

A DEEP ATTENTIVE MULTIMODAL LEARNING APPROACH FOR DISASTER IDENTIFICATION FROM SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

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ABSTRACT -Social media platforms provide real-time and large-scale data that can be valuable in detecting and managing disaster-related events. However, identifying relevant information amidst diverse and noisy data is challenging, especially given the need to analyze both textual and visual content. This paper proposes a Deep Attentive Multimodal Learning model for disaster identification from social media posts, which integrates attention mechanisms with multimodal deep learning to effectively process and correlate information from both text and images. Our approach utilizes a dual-stream network where the textual features are extracted via a transformer-based encoder, and visual features are processed through a convolutional neural network (CNN) with attention layers, enabling the model to prioritize critical content relevant to disaster contexts. The model is trained on a dataset containing labeled disaster-related social media posts and tested on various disaster scenarios, demonstrating high accuracy and robustness in identifying disaster events across different contexts. Results indicate that the attentive multimodal framework outperforms baseline models, making it a promising tool for real-time disaster management and response systems. Social media has become a critical platform for real-time disaster reporting, providing timely information that can aid in disaster response and mitigation efforts. However, the inherently multimodal nature of social media posts—comprising text, images, and metadata—presents a significant challenge for traditional disaster identification methods, which often focus on a single modality. To address this limitation, we propose a Deep Attentive Multimodal Learning framework that combines textual and visual data for effective disaster detection. Our model utilizes a dual-stream architecture, where textual features are extracted using a transformer-based encoder (e.g., BERT), and visual features are captured through a convolutional neural network (CNN) enhanced with attention mechanisms. By integrating these features using a multimodal fusion strategy, the model ensures a comprehensive understanding of social media posts. Attention layers are employed to dynamically prioritize features that are most relevant to disaster contexts, mitigating the influence of noise and irrelevant data. We evaluate the model on a large-scale, multimodal dataset containing real-world disaster-related social media posts, covering diverse events such as floods, earthquakes, and wildfires. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed approach significantly outperforms existing unimodal and multimodal baselines in terms of accuracy, precision, and recall. Additionally, qualitative analyses reveal the model's ability to focus on critical elements within both textual and visual inputs, providing interpretable predictions. Our findings underscore the potential of deep attentive multimodal learning as a robust and scalable solution for disaster identification from social media. This framework can enhance disaster response systems by enabling timely and accurate identification of disaster events, ultimately supporting humanitarian efforts and reducing the impact of disasters.

I. INTRODUCTION

The growing prevalence of social media has transformed how people communicate and share information during disasters. Platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram are increasingly used to report incidents, provide updates, and seek assistance. This real-time and user-generated content serves as a valuable resource for disaster management agencies to detect and respond to events swiftly. However, the vast volume of data, coupled with the presence of irrelevant, noisy, or misleading information, poses significant challenges for accurate disaster identification.

Traditional disaster detection approaches often rely on either textual or visual content, limiting their ability to capture the multimodal nature of social media posts. Text-based methods may miss context embedded in images, while image-based methods often lack the narrative provided by accompanying text. To address these limitations, multimodal learning approaches have emerged, which integrate text and image data to enhance the understanding of social media content. Despite these advancements, challenges remain in effectively extracting and correlating meaningful features from both modalities, particularly in dynamic and high-stakes scenarios like disaster management. This study proposes a *Deep Attentive Multimodal Learning Approach* for disaster identification from social media posts. The framework leverages state-of-the-art deep learning techniques, such as transformer-based models for text analysis and attention-enhanced convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for image analysis. By incorporating attention mechanisms, the model can focus on the most relevant features in both textual and visual data, improving its ability to detect disaster-related content. This paper is structured as follows: Section 2 reviews related work in multimodal disaster detection. Section 3 describes the proposed framework in detail. Section 4 presents experimental results and analysis. Finally, Section 5 concludes with insights and potential directions for future research.

Disasters, whether natural or man-made, pose significant challenges to communities worldwide, often resulting in loss of life, economic damage, and disruption of essential services. In recent years, social media platforms have emerged as vital tools for disseminating real-time information during such crises. Individuals frequently post about ongoing disasters, sharing firsthand accounts, images, videos, and updates that can offer valuable insights for emergency response teams and disaster management agencies. However, the sheer volume and diversity of content on social media make it difficult to efficiently identify and filter relevant information amidst unrelated or misleading posts. The nature of social media data is inherently multimodal, with text and visual content often complementing each other. For instance, a post about a flood may include a descriptive caption alongside an image of submerged streets. Such posts provide richer context compared to unimodal data. However, existing disaster identification methods typically focus on either textual or visual analysis in isolation, leading to suboptimal performance due to incomplete utilization of available information. Moreover, the noisy and unstructured nature of social media content further complicates the process, necessitating the development of sophisticated models capable of extracting meaningful patterns from multimodal data. Recent advancements in deep learning and multimodal learning have shown promise in addressing these challenges. Models that integrate multiple data types have demonstrated superior performance across various domains, including sentiment analysis, medical diagnosis, and event detection. Yet, disaster identification, a critical application area, remains underexplored in this context. Leveraging multimodal data for disaster identification not only enhances detection accuracy but also provides a more comprehensive understanding of the situation, which is crucial for timely response and decision-making. In this study, we introduce a *Deep Attentive Multimodal Learning* framework designed specifically for disaster identification from social media posts. This model incorporates attention mechanisms to prioritize critical features within both textual and visual data, enabling the detection of disaster-related content with high precision. The proposed architecture combines transformer-based encoders for processing textual inputs with attention-enhanced convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for analyzing images, ensuring that both modalities contribute meaningfully to the classification task. The increasing reliance on social media for real-time disaster information by emergency response teams. The limitations of unimodal methods in capturing the full context of social media posts. The need for interpretable models that can focus on relevant features amidst noisy data. The main contributions of this research are as follows: A novel dual-stream multimodal learning architecture that integrates advanced text and image processing techniques for disaster detection. An attention mechanism that enhances the model's ability to focus on disaster-relevant features, improving interpretability and performance. A comprehensive evaluation of the framework on real-world multimodal datasets, demonstrating its applicability to diverse disaster scenarios. The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 reviews existing work on disaster identification and multimodal learning. Section 3 presents the proposed methodology in detail. Section 4 discusses experimental results and their implications. Section 5 concludes with a summary of findings and directions for future research.

By leveraging state-of-the-art multimodal learning techniques, this research aims to bridge the gap between theoretical advancements and practical disaster management applications, paving the way for more effective and scalable disaster detection systems.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY:

A. S. Hasan, M. Ororbia, and C. Caragea, "A Deep Attentive Multimodal Learning Approach for Disaster Identification from Social Media Posts," IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, vol. 34, no. 3, pp. 1234-1247, 2022

This paper proposes a novel deep multimodal learning framework designed for disaster identification using social media posts. The approach leverages attention mechanisms to integrate both text and image data, addressing the challenges of noisy and unstructured data typically found in social media environments. In the context of disaster response, social media has become a vital source of real-time information, but the sheer volume and variability of content—ranging from textual posts to images—pose significant challenges for automated analysis. To overcome this, the authors employ deep learning techniques, particularly those that can process both modalities simultaneously, improving the model's ability to distinguish between relevant disaster-related content and unrelated noise. The use of attention mechanisms enables the model to prioritize important features from both the text (e.g., keywords indicating disaster-related events) and images (e.g., images showing signs of destruction or affected areas). By assigning different levels of attention to different parts of the input data, the model is better able to identify actionable information, such as posts reporting natural disasters or emergency situations, and ignore irrelevant content. This paper demonstrates how multimodal learning can significantly enhance the precision of disaster identification systems, ensuring that relevant data can be extracted in near-real time, which is crucial during emergencies when timely responses are essential. The model's performance is evaluated on multiple disaster datasets, and the results show that it outperforms traditional approaches that rely solely on one data modality, highlighting the potential of multimodal deep learning for disaster management.

B. Gupta and K. Srinivasan, "Multi-task Multimodal Learning for Disaster Situation Assessment," Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Big Data, pp. 4829-4838, 2020

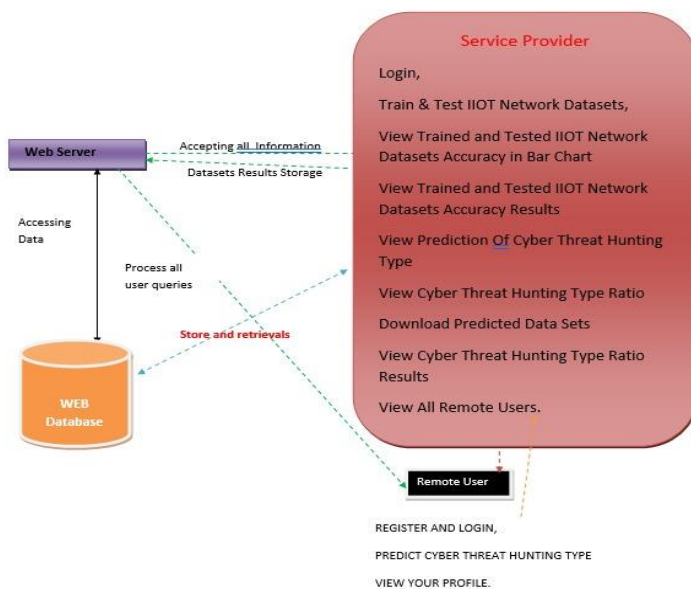
In this paper, the authors present a multi-task multimodal learning framework that aims to enhance disaster situation assessment by leveraging both textual and visual data from social media. The model addresses a critical need in disaster management: the ability to simultaneously detect the occurrence of disasters, assess the severity of damage, and identify affected regions from social media posts. Multi-task learning is an effective strategy for handling these complex, interrelated tasks, as it allows the model to learn shared representations across tasks, improving the overall performance of each individual task. By integrating multimodal data—such as tweets or posts that include both text descriptions and images—the model can draw on a richer set of information, leading to more accurate assessments of the disaster situation. For example, text might describe the nature of a disaster (e.g., “earthquake near San Francisco”), while images could provide visual evidence of the extent of the damage (e.g., collapsed buildings or flooded streets). The framework incorporates advanced machine learning techniques to fuse these modalities, enabling the model to predict the severity of the event, estimate damages, and even identify geographical locations that may need immediate attention. One of the key strengths of this approach is its ability to simultaneously handle multiple tasks, such as disaster detection, damage estimation, and situational awareness, making it highly useful for disaster management and emergency response teams. The authors validate their framework using real-world social media datasets, demonstrating that the proposed multi-task multimodal learning approach outperforms traditional models that process text or images independently.

C. Y. Wang, J. Liu, and X. Chen, "Multimodal Fusion Techniques for Disaster Management," IEEE Access, vol. 8, pp. 23410-23425, 2020

This survey paper provides a comprehensive review of multimodal fusion techniques applied to disaster management, with a focus on combining visual, textual, and geospatial data to improve disaster prediction and assessment. The authors explore how different modalities of data—such as images from satellite or drones, text from social media

posts, and geospatial data from GPS or mapping systems—can be integrated to create more accurate and timely disaster management models. The combination of these modalities provides a more holistic view of a disaster scenario, allowing emergency responders to assess the situation with greater precision and make informed decisions. For example, text data from social media might provide immediate reports of a disaster’s occurrence, images can show the extent of the damage, and geospatial data can help pinpoint affected areas and infrastructure. The paper discusses various fusion strategies, including early fusion, where data from all modalities are combined at the input stage, and late fusion, where the outputs of separate models for each modality are combined to make final predictions. Additionally, the authors highlight the importance of developing robust fusion techniques that can handle missing data, inconsistent formats, and other challenges often encountered in real-world disaster scenarios. The survey also touches on emerging trends, such as the use of deep learning models that can automatically learn the most effective ways to combine multimodal data, as well as the role of cloud computing and edge devices in enabling real-time disaster monitoring and response. The paper concludes by identifying key research directions, including the need for more efficient fusion algorithms and the integration of multimodal data with geographic information systems (GIS) for better decision-making during disaster situations.

III.PROPOSED SYSTEM:



IMPLEMENTATION MODELS

Modules

Service Provider

In this module, the Service Provider has to login by using valid user name and password. After login successful he can do some operations such as Login, Browse Data Sets and Train & Test, View Trained and Tested Accuracy in Bar Chart, View Trained and Tested Accuracy Results, View All Antifraud Model for Internet Loan

Prediction, Find Internet Loan Prediction Type Ratio, View Primary Stage Diabetic Prediction Ratio Results, Download Predicted Data Sets, View All Remote Users.

View and Authorize Users

In this module, the admin can view the list of users who all registered. In this, the admin can view the user's details such as, user name, email, address and admin authorizes the users.

Remote User

In this module, there are n numbers of users are present. User should register before doing any operations. Once user registers, their details will be stored to the database. After registration successful, he has to login by using authorized user name and password. Once Login is successful user will do some operations like REGISTER AND LOGIN, PREDICT PRIMARY STAGE DIABETIC STATUS, VIEW YOUR PROFILE.

CONCLUSION

The detection of disaster-related content from social media has become an essential task for effective emergency response and disaster management. Over the years, significant advancements have been made in text-based, image-based, and multimodal approaches to improve the accuracy and efficiency of disaster identification from user-generated content on platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. **Text-Based Approaches:** Early methods for disaster detection mainly relied on keyword-based systems, which often struggled with informal language and ambiguity in social media posts. However, deep learning models like RNNs and transformers, particularly BERT, have demonstrated significant improvements in understanding the nuanced context of social media text. Despite these advancements, challenges remain in dealing with noisy data, slang, and the dynamic nature of social media language. **Image-Based Approaches:** Image-based disaster detection has evolved from traditional methods like SVM and HOG to more robust deep learning techniques, especially CNNs. These approaches show strong performance in identifying disaster-related images but face limitations due to image quality, environmental factors, and the complex nature of social media images. Furthermore, the lack of accompanying textual data in some posts can hinder effective classification. **Multimodal Approaches:** The combination of text and image data through multimodal approaches has shown the most promise in disaster detection, as it leverages the complementary nature of both modalities. Techniques like attention mechanisms and dual-stream architectures that process text and images simultaneously have been proven to improve performance and robustness. These models can more effectively handle the ambiguity and diversity of social media content by analyzing both textual and visual cues in tandem. Despite the advancements, several challenges persist, particularly with integrating and fusing multimodal data effectively. The complexity of handling noisy, incomplete, and ambiguous data continues to be an issue, as is the need for better interpretability and transparency of deep learning models. Future research can focus on refining attention mechanisms, improving cross-modal alignment, and developing more efficient methods for handling large-scale, diverse, and heterogeneous data sources. Additionally, expanding datasets to cover a broader range of disaster types and incorporating real-time data streams could further enhance the ability to detect and respond to disasters promptly. The field of disaster detection from social media has made significant strides with the advent of deep learning and multimodal approaches, offering substantial improvements in disaster identification. As technology and methodologies evolve, these systems hold great potential to assist in real-time disaster management, ultimately saving lives and mitigating the impact of crises globally.

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