# Transfer Learning for Depression Detection on Social Networks\*

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 ${\bf Abstract.}$  The abstract should briefly summarize the contents of the paper in 150–250 words.

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# 1 Introduction

# 2 Related Work

## 3 Definitions/Research Problem

.... The research objective is defined:

**Definition 1** Let  $\mathbb{S}$  be a set of user properties to present an effective user profile for depression, a user property  $s \in \mathbb{S}$  is a tuple  $s := \langle p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n \rangle$ , where

- p is a visualisation or instance of an user property;
- p is not a mental or depression close-related symptom;
- n could be an infinite integer so the number of p elements could be unlimited;
- all p elements in the same user profile are generally independent.

With clear definition of research objective, the research target is defined: **Definition 2** Let  $\mathbb{V}$  be a set of labeled user depression, a label of user depression  $v \in \mathbb{V}$  is a screening result of personal depression, where

- when v is binary, it presents depression (1) or healthy (0);
- when v is scale, it presents the severity of depression from healthy (0) to most severe depression(1).

From Definition 1, any given user property  $s \in \mathbb{S}$  is possibly overlapped with other user properties. The overlapped information in user profile apparently doesn't suit for classification. While learning from related psychological researches, a set of user personal functionings can present a perfect reflection of user mental profile. It innovates a creative method that detecting user depression by analysis of a set of user functionings. Therefore, the research problem is defined:

**Definition 3** Let  $\mathbb{U} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots u_k \rangle$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{S}$ , any element  $u \in \mathbb{U}$  is a tuple  $u := \langle p'_1, p'_2, p'_3, \dots p'_{n'} \rangle$ , where

- U is a machine-learning descriptive subset transferred from S in psychological domain descriptive;
- every  $p' \in u$  is assigned from a instance  $p \in s$  in Definition 1;
- $|\mathbb{D}^s|$  is limited due to the limited functionings defined in psychological domain.

This research aims to discover an effective classification model  $\mathbb{M}$  which provides a reliable mapping of a well-defined  $\mathbb{U}$  into  $\mathbb{V}$ :

$$\mathbb{U} \stackrel{\mathbb{M}}{\Longrightarrow} \mathbb{V} \ or \ \mathbb{M}(\mathbb{U}) = \mathbb{V}$$

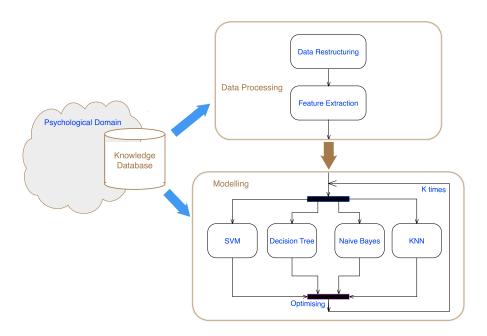
## 4 Conceptual Framework

Therefore, the research problem is decomposed into two tasks:

- 1. data processing;
- 2. modelling.

### 4.1 Conceptual Design

Driven by the processing of tasks, the conceptual framework of the proposed approach is designed consisting of three modules, as illustrated in Fig. 1.



 ${\bf Fig.\,1.}\ {\bf Conceptual}\ {\bf Framework}$ 

## 4.2 Psychological Knowledge Base

Psychological Domain Knowledge Kroenke et, al. [102] concluded that there was a strong association between increasing depression severity screen scores and worsening functionality on all 6 function: mental, social, role, pain, physical and overall functions. Other psychological researchers [103][104][105] also delivered similar opinion on the relation between depression and functions.

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Transfer Domain We hence can transfer psychological domain knowledge to information domain.  $|\mathbb{D}^s|$  can be narrowed down to 6. The dataset of user mental profile is redefined:

**Definition 4** Let new redesigned  $\mathbb{U} = \langle u_{mental}, u_{social}, u_{role}, u_{pain}, u_{physical}, u_{overall} \rangle$ , every  $u \in \mathbb{U}$  is an independent function of user, where

- umental presents mental function;
- u<sub>social</sub> presents social function;
- u<sub>role</sub> presents role function;
- upain presents pain function;
- u<sub>physical</sub> presents physical function;
- uoverall presents the overall function.

## 4.3 Data Processing

(see Fig. 2).

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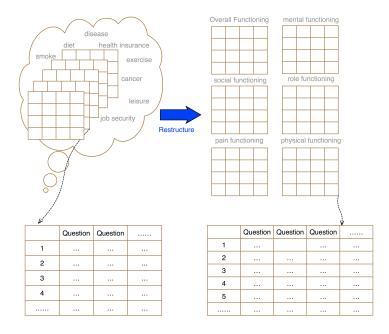


Fig. 2. Data Restructure based on Psychological Knowledge Base

## 4.4 Modelling

Given a health dataset  $i = \langle u_{\text{mental}}, u_{\text{social}}, u_{\text{role}}, u_{\text{pain}}, u_{\text{physical}}, u_{\text{overall}} \rangle$ ,

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input: i = \langle \text{ umental, Usocial, Urole, Upain, Uphysical, Uoverall } \rangle
output: ensemble modol

1 special treatment of the first line;
2 foreach element e of the line i do FindCompress(p);
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Algorithm 1: Ensemble

5 Experiment

5.1 Experiment Design

5.2 Baseline Models

5.3 Performance Measuring Methods

# 6 Results and Discussions

6.1 Experimental Results

## 6.2 Discussions

## 7 Conclusion and Future Work

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