# Suicide And Depression Risk Prediction Among College Students

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#### Problem Definition

- The increasing prevalence of stress and depression among college students, which is leading to higher rates of suicide in this demographic.
- The lack of resources and support for mentors and educators in colleges to identify and assist students who may be experiencing mental depression.

### Purpose and Needs

- To reduce the prevalence of stress and depression among college students.
- To lower the rates of suicide among college students by identifying and providing timely assistance to those at risk.
- To empower mentors and educators with the resources needed to recognize and assist students with mental health issues.
- To increase awareness about the importance of mental health and reduce the stigma associated with seeking help for mental health issues.
- To create a Supportive College Environment.

## Project Objective

- To explore the critical issue of suicidal tendency in college students particularly focusing on its connection to written language.
- the Identify early warning signs of suicidal tendencies in student communication.
- Tategorize students into different risk levels.
- Utilize NLP for sentiment analysis, emotion recognition, and feature engineering.
- Train ML models for prediction.
- Tensure privacy, ethics, and user-friendliness.

## An Ensemble Deep Learning technique for detecting suicidal ideation from posts in social media platforms

Method: LSTM-CNN using Attention Model

- Advantages:
  - † Improved Feature Learning: CNNs are good feature extractors, and LSTMs can effectively use these features for sequential learning. The attention mechanism further feature importance.
  - versatility: This architecture is versatile and can be applied to a wide range of tasks, including NLP, image analysis, and other sequential data problems.
- † Disadvantages:
  - The computational Intensity: The computational cost of training such a model is higher compared to simpler architectures. This may limit its practicality in resource-constrained environments.
  - † Interpretability: The interpretability of the model is reduced compared to simpler architectures. Understanding the contributions of each component is challenging.

## Depression and Suicide Risk Detection on Social Media using fastText Embedding and XGBoost Classifier

Method: XGBoost and FastText Embedding

- Advantages:
  - High Predictive Accuracy: XGBoost is known for its high accuracy and often outperforms other algorithms in predictive tasks.
  - Rich Semantic Information: FastText embeddings capture semantic and subword-level information, enhancing the model's understanding of text.
- Disadvantages:
  - † Hyperparameter Tuning: Optimizing hyperparameters for both XGBoost and FastText embeddings can be challenging and time-consuming.
  - Supervised Training: Using FastText embeddings requires a labeled dataset for supervised classification tasks, which may not always be available.

## A Comparative Analysis on Suicidal Ideation Detection Using NLP, Machine, and Deep Learning

Method: BiLSTM with Count Vectorizer

- Advantages:
  - ₱ Sequential Data Handling: BiLSTM effectively captures sequential dependencies and patterns in data, making it well-suited for tasks that involve ordered or time-series data.
  - Multilingual Support: Count Vectorizer and BiLSTM can be adapted to various languages, making it versatile for multilingual text analysis.
- Disadvantages:
  - † Data Preprocessing: Integrating the outputs of Count Vectorizer with BiLSTM requires careful data preprocessing and engineering to ensure compatibility.
  - † Hyperparameter Tuning: Optimizing hyperparameters for both the BiLSTM and Count Vectorizer can be challenging and time-consuming.

#### Machine learning-based proactive social-sensor service for mental health monitoring using twitter data

Method: LSTM with SVM

- Advantages:
  - † Handling Non-Linear Relationships: SVMs are powerful for capturing non-linear relationships in data, the hybrid model can handle intricate relationships in sequential data.
  - † Improved Generalization: LSTMs generalize well on large datasets, integrating LSTM features with SVM makes it robust to diverse and complex patterns in the data.
- Disadvantages:
  - Tomputational Complexity: Training and deploying a hybrid model that combines LSTM with SVM can be computationally intensive, especially for large datasets.

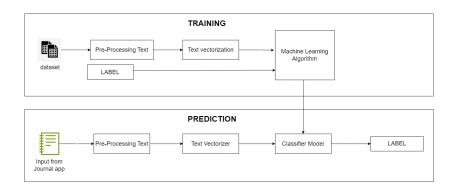
## **Existing Methods**

- Traditional clinical prediction methods have been outperformed by modern NLP-based approaches.
- Deep learning methods, such as Context CNN, SDM, ContextBERT, and SISMO, have resulted in a substantial performance boost over the state of the art for various NLP applications.
- These methods use different techniques such as contextual CNN, LSTM with attention, BERT-based word representations, and Longformer embeddings with BiLSTM and attention.
- The methods lack interpretability, making it difficult for human beings to have confidence in their predictions.
- † Existing methods consider a risk level individually, limiting their ability to support decisions regarding prioritizing high-risk users for clinical interventions.

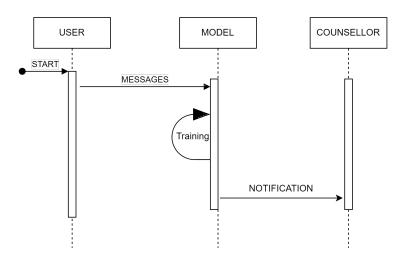
### Proposed Method

- † An app which allows students to write their daily journal.
- <sup>↑</sup> We use LSTM,CNN and Electra to detect suicidal related posts.
- † Counsellors will get notified only about the name of the student if that student shows some suicidal tendency.

### Architecture Diagram



## Sequence Diagram of the system



#### Modules

- † Text Preprocessing
- Training
- Model Building & Evaluation
- † Application Interface

## Text Preprocessing

- The Suicide and Depression Detection dataset used for this project was obtained from Kaggle, which consists of posts from the social media platform Reddit.
- The text data requires preprocessing to prepare the data into suitable formats for the subsequent model building.
- The data tends to be more unstructured and require more customised preprocessing and cleaning processes.
- † Thus, our data was cleaned with the following steps in the sequence

## Text Preprocessing

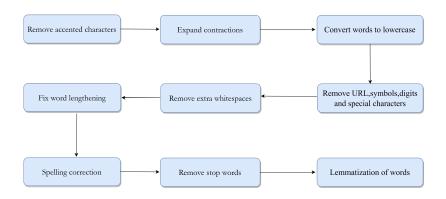


Figure: Data Preprocessing Steps

## Representation Learning

- † A set of techniques that transform raw textual data into a computationally efficient representation that is useful for machine learning tasks.
- We aim to derive representations using the Word2Vec and GloVe algorithms.
- The Off-the-shelf pre-trained word embeddings are typically used for generic language use cases or when a dataset is too small to build meaningful custom embeddings.

## Model Building & Evaluation

We first split the dataset into train, test, and validation sets with a ratio of 8:1:1.

- † We use 3 models and select the best one based on evaluation.
- The models used are:
  - † CNN
  - † LSTM
  - † ELECTRA

#### **CNN**

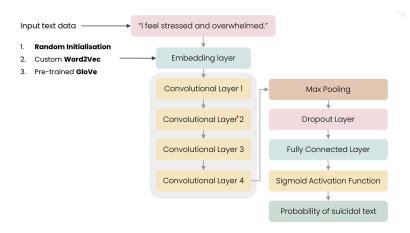


Figure: Working of CNN

#### **LSTM**

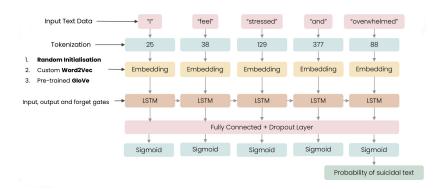


Figure: Working of LSTM

#### **BERT**

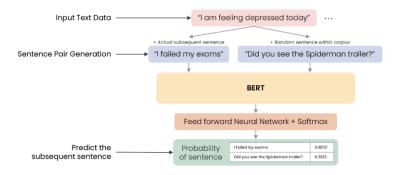


Figure: Working of BERT

#### **ELECTRA**

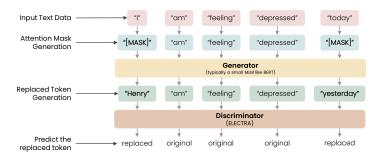


Figure: Working of ELECTRA

## Model Building & Evaluation

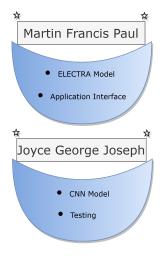
- \* We calculate precision, recall, accuracy of each models.
- † This is used to evaluate the F1 score.
- The best model is selected based on the value of F1 score.

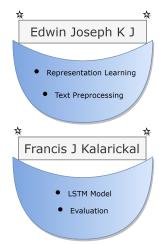
$$F1 = \frac{2 \cdot \mathsf{Precision} \cdot \mathsf{Recall}}{\mathsf{Precision} + \mathsf{Recall}}$$

### Assumptions

- Assumption that the data used for risk prediction is accurate, reliable and comprehensive.
- Assumption that there is a contribution of students towards the digital diary.

## Work Breakdown and Responsibilities





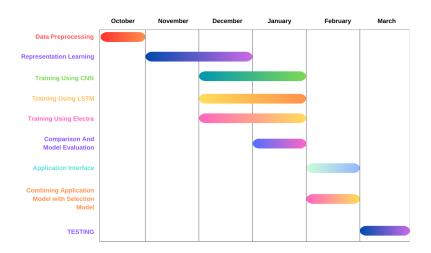
## Software Requirements

- † Python
- † TensorFlow/Pytorch
- Hugging Face
- † Flutter framework
- <sup>↑</sup> V S code

## Hardware Requirements

- † Intel i5/i7 processor
- The Min RAM -8 GB
- <sup>↑</sup> Sufficient memory
- ₱ Windows 10/11

#### Gantt Chart



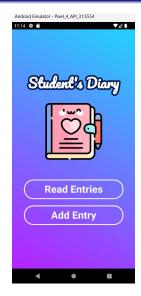
## Risks and challenges

- Reluctance or idleness of students to write in the virtual journal
- † Ensuring that the virtual journal is highly secure and that the entries are confidential.
- The Students may be hesitant to record their thoughts and feelings if they fear unauthorized access.
- Data Scarcity

## **Expected Output**

- An application which allows students to write their journal on a daily basis.
- † Counsellors will get notified if a student shows some tendency to suicide.
- † Ensures the secrecy of the student notes.
- † Enhanced accuracy and precision in predicting suicidal tendency.

## 30% Output & Screenshots







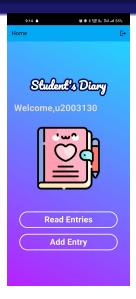
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                                                                     suicide
                                                                                  sex wife threaten suicide recently leave wife ...
             Am I weird I don't get affected by compliments...
                                                                non-suicide
                                                                               weird not affect compliment come know girl fee...
               Finally 2020 is almost over... So I can never ...
                                                                non-suicide
                                                                               finally hear bad year swear fucking god annoying
                    i need helpiust help me im crying so hard
                                                                     suicide
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             I'm so lostHello, my name is Adam (16) and I'v...
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           Honetly idkl dont know what im even doing here...
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       8
           Everyone wants to be "edgy" and it's making me...
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       9
                My life is over at 20 years oldHello all, I am...
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               I took the rest of my sleeping pills and my pa...
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            Can you imagine getting old? Me neither.Wrinkl...
                                                                     suicide
                                                                                  imagine get old wrinkle weight gain hair loss ...
               Do you think getting hit by a train would be p...
                                                                     suicide
                                                                                  think getting hit train painful gun hard come ...
           death, continued posted here before and saw s...
                                                                                 death continued post see interesting ask infor...
                                                                     suicide
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#### 60% Work

- † Vectorize using word2vec.
- † Model Creation, Training and Testing using CNN.
- † Model Creation, Training and Testing using LSTM.
- Prediction Using Electra.

## 100% Output & Screenshots









## Future Scope

- Professional Collaboration: Extending the Implementation of app in other colleges.
- Integration with Wearable Devices: Integrating the app with wearable devices could enable continuous monitoring of physiological indicators such as heart rate variability, sleep patterns, and activity levels. By analyzing real-time data from wearables, the app could provide early warning signs of escalating distress and prompt users to take proactive steps to manage their mental health.

#### Conclusion

- The project, dedicated to the early detection of student suicide tendencies using ML and NLP, overcomes a pressing issue with both urgency and innovative solutions.
- † Established a safer educational space, utilizing technology as a tool to potentially save lives.

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## Co-Po Mapping

	PO	P0	PO	PO	PSO	PSO	PSO								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3
CO1	2	2	1	1		2	1					3	1		1
CO2	3	3	2	3		2	1					3	1		1
CO3	3	2			3			1		2		3	1		1
CO4	3				2			1		3		3	1		1
CO5	3	3	3	3	2	2		2		3		3	1		1

Figure: Co-Po Mapping

## Thank You!