Convert Human-Bot JSON Data

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0.1 Conversational Intelligence (ConvAI) Challenge Human-Bot Data Conversion

Datasource: The human-bot chats stored as json files are downloaded from here: http://convai.io/data/ The datasets are generated as part of Conversational Intelligence (ConvAI) Challenge done under the scope of NIPS 2017 Competitions track.

Output: The json file contains numerous one-to-one dialogues. We need to extract the conversation from each dialogue and mark both participants with different symbols per line. The conversation data after extraction is encoded and fed to the model.

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In [19]: #import packages
         import pandas as pd
         import json
         import os
         import csv
In [20]: #defines permissible characters for the chatbot
         alphas = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890 .,?'
         alphas = alphas + alphas.upper()
         def permissible_chars(word):
             for char in word:
                 if char in alphas:
                     return True
             return False
In [21]: # Defining parameters.
         # CHANGE the File name to process different files. We have only 3
         file_name = "data_intermediate"
         infile = open("json/"+file_name+".json", "r")
         outfile = open("data/"+file_name+".yml", "w")
         # Get the JSON data.
         json_parsed = json.loads(infile.read())
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In [22]: # Process the parsed json data to get 'text' tag from dialogue
         # This represents the conversation between 2 parties involved in dialogue
         chat= ""
         for i in range(0, len(json_parsed)):
                 dialog = json_parsed[i].get('dialog')
                 for j in range(0, len(dialog)):
                         text = dialog[j].get('text')
                         # From the data it is known that "End" is used as stop word
                         # for each dialogue or conversation between two people.
                         # Stop the iteration if the word "End" is found.
                         if (text.find('end') != -1 or text.find('End') != -1):
                                 break
                         if (text == 'start'):
                                 continue
                         # remove all tokens that are not alphabetic
                         words = [w for w in text if permissible_chars(w)]
                         conversation = ''.join(word[0] for word in words)
                 # mark each participant with some symbol.
                         # alternate b/w question and answer
                         if j % 2 == 0:
                                 chat += "- - "
                         else:
                                 chat += " - "
                         chat += conversation + "\n"
In [23]: # Write output files as yml files.
         # print(chat)
         outfile.write(chat)
         outfile.close()
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