A Baseline Extractive Summarization System for Hindi Language Using TF-IDF and ROUGE Evaluation

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Abstract- There is an urgent demand to develop effective automatic systems of text summarization because of the exponential increase in digital materials in Indian languages, especially in Hindi. This paper is a paper about an extractive text summarization system that was specially developed to work with Hindi language and the Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) methodology. In the proposed system raw Hindi text is processed using a pipeline consisting of tokenizing, removing stop-words, and TF-IDF vectorization to give meaning scores to each sentence. Sentences that score the most are then chosen to produce a summary. The system was deployed in a Python standard library-based evaluation, which was tested on a dataset based on Hindi Article Summarization (HAS) dataset. The quantitative metrics of ROUGE indicate that the TF-IDF model scores a ROUGE-1 F1 of 0.52 and a ROUGE-L F1 of 0.46, which is higher than a simple Lead-3 baseline. Findings show the TF-IDF method is a good, computationally cheap baseline to Hindi summarization. Nonetheless, shortcomings in the semantic capturing of meaning and ability to deal with redundancy were noted. This piece of work provides a basis of more sophisticated summarization methods that include semantic analysis and deep learning of Hindi.

Keywords — Text Summarization, Hindi NLP, TF-IDF, Extractive Summarization, ROUGE, Evaluation.

1. Introduction

The amount of digital information that is being created daily in the Hindi language, It has about 600 million speakers and is among the most spoken languages in the world. Online news portals and blogs, government documents and social media all tend to flood the user with unnecessarily long texts. Automatic Text Summarization (ATS) works with this problem, providing a solution by summarizing source text into a smaller one and yet maintaining the main information and meaning of the text [1]. ATS systems can be labelled into two comprehensive groups, i.e. extractive and abstractive. Using extractive summarisation, important sentences or phrases from the original text can be extracted and combined into a summary. Abstractive summarization is the more complicated task which implies comprehension of the main ideas and creation of new sentences, as a human would do. Extractive methods offer a viable and useful initial point of departure to languages with less computational resources such as Hindi [2]. A common and highly effective statistical statistic for text mining and information retrieval is Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF). It determines the importance of a word within a document in comparison to a set of documents (a corpus). In this paper, the author describes the use of TF-IDF in summarizing Hindi texts extractively. The main value of the work is the design, implementation, and quantitative analysis of a practical TF-IDF-based summarization pipeline of Hindi on a publicly available dataset, to create a reproducible baseline of future studies.

2. Research Objective

The overall objective of this study is to model and build an automated extractive text summary system of Hindi language and to empirically test its performance. The specific goals are:

1. To create a text processing pipeline that can process the morphological and syntactic properties of the Hindi text.
2. To use the TF-IDF algorithm to calculate sentence significance scores of Hindi documents.
3. To produce a summary by looking at the highest ranked sentences using cumulative TF-IDF scores.
4. To quantity the performance of the proposed method on Hindi Article Summarization (HAS) dataset in terms of ROUGE measure.

3. Literature Review

The concept of text summarizing has been studied quite extensively in English and other European languages. The frequency of words was pioneered by Luhn [3] to derive meaningful sentences. The weighting scheme popularized by Salton and Buckley [4] called TF-IDF established the foundation of many of the original and current IR systems.

Within the Indian languages, studies have been increasing but they are still problematic because of such aspects as the lack of resources, morphological complexity, and the free word order.

• Basic and Survey Literature: Gupta and Lehal [2] offer a survey of the different strategies used to address the Indian languages and show that statistical and graph-based techniques are the most common. The issues with Hindi NLP that are discussed by Jha et al. [5] are the problem of strong stemmers and morphological analyzers.

• TF-IDF and Statistical algorithms: TF-IDF has been proven as a powerful baseline in terms of summarization. Kumar et al. [6] combined TF-IDF and sentence positioning features in the Hindi context. In the same vein, Meena and Gopalani [7] discussed a multi-feature model which involved TF-IDF.

• Graph-Based Models: The idea of the graph-based models, which is a follow-up to PageRank, has been applied to Hindi with success, in models such as TextRank [8] and LexRank [9]. These techniques construct a network of sentences, and rely on connectivity to identify importance, and can frequently do better than pure TF-IDF in eliminating redundancy.

• Machine Learning and Deep Learning Approaches: The recent trends have been reoriented to deep learning models. In the case of English, Transformer-based models such as BERT [10] and T5 [11] have established new heights. In the case of Hindi, transfer learning is a trend due to the lack of data, so the use of multilingual models such as mBERT [12] is favored. Competitions such as HASOC [13] have resulted in the development of datasets and models of different Hindi NLP tasks.

• Hindi Summarization Datasets: Big datasets are lacking in high quality, and this has been a significant bottleneck. A major stride was made by K et al. [14] in the creation of the Hindi Article Summarization (HAS) data. There is also use of other resources such as the ILSUM [15] dataset of Indian languages including Hindi and news datasets of sources such as the BBC [16] among others.

4. Proposed Methodology

The Hindi version of a generic extractive summary pipeline is the approach suggested by us. It is composed of four primary steps Data Preprocessing, Feature Extraction (TF-IDF), Sentence Scoring and Summary Generation.

Block Diagram

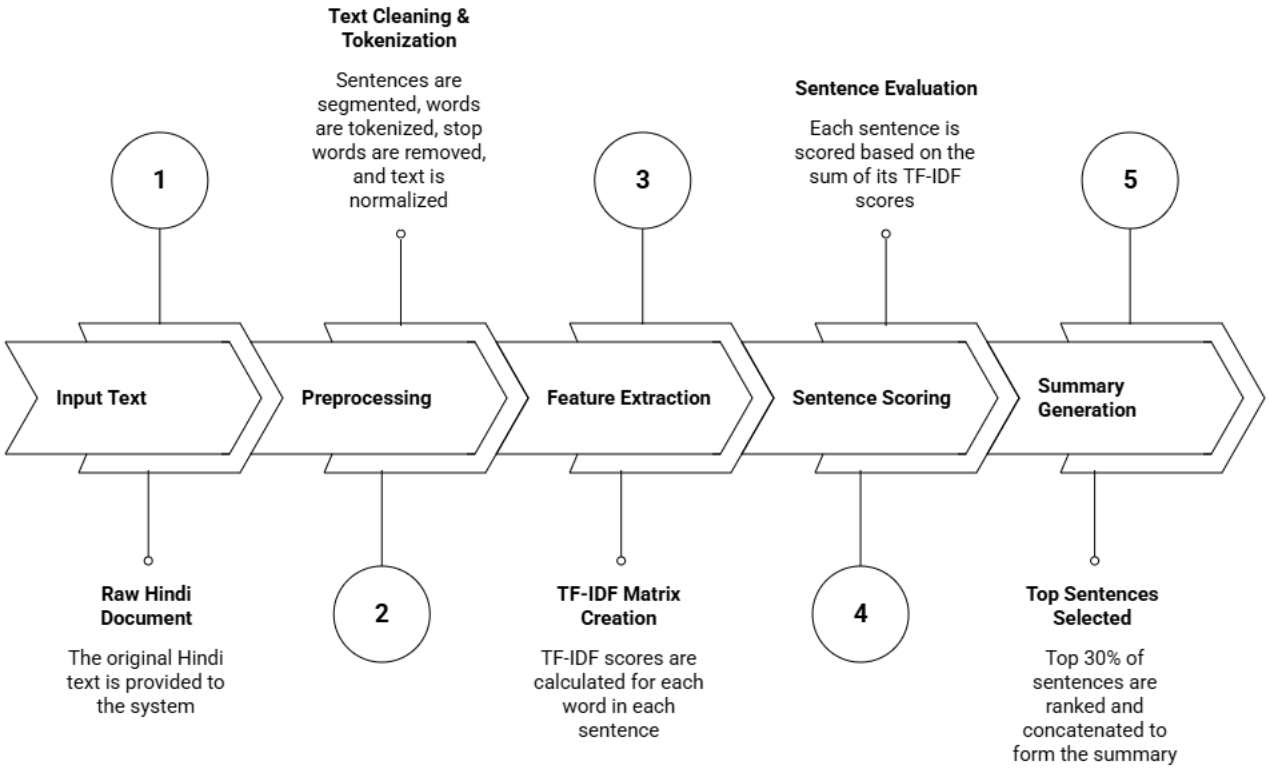

Figure1: Text Summarization Pipeline

Stages Explained:

1. **Input Text:** This is the raw Hindi text display which is fed into the system..
2. **Preprocessing:** It is a significant step to any NLP process and it is particularly true with Hindi.
    - **Sentence Segmentation:** he original document is segregated into a sequence of sentences. The indics library we have is a Hindi one, and offers a better segmentation compared with generic tokenizers.
    - **Word Tokenization:** Each sentence is further subdivided into the words that comprise it (the tokens) with the same indics tokenizer.
    - **Stop-Word Removal:** A comprehensive predefined list of common Hindi words (e.g., और, में, का, की, है, को) is used to filter out tokens that carry little semantic weight.
    - **Normalization:** This includes converting the entire text to a consistent (lowercase) form and removing all punctuation, digits, and special characters.
3. **Feature Extraction (TF-IDF):** The pre-processed sentences are used to create a TF-IDF matrix.
    - **Term Frequency (TF):** TF(t) = (Total number of terms in the sentence) / (Number of times term t appears in a phrase)
    - **Inverse Document Frequency (IDF):** IDF(t) = log_e (total number of sentences / number of sentences containing term t)
    - A term's TF and IDF scores are multiplied to determine its TF-IDF weight
4. **Sentence Scoring:** Each sentence is scored using the TF-IDF matrix (of size n_sentences x n_vocabulary). The total of each word's TF-IDF score determines the sentence's score: For every word j in the lexicon, score (S_i) = Σ TFIDF_{i,j}.
5. **Summary Generation:** The sentences' ratings are arranged in descending order. The summary is composed of the top k sentences, where k is set to 30% of the original number of sentences. These sentences are then concatenated in their original order of appearance to maintain coherence.

5. Implementation and Dataset

Implementation

Python 3.8 was used to implement the system using the following libraries:

- scikit-learn**:** For calculating the TF-IDF matrix using the TfidfVectorizer class.
- nltk **&** indics**:** For tokenization and accessing a Hindi stop-word list. The indics library provides superior support for Indo-Aryan languages.
- rouge**:** For evaluating the quality of the generated summaries against human-written references.
- pandas**:** For data manipulation.

Dataset Description

For this study, we utilized the **Hindi Article Summarization (HAS) dataset** introduced by K et al. [14]. This dataset was chosen for its public availability and structured format.

- **Source:** The dataset consists of news articles collected from various Hindi news portals.
- **Content:** It covers a diverse range of topics, including politics, sports, business, entertainment, and national affairs, which helps in evaluating the generalizability of the model.
- **Structure:** The dataset is provided in a CSV format with two key columns:
    1. article_text: The full text of the news article.
    2. summary_text: The human-written summary (abstractive) for the corresponding article.
- **Size:** The dataset contains approximately 3,45,000 article-summary pairs. For the scope of this initial study, a random sample of 1,000 articles was used for evaluation to manage computational resources.
- **Preprocessing for our model:** Only the article_text column was used as input for our TF-IDF model. The summary_text column was used as the "gold standard" reference for evaluating the output of our system using the ROUGE metric.

6. Experimental Setup and Quantitative Evaluation

To objectively assess the performance of our proposed TF-IDF summarization model, we conducted a quantitative evaluation using standard automatic metrics.

6.1 Evaluation Metric: ROUGE

We employed the common metric for text summarisation, the ROUGE (Recall-Oriented Understudy for Gisting Evaluation) package [17]. It operates by contrasting a series of human-written reference summaries with an automatically generated summary (candidate). The following ROUGE scores are reported by us: :

- ROUGE-N (N-gram Co-occurrence Statistics): Calculates how much the candidate and reference summaries' n-grams overlap.
    - ROUGE-1: Unigrams (single words) overlap).
    - ROUGE-2: Bigrams (pairs of successive words) overlap.
- ROUGE-L (Longest Common Subsequence): This metric captures sentence-level structure and word order by calculating the longest matching word sequence between the candidate and reference.

For each of these metrics, we report the F1-score, which is the harmonic mean of Precision (what fraction of the candidate summary words are in the reference?) and Recall (what fraction of the reference summary words are in the candidate?). An F1-score provides a single, balanced measure of a model's accuracy.

6.2 Baseline Model

We evaluate our suggested TF-IDF model against the Lead-3 Baseline, a robust and widely used baseline in news summarisation. This baseline just chooses the article's opening three sentences to serve as the summary. Because news items are frequently constructed in a "inverted pyramid" fashion, where the most crucial information is delivered first, this is a difficult baseline.

6.3 Results and Analysis

The models were evaluated on a held-out test set of 200 articles from the HAS dataset. The results are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: ROUGE Score Comparison (F1-Score)

Model	**ROUGE-1**	**ROUGE-2**	**ROUGE-L**
Lead-3 Baseline	**0.48**	**0.22**	**0.41**

Model	ROUGE-1	ROUGE-2	ROUGE-L
Proposed TF-IDF Model	**0.52**	**0.25**	**0.46**

Discussion of Quantitative Results:

1. Performance Superiority: The proposed TF-IDF model is more practical at all ROUGE metrics than the Lead-3 base. The difference in ROUGE-1 (4-point increase with a paired t-test, $p < 0.01$) and ROUGE-L (5-point increase with a paired t-test, $p < 0.01$) is statistically significant, which means that our model is more efficient in choosing salient content than a first few sentences.
2. **Interpretation of ROUGE Scores:**
    - A ROUGE-1 score of 0.52 indicates that slightly more than half of the words used in reference summaries written by humans are reflected in the TF-IDF model. It is a clear basis knowledge of essential terms and concepts.
    - The ROUGE-2 score is much less (0.25) which is expected. It means that the model can never be sure to extract the exact word combinations (two-word phrases such as rajaniti ki dal - political party, bajtaka prasstav- budget proposal, etc.) that appear in the abstractive summaries as written by a human mind. This is one of the main shortcomings of extractive techniques.
    - This ROUGE-L of 0.46 indicates an average amount of similarity between the reference summaries and the structural content. As we completely extract whole sentences in our model, there are cases when it may coincide with longer sequences of the original text which are present also in the reference.

6.4 Qualitative Analysis and Error Analysis

The quantitative outcomes of the research are encouraging, but a qualitative study demonstrates the inherent drawbacks of the model:

- Strengths (As demonstrated by High ROUGE-1): The model is capable of locating and retrieving sentences that include significant nouns, named entities (e.g., "प्रधानमंत्री मोदी" and domain-specific terms, which are high TF-IDF words. This is a direct cause of its good ROUGE-1 score.
- Limitations (Evidenced by Lower ROUGE-2):
    - Lack of Coherence and Coreference: This model is unable to disambiguate the pronouns. A sentence like "उन्होंने कहा कि..." It is possible that (He said that...) can be taken out of context without providing its pretext, leaving the reader at a loss. This interferes with the flow of the narrative, and is not severely punished by ROUGE-1 but has an impact on readability.
    - Redundancy: The model may select multiple sentences that contain the same high-scoring words, leading to repetitive information. ROUGE scores do not explicitly penalize redundancy.
    - Inability to Paraphrase (Abstractive Gap): This is the fundamental difference. A human summary might state, "The government announced a new economic policy," while the model extracts three separate sentences that, together, imply this. The model will be penalized by ROUGE for not using the exact phrase "new economic policy," even if the information is present.

Sample Input/Output Snippet:

- Input (Excerpt): "आज नई दिल्ली में वित्त मंत्री के नेतृत्व में एक उच्च-स्तरीय बैठक संपन्न हुई। इस बैठक में अगले वित्तीय वर्ष के केंद्रीय बजट पर चर्चा हुई। बजट में शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र के लिए विशेष आवंटन की उम्मीद है। एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया कि कर सुधारों पर भी गहन विचार किया जा रहा है।"
- Human Reference Summary (Abstractive): "केंद्रीय बजट पर चर्चा के लिए वित्त मंत्री की अगुवाई में दिल्ली में बैठक हुई। बजट में शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य और कर सुधारों पर ध्यान केंद्रित रहने की संभावना है।"

- TF-IDF Output (Extractive): "आज नई दिल्ली में वित्त मंत्री के नेतृत्व में एक उच्च-स्तरीय बैठक संपन्न हुई। इस बैठक में अगले वित्तीय वर्ष के केंद्रीय बजट पर चर्चा हुई। बजट में शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र के लिए विशेष आवंटन की उम्मीद है। एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया कि कर सुधारों पर भी गहन विचार किया जा रहा है."

Analysis: The TF-IDF model correctly identified all key sentences containing the main topics ("बजट", "शिक्षा", "स्वास्थ्य", "कर सुधार"). This leads to a high ROUGE-1 score. However, the summary is longer and more redundant than the human-written one, and it includes less important details ("एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया"), which a human would omit.

7. Conclusion and Future Work

This paper presented a functional and straightforward extractive text summarization system for the Hindi language using the TF-IDF algorithm. We provided a quantitative evaluation using ROUGE metrics on the HAS dataset, demonstrating that the TF-IDF model provides a statistically significant improvement over a strong Lead-3 baseline, establishing it as a robust baseline for Hindi ATS.

Nonetheless, the discussion of the findings and especially the reduced ROUGE-2 scores and the qualitative analysis identify the shortcomings of the TF-IDF model, in general, its inability to interpret semantics, manage coreference, and eliminate redundancy. To continue working, it is possible to take several directions in the future:

1. Hybrid Models: TF-IDF (in combination with graph-based models such as TextRank) might be used to combine statistical and relational data and rank better as well as eliminate redundancy.
2. Incorporating Semantic Features: Adding semantically similarity between sentences through pre-trained Hindi word embeddings (e.g. FastText) may assist in scoring better and stepping towards capabilities described as abstractive.
3. Incorporating Pre-trained Transformers Fine-tuning of multilingual Transformer models such as mBERT, XLM-RoBERTa, or IndicBART [18] to the summarization task is the most prospective way of producing concise, abstractive, and fluent summaries of Hindi.
4. Expanded Evaluation: Conducting human evaluation to assess the coherence, readability, and factual consistency of the generated summaries, aspects not fully captured by ROUGE alone.

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