Personalized NLP: Context is All you Need

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Some tasks in Natural Language Processing (NLP), like hate or offensive speech and emotional or funny text detection, are subjective by nature. Each human may perceive some content individually. The existing reasoning methods commonly rely on agreed output values, the same for all recipients. We propose fundamentally different – personalized solutions applicable to any subjective NLP task. Our deep learning models take into account not only the textual content but also the opinions and beliefs of a given person. They differ in their approaches to learning Human Bias (HuBi) and fusion with text representation. The experiments were carried out on dozens of tasks related to offensive, emotional, and humorous texts. The personalized HuBi methods radically outperformed the generalized ones for all NLP problems. Personalization also has a greater impact on reasoning quality than commonly explored pre-trained and finetuned language models. We discovered a high correlation between human bias calculated using our dedicated formula and that learned by the model. Multi-task solutions achieved better outcomes than single-task architectures. Analysis of human and word embeddings also provided additional insights. Further research on personalization of ChatGPT using prompt engineering with various few-shot approaches also proved that personalization appears to be obligatory while solving subjective problems in a human-centred manner. Simultaneously, personalization is only one component of the broader concept of contextual text processing.

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