

Contextual Target-Specific Stance Detection on Twitter: Dataset and Method

Paper Information

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Addressed Problem

How to detect users' stances toward COVID-19 vaccination on Twitter?

Main Contribution

A contextual model that leverages entire Twitter conversations, rather than individual tweets, to infer stances.

Methodology Comments

The study uses Contextual Multi-Head Attention, which processes both the content of each tweet and the relationships within conversations to improve stance detection.

General Description

This paper presents a dataset and a method to identify positions (favor, against, or neither) towards Covid vaccination of a twitter post using as context the conversation in which that tweet originated, which increased the F1 evaluation metric by 25 percentage points.

Significance for the Project

The model and dataset proposed could enhance stance detection in polarized discussions, such as COVID-19 vaccination, providing useful insights for analyzing opinions and identifying polarization in social media.