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Abstract

Sentiment Analysis, also known as opinion mining, is a natural language processing (NLP) technique that helps in analyzing pieces of texts, or an entire text to determine the emotional attitude of the author behind writing the particular message, review, or tweet. It is, basically, a text classification method that helps in identifying whether an online writing carries a positive, negative, or neutral connotation to it. Sentiment analysis finds its significance in a lot of domains these days, the most popular among them being brand and social media monitoring. Most businesses are mindful of their customers' opinions on their products, thereby working on their strengths, and enhancing customer experience, which in turn, benefits them. It even helps in finance and stock monitoring with the correct analysis of customer sentiments for a more beneficial investment into it. Market research and analyzing competitors in it is also a noticeably big advantage that can be achieved via sentiment analysis. In this article, we propose various methods to mine the twitter data, and eventually classify it as positive, negative, or neutral. Amongst the traditional machine learning methods, we have implemented the Support Vector Machine (SVM) algorithm, the Multinomial Naive Bayes, and the Gaussian Naive Bayes methods. For the deep learning methods, we have implemented a Multichannel CNN method, a combination of LSTM and CNN algorithm. We have also used BERT in combination with other deep learning algorithms. Among the lexicon-based approaches, we have used a polarity dictionary in combination with BERT to get superior results on our approach. To implement these models, the datasets used were the US airline twitter dataset which gave the best result at an accuracy of 80.12%, and the SemEval 2013 task A dataset which gave the best result at an accuracy of 65.54%.

Chapter 1: Introduction

Introduction

Background

Looking into neuroscience literature, emotions are just as important as cognition. In today's world, cognition is given more value than emotions. However, to make a reasonable decision, there needs to be a marker which are the emotions that need to differentiate between "this is a right decision" and "this is not." Emotions were earlier considered to be a psychological construct. Then there came neuroscientists like Antonio Damasio who showed that emotions can be used as real science to be studied. A feeling or an opinion, particularly one that is founded on emotions, is referred to as sentiment. In the subject of text mining, sentiment analysis (SA) is an active area of study. The algorithmic treatment of text's opinions, sentiments, and subjectivity is referred to as SA. It can also refer to a feeling-driven attitude, subjective impression, thinking, or judgement.

The process of recognizing human emotion is known as emotion recognition. Happiness, sorrow, fear, rage, surprise, and other emotions are formed from individuals' personal (subjective) experiences as well as their interactions with their surroundings (audio/visual signals).

People's ability to recognize other people's emotions varies greatly. The use of technology to assist individuals in recognizing emotions is a relatively new study field. In general, technology works best when various modalities are used in conjunction. Automating the recognition of facial expressions from video, spoken expressions from audio, written expressions from text, and physiology, as measured by wearables, has received the most attention to date.

Deep Learning is a subset of Machine Learning that learns to represent the world as a nested hierarchy of concepts, with each concept defined in relation to simpler concepts. We use multiple hidden layers of neurons between the input and output layers, each of them feeding data into another. These hidden layers, in turn, execute nonlinear transformations of the inputs entered into the network. In a deep learning model, the problem-solving is done end-to-end, whereas, in a traditional machine learning approach, accurate feature identification has to be done by the user. Since our dataset is quite large (the US Airline Twitter dataset consists of 14640 tweets to be processed while the SemEval 2013 Task A dataset consists of 13,220 such tweets), deep learning has proved to work better over traditional machine learning models.

Deep learning is making noteworthy progress in solving problems that have eluded the artificial intelligence field for years. It has proven to be extremely effective at detecting subtle structures in high-dimensional data, making it useful for a wide range of scientific, business, and government applications. It has beaten other machine-learning techniques at predicting the activity of potential drug molecules [34] analyzing particle accelerator data [35, 36] reconstructing brain circuits¹¹, and predicting the effects of mutations in non-coding DNA on gene expression and disease[37,38] in addition to breaking records in image recognition [27, 28, 29, 30] and speech recognition[31, 32, 33]. Deep learning has shown to be exceedingly promising for a variety of tasks in natural language understanding [39], including subject classification, sentiment analysis, question answering [40], and language translation [41, 42].

Applications

Since its inception and rebirth, natural language processing (NLP), which uses computational and linguistics techniques to help computers understand and occasionally produce human languages in the form of texts and speech/voice, has made a significant contribution to offering practical solutions to pressing societal and human issues. Natural Language Processing (NLP), which combines approaches in linguistics and computations to enable computers to comprehend and produce texts and speech/voice in the form of human languages, is used in text-based emotion detection utilizing artificial intelligence. Among the various uses, some of them are listed below:

- Helps in the translation of content from one language to another without any sort of human effort [1].
- Sentiment analysis has advantages that go beyond assisting human agents. If there is a chatbot on a site, sentiment analysis can help it as well. It can teach the chatbot to recognize and respond to customer moods [15].
- To use reviews for accurate suggestions in recommendation systems, Shen et al. [16] presented a novel technique called Sentiment Based Matrix Factorization with Reliability (SBMF+R).
- Sentiment Analysis has found its significance in the healthcare and medical domain as well. Patients can use social media as a good avenue to communicate their wants and concerns. As a result, applying sentiment analysis to analyses patient-generated data on social media can help determine patient healthcare coverage and treatment needs.

Speech recognition systems [2], sentiment analysis [3], text classification [4], questions and answers [5], text summarization [7], are other applications of sentiment analysis in the present-day world. Sentiment analysis is extended to include emotion recognition. Emotion detection is the process of extracting fine-grained emotions such as anger, happiness, sadness, anxiety, depression, and so on, and using this information to inform future decisions. Human-computer interaction [8], education [9], data mining [10], psychology, E-learning [9], software engineering [11], website customization [12], information filtering systems [13], gaming[14], and other fields will benefit from this study of text-based emotion detection using artificial intelligence methods.

Motivation

Eighty percent of the data in the globe is unstructured, according to a survey. Regardless of whether the data is in the form of emails, texts, documents, articles, or anything else, it needs to be examined and organized. Sentiment Analysis is necessary since it stores data in a productive, economical manner. Sentiment analysis helps resolve all real-world problems and real-world circumstances.

Implementation Framework

In this project, we have implemented numerous methods in deep learning to evaluate our models. A multichannel CNN has been used with an activation function that helps to run the model in high-dimensional for the processing of the neurons. A model combining LSTM and CNN has been used in order to combine the concept of dimensionality for the dataset with a huge number of parameters, along with LSTM's capability of being able to capture long-term dependencies between sequences of words. The usage of pre-trained models such as BERT is something that we have done here, as well. The reasons for using BERT are pretty obvious, in the sense that, due to being trained on huge sets of data, it gives good accuracy on most data. Previously, no matter how a word was used, it would return the same vector, whereas BERT returns distinct vectors for the same word based on the words around it. A model that combines BERT with the external knowledge of polarity wordnet has been used. The usage of a polarity wordnet maximizes the linguistic information, thereby adding a boost to our code.

The proposed models were implemented using the Python programming language and using an open-source machine learning library for Python, called TensorFlow.

Python allows wiring clear, concise, and readable code and is extensively used for developing machine learning algorithms. TensorFlow is a free and open-source software library for

machine learning and artificial intelligence. Although it can be applied to many different tasks, deep neural network training and inference are given special attention. One of the best features of TensorFlow is how easy it is to construct the custom operations that are performed during the training and testing of the neural networks. TensorFlow allows programmers to easily declare tensors (n-dimensional vectors) and perform basic operations using them on GPUs.

To assess the performance of any deep learning architecture, it is crucial to have a proper dataset. The performance often depends on how well the data is curated in the first place. Both the models were evaluated on two standard tweet datasets that are used for verifying the performance of deep learning models:

The first dataset is the standard English language dataset often used for sentiment analysis – the US airline twitter dataset. This dataset contains a list of 14640 tweets classified as either positive, negative, or neutral. Each row in the dataset has fifteen features attached to it.

The second dataset is the SemEval 2013 Task A dataset. The entire dataset is divided into three parts- training, testing and a validation set. Each row of the dataset contains an ID, the corresponding tweet and a sentiment attached to it.

Organization of Thesis Work

Chapter 1 introduces the thesis. This section provides an overview about deep learning and sentiment analysis, and how they have been used. This section also further discusses how the experiments has been implemented.

Chapter 2 provides a detailed literature survey. The extensive literature survey introduces the concept of sentiment analysis in the machine learning and deep learning domain and discusses in details previously studied models.

Chapter 3 introduces the methodologies that have been proposed. Overall, three different methods have been proposed in the thesis – Machine learning, Deep Learning and Hybrid Approaches.

Chapter 4 discusses the details of the parameters used in order to achieve the best results.

Chapter 5 explains the datasets used in detail and their sources.

Chapter 6 discusses the experiments and results. A total of thirteen experiments are performed using three different approaches and two datasets.

Chapter 7 concludes the thesis and discusses future scope of the project.

Chapter 2: Literature Survey

Literature Survey

The purpose of the research is to figure out whether a tweet in Indian language is favorable, negative, or neutral. We used three strategies in this case: (1) an SVM-based methodology (2) a few deep learning-based techniques, and (3) a hybrid approach. Although sentiment analysis is an active research field with a large body of work, the majority of existing sentiment analysis research has concentrated on sentiment analysis of products [63] or movie reviews [64] written in the English language. Recently, there has been an increase in study interest in Twitter sentiment analysis in non-English languages.

We found that the first academic studies assessing public opinion were conducted before and after World War II, and they were driven primarily by political considerations [66,67]. Modern sentiment analysis only became popular in the middle of the 2000s, and it initially focused on online product reviews, such as those seen at [65]. Since then, the application of sentiment analysis has expanded to various other fields, including financial market forecasting [68] and responses to terrorist acts [69]. Additionally, several issues that affect the applicability of sentiment analysis, like irony detection [70] and multi-lingual support [71], have been solved in research that combines sentiment analysis and natural language processing. Additionally, regarding emotions, attempts are progressing from straightforward polarity identification to more nuanced distinctions of emotions and differentiating between negative emotions such as rage and grief [72].

Year	Model	Key Features
2017	Topic Adaptive Sentiment Classification using SVM [Lavanya et al. 2017] [74]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Although applied to static data, the proposed algorithm can be applied to dynamic tweets for a given timeline.- Uses Point-wise Mutual Information and Information Retrieval (PMI-IR) to calculate feature values for each word.
2017	Multichannel LSTM-CNN model for Vietnamese sentiment analysis [Nguyen et al. 2017] [73]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Built a Vietnamese sentiment (VS) corpus containing 17,500 reviews from Vietnamese e-commercial sites- Proposed a multi-channel LSTM-CNN model for Vietnamese sentiment analysis that outperformed the individual models
2020	BERT based pipeline for Italian twitter sentiment analysis [Chiorrini et al. 2020] [76]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Uses ALBERTo, a model based on BERT, specifically trained on a large unlabeled Italian tweet corpus

Year	Model	Key Features
2021	SVM, LSTM, CNN models combined with word embeddings, [Moreno-Garcia et al. 2021] [77]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uses BERT and Word2vec word embeddings to be combined with the models - Proved deep learning models combined gave better results than using an individual model
2022	Tweet analysis using Composite SVM kernels, BiLSTM and CNN [75]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developed Indian language Twitter dataset for topic-oriented sentiment analysis - Developed single and composite kernels and deep learning based-classifiers
2017	Sentiment Analysis using SVM [Ahmad et al. 2017] [78]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performs SVM on two pre-classified datasets of tweets. - Uses Weka tool for performance analysis
2017	Twitter sentiment analysis using deep learning methods [Ramadhani et al. 2017] [79]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uses feedforward neural network with ReLU and sigmoid function activation - Used the one thousand datasets of each positive and negative for training and testing
2019	Stock market sentiment analysis using BERT [Gomes Sousa et al. 2019] [80]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corpus of 582 financial news manually labeled with sentiment from leading news websites - Fine-tuned the pre-trained BERT model with an additional output layer - Data analysis highlighting the relation between the Dow Jones Industrial index and the developed BERT sentiment classifier.
2019	Sentiment analysis using BiLSTM [Xu et al. 2019] [81]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to the deficiency of the word representation method in the current research, the sentiment information contribution degree is integrated into the TF-IDF algorithm of the term weight computation, and a new representation method of word vector based on the improved term weight computation is proposed. - Context information is fully understood to implement the BiLSTM model
2020	BERT-BiLSTM to analyze sentiments about investors and consumers in energy market. [Cai et al. 2020] [82]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The result reveals the advantages of the combination forecasting model, BERT-BiLSTM on sentiment analysis. - This can accurately predict the sentiment orientation of Internet users during the major events so as to provide technical support for the decision-making of energy market.
2014	Ranked wordnet graph for sentiment polarity classification in twitter [Montejo-Ráez et al. 2014] [83]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combining the results of a random walk analysis of the concepts found in the text over the WordNet graph with SentiWordNet scores. - Provides a solution to the disadvantages associated with supervised models like SVM
2015	Q-WordNet: Extracting Polarity from WordNet Senses [Agerri et al. 2015] [84]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The resource builds Q-WordNet as a subset of WordNet synsets with annotations for positive and negative polarity. - Obtains better results on Q-WordNet than WordNet 2.0

Chapter 3:

Proposed Methodologies

Proposed Methodologies

For implementing the proposed sentiment classification method, we have used two types of classifiers-(1) the support vector machine (SVM) classifier (the one vs rest classifier) and (2) deep learning classifiers. In this section, at first, the SVM-based sentiment classification model is described and then the deep learning-based sentiment classification model is described.

1. Traditional Machine Learning based Approach

The machine learning approach allows systems to automatically learn and improve as a result of their experiences. Text is classified into several emotion classes using machine learning algorithms. Social networking sites make their data available on the internet in an easy and unrestricted manner. This abundance of data piques the attention of young researchers who want to pursue a career in sentiment analysis. On social media discussion boards, people express their emotions and perspectives [18]. Machine learning approaches have increased sentiment analysis accuracy and sped up autonomous data evaluation in recent years.

The framework for the SVM-based method consists of preprocessing, feature extraction, and data splitting into train and test sets and classification stages. The set of labelled vectors is obtained after processing the training data, and a classifier is formed using the labelled vectors. The classifier is then evaluated on the test data after it has been generated. We used the one vs. all technique to construct a multiclass SVM model that uses three different binary SVM classifiers, one for each sentiment class because the sentiment classification problem is a multiclass problem with three classes (positive, negative, and neutral). The data is created by labelling all samples in the class y_i as either “positive,” “negative,” or “neutral” to train the binary SVM classifier for the sentiment class y_i (in our example, $i=1$ to 3). The preprocessing step of a binary SVM model involves removing punctuation, hashtags, hyperlinks, and other irrelevant characters from the input tweets dataset. Stop word removal is another preprocessing step that is performed. Stop words, such as conjunctions and prepositions, are frequently encountered in texts without being tied to a specific topic. With appropriate text processing, sentiment analysis accuracies using SVM may be improved greatly [19].

Feature extraction is the process of converting raw data into numerical features that may be processed while maintaining the original data set's content. Compared to directly using machine learning on raw data, it yields better results. On the processed data, the experiment

applied several term-weighting schemes, consisting of Count Vectorizer and Term Frequency Inverse Document Frequency (TFIDF), for each n-gram scheme to create the word vectors. Countvectorizer is a text-to-numerical data conversion method. An example to demonstrate how it works is given below:

Text = ["The sun rises in the east," "The blazing sun
mocked me"]

There are two text inputs, and each one is preprocessed, tokenized, and represented as sparse matrices. Countvectorizer employs word-level tokenization and turns the text to lowercase by default.

The text is transformed into a sparse matrix as shown below.

The	sun	rises	in	east	blazing	mocked	me
3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

Term Frequency — Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) is a statistic that attempts to better identify the importance of a word in a document while also considering its relationship to other documents in the same corpus. This is done by counting the number of times a term appears in a document as well as the number of times the same word appears in other documents in the corpus. There is a quite simple formula that summarizes the TF-IDF measure.

The term frequency (TF) can be calculated as:

$$TF(t) = (\text{Number of times term } t \text{ appears in a document}) / (\text{Total number of terms in the document}).$$

Next, calculating the Inverse Document Frequency (IDF) as:

$$IDF = \log (\text{Number of the documents in the corpus}) / (\text{Number of documents where the specific term } t \text{ appears}).$$

Compiling them, The TF-IDF of a term is calculated by multiplying TF and IDF scores.

$$TF - IDF = TF * IDF.$$

The data is then split into two parts: 80% training set and 20% testing set. Python's scikit-learn library has been used to implement these steps.

Support Vector Machine (SVM) has been chosen for the classification in the experiment. The support vector machine algorithm's goal is to find a hyperplane in an N-dimensional space (N — the number of features) that distinguishes between data points. Because of its advantages, such as its ability to handle huge features, SVM performs well for text

classification. SVM is also robust in the presence of a sparse set of instances and since the majority of problems are linearly separable [20]. Previous sentiment analysis research [21] [22] [9] has yielded promising results using Support Vector Machines.

2. Deep Learning Based Approach

Deep learning is a machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) technique, inspired by the structure and functioning of the brain, that mimics how humans acquire knowledge. Deep learning allows computational models with several processing layers to learn multiple degrees of abstraction for data representations. These techniques have vastly enhanced the state-of-the-art in speech recognition, visual object recognition, object detection, and a variety of other fields like drug development and genomics. Deep learning reveals intricate structures in massive data sets by using the backpropagation technique to demonstrate how a machine should modify its internal parameters that are used to compute the representation in each layer from the representation in the previous layer.

Multichannel CNN

A word embedding layer and a one-dimensional convolutional neural network are used in a conventional deep learning model for text categorization and sentiment analysis.

Multiple concurrent convolutional neural networks that read the source content with varied kernel sizes can be used to expand the model. As a result, a multichannel convolutional neural network for text is created, which can read the text of various n-gram sizes (groups of words). The entire process consists of data preparation and developing the model. For data preparation, the sentiment part of the raw data is encoded using a label encoder and converted to categorical values, while the tweets are loaded and cleaned to remove punctuations, numerical, stop words and other irrelevant characters. The data is then split into train and test sets with a ratio of 4:1. The next step of the process involves developing a multichannel convolutional neural network for the sentiment prediction problem. The first step involves loading the cleaned training dataset. The training dataset must then be fitted with a Keras Tokenizer. The tokenizer is utilized to define the Embedding layer's vocabulary as well as encode the review documents as integers. Given a list of documents, a Tokenizer is imported from Keras to create a Tokenizer and then fitted on texts. An Embedding layer is used as the input of a conventional model for document classification, followed by a one-dimensional convolutional neural network, a pooling layer, and finally a prediction output layer. The convolutional layer's kernel size determines the number of words to examine while the convolution is applied to the input text document, acting as a grouping parameter.

Multiple variants of the standard model with varying-sized kernels are used in a multi-channel convolutional neural network for document classification. This enables the document to be processed at various resolutions or n-grams (word groupings) at the same time, while the model learns how to effectively integrate these interpretations. Yoon Kim initially detailed this method in an article published in 2014[25]. Kim worked with both static and dynamic models in his paper (updated). The functional API of Keras can be used to define a multiple-input model. For analyzing 1-gram, 2-grams, and 3-grams of the dataset, we will create a model with three input channels. The following components make up each channel:

- The length of input sequences is defined by the input layer.
- 100-dimensional real-valued representations and an embedding layer set to the vocabulary's size.
- A one-dimensional convolutional layer with 32 filters and a kernel size equal to the number of words to read simultaneously.
- To consolidate the output from the convolutional layer, use the Max Pooling layer.
- To simplify concatenation, flatten the layer to reduce the three-dimensional output to two dimensions.

The three channels' outputs are combined into a single vector, which is then processed by a few Dense layers and an output SoftMax layer.

A combination of LSTM with CNN

Long Short-Term Memory

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) is a more advanced variant of recurrent neural network (RNN) architecture that was created to more precisely reflect chronological sequences and their long-range relationships than regular RNNs. The inner design of a basic LSTM cell, the changes included in the LSTM architecture, and a few applications of LSTMs that are in great demand are among the highlights. It also compares and contrasts LSTMs and GRUs. The essay finishes with a list of LSTM network drawbacks and a quick overview of the future attention-based models that are rapidly replacing LSTMs in real-world applications. LSTM networks are an extension of recurrent neural networks (RNNs) mainly introduced to handle situations where RNNs fail. When we talk about RNN, it is a network that operates on the current input while taking into account the prior output (feedback) and temporarily storing it in memory (short-term memory). The most well-liked uses of this technology are in the areas of non-Markovian control, speech processing, and musical composition. RNNs do have some shortcomings, though. In the beginning, it is unable to keep data for a longer period of

time. To predict the current output, it may occasionally be necessary to resort to data that was saved a long time ago. However, handling such "long-term dependencies" is completely beyond the capabilities of RNNs. Second, there is no finer control over which part of the context needs to be carried forward and how much of the past needs to be 'forgotten.' Exploding and vanishing gradients, which happen when a network is being trained via backtracking, are another problem with RNNs (more on this later). Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) was introduced as a result. The training model is left unmodified, and the vanishing gradient problem has been nearly entirely eliminated. With LSTMs, which also deal with noise, distributed representations, and continuous values, certain problems with long lags can be solved. Unlike the hidden Markov model, which requires keeping a limited number of prior states, LSTMs do not have this requirement (HMM). We can choose from a wide range of LSTM parameters, including learning rates and input and output biases. Thus, there is no need for precise modifications. The complexity to update each weight is reduced to $O(1)$ with LSTMs, similar to that of Back Propagation Through Time (BPTT), which is an advantage. Exploding and vanishing gradients, which happen when a network is being trained via backtracking, are another problem with RNNs (more on this later). Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) was introduced as a result. The training model is left unmodified, and the vanishing gradient problem has been nearly entirely eliminated. With LSTMs, which also deal with noise, distributed representations, and continuous values, certain problems with long lags can be solved. Unlike the hidden Markov model, which requires keeping a limited number of prior states, LSTMs do not have this requirement (HMM). We can choose from a wide range of LSTM parameters, including learning rates and input and output biases. Thus, there is no need for precise modifications. The output is usually in the range of 0-1 where '0' means 'reject all' and '1' means 'include all'.

The output of an LSTM unit at the current state is dependent on the results of past states, making it a type of recurrent neural network (RNN) appropriate for sequence learning. LSTM mixes the current input and the output from the previous time step at each time step. LSTM was created to address the shortcomings of RNN, which can be difficult to train when the input sequence is extensive. RNN is capable of capturing temporal dependencies. The LSTM network attempts to address the exploding or vanishing gradient problem that plagues the vanilla RNN with the use of three gates: the input gate, output gate, and forget gate. Each LSTM cell has three inputs, and two outputs. For a given time t , h_t is the hidden state, c_t is the cell state or memory, x_t is the current data point or input.

The first sigmoid layer has two inputs—and where is the hidden state of the previous cell. It is known as the forget gate as its output selects the amount of information of the previous cell to be included. The output is a number in $[0,1]$ which is multiplied (pointwise) by the previous cell state.

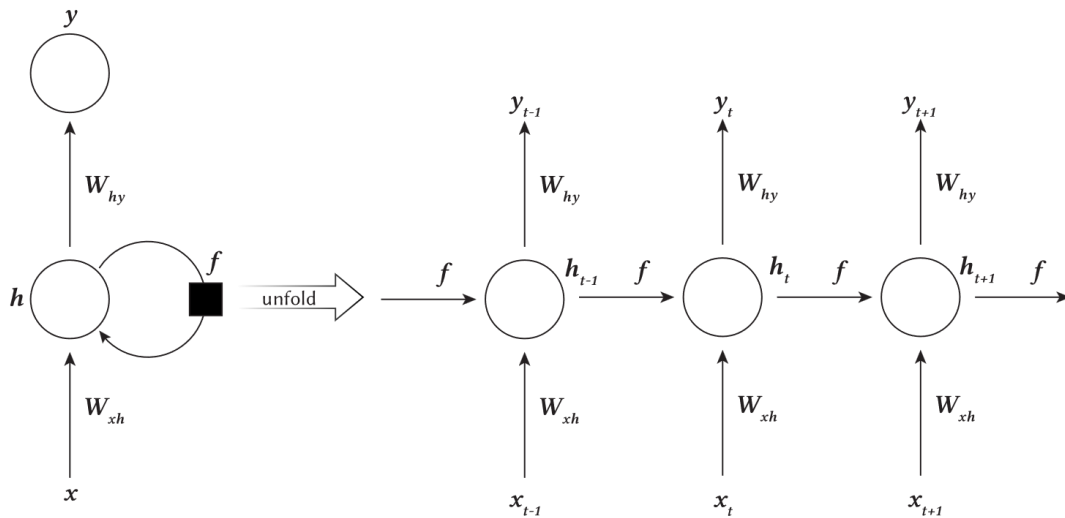


Figure 1. Architecture of a Long short term memory module.

Convolutional Neural Network

A Convolutional Neural Network (ConvNet/CNN) is a Deep Learning system that can take an input image, assign relevance (learnable weights and biases) to various aspects/objects in the image, and distinguish between them. A ConvNet requires substantially less pre-processing compared to other classification techniques. ConvNets can learn these filters and properties with enough training, unlike simple techniques that require hand-engineering of filters. A ConvNet's design is modelled after the way the visual cortex is set up and resembles the way neurons are connected in the human brain. Only a small portion of the visual field, known as the Receptive Field, allows individual neurons to respond to stimuli. A group of similar fields converge to cover the visual area completely. The convolutional layer is the core building block of a CNN, and it is where the majority of computation occurs. It requires

a few components, which are input data, a filter, and a feature map. Three layers make up the Convolution Neural Network model that was implemented. The basic functionality of a convolution neural network is similar to that of an animal's visual cortex. Convolution neural networks perform well in text categorization tasks. Text classification criteria are identical to image classification criteria, with the exception that instead of pixel values, we use a matrix of word vectors. The proposed model is written in Python and uses the TensorFlow library. The convolutional neural network is a multi-layer neural network that improves on the error back propagation network. It excels at dealing with image-related machine learning challenges, particularly huge photos. Yann Lecun was the first to suggest CNN, which he used to recognize handwritten characters [26]. The input layer, convolutional network layer, LSTM, or its variants layer, and softmax classifier layer make up the text categorization model based on CNN and LSTM or its variants. Figure 2 depicts the model's structure. After reading into the data, the text is preprocessed first, following the previous methods of preprocessing to remove the whitespaces, special characters, and stop words. The text is then tokenized into words to be passed into the CNN model, while character-wise tokenization is done for it to be passed into the LSTM layer. The model is then built having a non-sequential LSTM layer, along with a CNN model with two channels to analyze 1-gram and 2-gram of the data. The outputs are then concatenated and passed through a dense layer and a SoftMax layer.

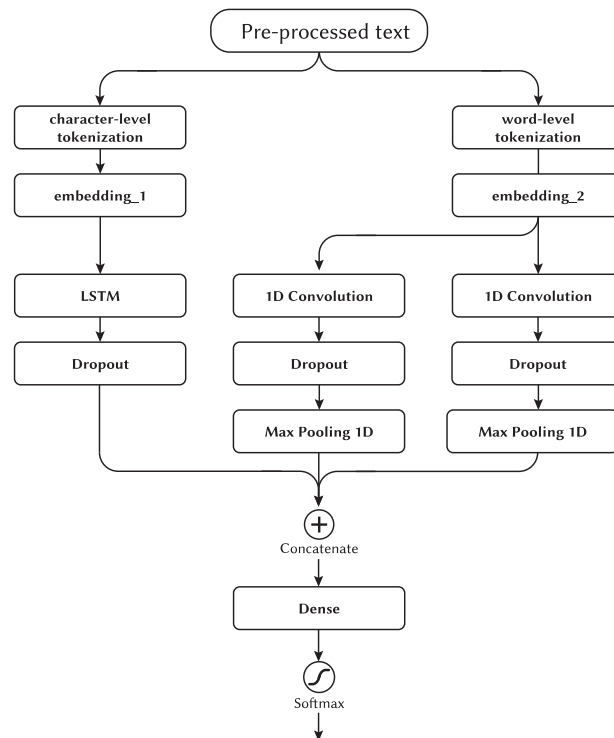


Figure 2. Architecture of a LSTM+CNN.

BERT

In recent years, the BERT model has become a popular state-of-the-art model. It can handle NLP tasks such as supervised text classification without the need for human intervention. This approach is widely popular in academics and industry because of its versatility in dealing with any corpus while producing excellent results. Other tactics, though, have proved successful in the past. We begin with a discussion of BERT and a review of traditional NLP techniques. The behavior of BERT is then empirically tested in combination with other deep learning algorithms and also a lexicon-based dictionary. The goal of this study is to contribute empirical evidence to the case for using BERT as a default on NLP tasks. Experiments demonstrate BERT's superiority and independence from NLP problem aspects such as text language, providing empirical proof for using BERT as a default strategy in NLP situations.

For our model, we use BERT's sentence embedding techniques instead of the word embeddings. Sentence embedding approaches use vectors to encode whole sentences and their semantic content. This aids the machine's comprehension of the text's context, intent, and other nuances. Sentence Embedding, like Word Embedding, is a popular study subject with some extremely fascinating ways of assisting machines in understanding our language. Suppose we come across a sentence like 'Don't run down the street, that's dangerous!', and a few sentences later, we read 'I intend to run for President four years from now.'. Sentence Embedding helps the machine draw the inference between a 'run' down the street and a 'run' for the presidency.

Regarding the BERT model, there are two steps in its framework: pre-training and fine-tuning [43]. We skip the pre-training process and use a pre-trained model already. Because the Transformer's self-attention mechanism allows BERT to mimic multiple downstream jobs, fine-tuning is simple. We just feed the precise inputs and outputs into BERT for each operation and fine-tune all the settings.[43].

There are four fundamental elements at the heart of this BERT-based model:

- Attention
- Transformers
- BERT
- Siamese Network

Sentence-BERT takes two sentences as input and uses a Siamese network-like architecture. The embeddings for these two sentences are then generated using BERT models and a pooling layer. The embedding is then passed into our model and then passed through a few

dense layers to obtain the desired results. We use the pre-trained “bert-base-nli-mean-tokens” model.

BERT in combination with LSTM and CNNs

Transformers, like Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), are made to deal with sequential input. It can process natural language in the same manner that humans can, allowing it to perform jobs such as translation and text classification. Transformers, unlike RNNs, do not require sequential data, in this example text, to be processed in a specific order.

This means that when a text is received as input, it is not essential to process the beginning of the text before the end, allowing for far more parallelization and, as a result, significantly shorter training times. Transformers were created utilizing the attention mechanism, which was created to help machines remember long texts in machine translation tasks. It is built on an encoder-decoder architecture, in which the encoders are made up of a series of encoding layers that process the input layer by layer iteratively. The decoders, on the other hand, are made up of a series of decoding layers that accomplish the same thing at the encoder's output. As a result, when a Transformer receives a text, it is encoded by a stack of encoders. The output from the last encoder is sent to each of the decoders in the stack of decoders, resulting in the final output. Each encoder consists of two main components, an attention mechanism called self-attention and a feed-forward neural network.

For our model, we combine the previous two approaches for BERT and the combined model of LSTM and CNN. The sentiment part of the dataset is encoded categorically, while the tweet part of the dataset is cleaned and processed to obtain a cleaned dataset. The dataset is then passed word-wise to the CNN model, while character-wise to the LSTM model. We then build a model using various combinations of n-gram CNN channels or a combination of non-sequential LSTM channel and an n-gram CNN channel, along with BERT. For the testing part, we perform the same steps of data processing, load the model, and perform an evaluation on it using the testing dataset.

BERT in combination with BiLSTM

The phrase "bidirectional LSTM" refers to a sequence processing model that consists of two LSTMs, one of which accepts input in one direction and the other in the opposite. BiLSTMs effectively boost the network's data volume, providing the algorithm with better context

(e.g., knowing what words immediately follow and precede a word in a sentence).

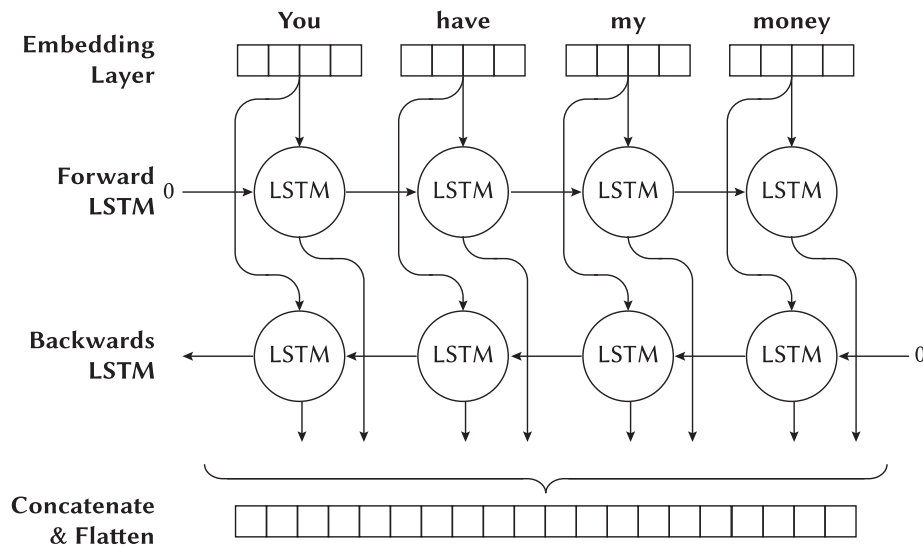


Figure 3. Architecture of a BiLSTM module.

Using bidirectional will run inputs in two directions, one from past to future and the other from future to past. This method differs from unidirectional in that information from the future is preserved in the LSTM that runs backwards, however by combining the two hidden states, you can preserve information from both the past and the future at any point in time. What they are best suited for is a really difficult question, but BiLSTMs perform quite well since they better comprehend the context, as I will attempt to demonstrate with an example. If we were to attempt to anticipate the next word in a sentence, a unidirectional LSTM would likely observe the following:

“You have my money...”

With bidirectional LSTM, we are able to view information further down the road, for example, and will try to forecast the following word only based on this context. Forward LSTM:

“You have my money...”

Backward LSTM:

“... so, find a way to get me there.”

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The exact similar model is used for a word-wise tokenized dataset passed on to the BiLSTM network.

3. Hybrid Approach

We enable a hybrid approach to analyze our dataset, combining the pre-trained BERT model along with lexicon-based approach of using the knowledge of a polarity wordnet in order to correctly classify the texts as one of positive, negative or neutral sentiment.

BERT

BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) is a pre-trained language model that considers a word's context from both the left and right sides at the same time [44]. BERT's left and right pre-training is accomplished using masked language model masks, which are modified language model masks (MLM). MLM's goal is to obscure a random word in a sentence with a low probability. When a word is masked, the model replaces it with the token [MASK]. With the help of transformers, the model then tries to predict the masked word by leveraging context from both the left and right sides of the masked word. BERT has an additional essential purpose that differs from earlier efforts, namely prediction of the next sentence, in addition to left and right context extraction utilizing MLM.

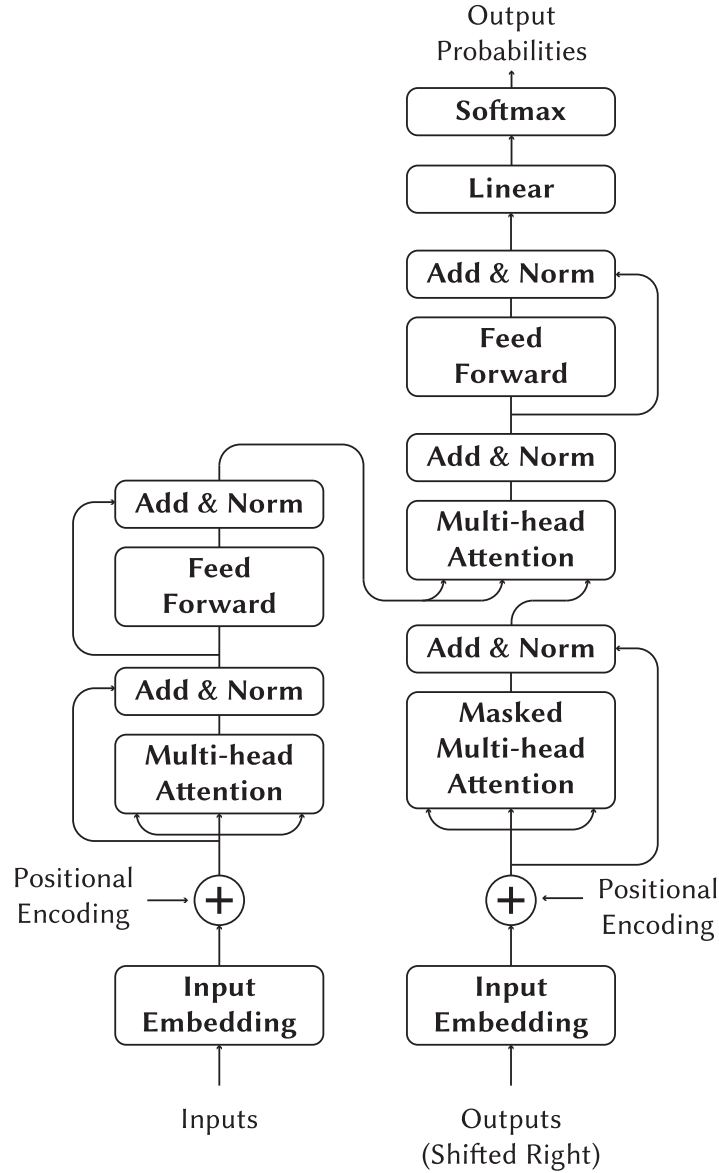


Figure 4. Architecture of a Transformer module.

The text input for the BERT model is first tokenized using a technique known as word piece tokenization. This generates a set of tokens, each of which represents a single word. There are additionally two specialized tokens added to the set of tokens: a classifier token [CLS] at the start of the set, and a separation token [SEP] at the end of a sentence. Transformers' architecture is built on attention mechanics [45], which determines which sequences are relevant in each computational phase. The encoder not only maps the input to a higher-dimensional space vector but also feeds the decoder with the relevant keywords. The model accepts two texts as input and returns a label indicating the sort of relationship between them. This assignment assesses a model's thorough comprehension of natural language as well as its ability to make inferences on whole phrases. Model of Masked Language BERT

pre-trains deep bidirectional representations for the language model using a mask token [MASK]. BERT masks a random word in the sequence, as opposed to conditional language models that train left-to-right or right-to-left to predict words. To understand the relationship between two text sentences, Next Sentence Prediction is employed. BERT has been pre-trained to predict whether or not there exists a relation between two sentences. Each of these sentences, sentence A and sentence B, has its own embedding dimensions.

Sentence A: [CLS] The man went to the store. [SEP]

Sentence B: He bought a gallon of milk. [SEP]

Label: IsNextSentence

Lexicon-based Approach

Lexicon-based techniques assume that the semantic orientation of a text is inextricably linked to the polarity of the words and phrases that appear in it. This has to do with content words, such as adjectives [46], adverbs [47], nouns [48], and verbs, as well as phrases and sentences including them. Although hand-constructed lexicons are clearly more accurate than machine-constructed ones, especially in cross-domain sentiment analysis applications, manual annotation is a time and human resource-intensive operation [49, 50]. This has resulted in a boom of studies on the generation and dissemination of automatic polarity lexicons, which utilize morphological approaches [51, 52], the semantic relations of thesauri [53, 54, 55, 56] and co-occurrence algorithms in huge corpora [57, 58, 59]. Automatically generated dictionaries appear to be more unstable, yet they are typically larger than those constructed manually. In any case, size does not always imply excellence. These big dictionaries are notorious for having sparsely specified content. Furthermore, a substantial number of entries could indicate fewer specifics in the description, or it could indicate more noise.

Model

We have used a list of positive opinion words (or sentiment words) [61] to match with the n-grams of the positive labelled tweets, and another list containing negative opinion words (or sentiment words) [62]. The data processing steps remain the same, as they were for all of the previous models, it is then divided by a 1:1 ratio. One-half of the dataset is passed through BERT model to find out the sentence embeddings. The rest is tokenized, and a matching algorithm is used to find out the number of words that match with the polarity wordnet. A vector is created that contains the sum of positive tweet words found in the

wordnet list and a sum of the negative tweet words in the corresponding wordnet list. Both the BERT embeddings and the lexicon vectors are passed through a dense layer, concatenated, and then passed through a SoftMax layer to finally obtain the output layer.

Chapter 4:

Parameter Tuning

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We have tested 13 methodologies and the hyperparameters for the methods were found out to be as follows.

Support Vector Machine (SVM)

- C: 1
- Gamma: 0.01
- Kernel: Linear

Multichannel CNN

- Filters: 32
- Kernel size: 1, 2 and 3
- Dropout: 0.5
- Pool size: 2

LSTM + CNN1 + CNN2

- Filters: 16, 32
- Kernel size: 1, 2
- Dropout: 0.5
- LSTM: 100
- Pool size: 2

BERT

- Model Name: bert-base-nli-mean-tokens
- Embedding: Sentence Embeddings
- Epochs= 50
- Optimizer: Adam
- Loss: Categorical Cross Entropy
- Batch size: 50

We have used the same hyperparameters for all models of BERT

BiLSTM

- Dropout: 0.5
- Embedding size: 128
- Bidirectional output layer size: 200
- Epochs: 50
- Batch size: 20

Polarity Wordnet

- Epochs: 50
- Learning Rate: 0.1
- Batch size: 20
- Dense layer activation function: ReLU
- Output layer activation function: Softmax

Chapter 5:

Description of Datasets

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For the purpose of benchmarking the models, three different datasets were used. Both of the datasets were obtained from Kaggle.

The US Airline Twitter Dataset

The US airline twitter dataset is the base dataset on which the models were developed. This is a sentiment analysis dataset on each major US airline's difficulty. Contributors were requested to classify good, negative, and neutral tweets before categorizing unfavorable causes using Twitter data from February 2015. (Such as "late flight" or "rude service"). The objective of this dataset is to look at how passengers expressed their emotions on Twitter in February 2015. It would be fascinating if airlines could use this free data to improve their customer service. The dataset was acquired from www.kaggle.com/datasets/crowdflower/twitter-airline-sentiment.

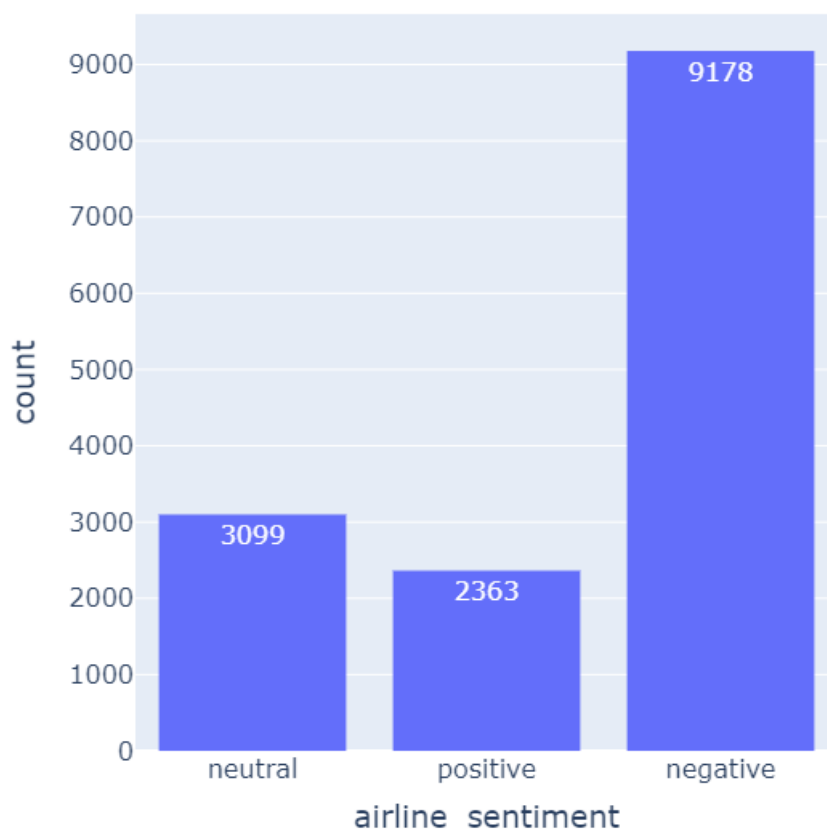


Figure 5. Distribution of the sentiment of the tweets.

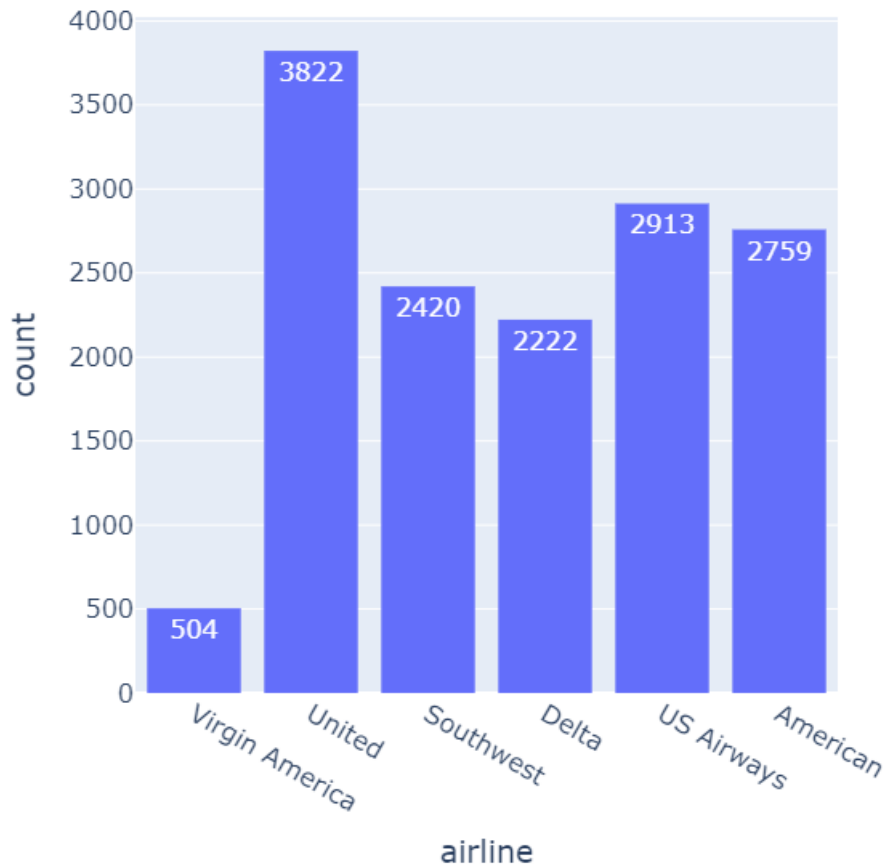


Figure 6. Distribution of number of tweets per airline.

SemEval 2013 Task A Dataset

The SemEval-2013 Task A dataset [86] contains data for three subtasks: A, a training subtask, and B, a testing subtask, and C, a development subtask. Crowdsourcing was used to label a large Twitter training dataset along with additional test sets of Twitter and SMS messages for all three subtasks.

SemEval (Semantic Evaluation) emerged from the Senseval word sense evaluation series and is a continuing series of evaluations of computational semantic analysis systems. The assessments aim to investigate the nature of meaning in language. Although people have an intuitive understanding of meaning, applying such understanding to computational analysis has proven difficult.

In 2013, SemEval-2013 took place in Georgia, USA, in conjunction with NAACL 2013, the North American Association of Computational Linguistics. It consisted of thirteen various evaluation tasks for computational semantic systems.

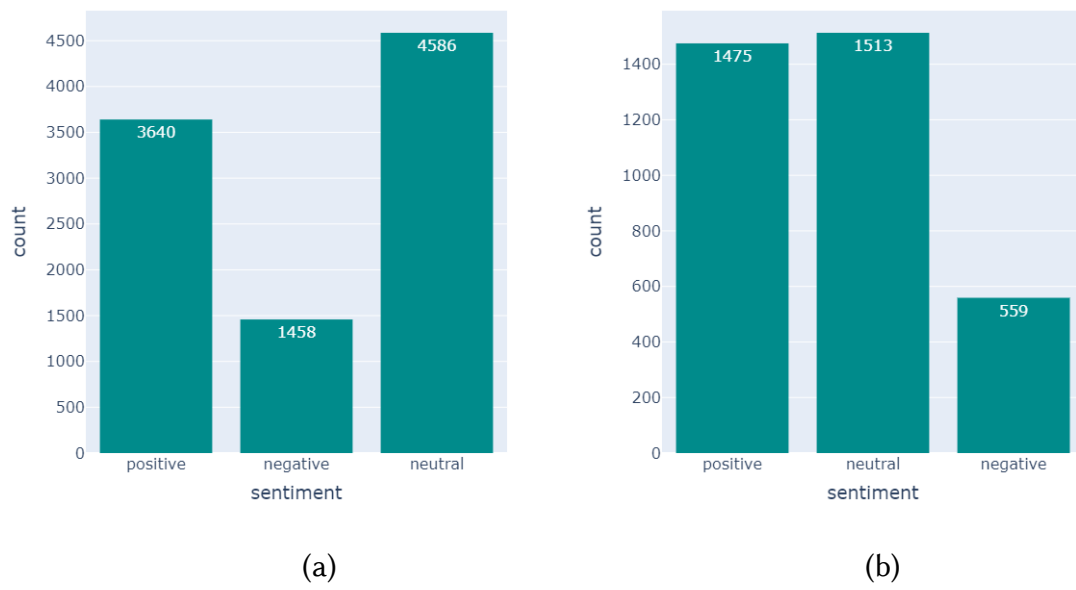


Figure 7. Distribution of number of tweets of the SemEval dataset across the (a) training set and (b) testing set.

Chapter 6:

Experiments and Results

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The following section discusses the performance of the different models on the dataset. We have tested a total of 13 models on the two different datasets in order to validate our models and tuned the hyperparameters accordingly to achieve best results.

For each model, precision, recall, macro-F1 score, and accuracy was calculated [87]. This was done using the following formula:

Precision (P) is defined as the number of true positives (tp) over the number of true positives plus the number of false positives (fp).

$$P = \frac{tp}{tp + fp}$$

Recall (R) is defined as the number of true positives (tp) over the number of true positives plus the number of false negatives (fn).

$$R = \frac{tp}{tp + fn}$$

These quantities are also related to the (F1) score, which is defined as the harmonic mean of precision and recall, given as:

$$F1 = 2 \frac{P \times R}{P + R}$$

Along with these metrics, the accuracy of the model is also given. This is given as:

$$Acc = \frac{tp + tn}{tp + tn + fp + fn}$$

US Airline Twitter Dataset

The performance of the various methods implemented on the US twitter dataset has been given below. We have obtained the best results by combining sentence embeddings through BERT along with using a lexicon-based approach.

Experiment	Accuracy (%)	Precision	Recall	F1 score (macro)
Support Vector Machine	78.29	0.7813	0.7731	0.7830
Multichannel CNN	77.02	0.7688	0.7789	0.7754
LSTM + CNN 1 (1-gram) + CNN 2 (2-gram)	78.38	0.7820	0.7898	0.7844
BERT	79.16	0.7913	0.7754	0.7989
BERT + LSTM	77.90	0.7769	0.7696	0.7757
BERT + CNN 1 (1-gram)	78.79	0.7890	0.7895	0.7891
BERT + CNN 2 (2-gram)	77.18	0.7801	0.7701	0.7745
BERT + LSTM + CNN 1 (1-gram)	79.00	0.7945	0.7896	0.7911
BERT + LSTM + CNN 2 (2-gram)	73.87	0.7389	0.7321	0.7345
BERT + CNN 1 (1-gram) + CNN 2 (2-gram)	73.46	0.7290	0.7365	0.7354
BERT + BiLSTM (character-wise)	78.24	0.7856	0.7810	0.7894
BERT + BiLSTM (word-wise)	77.83	0.7980	0.7534	0.7771
BERT + Polarity wordnet	80.12	0.7933	0.8060	0.8034

Table 2: Comparative performance of the different models on the US Airline Twitter Dataset

SemEval 2013 Task A Dataset

The performance results of the various models on the SemEval 2013 Task A Dataset are given in the table below. Like the other dataset, we have obtained the best results on our model combining BERT sentence embeddings along with lexicon-based approach.

Experiment	Accuracy (%)	Precision	Recall	F1 score (macro)
Support Vector Machine	62.34	0.6145	0.6271	0.6211
Multichannel CNN	58.66	0.5841	0.5864	0.5867
LSTM + CNN 1 (1-gram) + CNN 2 (2-gram)	56.20	0.5601	0.5718	0.5619
BERT	65.14	0.6614	0.6578	0.6542
BERT + LSTM	59.70	0.5912	0.5814	0.5998
BERT + CNN 1 (1-gram)	58.56	0.5856	0.5879	0.5814
BERT + CNN 2 (2-gram)	59.17	0.5719	0.5927	0.5994
BERT + LSTM + CNN 1 (1-gram)	59.12	0.5911	0.5764	0.5641
BERT + LSTM + CNN 2 (2-gram)	57.23	0.5638	0.5798	0.5834
BERT + CNN 1 (1-gram) + CNN 2 (2-gram)	58.36	0.5716	0.5856	0.5836
BERT + BiLSTM (character-wise)	62.13	0.6376	0.6217	0.6159
BERT + BiLSTM (word-wise)	63.22	0.6325	0.6374	0.6398
BERT + Polarity wordnet	65.54	0.6552	0.6574	0.6513

Table 3: Comparative performance of the different models on the US Airline Twitter Dataset

Chapter 7:

Conclusion

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This paper studied a hybrid model combining BERT with polarity wordnet, along with a traditional machine learning model and various other deep learning models and for improving topic sentiment classification performance on Twitter data in Indian languages. To evaluate our work, we have used the freely available US airline twitter dataset. To prove the robustness and generalization capability, our developed models have also been evaluated on a publicly available SemEval 2013 Task A dataset.

The main focus has been drawn to a multichannel LSTM-CNN model that we implement for the thesis and use in various combinations to get better results. To improve the performance, we have used sentence embeddings using a pre-trained BERT model along with the deep learning models. BERT has also been used in combination with BiLSTM models, both character-wise and word-wise to tune the accuracy of our sentiment analysis. The final model that we employ for the thesis is the hybrid model that uses word embeddings from BERT and creates a vector of its own by calculating the polarity of each tweet word in the positive and negative list of words (obtained from GitHub) and passes through a deep neural network to obtain the results.

To validate the results obtained by the proposed hybrid deep learning model, statistical significance tests have been conducted. The significance tests reveal that the hybrid deep learning models achieve better results than individual models.

In this study, we have used a few deep learning models with word embeddings from BERT. Further studies can include working and improving on the polarity wordnet, with better wordnet from which to obtain results. A few deep learning models can be used in combination to tune the accuracy of the dataset. Furthermore, the hybrid models can be studied on hybrid datasets, or datasets can be created manually to be applied to the models. The presence of phony reviews or comments is a significant aspect that influences sentiment analysis [85]. A preprocessing module capable of detecting false reviews or comments can be integrated with the sentiment analysis system for upgrading the sentiment analysis-based policy-making or product recommendation system.

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