基于对抗域适应的跨域需求链接 Cross-Domain Requirements Linking via Adversarial-based Domain Adaptation

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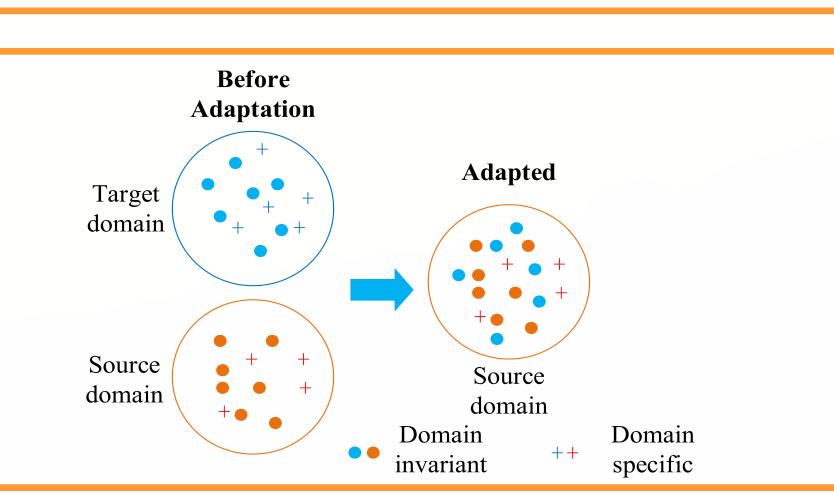
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Introduction

- **Requirements linking:** An ability to describe and follow the life of a requirement, in both a forward and backward direction, e.g., standards to requirements and requirements to test cases.
- Cold start projects: 1) Some small-scale or newly started projects generally contain few requirements and linked artifacts as data resources; 2) For projects with sufficient data resources, the requirements links are typically missing or unreliable.
- Requirements Linking Problems for Cold Start Projects: 1) Require labeled requirements links as a prerequisite; 2) Training with sufficient labeled samples in other datasets, the distribution of features between different datasets is uneven.
- **Domain Adaptation for Cross-domain Requirements linking:** 1)Map data from different domains into the same feature space; 2)Train a linking model on a dataset with sufficient data resources (*Source Domain*), and then apply the linking model to cold-start projects (*Target Domain*) without any linking information.

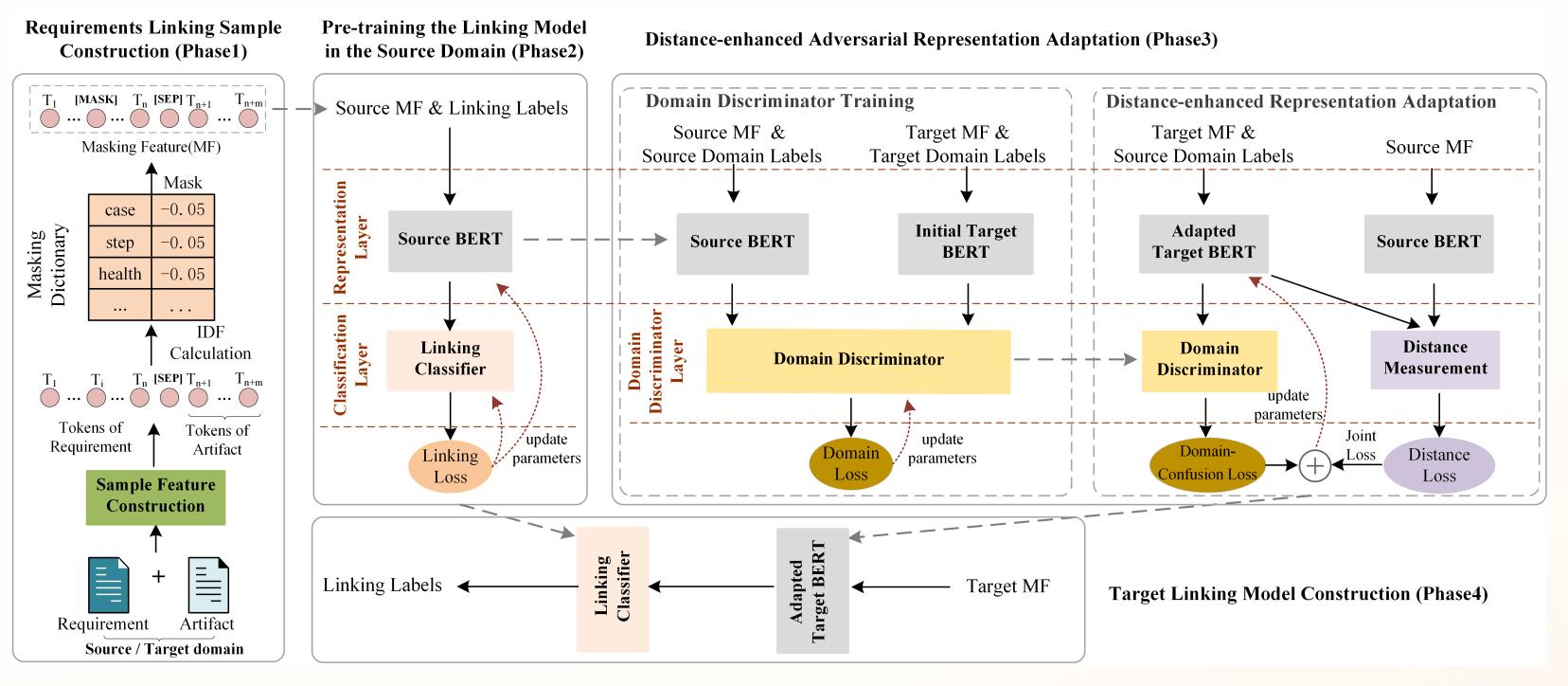
Challenge

- Challenge-1: Designing strategies to encourage models to prioritize *domain-invariant features* in cross-domain requirements linking
- Challenge-2: Comprehensively utilize *adversarial-based approaches* and *distance measurement* to boost cross-domain requirements linking performance.



Approach

Approach name: RADIATION



- Phase 1: Conduct standard data pre-processing, mask domain-specific features, and constructs training samples for source and target samples (Addressing Challenge-1)
- Phase 2: Pre-train a linking model for requirements linking with the labeled source samples
- Phase 3: Adapt the representations of the target domain to the representation space of source domain by a distance-enhanced adversarial adaptation (Addressing Challenge-2)
- Phase 4: Construct requirements linking model for the target domain

Experiment

Dataset

Dataset	Domain	Description	True Links			
HIPPA	Medical Regulations	10 regulatory codes 1889 requirements	242			
CM1-NASA (CM1)	Aerospace	22 high-level requirements 53 low-level requirements	45			
EasyClinic (Easy)	Management Software	30 user cases 63 test cases	63			
EBT	Software System Artifacts	40 requirements 25 test cases	51			
Infusion Pump (Infusion)	Medical Equipment	21 components 126 requirements	131			

- Baseline
- T-BERT: a state-of-the-art approach for the linking task by supervised learning.
- > S2Trace: a state-of-the-art unsupervised approach for requirements linking.
- DistanceNet: a state-of-the-art approach for domain adaptation.

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Result

Metric	Model	T: HIPPA S: CMI S: Easy S: EBT S: Infusion			T: CM1			T: Easy				T: EBT				T: Infusion					
		S: CMI	S: Easy	S: EBT	S: Infusion	S: HIPPA	S: Easy	S: EBT	S: Infusion	S: HIPPA	S: CMI	S: EBT	S: Infusion	S: HIPPA	S: CM1	S: Easy	S: Infusion	S: HIPPA	S: CMI	S: Easy	S: EBT
Precision	RADIATION	78.8%	84.2%	88.4%	65.3%	57.4%	67.4%	69.8%	61.0%	54.6%	58.9%	59.6%	55.2%	57.1%	67.4%	69.8%	61.0%	57.4%	79.6%	75.0%	60.3%
	T-BERT (Hard-Transfer)	0.0%	33.9%	79.4%	83.0%	52.2%	29.3%	77.7%	89.3%	45.4%	62.0%	99.5%	99.7%	62.8%	88.8%	27.6%	49.5%	63.7%	82.3%	26.5%	70.2%
	S2Trace	44.4%			31.1%				47.2%				41.2%				33.6%				
	DistanceNet	70.2%	63.2%	54.5%	53.9%	50.0%	47.5%	45.9%	49.3%	53.0%	53.5%	53.5%	53.0%	51.8%	57.9%	58.1%	47.3%	67.9%	80.8%	75.5%	80.5%
	T-BERT (Within-Target)		67.79	% (60%)			60.0% (90%)			66.7% (50%)			75.0% (1	00%)			58.3% (10	0%)	
Recall	RADIATION	72.4%	77.6%	59.4%	94.3%	94.6%	89.2%	81.1%	97.3%	99.8%	99.9%	99.9%	99.8%	99.9%	92,9%	92.9%	97.6%	86,6%	80.4%	85.7%	83.0%
	T-BERT (Hard-Transfer)	0.0%	15.2%	11.1%	18.1%	51.1%	26.6%	46.6%	55.5%	7.9%	57.1%	26.9%	36.5%	86.2%	15.7%	25.5%	99.7 %	33.6%	10.7%	12.9%	19.8%
	S2Trace	13.1%			48.3%			73.7%			21.4%				16.8%						
	DistanceNet	44.3%	77.0%	76.0%	99.5%	97.3%	78.4%	75.6%	99.7%	99.7%	99.8%	99.7%	99.7%	99.8%	95.2%	76.1%	83.3%	79.4%	49.1%	63.4%	51.8%
	T-BERT (Within-Target)		84.09	% (60%)			99.8% (90%)			80.0% (60%)			75.0% (1	00%)			99.8% (10	0%)	
FI	RADIATION	77.9%	78.2%	71.0%	77.2%	71.4%	76.7%	75.0%	75.0%	70.6%	74.1%	74.6%	71.1%	72.7%	85.7%	82.9%	74.5%	76.7%	79.3%	79.0%	78.5%
	T-BERT (Hard-Transfer)	0.0%	21.0%	19.5%	29.7%	51.7%	27.9%	58.3%	68.5%	13.5%	59.5%	42.5%	53.5%	72.7%	26.6%	26.5%	66.2%	44.0%	18.9%	17.4%	30.9%
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	DistanceNet	54.3%	69.5%	63.5%	69.9%	66.0%	59.1%	57.1%	66.0%	69.3%	69.7%	69.7%	69.3%	69.3%	72.0%	65.9%	60.3%	73.2%	61.1%	68.9%	63.0%
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