Static Embeddings as Efficient Knowledge Bases?

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Abstract

Recent research investigates factual knowledge stored in large pretrained language models (PLMs). Instead of structural knowledge base (KB) queries, masked sentences such as "Paris is the capital of [MASK]" are used as probes. The good performance on this analysis task has been interpreted as PLMs becoming potential repositories of factual knowledge. In experiments across ten linguistically diverse languages, we study knowledge contained in static embeddings. We show that, when restricting the output space to a candidate set, simple nearest neighbor matching using static embeddings performs better than PLMs. E.g., static embeddings perform 1.6% points better than BERT while just using 0.3% of energy for training. One important factor in their good comparative performance is that static embeddings are standardly learned for a large vocabulary. In contrast, BERT exploits its more sophisticated, but expensive ability to compose meaningful representations from a much smaller subword vocabulary.

1 Introduction

Pretrained language models (PLMs) (Peters et al., 2018; Howard and Ruder, 2018; Devlin et al., 2019) can be finetuned to a variety of natural language processing (NLP) tasks and then generally yield high performance. Increasingly, these models and their generative variants (e.g., GPT, Brown et al., 2020) are used to solve tasks by simple text generation, without any finetuning. This motivated research on how much knowledge is contained in PLMs: Petroni et al. (2019) used models pretrained with a masked language objective to answer cloze-style templates such as:

(Ex1) Paris is the capital of [MASK].

Using this methodology, Petroni et al. (2019) showed that PLMs capture some knowledge implicitly. This has been interpreted as suggesting

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Model	Vocabulary Size	LAMA	p1 LAMA-UHN
Oracle		22.0	23.7
BERT	30k	39.6	30.7
mBERT	110k	36.3	27.4
fastText	BERT-30k	26.9	16.8
	mBERT-110k	27.5	17.8
	30k	16.4	5.8
	120k	34.3	25.0
	250k	37.7	29.0
	500k	39.9	31.8
	1000k	41.2	33.4

Table 1: Results for majority oracle, BERT, mBERT and fastText. Static fastText embeddings are competitive and outperform BERT for large vocabularies. BERT and mBERT use their subword vocabularies. For fastText, we use BERT/mBERT's vocabularies and newly trained wordpiece vocabularies on Wikipedia.

that PLMs are promising as repositories of factual knowledge. In this paper, we present evidence that simple static embeddings like fastText perform as well as PLMs in the context of answering knowledge base (KB) queries. Answering KB queries can be decomposed into two subproblems, typing and ranking. Typing refers to the problem of predicting the correct type of the answer entity; e.g., "country" is the correct type for [MASK] in (Ex1), a task that PLMs seem to be good at. Ranking consists of finding the entity of the correct type that is the best fit ("France" in (Ex1)). By restricting the output space to the correct type we disentangle the two subproblems and only evaluate ranking. We do this for three reasons. (i) Ranking is the knowledgeintensive step and thus the key research question. (ii) Typed querying reduces PLMs' dependency on the template. (iii) It allows a direct comparison between static word embeddings and PLMs. Prior work has adopted a similar approach (Xiong et al., 2020; Kassner et al., 2021).

For a PLM like BERT, ranking amounts to finding the entity whose embedding is most similar to the output embedding for [MASK]. For static embeddings, we rank entities (e.g., entities of type country) with respect to similarity to the query entity (e.g., "Paris" in (Ex1)). In experiments across ten linguistically diverse languages, we show that this simple nearest neighbor matching with fastText embeddings performs comparably to or even better than BERT. For example for English, fastText embeddings perform 1.6% points better than BERT (41.2% vs. 39.6%, see Table 1, column "LAMA"). This suggests that BERT's core mechanism for answering factual queries is not more effective than simple nearest neighbor matching using fastText embeddings.

We believe this means that claims that PLMs are KBs have to be treated with caution. Advantages of BERT are that it composes meaningful representations from a small subword vocabulary and handles typing implicitly (Petroni et al., 2019). In contrast, answering queries without restricting the answer space to a list of candidates is hard to achieve with static word embeddings. On the other hand, static embeddings are cheap to obtain, even for large vocabulary sizes. This has important implications for green NLP. PLMs require tremendous computational resources, whereas static embeddings have only 0.3% of the carbon footprint of BERT (see Table 4). This argues for proponents of resourcehungry deep learning models to try harder to find cheap "green" baselines or to combine the best of both worlds (cf. Poerner et al., 2020).

In summary, our contributions are:

- i) We propose an experimental setup that allows a direct comparison between PLMs and static word embeddings. We find that static word embeddings show performance similar to BERT on the modified LAMA analysis task across ten languages.
- We provide evidence that there is a trade-off between composing meaningful representations from subwords and increasing the vocabulary size. Storing information through composition in a network seems to be more expensive and challenging than simply increasing the number of atomic representations.
- iii) Our findings may point to a general problem: baselines that are simpler and "greener" are not given enough attention in deep learning.

Code and embeddings are available online.¹

Language	Code	Family	Script
Arabic	AR	Afro-Asiatic	Arabic
German	DE	Indo-European	Latin
English	EN	Indo-European	Latin
Spanish	ES	Indo-European	Latin
Finnish	FI	Uralic	Latin
Hebrew	HE	Afro-Asiatic	Hebrew
Japanese	JA	Japonic	Japanese
Korean	KO	Koreanic	Korean
Turkish	TR	Turkic	Latin
Thai	TH	Tai-Kadai	Thai

Table 2: Overview of the ten languages in our experiments, including language family and script.

2 Data

We follow the LAMA setup introduced by Petroni et al. (2019). More specifically, we use data from TREx (Elsahar et al., 2018). TREx consists of triples of the form (object, relation, subject). The underlying idea of LAMA is to query knowledge from PLMs using templates without any finetuning: the triple (Paris, capital-of, France) is queried with the template "Paris is the capital of [MASK]." TREx covers 41 relations. Templates for each relation were manually created by Petroni et al. (2019). LAMA has been found to contain many "easy-toguess" triples; e.g., it is easy to guess that a person with an Italian sounding name is Italian. LAMA-UHN is a subset of triples that are "hard-to-guess" created by Poerner et al. (2020).

Beyond English, we run experiments on nine additional languages using mLAMA, a multilingual version of TREx (Kassner et al., 2021). For an overview of languages and language families see Table 2. For training static embeddings, we use Wikipedia dumps from October 2020.

3 Methods

We describe our proposed setup, which allows to compare PLMs with static embeddings.

3.1 PLMs

We use the following two PLMs: (i) BERT for English (BERT-base-cased, Devlin et al. (2019)), (ii) mBERT for all ten languages (the multilingual version BERT-base-multilingual-cased).

Petroni et al. (2019) use templates like "Paris is the capital of [MASK]" and give $\arg \max_{w \in \mathcal{V}} p(w|t)$ as answer where \mathcal{V} is the vocabulary of the PLM and p(w|t) is the probability that word w gets predicted in the template t.

We follow the same setup as (Kassner et al.,

¹https://github.com/pdufter/staticlama

Model	Vocab. Size	AR	DE	ES	FI	p1 HE	JA	ко	TH	TR
Oracle		21.9	22.3	21.6	21.3	22.9	21.3	21.7	23.7	23.5
mBERT	110k	17.2	31.5	33.6	20.6	17.5	15.1	18.9	13.5	33.8
fastText	120k 250k	20.8 27.9 30.1 31.7	16.2 25.2 30.3 32.5	17.1 31.0 34.2 36.6	16.7 24.2 28.8 30.9	21.4 28.3 32.8 33.7	14.6 22.4 24.9 27.0	17.3 28.2 30.5 31.5	21.3 28.0 31.6 31.8	22.1 33.2 35.6 36.1

Table 3: p1 for mBERT and fastText on mLAMA. fast-Text clearly outperforms mBERT for large vocabularies. Numbers across languages are not comparable as the number of triples varies.

Model	Power (W)	h	kWh · PUE	CO ₂ e
BERT fastText-en	12,041 618	79 5	1,507 5	1,438 5
ratio-en	0.05	0.06	0.003	0.003

Table 4: Power consumption (Power), hours of computation (h), energy consumption (kWh \cdot PUE) and carbon emissions (CO₂e) of BERT vs. fastText. Training embeddings for all languages takes around 4 times the resources as training English. BERT numbers from (Strubell et al., 2019). We use our server's peak power consumption. See appendix for details.

2021) and use typed querying: for each relation, we create a candidate set C and then predict arg $\max_{c \in C} p(c|t)$. For most templates, there is only one valid entity type, e.g., country for (Ex1). We choose as C the set of objects across all triples for a single relation. The candidate set could also be obtained from an entity typing system (e.g., Yaghoobzadeh et al., 2018), but this is beyond the scope of this paper. Variants of typed prediction have been used before (Xiong et al., 2020).

We accommodate multi-token objects, i.e., objects that are not contained in the vocabulary, by including multiple [MASK] tokens in the templates. We then compute an object's score as the average of the log probabilities for its individual tokens. Note that we do not perform any finetuning.

3.2 Vocabulary

The vocabulary \mathcal{V} of the wordpiece tokenizer is of central importance for static embeddings as well as PLMs. BERT models come with fixed vocabularies. It would be prohibitive to retrain the models with a new vocabulary. It would also be too expensive to increase the vocabulary by a large factor: the embedding matrix is responsible for the majority of the memory consumption of these models.

In contrast, increasing the vocabulary size is

cheap for static embeddings. We thus experiment with different vocabulary sizes for static embeddings. To this end, we train new vocabularies for each language on Wikipedia using the wordpiece tokenizer (Schuster and Nakajima, 2012).

3.3 Static Embeddings

Using either newly trained vocabularies or existing BERT vocabularies, we tokenize Wikipedia. We then train fastText embeddings (Bojanowski et al., 2017) with default parameters (http://fasttext.cc). We consider the same candidate set C as for PLMs. Let $c \in C$ be a candidate that gets split into tokens t_1, \ldots, t_k by the wordpiece tokenizer. We then assign to c the embedding vector

$$\bar{e}_c = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k e_{t_i}$$

where e_{t_i} is the fastText vector for token t_i . We compute the representations for a query q analogously. For a query q (the subject of a triple), we then compute the prediction as:

$$\arg\max_{c\in\mathcal{C}}\operatorname{cosine-sim}(\bar{e}_q,\bar{e}_c),$$

i.e., we perform simple nearest neighbor matching. Note that the static embedding method does not get any signal about the relation. The method's only input is the subject of a triple, and we leave incorporating a relation vector to future work.

3.4 Evaluation Metric

We compute precision at one for each relation, i.e., $1/|T| \sum_{t \in T} \mathbb{1}\{\hat{t}_{object} = t_{object}\}$ where T is the set of all triples and \hat{t}_{object} the object predicted using contextualized/static embeddings. Note that T is different for each language. Our final measure (p1) is then the precision at one (macro-)averaged over relations. As a consistency check we provide an **Oracle** baseline: it always predicts the most frequent object across triples based on the gold candidate sets.

4 Results and Discussion

In this section, we compare the performance of BERT and fastText, analyze their resource consumption, and give evidence that BERT composes meaningful representations from subwords.

4.1 BERT vs. fastText

Results for English are in Table 1. The table shows that when increasing the vocabulary size, static embeddings and BERT exhibit similar performance on LAMA. The Oracle baseline is mostly outperformed. Only for small vocabulary sizes, fast-Text is worse. Performance of fastText increases with larger vocabulary sizes and with a vocabulary size of 1000k we observe a 1.6% absolute performance increase of fastText embeddings compared to BERT (41.2% vs. 39.6%). The performance gap between fastText and BERT increases to 2.7% points on LAMA-UHN, indicating that fastText is less vulnerable to misleading clues about the subject.

Only providing results on English can be prone to unexpected biases. Thus, we verify our results for nine additional languages. Results are shown in Table 3 and the conclusions are similar: for large enough vocabularies, static embeddings consistently have better performance. For languages outside the Indo-European family, the performance gap between mBERT and fastText is much larger (e.g., 31.7 vs. 17.2 for Arabic) and mBERT is sometimes worse than the Oracle.

Our fastText method is quite primitive: it is a type-restricted search for entities similar to what is most prominent in the context (whose central element is the query entity, e.g., "Paris" in (Ex1)). The fact that fastText outperforms BERT raises the question: Does BERT simply use associations between entities (like fastText) or has it captured factual knowledge beyond this?

4.2 BERT vs fastText: Diversity of Predictions

The entropy of the distribution of predicted objects is 6.5 for BERT vs. 7.3 for fastText. So BERT's predictions are less diverse. Of 151 possible objects on average, BERT predicts (on average) 85, fast-Text 119. For a given relation, BERT's prediction tend to be dominated by one object, which is often the most frequent correct object – possibly because these objects are frequent in Wikipedia/Wikidata. When filtering out triples whose correct answer is the most frequent object, BERT's performance drops to 35.7 whereas fastText's increases to 42.5. See Table 7 in the appendix for full results on diversity. We leave investigating why BERT has these narrower object preferences for future work.



Figure 1: p1 as a function of the tokenization length of the triples' subjects. BERT and fastText use the same vocabulary here, ensuring comparability. BERT based models exhibit a stable performance independent of the number of tokens a subject gets split into. In contrast, fastText's performance drops.

4.3 Contextualization in BERT

BERT's attention mechanism should be able to handle long subjects – in contrast to fastText, for which we use simple averaging. Figure 1 shows that fast-Text's performance indeed drops when the query gets tokenized into multiple tokens. In contrast, BERT's performance remains stable. We conclude that token averaging harms fastText's performance and that the attention mechanism in BERT composes meaningful representations from subwords.

We try to induce static embeddings from BERT by feeding object and subject surface forms to BERT without any context and then averaging the hidden representations for each layer. Figure 2 analyzes whether a nearest neighbor matching over this static embedding space extracted from BERT's representations is effective in extracting knowledge from it. We find that performance on LAMA is significantly lower across all hidden layers with the first two layers performing best. That simple averaging does not work as well as contextualization indicates that BERT is great at composing meaningful representations through attention. In future work, it would be interesting to extract better static representations from BERT, for example by extracting the representations of entities in real sentences.

4.4 Resource Consumption

Table 4 compares resource consumption of BERT vs. fastText following Strubell et al. (2019). fast-Text can be efficiently computed on CPUs with a drastically lower power consumption and computation time. Overall, fastText has only 0.3% of the



Figure 2: Contextualization in BERT. The dashed lines are p1 when querying with templates like "Paris is the capital of [MASK]." and a candidate set. The solid lines reflect performance of nearest neighbor matching with cosine similarity when inducing a static embedding space from the representations at these layers. This shows that extracting high quality static embeddings is not trivial, and BERT's contextualization is essential for getting good performance.

carbon emissions compared to BERT. In a recent study, Zhang et al. (2020) showed that capturing factual knowledge inside PLMs is an especially resource hungry task.

These big differences demonstrate that fastText, in addition to performing better than BERT, is the environmentally better model to "encode knowledge" of Wikipedia in an unsupervised fashion. This calls into question the use of large PLMs as knowledge bases, particularly in light of the recent surge of knowledge augmented LMs, e.g., (Lewis et al., 2020; Guu et al., 2020).

5 Related Work

Petroni et al. (2019) first asked: can PLMs function as KBs? Subsequent analysis focused on different aspects, such as negation (Kassner and Schütze, 2020; Ettinger, 2020), paraphrases (Elazar et al., 2021), easy to guess names (Poerner et al., 2020), finding alternatives to a cloze-style approach (Bouraoui et al., 2020; Heinzerling and Inui, 2020; Jiang et al., 2020) or analyzing different model sizes (Roberts et al., 2020).

There is a recent surge of work that tries to improve PLMs' ability to harvest factual knowledge: Zhang et al. (2019), Peters et al. (2019) and Wang et al. (2020) inject factual knowledge into PLMs. Guu et al. (2020), Lewis et al. (2020), Izacard and Grave (2020), Kassner and Schütze (2020) and Petroni et al. (2020) combine PLMs with information retrieval and Bosselut et al. (2019), Liu et al. (2020) and Yu et al. (2020) with knowledge bases.

In contrast, we provide evidence that BERT's ability to answer factual queries is not more effective than capturing "knowledge" with simple traditional static embeddings. This suggests that learning associations between entities and typerestricted similarity search over these associations may be at the core of BERT's ability to answer cloze-style KB queries, a new insight into BERT's working mechanism.

6 Conclusion

We have shown that, when restricting cloze-style questions to a candidate set, static word embeddings outperform BERT. To explain this puzzling superiority of a much simpler model, we put forward a new characterization of factual knowledge learned by BERT: BERT seems to be able to complete cloze-style queries based on similarity assessments on a type-restricted vocabulary much like a nearest neighbor search for static embeddings.

However, BERT may still be the better model for the task: we assume perfect typing (for BERT and fastText) and only evaluate ranking. Typing is much harder with static embeddings and BERT has been shown to perform well at guessing the expected entity type based on a template. BERT also works well with small vocabularies, storing most of its "knowledge" in the parameterization of subword composition. Our results suggest that increasing the vocabulary size and computing more atomic entity representations with fastText is a cheap and environmentally friendly method of storing knowledge. In contrast, learning high quality composition of smaller units requires many more resources.

fastText is a simple cheap baseline that outperforms BERT on LAMA, but was not considered in the original research. This may be an example of a general problem: "green" baselines are often ignored, but should be considered when evaluating resource-hungry deep learning models. A promising way forward would be to combine the best of both worlds, e.g., by building on work that incorporates large vocabularies into PLMs after pretraining.

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A Resource Consumption

We follow Strubell et al. (2019) for our computation. The measured peak energy consumption of our CPU-server was 618W. Considering the power usage effectiveness the required kWh are given by $p_t = 1.58 \cdot t \cdot 618/1000$. Training the English fast-Text on Wikipedia took around 5 hours. Training all languages took 20 hours. The estimated CO₂e can then be computed by CO₂e = $0.954 \cdot p_t$

B Reproducibility Information

For computation we use a CPU server with 96 CPU cores (Intel(R) Xeon(R) Platinum 8160) and 1024GB RAM. For BERT and mBERT inference we use a single GeForce GTX 1080Ti GPU.

Getting the object predictions for BERT and fast-Text is fast and takes a negligible amount of time. Training fastText embeddings takes between 1 to 5 hours depending on Wikipedia size.

BERT has around 110M parameters, mBERT around 178M. The fastText embeddings have O(nd) parameters where *n* is the vocabulary size and *d* is the embedding dimension. We use d =300. Thus, for most vocabulary sizes, fastText has significantly more parameters than the BERT models. But overall they are cheaper to train.

We did not perform any hyperparameter tuning. Table 6 gives an overview on third party software. Table 5 gives an overview on the number of triples in the dataset. Note that no training set is required, as all methods are completely unsupervised.

C Examples

Table 11 shows randomly sampled triples to perform an error analysis.

Language	#Triples	#Triples UHN
ar	17129	13699
de	29354	23493
en	33981	27060
es	28169	22683
fr	30643	24487
he	14769	12033
ja	22920	17832
ko	14217	11439
th	8327	7065
tr	13993	11274

Table 5: Overview on number of triples.

System	Parameter	Value
fastText	Facebook Research	Version0.9.1
	Embedding Dimension	300
BERT	Huggingface Transformer	Version 2.8.0
Tokenizers	Huggingface Tokenizers	Version 0.5.2

Table 6: Overview on third party software.

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Oracle 22.0 0.0 3.68 1 BERT 30k 39.6 35.7 6.48 85 mBERT 110k 36.3 32.6 6.41 86 BERT-30k 26.9 27.7 7.04 107 mBERT-110k 27.5 27.6 7.09 110 30k 16.4 15.9 7.13 111 fastText 120k 34.3 35.4 7.30 115 250k 37.7 38.9 7.33 118 500k 39.9 41.2 7.33 119 1000k 41.2 42.5 7.32 119						
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	fastText	mBERT-110k 30k 120k 250k 500k	27.5 16.4 34.3 37.7 39.9	27.6 15.9 35.4 38.9 41.2	7.09 7.13 7.30 7.33 7.33	110 111 115 118 119

Table 7: Analysis of the diversity of predictions. *p1-mf* is the p1 when excluding triples whose correct answer is the most frequent object. *entropy* is the entropy of the distribution of predicted objects. *#pred.* denotes the average number of distinct objects predicted by the model across relations. The average number of unique objects in the candidate set across relations is 151. fastText has more diverse predictions, as the entropy is higher and the set of predicted objects is on average much larger.

D Additional Results

In this section we show additional results. Table 8 shows the same as Table 1 but with precision at five. Analogously Table 9. Table 10 shows the same as Table 3 but for LAMA-UHN. The trends and key insights are unchanged. Table 7 analyses the diversity of predictions by the different models.

Model	Vocabulary Size	LAMA	p5 Lama-uhn
		LAMA	LAMA-UHN
Oracle		48.0	49.7
BERT	30k	64.1	57.9
mBERT	110k	59.7	53.5
	BERT-30k	48.7	41.9
	mBERT-110k	48.9	42.0
	30k	26.3	16.5
fastText	120k	58.3	52.7
	250k	62.7	58.1
	500k	65.4	61.3
	1000k	66.8	63.1

Table 8: Results for BERT, mBERT and fastText. Same as Table 1 but with p5.

Model	Vocab. Size	AR	DE	ES	FI	р5 НЕ	JA	ко	ТН	TR
Oracle		48.8	48.4	48.6	49.6	50.1	49.0	49.2	51.9	50.3
mBERT	110k	33.8	51.3	53.9	46.2	38.2	36.5	43.0	37.0	55.5
fastText		38.5 51.6 55.0 57.0	28.8 48.9 56.0 59.1	29.8 55.2 59.1 61.5	33.9 49.7 55.4 58.0	38.9 54.1 58.1 59.2	26.4 44.1 49.2 50.9	34.1 54.8 59.2 59.7	45.8 56.0 59.5 61.0	42.7 60.9 63.9 64.6

Table 9: p5 for mBERT and fastText on mLAMA. Numbers across languages are not comparable as the number of triples varies.

Model	Vocab. Size	AR	DE	ES	FI	p1 HE	JA	KO	TH	TR
Oracle		23.1	23.8	23.2	22.9	24.5	22.5	22.6	25.1	24.6
mBERT	110k	12.1	26.1	27.6	15.8	11.0	11.8	15.1	10.8	27.7
fastText		12.4 20.2 22.7 24.2	8.9 18.9 24.0 26.6	9.0 23.8 27.3 30.1	9.4 18.1 22.6 24.3	13.8 22.1 26.3 27.4	7.4 15.4 18.0 20.0	9.4 21.0 23.8 25.0	14.8 23.8 28.3 27.6	14.5 26.1 28.7 29.4

Table 10: p1 for mBERT and fastText on mLAMA-UHN. Numbers across languages are not comparable as the number of triples varies.

Relation	Subject	Template	Object	BERT	fastText
P1412	William James	[X] used to communicate in [Y].	English	English	Irish
	Bernardino Ochino	[X] used to communicate in [Y].	Italian	Spanish	Italian
	Mick Lally	[X] used to communicate in [Y].	Irish	English	Irish
	Robert Naunton	[X] used to communicate in [Y].	English	English	Welsh
	Steve Jobs	[X] works for [Y].	Apple Inc.	Microsoft	Apple Inc.
	Steve Wozniak	[X] works for [Y].	Apple Inc.	CBS	Apple Inc.
	Grady Booch	[X] works for [Y].	IBM	IBM	Apple Inc.
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	Philip Don Estridge	[X] works for [Y].	IBM Apple Inc	IBM	Apple Inc.
	Safari	[X] is developed by [Y].	Apple Inc.	Intel	Apple Inc.
	PostScript	[X] is developed by [Y].	Adobe	Microsoft	Adobe
	Active Directory	[X] is developed by [Y].	Microsoft	Microsoft	Apple Inc.
	Internet Explorer	[X] is developed by [Y].	Microsoft	Microsoft	Google
	Long Preston	[X] is a [Y] .	village	village	pub
	Israfil	[X] is a [Y] .	angel	village	angel
	alfuzosin	[X] is a [Y] .	medication	protein	medication
	Crawfordsburn	[X] is a [Y] .	village	village	suburb
P36	Cook County	The capital of [X] is [Y].	Chicago	Chicago	Williamson
P36	Cayuga County	The capital of [X] is [Y].	Auburn	Auburn	Greenville
P36	Grand Est	The capital of [X] is [Y].	Strasbourg	Paris	Strasbourg
P36	Caddo Parish	The capital of [X] is [Y].	Shreveport	Georgetown	Shreveport
	The Vampyre	[X] was written in [Y].	English	English	Gothic
	Empire	[X] was written in [Y].	English	English	Persian
	Politika		Serbian	Latin	Serbian
		[X] was written in [Y].			
	Lenta.ru	[X] was written in [Y].	Russian	German	Russian
	Drake & Josh	[X] was originally aired on [Y].	Nickelodeon	Nickelodeon	Fox Arena
	Salute Your Shorts	[X] was originally aired on [Y].	Nickelodeon	Nickelodeon	Lifetime
	Yo Momma	[X] was originally aired on [Y].	MTV	CBS	MTV
	Hey Arnold!	[X] was originally aired on [Y].	Nickelodeon	CBS	Nickelodeor
P127	Xbox	[X] is owned by [Y].	Microsoft	Microsoft	Nintendo
P127	Eiffel Tower	[X] is owned by [Y].	Paris	Boeing	Paris
P127	Lotus Software	[X] is owned by [Y].	IBM	IBM	Microsoft
	Lexus	[X] is owned by [Y].	Toyota	Chrysler	Toyota
	Black Narcissus	The original language of [X] is [Y].	English	English	Irish
	The God Delusion	The original language of [X] is [Y].	English	English	Hebrew
P364	Vecinos	The original language of [X] is [Y].	Spanish	Latin	Spanish
	Janji Joni		Indonesian	Marathi	Indonesian
		The original language of [X] is [Y].			
	Halle Berry	[X] is a [Y] by profession.	model	model	organist
	Gregory Chamitoff	[X] is a [Y] by profession.	astronaut	lawyer	astronaut
	Karl Taylor Compton	[X] is a [Y] by profession.	physicist	lawyer	physicist
	Herbert Romulus O'Conor	[X] is a [Y] by profession.	lawyer	lawyer	playwright
P176	System Controller Hub	[X] is produced by [Y].	Intel	Intel	Apple Inc.
P176	Daihatsu Boon	[X] is produced by [Y].	Toyota	Honda	Toyota
P176	British Rail Class 360	[X] is produced by [Y].	Siemens	Siemens	Volvo Cars
P176	Dino	[X] is produced by [Y].	Ferrari	Sony	Ferrari
P937	Howard Florey	[X] used to work in [Y].	London	London	Montgomer
	Alberts Kviesis	[X] used to work in [Y].	Riga	Stockholm	Riga
	Ramsay MacDonald	[X] used to work in [Y].	London	London	Scotland
	Juan March	[X] used to work in [Y].	Madrid	Paris	Madrid
	United States of America		NATO	NATO	PBS
		[X] is a member of [Y].			
	Croatia	[X] is a member of [Y].	NATO	NATO	FIFA
	Mexico national football team	[X] is a member of [Y].	FIFA	CONCACAF	FIFA
	Estonia	[X] is a member of [Y].	NATO	FIFA	NATO
	Germany	[X] is named after [Y].	Bavaria	France	Bavaria
P138	GNU	[X] is named after [Y].	Unix	Aristotle	Unix
P138	solar mass	[X] is named after [Y].	Sun	Sun	carbon
P138	Torino F.C.	[X] is named after [Y].	Turin	Turin	Apple Inc.
	Edward Burnett Tylor	[X] works in the field of [Y].	anthropology	medicine	anthropolog
	Anaxagoras	[X] works in the field of [Y].	philosophy	philosophy	philosopher
	Adam Carolla	[X] works in the field of [Y].	comedian	psychology	comedian
	physical system	[X] works in the field of [Y].	physics	physics	physiology
	Augustine Kandathil		archbishop	minister	archbishop
	John XXI	[X] has the position of [Y]. [X] has the position of [Y].			1
			pope	bishop	pope
	Photinus of Sirmium	[X] has the position of [Y].	bishop	bishop	pope
	Samson of Dol	[X] has the position of [Y].	bishop	bishop	God
	Holy See	[X] maintains diplomatic relations with [Y].	Italy	Italy	Austria
	Malta	[X] maintains diplomatic relations with [Y].	Italy	Italy	Malta
	Liechtenstein	[X] maintains diplomatic relations with [Y].	Austria	Switzerland	Austria
P530	Saudi Arabia	[X] maintains diplomatic relations with [Y] .	Kuwait	Qatar	Kuwait
	Georg Solti	[X] is represented by music label [Y].	Decca	EMI	Decca
	The Temptations	[X] is represented by music label [Y].	Motown	EMI	Motown
	David Bowie	[X] is represented by music label [Y].	EMI	EMI	Barclay
	Maria Callas	[X] is represented by music label [Y].	EMI	EMI	Decca
	Florence	[X] is the capital of [Y].	Tuscany	Italy	Tuscany
		[X] is the capital of [Y].			
	Canberra		Australia	Australia	Queensland
	Heraklion	[X] is the capital of [Y].	Crete	Greece	Crete
	Islamabad	[X] is the capital of [Y].	Pakistan	Pakistan	Karachi
P1001	Jatiya Sangshad	[X] is a legal term in [Y].	Bangladesh	India	Bangladesh
P1001	Legislative Yuan	[X] is a legal term in [Y].	Taiwan	Singapore	Taiwan
	Manitoba Act, 1870	[X] is a legal term in [Y].	Canada	Canada	Ontario
	Yang di-Pertuan Agong	[X] is a legal term in [Y].	Malaysia	Malaysia	Brunei
	soppressata	[X] was created in [Y].		Italy	Peru
			Italy		
	Kefalotyri	[X] was created in [Y].	Greece	Cyprus	Greece
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P495	Degrassi High Fox Soccer News	[X] was created in [Y]. [X] was created in [Y].	Canada Canada	Canada Australia	Jordan Canada

Table 11: We sample two random triples where either BERT or fastText[1000k] is correct per relation. One can see for example that BERT mostly predicts "jazz" for relation P136.

	Subject	Template	Object	BERT	fastText
P527	army	[X] consists of [Y] .	infantry	infantry	cavalry
2527	Windward Islands	[X] consists of [Y].	Barbados	Bermuda	Barbados
P527	taxon	[X] consists of [Y].	organism	grass	organism
P527	humanities	[X] consists of [Y].	art	art	linguistics
P1303	Kenny G	[X] plays [Y] .	saxophone	guitar	saxophone
P1303	Stuart Duncan	[X] plays [Y] .	fiddle	guitar	fiddle
P1303	Herbie Nichols	[X] plays [Y] .	piano	piano	harmonica
P1303	Nat King Cole	[X] plays [Y] .	piano	piano	saxophone
P190	Uzhhorod	[X] and [Y] are twin cities .	Moscow	Moscow	Lviv
P190	Vienna	[X] and [Y] are twin cities .	Budapest	Budapest	Vienna
P190	Cali	[X] and [Y] are twin cities .	Guadalajara	Santiago	Guadalaja
P190	Mindelo	[X] and [Y] are twin cities .	Porto	Santiago	Porto
P47	Monreale	[X] shares border with [Y].	Palermo	Italy	Palermo
P47	Afghanistan	[X] shares border with [Y].	Pakistan	Pakistan	Afghanist
P47	Ukraine	[X] shares border with [Y].	Russia	Russia	Ukraine
P47	Edegem	[X] shares border with [Y].	Antwerp	Ethiopia	Antwerp
	McDonald Heights	[X] is located in [Y].	Antarctica	Africa	1
P30					Antarctica
P30	Balham Valley	[X] is located in [Y].	Antarctica	Antarctica	Africa
P30	Southern Netherlands	[X] is located in [Y].	Europe	Europe	Africa
P30	Pitcairn Islands	[X] is located in [Y].	Oceania	Antarctica	Oceania
P361	arithmetic	[X] is part of [Y].	mathematics	mathematics	logic
P361	agricultural science	[X] is part of [Y].	agriculture	agriculture	science
P361	zoology	[X] is part of [Y].	biology	science	biology
P361	neuroscience	[X] is part of [Y].	psychology	science	psycholog
P103	Muppalaneni Shiva	The native language of [X] is [Y].	Telugu	Marathi	Telugu
P103	Joseph Reinach	The native language of [X] is [Y].	French	English	French
P103	Raymond Queneau	The native language of [X] is [Y].	French	French	Breton
P103	Lindsey Davis	The native language of [X] is [Y].	English	English	Welsh
P20	James Northcote	[X] died in [Y].	London	London	Morris
P20	George Frampton	[X] died in [Y].	London	London	Chapman
				Paris	
P20	Peter Strudel	[X] died in [Y].	Vienna		Vienna
P20	Gaetano Gandolfi	[X] died in [Y].	Bologna	Rome	Bologna
P27	August Gailit	[X] is [Y] citizen .	Estonia	Luxembourg	Estonia
P27	Ada Yonath	[X] is [Y] citizen .	Israel	India	Israel
P27	Enrique Llanes	[X] is [Y] citizen .	Mexico	Mexico	Spain
P27	Timothy Anglin	[X] is [Y] citizen.	Canada	Canada	England
P279	Ciliary neurotrophic factor	[X] is a subclass of [Y].	protein	protein	inflammat
P279	Decorin	[X] is a subclass of [Y].	protein	protein	perfume
P279	shinto shrine	[X] is a subclass of [Y].	sanctuary	Buddhism	sanctuary
P279	articled clerk	[X] is a subclass of [Y].	apprentice	jurist	apprentice
P19	Frans Floris I	[X] was born in [Y].	Antwerp	Amsterdam	Antwerp
P19	Sajjad Ali	[X] was born in [Y].	Lahore	Tehran	Lahore
P19	Henry Mayhew	[X] was born in [Y].	London	London	Fowler
P19	Rob Lee	[X] was born in [Y].	London	London	Gary
P159	Swedish Orphan Biovitrum	The headquarter of [X] is in [Y].	Stockholm	Stockholm	Gothenbu
P159	Canadian Jewish Congress	The headquarter of [X] is in [Y].	Ottawa	Ottawa	Winnipeg
P159	Florida International University	The headquarter of [X] is in [Y].	Miami	Tampa	Miami
P159	Edipresse	The headquarter of [X] is in [Y].	Lausanne	Chennai	Lausanne
P413	Markus Halsti	[X] plays in [Y] position .	midfielder	midfielder	goaltender
P413	Luca Danilo Fusi	[X] plays in [Y] position .	midfielder	midfielder	goalkeepe
P413	Mike Teel	[X] plays in [Y] position .	quarterback	forward	quarterbac
P413	Doug Buffone	[X] plays in [Y] position .	linebacker	forward	linebacker
P37	Sorengo	The official language of [X] is [Y].	Italian	Portuguese	Italian
P37	Padasjoki	The official language of [X] is [Y].	Finnish	English	Finnish
P37	Wallonia	The official language of [X] is [Y].	French	French	Basque
P37	Biel/Bienne	The official language of [X] is [Y].	French	French	Czech
P140	Gautama Buddha	[X] is affiliated with the [Y] religion .	Buddhism	Hindu	Buddhism
P140	Christianization	[X] is affiliated with the [Y] religion .	Christianity	Christian	Christianit
P140	Albanians	[X] is affiliated with the [Y] religion.	Christian	Christian	Muslim
P740	SNCF	[X] was founded in [Y].	Paris	Paris	France
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	Odex	[X] was founded in [Y].	Singapore	Germany	Singapore
P740	Comerica Direk Fairing	[X] was founded in [Y].	Detroit	Prague	Detroit
P740	Pink Fairies	[X] was founded in [Y].	London	London	Gold
P276	Saint-Domingue expedition	[X] is located in [Y].	Haiti	France	Haiti
P276	2002 Australian Op[X] is located in [Y].	Melbourne	Melbourne	Australia	_
P276	2013 German federal election	[X] is located in [Y].	Germany	Berlin	Germany
P276	Cantabrian Wars	[X] is located in [Y].	Spain	Spain	Catalonia
P136	Giulio Caccini	[X] plays [Y] music .	opera	jazz	opera
P136	Nicolas Dalayrac	[X] plays [Y] music.	opera	jazz	opera
P136	Georgie Auld	[X] plays [Y] music .	jazz	jazz	ballad
P136	Chess Records	[X] plays [Y] music .	jazz	jazz	reggae
	Eibenstock				Austria
P17		[X] is located in [Y].	Germany Natharlanda	Germany	
P17	Vrienden van het Platteland	[X] is located in [Y].	Netherlands	Belgium	Netherlan
P17	Fawkner	[X] is located in [Y].	Australia	Lebanon	Australia
P17	Wakefield Park	[X] is located in [Y].	Australia	Australia	The Bahar
P131	Squantz Pond State Park	[X] is located in [Y].	Connecticut	Somerset	Connectic
P131	Ballyfermot	[X] is located in [Y].	Dublin	Ireland	Dublin
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P131	Downtown East Village, Calgary	[X] is located in [Y].	Alberta	Alberta	Toronto

Table 12: Table 11 continued.