

CAPSTONE: MALAY LANGUAGE SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

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BACKGROUND

SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

WHAT IS SENTIMENT ANALYSIS?

Sentiment analysis allows organisations and individuals to understand views on their actions, and themselves.

WHY USE SENTIMENT ANALYSIS?

For organisations and individuals who want to track public opinion on them (ie. reputation management), sentiment analysis is vital to help them filter through enormous amounts of unstructured information.

WHERE TO GET SENTIMENTS?

A key source of sentiments can be obtained from social media.

PROBLEMS WITH MALAY LANGUAGE NLP

LACK OF PROJECTS

While NLP projects (including sentiment analysis) in major languages (eg. English, Mandarin, French) are a dime a dozen, it has been really scarce for languages like Malay

Malay NLTK

There is only one well-known Natural Language Toolkit library for Malay ('**Malaya Model**')

Sentiment analysis is
lexicon-based

Quite detailed, but is not
representative of social-media
slang.

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Malay Language Social Media

Performing text analytics on Malay social media text is a challenge.

Malay language used in social media differs due to:

1. spelling variations (faham → fhm, phm)
2. Malay-English mix sentence ('aku suka reaction dia')
3. slang-based words (abai → buat dek)
4. vowelless words (jangan → jgn)
5. number suffixes (buku-buku → buku2)

Existing lexicon-based sentiment analysis models **do not generalise well to social media comments.**

Companies / organisations looking to **understand sentiments** about them in Malay social media **do not have a good solution.**

Article

PDF Available

A taxonomy of Malay social media text

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EXAMPLE

Formal Malay

Adik, boleh tolong hantarkan surat ini kepada ibu bila awak balik rumah nanti?

Social Media Malay

"Adk, blh tlg hantar sr8 ni kt ibu bila awk blk rmh nnti?"

Formal English

See you tomorrow at school

Shortened English

C u tmr @ sch



02 PROBLEM STATEMENT

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Can we create a **best-in-class sentiment analysis model** for **Malay social media texts**?

Context:

It is currently difficult for organisations / companies to measure social media sentiments in Malay, making reputation management challenging for those who interact with a primarily Malay-speaking audience.



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METHODOLOGY

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Data Collection

1

*Pulling
comments from
popular Malay
videos
(YouTube API)*



Data Cleaning

2

*Null values,
Duplicated values,
Data Types,
HTML-encoded
entities*

ESTABLISHING GROUND TRUTH

3

*Running hand
labels against:*
1. *Malaya
Model*
2. *ChatGPT*

*Use best
approach to label
ground truth
(generate 'y true')*

Data Pre-Processing, Modelling

4

*Stemming,
Stop word
removal →
Fitting models
to training
video*

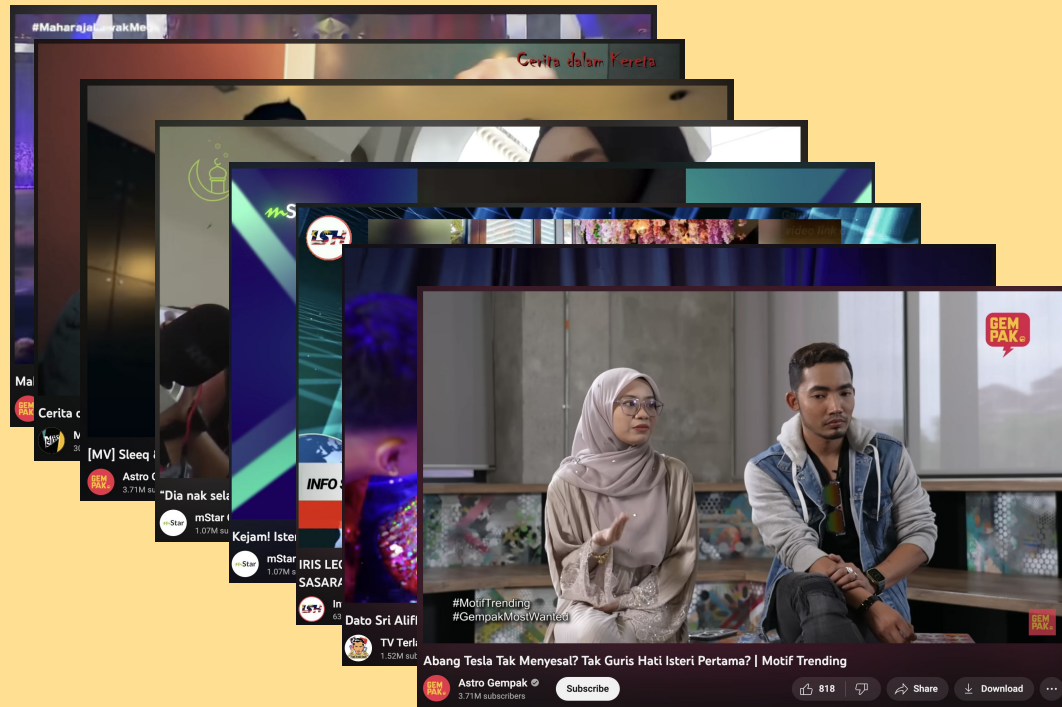
RUN PRODUCTION MODEL

5

*Model
Deployment*

DATA COLLECTION

- 9 popular Malay videos
- From 2011 to 2023
- Different types:
 - Positive and negative reactions
 - News, music videos, shows etc.
- **72 million** views total
- **25,000** comments



data cleaning

- Null values
- Duplicated values
- Data Types
- HTML-encoded entities

ESTABLISHING GROUND TRUTH

1. Manually label sentiments of 100 comments
2. Label sentiments of comments using Malaya model and ChatGPT
3. Compare accuracy score of Malaya model vs ChatGPT
4. Use the more accurate method to label all 25,000 rows

Accuracy score of Malaya model: **0.47**
Accuracy score of ChatGPT: **0.76**



Pre-processing, Modelling

Stemming

pySastrawi (Bahasa Indonesia). Similar word structure

Stopword Removal


Stopwords ISO (collection of stopwords for multiple languages)

Vectorisation

TF-IDF Vectoriser (lower dimensionality, down-weights common terms)

SMOTE / Oversampling / Undersampling

3 methods used to address imbalanced classes, to use the best performing one



MODEL DEPLOYMENT





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EDA

WORDCLOUD

There are many short forms, which can make understanding difficult, especially if there are multiple spellings per short form:

'Yg', 'yang' → 'which'

'Tu', 'itu' → 'that'

'X', 'tak', 'tk' → 'not'

'ni', 'ini' → 'this'

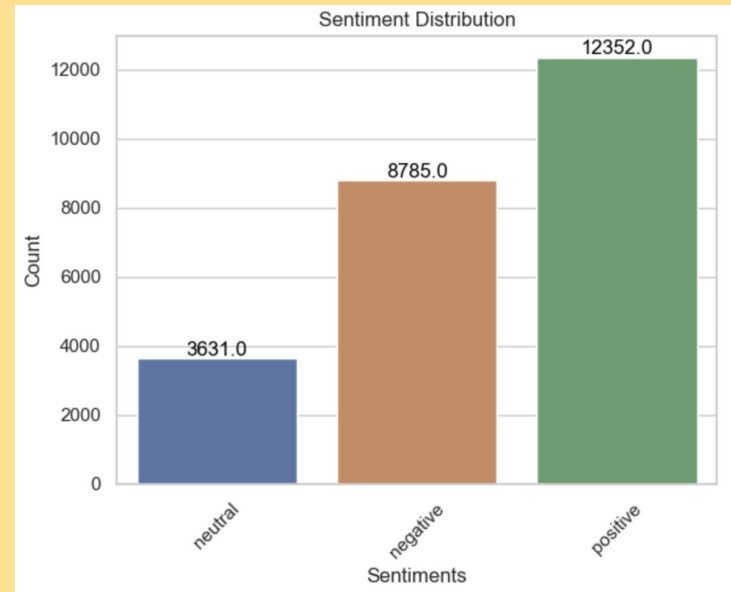
'Tp', 'tapi' → 'but'



SENTIMENT DISTRIBUTION

Imbalanced classes - positive > negative > neutral

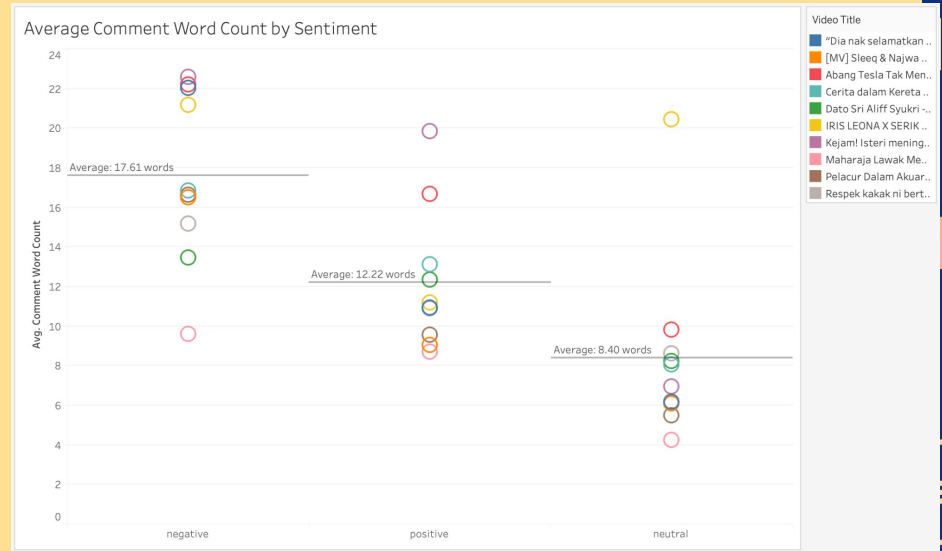
Need to take into account for modeling.



comment length

On average, negative comments tend to be longer than positive and neutral comments.

ChatGPT has a token limit, which means that longer comments might be truncated - or some comments might not be labelled

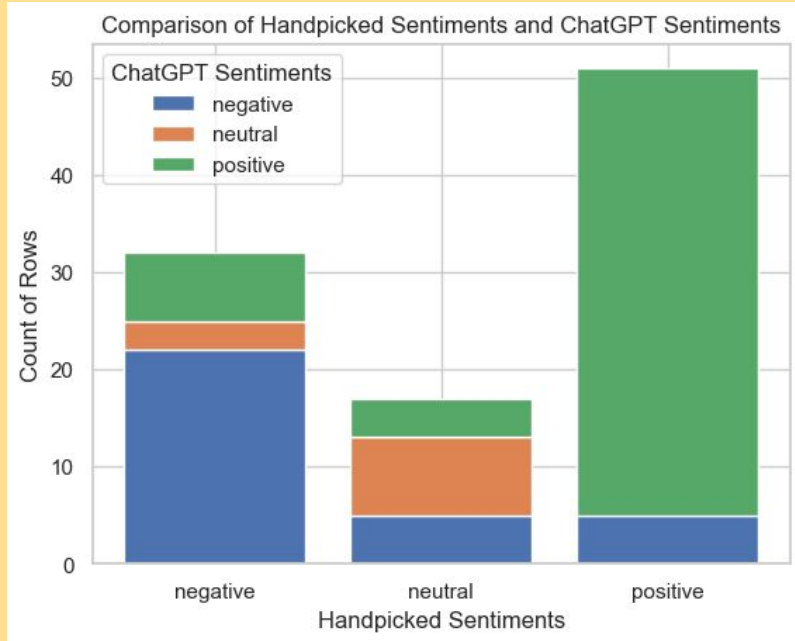


CHATGPT PERFORMANCE

76% accuracy

Quite well balanced

Biggest challenge is the neutral sentiment

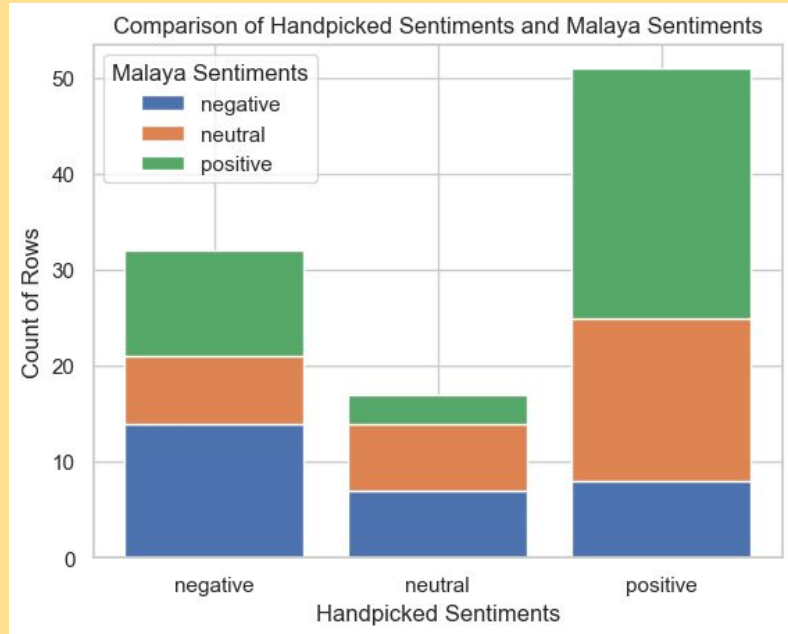


MaLaYa Performance

47% accuracy

Poor performance

Neutral comments tend to be considered to be positive, although the other two classes seem to be a little better



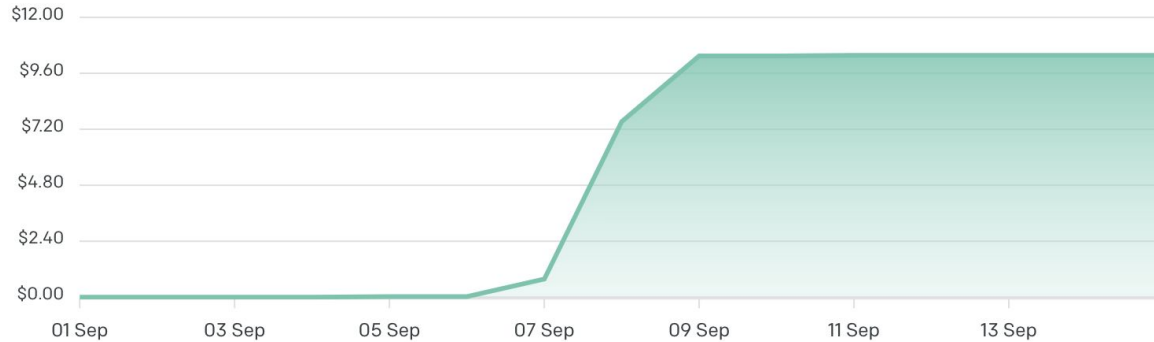
CHATGPT Usage

< September >

DAILY

CUMULATIVE

Cumulative daily usage (USD) ⓘ



Usage this month



\$10.37 / \$50.00

DASHBOARD

<https://public.tableau.com/views/SentimentAnalysisYouTubeComments/SentimentAnalysisDashboard>



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MODEL ANALYSIS



BEST MODEL

We ran 8 models, and found that the best was:

Model 2: Multinomial Naive Bayes model + RandomOverSampler

	Train Set	Test Set
F1 Score	0.748	0.701



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MODEL DEPLOYMENT



<https://sentiment-analysis-bahasa-melayu.streamlit.app/>



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CONCLUSION

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We managed to achieve a best-in-class sentiment analysis model for Malay social media texts.



LABELLING

ChatGPT is able to quite accurately label social media texts in Malay.



MODEL

Multinomial Naive Bayes + RandomOverSampler model ran the best in terms of test score and lack of overfitting



RESULTS

The model had a train and test F1 score of 0.748 and 0.701 respectively

Organisations and individuals can reliably use our tool to monitor their reputation among Malay speakers on social media.

FUTURE WORKS

Given more time, I would:

1

Dive deeper into understanding intricacies of Malay social media text

- Improved stopwords generation
- Create Malay social media lexicon (similar to VADER)

2

Get More Data

- Improve sentiment analysis performance
- Create emotion analysis with more labelled data

THANK YOU



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