

MACHINE LEARNING AND NEURAL NETWORK METHODOLOGIES OF ANALYZING SOCIAL MEDIA

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ABSTRACT

The rapid development of the Internet has led to a significant increase in the number of news sites and social networks that describe various events in the world and society. People actively share their opinions about various events in the world. Manually tracking and analyzing such a volume of information is not possible. So, in this way, the use of algorithms for automatic analysis of texts and user comments is an important feature. Published articles and user comments in most cases are of a certain emotional aspect. This article analyzes texts and user comments of Kazakhstan media space. Sentiment classification is done using machine learning algorithms and convolutional and recurrent neural networks (CNN and RNN). A comparative review of the obtained results was performed after the classification.

CCS Concepts

• Computing methodologies → Artificial Intelligence → Natural language processing • Computing methodologies → Machine learning → Machine learning algorithms • Computing methodologies → Machine learning → Machine learning approaches → Neural networks.

Keywords

Social media; sentiment analysis; data processing; stemming; machine learning algorithms; fastText; CNN; LSTM.

1. INTRODUCTION

Main events and people's attitudes towards them are a very significant aspect of society. It is necessary to understand how the perception of various events and the interaction of users with each other occur, which will help to highlight the attitude of people to certain events happening in society and to determine the most important problems that government agencies need to pay more attention to.

Publications of texts and user comments on news portals and in popular social networks in Kazakhstan: VK, Facebook, Twitter,

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and Instagram, allow you to get a large amount of textual data for analysis. At the same time, texts in the Russian and Kazakh languages are important features of sentiment analysis. To work with the texts in these languages, it is necessary to place a big emphasis on the data preprocessing stage realized with the use of appropriate stemmers and lemmatizers. Word embedding models trained for these languages must be used for vectorizing data. In this work, text preprocessing has been successfully performed, and the corresponding word vectorization models have been implemented. In addition, data have been successfully classified with the use of machine learning algorithms and neural networks. The results obtained are visualized and presented in the form of appropriate tables.

2. RELATED WORKS

The problem of sentiment analysis [1] was started to be dealt quite long ago. A large number of relevant works were devoted to it. Due to the growing interest in this topic, companies were very involved in conducting events to attract more and more customers [2]. They were interested in knowing what people thought and said about them. At the same time, sentiment analysis was important both in the social and political environment. Officials and politicians wanted to know their reputation and how people thought about them in media resources. Also, many texts in medicine, sports, and society were also widely discussed and provoked a huge public reaction [3]. Thus, sentiment analysis is still of great importance in various fields today.

At SemEval international seminars, a large number of unlabeled and labeled data were presented. Labeled data were divided into the following categories: binary – positive and negative sentiment, ternary – positive, neutral and negative sentiment, and multiple – strongly positive, positive, neutral, negative, and strongly negative. At SemEval 2014, sentiment dictionaries and machine learning algorithms were proposed. In the dictionary approach, the sentiment of a sentence or a text is determined by counting a number of positive, neutral, and negative words and dividing them by the total number of words. At the SemEval 2016 seminar, linear regression, Gaussian regression, and random forest machine learning algorithms were used to classify labeled texts. Cleaning and classification of labeled texts with the use of such widespread machine learning algorithms as maximum entropy, Naive Bayes classifier, and support vector machine were presented in the work [4].

In addition to machine learning algorithms, approaches with the use of neural networks started to gain wide popularity. For a large number of textual data, they showed good results. Sentiment analysis of texts with the use of a deep convolutional neural network (CNN) in mobile applications was realized in the article

If the value is more than or equal to 0, it refers to a positive class. Otherwise, it belongs to a negative class.

The K-nearest neighbors method allows you to classify documents using the Euclidean space, which determines the distance between two vectors

$$d(x, y) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (a_{ix} - a_{iy})^2}, \quad (6)$$

where $d(x, y)$ is the distance between two documents, N is the number of unique words in the list of documents, a_{ix} is a weight of the i^{th} term in the document x , and a_{iy} is a weight of the i^{th} term in the document y .

Decision trees are a fast way to classify data. It is a structure with k -nodes in which a test is performed on the features of data. When constructing a decision tree, the following rules are applied. A word is selected, and the documents containing it are put on one side, and the documents not containing it are put on the other side. Thus, the documents belong to two disjoint sets. For each set, a new word is selected, and the step described above is again performed. The procedure is repeated until a uniform set is obtained, in which all documents belong to the same class. A random forest algorithm uses many decision trees. They are built independently from each other. The document is classified by all trees, and its class is determined by the highest number of trees voted for it.

3.5 Classification with the use of neural networks

Convolutional neural networks [18-19] gained great popularity due to their use with images, in which a given filter moves throughout the image. Since images are two-dimensional objects, and texts are one-dimensional ones, the appropriate transformations have to be done to apply the filter. Sentences in the texts have different lengths. Therefore, it is necessary to cut off sentences that are too long or to supplement ones that are too short. In order to do it, we define S as a maximum length of the sentence. When converting, we get a vector of a word of dimension E . Vectorization is performed using the fastText model. In the $E \times S$ matrix, semantically close words are next to each other, and words with different meanings are far away. Next, the first filter $C_1 \times E$ is applied to the matrix. The scalar product of the matrix and filter elements is performed. The result value is transferred to the next layer. As a result of transformations, vectors of smaller sizes are obtained. At the end of the transformations, the text is classified as positive or negative (Figure 1).

One of the most popular RNN models is LSTM [20] (Figure 2). The network structure includes 4 parts: the output gate O_t , the forget gate F_t , the memory cell C_t and the input gate I_t . All three gates take the input of the current time interval and the output of the past time interval. New data come in through F_t and I_t . The O_t output of the current interval is generated by the system. The architecture of LSTM is described by (7)-(10):

$$f_t = \varphi(W_f \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_f) \quad (7)$$

$$i_t = \varphi(W_i \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_i) \quad (8)$$

$$O_t = \varphi(W_o \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_o) \quad (9)$$

$$C'_t = \tanh(W_c \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_c) \quad (10)$$

4. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

After cleaning and vectorizing labeled text data with the use of TF-IDF metric, classification with machine learning algorithms is done. The text data is divided into train 80% and test 20%. Then each of the machine learning algorithms is applied to the vectorized data. To evaluate the results, the test on the remaining 20% of the data is implemented. Machine learning metrics: accuracy, precision, recall, and F-measure, as well as graphs of ROC curves estimate the quality of the trained model [21].

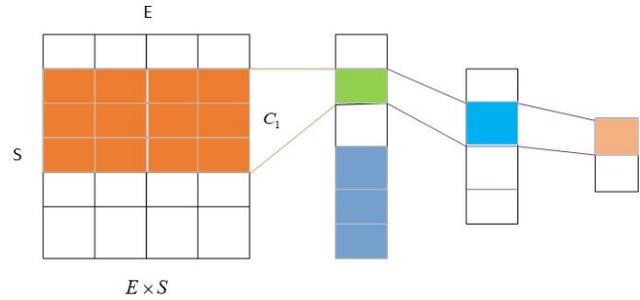


Figure 1. CNN classification

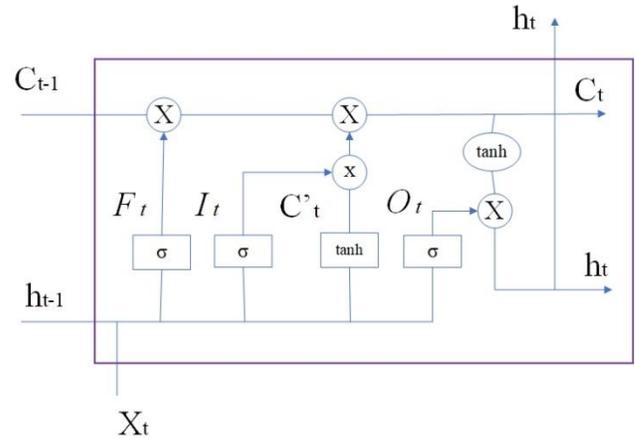


Figure 2. LSTM architecture

The values of metrics for Russian texts and comments are presented in Tables 1, 2. Graphs of ROC curves are demonstrated in Figures 3, 4. The highest accuracy, precision, recall, and F-measure are obtained by the use of logistic regression, Naïve Bayes classifier, support vector machine, and random forest algorithms. K-nearest neighbors and decision tree showed worse results both for texts and comments. Graphs of ROC curves confirm that texts are classified much more precisely than comments.

Table 1. Metrics of classification algorithms for Russian texts

Algorithm	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-meas.
Logistic regression	0.82	0.83	0.84	0.83
Naïve Bayes	0.81	0.82	0.82	0.82
K-nearest	0.7	0.82	0.55	0.66

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Support vector machine	0.82	0.85	0.79	0.82
Decision tree	0.66	0.68	0.68	0.68
Random forest	0.82	0.81	0.86	0.83

Table 2. Metrics of classification algorithms for Russian comments

Algorithm	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-meas.
Logistic regression	0.68	0.68	0.66	0.67
Naïve Bayes	0.68	0.67	0.68	0.68
K-nearest neighbors	0.58	0.62	0.4	0.48
Support vector machine	0.68	0.69	0.65	0.67
Decision tree	0.6	0.58	0.62	0.6
Random forest	0.65	0.63	0.64	0.64

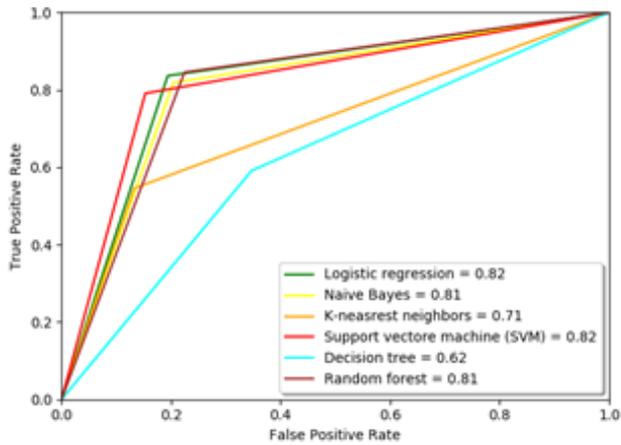


Figure 3. ROC curves for Russian texts

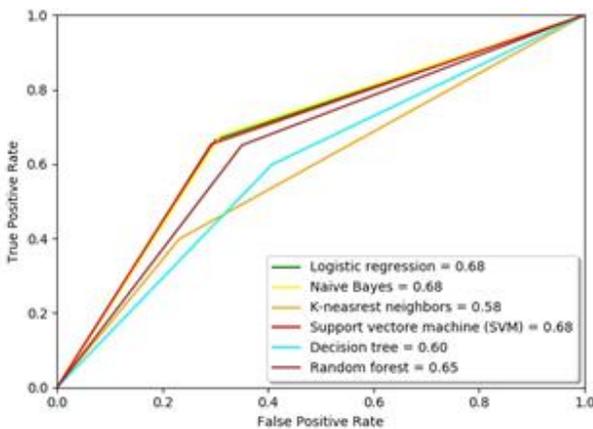


Figure 4. ROC curves for Russian comments

Values of metrics for Kazakh texts and comments are presented in Tables 3, 4. Graphs of ROC curves are demonstrated in Figures 5, 6. All six algorithms showed good results of classification for texts, but logistic regression, Naïve Bayes classifier, support vector machine, and random forest were slightly better for comments.

Table 3. Metrics of classification algorithms for Kazakh texts

Algorithm	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-meas.
Logistic regression	0.86	0.87	0.85	0.86
Naïve Bayes	0.86	0.84	0.89	0.87
K-nearest neighbors	0.83	0.9	0.74	0.81
Support vector machine	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
Decision tree	0.82	0.83	0.8	0.81
Random forest	0.81	0.9	0.7	0.79

Table 4. Metrics of classification algorithms for Kazakh comments

Algorithm	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-meas.
Logistic regression	0.66	0.75	0.64	0.69
Naïve Bayes	0.69	0.76	0.69	0.73
K-nearest neighbors	0.57	0.77	0.4	0.53
Support vector machine	0.64	0.74	0.62	0.68
Decision tree	0.57	0.69	0.52	0.59
Random forest	0.61	0.74	0.55	0.63

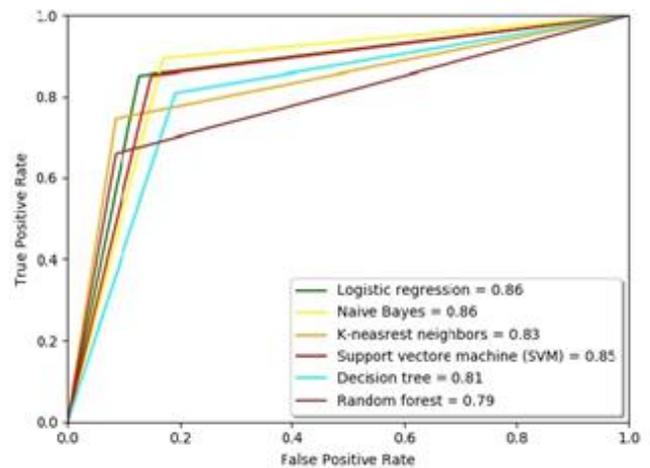


Figure 5. ROC curves for Kazakh texts

To classify texts and comments using neural networks, data is vectorized using the fastText model. On the next step, data are divided into train 60%, validation 20%, and test 20% parts. In the CNN, three convolutional layers, one pooling layer, and one dropout layer are used as it was stated in [6]. Since there is not much data for classification, 3-5 epochs are enough to avoid overfitting.

The results of the classification of Russian and Kazakh texts and comments are presented in Table 5 and Figure 7. CNN demonstrated good results for classifying texts and comments. The results are mostly equal to ones obtained above by the use of machine learning algorithms.

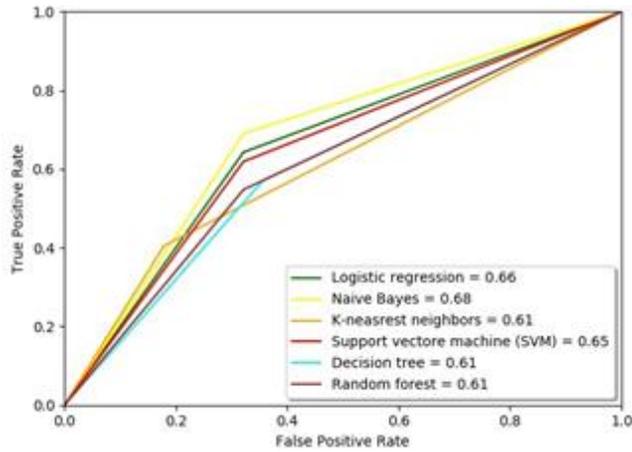


Figure 6. ROC curves for Kazakh comments

Table 5. Metrics of texts and comments classification with CNN

Metrics	Russian texts	Russian comments	Kazakh texts	Kazakh comments
Accuracy	0.79	0.68	0.86	0.7
Precision	0.77	0.66	0.93	0.79
Recall	0.83	0.68	0.7	0.65
F-measure	0.8	0.67	0.8	0.71

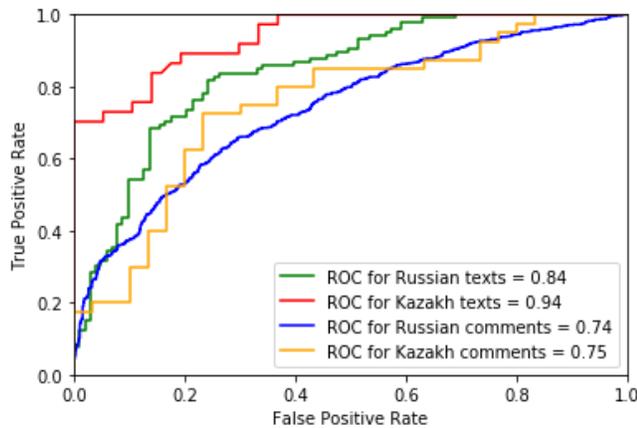


Figure 7. ROC curves for classification with CNN

Then, classification with LSTM was realized. Data were divided into train 60%, validation 20%, and test 20% parts. Two hidden layers, two fully connected layers, and one dropout layer were used. As LSTM neural network works longer, 10-20 epochs were put in the training process. The results of the classification of Russian and Kazakh texts are presented in Table 6 and Figure 8. LSTM neural network demonstrated significantly worse results for texts and comments. Thus, CNN is preferred in this experiment.

Table 6. Metrics of texts and comments classification with LSTM

Metrics	Russian texts	Russian comments	Kazakh texts	Kazakh comments
Accuracy	0.52	0.48	0.8	0.42
Precision	0.8	0.48	1	0.01
Recall	0.08	1	0.49	0.01
F-measure	0.14	0.65	0.65	0.01

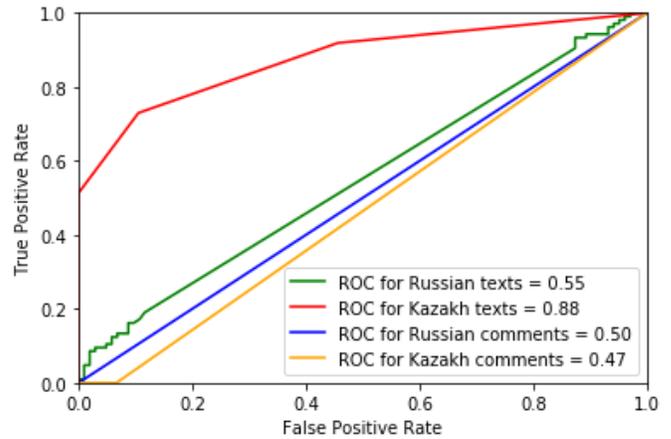


Figure 8. ROC curves for classification with LSTM

5. CONCLUSION

Sentiment analysis of texts and user comments showed that the values of metrics had demonstrated better results for full texts of articles than comments. This is due to the fact that the texts of articles are much longer, and they are well structured and contain a small number of errors. At the same time, comments are often very short and include few words and characters, many of which are written with errors. For a small number of texts and comments, classification metrics of machine learning algorithms and neural networks are comparable. This is because neural networks require large datasets. Nevertheless, RNN demonstrated much worse results than CNN, so it is supposed that this neural network requires a significant amount of data. Among machine learning algorithms, Naive Bayes classifier, logistic regression, and support vector machine showed the best results. Generally, machine learning algorithms and neural networks worked well even taking into account comparatively small datasets.

This research showed which of the used algorithms better trained datasets of texts and comments in the Russian and Kazakh languages. It would be useful to design more advanced algorithms that could give improved results in the evaluation of user data. Such algorithms can be implemented for monitoring and evaluating social media space in the analytical platforms.

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