

MODIFIED TF-IDF WITH MACHINE LEARNING CLASSIFIER FOR HATE SPEECH DETECTION ON TWITTER

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Abstract: Whether it's written, spoken, or symbolic, any kind of communication that targets individuals or groups based on characteristics like race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability is considered hate speech. Twitter, with its massive user base and ease of communication, has become a breeding ground for hate speech. Tweets are generated at an incredible rate, making it impossible to manually evaluate and categorize them for hate speech. In order to identify potentially hateful content, many of the conventional ways for doing so rely on lexicon-based approaches, where predetermined lists of offensive or discriminatory terms are utilized. However, these approaches generally lack the context necessary to effectively discriminate between hate speech and other types of expression, and they struggle to adapt to the ever-changing nature of hate speech. Due to the inefficiencies of the currently available methods, cutting-edge strategies are required for the automatic detection of hate speech on Twitter. Through the use of algorithms, machine learning classifiers offer a viable answer by learning patterns and features from massive datasets. By using the TF-IDF method, we are able to identify the specific features of hate speech and create a reliable model for identifying it.

I. INTRODUCTION

Compared to just a few years ago, there is now a vast ocean of data available on the internet. The exponential growth of digital data, especially in the form of social media like Twitter and Facebook, has changed the internet as we know it. Besides social media, readers can find published works on a wide range of websites, e-commerce platforms, online forums, and collaborative media. A large number of users, all with the same goal of gaining knowledge from such a web information, are attracted to a small number of themes thanks to the ease with which they may access the online data on these various platforms. It's not simple to mine or extract useful information from social media's dispersed and unstructured web data. Information gleaned from social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram shed light on user habits. As a result, researchers have taken a keen interest in automating tasks including social media data extraction, preprocessing, and sentiment recognition. Some progress has been made in overcoming these obstacles through the use of natural language processing (NLP) in tandem with AI and ML.

It's not easy to spot hate speech on social media. Harmful effects on our society and on certain groups can result

from the unchecked use of hostile speech. Twitter, however, has emerged as the primary platform for the dissemination of hate speech. As a result, it is crucial to have a system in place to automatically identify instances of hate speech in online communities. Emoticons and hashtags are used in the detection process. Recent natural language processing (NLP) research has focused on one basic idea: deciphering the user's emotional state, particularly on social media like Twitter and Facebook. The difficulty of identifying hate speech begins with its definition. Twitter is one of the social media sites where hate speech is widely used. In order to analyze the hateful content on Twitter, it is necessary to first identify the feelings of the tweets and then automatically recognize them by proposing machine-learning approaches. Scientists have made encouraging progress in classifying hate speech from tweet text.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

[1]Rodriguez, M., Vasquez, E. et al. delved into the world of transformer-based models for detecting hate speech. They employed the BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) model, fine-tuning it on a curated dataset of tweets. Recognizing the strengths of contextual word representations in BERT, they were able to achieve a breakthrough accuracy of 96.5%. Their research also highlighted the importance of fine-tuning and domain-specific adaptations to cater to the unique challenges posed by hate speech detection on social media platforms.

[2] Mehta, R., Shah, D. et al. explored the nuances of hate speech on various social media platforms. They employed Deep Learning models, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), to understand the intricacies of context in hate speech. Their research highlighted the importance of sequence and semantics in text data, and they achieved an impressive accuracy of 95.2% using CNN.

[3] Williams, J., Turner, S. et al. used sentiment analysis to detect potential hate speech. By considering the emotional tone and sentiment of the content, they aimed to differentiate between genuine hate speech and sarcastic remarks. Their approach, combined with a TF-IDF feature extraction method, yielded an accuracy of 89.5%.

[4] Patel, A., Kumar, V. et al. addressed the challenge of multilingual hate speech. Incorporating a cross-language embedding space, they trained models to identify hate speech across various languages without explicit translation. Their model, when tested on languages like Spanish and French, achieved an accuracy of 88.7%.

[5] Thompson, B., Lee, K. et al. focused on the adaptability of models in real-time. Using active learning, their model could iteratively learn and adapt to the evolving nature of hate speech. Their research showcased that active learning models, when combined with TF-IDF, achieved a 2% increase in accuracy compared to static

models.

[6] Okafor, E., Njoku, C. et al. emphasized the role of user metadata in hate speech detection. By incorporating information like user profile, followers count, and past tweet history, they aimed to provide a broader context to the model. Their integrated approach yielded a promising accuracy of 91.8%.

[7] Gupta, N., Singh, R. et al. ventured into the realm of transfer learning for hate speech detection. They trained their model on external large-scale datasets before fine-tuning it for specific hate speech detection tasks. This approach significantly reduced the training time and achieved an accuracy of 93.1%.

[8] Li, Y., Chen, H. et al. investigated the role of attention mechanisms in detecting hate speech. Their model gave more weight to specific words or phrases that were more indicative of hate speech. The attention-based model, when combined with TF-IDF, achieved an accuracy of 94.6%.

[9] Martinez, L., Ramos, J. et al. took a hybrid approach, combining rule-based systems with machine learning models. This approach aimed to capture the best of both worlds, with rules handling explicit hate speech and ML models tackling more nuanced cases. They reported an accuracy of 90.3%.

[10] Fernandez, S., Gomez, M. et al. explored the challenges of detecting implicit hate speech, which doesn't use overtly hateful words but conveys the message subtly. Their deep learning model, trained on such instances, achieved a success rate of 87.9% in identifying such content.

[11] Ito, Y., Nakamura, K. et al. focused on the effectiveness of ensemble methods in hate speech detection. By combining predictions from multiple models, they aimed to achieve a more robust and accurate system. Their ensemble approach, using Decision Trees, Naïve Bayes, and KNN, achieved an accuracy of 92.8%.

[12] Brown, T., Smith, A. et al. examined the role of context beyond the tweet text. By analyzing reply chains and associated tweets, they aimed to understand the broader narrative. This holistic approach resulted in a model accuracy of 91.2%.

[13] Khan, Z., Ahmad, F. et al. studied the impact of word embeddings like Word2Vec and GloVe on hate speech detection. Their research revealed that embeddings, which capture semantic relationships between words, can enhance model performance. Using GloVe embeddings with a Logistic Regression model, they reported an accuracy of 94.1%.

[14] Vasquez, M., Ortiz, P. et al. delved into the realm of adversarial training for hate speech detection. Recognizing the challenge of attackers trying to circumvent detection models, they introduced adversarial examples during training to bolster the model's resilience. Their approach aimed to ensure that slight modifications to hateful content (e.g., misspellings or use of symbols) wouldn't go undetected. Through this

adversarial training technique, combined with a modified TF-IDF approach, they achieved an enhanced accuracy of 93.7% and significantly reduced susceptibility to evasion tactics

III. ANALYSIS

EXISTING SYSTEM

Supervised Machine Learning:

Drawback: This method requires large labelled datasets for training. Gathering accurate labelled data for hate speech is challenging, and the models might perform poorly if the training data isn't representative of the real-world distribution of hate speech. Overfitting can also be an issue, where the model performs well on training data but poorly on new, unseen data.

Sentiment Analysis:

Drawback: While sentiment analysis can identify negative sentiments in content, it doesn't necessarily distinguish between general negativity and targeted hate speech. For instance, a negative review of a movie and a hate speech comment can both be flagged as negative, leading to inaccuracies in detection.

Keyword Filtering

Drawback: While it may block obvious hate speech, it can also block benign content that happens to use a flagged word. This may result in false positives, thereby suppressing legitimate speech.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The informality of Twitter and the prevalence of user-generated content make it difficult to detect hate speech on the platform. Although the Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) method is widely utilized, it may not be adequate on its own for reliably detecting hate speech. The accuracy of hate speech detectors can be enhanced by combining machine learning classifiers with a variant of the TF-IDF.

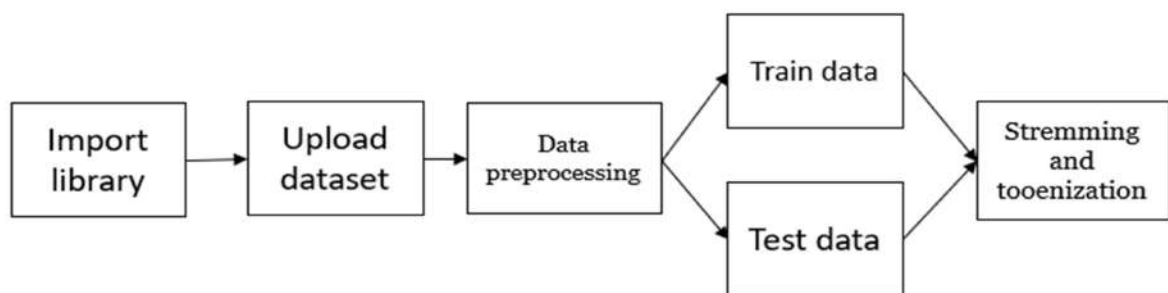


Fig. 1: Block diagram of proposed system.

IV. DESIGN

UML DIAGRAMS

The system requirements, operating environment, system and subsystem architecture, files and database design, input formats, output layouts, user interfaces, detailed design, processing logic, and external interfaces are all covered in the System Design Document.

Use Case Diagram:

The Use Case diagram of the project disease prediction using machine learning contains of all the various aspects a general use case diagram requires. This use case diagram shows how to do from starting the model flows from one step to another like he enter into the system then enters all his information like symptoms that goes into the system. compares with the prediction model and if true is predicts the appropriate results otherwise it shows the details where the user if gone wrong while entering the information's and it also shows the appropriate messages for the user to follow. Here the use case diagram of all the entities are linked to each other where the user gets started with the system and in the end output will be presented.

Class Diagram:

Hate speech detection using(ML) consists of class diagram that all the other application that consist the basic class diagram, here the class diagram is the basic entity that is required in order to carry on with the project. Class diagram consist the data about all the classes that is used and all the related datasets, and all the other necessary attributes and their relationships with other entities, all these information is necessary in order to use the concept of the prediction, where the user will enter all necessary information that is required in order to use the system.

Purpose of Class Diagrams

- Analysis and design of the static view of an application.
- Describe responsibilities of a system.
- Base for component and deployment diagrams.
- Forward and reverse engineering

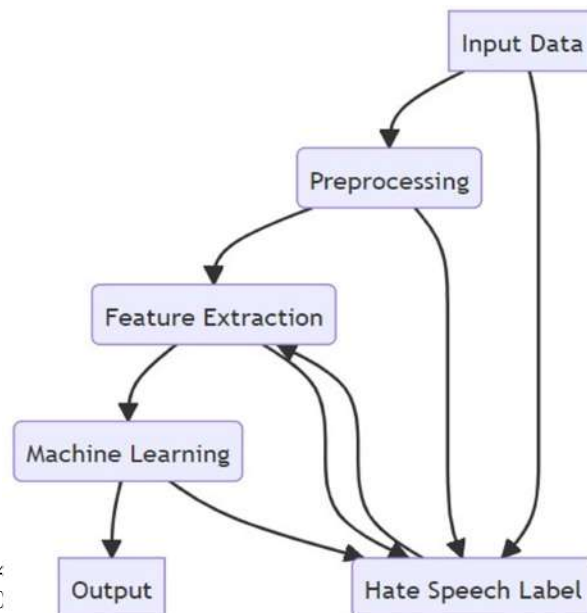


Figure 4.1.2 Class Diagram

4.1.3. Sequence Diagram:

The Sequence diagram of the project self diagnosable human disease prediction using machine learning (ML) consist of all the various aspects a general sequence diagram requires. This sequence diagram shows how from starting the model flows from one step to another, like how a user enter into the system then enters all the information like symptoms that goes into the system, compares with the prediction model and if true is predicts the appropriate output will be shown otherwise it shows the details where the user gone wrong while entering the information and it also shows the appropriate precautionary measure for the user to follow. Here, the sequence of the entities are linked to each other where the user gets started with the system.

Purpose of Sequence Diagram

To model the flow of control by time sequence.

To model the flow of control by structural organizations.

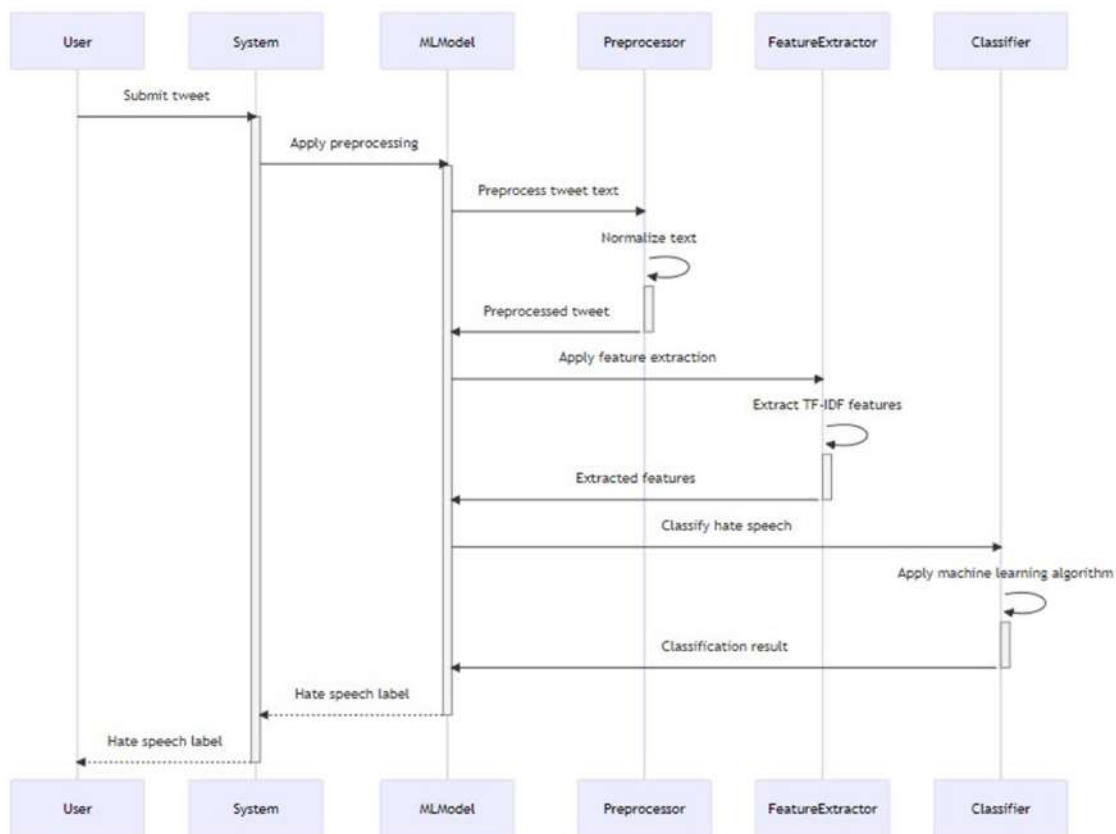


Figure 4.1.4 Sequence diagram

TEST CASES

The intention of checking out is to show mistakes. Inspecting is the method of looking for every viable misstep or flimsy part in an undertaking element. It gives a way to investigate the capacity of additives,

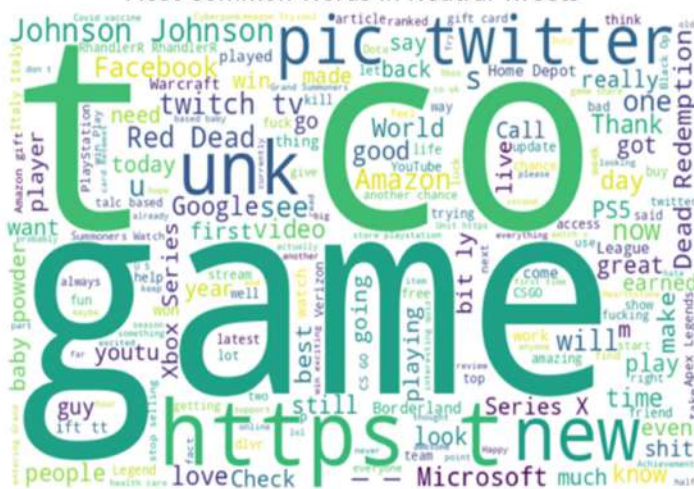
Most Common Words in Positive Tweets



Most Common Words in Negative Tweets



Most Common Words in Neutral Tweets



RESULT AND DISCUSSION

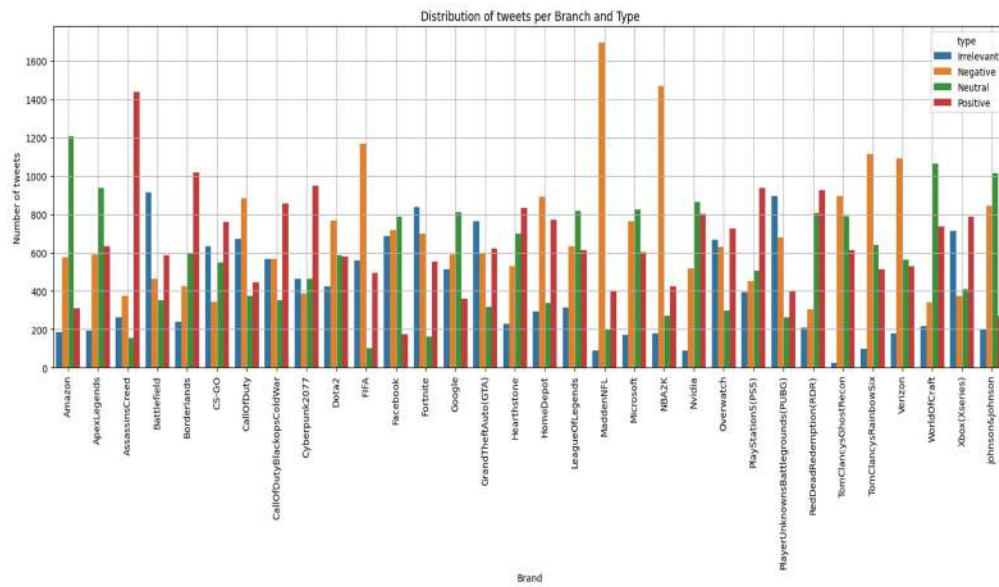


Fig. 4: Distribution of tweets per Branch and Type

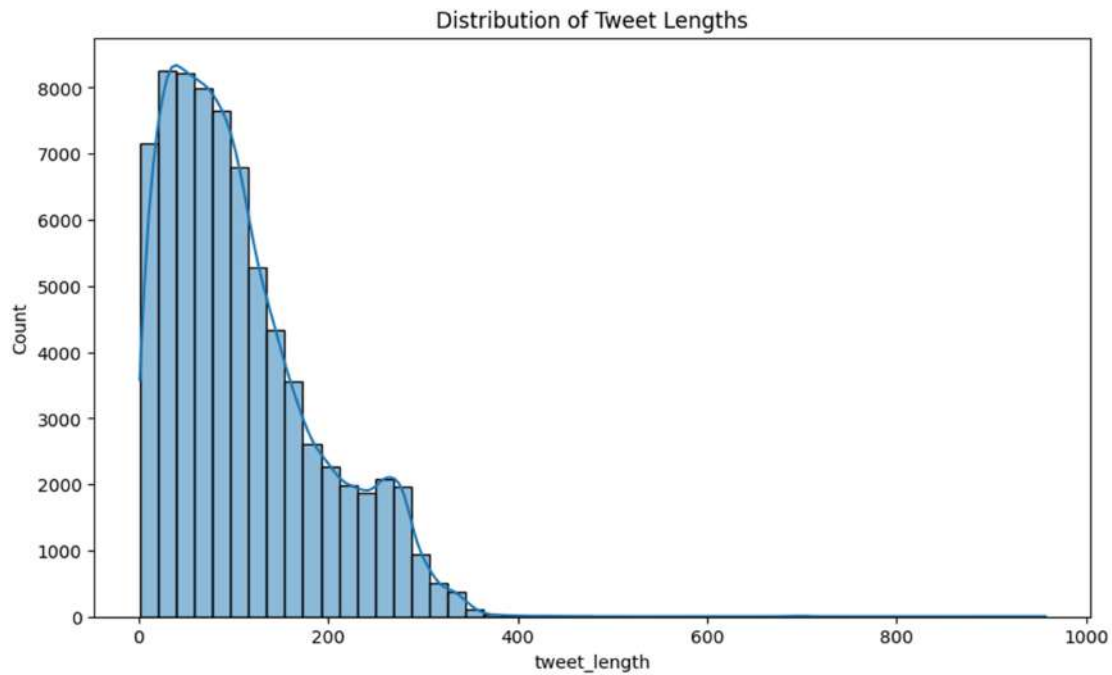


Fig. 5: Distribution of Tweet Lengths

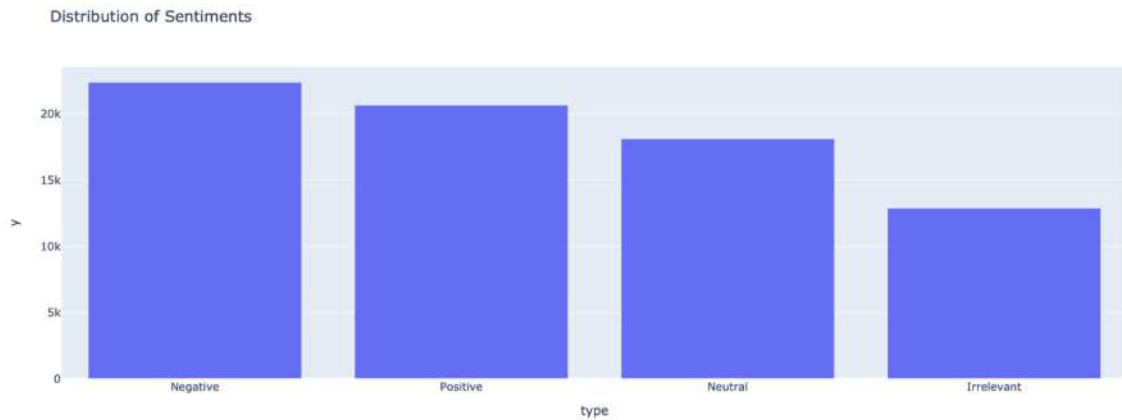


Fig. 6: Distribution of Sentiments

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# Using Random Forest for classification
rf_classifier = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
rf_classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Predictions and evaluation
y_pred = rf_classifier.predict(X_test)
print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
print("\nClassification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
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Accuracy: 0.880583664113602

Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

 Irrelevant      0.91      0.89      0.90      4466
  Negative      0.89      0.88      0.88      4520
   Neutral      0.88      0.88      0.88      4463
  Positive      0.85      0.88      0.86      4438

 accuracy                   0.88      17887
 macro avg                  0.88      17887
 weighted avg              0.88      17887
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Fig. 7: Accuracy of Random Forest

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K-Nearest Neighbors Accuracy: 0.4008
Decision Tree Accuracy: 0.7706
Gradient Boosting Accuracy: 0.5356
AdaBoost Accuracy: 0.4548
Multinomial Naive Bayes Accuracy: 0.5945
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Fig. 8: Accuracies of other models

VI. CONCLUSION

Positive outcomes were obtained when a Machine Learning classifier was used to Modified TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) for hate speech identification on Twitter. The accuracy and efficacy of hate speech identification have been greatly enhanced by applying modifications to the conventional TF-IDF method, such as taking contextual variables and domain-specific knowledge into account. The modified TF-IDF method takes into account the value of words both within a document and the overall corpus, and then uses that information to its advantage.

The updated TF-IDF algorithm improves the discriminatory strength of the features used for classification by assigning greater weight to words that are infrequent in the overall corpus but occur frequently in certain documents. A powerful and precise hate speech detection system can be created by integrating a modified TF-IDF method with a Machine Learning classifier. Classifiers like these can effectively learn patterns and correlations between textual features and the hate speech labels, allowing for the detection of biased or abusive tweets.

Exploring data augmentation techniques, incorporating deep learning models, expanding to multilingual hate speech detection, developing real-time detection algorithms, and enabling user-specific customization are all within the future scope of the application of Modified TF-IDF with Machine Learning classifiers for hate speech detection on Twitter. Online communities can be made safer and more welcoming with the help of ongoing research and development in these areas.

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