



Depression Detection Through User YouTube Data Analysis

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Abstract: Depression is a mental illness that affects an individual negatively. It is considered as a serious disease by mental health care professionals. Depression detection is important to avoid unwanted consequences of not acknowledging the disease. A research was carried out in 2012 and an estimate was found out. It was observed that there were roughly 258000 suicides. Further, it was observed that the age group that was mostly affected was between 15-49 years of age [1]. This estimate informs us that the aforesaid age group is prone to depression. This age bracket spends maximum time on social media and shares their view on it. It reflects their mental condition. This fact encourages us to develop a system to detect the depression level of the users and provide necessary information to the guardians to enable the guardian to take appropriate actions. The system is beneficial in informing the user and their guardian to prevent self-harming or worsening of the condition. The death rate will significantly reduce if the user and the guardian are aware of the mental state of a user. The system is expected to be beneficial to reduce the percentage of death due to depression. It'll provide awareness to users and their guardians by automatically detecting depression [3]. This approach will utilize the emotions of the user detected from videos watched by the user. The title of the video indicates the content or category of the video. This enables us to get an insight to the user's inclination towards negative polarity.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Depression has proved to be a mental illness that has taken away the mental well-being of those affected with it. Depression is classified as an affective disorder. An affective disorder is a mood disorder. The 10th Revision of International Classification of Diseases ICD-10 which is considered to be basis for diagnosis of mental disorders in the Czech Republic classifies depression as mood disorder. The forms of the disease may vary and depression is likely to have three main forms i.e. mild, moderate and severe forms. Initially the symptoms are more of negative polarity in their mood. Negative polarity is characterized by feeling of sadness and needlessness. Negative mindset and feelings are major symptoms of depression. The research was carried out in 2012 and an estimate was found out. It was observed that there are roughly 2,58,000 suicides [1]. Further, it was observed that the age group that was mostly affected was between 15-49 years of age. This estimate informs us about the aforesaid age group to be prone to depression. This particular age group requires more attention and care as far as mental health is concerned. Techniques which are automated are helpful in understanding the feelings of an individual based on videos on web which are user generated are usable for many applications [7]. This function can be used by the Government to comprehend and analyze the reaction and get clarity of their feedbacks. This paper introduces an approach where the comprehensive computation is used. The comprehensive computation enables us to comprehend the emotions based on the analysis of the video titles. Prominent research on emotion analysis of images has been done (Joshi et al. 2011). However, in case of emotion analysis of video such research has only been carried out on movie data (Wang and Cheong 2006). As per our knowledge, there is no current work based on videos generated by users and are diverse in content. The evaluation of a large set of attribute features and computation of semantic attributes is introduced. Multiple significant informational pieces have been obtained which has formed the base of the upcoming research of this challenging problem. The emotions associated with a video may not be identical to the emotions associated with a person. However, there are possible computational solutions for prediction.

1.1 Motivation

- Over the past few years the analysis states that the single largest contributor to Global Morbidity is depression. WHO too has analysed the issue. It is a significant issue that's found in individuals aged between 15-49 years old as estimated in 2012[1]. There is an immediate need to find a solution to the problem as the lives of individuals can be safeguarded. The tracking of depression level will give an insight to the mental health of individuals. Therefore, a system that caters to such a need is required.
- There are various surveys carried out and one such survey held by National Mental Health Survey in 2015-16 estimates that 15 percent of Indian adults are in need of guidance in taking care of their mental health [1].



1.2 Problem Definition

In this research, a machine learning approach is used to detect depression level by analyzing the social media posts of user. There are lots of parameters to be acknowledged to indicate depression of a user. Most of the users express their emotional state through posts and tweets and watch video on YouTube, videos in the proposed model, at first Beautiful Soup is applied to collect tweets. Facebook posts are collected manually with the permission of some users. Collected data are processed and read into the machine learning model. Then collected data are uncluttered by using NLP

1.3 Objective

- To analyze the depression level of a user
- To make the user and their guardian aware of their deteriorating mental health
- To prevent consequences of depression, especially the ones that involve self-harming

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Title: Utilizing Neural Networks and Linguistic Metadata for Early Detection of Depression Indications in Text Sequences

Author: Marcel Trotzek, Sven Koitka, and Christoph M. Friedrich

Summary: Depression also has an effect on language usage and that many depressed individuals use social media platforms or the internet in general to get information or discuss their problems. Study addresses the early detection of depression using machine learning models based on messages on a social platform. In particular, a convolutional neural network based on different word embeddings is evaluated and compared to a classification based on user-level linguistic metadata.

Title: Young adults with mental health conditions and social networking websites: seeking tools to build community.

Author: Gowen K1, Deschaine M, Gruttadara D, Markey D.

Summary: Young adults living with mental illnesses are currently using social networking sites and express high interest in a social networking site specifically tailored to their population with specific tools designed to decrease social isolation and help them live more independently. These results indicate that practitioners should themselves be aware of the different social networking sites frequented by their young adult clients, ask clients about their use of social networking, and encourage safe and responsible online behaviors.

1.1 Machine learning for emotion analysis

A Machine Learning-based human emotion examination approach is represented by Riyadh. During this research work, the authors use sadness, happiness, disgust, and surprise for his or her distributed task. They collected tweets from Sentiment140, labeled them manually, abolish tweets with no emotion, and created a balanced dataset accommodate 3,750 tweets [4]. 3,500 tweets were selected because of their training dataset and 250 tweets as the testing dataset. For feature extraction, the Unigram model and therefore the Unigram model with POS tagging were used. The authors use the frequency of the Bag of Words model as a feature to coach their classifier.

1.2 RNN for Depression Forecasting

A novel approach for depression forecasting was initiated by Suhara, using RNN. The authors design the LSTM-RNN based deep learning algorithm. They used their model to elaborate embedding layers regarding every absolute parameter, which also assimilate a day-of-the-week variable to work out the day-of-the-week consequences in their imitation [6]. They collected depressing data from 2,382 self-declared depressed persons, covering 22 months' time span, via an android application. Their technology was successfully ready to forecast 84.6%, 82.1%, and 80.0% severe depression instances in 1, 3, and 7 days beforehand, respectively.

1.3 Machine Learning for Depression Analysis

Wang et al. conducted an investigation on Sina microblog, a Chinese micro-blog, which is one among the foremost influential social media services in China [2]. They integrate both Psychological and Machine Learning knowledge for their evaluation. From the technical perspective, Machine Learning techniques, like Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, and Rule-based classifiers were used. Their described method contained mainly three types, namely, polarity calculation of sub-sentences, sentence and word segmentation, and polarity calculation of sentences. Their model was ready to achieve 80% precision.



III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Our proposed system is aimed at individuals who require mental health support. With the rapid increase in digitalization, individuals are highly connected to social platforms. We have leveraged a part of the existing YouTube platform to aid in the process of depression detection. Apart from keywords in the search bar, facial expressions, visual-audio features are also used to identify the level of depression based on a scale. With the help of these identifiers, the system will be able gauge the individual's mental condition and mood while using the application. Videos are sourced through the official YouTube API. A depression factor is assigned to each video as per its title to build a database that will be referred to while gauging the individual. The proposed methodology is shown in fig. 1: Proposed system architecture.

The first step requires the user to register and login to the android application. In a format similar to YouTube, the user will be able to stream videos of their choice with the help of the search bar. Videos that match the keywords mentioned will be displayed. As the user browses through the application, a history will be generated of the videos watched and keywords searched. On the basis of this accumulated data, natural language processing will be used to calculate the level of depression as per the scale previously designed.

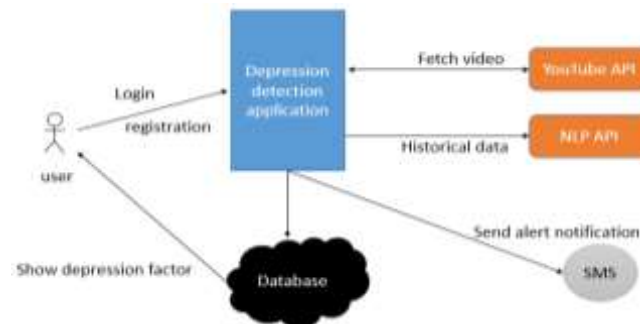


Fig. 1: Proposed system architecture.

- **User Login/Registration:**

The first step is to register on the android application and login to avail the services and features.

- **You Tube Interface:**

The interface is designed with the help of the official YouTube API. It stores the details of the video in the database.

- **Historical Data**

System user Historical data i.e. data search by user for watch video to calculate the depression factor using sentiment analysis as a NLP

- **Result Generation:**

The dashboard displays the results of depression level calculated by the NLP algorithm based on the user history.

- **Database**

The database stores login credentials and history of each YouTube video search title.

IV. COMPARING DEPRESSION MODULE

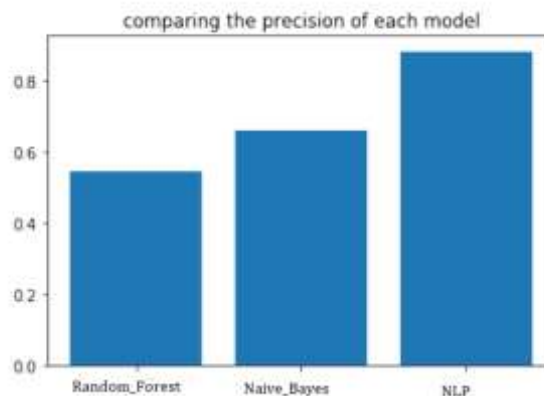


Fig: Precision of each module



As comparative study for our project we calculate polarity or word classification using three algorithm as Random forest work on multi output classification module when system have small training dataset. Naïve Bayes will perform better when system have large data set but system take much time to compare positive and negative polarity. The more accurate and precise algorithm in machine learning approach is natural language processing (NLP) [7]. System shows positive neutral and negative keywords using API. As a real time working we uses or preferred NLP algorithm for word classification.

V. CONCLUSION

As per studies, depression if unaddressed can negatively impair an individual's ability to regulate their thoughts, behaviors, and emotions. This research demonstrated the use of machine learning to detect depression among individuals. The proposed system presents a comprehensive framework for depression detection from video emotion based on video title analysis. The natural language processing based technique analyses the user's watch and search history to determine their depression level. By providing social support to the user we can aid in receiving timely medical care. The features are also highly complementary, combining attributes with the title features shows very promising results. The future scope could require a focus on building a system that would limit the opportunities of exploitation of an individual's privacy. One such approach could be compliance with data protection regulations. Provision of transparency about the quantity as well as quality of data collected and to make sure that information collected for one purpose is not used anywhere else.

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