

Matrix-Level Documentation of **gline-rs** Processing Steps

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This documents aims at providing a matrix-level description of the pipeline needed for GLiNER inferences, as implemented by **gline-rs**.

Concrete examples are provided for each step, all of which build on the input given in the first one.

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1. Pre-Processing (Common)

1.1. Text Input

This is the “user” input for the whole processing.

1.1.1. Source Code

- Related struct: `gliner::model::input::text::TextInput`

1.1.2. Format

- n : number of input texts
- k : number of entity class labels
- I : sequence of input texts matrix of type string and size n
- E : entity class labels matrix, of type string and size k

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} \text{text}_1 \\ \text{text}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \text{text}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} \text{label}_1 \\ \text{label}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \text{label}_k \end{bmatrix}$$

1.1.3. Example

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} \text{"My name is James Bond"} \\ \text{"I like to drive my Aston Martin"} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} \text{"movie character"} \\ \text{"vehicle"} \end{bmatrix}$$

1.2. Word-Level Tokenization

1.2.1. Transformation

$$(I, E) \rightarrow (T, E)$$

1.2.2. Source Code

- Struct: `gliner::model::input::tokenized::TokenizedInput`
- Transformation: `gliner::model::input::prompt::RawToTokenized`

1.2.3. Format

- n, k : same as before
- T : sequence of sequence of tokenized input texts, of type string and size n
- E : same as before

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} [\text{token}_{1,1} & \text{token}_{1,2} & \dots] \\ [\text{token}_{2,1} & \text{token}_{2,2} & \dots] \\ \vdots \\ [\text{token}_{n,1} & \text{token}_{n,2} & \dots] \end{bmatrix}$$

1.2.4. Example

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} [\text{"My" "name" "is" "James" "Bond"}] \\ [\text{"I" "like" "to" "drive" "my" "Aston" "Martin"}] \end{bmatrix}$$

1.3. Prompt Preparation

Prepared prompts, appending entity and text tokens.

1.3.1. Transformation

$$(T, E) \rightarrow P$$

1.3.2. Source Code

- Struct: `gliner::model::input::prompt::PromptInput`
- Transformation from TokenizedInput: `gliner::model::input::prompt::TokenizedToPrompt`

1.3.3. Format

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} [<<ENT>> \text{label}_{1,1} <<ENT>> \text{label}_{1,2} \dots <<SEP>> \text{token}_{1,1} \text{token}_{1,2} \dots] \\ [<<ENT>> \text{label}_{2,1} <<ENT>> \text{label}_{2,2} \dots <<SEP>> \text{token}_{2,1} \text{token}_{2,2} \dots] \\ \vdots \\ [<<ENT>> \text{label}_{n,1} <<ENT>> \text{label}_{n,2} \dots <<SEP>> \text{token}_{n,1} \text{token}_{n,2} \dots] \end{bmatrix}$$

1.3.4. Example

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} [<<ENT>> \text{'movie character'} <<ENT>> \text{'vehicle'} \dots <<SEP>> \text{'My' 'name' 'is' 'James' 'Bond'}] \\ [<<ENT>> \text{'movie character'} <<ENT>> \text{'vehicle'} \dots <<SEP>> \text{'I' 'like' 'to' 'drive' 'my' 'Austin' 'Martin'}] \end{bmatrix}$$

1.4. Prompt Encoding (Sub-Word Tokenization)

1.4.1. Transformation

$$P \rightarrow (I, A, W, L)$$

1.4.2. Source Code

- Struct: `gliner::model::input::encoded::EncodedPrompt`
- Transformation: `gliner::model::input::encoded::PromptsToEncoded`

1.4.3. Format

- k: maximum number of sub-word tokens within a sequence, adding start (1) and end (2) tokens
- I: encoded prompts of type i64 and shape $(n * k)$
- A: attention masks of type i64 and shape $(n * k)$
- W: word masks of type i64 and shape $(n * k)$
- L: text lengths of type i64 and shape $(n * 1)$

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} \text{token_id}_{1,1} & \text{token_id}_{1,2} & \dots & \text{token_id}_{1,k} \\ \text{token_id}_{2,1} & \text{token_id}_{2,2} & \dots & \text{token_id}_{2,k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{token_id}_{n,1} & \text{token_id}_{n,2} & \dots & \text{token_id}_{n,k} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \text{attn_mask}_{1,1} & \text{attn_mask}_{1,2} & \dots & \text{attn_mask}_{1,k} \\ \text{attn_mask}_{2,1} & \text{attn_mask}_{2,2} & \dots & \text{attn_mask}_{2,k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{attn_mask}_{n,1} & \text{attn_mask}_{n,2} & \dots & \text{attn_mask}_{n,k} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \text{word_mask}_{1,1} & \text{word_mask}_{1,2} & \dots & \text{word_mask}_{1,k} \\ \text{word_mask}_{2,1} & \text{word_mask}_{2,2} & \dots & \text{word_mask}_{2,k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{word_mask}_{n,1} & \text{word_mask}_{n,2} & \dots & \text{word_mask}_{n,k} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 \\ \vdots \\ l_n \end{pmatrix}$$

1.4.4. Example

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 128002 & 1421 & 1470 & 128002 & 1508 & 128003 & 573 & 601 & 269 & 1749 & 8728 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 128002 & 1421 & 1470 & 128002 & 1508 & 128003 & 273 & 334 & 264 & 1168 & 312 & 20844 & 2963 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Pre-Processing (Span Mode)

Downstream of the aforementioned steps.

2.1. Span Preparation

2.1.1. Transformation

$$(I, A, W, L) \rightarrow (I, A, W, L, S_I, S_M)$$

2.1.2. Format

- n, k, I, A, W, L : same as before.
- s : maximum possible number of spans for one sequence
- S_I : span offsets, of type `i64` and shape $(n * s * 2)$
- S_M : span masks, of type `bool` and shape $(n * s)$

$$S_I = \begin{pmatrix} (\text{start}_{1,1} & \text{end}_{1,1}) & (\text{start}_{1,2} & \text{end}_{1,2}) & \dots & (\text{start}_{1,s} & \text{end}_{1,s}) \\ (\text{start}_{2,1} & \text{end}_{2,1}) & (\text{start}_{2,2} & \text{end}_{2,2}) & \dots & (\text{start}_{2,s} & \text{end}_{2,s}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ (\text{start}_{n,1} & \text{end}_{n,1}) & (\text{start}_{n,2} & \text{end}_{n,2}) & \dots & (\text{start}_{n,s} & \text{end}_{n,s}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_M = \begin{pmatrix} \text{span_mask}_{1,1} & \text{span_mask}_{1,2} & \dots & \text{span_mask}_{1,s} \\ \text{span_mask}_{2,1} & \text{span_mask}_{2,2} & \dots & \text{span_mask}_{2,s} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{span_mask}_{n,1} & \text{span_mask}_{n,2} & \dots & \text{span_mask}_{n,s} \end{pmatrix}$$

2.1.3. Example

Note: for readability purposes, inside matrices are split into rows (one per token) but they are actually in one dimension s (see format above).

$$S_I = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (0\ 0) & (0\ 1) & (0\ 2) & (0\ 3) & (0\ 4) & (0\ 0) & (0\ 0) & (0\ 0) & (0\ 0) & (0\ 0) & (0\ 0) & (0\ 0) & \updownarrow \\ (1\ 1) & (1\ 2) & (1\ 3) & (1\ 4) & (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \\ (2\ 2) & (2\ 3) & (2\ 4) & (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \\ (3\ 3) & (3\ 4) & (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \\ (4\ 4) & (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \\ (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \\ (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} (0\ 0) & (0\ 1) & (0\ 2) & (0\ 3) & (0\ 4) & (0\ 5) & (0\ 6) & (0\ 0) & (0\ 0) & (0\ 0) & (0\ 0) & (0\ 0) & \updownarrow \\ (1\ 1) & (1\ 2) & (1\ 3) & (1\ 4) & (1\ 5) & (1\ 6) & (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \\ (2\ 2) & (2\ 3) & (2\ 4) & (2\ 5) & (2\ 6) & (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \\ (3\ 3) & (3\ 4) & (3\ 5) & (3\ 6) & (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \\ (4\ 4) & (4\ 5) & (4\ 6) & (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \\ (5\ 5) & (5\ 6) & (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \\ (6\ 6) & (0\ 0) & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \updownarrow \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

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3. Pre-Processing (Token Mode)

Nothing to be done beside the common steps.

4. Post-Processing (Span Mode)

4.1. Logits Output

4.1.1. Source Code

- Struct: `gliner::model::output::TensorOutput`

4.1.2. Format

- n : number of text sequences
- w : maximum number of tokens in one sequence
- s : maximum number of possible spans for one token (see above)
- k : number of entity labels
- O : logits output, of type `f32` and shape $(n * w * s * k)$
- $v_{n,w,s,k}$: raw model output for sequence n , token w , span s and label k .

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (v_{1,1,1,1} \dots v_{1,1,1,k}) \\ \vdots \\ (v_{1,1,s,1} \dots v_{1,1,s,k}) \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \begin{pmatrix} (v_{1,w,1,1} \dots v_{1,w,1,k}) \\ \vdots \\ (v_{1,w,s,1} \dots v_{1,w,s,k}) \end{pmatrix} \\ \vdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} (v_{n,1,1,1} \dots v_{n,1,1,k}) \\ \vdots \\ (v_{n,1,s,1} \dots v_{n,1,s,k}) \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \begin{pmatrix} (v_{n,w,1,1} \dots v_{n,w,1,k}) \\ \vdots \\ (v_{n,w,s,1} \dots v_{n,w,s,k}) \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

4.1.3. Example

In this case $s = 12$. For readability purposes, the raw values are “sigmoided” ($S(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$) and then “ReLUed” with a threshold $t = 0.5$.

$$O_{s,t} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0.89 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0.96) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \\ (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) & (0 \ 0) \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

Which means:

- In the 1st sequence, the span starting with the 4th token and ending with the 5th one has a probability of 0.89 to match the 1st entity class.
- In the 2nd sequence, the span starting with the 6th token and ending with the 7th one has a probability of 0.96 to match the second 2nd class.

4.2. Span Decoding

4.2.1. Transformation

$(O, L) \rightarrow S$

4.2.2. Source Code

- Struct: `gliner::model::output::decoded::SpanOutput`
- Transformation: `gliner::model::output::decoded::span::TensorsToDecoded`

4.2.3. Format

- t : threshold
- n : number of input sequences
- L : text lengths as defined before
- S : sequence of spans (i, j, k, p) where:
 - i is the index of the first token of sequence m with $i < j$ and $i < L(m)$
 - j is the index of the last token with the same constraints as i
 - k is the entity class,
 - p is the probability for class k with $p \geq t$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} [(i_{1,1}, j_{1,1}, k_{1,1}, p_{1,1}) & (i_{1,2}, j_{1,2}, k_{1,2}, p_{1,2}) & \dots] \\ \vdots \\ [(i_{n,1}, j_{n,1}, k_{n,1}, p_{n,1}) & (i_{n,2}, j_{n,2}, k_{n,2}, p_{n,2}) & \dots] \end{bmatrix}$$

4.2.4. Example

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} [(4, 5, 1, 0.89)] \\ [(6, 7, 2, 0.96)] \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Post-Processing (Token Mode)

5.1. Logits Output

5.1.1. Source Code

- Struct: `gliner::model::output::TensorOutput`

5.1.2. Format

- n : number of text sequences
- w : maximum number of tokens in one sequence
- k : number of entity labels
- O : logits output, of type `f32` and shape $(3 * n * w * k)$ with:
 - $s_{n,w,k}$: raw model output for a start token w in sequence n and label k .
 - $e_{n,w,k}$: raw model output for an end token w in sequence n and label k .
 - $i_{n,w,k}$: raw model output for an inside token w in sequence n and label k .

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_{1,1,1} & \dots & s_{1,1,k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s_{1,w,1} & \dots & s_{1,w,k} \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \begin{pmatrix} s_{n,1,1} & \dots & s_{n,1,k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s_{n,w,1} & \dots & s_{n,w,k} \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} e_{1,1,1} & \dots & e_{1,1,k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ e_{1,w,1} & \dots & e_{1,w,k} \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \begin{pmatrix} e_{n,1,1} & \dots & e_{n,1,k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ e_{n,w,1} & \dots & e_{n,w,k} \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} i_{1,1,1} & \dots & i_{1,1,k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ i_{1,w,1} & \dots & i_{1,w,k} \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \begin{pmatrix} i_{n,1,1} & \dots & i_{n,1,k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ i_{n,w,1} & \dots & i_{n,w,k} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

5.1.3. Example

For readability purposes, the raw values are “sigmoided” ($S(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$) and then “ReLUed” with a threshold $t = 0.5$.

$$O_{S,t} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0.97 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.99 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0.96 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.97 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0.98 & 0 \\ 0.98 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.99 \\ 0 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

5.2. Span Decoding

5.2.1. Transformation

$O \rightarrow S$

5.2.2. Source Code

- Struct: `gliner::model::output::decoded::SpanOutput`
- Transformation: `gliner::model::output::decoded::token::TensorsToDecoded`

5.2.3. Format

Same format as in span-mode.

6. Post-Processing (Common)

6.1. Span Filtering (Greedy Search)

6.1.1. Transformation

$S \rightarrow S'$

6.1.2. Source Code

- Struct: `gliner::model::output::decoded::SpanOutput`
- Transformation: `gliner::model::output::decoded::greedy::GreedySearch`

6.1.3. Format

Same as span output.