

# Transfer Learning for Depression Detection on Social Networks<sup>\*</sup>

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**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

.... 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).*

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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 functioning  $u \in \mathbb{U}$  is a tuple  $u := \langle p'_1, p'_2, p'_3, \dots, p'_n \rangle$ , where

- $\mathbb{U}$  is a machine-learning descriptive subset transferred from  $\mathbb{S}$  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  $\mathbb{V}$ :

$$\mathbb{U} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{M}} \mathbb{V} \text{ or } \mathbb{M}(\mathbb{U}) = \mathbb{V}$$

## 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.

### 4.2 Psychological Knowledge Base

Dividing  $\mathbb{S}$  into an independent subset hence becomes a critical problem.

**Definition 3** Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{ u_1, u_2, u_3 \dots u_k \}$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{S}$ , where

- when  $v$  is binary, it presents depression (1) and healthy (0);
- when  $v$  is scale, it presents the severity of depression from healthy (0) to most severe depression(1).
- $k$  could be an finite integer so the number of  $u$  elements must be limited;

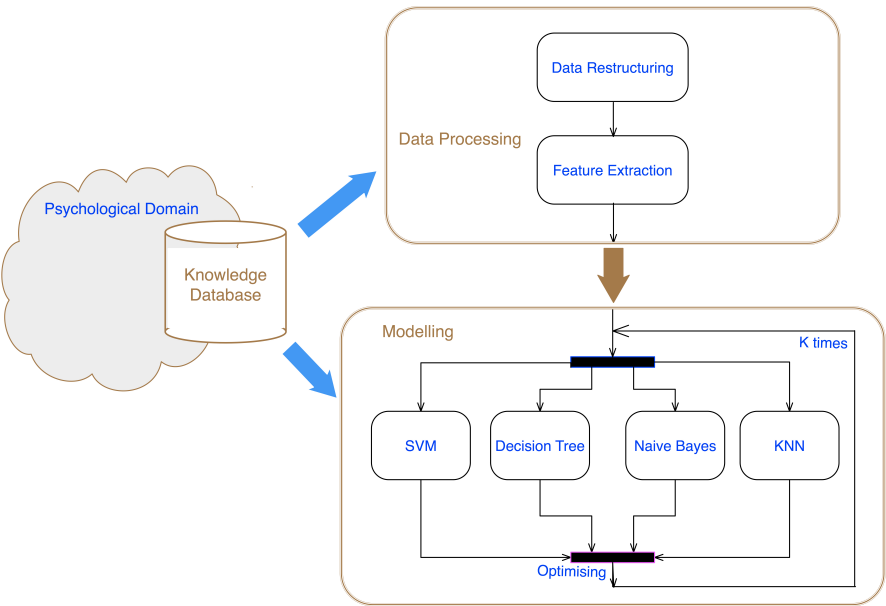


Fig. 1. Conceptual Framework

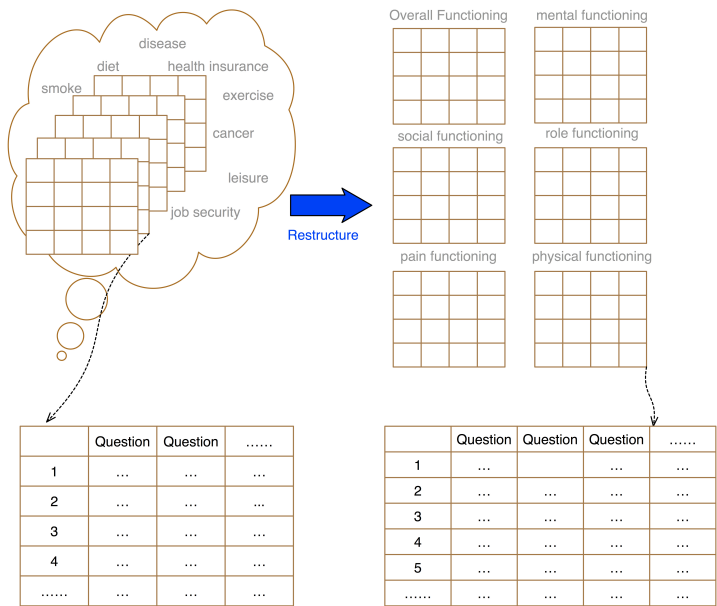


Fig. 2. Data Restructure based on Psychological Knowledge Base

### **4.3 Data Processing**

(see Fig. 2).

### **4.4 Modelling**

### **4.5 Algorithm**

## **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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