Karonese Sentiment Analysis: A New Dataset and Preliminary Result

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Abstract—Amount social media active users are always increasing and come from various backgrounds. An active user habit in social media is to use their local or national language to express their thoughts, social conditions, ideas, perspectives, and publish their opinions. Karonese is a non-English language prevalent mostly in North Sumatra, Indonesia, with unique morphology and phonology. Sentiment analysis has been frequently used in the study of local or national languages to obtain an overview of the broader public opinion behind a particular topic. Good quality Karonese resources are needed to provide good Karonese sentiment analysis (KSA). Limitation resources become an obstacle in KSA research. This work provides Karonese Dataset from multi-domain social media. To complete the dataset for sentiment analysis, sentiment label annotated by Karonese transcribers, three kinds of experiments were applied: KSA using machine learning, KSA using machine learning with two variants of feature extraction methods. Machine learning algorithms include Logistic Regression, Naïve Bayes, Support Vector Machine and K-Nearest Neighbor. Feature extraction improves model performance in the range of 0.1 – 7.4 percent. Overall, TF-IDF as feature extraction on machine learning has a better contribution than BoW. The combination of the SVM algorithm with TF-IDF is the combination with the highest performance. The value of accuracy is 58.1 percent, precision is 58.5 percent, recall is 57.2, and F1 score is 57.84 percent.

Keywords—Karonese sentiment analysis; support vector machine; k-nearest neighbor; logistic regression; naïve bayes.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Social media accommodates various languages from active users in expression. Users can use their local or national language in writing statuses, tweets, comments, ideas, reviews, posts, perspectives, and more. This makes a new user habit on social media and makes them more comfortable on social media. The implication of active users’ frequent expressions using the local language is the abundance of local language texts on social media.

Sentiment analysis (SA) is the most common text classification tool that analyses people's condition from a text; it could be emotion, opinion, a hot issue in their circle, or personality [1]. SA is helpful for decision-making since the information text type is abundant by active users and makes it knowledge or wisdom. It is widely used to categorize literature into good, negative, or neutral categories. Recently, SA has been used in a variety of local languages, such as Balinese [2], Sundanese [3], Minangkabau [4], Bambara [5], Marathi [6] and Afian Oromoo [7] or nationality languages such as Bangla [8], Portuguese [9], Tagalog [10], Thailand [11].

However, SA on non-English text faces under-resourced [12] and framework limitation. In addition, corroborate the opinion [12], firstly, Dataset limitation [4], such as text and label of sentiment (positive, negative, or neutral) and corpus. Secondly, data preparation framework of non-English is not complete to solve the particular problem [13], such as morphology and phonology [14], library tokenizing, stemming, lemmatization, or Stop-word removal [15]. Based on the previous work, non-English or local languages SA is more challenging than English SA.

Karonese is one of the most widely spoken indigenous languages in North Sumatera, Indonesia [16] It has a unique morphology and phonology [17, 18, 19]. A term on Karonese language potential has multiple pronunciations and spelling with same meaning, the example shown on Table 1.

| English | Karonese        |
|---------|-----------------|
| Don’t   | ‘ola; ‘ula; ‘oula; aula |
| Corn    | ‘jong; ‘jaung |
| There is | ‘lit; ‘let |

TABLE I
EXAMPLE OF KARONESE TERM
Surely, that is a challenge and an opportunity to preprocess text to provide good quality resources on Karonese Sentiment Analysis (KSA). Machine learning is a popular method for analyzing opinions of non-English languages. Machine learning has been implemented in another national languages, such as Turkish [10], Arabic [1], Azerbaijani [11], Indonesian [20], and Chinese [21]. Meanwhile, machine learning also has been implemented to analyze local language sentiments, such as Sundanese [22], Bambara [5], Malayalam [24], and Afan Oromoo [25]. According to previous studies, the machine learning approach is more commonly used for initial sentiment analysis research on local or non-English nationality languages.

This research is an extension of the research [23], with a more varied dataset domain, a number of machine learning algorithms tested, and feature extraction methods. Two kinds of feature extraction are used: bag-of-word (BoW) and Term Frequency–Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF). The remaining sections of this paper are organized as follows: Section 2 explains data methodology, whereas Section 3 describes the Machine learning techniques used on SA. Section 4 presents and discusses the results. The last section concludes the paper.

II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

This work was divided into two scopes, Data preparation and SA process (Fig. 1). Data preparation is discussed about crawling dataset, text pre-processing, annotated text, and splitting dataset. Data preparation is the most important and time-consuming part of sentiment analysis [19]. Data collection is an important part of this work because there has never been Karonese SA in previous studies. In other words, the unavailability of the Karonese dataset for SA becomes the main focus of Karonese Sentiment Analysis (KSA). Meanwhile, the SA process talking about Karonese sentiment analysis using several machine learning algorithms (Logistic regression, Support vector machine, K-nearest neighbor and Naïve bayes) to identify positive, negative, and neutral classes.

A. Retrieved Data

The initial stage of providing Karonese Dataset is crawling text from social media. There are four famous social media platforms for Karonese people: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram. The Karo people most widely use the social media platform. The crawling process uses the python programming language and application programming interface (API) from every social media platform. The sample text obtained is attached in Table 2.

| Text Sources | Text | Sources |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Facebook     | Sedak has pusu hu ja nege katuruk...buge pinnidu aku la belah | Twitter |
| Facebook     | Usuren jungut-jungut asagken ngatuken bujar. | Twitter |
| Youtube      | Banci ke ayu e lampas ringut. | Youtube |
| Facebook     | ciger wari, las wari sipasna minem paura manis | Facebook |
| Facebook     | muat sen gundari sel kel serana, | Facebook |
| Facebook     | Kepan kujumata kade kade | Facebook |
| Instagram    | NANDE KARO MELIAS NAAKEE | Facebook |
| Instagram    | Lalan si Man Ambekenken Asang si Mentanggerenken. | Instagram |
| Instagram    | Aku kalak mexera. Per Juma-Juma | Instagram |

B. Text Pre-processing

Text pre-processing has a critical role in SA [19]. Text pre-processing applies natural language processing to transform unstructured data into structured data (NLP). The transformation process adjusts to meet requirements, such as analyzing sentiment, summarizing documents, document clustering, Part of Speech tagging, etc. Concisely, text pre-processing is altering text into index terms, and the objective is to generate a set of index terms that can represent a document. There are many processes on recent NLP [20]. However, several NLP processes do not apply to certain languages, such as library Stop-word removal for English conjunction and particular lemmatize for languages [21, 22]. The NLP processes that can be applied to Karonese include case folding, tokenization, symbolic removal, removing emoji, and removing URLs.

C. Annotated

To complete the Karonese, it can be used to analyze Karonese sentiment; a sentiment label must accompany the Karonese text. Sentiment labels that are commonly used are positive, negative, or neutral. In this work, the labeling process is annotated by four transcribers from Karonese figures, and determining the final label follows the previous research [23].

D. Bag-of-Word

A bag of words is a Natural Language Processing technique of text modeling as feature extraction. This method only counts the frequency of occurrence of words in the entire document [26]. It does not pay attention to word placement or subtle grammatical variances; it simply keeps track of term frequency. Bag of Words (BoW) is one of the simplest and most flexible methods of converting text data into vectors.

E. Term Frequency – Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)

Term Frequency – Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) is a statistical measure that evaluates how essential a term is to a document collection document. TF-IDF is a combination of 2 processes Term Frequency (TF) and Inverse Document Frequency (IDF) [27]. Term Frequency (TF) counts the frequency of occurrence of words in a document. Since the length of each document can be different, generally, the TF value is divided by the length of the document (the total number of words in the document). Inverse Document Frequency (IDF) counts the number of documents that contain the term. A term is considered essential if it appears in a lot of documents but not in others.
Frequency (IDF) is a value to measure how important a term. IDF will assess terms based on how it appears in the entire document. The smaller the IDF value, the less important the word will be, and vice versa. Mathematically, the TF-IDF value for the term $t$ in document $d$ from the document set $D$ is calculated using equation (1).

\[
\text{tf idf}(t, d, D) = tf(t, d) \cdot \text{idf}(t, D)
\]

(1)

F. Logistic Regression (LR).

LR is a transformation of linear regression using the sigmoid function [28]. The transformation process changes linear regression, originally to predict data classification. Logistic regression creates a model of the relationship between several variables, much like linear regression. When the variable being predicted is a probability on a binary range between 0 and 1, logistic regression is appropriate. In this study, the logistic equation used follows equation (2) and the LR algorithm guide based on other studies [23, 29].

\[
\text{Logistic function } (Y) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}
\]

(2)

G. Support Vector Machine (SVM).

Support Vector Machine (SVM) is one of the effective machine learning algorithms to accommodate multiple variables and classes [30]. SVM is a learning classifier developed to train computers or machines efficiently with training data by applying generalization theory [31]. In addition, SVM attempts to minimize test data misclassification possibility caused by being invisible to the model or being drawn at random from a fixed but unknown probability distribution. The idea of the SVM algorithm is to create a hyperplane capable of separating datasets [30]. This study used a fundamental SVM algorithm like previous work [23, 29].

H. K-Nearest Neighbor (K-NN).

K-Nearest Neighbor (K-NN) classifier is another popular classification method. The algorithm approach uses a similarity function to identify a class of objects [32]. The fundamental idea of the algorithm is to calculate the similarity between $K$ closest objects and group them into the highest similarity class. So, functions similarity significantly contribute to identifying the class of data. The most famous distance applied for data analysis is the Euclidean distance [32]. This study uses the K-NN algorithm guidance as has been provided by previous studies [23, 29].

I. Naïve Bayes (NB).

Naïve Bayes classifier is a simple and powerful machine learning algorithm for predictive modeling [22]. Naïve Bayes classifier applies Bayes theorem (equation 3) to find the highest probability value to classify test data in the most appropriate category. Naïve Bayes classifier will determine the likelihood that the input data belong to a particular class denoted as $A$, by examining the values (input data) of a given set of features or parameters, denoted by $B$ in the equation. Naïve Bayes assumes that each input variable is independent. It is a strong assumption and makes it become amazingly simple approach that frequently produces highly accurate and stable models with small sample sizes. This study uses the

\[
P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}
\]

(3)

J. Evaluation

The output of text classification is a classification model. The model is tested against testing data and evaluated using several metrics. The most used evaluation metric is accuracy. However, the accuracy metric has a weakness against unbalancing classes. Thus, the study presents evaluation metrics of precision, recall, and F1 scores. All metrics was calculated from the confusion matrix (Table 3).

### TABLE III

**CONFUSION MATRIX**

| Actual | Positive | Negative |
|--------|----------|----------|
|        | True Positive (TP) | False Negative (FN) |
| Positive| False Positive (FP) | True Negative (TN) |

Precision ($P$) is the percentage of correctly anticipated positive observations to all the positively predicted observations [32]. It can be calculated using equation (4).

\[
P = \frac{TP}{TP+FP} \cdot 100\%
\]

(4)

Recall is the proportion of correctly predicted positive observations to all available samples [32]. It can be calculated using equation (5).

\[
\text{Recall}(R) = \frac{TP}{TP+FN} \cdot 100\%
\]

(5)

F1 score is the weighted average of Precision and Recall as well as a technique for evaluating the model’s effectiveness. It can be calculated using equation (6).

\[
\text{F1 score} = \frac{2PR}{P+R}
\]

(6)

The proportion of cases that were correctly classified is called accuracy. It measures the proportion of accurately anticipated observations to all observations. It can be calculated using equation (7).

\[
\text{Acc} = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \cdot 100\%
\]

(7)

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Driven Dataset

![Fig. 2 The Phase of Obtaining Karonese Dataset](image-url)
Karonese Dataset undergoes three phases (Fig. 2). In first stage, this work crawled Karonese text from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. In second stage, the text is cleaned, corrected typos, case folding, and noise removal. The number of Karo language texts that successfully passed stages 1 and 2 was 1001 texts. As for the distribution of Karonese text from each social media, it is presented in Fig. 3. More than 60 percent of Karonese is obtained from Twitter. So, it makes Karonese tweets dominant than other domain.

Last stage, Karonese text was annotated by four transcribers into positive, negative, and neutral classes. It means that a Karonese text gets 4 labels from transcriber. The final class decision is determined by the purity method. Final class decision of Karonese text shown on Table 4. The Karonese dataset consists of 305 texts with positive labels, 351 texts with negative labels and the rest with neutral labels. Based on this number, the Karonese dataset does not experience an imbalance class.

Table 4 is the final description of the Karonese Dataset. Furthermore, the dataset is used to analyze the Karo language sentiment. To implemented Karonese Sentiment Analysis (KSA), training and test data were separated from the dataset. The training dataset is used to create the model, while the testing dataset is used to assess the model's performance. In this work, there are several compositions dataset for running algorithm. Table 5 is an experimental scenario based on the results of the split dataset. The goal is to get the best model

| Scenarios | Data composition (Training: Testing) |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| I         | 80:20                               |
| II        | 60:40                               |
| III       | 50:50                               |
| IV        | 40:60                               |

B. Experiment I

Experiment I is the experimental baseline of this study. This experiment does not involve the feature extraction process in the data pre-processing stage. In other words, the Karo language text does not go through a feature extraction process. Experiment I used four scenarios by following the guidelines of Table 5. This means that each algorithm produces four classification models. The results of the experiment I, can be seen in Table 6.

| Scenarios | NB | LR | SVM | K-NN |
|-----------|----|----|-----|------|
|           | Acc | P  | R   | F1   | Acc | P  | R   | F1   | Acc | P  | R   | F1   | Acc | P  | R   | F1   |
| I         | 47.8| 50.1|49.7 |49.9 |50.03|49.7|49.9 |49.8 |50.07|48.15|47.2|47.7|49.92|50.1 |51.02|50.56 |
| II        | 44.3|47.6|42.9 |45.13|48.19|50.4|50.9 |50.65|50.7 |49.8 |49.2|49.23|50.6 |51.1 |50.85 |
| III       | 35.5|35.1|32.2 |33.6 |40.6 |45.3|43.03|44.2 |43.4 |45.7 |39.9|42.6|45.1 |47.3 |49.8 |48.52 |
| IV        | 31.4|41.4|30.8 |35.32|30.5 |32.2|30.05|31.23|32.5 |31.7 |35.3|33.4|37.5 |36.4 |34.2 |35.26 |

Based on Table 6, each algorithm's best model performance is 48-50 percent. It means that the classification model can only analyze the Karonese text's sentiment in half of the available text. The best model performance of each algorithm is obtained from the scenario I or II. In other words, to produce the best classification model, the recommended dataset composition is 80:20 or 60:40. Meanwhile, the composition of the 40:60 dataset has only 30 percent performance. So that the composition of this dataset becomes the bad choice of all algorithms in the provided classification model. It hypothesizes that a large amount of training data allows a better classification model performance than smaller training data. However, if the amount of training data is disproportionate, there will be model overfitting [33].

![Fig. 4 Comparison of performance machine learning algorithms to KSA without feature extraction](image)
Fig. 4 summarizes Table 6 to show the performance comparison between algorithms in experiment I. Based on the figure, the SVM algorithm has the best accuracy but the worst performance. This is because the precision, recall, and F1 values of the SVM algorithm are the lowest of the other three algorithms. The performance of the K-NN algorithm has the highest Precision, Recall, and F1 scores among the other three algorithms. Thus, the K-NN algorithm outperforms in analyzing Karonese sentiment without involving feature extraction.

Furthermore, both SVM and K-NN algorithms are classification algorithms with a similarity approach. In other words, to identify the class of a text, these two algorithms calculate the closeness between texts with a similarity function. Then, this experiment show that the classifier based on similarity function is superior to the Naïve Bayes algorithm (probabilistic based) or LR (predictive based).

### TABLE VII

| Scenarios | NB  | LR  | SVM  | K-NN |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|------|
|           | Acc | P   | R    | F1   | Acc | P   | R    | F1   | Acc | P   | R    | F1   | Acc | P   | R    | F1   |
| I         | 47.7| 48.32| 48.72| 48.52| 47.03| 48.7 | 46.6 | 48.9 | 50.13| 50.32| 51.8 | 51.05|
| II        | 48.1| 49.9 | 50.02| 50   | 50.13| 50.2 | 51.19| 50.7 | 52.8 | 51.2 | 54.5 | 52.8 |
| III       | 35.1| 31.3 | 34.1 | 32.6 | 44.15| 44.3 | 43.03| 43.7 | 47.4 | 45.5 | 49.1 | 47.23|
| IV        | 22.4| 21.3 | 21.2 | 21.2 | 29.28| 31.3 | 30.1 | 30.7 | 42.3 | 45.2 | 45.4 | 45.3 |

C. Experiment II

Experiment II is KSA using a machine learning algorithm with BoW. BoW functions as feature extraction. It extracts features from Karonese text and converts the text into vectors. Experiment II is also run using four scenarios to find the best model for each algorithm. The scenario follows the guidelines of Table 5. The results of experiment II can be seen in Table 7.

Based on Table 7, the best model performance of each algorithm is in the range of 48-54 percent. That is, the resulting classification model can only analyze the sentiment of the Karonese text half of the entire text. Scenario II is a recommendation for the best dataset composition to produce the best performance from machine learning algorithms with BoW. In other words, to produce the best classification model, it is obtained, and the recommendation for the composition of the dataset is 60:40. While the dataset composition of 40:60 is a bad choice as the composition of the dataset for all algorithms. It is because the scenario only performs in the range of 30-40 percent. It hypothesizes that a large amount of training data allows producing a classification model with better performance compared to smaller training data. However, if the amount of training data is disproportionate, there will be model overfitting [33].

Fig. 5 is a summary of Table 7, to show the performance comparison between algorithms in experiment II. Based on this figure, the SVM algorithm's performance with BoW outperforms other algorithms. It can be seen from the value of accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1 score is the highest (above 51 percent). The next best algorithm is the K-NN classifier, with the value of accuracy, precision, recall and F1 in the 50-51 percent range. The Naïve Bayes algorithm with BoW is a bad combination to KSA, because the performance is the lowest than the others.

### TABLE VIII

| Scenarios | NB  | LR  | SVM  | K-NN |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|------|
|           | Acc | P   | R    | F1   | Acc | P   | R    | F1   | Acc | P   | R    | F1   | Acc | P   | R    | F1   |
| I         | 51.7| 51.8 | 51.3 | 51.55| 44.9 | 44.7 | 45.6 | 45.15| 58.1 | 58.5 | 57.2 | 57.84| 51.2 | 55.3 | 53.4 | 54.3 |
| II        | 34.1| 27.6 | 40.1 | 32.7 | 50.1 | 50.4 | 52.9 | 51.62| 53.8 | 50.2 | 54.7 | 52.35| 40.2 | 41.7 | 40.3 | 41.09|
| III       | 45.5| 44.9 | 44.3 | 44.6 | 51.2 | 54.1 | 51.6 | 52.82| 40.3 | 39.8 | 40.8 | 40.3 | 50.1 | 51.3 | 49.8 | 50.54|
| IV        | 21.4| 15.4 | 33.8 | 21.16| 41.5 | 42.2 | 40.1 | 41.12| 31.8 | 30.7 | 38.8 | 34.28| 38.5 | 37.4 | 38.8 | 38.09|

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D. Experiment III

Experiment III is KSA using a machine learning algorithm with TF-IDF and is the final experiment of this study. The TF-IDF method is feature extraction, extracting features from Karonese text and measuring essential terms from available documents. Similar to experiments I and II, this experiment is run using four scenarios to find the best model for each algorithm. The scenario follows the guidelines of Table 5. Table 8 shows the results of experiment III.

Based on Table 8, the best model performance of each algorithm is above 50 percent. It means the classification model has succeeded in identifying the sentiment of Karonese text in more than half of the available documents. In this experiment, we cannot conclude the best scenario in producing the best model classification, sometimes scenario I, II, or III. However, we can recommend avoiding scenario IV (dataset composition is 40:60) to produce model classification, because the composition dataset gives a lower model performance.

Fig. 6  Comparison of performance machine learning algorithms with TF-IDF to KSA

Fig. 6 summarizes Table 8 to show the performance comparison between algorithms in experiment III. Based on the figure, the SVM algorithm's performance with TF-IDF outperforms other algorithms. It can be seen from the value of accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1 score is the highest (above 57 percent).

E. Influences of Feature Extraction

This section presents an analysis of the influences of feature extraction on machine learning to KSA. The effect of feature extraction is reviewed based on the accuracy value and F1 score of model classification. This work used two feature extraction methods for machine learning: BoW and TF-IDF. In general, this section presents the model's performance without feature extraction (baseline) and the model's performance with feature extraction (with BoW or TF-IDF).

Based on Fig. 7, the KSA model's accuracy increases after feature extraction. The BoW feature extraction can increase the accuracy of KSA model 0.1-2.1 percent, and TF-IDF can increase the accuracy of the KSA model by 0.17 - 7.4 percent. So, it can be said that feature extraction positively contributes to machine learning to produce KSA model. The SVM and TF-IDF algorithms are a combination of machine learning and feature extraction algorithms with the best accuracy than other combinations.

Fig. 7  Influences of feature extraction on machine learning to accuracy of KSA model

Fig. 7 shows the influences of feature extraction on machine learning to accuracy of KSA model. The F1 score is a performance representation of a classification model. Based on Fig. 8, the performance of KSA model increases after using feature extraction. BoW feature extraction can increase the performance of the SVM model by 0.05 – 3.6 percent. TF-IDF can increase the performance of the KSA model 1.65 – 8.64 percent. So, it can be said that feature extraction positively contributes to the performance of machine learning to produce KSA model.

Furthermore, feature extraction (BoW or TF-IDF) significantly affects the SVM algorithm, as evidenced by the gradient value larger than other algorithms. TF-IDF provides greater performance improvement than BoW on machine learning algorithms to produce KSA model. The SVM and TF-IDF algorithms are a combination of machine learning and feature extraction algorithms with the best performance compared to other combinations.

E. Comparison analysis with Previous Study

This section presents a comparative analysis of Karonese sentiment analysis. Research by [23] has been provided tweets Karonese sentiment analysis using machine learning. Based on Table 9, the performance of this work is slightly better than in previous studies. However, with more datasets and feature extraction, it turns out that the performance on this
work has not given satisfactory results. The performance value is still below 60 percent.

We assume that the text pre-processing in this research is still weak. There are many existing text pre-processing techniques that are not available on Karonese text, and this requires further handling of text pre-processing to provide more optimal results.

### TABLE IX

| Related work | Dataset     | Algorithms | Accuracy |
|--------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| Karonese     | SVM         | 53         |
| Tweet        | LR          | 51         |
| Multi domain | SVM         | 58.1       |
| text from social media | LR       | 51.2   |
| This study   | NB          | 51.7       |
|              | KNN         | 54.3       |

#### IV. CONCLUSION

This work provides an experiment of KSA using a machine learning algorithm. There are three kinds of experiments, KSA using machine learning, KSA using machine learning with BoW, and KSA using machine learning with TF-IDF. Karonese text dataset crawled from multi-domain social media, that is, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Sentiment label of Karonese text annotated by Karonese transcriber. Machine learning algorithms include LR, NB, SVM, and K-NN. Feature extraction (BoW and TF-IDF) has improved model performance in the 0.1 – 7.4 percent range. Overall, TF-IDF as feature extraction on machine learning has a better contribution than BoW. The combination of the SVM algorithm with TF-IDF is the combination with the highest performance. The value of accuracy is 58.1 percent, precision is 58.5 percent, recall is 57.2, and F1 score is 57.84 percent. However, this result is unsatisfactory, considering that the resulting performance is still below 60 percent. So, it needs a more intense pre-processing text to solve morphology and phonology Karonese text.

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