

Paper Title:

Deep Learning for Depression Detection from Textual Data

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1 Summary

1.1 Motivation

The previous works emphasized less on data preprocessing and feature engineering; the frameworks used for classification had lower scores across the performance metrics. The authors' contributions in this paper improve these shortcomings significantly.

1.2 Contribution

The authors have demonstrated methods to extract features from text dataset effectively and have proposed a deep learning model using LSTM and attention mechanism which obtained high scores across the various performance metrics.

1.3 Methodology

In addition to various data preprocessing steps, One-Hot encoding method and Principal Component Analysis were used to extract features from the text dataset. A deep learning model using LSTM layers and attention mechanism was trained and evaluated using various performance metrics.

1.3 Conclusion

The proposed model obtains an accuracy of 99% and obtains high scores across other performance metrics as well, which is significantly higher than the previous models used. The false positive rate was significantly reduced as well.

2 Limitations

2.1 First Limitation

The dataset used for the research though, publicly available, has no available DOI citation and provenance, which is important for its authenticity and validation.

2.2 Second Limitation

The model should have been tested on other datasets to further assert its generalization ability as the dataset used to train it is not large enough.

3 Synthesis

The model should be tested on other diverse datasets to validate its generalization ability. Deployment of highly accurate depression detection models can cause early intervention and save lives. XAI models may be used in addition to these models to provide model transparency and improve faith in the predictions.