AdapterSoup: Weight Averaging to Improve Generalization of Pretrained Language Models

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Abstract

Pretrained language models (PLMs) are trained on massive corpora, but often need to specialize to specific domains. A parameter-efficient adaptation method suggests training an adapter for each domain on the task of language modeling. This leads to good in-domain scores but can be impractical for domain- or resourcerestricted settings. A solution is to use a relateddomain adapter for the novel domain at test time. In this paper, we introduce Adapter-Soup, an approach that performs weight-space averaging of adapters trained on different domains. Our approach is embarrassingly parallel: first, we train a set of domain-specific adapters; then, for each novel domain, we determine which adapters should be averaged at test time. We present extensive experiments showing that AdapterSoup consistently improves performance to new domains without extra training. We also explore weight averaging of adapters trained on the same domain with different hyper-parameters, and show that it preserves the performance of a PLM on new domains while obtaining strong in-domain results. We explore various approaches for choosing which adapters to combine, such as text clustering and semantic similarity. We find that using clustering leads to the most competitive results on novel domains.

1 Introduction

Large LMs are pre-trained using massive amounts of data in a self-supervised way (Peters et al., 2018; Devlin et al., 2019; Liu et al., 2019; Radford et al., 2019) and obtain general-domain knowledge. In order to adapt them to a new domain, continuing training using in-domain data has been shown to be helpful (Han and Eisenstein, 2019; Lee et al., 2020; Gururangan et al., 2020). To avoid fine-tuning all parameters, efficient methods such as domain-specific mixtures-of-experts (Gururangan et al., 2022) and



Figure 1: Illustration of AdapterSoup. Starting from the same random seed, an adapter is trained for each domain (*domain adapter*) on top of a PLM. Adapter-Soup averages the weights of the adapters that are **most related** to the new domain to improve out-of-domain performance of a PLM at **test time**. The inference cost is independent of the number of adapters (l or n) used.

hierarchical domain adapters (Chronopoulou et al., 2022) have been proposed. Additional in-domain gains can be obtained using weight-space averaging (Wortsman et al., 2022a; Matena and Raffel, 2021). Motivated by this, we propose using weight-space averaging at test time to improve performance on *novel* domains *without extra training*.

Our approach, AdapterSoup, ensembles adapters in the *weight space* to improve performance on novel domains at test time without parameter updates. To this end, we train adapters on top of a PLM, each in a different domain. We compare several methods for selecting which adapters to

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use for each novel domain at test time and propose weight-space averaging models selected using text clustering. We find that AdapterSoup improves performance on novel domains. We also explore weight averaging adapters trained in the *same* domain, each with a different hyper-parameter configuration, and find that combining models trained with a low learning rate provides competitive indomain scores, while averaging models trained with high learning rates performs similarly to a general-purpose PLM on novel domains.

Our contributions are the following: 1) We propose combining domain-adapted PLMs at inference time using adapters. Our approach leads to consistent gains in novel domains. We compare several methods for choosing the models of the Adapter-Soup, concluding that text clustering provides the best performance across all domains. 2) We perform weight-space averaging of PLMs adapted to the same domain with varied hyper-parameters using adapters. We find that we can obtain competitive in-domain scores but also preserve the generalization ability of a PLM.

2 Proposed Approach

Problem Statement. Assuming we have a PLM adapted to k domains $D_1, ..., D_k$, we want a model that performs well in a novel domain D_{k+1} without training more parameters. We use the provenance of a piece of text (that is, the *website* from which the text was scraped) as a proxy for *textual domain*. This follows Chronopoulou et al. (2022); Gururangan et al. (2022).

If we assume that we have a PLM fine-tuned on a single domain D_i with different hyper-parameters, we want to combine the fine-tuned models in order to both obtain good in-domain performance and preserve the generalization ability of the PLM to novel domains.

2.1 Cross-Domain AdapterSoup

An illustration of the cross-domain AdapterSoup is provided in Figure 1. Let $f(x, \theta_m)$ be a PLM with input data x and parameters $\theta_m \in \mathbb{R}^d$. We add adapters with a parameter initialization θ_α . While in this work we parameterize θ_α with adapters, our method is general and could be extended to other efficient fine-tuning methods. We only finetune the adapters, without updating the parameters θ_m of the PLM, for language modeling using cross-entropy loss. Let us assume that $\theta =$ FineTune $(\theta_m, \theta_\alpha, \phi, D)$ denote the parameters obtained by fine-tuning a PLM with adapters in a domain D, using hyper-parameters ϕ .

Let ϕ be a fixed hyper-parameter configuration. We vary only the *textual domain*. We first train k different adapters, one for each of the training domains. Then, we combine their weights:

$$AdapterSoup(x) = f(x, \frac{1}{l}\sum_{i=1}^{l}\theta_i), \quad (1)$$

i.e., we use the average of the parameters of l finetuned models, selected by one of the methods described in §2.3 ($l \le k$). If l = k, this model is a *uniform soup* (Wortsman et al., 2022a).

2.2 Single-Domain AdapterSoup

In this setup, we want to learn an LM that performs well in a single training domain D, while maintaining the performance of the initial PLM θ_m in novel domains. To this end, we train adapters on the same domain, varying the hyper-parameter configuration. Each of the n models is optimized with different hyper-parameters ϕ_i , with $i \in 1, ..., n$. We then compute the weight-space average following Equation 1, with l = 3. This is similar to logit ensembling, but only adds to the PLM the inference cost of a single adapter, while the added inference cost of logit ensembling scales linearly with the number of adapters.

2.3 Model Selection for AdapterSoup

In this section we describe two methods for selecting the combination of models to create our AdapterSoup (by weight-space averaging) which will be evaluated on a *novel* domain D_{k+1} . Following standard practice (Gururangan et al., 2022; Li et al., 2022) we use a small amount of validation data from the novel domain D_{k+1} for each of the below approaches. We note that we keep the test data unseen and only use it to perform our test-set evaluations.

Sentence similarity. We use pretrained sentence-BERT (Reimers and Gurevych, 2019), an approach that modifies BERT (Devlin et al., 2019) using siamese and triplet networks (Schroff et al., 2015) to obtain sentence embeddings. We compute the embeddings for 100 sentences from each of the training domains $D_1, ..., D_k$, plus the novel domain D_{k+1} . Then we compute the average cosine similarity between each of $D_1, ..., D_k$ and D_{k+1} . We add up to 5 adapters to the AdapterSoup in order of highest cosine similarity (only considering models

	10 Evaluation Domains										
Method	reuters	techcrunch	fastco	nme	fool	inquisitr	mashable	tripadv	ncbi	yelp	Avg.
GPT-2 (zero-shot)	21.5	27.7	27.9	28.2	23.8	22.4	27.1	40.4	20.7	36.2	27.6
Single Adapter Chosen Using:											
- Sentence similarity	18.9	22.0	22.0	23.1	22.9	18.4	25.3	37.0	18.2	49.4	24.4
- Clustering	17.6	22.4	24.0	21.1	23.3	18.7	23.6	37.7	18.2	44.3	24.0
AdapterSoup (Weight-space average):											
- Uniform	18.2	23.1	22.9	22.2	22.4	18.4	23.1	37.0	19.1	36.2	24.3
- Sentence similarity	17.6	22.0	21.3	20.7	22.2	18.4	22.4	36.2	17.6	35.2	23.4
- Clustering	17.3	21.8	21.3	21.1	22.2	17.8	22.2	34.8	17.6	34.8	23.1
Oracle											
 Best adapter per domain 	17.6	22.0	21.5	21.1	22.9	17.8	22.2	37.0	18.2	35.9	23.6
- Clustering + 2 best	17.3	21.8	21.3	20.7	22.0	17.6	22.0	33.4	17.6	33.4	22.7
Hierarchy adapter	16.4	20.1	20.1	20.1	22.2	16.4	22.2	33.1	18.2	34.5	22.3

Table 1: Perplexity (\downarrow) scores on 10 evaluation domains. All single adapter and AdapterSoup experiments have the same inference cost; bold indicates the best perplexity for each novel domain and best average. We find that AdapterSoup using clustering as a selection method on average leads to the best out-of-domain performance.

trained on domains with cosine similarity greater than 0.15 to D_{k+1}). We experimented with several values to define the threshold (3, 5, 10, 15). We did not observe significant improvement when scaling up from 5 to 10 adapters and for that reason, we used up to 5 adapters in each AdapterSoup.

Domain clustering. Our domain clustering approach follows Aharoni and Goldberg (2020). We encode 100 sequences from each of the training domains using a PLM and fit a Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) with 21 components (equal to the number of training domains), which gives us a domain clustering. We then use 100 sequences from our held-out set (not used for test-set evaluation) and find which clusters they are closest to. We add up to 5 adapters to the AdapterSoup in order of which clusters the most held-out domain text is mapped to. If at least 10% of the sequences of the D_{k+1} is mapped to the cluster of D_i , we add the model trained on D_i to the AdapterSoup.

In-domain. To select the models that perform best in-domain, we exhaustively combine all models trained on a single textual domain (in this case, text found in the website *booking.com*), using combinations of size 3. Each model has been trained with a different hyper-parameter configuration. Specifically, we vary the learning rate and data order. We compare them to the best-performing single model per domain and to a uniform soup.

3 Experimental Setup

Datasets. We assume that text found in a specific website (e.g., *tripadvisor*) can be used as a proxy of a textual domain. We use 21 training domains and 10 evaluation domains (text from 21 and 10 websites accordingly) from the released version

(Dodge et al., 2021) of C4 (Raffel et al., 2020) (details in the Appendix). We hypothesize that the variety of training domains plays an important role in this setting. We randomly sampled domains that belong to the 100 high-resource domains of C4, but further work could consider using M2D2 (Reid et al., 2022), a multi-domain language modeling dataset released concurrently to this work.

Model Architecture. We use GPT-2 (Radford et al., 2019); specifically, we use a publicly available pretrained checkpoint of the small version, i.e., gpt2 from the HuggingFace library (Wolf et al., 2020). We add an adapter to each Transformer (Vaswani et al., 2017) layer after the feed-forward layer. We train only the adapters for language modeling in each training domain. The adapters follow the Bapna and Firat (2019) architecture and have bottleneck size 64. For the cross-domain Adapter-Soup, we train all models with an initial learning rate 1e-4. For the single-domain AdapterSoup, we use different learning rates and data seeds shown in the Appendix.

4 Results

Results are presented in Table 1. For each experiment, we evaluate both perplexity and efficiency.

4.1 Cross-domain

As a first baseline, we use *GPT-2 (zero-shot)*, without further training or additional parameters. This has worse perplexity than all other approaches but is most efficient at inference.

Single Adapters. We then evaluate *Sentence similarity* and *Clustering* in the scenario where only a single adapter is chosen using each approach (this can be thought of as a soup of size 1). This is an

evaluation of how well these two approaches measure similarity between the novel domain D_{k+1} and the training domains; this baseline shows the performance of a single model which can be directly compared to AdapterSoups. Both approaches are significantly better than GPT-2 (zero-shot), and *Clustering* outperforms *Sentence similarity*, suggesting it is better at identifying related domains.

AdapterSoup. We evaluate three types of Adapter-Soup which differ only in how the models added to the soup are selected. All three are equally as efficient at inference as using a single adapter. Uniform is a uniform soup (weight-averaging all trained models). This performs worse than all approaches except GPT-2 (zero-shot); we hypothesize that it performs worse due to negative interference between adapters trained on unrelated domains. Using Sentence similarity as described in $\S2.3$ leads to marginally better scores than the single-best adapter per domain, indicating even relatively naively-created soups can outperform the best (oracle) single model. On 8/10 novel domains, the sentence similarity AdapterSoup outperforms the single adapter chosen by Sentence similarity, indicating that the soup leads to better performance. Next, using *Clustering* as described in §2.3 leads to perplexity improvements in 8/10 novel domains compared to sentence similarity, indicating that the method for selecting models for the soup has a large impact. On 9/10 novel domains, the Clustering AdapterSoup outperforms the single adapter chosen by clustering, indicating that our approach leads to better performance.

Oracle Experiments and Larger Models. *Best adapter per domain* shows the performance of the single-best adapter on each novel domain. This is the upper bound for a single adapter, and we see that our *Single Adapter Chosen Using Clustering* matches these scores on 3/10 novel domains, and is close on the rest, suggesting the clustering approach is reasonably good. *Clustering* + 2 *best* shows the performance of adding the two (oracle) best models to our AdapterSoup made by clustering; our clustering approach is close to these scores, but there is room for future work on better choosing models for the AdapterSoup. *Hierarchy adapter* is taken from Chronopoulou et al. (2022), and is less efficient in terms of both data and parameters.

Selecting Models for the Soup. We qualitatively compare the selection methods for choosing adapters to include in the AdapterSoup for 3 novel

Novel Domain i	Sentence Sim.	Clustering
tripadvisor	booking	booking
	insiderpages	insiderpages
		lonelyplanet
ncbi	journals	journals
	frontiersin	frontiersin
	springer	springer
reuters	csmonitor	dailymail
	wired	express
	entrepreneur	

Table 2: Domains of models selected for the Adapter-Soup using either sentence similarity or clustering. The clustering method seems to more accurately match each novel domain to training domains that are similar to it.

	booking	frontiers	journals	yelp
	IĎ	OOD	OOD	ÓOĎ
GPT-2 (zero-shot)	29.7	22.2	24.5	36.2
Best single adapter AdapterSoup:	10.2	27.7	30.3	49.4
- lr 7e-3	27.7	23.3	24.8	37.7
- lr 4 <i>e</i> -3	24.5	23.8	25.5	39.6
- lr 1 <i>e</i> -3	11.5	24.0	26.3	42.5
- lr 5 <i>e</i> -4	10.0	26.3	29.1	47.5
- lr 1 <i>e</i> -4	10.4	27.4	30.0	48.9
Best AdapterSoup:				
- in-domain	10.0	26.3	29.1	47.5
- out-of-domain	26.8	22.9	24.5	37.3
Logit ensemble	9.2	25.0	27.7	47.7

Table 3: Perplexity scores in- and out-of-domain (respectively ID and OOD) of models trained on *booking.com*. Low learning rates lead to good in-domain scores, while high learning rates improve the out-ofdomain performance.

domains in Table 2. In the case of *tripadvisor*, 2/3 domains *Sentence similarity* and *Clustering* select are identical, while for *ncbi* (science domain) both methods select the same domains. When selecting domains similar to *reuters* (news), clustering seems to find a good match, choosing news domains. However, *Sentence similarity* selects domains that are not quite as related to the novel domain. *Reuters* contains heterogeneous data, so the average cosine similarity on the sentence level is not a suitable metric to find related domains.

4.2 Single-domain

In this section we evaluate how models trained on the same domain can be combined into an Adapter-Soup. We train a set of models using adapters on *booking.com* by varying the data order and the learning rate (see Appendix A.3, note our experiments kept the initialization of each adapter fixed), then evaluate all combinations of adapters of size 3, and evaluate the performance of the AdapterSoup both in-domain (*booking.com*) and on 3 held-out domains. We explore this controlled setting to better understand the setup described in Wortsman et al. (2022a), who also noted that the learning rate is important; their experiments indicated that smaller learning rates led to better model soups.

Our experiments in Table 3 show a more nuanced result: AdapterSoups made from adapters trained with small learning rates (5e-4) performed best indomain (confirming the result from Wortsman et al., 2022b), but AdapterSoups made from adapters trained with larger learning rates (7e-3, 4e-3, and 7e-4) generalize better to novel domains. The number of updates for each adapter is the same, and they all have the same initialization, so we hypothesize that AdapterSoups made from small learning rates act similarly to averaging across steps in gradient descent, leading to a model that is closer to a local optimum. As for why larger learning rates leads to better generalization to novel domains, we hypothesize that each model in the AdapterSoup travels a farther distance from the initialization, leading to learning somewhat more diverse representations. We leave further exploration to future work.

5 Related Work

As training large models from scratch has a severe computational and environmental cost (Strubell et al., 2019; Dodge et al., 2022), efficient methods such as mixtures-of-experts (MoE) (Shazeer et al., 2017; Fedus et al., 2021; Artetxe et al., 2022), adapters (Rebuffi et al., 2017; Houlsby et al., 2019; Pfeiffer et al., 2020), and LoRA layers (Hu et al., 2022) have recently been proposed. Both adapters and MoEs have shown to work well for domain adaptation (Cooper Stickland et al., 2021; Gururangan et al., 2022; Chronopoulou et al., 2022). The hierarchy adapter (Chronopoulou et al., 2022) outperforms our approach but is significantly more expensive. It adds a training cost of $4Ld_{model}dT$ (following Kaplan et al., 2020) over the cost of running GPT-2 for a model with L layers, dimension d_{model} , adapter bottleneck size d, average tree depth T (T = 8 in the hierarchy adapter paper), while AdapterSoup needs $4Ld_{model}d$ flops. As a result, training the hierarchy adapter is a factor of T slower than our approach. At inference time, the hierarchy adapter activates 2 paths in the tree and invokes a cost $4Ld_{\text{model}}dT \times 2$, i.e., inference is a factor of 2T slower than our approach.

Averaging *weights* of models independently finetuned on the same task (Wortsman et al., 2022a) has shown to improve in-domain performance. Matena and Raffel (2021) weight-average fine-tuned PLM models using Fisher merging to avoid intermediate task training and then perform downstream fine-tuning. Wang et al. (2022) fine-tune MoEs using adapters on a downstream task and average their weights at test time. Our paper, however, focuses on improving test-time scores of a model on *novel* domains.

Wang et al. (2021) improve performance in an unseen (target) language by ensembling the source language adapter and language adapters similar to the target language. This approach uses weighted ensembling of the *outputs* of adapters, whereas we ensemble the *weights* of the adapters. AdapterSoup has the inference cost of a single adapter, while Wang et al. (2021) require inference time that scales linearly to the number of adapters.

Contemporaneous work (Li et al., 2022) also explores performance in novel domains using weight averaging, but uses MoEs instead of adapters.

6 Conclusion

A PLM can be adapted to new domains using adapters. However, this requires training a new set of adapters for each domain. We propose a method based on weight-space averaging of adapters selected using text clustering. Our approach improves performance on novel domains without updating parameters or increasing the inference cost. Future work could explore more sophisticated selection methods to try to match the performance of the oracle experiments.

Limitations

The conclusions we draw in this work about how our approach compares to other approaches (e.g., our baselines) are only supported by evidence on the task of language modeling, with textual domains taken from the C4 dataset. We expect such results to hold more generally, but do not have experimental evidence to support any other scenarios. As with all work on language modeling, the models we have trained could be used to generate language, but we do not have evaluations of generated text (e.g., on fluency, factuality, or other common metrics used to evaluate generated language). Our paper focuses on using adapters; while we expect similar approaches to work for other types of models, we only have evidence to support AdapterSoup working for adapters.

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A Appendix

A.1 Training details

We build our code using PyTorch (Paszke et al., 2019) and the HuggingFace library (Wolf et al., 2020). Each model is trained on a single NVIDIA A100 GPU with 40GB of RAM, batch size 64 and gradient accumulation over 5 steps. We train each model for 20 epochs, without using early stopping. We compute semantic similarity using sentence-transformers¹ and a publicly available pretrained model.²

We noticed from preliminary experiments that the choice of random seed is important when averaging weights of domain adapters. We empirically found that averaging domain adapters initialized from different random seeds led to poor performance of AdapterSoup. We suggest initializing the adapters from the same random seed in order to effectively combine adapters trained on various domains.

A.2 Dataset sizes

We use textual corpora from 31 of the 100 most high-resource internet domains of C4. The sizes of the training domains are shown in Table 4, while the sizes of the evaluation domains are shown in Table 5.

A.3 Single-domain AdapterSoup

We present the hyper-parameters we tried in Table 6. In this setup, we computed in- and outof-domain scores for 455 different combinations (there are 15 models and computed all Adapter-Soups of size 3). The trend we observed is that higher learning rates improved results out-ofdomain, while lower learning rates provided the best in-domain scores.

A.4 Cross-domain AdapterSoup

We present in Table 7 the evaluation scores of each of the single adapter models. Each adapter has been trained in a different training domain (column 1), and evaluated in 10 novel domains.

Ind	Training Domain	Train (Eval.) Tokens
1	dailymail.co.uk	25M (3M)
2	wired.com	18M (2M)
3	express.co.uk	16M (2M)
4	npr.org	25M (3M)
5	librarything.com	3M (500K)
6	instructables.com	25M (3M)
7	entrepreneur.com	16M (2M)
8	link.springer.com	28M (4M)
9	insiderpages.com	8M (1M)
10	ign.com	10M (1M)
11	eventbrite.com	11M (1M)
12	forums.macrumors.com	22M (3M)
13	androidheadlines.com	14M (2M)
14	glassdoor.com	4M (500K)
15	pcworld.com	14M (2M)
16	csmonitor.com	23M (3M)
17	lonelyplanet.com	6M (1M)
18	booking.com	30M (4M)
19	journals.plos.org	53M (6M)
20	frontiersin.org	38M (6M)
21	medium	22M (3M)

Table 4: Sizes of training corpora. We fine-tune GPT-2 using adapters on each of these domains. We perform weight-averaging of these 21 domain-adapted LMs.

Ind	Novel Domain	Train (Eval.) Tokens
1	reuters.com	17M (2M)
2	techcrunch.com	13M (2M)
3	fastcompany.com	14M (2M)
4	nme.com	5M (1M)
5	fool.com	34M (4M)
6	inquisitr.com	13M (2M)
7	mashable.com	14M (2M)
8	tripadvisor.com	7M (1M)
9	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov	23M (3M)
10	yelp.com	68M (6M)

Table 5: Sizes of held-out corpora.

Hyper-parameter	Value
learning rates	$7e-3, 4e-3 \\ 1e-3, 5e-4, 1e-4$
random seed	1, 2, 3

Table 6: Hyper-parameters for single-domain Adapter-Soups. We exhaustively compute the AdapterSoup for every combination of 3 models in this set.

¹https://github.com/UKPLab/ sentence-transformers

²huggingface.co/sentence-transformers/ all-mpnet-base-v2

	Evaluation Domains										
Training Domain	reuters	techcrunch	fastco	nme	fool	inquisitr	mashable	tripadv.	ncbi	yelp	Avg
dailymail	17.6	23.6	24.0	21.1	23.3	18.4	23.6	39.6	20.5	44.3	25.6
wired	18.0	22.0	21.5	22.0	22.9	18.2	22.2	40.0	19.9	41.3	24.8
express	19.5	25.8	26.0	22.6	25.8	20.1	26.3	42.9	23.3	48.9	28.1
npr	20.1	25.5	25.0	27.7	23.3	20.5	23.6	42.1	21.1	42.9	27.2
librarything	19.5	24.5	24.0	24.8	23.6	19.7	24.8	38.9	21.1	39.3	26.0
instructables	20.5	25.5	25.5	25.5	24.5	20.5	25.5	40.0	21.1	41.7	27.0
entrepreneur	18.2	22.4	22.0	22.6	22.9	18.4	23.1	40.9	21.1	43.4	25.5
springer	19.7	25.0	24.5	24.5	25.3	19.9	26.8	42.9	18.4	43.8	27.1
insiderpages	23.1	28.8	29.1	32.1	25.5	23.1	27.9	37.7	23.3	35.9	28.7
ign	18.9	23.8	23.6	22.6	23.3	18.7	23.6	40.9	21.1	39.6	25.6
eventbrite	19.1	24.3	23.8	23.1	24.3	19.3	25.0	39.6	20.9	41.7	26.1
macrumors	20.3	26.0	26.3	26.3	24.5	20.9	25.5	41.3	22.4	43.4	27.7
androidheadlines	20.7	24.8	25.8	26.0	24.5	20.1	25.3	44.7	22.6	42.9	27.8
glassdoor	20.7	26.0	25.8	27.7	24.8	21.1	26.8	42.5	22.0	42.5	28.0
pcworld	18.7	22.6	22.9	23.6	23.1	18.7	23.1	42.1	21.5	42.9	25.0
csmonitor	18.9	24.0	23.8	24.0	23.6	18.9	23.8	41.3	21.5	43.4	26.3
lonelyplanet	20.7	26.0	25.8	25.0	25.3	20.7	26.6	40.4	22.6	42.9	27.6
booking	27.4	33.4	33.1	35.9	31.5	27.4	35.5	37.0	30.6	49.4	34.1
journals	21.3	26.8	26.0	27.4	26.0	21.5	28.2	46.1	18.2	46.5	28.8
frontiersin	21.1	26.8	25.5	27.7	26.0	27.7	26.0	45.6	19.3	46.5	29.2
medium	17.8	22.2	21.8	21.3	25.0	17.8	25.3	39.3	19.9	43.4	25.4

Table 7: We show the performance of each trained adapter (for the cross-domain setting) on the 10 evaluation domains. Each model has been trained for language modeling with an initial learning rate 1e - 4 for 20 epochs.