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# **INTRODUCTION**

**BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY:**

The demand for effective text summarization has grown rapidly, particularly in industries such as digital news and media. With an ever-increasing volume of information, the ability to generate concise and coherent summaries of large documents has become crucial for both readers and businesses. The field of text summarization has evolved significantly since [1] pioneering work, where he proposed one of the first methods for automatic summarization based on word frequency in his paper *"The Automatic Creation of Literature Abstracts."* This early model laid the groundwork for future advancements in the field.

Over the years, advancements in summarization techniques have led to more sophisticated models. In 1989, [2], a key figure in the development of text retrieval systems, contributed significantly to the evolution of summarization with his paper *"Automatic Text Processing: The Transformation, Analysis, and Retrieval of Information by Computer."* Salton’s work introduced vector space models, which used statistical methods to enhance the efficiency of text processing.

By the 2000s, more complex and automated systems emerged. [3]**,**in his paper *"Automated Text Summarization and the SUMMARIST System,"* contributed to the development of SUMMARIST, a system that combined statistical and symbolic approaches for creating automated summaries. Around the same time,  **[4]** introduced the *ROUGE* evaluation metric in his work *"ROUGE: A Package for Automatic Evaluation of Summaries,"* which became an industry standard for evaluating the quality of generated summaries. ROUGE is now widely used to assess the performance of modern models, including the T5 model that is fine-tuned in this study.

The field further progressed with [5] paper *"Centroid-based Summarization of Multiple Documents,"* which introduced extractive methods for summarizing multiple documents at once. These foundational studies, along with advancements in deep learning, have paved the way for modern models like T5, which can be fine-tuned for greater precision and relevance.

This study builds on these historical advances by fine-tuning the T5-small model using a condensed version of the CNN/Daily Mail dataset. The aim is to address the limitations posed by smaller datasets, which often result in suboptimal summarization performance. The enhancements achieved in ROUGE scores through this approach show significant improvements in the model’s ability to generate accurate, contextually relevant summaries at a low computational cost. These results underscore the potential for such models in applications like real-time news aggregation, personalized content delivery, and more.

**RATIONALE FOR THE STUDY:**

This study aims to address the challenges posed by the limitations of traditional text summarization models, especially when trained on smaller datasets. By fine-tuning the T5-small model on a reduced version of the CNN/Daily Mail dataset, the study seeks to improve the model's performance in terms of ROUGE scores, a standard metric used to assess summarization quality. The improvements in ROUGE-1, ROUGE-2, and ROUGE-L scores achieved in this study highlight the model’s enhanced ability to capture key data points while keeping computational costs low. The findings have significant implications for the digital technology industry, where real-time summarization, news aggregation, and personalized content delivery are critical for meeting user demands.

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