MSc in Data Science: Named Entity Recognition in Healthcare using Self-Supervised Learning.

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1. Introduction

- Self Supervised Learning(SSL) is a type of machine learning where a Model is trained on unlabeled data allowing it to learn patterns and relationships without the need for labeled data. It can be used to analyze and extract useful information from clinical text data in healthcare.
- SSL can be used to train models to recognize patterns and relationships in the data, allowing for more accurate analysis and interpretation.

3. Research Objectives

This Research examines the effectiveness of using deep learningbased named entity recognition (NER) methods for extracting medical entities from unstructured healthcare text data and compares it with traditional rule-based NER methods in terms of accuracy, efficiency, and applicability to different healthcare domains.





• Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques are used to extract pertinent information from clinical text data, such as identifying diagnoses, prescriptions, and procedures.



Figure 1. Overflow of HNER API: Application Programming Interface

2. Literature Review

- Traditional Rule-based Named Entity Recognition(NER) systems identify specific patterns and named entities however they have limited scalability and failed to handle ambiguity.
- To overcome these challenges, Deep learning models have been demonstrated to provide a significant improvement in predictive modeling by retaining the properties and activities of disease, symptoms, and drug discovery.

4. The Data

Data is collected from UCI(University of California Irvine). The dataset contains 58000 health-related tweets from Twitter. It has been sourced from over 15 leading health news organizations, including BBC, CNN, and NYT.

Data Set Characteristics:	Text	Number of Instances:	58000	Area:	Computer
Attribute Characteristics:	Real	Number of Attributes:	25000	Date Donated	2018-02-19
Associated Tasks:	Clustering	Missing Values?	N/A	Number of Web Hits:	78492

5. Methodology

- The project utilizes a deep learning structure that relies primarily on a recurrent neural network (RNN).
- The data will be cleansed, Pre-processed which involves Tokenization through Jupyter Notebook using pandas, nltk.
- Word and character embeddings are performed using Convolutional Neural Network(CNN) and (Parts-of-speech)POS tagging methods.
- The training set was used to train both the Long Short Term Memory Conditional Random Forest (LSTM-CRF) and BiLSTM-CRF models, subsequently assessed on the testing set.
- Finally, Evaluate the performance using metrics such as precision, recall, and F1 score.

5. Early Indicators

- Pre-processing and cleaning of data involve tokenization, removing irrelevant tweets and stop words.
- The Bidirectional Long Short Term Memory Conditional Random Forest (BiLSTM-CRF) model has demonstrated its ability to attain a precision exceeding 90%, a recall of 73%, and an F1-score of 81% when identifying named entities related to diseases, and syndromes.

6. Next Steps

- Evaluating the precision, recall, and F1-score on the training and validation datasets.
- Fine-tuning the model can help improve the accuracy of the model for specific healthcare domains.



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