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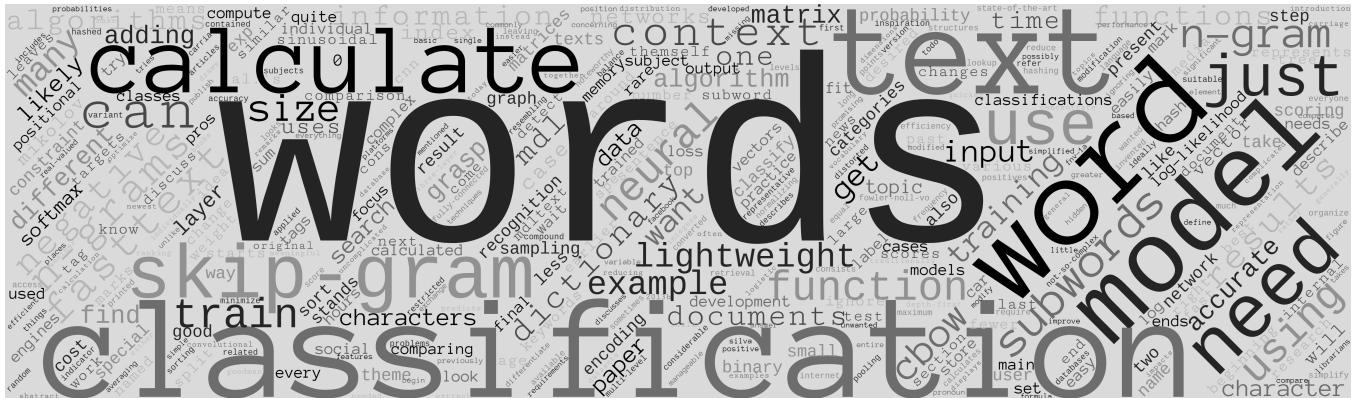


Figure 1: Tag cloud of a part of this paper

ABSTRACT

This paper looks at three different algorithms: skip-gram, fastText, and MDLText for lightweight text classification. It compares them and discusses the impacts to find the most suitable use case for each classification algorithm.

The comparison of the algorithms includes: What the algorithm does and how it differs from its predecessor if it has one. The document type and language of the dataset the algorithm is using. And lastly, the accuracy and stability of the final result concerning the points mentioned earlier. Lightweight text classifications are fast and easy algorithms to organize a text to one previously trained class or tag. Instead of a complex deep neural network, they use a few levels of a simple neural network.

The categories that are a problem are: As an example, the accuracy of the algorithm might be better in multiple languages than in English or the document type could influence the accuracy.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Text classification was manageable in the past, with just traditionally printed media available. In the past, librarians could effortlessly organize and categorize documents into categories and sort not meaningful things out.

Today everyone can publish and access everything through the internet. Through that, everyone can easily exchange remarks or information through text. That means there are lots of data from social network platforms, news articles, books, and many other places. To extract the wanted information from the unwanted, first, there's a need to differentiate between desired and not desired classes. For that, the algorithms need to label texts with subject tags. They are called classes in this paper.

For detecting a keyword, it's essential to train a neural network that promises good results. With these keywords, the general class of the text can be computed.

The three different algorithms will be discussed in this paper and the results of the datasets they use. The evaluation criterias are the language and the document types in which we will look into the minimum, maximum, and average accuracy. The area of application is also discussed after evaluating the other criterias.

2 RELATED WORK

Not lightweight algorithms to classify texts need large datasets and considerable time to train or test them. Sometimes there is no time to train the neural network for hours, or the user doesn't want to wait too long for the answer.

That is why uncomplicated quicker text classifications are needed. They use a simplified model of the complicated multi-level neural networks, and with the right features, they get state-of-the-art performance. We look into three algorithms: skip-gram, fastText, and MDLText.

For skip-gram, the algorithm from Mikolov et al. [2] will be referred and expanded by the research by another work from Mikolov et al. [9]. For the datasets, we use the ones mentioned in the papers that are from Svoboda et al. [12], Körper et al. [7] and Berardi et al. [1].

In fastText, Mikolov et al. use a further development of Cbow that was researched by Mikolov et al. [4]. For Cbow, the referred paper from Mikolov et al. from 2013 [8] will be used. The summary of the differences between skip-gram and Cbow written by Ria Kulshrestha on the platform "Towards Data Science" will be used to explain it further. [5] Also, the softMax function from Goodman is referred in this paper. [3]

MDLText was researched by Silva et al. [11] with the MDL principle from Ken Lang. [6] The datasets are not well explained in the paper of Silva et al., because of that the cited work of Zhang et al. [13] and Rossi et al. [10] will be referred to.

3 ALGORITHMS

As we present the different classification algorithms in this section, we also discuss their development.

We will begin with skip-gram, an algorithm that uses character n-grams to get subwords out of the text. With these subwords, we can grasp the most likely theme of the text. Mikolov et al. [2] researched this algorithm that we present. His older publication [9] served as the basis of this.

FastText [4] is an algorithm invented by Facebook AI Research to get fast and accurate results using context word n-grams. It draws inspiration from the Cbow model. The Cbow model is built like a reversed skip-gram algorithm. Through that, the subject can be calculated through the context of the words.

MDLText tries to balance between a not-so-complex model and promising results by comparing the frequency of the words with the trained documents. We present Silva et al.'s research on this topic. [11]

3.1 skip-gram

The skip-gram model we describe here is a modified version of the skip-gram model by Mikolov et al. [9] The modification here for skip-gram is negative sampling with subword recognition.

3.1.1 original model. The model from Mikolov et al. uses the vocabulary size W to train a vector w with elements $\{1, \dots, W\}$. The idea is that, in the end, every dictionary word's probability is summed up in a vector. The dictionary represents every class that is trained in the training stage.

To calculate the maximum of the log-likelihood of the word the context words of our word w_t will be used. The size of the training context around w_t is c . With that, we can calculate the more likely context words of w_t :

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{-c \leq j \leq c, j \neq 0} \log p(w_{t+j} | w_t) \quad (1)$$

If we use more context words, we get more accurate results, but we need more training time because of the size.

$$p(w_c | w_t) = \frac{\exp(s(w_t, w_c))}{\sum_{j=1}^W \exp(s(w_t, j))} \quad (2)$$

The scoring function s is a scalar function with the input and output vectors u_{w_t} and v_{w_c} that are equal to words w_t and w_c .

$$s(a, b) = v_a \cdot u_b^T \quad (3)$$

$p(w_c | w_t)$ is using the softmax function, where w_t is the input word and w_c is the output word.

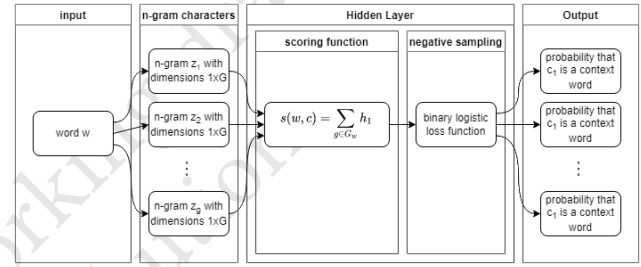


Figure 2: Simplified representation of the skip-gram algorithm with negative sampling, with the output parameters being context words.

3.1.2 model with negative sampling. The original model predicts just one context word w_c and needs too much time to figure out the results. We want to grasp the subject of the text and not just a context word of the sentence. That's why we need to modify the algorithm, to calculate from the context words and random negative examples from the dictionary.

For a word with index t , we need a position c from the context words that we calculate with the binary logistic loss function. For the negative examples, we use $N_{t,c}$ to refer to them and simplify the exp function with $l : x \rightarrow \log(1 + e^{-x})$.

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \left[\sum_{c \in C_t} l(s(w_t, w_c)) + \sum_{n \in N_{t,c}} l(-s(w_t, n)) \right] \quad (4)$$

3.1.3 Subword recognition. A word can be split into character n-grams to ignore the internal structures of the original word.

N-grams of the size of less than 3 have too little information. We would have too many positives in this case. For example, words with the n-gram "he" calculate that they are similar to a pronoun.

A size greater than 6 has too many characters. We would have no to few positive cases. For example, words with the n-gram "carria" from "carriage" calculate that they are similar to no other word.

So in practice, we use n-grams of the size between 3 to 6 to get good results.

To know where the n-gram starts and ends, we use the special characters $<$ and $>$. The word "carriage" with an n-gram of 3 is

<ca, car, arr, rri, ria, iag, age, ge>

Noteworthy is that the subwords "car" and "age" are not quite resembling themselves because of the missing special characters at the beginning and end, but they are subwords of themselves.

To calculate with character n-grams, we change the original scoring function s . We have a Dictionary of n-grams with the size of G . For a word w , we can name the vector for the n-grams in w $G_w \subset \{1 \dots, G\}$. For an n-gram g , there will be a vector representation z_g to calculate the most likely word the n-gram describes.

With all these changes to the algorithm, we can calculate from each n-gram the most likely word it represents. By adding the n-gram results together, we get the most likely representation of the entire word:

$$s(w, c) = \sum_{g \in G_w} z_g^T \cdot v_c \quad (5)$$

Through that calculation, the dictionary of the n-grams needs more memory than a dictionary with just the words. Because memory is often restricted, we need to store less or reduce the size of the dictionary in the memory. If we take fewer words in the n-gram dictionary, we could get distorted results because we ignore some subwords to compare. For reducing the size of the dictionary in the memory, we can use a hashing function. Mikolov et al. use the FNV-1a variant of the Fowler-Noll-Vo hash function with integers from 1 to K with $K = 2.10^6$.

3.1.4 classification. With all that, we can describe a word by his index in the word dictionary and the contained set of hashed n-grams. In the functions, the variable T stands for the input Text. That way, we can calculate the class based on the most commonly used subwords.

3.2 fastText

FastText uses a similar model named CBOW from Mikolov et al. [8][5].

3.2.1 Cbow. Cbow is similar to skip-gram. It takes the sentence in n-grams and calculates the score with them.

Unlike skip-gram, in fastText, each word of an n-gram is converted into an input vector. The next step is to mark the main word, leaving only the context words. Each of these words is then calculated by using the hidden layer matrix. The "hidden layer matrix" is just a weight matrix trained in the training stage. Averaging the results of these vectors will then be applied to the softmax layer.

3.2.2 further development. Like Cbow, fastText marks the main word with a label y_n from the n-gram x_n . n stands here for n -th document of N documents. The weight matrices are A and B , where A is a lookup matrix over the trained words. Figure 3 displays the matrices just as a weight matrix. To minimize the negative log-likelihood over the classes we use:

$$-\frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{n=1}^N y_n \log(f(B \cdot A \cdot x_n)) \quad (6)$$

f is in the formula 6 the softmax function from Goodman [3] to calculate the distribution probability over the trained words, with:

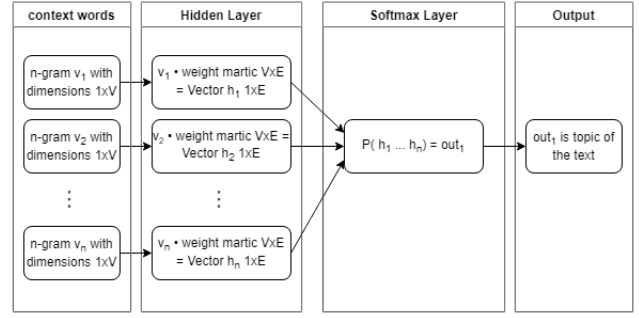


Figure 3: Simplified representation of the fastText algorithm, with the input parameters being context words.

$$P(w_1 \dots w_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i | w_1 \dots w_{i-1}) \quad (7)$$

$$P(w | w_1 \dots w_{i-1}) = \frac{\exp\left(\sum_j \lambda_j f_j(w, w_1 \dots w_{i-1})\right)}{Z_\lambda(w_1 \dots w_{i-1})} \quad (8)$$

To optimize the training data, we need to train the real-valued constraint λ_j . $Z_\lambda(w_1 \dots w_{i-1})$ is the normalizing constraint so that the sum of all probabilities is 1. The function f_j is a large set of indicator functions. These functions have either a result of 0 or 1.

3.2.3 classification. All in all, fastText can compute the subject of a word through the n-grams of the words around it. By adding the scores of all the individual context words, we can get the most likely theme of the word. By adding the individual scores that we calculated in the last step, we can then grasp the subject of the text.

3.3 MDLText

The MDL principle is the foundation of MDLText. We select the model with the slightest description length out of two or more models. Because of the number of models, we don't want too complex models. MDL is often used to solve machine learning problems.

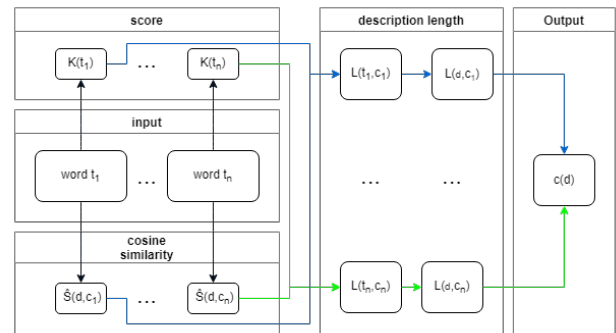


Figure 4: Simplified representation of the used MDLText algorithm

Algorithm 1: Classification stage for MDLText

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1  FUNCTION mdl_classify(d, C, dict, n,  $\hat{n}$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $|\hat{D}|$ )
2  INPUT: d(unlabeled document), C(set of all
   possible classes), dict(list of tokens
   obtained in the training stage), n(sum of
   the weights of each token in dict for each
   class in C),  $\hat{n}$ (sum of the weights in n for
   each class in C),  $\phi$ (frequency of each token
   in dict for each class in C), and  $|\hat{D}|$ (
   number of documents for each class in C)
3  OUTPUT: c(d)(the class predicted for document d)
4
5  // variables that will be used later on
6  FOR EACH token  $t_i$  in d DO
7    IF  $t_i$  is in dict THEN
8       $F(t_i) \leftarrow token\_score(t_i, \phi_{c, t_i})$ 
9    ELSE
10      $F(t_i) \leftarrow 0$ 
11    END IF
12     $\Omega \leftarrow$  preserve a portion of the description
    length
13     $K(t_i) \leftarrow \frac{1}{(1+10^{-3})-F(t_i)}$ 
14     $TF \leftarrow$  local term frequency of  $t_i$ 
15     $DF_{t_i} \leftarrow$  number of training-set documents where  $t_i$ 
    appears
16     $w(t_i, d) = \log(1 + TF(t_i, d)) \times \log(\frac{|D|+1}{DF_{t_i}+1})$ 
17     $\hat{w}(t_i, d) = \frac{w(t_i, d)}{\|w(:, d)\|_2}$ 
18  END FOR
19
20 // calculate  $L(d|c_j)$  without penalty and  $\bar{c}$ 
21 FOR EACH class  $c_j$  in C DO
22    $L(d|c_j) \leftarrow 0$ 
23   FOR EACH token  $t_i$  in d DO
24     IF  $t_i$  is not in dict THEN
25        $n_{c_j, t_i} \leftarrow 0$ 
26        $\hat{n}_{c_j} \leftarrow 0$ 
27     END IF
28      $\beta(t_i|c_j) = \frac{n_{c_j, t_i} + \frac{1}{\Omega}}{\hat{n}_{c_j} + 1}$ 
29      $L(t_i|c_j) = \lceil -\log_2 \beta(t_i|c_j) \rceil$ 
30      $L(d|c_j) = L(d|c_j) + (L(t_i, c_j) \times K(t_i))$ 
31      $\bar{c}_j(t_i) = \frac{n_{c_j, t_i}}{|D_{c_j}|}$ 
32   END FOR
33   END FOR
34
35 // calculate penalty to L
36 FOR EACH class  $c_j$  in C DO
37    $S(d, \bar{c}_j) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{|d|} \hat{w}(t_i, d|c_j) \times \bar{c}_j(t_i)}{\|\hat{w}(:, d)\|_2 \times \|\bar{c}_j\|_2}$ 
38    $\hat{S}(d, \bar{c}_j) = -\log_2(\frac{1}{2} \times S(d, \bar{c}_j))$ 
39    $L(d|c_j) = \hat{S}(d, \bar{c}_j) \times L(d|c_j)$ 
40 END FOR
41
42 // get the index of the calculated subject of the
   text
43  $c(d) = \arg \min_{c \in C} L(d|c_j)$ 
44 RETURN  $c(d)$ 
45 END FUNCTION

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3.3.1 *MDL principle.* The methods behind the term "MDL" have different approaches:

An approach may involve data compression for all types of inductive inferences. The other is any method that finds a model with the minimum description length as data. Some other studies use the term MDL another way.

We will be using MDL to find the minimum description length of the subjects. The MDL Principle uses two or more potential models $M_1, \dots, M_{|M|}$. To calculate the best result, we use the description

length of the model $L(M)$ and the description length of the data d encoded by the model $L(d|M)$.

$$M_{mdl} = \arg \min_{\forall M} [L(M) + L(d|M)] \quad (9)$$

3.3.2 *MDLText implementation.* In contrast to the other algorithms, MDLText uses the whole text of a document 'd' to calculate the class. The text is split into tokens ' t_i ' (Algorithm 1, line 6). We call a sub-method *token_score*, which calculates $F(t_i)$, with the help of the token and its frequency ϕ if we trained MDL to that token. If the token was not in the training stage, we set the score to 0. With the score, we can calculate the penalty function $K(t_i)$ (Algorithm 1, line 13). The goal of this function is to highlight the difference between the different classes and help to differentiate later.

$$\hat{S}(d, c_j) = -\log_2(\frac{1}{2} \times S(d, \bar{c})) \quad (10)$$

The cosine similarity function 10 is the penalty function for the classes. The term penalty means that the difference between the classes is getting larger. \bar{c} is here an average vector of the tokens (Algorithm 1, line 31).

$$L(d|c_j) = \hat{S}(d, c_j) \times \sum_{i=1}^{|d|} L(t_i|c_j) \times K(t_i) \quad (11)$$

The implementation of this formula can be found in lines 19 and 30. It calculates the description length of all the tokens with the help of the trained classes 'c'. For $L(t_i|c_j)$, we compute the trained TF-IDF weights with our token by the function β (Algorithm 1, line 28, formula 12) with a negative log.

$$\beta(t_i|c_j) = \frac{n_{c_j, t_i} + \frac{1}{\Omega}}{\hat{n}_{c_j} + 1} \quad (12)$$

$$n_{c_j, t_i} = \sum_{\forall d} \hat{w}(t_i, d|c_j) \quad (13)$$

\hat{n}_{c_j} is here the total of all tokens that are present in the training documents that belong to c_j and Ω is used to preserve the description length, for tokens that never appear in the training set.

$$w(t_i, d) = \log(1 + TF(t_i, d)) \times \log(\frac{|D| + 1}{DF_{t_i} + 1}) \quad (14)$$

$$\hat{w}(t_i, d) = \frac{w(t_i, d)}{\|w(:, d)\|_2} \quad (15)$$

$w(t_i, d)$ is the TF-IDF calculation function, with a normalized function $\hat{w}(t_i, d)$. TF stands for the local term frequency of the token t_i in document d and DF_{t_i} stands for the number of documents in which t_i appears.

With all this calculation until now, we now have all the scores of the classes that we need. With the MDL principle, we can get the most suitable classification index by using:

$$c(d) = \arg \min_{c \in C} L(d|c_j) \quad (16)$$

With the index, we can look up the class of document d .

3.3.3 scoring function. We can use every scoring function that outputs something between 0 and 1 here. Silva et al.[11] use the confidence factors to calculate $F(t_i)$:

$$F(t_i) = \frac{1}{|C| - 1} \sum_{v|j \neq v} \frac{\left(\frac{(MH)^2 + PH - \frac{\lambda_1}{SH}}{(SH)^2} \right)^{\lambda_2}}{1 + \frac{\lambda_3}{SH}} \quad (17)$$

where $SH = \phi_{c_v, t_i} + \phi_{c_j, t_i}$, $PH = \phi_{c_v, t_i} \times \phi_{c_j, t_i}$ and $MH = \phi_{c_v, t_i} - \phi_{c_j, t_i}$ with v being the index of the most frequent class and ϕ_{c_j, t_i} being the number of documents in which the token t_i is in class c_j . Algorithm 2 shows us an implementation of this function from Silva et al..

Algorithm 2: Scoring function

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1 FUNCTION token_score( $t_i, \phi$ )
2   INPUT: C(set of all possible classes),  $\phi$ (
         frequency of each token in dict for each
         class in C), and  $t_i$  is a token of a document
3   OUTPUT:  $F(t_i)$  (token score)
4
5    $v \leftarrow$  index of the most frequent class
6   // decay speed proposed by Assis et. al \cite{
       Assis2006}
7    $\lambda_1 = 0.25$ 
8    $\lambda_2 = 10$ 
9    $\lambda_3 = 8$ 
10  FOR EACH class  $c_j$  in C do
11    IF  $j \neq v$  THEN
12       $MH = \phi_{c_v, t_i} - \phi_{c_j, t_i}$ 
13       $PH = \phi_{c_v, t_i} \times \phi_{c_j, t_i}$ 
14       $SH = \phi_{c_v, t_i} + \phi_{c_j, t_i}$ 
15       $F(t_i) = F(t_i) + \frac{\left( \frac{(MH)^2 + PH - \frac{\lambda_1}{SH}}{(SH)^2} \right)^{\lambda_2}}{1 + \frac{\lambda_3}{SH}}$ 
16  END IF
17  END FOR
18   $F(t_i) = \frac{1}{|C| - 1} * F(t_i)$ 
19  RETURN  $F(t_i)$ 
20 END FUNCTION

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3.3.4 classification. With MDL, we look up how often different words occur. If we have untrained expressions, we ignore those. Using this information and the cosine similarity function 10, we can calculate what class our text belongs to using the function L.

4 RESULTS

We evaluate our models with the accuracy of the results compared with the predefined datasets mentioned in the papers.

4.1 datasets

We use all datasets cited in Mikolov et al. [9]. For MDLText and FastText, we use just the English and multilanguage datasets from Mikolov et al.[4] and Silva et al.[11].

The datasets from MDLText are detailed explained in the paper of Rossi et al. [10] and Zhang et al. [13]. FastText uses the datasets from Zhang et al., which are detailed explained in the paper [14]. Skipgram uses the datasets from four different papers: Mikolov et al. [8], Svoboda and Brychcin [12], Köper et al. [7] and Berardi et al. [1].

4.2 validation of accuracy

To validate the accuracy of the output of the algorithms, we use different techniques.

4.2.1 skip-gram. For skip-gram, we use Spearman's rank correlation coefficient, with d being the difference and n being the number of observations:

$$p = 1 - \frac{6 \sum d_i^2}{n(n^2 - 1)} \quad (18)$$

Spearman calculates the strength of association between two ranked variables. Using that, we can compare how accurate the class calculated is versus the one defined by the dataset.

4.2.2 FastText. For FastText, we use 10 hidden units five times, with a learning rate of {0.05, 0.1, 0.25, 0.5} from a validation set for each database. By using 2-grams to validate the correct output, we boost the accuracy by 1-4%.

4.2.3 MDLText. For MDLText, we use the macro-average F-measure function:

$$F - measure_{macro} = 2 \times \frac{Precision_{macro} \times Recall_{macro}}{Precision_{macro} + Recall_{macro}} \quad (19)$$

$$Recall_{macro} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{TP_j}{TP_j + FN_j} \quad (20)$$

$$Precision_{macro} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{TP_j}{TP_j + FP_j} \quad (21)$$

It calculates a more accurate result with true positives (TP), false positives (FP), false negatives (FN), and the number of classes (m). 5-fold cross-validation is performed on each database ten times by Silva et al. Table 1 shows the results that will be discussed in detail in section 5.

4.2.4 Evaluation. We see that all three algorithms use different techniques to calculate the accuracy. To compare the three, we look at the average, minimum, maximum, and stability of each algorithm's accuracy with the evaluation criteria. Stability means the difference between the minimum and maximum.

4.3 evaluation criteria

To compare different areas of application, we need specific evaluation criteria. From the databases mentioned earlier, we can compare the language and the type of document it represents.

The different evaluation tables are uploaded on the GitHub page of this paper.¹

4.4 Language results

We evaluate the results of each algorithm with English and Multilingual databases. We compare their accuracy to determine if it performs better in certain conditions.

¹evaluation tables:

github.com/Koraiko/Seminar-Lighweight-text-classification/tree/main/tables

Table 1: Accuracy of the MDL database

| language | type | Database | MDLText |
|----------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| EN | NEWS | 20newsgroups | 90,20% |
| EN | WEB | 7Sectors | 91,30% |
| EN | SCIENCE | ACM | 82,20% |
| EN | SCIENCE | CSTR | 89,20% |
| MULTI | WEB | Dmoz-Business | 68,70% |
| MULTI | WEB | Dmoz-Computers | 70,40% |
| MULTI | WEB | Dmoz-Health | 82,60% |
| MULTI | WEB | Dmoz-Science | 73,70% |
| MULTI | WEB | Dmoz-Sports | 88,30% |
| EN | Mail | Enron | 71,60% |
| MULTI | NEWS | Fbis | 79,00% |
| MULTI | WEB | Industry-Sector | 81,10% |
| EN | NEWS | Irish economic | 67,20% |
| EN | NEWS | La1S | 87,70% |
| EN | NEWS | La2S | 88,30% |
| EN | NEWS | Latimes | 84,70% |
| EN | NEWS | New3S | 85,80% |
| EN | SCIENCE | Oh0 | 92,50% |
| EN | SCIENCE | Oh10 | 81,90% |
| EN | SCIENCE | Oh15 | 85,90% |
| EN | SCIENCE | Oh5 | 90,70% |
| EN | SCIENCE | Ohscal | 78,00% |
| EN | Q+A | Opinosis | 67,40% |
| EN | SCIENCE | Pubmed-Cancer | 92,00% |
| EN | SCIENCE | Pubmed-Cancer-2000 | 84,80% |
| EN | NEWS | RCV1 Top-4 | 92,00% |
| IT | NEWS | Rcv2-Italian | 79,40% |
| PT | NEWS | Rcv2-Portuguese | 79,10% |
| SP | NEWS | Rcv2-Spanish | 84,10% |
| EN | NEWS | Re0 | 81,50% |
| EN | NEWS | Re1 | 81,20% |
| EN | NEWS | Re8 | 91,40% |
| EN | NEWS | Reuters | 91,20% |
| EN | NEWS | Q+As | 90,30% |
| EN | WEB | Techtc300-1092-135724 | 97,80% |
| EN | WEB | Techtc300-1092-789236 | 98,50% |
| EN | TRC | Tr11 | 82,70% |
| EN | TRC | Tr12 | 87,90% |
| EN | TRC | Tr21 | 83,60% |
| EN | TRC | Tr23 | 92,10% |
| EN | TRC | Tr31 | 82,60% |
| EN | TRC | Tr41 | 92,40% |
| EN | TRC | Tr45 | 90,30% |
| EN | MAIL | Trec7-3000 | 98,10% |
| average | | | 84,80% |

4.4.1 English. We see that MDL has the best average accuracy with 86,62%. We also see that the best type it performs in is English web pages. The difference between the maximal and minimal accuracy is $|98,5\% - 67,2\%| = 31,3\%$.

fastText is not far behind, with an average accuracy of 79,87%. It has no type, which it performs better than in others. The difference

Table 2: Accuracy of the skip-gram and FastText databases

| language | type | Database | skip-gram | FastText, h=10 2-gram |
|----------|------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| EN | NEWS | AG's News | | 92,5% |
| ZN | NEWS | Sogou News | | 96,8% |
| MULTI | WEB | DBPedia | | 98,6% |
| EN | Q+A | Yelp Rev. Pol. | | 95,7% |
| EN | Q+A | Yelp Rev. Full | | 63,9% |
| EN | Q+A | Yahoo!Answers | | 72,3% |
| EN | Q+A | Amzon Rev. full | | 60,2% |
| EN | Q+A | Amzon Rev. Pol. | | 94,6% |
| AR | WP | WS353 | 51% | |
| DE | WP | GUR350 | 61% | |
| DE | WP | GUR65 | 78% | |
| DE | WP | ZG222 | 35% | |
| EN | WP | RW | 43% | |
| EN | WP | WS353 | 72% | |
| ES | WP | WS353 | 57% | |
| FR | WP | RG65 | 70% | |
| RO | WP | WS353 | 48% | |
| RU | WP | HJ | 59% | |
| average | | | 57,4% | 84,33% |

between the maximal accuracy is the worst with $|95,7 - 60,2| = 35,5\%$.

Skip-gram has an average accuracy of 57,5% and has a difference of maximal and minimal accuracy with $|72\% - 43\%| = 29\%$.

4.4.2 Multilingual. We see that MDL has an accuracy of 77,69%. The difference between the best and the worst result is $|88,3\% - 68,7\%| = 19,6\%$. The stability is with 19,6% also not as alarming.

For fastText, we have just one result with an accuracy of 98,6%. Because it's just one test, it cant stand for the entirety of fastText. But important to note is that the result is still better than all results of MDLText.

4.5 document type results

In addition to the language, the type of documents can also affect accuracy. So we compare two types of documents: news articles (NEWS) and web pages(WEB).

Because skip-gram uses word pairs with a regular vocabulary, the algorithm gets a type "word-pairs" to compare it in the end to the general accuracy and will be ignored in other document type categories.

4.5.1 news articles. The best result is fastText with an average accuracy of 94,65% with two databases. The difference between them is $|96,8\% - 92,5\%| = 4,3\%$.

MDL has an average accuracy of 94,65% from sixteen datasets. The difference between the maximum of 92% and the minimum accuracy 67,2% is $|92\% - 67,2\%| = 24,8\%$.

4.5.2 web pages. MDLText uses here nine datasets to get an average of 83,6%. Its difference is $|98,5\% - 68,7\%| = 29,8\%$ with an maximum of 98,7% and an minimum of 68,7%.

Table 3: Summary of the accuracy of the 3 algorithms that is on GitHub

| evaluation criteria | | skip-gram | FastText h=10 2-gram | MDLText, |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|
| general | average | 57,4% | 84,33% | 84,8% |
| | min | 35% | 60,2% | 67,2% |
| | max | 78% | 98,6% | 98,5% |
| | stability | 43% | 38,4% | 31,3% |
| NEWS | average | - | 94,65% | 84,57% |
| | min | - | 92,5% | 67,2% |
| | max | - | 96,8% | 92% |
| WEB | stability | - | 4,3% | 24,8% |
| | average | - | 98,6% | 83,6% |
| | min | - | 98,6% | 68,7% |
| | max | - | 98,6% | 98,5% |
| | stability | - | 0% | 29,8% |
| word pairs | average | 57,4% | - | - |
| | min | 35% | - | - |
| | max | 78% | - | - |
| | stability | 43% | - | - |
| EN | average | 57,5% | 79,87% | 86,62% |
| | min | 43% | 60,2% | 67,2% |
| | max | 72% | 95,7% | 98,5% |
| | stability | 29% | 35,5% | 31,3% |
| MULTI | average | - | 98,6% | 77,69% |
| | min | - | 98,6% | 68,7% |
| | max | - | 98,6% | 88,3% |
| | stability | - | 0% | 19,6% |

The accuracy of the only available dataset of FastText was better than MDLText's maximum. But because it is just one test, it doesn't represent the entirety of fastText.

4.5.3 word pairs. As we said before, skip-gram is the only dataset that uses word pairs. With that in mind, we can see that it has an average of 57,4%. The maximum is here 78% and the minimum 35%, hence the difference between the two is $|78\% - 35\%| = 43\%$. As can be seen, this difference is the largest of all types.

5 COMPARISON

We compare the results we got, with the criteria of who got the best accuracy, related to the most accurate, the most steady algorithm, and the influence of language. With the conclusion of each point, we discuss a practical field of application for each algorithm.

5.1 skip-gram

We see skip-gram has the lowest results in all of the three algorithms. With that in mind, we can easily say that skip-gram is impracticable to use with an average accuracy of 57,4%. Furthermore, the fact that some results are below 50% is alarming.

5.1.1 Problems. Part of the problem is that we have just one word as input and try to guess the context words from the subwords. So

the context of the used word is not trained. In some cases, we can't detect the subwords and didn't train these words. Therefore, the result shifts, and we falsify the scores.

Skip-gram is also not a very steady algorithm with a difference of 43% from the maximum and minimum.

5.1.2 Solution proposal. This problem exists because of the broad range of the trained word-pairs: The datasets have ordinary words and do not have a type like the databases of the other two algorithms. That makes them broader in usage but also not as accurate. We see that some databases like GUR65 have the highest accuracy with 78%. So it's not impossible to get an accuracy of 75% or higher with skip-gram.

The problem is that we need to train it in a specific topic with handpicked word pairs. The word pairs should be common subwords of that type of text. With that, we effortlessly get the subwords out and get higher accuracy.

5.1.3 application area. The accuracy issue makes it less practical than the other two, but skip-gram is still usable in certain conditions:

With the problem of accuracy and one-word input, we can train the algorithm with elemental words, also known as subwords, to avoid training too long or uncommon word pairs. With this, we can easily deduct the class of a text.

The problem with uncommon words makes skip-gram unsuitable for untrained environments. Skip-gram should therefore train with word pairs carefully selected from that environment. For example, a cooking platform would take different recipe types out as classes and pair them with the names of the product.

The difference between skip-gram and the other algorithms is that skip-gram uses just one word. That detail could be functional in a search engine, where people write the most critical words and want a result to that.

5.2 fastText

fastText has the second-best accuracy of our algorithms. It's not far behind MDL with the average accuracy. The difference to MDL is just 0,48% for the average accuracy. If we round the results to an integer, the two algorithms are equal in accuracy.

The minor difference between MDL and FastText compared to skip-gram could be explained by the algorithms getting better information from context words than just one word. Through that, it has more information in the training phase about the context of the used word. The negative sampling function at the end improves the accuracy of fastText by using negative words from the dictionary. By using bigrams it improves even more by 1-4% [4].

5.2.1 Problems. By looking at the evaluation criteria we were looking at, we see that it can get over 94%. But we must look at it with caution because it's just one or two datasets in these evaluation criterias.

FastText's accuracy, for example, is lower than MDLText's when it comes to the English evaluation criteria. So the average accuracy of each evaluation criteria except English could decline with more datasets.

5.2.2 Application area. Through the points mentioned before, we see that fastText has a high accuracy if we look at the evaluation criterias, but if we look at all datasets together, we see that the average is still over 75%, but less than the results of the individually criterias. So we don't have a problem of too low accuracy in the usage. When comparing it to MDLText, we see it is not far behind fastText in accuracy.

Because fastText uses context words to calculate the class of the text, we can easily say that it's not practical in search engines like skip-gram is, where people search after important keywords and ignore grammatical structures or review portals where people also write in short paragraphs their opinion. So a practical usage is document classification like web pages and news articles. These documents communicate the subject straightforward to the user. Like skip-gram fastText benefits from a specific training dataset to be more accurate for the usage.

5.3 MDLText

MDLText has the best results across almost every evaluation category. It also doesn't have the problems of fastText of not enough datasets for each evaluation criteria. With 7-44 datasets in each category, it's representable for MDLText. Since it has the lowest difference between its maximum and minimum accuracy, it is more stable than the other algorithms.

The only problem is the complexity of MDLText. It's more complex than skip-gram or fastText. As a result, it leans more toward the non-lightweight algorithm of classification. Although MDLText is complexer than the other algorithms mentioned here, the training and classification times are shorter than the same things with non-lightweight algorithms.

5.3.1 Application area of MDLText. Looking at MDLText in table 1, we can easily see that evaluation criterias still have highly accurate values.

However, science papers, particularly medical papers, have the highest accuracy of all datasets, as seen in table 1. Hence we recommend its application for science papers, especially medical papers. Because of the stability of the accuracy, using it in different fields has no disadvantages.

6 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we looked at three different approaches to text classifications. We discussed the problems of the algorithms, presented a solution if it was available, and tried to find a good application of the algorithm.

For skip-gram, it's promising for easy word tag searches in a specially trained environment. For fastText and MDLText, it's advantageous to use them in environments with sentences, with MDLText to be precise and more complex than fastText.

Our discussion showed that even when the accuracy is low, it's still practical in specific fields, and more complex algorithms are not always better.

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