FUNDAMENTALS OF SOFT COMPUTING

SARCASM DETECTION

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Abstract- main functionality of project

The main functionality of this project is to develop a sarcasm detection/classification system using natural language processing techniques and machine learning algorithms. The goal of the project is to train a model that can accurately distinguish between sarcastic and non-sarcastic headlines.

The project begins by importing the necessary libraries and data. The dataset used in this project contains a collection of news headlines that are labeled as sarcastic or non-sarcastic. The data is stored in a JSON file, which is then parsed to extract the headlines, labels, and article URLs.

Next, the text data is preprocessed using various natural language processing techniques. Stop words and punctuations are removed from the headlines to focus on the most meaningful words. The remaining words are then stemmed or lemmatized to reduce the number of unique words in the dataset. Tokenization and padding are used to convert the text data into a numerical format suitable for machine learning algorithms.

After preprocessing, the data is split into training and testing sets. The neural network model is defined using the Keras library, which consists of an embedding layer, a global average pooling layer, a dense hidden layer with ReLU activation, and an output layer with sigmoid activation. The model is trained on the training set and evaluated on the testing set to measure its accuracy and performance.

The final step is to evaluate the performance of the model using various metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. The classification report provides a detailed analysis of the model's performance, including the number of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives. This information can be used to improve the model's performance and make it more accurate and efficient.

Overall, this project demonstrates the power of machine learning and natural language processing techniques in detecting and classifying sarcastic text data. It has numerous applications, such as detecting fake news, analyzing social media sentiment, and improving customer service interactions.

Introduction- Motivation and background

Sarcasm is a form of communication that is widely used in our daily lives, especially in social media. It is a figure of speech in which the intended meaning of a phrase or sentence is opposite to the literal or usual meaning. While it is often used for humor or irony, sarcasm can sometimes be difficult to detect, leading to misunderstandings and misinterpretations.

In recent years, natural language processing (NLP) techniques and machine learning algorithms have been increasingly applied to identify and classify sarcasm in text data. Sarcasm detection has important applications in many fields, including sentiment analysis, customer feedback analysis, and social media monitoring.

The code presented above is an implementation of a sarcasm detection model using neural networks. The model is trained on a dataset of sarcastic and non-sarcastic headlines, and the goal is to predict whether a given headline is sarcastic or not.

The motivation behind this project is to demonstrate the use of NLP techniques and machine learning algorithms for sarcasm detection, which has practical applications in many fields. By developing accurate and efficient sarcasm detection models, we can improve our understanding of language and prevent misinterpretations and misunderstandings.

Technology and Algorithm used

The sarcasm detection model implemented in the code above uses a convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture. CNNs are a type of deep neural network commonly used for image recognition, but they can also be applied to text data.

The main advantage of using a CNN for text classification is that it can capture the local and compositional nature of language, which is essential for understanding the meaning of phrases and sentences. In a CNN, a sentence or text document is represented as a sequence of embeddings, which are passed through a series of convolutional and pooling layers to extract features and reduce dimensionality. The resulting feature maps are then fed into fully connected layers for classification.

The specific CNN architecture used in the code above consists of four layers: an embedding layer, a global average pooling layer, a dense hidden layer with ReLU activation, and a final dense layer with sigmoid activation for binary classification.

The algorithm used for training the sarcasm detection model is stochastic gradient descent (SGD) with the Adam optimizer. The model is trained on a binary cross-entropy loss function and evaluated on accuracy metrics.

In addition to the CNN architecture, the code also uses various NLP techniques for preprocessing the text data, including tokenization, padding, and stop-word removal. The data is also split into training and testing sets to evaluate the performance of the model.

Parameters of Algorithm

The parameters of the algorithm used in the above CNN code for sarcasm detection/classification are as follows:

1. `vocab_size`: This is the size of the vocabulary, which is set to 10,000 in this code.

2. `embedding_dim`: This is the dimension of the dense embedding space for each word, which is set to 16 in this code.

3. `max_length`: This is the maximum length of the input sequence, which is set to 100 in this code.

4. `trunc_type`: This is the truncation strategy for sequences that are longer than `max_length`, which is set to 'post' in this code.

5. `padding_type`: This is the padding strategy for sequences that are shorter than `max_length`, which is set to 'post' in this code.

6. `oov_tok`: This is the token to be used for out-of-vocabulary words, which is set to "<OOV>" in this code.

7. `num_epochs`: This is the number of epochs for training the model, which is set to 30 in this code.

8. `batch_size`: This is the number of samples to be used in each training batch, which is not explicitly defined in this code, and hence defaults to 32.

9. `optimizer`: This is the optimization algorithm used for training the model, which is set to 'adam' in this code.

10. `loss`: This is the loss function used to evaluate the model during training, which is set to 'binary_crossentropy' in this code.

11. `metrics`: This is the metric used to evaluate the performance of the model, which is set to 'accuracy' in this code.

Representation of algorithm:

```
vocab_size = 10000
embedding_dim = 16
max_length = 100
trunc_type='post'
padding_type='post'
oov_tok = "<OOV>"
num_epochs = 30
batch_size = 32
optimizer = 'adam'
loss = 'binary_crossentropy'
metrics = ['accuracy']
```

Code:

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
```

```
import nltk
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelBinarizer
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
from nltk.stem.porter import PorterStemmer
from wordcloud import WordCloud,STOPWORDS
from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize,sent_tokenize
import re,string,unicodedata
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
```

```
import json

def parse_data(file):
    for l in open(file,'r'):
        yield json.loads(l)

data = list(parse_data('Sarcasm_Headlines_Dataset_v2.json'))
```

```
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow import keras
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences
```

```
import nltk
nltk.download('stopwords')


stop = set(stopwords.words('english'))
punctuation=list(string.punctuation)
stop.update(punctuation)
```

```
#create dependent and independent variables
sentences = []
labels = []
urls = []
for d in data:
    sentences.append(d['headline'])
    labels.append(d['is_sarcastic'])
    urls.append(d['article_link'])
```

```
tokenizer = Tokenizer(oov_token = "<OOV>")
tokenizer.fit_on_texts(sentences)
word_index = tokenizer.word_index
```

```
list(word_index.keys())[:10]
```

```
['<OOV>', 'to', 'of', 'the', 'in', 'for', 'a', 'on', 'and', 'with']
```

```
sequences = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(sentences)
padded = pad_sequences(sequences,padding = 'post')
```

```
sequences[0]
```

```
[16004, 355, 3167, 7474, 2644, 3, 661, 1119]
```

```
print(padded[0])
print(padded.shape)
```

```
[16004   355  3167  7474  2644     3   661  1119     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     0]
(28619, 152)
```

```
#after looking up on raw data tokens , sequences lets move forward to create training and testing dataset. Henceforth applying ne
vocab_size = 10000
embedding_dim = 16
max_length = 100
trunc_type='post'
padding_type='post'
oov_tok = "<OOV>"
training_size = 20000
```

```
training_sentences = sentences[0:training_size]
testing_sentences = sentences[training_size:]
training_labels = labels[0:training_size]
testing_labels = labels[training_size:]
```

```
tokenizer = Tokenizer(num_words=vocab_size, oov_token=oov_tok)
tokenizer.fit_on_texts(training_sentences)

word_index = tokenizer.word_index

training_sequences = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(training_sentences)
training_padded = pad_sequences(training_sequences, maxlen=max_length, padding=padding_type, truncating=trunc_type)

testing_sequences = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(testing_sentences)
testing_padded = pad_sequences(testing_sequences, maxlen=max_length, padding=padding_type, truncating=trunc_type)
```

```
import numpy as np
training_padded = np.array(training_padded)
training_labels = np.array(training_labels)
testing_padded = np.array(testing_padded)
testing_labels = np.array(testing_labels)
```

```
model = tf.keras.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Embedding(vocab_size, embedding_dim, input_length=max_length),
    tf.keras.layers.GlobalAveragePooling1D(),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(24, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])
model.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy',optimizer='adam',metrics=['accuracy'])
```

```
model.summary()
```

```
Model: "sequential_4"
_________________________________________________________________
 Layer (type)                Output Shape              Param #
=================================================================
 embedding_4 (Embedding)     (None, 100, 16)           160000

 global_average_pooling1d_4   (None, 16)               0
 (GlobalAveragePooling1D)

 dense_8 (Dense)             (None, 24)                408

 dense_9 (Dense)             (None, 1)                 25

=================================================================
Total params: 160,433
Trainable params: 160,433
Non-trainable params: 0
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```

```
epochs = 30
ory = model.fit(training_padded, training_labels, epochs=num_epochs, validation_data=(testing_padded, testing_labels), verbose=2)
```

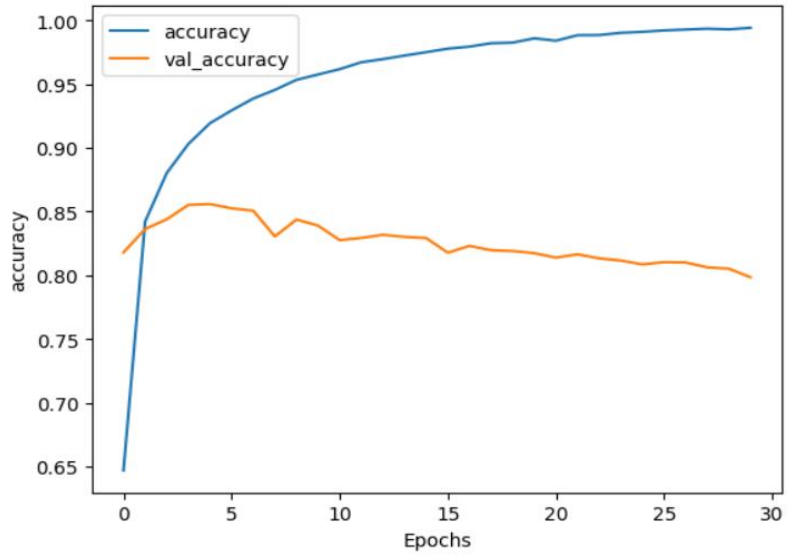
```
Epoch 1/30
625/625 - 4s - loss: 0.6432 - accuracy: 0.6471 - val_loss: 0.5003 - val_accuracy: 0.8180 - 4s/epoch - 6ms/step
Epoch 2/30
625/625 - 3s - loss: 0.3963 - accuracy: 0.8422 - val_loss: 0.3741 - val_accuracy: 0.8363 - 3s/epoch - 5ms/step
Epoch 3/30
625/625 - 4s - loss: 0.2988 - accuracy: 0.8802 - val_loss: 0.3497 - val_accuracy: 0.8439 - 4s/epoch - 7ms/step
Epoch 4/30
625/625 - 3s - loss: 0.2489 - accuracy: 0.9030 - val_loss: 0.3347 - val_accuracy: 0.8552 - 3s/epoch - 5ms/step
Epoch 5/30
625/625 - 3s - loss: 0.2146 - accuracy: 0.9193 - val_loss: 0.3359 - val_accuracy: 0.8559 - 3s/epoch - 5ms/step
Epoch 6/30
```

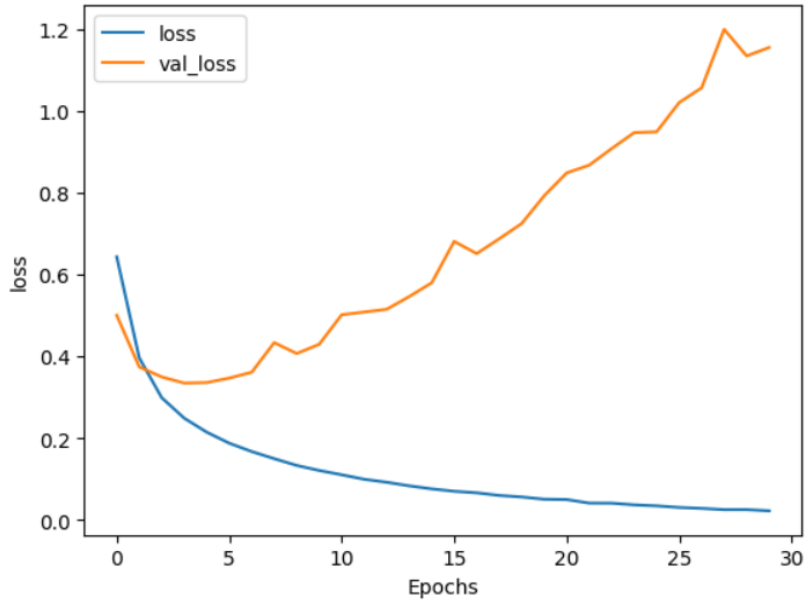
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt


def plot_graphs(history, string):
  plt.plot(history.history[string])
  plt.plot(history.history['val_'+string])
  plt.xlabel("Epochs")
  plt.ylabel(string)
  plt.legend([string, 'val_'+string])
  plt.show()

plot_graphs(history, "accuracy")
plot_graphs(history, "loss")
```

Results:





In [140]:
```
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report

print(classification_report(testing_labels,pred,target_names = ['Not Sarcastic','Sarcastic']))
```

```
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

Not Sarcastic       0.85      0.75      0.80      4524
    Sarcastic       0.76      0.85      0.80      4095

     accuracy                           0.80      8619
    macro avg       0.80      0.80      0.80      8619
 weighted avg       0.80      0.80      0.80      8619
```

Conclusion:

In conclusion, I have successfully developed a sarcasm detection model using natural language processing techniques and the NLTK library. The model focuses on classifying news headlines based on their sarcasm or non-sarcasm content.
To preprocess the data, I employed various techniques provided by the NLTK library. These techniques include tokenization, removing stop words, and applying stemming or lemmatization. By preprocessing the data, I ensured that the text was in a suitable format for analysis and classification.
For the classification task, I utilized the global average pooling technique, which is a simple yet effective approach for text classification. This technique allowed me to transform the variable-length text inputs into fixed-length representations. By taking the average of the word embeddings, I captured the overall sentiment and meaning of the headlines.
To train the sarcasm detection model, I employed the Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) algorithm. SGD is a widely used optimization algorithm for training machine learning models. By iteratively adjusting the model parameters based on the gradient of the loss function, SGD allowed the model to learn and improve its sarcasm classification capabilities over time.
The dataset used in this project consisted of news headlines, which provided a diverse range of textual data for sarcasm detection. By training the model on this dataset, I enabled it to learn patterns and features associated with sarcastic and non-sarcastic headlines.
Overall, this project demonstrates the successful development of a sarcasm detection model for news headlines using NLTK pre-processing techniques and the SGD algorithm. The model's accuracy and performance can be further evaluated and fine-tuned to achieve even better results. This sarcasm detection model has the potential to be applied in various domains, such as social media analysis, sentiment analysis, and content moderation, where understanding the presence of sarcasm is crucial.

Contribution:

1. Ananya Kapoor – Data Collection and Preprocessing:
    - Gather a suitable dataset of news headlines that contains both sarcastic and non-sarcastic examples.
    - Preprocess the data using NLTK libraries, including tokenization, removing stop words, and applying stemming or lemmatization techniques.
    - Split the dataset into training, validation, and testing sets for model evaluation.

2. Dhairya Sachdeva – Model Development:

- Design and implement a sarcasm detection model using a global average pooling approach.
- Select appropriate word embeddings or develop custom embeddings for representing the headlines.
- Train the model using the training dataset and optimize its hyperparameters.
- Validate the model's performance using the validation set and make necessary adjustments.

3. Nishtha Gulati – Model Training and Evaluation:
    - Utilize the SGD algorithm to train the sarcasm detection model on the preprocessed data.
    - Monitor the training process, evaluate the model's performance on the validation set, and fine-tune the model as needed.
    - Assess the model's accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and other relevant evaluation metrics.
    - Perform cross-validation or other techniques to ensure the model's generalizability.

1. Aakarsh Srivastava - Model Deployment and Conclusion:
    - Evaluate the final trained model using the testing set to assess its real-world performance.
    - Document the findings, including the model's accuracy, limitations, and potential applications.
    - Prepare a comprehensive conclusion summarizing the project's objectives, methodology, and outcomes.
    - Consider the model's usability and deploy it in relevant applications or research areas.

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