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| **SemEval-2023 Task 4: Identification of Human Values behind Arguments** |
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Abstract

This paper is for shared task 4: Identification of Human Values behind Arguments. Given a textual argument and a human value category, classify whether the argument draws on that category. This task mainly focuses on a set of 20 value categories compiled from the social science literature. Arguments are given as premise text, conclusion text, and binary stance of the premise to the conclusion.

Introduction

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Data

We have introduced four different datasets in our research: WhitePaper, EarlyBird, Training, and Full. Each dataset gathered from different resources. The dataset is split into two parts: labels and argument. Each argument consists of one premise, one conclusion, and a stance attribute indicating whether the premise is in favor or against the conclusion.

**WhitePaper** This dataset is being used in the white paper “Identifying the Human Values behind Arguments”. It has 5270 samples with an additional column for resources like ca country resources. We drop that column for this task.

**EarlyBird** This dataset is being released since the organizer of SemEval-2023 Task 4 has been announced. It has 5220 samples.

**Training** This dataset is being released on Dec 5. The completed dataset has been released along with the validation dataset and testing dataset. The testing dataset is not labeled, so we will use the model to output prediction and submit it for evaluation for the task. The training set has 5393 sample

**Full** This dataset is generated from combine two validation datasets and training datasets into one large dataset for training. The full set has 7389 samples.

The full dataset including with testing dataset has nearly 9000 arguments. The dataset is both available in Zenodo (where you can download everything except the test labels) and TIRA (where we directly submit our approaches as Docker images or upload our runs)

The full dataset is split into training, validation, and testing with a ratio 60%/20%/20%. The validation set has two separate files because one of them was gathered from the Chinese Q&A site Zhihu.

The full dataset is roughly composed of 80% from the IBM argument quality dataset (95% in the original dataset), 15% from the Conference for the Future of Europe (new), and 5% from group discussion ideas (2% in the original dataset).

Data Model

The original F1 scores from the paper’s level 2 model were 0.34 for BERT, 0.30 for SVM, and 0.28 for the baseline. The model we built using BERT achieved a 0.41 F1 score, which was slightly better than the paper.

The model was built by pulling in the small uncased BERT model and adding layers on top of it for fine-tuning. Those layers were two cycles of a linear layer followed by a dropout of 0.2 followed by ReLU. The first cycle’s node numbers went from the hidden side of the BERT model to 256 and the second went from 256 to 128.

The idea behind this was to give the model space to recognize more specific features before collapsing the layer to the 20-mode output. Dropout and ReLU were used because they had previous beneficial properties from previous models we had built. The learning rate was 0.001 and the epoch number was 4.

We found that adding more epochs didn’t improve the outcome and took a long time to run. For the best model, we let BERT train along with my added layers, when we froze BERT the F1 score was 0.38. It ended up not being a huge difference.

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|  | Precision | Recall | F1 | Accuracy |
| 1-Baseline | 0.16 | 1 | 0.27 | 0.16 |
| Bert | 0.46 | 0.28 | 0.35 | 0.86 |
| SVM | 0.33 | 0.2 | 0.25 | 0.82 |

Table 1: Result for WhitePaper

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|  | Precision | Recall | F1 | Accuracy |
| 1-Baseline | 0.17 | 1 | 0.27 | 0.17 |
| Bert | 0.94 | 0.79 | 0.86 | 0.97 |
| SVM | 0.93 | 0.86 | 0.89 | 0.97 |

Table 2: Result for EarlyBird

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|  | Precision | Recall | F1 | Accuracy |
| 1-Baseline | 0.17 | 1 | 0.29 | 0.17 |
| Bert | 0.86 | 0.64 | 0.74 | 0.93 |
| SVM | 0.8 | 0.66 | 0.72 | 0.91 |

Table 3: Results from Training

We modify the parameter and configuration for the data model so the data model can accept the new dataset as input and perform prediction. We also modify the evaluation file to clean the output without level and country because they introduce the level and country features in the white paper

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|  | Precision | Recall | F1 | Accuracy |
| 1-Baseline | 0.17 | 1 | 0.29 | 0.17 |
| Bert | 0.85 | 0.62 | 0.71 | 0.92 |
| SVM | 0.78 | 0.62 | 0.69 | 0.91 |

Table 4: Result for Full

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|  | Precision | Recall | F1 | Accuracy |
| 1-Baseline | 0.17 | 1 | 0.29 | 0.17 |
| Bert | 0.23 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.84 |
| SVM | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.99 |

Table 5: Result for Full of partial retrain

We use the original data model to evaluate the four datasets we introduced above. Due to retraining limitations. When we retrain the BERT model, it took 58 hours to finish the training on the Full dataset. Thus, we decide to predict all four datasets and test dataset with the previous model.

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