Methodology and Model Evaluation Report

for Natural Language Processing Course
“Advanced Text Classification”

Introduction:

This report outlines the methodology followed in the development and evaluation of Machine learning with our project.

It includes data preprocessing, feature encoding, model selection.

Data Preprocessing:

The initial step involved loading and reading the data, followed by several preprocessing techniques to prepare the text for feature extraction:

- **Text Cleaning**: Removal of special characters to reduce noise in the data.
- **Tokenization:** Breaking down text into individual words or tokens.
- **Stop Words** Removal: Eliminating common words that provide little value in the context of text analysis.
- **Stemming**: Reducing words to their root form to standardize variations of the same word.
- **Label Encoding:** Converting categorical labels into numerical values to make them interpretable by machine learning algorithms.

Feature Encoding:

For the transformation of text data into a numerical format, two main techniques were employed

Word Embeddings:

- Utilizing pre-trained GloVe and Word2Vec models from the Gensim API to encode text into vector form.

- TF-IDF Vectorization: Applying Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency to emphasize important words which are more informative but less frequent.

Feature Scaling: The Impact of StandardScaler

When I used the StandardScaler to scale values, it improved the result in some cases like SVM in Glove word embeddings it got a 31% f1-score.

Model Selection and Evaluation

Models were selected based on their ability to handle high-dimensional sparse data and evaluated using the F1-score metric, which balances precision and recall:

* Naive Bayes
Achieved the best results with Word2Vec features, demonstrating an F1-score of 0.22.

* Random Forest:
Multiple configurations were tested. The best performance with GloVe was observed with n_estimators=500 and max_depth=20, achieving an F1-score of 0.172.

* Support Vector Machine (SVM)
The SVM showed significant variability based on the choice of kernel and scaling. The highest F1-score of 0.3146 was achieved using a linear kernel with standard scaling on GloVe features.

- This is a result from each algorithm in other models