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Arabic Text Detection using Rough Set Theory: Designing a Novel Approach

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ABSTRACT The linguistics related research and particularly, sentiment analysis using data-driven approaches, has been growing in recent years. However, the large number of users and excessive amount of information available on social media, make it difficult to detect extremism text on these platforms. The literature revealed a plethora of research studies focusing the sentiment analysis primarily, for English texts, however, very limited studies are available concerning the Arabic language which is the 4th mostly spoken language in the world. We first time in this study, propose a text detection mechanism for extremism orientations distinction in Arabic language, to improve the comprehension of subjective phrases. The study introduces a novel method based on Rough Set theory to enhance the accuracy of selected models and recognize text orientation reliably. Experimental outcomes indicate that the proposed method outperforms existing algorithms by contributing towards feature discriminations. Our method achieved 90.853%, 81.707% and 71.951% accuracies for unigram, bigram, and trigram representations, respectively. This study significantly contributes to the limited research in the field of machine learning and linguistics in Arabic language.

INDEX TERMS Sentiment analysis, Arabic language sentiment, extremism analysis, social media sentiment, Rough Set Theory, Arabic text mining

I. INTRODUCTION

Sentiment analysis, also known as sentiment orientation or opinion mining, is the process of determining the orientation of unstructured data. It is essentially a categorization exercise, where the mood or point of view expressed in a sentence or article is classified as negative, positive, or neutral. Because most of the research works in this topic focus on the English language, there is a research gap in the domain of sentiment analysis for Arabic language. Moreover, Arabic language processing and analysis significantly varies from English and has its own set of challenges and obstacles [1]. In this context, it is important to note that the Arabic language is ranked number four of the most widely spoken language globally. Arabic is spoken as a first language by over one billion of the population and as a second language by 250 million people. There are 28 alphabets in Arabic language that are unlike English letters, lack upper and lower cases, written reversely (i.e., from right to left), in terms of orientation. There have been very limited studies on Arabic language sentiments analysis (ALSA), attitudes, emotions, and opinions compared to the excessive works on the English text sentiment analysis [2]. Most of the prevailing works for the ALSA focus on specific material, such as review text or classifying positive and negative text contents. In contrast, proposed research aims to use extremism orientation recognition over a primary dataset gathered from public Tweets, potentially comprising Arabic text exhibiting extremism. Generally, sentiment analysis can be categorized into three levels: sentence, aspect, and document. We present sentence level ALSA, specifically to classify an opinion sentence as either extremist or non-extremist [3] where the entire sentence is regarded as a primary information unit in our framework. The detection is based on rough set theory and lexical analysis. Our core method can be further divided into three components. The first component gathers the statistical aspects of the corpus, including the total number of texts, words, punctuation marks, and unique words. In the second component, distinct vector copies are created for the two lexicon-based and machine learning (ML) approaches. In the third component, detailed experiments are performed using a hybrid model, combining Rough Set (RS) theory [30], lexicon-based approaches [13-14], and ML algorithms for orientation and categorization [24-29]. To overcome the limitations of previous works particularly a) limited studies on extremism for ALSA, b) manual lexicon extraction, we propose automated lexicon construction, combined with the use of RS theory, to address the issue of low accuracy under sentimentality analysis. Major contributions for the proposed study include:

1- Primary dataset containing extremism in political and religion contexts. In total, 44007 texts were collected and annotated (21502 for extremism and 22505 for non-extremism).
2- Used lexicon to build vector which can be then used to perform the classification task.
3- Used RS theory and ML to classify the Arabic text into extremism or otherwise.
4- First time enhance the RS theory by using accuracy approximation that helps to enhance the ALSA performance.

The objective of our research is as follows:

- To develop new model for the detection of Arabic extremism in Twitter platform.
- To design new lexicon-based method for Arabic extremism using human-based method and word frequency.
- To design a new model based on the rough set theory and lexicon-based method to enhance the extremism detection.
- To verify and evaluate the performance of our proposed model.

The remainder of this manuscript is organized as follows. Section II presents the related works; while Section III shows basic concept of RS theory and. Section IV provides the details for our proposed ALS method, and Section V shows the statistical results from the experiments and discussions. Finally, Section VI presents the conclusion drawn from this study and recommendations for future direction.

II. RELATED WORKS

We are living in the age of social networking (SN) which is growing at a surpassing rate. SNs are digital environments where users can communicate, interact, and share information (e.g., beliefs, and ideologies etc.) [6]. One of the most popular, fast-spreading and micro-blogging services of SN is Twitter [7]. Apparently, SN results in a massive amount of user generated data that forms a rich resource for conducting research and building valuable knowledge. However, some users exploit the Twitter for propagating extremist and discrimination ideas which lead to the dissemination of hate speech or hate crime [8]. Extremism is a complex incident which can be applied in various scenarios e.g., hate group, racist communities, Jihad terrorism, and personal insult, use of abusive language, propagating obscene or extremist videos, and more[9].

Extremism groups communicate with each other on Twitter and sharing information to hire new members by gradually reaching a worldwide audience that helps persuade others to commit violence and terrorism [10]. There is limited number of studies on the problem of extremism [11]. Extremism has many types such as supremacism, sectarianism, nationalism, and etc. [12] however, there is no studies on religiously and political motivated extremism [12]. This is the lacuna which the proposed study seeks to fill, the exploration of extremism in religion and political.

Lexicon-based methods use several words or phrases, which are considered an important resource when dealing with sentiment analysis [13, 14]. There are various approaches for lexicon construction, including manually [15] and automatically [16]. Manual lexicon extraction is costly particularly, it is impractical for big data and lacks in terms of generalization to other domains, and therefore, automated lexicon extraction has become a popular research topic [17]. There are some works on sentiment orientation word detection which are dependent on lexicon construction [18]. Despite the substantial research advances in this field, several limitations are associated with state-of-the-art methods. Firstly, some methods utilize manually defined lexicons [19], making it inconvenient to transfer their techniques to other domains. Secondly, a lexicon does not provide high accuracy and performance by itself [20]. In this regard, Pawlak [21] used RS theory as a mathematical tool to deal with uncertain, vague, and inexact information, which led numerous researchers to pursue further theoretical developments and applications [22]. In data analysis, a major benefit of RS theory is the fact that there is no need for prior information regarding the data itself [23].

Rbooraig et al [3] proposed a new method for automatic categorization of Arabic articles based on political orientation. The method started with collecting texts for building a corpus, then studying the performance of various feature reductions. They utilized the two most popular feature extraction techniques; traditional text (TC) and stylometric (SF). The authors used six algorithms, which are: Naive Bayes (NB), Discriminative Multinomial Naive Bayes (DMNB), Sparse generative model (SGM), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF), and Mixed classifiers (VOTE). Their results indicate that the highest accuracy was obtained using TC.

Al-Radaideh et al. [24] proposed a new method for Arabic text categorization using term weighting and multiple reductions. This method uses term weight to extract the weight from the text; it then uses RS theory to reduce the number of terms that are used for generating classification rules. In their study, a quick reduction algorithm was proposed with multiple reductions to generate the set of

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classification rules that represent the RS classifier. An Arabic corpus comprising 2700 documents with nine categories, was used to evaluate the classification algorithm. The experimental results revealed that the method archived higher accuracy compared to K-nearest neighbor (KNN) and decision tree (DT) algorithms.

Waqas Sharif et al [25] proposed a new model that uses principal component analysis (PCA) for the dimensionality reduction and frequency-inverse document frequency (TF-IDF) for feature extraction. Different ML algorithms were used including KNN, SVM, RF, NB, and ensemble classification algorithms trained and evaluated over twitter text. The results showed that SVM achieved higher accuracy than other algorithms (84%).

TABLE I
POPULAR ML ALGORITHMS AND FEATURE EXTRACTION WITH DATASET USED IN EXTREMISM DETECTION

REFERENCE	YEAR	FEATURE	DATA SET SOURCE	PERFORMANCE
[3]	2018	Lexicon features word-based CHARACTER-BASED	DIFFERENT POLITICAL WEBSITES CONSIST OF 3000 DATA	ACC = 90.7% FOR SVM
[24]	2019	TF-IDF	DIFFERENT SOURCES CONSIST OF 2700 DATA	ACC = 94% FOR ROUGH SET THEORY
[25]	2019	TF-IDF	TWITTER	ACC = 84% FOR SVM
[26]	2020	TF-IDF	VKONTAKTE	ACC = 83% FOR RF
[27]	2020	TF-IDF WORD2VEC	FACEBOOK	F-SCORE=0.81% FOR SVC
[28]	2020	-	TWITTER	ACC = 82.6% FOR SVM
[29]	2021	TF-IDF n-gram WORD2VECT	TWITTER	ACC = 97.29% FOR SVM

Mussiraliyeva et al [26] proposed detection of extremism in communication and monitoring the behavior and forecasting of threats emanating from individual users, groups, and network communities, that generate and distribute terrorists and extremists information on the internet. The study used four ML techniques which are SVM, multinomial naive bayes (MNB), RF, and logistic regression (LR) with two feature extraction TF-IDF and Word2Vec. The accuracy was higher with RF (83%).

Asif et al [27] proposed extremism classification approach into four categorize that include high extreme, low extreme, moderate, and neutral, based on their level of extremism. They created lexicon with the intensity weights validating from domain experts leading to attaining 88% accuracy for validation. Subsequently, MNB and SVM algorithms are employed for classification purposes. Overall, on the underlying multilingual dataset, SVM outperformed with an accuracy of 82%.

Fraiwan et al. [28], collected, analyzed and classified Twitter data from affiliated members of ISIS, as well as sympathizers. The authors used ML classification algorithms to categorize the tweets as terror-related, generic religious, and unrelated. The authors report the classification accuracy of KNN, Bernoulli Naïve Bayes (BNN) and SVM [one-against-all (OAA) and all-against-all (AAA)] algorithms producing F1 score of 83%.

Aldera et al [29], used dataset that published between 2011 and 2021 and used different ML algorithms including LR, SVM, MNB, RF, and bidirectional encoder representations from transformers (BERT). Different feature extraction approaches were used including n-gram, word2Vector, and term frequency-inverse document frequency. The study revealed that SVM with TF-IDF achieved highest accuracy (97.29%).

Table I presents some state-of-the-art works addressing ASLA using machine learning classifiers and rough set theory. The literature presents different approaches towards SA including machine learning and rough set theory; however, it can be noticed that limited works are available for extremism ALSA. Likewise, there is a lack of automatic lexicon-based methods.

Based on the literature review, we have identified the following limitations:

- Researchers are using term frequency and Word2vec for feature extractions, which is different in this study in which we are using lexicon vector for improved accuracy.
- The stat of the art utilized well know machine learning algorithms for their analysis. In this study, we are using updated concept in rough set theory.
- To the best knowledge of the authors, there is no research related to Arabic extremism detection for religion and political.
- Lack definition of extremist in internet activity.
- The constant evolution of behaviors associated with online extremism in order to avoid being detected by the developed algorithms (changes in terminology, creation of new accounts, etc.).
- The lack of data validation methods.

This research addresses these challenges and presents dataset with multi-ideology (religion and political) and binary-class (extremism and non-extremism).

III. AN EXPOSITION OF ROUGH SET THEORY

Rough set theory was introduced by Pawlak (1982) [30] as an intelligent mathematical approach for handling uncertainty and incompleteness in data. It applies the concept of set representations, estimation space, and lower-case and upper-case estimates in a set. A crucial advantage of RS theory is the process of reducing the required number of features [31]. Some of the attributes are eliminated using the concept of dependence degree in RS theory, in which the smaller set of attributes has a similar level of dependency as the original set of data.

An information system (*IS*) signifies understanding of RS, symbolized as 4-tuple, i.e., $IS =< U, A, V, F >$. In this notation, U denotes the sealed universe, a limited set about the number n items $\{x_1, x_2... x_n\}$. A represents a limited group of characteristics $\{a_1, a_2, . . . , a_n\}$, A = {C ∪ D}, which might be divided into C and D, whereby C shows the condition attributes and D indicates a group of choice features [17]. Moreover, $V = \cup_{a \in A} V_a$, where V_a represents the domain of attribute a, and $f: U \times A \rightarrow V$ symbolizes the overall choice function represented like information function in which $f(x, a) \in V_a$ for individually $a \in A, XU$.

In RS theory, both upper and lower estimates are considered as primary operations in which $X \subseteq U$. In contrast to feature set $R \subseteq A$, X could further be determined using both upper and lower estimates. Besides, lower estimation of X is the group of items of U which are definitely in X

$$x \in U: [x]_R \subseteq X\} = \underline{R}(X) \tag{1}$$

The set of U articles that could be in X is the upper estimate of X

$$\{x \in U: [x]_R \cap X \neq \overline{\emptyset}\} = (X)R \tag{2}$$

The accuracy approximation X can be considered arithmetically as:

$$\mathrm{R(X)} = ((\mathrm{X}) - \mathrm{R} / ((\mathrm{X}) - \mathrm{R}) \tag{3}$$

This is used to estimate the quality of the approximation.

IV. PROPOSED METHOD

This section presents the overall ALSA methodology proposed in our work.

In this study, we compile a labelled corpus of extremism text in Arabic, where we define various forms of the vector (lexicon-vector and seed-vector) for lexicon-based and ML methodologies. We then conducted experiments using a hybrid approach utilizing ensemble lexicon-based and RS theory and machine knowledge approaches for orientation recognition of text divergence.

Figure 1 presents a summary of the hybrid system utilizing RS model and lexicon model in the proposed work.

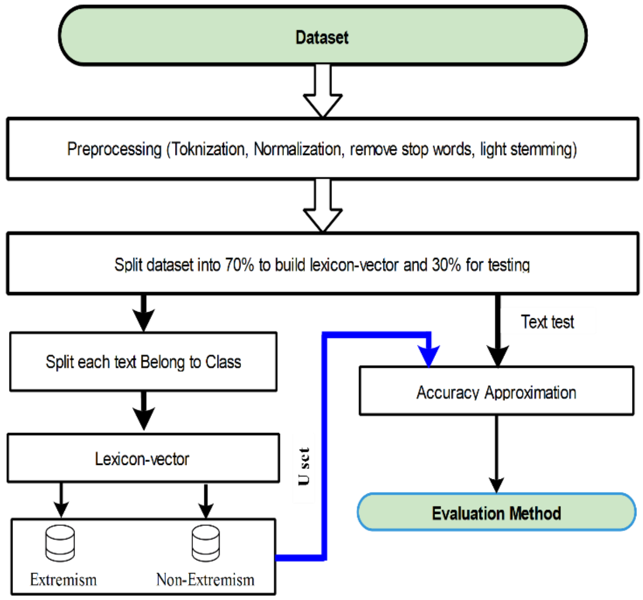

FIGURE 1. Sequential processing in the proposed ALSA approach comprising i) pre-processing. ii)dataset splitting, iii) lexicon-vector, iv) classifications.

Figure 1 displays the overall sequential processing of the proposed extremism classification, mainly including (a) data preparation, (b) feature extraction, and (c) RS theory. A comprehensive explanation of the components is presented in the following sections.

A. Dataset Explanation

This section provided details about our dataset for ALSA extremism classification.

One of the major challenges of online extremism search in Arabic posts, is the unavailability of a standard Arabic dataset. In this study, we collected a primary dataset from Twitter recourse, the Extremism Arabic Post Dataset (EAPD), consisting of 44007 texts, which is not available online. Texts in EAPD are classified into two categories, extremism with 21502 posts and the remaining are non-extremism. It should be noted that dataset entries were selected to avoid potential bias due to class imbalance. Extremism posts comprise any script in the procedure of articles on extremism occasions, printed by authors or essayists, frequently related to governmental orientation. The assemblage of articles includes articles printed in current normal Arabic and slang Arabic; however entire vernacular Arabic articles were removed. Approximately, 60% of the composed corpuses were uploaded on termination of the Arab Spring Revolt, but 30% of the information was gathered earlier. The remaining 10% of total articles were related to specific beliefs before the Arab Spring Revolution.

Initially, we used an Application Programming Interface (API) tool [47] to extract posts from the Twitter website. We manually excluded spam articles, with valid posts subsequently classified into extremism and non-extremism. Each category is represented by a folder containing the text files (i.e., post text), chronologically totaled. Entire documents are distinctive and reserved in raw arrangement,

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i.e., restricted from washing, stemming, and other kinds of preprocessing. The labeling (annotation) process is then performed with careful consideration of any imprecision or error which can reduce the overall quality of the dataset, and may lead to misclassifications [48-50].

Table II (A) summarizes the training and testing datasets used in our experiments. The two classes, i.e., extremism and non-extremism are well balanced, and thus, we do not envisage any issues related to class bias. The original corpus was partitioned into 70% for training and 30% for testing [43]. While Table II (B) shows the properties of our dataset.

TABLE II

A. NUMBER OF TRAINING AND TESTING

Class	Training number	Testing number
Extremism	15051	6451
Non- Extremism	15753	6752
Total	30804	13203

B. DATASET DETAILS AND PROPERTIES

Statistical	Extremism	Non-extremism	Total
No. tweets	21502	22505	44007
All words	75687	81321	157008
No. unique words	5754	6127	11881
word occurs more than one time	11239	12787	24026
No. English words	1457	2167	3624
No punctuations	6721	7438	14159
No unwanted words	1238	1392	2630
No Digits	2487	3267	5754

B. Pre-processing

This section provided details about the pre-processing method utilized in our proposed methodology.

Before lexicon generation (as shown in Fig. 1), it is important to perform the preprocessing on raw text data, to improve classification accuracy of the sentiment text based on the presented information while reducing the time taken to detect its orientation. This includes several operations comprising handling the punctuations errors, tokenization, stop-words, normalization, and curtailing [34]. Tokenization of text to words is the initial stage, followed by removing Arabic punctuations, using specific constraints, for instance, removing punctuations with a token dimension of less than 2.

Standardization in SA is important for removing unnecessary information, resulting in a standardized writing stylishness in the Arabic language; in this research, we engaged in a variety of normalization procedures. We removed diacritics such as (◌ُ,◌ْ,◌َ,◌ِ,◌ّ,~,◌ً,◌ٍ,◌ٌ). The "totwel"; a form of Arabic writing; was removed since it creates issues with the length of the word, which could appear to be longer by four times its standard length due to the inclusion of flat line parts, i.e., (——). This aspect in the text data may be frequent, thus complicating processing and potentially impacting the accuracy of the classification [35, 36]. The final step was to substitute some letters with their universal (standard) form. For instance, in Arabic, the letter 'Alif', which may be found in various forms, e.g., (ا ,آ ,ٱ ,أ ,إ), is normalized to Alif (ا). On the other hand, "Ya" (ي) is the standard for the letter 'Alif-Maqsura' (ى), while the Arabic letter (ئ ,ؤ) becomes (ء), and the letter (ة) is normalized to (ه).

Removing stop-words helps in reduction of unnecessary words while reducing the length and improving the compactness and efficiency of the feature vector. For instance, we removed sundered Arabic stop words defined in Python's Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK) library. Stemming is further vital in decreasing the length of the article vector [18, 37]. There are two types of stemming methods: root and light stem. We used light stem by utilizing the Info Science Research Institute's (ISRI) stemmer tool [38].

C. Lexicon Generation

In this section, lexicon generation will be shown.

Once the data is compiled to noise free and standardized form, we build the lexicon for each text class to be fed to the Lexicon and RS Theory (LRST) model.

Consider m to be the number of posts, n to represent the number of labels, and w is the number of words in the text. Let X represents the collection of articles where $X = \{ A_i \mid A_i \text{ is an article}, i \in Z\}$ and C is the collection of labels for each of the articles, $C = \{ l_j \mid l_j \text{ is label of the article} \}$. C makes a partition on X such that $A_i \in l_j$ for the same j. When $A_i \in l_j$, we refer to A_i by $A_{i,j}$.

Assume V to be the lexicon, which will be constructed for each article X in the label set C as shown in Equation 4:

$$P_{ext} = \bigcup A_i^{ext} \mid A_i^{ext} \in l_{ext}$$

$$P_{non-ext} = \bigcup A_i^{non-ext} \mid A_i^{non-ext} \in l_{non-ext} \tag{4}$$

Equation (4) makes the partition such that every article must exactly belong to partition. In general, $\boldsymbol{P_j} \cup \boldsymbol{A_{i,j}}$. Where the number of articles belong to j [4]. We construct vector V for each class in $\boldsymbol{l}$ as shown in Equation (5) which will build the lexicon for each class.

$$V_j = \{w \mid w \in P_j \,, 1 \leq j \leq n\} \tag{5}$$

D. Proposed Accuracy Approximation (AA) Method

This section presents the proposed model for accuracy approximation.

Figure 2 summarizes our accuracy approximation method to resolve the highest value dependence as well as the selection of the appropriate class using the lower and upper approximations.

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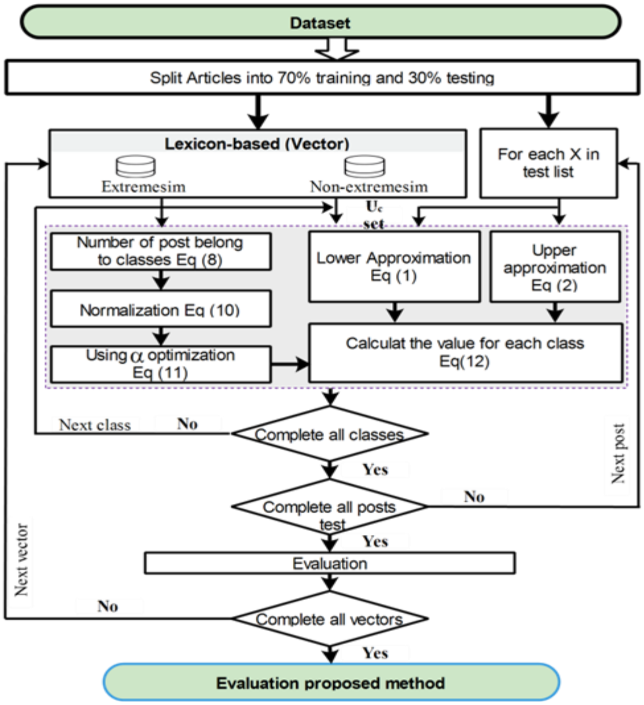

FIGURE 2. **Flowchart of Proposed Accuracy Approximation Method.**

The lower approximation is shown in Equation (6).

$$\underline{B}(\mathrm{X}) = \text{number of words w in Article X} \quad (6)$$

Following the summation of upper and lower estimates, the amount of training in the RS is acquired depending t on the partitions $P_{extremism}$ and $P_{non\text{-}extremism}$. Specifically, article categorization into the two classes is performed using Equations (4), and (5) in the training set as presented in Equation (7):

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & A_i \in P_j \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$

$$N_j = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{ij} \quad (7)$$

Where δ_{ij} is used to determine whether a document is in class P_j, and N_j is the number of documents in the teaching plan of lesson j. Next, accuracy approximation for class j, Acc, is calculated as multiple of the value of lower approximation and the number of articles in the class, divided by the upper approximation value, shown in Equation 8:

$$Acc(x, N)_j = \frac{\underline{B}(x)_j \times N_j}{\overline{B}(x)} \quad (8)$$

It is noted that the value of N_j ought to be regularized since when multiplied by the lower estimate and divided by the upper estimate, the resulting accuracy estimation would be in the range of $1 \leq N_j \leq 2$. Thus, the obtained accuracy is very weak [40]. A popular normalization approach is shown in Equation (9), where the value of N_j is between $0 \leq N_j \leq 1$:

$$N_j = \frac{N_j - argmin(N_j)}{argmax(N_j) - argmin(N_j)} \quad (9)$$

It should be noted that an N_j value of 0 is problematic since, based on Equation (9), the accuracy approximation will also be equal to 0 [41].. To avoid these issues, the use of α optimization is proposed as shown in Equation (10):

$$N_j = \frac{N_j - argmin(N_j)}{argmax(N_j) - argmin(N_j)} \pm \alpha \quad (10)$$

Where α is the optimization parameter with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and the $\pm$ will be based on outcomes of the numerator in Equation (11). If $N_j - argmin(N_j)$ is equal to 0, then the plus term of alpha is used; otherwise, the negative of the alpha term is used. By substituting Equation (9) into Equation (10), we get:

$$Acc(X, N)_j = \frac{\underline{B}(X)_j \times \left(\frac{N_j - argmin(N_j)}{argmax(N_j) - argmin(N_j)} \pm \alpha\right)}{\overline{B}(X)} \quad (11)$$

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

This section presents the detailed experimental outcomes and analysis of the statistical results.
Precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy are popular performance evaluation metrics in the context of classification problems. Table III presents the evaluation metrics where recall and precision are calculated using true negatives (TN), false negatives (FN) positives (TP), and false positives (FP). Further information about the use of these performance metrics can be found in study [42].

The proposed method is useful for selecting the main distinguishing subgroups (extreme and non-extreme). Table IV shows the value of the separate class available at the feature vector, using n-gram-based approaches.

TABLE III
EVALUATION METRICES USED AS PERFORMANCE MESAURE OF PROPOSED ALSI MODEL

Metric name	**Equation**
Accuracy	$\frac{TN + TP}{TN + TP + FN + FP}$

Recall	$\frac{TP}{TP+FN}$
Precision	$\frac{TP}{FP+TP}$
F1-score	$2 * \frac{Recall * Precision}{Recall + Precision}$

TABLE IV
NUMBER OF FEATURES REMOVED BY N-GRAMS

Class	Number in each class		
	Unigram	Bigram	Trigram
Extremism	2018	2018	3274
Non-extremism	2221	2221	3826
Total with similarity	3586	6974	7108
Total without similarity	4239	4239	7100

Using n-gram representation, text segments consisting of a sequence of n words are formed. Then the similarity, i.e., the occurrence of these segments is measured in Table IV, considering their repetition, that is, with similarity and uniqueness. It is noted that when using trigrams, the total number of text segments with and without similarity is approximately the same. The frequency term (TF), as well as the Inverse Document Frequency-Term Frequency, are two statistical measures based on the presence of these properties (TF-IDF), which are subsequently processed by a ML classifier.

Tables V and VI present the performance of proposed ASLA approach while evaluating multiple ML methods using TF and TF-IDF, respectively. The RST method proposed in this work uses a lexicon vector. The proposed ALSA approach does not work with numerical data, and thus the n-gram representation is directly used, while the ML methods are based on numerical features (i.e., TF and TF-IDF). The performance of the RST technique is benchmarked with those of the ML techniques in Table VI.

TABLE V
COMPARISON OF MACHINE LEARNING METHODS USING TF

Method	Accuracy (%)		
	Unigram	Bigram	Trigram
NB	75	**78.048**	**67.073**
SVM	**81.097**	72.560	60.365
KNN	76.829	70.731	53.048
DT	75	72.560	62.804
RF	78.048	73.170	60.365
ANN	78.048	78.658	62.195

It can be noticed that SVM performed better than other techniques for the Unigram, while NB algorithm generated better accuracy when benchmarked with the other ML algorithms.

TABLE VI
COMPARISON OF MACHINE LEARNING METHODS USING TF-IDF

Method	Accuracy (%)		
	Unigram	Bigram	Trigram
NB	71.951	75.609	67.073
SVM	81.707	75	65.853
KNN	78.048	76.219	53.048
DT	75.609	71.951	61.585
RF	78.048	73.170	60.365
ANN	76.829	78.048	57.317

TABLE VII
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS USING FEATURE EXTRACTION METHODS

Algorithm	Unigram		Bigram		Trigram		Vote
	TF	TF-IDF	TF	TF-IDF	TF	TF-IDF	
NB	1	0	1	0	-	-	TF
SVM	0	1	0	1	0	1	TF-IDF
KNN	0	1	0	1	-	-	TF-IDF
DT	0	1	1	0	1	0	TF
RF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANN	1	0	1	0	1	0	TF
Total	2	3	2	2	2	2	TF-IDF

Next, we considered which of the two feature extraction methods, i.e., TF and TF-IDF, led to higher performance with n-gram representation and ML algorithm. The performance results of Tables V and VI are consolidated in Table VI. Here, the first three columns correspond to the ML method used, whereas the first three rows belong to the ML method used for unigram, bigram, and trigram representation methods, respectively. Each of the three columns is further subdivided representing the use of TF and TF-IDF feature extraction with the specific n-gram representation. An entry of 1 for TF and TF-IDF corresponds to higher accuracy for the specific ML method, in Tables V and VI, respectively. When the choice of feature extraction method does not influence the performance of the specific ML technique, the symbol ("-") appears in the corresponding columns. The last column indicates which of the two methods, TF and TF-IDF, resulted more frequently in higher performance in terms of accuracy. The last row simply sums up the number of times each of the two feature extraction methods resulted in higher performance under each of the three n-gram representations.

It can be noticed in Table VII, that the proposed feature extraction method has a substantial influence on the performance of NB. However, in the case of SVM and KNN, TF-IDF improved the performance. Thus, we can conclude that using TF-IDF features leads to improved performance of ASLA.

The next set of experiments in our study aim to select the best performing ML method to benchmark with our proposed method. By examining Tables V and VI, we observe that the greatest recital in terms of ML methods and the proposed approach is obtained when using the unigram representation. Moreover, the performance overview shown in Table VII concluded that TF-IDF leads to higher accuracy.

Table VIII evaluates the performance of each ML method against the others, subject to the usage of unigram and TF-IDF. For selecting the best procedures, vote figures from zero to three were engaged. We started appraising the representations of the algorithms as of the row since the number that is absent from the brackets in the row indicates that the algorithm scored higher. The three grams as a bigram, trigram, and unigram, with TF-IDF, were used in the experiment, and the row was more expressive than the column, according to the outcomes.

TABLE VIII
BASED ON THE TF-IDF, CHOOSE THE BEST ALGORITHM

Alg.	NB	SVM	KNN	DT	RF	ANN
NB	0	2(1)	1(2)	2(1)	2(1)	1(2)
SVM	1(2)	0	2(1)	2(1)	3(0)	2(1)
KNN	2(1)	1(2)	0	2(1)	1(1)	2(1)
DT	1(2)	1(2)	1(2)	0	2(1)	1(2)
RF	1(2)	0(3)	1(1)	2(1)	0	2(1)
ANN	2(1)	1(2)	1(2)	2(1)	1(2)	0

In Table VIII, if the column and the row are similar, a value of zero is assigned (because there are no preferences between them). The addition and comparison of other algorithms are unaffected by a value of zero. Table IX shows the comparison between different algorithms in terms of received points. The algorithms were compared at the three-gram level, which was nearly the best level with ML. Each algorithm wins or loses based on the number it gets out of a possible 9, which is calculated by multiplying three algorithms by three grams.

TABLE IX:
WIN AND LOSE ALGORITHM

Algorithms	Win	Lose
NB	8	7
SVM	10	5
KNN	8	6
DT	6	9
RF	6	8
ANN	7	8

Table IX shows that all algorithms have a value of 3 for both lost and win. In this case, all three algorithms were selected for benchmark purposes with the proposed algorithm. We applied the proposed process with two vectors to identify that functioned well [45]. The proposed process requires a value of α parameter, as demonstrated in Table X. It displays how to find a value to develop the proposed technique, on the parameters of applying accuracy approximation. The choice of the alpha parameter is demonstrated in Table X, in which several training texts are applied; namely, 70% are chosen for training.

In every class, the total value of texts is regulated by Equation (10).

TABLE X
ACCURACY APPROXIMATION PARAMETERS WITH OUTPUT VALUE

Class	Normalization	$\mp$	α	Value
Extremism	0	+	0.1	1.1
Non-extremism	1	+	1.1	1.1

The accuracy approximation gets the alpha parameter, as presented in Table X, therefore the proposed technique is combined with lexicon vectors. Table XI shows that the unigram, bigram, and trigram representations achieved an accuracy of 90.853%, 81.707%, and 70.121%, respectively. In lexicon-vector with the proposed method, the three grams achieved higher accuracy than ML.

TABLE XI
COMPARISON OF ML METHODS USING TF-IDF AND THE PROPOSED ALSA METHOD

Method	**Accuracy (%)**		
	Unigram	**Bigram**	**Trigram**
NB	71.951	75.609	67.073
SVM	81.707	75	65.853
KNN	78.048	76.219	53.048
DT	75.609	71.951	61.585
RF	78.048	73.170	60.365
ANN	76.829	78.048	57.317
Proposed method	**90.853**	**81.707**	**71.951**

Figure 3 demonstrates the superiority of proposed ALSA approach when benchmarked together with SVM, KNN, and NB for each n-gram demonstration. It can be noticed that the proposed approach achieves higher accuracy than ML techniques.

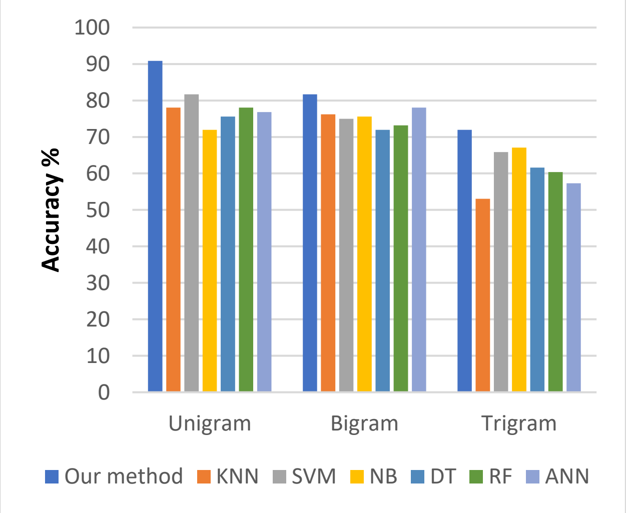

FIGURE 3. Comparison between the proposed method and machine learning approaches using TF-IDF.

We have used a variety of evaluation metrics (as illustrated in Table II) on the unigram, bigram, and trigram representations. The simulation results are shown in Tables XII to XIV.

TABLE XII
OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE METRICS CENTERED ON UNIGRAM REPRESENTATION

Method	**Class**	**P**	**R**	**F**	**Acc**
NB	Extremism	0.75	0.71	0.73	71.951
	Non-extremism	0.69	0.73	0.71	
SVM	Extremism	0.76	0.95	0.85	81.707
	Non-extremism	0.93	0.66	0.77	
KNN	Extremism	0.77	0.84	0.80	78.048

	Non-extremism	0.80	0.71	0.75	
DT	Extremism	0.73	0.85	0.79	75.609
	Non-extremism	0.79	0.65	0.71	
RF	Extremism	0.72	0.95	0.82	78.048
	Non-extremism	0.92	0.58	0.71	
ANN	Extremism	0.78	0.78	0.78	76.829
	Non-extremism	0.75	0.75	0.75	
Proposed method	Extremism	0.86	0.96	0.91	**90.853**
	Non-extremism	0.96	0.86	0.91	

TABLE XIII
OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE METRICS CENTERED ON BIGRAM REPRESENTATION

Method	**Class**	**P**	**R**	**F**	**Acc**
NB	Extremism	0.74	0.84	0.78	75.609
	Non-extremism	0.78	0.66	0.72	
SVM	Extremism	0.69	0.97	0.80	75
	Non-extremism	0.93	0.51	0.66	
KNN	Extremism	0.73	0.87	0.80	76.219
	Non-extremism	0.82	0.64	0.72	
DT	Extremism	0.67	0.94	0.78	71.951
	Non-extremism	0.88	0.47	0.61	
RF	Extremism	0.67	0.99	0.80	73.170
	Non-extremism	0.97	0.44	0.61	
ANN	Extremism	0.73	0.94	0.82	78.048
	Non-extremism	0.90	0.60	0.72	
Proposed method	Extremism	0.84	0.75	0.79	**81.707**
	Non-extremism	0.80	0.88	0.84	

Experiment was conducted to benchmark the proposed method with the SVM, NB, and KNN algorithms. Tables XII - XIV show the precision, recall, and f-score of this experiment when using the different n-grams. From Figure 3, it can be observed that the proposed method has higher accuracy compared to SVM, NB, and KNN. As shown in Tables V and VI, the accuracy of the proposed method using trigram representation was lower when using unigram and bigram. To verify the accuracy of the proposed model, we benchmark with NB, SVM, and KNN of the corpus [46]. As illustrated in Table XI, the accuracy of the proposed method is better than the predicted accuracy of the benchmark methods. Generally, compared with the SVM, NB, and KNN, the proposed algorithm achieved improved classification error rates. By analyzing the results presented in the previous Tables, it is observed that the recommended method attained the optimum result (90.853%), which is better than the results obtained through other techniques. This remains unaffected by the type or size of the feature extraction method. Furthermore, in unigram, bigram, and trigram, the proposed method indicated better performance as compared to SVM, NB, and KNN based methods, (see Tables XII to Table XIV).

TABLE XIV
OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE METRICS CREATED ON TRIGRAM REPRESENTATION

Method	**Class**	**P**	**R**	**F**	**Acc**
NB	Extremism	0.62	0.97	0.76	67.073
	Non-extremism	0.90	0.34	0.49	
SVM	Extremism	0.62	0.93	0.74	65.853
	Non-extremism	0.82	0.35	0.49	
KNN	Extremism	0.53	1	0.69	53.048
	Non-extremism	0	0	0	
DT	Extremism	0.58	0.95	0.72	61.585
	Non-extremism	0.82	0.23	0.36	
RF	Extremism	0.57	0.98	0.72	60.365
	Non-extremism	0.88	0.18	0.30	
ANN	Extremism	0.56	0.97	0.71	57.317
	Non-extremism	0.77	0.13	0.22	
Proposed method	Extremism	0.94	0.41	0.57	**71.951**
	Non-extremism	0.66	0.98	0.79	

To summarize, the study used three grams for two feature extractions (TF and TF-IDF). ML methods performed well with unigram; however, most ML algorithms performed poorly with bigram and trigram; and most algorithms performed poorly with trigram. Because the relationship between the training and the test was zero, these algorithms did not perform well with bigram and trigram representations. This is known as the zero-relation limitation.

It should be noted that the main limitation of our proposed work is features selection should be performed manually which could consume considerable time but the advantage in relation to other work is the high accurate. It should also be noted that there is a the is a lack of emphasis on classifying extremism text into religion and political classes in which this paper is trying to address.

VI. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORKS

Sentiment analysis is a hot research topic with several challenges associated with natural language processing. It has a wide range of applications including marketing, news analytics, security, business information gathering, and many more. In this paper, the sentiment of twitter text in Arabic is presented in relation to detect the extremism in a primary dataset collected as part of this work. To reduce the amount of noise in the text, a variety of pre-processing techniques was applied. In addition, lexicon-based feature extraction is used to indicate the degree of negativity or positivity of each term in the lexicon. Sets of documents are used as input and output in the proposed algorithm, which utilizes the rough set theory. The proposed model is evaluated with machine learning based ALSA techniques as well as existing similar works, to investigate its effectiveness. Experimental results indicated that the proposed technique outperformed the existing works when benchmarked with NB, SVM, and KNN, producing the accuracies of 90.853%, 81.707%, and 71.951% for unigram, bigram, and trigram representations, respectively. Three grams are utilized for two feature extractions which are TF and TF-IDF. ML methods performed well with unigram; however, most ML algorithms performed poorly with bigram and trigram.

Future works can use swarm optimization such as cuckoo search, genetic algorithm, etc., to select the optimal words for building a lexicon.

Another direction for future work will involve the enhancement of accuracy approximation based on simulated annealing.

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