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**Summary statement**

Students and employees spend hundreds, if not thousands, of hours researching and summarizing articles each year. I want to create a system that will eliminate the need for humans to spend time summarizing text for their understanding. This will improve productivity and allow individuals to spend more time on tasks that AI systems cannot yet solve. To do this I will create a system that uses natural language processing techniques to take a text document and return a clear and concise summary of what was included in that document. If met with success, the summary will be on par, if not better, than what a human could produce from the same body of text. Often times it is challenging to understand a new topic one is studying because of the sheer breadth of the information within a document. If an individual imports the document into this system, then it will produce a concise, but intelligent, summary of the information within the text. This can improve the ability for someone to learn new topics without being scared away by immense amounts of information.

This system is specifically created to aid both those in the academic world, as well as the corporate world. Whether it be for summarizing a research paper, or trying to better understand a new topic, this system has something that could aid any user. The end goal of the project is to create a system that is indistinguishable from a human in terms of its ability to summarize intelligent text documents. If met with success, this system has the ability to be implemented in any home or business and will help improve productivity and increase the access to knowledge of its users.

**Project objectives**

There is a total of four (4) objectives for this project, they are as follows.

1. To aid students in their studies. The system will accomplish this by allowing students to input or import a text document and having the algorithm produce a condensed high-quality summary of it. This will save students valuable time studying and allow them to focus on other aspects of their studies.
2. To be used in the corporate world. I.e.) Law Firms. The system can also be used in the corporate world in order to summarize documents. In professions that deal with thousands of documents that need to be read, the system can be very beneficial. This will save businesses potentially hundreds of hours that can be better used to tasks that AI cannot solve as of yet.
3. To be able to take difficult topics and summarize them in an easy to understand way. By summarizing text, the system can take dense articles and present a concise summary. One of the biggest barriers to knowledge is the way it is presented to the reader. If there is a concise summary, then the user could potentially be able to understand it clearer. If the system allows knowledge to be understood easier then it will be deemed a success.
4. To be as accurate as a human in summarizing documents. This is the overall goal of the project. If the system can summarize an article with the same, or better, clarity as a human, then it can be seen as a success. In order to do this, the system will need to summarize documents that other humans have already summarized, then we can compare the results.

**Needs statement**

This project is needed in the academic world as well as the business world for reasons which were presented in the project objectives. This system can help individuals save time on their studies by summarizing documents for them. For example, if a student had a professor’s lecture notes, they could put it into the system and then it will return a condensed summary of it. This will save the student time and energy that can be better used for tasks that an AI system cannot yet complete.

Furthermore, the system can be used in the business world along the same lines as it is used for the academic world. The system is very useful for companies that have to go through countless text documents each day. We want to eliminate the need for people to sit down and read for hours on end to summarize papers. Workers time can be better used on tasks such as understanding the material presented rather than reading information that might not be useful. It is our understanding that the system will increase productivity in both the business and academic world.

**Project scope**

The scope of the project depends on the success of the original model. If the model that is created can accurately produce a summary that is indistinguishable from a human’s work, then the scope of the project will be large.

The goal of the project is to create a system that is indistinguishable from a human in its ability to summarize articles of text clearly and intelligently. The system will make use of both abstractive and extractive text summary to create an output that most closely mimics that of a human.

The easiest way to think about extractive versus abstractive text summary is to think of extractive as a highlighter and abstractive as a pen. Extractive simply highlights the important words of phrases, whereas abstractive will take these important sections and write its own summary based off of them. In order to do this natural language processing tools will be used as well as TensorFlow and Keras to create neural networks.