Using Language Models to Augment Data in Stock Prediction

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Abstract. This paper delves into the innovative application of language models as a means of enhancing data augmentation techniques in the context of Sentiment Analysis for Event-Driven Stock Prediction. In recent years, the integration of natural language processing and machine learning has led to significant advancements in sentiment analysis, enabling the extraction of valuable insights from textual data for enhancing stock prediction accuracy. In this work, we incorporate T-5 language model to enrich the training dataset with semantically diverse and contextually relevant textual variations. By conducting extensive experimental results, we demonstrate the effectiveness of using T-5 for data augmentation in the task of Sentiment Analysis for Event-Driven Stock Prediction.

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1. Introduction

In recent years, the integration of natural language processing and machine learning has led to significant advancements in sentiment analysis[1], enabling the extraction of valuable insights from textual data for enhancing stock prediction accuracy.

The primary focus of this study is to explore the utilization of advanced language models for data augmentation in sentiment analysis within the specific domain of event-driven stock prediction. Traditional methods of data augmentation have shown promise in improving the robustness and generalization of machine learning models. However, incorporating language models, such as the transformer-based architectures like BERT[2], GPT[3, 4], and T-5[5], presents an opportunity to enrich the training dataset with semantically diverse and contextually relevant textual variations[6].

The experiment conducted in this research involves two distinct phases. Firstly, conventional paraphrase generation techniques are implemented, serving as a benchmark against which the performance of the language model-augmented data will be evaluated. Subsequently, the T-5 language model is harnessed to generate paraphrases, with the aim of further enhancing the dataset’s quality and diversity. By comparing the effectiveness of these two strategies, we ascertain the potential of language models to significantly contribute to the enhancement of sentiment analysis for event-driven stock prediction.

The outcome of this study bears importance not only for the financial and investment sector but also for the broader field of natural language processing and machine learning. The insights derived from this research can pave the way for more accurate and robust sentiment-driven stock prediction models, fostering improved decision-making in the realm of finance. Furthermore, the methodology and findings of this study provide a stepping stone for future research, inviting exploration into more intricate language-model-based approaches for data augmentation across various domains of predictive analysis.

2. Organization of the Text

Our experimental procedure was divided into two primary stages: the implementation of conventional paraphrase generation techniques[7, 8, 9, 10] and the application of the T-5 language model for the same purpose. The goal was to evaluate the relative effectiveness of these two strategies in expanding the dataset for sentiment analysis in stock price prediction. In both stages, we selected a batch size of 64 and ran the experiment for 500 epochs. Our experimental procedure comprised two main stages: first, the implementation of conventional paraphrase generation techniques; and second,
the utilization of the T-5 language model for the same purpose. The objective was to assess the comparative effectiveness of these two approaches in augmenting the dataset for sentiment analysis in stock price prediction. For both stages, we opted for a batch size of 64 and conducted the experiment over 500 epochs.

2.1 Conventional Paraphrase Generation

The initial stage involved the use of conventional paraphrase generation techniques as detailed in the referenced literature. These techniques, namely Synonym Replacement (SR), Random Insertion (RI), Random Swap (RS), and Random Deletion (RD), were utilized to create paraphrased versions of the original news data. We maintained a ratio of 1:5 between the original and paraphrased data, ensuring a significant expansion of the dataset.

2.2 T-5 Model Paraphrase Generation

In the subsequent stage, we employed the T-5 language model to generate paraphrases of the identical original news data. The ratio of original to paraphrased data was kept consistent at 1:5, mirroring the first stage of the experiment. This consistency allowed for an equitable comparison between the conventional methods and the T-5 model in terms of their efficacy in data augmentation.

2.3 Comparison and Analysis

After the data augmentation process, we fed three different matrices into the stock price prediction model: 1) the original, non-augmented data, 2) the data augmented using conventional methods, and 3) the data augmented using the T-5 model.

The model’s performance was evaluated based on its predictive accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. The results indicated a notable enhancement in the model’s performance when trained on the data augmented using the T-5 model, as opposed to both the non-augmented data and the data augmented using traditional methods. This highlights the superiority of the T-5 model in generating high-quality paraphrases for data augmentation, thereby improving the robustness and reliability of the stock price prediction model.

These results provide strong evidence supporting the potential of advanced language models like T-5 in transforming data augmentation for sentiment analysis in stock price prediction. Future studies should continue to investigate and refine this approach, focusing on optimizing the paraphrase generation process and further enhancing the performance of the prediction model.

3. Methodology

Our methodology is divided into four main stages: training the T-5 language model, obtaining news data, augmenting the news data using the T-5 model, and training the stock price prediction model.

3.1 Training the T-5 Language Model

We utilized the TaPaCo dataset \[^{11}\] for training the T-5 language model, a versatile transformer model that is pretrained on a large corpus of web text and can generate paraphrases for a given input text. This dataset consists of a total of 1.9 million sentences in 73 languages. From this large dataset, we focus on English sentences. We split the dataset into two parts: 10 percent for testing and 90 percent for training. We trained the T-5 model on this dataset until the loss on the validation set stopped decreasing.

3.2 Obtaining News Data

We made use of an existing dataset that consists of news data from Reuters, mapped to the corresponding companies. This news data was critical in capturing the sentiment related to these
companies, which is a key factor influencing stock prices. In addition to this, we used urllib, a Python module for fetching URLs, to crawl the stock price data for each of these companies.

3.3 Augmenting News Data Using T-5 Model

Once we obtained the effectively trained T-5 model, we used it for paraphrase generation on the news data. The T-5 model works by treating every NLP task as a text-to-text problem. For paraphrase generation, it takes in a piece of text and generates a different piece of text with the same meaning. We used a generation ratio of 1:7, meaning that for every original piece of news text, we generated seven paraphrases. This significantly augmented our dataset and enabled us to have a more robust model.

3.4 Training the Stock Price Prediction Model

Finally, we trained our stock price prediction model using the augmented data obtained from the previous step. At the same time, we also trained the same model using the original, non-augmented data for comparison purposes. Our model was a Bayesian Convolutional Neural Network[12], which was trained using Stochastic Gradient Langevin Dynamics[13] for increased robustness. We also implemented various feature engineering steps such as tokenization, one-hot encoding, and sequence padding to prepare the data for this model.

In summary, our methodology leverages the capabilities of the T-5 model to augment our news data, thereby enabling us to train a more robust and reliable stock price prediction model.

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5. Related Work

There is a substantial body of work exploring the intersection of sentiment analysis, data augmentation, and stock price prediction, which has informed and inspired our own research.

Much of the early work in stock price prediction relied heavily on numerical financial data, such as historical price data and financial indicators. However, more recent studies have recognized the influence of textual data, particularly news articles and social media posts, on stock market movements. The field of sentiment analysis has consequently grown in importance for stock price prediction, leading to a multitude of studies exploring different methods of extracting sentiment from text.

Despite the abundance of textual data, a significant challenge faced by researchers in this field is the lack of labeled data suitable for training machine learning models. This led to the development of various data augmentation techniques to artificially expand the available dataset. Early approaches to data augmentation were relatively simple, involving techniques such as synonym replacement, random insertion, and random deletion. While these methods are effective at increasing the size of the dataset, they often fail to preserve the original sentiment and meaning of the text.

Recently, the rise of advanced language models like GPT [3,4], and BERT [2] has revolutionized the field of data augmentation. These models are capable of generating synthetic text that is almost indistinguishable from human-written text, opening up new possibilities for data augmentation. However, there has been relatively little research into the use of these models for data augmentation in the context of stock price prediction.

Most recently, the development of Google’s T-5 model has shown promise for paraphrase generation, a critical aspect of data augmentation. While several studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of the T-5 model for paraphrase generation in various contexts, its application in
stock price prediction remains largely unexplored. Our study aims to fill this gap by investigating the potential of the T-5 model to enhance sentiment analysis for stock price prediction.

6. Conclusion

This study has explored the potential of using advanced language models, specifically Google’s T-5 model, for data augmentation in the context of sentiment analysis for stock price prediction. Our findings underscore the significant advantages of this approach over traditional paraphrase generation methods, which often fail to preserve the original sentiment and meaning of the text.

The experiment conducted demonstrated that the T-5 model could generate high-quality paraphrases that not only retain the semantic integrity of the original text but also preserve its sentiment. This resulted in a more diverse and robust dataset for training our stock price prediction model. The performance of the model showed a marked improvement when trained on the data augmented using the T-5 model, compared to both the non-augmented data and the data augmented using traditional method.

Furthermore, the T-5 model demonstrated superior robustness to noise and efficiency in terms of time and computational resources. These findings provide compelling evidence for the potential of advanced language models like T-5 in revolutionizing data augmentation for sentiment analysis in stock price prediction.

In conclusion, this study provides a compelling case for the use of advanced language models in data augmentation, underlining their potential to revolutionize sentiment analysis in stock market prediction.

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