# PyABSA: A Modularized Framework for Reproducible Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis

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# Abstract

The advancement of aspect-based sentiment analysis (ABSA) has urged the lack of a user-friendly framework that can largely lower the difficulty of reproducing state-of-the-art ABSA performance, especially for beginners. To meet the demand, we present PyABSA, a modularized framework built on PyTorch for reproducible ABSA. To facilitate ABSA research, PyABSA supports several ABSA subtasks, including aspect term extraction, aspect sentiment classification, and end-to-end aspect-based sentiment analysis. Concretely, PyABSA integrates 29 models and 26 datasets. With just a few lines of code, the result of a model on a specific dataset can be reproduced. With a modularized design, PyABSA can also be flexiblely extended to considered models, datasets, and other related tasks. Besides, PyABSA highlights its data augmentation and annotation features, which significantly address data scarity. All are welcome to have a try at https://github.com/ yangheng95/PyABSA.

#### 1 Introduction

Aspect-based sentiment analysis (ABSA) (Pontiki et al., 2014, 2015, 2016) has made remarkable strides in recent years, particularly in the subtasks of aspect term extraction (ATE) (Yin et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2016a; Li and Lam, 2017; Wang et al., 2017; Li et al., 2018b; Xu et al., 2018; Ma et al., 2019; Yang, 2019; Yang et al., 2020), aspect sentiment classification (ASC) (Ma et al., 2017; Zhang et al., 2019; Huang and Carley, 2019; Phan and Ogunbona, 2020; Zhao et al., 2020; Li et al., 2021a; Dai et al., 2021; Tian et al., 2021; Wang et al., 2021), and end-to-end aspect-based sentiment analysis (E2EABSA) (Yang et al., 2021b). In an example sentence that "I love the *pizza* at this restaurant, but the service is terrible.", there are two aspects "pizza" and "service". towards which the sentiments are positive and negative, respectively. Here, ATE aims to extract the two aspects, ASC aims to detect the corresponding sentiments given the aspects, and E2EABSA<sup>1</sup> aims to achieve the extraction and detection as one.

While an enormous number of models have been proposed in ABSA, however, they typically have distinguished architectures (e.g., LSTM, GCN, BERT) and optimizations (e.g., data pre-processing, evaluation metric), making it hard to reproduce their reported results even if their code is released. To address this issue and promote a fair comparison, we introduce PyABSA, a modularized framework built on PyTorch for reproducible ABSA. We provide a demonstration video<sup>2</sup> to show the basic usages of PyABSA.

PyABSA enables easy-to-use model training, evaluation, and inference on aforementioned ABSA subtasks with 29 models and 26 datasets supported. PyABSA allows beginners to reproduce the result of a model on a specific dataset with just a few lines of code. In addition to using PyABSA to reproduce results, we have also released a range of trained checkpoints, which can be accessed through the Transformers Model Hub<sup>3</sup> for users who need exact reproducibility.

Moreover, PyABSA is a framework with a modularized organization. Technically, PyABSA has five major modules: template class, configuration manager, dataset manager, metric visualizer, checkpoint manager. Thus it is flexible to extend provided templates to considered models, datasets and other related tasks with minor modifications.

It is widely recognized that ABSA models suffers from the shortage of data and the absence of datasets in specific domains. Utilizing an ABSAoriented data augmentor, we are able to provide up

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>There are aliases for ASC and E2EABSA in some research, i.e., APC and ATEPC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The video can be accesses at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Od7t6CuCo6M

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Model Hub of PyABSA is powered by Huggingface Space.

to 200K+ additional examples per dataset. The augmented datasets can improve the accuracy of models by 1-3%. To encourage the community to contribute custom datasets, we provide an data annotation interface.

It is noteworthy that there are other existing projects partly achieving similar goals with PyABSA. We should mark that the advantages of PyABSA over these projects are in the following aspects.

- PyABSA democratizes reproducible ABSA research by supporting a larger array of models and datasets among mainly concerned ABSA subtasks.
- PyABSA is a modularized framework that is flexible to be extended to considered models, datasets, and other related tasks thanks to its organization.
- PyABSA additionally offers data augmentation and data annotation features to address the data scarity in ABSA.

# 2 Supported Tasks

Table 1: The prevalent models provided by PyABSA. ATE and E2EABSA share similar models. Note that the models based on BERT can be adapted to other pretrained language models from HuggingFace Transformers.

| Model           | Task            | Reference                | GloVe    | BERT             |  |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| AOA             |                 | Huang et al. (2018)      | <b>√</b> | <b>√</b>         |  |
| ASGCN           |                 | Zhang et al. (2019)      | ✓        | ✓                |  |
| ATAE-LSTM       |                 | Wang et al. (2016b)      | ✓        | ✓                |  |
| Cabasc          | 1               | Liu et al. (2018)        | ✓        | ✓                |  |
| IAN             | 1               | Ma et al. (2017)         | ✓        | √<br>√<br>√<br>√ |  |
| LSTM-ASC        | 1               | Hochreiter et al. (1997) | ✓        | ✓                |  |
| MemNet          | 1               | Tang et al. (2016b)      | <b>√</b> | ✓                |  |
| MGAN            | ]               | Fan et al. (2018)        | ✓        | ✓                |  |
| RAM             |                 | Chen et al. (2017)       | ✓        | √<br>√<br>√<br>√ |  |
| TC-LSTM         |                 | Tang et al. (2016a)      | <b>√</b> | ✓                |  |
| TD-LSTM         |                 | Tang et al. (2016a)      | ✓        | ✓                |  |
| TNet-LF         | 1               | Li et al. (2018a)        | ✓        | ✓                |  |
| BERT-ASC        | 1               | Devlin et al. (2019)     | X        | ✓                |  |
| BERT-SPC        | r \             | Devlin et al. (2019)     | X        | ✓                |  |
| DLCF-DCA        | ASC             | Xu et al. (2022)         | X        | ✓<br>✓<br>✓      |  |
| DLCFS-DCA       | <,              | Xu et al. (2022)         | X        | ✓                |  |
| Fast-LCF-ASC    | 1               | Zeng et al. (2019)       | X        | <b>√</b>         |  |
| Fast-LCFS-ASC   | 1               | Zeng et al. (2019)       | X        | ✓                |  |
| LCA-BERT        | 1               | Yang and Zeng (2020)     | X        |                  |  |
| LCF-BERT        | 1               | Zeng et al. (2019)       | X        | ✓                |  |
| LCFS-BERT       | 1               | Zeng et al. (2019)       | X        | √<br>√<br>√      |  |
| Fast-LSA-T      | 1               | Yang et al. (2021a)      | X        | <b>/</b>         |  |
| Fast-LSA-S      | 1               | Yang et al. (2021a)      | X        | · √              |  |
| Fast-LSA-P      |                 | Yang et al. (2021a)      | Х        | ✓                |  |
| BERT-ATESC      |                 | Devlin et al. (2019)     | Х        | <b>√</b>         |  |
| Fast-LCF-ATESC  | ZE              | Yang et al. (2021b)      | X        | ✓                |  |
| Fast-LCFS-ATESC | ATE / E2E       | Yang et al. (2021b)      | X        | ✓                |  |
| LCF-ATESC       | 田               | Yang et al. (2021b)      | X        | ✓                |  |
| LCFS-ATESC      | \[\frac{1}{2}\] | Yang et al. (2021b)      | ×        | ✓                |  |

We primarily support three subtasks in ABSA, namely ATE, ASC, and E2EABSA. Each subtask contains its own models and datasets, which adds

up to 29 models and 26 datasets in total.

#### 2.1 Models & Datasets

The core difficulty in unifying different models into a framework is that distinguished architectures and optimizations being used. We strive to bridge the gap in PyABSA, which has to our best knowledge the largest model pool covering attention-based, graph-based, and BERT-based models, etc. The supported models are listed in Table 1.

PyABSA also gathers a wide variety of datasets across various domains and languages, including laptops, restaurants, MOOCs, Twitter, and others. As far as we know, PyABSA maintains the largest ever number of ABSA datasets, which can be viewed in Table 2.

With just a few lines of code, researchers and users can invoke these builtin models and datasets for their own purposes. An example training pipeline of ASC is given in Snippet 1.

Snippet 1: The code snippet of an ASC training pipeline.

#### 2.2 Reproduction

We as well present a preliminary performance overview of the models over the datasets provided in PyABSA. The results, which are based on ten epochs of training using the configurations for reproduction, can be found in Appendix B. The standard deviations of the results are also attached in parentheses. We used the pile of all datasets from PyABSA as the multilingual one. Please note that "-" in the results table means that the graph-based models are not applicable for those specific datasets. The checkpoints of these models are also offered for exact reproducibility. An E2E ABSA example inference pipeline is given in Snippet 2.

Table 2: A list of datasets in various languages presented in PyABSA, where the datasets marked with  $^{\dagger}$  are used for adversarial research. The increased number of examples in the training set have been generated using our own ABSA automatic augmentation tool.

| Dataset                        | Language |              | # of Examples  |             | # of Augmented Examples | Source                  |  |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Dataset                        | Language | Training Set | Validation Set | Testing Set | Training Set            | Source                  |  |
| Laptop14                       | English  | 2328         | 0              | 638         | 13325                   | SemEval 2014            |  |
| Restaurant14                   | English  | 3604         | 0              | 1120        | 19832                   | SemEval 2014            |  |
| Restaurant15                   | English  | 1200         | 0              | 539         | 7311                    | SemEval 2015            |  |
| Restaurant16                   | English  | 1744         | 0              | 614         | 10372                   | SemEval 2016            |  |
| Twitter                        | English  | 5880         | 0              | 654         | 35227                   | Dong et al. (2014)      |  |
| MAMS                           | English  | 11181        | 1332           | 1336        | 62665                   | Jiang et al. (2019)     |  |
| Television                     | English  | 3647         | 0              | 915         | 25676                   | Mukherjee et al. (2021) |  |
| T-shirt                        | English  | 1834         | 0              | 465         | 15086                   | Mukherjee et al. (2021) |  |
| Yelp                           | English  | 808          | 0              | 245         | 2547                    | WeiLi9811@GitHub        |  |
| Phone                          | Chinese  | 1740         | 0              | 647         | 0                       | Peng et al. (2018)      |  |
| Car                            | Chinese  | 862          | 0              | 284         | 0                       | Peng et al. (2018)      |  |
| Notebook                       | Chinese  | 464          | 0              | 154         | 0                       | Peng et al. (2018)      |  |
| Camera                         | Chinese  | 1500         | 0              | 571         | 0                       | Peng et al. (2018)      |  |
| MOOC                           | Chinese  | 1583         | 0              | 396         | 0                       | jmc-123@GitHub          |  |
| Shampoo                        | Chinese  | 6810         | 0              | 915         | 0                       | brightgems@GitHub       |  |
| MOOC-En                        | English  | 1492         | 1492 0         |             | 10562                   | aparnavalli@GitHub      |  |
| Arabic                         | Arabic   | 9620         | 0              | 2372        | 0                       | SemEval 2016            |  |
| Dutch                          | Dutch    | 1283         | 0              | 394         | 0                       | SemEval 2016            |  |
| Spanish                        | Spanish  | 1928         | 0              | 731         | 0                       | SemEval 2016            |  |
| Turkish                        | Turkish  | 1385         | 0              | 146         | 0                       | SemEval 2016            |  |
| Russian                        | Russian  | 3157         | 0              | 969         | 0                       | SemEval 2016            |  |
| French                         | French   | 1769         | 0              | 718         | 0                       | SemEval 2016            |  |
| ARTS-Laptop14 <sup>†</sup>     | English  | 2328         | 638            | 1877        | 13325                   | Xing et al. (2020)      |  |
| ARTS-Restaurant14 <sup>†</sup> | English  | 3604         | 1120           | 3448        | 19832                   | Xing et al. (2020)      |  |
| Kaggle <sup>†</sup>            | English  | 3376         | 0              | 866         | 0                       | Khandeka@Kaggle         |  |
| Chinese-Restaurant†            | Chinese  | 26119        | 3638           | 7508        | 0                       | Zhang et al. (2022)     |  |

Snippet 2: The code snippet of an E2EABSA inference pipeline.

```
from pyabsa import AspectTermExtraction as ATE
aspect extractor = ATE.AspectExtractor(
    data num=100.
# simple inference
     "But the staff was so nice to us ...",
    "But_the_staff_was_so_horrible_to_us_.",
result = aspect_extractor.predict(
         example=examples,
         print_result=True, # print results in console
ignore_error=True, # ignore an invalid input
eval_batch_size=32, # set batch size
# batch inference
atepc_result = aspect_extractor.batch_predict(
    inference_source,
    save_result=False,
    print_result=True,
    pred_sentiment=True,
    eval_batch_size=32,
```

## 3 Modularized Framework

The main design of PyABSA is shown in Figure 1, which includes five necessary modules. We start by exploring task instances, which are abstracted as template classes. Afterwards, we dive into other modules (i.e., configuration manager, dataset manager, metric visualizer, checkpoint manager), elaborating their roles in getting PyABSA modularized.

# 3.1 Template Classes

PyABSA streamlines the process of developing models for ABSA subtasks, with a range of templates (refer to the five template classes in Figure 1) that simplify the implementation of models and ease the customization of data.

We follow a software engineering design with common templates and interfaces, allowing users to defining models with model utilities, processing data with data utilities, training models with trainer, and inferring models with predictors. These can be all achieved simply by inheriting the templates without manipulating the common modules. The inherited modules come with a uniform interface for all task-agnostic features.

#### 3.2 Configuration Manager

Configuration manager handles environment configurations, model configurations, and hyperparameter settings. It extends the Python Namespace object for improving user-friendliness. Additionally, The configuration manager possesses a configuration checker to make sure that incorrect configurations do not pass necessary sanity checks, helping users keep in track of their training settings.

#### 3.3 Dataset Manager

Dataset manager enables users to manage a wide range of builtin and custom datasets. Each dataset

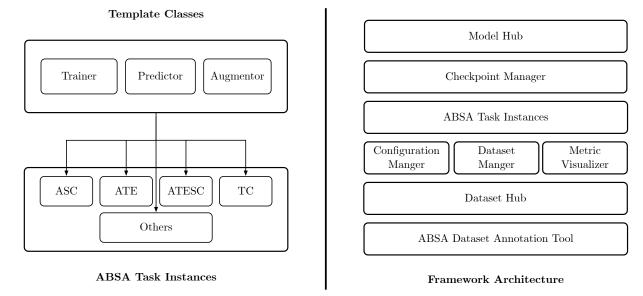


Figure 1: The left half of the diagram introduces the template classes provided in PyABSA. Typically, each ABSA subtask has 5 template classes that need to be instantiated, except for the augmenter which is optional. The right side of the diagram shows the main framework of PyABSA. The lowest level is the data annotation, which is suitable for creating custom datasets and the created datasets can be shared to the dataset hub. The three modules in the middle are the generic modules, which are suitable for training based on new datasets or models. The checkpoint manager is used to connect to the model hub and is responsible for uploading and downloading models and instantiating inference models.

is assigned with unique ID and name for management, and the dataset items are designed as nest objects to enhance flexibility. This design makes it simple to combine datasets for ensemble learning and multilingual ABSA tasks. Moreover, the dataset manager also takes care of seamlessly connect to the ABSA dataset hub, automatically downloading and managing the integrated datasets.

#### 3.4 Metric Visualizer

As a vital effort towards streamlined evaluation and fair comparisons, metric visualizer<sup>4</sup> for PyABSA to automatically record, manage, and visualize various metrics (such as Accuracy, F-measure, STD, IQR, etc.). The metric visualizer can track metrics in real-time or load saved metrics records and produce box plots, violin plots, trajectory plots, Scott-Knott test plots, significance test results, etc. An example of auto-generated visualizations is shown in Figure 2 and more plots and experiment settings can be found in Appendix C. The metric visualizer streamlines the process of visualizing performance metrics and eliminates potential biases in metric statistics.

Figure 2: The metrics summary and a part of automatic visualizations processed by metric visualizer in PyABSA. The experimental dataset is ARTS-Laptop14, an adversarial dataset for ASC.

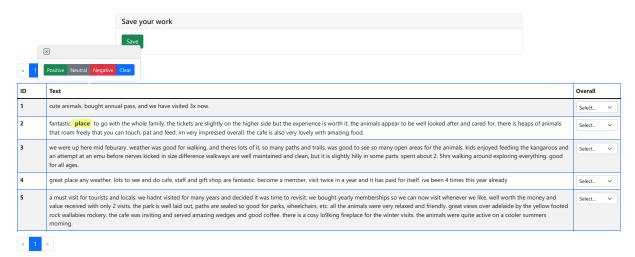
| Metric   | Trial | Values                | Average                          | Median   | Std       | IQR  | Min       | Max            |
|----------|-------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|------|-----------|----------------|
| Accuracy | LCFS  | [83.86, 84.01, 83.39] | 83.75                            | 83.86    | 0.27      | 0.31 | 83.39     | 84.01          |
| Accuracy | LCF   | [83.23, 82.76, 83.23] | 83.07                            | 83.23    | 0.22      | 0.24 | 82.76     | 83.23          |
| Accuracy | LSA-S | [82.29, 82.6, 83.7]   | 82.86                            | 82.6     | 0.6 0.71  |      | 82.29     | 83.7           |
| Accuracy | LSA-T | [82.76, 82.76, 83.7]  | 83.07                            | 82.76    | 0.44      | 0.47 | 82.76     | 83.7           |
| macro F1 | LCFS  | [80.9, 80.87, 80.4]   | 80.72                            | 80.87    | 0.23      | 0.25 | 80.4      | 80.9           |
| macro F1 | LCF   | [80.36, 80.08, 80.59] | 80.34                            | 80.36    | 0.21      | 0.25 | .25 80.08 |                |
| macro F1 | LSA-S | [78.89, 79.48, 80.3]  | 79.56                            | 79.48    | 0.58 0.71 |      | 78.89     | 80.3           |
| macro F1 | LSA-T | [79.79, 79.25, 88.53] | 79.85                            | 79.79    | 0.53      | 0.64 | 79.25     | 80.53          |
|          |       |                       | 84<br>82<br>80<br>80<br>78<br>74 | <b>1</b> |           | •    | Ē         | Accuracy<br>F1 |
| LCFS     | LCF   | LSAS LSA              |                                  | LCFS     | LCF       | LSA  | 8         | LSA            |

#### 3.5 Checkpoint Manager

Checkpoint manager manages the trained model checkpoints and interacts with the model hub. Users can easily query available checkpoints for different ABSA subtasks and instantiate an inference model by specifying its checkpoint name. Users

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The metric visualizer was developed specifically for PyABSA and is available as an independent open-source project at: https://github.com/yangheng95/metric-visualizer

Figure 3: The community-contributed manual dataset annotation tool provided for PyABSA.



can query available checkpoints in few lines of code as in Snippet 3 from the model hub. The example of available checkpoints is shown in Figure 4

Snippet 3: The code snippet of available checkpoints.

```
from pyabsa import available_checkpoints
from pyabsa import TaskCodeOption

checkpoint_map = available_checkpoints(
    # the code of ASC
    TaskCodeOption.Aspect_Polarity_Classification,
    show_ckpts=True
)
```

While connecting to the model hub is the most convenient way to get an inference model, we also provide two alternative ways:

- Searching for trained or cached checkpoints using keywords or paths through the checkpoint manager.
- Building inference models using trained models returned by the trainers, which eliminates the need for saving checkpoints to disk.

The checkpoint manager for any subtask is compatible with GloVe and pre-trained models based on transformers, and with the help of PyABSA's interface, launching an ATESC service requires just a few lines of code.

#### 4 Featured Functionalities

# 4.1 Data Augmentation

In ABSA, data scarity can lead to inconsistencies in performance evaluation and difficulties with generalizing across domains. To address this issue, PyABSA has adopted an automatic text augmen-

Figure 4: A part of available checkpoints for E2E ABSA in PyABSA's model hub.

```
******* Available E2E ABSA model checkpoints for Version: 2.0.29a0 (this version) *********
Training Model: FAST-LCF-ATEPC
Training Dataset: ABSADatasets.Multilingual
Language: Multilingual
Description: Trained on RTX3096
Available Version: 1.16.0+
Checkpoint File: fast_lcf_atepc_Multilingual_cdw_apcacc_80.81_apcf1_73.75_atef1_76.01.zip
Checkpoint Name: multilingual2
Training Model: FAST-LCF-ATEPC
Training Dataset: ABSADatasets.Multilingual
Language: Multilingual
Language: Multingual
Description: Trained on RTX3090
Available Version: 1.16.0+
Checkpoint File: fast_lcf_atepc_Multilingual_cdw_apcacc_78.08_apcf1_77.81_atef1_75.41.zip
Author: H, Yang (hy345@exeter.ac.uk)
Checkpoint Name: english
Training Model: FAST-LCF-ATEPC
Training Dataset: ATEPCData
Language: English
Description: Trained on RTX3090
Available Version: 1.10.5+
Checkpoint File: fast_lcf_atepc_English_cdw_apcacc_82.36_apcf1_81.89_atef1_75.43.zip
Author: H, Yang (hy345@exeter.ac.uk)
```

tation method, i.e., BoostAug. This method balances diversity and skewness in the distribution of augmented data. In our experiments, the text augmentation method significantly boosted the classification accuracy and F1 scores of all datasets and models, whereas previous text augmentation techniques had a negative impact on model performance. We refer a comprehensive overview of this text augmentation method to Yang and Li (2022).

#### 4.2 Dataset Annotation

Annotating ABSA datasets is more difficult compared to pure text classification. As there is no open-source tool available for annotating ABSA datasets, creating custom datasets becomes a criti-

cal challenge. In PyABSA, we have got users rescued by provide a manual annotation interface contributed by the community (referred to as Figure 3), along with an automatic annotation interface.

Manual Annotation To ensure accurate manual annotation, our contributor developed a specialized ASC annotation tool<sup>5</sup> for PyABSA. This tool runs on web browsers, making it easy for anyone to create their own datasets with just a web browser. The annotation tool outputs datasets for various ABSA sub-tasks, such as ASC and ATESC sub-tasks, and we even provide an interface to help users convert datasets between different sub-tasks. Check out the community-contributed manual dataset annotation tool in Figure 3

Automatic Annotation To make manual annotation easier and address the issue of limited data, we offer an automatic annotation method in PyABSA. This interface is powered by a trained E2EABSA model and uses a hub-powered inference model to extract aspect terms and sentiment polarities. It enables users to quickly expand small datasets with annotated ABSA instances. Check out the following example for a demonstration of the automatic annotation interface:

Snippet 4: The code snippet of automatic annotation.

Ensemble Training In deep learning, model ensemble is a crucial technique, and it is common to enhance ABSA performance in real-world projects through model ensemble. To simplify the process for users, PyABSA provides easy-to-use model ensemble without any code changes. Furthermore, PyABSA offers convenient ensemble methods for users to effortlessly augment their training data using built-in datasets from the data center. For example, when PyABSA recognizes a model or dataset as a list, it will automatically perform ensemble. We showcase this simple ensemble method in Snippet 5.

**Ensemble Inference** PyABSA includes an ensemble inference module for all subtasks, which enables users to aggregate the results of multiple

Snippet 5: The code snippet of an model ensemble in PyABSA.

```
import random
from pyabsa import
    AspectSentimentClassification as ASC,
    ModelSaveOption,
models = [
        ASC.ASCModelList.FAST LSA T V2,
        ASC.ASCModelList.FAST_LSA_S_V2,
        ASC.ASCModelList.BERT_SPC_V2,
    ASC.ASCDatasetList.Laptop14,
    ASC.ASCDatasetList.Restaurant14,
    ASC.ASCDatasetList.Restaurant15,
    ASC.ASCDatasetList.Restaurant16,
    ASC. ASCDataset List. MAMS
config = ASC.ASCConfigManager.get_apc_config_english()
config.model = models
config.pretrained_bert = 'roberta-base'
config.seed = [random.randint(0, 10000) for in range(3)]
trainer = ASC.ASCTrainer(
    dataset=datasets,
    \verb|checkpoint_save_mode=ModelSaveOption|.
          SAVE MODEL STATE DICT
trainer.load_trained_model()
```

models to produce a final prediction, thereby leveraging the strengths of each individual model and resulting in improved performance and robustness compared to using a single model alone. We provide an example of ensemble inference in Snippet 6.

Snippet 6: The code snippet of an model ensemble in PyABSA.

#### 5 Conclusions and Future Work

We present PyABSA, a modularized framework for reproducible ABSA. Our goal was to democratize the reproduction of ABSA models with a few lines of code and provide an opportunity of implementing ideas with minimal modifications on our prototypes. Additionally, the framework comes equipped with powerful data augmentation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://github.com/yangheng95/ABSADatasets/DPT

and annotation features, largely addressing the data scarity of ABSA. In the future, we plan to expand the framework to include other ABSA subtasks, such as aspect sentiment triplet extraction.

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## **A Related Works**

In recent years, many open-source models have been developed for aspect-based sentiment classification (ASC) (Li et al., 2021a; Tian et al., 2021; Li et al., 2021b; Wang et al., 2021) and aspect term extraction and sentiment classification (ATESC) (Li et al., 2018b; Xu et al., 2018; Ma et al., 2019; Yang, 2019; Yang et al., 2020). However, the open-source repositories for these models often lack the capability to make predictions, and many are no longer being maintained. Two works similar to PyABSA are ABSA-PyTorch (Song et al., 2019) and Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis. ABSA-PyTorch combined multiple third-party models to facilitate fair comparisons of accuracy and F1, but it is now outdated and only supports the ASC task. Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis (Consultants, 2020) also handles ASC, but with limited models. PyABSA is a researchfriendly framework that supports multiple aspectbased sentiment analysis (ABSA) subtasks and includes multilingual, open-source ABSA datasets. The framework has instant inference interfaces for both aspect-based sentiment classification (ASC) and aspect-term extraction and sentiment classification (ATESC) subtasks, facilitating the implementation of multilingual ABSA services. PyABSA sets itself apart from other similar works, such as ABSA-PyTorch and Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis, by being actively maintained and supporting multiple ABSA subtasks.

#### **B** Model Evaluation

We present the experimental results of various models on different datasets, which may help users choose a suitable model for their projects.

# C Metric Visualization in PyABSA

## C.1 Code for Auto-metric Visualization

PyABSA provides standardised methods for monitoring metrics and metric visualisations. PyASBA will automatically generate trajectory plot, box plot, violin plot, and bar charts based on metrics to evaluate the performance differences across models, etc. This example aims at evaluating the influence of maximum modelling length as a hyperparameter on the performance of the FAST-LSA-T-V2 model on the Laptop14 dataset.

```
import random
import os
from metric_visualizer import MetricVisualizer

from pyabsa import AspectSentimentClassification as ASC

config = ASC.ASCConfigManager.get_config_english()
config.model = ASC.ASCModelList.FAST_LSA_T_V2
config.lcf = 'cdw'

# each trial repeats with different seed
config.seed = [random.randint(0, 10000) for _ in range(3)]
```

results were obtained through 10 epochs of training using the default settings. The multi-language dataset includes all the built-in datasets from PyABSA. The absence of results The results in parentheses are the standard deviations. These Table 3: The evaluation of the performance of the ASC and ATESC models on the datasets available in PyABSA. or some datasets using syntax-based models is indicated by

| _                        | _                 |  |  |   |   |  | _   |  |   |  | _            | _                 | _   |   |   | _   |   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|--------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Multilingual             | $F1_{ASC}$        | 80.93(0.21)  | 81.62(0.20)  | 81.34(0.25)   | ı   | 82.01(0.46)  | 81.58(0.13)   | 81.01(0.56)  | ı   | 81.58(0.56)  | ingual       | $F1_{ATE}$        | 80.9(0.02)  | 80.31(0.19)                                     | ı   | 80.15(1.18)   | 1   |
| Multi                    | $Acc_{ASC}$       | 87.19(0.36)  | 87.80(0.01)  | 87.66(0.15)   | ı   | 87.86(0.09)  | 87.55(0.22)   | 87.56(0.13)  | ı   | 87.81(0.24)  | Multilingual | $F1_{ASC}$        | 75.13(0.15)   | 78.96(0.13)                                     | ı   | 80.63(0.35)   | 1   |
| -sia                     | F1 <sub>ASC</sub> | 77.13(0.08)  | 74.88(0.41) 87.80(0.01)  | 74.17(0.47) 87.66(0.15)   | 1   | 74.71(0.17) 87.86(0.09)  | 74.99(0.44)   | 76.91(1.10)  | ı   | 77.13(0.08)  | Russian      | Flate             | 77.64(0.19)   | 76.90(0.52)                                     | ı   | 79.06(0.52)   | 1   |
|                          | $Acc_{ASC}$       |  | 87.00(0.41)  | 87.77(0.15)   | ı   | 87.41(0.21)  | 75.41(0.37) 87.94(0.43) 72.69(1.01) 84.61(0.21) 71.98(1.25) 90.83(0.41) 73.87(1.45) 88.36(0.68) 69.21(0.86) 87.15(0.15) 74.99(0.44) 87.55(0.22) | 77.25(0.43)  86.04(0.0)  70.02(0.75)  86.07(0.14)  73.52(0.53)  91.93(0.27)  74.21(0.60)  88.01(1.03)  66.74(0.61)  88.24(0.10)  76.91(1.10)  87.56(0.13)  81.01(0.56)  87.56(0.13)  81.01(0.56)  87.56(0.13)  81.01(0.56)  87.56(0.13)  87.56(0.13)  81.01(0.56)  87.56(0.13)  81.01(0.56)  87.56(0.13)  81.01(0.56)  87.56(0.13)  81.01(0.56)  87.56(0.13)  81.01(0.56)  87.56(0.13)  8 | 1   | 74.64(0.68)  86.29(0.51)  68.64(0.26)  86.14(0.63)  85.14(0.63)  75.59(0.45)  90.77(0.07)  74.60(0.82)  85.27(0.34)  65.58(0.07)  87.62(0.06)  77.13(0.08)  87.81(0.24)  81.58(0.56)  87.81(0.24)  81.28(0.56)  87.81(0.24)  81.28(0.56)  87.81(0.24)  81.28(0.56)  87.81(0.56) |              | $F1_{ASC}$        | 70.46(0.54)   | 71.28(0.37)                                     | ı   | 71.96(0.28)   | 1   |
| ish                      | Flasc             | 86.14(0.63)   75.59(0.45)   85.27(0.34)   65.58(0.07)   87.62(77.13) | 75.68(0.01)  86.93(0.38)  72.81(1.57)  86.42(0.49)  76.29(0.10)  90.42(0.0)  73.69(0.82)  85.96(1.71)  67.59(1.61)  87.00(0.41)  8 | 77.68(0.33) 86.42(0.13) 71.36(0.53) 86.35(0.28) 75.10(0.14) 91.59(0.21) 72.31(0.26) 86.64(1.71) 67.00(1.63) 87.77(0.15) | 1   | 77.60(0.44)  86.55(0.76)  70.67(0.41)  85.52(0.42)  74.03(0.75)  91.86(0.21)  75.26(0.37)  89.73(0.05)  68.57(1.09)  87.41(0.21)  77.26(0.37)  89.73(0.05)  87.41(0.21) | 69.21(0.86)   | (190)4/29  | 1   | 65.58(0.07)  | ish          | Flate             |   | 73.46(0.87)                                     | 1   | 74.88(0.08)   | 1   |
| Turkish                  | Accasc            | 85.27(0.34)  | 85.96(1.71)  | 86.64(1.71)   | 1   | 89.73(0.05)  | 88.36(0.68)   | 88.01(1.03)  | ı   | 85.27(0.34)  | Turkish      | F1 <sub>ASC</sub> | 67.28(0.37)   |   | ı   | 69.52(0.54)   | 1   |
| French                   | $F1_{ASC}$        | 75.59(0.45)  | 73.69(0.82)  | 72.31(0.26)   | ı   | 75.26(0.37)  | 73.87(1.45)   | 74.21(0.60)  | ı   | 74.60(0.82)  | nch          | $F1_{ATE}$        | 83.54(0.59)   69.26(0.07)   83.54(0.59)   67.28(0.37)   72.88(0.37) | 71.24(0.47) 82.06(0.67) 67.64(1.28)             | 1   | 82.16(0.38)   | ı   |
| Fre                      | $Acc_{ASC}$       |  | 90.42(0.0)   | 91.59(0.21)   | I   | 91.86(0.21)  | 90.83(0.41)   | 91.93(0.27)  | 1   | (20.0)77.00  | French       | $F1_{ASC}$        | 69.26(0.07)   | 71.24(0.47)                                     | 1   | 70.76(0.92)   | 1   |
| nish                     | $F1_{ASC}$        | 68.64(0.26)  | 76.29(0.10)  | 75.10(0.14)   | 1   | 74.03(0.75)  | 71.98(1.25)   | 73.52(0.53)  | 1   | 75.59(0.45)  | nish         | $F1_{ATE}$        | 83.54(0.59)   | 83.37(1.21)                                     | 1   | 84.22(0.83)   | 1   |
| Spanish                  | Accasc            | 86.29(0.51)  | 86.42(0.49)  | 86.35(0.28)   | 1   | 85.52(0.42)  | 84.61(0.21)   | 86.07(0.14)  | ı   | 86.14(0.63)  | Spanish      | $F1_{ASC}$        | 69.29(0.07)   | 71.24(0.47)                                     | ı   | 70.19(0.24)   | 1   |
| 핅                        | $F1_{ASC}$        | 74.64(0.68)  | 72.81(1.57)  | 71.36(0.53)   | ı   | 70.67(0.41)  | 72.69(1.01)   | 70.02(0.75)  | ı   | 68.64(0.26)  | ch           | $F1_{ATE}$        | 78.31(1.40)   | (69:0)65:82                                     | ı   | 79.94(1.70)   | 1   |
|                          | $Acc_{ASC}$       | 94.10(0.40)   89.12(0.21)   74.64(0.68)   86.29(0.51)   68.64(0.26)  | 86.93(0.38)  | 86.42(0.13)   | ı   | 86.55(0.76)  | 87.94(0.43)   | 86.04(0.0)   | ı   | 86.29(0.51)  | Dutch        | $F1_{ASC}$        | 71.06(1.09)   | 73.67(0.89)                                     | ı   | 71.85(1.53)   | 1   |
| PIC<br>F1 <sub>ASC</sub> | $F1_{ASC}$        | 94.10(0.40)  | 75.68(0.01)  | 77.68(0.33)   | ı   | 77.60(0.44)  | 75.41(0.37)   | 77.25(0.43)  | ı   | 74.64(0.68)  | abic         | $F1_{ATE}$        | 71.18(0.34)   | 70.30(0.41)                                     | 1   | 70.52(0.28)   | 1   |
| Arab                     | Accasc            | 95.27(0.29)  | 89.23(0.15)  | 89.82(0.06)   | ı   | 89.80(0.13)  | 88.89(0.11)   | 89.25(0.38)  | ı   | 89.12(0.21)  | Arap         | $F1_{ASC}$        | 71.18(0.34)   | 67.38(0.11)                                     | ı   | 67.30(0.17)   | 1   |
| Chinese                  | $F1_{ASC}$        | 94.10(0.40)  | 94.74(0.30)  | 84.70(0.05) 82.00(0.08) 95.98(0.02) 95.01(0.05)   | 94.40(0.55)                                     | 84.81(0.29) 82.06(0.06) 96.30(0.05) 95.45(0.05) 89.80(0.13)  | 84.49(0.13) 81.46(0.05) 95.32(0.39) 94.23(0.56) 88.89(0.11)   | 84.60(0.29) 81.77(0.44) 96.05(0.05) 95.10(0.05) 89.25(0.38)  | 75.87(0.25)                                     | 84.21(0.06) 81.60(0.23) 95.27(0.29) 94.10(0.40) 89.12(0.21)  | Chinese      | $F1_{ATE}$        | 64.86(0.50)   | 84.15(0.39)                                     | 84.48(0.32)                                     | 84.64(0.38)   | 84.92(0.11)                                     |
| Chi                      | $Acc_{ASC}$       | 95.27(0.29)  | 95.69(0.22)  | 95.98(0.02)   | 95.67(0.32)                                     | 96.30(0.05)  | 95.32(0.39)   | 96.05(0.05)  | 89.55(0.11)                                     | 95.27(0.29)  | Chi          | $F1_{ASC}$        | 94.12(0.12)   | 94.32(0.29)                                     | 93.68(0.25)                                     | 94.00(0.38)   | 93.52(0.09)                                     |
| English                  | $F1_{ASC}$        | 84.57(0.44)   81.98(0.22)   95.27(0.29)   94.10(0.40)                | 84.05(0.06) 81.03(1.05) 95.69(0.22) 94.74(0.30)  | 82.00(0.08)   | 84.27(0.09) 81.60(0.17) 95.67(0.32) 94.40(0.55) | 82.06(0.06)  | 81.46(0.05)   | 81.77(0.44)  | 84.15(0.15) 81.53(0.03) 89.55(0.11) 75.87(0.25) | 81.60(0.23)  | lish         | $F1_{ATE}$        | 72.70(0.48)   81.66(1.16)   94.12(0.12)   64.86(0.50)               | 79.23(0.07) 81.78(0.12) 94.32(0.29) 84.15(0.39) | 75.82(0.03) 81.40(0.59) 93.68(0.25) 84.48(0.32) | 77.91(0.41)   82.34(0.35)   94.00(0.38)   84.64(0.38) | 75.85(0.22) 85.00(1.58) 93.52(0.09) 84.92(0.11) |
|                          | $Acc_{ASC}$       | 84.57(0.44)  | 84.05(0.06)  | 84.70(0.05)   | 84.27(0.09)                                     | 84.81(0.29)  | 84.49(0.13)   | 84.60(0.29)  | 84.15(0.15)                                     | 84.21(0.06)  | English      | $F1_{ASC}$        | 72.70(0.48)   | 79.23(0.07)                                     | 75.82(0.03)                                     | 77.91(0.41)   | 75.85(0.22)                                     |
| Task                     |                   | SSA  |  |   |   |  |   |  | Tock  | Idon   |              | 25                | E   | L∀  |   |   |   |
| ASC Model                |                   | BERT-SPC   | DLCF-DCA   | Fast-LCF-ASC  | Fast-LCFS-ASC                                   | LCF-BERT   | LCFS-BERT   | Fast-LSA-T   | Fast-LSA-S                                      | Fast-LSA-P   | ATESC Model  | DING TO COLLEGE   | BERT-ATESC<br>Fast-LCF-ASESC<br>Fast-LCFS-ASESC                     |   | LCF-ATESC                                       | LCFS-ATESC  |   |

## **C.2** Automatic Metric Visualizations

There are some visualization examples autogenerated by PyABSA. Note that the metrics are not stable on small datasets.

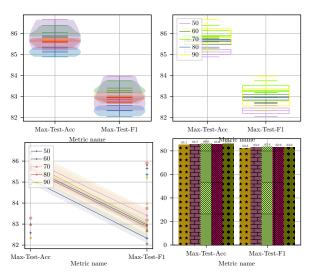


Figure 5: An example of automated -metric visualizations of the Fast-LSA-T-V2 model grouped by metric names.

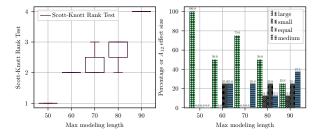


Figure 6: The significance level visualizations of the Fast-LSA-T-V2 grouped by different max modeling length. The left is scott-knott rank test plot, while the right is A12 effect size plot.