



# EXTRACTING SUMMARY FROM AN ELABORATIVE TEXT USING EXTRACTIVE APPROACH

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**Abstract** — We presently live in a data-centric world, where data is produced at a rapid pace. To put things in perspective, 18 billion texts are created per day on various platforms. People today are extremely busy with their daily obligations. How to make content more condensed and accessible without sacrificing its factual meaning is the question that arises. Summarization is the process of selecting important information from a large text by carefully reading the entire text and creating a summary without losing any important details. Research papers and news articles must be summarised, which calls for subject-matter expertise. Automatic text summarization aims to automate this process by reducing long texts into shorter versions. Text summarization has advanced significantly as a result of recent improvements in deep learning methods, particularly neural networks. These models can produce summaries that are comparable to those created by humans because they have been trained on large datasets.

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## INTRODUCTION

Owing to the vast amounts of textual data that are generated online every day from a variety of sources, including social media sites, web applications, and other information-focused programs. One must read the entire article and create a summary without losing important details to extract the essential information from the large text. Human text summarization is very laborious and time-consuming, and it also requires knowledge in that field. Due to computers' ever-increasing computational power, summarization performed by computers aims to overcome these drawbacks. There are two ways to summarise texts: one is abstractive, and the other is extractive. Abstractive text summarization produces summaries that mimic how people summarise the information by including words and phrases that don't appear in the original text. Although this method is highly desirable, it is challenging to automatically produce because it either requires multiple GPUs to train for deep learning over a long period or complicated algorithms and rules. On the other hand, extractive text summarization only uses the content from the source material and outputs a summary using the text's raw sentence structures, paragraphs, or phrases. The extractive approach is used in our text summarization implementation. Automatic extractive text summarization of lectures is a useful tool as it can extrapolate the important points without laborious manual work. Transcripts from video lectures are available in the context of many MOOCs, but it can be difficult to find the most important information from each lecture. There have been numerous attempts to address this issue as of late.

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

We currently live in a very fast-paced world, where content is consumed at a rapid pace and individuals are very occupied in their day-to-day chores. With the abundance of information available in various forms, it can be challenging for individuals to sift through and extract the most relevant and important information from lengthy documents or articles.

This creates a need for developers to come up with solutions that can make content more easily accessible and consumable in a shorter time frame without compromising on its meaning and quality. In other words, there is a growing demand for efficient and effective content summarization techniques that can extract the essential information from a document and present it in a concise and easily understandable format.

Developers need to take into account the specific needs and preferences of their target audience when designing such tools. The challenge lies in striking a balance between summarizing the content sufficiently and ensuring that the key information is not lost or distorted in the process. Thus, developers must use robust algorithms and natural language processing techniques to accurately identify and extract the most important information, and present it in a format that is easily consumable and accessible to their audience.

## HISTORY

The history of text summarization can be traced back to the early days of information retrieval and natural language processing.

In the 1950s and 1960s, researchers began exploring automatic summarization techniques. One of the early approaches was based on the extraction of key sentences or phrases from a text. This method involved identifying important sentences based on features like word frequency, position in the document, and grammatical structure. The selected sentences were then combined to create a summary.

In the 1990s, with the rise of the internet and the increasing volume of information available, the need for automated text summarization became more prominent. The research focused on developing more advanced algorithms and techniques for summarization.

One significant development was the emergence of statistical and machine learning-based approaches. These methods employed algorithms to analyze large collections of documents and learn patterns from them. They used techniques such as clustering, classification, and ranking to identify important sentences and generate summaries.

Another approach to text summarization was based on natural language processing and computational linguistics. These methods aim to understand the meaning of the text and generate summaries that capture the essence of the original content. They employ techniques such as semantic analysis, syntactic parsing, and discourse analysis to extract important information and generate coherent summaries.

In recent years, advancements in deep learning and neural networks have had a significant impact on text summarization. Techniques like recurrent neural networks (RNNs). LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) is a type of recurrent neural network (RNN) architecture that has been widely used in text summarization tasks. Its history can be traced back to the development of RNNs and the need for capturing long-term dependencies in sequential data.

The concept of RNNs was introduced in the 1980s as a way to process sequential data by maintaining an internal state or memory. However, traditional RNNs faced the problem of vanishing or exploding gradients, which made them difficult to train effectively on long sequences.

In 1997, Sepp Hochreiter and Jürgen Schmidhuber proposed LSTM as a solution to the vanishing gradient problem in RNNs. The LSTM architecture introduced the idea of memory cells, which allow the network to selectively remember or forget information over time. The memory cells, along with various gates, including the input gate, forget gate, and output gate, enable LSTM to capture and retain long-term dependencies in sequential data.

LSTMs gained significant attention and popularity in the field of text summarization due to their ability to handle the contextual information in text sequences effectively. Summarization involves understanding the meaning of a document and generating a concise summary while preserving the most important information.

BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) is a natural language processing model that was introduced by Google in 2018. It represents a significant milestone in the field of language understanding and has had a profound impact on various NLP tasks.

Before BERT, NLP models relied on a unidirectional approach, processing text in one direction, such as left-to-right or right-to-left. However, this limited their ability to understand the context of a word based on both preceding and following words. BERT addressed this limitation by introducing a bidirectional approach, allowing the model to capture the context from both directions. BERT was introduced by Google in 2018 as a pre-training technique for language understanding.

The development of BERT was motivated by the idea of pre-training and fine-tuning. During the pre-training phase, BERT is trained on a large corpus of unlabeled text, such as books, Wikipedia articles, and web pages. It learns to predict missing words in sentences by considering the surrounding words on both sides. This pre-training process allows BERT to learn a rich representation of language and capture various linguistic patterns.

After pre-training, BERT can be fine-tuned on specific downstream tasks, including text summarization. Fine-tuning involves training BERT on smaller labeled datasets that are specific to the target task. In the case of text summarization, the model can be fine-tuned on summarization datasets, where it learns to generate summaries based on the encoded representations of input documents.

Today, text summarization finds applications in various domains, including news aggregation, document summarization, social media analysis, and content curation. Researchers continue to work on improving the accuracy, coherence, and efficiency of text summarization systems, exploring new approaches and techniques to address the challenges of summarizing diverse types of texts.

## OBJECTIVES

The main objective of text summarization is to condense a long piece of text into a shorter form while still conveying the main ideas and key points of the original content. There are several specific objectives that text summarization can achieve, including:

1. **Saving time:** Text summarization can help people quickly understand the main points of a long piece of text, reducing the time and effort required to read and comprehend the entire document. □
2. **Improving information retrieval:** Text summarization can be used to create a condensed version of a document, making it easier to search and find specific information within the text. □
3. **Reducing the amount of text that needs to be read:** Text summarization can help people quickly understand the main points of a long piece of text, reducing the number of text that needs to be read to get a general understanding of the content. □
4. **Improving clarity and understanding:** Text summarization can help to clarify and simplify complex or technical information, making it easier to understand and remember.

## METHODOLOGY

The extractive approach to text summarization involves selecting a subset of sentences or phrases from the original document and combining them to create a summary. The main steps involved in this methodology are as follows:



1. **Input:** Depending on the input format, there are a variety of techniques that can be used to convert input in different formats, such as text, speech, textual image, or video, into text for text summarization. The following strategies are listed for each input format:

**Text input:** When using text input, the summarization system can receive the input text directly. The implementation allows for the upload of a PDF file. The text's contents are read and then passed for tokenization using the help of the PyPDF2 python library.

**Speech input:** Speech recognition technology can use the input audio to convert spoken words into text. The subsequent layers can then receive the text output. This can be done using speech recognition APIs such as Google Cloud Speech-to-Text or Amazon Transcribe. However, we encountered an issue, the transcribed text does not have any punctuation. Punctuation is required at the end of sentences for the text to be tokenized. `deeptmultilingualpunctuation`, a Python package for deep multilingual punctuation prediction, is utilized to introduce punctuation.

**Video input:** The vast majority of people watch videos on YouTube. To summarize these videos, we need to get the audio transcribed into text. For videos posted on YouTube, captions are automatically generated using speech recognition technology. The `youtube_transcript_api` package can be used to parse YouTube captions. This package outputs transcribed text and requires the YouTube video ID as input. Similar problems exist with this input method as with speech. While the majority of YouTube captions lack punctuation, some of them do. The same package for deep multilingual punctuation prediction is used to incorporate punctuation into the text.

2. **Text Preprocessing:** BERT uses special tokens [CLS] and [SEP] to understand input properly. The text always begins with the [CLS] token, which is unique to classification tasks. To distinguish between two sentences, a [SEP] token is used at the end of the sentence. Even if we only have one sentence, both tokens are always necessary.

3. **Tokenization:** BERT accepts numerical values rather than working with character arrays. Hence we require to convert words into tokens. The tokens are then passed into the BERT model, which produces a sequence of contextualized embeddings for each token.

The following operations are necessary to produce tokens and prepare the text for the BERT model:

**Token embedding:** Each word within a sentence is represented as a token. Larger words could be fragmented into several shorter words or characters. This is because Bert's vocabulary is fixed with a size of ~30K tokens. Words that are not part of the vocabulary are represented as subwords and characters. When given a sentence, the tokenizer will decide whether to keep every word as a single unit or break it up into smaller units.

**Sentence Embedding:** Each word or subword token is then mapped to its corresponding vocabulary index, which is an integer value that represents its position in the vocabulary. The vocabulary indices in BERT are important because they enable the model to efficiently look up the embedding vector for each word or subword in the input text.

**Positional Embedding:** It is used to encode the position of each token in the input sequence, which enables the model to capture the temporal relationship between tokens and generate contextualized representations. Without position embedding, the summarization algorithm may have difficulty distinguishing between words that have the same spelling but different meanings, depending on their position in the input text.

4. **BERT Encoder layer:** Each transformer block in the encoder layer has two sub-layers: a multi-head self-attention layer and a position-wise feed-forward layer. The encoder layer is made up of a stack of identical transformer blocks. It can have either 12 layers or 24 layers. Each transformer block contains a multi-head self-attention layer that enables the model to focus on various portions of the input sequence and identify the relationships between various tokens. To do this, each token's attention score is calculated

depending on how similar the tokens in the sequence are to one another. As a result, the model might give tokens that are more pertinent to the current context greater weights while giving irrelevant or redundant tokens lower weights. The feed-forward layer in each transformer block applies a non-linear transformation to each token's embedding to capture higher-order interactions between tokens. It does this by applying a neural network to each position in the sequence independently. The output of each transformer block is a sequence of contextualized embeddings that capture the meaning and context of each token in the input sequence.

**5. Mean of Sentence Embedding list:** It creates a single vector by dividing the total number of word vectors in a phrase by the word count. The complete statement is represented by this vector

**6. KMeans:** K-means is a popular clustering algorithm that can be used to cluster similar text data together. K-means clustering aims to partition a set of data points into a fixed number of clusters, where each data point belongs to the cluster whose mean (centroid) is closest to it. The KMeans algorithm receives its input from the mean of the cluster embedding list. The number of clusters may be predetermined or may vary according to the number of sentences in the text.

**7. Summary Generation:** The closest sentences to the cluster centroid are chosen to be a part of the summary. The chosen sentence must be arranged so that it flows similarly to how the original text does. Upon successful rearrangement using the sentence index number, sentences need to be concatenated to generate a summary.

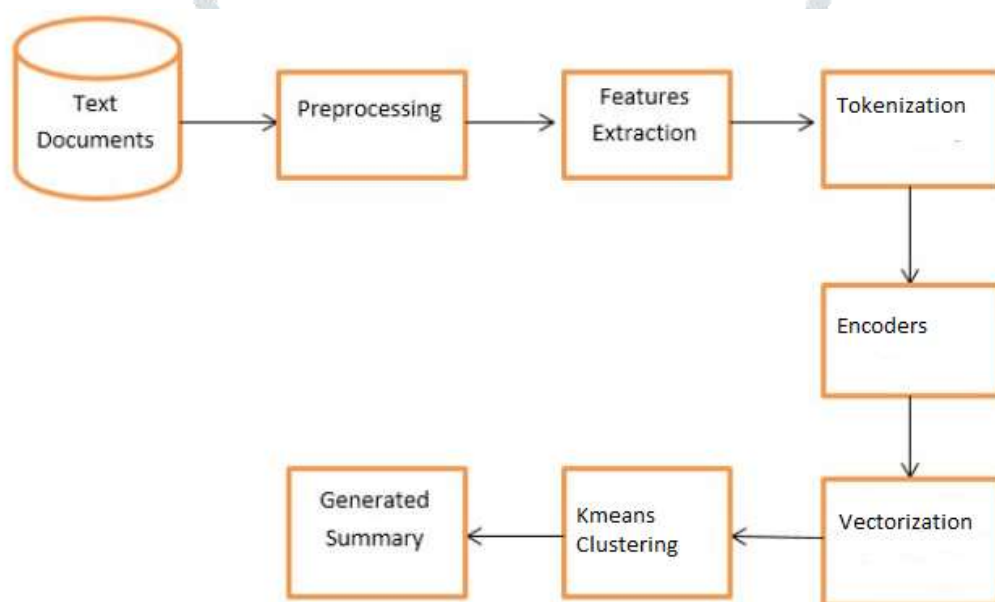


Fig 1. Block Diagram

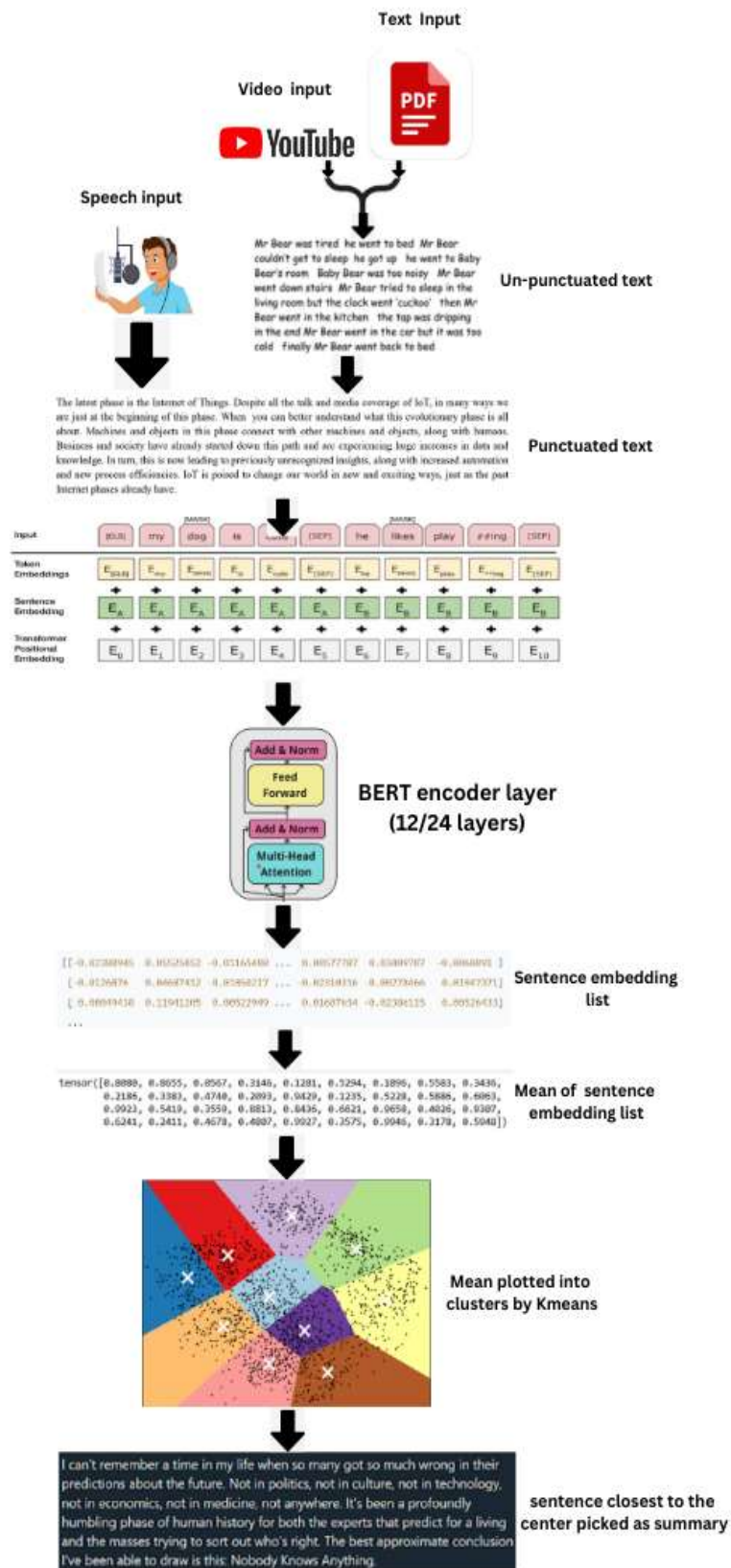


Fig 2. System architecture

## SNAPSHOTS

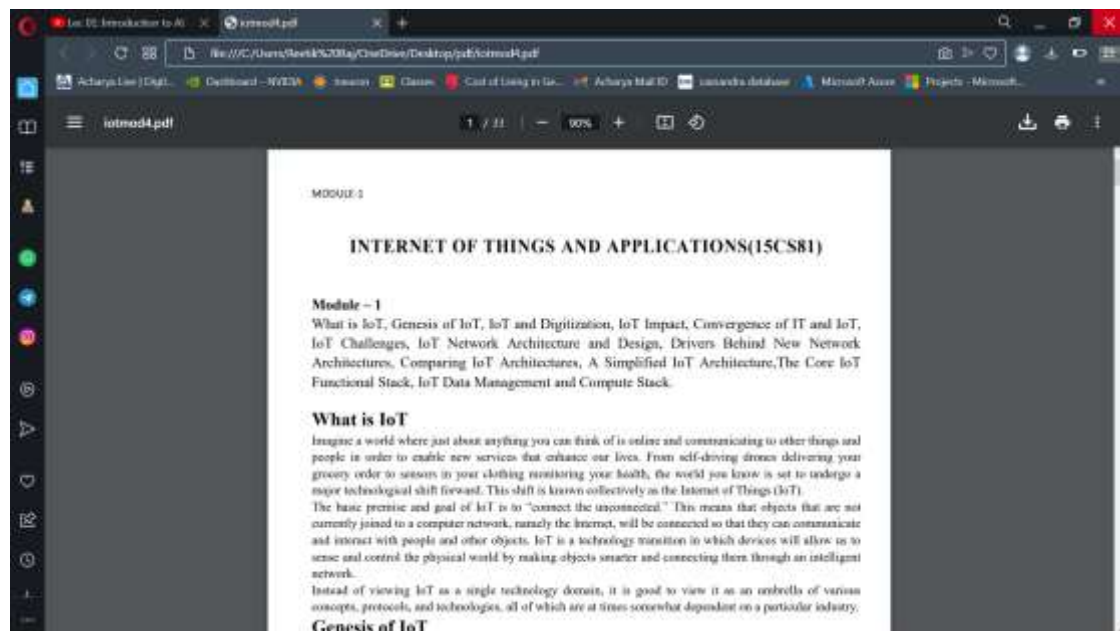


Fig 3. Summarising a PDF file

This is a PDF file that talks about the Internet of Things, its impact, and some of its architecture. This PDF contains 33 pages of textual information.

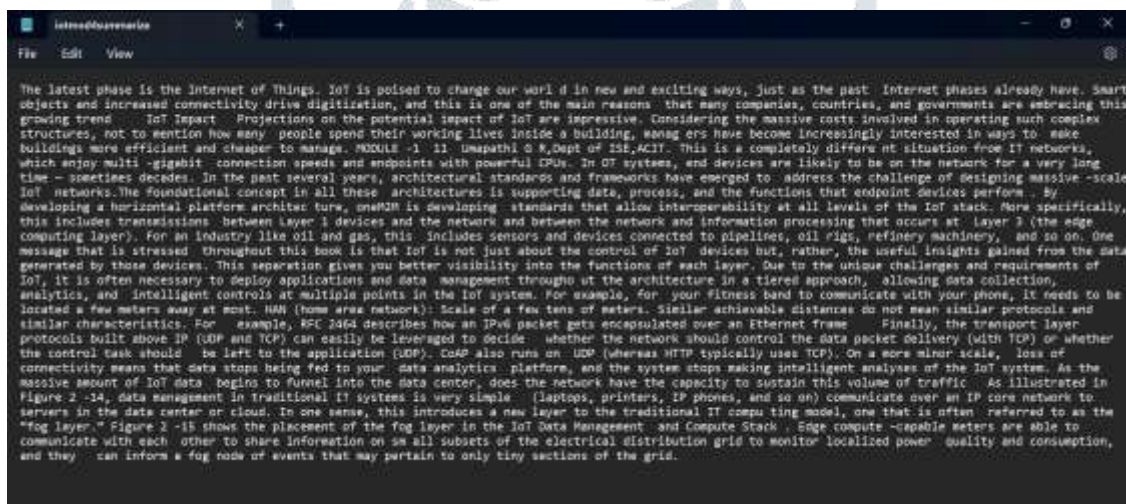


Fig 4. Summarised PDF file

The model has summarized 33 pages of a PDF file into 30 sentences approximately.



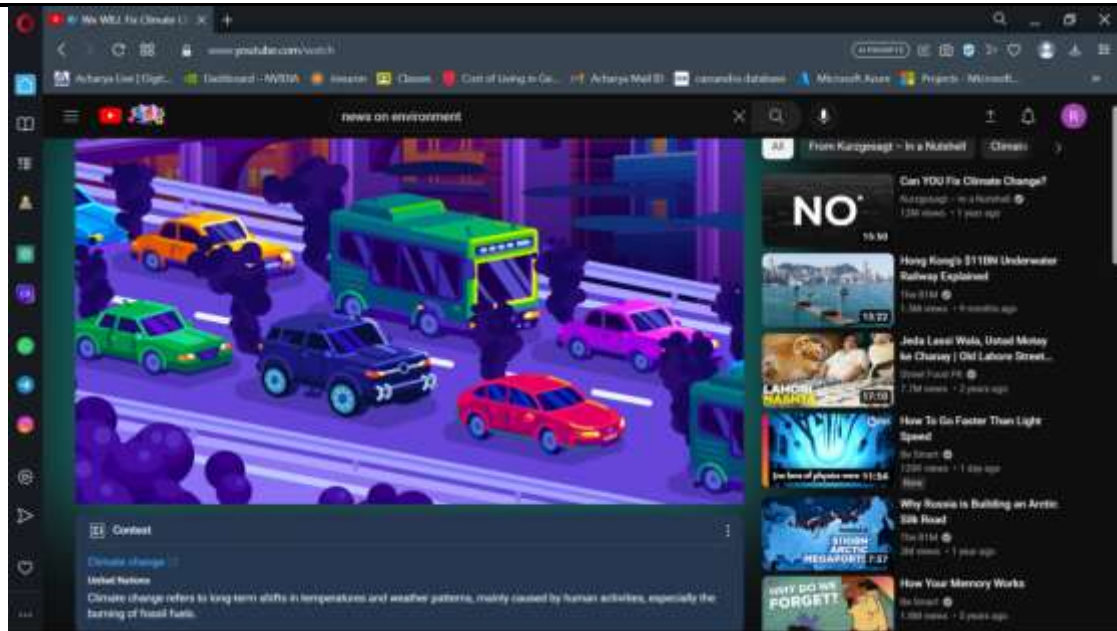


Fig 5. Summarising a YouTube video

To summarize a Youtube video we pass the video ID which is “LxgMdjyw8uw” from its URL as an input. This video is 16 minutes and 10 seconds long.

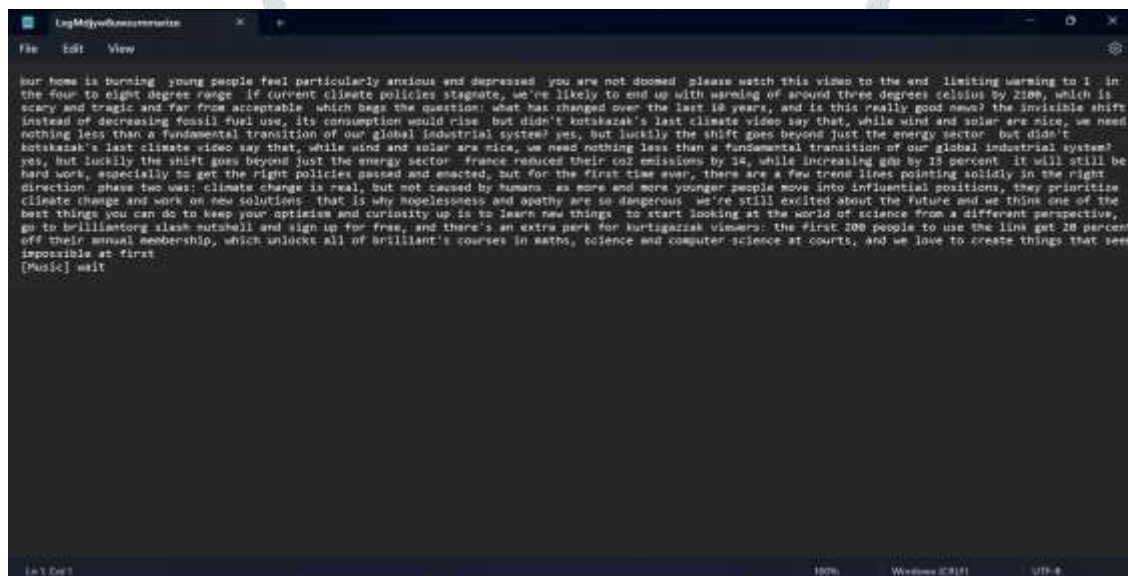


Fig 6. Summarised YouTube video



The YouTube video is summarized into 225 words.

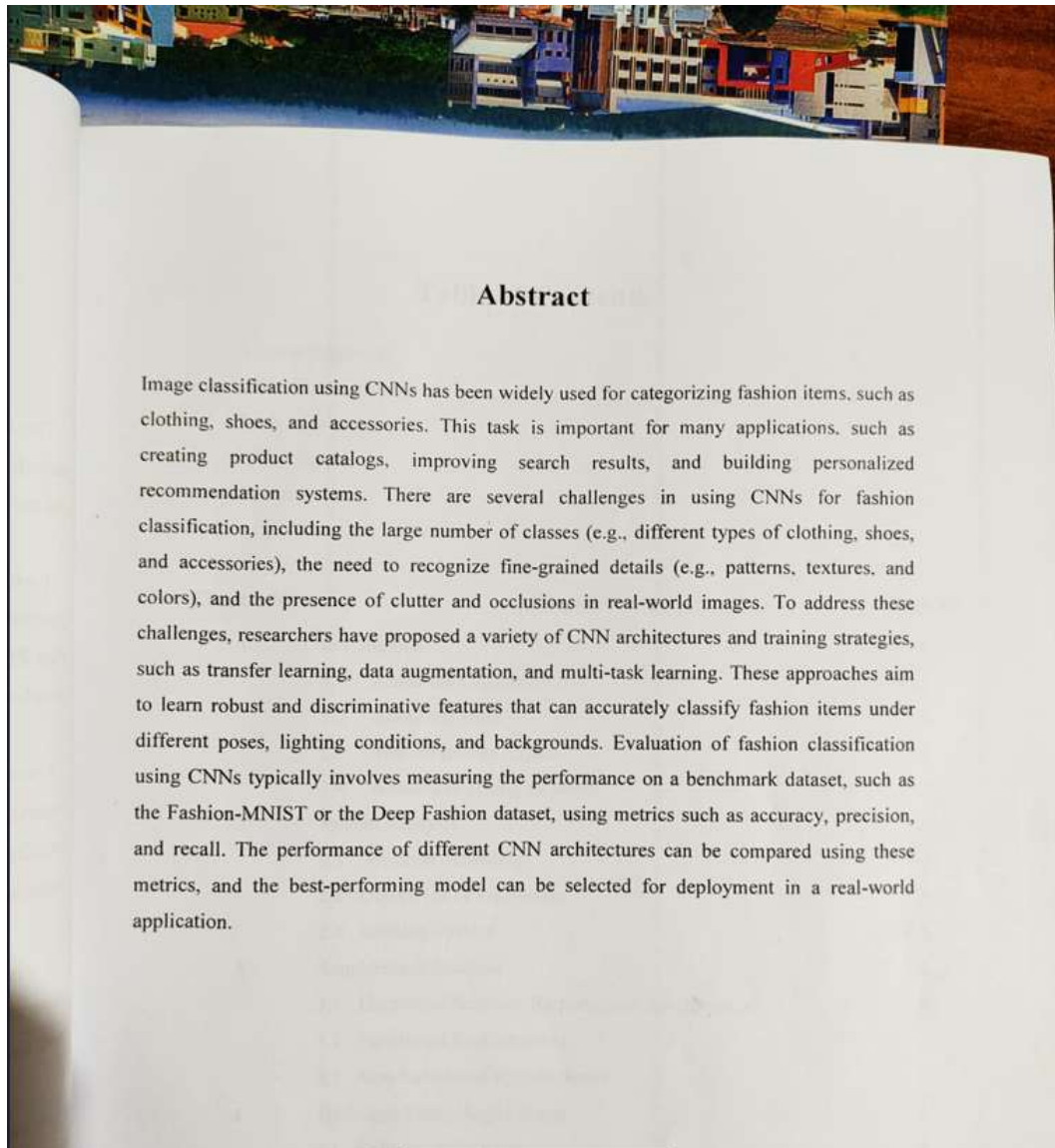


Fig 7. Summarizing textual image

It is an image in JPEG format. This image has textual information about Convolutional Neural Networks.



Fig 8. Summarized textual image

The abstract is summarized into few lines.

## RESULTS

1. **Content coverage:** The summary covers the main ideas and key information of the original text.
2. **Coherence:** The summary is coherent and organized, with sentences and paragraphs that mostly flow well.
3. **Length:** The length of the summary is appropriate for the intended purpose, with longer summaries

providing more detail and shorter summaries providing a quick overview.

4. **Information redundancy:** The summary does not contain redundant information that does not add value to the overall summary.

## LIMITATIONS

1. **Lack of Coherence:** BERT-based extractive summarization, when combined with k-means clustering, may not guarantee the overall coherence and smooth flow of the generated summary. Clustering alone does not consider the contextual relationships between sentences, potentially leading to disjointed or fragmented summaries.

2. **Domain-specific adaptation:** BERT models are pre-trained on general corpora, which may not capture domain-specific knowledge effectively. Fine-tuning BERT with domain-specific datasets and incorporating domain-specific features can help improve the performance of extractive summarization in specialized domains.

3. **Scalability:** BERT, being a deep neural network model, can be computationally expensive and memory-intensive, especially for longer documents. This scalability issue can limit the feasibility of using BERT for real-time or large-scale summarization tasks.

4. **Sensitivity to Input Variations:** The effectiveness of BERT and k-means clustering in summarization can be sensitive to input variations, such as sentence order or minor changes in the input text. These variations might lead to different clustering results and subsequently impact the summary composition.

## FUTURE SCOPE

The field of text summarization using extractive approaches has seen significant advancements in recent years, and there are several potential future directions and scopes for further development. Some of the potential future scopes of text summarization using extractive approaches include:

1. **Enhanced Extractive Summarization Algorithms:** Researchers can continue to develop and refine extractive summarization algorithms to improve their effectiveness and efficiency. This can involve exploring new techniques such as deep learning, natural language processing (NLP), and machine learning algorithms to better identify and select the most important sentences or phrases from a text to create a summary.

2. **Multi-Document Summarization:** Extractive summarization techniques can be extended to handle multiple documents, such as summarizing multiple news articles on a similar topic or summarizing a collection of research papers. Multi-document summarization presents unique challenges, such as identifying redundancy across documents and effectively combining information from multiple sources, and further research in this area can lead to more robust and informative summaries.

3. **Domain-specific Summarization:** Extractive summarization can be tailored for specific domains or industries, such as summarizing legal documents, scientific articles, or technical documentation. Domain-specific summarization can leverage domain-specific knowledge and language models to generate more accurate and relevant summaries that cater to the specific needs of the domain.

4. **Real-time and Streaming Summarization:** With the increasing availability of real-time data from various sources such as social media, news feeds, and live events, there is a growing need for real-time and streaming summarization techniques that can process and summarize the text in real-time as it becomes available. Further research in this area can lead to the development of efficient and scalable extractive summarization algorithms for real-time data streams.

## CONCLUSION

Extractive text summarization is a promising approach for condensing long documents or text into shorter summaries by selecting and rearranging the most relevant sentences or phrases. It has been widely studied and applied in various applications, such as news summarization, document summarization, and information retrieval. Extractive summarization techniques have shown significant progress and achieved state-of-the-art performance in many cases. The extractive approach offers several advantages, including maintaining the original context and ensuring that the summary is grounded in the source text. It also requires fewer computational resources compared to other approaches like abstractive summarization. However, extractive summarization still has limitations, such as potential loss of coherence and readability, reliance on sentence extraction, and inability to generate new information. Despite these limitations, extractive summarization has a bright future with many potential scopes for further research and development. This includes exploring advanced algorithms and techniques, such as deep learning, NLP, and machine learning, to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of extractive summarization. It also involves addressing challenges like multi-document summarization, domain-specific summarization, real-time and streaming summarization, evaluation metrics, summarization for low-resource languages, explainable summarization, and summarization for different modalities.

## FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

1. **Cross-lingual and multilingual text summarization:** As more and more data becomes available in multiple languages, there is a growing need for cross-lingual and multilingual summarization techniques that can summarize text in different languages. Researchers are exploring methods for adapting existing summarization techniques to work with multilingual text data.
2. **Explainable text summarization:** While neural network-based summarization techniques have achieved state-of-the-art performance, their decision-making processes are often opaque and difficult to interpret. There is growing interest in developing explainable summarization models that can provide insight into how they arrive at their summaries.
3. **Interactive text summarization:** Interactive text summarization involves enabling users to interact with the summarization process, providing feedback and input during the summarization process. This approach can improve the accuracy and relevance of summaries and is an area of active research.
4. **Multi-document summarization:** Multi-document summarization involves summarizing multiple documents on a single topic, which can be challenging because of the need to identify overlapping information and summarize it effectively. Researchers are exploring new techniques for multi-document summarization that can handle large amounts of text data.
5. **Domain-specific text summarization:** Summarization techniques that are trained on generic datasets may not perform well in domain-specific settings. Researchers are exploring methods for adapting existing summarization techniques to work with specific domains, such as scientific papers, medical reports, or legal documents

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