.7680	0.7796	0.7952	0.7992	0.7680
MLM50	0.7938	0.7627	0.7758	0.7911	0.7992	0.7627
All	0.7938	0.7414	0.7729	0.7892	0.8310	0.7414
First	0.8041	<b>0.7871</b>	0.7896	0.8033	0.7981	<b>0.7871</b>
EMLM	0.7938	0.7477	0.7765	0.7900	0.8274	0.7477
EMLM50	0.8041	0.7641	0.7881	0.8013	0.8270	0.7641

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- Finding the best values for the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $n_{aug}$ .
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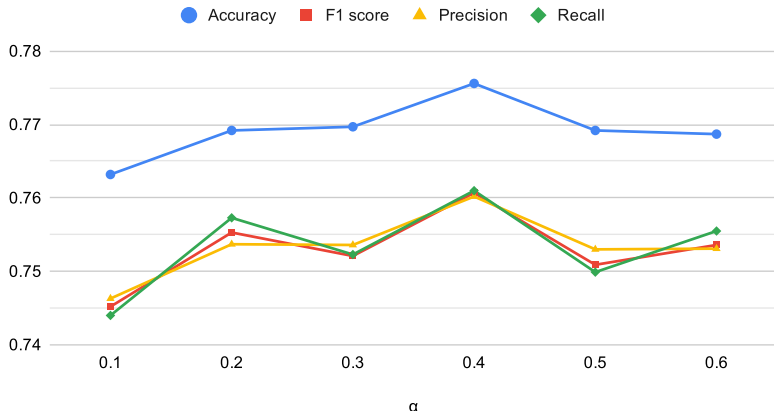
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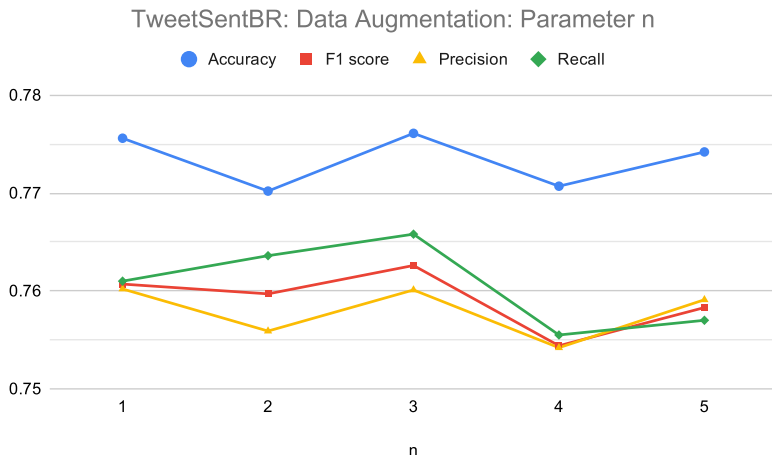
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# Experimental Results

Data Augmentation :: TweetSentBR

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Data augmentation results for TweetSentBR.

Aug.	Accuracy	Bal. Acc.	F <sub>1</sub> score	Bal. F <sub>1</sub>	Precision	Recall
No	0.7751	0.7648	0.7611	0.7776	0.7591	0.7648
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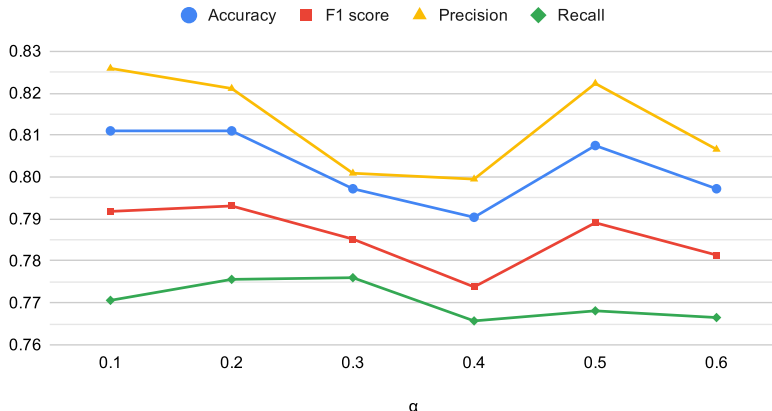
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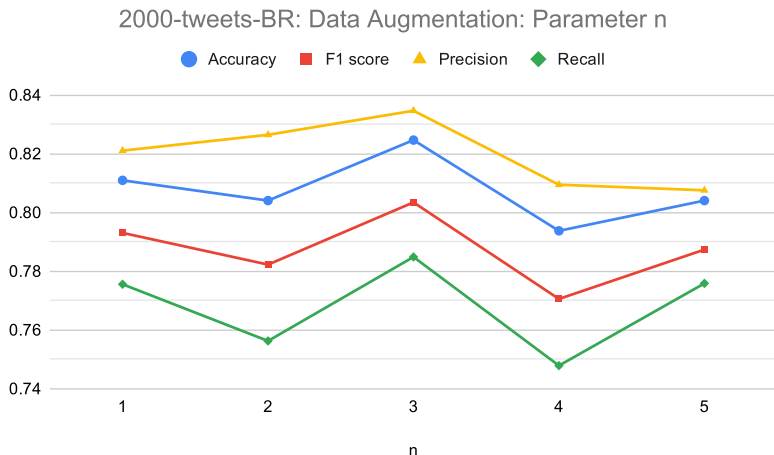
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Yes	<b>0.8245</b>	0.7851	0.8037	<b>0.8212</b>	0.8346	0.7851

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Fine-Tuning :: TweetSentBR

Fine-tuning results for TweetSentBR.

Model	Accuracy	Bal. Acc.	F <sub>1</sub> score	Bal. F <sub>1</sub>	Precision	Recall
Brum and Nunes <sup>1</sup>	0.6462	–	0.5985	–	–	–
Brum and Nunes <sup>2</sup>	–	–	0.6214	–	–	–
Sakiyama et al. <sup>3</sup>	0.6840	–	0.6560	–	–	–
Nascimento <sup>4</sup>	0.7100	–	0.5000	–	–	–
BERT <sub>BASE</sub>	0.7468	0.7297	0.7292	0.7546	0.7287	0.7297
<i>Our model</i>	<b>0.7761</b>	<b>0.7658</b>	<b>0.7626</b>	<b>0.7790</b>	<b>0.7601</b>	<b>0.7658</b>

<sup>1</sup>Brum and Nunes, “Building a Sentiment Corpus of Tweets in Brazilian Portuguese”, In *11th International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC)*, 2018.

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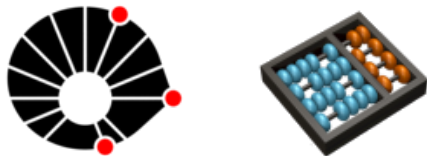
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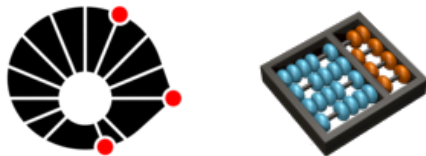
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