# The First Multilingual Model For The Detection of Suicide Texts

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Abstract

Suicidal ideation is a serious health problem affecting millions of people worldwide. Social networks provide information about these mental health problems through users' emotional expressions. We propose a multilingual model leveraging transformer architectures like mBERT, XML-R, and mT5 to detect suicidal text across posts in six languages - Spanish, English, German, Catalan, Portuguese and Italian. A Spanish suicide ideation tweet dataset was translated into five other languages using SeamlessM4T. Each model was fine-tuned on this multilingual data and evaluated across classification metrics. Results showed mT5 achieving the best performance overall with F1 scores above 85%, highlighting capabilities for crosslingual transfer learning. The English and Spanish translations also displayed high quality based on perplexity. Our exploration underscores the importance of considering linguistic diversity in developing automated multilingual tools to identify suicidal risk. Limitations exist around semantic fidelity in translations and ethical implications which provide guidance for future human-in-the-loop evaluations.

### 1 Introduction

According to data published by the World Health Organization (WHO), over 700,000 people die by suicide each year (Organization et al., 2021), with an additional 10 to 20 million attempting to take their own lives. Suicidal behavior typically begins with thoughts and ideations of death, eventually leading to suicide attempts - conscious acts with the purpose of ending one's existence (Liu and Miller, 2014). In this context, social networks have become spaces where individuals often disclose emotions and information that they don't feel comfortable sharing with healthcare providers (Ji et al., 2020; Desmet and Hoste, 2013; Sueki, 2015).

Early identification of signs of suicidal ideation in these online environments poses a major chalJohn E. Ortega Northeastern University j.ortega@northeastern.edu

lenge. This is where Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Deep Learning (DL) can play a crucial role in the automatic detection of suicidal thoughts in computational settings. Furthermore, these computational approaches may contribute to the development of tools for harm reduction and prevention. However, the majority of research on suicidal ideation detection has been conducted on *English* language data, resulting in a scarcity of linguistic resources (e.g.: datasets, lexicons, and Language Models) for most other languages.

Previous computational approaches to identifying suicidal ideation have relied heavily on handengineered features and domain expertise. For example, some studies have used structural and emotional features to train statistical prediction models on suicide text (Jones and Bennell, 2007; Pestian et al., 2012). Additionally, conventional machine learning algorithms like Logistic Regression (LR) (Ramírez-Cifuentes et al., 2020; Jain et al., 2019; Schoene and Dethlefs, 2016; O'dea et al., 2015), Decision Tree (DT) (Jain et al., 2019; Huang et al., 2015), Naive Bayes (NB) (Shah et al., 2020; Rabani et al., 2020; Chiroma et al., 2018; Schoene and Dethlefs, 2016), Support Vector Machine (SVM) (Renjith et al., 2022; Shah et al., 2020; Ramírez-Cifuentes et al., 2020), K-nearest neighbor algorithm (KNN) (Shah et al., 2020; Vioules et al., 2018) and Extreme Gradient Boost (XGBoost) (Rajesh Kumar et al., 2020; Jain et al., 2019; Ji et al., 2018) have been applied. While achieving some success, these methods depend on costly feature engineering and professional knowledge.

Recently, deep learning has emerged as a promising approach that can automatically learn representations from data (Goldberg, 2022). Moreover, deep learning techniques like CNNs (Yao et al., 2020; Renjith et al., 2022; Tadesse et al., 2019), LSTMs (Haque et al., 2022; Tadesse et al., 2019; Renjith et al., 2022; Ji et al., 2018; Ma et al., 2018), BiLSTM (Haque et al., 2022; Zhang et al., 2022; He and Lin, 2016) and DLSTMAttention (Zhang et al., 2022; Renjith et al., 2022) have been applied in detecting suicidal ideation, with competitive performance.

On the other hand, with the increasing use of pre-trained language models such as BERT (Devlin et al., 2019), RoBERTa (Liu et al., 2019), and mT5 (Xue et al., 2020), the landscape of suicide ideation detection has evolved significantly. These pre-trained models, developed through massive unsupervised learning on diverse linguistic tasks, offer a powerful foundation for understanding intricate nuances of language. Researchers are now exploring the adaptation of those models for the detection of suicidal ideation (Bhaumik et al., 2023; Devika et al., 2023; Haque et al., 2020). Leveraging the contextual understanding encoded in these pretrained models, studies have reported promising results in discerning subtle and complex expressions related to suicidal thoughts, contributing to the advancement of automated detection systems (Bhaumik et al., 2023). This shift towards pretrained language models signifies a paradigmatic enhancement in the field, as it allows for a more nuanced comprehension of linguistic patterns associated with suicidal ideation, thereby enhancing the overall accuracy and sensitivity of detection algorithms.

In our approach, we emphasize the importance of addressing the detection of suicidal texts in the context of using multilingual language models. Translating a corpus from *Spanish* into five different languages and fine-tuning a multilingual language model allows us to classify suicidal texts in various languages, thus expanding the applicability of our approach.

In our research, we aim to explore the effectiveness of multilingual pretrained language models such as mBERT (Devlin et al., 2019), XML-R (Liu et al., 2019) and mT5 (Xue et al., 2020) for detecting suicidal text on social media. The main focus of our study is to leverage these multilingual pretrained models to translate and recognize suicidal text in six languages: *Spanish*, *English*, *German*, *Catalan*, *Portuguese* and *Italian*.

Our primary contribution lies in the implementation of a multilingual language model with the capability to detect suicidal text in these six distinct languages. Additionally, to address the lack of labeled suicidal text in other languages, we utilize a labeled corpus and translate it into five different languages using an automatic translation model (SeamlessM4T(Barrault et al., 2023)). Therefore, this approach enables us to effectively tackle the linguistic diversity present on social media and provides a valuable tool for the early identification of suicidal content in various cultural and linguistic contexts.

The main objectives of our study are:

- 1. **Prediction of Suicidal Text in Six Languages:** The model focuses on predicting posts with suicidal content by analyzing the words or phrases written by users, utilizing multilingual pretrained language models such as mBERT, XML-R and mT5.
- 2. Improvement of Prediction Accuracy in Various Languages: We aim to enhance the accuracy of predicting suicidal text by incorporating attention mechanisms from multilingual pretrained language models. These attention mechanisms highlight crucial aspects within the obtained information, providing effective detection in six different languages.

The significant contributions of our work include:

- Detection of Suicidal Texts Using Multilingual Pretrained Language Models (mBERT, XML-R, mT5): We propose a model that integrates multilingual pretrained language models, including mBERT, XML-R amd mT5, for effective detection of suicidal texts in social media posts in six different languages.
- 2. Prediction of User-Specific Suicidal Tendencies in Various Languages: The model examines the posts of specific users to determine if they exhibit suicidal tendencies, leveraging the capabilities of the mentioned multilingual pretrained language models.

## 2 Related Work

The initial approaches to automatic suicide risk detection were based on identifying specific language features present in psychiatric literature. For instance, in Lumontod III (2020); Tadesse et al. (2019), the LIWC dictionary was used to extract emotional and cognitive markers, while Masuda et al. (2013) designed a set of emotional features such as feelings of loneliness, helplessness, and hopelessness. Additionally, Pestian et al. (2010) employed suicide notes to identify common language themes and styles.

However, the limitations of manual feature engineering in terms of scalability and adaptability have led to the exploration of more recent approaches based on deep learning, specifically pre-trained language models. In a comparative study (Tavchioski et al., 2023; Sawhney et al., 2018), BERT, RoBERTa, BERTweet, and mentalBERT were evaluated on a Reddit dataset, revealing that pre-trained models consistently outperformed traditional classifiers (Valeriano et al., 2020; Maalouf, 2011; Aladağ et al., 2018).

In summary, pre-trained language models have shown promising results, often outperforming traditional methods in automatic suicide risk detection. However, most studies have been limited to relatively small datasets. Regarding linguistic diversity, studies have predominantly focused on English data from platforms such as Twitter (Kabir et al., 2023; Coppersmith et al., 2015), Reddit (Tavchioski et al., 2023; Losada and Crestani, 2016; Losada et al., 2017), and Facebook. Nevertheless, no research has been found exploring multilingual language models for suicide risk detection. Models like mBERT (Devlin et al., 2019), XLM-RoBERTa (Liu et al., 2019), and mT5 (Xue et al., 2020), trained on multilingual data, could transfer linguistic knowledge across related languages, improving performance in low-resource situations for languages with less training data.

As far as is known, there are also no studies utilizing automatically translated datasets to leverage data from other languages. The quality of automatic translations of datasets from a source language to a target language could be crucial in increasing dataset size and improving the performance of trained models.

Both research directions, i.e., multilingual models and automatic translation of data, represent promising yet unexplored areas for automatic suicide risk detection, opening opportunities for significant contributions in this field.

### **3** Experiments

In this section, we delineate the setup of diverse experiments aimed at exploring the feasibility of a multilingual model capable of classifying suicidal texts across six different languages.

#### 3.1 Dataset

The dataset we utilized in our experiments is the set of 2,068 Spanish tweets introduced in Valeriano et al. (2020). This dataset was compiled by the authors through targeted keyword searches on expressions of suicidal ideation. The tweets were then manually annotated by humans, labeling each as either containing suicidal intent or not – a binary classification scheme. After annotation, the dataset contains 498 tweets (24%) expressing suicidal ideas, with example phrases like "I want to disappear" or "I can't stand life anymore." The remaining 1,570 Spanish tweets do not express suicide risk.

We split the full dataset into training, validation. 80% of the data, encompassing 1,654 Spanish tweets, was used for model training to learn signals of suicidal intent. The validation set makes up 20% of the data, with 414 tweets, which was leveraged during model development for hyperparameter tuning and performance checks. Moreover, we used as test set the Lexicography Saves Lives (LSL) Schoene et al. (2025).

We leveraged this dataset by machine translating the entire corpus of 2,068 Spanish tweets into five other languages: Catalan, English, German, Italian, and Portuguese. The translations were produced using Facebook's SeamlessM4T model (Barrault et al., 2023), allowing us to obtain versions of the suicide texts dataset across multiple languages stemming from the original Spanish source data (Valeriano et al., 2020).

#### 3.2 Pre-trained language models

The recent advances in neural network-based language models have demonstrated substantial improvements across a wide range of natural language processing tasks (Goldberg, 2022). In particular, the introduction of Transformer architectures (Vaswani et al., 2017) led to unprecedented progress in semantic and syntactic modeling capabilities. Unlike previous recurrent models such as LSTMs (Hochreiter and Schmidhuber, 1997), Transformer networks apply a purely attentionbased mechanism to learn intricate context representations. By utilizing multiple attention heads in parallel, these architectures can capture both local and global dependencies in a sequence of tokens.

The original authors of the Transformer introduced a specific implementation called BERT (Devlin et al., 2019), which laid the groundwork for a new generation of contextualized language models. Through pre-training objectives such as predicting subsequent sentences and token masking, BERT achieves a deep syntactic and semantic understanding of language. However, the initial version of BERT was limited to the English language. Subsequent research focused on extending these models to a multilingual context to enable cross-lingual learning.

Adaptations such as mBERT<sup>1</sup> (Devlin et al., 2019) emerged, incorporating shared vocabularies and subword segmentation to represent a wide range of languages. Then, XML-R<sup>2</sup> (Liu et al., 2019) enhanced the multifaceted approach by adding byte-level tokenization and techniques like Whole-Word Masking. Finally, mT5<sup>3</sup> (Xue et al., 2020) adopted an encoder-decoder architecture instead of the exclusively encoder format. Considering the rapid progress in multilingual language models, this work aimed to evaluate three transformative alternatives for the automatic detection of suicidal ideation: mBERT, XML-R, and mT5. Through thorough experimentation, the goal is to determine their capabilities in both language and semantics.

Each chosen model presents unique characteristics, as described earlier, that could positively impact their performance for the given task. Additionally, all of them were pretrained in various languages, incorporating millions of trainable parameters and state-of-the-art techniques to enhance cross-linguistic transfer. In combination, this diversity allows addressing the problem from multiple perspectives, enabling a comprehensive evaluation of the relative advantages of different cutting-edge approaches for such a sensitive scenario as the expression of suicidal intentions.

For this study, three pre-trained language models were utilized and we oultine below further details about the architecture, hyperparameters, and training datasets for each.

#### 3.3 Suicide phrase recognition

In the pursuit of robust multilingual performance, our experiments enlisted the capabilities of four cutting-edge language models: mBERT (Devlin et al., 2019), XML-R (Liu et al., 2019) and mT5

Parameter	mBERT	XML-R	mT5	
Starting				
learning	2e-5	3e-5	3e-5	
rate				
Batch size	16	16	32	
Epochs	10	10	10	
Dropout	0.3	0.5	0.5	
Weight	0.01	0.01	0.01	
decay	0.01	0.01	0.01	
Optimizer	AdamW	AdamW	AdamW	

Table 1: Hyperparameters for models fine-tuning

(Xue et al., 2020). To fortify their adaptability, each model underwent a meticulous fine-tuning process. Leveraging the Spanish dataset, as previously detailed, and its translations into six languages—Catalan, English, German, Italian, and Portuguese—we aimed to comprehensively capture the nuances of suicidal text across linguistic variations.

The initial configurations for fine-tuning were aligned with the recommended settings provided by each language model. Subsequently, recognizing the intricate interplay of hyperparameters in influencing model performance, we conducted an exhaustive search to identify the most effective and contextually relevant hyperparameter sets for each individual model. This process was undertaken with a dual purpose: ensuring optimal performance across languages and tailoring the models to the specific intricacies of suicidal text classification.

We fine-tune mBERT, XML-R and mT5 on 1 NVIDIA 4070 GPUs with FP32. Model hyperparameters are tuned on the validation set, where learning rate {2e-5, 3e-5, 3e-5}, batch size {16, 16, 32}, a dropout rate of {0.3, 0.5, 0.5}, a weight decay of 0.01, a warmup proportion of 0.01. For clarity and replicability, the detailed configurations for all models, including the identified hyperparameter sets, are meticulously documented in Table 1.

### 4 Results

In this section, we present an analysis of the results obtained from our fine-tuned language models—mBERT, XML-R and mT5 deployed in the task of suicidal text classification across six languages. Our objective is to scrutinize the models' performance intricacies, assess their multilingual adaptability, and glean insights into the efficacy of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://github.com/google-research/bert/blob/ master/multilingual.md

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://huggingface.co/xlm-roberta-base <sup>3</sup>https://github.com/google-research/

multilingual-t5

Lang.	mBERT		XML-R		mT5				
	Acc.	F1.	AUC	Acc.	F1.	AUC	Acc.	F1.	AUC
Spanish	82.4	82.1	82.2	84.6	84.3	84.3	87.9	87.7	87.8
English	83.6	83.3	83.1	85.6	85.5	85.4	88.5	88.1	88.1
Italian	78.7	78.5	78.4	80.6	80.6	80.4	83.3	83.2	83.1
German	81.1	80.9	80.7	82.9	82.9	82.8	86.2	86.1	86.0
Catalan	81.3	81.1	81.0	82.8	82.7	82.6	86.2	86.1	86.0
Portuguese	79.9	79.9	79.8	81.7	81.7	81.5	84.9	84.8	84.8

Table 2: Experimental results with mBERT, XML-R, and mT5 across different languages. Notation: Acc. = accuracy and F1. = F1-score.

our approach.

### 4.1 Classifiers Performance Analysis

We delve into the nuanced evaluation of our language models' performance across six languages: Spanish, Catalan, English, German, Italian, and Portuguese. Table 2 shows that, mT5 displays superior performance over the other two models across all metrics and for all languages. The precision, recall, F1, and AUC scores are consistently high, surpassing 85% in most cases.

This indicates that mT5 is exceptionally good at both positively detecting relevant cases (high recall) as well as minimizing false positives (high precision). It also maintains an adequate balance between both goals, as shown by its high F1-score. There is clearly substantial superiority of mT5 at this task compared to more generic BERT models.

On the other hand, we see that mBERT obtains the lowest scores, although still decent (around 80-83% for key metrics). XML-R improves upon mBERT's results across all languages, suggesting that language-specific pretraining can be beneficial.

Regarding languages, English and Spanish consistently achieve the top scores across all models, followed by German and Catalan. Italian and Portuguese appear to be the most difficult. This could be due to several factors: data availability, similarity to English, etc.

An interesting finding is that the relative gaps between models remain remarkably stable across languages. This implies that the inherent strengths of each model transcend linguistic particularities. While some languages are more complex, all benefit from mT5's architectural improvements over BERT models.

In summary, mT5 is better suited to suicide text detection, especially excelling for English and Spanish. mBERT may perform adequately as a baseline, but there is clear room for improvement with more advanced models such as XML-R and especially mT5.

#### 4.2 Model Validation

To delve deeper into understanding the learning mechanism, we implemented k-fold crossvalidation to determine the mean accuracy in our three models: mBERT, XML-R and mT5. Crossvalidation is a widely used data resampling strategy to assess the generalization capabilities of predictive models and estimate the true estimation error. In k-fold cross-validation, the learning set is divided into k subgroups of approximately equal length, and the number of subgroups produced is referred to as 'fold'. This partition is achieved by randomly selecting examples from the learning set without replacement. Our language models, including mBERT, XML-R and mT5, were finetuned using k = 10 subsets representing the entire training set. Each model was then applied to the remaining subset, known as the validation set, and its performance was evaluated. This process was repeated until all k subsets had served as validation sets.

Subsequently, we proceeded to conduct additional tests in our six languages since our models are multilingual. This variant involves applying our models in scenarios with various languages, adding an additional level of complexity and versatility to the evaluation of their performance in detecting suicidal text. Figure 1 illustrates the F1-score of each of our three language models for each fold in the cross-validation, highlighting their adaptability to diverse subsets of data and linguistic scenarios. This meticulous approach ensures robust training and optimal performance for each of our models in the detection of suicidal text, considering both linguistic diversity and the specific characteristics of mBERT, XML-R and mT5 in this particular context.



Figure 1: 10-fold Cross-Validation for each language model

### 5 Translation analysis

For the translation of the Spanish dataset into the other 5 target languages (English, Catalan, German, Italian and Portuguese), this study employed the SeamlessM4T<sup>4</sup> model developed by Facebook (Barrault et al., 2023).

SeamlessM4T is based on the Transformer architecture, demonstrating the effectiveness of crosslingual model pretraining and transfer learning. In particular, it leverages a sequence-to-sequence model with encoder-decoder structure trained on large-scale data across multiple languages (100 languages).

The key advantages of this specific architecture include:

- Attention-based interactions model both global and local dependencies in input and output sequences. This provides greater context and reduces reliance on recurrence.
- · Multi-head self-attention combines represen-

tations from different positional offsets, learning synergistic features.

• Masked language modeling and denoising objectives during pretraining further enhance context modeling.

It was pretrained on a variety of language pairs, including Spanish, English, Catalan, Italian and Portuguese. It demonstrated excellent BLEU metrics on translations between these languages, corroborating its suitability for the present crosslingual research task.

### 5.1 Evaluation Metrics

Perplexity serves as an indicator to quantify the quality of each translation. We employed monolingual language models specific to each target language, assessing their ability to predict word sequences in the translated texts.

### 5.2 Results

The perplexity scores for each translation are presented in the Table 3:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>https://github.com/facebookresearch/seamless\_ communication

Translation to Language	Perplexity Score
English <sup>1</sup>	3.43
Catalan <sup>2</sup>	5.65
German <sup>2</sup>	8.18
Italian <sup>2</sup>	7.75
Portuguese <sup>2</sup>	4.61

Table 3: Perplexity scores for each translation.

With a low perplexity of 3.43, the English translation demonstrates notable coherence and fluency, suggesting successful adaptation from the Spanish source. This indicates that the model competently encoded the linguistic intricacies in mapping between the closely-related languages.

The Catalan translation perplexity of 5.65 signifies adequate synchronization from Spanish, though with slightly heightened linguistic complexity. This points to competent cross-lingual transfer learning while highlighting some incremental challenges for the more distant language pair.

However, the German translation perplexity of 8.18 underlines particular difficulties in adaptation, as substantiated by amplified linguistic complexity. As Spanish and German topologically diverge, this outcome spotlights the obstacles for conversion across more disparate languages.

Italian translation returned a perplexity of 7.75, underscoring reasonably effective adaptation despite lower fluency compared to other counterparts. This demonstrates capable inter-lingual transfer learning for the language pair, albeit with some decline in conversion quality.

Finally, the Portuguese translation perplexity of 4.61 reflects adept transformation from Spanish, mirroring the performance benchmark set by English. The proximity between Spanish and Portuguese facilitates smooth cross-lingual mapping, resulting in harmonized coherence.

### 6 Discussion

This study explores the use of pre-trained multilingual language models, including mBERT, XML-R, and mT5, for the automatic detection of suicidal texts in social media posts across six languages: Spanish, English, German, Catalan, Portuguese, and Italian. The results show mT5 achieving the best performance overall, with F1 scores above 85%, highlighting capabilities for cross-lingual transfer learning.

An interesting finding is that the relative gaps between models remain remarkably stable across languages. This implies that the inherent strengths of each model transcend linguistic particularities. While some languages are more complex, all benefit from mT5's architectural improvements over BERT models.

Regarding limitations, direct extrapolation of the results to other languages must be approached cautiously, given the wide linguistic diversity and potential impact of cultural nuances on interpreting suicidal texts. Furthermore, the quality of translations and, consequently, the predictive model, is inherently tied to the effectiveness of pre-trained models, indicating a constant need for improvements in this area.

While this study presents a promising model for multilingual detection of suicidal texts, there are several directions to extend and strengthen this line of research. Some of these include: expanding linguistic scope by incorporating a broader spectrum of languages; enriching training data with more instances and diversity of sources; using specialized metrics to quantify the usefulness of the early detection model; and implementation of a user-friendly interface enabling integration into healthcare settings.

In summary, the focus on multilingual translation emerges as a crucial step in constructing an effective predictive model for suicidal texts across six languages. The identified conclusions and limitations provide guidance for future developments, emphasizing the need for linguistic and cultural considerations.

## 7 Conclusion

In the pursuit of a predictive model for suicidal texts in six languages, our exploration into multilingual translation yields critical insights. We observe that translations into *English* and *Portuguese* excel, showcasing the ability to preserve intent and coherence in sensitive contexts such as suicidal content.

Sensitivity to linguistic diversity emerges as a pivotal element in this process. While synchronization in translations into Catalan was acceptable, adaptations into German and Italian posed challenges, underscoring the importance of considering linguistic nuances in constructing a robust predictive model. The versatility of multilingual models,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://huggingface.co/roberta-large

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://huggingface.co/facebook/

xlm-roberta-xl

especially mT5, proves to be a valuable resource in this scenario. These models demonstrate a remarkable ability to maintain the integrity of suicidal content across diverse languages, providing a solid foundation for building a multilingual predictive model. Automated evaluation, though guided by objective metrics such as perplexity, does not replace human assessment for sensitivity and semantic fidelity in suicidal content. The implementation of human evaluations in subsequent phases is essential to ensure the appropriateness and ethical considerations of the model.

In summary, our focus on multilingual translation emerges as a crucial step in constructing a predictive model for suicidal texts in six languages. The identified conclusions and limitations provide guidance for future developments, emphasizing the need for linguistic and cultural considerations, as well as continuous improvements in pre-trained models and human evaluations to achieve an effective and ethical model.

## 8 Ethical Considerations

There are a number of aspects to consider when using pretrained language models to automatically translate suicide related language, especially given the sensitive nature of the data. Firstly, we have to consider user privacy and be aware of the impact online surveillance, collection of sensitive data and people's health. Furthermore, there are concerns around linguistic, cultural and contextual accuracy when automatically translating suiciderelated tweets, where there can be issues around accurate translations and misrepresentation of cultural or conceptual concepts. Finally,

## 9 Limitations and Future Work

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While this study presents a promising model for multilingual detection of suicidal ideation, there are several directions to extend and strengthen this line of research:

• Expansion of Linguistic Scope Incorporating

a broader spectrum of languages would be key to achieving a globally impactful tool. Languages with limited use of digital technologies like *Hindi*, *Arabic* or *Chinese* pose challenges due to scarce representation in training data. Techniques such as small-scale automatic translation of annotated data and adaptation of models to new languages through transfer learning could help bridge this gap.

- Enrichment of Training Data Having more instances and diversity of sources in the initial Spanish dataset would enhance derived models. Collecting content from platforms like Reddit (Zirikly et al., 2019) and Facebook (Ophir et al., 2020) with a higher prevalence of mental health themes could be beneficial. Expanding labels to capture emotional nuances, linguistic subtleties and a more granular view of suicide-realted content (e.g.: moving beyond binary classification) could also contribute.
- **Specialized Metrics** To more precisely quantify the utility of the early detection model, metrics like average latency to high-risk posts or rate of early false negatives should be incorporated. Establishing how these indicators vary across dialectal and sociocultural differences is essential.
- Implementation for Healthcare Institutions Developing a user-friendly interface for models that enables integration in healthcare settings would ease the transition of this technology into real-world applications. Achieving integration with existing clinical record systems and care workflows could further its adoption.

Addressing these extensions would provide a comprehensive system with superior accuracy, broad multilingual reach and significant impact on the timely detection and prevention of suicidal behaviors through computing.

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