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Article Iterative Bias Evaluation Approach for Sentiment Aware Text Summarization

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Abstract: Bias is a pervasive challenge in intelligence summaries, whether they are generated by humans or Large Language Models (LLMs). LLM-based abstractive summarizers can inadvertently 2 amplify existing biases when summarizing, making it even more important for intelligence analysts з to identify and mitigate bias in their reporting. One way to detect bias in summaries is to ensure 4 that the summaries accurately reflect the content of the original articles. Aligning the summaries 5 with their source articles and using tools like Textblob and VADER can help analysts identify and correct potential biases. More effective bias analysis can help intelligence analysts produce more 7 objective summaries. This research explores methods that intelligence analysts can use to curb bias 8 in summaries, whether created by humans or AI. We present examples of the risk of LLM-based automatic abstractive summarizers inadvertently magnifying bias. We demonstrate detecting bias 10 by comparing article summaries and their respective articles for coherence and using TextBlob and 11 VADER to evaluate sentiment differences. We summarize some best practices for bias analysis to 12 assist intelligence analysts in generating more balanced summaries. 13

Keywords: bias, intelligence summaries, LLMs, Textblob, VADER.

2. Introduction

The quality and accuracy of intelligence summaries have become increasingly critical 16 for informed decision-making across many sectors. Summaries are frequently the foun-17 dation for decision-making in policy, business, and security. The summarization process 18 creates a significant opportunity for the introduction of biases that potentially change the 19 intended interpretation of the original content. Since a summery is often used as a replace-20 ment for reading the original content, these biases may go undetected and misattributed. 21 The challenge of detecting and avoiding such bias, both conscious and unconscious, poses 22 a significant hurdle in achieving accurate and objective intelligence summeriesoo. 23

Biases of this sort can distort the essence of information, leading to skewed perceptions 24 and potentially flawed decisions. This is particularly concerning when the source of 25 bias is not readily apparent or is deeply ingrained within an information processing 26 system. The popularity of generative AI technologies has recently increased for task like 27 automatic abstractive summarization using large language models (LLMs). While LLMs 28 have revolutionized the field of text summarization by generating concise and coherent 29 summaries, we have observed that they can amplify existing biases based on the data they were trained, leading to a concerning propagation of these biases in their outputs and the 31 skewing of reports based on these biases.. 32

This paper suggests a strategy for detecting and mitigating such bias in intelligence summaries to ensure their objectivity and validity. Specifically, we present the complexities of bias in LLM-generated summaries, exploring how these models embed and/or amplify

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Copyright: © 2023 by the authors. Submitted to *Journal Not Specified* for possible open access publication under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). biases subtly embedded and inadvertently. It also highlights the potential consequences of unchecked biases, emphasizing practical methods for detecting and mitigating bias. These 37 include the comparison of summaries with their original articles to identify consistency 38 and potential skew, and sentiment analysis tools like Textblob and VADER to detect subtle 39 differences in potential interpretations. These tools can help in quantifying the sentiment 40 and subjectivity in text, providing a more objective measure to assess bias. 41

Furthermore, the paper provides insights into how intelligence analysts can curb the 42 propensity for bias. It explores strategies for both human-generated summaries and those 43 created by LLMs, acknowledging that each has unique challenges and requires tailored 44 approaches. By shedding light on these issues and offering practical solutions, this paper 45 aims to contribute to the ongoing discourse on bias in intelligence summaries and the 46 broader field of artificial intelligence. (add bullet points)

3. Background and Literature Review

Large language models have experienced remarkable progress and popularity since 49 their inception. From early models that introduced pre-training and fine-tuning concepts to 50 the recent breakthroughs in transformer architectures, these models have transformed the 51 landscape of natural language understanding and generation. The field of large language 52 models gained traction with models like ELMo^[1] and ULMFiT^[2]. These early models 53 introduced the concept of pre-training on a vast corpus of text, followed by fine-tuning for 54 specific tasks. While they laid the foundation for subsequent advancements, these models 55 were limited in size and performance. (will add the referances later)

Introduced by Google in 2018, BERT[3] revolutionized natural language processing by introducing a bidirectional training approach. Unlike previous models that relied on left-to-right or right-to-left context, BERT considered both directions simultaneously during training.

OpenAI's GPT series is the currently leading approach in the field of large language 61 models. The original GPT model, released in 2018, leveraged transformer architectures to 62 achieve significant improvements in language understanding and generation. By training 63 on massive amounts of text data, GPT models exhibited the ability to generate coherent 64 and contextually relevant text. In 2019, OpenAI unveiled GPT-2[4], a groundbreaking model that pushed the boundaries of size and performance. With an astonishing 1.5 billion 66 parameters, GPT-2 showcased unprecedented text generation capabilities. The release of 67 GPT-3[5] in mid-2020 marked a milestone in the development of large language models. 68 Boasting a staggering 175 billion parameters, GPT-3 became the largest language model at the time. Its language understanding and generation abilities were exceptional, often 70 producing impressively coherent and contextually relevant responses. 71

Since GPT-3, the field of large language models has witnessed notable advancements. 72 Researchers have explored techniques such as scaling laws, model distillation, and im-73 proved training strategies to further enhance model performance. Focus has also been 74 placed on addressing limitations, such as biases in generated text and improving sample 75 quality. 76

Traditional evaluation metrics exist for summarization assess the quality and effec-77 tiveness of automatic text summarization systems. These metrics help compare machine-78 generated summaries to human-written references and provide a quantitative measure of 79 their performance. Among them, ROUGE [6] is a popular set of metrics used to evaluate the 80 quality of a summary. It measures the overlap of n-grams (sequences of n words) between 81 the generated summary and the references. Originally designed for machine translation evaluation, BLEU[7] has also been adapted for summarization evaluation. It calculates the 83 n-gram precision between the generated summary and the reference summaries. BLEU is 84 widely used but is less effective for evaluating short summaries. Precision and recall are 85 commonly used evaluate summarization results. Precision is measured as accuracy of the generated summary by calculating the ratio of the correctly included information to the 87 total information in the summary. Recall measures the completeness of the summary by 88 calculating the ratio of the correctly included information to the total information in the 89

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reference summary. The F1 score another metric which is the harmonic mean of precision and recall. It provides a balanced measure of both precision and recall and is often used when there is an uneven class distribution between summaries and references. Originally developed for language modeling, perplexity is used as an evaluation metric for abstractive summarization models. It measures how well the model predicts the reference summaries given the source text. Lower perplexity values indicate better performance. While automated metrics are useful, human evaluation remains an essential aspect of summarization evaluation. Human judges can assess the overall quality, coherence, and informativeness of the generated summaries in a more nuanced and context-aware manner.

4. Methodology

4.1. Dataset Description

For this work, we used a random subset of 30 articles from the CNN/Daily Mail 101 dataset. The CNN/Daily Mail dataset is a widely used benchmark dataset in the field of 102 natural language processing (NLP) and machine learning. It was created by researchers at 103 the University of Oxford and is named after the two news sources it primarily draws from: 104 CNN (Cable News Network) and the Daily Mail. The dataset consists of news articles 105 paired with human-generated summaries. It was originally introduced for the task of 106 document summarization, where the goal is to generate a concise summary of a given news 107 article. The articles in the dataset are diverse in topic, covering a wide range of news events 108 and stories. Each example in the dataset consists of three parts: an article, a summary, and 109 some additional metadata. The article is text of typically several paragraphs in length, and 110 the summary is a shorter version that captures the key points and main ideas of the article. 111 The metadata includes information such as the article's headline, the publication date, 112 and other details. The dataset is particularly valuable for training and evaluating models 113 that focus on abstractive summarization, where the generated summary is not limited to 114 extracting sentences or phrases directly from the article. Instead, the models are expected 115 to understand the content and generate human-like summaries that capture the essential 116 information. 117

4.2. Model Description

We evaluate and compare 7 large language models including BERT, FALCON, GROOVY, 119 ORCA, WIZARD, GPT 3.5, GPT 4.

GPT3.5: GPT-3.5, or Generative Pre-trained Transformer 3.5, is a subset of GPT-3 Models developed by OpenAI in 2022. OpenAI released updated versions of GPT-3 and Codex in its API on March 15, 2022, with additional features like edit and insert capabilities, labeled as "text-davinci-002" and "code-davinci-002."

GPT4: GPT-4 is an expansive multimodal model that can process both image and text inputs, producing text outputs. Although it may not match human capabilities in all real-world situations, it showcases human-level performance on numerous professional and academic benchmarks.

BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers): BERT is a pretrained language model developed by Google that uses transformer-based architectures. It is bidirectional, meaning it considers both left and right context of a word, resulting in better understanding of word meanings and context. BERT has been widely adopted for various natural language processing tasks due to its effective transfer learning capabilities.

FALCON: Falcon AI is a powerful, open-source Generative Language Model with 40 billion parameters, trained on 1 trillion tokens of RefinedWeb data. Its transparency and optimized architecture for inference make it stand out. Users can fine-tune Falcon for commercial use, and it outperforms state-of-the-art models on the OpenLLM Leaderboard. Falcon also offers Instruct versions for easy chat application creation. The extensive training on AWS Cloud with 384 GPUs, along with custom-made, high-quality data from RefinedWeb, contributes to Falcon's exceptional performance.

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ORCA: Microsoft Research has introduced a novel AI model named Orca, which 141 adopts an imitation-based learning approach from large language models. The research 142 paper indicates that Orca aims to address the limitations of smaller models by emulating 143 the reasoning processes of substantial foundation models like GPT-4. Models such as Orca 144 have the advantage of task-specific optimization and can be trained using large language 145 models like GPT-4. Due to its compact size, Orca demands fewer computing resources for 146 its operation. This feature empowers researchers to optimize their models based on their 147 needs and run them independently, reducing the reliance on large data centers. 148

Groovy: Also known as GPT4All groovy, it is a current leading commercially licensable model on GPT-J and trained by Nordic AI on the latest curated GPT4All dataset.

WIZARD: Researchers successfully trained large language models (LLMs) using AIevolved instructions, outperforming human-created ones. The resulting WizardLM model showed promise in enhancing LLM capabilities, achieving over 90% of ChatGPT's capacity in 17 out of 29 skills.

The methodology employed in this study comprises various steps, which include the collection of data, pre-processing, summary generation by multiple large language models, summary evaluation using several metrics, and sentiment analysis. The following sections detail each step of the process.

4.3. Data Collection and preprocessing:

The first step in our methodology was to source our dataset. For this study, we chose a collection of articles from CNN and the Daily Mail. These sources provided a diverse range of topics and writing styles that enabled an extensive evaluation of the language models' summarization capabilities.

The articles were pre-processed during collection to fit the input format for the language models, Äîthis involved cleaning the text, such as removing HTML tags and other non-textual elements. We addressed all encoding problems during this phase.

4.4. Summary Generation:

The next phase involved utilizing each large language model: BERT, Falcon, Groovy, Orcar, Wizard, GPT-3.5 Turbo, and GPT-4, to generate summaries from the articles. Each model produced 30 summaries, resulting in a total of 210 summaries for each article. The prompts used requested the model generate the summaries without specifying any length or other constraints to observe the inherent abstracting capability of each model.

4.5. Summary Evaluation:

The generated summaries were then evaluated based on multiple metrics to assess their coherence with the original text. The metrics used in this study included Compression Ratio, ROUGE-1, Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA), Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF), and Bilingual Evaluation Understudy (BLEU).

We performed the following evaluation analyses:

The Compression Ratio was used to compare the length of the original text and its corresponding summary.

ROUGE-1 was used to calculate the overlap of unigrams between the generated summaries and the original texts.

LSA was used to analyze the conceptual similarity between the original articles and the generated summaries.

TF-IDF was used to identify the importance of a word in a document compared to the corpus.

BLEU score was utilized to measure the similarity between the generated summaries and reference articles.

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4.6. Sentiment Analysis:

After evaluating the summaries for coherence with the original text, we performed 190 sentiment analysis using TextBlob and VADER (Valence Aware Dictionary and sEntiment 191 Reasoner). The summaries were classified into one of three categories: positive, negative, 192 or neutral, according to the polarity assigned by these tools. This multi-step process 193 allowed us to deeply investigate the capabilities of the various large language models in 194 text summarization tasks and how the sentiments they convey relate to the original text. 195

4.7. Bias Evaluation:

Drawing upon the top three models selected via performance metrics, we conducted a 197 comparative analysis to ascertain whether traditional machine learning methods (TextBlob), 198 a lexicon-oriented approach (VADER), or an integrated combination of these methodologies 199 would yield the most reliable sentiment analysis. In this experiment, the GPT3.5 model 200 was leveraged to generate three sets of summaries, each containing 30 samples that varied 201 in sentiment: positive, negative, and fear. Subsequently, these summaries were evalu-202 ated using TextBlob (assessing Polarity and Subjectivity) and VADER to determine which 203 sentiment analysis approach provided the highest accuracy. 204



Figure 1. Data collection and pre-processing.

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Figure 2. Sentiment evaluation framework.

Table 1. Assessing the coherence of summaries through conventional metrics.

Coherence	Definition	Evaluation metric	
Compression Ratio	Refers to the measure of reduction in word count achieved when condensing an original text into a summary. It is the ratio between the summary's word count and the original text's word count, indicating the level of compression applied to the content.	The compression ratio quantifies text condensation by comparing the word count of a summary to the original text. A higher ratio indicates a greater level of compression applied to the source sentence.	
ROUGE-1 (Recall-Oriented Understudy for Gisting Evaluation)	The ROUGE-1 and (their harmonic means) F-1 score measures the overlap and similarity between a generated summary and a reference summary at the unigram level, providing a single value that indicates the quality of the match.	Higher ROUGE-1 F-1 scores indicate a higher level of agreement and similarity between the generated summary and the reference summary regarding shared unigrams. Conversely, lower scores indicate a lower level of agreement and similarity.	
Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)	LSA similarity is a measure that quantifies the similarity between two pieces of text based on their underlying latent semantic meaning.	Lower LSA similarity scores indicate a lower level of similarity and may imply that the summary does not align well with the underlying semantic content of the input text.	
TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency)	TF-IDF assigns higher weights to terms that are frequent in a document but rare in the overall document collection, helping to identify key terms that are representative of the document's content.	Terms with higher TF-IDF scores are considered more significant or characteristic of the document's content.	
BLEU (Bilingual Evaluation	A metric used in natural language processing to evaluate the quality of machine-generated translations by comparing	It ranges from 0 to 1, where 1 means the machine-generated translation perfectly matches	

VADER (Valence Aware Dictionary and sEntiment Reasoner)	VADER utilizes a lexicon-based approach, where sentiment scores are assigned to individual words based on their semantic orientation. VADER also considers the context of the text, including punctuation, capitalization, and degree modifiers, to provide more accurate sentiment analysis results.	A sentiment score of -1 signifies a highly negative sentiment, +1 indicates a highly positive sentiment, and 0 represents a neutral sentiment. The score reflects the overall sentiment or emotional polarity of the text.

5. Results

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We scored the summaries generated using BERT, FALCON, GROOVY, ORCA, WIZ-206 ARD, GPT3.5, GPT4 for thirty random articles from CNN/Daily Mail dataset with the 207 traditional metrices i.e Compression Ratio, Rouge, LSA, TF-IDF, BLEU, Polarity, Subjectivity, 208 VADER. The results are in Table 2 209

Table 2. Metrics results.

Model	Compre- ssion Ratio	ROUGE	LSA	tf-idf score	BLEU score	Polarity	Subject- ivity	Vader score
BERT	0.171	0.013	0.047	0.372	0.251	0.559	0.529	0.111
FALCON	0.252	0.060	-0.017	0.298	0.397	0.670	0.593	-0.084
GROOVY	0.226	0.0178	0.011	0.333	0.341	0.557	0.498	-0.187
ORCA	0.259	0.058	0.0349	0.450	0.384	0.673	0.616	-0.075
WIZARD	0.226	0.018	0.011	0.333	0.341	0.557	0.498	-0.186
GPT3.5	0.391	0.099	0.019	0.349	0.459	0.750	0.684	-0.177
GPT4	0.514	0.153	0.013	0.359	0.501	0.773	0.716	-0.047

Later to evaluate bias, we performed sentiment analysis with the GPT3.5 summaries 210 modified based on 3 sentiments: positive, negative, and fear and forther evaluated with 211 polarity, subjectivity and VADER score. The results are in Table 3 212

Table 3. Bias evaluation.

Model	Polarity	Subjectivity	Vader score
Positive	0.301	0.188	0.601
Negative	0.307	0.192	-0.687
Fear	0.290	0.148	-0.729

6. Discussion

The GPT-4 model performed best across much of our analyses. A close examination of 214 several traditional metrics for summarization efficacy informs this conclusion. For instance, 215 GPT-4's Compression Ratio of 0.514 leads the pack, reflecting its significant capacity to 216 distill vital information effectively without losing crucial details. Similarly, its ROUGE-1 217 score, which measures unigram overlap between generated and reference summaries, 218 stands at 0.153, again the highest among the models compared. This score testifies to 219 GPT-4's excellent ability to match reference summaries, which is critical to producing 220 high-quality summaries. While GPT-4 does not score highest in Latent Semantic Analysis 221 (LSA), it maintains consistency, unlike models such as FALCON and GROOVY, which score 222 negatively, suggesting difficulties in preserving the semantic meaning from the original text 223 in their summaries. Regarding Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF), 224



Model Performance Metrics

Figure 3. Metrics results.



Figure 4. Bias evaluation.

GPT-4 posts a solid score of 0.359, indicating its competence in identifying and retaining key terms that encapsulate the document's context and meaning. Another impressive aspect is the BLEU score, which gauges the accuracy of machine-generated translations.GPT-4 outperforms all other models with a score of 0.501, underlining the model's proficiency in generating translations that closely align with human-produced versions. Given the results derived from these metrics, it is safe to conclude that GPT-4 exhibits the highest efficacy in generating coherent summaries among the models analyzed.

GPT 3.5 Turbo secured the second-best position according to the performance metrics analyzed. Notably, GPT3.5 performs effectively in terms of text compression, achieving a Compression Ratio of 0.391, thereby establishing itself as a proficient model in retaining the core essence of information while achieving brevity. Additionally, its ROUGE-1 score of 0.099 signifies a substantial degree of agreement with the reference summary at the unigram level, marking it as second-highest in this aspect, indicative of its capability to generate summaries closely mirroring the reference.

Though not the front-runner in Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA), GPT3.5 nonetheless demonstrates relative stability, outperforming several other models and thereby illustrating its competence in preserving semantic correlation between the source text and the generated summary. In terms of the TF-IDF metric, GPT3.5 yields a score of 0.349, which, while not the peak score, still highlights its adeptness at identifying and incorporating crucial terms into its summaries. Furthermore, GPT3.5 achieves a BLEU score of 0.459, placing it second in terms of producing summaries that align well with the orginal article. Cumulatively, these results clearly reflect GPT3.5's commendable performance in generating coherent summaries, substantiating its ranking as the second-best model.

ORCA emerges as the third-best alternative for generating coherent summaries from the given text. An exploration of the data reveals the reasons for this ranking. Despite having the fourth-highest Compression Ratio of 0.259, ORCA demonstrates an adequate capability for text compression, a fundamental aspect of summary generation. In terms of ROUGE-1 score, which measures the overlap of unigrams between the generated and reference summaries, ORCA's score of 0.058 ranks third among the compared models, indicating a respectable degree of similarity with the reference summary. 249

The model's Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA) score, which gauges the semantic similarity between the original text and the produced summary, stands at 0.0349, suggesting a moderate level of preservation of semantic meaning in the generated summaries. Notably, ORCA outstrips all other models in the Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) measure, posting a score of 0.450. This signals a robust capability for identifying and retaining key terms that capture the essence of the document's content. 250

Lastly, ORCA's BLEU score, a metric that evaluates the closeness of machine-generated translations to original article, is 0.384, thereby ranking it third. This score signifies a reasonable degree of alignment between ORCA's generated summaries and the original text. Given these observations, it can be inferred that ORCA offers a solid, third-best option for creating coherent summaries.

Sentiment Analysis: Table 2 provided insight into the sentiment of the evaluated mod-266 els, encompassing traditional approaches like BERT, FALCON, GROOVY, ORCA, and 267 WIZARD, as well as the more recent ChatGPT3.5 and GPT4. Based on TextBlob's Polar-268 ity and Subjectivity metrics, traditional models generally produced positive summaries, 269 with Polarity scores from 0.559 (BERT) to 0.673 (ORCA). Subjectivity scores ranged from 270 0.498 (GROOVY and WIZARD) to 0.616 (ORCA), indicating more subjective summaries. 271 However, Vader scores, while negative, were close to zero, suggesting a slight discrep-272 ancy with TextBlob's generally positive Polarity scores. ChatGPT's evaluations showed a more positive sentiment, with Polarity scores for GPT3.5 and GPT4 at 0.750 and 0.773, 274 respectively. Subjectivity scores were also higher, but Vader scores echoed the trend in 275 traditional models with near-neutral results. When comparing traditional metrics with 276 GPT4's assessments, GPT4 exhibited a stronger positive sentiment and greater subjectivity. 277 However, the contradiction between the positive sentiment from TextBlob and near-neutral 278 Vader scores across all models, including GPT4, may be attributed to different sentiment 279 quantification methods. Overall, the analysis suggests that, when using Vader scores, all 280 models, particularly GPT4, Falcon, and Orca, generate summaries with the most accurate 281 sentiment. 282

Bias Evaluation: Analyzing the results from table 3, we can observe how GPT3.5 performed 283 when generating summaries with different sentiments and the corresponding evaluation 284 of these summaries by TextBlob and VADER metrics. The Polarity scores from TextBlob 285 indicate a positive sentiment in all three cases (positive, negative, and fear), which is 286 unexpected. While the GPT3.5 positive sentiment summaries are correctly labeled as 287 positive (0.301), the negative and fear summaries are also scored as positive with 0.307 and 288 0.290, respectively, contradicting our expectation that these should give a negative result.

The Subjectivity scores from TextBlob are pretty low across all categories, indicating 290 that the summaries are more objective than subjective. The values are close, ranging from 291 0.148 (fear) to 0.192 (negative), providing little distinction between the different sentiment 292 categories. When looking at the VADER scores, a different picture emerges. VADER successfully identifies the sentiment of GPT3.5 summaries in line with our expectations. 294 The GPT3.5 positive summaries have a high positive VADER score of 0.601. The VADER scores are negative, as anticipated for the GPT3.5 negative and fear summaries, with -0.687 296 and -0.729, respectively. These scores accurately reflect the intended sentiment of the summaries. Based on the analysis of these results, we can conclude that in this context, 298 VADER outperforms TextBlob in accurately assessing the sentiment of the summaries 299 produced by GPT3.5. The lexicon-based approach of VADER, which also considers the 300 context of the text, has proven to be more effective in distinguishing between positive, 301 negative, and fear-based sentiment. Therefore, we recommend using VADER for sentiment 302 analysis of text generated by the GPT3.5 model. 303

7. Conclusion

This study evaluates a set of LLM models and their propensity to introduce biases 305 during text summarization, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses. GPT-4 performed 306 best in generating coherent summaries, with GPT 3.5 Turbo and ORCA closely behind. 307 A discrepancy was observed between the generally positive TextBlob Polarity scores and 308 the near-neutral Vader scores, possibly due to different sentiment quantification methods. 309 GPT-4 showed a tendency towards positive, somewhat subjective sentiment. Interest-310 ingly, VADER effectively gauged sentiment in GPT 3.5-generated summaries, surpassing 311 TextBlob in context-driven sentiment analysis. These insights can improve automated text 312 summarization, content analysis, and sentiment analysis, potentially benefiting news summarization, content filtering, and social media sentiment analysis. Future research should 314 focus on reconciling sentiment analysis discrepancies, examining model performance in 315 different languages and text genres, and addressing model biases in pursuit of ethical AI 316 systems. These findings can help inform the intelligence communities about best practices 317 to reduce bias in summaries created by humans or LLMs, improving analysis quality and 318 rigor. Ensuring unbiased summaries is critical to support their role in decision-making pro-319 cesses. Despite their ability to generate relatively accurate summaries, models like GPT-4 320 and GPT 3.5 Turbo can introduce some bias. VADER, a lexicon approach, considering its 321 effectiveness in context-based sentiment analysis, can help identify and mitigate bias. 322

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