Fuzzy-Rough Nearest Neighbor Classification for Sarcasm Detection



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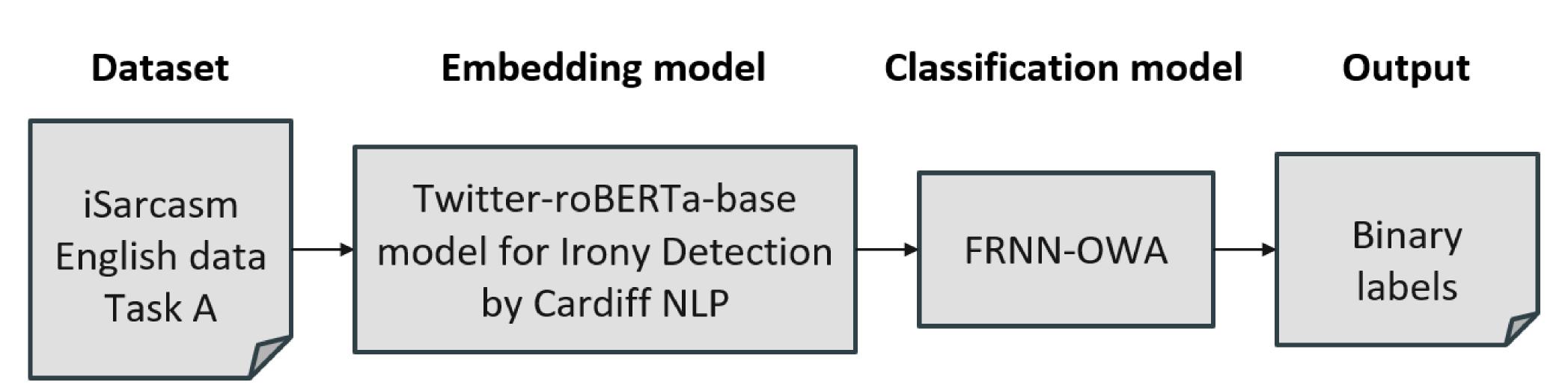
Introduction

- The **sarcasm detection** is a challenge in the Natural Language Processing, however, even for a human it could be an issue.
- SemEval-2022 Task 6 iSarcasmEval subtask A is a sarcasm detection binary classification task, where we considered English tweets.

id	tweet	sarcastic
0	The only thing I got from college is a caffeine addiction	1

Picture 1. A sample of instance from Subtask A

- Our solution is **Fuzzy-Rough Nearest Neighbor** (FRNN) classification model with **Ordered Weighted Average** (OWA) operators.
- Our best setup uses raw text embedded in vectors by **Twitter-roBERTa-based** model tuned for Irony Detection by CardiffNLP group.



Picture 2. Our final solution

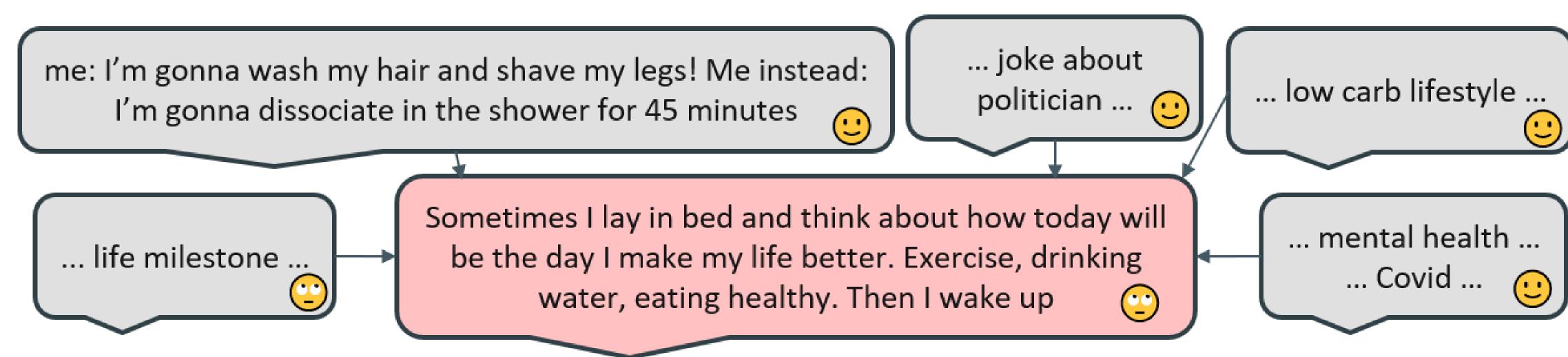
- The motivation to use FRNN is to investigate the potential and explainability of simple method compared with the black-boxes.
- The presented solution **is based on** the method from **our previous paper** that showed promising results for the emotion detection. Hence, we aimed to test it on the sarcasm recognition task.

Experiments

- We examined all combinations of 3 text preprocessing techniques and 6 text embedding approaches to chose the best combination and tuned number of neighbors k for the each FRNN model.
- As a similarity function for the FRNN, we used **cosine**, for evaluation we used **5-fold cross-validation** and **F1-score**, and we also tried a models' **ensemble** based on various embeddings.
- The best setup has no text preprocessing, roBERTa-based embedding technique for vectors extraction, and FRNN-OWA model with k = 5.

Error analysis

• We traced back test tweets to see 5 train instances that formed its class.



Picture 3. Example of the incorrectly classified test tweet

Results

- We obtained F1=0.3722 for train data and F1=0.4242 for the test data.
- Our solution achieved 9th place on the competition leaderboard.
- This approach can give us more explainability about obtained results.

#	User	F-1 sarcastic	F-score	Precision	Recall	Accuracy
9	Olha_Kaminska	0.4242 (9)	0.6552 (7)	0.6422 (7)	0.6767 (11)	0.8100 (8)

Picture 4. Our place in the subtask A English leaderboard

