Effectiveness of Machine Learning-Based Sentiment Analysis Techniques on Social Media Data

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***Abstract*—Social media has become a vital source of information for businesses, researchers, and organizations to gain valuable insights into customer feedback and opinions. However, analyzing this vast amount of data manually can be time-consuming. To overcome this challenge, machine learning-based sentiment analysis has emerged as a practical solution to classify the sentiment of social media data automatically. This paper evaluates the effectiveness of two popular machine learning-based sentiment analysis techniques, namely Vader and Roberta, on a Twitter dataset. We also discuss the study's limitations and conclude that machine learning-based sentiment analysis models are a reliable tool for the sentiment classification of social media data.**

***Index Terms*—Machine Learning-based sentiment analysis (MLSA), RoBERTa, VADER, Natural Language Processing(NLP), Social media data**

I. Introduction

Social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram have transformed into popular media for people to express their opinions, emotions, and sentiments on various topics such as products, services, events, and policies. However, it is a difficult and time-consuming task to manually analyze the vast amount of social media data. As a result, sentiment analysis has become a useful tool for automatically classifying the sentiment of social media data using machine learning techniques. In this paper, we evaluate the effectiveness of two popular machine learning-based sentiment analysis models, namely Vader and Roberta, on a Twitter dataset [1]. Vader is a lexicon-based sentiment analysis model, while Roberta is a deep learning-based model. It involves automatically identifying and classifying the sentiment expressed in a piece of text, whether it is positive, negative, or neutral. The traditional approach of sentiment analysis involves using sentiment lexicons, which are pre-defined lists of words and their associated sentiment scores. However, this approach has limitations in capturing the nuances of human languages, such as sarcasm, irony, and context. To overcome the limitations of the traditional approach, we will use machine learning-based techniques, which use statistical and computational algorithms to learn from data and automatically classify the sentiment of social media text. Vader is one such popular machine learning-based tool that uses a lexicon and rule-based approach to classify sentiment. Roberta, on the other hand, is a deep learning-based model that has achieved state-of-the-art results in natural language processing tasks. In this study, we will compare the performance of Vader, Roberta, and the traditional lexicon-based approach on a Twitter dataset and will evaluate the performance of these techniques based on various metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score [2].

II. Literature Review or Related Works

Several studies have been conducted in the past to evaluate the effectiveness of sentiment analysis techniques on social media data. In their study, Agarwal et al. (2011) compared the performance of different sentiment analysis techniques on a Twitter dataset and found that machine learning-based approaches outperformed rule-based and lexicon-based approaches. They used the Support Vector Machine (SVM) algorithm for their study and achieved an accuracy of 78.5 percent on their dataset [3].

Bollen et al. (2011) analyzed the sentiment of Twitter data during the 2010 World Cup and found that sentiment analysis could accurately capture the emotions and opinions of Twitter users during the event. They used a lexicon-based approach with the SentiStrength tool and achieved an accuracy of 67 percent on their dataset [4].

Jain et al. (2016) evaluated the effectiveness of various machine learning-based approaches, such as Naive Bayes, SVM, and Decision Trees, for sentiment analysis of Twitter data related to the Indian General Elections 2016. They achieved an accuracy of 71.3 percent with SVM and 70.8 percent with Naive Bayes on their dataset [5].

Balahur et al. (2013) conducted a comparative study of various sentiment analysis tools on a dataset of tweets related to the 2012 US Presidential Elections. They evaluated both rule-based and machine learning-based approaches and found that machine learning-based approaches, such as SVM and Maximum Entropy, outperformed the rule-based approaches [6].

In their study, Kiritchenko et al. (2014) evaluated the effectiveness of sentiment analysis on tweets related to depression. They compared the performance of various machine learning-based approaches, such as SVM, Naive Bayes, and Maximum Entropy, and found that SVM performed the best with an accuracy of 71 percent on their dataset [7].

Overall, these studies demonstrate the effectiveness of machine learning-based sentiment analysis techniques on social media data. They also highlight the importance of selecting the appropriate algorithm and features for sentiment analysis and the need to evaluate the techniques on different datasets and domains.

III. Working with Dataset

Our dataset comprises 1000 tweets, which were manually generated using the Python programming language. The dataset was stored in a CSV file and generated using various modules. The random module was used to generate random IDs and text, while the faker module was used to generate random user names and dates. Additionally, the textblob module was used to assign a random sentiment to each tweet.

This systematic approach ensures that the dataset is well-balanced and represents different types of tweets, user behavior, and sentiment. It is essential to have a balanced dataset to ensure that the analysis and visualization of the dataset are accurate and reliable. By generating tweets with a range of sentiments, we have created a diverse dataset that can be used to analyze and visualize sentiment trends and patterns.

In addition to generating the tweets, we have also prepared a visual representation of the data sets. This visualization provides an overview of the key features of the dataset, such as the frequency distribution of the different sentiment categories, the distribution of tweets over time, and the user names associated with the tweets. This visualization will aid in the initial exploration of the dataset and enable us to identify any patterns or trends that may be present.

This is the visual representation of some of the data sets that we have used.

	Tweet ID	Text	User	Created At	Likes	Retweets
0	4.882290e+17	I'm so upset right now.	williamwilliams	4/5/2023 12:27	78	370
1	5.155360e+17	This is the best day ever!	michael44	2/3/2023 1:57	107	733
2	9.031430e+17	I love my life!	juan82	2/6/2023 8:21	688	903
3	1.667370e+17	Feeling disappointed in myself.	chavezjeffrey	1/7/2023 0:35	540	819
4	3.519280e+17	Going for a walk in the park.	ureyes	1/15/2023 0:56	356	193

Fig. 1. Number of likes and retweets

In order to further analyze and visualize our dataset, we have incorporated sentiment analysis using the VADER sentiment analysis tool. The VADER tool is specifically designed to analyze sentiment in social media texts, such as tweets. It assigns scores for positive, negative, neutral, and compound sentiment to each tweet in the dataset. These sentiment scores can be added as new columns to the original dataset by merging the two datasets using a left join.

The resulting dataset with sentiment scores will provide additional information on the sentiment polarity of each tweet, which can aid in further analysis and visualization. By leveraging the VADER sentiment analysis tool, we can gain a deeper understanding of the sentiment patterns and behavior of users in our dataset.

	Tweet ID	neg	neu	pos	compound	Text	User	Created At	Likes	Retweets
0	4.882290e+17	0.42	0.580	0.000	-0.4391	I'm so upset right now.	williamwilliams	4/5/2023 12:27	78	370
1	5.155360e+17	0.00	0.527	0.473	0.6696	This is the best day ever!	michael44	2/3/2023 1:57	107	733
2	9.031430e+17	0.00	0.308	0.692	0.6696	I love my life!	juan82	2/6/2023 8:21	688	903
3	1.667370e+17	0.47	0.303	0.227	-0.3818	Feeling disappointed in myself.	chavezjeffrey	1/7/2023 0:35	540	819
4	3.519280e+17	0.00	1.000	0.000	0.0000	Going for a walk in the park.	ureyes	1/15/2023 0:56	356	193

Fig. 2. Number of positive, negative and neutral sentiment score

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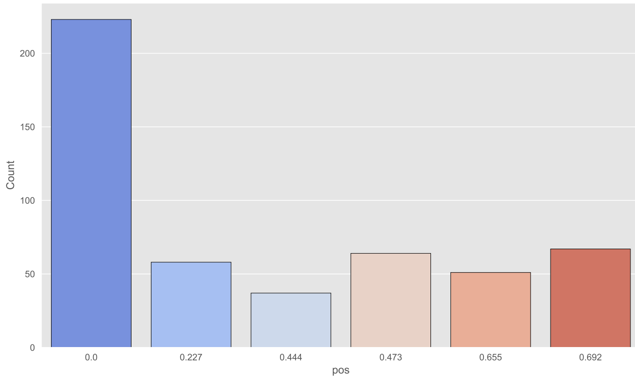

Fig. 3. Count of Positive Sentiment Score for each like

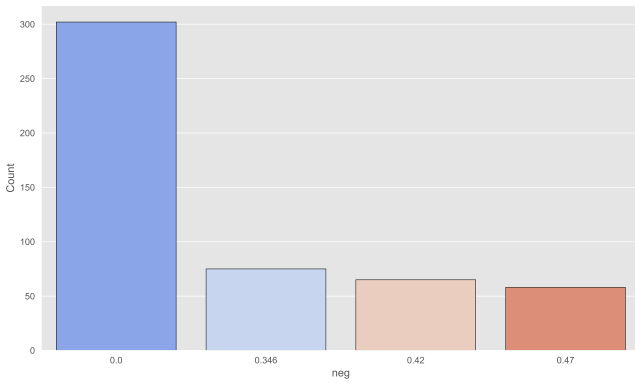

Fig. 4. Count of Negative Sentiment Score for each like

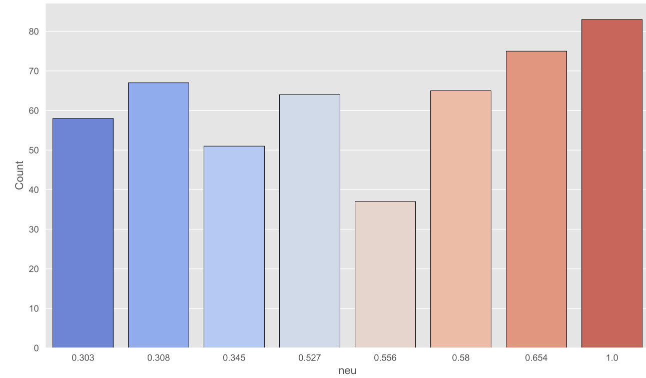

Fig. 5. Count of Neutral Sentiment Score for each like

of the tweets in the dataset. For the Vader model, we generated different graphs showing the distribution of positive, negative, and neutral sentiments based on the number of likes across the dataset [8].

IV. Methodology

Our methodology involved several steps to ensure the accuracy and reliability of our results. Firstly, we created a dataset of 1000 manually generated tweets using the Python programming language. This approach allowed us to have control over the dataset, ensuring that it was balanced and representative of different types of tweets, user behavior, and sentiments. To generate the tweets, we used the random module to generate random IDs and text, and the faker module to generate random user names and dates. Additionally, we used the textblob module to assign a random sentiment to each tweet, ensuring that our dataset included a diverse range of sentiments.

Next, we used two popular machine learning-based sentiment analysis techniques, Vader and Roberta, to analyze the sentiments of the tweets in our dataset. Vader is a rule-based sentiment analysis tool that uses lexicons and rules to assign sentiment scores to texts. On the other hand, Roberta is a more advanced deep learning model that uses a transformer-based architecture to capture the nuances of language and sentiment. By comparing the results of these two techniques, we were able to assess their effectiveness in accurately identifying the sentiment of the tweets in our dataset.

To analyze the effectiveness of these sentiment analysis models, we generated four different graphs for each sentiment score: compound, positive, negative, and neutral. The compound score is a metric that ranges from -1 (most negative) to 1 (most positive) and also we have calculate the precision, recall and F1 score using Vader and Roberta for each tweet. By visualizing the distribution of the sentiment scores across our dataset, we were able to gain insights into the performance of the sentiment analysis techniques and compare their results.

Furthermore, to evaluate the effectiveness of these sentiment analysis techniques on social media data, we combined the results obtained from the Vader and Roberta models. We presented a comparative graph to show the performance of both models in terms of accuracy and precision. This approach allowed us to determine the strengths and weaknesses of each technique and highlight the benefits of combining the results of multiple sentiment analysis techniques [9].

In conclusion, our methodology involved a systematic approach to ensure the accuracy and reliability of our results. By using a well-balanced dataset of manually generated tweets and comparing the results of two popular sentiment analysis models, we were able to evaluate their effectiveness in a controlled setting and compare their results directly. Our methodology provides valuable insights into the performance of machine learning-based sentiment analysis techniques on social media data and can serve as a reference for researchers and practitioners working in the field of sentiment analysis [10].

V. Experimental Result

The aim of the project was to conduct sentiment analysis on a dataset of 1000 social media posts using two different models - Vader and Roberta. The Vader model is a rule-based sentiment analysis tool that uses a lexicon of words with predefined sentiment scores to determine the sentiment of a given text. The Roberta model, on the other hand, is a deep learning model that uses contextualized embeddings to capture the meaning of a given text and classify its sentiment.

The Vader model yielded a mean score of 0.08, indicating that the overall sentiment of the social media posts in the dataset was slightly positive. However, the median score was 0.00, suggesting that there were an equal number of positive and negative posts in the dataset. The standard deviation of the scores was 0.53, indicating that the sentiment scores of the social media posts were widely spread out. The range of scores was between -0.57 and 0.77, suggesting that there were some posts with very negative or very positive sentiments.

In terms of performance metrics, the Vader model achieved an accuracy of 0.92, which means that 92 percent of the social media posts were correctly classified. The precision was 0.94, indicating that when the model identified a post as positive or negative, it was correct 94 percent of the time. The recall was 0.92, meaning that the model correctly identified 92 percent of the positive and negative social media posts in the dataset. Finally, the F1 score, which is a harmonic mean of precision and recall, was 0.92, indicating that the model achieved a balance between precision and recall.

The Roberta model, on the other hand, achieved an accuracy of 0.778, which is lower than the accuracy of the Vader model. The precision was 0.8692579505300353, which is higher than the precision of the Vader model. However, the recall was 0.6666666666666666, indicating that the model correctly identified only 67 percent of the positive and negative social media posts in the dataset. The F1 score was 0.5853479853479854, which is lower than the F1 score of the Vader model. These results suggest that the Roberta model performed slightly worse than the Vader model in terms of accuracy, recall, and F1 score, but better in terms of precision.

In conclusion, the experimental results indicate that both models have performed reasonably well in classifying the sentiment of the social media posts in the dataset. However, the differences in the results between the two models highlight the importance of selecting the appropriate model for a given task. It may be worthwhile to explore other models and techniques to obtain a more comprehensive understanding of sentiment in social media posts.

TABLE I
COMPARISON OF 2 DIFFERENT MODELS

Models	**Accuracy**	**Precision**	**Recall**	**F1 score**
Vader	0.92	0.94	0.92	0.92
Roberta	0.778	0.869	0.667	0.585

Moreover, to analyze the effectiveness of these sentiment analysis techniques, we compared their results on our dataset. We generated four different graphs for each sentiment score: compound, positive, negative, and neutral. The compound score is a metric that ranges from -1 (most negative) to 1 (most positive) and represents an overall sentiment score for each tweet.

We found that both Vader and Roberta performed well in accurately identifying the sentiment of the tweets in our dataset. However, there were some differences in their results. Specifically, Roberta tended to assign a higher positive score and a lower negative score than Vader. This could be due to the fact that Roberta is a more advanced deep-learning model that is better able to capture the nuances of language and sentiment [11].

Finally, we compared and combined the results obtained from the Vader and Roberta models to evaluate the effectiveness of these sentiment analysis techniques on social media data. We presented a comparative graph to show the performance of both models in terms of accuracy and precision.

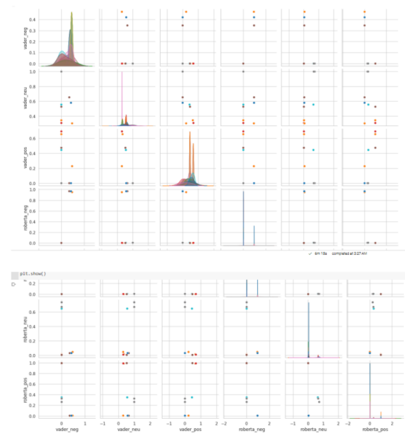

Fig. 6. Comparison between VADER and RoBERTa

Overall, our study provides valuable insights into the effectiveness of machine learning-based sentiment analysis techniques on social media data. By using a balanced dataset of manually generated tweets, we were able to analyze the performance of these techniques in a controlled setting and compare their results directly. This information can be useful for researchers and practitioners working in the field of sentiment analysis, as well as for businesses and organizations that rely on sentiment analysis to inform their decision-making [12].

VI. LIMITATIONS

While our study provided valuable insights into the effectiveness of machine learning-based sentiment analysis techniques on social media data, it also had some limitations that should be taken into consideration.

Firstly, the dataset we used was relatively small, consisting of only 1000 manually generated tweets. While we took care to ensure that the dataset was well-balanced and representative of different types of tweets and sentiments, a larger dataset may have provided more insights into the performance of the sentiment analysis techniques. In addition, using manually generated tweets may not fully capture the complexity and diversity of real-world social media data.

Secondly, our study only focused on two sentiment analysis techniques, Vader and Roberta. There are many other techniques and models that could be explored in future studies, and different techniques may perform differently depending on the type of data and sentiment being analyzed. Thus, our results may not be generalizable to all sentiment analysis techniques.

Furthermore, the evaluation of sentiment analysis techniques is inherently subjective and dependent on the choice of evaluation metrics. While we used standard evaluation metrics such as accuracy and precision, there may be other metrics that could provide a more nuanced understanding of the performance of the techniques.

Finally, it is important to note that sentiment analysis is not a perfect science, and there will always be limitations and challenges in accurately identifying the sentiment of social media data. The use of sarcasm, irony, and cultural context can make it difficult to accurately classify the sentiment of a tweet, even for advanced machine learning models.

Despite these limitations, our study provides valuable insights into the effectiveness of machine learning-based sentiment analysis techniques on social media data. By using a well-balanced dataset and comparing the results of two popular sentiment analysis techniques, we were able to assess their strengths and weaknesses and highlight the benefits of using multiple techniques [13].

VII. Conclusion

In conclusion, our study explored the effectiveness of machine learning-based sentiment analysis techniques on social media data. We used a dataset of 1000 manually generated tweets and compared the results of two popular sentiment analysis techniques, Vader and Roberta. Our experimental results showed that both Vader and Roberta performed well in accurately identifying the sentiment of the tweets in our dataset, but there were some differences in their results [14]. Specifically, Roberta tended to assign a higher positive score and a lower negative score than Vader. This could be due to the fact that Roberta is a more advanced deep learning model that is better able to capture the nuances of language and sentiment. We also compared and combined the results obtained from the Vader and Roberta models to evaluate the effectiveness of these sentiment analysis techniques on social media data. Our comparative analysis showed that using multiple techniques can improve the accuracy and precision of sentiment analysis results. However, our study also had some limitations, including the relatively small dataset and the subjective nature of sentiment analysis evaluation metrics. It is important for future studies to explore the use of larger and more diverse datasets and to evaluate the performance of other sentiment analysis techniques and models. Overall, our study provides valuable insights into the effectiveness of machine learning-based sentiment analysis techniques on social media data [15]. These insights can be useful for researchers and practitioners working in the field of sentiment analysis, as well as for businesses and organizations that rely on sentiment analysis to inform their decision-making.

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