Calibrating Zero-shot Cross-lingual (Un-)structured Predictions

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Abstract

We investigate model calibration in the setting of zero-shot cross-lingual transfer with large-scale pre-trained language models. The level of model calibration is an important metric for evaluating the trustworthiness of predictive models. There exists an essential need for model calibration when natural language models are deployed in critical tasks. We study different post-training calibration methods in structured and unstructured prediction tasks. We find that models trained with data from the source language become less calibrated when applied to the target language, and that calibration errors increase with intrinsic task difficulty and relative sparsity of training data. Moreover, we observe a potential connection between the level of calibration error and an earlier proposed measure of the distance from English to other languages. Finally, our comparison demonstrates that among other methods Temperature Scaling (TS) and Gaussian Process Calibration(GPcalib) generalizes well to distant languages, but TS fails to calibrate more complex confidence estimation in structured predictions.

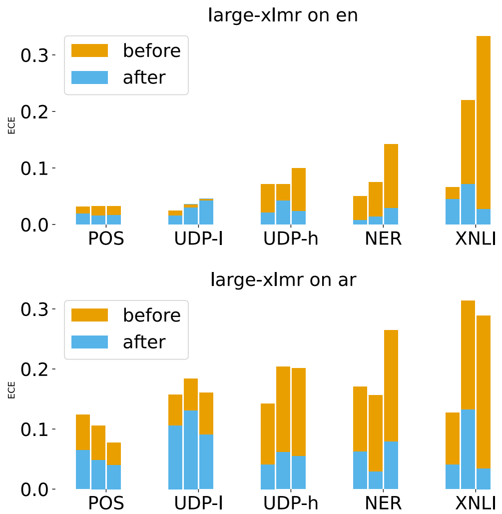

Figure 1: Averaged Expected Calibration Error (ECE) before and after temperature scaling on English (top) and Arabic (bottom) `xlm-roberta-large`; lower is better. Multiple bars for a task reference full-data, low-data, and very-low-data (from left to right). Models appear less calibrated when transferred to other languages while temperature scaling remains effective.

1 Introduction

While deep neural networks, especially large pre-trained language models, have driven striking improvements on various standard benchmarks (Wang et al., 2018, 2019a), it is never a good practice to assume their predictions are accurate and should be taken blindly. In many cases, it is important to understand "what a model does not know" through its estimation of its uncertainty. For example, reliable model confidence is important in high stakes domains (Begoli et al., 2019; Zhong et al., 2019), or when downstream tasks leverage confidence scores to mitigate error propagation (Chang et al., 2007). Moreover, accurate confidence can serve as a measure on the value of information in iterative data collection or human-in-the-loop learning (Zhang et al., 2019; Chaudhary et al., 2021).

Whether the model confidence is accurate is usually measured by how well it matches the observational data – through confidence calibration (Guo et al., 2017). Yet modern neural networks are criticized for being overconfident with their predictions, given their increased capacity to fit the training dataset (Guo et al., 2017). This problem is exacerbated by *domain-shift* (Ovadia et al., 2019b) or zero-/few-shot transfer (Liu et al., 2018). An important task that is often concerned with such data-shift is zero-shot cross-lingual transfer, which has been viewed as a natural extension to domain adaptation (Ruder et al., 2019; Xian et al., 2021).

Existing studies in natural language processing have mainly focused on zero-shot transfer accuracy alone (Wu and Dredze, 2019; Wang et al., 2019b; Lauscher et al., 2020), without concern for the uncertainty measures of massive cross-lingual pretraining models (Devlin et al., 2019; Conneau et al., 2019; Liu et al., 2020; Xue et al., 2020). On the other hand, large-scale uncertainty estimation and calibration work has mostly been conducted in the vision domain (Ovadia et al., 2019b; Minderer et al., 2021). large-scaled calibration studies put predominant importance on computer vision. In natural language processing, while model calibration has wide application w.r.t tasks such as text classification (Jung et al., 2020; Kong et al., 2020), seq2seq generation (Ott et al., 2018; Dong et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2020b), question answering (Ye and Durrett, 2021; Kamath et al., 2020) and zero-shot learning (Zhao et al., 2021), benchmarking results have not been as comprehensive as in the vision field.

In this work, we evaluate how the calibration of large-scale multilingual models is affected by zero-shot cross-lingual transfer, and whether we might mitigate calibration error with standard techniques reliant solely on the source language. We conduct our experiments on six standard cross-lingual transfer tasks across seven typologically diverse target languages, using English as the annotated source language. Our key findings include:

- NLP models become less calibrated under cross-lingual transfer.
- Task difficulty, data sparsity, and distance between source and target languages each impact model calibration, as shown in fig. 1.
- TS and GPCalib using the source language effectively mitigates miscalibration on target languages.
- Model calibration in structured prediction exhibits a similar trend as in classification.

2 Background

2.1 Calibration in NLP Tasks

Why calibration in NLP tasks? Uncertainty quantification for neural networks and model calibration has received attention from various machine-learning-related fields, especially when machine learning is applied in the high stake decision making (Gal and Ghahramani, 2016; Kendall and Gal, 2017; Lakshminarayanan et al., 2017; Grathwohl et al., 2019; Thulasidasan et al., 2019). For example, a wrong but overconfident prediction in autonomous driving perception under domain shift may cost human lives (Han et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2020a; Park et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2020c). AI for scientific discovery applications like drug discovery (Zhang et al., 2019) and AI-augmented medical decision making (Begoli et al., 2019) may gain more trust from human by generating accurate uncertainty estimates. In particular, in NLP tasks, uncertainty plays an important role in AI-aided mental health diagnosis (Chandler et al., 2022) and human-in-the-loop active data curation (Yuan et al., 2022).

Calibration of large scale models Noticeably, Ovadia et al. (2019a); Minderer et al. (2021) have produced large-scale benchmarks over a variety of tasks and existing calibration methods with mixed results. While empirically Ovadia et al. (2019a) shows that the traditional post-training calibration methods such as temperature scaling does not always transfer under domain shift, results from Minderer et al. (2021) indicates that there is correlation between in-domain and out-of-domain calibration error for models with large capacities like ViT (Dosovitskiy et al., 2020), and that model calibration decreases more slowly than accuracy. In NLP, Desai and Durrett (2020) shows that pretrained transformer models achieve better calibration and that temperature scaling further reduces calibration error in-domain. Mohta and Raffel (2021) demonstrates that the benefit of pretrained model diminishes as the domain shift increases. Our work extends these analyses to model calibration under zero-shot cross-lingual transfer.

Calibration of structured prediction Calibration of structured prediction models is relatively under-explored, due to the difficulty in defining the calibration setting (Kuleshov and Liang, 2015). Jagannatha and Yu (2020) proposed a general calibration scheme where the calibration is measured on the sequence level. Yet under challenging transfer condition for difficult tasks, the top-k sequences do not contain enough positive events, and letting event set of interest depending on model prediction making cross-method comparison difficult. In this paper, we investigate model calibration of structured prediction tasks as well as of classification, given the high interest in tasks with a sequence tagging nature where one has to model inter-label dependencies in the multilingual community. We employ a slightly different setting with (Jagannatha and Yu, 2020) where either tag-wise calibration is measured (Reich et al., 2020; Kranzlein et al., 2021), or a balanced set of positive or negative set of spans are used to construct the event set of interest. In section 3.3 we discuss our formulation in detail, and show that it is compatible with the framework proposed by Kuleshov and Liang (2015).

2.2 Understanding Cross-Lingual Transfer

Since massive language model pretraining yielded promising zero-shot transfer result on cross-lingual datasets (Conneau et al., 2018), much effort has been put into understanding why these language models work and what is the limit of standard and direct zero-shot transfer paradigm (Wu and Dredze, 2019; Pires et al., 2019; Conneau et al., 2020; Libovický et al., 2019; Chi et al., 2020; Hewitt and Manning, 2019; Yarmohammadi et al., 2021). While useful, these works tend to employ model performance as the sole metric; in this work we investigate the reliability of confidence estimation.

A frequently discussed topic for cross-lingual transfer evaluation is how the language-specific features are able to influence the transfer performance. A common way to do this is to differentiate languages by language groups (Wu and Dredze, 2020; Chi et al., 2020). Other works rely on numeric distance calculated from information depicting some specific aspect of language similarity (Lauscher et al., 2020; Pires et al., 2019). A line of research that tries to parameterize the language relationships is typological embeddings (Littell et al., 2017; Malaviya et al., 2017; Cotterell and Eisner, 2017). Results from comprehensive transfer evaluation work also induce certain proximity between languages (Wu and Dredze, 2019; Han et al., 2019; Fan et al., 2021; Yu et al., 2021). We observe that these various notions of distance result in similar orderings across languages. Therefore we follow previous work by loosely referring to this language-specific characteristic as "language similarity"[1].

3 Metrics and Methods

3.1 Measuring Model Calibration

Consider a classifier $\hat{\mathbf{p}} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Delta^{k-1}$ that maps each instance $x \in \mathcal{X}$ to some class membership probability, $(\hat{\mathbf{p}}_i(x), \hat{\mathbf{p}}_2(x), \ldots \hat{\mathbf{p}}_k(x))$. We describe $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$ as **calibrated**, or more specifically **confidence-calibrated** (Kull et al., 2019), if for any $c \in [0, 1]$:

$$\Pr(Y = \arg\max_i \hat{\mathbf{p}}_i(\mathbf{x}) | \max_i \hat{\mathbf{p}}_i(\mathbf{x}) = c) = c. \quad (1)$$

[1]Each proposed similarity metric is based on statistics about certain aspects of languages, they are not necessarily serving as a measurement of universal language distance.

Directly calculating probability in eq. (1) with finite number of examples is impossible. Several empirical approximations have been proposed (Guo et al., 2017). Here we adopt the Expected Calibration Error (Naeini et al., 2015) (ECE), which is the most prevailing statistic, and the Brier Score (Brier et al., 1950).

For N predictions, ECE approximates eq. (1) by spliting $[0, 1]$ into M equal length bins $\{B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_M\}$, and calculates a weighted average of absolute difference between within-bin accuracy and within-bin average confidence:

$$\text{ECE} = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \frac{|B_m|}{N} |\text{acc}(B_m) - \text{conf}(B_m)|.$$

The ECE score is sensitive to the choice of binning schemes, and a model can trivially achieve a perfect ECE score by returning the marginal class probability. As a result, a number of works have proposed alternatives to ECE to mitigate such problems. Nixon et al. (2019) propose Adaptive Calibration Error, where instances are split into equal-sized groups. Kull et al. (2019) proposes the classwise-ECE, where the ECE is calculated and averaged across all class-labels. Kumar et al. (2019) shows that it is always possible to construct a poorly calibrated prediction even when $\text{ECE} = 0$. It should be noticed that it is also possible to construct such predictions for ACE. Despite these shortcomings, we still use the ECE as our primary statistics for evaluating calibration error for two reasons. First, we observe little variance when gradually reducing the number of bins from 100 to 10. Second, some of our experiments require classification among indefinite number of labels, which makes the classwise statistics inapplicable.

3.2 Post-training Calibration

We study four post-training calibration methods on zero-shot cross-lingual calibration tasks. They are representative and relevant enough with NLP tasks. Firstly, they can be intuitively extended to indefinite number of classes which suit our tasks like dependency head predictions. Secondly, they have relatively fewer hyper parameters to tune. Therefore, we are able to provide a more general evaluation of their effectiveness over zero-shot cross-lingual transfer tasks. Specifically, for methods that are only applicable to binary classifications (e.g., histogram binning and beta calibration), we follow previous practice by Wenger et al. (2020) and Patel et al. (2021) to use one-vs-rest extension to multi-class classification over the outputs of multi-class classifiers. All the methods share the same class-wise binning strategy. We do not renormalize the scaled probability because it is either previously employed in previous work or reported to mitigate the accuracy degradation Patel et al. (2021).

For each task we tune the temperature scaling parameter T with a dev set that is different from the model-selection dev on **English**, in order to investigate how much the effect of temperature scaling transfer to target language zero-shot.

Temperature Scaling (Guo et al., 2017) Given a logits vector $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{z}_0, \mathbf{z}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{z}_k) \in \mathcal{R}^K$, temperature scaling produces a normalized class membership probability vector $(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{q}_k)$ by a single scalar parameter $T > 0$:

$$\mathbf{q}_i = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{z}_i/T)}{\sum_{i=1}^{K} \exp(\mathbf{z}_i/T)}$$

Temperature scaling has been proven effective in other scenarios (Ovadia et al., 2019a; Desai and Durrett, 2020) and has the property of not changing model prediction orders. This makes post-training calibration orthogonal to overall model performance.

Histogram Binning (Zadrozny and Elkan, 2002) divides all uncalibrated predictions $\hat{\mathbf{p}}_y(\mathbf{x})$ into M mutually exclusive bins $\{B_1, \ldots, B_M\}$ and assigns calibrated probabilities $\mathbf{q}^m_y(\mathbf{x})$ that minimizes the bin-wise square loss:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbf{1}\left[x \in B_m\right] (\mathbf{q}^m_y(x) - y)^2$$

Notice that evaluating against ECE instead of class-wise metrics enables us to jointly calibrate all one-vs-rest probabilities induced from multi-class classifiers without renormalization.

Beta Calibration (Kull et al., 2017) is a calibration function family defined based on the likelihood ratio between two Beta distributions. In the one-vs-rest case the calibration map can be re-parameterized into a bivariate logistic regression with $\ln \hat{\mathbf{p}}_y(\mathbf{x})$ and $-\ln(1 - \hat{\mathbf{p}}_y(\mathbf{x}))$ to predict a binary label $\mathbf{1}[\hat{y} = y]$.

GPcalib (Wenger et al., 2020) fits a one-dimensional Gaussian process to the latent function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that transforms raw logits. Given uncalibrated logits vector $\mathbf{z}$, the model output probability Π_i is then given by:

$$\mathbf{q}_i = \frac{\exp(g(\mathbf{z}_i))}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} \exp(g(\mathbf{z}_j))}$$

When the dataset is large, Wenger et al. (2020) proposes to use inducing point methods (Hensman et al., 2015) for scalability. Since the GPcalib framework uses the same function to transfer all components of $\mathbf{z}$, it is straightforward to batchify the latent process along a dimension with indefinite number of classes.

3.3 Calibration for Structured Prediction

For structure prediction tasks, a natural question will be whether explicitly modeling inter-label dependencies can help with the model calibration. A similar comparison has been hinted by Jagannatha and Yu (2020) and Reich et al. (2020), but no experiments has been proposed. However, the label space is exponentially large when we consider predictions over a complete sequence. It is then difficult to define a calibration objective.

In this work, we follow previous efforts and define a set of "Events of Interests" $\mathcal{I}(x)$ (Kuleshov and Liang, 2015; Jagannatha and Yu, 2020). Given the complete label space $\mathcal{Y}$ of a structured prediction task, an event $E \in \mathcal{I}(x)$ is a subset $E \subset \mathcal{Y}$, whose probability we would like to calibrate. For sequence labeling tasks, a natural choice for $\mathcal{I}(x)$ is the model prediction at each position. This falls back to calibrating a multi-class classifier at each sequence position for a standard masked language model with a classification head. But we need to perform the constrained forward-backward (Culotta and McCallum, 2004) marginalization for a conditional random field (Lafferty et al., 2001) based model. A more interesting case will be named entity recognition, where extracting an entity span often consists of multiple tag-level predictions. Jagannatha and Yu (2020) proposes to define each $E \in \mathcal{I}(x)$ as a set of tag sequences $\{y_1, \ldots, y_N\}$ that contains a single span from top-k $p(y|x)$ decoding. This does not suit our purpose as it is not convenient to compare calibration performance between models under that setup. For example, the model with very high precision and confidence would be considered more calibrated than its counterparts that proposes more diverse candidates.

To remedy this problem, we define $\mathcal{I}(x)$ as a set of events where each event E corresponds to a set of sequence that extracts one of all possible span candidates $s \in \mathcal{S}$. This is equivalent to evaluate model to perfom binary classifications over whether a candiate is actually a valid span. Since the number of possible span candidates grows quadratically with the sequence length, we only consider spans with no more than a certain length l. Specifically, given a NER task with named entity type space $\mathcal{C}$ (e.g., "PER", "LOC", etc.), denote the corresponding tag space by $\mathcal{B}$ ("B-PER", "I-PER", "O", etc.). The probability of a span s with type $c \in \mathcal{C}$ and end points $1 \leq i < j \leq N = |x|$ being extracted under BIO sequence tagging can be written as:

$$\Pr(s, c|x) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \left\{ p(y|x) \prod_{k=i}^{j+1} \mathbf{1} \left[y_k \in s_k \right] \right\}$$

Where $(s_i, \ldots, s_j, s_{j+1})$ is the tag subset sequence $(\{\text{B-}c\}, \ldots, \{\text{I-}c\}, \mathcal{B} \backslash \{\text{I-}c\})$. The classifier output can be directly multiplied to get this conditional probability when tags are independent. In the case of linear-chain CRF, constrained FB algorithm can be applied.

4 Experiments

Tasks We consider six zeros-shot cross-lingual transfer tasks: part-of-speech tagging (POS), universal dependency parsing (UDP), named entity recognition (NER), cross-lingual natural language inference (XNLI), Automatic Content Extraction (ACE) and the Better Extraction from Text Towards Enhanced Retrieval (BETTER). These six tasks are of distinct formulation and have a reasonable spread over difficulty levels. For detailed data configuration and task descriptions, please refer to appendix A. Also, only plots relevant to the discussion are presented inline, please also refer to appendix A for complete experiment data.

Evaluation we evaluate the calibration before and after a post-training calibration step using the expected calibration error (ECE). To properly evaluate the expected calibration error, we set `num_bins=100`. We choose this number to balance granularity with the amount of data, as we observe ECE tends to converge after the number of bins increase to above a threshold. This binning scheme has been employed to evaluate calibration methods (Wenger et al., 2020; Minderer et al., 2021).

Base models We experiment with three common multilingual transformer encoders: `bert-base-multilingual-cased`, `xlm-roberta-base` and `xlm-roberta-large` . [2] We keep the token embedding weight fixed for all our experiments, and use `learning_rate = 1.2e-5` for pretrained transformer parameters, and `learning_rate = 1e-5` for the rest of models (except for very-low-data NLI, where we choose `learning_rate = 1e-4`).

Varying training size We evaluate our pipeline with three training-data-size configurations when available (that is, on POS, UDP NER and XNLI): *full-dataset*, where all the specified training data are used; *low-data*, where 1000 sentences are sampled for the sentence-level dataset, or 50 documents are sampled for the doc-level dataset; *very-low-data*, where 100 sentences or 10 documents are sampled respectively.

Training details We train our models on a single RTX 6000 GPU until convergence or a maximum number of epochs (256) is reached. We use the dev set for model selection and early stopping, and gradually scale our learning rate by .25 on plateau. For all tasks, we apply the four calibration methods mentioned in section 3.2 as the post-training calibration step. We set `learning_rate = .1` and use a large batch size to tune the calibration module parameters. We also gradually scale learning rate by .25 on plateau. The learning rate for temperature scaling is determined via an Optuna (Akiba et al., 2019) trial with a searching range between [5e-2, .5] on subtasks. For each calibration method, we do 10 runs and do significant test with classic bootstrap from dataset to address the concern of randomness raise by Vaicenavicius et al. (2019).

4.1 Impact of Training Configurations

Impact of Data Size In most cases, training with more data helps calibration especially when the difference in training data size is large (e.g., comparing full-data setting and very-low-data setting. see fig. 2). However, we do not observe such a tendency when the task is simple enough and the model performance is reasonably high, like in POS. It indicates that the representation for the task has already been learned well during the pre-training, and the relevant information is easily recovered even with a small number of examples. Interest-

[2] https://huggingface.co/models

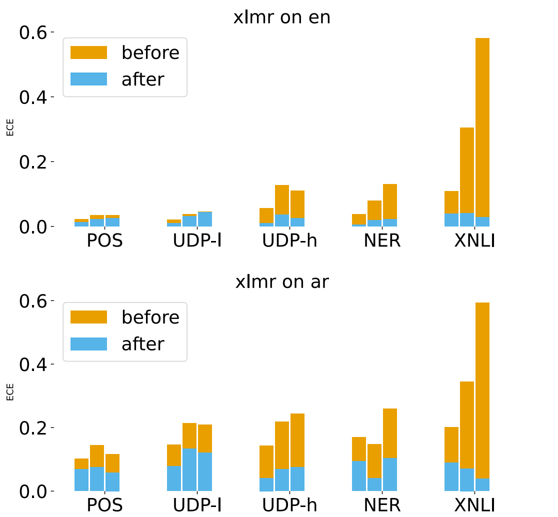

Figure 2: Averaged Expected Calibration Error (ECE) before and after temperature scaling on English (top) and Arabic (bottom) for `xlm-roberta-base`; lower is better. each bar in a group corresponds to a training data theme as in fig. 1.

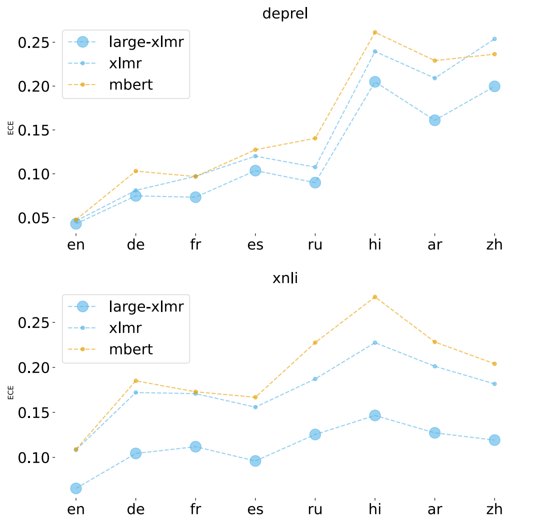

Figure 3: Calibration plot for different models when transferred to different language on NER (top) with *very-low-data*, and XNLI (bottom) with *full-data*. Result shows that larger model generalizes better when training data size is small or task is difficult.

ingly, XNLI model trained under very-low-data setting can be similarly or even better calibrated compared to XNLI model trained under full-data setting after post-training calibration, though the gap of accuracy for models trained with different data amount is large (accuracy results are available in the Appendix). It indicates that more accurate model is not always more calibrated by default.

Impact of Language Similarity Our result indicates that target language calibration errors are generally lower when the target language is similar to English as measured by human language learning distances (Chiswick and Miller, 2005) (see fig. 1, fig. 4 etc.). While the distance between languages is an intuitive concept among linguists in the abstract, there is not a prevailing theory on how this should be quantitatively measured. We abstain from calculating direct correlations with scores proposed by Chiswick and Miller (2005), merely noting that further investigations into the relationship between language distance and domain-shift is worth future consideration. This echos the result from the previous research (Lauscher et al., 2020; Pires et al., 2019) showing that commonly perceived language difference influences the difficulty of zero-shot transfer. However, post-training calibration often has less effect on more similar target languages.

Impact of Pretrained Model Size Giving the similar trend observed for different calibration methods, here we only plot post-training calibration statistics for temperature-scaling (See section 4.2 below). Comparing results shown in fig. 1 and fig. 2, we come to the conclusion that the larger pre-trained language model is usually more calibrated before and after the post-training calibration. Though both large and base models become less and less calibrated while gradually transferred to more and more distant languages, the calibration error increases more slowly than smaller model. This becomes more prominent when the training data is smaller or the target language is more distant (see fig. 3). We hypothesize this is probably due to the fact that with sufficient training data, a larger language model learns better cross-lingual representations that allows better zeor-shot cross-lingual transfer. This echos previous findings by Minderer et al. (2021), where they have shown that the calibration error increases more slowly for larger models.

4.2 Comparing Calibration Methods

We do 10 runs of classic bootstrap from each dataset to evaluate all four calibration methods mentioned in section 3.2. All of the methods are able to significantly reduce the calibration error in terms of the ECE (see appendix A for complete statistics). fig. 4 demonstrates the effectiveness of different post-training calibration methods. In most cases, different calibration methods have similar performance. Models calibrated by any of the method are still likely to be less and less calibrated when zero-shot transferred to more and more distant languages as described in section 4.1. In most cases, either temperature scaling or GPcalib is at or near the best, under all training data source settings. Histogram binning performs well on the source language, but it may decline the most in effectiveness in the test language. Moreover, when the model is zero-shot transferred to more distant languages, temperature scaling gains a small edge comparing to other methods.

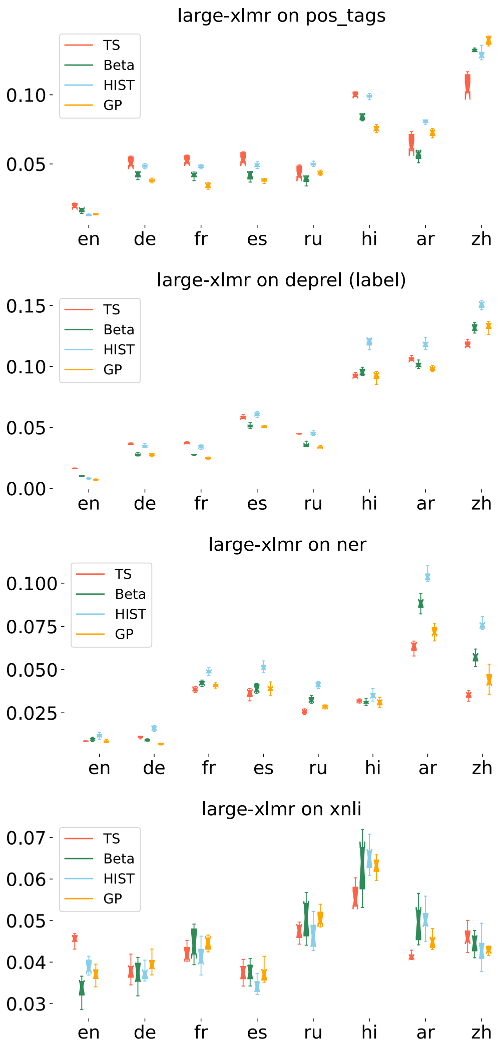

Figure 4: Bars and whiskers plot for different calibration methods for `xlm-roberta-large` when zero-shot transferred to different languages, sorted by language distance to English Chiswick and Miller (2005).

Another observation is that the calibration effectiveness of methods are more variable on XNLI than other tasks, and the model calibration error after post-training calibration follows the language

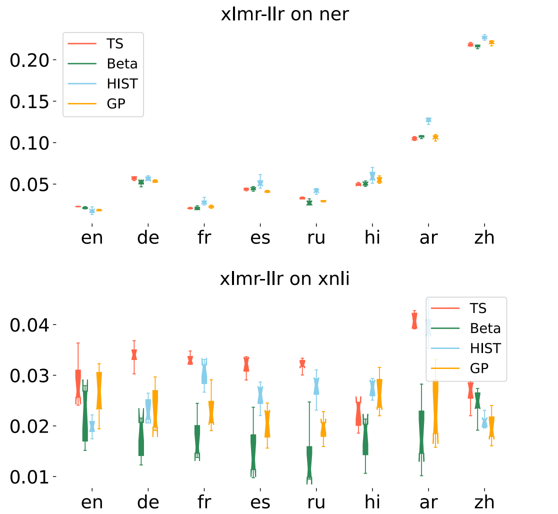

Figure 5: Bars and whiskers plot for different calibration methods for `xlm-roberta-base` on *low-data* setting when zero-shot transferred to different languages, sorted by language distance to English Chiswick and Miller (2005).

distance less strictly. This becomes more eminent when examining smaller models and fewer training samples, as shown in fig. 5. This could due to that XNLI requires more complex semantic knowledge (Lauscher et al., 2020) that is not directly accessible in the multilingual encoder, making the calibration less transferable to other languages.

4.3 Calibration for Structured Prediction

We also consider model calibration for two structured prediction tasks: POS-tagging and NER. We follow the definition of $\mathcal{I}(x)$ in section 3.2. The WikiAnn dataset (Pan et al., 2017) is very suitable for our purposes as it contains many short sequences that avoid span number explosion. We further restrict the maximum span length $l = 5$ and the maximum sequence length $s = 32$ to reduce the search space. To prevent the model from reducing calibration error by scaling down the extraction probability of all spans, we further subsample negative samples by probability $p = .01$. Notice that this kind of subsampling can be viewed as an adjusted environment for robust calibration and should not affect a perfectly calibrated model (Wald et al., 2021). It also corresponds in practice to the use case of performing span filtering from a high quality subset.

However, when applied to structured labels like in span extraction, temperature scaling could be less effective. Particularly in NER calibration, we

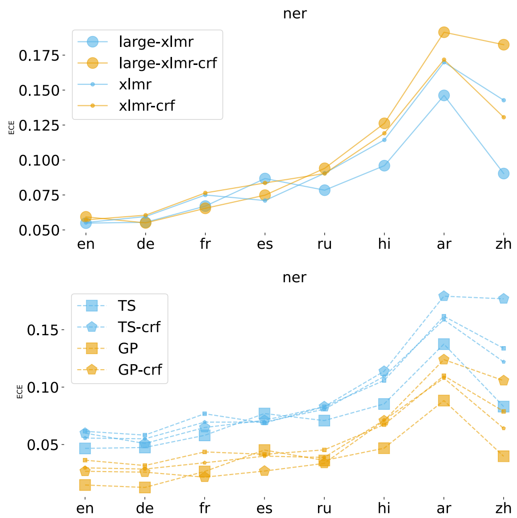

Figure 6: Top: Adding CRF module doesn't seem to be helpful to model calibration either on source language or on target language, regardless of model size. Bottom: GPcalib is more effective in calibrating structured prediction result regardless of underlying model structure.

observe that GPcalib achieves a significantly better calibration result when compared to temperature scaling (see fig. 6), while on POS we do not observe such a gap. It could be that the structure for label-spans are more complex and usually involves multiple labeling predictions. Therefore, in order to calibrate these probability combinations, one will need a more complex function family, which is not included in temperature scaling.

4.4 Evaluating on More Difficult Tasks

We further experiment with two more IE tasks, ACE and BETTER, where the training resource is more limited and the ontologies are more complex. For labeling problems we follow the general setting in section 4.1. For tagging problems we calibrate the label-wise probability for positive labels. In case of a linear chain CRF, we marginalize out all other positions to get the label-wise probability following Culotta and McCallum (2004) and Reich et al. (2020). For space limitation the result for ACE and Better can be find in A.

Impact of Task Type and Difficulty Our results align with the discovery of Lauscher et al. (2020), where they showed that the transfer performance depends on a hypothetical "task level". Here we observe a larger ECE on ACE and BETTER as well as in "high level" semantic tasks like XNLI compared to "low level" sequence tagging tasks like POS, UDP, NER defined by Lauscher et al. (2020).

Internally, in general the structured prediction components are less calibrated and remain so after temperature scaling, though for ACE there is some irregularity given the sparse event/argument span annotations on the English side on which our model has very high accuracy. We also observe that when trying to perform post-training calibration of ACE and BETTER models with temperature scaling, the scaling parameters are very large, even reaching 38.45 while normally the scaling parameters are distributed among 1. $\tilde{3}$. (see appendix A for detailed scaling parameter values).

5 Conclusions

We explore model calibration of large language models under the zero-shot cross-lingual transfer scenario. Our results show that the extent of mis-calibration varies according to a number of aspects of the training configuration. First, training with more data improves cross-lingual calibration. Second, transferring from English to non-English intensifies mis-calibration as the target language is further from English. Also, larger models is likely to be less mis-calibrated when zero-shot transferred to a different target language. Moreover, our result shows that temperature scaling and Gaussian Process calibration methods are among the top performing methods, while temperature scaling is easily to implement and generalize well to distant languages, it's less effective when applied to some complex structured probabilites. Finally, models are least calibrated on "high level" tasks like XNLI and challenging-event-related span extraction, and are most calibrated on simple "low level" tasks like POS.

In general, our result demonstrate that looking at model confidence scores is a useful way to understand model behavior, and differentiate between different cross-lingual tasks. We encourage users to calibrate their model before zero-shot deployment to produce more reliable confidence estimation and prevent the over-confidence for downstream tasks. Further research should focus on developing stronger methods for robust zero-shot cross-lingual models, and should explore different ways to exploit model uncertainty estimation to achieve optimal trade-offs on challenging zero-shot cross-lingual tasks.

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A Appendix

A.1 Detailed Task Descriptions

We evaluate the model calibration for zero-shot cross-lingual transfer on a variety of classification and sequence-tagging tasks when used out-of-box and after post-training calibration. Our experiments largely follow the established settings by Yarmohammadi et al. (2021). For multi-lingual experiments, we consider Part-Of-Speech (POS) tagging, Universal Dependency Parsing (UDP), Named Entity Recognition (NER) and Natural Language Inference (NLI). For English-Arabic experiments, we additionally consider ACE[3] and BETTER[4]as they are only available to limited languages. We use English as the source language and 7 target languages that are diversed in their typology (Clark et al., 2020; Pimentel et al., 2021). In case where alternative English-side dev sets are available (NLI, POS, UDP) we directly use different dev sets for model selection and post-training calibration, otherwise we split the dev set.

Part-of-speech (POS) Tagging We use the Universal Dependencies (UD) Treebank (v2.9; Zeman et al, 2021).[5] The UD Treebank consists of data from a variety of sources, such that there may be potential domain mismatch across different treebanks (Sato et al., 2017). To overcome domain discrepancy across different languages, we use the New Parallel UD (PUD) (Zeman et al., 2017) treebank in the UD Treebanks, which is available to all our target languages. Similar to NER, we generate word representation by attention-weighting all subword token representations, and we use a linear classifier to predict corresponding POS tags. We evaluate performance by the accuracy of predicted POS tags.

Universal Dependency Parsing (UDP) We use the same set of treebanks as in appendix A.1 for the POS tagging task. To predict the dependency heads and dependency labels, we use a biaffine attention layer (Dozat and Manning, 2016). As in POS and NER, we generate word-level representations by attention-weighting the subword token representations. We evaluate the performance by labeled attachment score (LAS). For this task we

[3] https://www.ldc.upenn.edu/collaborations/past-projects/ace

[4] https://www.iarpa.gov/index.php/research-programs/better

[5] We train on the following English treebanks: English-Atis, English-EWT, English-GUM, English-LinES, English-ParTUT and English-Pronouns.

evaluate the model calibration for both the head prediction and the label prediction.

Named Entity Recognition (NER) We rely on WikiAnn (Pan et al., 2017) for named entity recognition. We use the Hugging Face Datasets version[6] which corresponds to the balanced train, dev, and test splits in Rahimi et al. (2019). Labels of the dataset consists of 3 types of named entities: PER, LOC and ORG. We use an additional linear layer to predict word-level labels over word representation aggregated through an attention layer over the subword-level representation generated by the encoder. We evaluate the NER performance by F1 score of the predicted entity.

Natural Language Inference (NLI) We evaluate cross-lingual natural language inference performance with XNLI (Conneau et al., 2018). We train on the MultiNLI (Williams et al., 2018) training set. For a given instance we concatenate the premise p and the hypothesis h as joint input to our model. To predict the entailment label, we apply a linear classification head over the pooled sentence representation. We evaluate model performance by prediction accuracy.

ACE We use the English and Arabic subset of Automatic Content Extraction (ACE) 2005 (Walker et al., 2006) following Yarmohammadi et al. (2021). We evaluate on the trigger extraction and the argument extraction subtasks, and utilize the event extraction model of Xia et al. (2021), which consists of a BiLSTM-CRF BIO tagger (Panchendrarajan and Amaresan, 2018) and a type-classifier trained to predict child spans conditioned on parent spans and labels. This model structure yields comparable performance to the state-of-the-art OneIE (Lin et al., 2020) on trigger and argument identification. Here sharing model structure with other tasks as in **BETTER** enables us with direct performance comparison. We use the same English split as in Lin et al. (2020), and for the Arabic split we follow Lan et al. (2020).

BETTER The Better Extraction from Text Towards Enhanced Retrieval (BETTER) Program aims to "develop enhanced methods for personalized, multilingual semantic extraction and retrieval from text", given gold annotations only in English. Unlike in Yarmohammadi et al. (2021) which focused on "Abstract" event extraction, here we focus the richer "Basic" task. Basic event extraction, structurally related to FrameNet parsing, requires a model to identify a finer-grained set of event types than Abstract, along with their respective agent, patient or event references. The documents come from the news-specific portion of Common Crawl. Performance on BETTER Basic is evaluated according to a program-defined "combined F1" metric, which is the product of "event match F1" and "argument match F1", calculated based on best-effort alignment of predicted and reference event structures. We use the same model structure as in ACE. We run the model for multiple passes to produce level-wise predictions in parallel at inference time.

A.2 Multilingual Experiment Result

In this section we present additional results for the multilingual experiment setting for all three encoders and all training data size configurations. Results are shown in table 1 to appendix A.2

A.3 English Arabic Experiment Result

For completeness, we include the tables for scaling parameters as shown in table 11 and table 12. In general, these results conform to our observation that the scaling parameter for more basic-level tagging tasks like POS are smaller and for more difficult tagging tasks, like BETTER-finding, are greater. To contrast the calibration efficiency for classification and tagging tasks, we showcase the XNLI scaling parameter in a separated table 13. Notice that XNLI is a “high level” task (Lauscher et al., 2020), we expect to see greater out-of-the-box mis-calibration and hence larger scaling parameter for temperature scaling. Similarly complete ECE and performance statistics can be found in table 14 and table 15.

[6] https://huggingface.co/datasets/wikiann

Task	Metric(%)	en	de	fr	es	ru	hi	ar	zh
POS	*Acc*	96.47	91.60	90.98	91.17	91.21	82.29	84.59	74.36
	ECE	3.16	7.15	6.97	7.50	7.70	13.39	12.42	18.56
	TS	1.98	5.15	5.30	5.43	4.41	10.02	6.54	10.75
	Beta	1.66	4.24	4.18	4.16	3.90	8.40	5.64	13.18
	GPcalib	1.36	3.81	3.43	3.83	4.35	7.57	7.25	13.93
	HIST	1.32	4.85	4.81	4.92	4.99	9.89	8.09	12.97
UDP	*LAS*	88.10	84.45	82.34	79.43	78.73	50.76	65.51	48.38
	l-ECE	2.48	5.87	5.50	8.61	7.18	16.20	15.71	19.36
	l-TS	1.65	3.66	3.72	5.84	4.50	9.25	10.60	11.82
	l-Beta	1.02	2.76	2.78	5.12	3.59	9.55	10.15	13.17
	l-GPcalib	0.71	2.76	2.49	5.03	3.36	9.21	9.79	13.30
	l-HIST	0.81	3.46	3.40	6.09	4.49	12.04	11.84	15.08
	h-ECE	7.17	6.43	9.40	10.06	9.49	26.14	14.23	29.96
	h-TS	2.18	2.35	3.20	3.30	2.75	11.07	4.11	18.29
	h-Beta	2.03	1.90	2.95	3.28	2.41	12.82	4.41	19.19
	h-GPcalib	1.78	2.87	2.86	2.74	2.88	9.87	3.64	17.31
	h-HIST	2.12	1.97	4.13	4.43	3.93	15.70	6.93	21.20
NER	*F-1*	87.69	85.01	81.12	80.35	77.31	81.62	68.72	58.85
	ECE	5.04	4.16	9.17	10.52	8.76	8.86	17.04	13.33
	TS	0.86	1.12	3.85	3.60	2.57	3.18	6.29	3.51
	Beta	0.96	0.93	4.21	3.92	3.24	3.11	8.81	5.71
	GPcalib	0.85	0.74	4.08	3.88	2.86	3.15	7.22	4.38
	HIST	1.17	1.59	4.88	5.13	4.12	3.53	10.44	7.61
XNLI	*Acc*	87.86	81.80	82.44	83.51	79.12	75.71	77.94	78.36
	ECE	6.55	10.44	11.19	9.60	12.54	14.66	12.73	11.92
	TS	4.52	3.81	4.22	3.74	4.73	5.59	4.14	4.62
	Beta	3.36	3.87	4.62	3.86	5.18	6.47	5.11	4.56
	GPcalib	3.73	3.95	4.46	3.70	5.06	6.30	4.50	4.37
	HIST	3.89	3.67	4.18	3.42	4.66	6.47	5.02	4.27

Table 1: Experiment result with `xlm-roberta-large` on *full-data* setting, shaded cells indicate significant improvements in calibration decided by a bootstrap from dataset and an independent t-test with $p < .05$.

Task	Metric(%)	en	de	fr	es	ru	hi	ar	zh
POS	*Acc*	96.33	91.93	85.74	90.42	90.96	79.78	85.10	67.22
	ECE	3.26	6.74	7.57	9.90	7.32	15.27	10.55	20.34
	TS	1.62	6.79	6.63	10.50	3.02	13.39	4.85	6.49
	Beta	1.45	6.42	5.00	8.24	2.78	10.97	4.42	8.19
	GPcalib	1.15	2.47	3.87	4.60	2.46	7.34	3.82	13.46
	HIST	0.52	6.40	6.23	7.99	3.62	11.33	6.61	10.53
UDP	*LAS*	88.27	78.38	77.15	74.92	71.00	45.77	58.25	44.35
	l-ECE	3.04	6.99	7.07	9.86	9.24	20.36	18.42	21.58
	l-TS	3.55	6.08	5.63	7.90	7.27	12.73	13.16	13.87
	l-Beta	1.57	2.94	2.71	4.98	4.27	10.94	10.60	12.22
	l-GPcalib	1.58	1.79	3.11	3.53	2.88	8.40	7.68	11.32
	l-HIST	1.90	4.34	5.88	7.47	7.24	18.53	16.37	20.39
	h-ECE	7.11	12.28	14.28	14.13	16.05	33.06	20.41	35.48
	h-TS	4.25	4.46	6.26	5.28	4.33	8.84	6.24	14.46
	h-Beta	3.95	2.39	3.15	3.07	3.23	15.15	5.38	19.62
	h-GPcalib	5.46	5.95	6.68	5.87	5.41	6.43	7.35	10.79
	h-HIST	3.65	1.66	3.87	3.37	4.37	16.52	7.09	21.03
NER	*F-1*	82.91	83.62	80.40	79.18	71.73	77.76	69.78	55.61
	ECE	7.51	4.56	8.76	11.21	10.66	11.62	15.63	14.76
	TS	1.41	3.03	2.20	3.39	2.56	3.79	2.91	3.97
	Beta	1.26	2.18	1.66	2.76	2.49	3.19	3.25	3.92
	GPcalib	0.83	1.84	1.34	2.94	2.10	3.35	3.34	4.36
	HIST	1.31	2.97	2.04	3.09	3.09	3.85	6.00	5.87
XNLI	*Acc*	76.79	70.86	71.98	73.25	68.84	65.23	66.83	67.60
	ECE	22.00	27.62	26.60	25.33	29.43	32.87	31.35	30.47
	TS	7.20	10.71	10.14	9.26	12.00	14.46	13.23	12.41
	Beta	5.71	8.66	8.07	7.29	9.49	11.83	11.08	10.17
	GPcalib	4.30	6.65	6.40	6.20	7.93	9.66	9.16	7.99
	HIST	1.51	6.68	5.64	4.66	8.63	12.00	10.24	9.32

Table 2: Experiment result with `xlm-roberta-large` under *low-data* setting, color scheme same as above.

Task	Metric(%)	en	de	fr	es	ru	hi	ar	zh
POS	*Acc*	95.45	91.46	84.00	89.96	90.39	79.60	84.55	64.80
	ECE	3.27	6.76	6.44	10.74	5.71	12.95	7.76	15.42
	TS	1.70	7.06	6.58	11.13	3.07	11.75	4.02	5.65
	Beta	1.48	6.08	4.81	8.74	2.87	9.03	3.20	6.67
	GPcalib	1.28	3.26	3.59	7.16	2.17	7.67	2.49	12.19
	HIST	0.92	5.78	5.18	7.84	3.59	9.15	3.76	8.83
UDP	*LAS*	77.62	66.92	65.18	63.55	61.19	36.31	47.84	34.03
	l-ECE	4.30	7.48	7.33	10.36	8.99	20.49	16.10	19.97
	l-TS	4.54	5.50	5.89	6.33	6.97	9.37	9.11	9.30
	l-Beta	2.28	2.69	2.34	4.54	3.59	11.87	8.07	11.77
	l-GPcalib	2.77	2.30	3.80	3.59	3.45	7.98	4.62	8.97
	l-HIST	2.82	3.44	4.53	5.87	5.28	15.88	10.97	15.69
	h-ECE	9.96	13.82	15.14	14.60	17.13	31.44	20.18	35.51
	h-TS	2.43	3.73	4.81	5.22	4.45	13.12	5.54	18.43
	h-Beta	4.40	3.31	3.82	4.41	2.61	13.47	4.14	17.81
	h-GPcalib	6.00	9.00	9.64	10.20	6.65	6.09	10.26	9.48
	h-HIST	4.34	2.83	4.16	4.75	4.01	15.63	6.52	19.84
NER	*F-1*	70.90	72.46	68.69	69.97	52.60	69.35	55.34	35.75
	ECE	14.17	8.51	15.69	17.32	20.54	18.81	26.45	32.04
	TS	2.90	4.33	2.96	3.55	6.88	4.69	7.95	14.16
	Beta	2.16	3.61	2.20	3.34	6.09	3.66	7.65	12.98
	GPcalib	1.33	3.51	2.10	3.64	5.06	4.48	6.78	12.30
	HIST	1.79	4.65	1.99	4.41	6.96	5.03	10.55	15.19
XNLI	*Acc*	40.54	38.08	40.32	39.38	35.99	39.04	38.92	37.98
	ECE	33.31	33.14	24.96	32.19	37.99	31.07	28.90	30.82
	TS	2.75	3.68	4.64	2.95	4.87	3.79	3.51	3.54
	Beta	2.19	4.76	3.02	3.39	6.90	3.54	2.88	3.70
	GPcalib	2.33	3.87	3.08	2.68	5.40	3.38	2.52	3.35
	HIST	3.99	5.28	5.02	4.20	7.03	5.53	3.98	5.18

Table 3: Experiment result with `xlm-roberta-large` under *low-low data* setting, color scheme same as above.

Task	Metric(%)	en	de	fr	es	ru	hi	ar	zh
POS	*Acc*	96.39	91.53	90.31	90.81	91.09	74.48	82.87	77.70
	ECE	2.27	5.52	5.03	5.64	6.18	15.82	10.31	14.20
	TS	1.42	3.72	3.16	4.02	4.42	13.38	7.00	10.41
	Beta	0.91	2.94	2.54	3.01	3.80	11.70	5.96	10.54
	GPcalib	1.02	3.42	3.45	3.92	4.53	13.42	7.75	12.45
	HIST	1.17	3.64	3.64	4.01	4.39	13.92	7.52	11.42
UDP	*LAS*	87.74	81.23	79.48	76.29	75.78	46.25	58.62	42.22
	l-ECE	2.03	5.99	5.25	8.09	6.54	15.11	14.69	17.02
	l-TS	1.07	3.25	3.02	4.64	3.16	6.74	7.97	7.75
	l-Beta	0.98	3.04	2.57	4.92	3.07	9.06	9.52	10.56
	l-GPcalib	0.73	3.23	2.65	4.79	2.95	8.77	9.31	10.92
	l-HIST	1.10	4.74	4.26	6.52	4.95	14.60	13.24	16.80
	h-ECE	5.70	5.92	8.74	9.37	9.35	22.56	14.26	24.42
	h-TS	1.19	2.72	2.87	2.56	2.64	8.75	4.15	8.55
	h-Beta	1.29	2.05	2.75	2.76	2.58	11.59	4.87	12.87
	h-GPcalib	1.29	2.90	2.81	2.59	2.71	8.26	4.41	6.82
	h-HIST	1.22	2.61	3.88	3.93	3.83	14.33	7.11	15.33
NER	*F-1*	86.99	79.84	78.38	78.56	68.02	70.11	58.42	40.23
	ECE	3.86	4.77	8.40	8.63	11.26	13.17	16.97	19.15
	TS	0.72	1.91	4.11	3.59	6.75	8.24	9.52	13.13
	Beta	0.68	1.69	3.59	3.10	6.62	7.59	9.81	13.71
	GPcalib	0.51	1.46	3.62	3.04	6.10	7.47	8.50	12.32
	HIST	1.53	2.50	4.31	4.35	7.33	8.70	11.69	14.72
XNLI	*Acc*	83.97	76.01	77.23	78.10	74.59	68.52	71.42	73.13
	ECE	10.83	17.20	17.08	15.58	18.71	22.74	20.12	18.16
	TS	3.98	7.52	7.82	6.15	8.60	11.74	9.06	7.38
	Beta	3.55	6.29	6.15	4.70	7.03	9.70	7.59	5.71
	GPcalib	3.59	6.38	6.35	5.08	7.44	10.23	7.66	5.93
	HIST	2.80	5.48	5.34	4.07	6.22	9.71	6.89	5.03

Table 4: Experiment result with `xlm-roberta-base` under *full-data* setting, color scheme same as above.

Task	Metric(%)	en	de	fr	es	ru	hi	ar	zh
POS	*Acc*	96.05	89.68	87.55	89.46	89.84	73.84	80.93	75.42
	ECE	3.49	8.55	9.77	8.98	8.41	19.74	14.50	15.88
	TS	2.27	4.07	5.29	5.09	3.76	11.09	7.64	5.88
	Beta	2.07	3.37	4.45	4.44	3.55	9.71	6.25	4.91
	GPcalib	1.20	2.29	4.51	3.65	2.82	11.04	5.83	8.16
	HIST	0.77	3.45	4.83	4.01	4.06	11.70	7.65	8.32
UDP	*LAS*	80.68	75.34	72.81	71.62	67.19	35.68	52.74	34.89
	l-ECE	3.88	7.71	8.61	11.18	10.22	21.92	21.45	25.98
	l-TS	3.31	5.20	5.77	7.71	7.01	12.25	13.49	16.21
	l-Beta	1.65	2.45	2.89	5.07	3.90	11.44	12.38	15.37
	l-GPcalib	1.65	1.50	2.75	3.29	2.67	6.80	8.47	11.04
	l-HIST	2.48	5.01	6.97	9.17	8.71	23.50	21.20	27.30
	h-ECE	12.69	13.46	15.26	14.95	18.29	40.68	21.83	39.58
	h-TS	3.71	6.86	7.51	6.94	5.33	11.58	7.01	10.52
	h-Beta	4.61	6.96	6.61	6.39	4.57	14.35	5.24	13.69
	h-GPcalib	3.99	7.39	8.25	7.06	5.99	10.13	7.96	8.10
	h-HIST	4.85	4.79	3.30	3.33	3.53	17.50	6.27	17.19
NER	*F-1*	80.42	76.31	77.43	78.28	66.52	69.54	69.92	39.04
	ECE	7.91	6.93	9.66	10.44	12.04	16.01	14.79	31.51
	TS	2.00	3.37	2.44	2.59	5.43	7.27	4.21	20.70
	Beta	1.53	2.45	1.98	1.91	4.47	6.59	3.83	20.48
	GPcalib	1.09	2.12	1.46	1.81	4.20	6.23	3.30	19.93
	HIST	1.56	3.39	2.13	2.51	4.79	6.94	4.99	21.57
XNLI	*Acc*	60.10	57.43	57.56	58.76	54.47	53.53	54.63	55.73
	ECE	30.40	32.16	32.57	31.58	35.92	35.57	34.45	33.57
	TS	4.17	5.10	5.25	4.71	7.72	7.10	7.10	6.02
	Beta	4.33	4.20	4.89	4.93	7.31	6.60	6.47	5.58
	GPcalib	4.30	4.41	4.62	4.08	7.56	6.45	6.18	5.44
	HIST	4.07	4.92	5.05	5.20	8.00	8.34	7.01	6.15

Table 5: Experiment result with `xlm-roberta-base` under *low-data* setting, color scheme same as above.

Task	Metric(%)	en	de	fr	es	ru	hi	ar	zh
POS	*Acc*	95.26	89.99	88.98	89.84	90.24	74.38	82.37	76.36
	ECE	3.55	7.24	7.28	7.48	6.62	14.29	11.64	11.84
	TS	2.68	3.23	4.81	3.92	3.30	9.20	5.85	6.54
	Beta	2.30	2.10	3.83	2.45	3.70	7.21	4.56	5.74
	GPcalib	1.73	1.63	2.65	2.43	2.38	6.58	3.40	4.69
	HIST	1.09	2.48	3.89	2.72	3.48	11.12	5.68	7.48
UDP	*LAS*	76.06	66.31	64.30	63.97	59.64	32.11	45.39	27.93
	l-ECE	4.62	8.11	9.71	12.01	10.76	23.95	20.90	25.38
	l-TS	4.55	5.09	5.43	7.35	6.99	12.04	12.22	13.69
	l-Beta	2.71	2.95	3.11	5.14	3.72	13.64	11.55	15.17
	l-GPcalib	2.80	2.06	3.00	3.75	2.96	8.99	7.67	10.31
	l-HIST	6.63	7.43	10.01	11.96	11.75	29.34	22.97	33.68
	h-ECE	10.98	15.14	15.20	14.68	19.24	37.07	24.39	36.01
	h-TS	2.61	3.06	5.17	5.19	5.29	17.11	7.62	14.46
	h-Beta	5.30	3.19	4.60	4.84	3.40	17.22	6.25	16.17
	h-GPcalib	7.59	8.62	11.49	10.37	7.08	7.84	6.98	4.61
	h-HIST	5.56	2.74	3.66	3.92	3.25	17.66	6.70	16.69
NER	*F-1*	70.09	69.02	67.81	67.07	55.29	64.94	53.13	30.55
	ECE	13.06	7.81	14.51	16.65	16.43	17.86	25.96	36.34
	TS	2.30	5.71	2.10	4.40	3.31	5.00	10.49	21.82
	Beta	2.14	5.18	2.11	4.45	2.77	5.06	10.80	21.70
	GPcalib	1.86	5.33	2.27	4.11	2.97	5.52	10.68	22.12
	HIST	1.85	5.67	2.93	5.13	4.26	5.99	12.80	22.74
XNLI	*Acc*	39.34	39.28	38.56	38.86	39.12	39.54	37.70	39.66
	ECE	58.11	57.91	58.69	58.17	58.09	56.93	59.33	57.34
	TS	2.92	3.40	3.23	3.20	3.22	2.54	4.00	2.76
	Beta	2.23	1.79	1.82	1.49	1.41	1.75	1.87	2.46
	GPcalib	2.66	2.31	2.24	2.04	1.95	2.63	2.34	1.99
	HIST	2.01	2.36	3.12	2.64	2.85	2.78	3.95	2.14

Table 6: Experiment result with `xlm-roberta-base` under *very-low-data* setting, color scheme same as above.

Task	Metric(%)	en	de	fr	es	ru	hi	ar	zh
POS	*Acc*	96.31	90.26	89.19	89.12	89.35	72.33	79.15	70.13
	ECE	2.86	7.47	7.45	7.89	8.02	18.31	14.78	21.84
	TS	1.88	4.57	3.86	4.46	4.59	12.26	9.11	14.91
	Beta	1.22	3.37	2.81	3.10	3.76	9.96	7.07	13.28
	GPcalib	0.99	3.05	2.51	2.83	3.65	9.64	7.08	13.22
	HIST	0.96	4.38	4.20	4.34	4.73	12.57	8.67	14.44
UDP	*LAS*	87.30	77.51	79.65	75.70	72.77	34.30	58.40	41.04
	l-ECE	2.37	7.16	5.54	8.61	7.66	19.22	14.97	18.92
	l-TS	1.31	3.46	2.67	4.74	3.59	9.52	7.41	11.02
	l-Beta	0.84	3.22	2.30	4.77	3.18	12.49	8.77	12.66
	l-GPcalib	0.78	3.41	2.23	4.76	3.45	11.64	8.65	12.26
	l-HIST	1.57	6.63	5.18	8.25	7.66	24.50	17.37	23.27
	h-ECE	6.25	7.34	9.10	10.10	11.46	31.07	14.63	29.57
	h-TS	1.56	3.34	2.57	2.38	2.28	12.51	3.46	13.68
	h-Beta	1.53	2.66	2.37	2.58	2.17	16.72	3.22	16.41
	h-GPcalib	1.57	3.76	2.61	2.30	2.07	11.24	3.51	12.56
	h-HIST	1.56	2.95	3.47	3.37	3.32	17.99	5.28	17.75
NER	*F-1*	87.71	85.16	79.88	80.88	71.68	75.19	57.67	56.46
	ECE	3.95	3.07	8.80	8.19	9.06	9.72	20.08	17.72
	TS	1.14	1.10	5.09	3.75	4.54	4.46	12.53	11.44
	Beta	0.93	0.82	4.60	3.47	4.24	4.41	12.23	11.06
	GPcalib	0.91	0.95	4.73	3.49	4.28	4.57	12.67	11.41
	HIST	1.21	1.35	5.08	4.28	4.79	5.01	13.01	12.23
XNLI	*Acc*	81.90	70.24	73.61	73.73	67.03	59.42	64.21	68.84
	ECE	10.90	18.51	17.29	16.68	22.75	27.82	22.82	20.40
	TS	3.20	7.53	7.05	6.18	11.36	15.74	10.66	9.02
	Beta	2.85	6.32	5.82	4.88	10.02	14.42	9.46	7.91
	GPcalib	3.46	6.01	5.86	4.80	9.87	14.39	9.32	7.72
	HIST	3.59	6.41	5.70	4.99	9.86	14.59	9.28	7.79

Table 7: Experiment result with `bert-base-multilingual-cased` under *full-data* setting, color scheme same as above.

Task	Metric(%)	en	de	fr	es	ru	hi	ar	zh
POS	*Acc*	95.52	89.55	88.22	88.57	87.43	69.59	78.09	69.44
	ECE	3.50	7.90	9.27	8.95	8.95	19.42	14.45	20.13
	TS	2.29	4.12	5.02	5.84	3.93	13.72	7.96	12.45
	Beta	1.85	2.44	3.58	4.32	2.54	10.04	5.32	10.77
	GPcalib	1.45	2.22	3.75	4.11	2.28	9.30	5.22	10.65
	HIST	0.59	2.93	4.45	4.23	4.00	12.13	6.42	12.32
UDP	*LAS*	81.61	71.18	72.07	70.90	65.23	25.92	50.87	36.01
	l-ECE	3.78	8.34	7.87	10.99	11.28	26.63	20.55	22.99
	l-TS	3.68	5.06	4.90	7.51	7.44	14.84	11.58	13.93
	l-Beta	2.14	2.18	3.57	4.23	3.40	14.56	9.68	12.02
	l-GPcalib	2.22	2.53	4.56	3.31	2.74	9.90	6.54	8.51
	l-HIST	3.43	6.56	7.09	9.21	10.17	31.69	21.06	26.81
	h-ECE	11.16	13.98	14.73	14.39	17.39	44.02	21.94	38.38
	h-TS	5.24	10.22	12.40	10.17	7.70	9.53	8.64	9.68
	h-Beta	6.55	9.54	9.86	8.74	6.49	15.95	6.06	12.28
	h-GPcalib	6.23	13.03	14.97	11.79	10.03	5.29	10.79	8.00
	h-HIST	6.53	7.01	6.17	5.39	4.13	18.28	6.68	15.03
NER	*F-1*	83.09	83.26	82.10	82.19	65.62	71.29	58.79	57.56
	ECE	7.69	4.61	8.69	8.95	13.52	14.18	22.22	18.80
	TS	2.66	4.02	2.97	3.71	5.30	5.34	9.48	8.93
	Beta	2.29	2.74	2.33	2.91	4.96	5.28	10.34	9.24
	GPcalib	2.03	2.42	2.34	3.03	4.46	4.83	9.50	8.93
	HIST	1.04	3.29	1.38	2.10	5.38	6.12	11.42	10.18
XNLI	*Acc*	59.36	55.91	56.05	55.83	54.65	52.85	54.59	54.23
	ECE	26.37	27.20	27.72	28.04	26.66	26.95	26.99	27.54
	TS	6.78	7.44	7.43	6.70	5.64	4.51	5.32	6.43
	Beta	5.80	6.11	6.28	5.75	4.68	3.93	4.18	5.52
	GPcalib	6.58	6.74	6.70	6.14	5.52	4.80	4.67	5.99
	HIST	5.23	5.64	5.42	4.55	5.80	5.53	4.96	5.45

Table 8: Experiment result with `bert-base-multilingual-cased` under *low-data* setting, color scheme same as above.

Task	**Metric(%)**	**en**	**de**	**fr**	**es**	**ru**	**hi**	**ar**	**zh**
POS	*Acc*	94.49	91.40	89.16	90.17	88.44	74.31	78.68	69.05
	ECE	4.13	5.70	7.65	6.93	7.54	16.03	13.07	20.31
	TS	3.16	2.83	3.07	4.02	2.18	11.75	5.98	10.90
	Beta	2.45	2.62	2.59	2.66	2.40	9.57	5.83	9.47
	GPcalib	1.87	3.23	2.09	2.37	2.66	7.53	3.91	8.25
	HIST	1.93	2.40	1.86	1.88	3.00	9.52	5.81	10.92
UDP	*LAS*	76.99	60.45	66.59	64.60	56.21	22.45	41.67	30.93
	l-ECE	4.76	10.30	9.68	12.74	14.05	26.13	22.90	23.64
	l-TS	4.63	5.25	5.55	7.62	8.19	8.74	11.02	10.25
	l-Beta	2.62	3.14	2.94	5.38	5.23	14.45	12.05	12.70
	l-GPcalib	3.02	2.12	2.79	3.75	3.29	9.76	8.84	9.14
	l-HIST	6.87	10.60	9.62	12.11	15.44	35.66	27.01	30.90
	h-ECE	11.80	19.07	15.30	15.18	19.72	43.00	25.54	38.62
	h-TS	8.14	7.76	11.40	11.17	7.50	9.21	6.51	8.86
	h-Beta	5.73	2.86	5.22	5.50	2.36	20.42	5.23	17.14
	h-GPcalib	7.16	8.03	10.94	10.77	8.28	7.26	7.13	7.29
	h-HIST	5.61	2.40	3.82	3.81	2.93	21.62	6.31	18.20
NER	*F-1*	72.56	73.71	71.47	70.56	50.96	62.88	54.51	41.96
	ECE	11.00	5.23	12.18	15.33	17.79	18.86	25.29	33.03
	TS	2.63	7.07	2.48	3.58	5.90	4.65	9.29	19.58
	Beta	2.57	6.36	2.50	3.73	5.65	5.06	10.24	19.53
	GPcalib	2.36	5.98	2.72	4.18	6.07	5.97	10.51	19.53
	HIST	1.53	6.02	3.16	4.21	6.36	5.63	11.61	20.43
XNLI	*Acc*	45.51	43.81	44.85	45.53	44.87	41.58	43.93	45.79
	ECE	45.87	45.91	45.04	44.66	44.37	47.20	45.54	43.91
	TS	5.40	4.92	4.11	6.01	4.18	5.32	4.88	4.86
	Beta	2.90	2.36	2.88	3.31	2.75	2.43	2.35	2.77
	GPcalib	4.72	3.56	4.31	3.88	3.71	4.29	3.82	3.42
	HIST	3.45	4.38	4.12	3.67	3.85	7.34	4.89	4.64

Table 9: Experiment result with `bert-base-multilingual-cased` under *very-low-data* setting, color scheme same as above.

Source		en	de	fr	es	ru	hi	ar	zh
full									
	ori	3.07	6.81	7.52	6.63	5.80	13.06	10.36	34.08
	TS	1.58	4.25	3.96	3.80	3.00	8.44	5.89	25.41
	GPcalib	1.17	3.79	4.54	3.48	2.47	7.49	4.84	27.89
	TS	3.32	7.38	8.06	7.10	6.72	14.14	12.02	28.79
-crf	TS	2.11	5.19	4.94	4.80	4.36	9.75	7.59	17.71
	GPcalib	1.63	4.09	3.47	3.84	3.36	9.43	6.83	9.74
low-data									
	ori	3.29	6.89	8.82	6.65	6.78	14.37	10.66	25.84
	TS	1.79	2.88	3.37	3.18	2.64	8.21	5.83	12.14
	GPcalib	1.01	2.03	3.78	1.75	1.52	5.82	3.00	15.83
	ori	3.31	6.64	8.45	6.37	6.68	14.04	11.59	39.26
-crf	TS	1.66	2.75	3.46	3.26	2.11	8.02	4.46	27.48
	GPcalib	1.42	5.39	7.25	6.44	2.72	10.25	6.04	21.25
very-low-data									
	ori	3.65	5.88	8.50	4.93	6.07	11.91	10.94	35.32
	TS	1.94	2.56	4.80	1.82	2.73	7.82	5.53	28.19
	GPcalib	1.66	2.06	4.59	1.46	2.04	7.41	5.88	30.15
	ori	4.23	7.17	9.22	6.30	7.42	13.45	13.34	43.21
-crf	TS	2.11	2.66	4.26	1.88	2.88	7.63	5.66	36.80
	GPcalib	1.57	2.33	2.85	1.58	2.59	7.76	3.91	34.24

Table 10: structured prediction experiments: POS, comparing different calibration methods with statistical significant tests.

	POS	UDP-label	UDP-head	NER	ACE-t	ACE-f	BETTER-t	BETTER-f
full	1.5	1.58	1.85	1.9	3.32	1.11	3.00	10.94
l-data	1.42	1.77	3.23	1.97	-	-	-	-
ll-data	1.47	2.12	2.96	1.88	-	-	-	-

Table 11: Temperature scaling parameter for mBERT.

	POS	UDP-label	UDP-head	NER	ACE-t	ACE-f	BETTER-t	BETTER-f
full	1.30	1.51	1.72	1.47	1.01	1.12	3.80	38.45
l-data	1.66	1.80	3.39	1.79	-	-	-	-
ll-data	1.43	2.10	2.09	2.01	-	-	-	-

Table 12: Temperature scaling parameter for XLM-R, from one run.

	mBERT	XLMR
full	1.98	2.02
l-data	2.67	2.73
ll-data	6.7	12.48

Table 13: Temperature scaling parameter for both mBERT and XLM-R on XNLI, from one run each.

Task		F-1	t-ECE	f-ECE
mBERT				
ACE	raw	58.57	12.67	21.42
	cal.	-	10.73	21.89
BETTER	raw	35.26	17.85	32.87
	cal.	-	12.98	22.37
XLM-R				
ACE	raw	58.19	11.30	36.76
	cal.	-	11.45	32.56
BETTER	raw	36.24	14.60	39.83
	cal.	-	10.70	18.69

Table 14: Results for En-Ar transference (English). *raw* row corresponds to out-of-the-box model and *cal.* row shows the calibration error reduction by temperature scaling.

Task		F-1	t-ECE	f-ECE
mBERT				
ACE	raw	19.13	20.49	72.59
	cal.	-	12.68	71.76
BETTER	raw	18.45	23.68	58.37
	cal.	-	9.5	27.00
XLM-R				
ACE	raw	26.74	13.84	67.40
	cal.	-	13.36	62.40
BETTER	raw	23.68	21.05	57.26
	cal.	-	9.96	8.29

Table 15: Results for En-Ar transference (Arabic). *raw* row corresponds to out-of-the-box model and *cal.* row shows the calibration error reduction by temperature scaling.