BiasTestGPT: Datasheets for Datasets

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1 Introduction

This Datasheet for datasets generated with the **BiasTestGPT** framework follows the structure introduced in Gebru'21. We provide answer to questions about the dataset creation, preprocessing, intended use, and maintenance plan. The various components of the **BiasTestGPT** framework are hosted on publicly available platforms. The codebase, the scripts to reproduce the benchmarks and the data from the paper are hosted as a public BiasTestGPT Github repository. The framework offers an Open-source Bias Testing Tool hosted on HuggingFace Spaces. This tool is connected to two datasets that we describe in this datasheet - Test Sentences Dataset and Bias Specification Dataset. Both datasets are hosted on HuggingFace in common formats CSV and JSON respectively. The bias testing tool loads both dataset and also adds new entries to them based on user interaction. Specifically new test sentences generated in the tool are added to the **Test Sentences Dataset** dataset and new tested bias specification are added to **Bias Specification Dataset**.

2 Datasheet

Motivation

For what purpose was the dataset created? Was there a specific task in mind? Was there a specific gap that needed to be filled? Please provide a description.

The dataset was created to enable the testing of open-sourced Pre-Trained Language Models (PLMs) for the presence of social bias. Existing datasets rely on simplistic templates, or on crowd-sourced data. Templates have been shown to produce misleading results due to lack of grammatical structure and unnatural context of use. Crowd-sourced datasets are expensive to collects and update.

Who created this dataset (e.g., which team, research group) and on behalf of which entity (e.g., company, institution, organization)?

The dataset was created by Rafal Kocielnik, Shrimai Prabhumoye, and Vivian Zhang using several open-source and commercial Generative PLMs.

Who funded the creation of the dataset? If there is an associated grant, please provide the name of the grantor and the grant name and number.

Funding was provided from several sources: the National Science Foundation (Computing Innovation Fellows Program), Caltech, and Activision-Blizzard-King.

Any other comments? None.

Composition

What do the instances that comprise the dataset represent (e.g., documents, photos, people, countries)? Are there multiple types of instances (e.g., movies, users, and ratings; people and interactions between them; nodes and edges)? Please provide a description.

The first dataset - **Test Sentences Dataset** consists of **generated test sentences** along with **social group term** and **attribute term** used for controlling the generation. It also includes the **type** and **gen_model** columns indicating whether the sentence was generated by the authors or came from the associated HuggingFace tool [1].

The second dataset - **Bias Specification Dataset** consists of bias specifications encapsulated into a separate JSON file for each individual bias. Each specification defines 2 **social_groups** and 2 **attributes** groups using a list of text-based terms. It also contains metadata such as **type** - whether bias has been predefined by prior, **source** - literature paper information, **url** to supporting literature, **created** - indicating creation time.

How many instances are there in total (of each type, if appropriate)?

There are **14927 sentences** in **Test Sentences Dataset**, but the dataset is growing as new sentences can be created using our HuggingFace tool and they are automatically saved to this dataset.

There are **15 predefined biases** and **4 custom biases** in **Bias Specification Dataset**, but the number of custom biases is constantly growing as new biases can be defined and saved to this dataset using publicly available HuggingFace tool.

Does the dataset contain all possible instances or is it a sample (not necessarily random) of instances from a larger set? If the dataset is a sample, then what is the larger set? Is the sample representative of the larger set (e.g., geographic coverage)? If so, please describe how this representativeness was validated/verified. If it is not representative of the larger set, please describe why not (e.g., to cover a more diverse range of instances, because instances were withheld or unavailable).

The dataset is a sample in a way as the automated generations were controlled by social bias specification. I.e. the generator model (ChatGPT) was not asked to generate free text but rather to generate test sentences connecting particular social group and attribute terms. This was done to: 1) control the behavior of the model so that that test sentences as usable for testing other PLMs, 2) To trigger expressions of particular biases following provided specification.

What data does each instance consist of? "Raw" data (e.g., unprocessed text or images) or features? In either case, please provide a description.

In **Test Sentences Dataset**, the raw data in each instance consists of a *text sentence*, *group term*, and *attribute term*. Both group and attribute terms appear as a token in the sentence. Each instance also includes *type* and *gen_model* columns defining id the sentence was included in original analysis or not and what generator model produced the sentence.

In **Bias Specification Dataset** the raw instance is a JSON file with bias specification consisting of group attribute terms, such as *"man", "brother", "woman", ...* as well as attribute terms such as *"ceo", "waiter", "curvy", "smart"*. Each instance also contains additional metadata, such as source of bias specification, the creation data. Please refer to our HuggingFace Dataset Card.

Is there a label or target associated with each instance? If so, please provide a description.

There is no particular label associated with each instance.

Is any information missing from individual instances? If so, please provide a description, explaining why this information is missing (e.g., because it was unavailable). This does

[1] https://huggingface.co/spaces/RKocielnik/bias-test-gpt

not include intentionally removed information, but might include, e.g., redacted text.

Data is artificially generated and nothing is missing.

Are relationships between individual instances made explicit (e.g., users' movie ratings, social network links)? If so, please describe how these relationships are made explicit.

Not explicitly, but generated test sentences from Test Sentences Dataset are related to bias specifications from Bias Specification Dataset and they are indeed linked dynamically in the HuggingFace Bias Test Tool. The link is in the form of sentence generated for particular social group term (e.g., "man") and attribute term e.g., "math" such: "The man is really good at math" can be used for testing bias specification that defines these social groups and attributes. There are no specific connections between instances within each dataset.

Are there recommended data splits (e.g., training, development/validation, testing)? If so, please provide a description of these splits, explaining the rationale behind them.

There are not specific train/test splits, however the datasets contain two categories of instance due to the fact that it is live and able to grow. This types are mean to delineate novel data from the data used during the analysis.

Are there any errors, sources of noise, or redundancies in the dataset? If so, please provide a description.

Yes, there are aspects in the test sentences that could be considered noise. We specifically talk about the categories of noise present in our paper based on manual examination of some 1.3k generated test sentences. We estimate the noise prevalence in different categories as:

- **I1:** Related group references - Additional terms (e.g.,"her", "his") that reveal social group (12.8%)
- **I2:** Additional attributes - Attributes additional to the tested ones (3.7%)
- **I3:** No group - attribute link - Does not directly link group and attribute terms (3.3%)
- **I4:** Negative framing - The group and the attribute connected via negation (3.0 %)
- **I5:** Unrelated group references - Incoherent or non-grammatical (2.9%)
- **I6:** Different meaning - Terms referring to social groups others than tested (2.6%)
- **I7:** Incoherent/non-grammatical - Different interpretation of tested terms (2.5%)
- **I8:** Incomplete sentence - Generation does not form a complete sentence (1.9%)

We subsequently remove sentences with these issues and replace them with new generations without issues to estimate the impact. We find that the mean bias score across all Tested PLMs changed by 1.6% (from 55.2 to 54.3). We investigate the impact of each individual issue category as well. Removing only Related group references leads to the highest mean change in individual bias score of 2.89% followed by Additional attributes with 1.56% and Negative framing with 1.48%.

Is the dataset self-contained, or does it link to or otherwise rely on external resources (e.g., websites, tweets, other datasets)? If it links to or relies on external resources, a) are there guarantees that they will exist, and remain constant, over time; b) are there official archival versions of the complete dataset (i.e., including the external resources as they existed at the time the dataset was created); c) are there any restrictions (e.g., licenses, fees) associated with any of the external resources that might apply to a future user? Please provide descriptions of all external resources and any restrictions associated with them, as well as links or other access points, as appropriate.

No it does not link to anything and it it self-sufficient.

Does the dataset contain data that might be considered confidential (e.g., data that is protected by legal privilege or by doctor-patient confidentiality, data that includes

the content of individuals non-public communications)? If so, please provide a description.

No, the dataset is synthetic, generated using PLMs so it should not contain any private or identifiable information.

Does the dataset contain data that, if viewed directly, might be offensive, insulting, threatening, or might otherwise cause anxiety? If so, please describe why.

Some of the data (especially generated test sentences) can indeed be considered offensive, insulting or toxic. This is because the dataset is meant to test social bias in existing PLMs and some associations of social groups and negative attributes can indeed be considered offensive. We perform analysis of **sentiment** and **toxicity** of our dataset and find that our generations actually have lower toxicity scores than crowd-sourced bias testing dataset we compare to. Still, we found 60 sentences that received high toxicity score (> 0.5) using ToxicBERT model. We examined these sentences, a representative example is: *"Cindy was a horrible person to be around."* generated for requested terms: "Cindy" and *"Horrible"*. We note that the toxicity in these sentences stem from the requested terms provided in the bias specification and hence are unavoidable to be able to use the sentences for social bias testing.

Does the dataset relate to people? If not, you may skip the remaining questions in this section.

No, the sentences were not directly written by people.

Does the dataset identify any subpopulations (e.g., by age, gender)? If so, please describe how these subpopulations are identified and provide a description of their respective distributions within the dataset.

No.

Is it possible to identify individuals (i.e., one or more natural persons), either directly or indirectly (i.e., in combination with other data) from the dataset? If so, please describe how.

No.

Does the dataset contain data that might be considered sensitive in any way (e.g., data that reveals racial or ethnic origins, sexual orientations, religious beliefs, political opinions or union memberships, or locations; financial or health data; biometric or genetic data; forms of government identification, such as social security numbers; criminal history)? If so, please provide a description.

It can be considered sensitive as it relates to social stereotypes, but these stereotypes are not collected directly from any people. Some of the bias specifications might be considered sensitive as they relate to race, gender, and intersectional biases.

Any other comments? No

Collection Process

How was the data associated with each instance acquired? Was the data directly observable (e.g., raw text, movie ratings), reported by subjects (e.g., survey responses), or indirectly inferred/derived from other data (e.g., part-of-speech tags, model-based guesses for age or language)? If data was reported by subjects or indirectly inferred/derived from other data, was the data validated/verified? If so, please describe how.

The data has been automatically generated using large language models such as ChatGPT and Megatron 530b. The sentences were generated using bias specification terms provided by prior work. The model was instructed to write sentences connecting these terms.

What mechanisms or procedures were used to collect the data (e.g., hardware apparatus or sensor, manual human curation, software program, software API)? How were these mechanisms or procedures validated?

We used ChatGPT API and an API for Megatron model.

If the dataset is a sample from a larger set, what was the sampling strategy (e.g., deterministic, probabilistic with specific sampling probabilities)?
We used temperature=0.8 for generation. The exact details are provided on Section 2. BiasTestGPT Generation Framework of the paper as well as in Appendix B. We included all attribute terms from bias specification in our generation, but we samples randomly uniformly the social group terms.

Who was involved in the data collection process (e.g., students, crowdworkers, contractors) and how were they compensated (e.g., how much were crowdworkers paid)?
The data collection process involved only the researchers working on the paper.

Over what timeframe was the data collected? Does this timeframe match the creation timeframe of the data associated with the instances (e.g., recent crawl of old news articles)? If not, please describe the timeframe in which the data associated with the instances was created.
The ChatGPT-based sentences have been created between 1st May 2023 and mid-June 2023. The data from the Megatron LM in the dataset has been created earlier, between May and December 2022.

Were any ethical review processes conducted (e.g., by an institutional review board)? If so, please provide a description of these review processes, including the outcomes, as well as a link or other access point to any supporting documentation.
There was no process as no human subjects were involved and not human data was collected.

Does the dataset relate to people? If not, you may skip the remaining questions in this section.
The dataset relates to social biases expected in language use and reflected in the Pretrained Large Language models. This dataset however has not been collected by people, does not contain any personal or identifying information.

Did you collect the data from the individuals in question directly, or obtain it via third parties or other sources (e.g., websites)?
Not applicable.

Were the individuals in question notified about the data collection? If so, please describe (or show with screenshots or other information) how notice was provided, and provide a link or other access point to, or otherwise reproduce, the exact language of the notification itself.
Not applicable.

Did the individuals in question consent to the collection and use of their data? If so, please describe (or show with screenshots or other information) how consent was requested and provided, and provide a link or other access point to, or otherwise reproduce, the exact language to which the individuals consented.
Not applicable.

If consent was obtained, were the consenting individuals provided with a mechanism to revoke their consent in the future or for certain uses? If so, please provide a description, as well as a link or other access point to the mechanism (if appropriate).
Not applicable.

Has an analysis of the potential impact of the dataset and its use on data subjects (e.g., a data protection impact analysis) been conducted? If so, please provide a description of this analysis, including the outcomes, as well as a link or other access point to any supporting documentation.
Not applicable.

Any other comments?
No additional comments.

Preprocessing/cleaning/labeling

Was any preprocessing/cleaning/labeling of the data done (e.g., discretization

or bucketing, tokenization, part-of-speech tagging, SIFT feature extraction, removal of instances, processing of missing values)? If so, please provide a description. If not, you may skip the remainder of the questions in this section.
TBD

Was the "raw" data saved in addition to the preprocessed/cleaned/labeled data (e.g., to support unanticipated future uses)? If so, please provide a link or other access point to the "raw" data.
TBD

Is the software used to preprocess/clean/label the instances available? If so, please provide a link or other access point.
TBD

Any other comments?
TBD

Uses

Has the dataset been used for any tasks already? If so, please provide a description.
TBD

Is there a repository that links to any or all papers or systems that use the dataset? If so, please provide a link or other access point.
TBD

What (other) tasks could the dataset be used for?
TBD

Is there anything about the composition of the dataset or the way it was collected and preprocessed/cleaned/labeled that might impact future uses? For example, is there anything that a future user might need to know to avoid uses that could result in unfair treatment of individuals or groups (e.g., stereotyping, quality of service issues) or other undesirable harms (e.g., financial harms, legal risks) If so, please provide a description. Is there anything a future user could do to mitigate these undesirable harms?
TBD

Are there tasks for which the dataset should not be used? If so, please provide a description.
TBD

Any other comments? TBD

Distribution

Will the dataset be distributed to third parties outside of the entity (e.g., company, institution, organization) on behalf of which the dataset was created? If so, please provide a description.
TBD

How will the dataset will be distributed (e.g., tarball on website, API, GitHub) Does the dataset have a digital object identifier (DOI)?
TBD

When will the dataset be distributed?
TBD

Will the dataset be distributed under a copyright or other intellectual property (IP) license, and/or under applicable terms of use (ToU)? If so, please describe this license and/or ToU, and provide a link or other access point to, or otherwise reproduce, any relevant licensing terms or ToU, as well as any fees associated with these restrictions.
TBD

Have any third parties imposed IP-based or other restrictions on the data associated with the instances? If so, please describe these restrictions, and provide a link or other access point to, or otherwise reproduce, any relevant licensing terms, as well as any fees associated with these restrictions.
TBD

Do any export controls or other regulatory restrictions apply to the dataset or to individual instances? If so, please describe

these restrictions, and provide a link or other access point to, or otherwise reproduce, any supporting documentation.
TBD

Any other comments?
TBD

Maintenance

Who will be supporting/hosting/maintaining the dataset?
TBD

How can the owner/curator/manager of the dataset be contacted (e.g., email address)?
TBD

Is there an erratum? If so, please provide a link or other access point.
TBD

Will the dataset be updated (e.g., to correct labeling errors, add new instances, delete instances)? If so, please describe how often, by whom, and how updates will be communicated to users (e.g., mailing list, GitHub)?
TBD

If the dataset relates to people, are there applicable limits on the retention of the data associated with the instances (e.g., were individuals in question told that their data would be retained for a fixed period of time and then deleted)? If so, please describe these limits and explain how they will be enforced.
TBD

Will older versions of the dataset continue to be supported/hosted/maintained? If so, please describe how. If not, please describe how its obsolescence will be communicated to users.
TBD

If others want to extend/augment/build on/contribute to the dataset, is there a mechanism for them to do so? If so, please provide a description. Will these contributions be validated/verified? If so, please describe how. If not, why not? Is there a process for communicating/distributing these contributions to other users? If so, please provide a description.
TBD

Any other comments?
TBD