Project Report: Twitter Sentiment Analysis of University of Southern California.

Sentiment analysis of tweets is a growing field in natural language processing that aims to automatically classify the emotions conveyed by tweets. It involves using machine learning algorithms to analyze large volumes of tweets and categorize them based on the emotions they convey, such as positive, negative, or neutral. The accuracy of these algorithms is critical, as they can provide valuable insights into consumer behavior, political trends, and public opinion. Therefore, developing accurate models that can classify tweet sentiment in real-time has become a crucial task for many researchers and businesses.

1. Objectives:

- 1. Web Scraping the tweets from twitter for the University of southern California.
- 2. Preprocessing the tweet data by removing unnecessary characters such as punctuation and stop words.
- 3. Extracting the features from the preprocessed text using the bag of words approach and TF-IDF
- 4. Implementing a sequential neural network model using embedding layer LSTM, CNN, GRU, and dense output layers to classify the sentiment of the tweet.
- 5. Training the model using binary cross-entropy loss and the Adam-optimizer to get a better fit for the model.
- 6. Evaluating the performance of the model on the testing set using metrics and accuracy, precision, recall and F1 Score and visualize the prediction metrics using a confusion matrix.
- 7. Testing the model by predicting the sentiment of the sentence for the given samples.

2. Data Collection Process:

Steps involved in creating the Twitter Developer account:

- **Step 1:** Creating a Twitter Developer Account. I have created a twitter developer account to pull the tweets for my selected university.
- **Step 2:** After signing up to the account we should create new twitter app to get access to the api secrets and keys.
- Step 3: Generate the twitter Api Key, Api Secret, Access token and access token secret.

These keys and secrets are used to connect to the twitter and fetch the tweets.

The data collection process involved using the Twitter API and the Tweepy library to scrape tweets from Twitter. I started by authenticating my credentials using the OAuthHandler provided by Tweepy. After successful authentication, I proceeded to search for tweets using specific hashtags related to the universities we chose from the given link. I collected tweets for the hashtags as per the university (["#USC", '#fighton', '#uscfootball', '#trojan', '#uscgrad', '#usctrojans',

'#universityofsoutherncalifornia', '#uscalumni']) and collected a minimum of 1500 tweets for all the hashtags.

To ensure that I have collected unique and distinct tweets, I have used a set to store the tweets and checked if a tweet was already in the set before adding it. I also specified the language of the tweets I wanted to collect, which in our case was English.

After collecting the tweets, I wrote them to a CSV file(usc_tweets.csv) with columns for the username, date, time, and tweet text. I used the CSV module to write the data to the file.

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In [263]: import tweepy
         auth = tweepy.OAuthHandler("6R6MJUxLEpLIrkSJGiBguKMRv",
             "eyIukOMw4h9zkUJfMlcrDtJcdUXT9l9WOtgIc0c5dDOf9twdBY")
         api = tweepy.API(auth)
             api.verify_credentials()
print("Authentication is verified")
             print("Authentication Failed")
         Authentication is verified
In [115]: import tweepy
         import csv
         hashtags = ['#southerncalifornia']
         #I have used the following tags for craetion of my dataset.
         #["#USC", '#fighton', '#uscfootball', '#trojan', '#uscgrad', '#usctrojans', '#universityofsoutherncalifornia', '#uscalumni']
         unique tweets = set()
         for hashtag in hashtags:
              for tweet in tweepy.Cursor(api.search_tweets, q=hashtag, lang="en", tweet_mode="extended").items(400):
                 if tweet not in unique tweets:
                     unique tweets.add(tweet)
                                     "a", newline="", encoding="utf-8") as file:
         with open(f"usc_tweets.csv",
             writer = csv.writer(file)
             writer.writerow(["Username", "Date", "Time", "Tweet"])
             for tweet in unique tweets:
                 writer.writerow([tweet.user.screen name, tweet.created at.date(), tweet.created at.time(), tweet.full text])
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Figure 2.1 API Call and Extracting tweets from the twitter.

Usc tweets.csv:

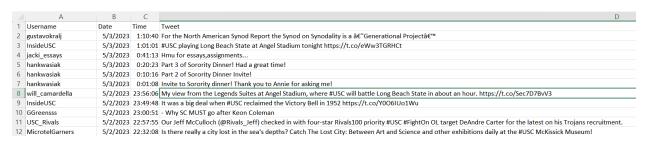


Figure 2.2 Screenshot of the extracted tweets.

3. Preprocessing:

Preprocessing is important as it involves cleaning, transforming raw text data into a format that can be easily understood by a machine learning algorithm.

I have followed the below data preprocessing steps:

- 1. I have removed all the urls present in the tweets using the regular expression. This is helpful because URLs often do not provide any useful information. Additionally, URLs can sometimes be a source of noise in the data and make it more difficult to analyze and understand.
- 2. I have removed all the mentions from the tweet as they are used to reference other twitter users and it will not be useful for text analysis.
- 3. Next, I am converting all the text to lowercase to make the words uniform and consistent in their representation. By converting all the text to lowercase, we can reduce the number of unique words in the dataset, which can improve the efficiency of machine learning model.
- 4. I have removed the punctuation from the tweet as they do not carry specific meaning to the text analysis.
- 5. In the next step I am removing the stop words and performed stemming and lemmatization. Removing the stop words helps to reduce the dimensionality of the data and improve the accuracy of the analysis. Stemming and lemmatization are techniques used to reduce words to their base or root form. This is done to reduce the number of unique words in the data, which helps to improve the performance of machine learning algorithms.

Preprocessed Tweets:

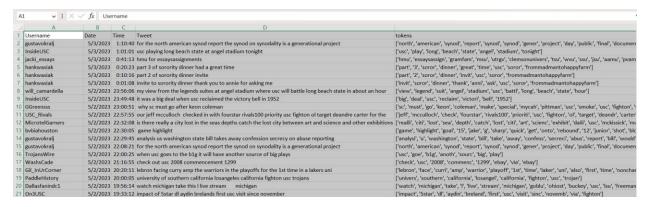


Figure 3.1 Screenshot of the preprocessed tweets

Feature Extraction:

The code extracts bag-of-words and TF-IDF features from preprocessed tweet data using CountVectorizer and TfidfVectorizer from scikit-learn. Bag-of-words is a simple text representation method that involves counting the frequency of each word in a document, while TF-IDF is a more advanced method that considers the importance of each word in a document and in a corpus of documents. The bag-of-words feature matrix contains the count of each word in each

tweet, while the TF-IDF feature matrix contains the weighted frequency of each word in each tweet, taking into account the importance of the word in the corpus.

Sentiment Analysis using Transformer-based model:

First, the preprocessed data is loaded into a Pandas DataFrame from a CSV file. The text data from the 'Tweet' column is extracted and stored in a list.

The sentiment analysis model is loaded using the hugging face transformers library. The specific model used is 'distilbert-base-uncased-finetuned-sst-2-english', which is pre-trained on a sentiment analysis task on the Stanford Sentiment Treebank dataset. The tokenizer for the model is also loaded.

A pipeline for sentiment analysis is created using the loaded model and tokenizer. The pipeline is then used to perform sentiment analysis on the list of tweets. The resulting sentiments are stored in a list.

Finally, the predicted sentiments are added as a new column to the original DataFrame and saved back to a CSV file.

Sample file after sentiment Analysis:

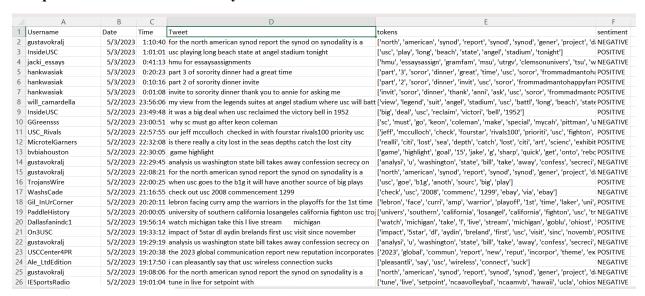


Figure 3.2: Screenshot after sentiment analysis

4. Model Architecture:

- Coming to the model architecture code, I am training the sentiment analysis model using a sequential neural network architecture in Keras.
- The preprocessed tweet data is loaded from a CSV file and transformed using a tokenizer to convert each tweet into a sequence of integer tokens.
- The sequences are then padded to ensure they all have the same length, which is required by the neural network.
- The resulting padded sequences and corresponding sentiment labels are split into training and testing sets.
- The neural network consists of an embedding layer, two recurrent layers (LSTM and GRU), a convolutional layer, and two dense layers with dropout regularization.
- The output layer uses a sigmoid activation function to produce a binary sentiment classification.
- The model is compiled with the binary cross-entropy loss function, Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 0.001, and accuracy metric.
- The model is trained for 25 epochs using a batch size of 64 and evaluated on the validation set after each epoch. The model summary is displayed at the end of the training.

5. Results and evaluation metrics

The classification report is a summary of the performance of a machine learning model that is used for binary or multi-class classification.

In the classification report provided, we have two classes, 0 and 1, which represent the negative and positive sentiments in the given dataset. The precision score measures how many of the predicted positive labels are actually positive, while recall measures how many of the true positive labels are correctly predicted by the model. F1-score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, and it is a useful metric for assessing the overall performance of the model. Support indicates the number of samples in each class.

From the report, we can see that the model has an overall accuracy of 82%, which is the percentage of correctly predicted labels. The precision score for class 0 (negative sentiment) is 0.85, which means that 85% of the predicted negative labels are actually negative, and the recall score for class 0 is 0.79, which means that 79% of the true negative labels are correctly predicted by the model. Similarly, the precision and recall scores for class 1 (positive sentiment) are 0.80 and 0.85, respectively.

The macro-avg F1-score is the average F1-score across all classes, and the weighted-avg F1-score is the weighted average of the F1-score across all classes, weighted by the number of samples in each class. In this case, both macro-avg and weighted-avg F1-scores are 0.82, which indicates that the model has performed equally well in both classes.

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In [32]: print("Classification report: ")
         print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
         Classification report:
                        precision
                                                         support
                                     recall f1-score
                     0
                             0.85
                                       0.79
                                                  0.82
                                                             183
                     1
                             0.80
                                       0.85
                                                  0.82
                                                             178
             accuracy
                                                  0.82
                                                             361
            macro avg
                             0.82
                                       0.82
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                                                             361
         weighted avg
                             0.82
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Figure 5.1 Classification Matrix

Confusion Matrix:

The confusion matrix is used to evaluate the performance of a classification model by comparing the actual values of the target variable with the predicted values.

The confusion matrix is computed using the confusion_matrix() function from scikit-learn. The resulting matrix is then visualized as a heatmap using the sns.heatmap() function from the Seaborn library.

The significance of the confusion matrix provides a visual representation of how well the model is performing in terms of predicting the sentiment of tweets. It allows us to see how many tweets were classified correctly (true positives and true negatives) and how many were misclassified (false positives and false negatives).

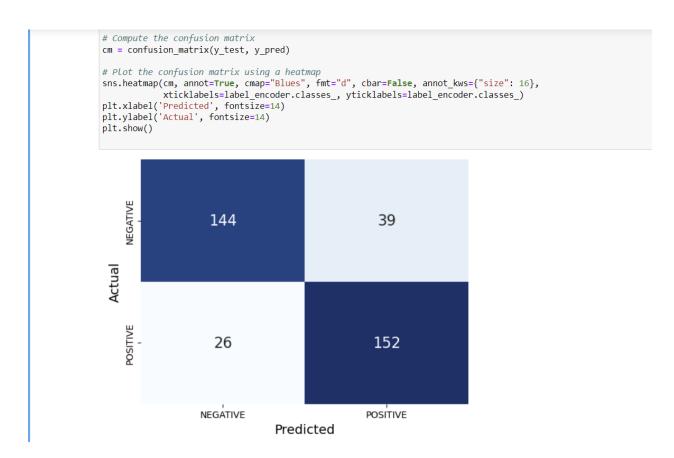


Figure 5.2 Confusion Matrix

Model Accuracy:

The first plot shows the training and validation accuracy over the epochs, which can be used to evaluate the performance of the model during training. We cans see that as the training data is increasing the validation accuracy is also increasing.

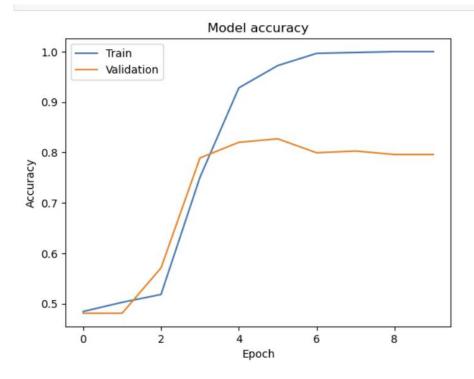


Figure 5.3: Model Accuracy

Using a Trained Model for Sentiment Analysis on New Sentences:

For testing I am taking a list of sentences and using the trained sentiment analysis model to predict the sentiment of each sentence. The predicted sentiment can be either "Positive", "Negative", or "Neutral". For each sentence in the list, the code prints the sentence and the predicted sentiment as output. The Model predicted almost all the sentences correctly.

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Sentence: I love this movie Predicted Sentiment: Positive

Sentence: The food at the restaurant was horrible and gave me bad food poisoning.

Predicted Sentiment: Neutral

Sentence: The food at the restaurant was amazing

Predicted Sentiment: Positive

Sentence: I can't believe how bad the service was

Predicted Sentiment: Neutral

Sentence: This book is so amazing Predicted Sentiment: Negative

Sentence: The concert was incredible

Predicted Sentiment: Negative

Sentence: I'm feeling really exhausted

Predicted Sentiment: Neutral

Sentence: The traffic jam ruined my day

Predicted Sentiment: Negative

Sentence: The party was excellent yesterday

Predicted Sentiment: Positive

Sentence: I had a terrible experience at the theme park

Predicted Sentiment: Neutral

Sentence: The weather today is irritating to spend time outside.

Predicted Sentiment: Negative

Sentence: The sky is blue and the grass is green.

Predicted Sentiment: Neutral

Figure 5.4: Sentiment Analysis on new sentences

6. Limitations

One limitation of the model is that it may be computationally expensive. Another limitation is that the model may not be able to handle variations or noise in the data. If the data contains outliers, errors, or other types of noise, the model may not be able to accurately classify the data. But in this case, it is not possible because we have already preprocessed the data and removed the noise. This is particularly relevant in real-world scenarios where data may not always be clean and consistent.

One potential solution to address the limitations of the model is to use a larger and more diverse dataset. A larger dataset would provide the model with more examples to learn from, which could help it to generalize better to new examples. Additionally, a more diverse dataset could expose the model to a wider range of language styles and contexts, which would also help it to perform better on a wider range of inputs. Another potential solution is to fine-tune the model on domain-specific data. For example, if the model is being used to classify sentiment in customer reviews, fine-tuning the model on a dataset of customer reviews from the specific industry or domain of interest could help to improve its performance on that specific task.

7. Conclusion

In Summary I have developed a sentiment analysis model in this project, and I am able to successfully predict sentiment labels for a given text dataset with decent accuracy. In this project I have performed various preprocessing steps and the model implementation involved various machine learning techniques such as tokenization, padding, and the use of deep learning models like LSTM, Conv1D, MaxPooling1D, and GRU.s. However, the model had some limitations such as the model is computationally expensive. Overall, this sentiment analysis project demonstrates the potential of machine learning models in analyzing text data and provides insights into the importance of continuous improvement and adaptation in natural language processing tasks.