Automated Research Paper Categorization



Approach

Preprocessing Dataset

First we hot encoded the categories given for each abstract.

Following that, we proceeded to generate 57 unique column titles for each category.

Then, we noted that there was an uneven distribution of zeros and ones in each column, with a higher abundance of zeros.

Then, to mitigate potential bias towards any label, we implemented oversampling and undersampling techniques before proceeding with training.

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Attempt 1

Word2Vec

Utilised Word2Vec embeddings, which are context-agnostic and utilise basic tokenizers.

Random forest gave a very good f1 score on the train set but performed poorly on the test set (score 0.01) thus was probably overfitting the train dataset;

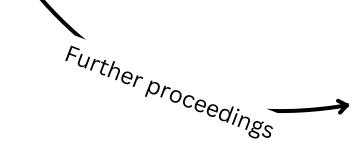
Same issue was observed with SVM

Word2Vec uses a basic tokenizer that separates words based on spaces and punctuation. It doesn't handle subword tokenization or more complex structures.

Did it work???

This might be why the word2vec embedding vector underperformed during training.

Encountered issues with performance when using logistic regression, random forest, SVM, and adaboost.



Analysing the problem , we made attempts to improve tokenizers Employing BERT tokenizers Why BERT?

> To categorize research papers accurately, we required the contextual information from both the abstract and title. Hence, we believed that employing the BERT tokenizer could enhance the embedding process for these sections.

It being a transformer-based model, excels in capturing bidirectional contextual information, enabling it to comprehensively understand each word's context within a sentence and produce context-aware embeddings.

It breaks down words into subword units. This subword tokenization allows BERT to handle out-of-vocabulary words more effectively and capture morphological variations.

Model Selection Having generated embedding vectors for both the title and abstract, we considered consulting and Evaluation: research papers to gather insights on NLP task classification methods. **Findings** Encountered various BERT models like RoBERTa Discovered research papers utilizing classification and DistilBERT. techniques including KNN, Decision Trees, and Naive Bayes for scientific paper classification. We tested these models, but there were no significant improvements.

Using CNN

The rationale for employing CNN is its proficiency in handling vector and matrix representations, as well as its ability to capture local features in vectors via pooling layers.

While this model excelled in several categories, it encountered challenges and did not perform as strongly in others.

Due to Bert having given the best results until then, we focused on Bert based models

SciBERT

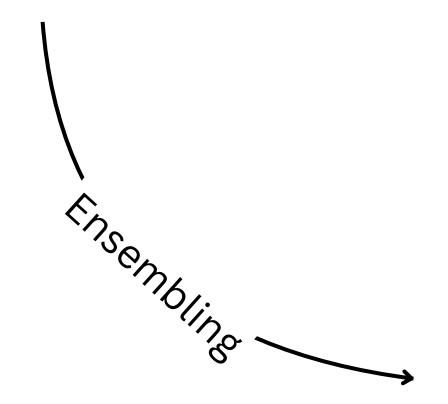
As we directed our attention to models based on BERT and discovered **SciBERT** shortly after.

SciBERT is a variant of BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) specifically designed and pre-trained for scientific text.

It utilizes a large corpus of scientific publications to learn domain-specific language patterns and knowledge representations

A baseline model made with **SciBERT** brought us a **macro F1 score of 0.64!** With some tweaks and improvements, we **boosted that score to an impressive 0.67**, marking a significant step forward in our quest for optimum.

Challenges faced



Due to time constraints, the proposed strategy of ensembling SciBERT models could not be implemented. The plan was to create an ensemble of SciBERT models, a technique involving the combination of multiple instances of the same model to enhance predictive performance

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