

# Sentiment Polarity Classification for Khmer

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- Sentiment analysis, often referred to as opinion mining, stands as a cornerstone task in both natural language processing and computational linguistics
- Pivotal for comprehending user-generated content, such as social network posts or product reviews
- Significant attention from both the industrial and academic communities
- In this paper, we evaluate the efficacy of both traditional machine learning techniques and the FastText model
- positive, negative, neutral

- Rina Buoy, Nguonly Taing and Sovisal Chenda (2021), Khmer Text Classification Using Word Embedding and Neural Networks
- Gather data from Wikipedia texts and two main local news website (Thmey Thmey and Sabay)
- Dataset is roughly 1 million sentences, around 30 million words
- Each news article can have more than one labels
- 13,902 articles in total have 4,687 articles with single label
- Data split into two smaller datasets multi-class (single label) and multi-label (one or more labels) classification

# Related Work: Khmer Language Data

- Class names are in Khmer language, not mentioned how many classes in the paper

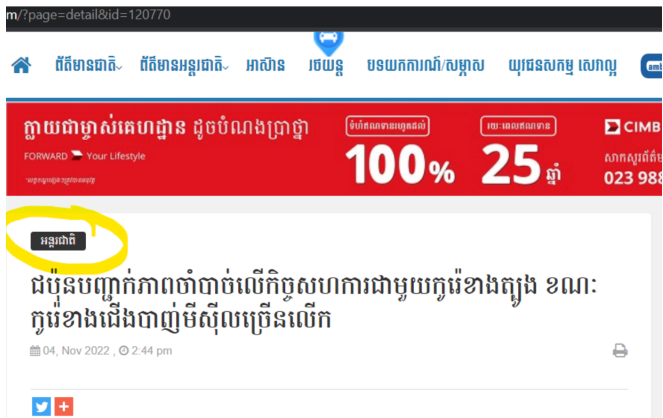
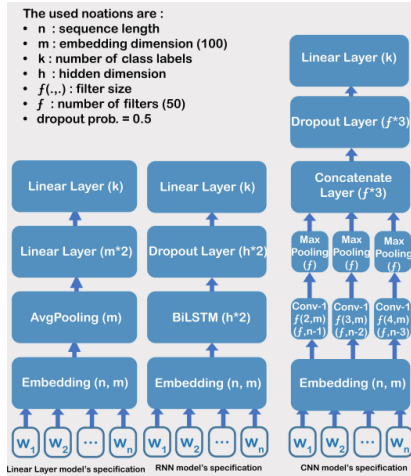


Figure: An example of the class name in the Thmey news website

# Related Work: Model Setup



**Figure:** Architectures of Linear, RNN and CNN (figure adapted from poster, Rina Buoy et al., 2021)

- Word Embedding Model: trained by using SVM and FastText
- Classifier Models Setup: trained by linear layer, RNN, and CNN
- For the training; Multi-class, Multi-label
- Multi-class : used cross-entropy loss function
- Multi-label : use binary cross-entropy loss function
- Results: RNN is outperform than other model for both multi-class and multi-label

- Our Khmer Polarity Corpus is developed by collecting manually sentence that are commonly found on the actual data sources such as local news (SBM News, The Phnom Penh Post, Thmey Thmey, Fresh news), Social media (Facebook, Youtube), Wikipedia, and several website like food, health , sport, tourism (e.g. Healthy Cambodia, Sabay News).
- This valuable data was gathered around one month to reach 10K sentences and developing the polarity corpus.
- We analyzed the sentiment words from each sentence and classified these words into three categories (positive, negative and neutral).



- An example of one sentence gives one keyword with specific sentiment polarity:

For example, យើង ខ្ញុំ នឹង ប្តេជ្ញា បន្ត ផ្តល់ នៅ ផលិត  
ផល ដែល មាន គុណភាព ខ្ពស់ សម្រាប់ កូន របស់ អ្នក។  
||| គុណភាព ខ្ពស់ ||| positive (We are committed to  
continuing to provide high-quality products for your  
child's health. ||| high-quality ||| positive)

Figure: Example sentence no. 1

- One sentence example contains multiple keywords and their sentiment polarity is the same:

For example, បន្ទប់ នេះ សំឡេង រំខាន ណាស់ ហើយ ខ្ញុំ មិន អាច គេង បាន។ ||| សំឡេង រំខាន ណាស់/ខ្ញុំ មិន អាច គេង បាន ||| negative (This room is very noisy and I can not sleep. ||| very noisy/I cannot sleep ||| negative)

Figure: Example sentence no. 2

- Keyword duplication can occur within a single sentence.

For example, រីឯមូលហេតុដែលបង្កជាអគ្គិភ័យនេះឡើង គឺបណ្តាលមកពីរន្ទះបាញ់តុល្យភាពនៃការខូចខាតគឺធ្វើ ទីស្នាក់ការចំនួនមួយនិងខូចខាតសម្ភារៈអស់ទាំងស្រុង ។ ||| ខូចខាត ||| negative (The reason of the fire was caused by lightning, the balance of the damage was one office fire and complete damage to equipment. ||| damage ||| negative)

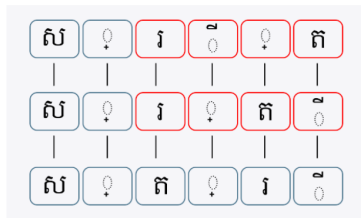
Figure: Example sentence no. 3

- Positive and negative keywords can coexist in one sentence. In this case, we choose to keep the keywords based on the overall attitude of the statement.

For example, ពួកខ្ញុំ ក៏ មាន ការ ព្រួយ បារម្ភ ដែរ សម្រាប់  
ការ អវត្តមាន របស់ លីម ពិសុទ្ធ ប៉ុន្តែ ពួកខ្ញុំ ប្រឹងប្រែង យក  
លទ្ធផល ដើម្បី លីម ពិសុទ្ធ និង ក្រុម ។ ||| ប្រឹងប្រែង |||  
positive (We are also worried about Lim Pisoth's  
absence, but we are working hard to get the result for  
Lim Pisoth and his team. ||| working hard ||| positive)

Figure: Example sentence no. 4

# Corpus Building: Normalization for Khmer



**Figure:** Character order normalization for Khmer

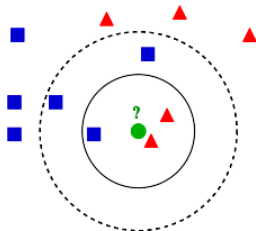
- Generally, we have to work with UTF-8 (i.e. Unicode encoding)
- Normalization step is necessary for Khmer language

**Table:** Statistics of the Khmer Polarity Corpus used in the experiments (Note: including header line)

| <b>Khmer Corpus Information</b> | <b>Training</b> | <b>Testing</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Number of Sentence              | 9,015           | 1,001          |
| Number of Word                  | 698,068         | 75,893         |
| Frequency of positive           | 5,251           | 583            |
| Frequency of negative           | 2,933           | 325            |
| Frequency of neutral            | 830             | 92             |

- Comparison between five machine learning models and shallow neural network and we used five ML methods
  - 1 KNN or K-NN: K-Nearest Neighbor
  - 2 Decision Tree
  - 3 Random Forest
  - 4 SVM: Support Vector Machine
  - 5 SGD: Stochastic Gradient Descent

# Methodology: K-Nearest Neighbor



**Figure:** KNN algorithm: if  $k=3$ , predicted as red triangle and if  $k=5$ , predicted as blue square (Courtesy Wikipedia)

- A non-parametric model and does not require any training
- Simple ML modeling technique and few parameters to tune
- $K$  should be wisely selected
- For features to be treated fairly, appropriate scaling should be offered
- Due to the need to track all training data and locate neighbor nodes, slow in real time



# Methodology: Decision Tree

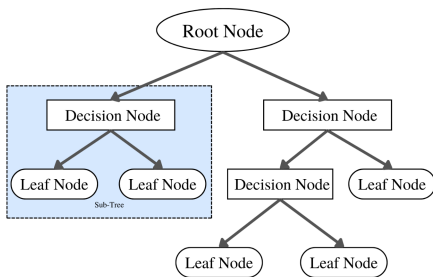


Figure: Decision Tree algorithm

- Non-parametric model and used to solve regression and classification problems
- Algorithm to select conditions: for CART(classification and regression trees), we use gini index as the classification metric
- $gindex = 1 - \sum P_t^2$
- Supports automatic feature interaction whereas KNN can't.

# Methodology: Random Forest

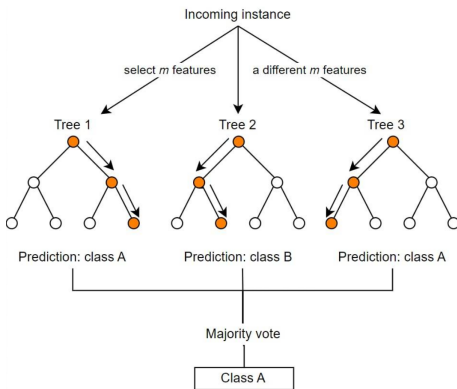


Figure: Random Forests algorithm

- Ensemble model and multiple decision trees are combined to get a stronger model
- In theory: applied bagging method, more robust and handles overfitting efficiently
- Supports implicit feature selection and derives feature importance
- computationally complex and slower when forest becomes large

# Methodology: Support Vector Machine

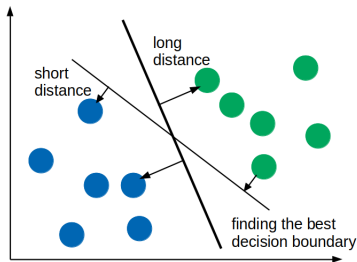


Figure: SVM algorithm

- Supervised learning, extensively used in text classification
- In Linear SV: maximizes the classification margin
- In non linear SVM: a kernel function is used to derive a new hyperplane for all the training data. Afterward, a linear curve will classify the labels in the hyperplane.
- Gaussian kernel, polynomial kernel, Sigmoid kernel, Laplace RBF kernel etc.

# Methodology: Support Vector Machine

- SVM uses kernel trick to solve complex solutions
- Hinge loss provides higher accuracy
- Outliers can be well handled using soft margin constant
- Hyper parameters and kernels are to be carefully tuned for sufficient accuracy
- Longer training time for larger datasets
- SVM can perform better than neural networks when there are limited training data and many features
- Multi class classification requires multiple models for SVM

# Methodology: Stochastic Gradient Descent

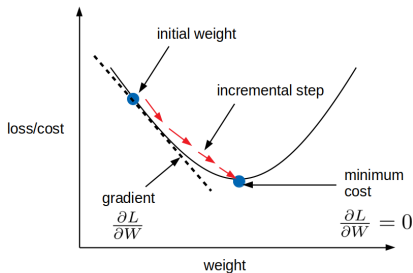


Figure: SGD algorithm

- Stochastic means "random", Gradient means "slope" or "slant" of a surface, Modification of GD algorithm
- Randomly picks one data point from the whole training data at each iteration to reduce the computations enormously
- online SGD, Batch SGD
- Approximate and iterative method for mathematical optimization

# Methodology: Machine Learning

sentence,label

\_\_យើង បាន ស្តាប់ លឺ ខ្លះ ទារ ហា រណ៍ ពី កិច្ច ខិតខំ ប្រឹង ប្រែង ទាំង ស្រុង  
ស្តី ពី ការ ចាត់ វិធាន ទាំង \_\_នៅ ទូទាំង ពិភពលោក \_\_បាន កាត់ បន្ថយ អត្រា  
ស្លាប់ របស់ ក្មេង យ៉ាង ច្រើន ។,positive

\_\_ខ្ញុំ ចង់ ចាប់ ផ្ដើម ប្រើ ផលិតផល សេស សល់ របស់ អ្នក ធ្វើ ដំណើរ,neutral  
\_\_រដ្ឋ មន្ត្រី បរវិស្វាស អភិបាល ក្រុង នៃ បាន បញ្ជាក់ កាលពី ថ្ងៃ ចន្ទ ទី \_\_៣ \_\_ខែ  
តុលា ថា \_\_ការ ខូចខាត បរវិស្វាស ក្នុង ប្រទេស អភិបាល ក្រុង នៃ ដែល បណ្តាល  
មក ពី ការ ឈ្លានពាន របស់ រុស្ស៊ី ត្រូវ បាន គេ ប៉ាន់ ប្រមាណ ថា \_\_មាន ទ  
ំហំ ជាង \_\_៣ ៥ ៣ ពាន់ លាន ដុល្លារ \_\_ជាមួយ នឹង តំបន់ អភិរក្ស ធម្ម  
ជាតិ របស់ លាន ហា វិកតា ទៀត ស្ថិត នៅ ក្រោម ការ គំរាមកំហែង  
\_\_។,negative

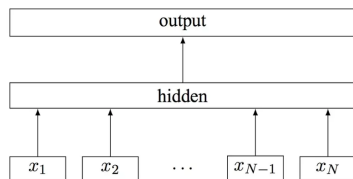
Figure: Training data format for machine learning.

# Methodology: FastText

**Table:** Comparison of popular word-embedding methods (adapted from Transfer Learning for NLP, Paul Azunre, 2021)

| Embedding          | Strengths   | Weaknesses   |
|--------------------|---|--|
| SkipGram: word2vec | Works well with a small training dataset and rare words                 | Slower training, plus lower accuracy for frequent words                    |
| CBOW: word2vec     | Several times faster in training and better accuracy for frequent words | Doesn't work as well with little training data and rare words              |
| GloVe              | Vectors have more interpretability than other methods                   | Higher memory requirement during training to store co-occurrences of words |
| FastText           | Can handle out-of-vocabulary words                                      | Higher computing cost; larger and more complex model                       |

# Methodology: FastText



**Figure:** Model architecture of the FastText  $t$  for a sentence with  $N$  ngram features  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

- Learns vectors for the n-grams that are found within each word, as well as each complete word
- We used sub-word level embedding (i.e. sentencepiece)
- Our main approach is the combination of sentencepiece and FastText for Khmer polarity classification
- Baselines are traditional machine learning approaches such as KNN, Decision Tree, Random Forest, SVM, SGD



# Methodology: FastText

`__label__neutral__` ខ្ញុំ ចង់ ចាប់ផ្តើម ប្រើ ផ្ទះ ទាស ពិសេស សំរាប់ អ្នក ធ្វើដំណើរ

`__label__positive__` ពិតណាស់ ការហ្វេល គឺមានសារជាតិ កាហ្វេ អើយ នៅតែមានសារជាតិ កាហ្វេ អើយ ចំនួន ៣% ។

`__label__negative__` ប្រទេស នៅអាស៊ី អាគ្នេយ៍ មិនមានប្រទេស កម្ពុជា ឡាវ ឥណ្ឌូណេស៊ី និងប្រទេស ថៃ ជាប្រទេស ដែលមាន ទិន្នផល ទាប ហើយមានការរីកចម្រើន យឺត

Figure: Training data format of FastText.

## Precision

Precision is a good measure to determine, when the costs of False Positive is high.

$$\textit{Precision} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Positive}} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{Total Predicted Positive}} \quad (2)$$

# Evaluation Metric: Recall

## Recall

Recall is a good measure to determine, when the costs of False Negative is high.

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Negative}} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{Total Actual Positive}} \quad (4)$$

# Evaluation Metric: F-measure or F1 score

## F1 Score

F1 score is a good measure to seek a balance between Precision and Recall.

$$F1 = 2 \times \frac{\textit{Precision} \times \textit{Recall}}{\textit{Precision} + \textit{Recall}} \quad (5)$$

# Results and Discussion

Table: Machine learning model results for **bigram counts**

| Model                             | F1-Score | Precision | Recall | Acc. |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|------|
| <b>KNN</b> , macro avg:           | 0.31     | 0.31      | 0.31   | 0.43 |
| weighted avg:                     | 0.44     | 0.43      | 0.43   |      |
| <b>Decision Tree</b> , macro avg: | 0.33     | 0.33      | 0.29   | 0.55 |
| weighted avg:                     | 0.45     | 0.55      | 0.46   |      |
| <b>Random Forest</b> , macro avg: | 0.35     | 0.34      | 0.30   | 0.56 |
| weighted avg:                     | 0.47     | 0.56      | 0.47   |      |

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|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>SVM</b> , macro avg: | 0.29            | 0.33             | 0.25          | 0.58        |
| weighted avg:           | 0.43            | 0.58             | 0.43          |             |
| <b>SGD</b> , macro avg: | 0.48            | 0.35             | 0.31          | 0.57        |
| weighted avg:           | 0.50            | 0.57             | 0.47          |             |

# Results and Discussion

**Table:** Machine learning model results for **bigram Tf-Idf**

| Model                             | F1-Score | Precision | Recall | Acc. |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|------|
| <b>KNN</b> , macro avg:           | 0.36     | 0.35      | 0.35   | 0.48 |
| weighted avg:                     | 0.47     | 0.48      | 0.47   |      |
| <b>Decision Tree</b> , macro avg: | 0.40     | 0.38      | 0.38   | 0.54 |
| weighted avg:                     | 0.50     | 0.54      | 0.51   |      |
| <b>Random Forest</b> , macro avg: | 0.44     | 0.38      | 0.35   | 0.60 |
| weighted avg:                     | 0.55     | 0.60      | 0.53   |      |
| <b>SVM</b> , macro avg:           | 0.70     | 0.37      | 0.34   | 0.59 |
| weighted avg:                     | 0.61     | 0.59      | 0.51   |      |

# Results and Discussion

**Table:** Machine learning model results for **bigram Tf-Idf** SGM and SGM tuning

| Model                          | F1-Score | Precision | Recall | Acc. |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|------|
| <b>SGD</b> , macro avg:        | 0.41     | 0.37      | 0.35   | 0.58 |
| weighted avg:                  | 0.52     | 0.58      | 0.52   |      |
| <b>SGD Tuning</b> , macro avg: | 0.55     | 0.38      | 0.35   | 0.60 |
| weighted avg:                  | 0.57     | 0.60      | 0.53   |      |



# Results and Discussion

**Table:** Classification results with the FastText model

| -        | <b>F1-Score</b> | <b>Precision</b> | <b>Recall</b> |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Positive | 0.81            | 0.78             | 0.84          |
| Negative | 0.68            | 0.67             | 0.69          |
| Neutral  | 0.33            | 0.53             | 0.23          |
| P@1      | 0.74            |                  |               |
| R@1      | 0.74            |                  |               |

# Conclusion

- We explored several text features, and they are unigram-counts, unigram TF-IDF, bigram-counts, bigram-TF-IDF, and FastText
- Compared between five machine learning models and shallow neural network FastText
- FastText achieved the best classification result and the training/testing speed also very fast
- Keep updating the Khmer polarity corpus
- This work is related to language understanding
- Many potential applications such as hate-speech detection

*Thank you! Any questions?*

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