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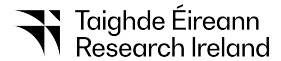
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Introduction

We are excited to welcome you to the Fifth Workshop on Language Technology for Equality, Diversity, Inclusion (LT-EDI-2025), the 5th Conference on Language, Data and Knowledge (LDK). This year, the workshop will be held in a hybrid format (both online and Workshops will take place at Palazzo del Mediterraneo on 9th September 2025, while the main venue for the conference will be Palazzo Corigliano, on 10th - 11th September 2025, located in the Naples, Italy. With the rapid advancement of technology, digital communication has become a central part of daily life. While many globally dominant languages have successfully transitioned into the digital era, numerous regional and low-resource languages continue to face significant technological challenges. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) is an important agenda across every field throughout the world. Language as a major part of communication should be inclusive and treat everyone with equality. Today's large internet community uses language technology (LT) and has a direct impact on people across the globe. EDI is crucial to ensure everyone is valued and included, so it is necessary to build LT that serves this purpose. Recent results have shown that big data and deep learning are entrenching existing biases and that some algorithms are even naturally biased due to problems such as 'regression to the mode'. Our focus is on creating LT that will be more inclusive of gender, racial, sexual orientation, persons with disability. The workshop will focus on creating speech and language technology to address EDI not only in English, but also in less resourced languages. The workshop received a total of 40 active submissions. Reviewer recruitment was highly effective, with 232 out of 249 invited reviewers accepting the invitation. Of the 270 assigned reviews, 117 were completed, resulting in a review submission rate of 43.33%. Additionally, 41.67% of reviewers (100 out of 240) completed all their assigned reviews. A majority of submissions (65%, or 26 out of 40) received at least three reviews, ensuring a robust evaluation process. Decisions were finalized for all submissions (100%), leading to an acceptance rate of 95% (38 papers). This included 6 papers (15%) accepted for oral presentations and 32 papers (80%) accepted for poster presentations. Only 2 submissions (5%) were rejected. There were no withdrawn submissions, and only one paper was desk rejected. These metrics reflect a thorough and inclusive review process, driven by active reviewer participation and a strong commitment to quality.

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Abstract: Transformers has redefined deep learning research and has become the most prominent architecture across domains such as natural language processing, computer vision, and image processing. Attention mechanism, particularly self-attention, is central to the success of this architecture, which allows the model to capture dependencies across the input sequences. However, the fundamental challenge in understanding self-attention is its intrinsic symmetry. The existing works often consider self-attention as a kernel method, leveraging symmetric kernels based on Mercer’s theorem. However, the self-attention matrices used in the transformer architectures are inherently asymmetric, which leads to an inconsistency between the theoretical formulation and the practical implementation. The primal-attention, a novel attention mechanism based on kernel singular value decomposition explicitly models the asymmetry. Therefore, reformulating self-attention using primal-dual representation ensures efficient computation and low-rank approximation that enhances performance and generalization.

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CrewX@LT-EDI-2025: Transformer-Based Tamil ASR Fine-Tuning with AVMD Denoising and GRU-VAD for Enhanced Transcription Accuracy
Ganesh Sundhar S, Hari Krishnan N, Arun Prasad T D, Shruthikaa V and Jyothish Lal G

JUNLP@LT-EDI-2025: Efficient Low-Rank Adaptation of Whisper for Inclusive Tamil Speech Recognition Targeting Vulnerable Populations
Priyobroto Acharya, Soham Chaudhuri, Sayan Das, Dipanjan Saha and Dipankar Das

SKVtrio@LT-EDI-2025: Hybrid TF-IDF and BERT Embeddings for Multilingual Homophobia and Transphobia Detection in Social Media Comments
Konkimalla Laxmi Vignesh, Mahankali Sri Ram Krishna, Dondluru Keerthana and Premjith B

DII5143A@LT-EDI 2025: Bias-Aware Detection of Racial Hoaxes in Code-Mixed Social Media Data (BaCoHoax)
Ashok Yadav and Vrijendra Singh

Hope_for_best@LT-EDI 2025: Detecting Racial Hoaxes in Code-Mixed Hindi-English Social Media Data using a multi-phase fine-tuning strategy
Abhishek Singh Yadav, Deepawali Sharma, Aakash Singh and Vivek Kumar Singh

15:30 - 16:00 *Tea Break*

16:00 - 17:30 *Poster Session*

CVF-NITT@LT-EDI-2025: Misogyny Detection
Radhika K T and Sitara K

Wise@LT-EDI-2025: Combining Classical and Neural Representations with Multi-scale Ensemble Learning for Code-mixed Hate Speech Detection
Ganesh Sundhar S, Durai Singh K, Gnanasabesan G, Hari Krishnan N and MC Dhanush

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Md Mizanur Rahman, Jidan Al Abrar, Md Siddikul Imam Kawser, Ariful Islam, Md. Mubasshir Naib and Hasan Murad

CUET's_White_Walkers@LT-EDI-2025: A Multimodal Framework for the Detection of Misogynistic Memes in Chinese Online Content

Md. Mubasshir Naib, Md Mizanur Rahman, Jidan Al Abrar, Md Mehedi Hasan, Md Siddikul Imam Kawser and Mohammad Shamsul Arefin

CUET's_White_Walkers@LT-EDI 2025: Transformer-Based Model for the Detection of Caste and Migration Hate Speech

Jidan Al Abrar, Md Mizanur Rahman, Ariful Islam, Md Mehedi Hasan, Md. Mubasshir Naib and Mohammad Shamsul Arefin

NS@LT-EDI-2025 CasteMigration based hate speech Detection

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ItsAllGoodMan@LT-EDI-2025: Fusing TF-IDF and MuRIL Embeddings for Detecting Caste and Migration Hate Speech

Amritha Nandini K L, Vishal S, Giri Prasath R, Anerud Thiagarajan and Sachin Kumar S

NSR_LT-EDI-2025 Automatic speech recognition in Tamil

Nishanth.S Nishanth.S, Shruthi Rengarajan, Burugu Rahul and Jyothish Lal G

Solvers@LT-EDI-2025: Caste and Migration Hate Speech Detection in Tamil-English Code-Mixed Text

Ananthakumar S, Bharath P, Devasri A, Anirudh Sriram K S and Mohanapriya K T

CUET_N317@LT-EDI2025: Detecting Hate Speech Related to Caste and Migration with Transformer Models

Md. Nur Siddik Ruman, Md. Tahfim Juwel Chowdhury and Hasan Murad

KEC-Elite-Analysts@LT-EDI 2025: Leveraging Deep Learning for Racial Hoax Detection in Code-Mixed Hindi-English Tweets

Malliga Subramanian, Aruna A, Amudhavan M, Jahaganapathi S and Kogilavani Shanmugavadivel

Team_Luminaries_0227@LT-EDI-2025: A Transformer-Based Fusion Approach to Misogyny Detection in Chinese Memes

Adnan Faisal, Shiti Chowdhury, Momtazul Arefin Labib and Hasan Murad

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Hinterwelt@LT-EDI 2025: A Transformer-Based Approach for Identifying Racial Hoaxes in Code-Mixed Hindi-English Social Media Narratives

Md. Abdur Rahman, MD AL Amin, Sabik Aftahee and Md Ashiqur Rahman

CUET_12033@LT-EDI-2025: Misogyny Detection

Mehreen Rahman, Faozia Fariha, Nabilah Tabassum, Samia Rahman and Hasan Murad

CUET_Blitz_Aces@LT-EDI-2025: Leveraging Transformer Ensembles and Majority Voting for Hate Speech Detection

Shahriar Farhan Karim, Anower Sha Shajalal Kashmary and Hasan Murad

Hinterwelt@LT-EDI 2025: A Transformer-Based Detection of Caste and Migration Hate Speech in Tamil Social Media

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EM-26@LT-EDI 2025: Detecting Racial Hoaxes in Code-Mixed Social Media Data

Tewodros Achamaleh, Fatima Uroosa, Nida Hafeez, Tolulope Olalekan Abiola, Mikiyas Mebrahtu, Sara Getachew, Grigori Sidorov and Rolando Quintero

EM-26@LT-EDI 2025: Caste and Migration Hate Speech Detection in Tamil-English Code-Mixed Social Media Texts

Tewodros Achamaleh, Tolulope Olalekan Abiola, Mikiyas Mebrahtu, Sara Getachew and Grigori Sidorov

Hoax Terminators@LT-EDI 2025: CharBERT's dominance over LLM Models in the Detection of Racial Hoaxes in Code-Mixed Hindi-English Social Media Data

Abrar Hafiz Rabbani, Diganta Das Droba, Momtazul Arefin Labib, Samia Rahman and Hasan Murad

CUET_Ignite@LT-EDI-2025: A Multimodal Transformer-Based Approach for Detecting Misogynistic Memes in Chinese Social Media

MD.Mahadi Rahman, Mohammad Minhaj Uddin, Mohammad Oman and Mohammad Shamsul Arefin

girlsteam@LT-EDI-2025: Caste/Migration based hate speech Detection

Towshin HOssain Tushi, Walisa Alam, Rehenuma Ilman and Samia Rahman

CUET_320@LT-EDI-2025: A Multimodal Approach for Misogyny Meme Detection in Chinese Social Media

Madiha Ahmed Chowdhury, Lamia Tasnim Khan, Md.shafiqul Hasan and Ashim Dey

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