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Hate speech paraphraser

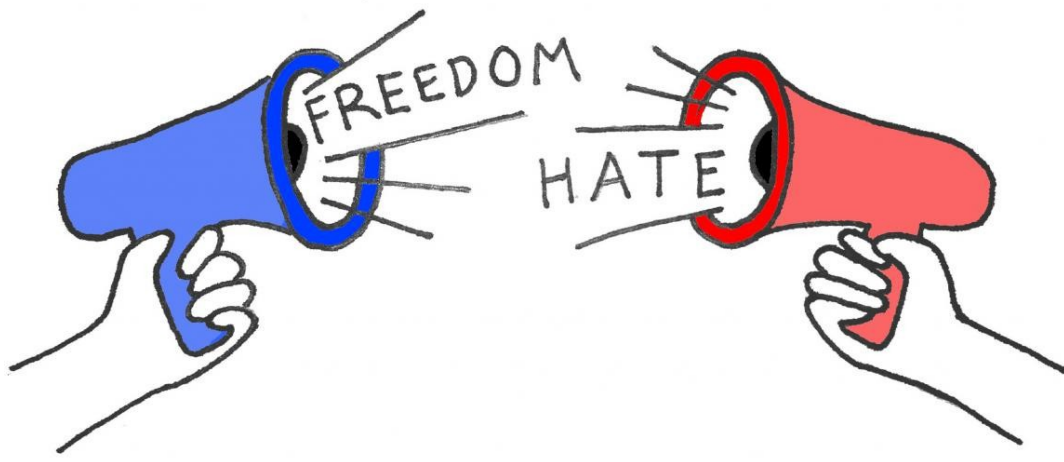
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Introduction

- Hate speech fills the world wide web.
 - Social media, news sites, forums ...
- Moderators remove hate speech from these platforms.
 - With the aid of hate speech detection software.
- Such censorship is against freedom of speech.



The Proposed solution

- A system that takes a hateful comment as input and outputs a non hateful one.
 - Beneficial to all parties involved.

System DPhate

Algorithm 1 Double Paraphrasing of hate speech

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1: function DPHATE(text)
2:   textDecon  $\leftarrow$  decontract(text)
3:   newText  $\leftarrow$  delete_vulgar(textDecon)
4:   paraList  $\leftarrow$  paraphrasing(newText, toxCategory)
5:   toxList  $\leftarrow$  toxicity(paraList)
6:   if any(toxList < 0.5) then
7:     simList  $\leftarrow$  similarity(text, nonToxList)
8:     if any(simList > 0.57) then
9:       return post_processing(simNonToxList)
10:    end if
11:  end if
12:  minTox  $\leftarrow$  paraList[argmin(toxList)]
13:  paraList  $\leftarrow$  paraphrasing(minTox, toxCategory)
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15:  if any(toxList < 0.5) then
16:    simList  $\leftarrow$  similarity(text, nonToxList)
17:    if any(simList > 0.57) then
18:      return post_processing(simNonToxList)
19:    end if
20:  end if
21:  return [ ]
22: end function
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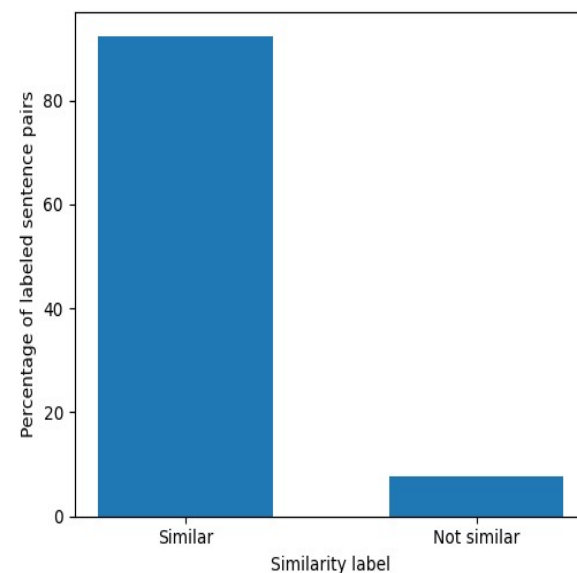
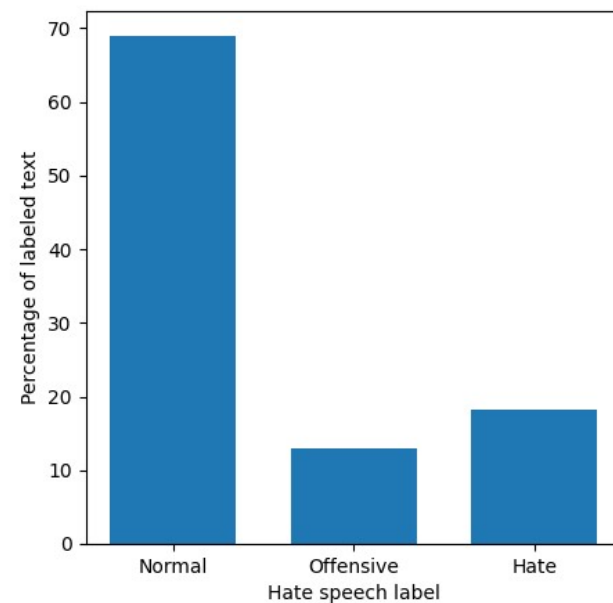
▷ Second Paraphrasing

- Hatexplain
- PEGASUS
- Detoxify
- BERT embeddings + cosine similarity

Evaluation

- Two measures of quality:
 - Hatefulness / toxicity
 - Semantic similarity
- Two approaches to evaluation:
 - An automatic system
 - Human evaluators

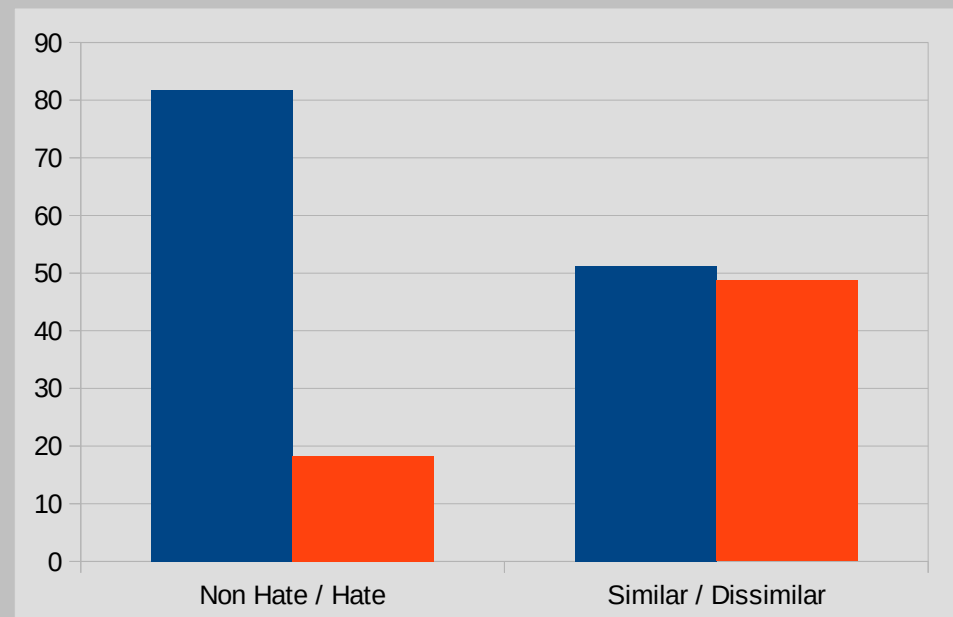
- Ensemble method, stacking:
 - 3 hate speech detection models
 - 1 meta learner (logistic regression)
- Used similarity model simCSE.
- 84.37% of input sentences got at least one acceptable transformation.



microWorkers

	Original phrase	New phrase	Similarity (1-5)	Hatefulness (1-5)
1	this nigger calling me juicy lips over the phone wtf	He called me juicy lips over the phone.		

- 61 people from English speaking countries evaluated 876 examples.
- Each was labeled by 3 different evaluators.
- 67.90% of input sentences got at least one acceptable transformation.



Good examples

“ the kike shill psyop ricky vaughn has deleted his post where he stated white identity does not exist so i will post the screen shot here now ask ricky tkr get gassed faggot ”


“ I will post a screen shot of the deleted post where ricky vaughn stated white identity does not exist. ”

Good examples

“that a retarded non argument the bible is also a best seller in communist china”

“ In communist china, the bible is a best seller. ”

Good examples



“ why do not you respond to my posts you white nigger lying sack of shit i called you out for being a fed 201 days before you published it on your website faggot Gemma ”

“ Why don't you respond to my posts, I called you out for being a fed 201 days before you published it on your website. ”

Conclusion

- Hate speech on social media, the problem of censorship and limits on freedom of speech.
- The proposed approach of removing hate from the hateful comments.
- System DPhate using double paraphrasing, with hate speech detection and semantic similarity measures.
- Results, where 85% or 68% of input sentences were improved.