INVESTIGATING THE IMPORTANCE OF EMOJIS IN SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

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INTRODUCTION

- Emojis have become an integral part digital communication
- Their role in natural language processing tasks have been understudied

OBJECTIVE

- Research systematically the impact of emojis in sentiment analysis of twitter data.
- Previous work have explored the subject matter. We Explored modern architecture in context of sentiment analysis
- We also specifically focus on twitter data.

METHODOLOGY

- Pre processing
- Models
- Performance evaluation
- Result

PRE-PROCESSING

- HTML tags, @ mentions, website links
- Emoji dictionary
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_emoticons
- Handle miscellaneous terms (false postives)
 - 2:30
 - < tags in html

```
emoji_dict = {
         ":-)": {"emoji": "@", "description": "happy face"},
         ":)": {"emoji": "" description": "happy face"},
         ":-]": {"emoji": "; "description": " happy face"},
        ":]": {"emoji": "; "description": " happy face"},
        ":->": {"emoji": "@", "description": " happy face"},
        ":>": {"emoji": "e", "description": " happy face"},
        "8-)": {"emoji": "; "description": " happy face"},
        "8)": {"emoji": "@", "description": " happy face"},
        ":-}": {"emoji": "; "description": " happy face"},
        ":}": {"emoji": "e", "description": " happy face"},
         ":^)": {"emoji": "@", "description": " happy face"},
         "=]": {"emoji": "@", "description": " happy face"},
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        "=)": {"emoji": "; "description": " happy face"},
         "@": {"emoji": "@", "description": " happy face"},
```

MODELS

- Distil Bert
 - With emojis
 - No Emojis
 - Unicode representations
- Twitter Roberta(cardiffnlp/twitter-roberta-base)
 - 2 inputs Text and emojis as different features
 - Adds [sep] token between them

PERFORMANCE EVALUAITON

	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	FI-Score
Bert - Emojis	0.764	0.761	0.761	0.758
Bert – No Emojis	0.732	0.748	0.749	0.748
Bert - unicode	0.765	0.763	0.764	0.764
Twitter Roberta	0.78	0.78	0.76	0.76

CONCLUSION

- Yes, emojis does matter. It should be considered.
- We found out that Twitter Roberta generalizes better. This makes sense because during the training of the twitter Roberta model, it has likely seen all kinds of example.
- We also found out that idea of using Bert Unicode also gives a better result compared to processing without.

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