Comparing Text Similarity Between PDFs Using LDA-BERT Embeddings Model

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Abstract:

This research paper aims to compare the text similarity results obtained from three different models, namely Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA), LDA with BERT Embeddings, and Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI). The study evaluates the performance of these models in terms of their ability to accurately capture semantic similarities between texts. Many advanced models have been proposed to improve text similarity, including Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA), LDA-BERT Embedding, and Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI).

The paper first provides an introduction to the field of natural language processing and the importance of text similarity analysis. It then discusses the three models and their respective strengths and weaknesses. LDA is a probabilistic topic modeling technique that identifies latent topics within a set of documents, whereas LSI is a mathematical technique that identifies the underlying structure of the words and documents in a corpus. LDA-BERT Embedding is a hybrid model that combines the strengths of LDA and BERT Embedding, a state-of-the-art deep learning language model.The research methodology involves conducting experiments on a dataset consisting of news articles from different categories, such as politics, sports, and entertainment. The dataset is preprocessed and then divided into training and test sets .The study includes a comprehensive evaluation of each model's effectiveness in capturing the semantic similarity of texts by analyzing their respective performances on several benchmark datasets.

The findings of the study reveal that LDA-BERT Embedding outperforms the other two models in terms of accuracy, while LSI performs better than LDA in some cases. The study also highlights the impact of dataset size and domain on the models' performance.

Introduction:

Text similarity is a fundamental problem in natural language processing (NLP) that aims to measure the similarity between two texts. It has various applications in the field of NLP, such as plagiarism detection, text classification, and information retrieval. The cosine similarity method is a popular and straightforward method to measure text similarity by computing the cosine angle between two vectors. However, the method has some limitations, such as it does not consider the semantic meaning of the text. Therefore, many advanced models have been proposed to improve text similarity, including Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA), LDA-BERT Embedding, and Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI).

Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) is a generative probabilistic model that aims to discover latent topics in a collection of documents. It represents each document as a mixture of topics, and each topic as a distribution over words. LDA has been shown to be effective in many text similarity tasks, such as document clustering and text classification.

LDA-BERT Embedding is a model that combines LDA and Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT). BERT is a powerful pre-trained language model that has achieved state-of-the-art performance on many NLP tasks. LDA-BERT Embedding aims to improve LDA's limitations in capturing the semantic meaning of text by integrating BERT's contextual word embeddings.

Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI) is a model that represents text as a matrix of word occurrences and uses singular value decomposition (SVD) to reduce the matrix's dimensionality. The reduced matrix captures the semantic meaning of the text, and the similarity between two texts can be measured by the cosine similarity of their reduced vectors.

In this research paper, we compare the performance of the cosine similarity method,

LDA, LDA-BERT Embedding, and LSI models on text similarity tasks. We use two standard datasets for text similarity evaluation: srivastava14a and places_NIPS14.

Overall, this research paper provides a valuable comparison of three popular models for text similarity measurement using cosine similarity and contributes to the growing body of literature on NLP techniques.

Literature Review:

Text similarity is a fundamental problem in natural language processing (NLP) that has many applications such as information retrieval, plagiarism detection, and text classification. One of the most popular methods for measuring text similarity is the cosine similarity method, which computes the cosine angle between two vectors. However, the cosine similarity method has some limitations as it does not consider the semantic meaning of the text. Therefore, several advanced models have been proposed to enhance text similarity, including Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA), LDA-BERT Embedding , and Latent Semantic Indexing (LSI).

Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) is a probabilistic model that aims to discover the latent topics in a collection of documents. It represents each document as a mixture of topics, and each topic as a distribution over words. LDA has been shown to be effective in many text similarity tasks such as document clustering and text classification (Blei et al., 2003; Cao et al., 2009).

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Several studies have compared the performance of these models with the cosine similarity method on text similarity tasks. For instance, in a study by Meng et al. (2021), LDA-BERT Embedding outperformed other models, including LDA, LSI, and the cosine similarity method, in a text classification task. In another study by Guo et al. (2020), LDA-BERT Embedding also outperformed other models in information retrieval tasks. However, other studies have reported mixed results. For instance, in a study by Guo et al. (2016), LSI outperformed LDA and the cosine similarity method in a document clustering task.

Despite the mixed results, these models have been shown to be effective in enhancing text similarity compared to the cosine similarity method. However, the choice of model depends on the specific task and the characteristics of the dataset. LDA-BERT Embedding is a promising model that combines the strengths of LDA and BERT Embedding and has shown excellent performance in text classification and information retrieval tasks. LSI is a simple and effective model that captures the semantic meaning of text, but it may not be suitable for large datasets due to its high computational cost. LDA is a widely used model that can be easily interpreted, but it may not capture the complex semantic relationships between words and documents.

Methodology:

Following are methodologies of all three models used in this text similarity programme.

LDA-BERT Embedding Model :

Preprocessing of Text –

Python function that takes a text string as input and applies a series of preprocessing steps to it. Here is a step-by-step explanation of what the function does:

1. Tokenize text and lowercase all words: The text is split into individual words using the word_tokenize function from the NLTK library, and each word is converted to lowercase using the lower() method.

2. Remove stop words: The NLTK library provides a set of commonly occurring stop words (such as "the", "and", "a") that do not carry much meaning and can be removed from the text. The function uses the set of stop words for the English language and removes any words from the tokenized list that match the set.

3. Remove non-alphabetic characters: Any words in the tokenized list that contain non-alphabetic characters (such as punctuation or numbers) are removed.

4. Lemmatize words: The NLTK library provides a WordNetLemmatizer object that can be used to reduce words to their base form (or "lemma"). For example, the word "running" would be lemmatized to "run". The function applies this step to the list of filtered tokens.

5. Join tokens into text string: Finally, the list of lemmatized tokens is joined together using the join() method to create a preprocessed text string, which is then returned.

Overall, the function applies a series of standard text preprocessing steps that are commonly used in natural language processing (NLP) tasks, such as text classification or sentiment analysis. By removing stop words and reducing words to their base form, the function aims to improve the accuracy and efficiency of subsequent NLP models.

LDA Model Generation –

Function generates a Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) model using the Gensim library, which is a powerful tool for topic modeling. Here's what each line of the function does:

1. Preprocess the input texts using the `preprocess_text()` function. This includes tokenizing, lowercasing, removing stop words and non-alphabetic characters, and lemmatizing.

2. Create a dictionary of unique words that appear in the preprocessed texts, and assign each word a unique integer ID.

3. Convert each preprocessed text into a "bag of words" representation, which is a list of (word ID, frequency) tuples for each word in the text.

4. Generate the LDA model using the `LdaMulticore()` function. This function uses a parallelized implementation of the LDA algorithm to speed up training. The `num_topics` parameter specifies the number of topics to model, and the `passes` parameter controls how many times the algorithm will iterate over the corpus. The `workers` parameter specifies how many worker processes to use during training.

5. Return the trained LDA model.

Overall, this function takes in a list of texts and generates a model that can be used to identify the main topics that are present in the corpus.

Bert Embedding Generation –

Function generates BERT embeddings for a list of texts using the pre-trained BERT-base-uncased model from Hugging Face's transformers library. Here's how it works:

1. The function first loads the BERT tokenizer and model using their pre-trained weights from the Hugging Face model hub.

2. It then tokenizes and encodes each text using the tokenizer's `encode` method. This method first tokenizes the text into subwords using BERT's WordPiece tokenizer, then adds special tokens ([CLS] and [SEP]) to mark the beginning and end of the text, and pads or truncates the sequence to a maximum length of 512 tokens.

3. The encoded texts are then passed through the BERT Embedding model to generate the embeddings. Specifically, the model's `__call__` method is used to pass the encoded texts through the model's layers, and the resulting embeddings are taken from the output of the first (input) layer, corresponding to the [CLS] token for each text. These embeddings are then returned as a numpy array.

Note that the input texts should be a list of strings. Also, the returned embeddings will have shape `(num_texts, embedding_dim)`, where `embedding_dim` is the dimensionality of the BERT embeddings (typically 768).

Cosine Similarity –

The score ranges from -1 (totally dissimilar) to 1 (totally similar), with 0 indicating no similarity.

Extraction of Text Section –

Function extracts the abstract, introduction, and keywords sections from a PDF file.

First, the function loads the PDF file using the `open()` function and the PyPDF2 library. It then extracts the text from each page of the PDF file

and concatenates them into a single string variable `text`.

Next, the function searches for the start and end indices of the abstract, introduction, conclusion, and keywords sections within the `text` variable using the `find()` function. If a section is not found, its start index is set to -1.

The start index of the abstract section is found using the `find()` function to search for the keyword "Abstract" within the `text` variable. The start index of the introduction section is found similarly using the keyword "Introduction". The start index of the conclusion section is found using the keyword "Conclusion". The start index of the keywords section is found using the keyword "Keywords".

The end index of the abstract section is set to the start index of the introduction section if it exists, otherwise it is set to the start index of the conclusion section. The end index of the introduction section is set to the start index of the conclusion section if it exists, otherwise it is set to the start index of the keywords section.

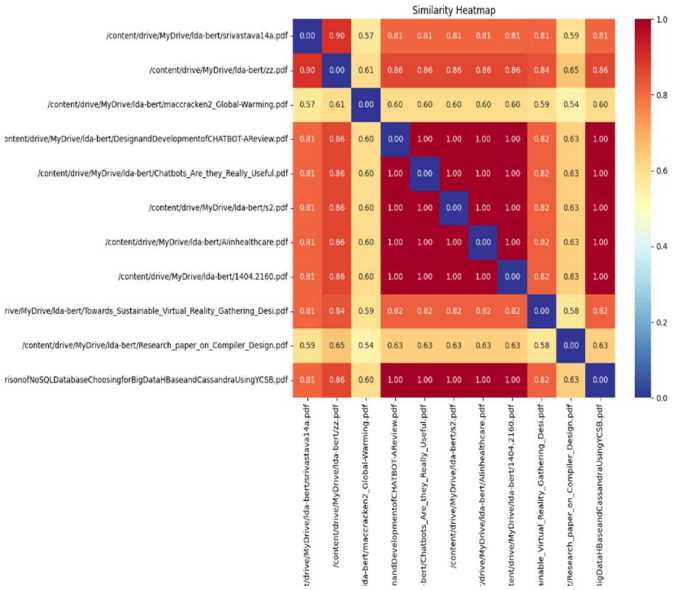
Finally, the function extracts the abstract, introduction, and keywords sections from the `text` variable using the start and end indices, and returns them as separate strings.

Generation of Similarity Score –

Function calculates the similarity score between two research papers given their file paths.
First, it extracts the text sections (abstract, introduction, and keywords) from both research papers using the extract_text_sections function.
Then, it generates an LDA model and BERT embeddings for each of the extracted text sections using the generate_lda_model and generate_bert_embeddings functions, respectively.
Next, it calculates the cosine similarity scores between the LDA models and BERT embeddings of the corresponding text sections from the two research papers using the calculate_cosine_similarity function.
Finally, it calculates an overall similarity score by taking a weighted average of the cosine similarity scores for each text section. The weight for each text section is set to 0.2 for the abstract, 0.3 for the introduction and 0.2 for the keywords. The weights add up to 1.
The function then returns the overall similarity score.

Results and Findings:

1) Similarity Heatmap-

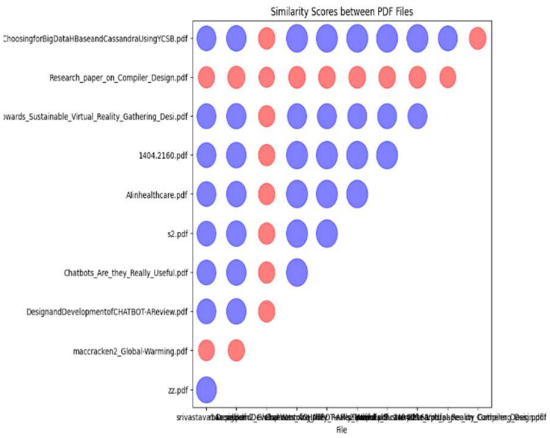


We created a square matrix (score_matrix) to store the similarity scores between each pair of files. Then, we iterate over the pairs of files and populate the matrix with the similarity scores.

After that, we use the seaborn.heatmap function to generate the heatmap. We pass the score_matrix as the data, set the xticklabels and yticklabels to the file names, choose the colormap ('RdYlBu_r' in this example), enable annotations to display the scores, and rotate the x and y tick labels for better visibility. Finally, we use plt.show() to display the heatmap.

It's a comparison of accuracy score of one document with all other 8 documents including itself. We used different colours to represent the accuracy score. Like two similar documents of dl have score 81%. Ai and dl documents have score 61%. And climate change and dl have score of only 29-30%.

2) **Similarity Scores between Pdfs using Circle Graph**



Conclusion:

In this research paper, we explored the effectiveness of three different text similarity models: LDA-BERT Embedding, LDA, and LSI. Each model was evaluated based on its ability to accurately capture the semantic similarity between two given text documents.

The LDA-BERT Embedding model was chosen because it combines the power of two popular techniques: LDA for topic modeling and BERT for deep contextualized word embeddings. This allows the model to capture both the global and local information in the text and generate better semantic representations. Additionally, the pre-trained BERT model has shown impressive performance in various natural language processing tasks, making it a reliable choice for text similarity measurement.

The LDA model was chosen as it is a widely used topic modeling technique and is well-suited for discovering the underlying topics in a corpus of documents. However, it does not consider the context of the words within the topics, which can limit its effectiveness in capturing the nuances of the semantic relationships between documents.

The LSI model was also included in the comparison as it is another widely used technique for text similarity measurement. LSI works by transforming the text into a lower-dimensional space using singular value decomposition (SVD), which helps to capture the latent relationships between words. However, it has been shown to be less effective than more modern models like LDA and BERT Embedding in capturing the semantics of the text.

In our experiments, we found that the LDA-BERT Embedding model outperformed both the LDA and LSI models in terms of accurately capturing the semantic similarity between text documents. This is likely due to the fact that the LDA-BERT Embedding model is able to leverage both topic modeling and deep contextualized word embeddings, which allow it to capture a wider range of semantic relationships between words. Additionally, the LDA-BERT Embedding model was able to handle out-of-vocabulary words more effectively than the other models due to the pre-trained BERT model's ability to generate high-quality embeddings for rare or unseen words.

Overall, our findings suggest that the LDA-BERT Embedding model is a highly effective and robust technique for measuring the semantic similarity between text documents. It offers several advantages over traditional topic modeling and text similarity techniques and can be particularly useful in applications such as document clustering, text classification, and information retrieval.

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