

From Bricks to Bridges: Product of Invariances to Enhance Latent Space Communication

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Abstract

It has been observed that representations learned by distinct neural networks conceal structural similarities when the models are trained under similar inductive biases. From a geometric perspective, identifying the classes of transformations and the related invariances that connect these representations is fundamental to unlocking applications, such as merging, stitching, and reusing different neural modules. However, estimating task-specific transformations a priori can be challenging and expensive due to several factors (e.g., weights initialization, training hyperparameters, or data modality). To this end, we introduce a versatile method to directly incorporate a set of invariances into the representations, constructing a product space of invariant components on top of the latent representations without requiring prior knowledge about the optimal invariance to infuse. We validate our solution on classification and reconstruction tasks, observing consistent latent similarity and downstream performance improvements in a zero-shot stitching setting. The experimental analysis comprises three modalities (vision, text, and graphs), twelve pretrained foundational models, eight benchmarks, and several architectures trained from scratch.

1. Introduction

Achieving invariance to specific groups of transformations within neural models holds significant utility in a wide range of real-world applications, from comparing similar latent spaces across multiple instances to enabling model reuse (Cohen and Welling, 2016; Fawzi et al., 2016; Salamon and Bello, 2017; Klabunde et al., 2023). These desired invariances can be defined with respect to transformations in the input space (Benton et al., 2020; Immer et al., 2022; Cohen and Welling, 2016; Cohen et al., 2019), or in relation to the latent space, as explored by (Moschella et al., 2022). This framework enables communication between latent spaces by projecting them into a shared space, enforcing invariance to angle-preserving transformations of the latent space. However, as shown in Figure 2, the transformations relating different neural representations are not always capturable within a single class of transformations. Determining a priori which class of transformations relates distinct latent spaces is challenging due to complex interactions in the data and multiple nuisance factors (e.g. random initialization, neural architecture, and data modality). To address this challenge, we build on (Moschella et al., 2022), presenting a framework to *efficiently incorporate a set of invariances into the learned latent space*. This is achieved by

constructing a product space of invariant components on top of the latent representations of, possibly pretrained, models. Each component retains an invariance to a specific class of transformations, enforced through the choice of a similarity function. The resulting product space can capture arbitrary complex transformations of the latent space. Our main contributions are: (i) We show that the class of transformation that relates representations learned by distinct models—trained on semantically similar data—may vary and depend on multiple factors; (ii) We introduce a framework for infusing multiple invariances into a latent representation, constructing a product space of invariant components to enhance latent communication; (iii) We validate our findings on stitching tasks across various datasets settings and modalities, including images, text, and graphs.

2. Infusing invariances

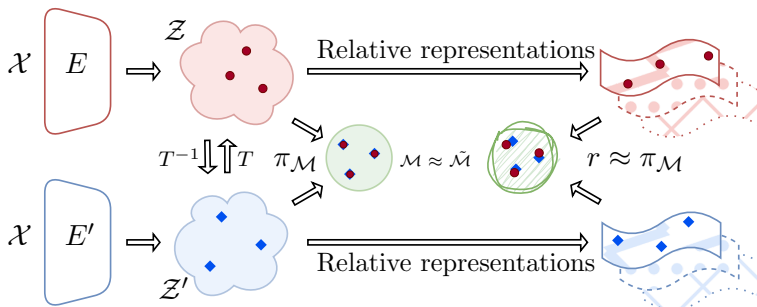


Figure 1: **Framework description.** Given two latent spaces $\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Z}'$ related by an unknown transformation T (resp. T^{-1}), we assume that there exist a manifold \mathcal{M} where samples in $\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Z}'$ coincides when projected into \mathcal{M} , via $\pi_{\mathcal{M}}$. We approximate \mathcal{M} building a product space $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$, where each subspace is a relative representation computed using a similarity function d_i invariant to a specific, known class of transformations. Combining the resulting invariances, we recover a representation r which should approximate $\pi_{\mathcal{M}}$.

Setting We consider neural networks as parametric functions F_{θ} compositions of *encoding* and *decoding* maps $F_{\theta} = D_{\theta_2} \circ E_{\theta_1}$, where the encoder E_{θ_1} is responsible for computing a latent representation $z = E_{\theta_1}(x)$, $x \in \mathcal{X}$ for some domain \mathcal{X} and the decoder D_{θ_2} is responsible for solving the task at hand (e.g., reconstruction, generation, classification). We will drop the dependence on parameters θ for notational convenience. For a single module E (equivalently for D), we indicate with $E_{\mathcal{X}}$ if the module E was trained on the domain \mathcal{X} . In the upcoming, we will summarize the necessary background to introduce our method.

Background The framework of (Moschella et al., 2022) provides a straightforward approach to represent each sample in the latent space according to its similarity to a set of fixed training samples, denoted as *anchors* (for further details see Section A.2).

Overview When considering different networks F, F' , we are interested in modeling the class of transformations \mathcal{T} that relates their latent spaces $\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Z}'$. \mathcal{T} could be something known, e.g., rotations or an arbitrary complex class of transformations. The two networks could differ by their initialization seeds (i.e., training dynamics), by architectural changes,

or even domain changes, i.e., $\mathcal{X} \neq \mathcal{X}'$, which could affect the latent space in a different way (as observed in Figure 6). The fundamental assumption of this work is that these variations induce changes in the latent representations of the models, but there exists an underlying manifold \mathcal{M} where the representations are the same (see Figure 1). Formally:

Assumption *Given multiple models $\mathcal{F}_1.. \mathcal{F}_n$ we assume that there exists a manifold \mathcal{M} which identifies an equivalence class of encoders $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{T}}$ induced by the class of transformation \mathcal{T} (e.g. rotations), defined as $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{T}} := \{E \mid \pi_{\mathcal{M}}TE = \pi_{\mathcal{M}}E, \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}\}$, where $\pi_{\mathcal{M}}$ represent the projection on \mathcal{M} . \mathcal{M} is equipped with a metric $d_{\mathcal{M}}$ which is preserved under the action of elements of \mathcal{T} , i.e. $d_{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_{\mathcal{M}}z, \pi_{\mathcal{M}}z') = d_{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_{\mathcal{M}}T(z), \pi_{\mathcal{M}}T(z')), \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$*

What we look for is a function r which independently projects the latent spaces $\mathcal{Z}_1.. \mathcal{Z}_n$ into \mathcal{M} and is *invariant* to \mathcal{T} , i.e. $r(z) = r(Tz)$, for each $T \in \mathcal{T}$, and for each $z \in \mathcal{Z}_1.. \mathcal{Z}_n$. Generalizing the framework of (Moschella et al., 2022) to arbitrary similarity functions, or distance metrics, gives us a straightforward way to define representations r invariant to specific classes of transformations. However, $d_{\mathcal{M}}$ is typically unknown a priori, and in general, it is challenging to capture \mathcal{T} with a single class of transformations (as observed in Figure 6 and demonstrated in Section 2.1). To overcome this, in this work, we approximate \mathcal{M} with a product space $\tilde{\mathcal{M}} := \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{M}_i$, where each component is obtained by projecting samples of \mathcal{Z} in a relative representation space equipped with a different similarity function d_i . Each \mathcal{M}_i will have properties induced by a similarity function d_i invariant to a specific, known, class of transformations $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_i$ (e.g. dilations). By combining this set of invariances, we want to recover the representation r such that it approximates well $\pi_{\mathcal{M}}$ (see Figure 1). We define r formally as the *projection* from \mathcal{Z} to $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$:

Definition 1 (Product projection) *Given a set of latent spaces $\mathcal{Z}_1.. \mathcal{Z}_n$, related to one another by an unknown class of transformation \mathcal{T} , a set of similarity functions \mathcal{D} each one invariant to a specific known class of transformations $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_i$ (e.g. rotations), i.e. $RR(z, d_i) = RR(Tz, d_i), \forall T \in \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_i$. We define the product projection $r : \mathcal{Z} \mapsto \tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ as:*

$$r(z) = \phi \circ RR(z; \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{X}}, d_i), \quad \forall d_i \in \mathcal{D}$$

where ϕ is an aggregation function merging the relative spaces induced by each $d_i \in \mathcal{D}$.

Distance-induced invariances and Aggregation. We consider the following similarity functions d : Cosine (Cos.), Euclidean (Eucl.), Manhattan (L_1), and Chebyshev (L_{∞}), each one inducing invariances to a specific, known class of transformations (for formal definitions, synthetic examples, and visualizations, please refer to the Appendix A.3). Then, to merge these subspaces, we use the *Aggregation by sum* (Sum): the subspaces are independently normalized and non-linearly projected. The resulting components are summed. For further details, refer to Section A.3.3. The product space \mathcal{M} yields a *robust* latent representation, made of *invariant* components which are combined to capture *arbitrary complex* transformations, boosting the performance on downstream tasks.

2.1. Latent space analysis

In this section, we analyze the similarity of latent spaces produced by pretrained foundational models in both the vision and text domains. For the vision domain, we evaluated five

distinct foundational models (either convolutional or transformer-based) using the CIFAR–10, CIFAR–100, MNIST, and Fashion MNIST datasets. Meanwhile, in the text domain, we assessed seven different foundational models using the DBpedia (Zhang et al., 2015), Trec (coarse) (Hovy et al., 2001), and N24news (Text) (Wang et al., 2022) datasets. Refer to Table 4 for specific details on each pretrained model and Table 5 for datasets.

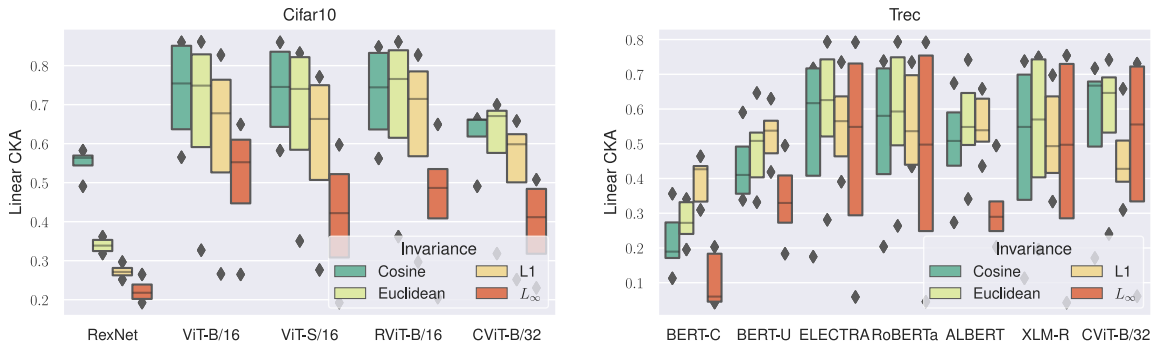


Figure 2: **Latent Spaces Cross-Architecture Similarity.** Linear CKA similarity measure of latent spaces across several pretrained architectures and datasets. In each bar, we report the space similarities distribution to the other models while infusing a specific invariance. There is no singular projection that consistently outperforms others across all configurations. See Figure 6 for additional results on other datasets.

Result Analysis. In Figure 2, we report the Linear CKA correlations for various architectures and datasets for vision (*left*) and text (*right*) modalities. This analysis highlights the absence of a universally shared transformation class that connects latent spaces of foundation models across distinct conditions. For example, on CIFAR–10, the highest similarity is achieved with different projection functions when using different architectures. Indeed, from Figure 2, it is possible to see that similar architectures (i.e., Vision Transformer (ViT)-based models) exhibit similar trends when tested on the same dataset (Figure 6).

Takeaway. The transformation class that correlates different latent spaces produced by both pretrained and trained-from-scratch models depends on the dataset, architecture, task, and possibly other factors.

2.2. Downstream Task: Zero-Shot Stitching

In this section, we perform zero-shot stitching classification using multiple modalities (i.e., text, images, and graphs) with various architectures and datasets. For the *Image* and *Text* domains, we used the datasets and the pretrained models detailed in Tables 4 and 5. For the *Graph* domain experiments, we employed the CORA dataset Sen et al. (2008) and the GCN architecture trained from scratch. Our stitched models consist of an encoder, which embeds the data, and a specialized relative decoder responsible for the classification task. The relative decoders are trained with three different seed values, and the resulting representations are transformed into relative representations by projecting the embeddings onto 1280 randomly selected but fixed anchors. The stitching task is performed in a zero-shot manner, without

any additional training or fine-tuning, and the accuracy score for the classification task is evaluated on each assembled model.

Table 1: **Performance Comparison in Stitching Across Architectures and Seeds.**

Zero-shot accuracy scores across various architectures, seeds, and datasets. Considering all the projections in the product space (*last row*) consistently achieves the best performance. Refer to Tables 6, 7 and 10 for the complete results.

Projection	Vision		Text		Graph
	CViT-B/32		ALBERT		GCN
	CIFAR100	F-MNIST	DBPEDIA	TREC	CORA
Cosine	0.52 ± 0.03	0.68 ± 0.02	0.50 ± 0.02	0.54 ± 0.03	0.53 ± 0.06
Euclidean	0.53 ± 0.02	0.70 ± 0.03	0.50 ± 0.00	0.60 ± 0.03	0.27 ± 0.06
L_1	0.53 ± 0.04	0.70 ± 0.03	0.52 ± 0.01	0.65 ± 0.02	0.26 ± 0.06
L_∞	0.27 ± 0.04	0.55 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.02	0.29 ± 0.06	0.12 ± 0.03
Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.58 ± 0.03	0.70 ± 0.01	0.53 ± 0.01	0.65 ± 0.02	0.77 ± 0.01

Results Analysis. Table 1 presents the performance of various projection functions for different modalities. The experiments reveal the absence of a single optimal projection function across architectures, modalities, and even within individual datasets. Our proposed framework, which leverages a product space to harness multiple invariances, followed by a trainable aggregation mechanism, consistently achieves superior accuracy across most scenarios. It is important to emphasize that the dimensionality of each independent projection and the aggregated product space remains constant, ensuring fair comparison. Additional stitching results Tables 7 and 10, and in Tables 11 to 17 we show the performance for each pair of encoder and decoder without averaging over the architectures. The reference end-to-end performance are reported in Tables 18 to 25 to better interpret the performance of the stitched models on the downstream tasks.

Takeaway. Products of invariances improve the zero-shot stitching performance without any prior knowledge of the class of transformation that relates different spaces.

3. Conclusion

In this paper, we introduced a framework to incorporate invariances into neural representations to enhance latent space communication without prior knowledge of the optimal invariance to be enforced. Constructing a product space with invariant components, we showed that it is possible to capture a large class of arbitrary complex transformations between latent spaces within a single representation, robust to multiple changing factors such as dataset, architecture, and training hyperparameters variations.

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Appendix A. Appendix

A.1. Related work

Representation Similarity. Several metrics have been proposed to compare latent spaces generated by independent Neural Networks (NNs), capturing their inherent similarity up to transformations that correlate the spaces. A classical statistical method is Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA) (Hotelling, 1992), which is invariant to linear transformations. While variations of CCA seek to improve robustness through techniques like Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) and Singular Value CCA (SVCCA) (Raghu et al., 2017) or to reduce sensitivity to perturbations using methods such as Projection Weighted CCA (PWCCA) (Morcos et al., 2018). Closely related to these metrics, the CKA metric (Kornblith et al., 2019) measures the similarity between latent spaces while disregarding orthogonal transformations. However, recent research (Davari et al., 2022) demonstrates its sensitivity to transformations that shift a subset of data points in the representation space.

Learning and Incorporating Invariance and Equivariance into Representations. Invariances in NN models can be enforced through various techniques operating at different levels, including adjustments to model architecture, training constraints, or input manipulation (Lyle et al., 2020). (Benton et al., 2020) proposes a method to learn invariances and equivariances, (Immer et al., 2022) introduces a gradient-based approach that effectively captures inherent invariances in the data. Meanwhile, (van der Ouderaa and van der Wilk, 2022) enables training of NNs with invariance to specific transformations by learning weight-space equivalents instead of modifying the input data. Other works directly incorporate invariances into the model through specific constraints. (Rath and Condurache, 2023) enforces a multi-stream architecture to exhibit invariance to various symmetry transformations without relying on data-driven learning, (Kandi et al., 2019) propose an improved Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture for better rotation invariance, and (Gandikota et al., 2021) introduces a method for designing network architectures that are invariant or equivariant to structured transformations. Finally, (Moschella et al., 2022) proposes an alternative representation of the latent space that guarantees invariance to angle-preserving transformation without requiring additional training but only a set of anchors, possibly very small (Cannistraci et al., 2023).

Our work leverages the Relative Representation (RR) framework to *directly incorporate a set of invariances into the learned latent space, creating a product space of invariant components which, combined, can capture arbitrary complex transformations of the latent space.*

A.2. Background

The framework of (Moschella et al., 2022) provides a straightforward approach to represent each sample in the latent space according to its similarity to a set of fixed training samples, denoted as *anchors*. Representing samples in the latent space as a function of the anchors corresponds to transitioning from an absolute coordinate frame into a *relative* one defined by the anchors and the similarity function. Given a domain \mathcal{X} , an encoding function $E_{\mathcal{X}} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$, a set of anchors $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{X}} \subset \mathcal{X}$, and a similarity or distance function $d : \mathcal{Z} \times \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

The relative representation for each sample $x \in \mathcal{X}$ is computed as:

$$RR(z; \mathcal{A}_X, d) = \bigoplus_{a_i \in \mathcal{A}} d(z, a_i) \tag{1}$$

where $z = E_{\mathcal{X}}(x)$, and \bigoplus denotes row-wise concatenation. In (Moschella et al., 2022), d was set as cosine similarity. This choice induces a relative representation invariant to *angle-preserving transformations*. In this work, our focus is to leverage different choices of the similarity function to induce a *set of invariances* into the representations to capture arbitrarily complex transformations between latent spaces.

A.3. Distance-induced invariances details

A.3.1. DISTANCES DEFINITION

This section provides additional details about the metrics described in section Section 2.

Cosine (Cos.). Given two vectors u, v , the cosine similarity is defined as:

$$\cos(u, v) = \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|} \tag{2}$$

Euclidean (Eucl.). Given two vectors u, v , the Euclidean distance is defined as:

$$d(u, v) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (u_i - v_i)^2} \tag{3}$$

Manhattan (L_1). Given two vectors u, v , the L_1 distance is defined as:

$$d(u, v) = \sum_{i=1}^n |(u_i - v_i)| \tag{4}$$

Chebyshev (L_∞). Given two vectors u, v , the L_∞ distance is defined as:

$$d(u, v) = \max_i (|u_i - v_i|) = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \tag{5}$$

and can be approximated in a differentiable way employing high values for p .

Geodesic distance. Given a manifold \mathcal{M} and its parametrization $g : \mathcal{Z} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$ we can represent the Riemannian metric as symmetric, positive definite matrix $G(z)$ defined at each point in Z . $G(z)$ can be obtained as $G(z) = J_g(z)^T J_g(z)$, where $J_g(z)$ indicates the Jacobian of g evaluated at z . This metric enables us to define an inner product on tangent spaces on \mathcal{M} . Considering a smooth curve $\gamma : [a, b] \mapsto \mathcal{Z}$, this corresponds to a curve on \mathcal{M} via $g \circ \gamma(t)$. Its arc length is defined as:

$$L(\gamma) = \int_a^b \sqrt{\dot{\gamma}(t)^T G_{\gamma(t)} \dot{\gamma}(t)} dt \tag{6}$$

A *geodesic* curve is a curve that locally minimizes the arc length, corresponding to minimizing the following energy functional:

$$E(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \dot{\gamma}(t)^T G_{\gamma(t)} \dot{\gamma}(t) dt \quad (7)$$

In Figure 3, we show how geodesic distance is preserved under several classes of transformations, including manifold isometries, i.e., possibly nonlinear transformations that preserve the metric on \mathcal{M} . In the synthetic experiment, geodesic distances are computed using the heat method of (Crane et al., 2017), and the manifold isometry is calculated using Isomap (Tenenbaum et al., 2000). Possible approaches to extend geodesic computation to real cases when $\dim(\mathcal{Z}) > 3$ include (Shao et al., 2017). We leave this promising direction for future work.

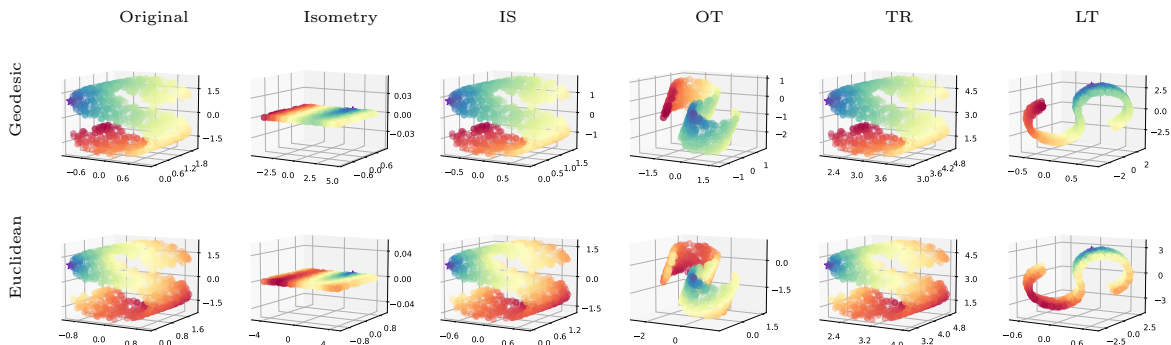


Figure 3: **Qualitative synthetic results** demonstrating invariances induced using a geodesic distance-based representation. We plot geodesic distances (*top row*) from the violet star point with values going from blue (closer) to red (farther). On the *bottom row*, we compare with Euclidean distances, showing that the latter does not estimate nor preserve well the metric information under transformations of the manifold.

A.3.2. INFUSED INVARIANCES

In Table 2, we summarize the invariances guaranteed by different distance metrics concerning the following standard classes of transformations: Isotropic Scaling (IS), Orthogonal Transformation (OT), Translation (TR), Permutation (PT), Affine Transformation (AT), Linear Transformation (LT), and Manifold Isometry (MIS). Where MIS is an isometric deformation of the manifold that preserves the geodesic distances between points, see Figure 3 for a synthetic example. In general, it is not straightforward to capture the set of invariances induced by a similarity function. For example, the L_∞ distance does not enforce isometry invariance in the representation but, simultaneously, induces an invariance to perturbations in dimensions other than the maximum one. Formalizing and analyzing such types of

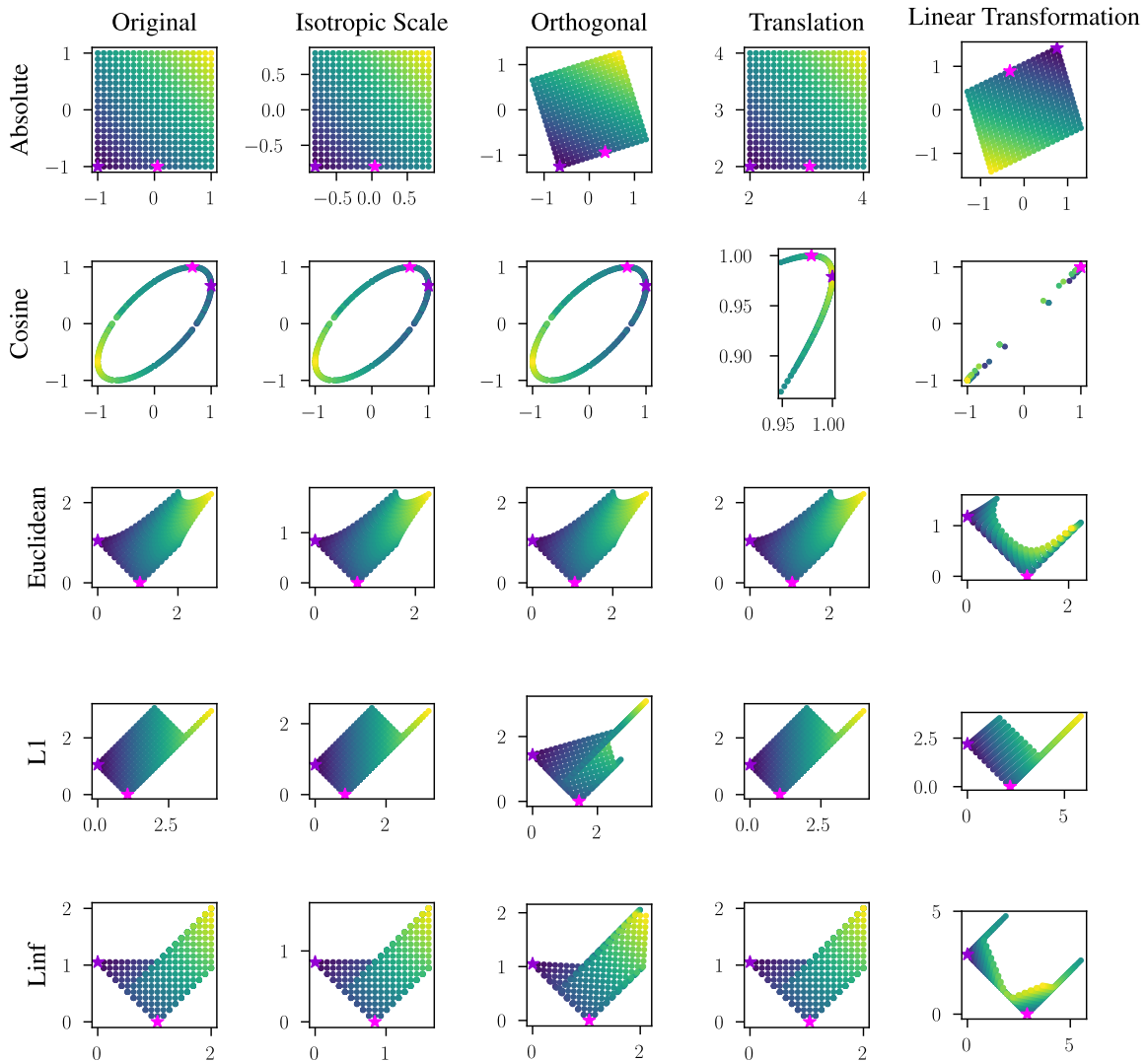


Figure 4: **Qualitative synthetic experiments using a grid initialization.** We consider a synthetic absolute latent space by initializing points in a grid shape (*top left*). We then apply various transformations to the absolute space, converting it into different transformed spaces (*first row*). For all the different similarity functions considered (i.e. Cosine, Euclidean, L_1 , and L_∞), we convert the entire first row into the corresponding relative space. Observing which transformation does not change the original relative space (*left column*), shows which projections induce an invariance to each considered transformation.

invariances presents challenges since these transformations cannot be neatly classified into a specific simple class of transformations.

Table 2: **Invariances.** Overview of the different distance-induced invariances.

Similarity Function	Isotropic Scaling	Orthogonal Transf.	Translation	Permutation	Affine Transf.	Linear Transf.	Manifold Isometry
Absolute	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Cosine	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×	×
Euclidean	×	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
Manhattan	×	×	✓	✓	×	×	×
Chebyshev	×	×	✓	✓	×	×	×
Geodesic	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓

A.3.3. AGGREGATION FUNCTIONS

This section summarizes different strategies to construct the product space $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$, directly integrating a set of invariances into the representations. Consider a latent space \mathcal{Z} image of an encoder $E : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{Z}$, and a set of similarity functions \mathcal{D} . For each $d \in \mathcal{D}$, we produce $n = |\mathcal{D}|$ relative latent spaces. Every subspace is produced via a similarity function (i.e., Cos., Eucl., L_1 , or L_∞), enforcing invariance to a specific class of transformations.

These subspaces can be merged using diverse aggregation strategies, corresponding to different choices of ϕ :

- *Concatenation* (Concat): the subspaces are independently normalized and concatenated, giving to $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ the structure of a cartesian product space.
- *Aggregation by sum* (Sum): the subspaces are independently normalized and non-linearly projected. The resulting components are summed.
- *Self-attention* (SelfAttention): the subspaces are independently normalized and aggregated via a self-attention layer.

There are two possible preprocessing strategies applied to each subspace independently:

- Normalization layer: an independent LayerNorm for each subspace.
- MultiLayer Perceptron (MLP): a compact, independent, fully connected network defined for each subspace, comprised of LayerNorm, a Linear layer, and a Tanh activation function.

These preprocessing modules can be applied before either the (Sum) or (Self-attention) aggregation strategies.

A.3.4. SUBSPACE SELECTION

We discussed integrating individual and multiple invariances into the representation through various projection functions and appropriate aggregation strategies. In this section, we focus on the interpretability of our framework when using self-attention as an aggregation function and introduce adaptation strategies to improve classification performance within the stitching paradigm at the reasonable cost of fitting a few parameters at stitching time.

Table 3: Classification accuracy for the stitched model between **RexNet** and **ViT-B/16** on **CIFAR-100**, using different projection functions and aggregation strategies. Fine-tuning the subspace selection and blending part (**QKV opt**) has a more significant effect on performance improvement than fine-tuning only the larger MLP (**MLP opt**).

Projection	Aggregation	Accuracy \uparrow
Cosine	-	0.52
Euclidean	-	0.42
L_1	-	0.34
L_∞	-	0.22
Cosine, Euclidean, L_1 , L_∞	SelfAttention	0.25
Cosine, Euclidean, L_1 , L_∞	SelfAttention + MLP opt	0.65
Cosine, Euclidean, L_1 , L_∞	SelfAttention + QKV opt	0.75

Experimental setup. These experiments are conducted on the **CIFAR-100** dataset, employing the **RexNet** and the **ViT-B/16** encoders. We identify two critical components within the stitched model: (1) the linear projections associated with Query, Key, Value (**QKV**) in the attention mechanism, which is responsible for selecting and blending subspaces, and (2) the MLP in the classification head, to classify the aggregated embeddings. Specifically, we examine two distinct approaches for the stitched model. The first approach fine-tunes only the linear projections associated with **QKV** within the attention mechanism (**QKV opt**). While the second one fine-tunes the larger MLP in the classification head following the attention mechanism (**MLP opt**).

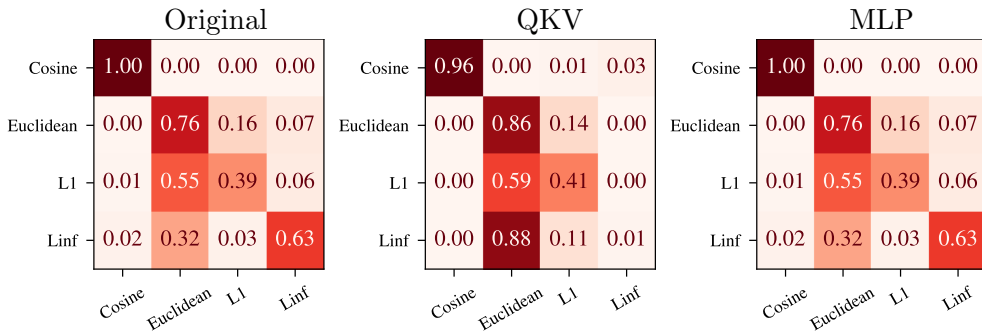


Figure 5: Comparison of attention weights for the zero-shot stitched model between **RexNet** and **ViT-B/16** on **CIFAR-100**, before and after fine-tuning. (*left*) the attention weights of the initial zero-shot stitched model, which remain unchanged when fine-tuning the MLP part of the model (*right*). Conversely, fine-tuning the QKV projections (*center*) leads to a notable shift in attention weights, assigning greater importance to the projection function that performs better individually.

Result Analysis. Table 3 summarizes downstream classification accuracy for the stitched model using various projection functions and aggregation strategies. Incorporating multiple invariances and aggregating them via self-attention (*fourth row*) does not perform well; meanwhile, using the Cosine projection alone is more effective. This is expected, considering that the attention mechanism is primarily trained to improve end-to-end performance rather than maximize compatibility between different spaces. Incorporating the adaptation strategies at stitching time significantly boosts performance. Comparing the two fine-tuning approaches, either focusing on the subspace selection and blending (QKV opt) or the classification head (MLP opt). We find that fine-tuning the QKV projections significantly impacts performance more than simply fine-tuning more parameters in the classifier. Figure 5 illustrates that difference is further emphasized when examining the attention weights averaged over the test dataset. On the left, we observe the attention weights of the zero-shot stitched model, and on the right, the model is fine-tuned only in the MLP part, whose attention weights remain unchanged. Meanwhile, fine-tuning the QKV projections result in a shift in attention weights, allocating minimal importance to L_∞ , the least-performing projection based on individual scores, while giving more weight to the Euclidean projection, which performs better. Further confirmation in Table 10, in the MLP+SelfAttention variant, where any combination that contains the best-performing individual projection achieves the best score, too. In summary, fine-tuning the attention QKV projections improves latent communication by effectively selecting and blending distinct properties and invariances infused in the different subspaces.

A.4. Implementation Details

This section details the experiments conducted in Section 2.2 and Section 2.1. Table 4 contains the full list of pretrained models used, while Table 5 contains dataset information.

A.4.1. TOOLS & TECHNOLOGIES

We use the following tools in all the experiments presented in this work:

- *PyTorch Lightning*, to ensure reproducible results while also getting a clean and modular codebase;
- *NN-Template GrokAI (2021)*, to easily bootstrap the project and enforce best practices;
- *Transformers by HuggingFace*, to get ready-to-use transformers for both text and images;
- *Datasets by HuggingFace*, to access most of the datasets;
- *DVC* (Kuprieiev et al., 2022), for data versioning;

Table 4: **Pretrained models details.** The pretrained feature extractors we used in various experiments, with their HuggingFace key, their alias, and their latent space dimensionality.

Modality	HuggingFace model name	Alias	Enc. Dim
Language	bert-base-cased	BERT-C (Devlin et al., 2019)	768
	bert-base-uncased	BERT-U (Devlin et al., 2019)	768
	google/electra-base-discriminator	ELECTRA (Clark et al., 2020)	768
	roberta-base	RoBERTa (Liu et al., 2019)	768
	albert-base-v2	ALBERT (Lan et al., 2019)	768
	xlm-roberta-base	XLM-R (Conneau et al., 2019)	768
	openai/clip-vit-base-patch32	CViT-B/32 (Radford et al., 2021)	768
Vision	rexnet_100	RexNet (Han et al., 2020)	1280
	vit_small_patch16_224	ViT-S/16 (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021)	384
	vit_base_patch16_384	ViT-B/16 (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021)	768
	vit_base_resnet50_384	RViT-B/16 (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021)	768
	openai/clip-vit-base-patch32	CViT-B/32 (Radford et al., 2021)	768
Graph	GCN	GCN	300

Table 5: **Dataset details.** The HuggingFace datasets we used in the classification experiments, with their number of classes.

Modality	Name	Number of Classes
Image	MNIST	10
	Fashion MNIST	10
	CIFAR 10	10
	Cifar 100	20 (coarse) — 100 (fine)
Text	TREC	6 (coarse) — 50 (fine)
	DBPEDIA 14	14
	N24News	24
Graph	CORA	7

A.5. Additional results

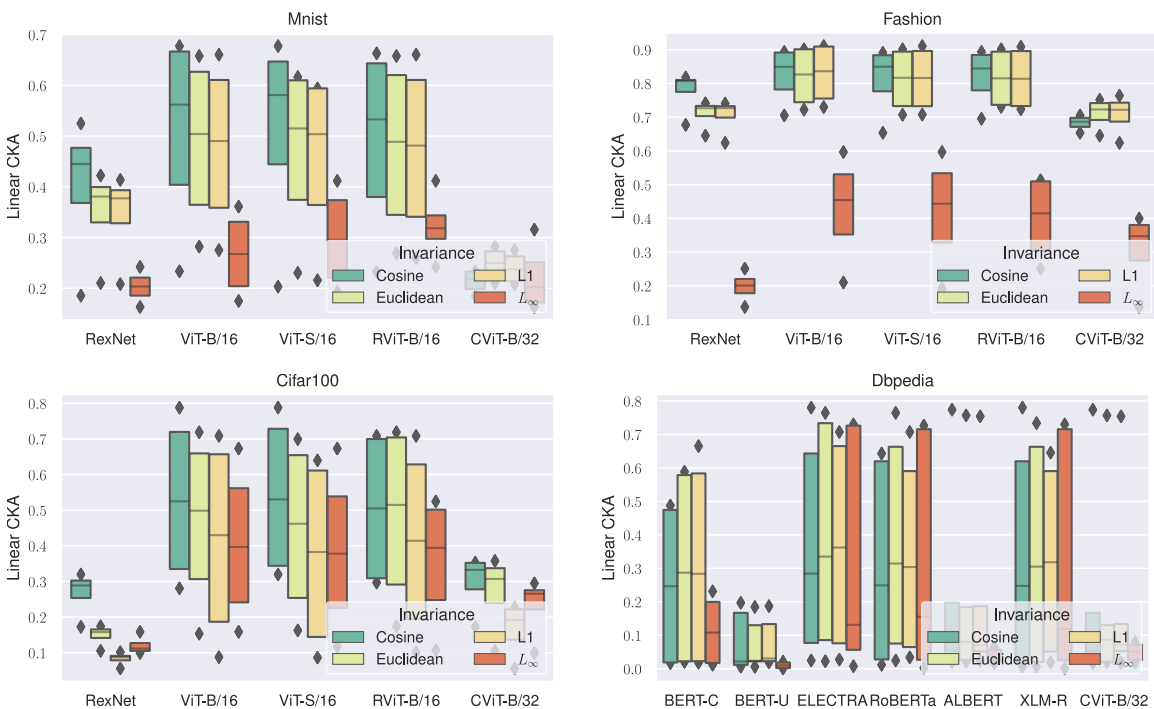


Figure 6: **Latent Spaces Cross-Architecture Similarity.** Linear CKA, measuring the similarity of latent spaces of pretrained models across different architectures and datasets.

Table 6: **Image Stitching Performance Cross-Architecture and Cross-Seed.** Zero-shot accuracy score for image classification task across different pretrained models, seeds, and datasets. The proposed method consistently achieves the highest accuracy score or comparable results, even without prior knowledge of the optimal projection to employ.

Encoder	Projection	Accuracy \uparrow			
		CIFAR100	CIFAR10	MNIST	F-MNIST
CViT-B/32	Cosine	0.52 \pm 0.03	0.87 \pm 0.02	0.61 \pm 0.06	0.68 \pm 0.02
	Euclidean	0.53 \pm 0.02	0.87 \pm 0.02	0.66 \pm 0.05	0.70 \pm 0.03
	L_1	0.53 \pm 0.04	0.87 \pm 0.02	0.66 \pm 0.05	0.70 \pm 0.03
	L_∞	0.27 \pm 0.04	0.52 \pm 0.04	0.57 \pm 0.03	0.55 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.58 \pm 0.03	0.88 \pm 0.02	0.68 \pm 0.05	0.70 \pm 0.01
RViT-B/16	Cosine	0.79 \pm 0.03	0.94 \pm 0.01	0.69 \pm 0.04	0.76 \pm 0.03
	Euclidean	0.79 \pm 0.03	0.94 \pm 0.01	0.71 \pm 0.04	0.77 \pm 0.03
	L_1	0.77 \pm 0.04	0.95 \pm 0.01	0.71 \pm 0.04	0.79 \pm 0.03
	L_∞	0.31 \pm 0.03	0.75 \pm 0.04	0.61 \pm 0.05	0.60 \pm 0.03
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.81 \pm 0.04	0.95 \pm 0.01	0.72 \pm 0.04	0.76 \pm 0.04
RexNet	Cosine	0.50 \pm 0.02	0.79 \pm 0.01	0.71 \pm 0.02	0.74 \pm 0.01
	Euclidean	0.43 \pm 0.06	0.72 \pm 0.02	0.69 \pm 0.04	0.76 \pm 0.01
	L_1	0.33 \pm 0.06	0.70 \pm 0.01	0.69 \pm 0.04	0.76 \pm 0.02
	L_∞	0.19 \pm 0.03	0.48 \pm 0.03	0.48 \pm 0.02	0.60 \pm 0.05
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.52 \pm 0.05	0.75 \pm 0.01	0.70 \pm 0.03	0.75 \pm 0.02
ViT-B/16	Cosine	0.75 \pm 0.05	0.96 \pm 0.01	0.59 \pm 0.05	0.79 \pm 0.03
	Euclidean	0.76 \pm 0.05	0.96 \pm 0.01	0.65 \pm 0.06	0.81 \pm 0.02
	L_1	0.76 \pm 0.06	0.96 \pm 0.01	0.66 \pm 0.07	0.81 \pm 0.02
	L_∞	0.42 \pm 0.02	0.70 \pm 0.05	0.42 \pm 0.05	0.52 \pm 0.04
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.81 \pm 0.05	0.96 \pm 0.01	0.66 \pm 0.04	0.80 \pm 0.04
ViT-S/32	Cosine	0.73 \pm 0.04	0.93 \pm 0.01	0.68 \pm 0.04	0.77 \pm 0.02
	Euclidean	0.64 \pm 0.03	0.93 \pm 0.01	0.70 \pm 0.02	0.77 \pm 0.02
	L_1	0.58 \pm 0.09	0.93 \pm 0.01	0.70 \pm 0.03	0.78 \pm 0.02
	L_∞	0.33 \pm 0.04	0.69 \pm 0.03	0.48 \pm 0.02	0.53 \pm 0.02
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.73 \pm 0.05	0.93 \pm 0.01	0.69 \pm 0.02	0.76 \pm 0.02

Table 7: **Text Stitching Performance Cross-Architecture and Cross-Seed.** Zero-shot accuracy score for text classification task across different pretrained models, seeds, and datasets. Results obtained with a linear classifier as decoder, instead of a MLP as in (Moschella et al., 2022).

Encoder	Projection	Accuracy \uparrow		
		dbpedia	trec	N24news
ALBERT	Cosine	0.48 \pm 0.05	0.49 \pm 0.08	0.09 \pm 0.02
	Euclidean	0.49 \pm 0.05	0.54 \pm 0.06	0.09 \pm 0.03
	L_1	0.51 \pm 0.04	0.59 \pm 0.06	0.09 \pm 0.03
	L_∞	0.17 \pm 0.02	0.32 \pm 0.07	0.07 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.50 \pm 0.06	0.55 \pm 0.06	0.09 \pm 0.03
BERT-C	Cosine	0.46 \pm 0.07	0.46 \pm 0.11	0.21 \pm 0.09
	Euclidean	0.48 \pm 0.09	0.57 \pm 0.05	0.22 \pm 0.09
	L_1	0.50 \pm 0.10	0.59 \pm 0.06	0.21 \pm 0.09
	L_∞	0.13 \pm 0.04	0.21 \pm 0.04	0.11 \pm 0.04
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.50 \pm 0.13	0.54 \pm 0.07	0.21 \pm 0.09
BERT-U	Cosine	0.51 \pm 0.05	0.46 \pm 0.12	0.15 \pm 0.06
	Euclidean	0.36 \pm 0.05	0.56 \pm 0.07	0.17 \pm 0.06
	L_1	0.36 \pm 0.06	0.58 \pm 0.09	0.16 \pm 0.06
	L_∞	0.12 \pm 0.02	0.28 \pm 0.07	0.06 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.43 \pm 0.07	0.51 \pm 0.10	0.17 \pm 0.07
CViT-B/32	Cosine	0.20 \pm 0.02	0.50 \pm 0.04	0.08 \pm 0.03
	Euclidean	0.22 \pm 0.02	0.48 \pm 0.10	0.12 \pm 0.05
	L_1	0.22 \pm 0.02	0.57 \pm 0.07	0.11 \pm 0.03
	L_∞	0.12 \pm 0.02	0.25 \pm 0.09	0.07 \pm 0.02
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.22 \pm 0.01	0.50 \pm 0.09	0.10 \pm 0.03
ELECTRA	Cosine	0.27 \pm 0.05	0.39 \pm 0.11	0.04 \pm 0.01
	Euclidean	0.25 \pm 0.05	0.53 \pm 0.05	0.04 \pm 0.01
	L_1	0.33 \pm 0.06	0.50 \pm 0.10	0.05 \pm 0.01
	L_∞	0.11 \pm 0.02	0.26 \pm 0.11	0.05 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.32 \pm 0.07	0.52 \pm 0.14	0.04 \pm 0.01
RoBERTa	Cosine	0.31 \pm 0.07	0.43 \pm 0.05	0.41 \pm 0.18
	Euclidean	0.26 \pm 0.05	0.52 \pm 0.11	0.39 \pm 0.18
	L_1	0.30 \pm 0.06	0.56 \pm 0.07	0.45 \pm 0.20
	L_∞	0.13 \pm 0.01	0.20 \pm 0.07	0.08 \pm 0.02
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.34 \pm 0.08	0.53 \pm 0.09	0.43 \pm 0.20
XLM-R	Cosine	0.13 \pm 0.03	0.39 \pm 0.10	0.20 \pm 0.10
	Euclidean	0.16 \pm 0.03	0.53 \pm 0.06	0.26 \pm 0.11
	L_1	0.32 \pm 0.06	0.61 \pm 0.10	0.32 \pm 0.14
	L_∞	0.08 \pm 0.01	0.30 \pm 0.08	0.07 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.21 \pm 0.03	0.55 \pm 0.07	0.27 \pm 0.14

Table 8: **Image Classification, Ablation on the Aggregation Functions.** Zero-shot accuracy score across different architectures, seeds, and datasets. The proposed aggregation function obtains the best accuracy score. It is essential to highlight that the Concat aggregation method is not directly comparable to the others because it increases the dimensionality of the space linearly with the number of subspaces. The standard deviation is high because it accounts for the average across all possible image datasets.

Encoder	Aggregation Function	Accuracy \uparrow
CViT-B/32	Concat*	0.68 ± 0.13
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.66 ± 0.13
	MLP+Sum	0.71 ± 0.11
	SelfAttention	0.54 ± 0.18
RViT-B/16	Concat*	0.72 ± 0.18
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.72 ± 0.18
	MLP+Sum	0.74 ± 0.18
	SelfAttention	0.61 ± 0.24
RexNet	Concat*	0.58 ± 0.20
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.54 ± 0.21
	MLP+Sum	0.61 ± 0.20
	SelfAttention	0.40 ± 0.22
ViT-B/16	Concat*	0.72 ± 0.19
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.70 ± 0.20
	MLP+Sum	0.74 ± 0.19
	SelfAttention	0.60 ± 0.24
ViT-S/16	Concat*	0.69 ± 0.18
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.67 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	0.71 ± 0.18
	SelfAttention	0.57 ± 0.22

Table 9: **Text Classification, Ablation on the Aggregation Functions.** Zero-shot accuracy score across different architectures, seeds, and datasets. The proposed aggregation function obtains the best accuracy score. It is essential to highlight that the Concat aggregation method is not directly comparable to the others because it increases the dimensionality of the space linearly with the number of subspaces. The standard deviation is high because it accounts for the average across all possible text datasets.

Encoder	Aggregation Function	Accuracy \uparrow
ALBERT	Concat*	0.38 \pm 0.22
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.35 \pm 0.21
	MLP+Sum	0.38 \pm 0.21
	SelfAttention	0.21 \pm 0.17
BERT-C	Concat*	0.41 \pm 0.17
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.36 \pm 0.17
	MLP+Sum	0.42 \pm 0.18
	SelfAttention	0.20 \pm 0.16
BERT-U	Concat*	0.36 \pm 0.17
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.31 \pm 0.15
	MLP+Sum	0.37 \pm 0.17
	SelfAttention	0.19 \pm 0.15
CViT-B/32	Concat*	0.23 \pm 0.18
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.22 \pm 0.18
	MLP+Sum	0.26 \pm 0.21
	SelfAttention	0.15 \pm 0.13
ELECTRA	Concat*	0.30 \pm 0.18
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.27 \pm 0.16
	MLP+Sum	0.30 \pm 0.18
	SelfAttention	0.14 \pm 0.11
RoBERTa	Concat*	0.41 \pm 0.15
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.36 \pm 0.14
	MLP+Sum	0.44 \pm 0.15
	SelfAttention	0.23 \pm 0.16
XLM-R	Concat*	0.35 \pm 0.17
	MLP+SelfAttention	0.29 \pm 0.17
	MLP+Sum	0.35 \pm 0.17
	SelfAttention	0.18 \pm 0.16

Table 10: **Graph Classification Ablation Study.** Zero-shot accuracy score across different architectures and seeds. We analyzed the effect of selecting only specific subspaces and including all available subspaces. Furthermore, we assessed all the possible aggregation functions and calculated the stitching index to validate stitching performance. Our proposed aggregation function achieved the highest accuracy score. It is important to note that the Concat aggregation method cannot be directly compared to others as it linearly increases the dimensionality of the space with the number of subspaces.

Aggregation	Projection	Accuracy \uparrow	Stitching index \uparrow
-	Absolute	0.14 ± 0.04	0.18
	Cosine	0.53 ± 0.06	0.71
	Euclidean	0.27 ± 0.06	0.58
	L_1	0.26 ± 0.06	0.58
	L_∞	0.12 ± 0.03	1.00
Concat*	Cosine, Euclidean	0.69 ± 0.04	0.90
	Cosine, L_1	0.69 ± 0.04	0.90
	Cosine, L_∞	0.65 ± 0.05	0.87
	Euclidean, L_1	0.40 ± 0.07	0.72
	Euclidean, L_∞	0.30 ± 0.09	0.65
	L_1, L_∞	0.32 ± 0.09	0.67
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.75 ± 0.02	0.97
SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean	0.72 ± 0.04	0.96
	Cosine, L_1	0.72 ± 0.04	0.96
	Cosine, L_∞	0.76 ± 0.02	1.00
	Euclidean, L_1	0.68 ± 0.03	0.92
	Euclidean, L_∞	0.69 ± 0.04	0.93
	L_1, L_∞	0.68 ± 0.04	0.91
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.63 ± 0.13	0.85
MLP+SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean	0.76 ± 0.01	1.00
	Cosine, L_1	0.76 ± 0.01	1.00
	Cosine, L_∞	0.76 ± 0.01	1.00
	Euclidean, L_1	0.68 ± 0.06	0.92
	Euclidean, L_∞	0.71 ± 0.03	0.95
	L_1, L_∞	0.69 ± 0.03	0.93
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.76 ± 0.02	0.99
MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean	0.78 ± 0.02	1.00
	Cosine, L_1	0.78 ± 0.01	1.00
	Cosine, L_∞	0.77 ± 0.01	1.00
	Euclidean, L_1	0.72 ± 0.03	0.97
	Euclidean, L_∞	0.68 ± 0.04	0.94
	L_1, L_∞	0.67 ± 0.01	0.94
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.77 ± 0.01	1.00

Table 11: **Stitching results: CIFAR10.** The table shows the mean and standard deviation of the test accuracy for the different projection methods sorted by maximum difference between projections, reported in the first column.

Encoder	Decoder	MaxDiff	Cosine	Euclidean	L_1	L_∞
RexNet	RViT-B/16	0.11 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.01	0.74 ± 0.02	0.69 ± 0.02	0.46 ± 0.02
	ViT-B/16	0.11 ± 0.00	0.79 ± 0.01	0.69 ± 0.02	0.69 ± 0.01	0.51 ± 0.03
	CViT-B/32	0.09 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.01	0.73 ± 0.01	0.70 ± 0.01	0.48 ± 0.03
	ViT-S/16	0.09 ± 0.02	0.79 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.02	0.70 ± 0.02	0.45 ± 0.02
ViT-B/16	RexNet	0.02 ± 0.01	0.94 ± 0.01	0.95 ± 0.00	0.96 ± 0.00	0.63 ± 0.01
CViT-B/32	ViT-B/16	0.02 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01	0.56 ± 0.00
	RViT-B/16	0.02 ± 0.00	0.84 ± 0.01	0.84 ± 0.01	0.84 ± 0.01	0.54 ± 0.02
RViT-B/16	RexNet	0.01 ± 0.00	0.93 ± 0.00	0.94 ± 0.00	0.94 ± 0.00	0.70 ± 0.02
CViT-B/32	RexNet	0.01 ± 0.00	0.87 ± 0.00	0.88 ± 0.00	0.87 ± 0.00	0.47 ± 0.01
	ViT-S/16	0.01 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.01	0.52 ± 0.01
ViT-S/16	RViT-B/16	0.01 ± 0.00	0.93 ± 0.00	0.93 ± 0.00	0.92 ± 0.00	0.73 ± 0.00
RViT-B/16	ViT-B/16	0.01 ± 0.00	0.95 ± 0.00	0.95 ± 0.00	0.95 ± 0.00	0.74 ± 0.01
ViT-S/16	ViT-B/16	0.01 ± 0.00	0.94 ± 0.00	0.93 ± 0.00	0.94 ± 0.00	0.69 ± 0.01
RViT-B/16	CViT-B/32	0.01 ± 0.01	0.93 ± 0.00	0.94 ± 0.00	0.94 ± 0.00	0.78 ± 0.03
ViT-S/16	CViT-B/32	0.01 ± 0.00	0.93 ± 0.00	0.93 ± 0.00	0.92 ± 0.00	0.66 ± 0.03
	RexNet	0.01 ± 0.00	0.92 ± 0.00	0.91 ± 0.00	0.92 ± 0.00	0.66 ± 0.02
ViT-B/16	RViT-B/16	0.01 ± 0.00	0.96 ± 0.00	0.96 ± 0.00	0.97 ± 0.00	0.76 ± 0.00
	CViT-B/32	0.01 ± 0.00	0.95 ± 0.00	0.96 ± 0.00	0.96 ± 0.00	0.67 ± 0.02
RViT-B/16	ViT-S/16	0.00 ± 0.00	0.95 ± 0.00	0.95 ± 0.00	0.95 ± 0.00	0.79 ± 0.02
ViT-B/16	ViT-S/16	0.00 ± 0.00	0.97 ± 0.00	0.97 ± 0.00	0.97 ± 0.00	0.73 ± 0.03

Table 12: **Stitching results: CIFAR100.** The table shows the mean and standard deviation of the test accuracy for the different projection methods sorted by maximum difference between projections, reported in the first column.

Encoder	Decoder	MaxDiff	Cosine	Euclidean	L_1	L_∞
RexNet	ViT-B/16	0.24 ± 0.01	0.50 ± 0.01	0.40 ± 0.02	0.25 ± 0.02	0.21 ± 0.02
ViT-S/16	RexNet	0.23 ± 0.01	0.73 ± 0.00	0.63 ± 0.01	0.50 ± 0.01	0.31 ± 0.00
RexNet	RViT-B/16	0.20 ± 0.02	0.52 ± 0.01	0.42 ± 0.02	0.31 ± 0.02	0.22 ± 0.01
ViT-S/16	CViT-B/32	0.17 ± 0.03	0.68 ± 0.00	0.61 ± 0.01	0.51 ± 0.03	0.30 ± 0.00
	ViT-B/16	0.14 ± 0.00	0.77 ± 0.00	0.64 ± 0.00	0.71 ± 0.01	0.33 ± 0.01
	RViT-B/16	0.13 ± 0.01	0.75 ± 0.00	0.67 ± 0.01	0.62 ± 0.01	0.39 ± 0.00
RexNet	ViT-S/16	0.12 ± 0.01	0.47 ± 0.01	0.40 ± 0.02	0.34 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.00
	CViT-B/32	0.11 ± 0.01	0.50 ± 0.01	0.52 ± 0.02	0.41 ± 0.02	0.17 ± 0.02
CViT-B/32	RViT-B/16	0.07 ± 0.03	0.48 ± 0.04	0.52 ± 0.02	0.49 ± 0.03	0.32 ± 0.01
RViT-B/16	RexNet	0.06 ± 0.00	0.79 ± 0.00	0.77 ± 0.00	0.72 ± 0.00	0.33 ± 0.00
CViT-B/32	ViT-S/16	0.05 ± 0.01	0.53 ± 0.02	0.54 ± 0.02	0.57 ± 0.02	0.22 ± 0.01
	ViT-B/16	0.05 ± 0.02	0.53 ± 0.02	0.52 ± 0.02	0.56 ± 0.01	0.26 ± 0.01
ViT-B/16	RexNet	0.04 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.01	0.68 ± 0.00	0.40 ± 0.02
	CViT-B/32	0.04 ± 0.01	0.70 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.01	0.73 ± 0.01	0.39 ± 0.01
	ViT-S/16	0.03 ± 0.00	0.80 ± 0.00	0.83 ± 0.00	0.84 ± 0.00	0.44 ± 0.01
CViT-B/32	RexNet	0.03 ± 0.02	0.52 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.02	0.53 ± 0.00	0.27 ± 0.01
RViT-B/16	ViT-S/16	0.03 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.01	0.82 ± 0.00	0.81 ± 0.01	0.34 ± 0.00
ViT-B/16	RViT-B/16	0.02 ± 0.01	0.78 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.00	0.44 ± 0.01
RViT-B/16	ViT-B/16	0.01 ± 0.00	0.82 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.00	0.82 ± 0.00	0.26 ± 0.01
	CViT-B/32	0.01 ± 0.01	0.75 ± 0.00	0.75 ± 0.01	0.75 ± 0.00	0.30 ± 0.01

Table 13: **Stitching results:** Fashion MNIST. The table shows the mean and standard deviation of the test accuracy for the different projection methods sorted by maximum difference between projections, reported in the first column.

Encoder	Decoder	MaxDiff	Cosine	Euclidean	L_1	L_∞
CViT-B/32	RexNet	0.05 ± 0.00	0.67 ± 0.00	0.72 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.00	0.54 ± 0.00
RViT-B/16	RexNet	0.04 ± 0.01	0.76 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.01	0.59 ± 0.01
ViT-B/16	CViT-B/32	0.03 ± 0.00	0.76 ± 0.01	0.78 ± 0.00	0.79 ± 0.00	0.50 ± 0.01
CViT-B/32	RViT-B/16	0.03 ± 0.02	0.68 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.01	0.56 ± 0.00
RViT-B/16	ViT-B/16	0.03 ± 0.01	0.78 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.00	0.61 ± 0.01
ViT-S/16	RViT-B/16	0.03 ± 0.00	0.76 ± 0.00	0.77 ± 0.00	0.78 ± 0.00	0.52 ± 0.01
RViT-B/16	CViT-B/32	0.03 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.01	0.74 ± 0.01	0.57 ± 0.01
ViT-B/16	RexNet	0.03 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.00	0.81 ± 0.00	0.81 ± 0.00	0.48 ± 0.01
RexNet	RViT-B/16	0.03 ± 0.01	0.74 ± 0.01	0.77 ± 0.00	0.76 ± 0.00	0.53 ± 0.02
CViT-B/32	ViT-S/16	0.03 ± 0.01	0.66 ± 0.02	0.65 ± 0.01	0.65 ± 0.01	0.56 ± 0.00
RexNet	ViT-S/16	0.02 ± 0.01	0.74 ± 0.00	0.77 ± 0.00	0.76 ± 0.01	0.64 ± 0.01
ViT-S/16	RexNet	0.02 ± 0.01	0.78 ± 0.01	0.78 ± 0.01	0.78 ± 0.01	0.51 ± 0.01
ViT-B/16	ViT-S/16	0.02 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.01	0.57 ± 0.01
CViT-B/32	ViT-B/16	0.02 ± 0.01	0.70 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.00	0.55 ± 0.01
RexNet	CViT-B/32	0.01 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.01	0.74 ± 0.01	0.73 ± 0.01	0.63 ± 0.00
RViT-B/16	ViT-S/16	0.01 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.00	0.79 ± 0.00	0.80 ± 0.01	0.63 ± 0.00
ViT-S/16	ViT-B/16	0.01 ± 0.00	0.79 ± 0.00	0.80 ± 0.00	0.80 ± 0.01	0.54 ± 0.01
RexNet	ViT-B/16	0.01 ± 0.01	0.76 ± 0.00	0.77 ± 0.01	0.77 ± 0.00	0.60 ± 0.02
ViT-S/16	CViT-B/32	0.01 ± 0.00	0.75 ± 0.00	0.75 ± 0.00	0.75 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.02
ViT-B/16	RViT-B/16	0.01 ± 0.00	0.84 ± 0.00	0.84 ± 0.00	0.84 ± 0.00	0.52 ± 0.00

Table 14: **Stitching results: MNIST.** The table shows the mean and standard deviation of the test accuracy for the different projection methods sorted by maximum difference between projections, reported in the first column.

Encoder	Decoder	MaxDiff	Cosine	Euclidean	L_1	L_∞
CViT-B/32	ViT-B/16	0.09 ± 0.01	0.57 ± 0.00	0.65 ± 0.01	0.66 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.01
ViT-S/16	RexNet	0.08 ± 0.01	0.62 ± 0.01	0.69 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.00	0.48 ± 0.01
ViT-B/16	RexNet	0.08 ± 0.01	0.56 ± 0.00	0.62 ± 0.01	0.64 ± 0.00	0.43 ± 0.01
	CViT-B/32	0.07 ± 0.02	0.62 ± 0.02	0.69 ± 0.01	0.69 ± 0.01	0.47 ± 0.00
RexNet	ViT-S/16	0.07 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.00	0.65 ± 0.01	0.64 ± 0.01	0.51 ± 0.00
ViT-B/16	ViT-S/16	0.07 ± 0.01	0.66 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.00	0.73 ± 0.00	0.42 ± 0.00
CViT-B/32	RViT-B/16	0.05 ± 0.03	0.57 ± 0.01	0.62 ± 0.02	0.60 ± 0.02	0.54 ± 0.01
ViT-B/16	RViT-B/16	0.05 ± 0.03	0.53 ± 0.02	0.58 ± 0.02	0.56 ± 0.02	0.33 ± 0.00
ViT-S/16	RViT-B/16	0.05 ± 0.02	0.69 ± 0.01	0.73 ± 0.01	0.74 ± 0.01	0.49 ± 0.02
CViT-B/32	ViT-S/16	0.04 ± 0.01	0.60 ± 0.01	0.65 ± 0.01	0.65 ± 0.01	0.57 ± 0.01
ViT-S/16	CViT-B/32	0.04 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.01	0.69 ± 0.01	0.67 ± 0.00	0.49 ± 0.01
RViT-B/16	RexNet	0.04 ± 0.02	0.63 ± 0.00	0.66 ± 0.01	0.67 ± 0.01	0.65 ± 0.01
RexNet	CViT-B/32	0.04 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.01	0.74 ± 0.01	0.74 ± 0.00	0.48 ± 0.00
	RViT-B/16	0.03 ± 0.01	0.74 ± 0.01	0.77 ± 0.00	0.77 ± 0.00	0.63 ± 0.01
	ViT-B/16	0.03 ± 0.01	0.69 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.00	0.72 ± 0.00	0.53 ± 0.00
CViT-B/32	RexNet	0.02 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.00	0.73 ± 0.01	0.73 ± 0.02	0.61 ± 0.00
RViT-B/16	CViT-B/32	0.02 ± 0.01	0.69 ± 0.01	0.68 ± 0.01	0.68 ± 0.01	0.61 ± 0.01
RexNet	RViT-B/16	0.02 ± 0.01	0.67 ± 0.01	0.67 ± 0.01	0.66 ± 0.01	0.47 ± 0.01
ViT-S/16	ViT-B/16	0.01 ± 0.01	0.68 ± 0.01	0.69 ± 0.00	0.68 ± 0.00	0.46 ± 0.02
RexNet	ViT-B/16	0.01 ± 0.01	0.73 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.00	0.46 ± 0.01

Table 15: **Stitching results: DBPEDIA.** The table shows the mean and standard deviation of the test accuracy for the different projection methods sorted by maximum difference between projections, reported in the first column.

Encoder	Decoder	MaxDiff	Cosine	Euclidean	L_1	L_∞
XLM-R	BERT-C	0.25 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.00	0.19 ± 0.01	0.39 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.01
	ALBERT	0.22 ± 0.03	0.15 ± 0.03	0.17 ± 0.02	0.36 ± 0.02	0.10 ± 0.00
	ELECTRA	0.22 ± 0.02	0.08 ± 0.00	0.13 ± 0.01	0.30 ± 0.02	0.06 ± 0.01
BERT-U	RoBERTa	0.20 ± 0.01	0.53 ± 0.01	0.36 ± 0.01	0.33 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.01
XLM-R	RoBERTa	0.19 ± 0.02	0.16 ± 0.02	0.19 ± 0.01	0.35 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.01
BERT-U	ELECTRA	0.19 ± 0.02	0.50 ± 0.01	0.31 ± 0.01	0.35 ± 0.00	0.14 ± 0.01
XLM-R	BERT-U	0.16 ± 0.01	0.12 ± 0.00	0.14 ± 0.01	0.27 ± 0.01	0.10 ± 0.00
BERT-U	BERT-C	0.15 ± 0.01	0.57 ± 0.00	0.43 ± 0.00	0.42 ± 0.01	0.13 ± 0.01
	CViT-B/32	0.15 ± 0.03	0.41 ± 0.02	0.30 ± 0.01	0.26 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.00
	XLM-R	0.15 ± 0.01	0.50 ± 0.02	0.35 ± 0.01	0.36 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.01
RoBERTa	BERT-C	0.12 ± 0.02	0.40 ± 0.03	0.30 ± 0.02	0.28 ± 0.01	0.13 ± 0.01
BERT-C	ELECTRA	0.12 ± 0.02	0.49 ± 0.02	0.46 ± 0.01	0.58 ± 0.02	0.11 ± 0.01
XLM-R	CViT-B/32	0.12 ± 0.02	0.12 ± 0.01	0.12 ± 0.02	0.23 ± 0.00	0.08 ± 0.00
RoBERTa	BERT-U	0.11 ± 0.05	0.31 ± 0.06	0.27 ± 0.06	0.31 ± 0.06	0.15 ± 0.01
ELECTRA	ALBERT	0.11 ± 0.01	0.25 ± 0.01	0.27 ± 0.02	0.36 ± 0.02	0.11 ± 0.00
BERT-U	ALBERT	0.11 ± 0.04	0.53 ± 0.01	0.42 ± 0.03	0.43 ± 0.02	0.11 ± 0.00
ELECTRA	BERT-C	0.11 ± 0.01	0.31 ± 0.01	0.27 ± 0.01	0.38 ± 0.03	0.10 ± 0.00
ALBERT	XLM-R	0.09 ± 0.01	0.40 ± 0.00	0.42 ± 0.00	0.49 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.00
RoBERTa	ELECTRA	0.09 ± 0.02	0.36 ± 0.03	0.29 ± 0.01	0.37 ± 0.02	0.13 ± 0.01
BERT-C	XLM-R	0.09 ± 0.05	0.49 ± 0.03	0.57 ± 0.04	0.51 ± 0.03	0.12 ± 0.01
	RoBERTa	0.08 ± 0.05	0.52 ± 0.03	0.56 ± 0.02	0.60 ± 0.02	0.14 ± 0.00
ELECTRA	BERT-U	0.08 ± 0.03	0.24 ± 0.01	0.21 ± 0.01	0.29 ± 0.02	0.14 ± 0.00
	RoBERTa	0.08 ± 0.01	0.35 ± 0.02	0.34 ± 0.01	0.41 ± 0.01	0.10 ± 0.01
RoBERTa	CViT-B/32	0.07 ± 0.02	0.22 ± 0.02	0.21 ± 0.01	0.24 ± 0.06	0.11 ± 0.01
BERT-C	ALBERT	0.07 ± 0.03	0.43 ± 0.04	0.43 ± 0.05	0.42 ± 0.05	0.13 ± 0.00
	BERT-U	0.06 ± 0.06	0.49 ± 0.04	0.53 ± 0.04	0.54 ± 0.04	0.21 ± 0.01
ELECTRA	CViT-B/32	0.06 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.01	0.19 ± 0.01	0.25 ± 0.01	0.10 ± 0.01
BERT-C	CViT-B/32	0.06 ± 0.05	0.33 ± 0.02	0.34 ± 0.03	0.35 ± 0.07	0.09 ± 0.01
RoBERTa	ALBERT	0.06 ± 0.00	0.32 ± 0.04	0.31 ± 0.01	0.36 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.00
ELECTRA	XLM-R	0.05 ± 0.01	0.25 ± 0.00	0.25 ± 0.00	0.30 ± 0.01	0.13 ± 0.01
RoBERTa	XLM-R	0.05 ± 0.01	0.24 ± 0.02	0.21 ± 0.01	0.26 ± 0.00	0.12 ± 0.01
ALBERT	ELECTRA	0.04 ± 0.01	0.50 ± 0.00	0.50 ± 0.01	0.53 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.01
CViT-B/32	ELECTRA	0.04 ± 0.01	0.20 ± 0.00	0.23 ± 0.00	0.21 ± 0.00	0.11 ± 0.01
	RoBERTa	0.03 ± 0.00	0.21 ± 0.00	0.24 ± 0.00	0.24 ± 0.01	0.15 ± 0.01
	BERT-U	0.03 ± 0.01	0.19 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.01	0.21 ± 0.00	0.12 ± 0.00
ALBERT	BERT-U	0.03 ± 0.02	0.54 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.00	0.57 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.00
CViT-B/32	ALBERT	0.03 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.01	0.19 ± 0.00	0.20 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.01
ALBERT	RoBERTa	0.02 ± 0.02	0.50 ± 0.02	0.50 ± 0.00	0.52 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.02
	BERT-C	0.02 ± 0.02	0.51 ± 0.01	0.53 ± 0.01	0.53 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.00
	CViT-B/32	0.02 ± 0.00	0.43 ± 0.00	0.45 ± 0.01	0.43 ± 0.01	0.15 ± 0.00
CViT-B/32	BERT-C	0.02 ± 0.01	0.20 ± 0.00	0.21 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.02
	XLM-R	0.02 ± 0.00	0.22 ± 0.00	0.23 ± 0.00	0.24 ± 0.00	0.13 ± 0.00

Table 16: **Stitching results: TREC.** The table shows the mean and standard deviation of the test accuracy for the different projection methods sorted by maximum difference between projections, reported in the first column.

Encoder	Decoder	MaxDiff	Cosine	Euclidean	L_1	L_∞
XLM-R	RoBERTa	0.32 ± 0.11	0.40 ± 0.10	0.46 ± 0.04	0.69 ± 0.06	0.33 ± 0.09
	BERT-U	0.30 ± 0.13	0.36 ± 0.18	0.53 ± 0.04	0.64 ± 0.01	0.31 ± 0.04
BERT-C	XLM-R	0.30 ± 0.14	0.34 ± 0.08	0.55 ± 0.03	0.64 ± 0.06	0.17 ± 0.03
XLM-R	BERT-C	0.26 ± 0.08	0.42 ± 0.09	0.56 ± 0.02	0.68 ± 0.02	0.26 ± 0.11
CViT-B/32	BERT-C	0.25 ± 0.16	0.24 ± 0.12	0.45 ± 0.03	0.45 ± 0.12	0.33 ± 0.01
RoBERTa	XLM-R	0.25 ± 0.03	0.37 ± 0.03	0.36 ± 0.01	0.60 ± 0.02	0.27 ± 0.08
XLM-R	CViT-B/32	0.25 ± 0.12	0.30 ± 0.06	0.47 ± 0.04	0.55 ± 0.07	0.34 ± 0.03
ALBERT	XLM-R	0.24 ± 0.12	0.37 ± 0.09	0.50 ± 0.02	0.61 ± 0.03	0.28 ± 0.04
BERT-U	XLM-R	0.24 ± 0.08	0.34 ± 0.08	0.53 ± 0.03	0.58 ± 0.00	0.27 ± 0.10
	ELECTRA	0.23 ± 0.09	0.35 ± 0.06	0.57 ± 0.06	0.43 ± 0.07	0.32 ± 0.01
RoBERTa	ALBERT	0.23 ± 0.04	0.42 ± 0.01	0.65 ± 0.03	0.62 ± 0.03	0.14 ± 0.04
ELECTRA	ALBERT	0.21 ± 0.11	0.51 ± 0.04	0.48 ± 0.11	0.65 ± 0.04	0.16 ± 0.04
CViT-B/32	RoBERTa	0.20 ± 0.02	0.45 ± 0.02	0.54 ± 0.01	0.65 ± 0.01	0.32 ± 0.09
	ELECTRA	0.20 ± 0.07	0.33 ± 0.07	0.52 ± 0.01	0.39 ± 0.01	0.31 ± 0.01
BERT-C	ELECTRA	0.20 ± 0.06	0.40 ± 0.04	0.60 ± 0.02	0.53 ± 0.03	0.20 ± 0.02
ELECTRA	RoBERTa	0.20 ± 0.00	0.52 ± 0.02	0.33 ± 0.01	0.45 ± 0.05	0.32 ± 0.07
XLM-R	ALBERT	0.19 ± 0.12	0.46 ± 0.08	0.58 ± 0.07	0.64 ± 0.07	0.21 ± 0.01
RoBERTa	BERT-U	0.19 ± 0.02	0.44 ± 0.02	0.60 ± 0.02	0.62 ± 0.03	0.21 ± 0.01
XLM-R	ELECTRA	0.19 ± 0.07	0.37 ± 0.06	0.56 ± 0.02	0.45 ± 0.02	0.38 ± 0.03
CViT-B/32	ALBERT	0.18 ± 0.08	0.45 ± 0.10	0.60 ± 0.04	0.48 ± 0.03	0.11 ± 0.01
	XLM-R	0.17 ± 0.06	0.36 ± 0.06	0.51 ± 0.04	0.53 ± 0.03	0.34 ± 0.01
ELECTRA	BERT-U	0.16 ± 0.05	0.52 ± 0.02	0.44 ± 0.10	0.59 ± 0.05	0.20 ± 0.04
BERT-U	RoBERTa	0.14 ± 0.02	0.56 ± 0.00	0.64 ± 0.03	0.70 ± 0.02	0.29 ± 0.08
	CViT-B/32	0.14 ± 0.06	0.46 ± 0.03	0.52 ± 0.01	0.60 ± 0.04	0.25 ± 0.08
BERT-C	BERT-U	0.14 ± 0.18	0.53 ± 0.13	0.61 ± 0.03	0.65 ± 0.06	0.23 ± 0.04
RoBERTa	CViT-B/32	0.13 ± 0.05	0.42 ± 0.04	0.51 ± 0.07	0.54 ± 0.03	0.27 ± 0.10
ALBERT	CViT-B/32	0.12 ± 0.04	0.51 ± 0.08	0.47 ± 0.02	0.56 ± 0.02	0.30 ± 0.02
BERT-C	ALBERT	0.12 ± 0.10	0.53 ± 0.10	0.54 ± 0.06	0.59 ± 0.08	0.23 ± 0.03
BERT-U	BERT-C	0.11 ± 0.02	0.41 ± 0.00	0.48 ± 0.01	0.53 ± 0.02	0.35 ± 0.02
BERT-C	CViT-B/32	0.11 ± 0.09	0.43 ± 0.07	0.53 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.03	0.18 ± 0.06
ALBERT	RoBERTa	0.11 ± 0.06	0.54 ± 0.03	0.60 ± 0.03	0.65 ± 0.02	0.29 ± 0.06
ELECTRA	CViT-B/32	0.10 ± 0.08	0.48 ± 0.05	0.50 ± 0.04	0.57 ± 0.05	0.33 ± 0.05
	XLM-R	0.10 ± 0.08	0.48 ± 0.08	0.55 ± 0.02	0.57 ± 0.02	0.30 ± 0.07
BERT-C	RoBERTa	0.10 ± 0.09	0.56 ± 0.11	0.59 ± 0.04	0.60 ± 0.02	0.24 ± 0.01
BERT-U	ALBERT	0.09 ± 0.05	0.63 ± 0.07	0.64 ± 0.05	0.64 ± 0.05	0.22 ± 0.06
ALBERT	BERT-U	0.08 ± 0.05	0.54 ± 0.04	0.57 ± 0.03	0.60 ± 0.04	0.47 ± 0.01
CViT-B/32	BERT-U	0.08 ± 0.01	0.51 ± 0.00	0.58 ± 0.02	0.53 ± 0.05	0.12 ± 0.00
RoBERTa	BERT-C	0.07 ± 0.03	0.52 ± 0.03	0.59 ± 0.00	0.57 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.03
ELECTRA	BERT-C	0.07 ± 0.02	0.49 ± 0.02	0.56 ± 0.02	0.56 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.05
ALBERT	BERT-C	0.07 ± 0.01	0.43 ± 0.00	0.49 ± 0.02	0.49 ± 0.01	0.32 ± 0.01
	ELECTRA	0.06 ± 0.01	0.57 ± 0.02	0.61 ± 0.02	0.62 ± 0.01	0.29 ± 0.01
RoBERTa	ELECTRA	0.02 ± 0.01	0.41 ± 0.00	0.40 ± 0.01	0.42 ± 0.01	0.16 ± 0.01

Table 17: **Stitching results: N24NEWS(Text)**. The table shows the mean and standard deviation of the test accuracy for the different projection methods sorted by maximum difference between projections, reported in the first column.

Encoder	Decoder	MaxDiff	Cosine	Euclidean	L_1	L_∞
XLM-R	ALBERT	0.18 ± 0.01	0.16 ± 0.01	0.29 ± 0.02	0.34 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.00
	BERT-C	0.17 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.01	0.33 ± 0.02	0.39 ± 0.02	0.07 ± 0.00
	BERT-U	0.15 ± 0.00	0.21 ± 0.01	0.29 ± 0.01	0.36 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.00
	ELECTRA	0.15 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.01	0.26 ± 0.01	0.33 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.00
RoBERTa	XLM-R	0.11 ± 0.00	0.53 ± 0.00	0.55 ± 0.00	0.64 ± 0.00	0.08 ± 0.00
XLM-R	RoBERTa	0.09 ± 0.02	0.37 ± 0.01	0.37 ± 0.02	0.45 ± 0.02	0.06 ± 0.01
RoBERTa	ELECTRA	0.09 ± 0.01	0.38 ± 0.01	0.35 ± 0.00	0.44 ± 0.00	0.11 ± 0.01
	ALBERT	0.08 ± 0.01	0.38 ± 0.02	0.39 ± 0.01	0.46 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.00
	BERT-U	0.08 ± 0.01	0.50 ± 0.01	0.44 ± 0.02	0.51 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.01
ELECTRA	RoBERTa	0.08 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.01	0.19 ± 0.01	0.13 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.01
	BERT-U	0.07 ± 0.04	0.05 ± 0.03	0.10 ± 0.02	0.11 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.01
	BERT-C	0.06 ± 0.02	0.07 ± 0.01	0.13 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.01
BERT-C	BERT-U	0.04 ± 0.04	0.21 ± 0.02	0.23 ± 0.04	0.23 ± 0.04	0.13 ± 0.01
ELECTRA	XLM-R	0.04 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.00	0.12 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.00
BERT-C	ELECTRA	0.03 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.01	0.20 ± 0.01	0.21 ± 0.01	0.10 ± 0.01
RoBERTa	BERT-C	0.03 ± 0.00	0.59 ± 0.01	0.57 ± 0.00	0.60 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.00
BERT-C	RoBERTa	0.03 ± 0.01	0.26 ± 0.00	0.25 ± 0.01	0.23 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.01
BERT-U	ELECTRA	0.03 ± 0.02	0.14 ± 0.02	0.16 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.01
	ALBERT	0.03 ± 0.01	0.15 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.00	0.18 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.00
BERT-C	CViT-B/32	0.03 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.02	0.04 ± 0.02	0.04 ± 0.02	0.04 ± 0.01
CViT-B/32	RoBERTa	0.03 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.02	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00
RoBERTa	CViT-B/32	0.03 ± 0.03	0.06 ± 0.02	0.04 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01
ELECTRA	CViT-B/32	0.02 ± 0.02	0.05 ± 0.02	0.04 ± 0.02	0.04 ± 0.02	0.05 ± 0.01
BERT-U	XLM-R	0.02 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.01	0.19 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.02	0.07 ± 0.00
ALBERT	CViT-B/32	0.02 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.02	0.04 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.01
BERT-U	RoBERTa	0.02 ± 0.00	0.18 ± 0.01	0.20 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.01
	BERT-C	0.02 ± 0.02	0.20 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.00
XLM-R	CViT-B/32	0.02 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.01
ELECTRA	ALBERT	0.02 ± 0.02	0.11 ± 0.02	0.13 ± 0.01	0.13 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.00
BERT-U	CViT-B/32	0.01 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.00
ALBERT	RoBERTa	0.01 ± 0.00	0.08 ± 0.00	0.09 ± 0.00	0.07 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.00
BERT-C	XLM-R	0.01 ± 0.01	0.29 ± 0.00	0.29 ± 0.00	0.28 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.00
	ALBERT	0.01 ± 0.01	0.28 ± 0.01	0.29 ± 0.00	0.29 ± 0.01	0.10 ± 0.01
ALBERT	BERT-C	0.01 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.00	0.09 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.00
	ELECTRA	0.01 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.00	0.12 ± 0.01	0.12 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.01
	BERT-U	0.01 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.00	0.11 ± 0.00	0.07 ± 0.00
CViT-B/32	XLM-R	0.01 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00
ALBERT	XLM-R	0.01 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.00	0.10 ± 0.00	0.09 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.00
	ELECTRA	0.00 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00
	BERT-U	0.00 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00
	BERT-C	0.00 ± 0.00	0.03 ± 0.00	0.03 ± 0.00	0.03 ± 0.00	0.03 ± 0.00
	ALBERT	0.00 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00	0.05 ± 0.00

Table 18: **End-to-end Performance Results:** CIFAR10 dataset. The classifier head is a simple Linear layer.

Model	Aggregation	Projection	
CViT-B/32	-	Absolute	0.92 ± 0.05
		Cosine	0.90 ± 0.06
		Euclidean	0.90 ± 0.06
		L_1	0.90 ± 0.06
		L_∞	0.79 ± 0.13
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.91 ± 0.05
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.90 ± 0.06
RViT-B/16	-	Absolute	0.85 ± 0.19
		Cosine	0.83 ± 0.18
		Euclidean	0.83 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.83 ± 0.19
		L_∞	0.79 ± 0.20
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.84 ± 0.19
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.82 ± 0.20
RexNet	-	Absolute	0.80 ± 0.21
		Cosine	0.76 ± 0.20
		Euclidean	0.76 ± 0.20
		L_1	0.77 ± 0.20
		L_∞	0.72 ± 0.20
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.79 ± 0.21
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.76 ± 0.21
ViT-B/16	-	Absolute	0.86 ± 0.18
		Cosine	0.84 ± 0.18
		Euclidean	0.84 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.85 ± 0.18
		L_∞	0.73 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.86 ± 0.18
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.84 ± 0.19
ViT-S/16	-	Absolute	0.83 ± 0.19
		Cosine	0.82 ± 0.19
		Euclidean	0.82 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.82 ± 0.19
		L_∞	0.74 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.83 ± 0.18
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.82 ± 0.20

Table 19: **End-to-end Performance Results:** CIFAR100 dataset. The classifier head is a simple Linear layer.

Model	Aggregation	Projection	
CViT-B/32	-	Absolute	0.92 ± 0.05
		Cosine	0.90 ± 0.06
		Euclidean	0.90 ± 0.06
		L_1	0.90 ± 0.06
		L_∞	0.79 ± 0.13
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.91 ± 0.05
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.90 ± 0.06
RViT-B/16	-	Absolute	0.85 ± 0.19
		Cosine	0.83 ± 0.18
		Euclidean	0.83 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.83 ± 0.19
		L_∞	0.79 ± 0.20
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.84 ± 0.19
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.82 ± 0.20
RexNet	-	Absolute	0.80 ± 0.21
		Cosine	0.76 ± 0.20
		Euclidean	0.76 ± 0.20
		L_1	0.77 ± 0.20
		L_∞	0.72 ± 0.20
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.79 ± 0.21
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.76 ± 0.21
ViT-B/16	-	Absolute	0.86 ± 0.18
		Cosine	0.84 ± 0.18
		Euclidean	0.84 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.85 ± 0.18
		L_∞	0.73 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.86 ± 0.18
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.84 ± 0.19
ViT-S/16	-	Absolute	0.83 ± 0.19
		Cosine	0.82 ± 0.19
		Euclidean	0.82 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.82 ± 0.19
		L_∞	0.74 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.83 ± 0.18
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.82 ± 0.20

Table 20: **End-to-end Performance Results:** F-MNIST dataset. The classifier head is a simple Linear layer.

Model	Aggregation	Projection	
CViT-B/32	-	Absolute	0.92 ± 0.05
		Cosine	0.90 ± 0.06
		Euclidean	0.90 ± 0.06
		L_1	0.90 ± 0.06
		L_∞	0.79 ± 0.13
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.91 ± 0.05
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.90 ± 0.06
RViT-B/16	-	Absolute	0.85 ± 0.19
		Cosine	0.83 ± 0.18
		Euclidean	0.83 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.83 ± 0.19
		L_∞	0.79 ± 0.20
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.84 ± 0.19
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.82 ± 0.20
RexNet	-	Absolute	0.80 ± 0.21
		Cosine	0.76 ± 0.20
		Euclidean	0.76 ± 0.20
		L_1	0.77 ± 0.20
		L_∞	0.72 ± 0.20
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.79 ± 0.21
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.76 ± 0.21
ViT-B/16	-	Absolute	0.86 ± 0.18
		Cosine	0.84 ± 0.18
		Euclidean	0.84 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.85 ± 0.18
		L_∞	0.73 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.86 ± 0.18
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.84 ± 0.19
ViT-S/16	-	Absolute	0.83 ± 0.19
		Cosine	0.82 ± 0.19
		Euclidean	0.82 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.82 ± 0.19
		L_∞	0.74 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.83 ± 0.18
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.82 ± 0.20

Table 21: **End-to-end Performance Results:** MNIST dataset. The classifier head is a simple Linear layer.

Model	Aggregation	Projection	
CViT-B/32	-	Absolute	0.92 ± 0.05
		Cosine	0.90 ± 0.06
		Euclidean	0.90 ± 0.06
		L_1	0.90 ± 0.06
		L_∞	0.79 ± 0.13
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.91 ± 0.05
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.90 ± 0.06
RViT-B/16	-	Absolute	0.85 ± 0.19
		Cosine	0.83 ± 0.18
		Euclidean	0.83 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.83 ± 0.19
		L_∞	0.79 ± 0.20
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.84 ± 0.19
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.82 ± 0.20
RexNet	-	Absolute	0.80 ± 0.21
		Cosine	0.76 ± 0.20
		Euclidean	0.76 ± 0.20
		L_1	0.77 ± 0.20
		L_∞	0.72 ± 0.20
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.79 ± 0.21
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.76 ± 0.21
ViT-B/16	-	Absolute	0.86 ± 0.18
		Cosine	0.84 ± 0.18
		Euclidean	0.84 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.85 ± 0.18
		L_∞	0.73 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.86 ± 0.18
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.84 ± 0.19
ViT-S/16	-	Absolute	0.83 ± 0.19
		Cosine	0.82 ± 0.19
		Euclidean	0.82 ± 0.18
		L_1	0.82 ± 0.19
		L_∞	0.74 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.83 ± 0.18
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.82 ± 0.20

Table 22: **End-to-end Performance Results:** DBPEDIA dataset. The classifier head is a simple Linear layer.

Model	Aggregation	Projection	
ALBERT	-	Absolute	0.71 ± 0.21
		Cosine	0.61 ± 0.23
		Euclidean	0.62 ± 0.22
		L_1	0.63 ± 0.23
		L_∞	0.49 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.63 ± 0.22
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.61 ± 0.23
BERT-C	-	Absolute	0.84 ± 0.11
		Cosine	0.78 ± 0.13
		Euclidean	0.80 ± 0.13
		L_1	0.81 ± 0.13
		L_∞	0.56 ± 0.12
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.81 ± 0.11
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.77 ± 0.13
BERT-U	-	Absolute	0.77 ± 0.17
		Cosine	0.73 ± 0.17
		Euclidean	0.74 ± 0.17
		L_1	0.74 ± 0.18
		L_∞	0.46 ± 0.08
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.74 ± 0.16
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.66 ± 0.18
CvIT-B/32	-	Absolute	0.33 ± 0.24
		Cosine	0.31 ± 0.23
		Euclidean	0.33 ± 0.26
		L_1	0.33 ± 0.26
		L_∞	0.23 ± 0.14
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.33 ± 0.25
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.20 ± 0.16
ELECTRA	-	Absolute	0.76 ± 0.14
		Cosine	0.58 ± 0.15
		Euclidean	0.59 ± 0.09
		L_1	0.64 ± 0.13
		L_∞	0.32 ± 0.07
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.65 ± 0.10
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.61 ± 0.14
RoBERTa	-	Absolute	0.81 ± 0.10
		Cosine	0.75 ± 0.04
		Euclidean	0.77 ± 0.01
		L_1	0.81 ± 0.02
		L_∞	0.36 ± 0.07
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.80 ± 0.04
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.61 ± 0.27
XLM-R	-	Absolute	0.74 ± 0.12
		Cosine	0.58 ± 0.07
		Euclidean	0.64 ± 0.07
		L_1	0.78 ± 0.05
		L_∞	0.26 ± 0.09
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.78 ± 0.06
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.71 ± 0.22

Table 23: **End-to-end Performance Results:** TREC dataset. The classifier head is a simple Linear layer.

Model	Aggregation	Projection	
ALBERT	-	Absolute	0.71 ± 0.21
		Cosine	0.61 ± 0.23
		Euclidean	0.62 ± 0.22
		L_1	0.63 ± 0.23
		L_∞	0.49 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.63 ± 0.22
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.61 ± 0.23
BERT-C	-	Absolute	0.84 ± 0.11
		Cosine	0.78 ± 0.13
		Euclidean	0.80 ± 0.13
		L_1	0.81 ± 0.13
		L_∞	0.56 ± 0.12
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.81 ± 0.11
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.77 ± 0.13
BERT-U	-	Absolute	0.77 ± 0.17
		Cosine	0.73 ± 0.17
		Euclidean	0.74 ± 0.17
		L_1	0.74 ± 0.18
		L_∞	0.46 ± 0.08
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.74 ± 0.16
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.66 ± 0.18
CvIT-B/32	-	Absolute	0.33 ± 0.24
		Cosine	0.31 ± 0.23
		Euclidean	0.33 ± 0.26
		L_1	0.33 ± 0.26
		L_∞	0.23 ± 0.14
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.33 ± 0.25
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.20 ± 0.16
ELECTRA	-	Absolute	0.76 ± 0.14
		Cosine	0.58 ± 0.15
		Euclidean	0.59 ± 0.09
		L_1	0.64 ± 0.13
		L_∞	0.32 ± 0.07
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.65 ± 0.10
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.61 ± 0.14
RoBERTa	-	Absolute	0.81 ± 0.10
		Cosine	0.75 ± 0.04
		Euclidean	0.77 ± 0.01
		L_1	0.81 ± 0.02
		L_∞	0.36 ± 0.07
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.80 ± 0.04
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.61 ± 0.27
XLM-R	-	Absolute	0.74 ± 0.12
		Cosine	0.58 ± 0.07
		Euclidean	0.64 ± 0.07
		L_1	0.78 ± 0.05
		L_∞	0.26 ± 0.09
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.78 ± 0.06
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.71 ± 0.22

Table 24: **End-to-end Performance Results: N24NEWS(TEXT)** dataset. The classifier head is a simple Linear layer.

Model	Aggregation	Projection	
ALBERT	-	Absolute	0.71 ± 0.21
		Cosine	0.61 ± 0.23
		Euclidean	0.62 ± 0.22
		L_1	0.63 ± 0.23
		L_∞	0.49 ± 0.19
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.63 ± 0.22
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.61 ± 0.23
BERT-C	-	Absolute	0.84 ± 0.11
		Cosine	0.78 ± 0.13
		Euclidean	0.80 ± 0.13
		L_1	0.81 ± 0.13
		L_∞	0.56 ± 0.12
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.81 ± 0.11
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.77 ± 0.13
BERT-U	-	Absolute	0.77 ± 0.17
		Cosine	0.73 ± 0.17
		Euclidean	0.74 ± 0.17
		L_1	0.74 ± 0.18
		L_∞	0.46 ± 0.08
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.74 ± 0.16
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.66 ± 0.18
CvIT-B/32	-	Absolute	0.33 ± 0.24
		Cosine	0.31 ± 0.23
		Euclidean	0.33 ± 0.26
		L_1	0.33 ± 0.26
		L_∞	0.23 ± 0.14
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.33 ± 0.25
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.20 ± 0.16
ELECTRA	-	Absolute	0.76 ± 0.14
		Cosine	0.58 ± 0.15
		Euclidean	0.59 ± 0.09
		L_1	0.64 ± 0.13
		L_∞	0.32 ± 0.07
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.65 ± 0.10
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.61 ± 0.14
RoBERTa	-	Absolute	0.81 ± 0.10
		Cosine	0.75 ± 0.04
		Euclidean	0.77 ± 0.01
		L_1	0.81 ± 0.02
		L_∞	0.36 ± 0.07
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.80 ± 0.04
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.61 ± 0.27
XLM-R	-	Absolute	0.74 ± 0.12
		Cosine	0.58 ± 0.07
		Euclidean	0.64 ± 0.07
		L_1	0.78 ± 0.05
		L_∞	0.26 ± 0.09
	MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.78 ± 0.06
	SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.71 ± 0.22

Table 25: **Graph End-to-End Classification Score.** Accuracy score across different architectures and seeds.

Aggregation	Projection	Accuracy \uparrow
-	Absolute	0.79 \pm 0.01
	Cosine	0.74 \pm 0.01
	Euclidean	0.46 \pm 0.06
	L_1	0.44 \pm 0.06
	L_∞	0.12 \pm 0.03
Concat*	Cosine, Euclidean	0.76 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, L_1	0.77 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, L_∞	0.75 \pm 0.01
	Euclidean, L_1	0.55 \pm 0.06
	Euclidean, L_∞	0.46 \pm 0.11
	L_1, L_∞	0.48 \pm 0.11
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.77 \pm 0.00
SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean	0.75 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, L_1	0.75 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, L_∞	0.76 \pm 0.02
	Euclidean, L_1	0.74 \pm 0.02
	Euclidean, L_∞	0.75 \pm 0.02
	L_1, L_∞	0.75 \pm 0.02
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.74 \pm 0.02
MLP+SelfAttention	Cosine, Euclidean	0.76 \pm 0.02
	Cosine, L_1	0.76 \pm 0.02
	Cosine, L_∞	0.76 \pm 0.02
	Euclidean, L_1	0.73 \pm 0.01
	Euclidean, L_∞	0.74 \pm 0.01
	L_1, L_∞	0.74 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.77 \pm 0.01
MLP+Sum	Cosine, Euclidean	0.77 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, L_1	0.77 \pm 0.01
	Cosine, L_∞	0.77 \pm 0.02
	Euclidean, L_1	0.75 \pm 0.02
	Euclidean, L_∞	0.72 \pm 0.02
	L_1, L_∞	0.71 \pm 0.03
	Cosine, Euclidean, L_1, L_∞	0.76 \pm 0.01

