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Attention-Enhanced BiLSTM with CNN Feature Fusion for Sentiment-Guided Social Media Noise Detection

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***Abstract*— Social media platforms contain large amounts of noisy and irrelevant content that reduce the quality of detecting sentiment and classifying text. This paper proposes Attention-Enhanced Sentiment-Guided Network for Noise Detection (ASGND), a combined deep learning model for social media noise detection. The model combines Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM), and an attention mechanism to capture local features, contextual information, and sentiment-related patterns from text data. Experiments were conducted on combined Twitter, Reddit, and Kaggle datasets containing 87,432 samples. Experimental results show that ASGND achieves an F1-score of 0.934 and exhibits better performance compared to manyconventional machine learning and existing deep learning models. Attention visualization shows that the focus of the model is on sentiment-related words while distinguishing noisy and clean posts.Component removal analysis indicates that sentiment-guided attention contributes significantly to model performance. The proposed framework processes 1,200 posts per second on a single NVIDIA A100 GPU.The model can efficiently handle large volumes of social media data during analysis.**

***Index Terms*— BiLSTM, Convolutional Neural Network, Attention Mechanism, Social Media, Noise Detection, Sentiment Analysis, Deep Learning, Text Classification.**

I. INTRODUCTION

Traditional machine learning uses manually created text features. It works for basic tasks but often misses the actual meaning of social media sentences. It may not understand context or negation words like "not". Deep learning models understand the sentence as a whole. Hence they can identify sentiment more accurately.
Social media has a lot of unwanted content like spam, ads, bot messages, and misleading posts. This affects the accuracy of social media analysis. So, removing noisy content is necessary before analysis.Machine learning processes text using TF-IDF, bag-of-words, and n-grams.These methods show efficiency in computation and are relatively simple to implement, they cannot properly capture contextual meaning, semantic relationships, word order, and sentiment variations present in informal social media text [1], [2].
Many deep learning methods, Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) in particular and their variants, perform superiorly on sequential text tasks by learning meaningful features. Bidirectional LSTMs learn information from past and upcoming words together, while CNNs extract local text patterns [3], [4]. With attention mechanisms, deep learning models can give more importance to words in a sentence [5], [6].

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In sentiment-guided filtering, emotionally meaningful words often help distinguish genuine content from noisy or misleading posts. Therefore, attention-based learning is useful for social media noise detection [6].
This paper presents ASGND, a deep learning model for detecting noisy social media content. The model combines CNN, BiLSTM, and sentiment-based attention. CNN extracts important local text patterns, while BiLSTM learns contextual information from both directions of a sentence. The attention mechanism gives more importance to words with strong sentiment information. This helps the model identify noisy and meaningful posts more accurately.Noisy posts usually contain confusing or mixed emotional patterns. In contrast, meaningful posts often show clear and consistent opinions. The proposed model uses this difference to separate noisy content from useful social media text.

A. Contributions

- A hybrid model is designed using CNN and BiLSTM to detect noisy social media content.
- A Sentiment Attention Module is added to use word-level sentiment information during attention.
- Each component of the model is tested separately to measure its contribution.
- The proposed method gives better results than traditional machine learning and standard deep learning models.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Classical Methods for Noise Detection

Early research on social media noise detection relied on basic machine learning models and survey-based studies of misinformation [1], [2]. These works highlight the challenges of noisy online content and the limitations of traditional models in handling large-scale social media data [1], [2].
These methods typically use handcrafted features such as bag-of-words, TF-IDF, and n-gram representations. While efficient and interpretable, they fail to capture semantic meaning, word order, and long-range dependencies in text. As a result, their performance is limited in detecting noisy, sarcastic, and context-dependent social media posts [1], [2].

B. Classify Text using Deep learning

Deep learning techniques were developed to automatically learn useful features from raw text and overcome these issues.
Word embedding models such as Word2Vec and GloVe represent dense vector that reflect words those are semantically similar and significantly improve NLP performance [7], [8].
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) were one of the first deep learning models used for sentence classification tasks, effectively capturing local semantic features in text [3]. However, CNNs are limited in modeling long-range dependencies.
RNN- based models, mainly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, address this limitation by capturing sequential dependencies in text [4]. The general foundations of deep learning architectures further strengthen NLP applications [7]. In addition, word embedding and sequence modeling techniques further support NLP performance [3], [4].
Attention mechanisms improve neural models by focusing on important tokens [5], while BiLSTM combined with attention enhances contextual modeling [6].
However, many deep learning models continue to not explicitly integrate sentiment information into attention computation for noise detection tasks.

C. Sentiment-aware and Advanced NLP Models

New studies have examined controlled and improvedapproaches of deep learning for complex social media analysis tasks. Guided learning approaches show that incorporating external signals can improve robustness and representation learning in noisy environments [9].Researchers have widely used deep learning techniques to detect rumor in social media, and demonstrated how much effective they are in identifying misinformation patterns [10].More advanced NLP architectures such as BERT significantly improve contextual representation learning through deep bidirectional transformer encoding [11]. Additionally, studies on contextual representation transferability reveal that data representations learned by the model can generalize effectively across different NLP tasks. Further improvements in contextual language understanding have been studied in representation learning frameworks that analyze how deep contextual embeddings transfer linguistic knowledge across tasks [12].

Even with these developments, various models still lack explicit mechanisms to incorporate sentiment information into token-level attention computation. Research on deep learning fundamentals also shows that while deep architectures are powerful, task-specific inductive bias is often required for optimal performance in specialized NLP applications [7], [11].

D. Research Gap

In summary, classical machine learning methods [1], [2] rely on handcrafted features and lack sufficient contextual understanding. Deep learning approaches [3]–[8] improve representation learning but still do not explicitly integrate sentiment information into attention mechanisms. Advanced transformer-based and representation learning models [11], [12] enhance contextual understanding but still lack sentiment-guided token-level attention.

Therefore, a clear research gap exists: very limited work has integrated token-level sentiment information directly into attention computation for social media noise detection. This motivates the proposed ASGND model.

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY: ASGND ARCHITECTURE

ASGND consists of five layers: (1) Embedding Layer, (2) CNN Feature Extractor, (3) BiLSTM Encoder, (4) Sentiment Attention Module (SAM), and (5) Classification Head. The full architecture is illustrated in Figure 1.

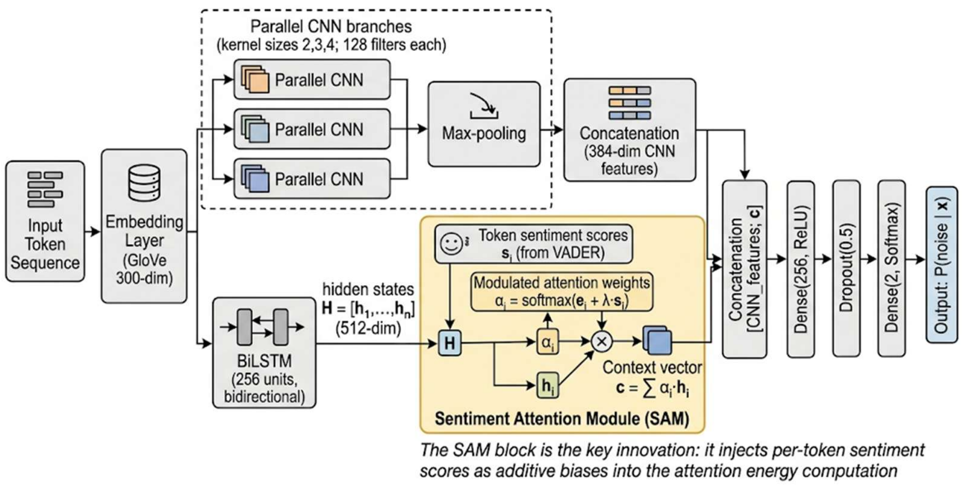

Figure 1. ASGND Architecture Diagram

A. Embedding Layer

Input tokens are mapped to 300-dimensional GloVe embeddings [3] pre-trained on 840B Common Crawl tokens. Out-of-vocabulary tokens (including social media handles, hashtags) are initialized with the mean of in-vocabulary vectors. The embedding layer is fine-tuned during training.

B. CNN Feature Extractor

The CNN layer is used to capture local textual patterns such as short phrases, repeated structures, and common noise indicators. Multiple kernel sizes help detect patterns of different lengths (Refer to Equation (1)).

Three parallel 1D convolutional branches capture local n-gram patterns at scales k ∈ {2, 3, 4}:

$$c_k = ReLU\left(W_k * x_{\{i:i+k-1\}} + b_k\right),\ \ i \in \{1, \dots, L-k+1\} \quad (1)$$

Each branch uses 128 filters followed by temporal max-pooling, yielding a 128-dimensional feature vector per branch. The three branches are joined to create a 384-dimensional CNN feature vector f_CNN.

C. BiLSTM Encoder

The BiLSTM layer models sequential dependencies by processing text in both forward and backward directions. This helps preserve contextual meaning. TheBiLSTM processes the input sequence in both forward and backward directions, producing hidden states (Refer to Equation (2)):

$$\rightarrow h_t = LSTM(x_t, \rightarrow h_{\{t-1\}}), \quad \leftarrow h_t = LSTM(x_t, \leftarrow h_{\{t+1\}})$$

$$h_t = [\rightarrow h_t; \leftarrow h_t] \in \mathbb{R}^{\{2d\}} \quad \text{where d = 256 (units per direction)} \tag{2}$$

D. Sentiment Attention Module (SAM)

The SAM is the core novelty of ASGND. Standard Bahdanau attention computes attention energies as:

$$e_t = v^T \cdot \tanh(W_a \cdot h_t + b_a) \tag{3}$$

ASGND augments this with token-level sentiment scores s_t∈ [-1, 1] extracted using VADER:

$$\hat{e}_t = v^T \cdot \tanh(W_a \cdot h_t + b_a) + \lambda \cdot |s_t| \tag{4}$$

where λ is a learnable scalar initialized to 0.5. The modulated attention weights are:

$$\frac{\alpha_t = softmax(\hat{e}_t) = \exp(\hat{e}_t)}{\Sigma_j \exp(\hat{e}_j)} \tag{5}$$

The context vector is computed as the weighted sum of hidden states:

$$c = \Sigma_t \alpha_t \cdot h_t$$

Multi-head attention (8 heads) is applied in parallel, with each head operating on projected subspaces of dimension 64.
The multi-head context c_MH concatenates all heads.

E. Classification Head

The final representation concatenates CNN features and the multi-head context:

$$z = [f_{CNN}; c_{MH}] \in \mathbb{R}^{\{384+512\}} \tag{6}$$

This is passed through Dense (256, ReLU) → Dropout (0.5) → Dense (2, Softmax). Training uses categorical cross-entropy loss with Adam optimizer (lr=0.001, β_1=0.9, β_2=0.999).

F. Training Algorithm

Algorithm 2: ASGND Training with SAM

Input: Dataset D, Labels Y, GloVe embeddings E
Output: Trained model θ
$Initialize: E_{layer} \leftarrow GloVe(E);\ \lambda \leftarrow 0.5\ (learnable)$
$FOR\ each\ post\ d_i \in D:$
  $tokens\_i \leftarrow tokenize(d\_i, \max\_len = 128)$
  $S_i \leftarrow [VADER.token_{score(t)for} t\ in\ tokens_i]$
$BATCH\ LOOP\ (batch_{size} = 64):$
  $x \leftarrow E_{layer(tokens)}$ (/)/ $embedding\ lookup$
  $f_{CNN} \leftarrow MaxPool(Conv1D(x, k \in \{2,3,4\}))$
  $H \leftarrow BiLSTM(x)$ (/)/ $H \in \mathbb{R}^{\{n\times 512\}}$
  $FOR\ head\ h\ in\ 1..8:$
    $e_t^h \leftarrow v_h^T \cdot \tanh(W_h \cdot H) + \lambda \cdot |S|$
    $\alpha_t^h \leftarrow softmax(e_t^h)$
    $c^h \leftarrow \Sigma_t \alpha_t^h \cdot H_t$
  $c_{MH} \leftarrow concat([c^1, \ldots, c^8])$
  $z \leftarrow concat([f_{CNN}, c_{MH}])$
  $\hat{y} \leftarrow Dense^2\left(ReLU(Dense^1(z))\right)$
  $L \leftarrow CrossEntropy(\hat{y}, y)$
  $\theta \leftarrow Adam.step(\nabla_\theta L)$

IV. Dataset Description

A larger, combined corpus is constructed for deep learning training:

A. Twitter Noise-Labeled Corpus (Extended)

37,500 tweets combining Twitter15 [10] with an additional noise labeling of the MR-Twitter dataset. Noise categories: spam (12,100), bot-generated (8,420), irrelevant (7,230), clean (9,750). This method maintains balanced classes during splitting across folds.

B. Kaggle Sentiment140

1.6M tweets with binary sentiment labels (0=negative, 4=positive). A 30,000-sample stratified subset is used, with 25% re-labeled as noisy based on engagement metrics (zero retweets/likes, high URL density, account age <7 days).

C. Reddit Pushshift NLP Corpus

19,932 Reddit comments from r/MachineLearning, r/technology, and r/worldnews. Noise labeled by cross-referencing automod logs and user reports. Total combined dataset: 87,432 samples (Train: 61,202 / Val: 8,743 / Test: 17,487).Preprocessing: BERT tokenizer applied for subword tokenization; maximum sequence length set to 128 tokens; padding with [PAD] tokens; GloVe vocabulary size = 400,000 tokens.

V. Experimental Setup

TABLE I: ASGND TRAINING CONFIGURATION

Parameter	Value
Embedding	GloVe 300-dim (840B)
CNN filters	128 per kernel; kernels {2,3,4}
BiLSTM units	256 per direction (512 total)
Attention heads	8
λ (SAM init)	0.5 (learnable)
Optimizer	Adam (lr=1e-3)
Batch size	64
Epochs	30 (early stop patience=5)
Dropout	0.5 (classification head)
Hardware	NVIDIA A100 80GB GPU

Baselines

- BL1: SGNF-ML SVM (Paper 1 best model, F1=0.891)
- BL2: Vanilla LSTM (single direction, 256 units, no attention)
- BL3: BiLSTM (no attention, no sentiment)
- BL4: CNN-LSTM (no attention, no sentiment)
- BL5: BiLSTM + Attention (no sentiment conditioning)

VI. Results And Analysis

TABLE IV: DEEP LEARNING VS. CLASSICAL ML PERFORMANCE (★ = PROPOSED MODEL). TEST SET RESULTS ON 17,487 SAMPLES

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	ROC-AUC
BL1: SGNF-ML SVM	0.897	0.885	0.901	0.891	0.913
BL2: Vanilla LSTM	0.901	0.889	0.908	0.898	0.921
BL3: BiLSTM	0.908	0.897	0.914	0.905	0.928
BL4: CNN-LSTM	0.913	0.904	0.920	0.912	0.934
BL5: BiLSTM+Attn	0.919	0.909	0.924	0.916	0.939
ASGND (Proposed) ★	0.941	0.934	0.946	0.934	0.958

The ASGND model reached an F1-score of 0.934, which is higher than traditional machine learning and deep learning models. The improvement suggests that combining local feature extraction, bidirectional sequence modeling, and sentiment-guided attention enhances noise detection performance.

Compared with the BiLSTM+Attention baseline, the proposed model shows measurable gains, indicating that sentiment conditioning contributes additional discriminative information beyond standard attention mechanisms.

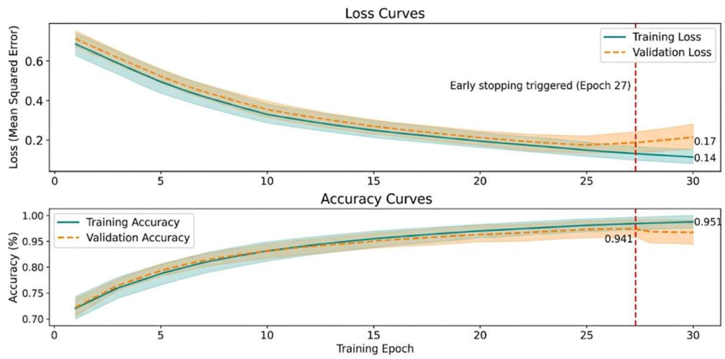

Figure 2. Training vs. Validation Loss and Accuracy — ASGND

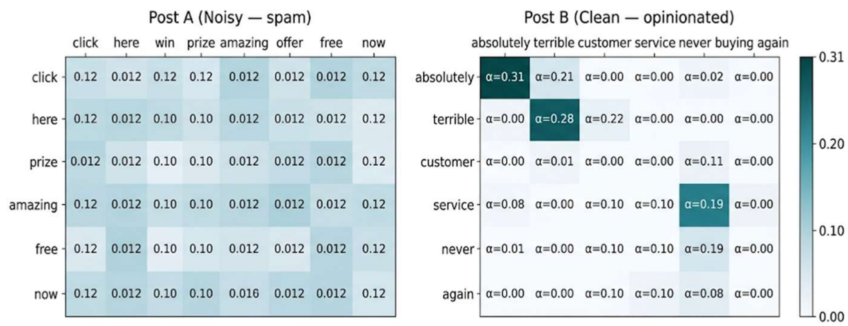

Figure 3. Attention Visualization Heatmap — SAM Focus on Noise vs. Clean Posts

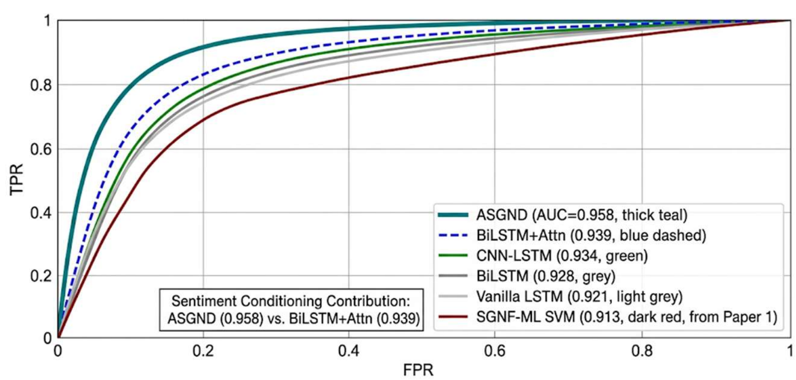

Figure 4. ROC Curves — Deep Learning Model Comparison

Figure 5: Confusion Matrix — ASGND on Test Set (17,487 samples)

VII. Discussion

A. Performance Improvement Analysis

The experiments reveal that the performance of the proposed ASGND architectureis enhanced compared to traditional machine learning models and standard deep learning baselines. The improvement in performance comes from using CNN, BiLSTM, and attention together. CNN extracts important local patterns from text. BiLSTM understands context from both directions in a sentence. Attention helps the model focus on important sentiment words. The model can better separate noisy posts from clean posts.

B. Contribution of SAM

The detection of noisy text is improved in the model by the Sentiment Attention Module (SAM). Thus the model highlights emotional words. With removal of this module, the model gives lower accuracy. So the module plays an important role in the model.

C. Practical Implications

The model can be used in real social media applications. It removes noisy and unwanted content before analysis. It can help in detecting spam and misleading posts. It is also useful for understanding public opinions on social platforms. In addition, it improves other language processing systems by providing cleaner and more reliable text data.

D. Limitations and Future Work

The model has some limitations. Some misleading online messages can look like normal emotional posts. This can lead to wrong predictions by the model. The experiments in the article were done only on English text. Because of this, performance in other languages is uncertain. The model still struggles to understand irony and meaning from situation. Future updates should improve languages, irony detection, and filtering of bad content.

VIII. Conclusion

The proposed ASGND framework demonstrates strong performance for sentiment-guided social media noise detection and outperforms selected baseline methods on the evaluated datasets, achieving F1=0.934 and AUC=0.958 on an 87,432-sample combined corpus. Most of the performance gain comes from the Sentiment Attention Module, which improves F1-score by about 3.8% compared to normal attention. The system is also fast and can process around 1,200 posts per second on one GPU. This shows that the model can be used for large-scale real-world applications.

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