

## Suicide detection in social media posts

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#### Why I chose to take up this project?

#### **Worldwide**

- 1. More than 700 000 people die due to suicide every year.
- 2. Suicide is the fourth leading cause of death in 15-19-year-olds.

#### Regional



Article from Channel News Asia



#### **Problem Statement**

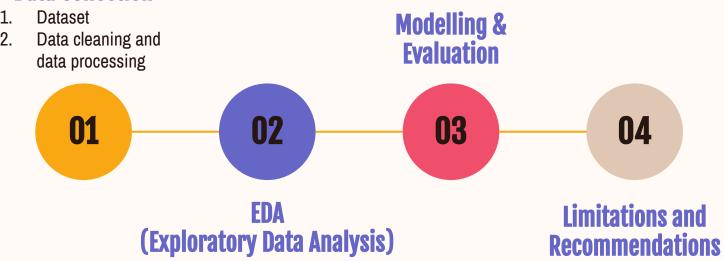
This project aims to apply machine learning abilities in particular text classification techniques in order to detect suicidal tendencies in social media posts.

Early detection of these risk factors can help in preventing or reducing the number of suicides and even provide help to parties that urgently need it.



#### Workflow



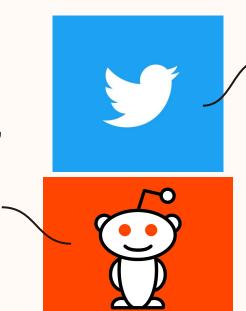




#### **Introduction to Datasets used:**

#### Reddit

- 1. From Kaggle
- Collection of posts from "SuicideWatch" and "depression" subreddits
- 3. "SuicideWatch" from Dec 16, 2008(creation) till Jan 2, 2021
- 4. "Depression posts" from Jan 1, 2009, to Jan 2, 2021



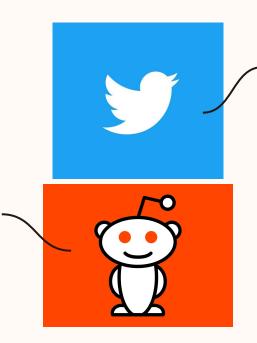
#### **Twitter**

- 1. Used Snscrape
- Key words such as "i want to kill myself", "depressed and suicidal", "sadness and hopelessness", "i am worthless", "no one cares"
- 3. Data was scraped between January to August 2020.

#### **Original Datasets:**

#### Reddit

- 1. No. of rows: 232,074
- 2. 2 columns:
  - a. Text, Class



#### **Twitter**

- 1. No. of rows: 3,000
- 2. 4 columns:
  - a. Datetime, Tweet ID, Text and Username.
- 3. Manually classified

#### **Finalised Dataset**

Total rows: 4000 Suicide (2,000) Non-suicide (2,000) 2 Columns: Text, Class

Text and Class



#### Rows:

- Suicide (1,000)
- Non-suicide (1,000)

#### Rows:

- Suicide (1,000) a.
- b. Non-suicide (1,000)

4 Columns:

Datetime, Tweet

ID, Text and

Username.

#### Data Cleaning / Data Processing



#### **Data Cleaning**

- 1. Removing of any URLs
- 2. Removing any mentions (@XXX)
- 3. Removing any hashtags (#XXX)



#### **Natural Language Processing**

- 1. Remove punctuation
- 2. Tokenise
- 3. Remove stopwords
- 4. Stemming
- 5. Lemmatization



#### **Vectorization**

- 1. Countvectorizer
- 2. TF-IDF



#### **Based on Twitter Data**

#### **Weekdays vs Weekends**

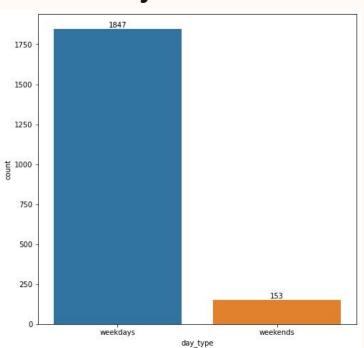


Fig 1: Twitter Weekdays vs Weekends

#### Day of the week

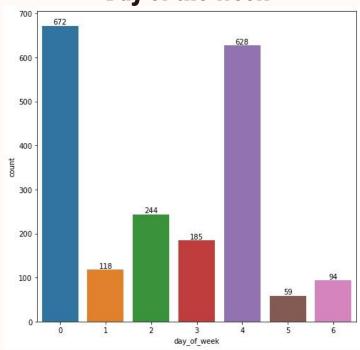


Fig 2: Twitter Day of the Week

#### **Total tweets by part of day**

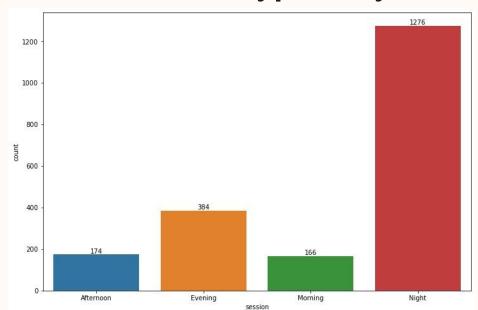


Fig 3: Twitter Total tweets by part of day

#### **Total tweets by hour**

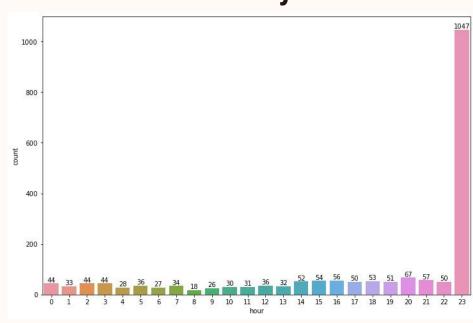


Fig 4: Twitter tweets by hour

#### **Sentiment Analysis**

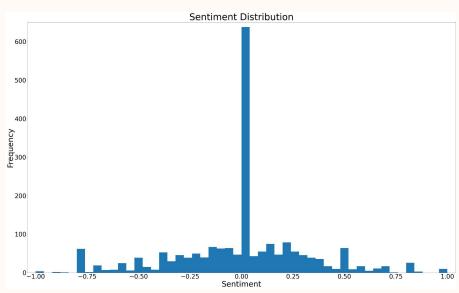


Fig 5: Twitter Sentiment Analysis

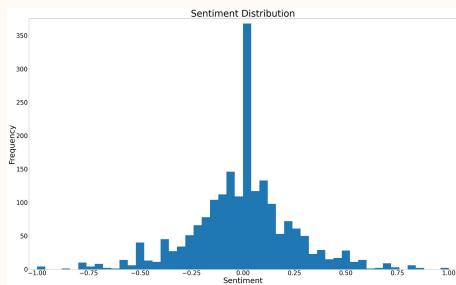


Fig 6: Reddit Sentiment Analysis

#### **Word Count**

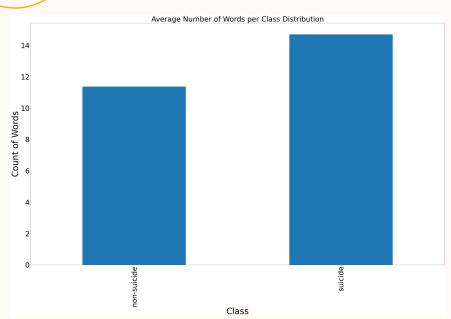


Fig 7: Twitter Word Count

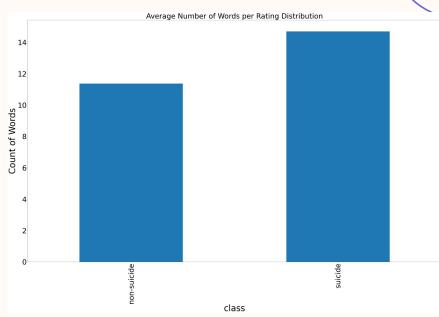


Fig 8: Reddit Word Count

#### **Word Cloud (Twitter)**



Fig 9: Twitter (Suicide) Word Cloud



Fig 10: Twitter (Non-Suicide) Word Cloud

#### **Word Cloud (Reddit)**



Fig 11: Reddit (Suicide) Word Cloud



Fig 12: Reddit (Non-Suicide) Word Cloud

#### **Combined EDA (2-gram)**

| (oof, oof)       | 286 |
|------------------|-----|
| (want, kill)     | 279 |
| (filler, filler) | 168 |
| (im, going)      | 154 |
| (like, im)       | 124 |

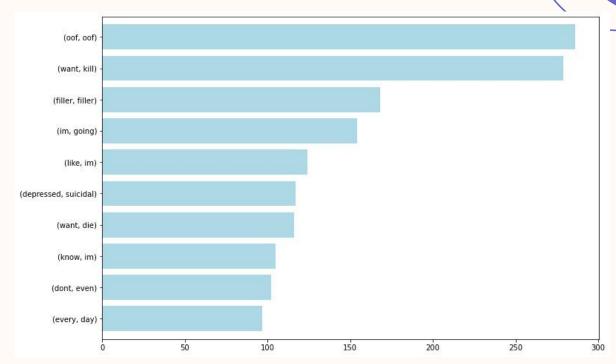


Fig 13: 2-gram

#### **Combined EDA (3-gram)**

| (im, sorry, im)    | 32 |
|--------------------|----|
| (dont, know, im)   | 32 |
| (sorry, im, sorry) | 30 |
| (dont, want, live) | 26 |
| ((alt, alt, alt)   | 24 |

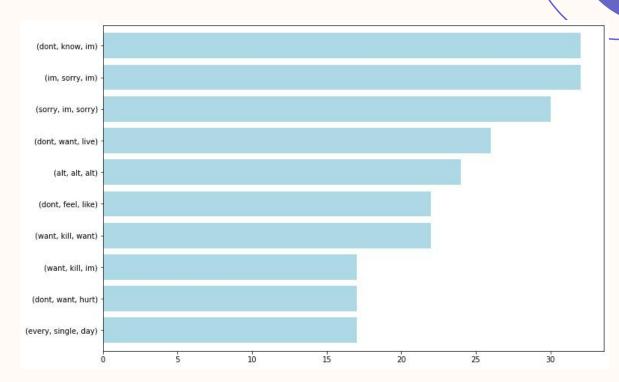


Fig 13: 3-gram



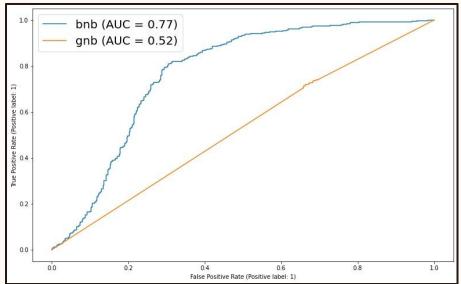
#### **Count Vectorizer**

(Baseline Score: 0.5)

|                          | Accuracy (train) | Accuracy (test) | Sensitivity |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Bernoulli NB             | 0.88             | 0.75            | 0.80        |
| Gaussian NB              | 0.87             | 0.52            | 0.75        |
| Logistic Regression      | 0.96             | 0.72            | 0.71        |
| KNN (K-Nearest-Neighbor) | 0.74             | 0.70            | 0.60        |
| SVM Classifier           | 0.88             | 0.70            | 0.65        |

#### **Count Vectorizer**

(Area under the curve)



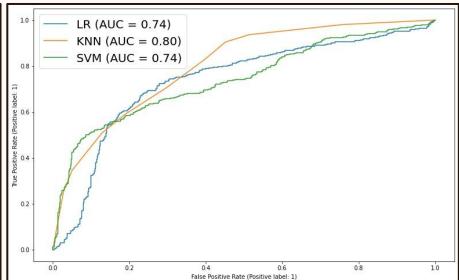


Fig 14: BernoulliNB
GaussianNB

Fig 15: Linear Regression KNN SVM

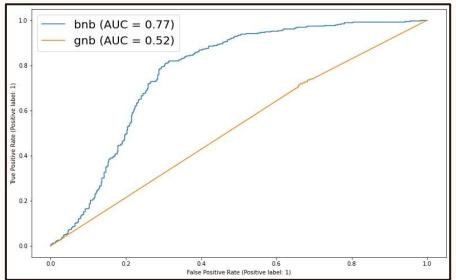
## Count Vectorizer (Baseline Score: 0.5)

|                          | Accuracy | Precision | Sensitivity |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Random Forest Classifier | 0.94     | 0.89      | 0.98        |
| Neural Network           | 0.64     | 0.625     | 0.70        |
| RNN (LTSM)               | 0.77     | 0.75      | 0.86        |

## **TF-IDF** (Baseline Score: 0.5)

|                          | Accuracy (train) | Accuracy (test) | Sensitivity |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Bernoulli NB             | 0.88             | 0.75            | 0.80        |
| Gaussian NB              | 0.89             | 0.52            | 0.6         |
| Logistic Regression      | 0.96             | 0.66            | 0.67        |
| KNN (K-Nearest-Neighbor) | 0.72             | 0.69            | 0.90        |
| SVM Classifier           | 0.96             | 0.64            | 0.6         |

## TF-IDF (Area under the curve)



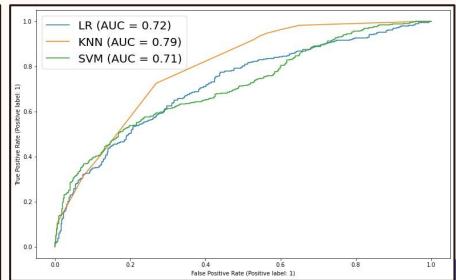


Fig 15: BernoulliNB
GaussianNB

Fig 16: Linear Regression KNN SVM

## **TF-IDF** (Baseline Score: 0.5)

|                          | Accuracy | Precision | Recall |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Random Forest Classifier | 0.94     | 0.92      | 0.98   |
| Neural Network           | 0.606    | 0.60      | 0.71   |
| RNN (LTSM)               | 0.79     | 0.78      | 0.81   |



# The Best Model is: Random Forest Classifier (TF-IDF)







## Suicide Example

ML App

Suicide

**Suicide Detector** 

**Results for Comment** 



| Machine Learning App with Flask |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Suicide Detector                |  |
| Enter Your Message Here         |  |
| I like corn dog #awesome        |  |
|                                 |  |
| predict                         |  |

ML App

**Suicide Detector** 

**Results for Comment** 

Non-suicide





#### **Limitations**

- It is not possible to generalise all human behaviour into simple lines of code. Hence this model won't be able to capture every single aspect of human behaviour
- The data was limited to only Reddit and Twitter, other social media platforms data can also be introduced.

## Recommendations (future projects)

- 1. Train with a bigger data set
- 2. Train with different language
- 3. Image classifier
- 4. Video classifier





### Thank You!

Feel free to ask me any questions:)







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