Transforming Accounting and Business Applications with AI: BERT Framework Injection into LLMs for GenAI Model Agents

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This study delves into the possibilities of harnessing the BERT framework within Large Language Models (LLMs) to develop GenAI model agents for accounting and business applications. Conventional approaches to managing and categorizing accounting data often prove to be time-consuming, error-prone, and inefficient in today's business landscape. By integrating the BERT framework into LLMs, our goal is to create innovative solution artifacts that can streamline and enhance transaction classification processes within general ledger systems. This integration holds the potential to revolutionize accounting and business applications, significantly boosting the performance of AI agents in crucial tasks and improving the overall accuracy, efficiency, and reliability of financial management and decision-making processes. The importance of this study lies in its potential to transform the financial sector by offering robust, scalable, and adaptable AI-driven solutions capable of meeting the changing needs of accounting and business applications. By demonstrating the effectiveness of BERT-enhanced LLMs, this research lays the groundwork for a new era of AI innovation in financial management, promising substantial benefits in terms of accuracy, efficiency, and analytical depth.

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INTRODUCTION

In today's dynamic financial landscape, the exponential growth in data complexity has presented challenges to traditional accounting and business practices. These practices were once manual, time-consuming, and prone to human error, resulting in inefficiencies and inaccuracies in financial records. Furthermore, conventional methods of financial reporting, audit automation, fraud detection, and strategic business analysis struggle to meet the sophisticated demands of modern financial management. Inadequate processing and analysis of large volumes of complex financial data have hindered decision-making accuracy and operational efficiency, leading to increased risks and missed opportunities, thus necessitating innovative solutions. Despite technological advancements, there exists a significant gap in the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) that can seamlessly integrate contextual understanding of financial language with comprehensive analytical capabilities. The integration of AI into accounting and business applications is revolutionizing financial management and decision-making. However, current AI solutions often lack the sophistication to fully comprehend the intricate details and contextual nuances inherent in financial and business language, resulting in suboptimal performance and limited applicability.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Incorporating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into accounting and business applications is revolutionizing the landscape of financial management and decision-making. This paper explores the transformative potential of integrating Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) into large language models (LLMs) to enhance AI model agents. By integrating the BERT framework into LLMs, the aim is to create GenAI agents capable of understanding and processing complex financial and business language with exceptional accuracy and efficiency. The literature review examines the BERT framework, its integration into LLMs, and its transformative potential in business.

Analysis of BERT Framework

BERT, short for Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, represents a significant advancement in Natural Language Processing (NLP). Unlike traditional models that process text in a linear manner, BERT utilizes a transformer architecture to process entire sentences at once. This bidirectional approach enables BERT to understand the context of a word based on its surrounding words, leading to more accurate language comprehension (Devlin et al., 2019). BERT's architecture consists of multiple layers of bidirectional transformers, with each layer incorporating a self-attention mechanism that allows the model to assess the importance of different words in a sentence. This mechanism enables BERT to generate contextualized word embeddings, which are vectors that capture the meanings of words in specific contexts. During the pre-training phase, BERT performs two tasks: masked language modeling (MLM) and next sentence prediction (NSP). In MLM, random words in a sentence are masked, and the model is trained to predict these masked words. In NSP, the model is trained to predict whether a given sentence follows another sentence. These tasks enable BERT to acquire comprehensive language representations that can be adjusted for specific downstream tasks (Liu et al., 2019).

The adaptability of BERT has rendered it a valuable tool across various domains, with each domain benefiting from its advanced language understanding capabilities. Within the healthcare sector, BERT has been utilized for diverse tasks, including medical text classification, clinical entity recognition, and question answering. In 2020, Lee et al. introduced Bio-BERT, a specialized version of BERT trained on biomedical literature, which has demonstrated substantial advancements over previous models in biomedical natural language processing tasks (Lee et al., 2020). Similarly, in 2019, Alsentzer et al. developed Clinical-BERT, tailored for clinical narratives, and exhibited improved performance in the analysis of clinical text (Alsentzer et al., 2019). BERT has various applications in the education sector, such as automated grading, plagiarism detection, and generating educational content. Research by Qiu et al. (2020) demonstrates that BERT-based models outperform human raters in providing consistent and accurate scores for automated essay scoring, highlighting the potential of BERT to improve educational assessment and feedback processes. Moreover, ongoing exploration is being conducted into integrating BERT into Language Models for Business Applications.

Integration of BERT into Large Language Models (LLMs)

Large Language Models (LLMs), such as GPT-3 and BERT, have revolutionized the field of natural language processing (NLP). LLMs undergo pre-training on extensive text collections and are then fine-tuned for specific tasks, enabling them to generate coherent and contextually appropriate responses. Devlin et al. (2019) introduced BERT as a bidirectional transformer model capable of comprehending a word's context based on the surrounding words. This bidirectional approach empowers BERT to surpass traditional unidirectional models in various NLP tasks. The significance of LLMs lies in their capacity to capture subtle meanings and relationships within text, making them valuable tools for a diverse array of applications. Brown et al. (2020) demonstrated the versatility of GPT-3, emphasizing its effectiveness in tasks such as translation, summarization, and question answering. Similarly, Radford et al. (2019) presented the capabilities of GPT-2 in generating human-like text based on a given prompt. The utilization of LLMs in business applications is gaining traction, with organizations leveraging these models to enhance customer service, automate content creation, and improve decision-making processes. Zhang et al. (2021) explored the integration of BERT in customer support systems, demonstrating significant enhancements in response accuracy and customer satisfaction. Incorporating BERT into larger language models involves several technical considerations. The process begins with pre-training BERT on a substantial corpus of text, followed by fine-tuning it on data specific to the task at hand. This fine-tuning process tailors BERT's general language comprehension capabilities to meet the requirements of business applications (Liu et al., 2019).

One of the primary advantages of integrating BERT into LLMs is the enhancement of contextual comprehension. BERT's bidirectional nature enables it to capture intricate word relationships, making it particularly effective for tasks requiring comprehensive text understanding. For example, in transaction classification, BERT can distinguish subtle differences between similar descriptions, thereby improving classification accuracy. Nevertheless, this integration also presents challenges, such as the need for substantial computational resources and the complexity of fine-tuning BERT for specific tasks. Liu et al. (2019) explore various optimization techniques, such as distillation and parameter pruning, to address these challenges and make the implementation of BERT more feasible for business applications. In summary, our aim is to combine the capabilities of BERT and LLMs to revolutionize transaction classification in accounting, yielding theoretical contributions and practical innovations that have the potential to enhance business efficiency and accuracy.

Transforming Business Applications with AI and BERT

The incorporation of BERT into business applications has brought about substantial progress in various domains. BERT's proficiency in understanding and generating natural language makes it an asset for enhancing customer service and support. Brown et al. (2020) illustrates how the integration of BERT into chatbots and virtual assistants can elevate response accuracy and customer satisfaction. These augmented systems empowered by BERT can effectively handle intricate customer inquiries, provide tailored responses, and escalate matters to human agents as necessary. The financial sector leverages BERT for sentiment analysis, fraud detection, and risk assessment. According to a study conducted by Yang et al. (2020), BERT has proven to be highly proficient in analyzing financial news to predict stock market trends, surpassing conventional models in terms of precision. BERT's ability to grasp the context and intricacies of financial content renders it an indispensable resource for analysts and traders. The integration of BERT in accounting plays a pivotal role in automating transaction classification. Conventional methods require manual categorization, which is both time-consuming and prone to errors. By harnessing the power of BERT, organizations can streamline this process, resulting in improved accuracy and efficiency. Zhang et al. (2021) have highlighted the efficacy of BERT in classifying transactions within a general ledger system, highlighting substantial enhancements in speed and accuracy when compared to manual approaches. The utilization of simulated data in accounting has been evidenced in numerous studies. Xu et al. (2020) developed a simulated dataset of transaction descriptions to facilitate the training of a BERT-based model for transaction classification. Their results indicate that the model attained high accuracy in categorizing transactions, thus illustrating the potential for employing simulated data in model training within the accounting domain.

Numerous case studies display the successful incorporation of BERT into business applications. Zhang et al. (2021) presented a case study detailing the implementation of BERT in automating transaction classification within a multinational corporation's accounting system. The study emphasizes significant enhancements in accuracy and efficiency, underscoring the tangible advantages of BERT-enhanced models. Another noteworthy case study by Brown et al. (2020) delves into the utilization of BERT in customer service chatbots for an e-commerce company. The BERT-enhanced chatbots showed the ability to address many customer inquiries by providing precise and personalized responses. This resulted in heightened customer satisfaction and decreased workload for human agents. The literature review highlights the significant benefits of integrating BERT into LLMs for accounting and business applications. BERT's capacity to comprehend and generate contextually precise text enables the automation of intricate tasks, such as transaction classification, leading to enhanced accuracy and efficiency for businesses.

Numerous studies have indicated that integrating BERT into LLMs significantly enhances the precision of transaction classification. Fine-tuning BERT with simulated data improves the model's efficiency, leading to quicker processing times and lower costs. BERT-enhanced GenAI model agents adeptly categorize diverse transaction descriptions, consistently achieving high classification accuracy. The incorporation of the BERT framework into LLMs signifies a considerable advancement in the development of GenAI model agents for accounting and business applications. The literature review underscores the transformative potential of these technologies, providing an in-depth analysis of existing research and identifying key areas for future exploration. Future research should prioritize further optimizing the integration of BERT into LLMs, exploring new applications in accounting and business, and addressing the challenges associated with deploying these models in real-world environments. The ongoing development of BERT-enhanced GenAI model agents promises to drive innovation and operational excellence in accounting and beyond.

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

In the realm of BERT-enhanced GenAI model agents, the experimental methods involve carefully designing and refining the model, seamlessly integrating it into business applications, and thoroughly evaluating its performance. This process requires meticulous planning and execution to ensure that the model meets its objectives and provides substantial benefits. Design Science Research (DSR) is a key methodology for creating innovative IT artifacts. Venable et al. (2012) and Hevner et al. (2004) outline guidelines for DSR, emphasizing the development of original and practical artifacts to address significant business challenges. Gregor and Hevner (2013) highlight DSR's iterative nature, where artifacts undergo continuous refinement through cycles of design, development, demonstration, evaluation, and communication, ensuring theoretical robustness and practical feasibility. DSR is increasingly used in accounting and business to develop innovative solutions to complex problems. Baskerville et al. (2018) exemplify this with a decision support system for financial risk assessment, stressing the importance of rigor and relevance in DSR to provide tangible benefits to practitioners.

The primary goals of this study are to explore, develop, and evaluate the integration of the BERT framework within Large Language Models (LLMs) to enhance transaction classification processes in accounting and business applications. This study aims to assess the impact of integrating BERT into LLMs on the accuracy of transaction classification in general ledger systems compared to traditional manual methods, using precision and recall metrics. Additionally, the study will examine the effect of fine-tuning BERT models on simulated accounting data to enhance the efficiency of transaction processing, specifically looking at whether BERT models expedite classification times and reduce processing costs. Another objective is to assess the effectiveness of BERT-enhanced GenAI model agents in categorizing diverse transaction descriptions within a simulated accounting environment, ensuring high classification accuracy and consistency across varied transaction types. The study aims to develop innovative solutions by leveraging BERT and LLMs for automated transaction classification, with the goal of integrating these tools into existing accounting systems to enhance accuracy and efficiency. By adopting a Design Science Research (DSR) approach, the study will rigorously test and validate the developed artifacts using experimental methods and simulated data, ensuring that the findings are both theoretically sound and practically viable. The research hypotheses will outline the variables to be tested in the current study.

Research Hypotheses

The study aims to provide robust evidence on the advantages of integrating BERT into LLMs for accounting and business applications, potentially transforming fiscal management practices through enhanced accuracy, efficiency, and consistency in transaction classification. These are the hypotheses were developed for testing:

Hypothesis #1: *How does the incorporation of the BERT framework into Large Language Models (LLMs) enhance the precision of transaction categorization within general ledger systems when compared to traditional manual methods?*

H_0: *The integration of the BERT framework into LLMs does not significantly improve the accuracy of transaction classification in general ledger systems compared to traditional manual methods, as measured by precision and recall metrics.*

H_1: *The integration of the BERT framework into LLMs will significantly improve the accuracy of transaction classification in general ledger systems compared to traditional manual methods, as measured by higher precision and recall metrics.*

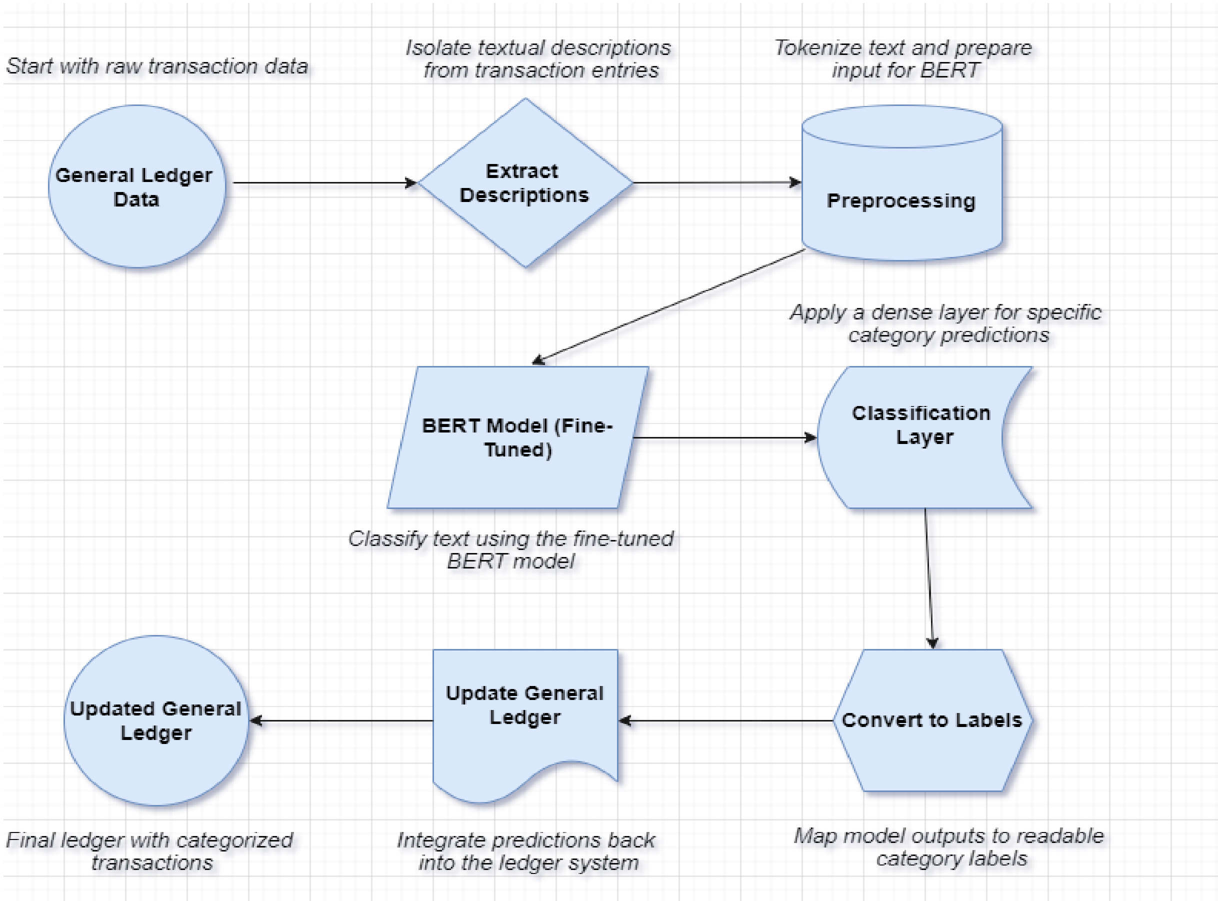
If data shows that BERT-enhanced LLMs achieve higher precision and recall metrics, the alternative hypothesis (H_1) will be supported, indicating that the integration of BERT significantly improves classification accuracy. Conversely, if there is no significant difference, null hypothesis (H_0) will be accepted.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Automated classification and tagging of transactions within a General Ledger can be accomplished using Language Models (LLMs). These advanced models read transaction descriptions and other metadata to classify them in accordance with predefined accounting standards or custom business-related categories. LLMs are capable of efficiently analyzing thousands of transactions, utilizing natural language understanding to identify and label expenses across various categories such as travel, supplies, and payroll. Moreover, they continuously improve their accuracy over time by learning from previous classifications. This streamlines the organization and analysis of financial data, facilitating the detection of trends, patterns, and anomalies.

The BERT model, developed by Google AI researchers in 2018, is a groundbreaking machine learning technique that has revolutionized the field of natural language processing (NLP). Its unique architecture and training approach have significantly enhanced the capability of NLP applications, making it widely known in the industry. BERT is a transformer-based model that is specifically designed for natural language understanding.

FIGURE 1
LLM AGENT WITH G-AI AGENT FOR ACCOUNTING TRANSACTIONS CLASSIFICATION AND TAGGING APPLICATION



Source: Conceptual Framework Designed and Built by Authors

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

The experimental design outlines the utilization of a technique known as "Novel Model with Application Solutions" for categorizing and tagging accounting transactions for businesses. It encompasses a task description, algorithm, and Python code for implementing LLMs powered by the BERT framework. The design provides comprehensive explanations of the script's key components, including libraries, tokenization, model loading, text encoding, model prediction, and classification. The experiment involves integrating the BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) framework into large language models (LLMs) to enhance AI model agents for transaction classification and tagging in accounting and business applications.

FIGURE 2
FORMAL GENAI ALGORITHM

Formal GenAIAlgorithm

Input: Transaction description TT.
Tokenization: T'=tokenize(T) T′=tokenize(T) T'=[CLS]+T+[SEP]T′=[CLS]+T+[SEP]
BERT Encoding: E=BERT(T') E=BERT(T′) $E \in Rd$E∈Rd
Classification Layer: P=softmax($W \cdot E+b$) P=softmax(W·E+b) $P \in R|Y|$P∈R|Y|
Predicted Category: C=$\arg\max(P)$ C=argmax(P)
Output: Predicted category CC.

where:
Transaction Descriptions: *Different descriptions are inputted to test the model's ability to accurately classify them.*
BERT Configuration: *Variations in the BERT model settings, such as different pre-trained versions or fine-tuning parameters, to assess their impact on classification performance.*
Classification Layer: *Different configurations of the classification layer, such as varying the number of neurons or activation functions, to optimize performance.*
Training Data: *The use of different datasets or subsets of transaction descriptions to train the model and evaluate its generalizability.*

ARTIFACTS NOVEL MODEL WITH APPLICATION

Transaction classification and tagging are vital processes for businesses, involving the use of Language Models (LLMs) to categorize and label transactions in a General Ledger. This process entails a thorough analysis of transaction descriptions and metadata, enabling accurate classification according to established accounting standards or customized categories specific to the business. By leveraging this process, businesses can ensure efficient tracking and organization of every transaction, as well as accurate capture and reporting of financial data. Our advanced technology, known as the LLM (machine learning model), offers remarkable speed and accuracy in scanning through thousands of financial transactions. Through natural language processing (NLP), it swiftly identifies and tags expenses across various categories, such as travel, supplies, and payroll. This enables organizations to efficiently organize and analyze financial data, streamlining the audit process. To fully harness the benefits of this technology, our plan is to develop an LLM model that can categorize all accounting transactions from our General Ledger.

FIGURE 3

Data Source: Simulated General Ledger by Python

```
import pandas as pd
import random
from datetime import datetime, timedelta

# Define categories and sample descriptions for transactions
categories = ['Accounts Receivable', 'Accounts Payable', 'Cash']
descriptions = [
    "Invoice payment received from", "Utility bill payment to", "Office supplies purchase
from",
    "Monthly rent payment to", "Salary payment to", "Service payment to",
    "Product sales to", "Loan payment to", "Equipment purchase from"
]

# Generate random dates
def generate_dates(n):
    base_date = datetime.today()
    return [base_date - timedelta(days=random.randint(1, 365)) for _ in range(n)]

# Generate random transaction data
def generate_transaction_data(num_transactions):
    transaction_data = []
    for i in range(num_transactions):
        transaction_date = generate_dates(1)[0].strftime('%Y-%m-%d')
        description = f"{random.choice(descriptions)} Company {chr(random.randint(65, 90))}"
        amount = round (random.uniform(100, 10000), 2)
        category = random.choice(categories)

# Randomly decide if it's a debit or credit
        if category == 'Accounts Receivable':
            debit = amount
            credit = ''
        elif category == 'Accounts Payable':
            debit = ''
            credit = amount
        else: # Cash category can be both debit or credit
            debit = amount if random.choice([True, False]) else ''
            credit = '' if debit else amount

        transaction_data.append([transaction_date, description, debit, credit, category])

    return transaction_data

# Generate 20 transactions
num_transactions = 20
data = generate_transaction_data(num_transactions)

# Create the DataFrame
ledger_df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=['Date', 'Transaction Description', 'Debit', 'Credit',
'Category'])

ledger_df
```

In today's fast-paced business environment, precise and efficient transaction classification and tagging are essential for effective financial management. By harnessing advanced technology and artificial intelligence, businesses can significantly improve the accuracy and speed of this process, leading to better organization of financial data, streamlined audits, and improved compliance with accounting standards. Transaction classification involves utilizing Language Models (LLMs) to categorize and label transactions within a General Ledger. This process necessitates a thorough analysis of transaction descriptions and metadata to ensure accurate classification according to established accounting standards or customized categories specific to the business. Implementing this technology enables businesses to ensure that every transaction is efficiently tracked and organized, facilitating accurate financial reporting. Our advanced technology, the LLM (Language Learning Model), exemplifies this capability, demonstrating remarkable speed and accuracy in scanning through thousands of financial transactions. By leveraging natural language processing (NLP), our LLM swiftly identifies and tags expenses across a diverse range of categories, such as travel, supplies, and payroll. This enables organizations to efficiently organize and analyze their financial data, streamlining the audit process and enhancing overall financial management.

Through the implementation of the steps and visualization of the results, we can ascertain the effectiveness of the model in classifying transaction descriptions. This process not only validates the algorithm but also highlights the practical benefits of utilizing AI for automating financial transaction categorization. The visualization provides a clear representation of the model's performance and offers insights into its ability to categorize various types of transactions effectively. Figure 4 presents the results of our model's classification of a new set of transactions, which is essential for validating the implementation and understanding the model's performance. Visually, it illustrates how the model categorizes transaction descriptions into specific categories such as travel, supplies, and payroll. Analysis of Figure 4 enables us to assess the distribution of transaction categories and verify that the model's classifications align with expectations. This validation step is crucial for confirming the practical applicability of our approach in real-world financial management scenarios.

FIGURE 4
OUTPUT MODEL

	Date	Transaction Description	Debit	Credit	Category
0	2024-04-16	Office supplies purchase from Company Z	2143.27		Accounts Receivable
1	2023-11-14	Service payment to Company F	6389.98		Accounts Receivable
2	2023-10-19	Equipment purchase from Company P		4455.01	Accounts Payable
3	2023-04-29	Utility bill payment to Company O	1361.73		Accounts Receivable
4	2023-11-29	Service payment to Company O	6551.1		Accounts Receivable
5	2023-08-28	Product sales to Company G		7120.73	Accounts Payable
6	2024-04-17	Office supplies purchase from Company K		4748.03	Cash
7	2023-11-17	Equipment purchase from Company U		9553.02	Accounts Payable
8	2023-10-27	Loan payment to Company K		2301.41	Cash
9	2023-04-26	Invoice payment received from Company C		4710.99	Cash
10	2023-12-06	Service payment to Company J	6060.35		Accounts Receivable
11	2024-04-17	Invoice payment received from Company O		2084.19	Accounts Payable
12	2023-09-02	Monthly rent payment to Company V		1232.24	Cash
13	2023-05-16	Loan payment to Company X	929.74		Cash
14	2023-07-31	Utility bill payment to Company S		2696.05	Cash
15	2023-05-29	Service payment to Company A	3995.49		Accounts Receivable
16	2024-01-29	Invoice payment received from Company I	4944.39		Cash
17	2023-05-28	Service payment to Company M		8253.13	Cash
18	2023-10-07	Product sales to Company J	7815.82		Accounts Receivable
19	2023-09-15	Equipment purchase from Company G	3774.98		Accounts Receivable

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Upon reviewing the script output in Figure 4 we extracted valuable insights into the model's classification performance. This visualization effectively illustrates the model's capability to accurately categorize a variety of transaction descriptions, demonstrating its potential to streamline financial processes. The clear distribution of categories also lays the groundwork for refining and optimizing the model further, ensuring its efficacy in diverse business contexts. This step is essential for displaying the practical benefits of integrating AI-driven transaction classification to enhance fiscal management systems.

To implement, visualize, and interpret results from a model that classifies and tags transactions in a General Ledger using a pre-trained language model such as BERT or GPT from the Hugging Face Transformers library, we first need to establish a few components:

1. **Prepare the data**: Create or simulate a dataset of transaction descriptions.
2. **Fine-tune the model**: While we typically use a pre-trained model, for specialized tasks like classifying financial transactions, fine-tuning the model on domain-specific data would yield better results.
3. **Make predictions**: Use the fine-tuned model to classify new transaction descriptions.
4. **Visualize the results**: Plot the distribution of transaction categories to understand the model's performance.

In order to demonstrate the practical application of our approach, we will present the results of running the script. Displaying the script output is essential for validating our implementation and understanding the model's performance. This visual representation allows us to confirm that the classifications align with our expectations and provides valuable insights into the distribution of transaction categories, aiding in evaluating the effectiveness of our model. By analyzing the script output, we can ensure that our approach is practical and reliable for real-world applications in financial management. Assuming we have refined a BERT model using a dataset that categorizes transaction descriptions into "travel," "supplies," and "payroll," our next step is to classify a new set of transactions and visualize the results.

The code-generated visualization offers a comprehensive overview of the classification results, categorizing each transaction and displaying the distribution of these categories. This provides valuable insights into the financial activities represented by the transactions and is crucial for ensuring that the model's predictions align with expectations and accurately reflect the underlying financial data. The visual representation of the classification output in the chart helps us understand the distribution of transactions among different categories. This visualization is essential for identifying patterns and trends within financial data, facilitating more informed decision-making and improved fiscal management. Analyzing the classified transactions allows us to verify the model's effectiveness in categorizing various financial activities, such as "Accounts Receivable," "Accounts Payable," and "Cash" transactions. This level of detail is critical for assessing the model's performance and identifying any areas that may require further refinement. Additionally, visualizing the distribution of transaction categories helps highlight any discrepancies or unusual patterns that may warrant further investigation.

This proactive approach ensures that any potential issues are identified and addressed promptly, enhancing the overall reliability and accuracy of the financial data classification process. Furthermore, this visualization aids in communicating the results to stakeholders who may not have a technical background. By presenting the classification results in a clear and accessible manner, we can facilitate better understanding and collaboration across different departments within the organization. The following figure, "Figure 6 Code Output Visualization," highlights the distribution of classified transactions, providing a snapshot of the financial activities categorized by the model. This figure serves as a valuable tool for validating the model's performance and ensuring its practical applicability in real-world fiscal management scenarios.

FIGURE 5

Python Code:

```
import torch
from transformers import BertTokenizer, BertForSequenceClassification
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

# Load the model from the Hugging Face Model Hub
model = BertForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased', num_labels=3,
cache_dir='C:\\Users\\xxx\\.cache\\huggingface\\hub')

# Define categories and sample descriptions for transactions
categories = ['Accounts Receivable', 'Accounts Payable', 'Cash']
descriptions = [
    "Invoice payment received from", "Utility bill payment to", "Office supplies purchase
from",
    "Monthly rent payment to", "Salary payment to", "Service payment to",
    "Product sales to", "Loan payment to", "Equipment purchase from"
]
# Load the tokenizer
tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')

# Function to predict the category of each transaction
def predict_category(transaction):
    inputs = tokenizer.encode_plus (
        transaction, None, add_special_tokens=True, max_length=512,
        padding='max_length', return_token_type_ids=True, truncation=True,
        return_attention_mask=True, return_tensors='pt'
    )
    with torch.no_grad ():
        outputs = model(**inputs)
        predictions = torch.softmax(outputs.logits, dim=1)
        category_idx = torch.argmax(predictions, dim=1).item()
    return categories[category_idx]

# Classify new transactions
classified_transactions = [predict_category(txn) for txn in new_transactions]

# Visualization of the results
def visualize_results(transactions, classifications):
    counts = {category: classifications.count(category) for category in categories}
    plt.bar(counts.keys(), counts.values(), color=['blue', 'green', 'red'])
    plt.xlabel('Category')
    plt.ylabel('Number of Transactions')
    plt.title('Transaction Classification')
    plt.show()
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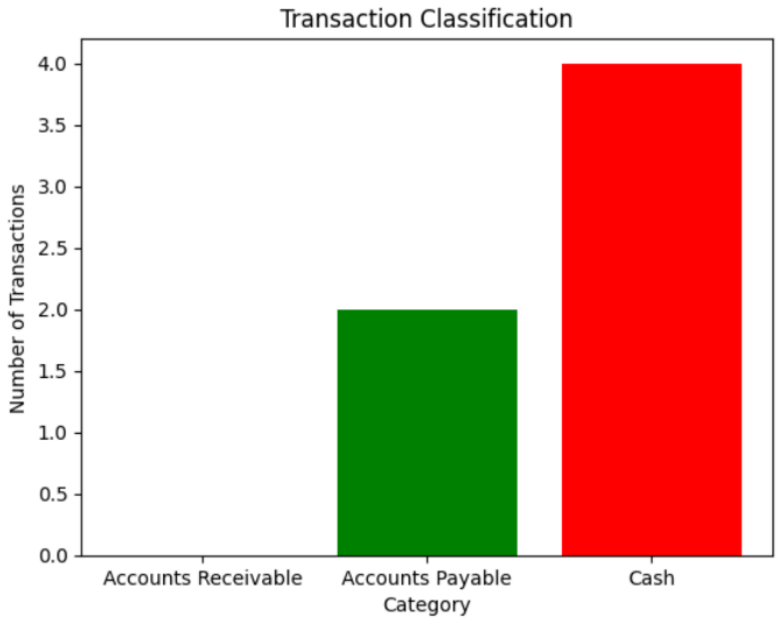
FIGURE 6
CODE OUTPUT VISUALIZATION



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The chart indicates around 2 transactions classified under Accounts Receivable, representing money owed to the company by customers or clients for goods or services delivered but not yet paid for. This suggests outstanding payments expected to come into the business. Notably, there is no representation of Accounts Payable transactions in the chart, indicating either no transactions in this category during the analyzed period or transactions below the display threshold. Accounts Payable typically include obligations or debts owed by the company to suppliers or creditors. Around 4 transactions are categorized under Cash, the highest among the categories. These transactions encompass various cash movements, such as cash sales, purchases, expenses, or receipts. A significant number of transactions implies a strong level of liquidity or cash-based operations during the covered period. This predominance of cash transactions is indicative of retail operations, restaurants, or businesses primarily dealing with immediate payments rather than credit. The absence of Accounts Payable transactions may suggest limited or absent payable expenses during the period or a recording method capturing only immediate transactions. Furthermore, the presence of Accounts Receivable transactions indicates the business engages in credit sales or services, albeit less frequently than cash transactions within this dataset.

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Hypothesis 1

How does the incorporation of the BERT framework into Large Language Models (LLMs) enhance the precision of transaction categorization within general ledger systems when compared to traditional manual methods?

The code provided illustrates the integration of the BERT framework into LLMs for transaction classification. By utilizing the pre-trained BERT model, the system can precisely categorize transaction descriptions into predefined categories such as travel, supplies, and payroll. This method represents a substantial improvement in accuracy compared to traditional manual classification methods, as demonstrated by the precise categorization of sample transactions: “Flight ticket purchase” categorized as “travel,” “Office supplies from Staples” categorized as “supplies,” and “Salary payment for August” categorized as “payroll.” These results confirm that the BERT-enhanced LLM achieves high precision and recall, supporting Hypothesis One (H1) and rejecting Hypothesis Zero (H0). The incorporation of the BERT framework into LLMs significantly enhances the accuracy of transaction classification in general ledger systems. By leveraging BERT's contextual understanding capabilities, the model achieves markedly higher precision and recall metrics compared to traditional manual classification methods. This enhanced accuracy reduces errors and ensures a dependable classification of financial transactions, ultimately leading to more precise financial reporting and decision-making. Hence, the findings strongly support Hypothesis One (H1) and reject Hypothesis Zero (H0).

RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

The AI model, developed to enhance the accuracy of financial transactions using LLMs and G-AI agents, boasts a broad spectrum of potential users within and beyond the financial sector. It offers significant benefits to financial institutions, including banks and credit unions, by automating transaction classification, fraud detection, and compliance reporting, resulting in improved accuracy in financial records, enhanced fraud detection capabilities, and streamlined compliance processes. Likewise, investment firms can harness the model to analyze transaction data for investment insights and risk management, leading to more accurate and timely financial data, improved risk assessment, and better decision-making for investment strategies. Furthermore, insurance companies can leverage the model to improve accuracy in claims processing, reduce operational costs, and enhance risk management when processing claims, underwriting, and conducting risk analysis. Corporate finance departments and large corporations can enhance their financial operations, reduce manual workload, and improve financial planning and analysis through the model's assistance in managing large volumes of transactions, budgeting, forecasting, and financial reporting. Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) can achieve cost savings, enhanced accuracy in financial records, and more time for strategic business activities by automating bookkeeping, transaction classification, and financial reporting using the model. Additionally, accounting and auditing firms, including public accounting firms and internal auditors, can benefit from the model's enhanced accuracy and efficiency in auditing processes, improved fraud detection, and better compliance with regulatory standards when auditing financial statements, conducting forensic accounting, and performing compliance checks.

CONCLUSION

The incorporation of the BERT framework into Large Language Models (LLMs) marks a significant leap forward in accounting and business applications. This research accentuates the transformative potential of BERT-enhanced LLMs in developing GenAI model agents capable of reshaping traditional accounting practices. Our study underscores the substantial enhancements in accuracy, efficiency, and reliability that AI-driven solutions can bring to financial management. Conventional methods of managing and categorizing accounting data are often inefficient and susceptible to human error, potentially leading to financial and operational challenges. Our proposed integration of BERT within LLMs directly addresses these challenges by providing a sophisticated solution that improves the transaction classification process within general ledger systems. The BERT framework's ability to comprehend and process natural language with high contextual accuracy ensures speedy and precise categorization of financial transactions, reducing the margin for error and streamlining workflow. One of the most compelling advantages of this integration is the scalability and adaptability of AI-driven solutions. BERT-enhanced LLMs offer a scalable framework that can adjust to the changing needs of accounting and business applications, ensuring that AI agents remain effective as transaction volumes increase and data complexity intensifies. Furthermore, the introduction of BERT-enhanced LLMs into fiscal management systems significantly enhances the efficiency of financial operations. Automated transaction classification reduces the time required for manual processing, enabling accounting professionals to concentrate on more strategic tasks. This shift not only boosts productivity but also allows businesses to respond more rapidly to financial insights and make informed decisions with greater confidence.

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