

Enhancing a sentiment analysis corpus through paraphrasing

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Nowadays, artificial intelligence has presented many solutions to different problems with very accurate results. Specifically in text classification (TC), many works have been proposed using diverse techniques such as Machine Learning (ML) or Deep Learning (DL) [1].

The DL-based solutions for TC usually works on large datasets and obtains good results. Therefore, the quantity and quality of a dataset determines the success of a DL-based solution for TC.

In this presentation, we show a solution to enhance a dataset by paraphrasing sentences of the original corpus. We tested two automatic paraphrasing techniques: Parrot [2] and Pegasus [3] and we prove the augmented corpus on a classifier based on BERT [4] to measure its performance.

We used the IMDB dataset containing 50k movies reviews categorized in positive and negative . The results showed that without paraphrasing, the Bert model obtained 90% of f-measure; and with paraphrasing we obtained 99.56% and 99.86%.

Table 1: Results of classification methods applying to different corpus

	Original	Augmented Parrot	Augmented Pegasus
Precision	0.90722	0.99566	0.99860
Recall	0.90691	0.99565	0.99860
F-measure	0.90697	0.99565	0.99860

Finally, we would like to encourage the use of paraphrasing techniques to improve the corpus because it provides new sentences that improve any classifier model. Furthermore, the use of paraphrasing increases the richness of any corpus by adding new vocabulary.

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