
Multimodal Sentiment Analysis of Tamil and Malayalam

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The Shared Task

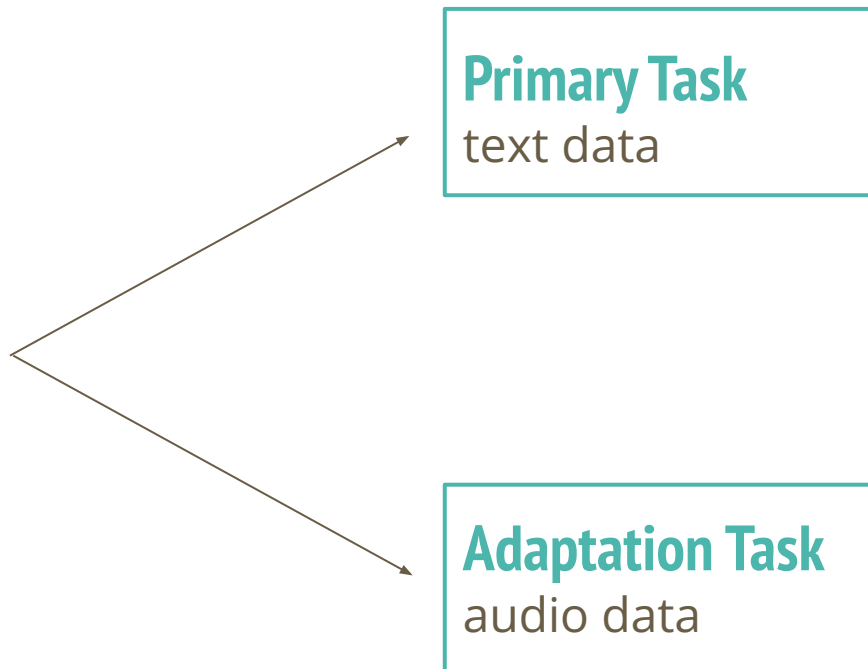
Multimodal Abusive Language Detection and Sentiment Analysis:
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two multimodal (text, audio, video) subtasks:

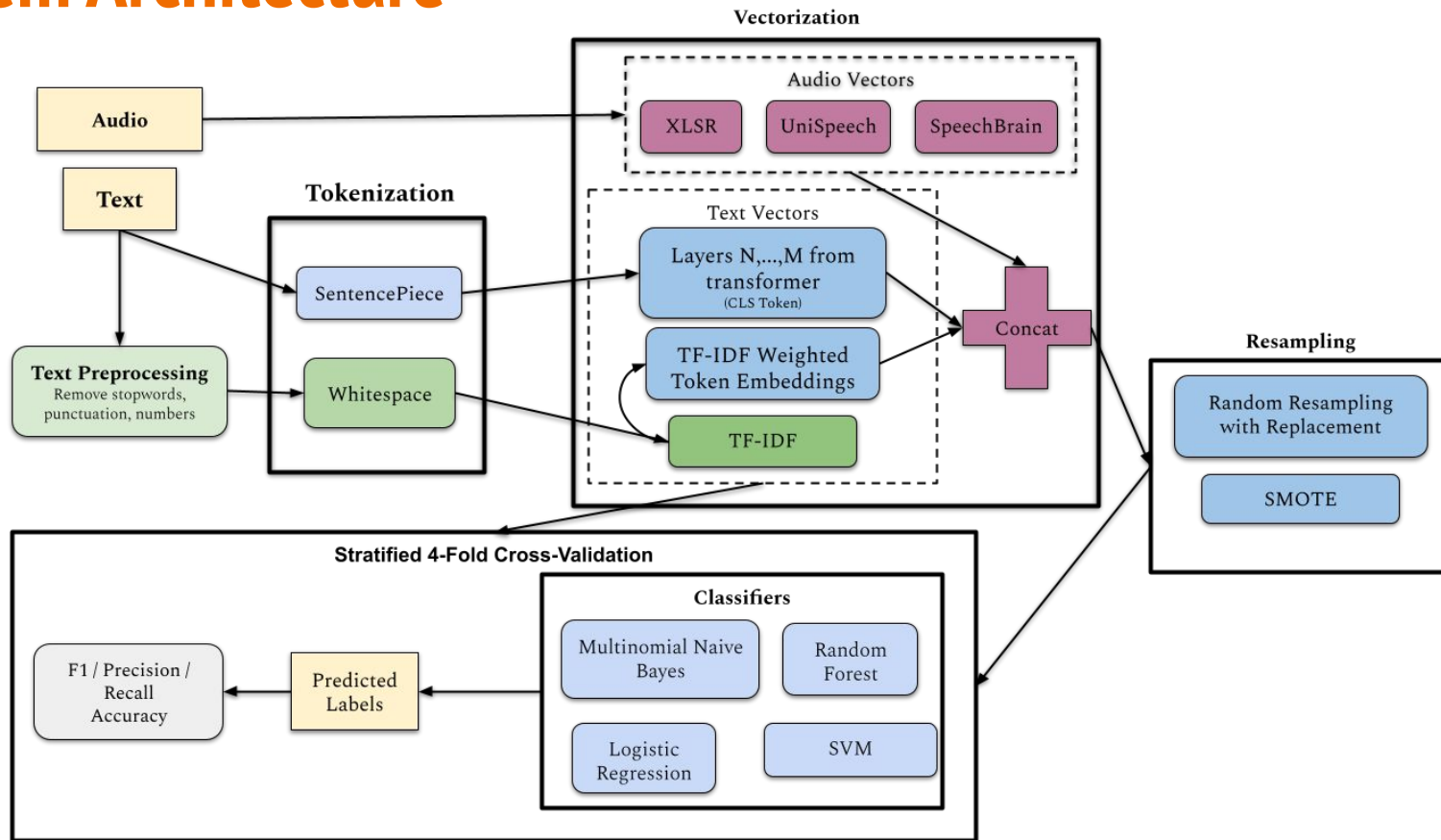
1. abusive language detection in Tamil
2. **sentiment analysis in both Tamil and Malayalam**

The Shared Task

- 5 categories:
 - Highly Negative
 - Negative
 - Neutral
 - Positive
 - Highly Positive
- distances between categories unknown/not well-defined



System Architecture



Audio Vectorization

- Wav2Vec2 + CommonVoice
 - Wav2Vec2-XLSR-53 (FAIR)
 - 53 languages
 - UniSpeech (Microsoft)
 - 60 languages
 - CommonVoice includes Malayalam and Tamil
- M-CTC-T
 - SpeechBrain
 - We used the SpeechBrain/M-CTC-Large from Meta
 - **1B** parameter transformer encoder
 - Trained on **60** languages from CommonVoice and VoxPopuli

Majority Class Baseline

		Acc/Micro F1	Macro F1
Mal	Dev	.61	.15
	Test	.30	.09
Tam	Dev	.60	.15
	Test	.50	.13

Results

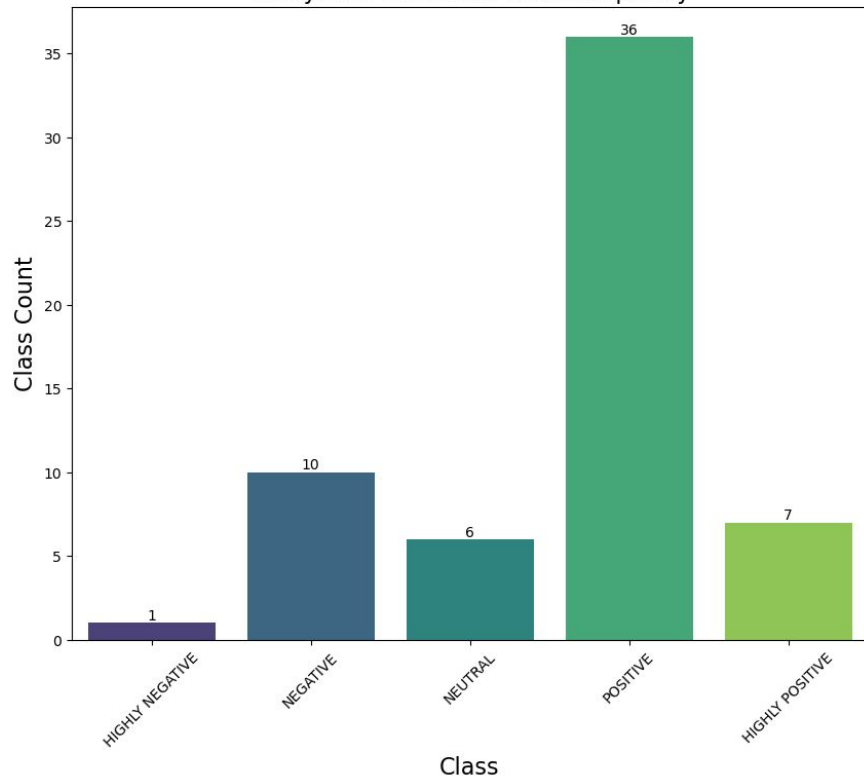
		D3 (Text Only)		D4 (Audio+Text)	
		Acc/Micro F1	Macro F1	Acc/Micro F1	Macro F1
Mal	Dev	0.53	0.40	0.54	0.27
	Test	0.3	0.14	0.61	0.15
Tam	Dev	0.28	0.26	0.54	0.29
	Test	0.35	0.19	0.5	0.13
Best Model (Combined Mal+Tam Train Data)					
Dev		0.58	0.33	0.60	0.35
Mal	Test	0.30	0.16	0.61	0.15
Tam	Test	0.35	0.19	0.5	0.13

Issues & Successes

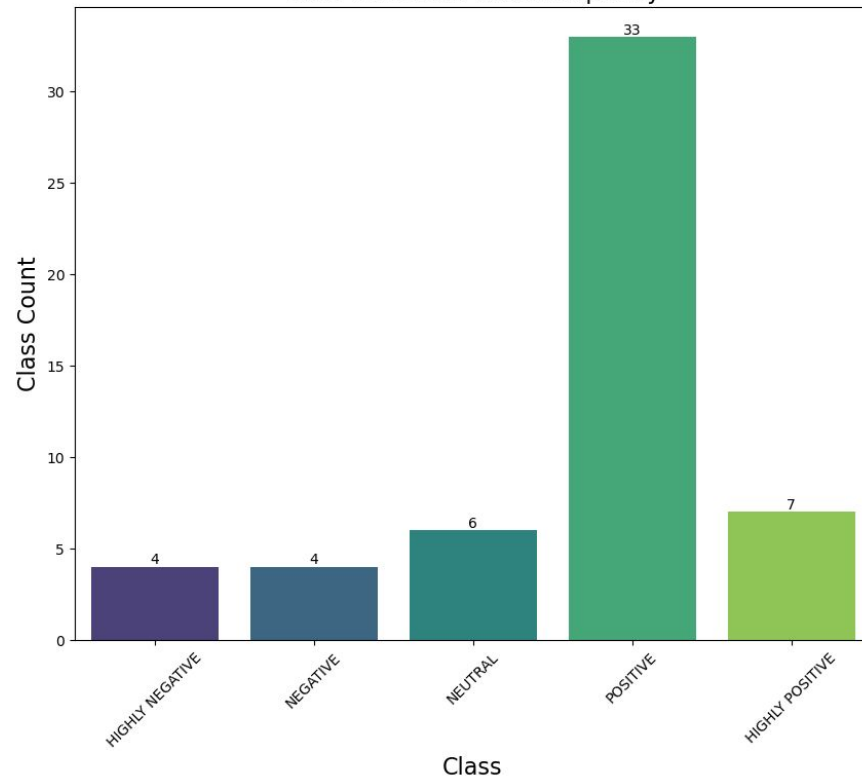
- Very small Dataset!
 - Malayalam: **60** train/dev instances
 - Tamil: **54** train/dev instances
- Imbalanced Dataset!
 - E.g. Hard to train on only *one* HIGHLY NEGATIVE Malayalam instance
- Test set fundamentally too small to evaluate inference
- Gained insight into the transformer models we used for embedding data
- Learned a lot
 - Rolled out workflow for testing many experiments using Hydra and sklearn Pipelines
 - Can use in future projects
- Combining Malayalam and Tamil worked better for audio data!

Class Imbalance 🥲

Malayalam Train Data Class Frequency



Tamil Train Data Class Frequency



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