

Hateful Speech Detection in Code-Mixed Tweets: Conversational Hindi and Individual Telugu tweets

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Topic

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INTRODUCTION

- ❑ **The problem of hate speech and offensive language is widespread on social media.**
- ❑ **Conversations often mix two or more languages (e.g., Hindi-English, Telugu-English), making it difficult to detect offensive speech.**
- ❑ **Code-mixing complicates natural language processing tasks due to the blending of multiple languages in a single sentence.**
- ❑ **Offensive content in social media conversations is often context-dependent, further increasing the complexity.**



Motivation

- Reducing Online Hate speech
 - Promoting Positive Online interaction
 - Handling Multilingual Challenges
 - Addressing sensitive domains
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Problem statement

- ❑ Offensive speech detection is important for curbing cyberbullying, promoting safe online spaces, and improving moderation on platforms.
- ❑ Traditional models just works on individual tweets and considers just word embeddings to label Tweet.
- ❑ In all thread conversations the context of parent tweet is also required to classify current tweet.
- ❑ Traditional models are often not adapted for code-mixed languages, especially Telugu-English, requiring novel approaches.

@ [REDACTED] · May 18

Modi Ji COVID situation ko solve karne ke liye ideas maang rahe the
Mera idea hai resignation dedo please...

2.2K

9.7K

61.3K



@ [REDACTED] · May 21

Doctors aur Scientists se manga hai
Chutiyo se nahi.
Baith niche.

168

752

2.7K



Replying to @ [REDACTED] and @ [REDACTED]

You totally nailed it, can't stop laughing 😂

2:56 PM · May 21, 2021 · Twitter for Android

1 Retweet 27 Likes



This tweet is a reply to the above comment and it expresses a positive sentiment. But the reply is actually supporting the hate expressed in the comment towards the author of source tweet.

Datasets

Table 4.1: Original Dataset Statistics

Data	Total Conversations	HOF	NOT	Parent Tweets	Avg. Comments
Train	5740	2841	2899	82	46
Test	1348	695	653	16	53

Note: Val refers to Validation data.

Table 4.2: Train-Validation-Test Distribution

Data	Total Conversations	HOF (Hateful/Offensive)	NOT (Neither Hateful nor Offensive)
Train	4592	2273	2319
Val	1148	568	580
Test	1348	695	653

Note: Val refers to Validation data.

Table 4.3: Number of Samples

Type	Number
Training Samples	4200
Testing Samples	1000

Table 4.4: Training Dataset Label Distribution

Label	Count
non-hate	2061
hate	1939

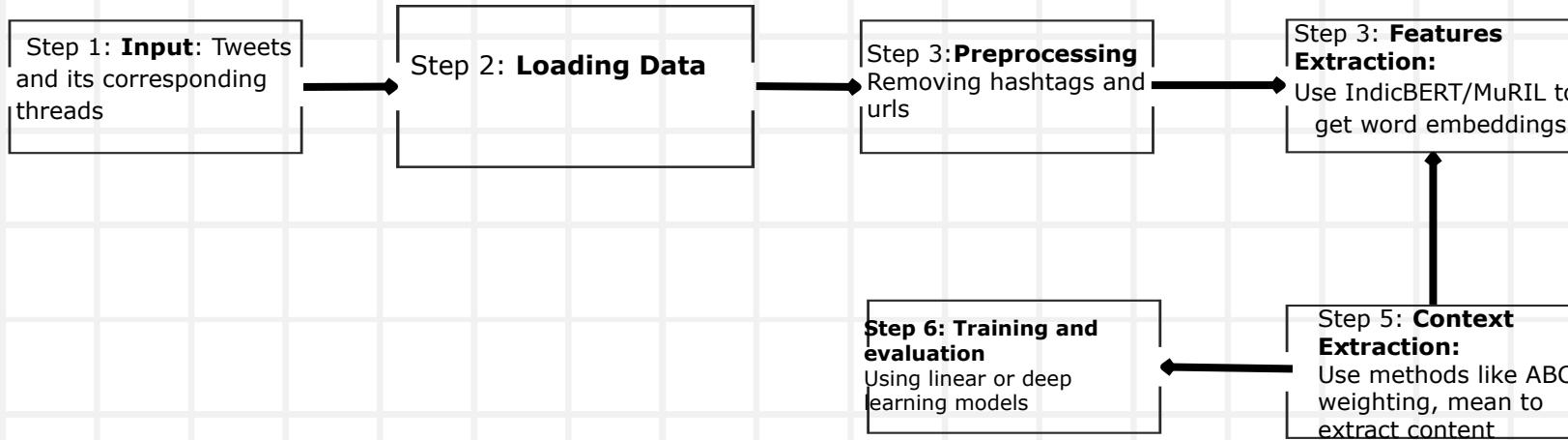
Table 4.5: Testing Dataset Label Distribution

Label	Count
non-hate	250
hate	250

Data Distribution for Task1

Data Distribution for Task2

FLOWCHART



Embeddings

Following models are used for generating the embeddings from the data

- **BERT**
- **mBERT**
- **IndicBERT**
- **MuriBERT**
- **mDistillBERT**
- **XmIrl**
- **LsBSE**

Context Representation

In this project, several techniques for context representation were employed to effectively process tweets, comments, and replies, which exhibit a hierarchical structure.

- 1. Concatenation:** Combines text at different levels into a single sequence and vectorizes it for consistent input processing.
- 2. Mean:** Averages embeddings at each level to create a document representation, capturing contextual relationships.
- 3. Sequence:** Tokenizes text and concatenates word embeddings into a sequence matrix, standardized with post-padding for neural network input.
- 4. ABCWeighting:** Applies weights to tweet, comment, and reply levels to create a weighted combination of embeddings, adjusting their contribution to the classification task.

Classification Models

- 1. Support Vector Machines:** Finds the best boundary to separate classes, handling both linear and non-linear data.
- 2. K-Nearest Neighbors:** Classifies data based on the majority class of its nearest neighbors.
- 3. Random Forest:** Combines multiple decision trees to improve accuracy and reduce overfitting.
- 4. Naive Bayes:** Applies probability theory to classify data based on the likelihood of features given a class.
- 5. LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory):** A neural network specialized for handling sequential data, capturing long-term dependencies.
- 6. RNN (Recurrent Neural Network):** Processes sequential data by maintaining a hidden state that captures information about previous inputs.

Results

Classifier	Representation	Fusion	F1 Train	F1 Test
KNN	SENTBERT	ABC Weighting	0.67	0.59
SVM	SENTBERT	ABC	0.659	0.62
KNN	Fine-tuned SENTBERT (SoftMax)	ABC	0.75	0.77
KNN	Fine-tuned SENTBERT (Online Contrastive Loss)	ABC Weighting	0.658	0.51
KNN	Fine-tuned Murril	ABC Weighting	0.795	0.792
LSTM	Fine-tuned Murril	Sequence	0.99	0.83
NB	mDistillBERT	Sequence	0.685	0.649

Performance of different models on task 1

Model	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Accuracy
Xml R	0.769	0.769	0.769	0.827
IndicBERT	0.774	0.773	0.772	0.830
Mbert	0.757	0.755	0.755	0.817
Mdistill Bert	0.765	0.765	0.765	0.824
MuRIL + RNN	0.724	0.709	0.715	0.729
MuRIL + SVM	0.718	0.715	0.715	0.709
MuRIL + KNN	0.710	0.710	0.710	0.715
LaBSE	0.761	0.750	0.750	0.780
RemBERT	0.630	0.620	0.620	0.670

Performance of different models on task 2

Hateful Speech Detection

Enter Tweet Link:

Enter tweet URL here...

Select Language:

Hinglish

Predict

Prediction: Hateful

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