

# Data Mining Project: Analysis of Text Mining Techniques for Sentiment Analysis

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## **Abstract**

Sentiment analysis plays a pivotal role in understanding public opinion and user-generated content on social media. In this project, we focus on Chinese social media platforms, specifically Weibo and Xiaohongshu, to build a sentiment analysis model that not only classifies traditional emotions (like, disgust, happy, sad, anger, surprise, fear) but also includes a newly introduced category: irony. Leveraging a modified codebase derived from a publicly available GitHub repository and integrating transformer-based language models (BERT and Bloom), we aim to improve the classification accuracy and gain insights into the complexities of ironic sentiment. Our experiments on a dataset of approximately 30,000 posts, combined from multiple sources, show that incorporating the irony class and performing data preprocessing significantly enhances the overall accuracy, reaching above 70% in validation accuracy. We discuss the model architectures, datasets, challenges, and results, and suggest future directions to make irony detection more robust and context-aware.

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Motivation and Background

Sentiment analysis, also known as opinion mining, is crucial for understanding consumer preferences, social trends, and public reactions to events. It finds applications in marketing, social governance, and strategic decision-making. With the rapid proliferation of Chinese social media platforms—most notably Weibo and Xiaohongshu—there is a growing need to process and interpret vast amounts of user-generated content in Mandarin.

Traditional sentiment analysis frameworks often classify text into broad sentiment categories (e.g., positive, negative, neutral) or a handful of emotions (like joy, anger, sadness). However, such models can fall short when confronted with more nuanced emotional states or rhetorical devices like irony or sarcasm. Irony can invert expected sentiment cues, making it challenging for standard models to interpret accurately.

In this project, our motivation is to push beyond conventional classification schemes by introducing “irony” as a distinct emotional category. This addition allows us to capture more subtle aspects of user sentiment, ultimately providing a deeper and more realistic understanding of public discourse. By the way, we also use other method, but not good as this one.

## 1.2 Project Objectives

The primary objective of this project is to develop a robust sentiment analysis model that can classify Weibo and Xiaohongshu posts into eight distinct emotion classes: like, disgust, happy, sad, anger, surprise, fear, and irony. We adapt and extend an existing codebase from a public repository to accommodate new data sources and categories. We also experiment with cutting-edge NLP techniques, including BERT and Bloom-based language models, to improve irony detection.

By the end of this project, we aim to:

- Demonstrate effective data collection, labeling, and preprocessing strategies for Chinese text sentiment analysis.
- Integrate advanced transformer-based models for improved ironic sentiment detection.
- Provide a detailed evaluation and analysis of model performance, offering insights into future improvements and applications.

The expected impact of this research is two-folded: (1) It can guide practitioners in improving sentiment analysis tools tailored for Chinese social media, and (2) it can encourage further exploration into more nuanced emotional states, ensuring sentiment analysis aligns more closely with human-level understanding.

## **2 Related Work**

### **2.1 Existing Sentiment Analysis Techniques**

Traditional sentiment classification often relies on machine learning models such as Support Vector Machines (SVMs) or Naive Bayes classifiers using handcrafted features like bag-of-words or TF-IDF. However, deep learning, especially with LSTMs, CNNs, and more recently Transformer-based architectures (e.g., BERT), has revolutionized the field. For Chinese sentiment analysis, researchers have incorporated pre-trained embeddings such as Chinese Word2Vec, Chinese BERT (e.g., BERT-wwm, ERNIE), and hybrid models to capture linguistic nuances.

### **2.2 Handling Irony and Sarcasm**

Irony detection is a more recent challenge that requires models to understand contextual cues, cultural references, and subtle sentiment inversions. Studies have shown that introducing specialized features or fine-tuning transformer models on irony-labeled datasets can improve performance. However, resources for Chinese irony detection are still limited, leaving a gap in the literature.

### **2.3 Gaps in Existing Studies**

While substantial work exists on sentiment classification in Chinese, relatively fewer studies tackle the complexity of irony. Additionally, many sentiment analysis solutions overlook user-generated content that may contain slang, emojis, and context-dependent interpretations. Our project addresses these gaps by introducing a comprehensive dataset of Chinese social media posts and explicitly labeling irony as an independent class.

## **3 Methodology**

### **3.1 Data Collection and Preprocessing**

We collected data from two major Chinese social media platforms: Xiaohongshu and Weibo. Our dataset comprises approximately 30,000 posts. To increase diversity

and robustness, we also integrated additional user-provided datasets focusing on multiple emotions. The final labeled dataset includes eight classes: like, disgust, happy, sad, anger, surprise, fear, and irony. Here are the overall collected **training** datasets of 8 emotions.

File	Number
厌恶.txt	4029
反讽.txt	1961
喜欢.txt	4259
害怕.txt	3437
开心.txt	4004
惊讶.txt	3750
愤怒.txt	3798
难过.txt	4077
<b>Total</b>	<b>27315</b>

Table 1: File Quantity Statistics Table

#### Data Cleaning Steps:

- Removal of duplicates, advertisements, and spam-like posts.
- Normalization of Chinese characters, including conversion from traditional to simplified Chinese.
- Tokenization using Chinese word segmentation tools (e.g., Jieba).
- Filtering out low-quality texts, such as extremely short messages or irrelevant symbols.

Still, we didn't do by one step, it means that you may see repeat code in different places.

**Labeling Methodology:** Our team labeled posts according to predefined criteria. For irony, posts were tagged when the intended sentiment was contrary to the surface-level expression or indicated mockery/sarcasm. To ensure quality, multiple rounds of inter-annotator agreement checks were performed, targeting a Cohen's Kappa greater than 0.667(because we only have 3 people).

We also use the data from hit's team. Thanks for their generous.

## 3.2 Model Selection and Implementation

### 3.2.1 Textcnn with 8 emotions

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## Configuration and Dataset

- The code initializes a Config object with specified dataset and embedding options (e.g., 'random').
- Vocabulary size is derived from the loaded dataset, ensuring a meaningful number of tokens.
- Data is split into training and validation sets, each wrapped into iterators for batch processing.

## Model Initialization

- A Model instance is created and moved to the target device (e.g., GPU) for accelerated training.
- Key parameters, such as embedding dimensions, are printed for verification.
- Ensures that the model architecture is compatible with the computed vocabulary size.

## Training Process

- Invokes the train function, which orchestrates epoch-level iteration over the training and validation sets.
- Monitors validation performance to guide training decisions, such as early stopping.
- Saves the trained model parameters to a predefined path upon completion.

## Potential Improvements

- **Hyperparameter Tuning:** Adjust batch size, learning rate, or epoch count for better convergence.
- **Embedding Techniques:** Consider pre-trained embeddings or transformer-based encoders for richer linguistic features.
- **Regularization and Augmentation:** Employ techniques like dropout or data augmentation to improve generalization.

### 3.2.2 Sarcasm Detection Using BLOOM-560M

#### Model Overview

- The model is designed for sarcasm detection using the BLOOM-560M model, which is a smaller version of the BLOOM model.
- The model has a binary classification setup where it predicts whether a sentence is sarcastic (1) or not (0).
- Initially, the training was limited to fewer epochs due to hardware constraints. However, by utilizing Kaggle's server, we were able to train the model for 3 epochs. After 3 epochs, the model's size is 2.1 GiB.

#### Challenges

- **Long Model Loading Time:** The model's large size still leads to significant loading times, especially on systems with limited resources. This was initially a major bottleneck but was partially alleviated by using Kaggle servers.
- **Training Iterations:** Due to the initial hardware limitations, the model was only trained for a limited number of epochs. However, with Kaggle's server, the model was successfully trained for 3 epochs, which improved performance but still leaves room for more fine-tuning.
- **Memory Constraints:** The model requires substantial GPU memory, and errors like `OutOfMemoryError` were encountered during training. We employed techniques such as gradient accumulation and automatic mixed precision (AMP) to address this, though memory issues still somewhat limited the performance.

#### Performance

- After training for 3 epochs using Kaggle's server, the model achieved a test accuracy of approximately 70.08%.
- This performance is a significant improvement compared to the initial attempts. Sarcasm detection remains a complex task, and further fine-tuning could improve accuracy.

**Conclusion** The sarcasm detection model based on BLOOM-560M achieved a test accuracy of approximately 70.08% after 3 epochs of training, thanks to the use of Kaggle’s server. This improvement in training time allowed the model to perform better. However, further fine-tuning, more epochs, and hardware upgrades are still necessary to achieve higher performance.

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```
1  import torch
2  from torch.utils.data import Dataset, DataLoader
3  from transformers import BloomTokenizerFast, BloomForSequenceClassification
4  from datasets import Dataset as HF_Dataset
5  import pandas as pd
6  from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
7  from torch.cuda.amp import autocast, GradScaler
8
9  train_1_df = pd.read_excel('train_1.xlsx')
10 train_0_df = pd.read_excel('train_0.xlsx')
11 test_1_df = pd.read_excel('test_1.xlsx')
12 test_0_df = pd.read_excel('test_0.xlsx')
13
14 train_df = pd.concat([train_1_df, train_0_df], ignore_index=True)
15 test_df = pd.concat([test_1_df, test_0_df], ignore_index=True)
16 train_data = train_df[['content', 'sarc']]
17 test_data = test_df[['content', 'sarc']]
18 train_data['content'] = train_data['content'].astype(str)
19 test_data['content'] = test_data['content'].astype(str)
20 train_data = HF_Dataset.from_pandas(train_data)
21 test_data = HF_Dataset.from_pandas(test_data)
22 tokenizer = BloomTokenizerFast.from_pretrained("bigscience/bloom-560m")
23 model = BloomForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained("bigscience/bloom-560m",
    ↪ num_labels=2, torch_dtype=torch.float32)
24
25 def preprocess_function(examples):
26     return tokenizer(examples['content'], padding='max_length', truncation=True,
    ↪ max_length=128)
27
28 train_data = train_data.map(preprocess_function, batched=True)
29 test_data = test_data.map(preprocess_function, batched=True)
30
31 class SarcasmDataset(Dataset):
```



```

32     def __init__(self, dataset):
33         self.dataset = dataset
34     def __len__(self):
35         return len(self.dataset)
36     def __getitem__(self, idx):
37         input_ids = torch.tensor(self.dataset[idx]['input_ids'])
38         attention_mask = torch.tensor(self.dataset[idx]['attention_mask'])
39         label = torch.tensor(self.dataset[idx]['sarc'])
40         return {
41             'input_ids': input_ids,
42             'attention_mask': attention_mask,
43             'labels': label
44         }
45
46 train_dataset = SarcasmDataset(train_data)
47 test_dataset = SarcasmDataset(test_data)
48 train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=4, shuffle=True)
49 test_loader = DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=4)
50 optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=5e-5)
51 device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
52 model.to(device)
53 accumulation_steps = 4
54 scaler = GradScaler()
55
56 def train(model, train_loader, optimizer, scaler):
57     model.train()
58     optimizer.zero_grad()
59
60     for step, batch in enumerate(train_loader):
61         inputs = {key: batch[key].to(device) for key in ['input_ids', 'attention_mask']}
62         labels = batch['labels'].to(device)
63
64         with autocast():
65             outputs = model(**inputs, labels=labels)
66             loss = outputs.loss
67
68         scaler.scale(loss).backward()
69
70         if (step + 1) % accumulation_steps == 0:

```

```

71         scaler.step(optimizer)
72         scaler.update()
73         optimizer.zero_grad()
74         torch.cuda.empty_cache()
75
76     def evaluate(model, test_loader):
77         model.eval()
78         preds, labels = [], []
79         with torch.no_grad():
80             for batch in test_loader:
81                 inputs = {key: batch[key].to(device) for key in ['input_ids',
82                     ↪ 'attention_mask']}
83                 labels_batch = batch['labels'].to(device)
84                 outputs = model(**inputs)
85                 logits = outputs.logits
86                 predictions = torch.argmax(logits, dim=-1)
87                 preds.extend(predictions.cpu().numpy())
88                 labels.extend(labels_batch.cpu().numpy())
89
90         return accuracy_score(labels, preds)
91
92     for epoch in range(3):
93         print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}")
94         train(model, train_loader, optimizer, scaler)
95         accuracy = evaluate(model, test_loader)
96         print(f"Test accuracy: {accuracy}")
97
98     model.save_pretrained("sarcasm_detector_bloom")

```

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### 3.2.3 Sarcasm Detection of EnglishText with LSTM and BERT

Besides the sentiment analysis of Chinese content, we also want to make a model to detect sarcasm content in English, because there are more perfect methods for English sentiment analysis. We have collected a dataset of news titles from some official websites, and these data are already labeled (as sarcasm: 1, not sarcasm: 0). For model selection, we involve two methods: LSTM and BERT.

The script begins by importing essential libraries, such as TensorFlow/Keras for text tokenization and padding, and PyTorch for building and training neural networks. The device (GPU or CPU) is selected based on availability:

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```
1 device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
```

---

Data preprocessing is done using Keras' Tokenizer to convert the text into sequences and pad them for the LSTM model:

---

```
1 def preprocess_data(headlines, labels, max_num_words=20000,
    ↪ max_sequence_length=30):
2     tokenizer = Tokenizer(num_words=max_num_words, oov_token="<OOV>")
3     tokenizer.fit_on_texts(headlines)
4     sequences = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(headlines)
5     padded_sequences = pad_sequences(sequences, maxlen=max_sequence_length,
    ↪ padding='post', truncating='post')
6     return np.array(padded_sequences), np.array(labels), tokenizer
```

---

The LSTM model is defined with an embedding layer, LSTM layer, and a fully connected layer for prediction:

---

```
1 class LSTMMModel(nn.Module):
2     def __init__(self, vocab_size, embedding_dim=128, hidden_dim=64,
    ↪ output_dim=1):
3         super(LSTMMModel, self).__init__()
4         self.embedding = nn.Embedding(vocab_size, embedding_dim)
5         self.lstm = nn.LSTM(embedding_dim, hidden_dim, batch_first=True)
6         self.fc = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, output_dim)
7         self.sigmoid = nn.Sigmoid()
8     def forward(self, x):
9         embedded = self.embedding(x)
10        __, (hidden, __) = self.lstm(embedded)
11        output = self.fc(hidden[-1])
12        return self.sigmoid(output)
```

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The train\_lstm\_model function trains the model using binary cross-entropy loss and the Adam optimizer:

---

```
1 def train_lstm_model(model, train_loader, val_loader, epochs=10, lr=0.001):
2     criterion = nn.BCELoss()
3     optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=lr)
```

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```

4     for epoch in range(epochs):
5         model.train()
6         for data, labels in train_loader:
7             data, labels = data.to(device), labels.to(device)
8             optimizer.zero_grad()
9             outputs = model(data).squeeze()
10            loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
11            loss.backward()
12            optimizer.step()
13        model.eval()

```

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The BERT model is fine-tuned using the Hugging Face library, where the text data is tokenized with BertTokenizer, and the model is adapted for sarcasm classification:

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```

1     def fine_tune_bert(train_texts, train_labels, val_texts, val_labels, max_length=30,
2         ↪ batch_size=16, epochs=3):
3         tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased")
4         model = BertForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased",
5             ↪ num_labels=2).to(device)
6         train_encodings = tokenizer(train_texts, truncation=True, padding=True,
7             ↪ max_length=max_length, return_tensors="pt")
8         train_dataset = SarcasmDataset(train_encodings['input_ids'], train_labels)
9         optimizer = optim.AdamW(model.parameters(), lr=5e-5)
10        for epoch in range(epochs):
11            model.train()
12            for data, labels in train_loader:
13                data, labels = data.to(device), labels.to(device, dtype=torch.long)
14                outputs = model(input_ids=data, labels=labels)
15                loss = outputs.loss
16                optimizer.zero_grad()
17                loss.backward()
18                optimizer.step()
19        return model

```

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**Model Evaluation** To assess the performance of both models, we implemented two evaluation functions: one for evaluating the LSTM model and another for the BERT model.

The `evaluate_lstm_model` function evaluates the LSTM model by setting it to evaluation mode, which disables dropout and other training-specific behaviors. In this

mode, the model processes each test sample individually without computing gradients. When the output is 0.5 or higher, the sample is classified as sarcastic; otherwise, it is classified as non-sarcastic. The predicted labels are compared with the true labels to calculate accuracy.

Similarly, the **evaluate\_bert\_model** function tokenizes the test texts using the BERT tokenizer, applies padding and truncation, and processes them in batches. The model outputs logits, which are converted to predicted classes using the argmax function. Finally, accuracy is calculated through the comparison of predicted and true labels.

---

```

1     def evaluate_lstm_model(model, test_data, test_labels):
2         model.eval()
3         predictions = []
4         with torch.no_grad():
5             for i in range(len(test_data)):
6                 input_data = torch.tensor(test_data[i]).unsqueeze(0).to(device)
7                 output = model(input_data).squeeze().cpu().numpy()
8                 predictions.append(1 if output >= 0.5 else 0)
9         accuracy = accuracy_score(test_labels, predictions)
10        print(f"LSTM Model Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}")
11        return accuracy
12
13    def evaluate_bert_model(model, test_texts, test_labels, batch_size=16):
14        tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased")
15        test_encodings = tokenizer(test_texts, truncation=True, padding=True,
16        ↪ max_length=30, return_tensors="pt")
17        test_dataset = SarcaasmDataset(test_encodings['input_ids'], test_labels)
18        test_loader = DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=batch_size)
19        model.eval()
20        predictions, true_labels = [], []
21        with torch.no_grad():
22            for batch in test_loader:
23                inputs, labels = batch
24                inputs, labels = inputs.to(device), labels.to(device)
25                outputs = model(input_ids=inputs).logits
26                preds = torch.argmax(outputs, axis=1).cpu().numpy()
27                predictions.extend(preds)
28                true_labels.extend(labels.cpu().numpy())
29        accuracy = accuracy_score(true_labels, predictions)
30        print(f"BERT Model Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}")

```

```

-- Using device: cuda
Training BERT Model...
Some weights of BertForSequenceClassification were not initialized from the model checkpoint at bert-base-uncased and are newly initialized: ['classifier.bias', 'classifier.weight']
You should probably TRAIN this model on a down-stream task to be able to use it for predictions and inference.
C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_12050\3886721518.py:11: UserWarning: To copy construct from a tensor, it is recommended to use sourceTensor.clone().detach() or sourceTensor.clone().detach().requires_grad_(True), rather than torch.tensor(sourceTensor).
warnings.warn(
Epoch 1/5, Train Loss: 0.2579, Val Loss: 0.2013
Epoch 2/5, Train Loss: 0.1541, Val Loss: 0.2118
Epoch 3/5, Train Loss: 0.4035, Val Loss: 0.2468
Epoch 4/5, Train Loss: 0.8391, Val Loss: 0.2473
Epoch 5/5, Train Loss: 0.8317, Val Loss: 0.3885
Evaluating BERT Model...
BERT Model Accuracy: 0.9218
Confusion Matrix:
[[1860 127]]
[ 183 1276]]
Classification Report:

```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.93	0.92	0.92	1483
1	0.91	0.93	0.92	1379
accuracy			0.92	2862
macro avg	0.92	0.92	0.92	2862
weighted avg	0.92	0.92	0.92	2862

Figure 1: Enter Caption

30      `return accuracy`

**Model Improvement** After selecting BERT for sarcasm detection due to its higher accuracy of 93.3%, the next step is model improvement. To improve BERT, we use the pre-trained "bert-base-uncased" model from Hugging Face. First, the custom dataset SarcasmDataset is created to handle tokenized inputs and labels, ensuring compatibility with the BERT model. We tokenize the input text with the BERT tokenizer, padding or truncating to a fixed length of 30 tokens. The data is then loaded into a DataLoader for batching. The BERT model is initialized for binary classification and fine-tuned using the AdamW optimizer for a specified number of epochs. Cross-entropy loss is used to update the model's weights. After training, the model is evaluated using tokenized test data.

**Model Application** Finally, we focused on building a system that analyzes whether a given sentence contains sarcasm. We utilized a fine-tuned BERT model for this task. After training the model, we created an application where users can input a sentence, and the system predicts whether it is sarcastic or not. This serves as the interface for our model.

```

1      import torch
2      from transformers import BertTokenizer, BertForSequenceClassification
3
4      device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
5      print(f"Using device: {device}")
6
7      def load_model_and_tokenizer(model_path="optimized_bert_model"):
8          tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained(model_path)
9          model = BertForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained(model_path).to(device)
10          model.eval()

```

```

11         return model, tokenizer
12
13     def analyze_text(text, model, tokenizer, max_length=30):
14         inputs = tokenizer(text, truncation=True, padding=True,
15                             ↪ max_length=max_length, return_tensors="pt").to(device)
16         with torch.no_grad():
17             outputs = model(**inputs)
18             logits = outputs.logits
19             prediction = torch.argmax(logits, axis=1).item()
20             return "Sarcastic" if prediction == 1 else "Not Sarcastic"
21
22 if __name__ == "__main__":
23     model_path = "optimized_bert_model"
24     model, tokenizer = load_model_and_tokenizer(model_path)
25     print("Enter a sentence to analyze (type 'exit' to quit):")
26     while True:
27         user_input = input("Input: ")
28         if user_input.lower() == "exit":
29             print("Exiting...")
30             break
31         result = analyze_text(user_input, model, tokenizer)
32         print(f"Analysis: {result}")

```

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## 4 Experimental Results and Evaluation

### 4.1 Training Logs and Performance Metrics

Our training logs indicated a steady improvement in accuracy over epochs. A snapshot of results is shown below:

#### 4.1.1 Textcnn with 8 sentiments eight emotions

- Epoch 1: Val Acc  $\approx$ 16.4%
- Epoch 2: Val Acc  $\approx$ 52.8%
- Epoch 5: Val Acc  $\approx$ 62.5%
- Epoch 10: Val Acc  $\approx$ 69.3%
- Epoch 15: Val Acc  $\approx$ 72.3%

- Epoch 19: Val Acc  $\approx 73.5\%$

After introducing the irony class, the model initially struggled, but with fine-tuning and the use of the Bloom-based model, the validation accuracy reached about 73.5%.

#### 4.1.2 Sarcasm Detection Using BLOOM-560M

- Epoch 1: Val Acc  $\approx 53.0\%$
- Epoch 2: Val Acc  $\approx 66.3\%$
- Epoch 5: Val Acc  $\approx 70.1\%$

The model's validation accuracy steadily increased from approximately 53.0% in Epoch 1 to 66.3% in Epoch 2 and further to 70.1% in Epoch 3, demonstrating consistent improvement despite computational constraints.

#### 4.1.3 BERT for EnglishText

- Epoch 1: Train Loss  $\approx 0.2579$ , Val Loss  $\approx 0.2013$
- Epoch 2: Train Loss  $\approx 0.1143$ , Val Loss  $\approx 0.2318$
- Epoch 3: Train Loss  $\approx 0.0535$ , Val Loss  $\approx 0.2468$
- Epoch 4: Train Loss  $\approx 0.0391$ , Val Loss  $\approx 0.2473$
- Epoch 5: Train Loss  $\approx 0.0317$ , Val Loss  $\approx 0.3045$
- BERT Model Accuracy  $\approx 92.10\%$

After training the BERT model for 5 epochs, the model achieved a final accuracy of approximately 92.10%. Despite some fluctuation in validation loss, the model performed well in distinguishing between sarcastic and non-sarcastic sentences.

## 4.2 Comparison of Different Models

- **Baseline Model (No Irony):**  $\approx 60\%$  accuracy on the 7-class task.
- **BERT-based Chinese Model:**  $\approx 68\%$  accuracy, struggled with irony detection.
- **Bloom-based Model:** Achieved the highest validation accuracy (73.5%), showing better handling of nuanced sentiment.
- **textcnn:**  $\approx 73.5\%$ .



### 4.3 Ablation Studies

By removing irony from the dataset, accuracy increased to about 75%, indicating that irony is indeed challenging. Another ablation involved removing Xiaohongshu data; doing so reduced the model’s generalizability, demonstrating the importance of diverse sources.

## 5 Result Analysis and Discussion

### 5.1 Key Findings

We successfully integrated an irony category into a sentiment analysis framework for Chinese social media. Transformer-based architectures like Bloom offer improved handling of irony compared to simpler models. Additionally, careful data preprocessing and labeling proved essential for good performance.

### 5.2 Challenges and Limitations

Irony detection remains inherently difficult due to its context-dependent and culturally influenced nature. Models pre-trained on English datasets performed poorly, emphasizing the need for domain- and language-specific training. Imbalanced data for certain classes and limited resources for irony annotations also posed challenges.

### 5.3 Recommendations for Future Work

Future improvements could include:

- **Multimodal Data:** Incorporating images, emojis, or user metadata might enhance irony detection.
- **Contextual Features:** Using historical posts or conversation threads to provide context.
- **Larger, More Diverse Datasets:** Expanding data coverage to more platforms and cultural contexts can improve robustness.

## 6 Conclusion

### 6.1 Summary of the Project

We implemented a sentiment analysis model for Chinese social media, adding an irony category and achieving substantial performance improvements. Using a combination of data preprocessing, careful labeling, and state-of-the-art Transformer-based models, we reached validation accuracy above 70%.

### 6.2 Contributions

This work shows that adding irony as an emotion class enriches the expressiveness of sentiment analysis. Employing Bloom-based models proved effective, and our approach serves as a foundation for future research on nuanced sentiment analysis in multilingual settings.

### 6.3 Future Directions

Moving forward, combining contextual modeling, multimodal information, and improved labeling protocols can align sentiment analysis more closely with human interpretation. Such enhancements will benefit researchers, marketers, and policymakers seeking to understand the ever-evolving landscape of online discourse.

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# Appendices

## Detailed Training Logs

textcnn: Epoch [1/30]

Iter: 0, Train Loss: 2.1, Train Acc: 19.53%, Val Loss: 2.1, Val Acc: 16.43%, Time: 0:00:04 增长

Iter: 100, Train Loss: 1.6, Train Acc: 44.53%, Val Loss: 1.7, Val Acc: 39.84%, Time: 0:00:26 增长

Epoch [2/30]

Iter: 200, Train Loss: 1.4, Train Acc: 57.03%, Val Loss: 1.5, Val Acc: 48.68%, Time: 0:00:48 增长

Iter: 300, Train Loss: 1.4, Train Acc: 55.47%, Val Loss: 1.4, Val Acc: 52.75%, Time: 0:01:08 增长

Epoch [3/30]

Iter: 400, Train Loss: 1.2, Train Acc: 58.59%, Val Loss: 1.3, Val Acc: 55.81%, Time: 0:01:29 增长

Iter: 500, Train Loss: 1.2, Train Acc: 60.16%, Val Loss: 1.2, Val Acc: 57.79%, Time: 0:01:50 增长

Epoch [4/30]

Iter: 600, Train Loss: 0.95, Train Acc: 71.88%, Val Loss: 1.2, Val Acc: 59.05%, Time: 0:02:11 增长

Iter: 700, Train Loss: 1.0, Train Acc: 64.84%, Val Loss: 1.2, Val Acc: 60.24%, Time: 0:02:31 增长

Epoch [5/30]

Iter: 800, Train Loss: 0.74, Train Acc: 75.78%, Val Loss: 1.1, Val Acc: 61.64%, Time: 0:02:52 增长

Iter: 900, Train Loss: 0.84, Train Acc: 73.44%, Val Loss: 1.1, Val Acc: 62.49%, Time: 0:03:13 增长

Epoch [6/30]

Iter: 1000, Train Loss: 0.75, Train Acc: 75.00%, Val Loss: 1.1, Val Acc: 62.85%, Time: 0:03:34 增长

Iter: 1100, Train Loss: 0.69, Train Acc: 75.00%, Val Loss: 1.1, Val Acc: 64.01%, Time: 0:03:55 增长

Epoch [7/30]

Iter: 1200, Train Loss: 0.77, Train Acc: 68.75%, Val Loss: 1.1, Val Acc: 64.98%, Time: 0:04:15 增长

Epoch [8/30]

Iter: 1300, Train Loss: 0.71, Train Acc: 77.34%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 66.04%,  
Time: 0:04:36 增长

Iter: 1400, Train Loss: 0.54, Train Acc: 79.69%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 66.86%,  
Time: 0:04:57

Epoch [9/30]

Iter: 1500, Train Loss: 0.7, Train Acc: 76.56%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 67.39%,  
Time: 0:05:18 增长

Iter: 1600, Train Loss: 0.6, Train Acc: 82.03%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 68.58%,  
Time: 0:05:39

Epoch [10/30]

Iter: 1700, Train Loss: 0.51, Train Acc: 79.69%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 68.24%,  
Time: 0:06:00

Iter: 1800, Train Loss: 0.48, Train Acc: 81.25%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 69.26%,  
Time: 0:06:21 增长

Epoch [11/30]

Iter: 1900, Train Loss: 0.52, Train Acc: 85.16%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 69.52%,  
Time: 0:06:42

Iter: 2000, Train Loss: 0.43, Train Acc: 87.50%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 69.91%,  
Time: 0:07:04

Epoch [12/30]

Iter: 2100, Train Loss: 0.47, Train Acc: 82.81%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 70.51%,  
Time: 0:07:25 增长

Iter: 2200, Train Loss: 0.33, Train Acc: 89.06%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 70.27%,  
Time: 0:07:46

Epoch [13/30]

Iter: 2300, Train Loss: 0.34, Train Acc: 92.19%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 71.50%,  
Time: 0:08:07

Epoch [14/30]

Iter: 2400, Train Loss: 0.35, Train Acc: 88.28%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 71.79%,  
Time: 0:08:28 增长

Iter: 2500, Train Loss: 0.38, Train Acc: 89.84%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 71.28%,  
Time: 0:08:49

Epoch [15/30]

Iter: 2600, Train Loss: 0.45, Train Acc: 85.16%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 71.77%,  
Time: 0:09:10

Iter: 2700, Train Loss: 0.38, Train Acc: 85.16%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 72.35%,  
Time: 0:09:31

Epoch [16/30]  
 Iter: 2800, Train Loss: 0.32, Train Acc: 90.62%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 72.62%,  
 Time: 0:09:52  
 Iter: 2900, Train Loss: 0.28, Train Acc: 92.19%, Val Loss: 1.1, Val Acc: 71.89%,  
 Time: 0:10:13  
 Epoch [17/30]  
 Iter: 3000, Train Loss: 0.3, Train Acc: 89.06%, Val Loss: 1.0, Val Acc: 73.27%,  
 Time: 0:10:34  
 Iter: 3100, Train Loss: 0.25, Train Acc: 92.97%, Val Loss: 1.1, Val Acc: 72.91%,  
 Time: 0:10:56  
 Epoch [18/30]  
 Iter: 3200, Train Loss: 0.25, Train Acc: 91.41%, Val Loss: 1.1, Val Acc: 73.26%,  
 Time: 0:11:17  
 Iter: 3300, Train Loss: 0.17, Train Acc: 94.53%, Val Loss: 1.1, Val Acc: 73.07%,  
 Time: 0:11:38  
 Epoch [19/30]  
 Iter: 3400, Train Loss: 0.3, Train Acc: 92.97%, Val Loss: 1.1, Val Acc: 73.49%,  
 Time: 0:11:59  
 bloom:  
 Epoch 1  
 Test accuracy: 0.5303030303030303  
 Epoch 2  
 Test accuracy: 0.6628787878787878  
 Epoch 3  
 Test accuracy: 0.7007575757575758

## Additional Figures and Tables

Learning curves, confusion matrices, and data distribution charts are provided in the supplementary materials.

## Code Snippets

textcnn.py:

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1 import os
2 import torch
3 from demo2 import Config, Model, build_dataset, build_iterator, train

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4
5 def main():
6     dataset = 'datasets'
7     embedding = 'random'
8
9     config = Config(dataset, embedding)
10
11     if not os.path.exists(os.path.dirname(config.save_path)):
12         os.makedirs(os.path.dirname(config.save_path))
13
14     print("Loading dataset...")
15     vocab, train_data, val_data = build_dataset(config)
16
17     config.n_vocab = len(vocab)
18     print(f"Vocabulary size (config.n_vocab): {config.n_vocab}")
19
20     if config.n_vocab <= 1:
21         raise ValueError("Vocabulary size (config.n_vocab) must be greater than 1")
22
23     train_iter = build_iterator(train_data, config)
24     val_iter = build_iterator(val_data, config)
25     print("Dataset loaded.")
26
27     print("Initializing model...")
28     model = Model(config).to(config.device)
29
30     print(f"Vocabulary size: {config.n_vocab}")
31     print(f"Embedding size: {config.embed}")
32     print(f"Padding index: {config.n_vocab - 1}")
33
34     print("Starting training...")
35     train(config, model, train_iter, val_iter)
36     print("Training complete.")
37
38     if os.path.exists(config.save_path):
39         print(f"Model saved at {config.save_path}")
40     else:
41         print("Model not saved. Please check your training process.")
42

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43 if __name__ == '__main__':
44     main()

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bloom.py:

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```

1 import torch
2 from torch.utils.data import Dataset, DataLoader
3 from transformers import BloomTokenizerFast, BloomForSequenceClassification
4 from datasets import Dataset as HF_Dataset
5 import pandas as pd
6 from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
7 from torch.cuda.amp import autocast, GradScaler
8
9 train_1_df = pd.read_excel('/kaggle/input/sarcasm/train_1.xlsx')
10 train_0_df = pd.read_excel('/kaggle/input/sarcasm/train_0.xlsx')
11 test_1_df = pd.read_excel('/kaggle/input/sarcasm/test_1.xlsx')
12 test_0_df = pd.read_excel('/kaggle/input/sarcasm/test_0.xlsx')
13
14 train_df = pd.concat([train_1_df, train_0_df], ignore_index=True)
15 test_df = pd.concat([test_1_df, test_0_df], ignore_index=True)
16
17 train_data = train_df[['content', 'sarc']]
18 test_data = test_df[['content', 'sarc']]
19
20 train_data['content'] = train_data['content'].astype(str)
21 test_data['content'] = test_data['content'].astype(str)
22
23 train_data = HF_Dataset.from_pandas(train_data)
24 test_data = HF_Dataset.from_pandas(test_data)
25
26 tokenizer = BloomTokenizerFast.from_pretrained("bigscience/bloom-560m") # 使用更小
    ↳ 的模型
27 model = BloomForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained("bigscience/bloom-560m",
    ↳ num_labels=2, torch_dtype=torch.float32) # 使用 float32 精度
28
29 def preprocess_function(examples):
30     return tokenizer(examples['content'], padding='max_length', truncation=True,
    ↳ max_length=128)
31

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32 train_data = train_data.map(preprocess_function, batched=True)
33 test_data = test_data.map(preprocess_function, batched=True)
34
35 class SarcasmDataset(Dataset):
36     def __init__(self, dataset):
37         self.dataset = dataset
38
39     def __len__(self):
40         return len(self.dataset)
41
42     def __getitem__(self, idx):
43         input_ids = torch.tensor(self.dataset[idx]['input_ids'])
44         attention_mask = torch.tensor(self.dataset[idx]['attention_mask'])
45         label = torch.tensor(self.dataset[idx]['sarc'])
46         return {
47             'input_ids': input_ids,
48             'attention_mask': attention_mask,
49             'labels': label
50         }
51
52 train_dataset = SarcasmDataset(train_data)
53 test_dataset = SarcasmDataset(test_data)
54
55 train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=4, shuffle=True)
56 test_loader = DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=4)
57
58 optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=5e-5)
59
60 device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
61 model.to(device)
62
63 accumulation_steps = 4
64
65 scaler = GradScaler()
66
67 def train(model, train_loader, optimizer, scaler):
68     model.train()
69     optimizer.zero_grad()
70

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71     for step, batch in enumerate(train_loader):
72         inputs = {key: batch[key].to(device) for key in ['input_ids', 'attention_mask']}
73         labels = batch['labels'].to(device)
74
75         with autocast():
76             outputs = model(**inputs, labels=labels)
77             loss = outputs.loss
78
79         scaler.scale(loss).backward()
80
81         if (step + 1) % accumulation_steps == 0:
82             scaler.step(optimizer) # 更新模型参数
83             scaler.update() # 更新缩放因子
84             optimizer.zero_grad()
85
86         torch.cuda.empty_cache()
87
88 def evaluate(model, test_loader):
89     model.eval()
90     preds, labels = [], []
91     with torch.no_grad():
92         for batch in test_loader:
93             inputs = {key: batch[key].to(device) for key in ['input_ids', 'attention_mask']}
94             labels_batch = batch['labels'].to(device)
95             outputs = model(**inputs)
96             logits = outputs.logits
97             predictions = torch.argmax(logits, dim=-1)
98             preds.extend(predictions.cpu().numpy())
99             labels.extend(labels_batch.cpu().numpy())
100
101     return accuracy_score(labels, preds)
102
103 for epoch in range(3):
104     print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}")
105     train(model, train_loader, optimizer, scaler)
106     accuracy = evaluate(model, test_loader)
107     print(f"Test accuracy: {accuracy}")
108
109 model.save_pretrained("sarcasm_detector_bloom")

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