

An Analysis of Machine Learning and Deep Learning techniques for the Detection of Sarcasm in Text

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Abstract —

Context / Background – Sarcasm presents a fatal problem for classic sentiment analysers, as text that appears to be positive at surface-level can instead convey an alternate negative meaning. There exists an extensive body of literature covering machine learning and deep learning approaches to natural language processing problems, however in the application domain of sarcasm detection, they mostly display low accuracy.

Aims – Despite the challenges in this domain, the ultimate aim of this project is to produce a tool that can detect sarcasm with a *high degree* of accuracy.

Method – In my endeavour to realise this aim, I will implement state-of-the-art word embedding and text classification techniques.

Results – Through extensive experimentation, I found that

Conclusions – Following this experimentation, I conclude that

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Keywords — Machine learning, Deep learning, Sarcasm detection

I INTRODUCTION

This section briefly introduces the general project background, the research question you are addressing, and the project objectives. It should be between 2 to 3 pages in length. Do not change the font sizes or line spacing in order to put in more text.

Table 1: Definition of subjective terms

| Term | Definition | Example |
|-------------|---|--------------------|
| Irony | The use of words that are the opposite of what you mean, as a way of being funny. [4] | Example of irony |
| Sarcasm | The use of remarks that clearly mean the opposite of what they say, made in order to hurt someone's feelings or to criticize something in a humorous way. [5] | Example of sarcasm |

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that the Project Log book be kept up to date as this will be used as supplementary material when the project paper is marked. There should be between 10 and 20 referenced papers—references to Web based pages should be less than 10%.

II RELATED WORK

This section presents a survey of existing work on the problems that this project addresses. it should be between 2 to 4 pages in length. The rest of this section shows the formats of subsections as well as some general formatting information for tables, figures, references and equations.

A Main Text

| Title | | Size | Mean Length |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------|
| News Dataset For Detection | Headlines For Sarcasm | 26709 instances +ve: 43.9% -ve: 56.1% | 9.85 words |
| SARC | | 1010826 instances +ve: 50% -ve: 50% | 10.46 words |
| Sarcasm Amazon Re-views | Amazon Re-views Corpus | 1010826 instances +ve: 50% -ve: 50% | 10.46 words |

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Table 1: UNITS FOR MAGNETIC PROPERTIES

| Symbol | Quantity | Conversion from Gaussian |
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III SOLUTION

This section presents the solutions to the problems in detail. The design and implementation details should all be placed in this section. You may create a number of subsections, each focussing on one issue.

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IV RESULTS

this section presents the results of the solutions. It should include information on experimental settings. The results should demonstrate the claimed benefits/disadvantages of the proposed solutions.

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V EVALUATION

This section should between 1 to 2 pages in length.

VI CONCLUSIONS

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| II. | Related Work | 2–3 |
| III. | Solution | 4–7 |
| IV. | Results | 2–3 |
| V. | Evaluation | 1-2 |
| VI. | Conclusions | 1 |

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