
Different Learning Methods for Machine-Generated Text Detection

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Abstract

1 This work investigates various methodologies, including Support Vector Machines
2 (SVM) with RBF kernels, Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM) net-
3 works with attention mechanisms, and the Mistral model, for classifying machine-
4 generated text. We evaluate these models on the M4 dataset and MGTBench
5 for out-of-distribution data, as well as on mixed data within MixSet. Our results
6 indicate that SVMs equipped with RBF kernels and BiLSTMs augmented with
7 attention mechanisms significantly outperform other models in their respective
8 categories. Notably, they achieve perfect accuracy on unseen GPT-4 generated data.
9 Additionally, we find that the choice of data mixing method crucially impacts the
10 effectiveness of the detectors, with the humanization approach posing the greatest
11 challenge.

12 1 Introduction

13 The advent of generative models, particularly ChatGPT and GPT-4, marks a significant evolution in
14 artificial intelligence, profoundly impacting various fields such as academic writing, story generation,
15 and software development Lee et al. [2023], Pagnoni et al. [2022], Mirsky et al. [2022], Stokel-
16 Walker [2022], Kasneci et al. [2023]. The capabilities of Large Language Models (LLMs) have
17 evolved to produce text nearly indistinguishable from human writing, as evidenced by recent studies
18 Chowdhery et al. [2022]. However, this technological leap brings forth new challenges, notably the
19 difficulty in distinguishing between AI-generated and human-authored texts. This ambiguity raises
20 concerns regarding information quality—given LLMs’ dependency on potentially outdated or biased
21 datasets—and the potential for misuse in areas like fake news dissemination and academic dishonesty
22 Yuan et al. [2022], Becker et al. [2023], Zheng et al. [2023].

23 Current research efforts have focused on developing methods to detect machine-generated content,
24 typically through fine-tuning existing language models with extensive datasets. However, these
25 approaches often overlook the nuanced reality where texts are neither purely machine-generated nor
26 entirely human-written, failing to reflect the complex interactions between AI and human input in
27 real-world applications.

28 This project advances the detection of AI-generated texts by integrating Long Short-Term Memory
29 (LSTM) networks, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), and Attention mechanisms. This
30 approach aims to discern nuanced differences between AI-generated and human texts effectively,
31 improving accuracy across various text sources and styles, particularly those blending AI and human
32 inputs. The significance of this research extends to addressing ethical standards, copyright laws, and
33 transparency in digital content creation. By enhancing methods to identify AI-generated content, this
34 project contributes to discussions on AI’s role in content authenticity and human creativity in the
35 digital age. Through these efforts, we provide tools and insights to responsibly navigate the evolving
36 landscape of AI-generated content.

37 2 Related Work

38 2.1 Text Classification in Natural Language Processing

39 Text classification serves as a cornerstone in the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP), essential
40 for tasks ranging from sentiment analysis to fake news detection. Traditionally, this field has relied
41 on machine learning techniques like Naïve Bayes, Decision Trees, and Support Vector Machines
42 (SVMs), utilizing feature extraction methods such as bag-of-words or TF-IDF Li et al. [2015], Gurkhe
43 et al. [2014], Pang et al. [2002]. However, the emergence of Large Language Models (LLMs) like
44 ChatGPT has shifted the paradigm, making the detection of machine-generated text increasingly
45 complex due to their advanced human-like writing styles. This transformation underscores a critical
46 challenge: distinguishing between human and LLM-generated texts, which have become remarkably
47 similar, blurring the lines of authorship Guo et al. [2023], Ma et al. [2023], Muñoz-Ortiz et al. [2023].

48 2.2 Evolution of Models - LSTM, CNN, and Hybrid Approaches

49 In the domain of text classification, the introduction of deep neural networks such as Convolutional
50 Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) has initiated a paradigm shift
51 from traditional feature extraction methods to more dynamic and intuitive analysis processes. Unlike
52 earlier methods that relied heavily on manual feature engineering, CNNs and RNNs have paved the
53 way for automatic pattern recognition in text, significantly enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness
54 of text classification.

55 Specifically, CNNs excel in identifying local textual features, providing detailed insights into the
56 structure and composition of the text, while RNNs, especially Long Short-Term Memory networks
57 (LSTMs), are adept at understanding sequence dependencies, capturing the temporal and contextual
58 nuances of written language Giorgi et al..

59 The convergence of CNNs and RNNs has led to the development of hybrid models that combine
60 the strengths of both architectures, offering a more comprehensive approach to text analysis. This
61 integrated approach significantly improves feature extraction within text sequences, leading to
62 enhanced model accuracy and interpretability Wu and Deng [2022], Wang et al. [2016], Deng et al.
63 [2021], Liu and Guo [2019], Cheng et al. [2020], Bahdanau et al. [2014], Du et al. [2017], SiChen
64 [2019]. Innovations in this area, such as those by G. Wang et al., have introduced methods for
65 embedding label sets into vector spaces, facilitating more effective computation and analysis of
66 text data Wang et al. [2018]. Additionally, the integration of self-attention and label-embedding
67 techniques, as demonstrated by Dong, Y et al. Dong et al. [2019] and Y. Xiao et al. Xiao et al. [2021],
68 further enriches model capabilities, enabling more focused and relevant analyses of textual content.

69 One notable application of this combined approach is the utilization of CNN and Attention mech-
70 anisms as encoders with BiLSTM decoders. This configuration has been effectively applied in
71 scenarios such as stock prediction, showcasing the model's ability to interpret complex sequential
72 data accurately. Similarly, the amalgamation of CNNs and BiLSTMs with interactive Attention
73 mechanisms has proven beneficial in critical areas like fake news detection, underlining the model's
74 proficiency in identifying subtle semantic nuances and patterns within texts. In our project, we intend
75 to further refine this combined model architecture by integrating CNNs with BiLSTMs and embedding
76 strategic attention layers to enhance feature extraction and interpretation. This refined approach is
77 specifically aimed at improving the model's ability to differentiate between texts generated by humans
78 and those produced by LLMs, a task growing ever more challenging with the advancing capabilities
79 of modern language models. By fine-tuning the interaction between these model components and
80 adjusting their configurations, we anticipate not only higher accuracy in text classification but also a
81 deeper insight into the distinguishing characteristics of human versus LLM-generated texts.

82 2.3 Fine-tuning LLMs for Text Classification

83 The advent of transformer architectures has introduced a new frontier in NLP, with models like BERT,
84 Roberta, and XLNet setting new benchmarks in text understanding and classification Qiu et al. [2020],
85 Devlin et al. [2019], Liu et al. [2019], Yang et al. [2019], Wang et al. [2019]. These models' finetuning,
86 particularly for tasks like distinguishing LLM-generated texts, has shown promising results. However,
87 the computational demand of these models poses a significant barrier for individuals with limited
88 resources. Our work seeks to address this by employing a smaller, more efficient model, Mistral-7B,

89 leveraging techniques such as LoRA to enable fine-tuning with reduced resource requirements Jiang
90 et al. [2023].

91 **2.4 Addressing Potential Attacks on Text Classification Models**

92 Despite achieving high performance in identifying machine-generated texts, models remain suscepti-
93 ble to various adversarial attacks that could significantly impair their effectiveness. Recent research
94 highlights that even high-performing models can falter when confronted with specific, subtly altered
95 inputs. For instance, the application of a lightweight paraphrase model to alter the wording and
96 semantic distribution of machine-generated texts has demonstrated potential in undermining zero-shot
97 detection capabilities Sadasivan et al. [2023], Orenstrakh et al. [2023]. This reveals the models’
98 vulnerability to nuanced changes that preserve meaning while altering textual structures.

99 Further complicating the landscape, Shi et al. [2023] and He et al. [2023a] have
100 documented the efficacy of permutation strategies in deceiving text detection systems. Techniques
101 such as content cutoff Shen et al. [2020], sequence shuffling Lee et al. [2020], token mutation
102 Liang et al. [2023], and strategic word swapping Shi and Huang [2020] pose significant challenges,
103 indicating that these methods can effectively mask the machine-generated nature of texts, thereby
104 evading detection by otherwise robust models.

105 In response to these challenges, our project plans to leverage the MixSet dataset Chen [2024],
106 renowned for its incorporation of texts that blend human and machine elements. This dataset serves
107 as a critical resource for simulating real-world applications, where texts often exhibit characteristics
108 of both human and AI contributions. By employing this dataset, we aim to evaluate and enhance the
109 resilience of our models against a range of adversarial tactics. Specifically, we will investigate the
110 model’s performance against paraphrased outputs—a common form of attack aiming to ‘humanize’
111 machine-generated content. This approach will not only test the models’ detection capabilities under
112 manipulated conditions but also contribute to the ongoing discourse on securing AI-driven text
113 analysis tools against emerging threats.

3 Data

This study leverages three primary datasets, each offering unique insights and challenges relevant to distinguishing between AI-generated and human-written texts. Below is a detailed exploration of these datasets:

M4 Dataset The M4 dataset Wang et al. [2023] is designed to evaluate machine-generated data across multiple generators, domains, and languages. Given the complexity and extensive workload required to handle this dataset, this study focuses only on the multi-domain and multi-generator aspects. The selected domains and generators included in this study are illustrated in the following figure:

Source/ Domain	Language	Total Human	Parallel Data						
			Human	Davinci003	ChatGPT	Cohere	Dolly-v2	BLOOMz	Total
Wikipedia	English	6,458,670	3,000	3,000	2,995	2,336	2,702	3,000	17,033
Reddit ELI5	English	558,669	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	18,000
WikiHow	English	31,102	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	18,000
PeerRead	English	5,798	5,798	2,344	2,344	2,344	2,344	2,344	17,518
arXiv abstract	English	2,219,423	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	18,000
Baibe/Web QA	Chinese	113,313	3,000	3,000	3,000	–	–	–	9,000
RuATD	Russian	75,291	3,000	3,000	3,000	–	–	–	9,000
Urdu-news	Urdu	107,881	3,000	–	3,000	–	–	–	9,000
id_newspapers_2018	Indonesian	499,164	3,000	–	3,000	–	–	–	6,000
Arabic-Wikipedia	Arabic	1,209,042	3,000	–	3,000	–	–	–	6,000
True & Fake News	Bulgarian	94,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	–	–	–	9,000
Total			35,798	23,344	32,339	13,680	14,046	14,344	133,551

Figure 1: Selected domains and generators in the M4 dataset

A significant challenge with the M4 dataset is the data imbalance between human-generated and machine-generated texts, typically in a 1:3 ratio. To address this, oversampling of the human-generated data is performed by replicating the dataset three times, ensuring a balanced distribution for effective model training and evaluation:

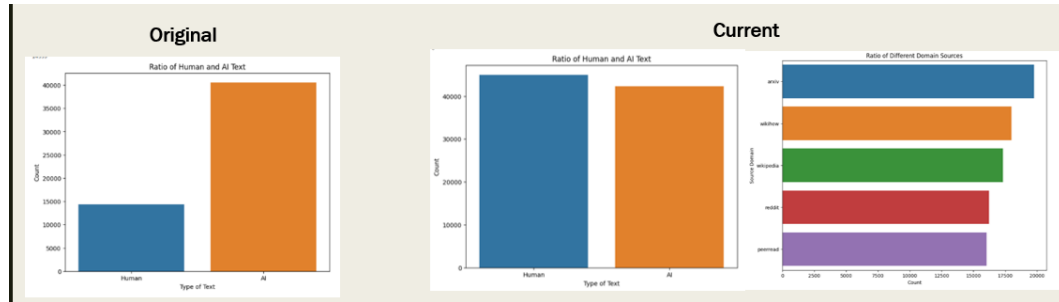


Figure 2: Comparative data distribution using the original and new oversampling approaches

The dataset comprises a total of 85,000 entries, spanning training, validation, and testing datasets.

MGTBench MGTBench He et al. [2023b], similar to the M4 dataset, evaluates the performance of models on machine-generated text but focuses primarily on out-of-distribution (OOD) data. It also incorporates multiple domains and generators, providing a comprehensive test environment. The components included in the MGTBench dataset are detailed below:

This dataset is particularly used to test the resilience of models against texts that were generated through sophisticated methods, potentially simulating advanced adversarial scenarios.

Table 1: The selected domain and Generator for MGTBench (The italic ones are out-of-distribution)

Domain Used	Generator Used
News	Human
<i>Essay</i>	ChatGPT
<i>Story</i>	<i>GPT4</i>

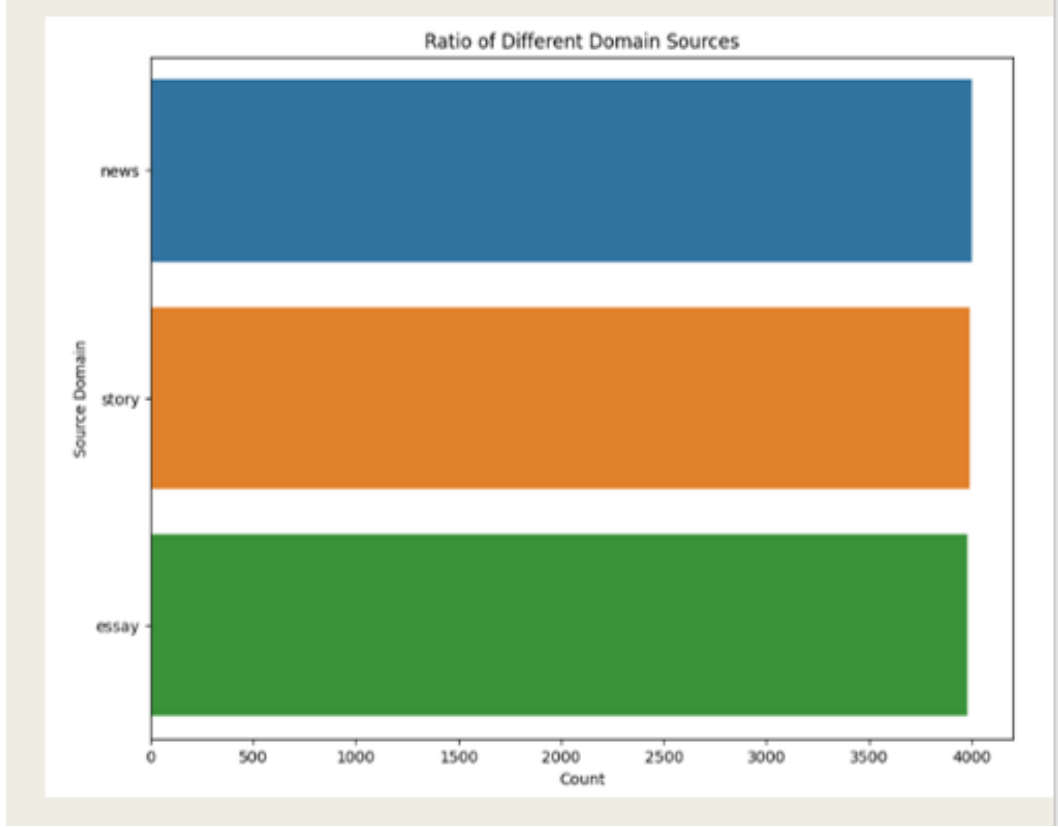


Figure 3: MGTBench Domain Distribution

134 **MixSet** MixSet is a dataset that integrates machine-generated and human-written textual features.
 135 It comprises four distinct methods of data mixing:

- 136 • **Polish:** The language model refines content at the sentence or word level to enhance clarity
 137 and style.
- 138 • **Rewrite:** The model extracts essential information from the content and rearticulates it
 139 entirely.
- 140 • **Complete:** After reviewing the initial third of the data, the model generates the remaining
 141 two-thirds to complete the text.
- 142 • **Humanize:** This method involves embedding human-like textual features into the original
 143 machine-generated data, making it appear more naturally written.

144 The source of the original data for the Polish, Rewrite, and Complete methods is human-written,
 145 whereas for the Humanize method, it is machine-generated.

146 This dataset’s composition necessitates a unique classification goal to effectively evaluate model
 147 performance. The fundamental challenge is determining “whether the model can be deceived by the

148 language model into misclassifying the data's source." Based on this, specific criteria for correction
 149 are established to calculate accuracy and other metrics, as shown 5.

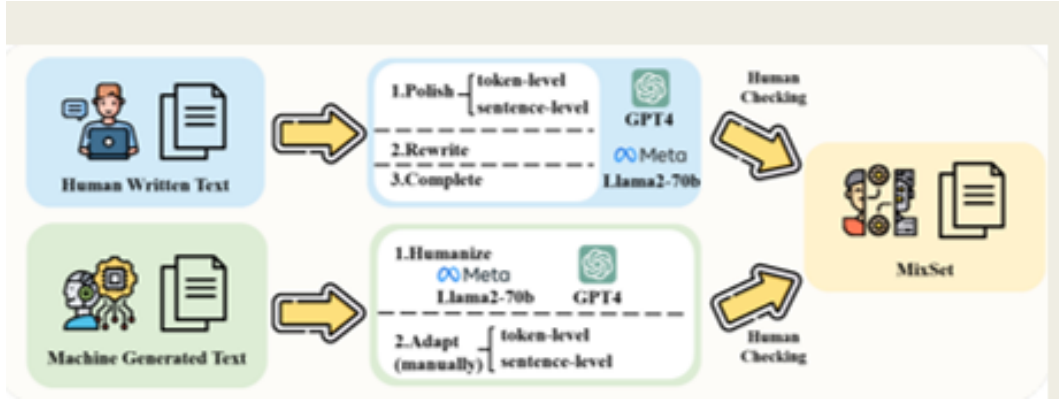


Figure 4: Overview of MixSet

Method	Correct Criteria
Polish	HGT / 0
Rewrite	HGT / 0
Complete	HGT / 0
Humanize	MGT / 1

Figure 5: Label Criteria for MixSet

150 For practical purposes, only data mixed using GPT-4 are selected for testing to maintain consistency
 151 and control in experiment conditions. Given the limited size of the original dataset, the test dataset
 152 comprises approximately 750 entries.

153 4 Approach

154 4.1 Dataset preprocessing

155 Before loading the datasets for training and testing process, prepare the data from the dataset first. It
156 first needs to remove all the dataset where its language is not English in the dataset. Then, it needs
157 to read different json files and then copy the machine-text or human-text with manually labeling as
158 0 if it is human-text and 1 if machine-text. After that, we need to clean the data by removing rows
159 with missing values in the 'text' column to ensure data quality. Finally, the result data need to be
160 normalized and used for further process.

161 4.2 Text Processing

162 For the text processing, we applied standard natural language processing techniques taught in lecture
163 because the feature engineering part will be performed by CNN and Attention in the model. We first
164 tokenized the textual content using a basic English tokenizer for splitting text into words and tokens
165 while removing all the punctuation and stop words then construct a vocabulary with 10000 most
166 frequent tokens to reduce computational complexity and memory requirements. Finally, I encoded the
167 text by replacing the token to index for processing by neural networks with padding and truncation to
168 standardizing the sequences with 200tokens only.

169 4.3 SVM

170 4.3.1 General Model Architecture

171 To task the performance of those traditional machine-learning method for classification of LLM-
172 generated text with human text, I incorporated the SVM for text classification.

173 Before deploying the model, the preprocessed the data will further employs the TFIDF to converts
174 the text data into a matrix of TFIDF features to enabling the SVM to know the textual features. The
175 TFIDF vectors is set with the maximum length of 1000. After that, the radius basis function will be
176 act as the kernel of SVM and do the classification.

177 4.3.2 Comparable Baselines

178 The model will be comparable with the same SVMs, but with different kernels which are linear,
179 sigmoid and polynomic to understand how well each variant perform across the same text sources.

180 4.4 BiLSTM-Attention series models

181 The following sections will introduce all the curcial elements for that series of model and showcase
182 the key different in their architectures.

183 4.4.1 Embedding Layer

184 The first layer is the embedding layer, after loading the preprocessed text, it will map each token to a
185 high-dimensional vector using one-hot encoding to put them into dense representations to capture
186 semantic properties such similar vectors for later layers to understand the content.

187 4.4.2 1D Convolution Layer

188 After converting to the word vectors, it will be applied into 1D CNN model to extract a representative
189 and effective feature by performing a one-dimensional convolution operation with various filters in
190 different sizes. Using various filters over the sequence data, the 1D CNN can capture hierarchical
191 features inside the long sequence and passes the filtered information to the next layer. By applying
192 more than one convolutions layers, the 1D CNN model deepens the feature extraction process. Thus
193 a higher level of features makes the prediction task more robust and discriminative,

194 Assume the input from the embedding layer is with dimension d , those vectors will form an input
195 matrix with dimensions corresponding to the sequence length and vector size which is $L \times d$. Then the
196 matrix can be processed by the multi-channel convolution layer that employs kernels of varying size

197 in 2, 3, and 4 words to produce different feature map lengths in order to capture different local textual
198 features. Those kernels will focus on different n-gram combinations while the global max pooling
199 reduces the feature map into condensed representation. Then the Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) is
200 used as the activation function for introducing the non-linearity into the model as well.

201 4.4.3 Attention mechanism

202 In general, for classifying the content if it is machine-generated or not, not all the parts of that content
203 contribute equally to decide the final prediction. Some must be more important than others. In view
204 of this, the utilization of the attention mechanism is performed to emphasize the most important
205 parameters during prediction. In this series of models, the attention mechanism can be performed in
206 either two places: After 1D CNN and before Bi-LSTM and after Bi-LSTM, we will call it Pre-LSTM
207 attention and Post-LSTM Attention.

208 **Pre-LSTM Attention** After generating the feature maps using CNN layers, attention mechanism
209 is used to aim to weigh the importance of different n-gram features extracted by the CNN layers
210 before they are processed by the LSTM which can focus on more relevant features extracted from the
211 convolutional layers. It does so by computing a weight sum of the features based on the attention
212 weights, resulting in an attended feature vector which represents a focused summary of the most
213 relevant features.

214 **Post-LSTM Attention** The Post-LSTM attention is applied to focus on local text features before
215 sequence processing, the Post-LSTM Attention assesses the importance of different parts of the text
216 after considering its full context. This attention step assigns weights to each position in the BiLSTM's
217 output sequence, identifying which parts are most relevant for the classification decision. Using it can
218 emphasize the most informative parts of the texts given from the output of BiLSTM layer to make
219 the final classification decision. The result will finally input to the fully connected layer to give the
220 binary classification of human (0) or machine-text (1).

221 4.4.4 Bi-direction LSTM

222 The Bi-directional LSTM network is a two-way stacked LSTM network with forward and backward
223 LSTM features. This layer can be able to capture the long-term dependencies within sequence data
224 with the additional information the feature sequences. The layer is using bi-directional version of
225 LSTM to capture the context from both sides due to the fact that the meaning or choice of wording
226 should be depend from both sides not just words before it. It can thus offer a more complete
227 understanding of each word within its surrounding context.

228 4.4.5 Comparing Baselines

229 There are the following models used in the experiment, Bi-LSTM, Attention-Bi-LSTM, CNNBiLSTM,
230 CNNBiLSTM-BiAttention and CNNBiLSTMAttention. The following table is the comparism
231 between them:

232 - Ordinary version of BiLSTM: Using BiLSTM directly in extracting the sequential dependencies
233 of the sequences for classification - Attention with BiLSTM: Attention is appended after BiLSTM
234 for further focusing the important features in the result produced in BiLSTM - CNN with BiLSTM:
235 CNN is performed in feature extraction before doing the classification with BiLSTM - CNNBiLSTM-
236 Attention: A similar approach to the proposed model but removing the attention layer between CNN
237 and BiLSTM to test the effectiveness of that layer - CNNBiLSTM-BiAttention: The model with all
238 the layers including the pre-LSTM Attention and post-LSTM Attention.

239 4.5 Mistral 7B

240 The Mistral 7B model is another key component of this study. According to the model's foundational
241 paper, Mistral 7B significantly outperforms the popular Llama 2 13B across all benchmarks, and even
242 surpasses Llama 34B on many benchmarks. This demonstrates that smaller language models can
243 match the capabilities of larger ones when optimized correctly Jiang et al. [2023]. For this project,
244 we utilize the Mistral-7B variant enhanced with Block-wise Model-update Filtering and Bit-centering
245 (BNB), which boosts model efficiency and reduces memory demands. Additionally, we employ a

Table 2: Comparison of Model Architectures

Layer (Specification)	BiLSTM	Att-BiLSTM	CNN-BiLSTM	CNNBiLSTM-Att	CNNBiLSTM-DouAtt
Embedding	vocab_size dim=128	vocab_size dim=128	vocab_size dim=128	vocab_size dim=128	vocab_size dim=128
CNN	-	-	filters=100 kernels=[2,3,4]	filters=100 kernels=[2,3,4]	filters=100 kernels=[2,3,4]
Pre-LSTM Att	-	-	-	-	heads=4 depth=per_head
Bi-LSTM	hidden=256 layers=2	hidden=256 layers=2	hidden=256 layers=2	hidden=256 layers=2	hidden=256 layers=2
Post-LSTM Att	-	heads=4 depth=per_head	-	heads=4 depth=per_head	heads=4 depth=per_head
Dense Output	classes=1	classes=1	classes=1	classes=1	classes=1

quantized 4-bit version of the model Face [2024a], facilitating training on T4 GPUs by minimizing the model’s size.

In the implementation phase, the ‘FastLanguageModel’ from the UnSLoth library AI [2024] is used to download Mistral-7B and set the maximum sequence length to 2048 tokens. Furthermore, LoRA technology is applied to train only 4% of the model’s parameters, utilizing techniques such as gradient accumulation and precision training to enhance training efficiency. Unlike the standard natural language processing approaches used with the SVM and LSTM models, this phase involves Supervised Fine-Tuning. Here, text data and their corresponding labels are formatted into prompts suitable for retraining the model on the machine-text classification task. Training is conducted using the PEFT technique Face [2024b] combined with the SFT Trainer Face [2024c], optimizing the model’s performance in text classification.

257 5 Experiment

258 5.1 Text Processing

259 Text processing was performed using standard natural language processing (NLP) techniques. Initially,
260 texts were tokenized using a basic English tokenizer that splits text into words and tokens, while
261 removing all punctuation and stopwords. This process helped in constructing a vocabulary of the
262 10,000 most frequent tokens, aimed at reducing computational complexity and memory requirements.
263 Subsequently, texts were encoded by replacing each token with its corresponding index, facilitating
264 neural network processing. All texts were then standardized to sequences of 200 tokens through
265 padding and truncation.

266 5.2 Training Augmentation

267 Following text preprocessing, we proceeded to the training phase for each model.

268 **BiLSTM Series** For the BiLSTM series, we utilized TF-IDF features to enable the SVM to recog-
269 nize textual characteristics effectively. The TF-IDF vectors were configured with a maximum length
270 of 1000. Subsequently, a radial basis function kernel was employed in the SVM for classification
271 purposes.

272 Training for all models was uniformly conducted over 8 epochs to ensure fairness and consistency
273 across evaluations.

274 **Mistral7B** Here are the setting for each part when training with Mistral-7B model:

```
17 model, tokenizer = FastLanguageModel.from_pretrained(  
18     model_name = "unsloth/mistral-7b-bnb-4bit", # Choose ANY! eg teknium/OpenHermes-2.5-Mistral-7B  
19     max_seq_length = max_seq_length,  
20     dtype = dtype,  
21     load_in_4bit = load_in_4bit,  
22     # token = "hf_...", # use one if using gated models like meta-llama-2-7b-hf  
23 )
```

Figure 6: Enter Caption

```
1 model = FastLanguageModel.get_peft_model(  
2     model,  
3     r = 8, # Choose any number > 0 ! Suggested 8, 16, 32, 64, 128  
4     target_modules = ["q_proj", "k_proj", "v_proj", "o_proj",  
5                     "gate_proj", "up_proj", "down_proj",],  
6     lora_alpha = 32,  
7     lora_dropout = 0, # Supports any, but = 0 is optimized  
8     bias = 'lora_only', # Supports any, but = "none" is optimized  
9     use_gradient_checkpointing = True,  
10    random_state = 3407,  
11    use_rslora = True, # We support rank stabilized LoRA  
12    loftq_config = None, # And LoftQ  
13 )
```

Figure 7: Lora and Peft setting

275 5.2.1 Loss Function

276 Given the inherent data imbalance in the M4 dataset, which typically includes one human-written
277 text alongside several machine-generated texts from various models on a specific topic, addressing
278 this imbalance was crucial. Although oversampling of human-generated data was implemented to
279 mitigate this issue, it introduced a potential bias from the generator’s perspective, possibly skewing
280 the models towards the majority class.

281 To counteract this, we opted to use the Focal Loss function Lin et al. [2017] instead of the traditional
282 binary classification loss. Focal Loss is designed to adjust the contribution of each example to the
283 loss based on the classification error, emphasizing harder-to-classify examples and diminishing the

```

1 from trl import SFTTrainer
2 from transformers import TrainingArguments
3
4 trainer = SFTTrainer(
5     model = model,
6     tokenizer = tokenizer,
7     train_dataset = train_data,
8     eval_dataset = val_data,
9     dataset_text_field = "formatted_text",
10    max_seq_length = max_seq_length,
11    args = TrainingArguments(
12        output_dir = "outputs",
13        per_device_train_batch_size = 8,
14        gradient_accumulation_steps = 8,
15        warmup_steps = 5,
16        max_steps = 60,
17        learning_rate = 2e-4,
18        fp16 = not torch.cuda.is_bf16_supported(),
19        bf16 = torch.cuda.is_bf16_supported(),
20        logging_steps = 1,
21        optim = "adamw_8bit",
22        weight_decay = 0.01,
23        lr_scheduler_type = "linear",
24        seed = 3407
25    ),
26 )
27

```

Figure 8: SFTTrainer Setting

284 impact of well-classified instances. This approach, an extension of the standard Cross-Entropy Loss,
 285 enhances the models' sensitivity to minority classes and promotes a more balanced performance
 286 across different classes.

287 **5.3 Training Log**

288 This subsection details the training logs for SVM and BiLSTM series models, highlighting the
289 computational efforts and key metrics observed during the training process.

290 **5.3.1 SVM**

291 Training the SVM model primarily involved utilizing built-in functions for model training and
292 evaluation. There is no traditional "training log" for SVM as it directly returns the analysis results
293 after the training session. However, the computational time required is noteworthy; training and
294 evaluating a single kernel took approximately 4 hours. By reducing the size of the training dataset,
295 this duration was decreased to about 1.5 hours, demonstrating a significant dependency of training
296 time on dataset size.

297 **5.3.2 BiLSTM series**

298 The training log for the BiLSTM series models includes details on training and validation losses,
299 as well as accuracies, providing insights into the models' performance through the training epochs.
300 Below are the summarized logs for each model:

```
Epoch [1/8], Train Loss: 0.0658, Train Accuracy: 0.5769, Val Loss: 0.0618, Val Accuracy: 0.6853  
Epoch [2/8], Train Loss: 0.0521, Train Accuracy: 0.7256, Val Loss: 0.0450, Val Accuracy: 0.7946  
Epoch [3/8], Train Loss: 0.0333, Train Accuracy: 0.8503, Val Loss: 0.0281, Val Accuracy: 0.8641  
Epoch [4/8], Train Loss: 0.0197, Train Accuracy: 0.9214, Val Loss: 0.0242, Val Accuracy: 0.9306  
Epoch [5/8], Train Loss: 0.0131, Train Accuracy: 0.9514, Val Loss: 0.0185, Val Accuracy: 0.9372  
Epoch [6/8], Train Loss: 0.0095, Train Accuracy: 0.9660, Val Loss: 0.0251, Val Accuracy: 0.9074  
Epoch [7/8], Train Loss: 0.0068, Train Accuracy: 0.9759, Val Loss: 0.0229, Val Accuracy: 0.9320  
Epoch 00008: reducing learning rate of group 0 to 1.0000e-04.  
Epoch [8/8], Train Loss: 0.0075, Train Accuracy: 0.9718, Val Loss: 0.0238, Val Accuracy: 0.9422
```

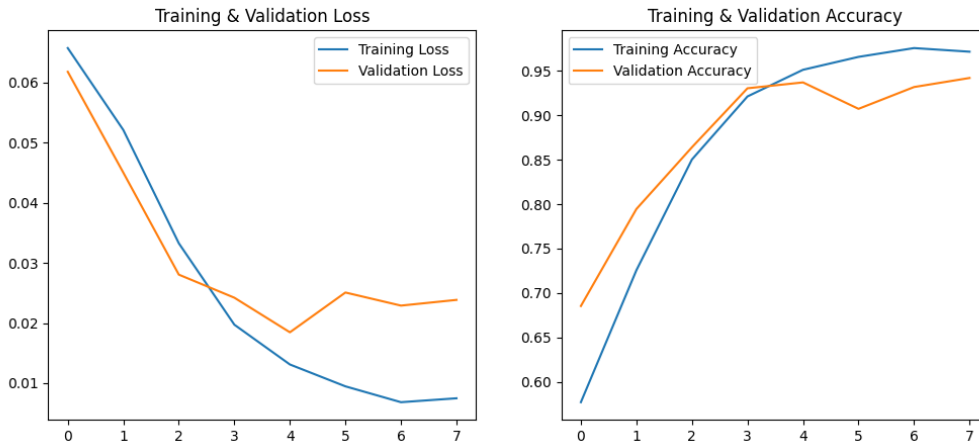


Figure 9: Training Log for BiLSTM

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Epoch [3/8], Train Loss: 0.0199, Train Accuracy: 0.9174, Val Loss: 0.0202, Val Accuracy: 0.9181
Epoch [4/8], Train Loss: 0.0139, Train Accuracy: 0.9466, Val Loss: 0.0182, Val Accuracy: 0.9384
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Epoch [6/8], Train Loss: 0.0075, Train Accuracy: 0.9719, Val Loss: 0.0207, Val Accuracy: 0.9299
Epoch 00007: reducing learning rate of group 0 to 1.0000e-04.
Epoch [7/8], Train Loss: 0.0062, Train Accuracy: 0.9772, Val Loss: 0.0201, Val Accuracy: 0.9500
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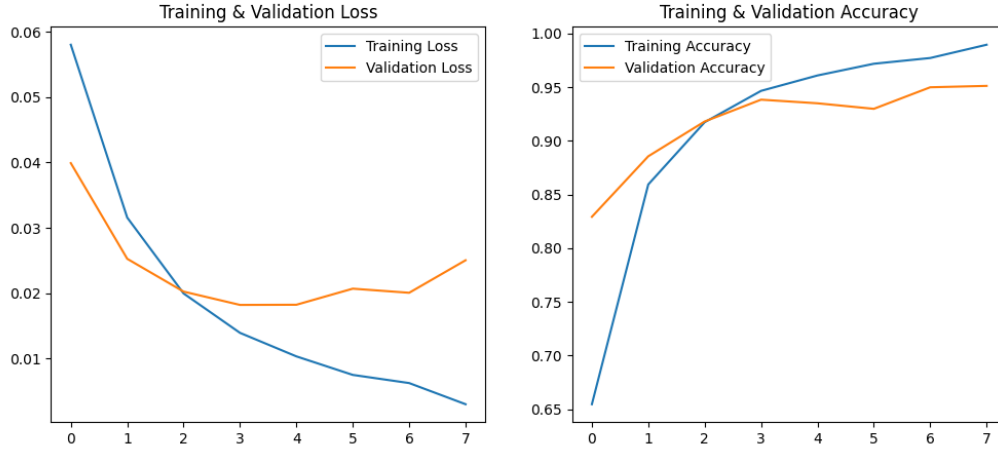


Figure 10: Training Log for CNNBiLSTM

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Epoch [3/8], Train Loss: 0.0123, Train Accuracy: 0.9510, Val Loss: 0.0163, Val Accuracy: 0.9477
Epoch [4/8], Train Loss: 0.0083, Train Accuracy: 0.9681, Val Loss: 0.0191, Val Accuracy: 0.9530
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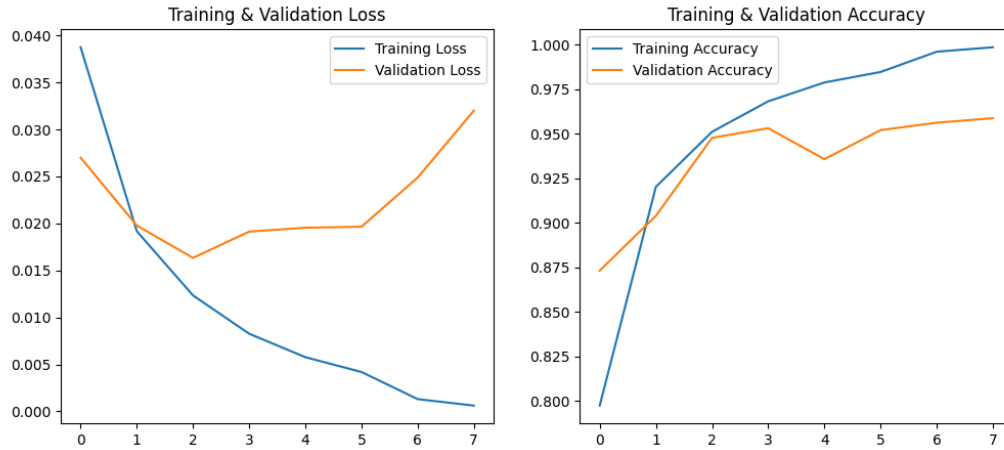


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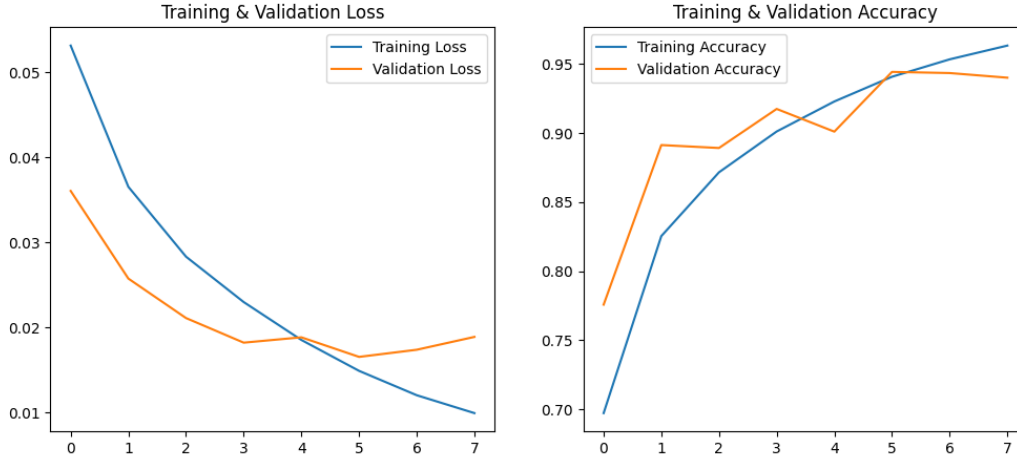


Figure 12: Training Log for CNNBiLSTMAttention

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Epoch [5/8], Train Loss: 0.0187, Train Accuracy: 0.9214, Val Loss: 0.0187, Val Accuracy: 0.9129
Epoch [6/8], Train Loss: 0.0149, Train Accuracy: 0.9397, Val Loss: 0.0168, Val Accuracy: 0.9253
Epoch [7/8], Train Loss: 0.0120, Train Accuracy: 0.9546, Val Loss: 0.0190, Val Accuracy: 0.9188
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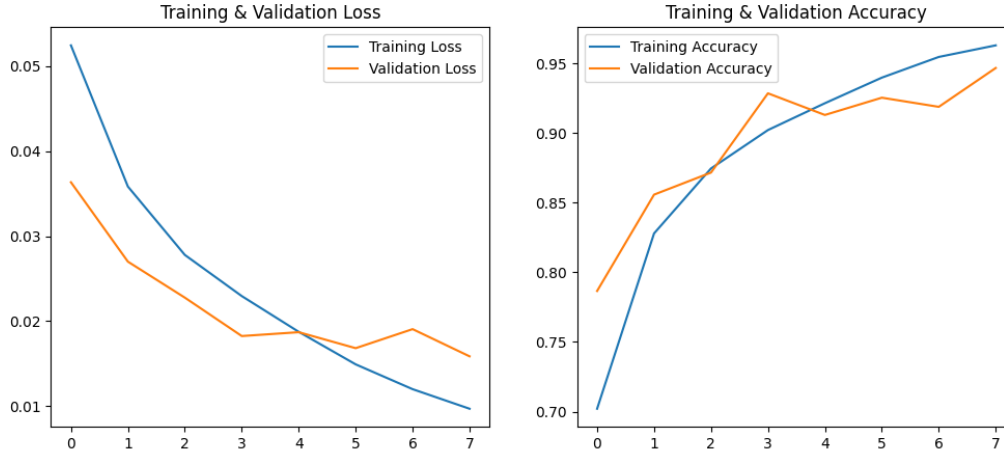


Figure 13: Training Log for CNNBiLSTMDouAttention

5.3.3 Mistral-7B

In the SFTTrainer, it already show the training loss inside each epoch.

5.4 Evaluation Metrics

In the testing process, I will record the model different metrics like the accuracy, F1 score, recall and the auc for knowing the overall performance of the model.

Meanwhile, a domain-specific metric and the generator-specific metric will be recorded to understand the model's power in different source of the domain. Moreover, the data of its performance of

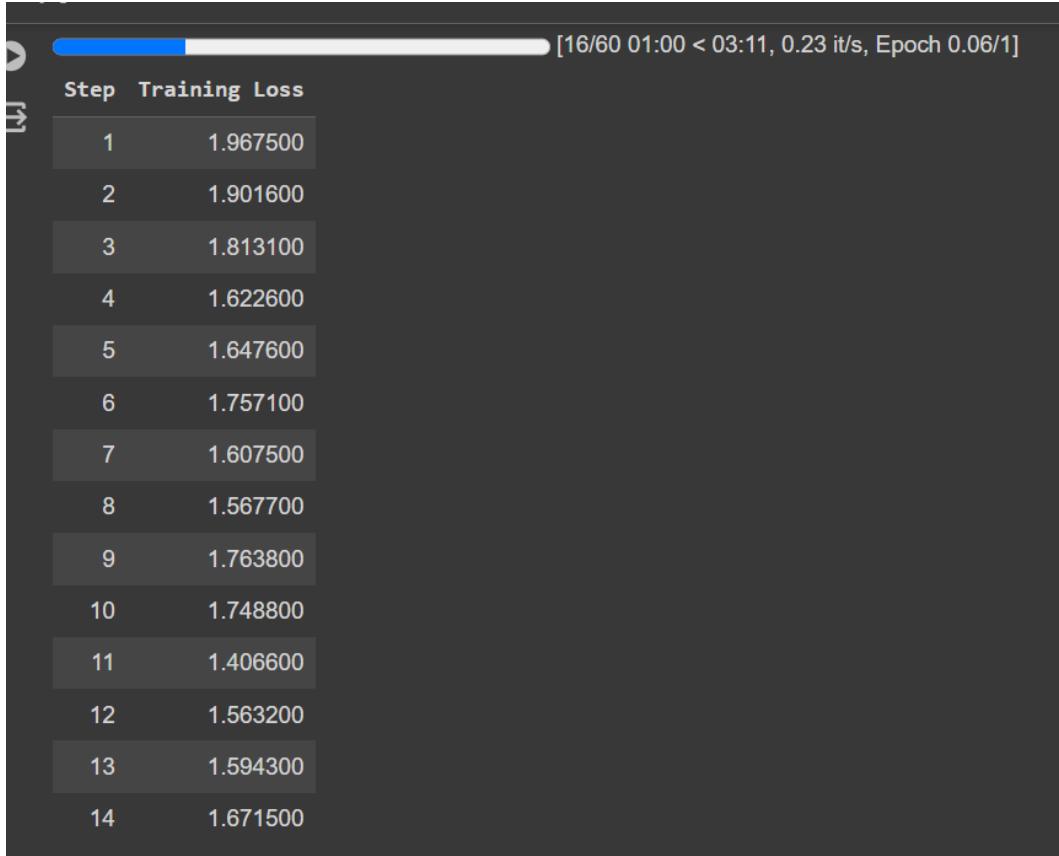


Figure 14: Training Log for Mistral-7B

308 identifying the text generating from different model will also be recorded to know the performance
309 over it, especially on the human-text.

310 In the context of the MixSet dataset, rather than extracting domain-specific or generator-specific
311 metrics, we applied mixing-method-specific metrics to evaluate the models' performance across
312 different data mixing techniques based on the criteria from 5. This approach allows for a direct
313 assessment of each model's ability to handle variably mixed data, essential for applications in diverse
314 real-world scenarios.

315 **5.5 Results**

316 **5.6 Caption of Different Models in the figures**

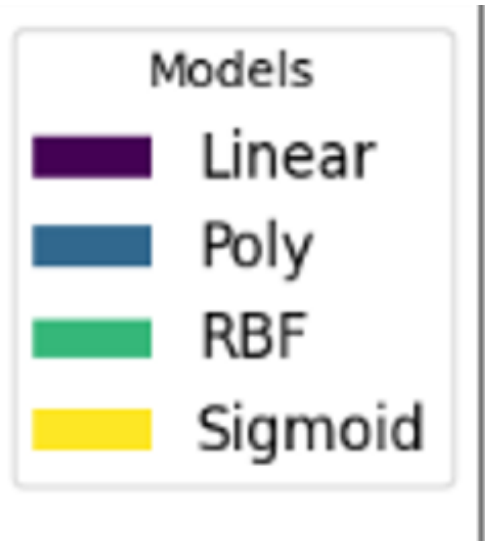


Figure 15: Caption for the result section

317 **5.6.1 SVM**

Table 3: SVM Domain Specific performance In M4 Dataset

	wikihow	arxiv	wikipedia	peerread	reddit
Model					
Linear	0.87	0.77	0.89	0.92	0.86
Poly	0.90	0.82	0.91	0.97	0.89
RBF	0.91	0.84	0.93	0.96	0.91
Sigmoid	0.83	0.73	0.85	0.84	0.82

Table 4: SVM Generator Specific performance in M4 Dataset

	human	cohere	chatGPT	davinci
Model				
Linear	0.91	0.84	0.95	0.86
Poly	0.94	0.91	1.00	0.90
RBF	0.96	0.90	0.99	0.91
Sigmoid	0.85	0.79	0.91	0.82

Table 5: Performance Matrix in M4 dataset

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1	AUC
Linear	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.93
Poly	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.97
RBF	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.97
Sigmoid	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.89

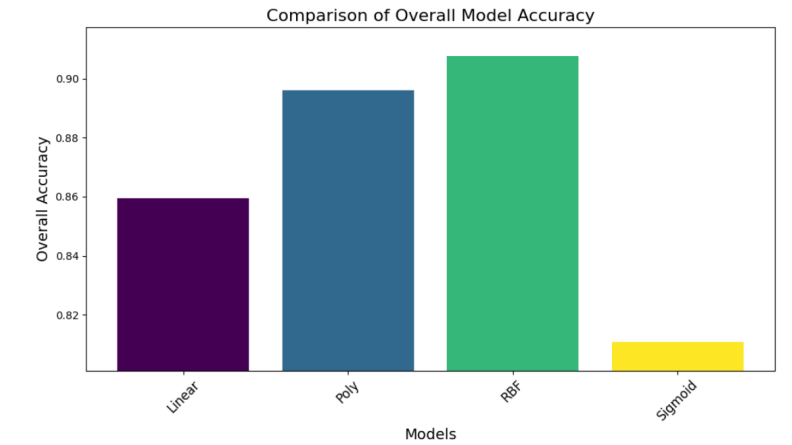


Figure 16: The SVM accuracy of different models in M4 dataset

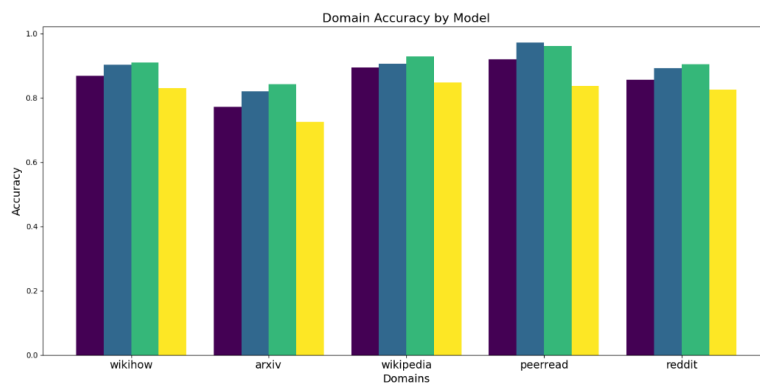


Figure 17: The SVM domain specific accuracy in M4 dataset

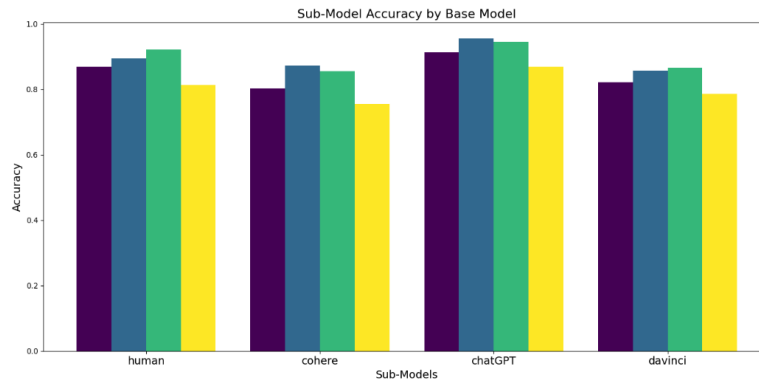


Figure 18: The SVM generator specific accuracy in M4 dataset

Table 6: SVM domain specific performance in MGTBench dataset

	story	essay	news
Model			
Linear	0.77	0.69	0.84
Poly	0.78	0.63	0.89
RBF	0.79	0.68	0.89
Sigmoid	0.75	0.67	0.82

Table 7: SVM generator specific performance in MGTBench dataset

	human	GPT4	chatGPT
Model			
Linear	0.79	0.94	0.90
Poly	0.72	1.00	0.97
RBF	0.79	0.97	0.94
Sigmoid	0.77	0.90	0.87

Table 8: SVM performance matrix in MGTBench dataset

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1	AUC
Linear	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.85
Poly	0.77	0.78	0.77	0.76	0.83
RBF	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.78	0.87
Sigmoid	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.83

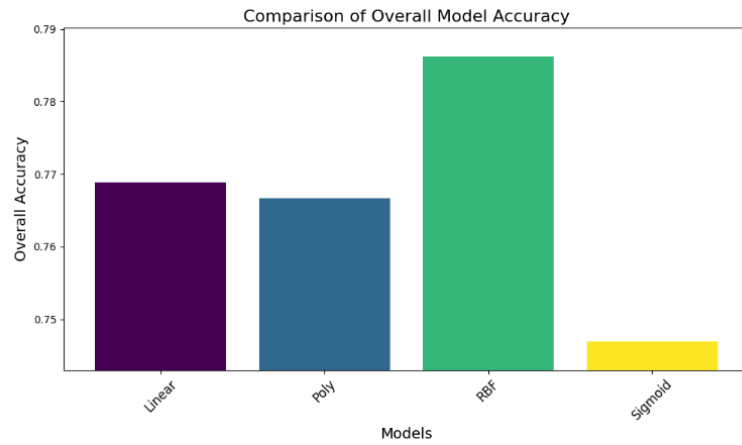


Figure 19: The SVM accuracy of different models in MGTBench dataset

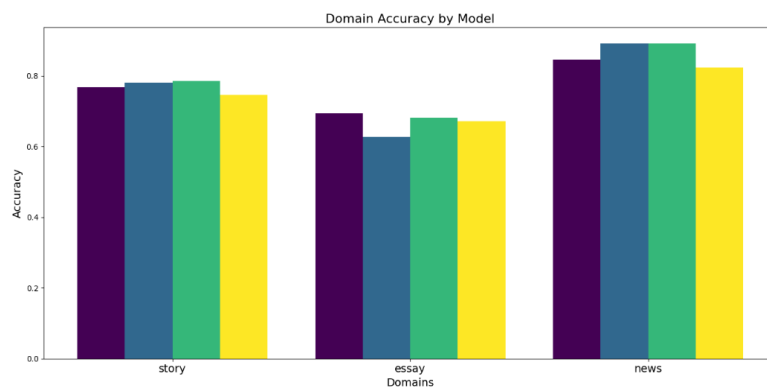


Figure 20: The SVM domain specific accuracy in MGTBench dataset

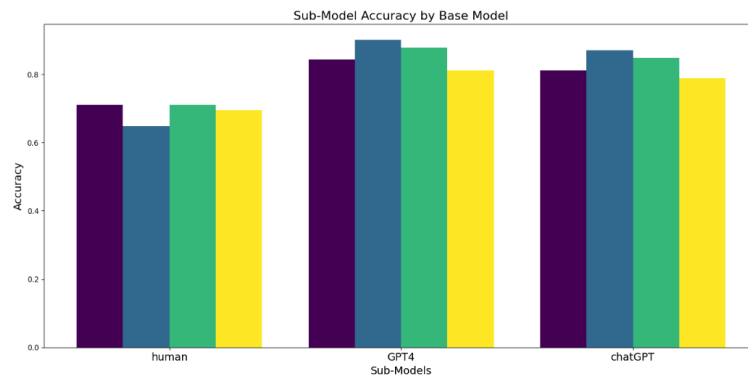


Figure 21: The SVM generator specific accuracy in MGTBench dataset

Table 9: The SVM mixing method accruacy in MixSet

	Humanize	Complete	Rewrite	Polish
Model				
Linear	0.64	0.02	0.04	0.06
Poly	0.56	0.02	0.04	0.06
RBF	0.64	0.02	0.01	0.02
Sigmoid	0.59	0.03	0.06	0.09

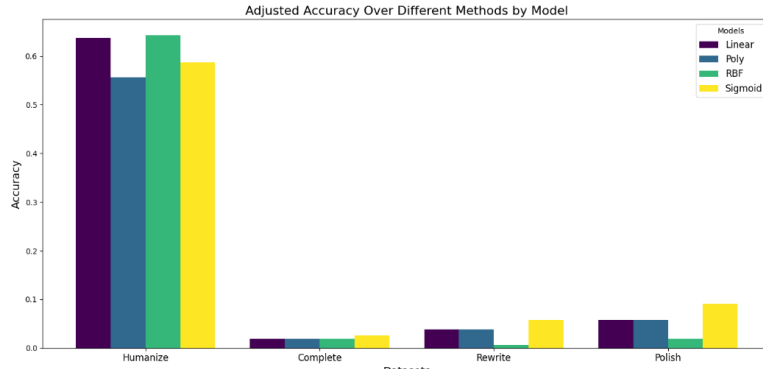


Figure 22: The SVM Mixing method accuracy in MixSet dataset

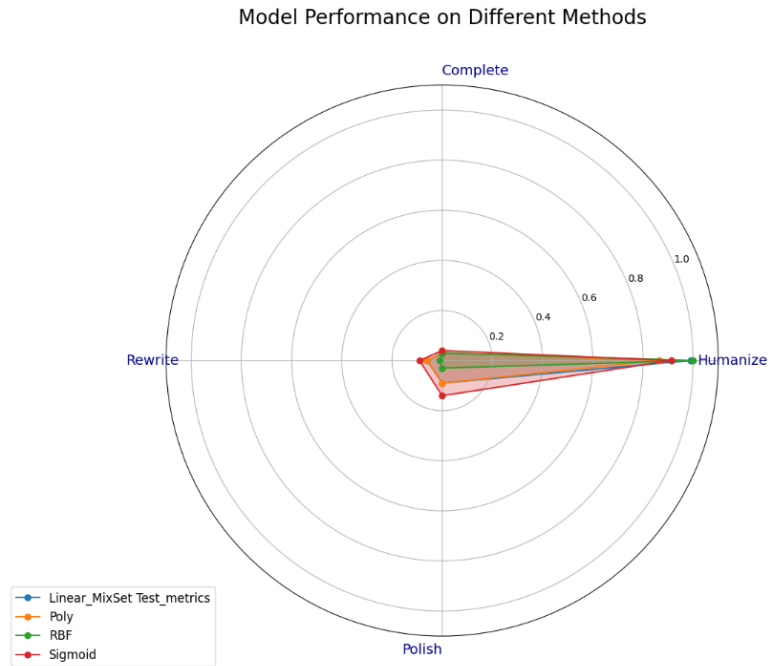
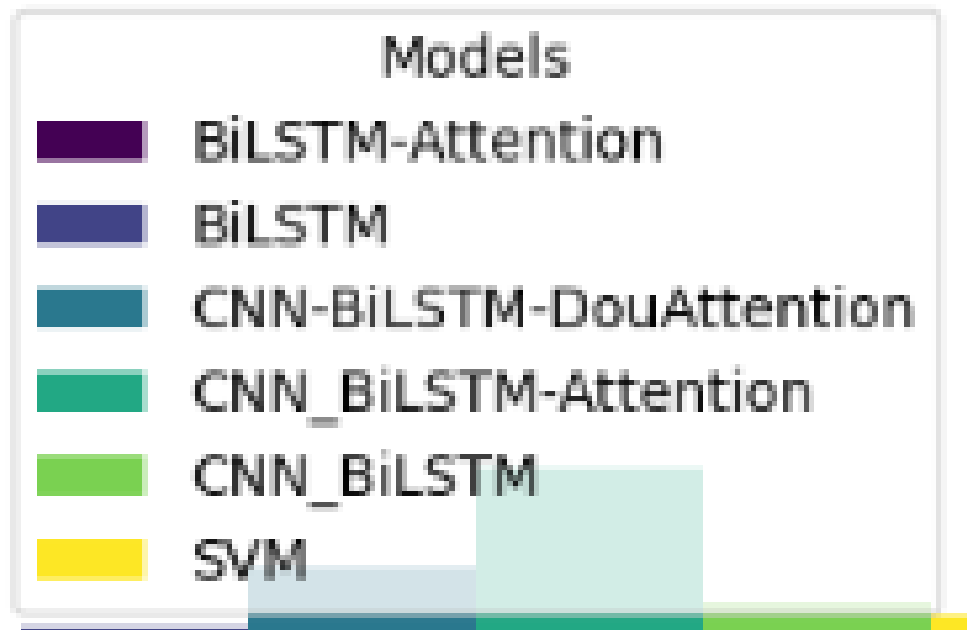


Figure 23: The SVM radar chart in MixSet dataset



319 5.7.1 BiLSTM series

320 For BiLSTM series result, they will also compared with SVM with Poly kernel as the baseline.

Table 10: Domain Specific performance In M4 Dataset

	WikiHow	ArXiv	Wikipedia	PeerRead	Reddit
Model					
BiLSTMAttention	0.96	0.95	0.94	0.99	0.96
BiLSTM	0.95	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.95
CNNBiLSTMDouAttention	0.94	0.92	0.92	0.99	0.95
CNNBiLSTM	0.95	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.95
CNNBiLSTMAttention	0.93	0.90	0.89	0.98	0.93
SVM	0.83	0.73	0.85	0.84	0.82

Table 11: Generator specific performance in M4 dataset

	human	cohere	chatGPT	davinci
Model				
BiLSTMAttention	0.99	0.93	0.99	0.92
BiLSTM	0.99	0.91	0.98	0.90
CNNBiLstmDouAttention	0.99	0.90	0.98	0.87
CNNBiLSTM	0.99	0.91	0.99	0.89
CNNBiLSTMAttention	1.00	0.83	0.96	0.82
SVM	0.82	0.77	0.88	0.80

Table 12: Performance Matrix in M4 dataset

	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1	AUC
Model					
BiLSTMAttention	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96
BiLSTM	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
CNNBiLstmDouAttention	0.94	0.95	0.94	0.94	0.94
CNNBiLSTM	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
CNNBiLSTMAttention	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93
SVM	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.89

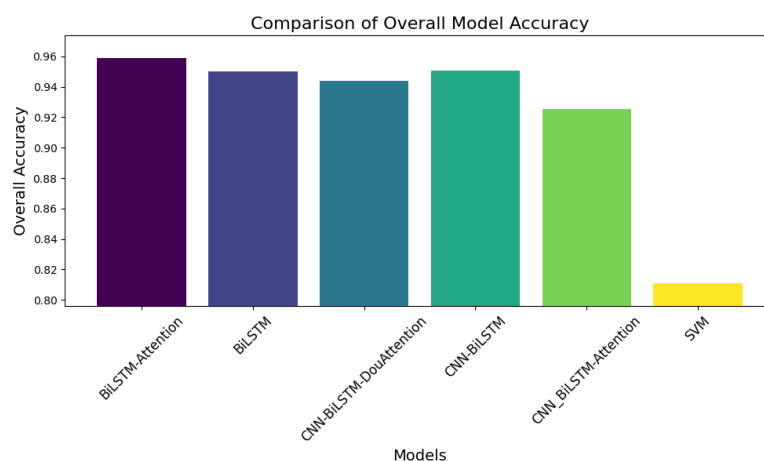


Figure 25: The accuracy of different models in M4 dataset

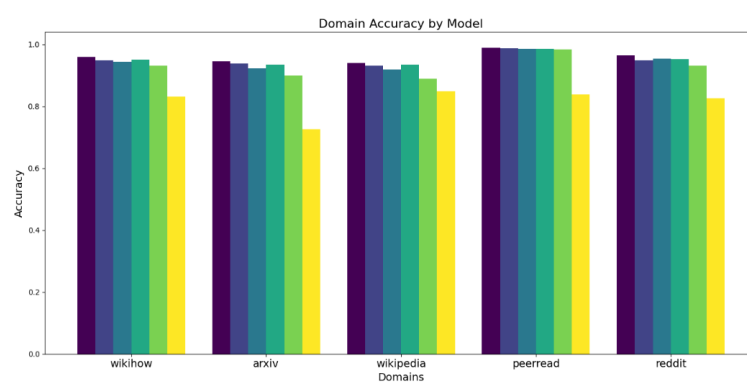


Figure 26: The domain specific accuracy in M4 dataset

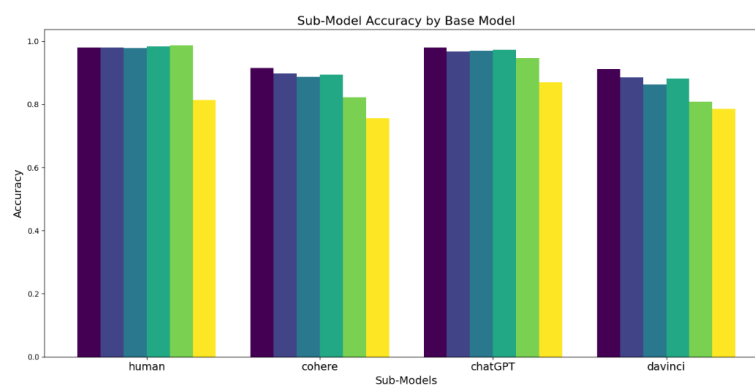


Figure 27: The generator specific accuracy in M4 dataset

Here are the results in MGTBench:

Table 13: Domain Specific performance in MGTBench

	story	essay	news
Model			
BiLSTMAAttention	0.81	0.65	0.87
BiLSTM	0.77	0.67	0.87
CNNBiLstmDouAttention	0.78	0.69	0.83
CNNBiLSTMAAttention	0.77	0.73	0.83
CNNBiLSTM	0.76	0.68	0.86
SVM	0.75	0.67	0.82

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Table 14: Generator specific performance in MGTBench

	human	GPT4	chatGPT
Model			
BiLSTMAAttention	0.77	1.00	0.95
BiLSTM	0.80	0.97	0.89
CNNBiLstmDouAttention	0.83	0.93	0.87
CNNBiLSTMAAttention	0.89	0.89	0.82
CNNBiLSTM	0.82	0.94	0.87
SVM	0.78	0.91	0.89

Table 15: Performance Matrix in MGTBench

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1	AUC
BiLSTMAAttention	0.78	0.79	0.78	0.78	0.78
BiLSTM	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
CNNBiLstmDouAttention	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
CNNBiLSTMAAttention	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78
CNNBiLSTM	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
SVM	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.83

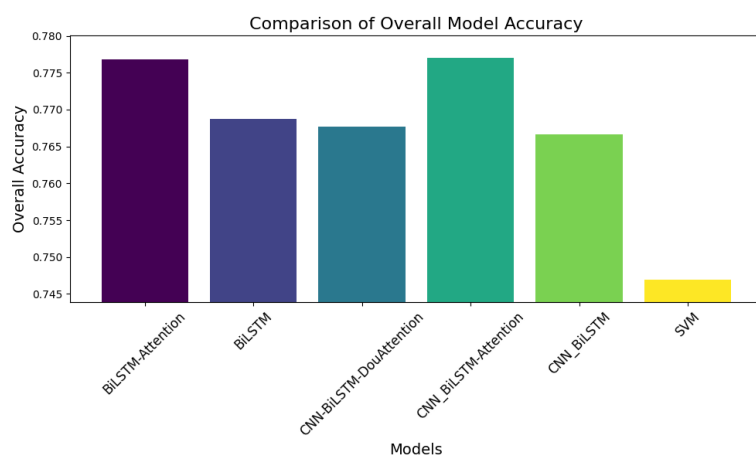


Figure 28: The accuracy of different models in MGTBench dataset

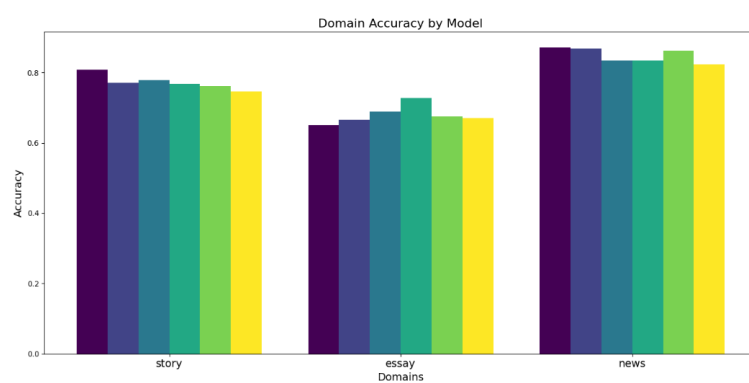


Figure 29: The domain specific accuracy in MGTBench dataset

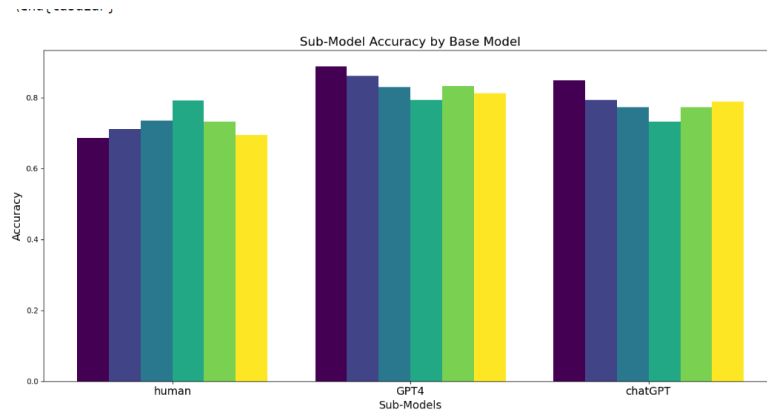


Figure 30: The generator specific accuracy in MGTBench dataset

Here is the result in MixSet:

Table 16: Mixing Method performance in Mixset

	Humanize	Complete	Rewrite	Polish
Model				
BiLSTMAAttention	0.01	0.41	0.36	0.36
BiLSTM	0.01	0.92	0.87	0.91
CNNBiLSTMDouAttention	0.01	0.85	0.83	0.88
CNNBiLSTMAAttention	0.01	0.90	0.86	0.92
CNN_BiLSTM	0.06	0.81	0.68	0.81
SVM	0.56	0.03	0.01	0.03

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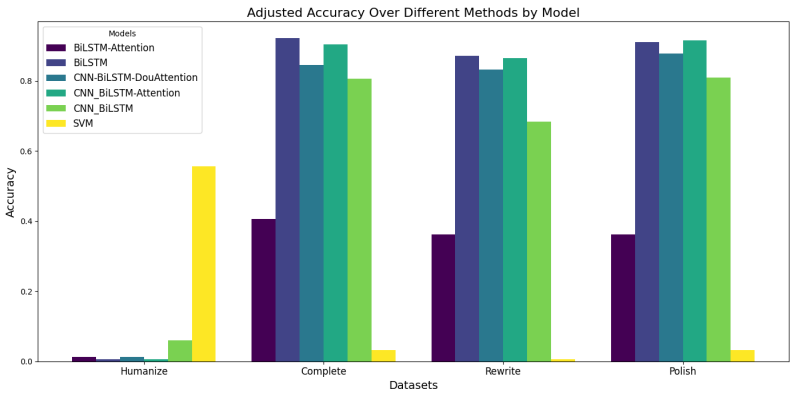


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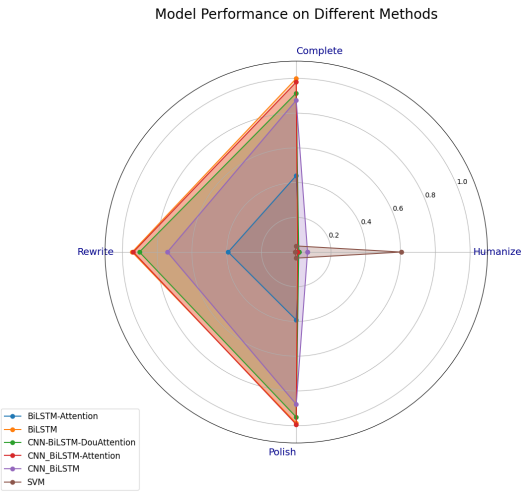


Figure 32: The radar chart in MixSet dataset

Table 17: Mistral Overall Performance on the M4 Dataset

Metric	Value
Accuracy	0.6747
F1 Score	0.7429
Precision	0.6044
Recall	0.9636
AUC	0.6816
False Positives	5376

Table 18: Mistral Accuracy by Domain in M4 Dataset

Domain	Accuracy
Arxiv	0.5571
Peerread	0.9172
Reddit	0.7925
Wikihow	0.6123
Wikipedia	0.5218

Table 19: Mistral Accuracy by Model in M4 Dataset

Model	Accuracy
ChatGPT	0.9512
Cohere	0.9492
Davinci	0.9888
Human	0.3995

Table 20: Mistral Overall Performance on the MGTBench Dataset

Metric	Value
Accuracy	0.5473
F1 Score	0.6862
Precision	0.5243
Recall	0.9930
AUC	0.5486
False Positives	5374

Table 21: Mistral Accuracy by Domain in MGTBench Dataset

Domain	Accuracy
Essay	0.5322
News	0.5813
Story	0.5285

Table 22: Mistral Accuracy by Model in MGTBench Dataset

Model	Accuracy
GPT4	0.9885
ChatGPT	0.9973
Human	0.1043

Table 23: Mistral Accuracy by Dataset in MixSet

Dataset	Accuracy
Complete	0.00129
Humanize	1.0000
Polish	0.0581
Rewrite	0.0387

324 5.8 Analysis

325 5.8.1 SVM Kernel Comparison

326 In the evaluation presented in Section 5.6.1, it is clear that the RBF and Poly kernels substantially
327 outperform the other kernels across various test datasets. Specifically, the RBF kernel achieves the
328 highest scores in both Table 5 and Table 8. While the Poly kernel generally performs slightly worse
329 than the RBF kernel, it shows superior performance in handling machine-generated data, notably
330 outperforming the RBF kernel with Cohere and ChatGPT data in Table 4, and with ChatGPT and
331 GPT-4 in Table 7. This indicates that the Poly kernel may be more effective in detecting nuances in
332 machine-generated texts.

333 Why RBF Kernel Performs Better:

- 334 • **Non-Linear Decision Boundaries:** The RBF kernel excels because it can model complex,
335 non-linear decision boundaries with greater flexibility. Unlike linear kernels, RBF kernels
336 do not assume linear separability, which is particularly advantageous in natural language
337 tasks where class boundaries are inherently non-linear and complex.
- 338 • **Handling High Dimensionality:** RBF kernels effectively deal with high-dimensional data
339 (a common characteristic of text data), as they focus on the distance between support vectors
340 rather than the dimensionality itself. This characteristic allows them to manage the curse of
341 dimensionality better than linear models.
- 342 • **Versatility in Feature Mapping:** The RBF kernel maps samples into a higher-dimensional
343 space more adeptly than polynomial or sigmoid kernels, making it superior at capturing
344 relationships between class labels and features that are not readily apparent in the original
345 space.

346 However, both kernels perform poorly with mixed data, as shown in Table 9 and Figure 23, achieving
347 near-zero accuracy in three out of four mixing methods. This poor performance suggests that these
348 kernels struggle to extract relevant features from mixed data, behaving almost randomly, particularly
349 under the humanize mixing method where accuracy hovers around 60%.

350 5.8.2 BiLSTM series

351 **M4 Dataset** Analysis of the M4 dataset reveals that BiLSTM models generally surpass the SVM
352 in performance due to their complex architecture and effective integration of LSTM, CNN, and
353 Attention mechanisms, which are adept at capturing critical features in the content for classification
354 (Table 12). Among the BiLSTM configurations, the BiLSTM-Attention model performs the best,
355 underscoring the benefit of focusing on difficult-to-classify instances.

356 The domain-specific analysis in Table 10 shows variability in performance across different domains.
357 Models perform nearly perfectly on PeerRead data but exhibit weaker performance on Wiki data,
358 likely due to the diverse linguistic features and complex structures found in encyclopedic text.

359 Generator-specific analysis in Table 11 highlights a performance disparity between different types of
360 generators. Models handle human or ChatGPT data effectively but struggle with Cohere and Davinci
361 data, indicating a potential gap in training that fails to cover the linguistic patterns used by these
362 generators.

363 **MGTBench** In MGTBench, the BiLSTM-Attention model again outshines other models, including
364 SVM, as detailed in Table 15. However, there is a noticeable performance drop in this dataset
365 compared to the M4 dataset, with accuracies falling from above 90% to around 80%. This drop likely
366 reflects the challenges posed by out-of-distribution data, which differ significantly from the training
367 data.

368 Domain analysis in Table 13 shows decent performance on narrative texts but poor results on
369 essays, where the structured, argumentative nature of essays may not be well captured by the models.
370 Surprisingly, the accuracy for detecting unseen GPT-4 generated data is exceptionally high, suggesting
371 that these models are effectively generalizing from other data types to GPT-4's style.

372 However, the performance on human-written texts (Table 14) is lacking, contributing significantly
373 to the overall drop in performance. This issue may stem from the models' inability to differentiate

374 between human-like synthetic text and genuine human text, possibly due to varied linguistic styles
375 and expressions that were not present in the training set.

376 **MixSet** For data that mixes machine-generated features, the BiLSTM series shows commendable
377 performance in three out of four methods, except for the humanize method (Tables 16 and 32). Here,
378 accuracy's reach up to 92%, indicating robustness in handling mixed data. Conversely, the SVM
379 shows abysmal performance, further confirming its unsuitability for complex feature interactions
380 found in mixed data.

381 The stark performance degradation in the humanize method for all models suggests that the GPT-4's
382 deep reconstruction capabilities effectively camouflage the synthetic nature of texts, leading models
383 to misclassify them as human-written.

384 5.8.3 Mistral-7B

385 The Mistral-7B model shows surprisingly low accuracy in both the M4 dataset and MGTBench (Tables
386 17 and 20), performing even worse than the SVM. However, its recall rates are competitive, indicating
387 a tendency to correctly identify machine-generated texts but frequently mislabel human-written texts
388 as machine-generated, a clear sign of overfitting to machine-text characteristics.

389 In the MixSet dataset (Table 23), Mistral-7B similarly performs poorly across most mixing methods
390 except for the humanize method, where it achieves perfect scores. This anomaly may reflect an
391 overbias toward machine-generated text characteristics, misinterpreting nuanced human-like features
392 as indicative of machine origin.

393 6 Conclusion

394 This project has explored various methodologies for detecting machine-generated text across different
395 datasets, domains, and generators. Notably, some methods demonstrated robust performance, even
396 identifying out-of-distribution data such as that generated by GPT-4 with high accuracy. These
397 successes underscore the capabilities of advanced models like BiLSTM-Attention and sophisticated
398 kernels in SVMs to adapt and generalize from training data to unseen, novel text inputs.

399 **Challenges Encountered:** However, several challenges were encountered, particularly the tendency
400 of models to misclassify human-written text as machine-generated. This issue is critical in appli-
401 cations such as academic plagiarism detection, where false positives can have significant negative
402 consequences. The polynomial and RBF kernels in SVMs, while effective in many cases, showed
403 limitations in their ability to discern complex patterns in mixed data, as evidenced by their poor
404 performance on the MixSet dataset.

405 **Implications of Findings:** The use of GPT-4 to humanize original machine-generated data presented
406 a unique challenge, as it was able to fool most models effectively. This finding highlights a potential
407 vulnerability in current detection methods, which may struggle to cope with sophisticated techniques
408 used in the latest generation of language models.

409 **Future Directions:** To overcome these challenges, future work should focus on:

- 410 • Enhancing the sensitivity of models to subtle linguistic cues that differentiate human and
411 machine-generated texts.
- 412 • Developing more sophisticated data mixing techniques that can better simulate the nuanced
413 characteristics of blended human-machine text.
- 414 • Exploring adaptive or dynamic modeling approaches that can adjust their strategies based
415 on the nature of the text being analyzed.

416 Overall, this research has laid a solid foundation for further studies and highlighted critical areas for
417 improvement in the detection of machine-generated text. The insights gained from the performance
418 of various models on complex datasets such as M4 and MGTBench are invaluable for advancing the
419 field of text analysis and enhancing the reliability of machine-generated text detection systems.

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