

# AllenNLP Interpret:

## A Framework for Explaining Predictions of NLP Models



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Goal: Explain *why* NLP models make certain predictions

We provide interactive interpretations for *any* AllenNLP model

- ✓ Saliency maps, adversarial attacks, input reduction, ...
- ✓ SoTA models (BERT, GPT-2, QANet, BiDAF, LSTM-CRF, ...)
- ✓ Complex task formats (QA, language modeling, NER)
- ✓ Easy to add your own model and interpretation

### Example Uses

**Simple Gradients Visualization**  
See saliency map interpretations generated by [visualizing the gradient](#).

**Saliency Map:**

[CLS] The [MASK] rushed to the emergency room to see her patient . [SEP]

**Mask 1 Predictions:**

47.1%	nurse
16.4%	woman
10.0%	doctor
3.4%	mother
3.0%	girl

### Saliency Map (BERT)

A puzzling man named NLP Cool went to buy some organic fruit at Grandpa Joe 's in downtown Deep Learning

**Reduced input for** NLP Cool named NLP Cool

**Reduced input for** Grandpa Joe 's at Grandpa Joe 's

**Reduced input for** Deep Learning in downtown Deep Learning

### Input Reduction (NER)

**HotFlip Attack**

**HotFlip** flips words in the input to change the model's prediction. We iteratively flip the word with the highest gradient until the prediction changes.

**Original Input:** an interesting story about two lovers , I would recommend it to anyone !

**Flipped Input:** an interesting story about two lovers , I would recommend it to inadequate !

**Prediction changed to:** Negative

### Adversarial Attack (Sentiment)

**Input Reduction**

**Input Reduction** removes as many words from the input as possible without changing the model's prediction.

**Original Premise:** Two women are wandering along the shore drinking iced tea.

**Original Hypothesis:** Two women are sitting on a blanket near some rocks talking about politics

**Reduced Hypothesis:** politics

### Input Reduction (Entailment)

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