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LIST OF SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS

1. NLP: Natural Language Processing

- Explanation: A branch of AI that focuses on enabling machines to understand and process human language.

2. AI: Artificial Intelligence

- Explanation: Simulation of human intelligence in machines capable of performing tasks requiring human-like thinking.

3. ML: Machine Learning

- Explanation: A subset of AI focused on systems that learn from data to make predictions or decisions.

4. JSON: JavaScript Object Notation

- Explanation: A lightweight data-interchange format used for storing structured data.

5. BoW: Bag of Words

- Explanation: A method of text representation in which text is converted into a set of words and their occurrences.

6. ReLU: Rectified Linear Unit

- Explanation: An activation function used in neural networks to introduce non-linearity.

7. Adam Optimizer: Adaptive Moment Estimation Optimizer

- Explanation: A popular optimization algorithm for training machine learning models.

8. Cross-Entropy Loss:

- Explanation: A loss function used for classification problems to measure the difference between predicted and true labels.

9. Epoch:

- Explanation: A single pass through the entire dataset during training.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 ABOUT PROJECT

The CSE Department Chatbot is an Artificial Intelligence-based virtual assistant designed to enhance and simplify communication within the department. It provides instant responses to queries related to various aspects of the department, such as faculty details, placements, syllabus, lab facilities, events, and more.

This chatbot demonstrates the effective use of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning (ML) techniques to create an interactive tool. By automating the process of answering frequently asked questions, the chatbot saves time and reduces the workload on administrative staff. It is designed to integrate seamlessly into departmental operations, offering students and faculty a user-friendly platform for obtaining information.

The chatbot employs a structured dataset consisting of intents, patterns, and responses. Through a robust neural network model, it processes user input and generates appropriate responses. The project highlights the practical applications of NLP in building intelligent conversational systems.

1.2 TECHNOLOGIES USED

The development of the CSE Department Chatbot required a combination of robust programming tools, libraries, and frameworks:

Programming Language

- **Python:** Python was chosen due to its simplicity, versatility, and support for NLP and Machine Learning libraries. Its concise syntax and readability make it ideal for developing AI applications.

Libraries and Frameworks

1. **PyTorch:**
 - Used for building and training the neural network.
 - Offers dynamic computation graphs and easy debugging tools.
2. **NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit):**

- Provides utilities for tokenizing sentences, stemming words, and text processing.
 - Essential for implementing preprocessing steps in NLP tasks.
- 3. NumPy:**
- Facilitates numerical computations, including array manipulations and mathematical operations.
 - Integral to the implementation of the Bag of Words model.

Dataset Format

- **JSON:** The dataset containing intents, patterns, and responses was structured in a JSON file. This format ensures ease of data retrieval and modification during development.

CHAPTER 2

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

2.1 REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

Hardware Requirements

1. Processor: A dual-core or higher processor ensures smooth computations.
2. RAM: Minimum of 4GB for efficient processing.
3. Storage: At least 20GB of free disk space to store libraries and datasets.

Software Requirements

1. Operating System: Windows 10, macOS, or Linux.
2. Python 3.8+: The primary programming language used for development.
3. Development Tools: Jupyter Notebook and Visual Studio Code for code writing and debugging.
4. Libraries: PyTorch, NLTK, and NumPy for model development and text processing.

2.2 SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS

The chatbot's core backend functionalities include:

1. **Data Preprocessing:**
 - Tokenization: Breaking sentences into words.
 - Stemming: Reducing words to their root forms.
 - Removing punctuation and irrelevant characters.
2. **Feature Representation:**
 - Using the Bag of Words (BoW) model to numerically represent text data.
3. **Model Training:**
 - A feedforward neural network processes the data and predicts intents.
4. **Response Generation:**
 - Selecting and returning the most relevant response from the dataset.

2.3 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND WORKFLOW

The chatbot system comprises the following steps:

1. **User Input:** A query in natural language is entered by the user.

2. **Preprocessing:** The query undergoes tokenization, stemming, and numerical transformation using the Bag of Words model.
3. **Neural Network:**
 - The processed input is fed into a trained model.
 - The model predicts the corresponding intent.
4. **Response Selection:** The system retrieves the appropriate response associated with the predicted intent.

CHAPTER 3

IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 DATA PREPROCESSING

The preprocessing steps ensure consistent and meaningful input for the neural network:

1. Tokenization: Splitting input sentences into individual words.
2. Stemming: Reducing words to their base forms (e.g., "running" → "run").
3. Bag of Words Representation: Converting processed words into a vectorized format, enabling the neural network to interpret the data.

3.2 MODEL TRAINING AND TESTING

Model Architecture:

1. Input Layer: Matches the size of the vocabulary.
2. Hidden Layer: Eight neurons using ReLU activation.
3. Output Layer: Corresponds to the number of unique intents.

Training Details:

- Optimizer: Adam optimizer for effective learning.
- Loss Function: Cross-entropy loss for minimizing prediction errors.
- Epochs: Trained over 1000 iterations to achieve optimal performance.

3.3 SYSTEM FEATURES

The chatbot offers the following features:

1. **Accuracy:** High precision in understanding and responding to user queries.
2. **Interactivity:** Real-time response generation.
3. **Scalability:** Easy to expand with additional intents and responses.
4. **User-Friendly Design:** Accessible and intuitive interface.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS

4.1 SNAPSHOTS OF PROJECT

```
PS C:\Users\Gaurav Negi\Desktop\chatbot> & "C:/Users/Gaurav Negi/Desktop/chatbot/venv/Scripts/python.exe" "c:/Users/Gaurav Negi/Desktop/chatbot/cse_chatbot.py"
Hello! Type 'quit' to exit.
You: good morning
GEHU: Hello! How can I assist you today?
You: what can you do?
GEHU: I can help with general queries, provide information, or just chat with you.
You: who are you
GEHU: You can call me EduBot!
You: make me laugh
GEHU: Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!
You: what's the weather today?
GEHU: It's always a good idea to keep an umbrella handy just in case.
You: when were you created?
GEHU: I'm as old as technology allows me to be.
You: thanks
GEHU: No problem at all!
You: goodbye
GEHU: Bye! Come back if you need more help.
You: quit
Goodbye!
PS C:\Users\Gaurav Negi\Desktop\chatbot>
```

```
PS C:\Users\Gaurav Negi\Desktop\chatbot> & "C:/Users/Gaurav Negi/Desktop/chatbot/venv/Scripts/python.exe" "c:/Users/Gaurav Negi/Desktop/chatbot/cse_chatbot.py"
Hello! Type 'quit' to exit.
You: hii
GEHU: Hello! How can I assist you today?
You: can you provide me faculty details?
GEHU: Faculty profiles are available on the department website. Kindly check it out here https://dehradun.gehu.ac.in/computer-science-and-engineering/faculty/
You: can you please give me PYQ?
GEHU: You can download the PYQ from the link provided https://gehuhalidwani.in/pyqs/btech/
You:
```

```
PS C:\Users\Gaurav Negi\Desktop\chatbot> & "C:/Users/Gaurav Negi/Desktop/chatbot/venv/Scripts/python.exe" "c:/Users/Gaurav Negi/Desktop/chatbot/cse_chatbot.py"
Hello! Type 'quit' to exit.
You: hii
GEHU: Hello! How can I assist you today?
You: can you provide me faculty details?
GEHU: Faculty profiles are available on the department website. Kindly check it out here https://dehradun.gehu.ac.in/computer-science-and-engineering/faculty/
You: can you please give me PYQ?
GEHU: You can download the PYQ from the link provided https://gehuhalidwani.in/pyqs/btech/
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Visual Studio Code

Do you want Code to open the external website?

<https://gehuhalidwani.in/pyqs/btech/>

Open Copy Configure Trusted Domains Cancel

4.2 DATASET OVERVIEW

The dataset comprises intents categorized by tags, patterns, and responses. Example:

Intent: Greeting

- Patterns: Hi, Hello, Good morning.
- Responses: Hello! How can I assist you today?

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

5.1 SUMMARY

The CSE Department Chatbot demonstrates the effective application of NLP and machine learning to automate query handling. It significantly enhances communication efficiency within the department.

5.2 FUTURE SCOPE

Future improvements will focus on enhancing voice interaction, multi-language support, and contextual understanding.

1. Incorporating more advanced NLP models like LSTM or transformers for better accuracy.
2. Integrating real-time data fetching for more dynamic responses.
3. Enhancing the chatbot's interactivity with personalized queries and user feedback.
4. Next Steps: Deployment in the student portal or as a web app for easy access.
5. Adding voice interaction to improve accessibility.
6. Expanding the dataset to cover a broader range of queries.
7. Supporting multiple languages for diverse users.
8. Deploying the chatbot on platforms like WhatsApp, Telegram, or departmental websites.

APPENDIX (Code)

1. nltk_utils.py

```
nltk_utils.py > ...
1  import numpy as np
2  import nltk
3  from nltk.stem.porter import PorterStemmer
4  stemmer = PorterStemmer()
5
6  def tokenize(sentence):
7      return nltk.word_tokenize(sentence)
8
9  def stem(word):
10     return stemmer.stem(word.lower())
11
12  def bag_of_words(tokenized_sentence, all_words):
13     tokenized_sentence = [stem(w) for w in tokenized_sentence]
14     bag = np.zeros(len(all_words), dtype = np.float32)
15     for idx, w in enumerate(all_words):
16         if w in tokenized_sentence:
17             bag[idx] = 1.0
18     return bag
19
```

2. training.py

```
training.py > ...
1  import json
2  import numpy as np
3  import torch
4  import torch.nn as nn
5  from torch.utils.data import Dataset, DataLoader
6  from nltk_utils import tokenize, stem, bag_of_words
7
8  with open('cse_chatbot_dataset.json', 'r') as f:
9      intents = json.load(f)
10
11  # Prepare data
12  all_words = []
13  tags = []
14  xy = []
15  for intent in intents['intents']:
16      tag = intent['tag']
17      tags.append(tag)
18      for pattern in intent['patterns']:
19          words = tokenize(pattern)
20          all_words.extend(words)
21          xy.append((words, tag))
22  # Stem and sort
23  ignore_words = ['?', '!', '.', ',']
24  all_words = [stem(w) for w in all_words if w not in ignore_words]
25  all_words = sorted(set(all_words))
26  tags = sorted(set(tags))
27  # Create training data
28  X_train = []
29  y_train = []
30  for (pattern_sentence, tag) in xy:
31      bag = bag_of_words(pattern_sentence, all_words)
32      X_train.append(bag)
33      label = tags.index(tag)
34      y_train.append(label)
35  X_train = np.array(X_train)
36  y_train = np.array(y_train)
```

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training.py > ...
37
38 # Neural Network Model
39 class ChatDataset(Dataset):
40     def __init__(self):
41         self.n_samples = len(X_train)
42         self.x_data = X_train
43         self.y_data = y_train
44     def __getitem__(self, index):
45         return self.x_data[index], self.y_data[index]
46     def __len__(self):
47         return self.n_samples
48 # Hyperparameters
49 input_size = len(X_train[0])
50 hidden_size = 8
51 output_size = len(tags)
52 batch_size = 8
53 learning_rate = 0.001
54 num_epochs = 1000
55 # Dataset and Dataloader
56 dataset = ChatDataset()
57 train_loader = DataLoader(dataset=dataset, batch_size=batch_size, shuffle=True)
58
training.py > ...
58
59 # Model
60 class NeuralNet(nn.Module):
61     def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, output_size):
62         super(NeuralNet, self).__init__()
63         self.l1 = nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_size)
64         self.l2 = nn.Linear(hidden_size, output_size)
65
66     def forward(self, x):
67         x = torch.relu(self.l1(x))
68         x = self.l2(x)
69         return x
70
71 model = NeuralNet(input_size, hidden_size, output_size)
72 # Loss and optimizer
73 criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
74 optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)
75 # Training loop
76 for epoch in range(num_epochs):
77     for (words, labels) in train_loader:
78         words = torch.tensor(words, dtype=torch.float32)
79         labels = torch.tensor(labels, dtype=torch.long)
80         # Forward pass
81         outputs = model(words)
82         loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
83         # Backward pass and optimization
84         optimizer.zero_grad()
85         loss.backward()
86         optimizer.step()
87     if (epoch + 1) % 100 == 0:
88         print(f'Epoch [{epoch+1}/{num_epochs}], Loss: {loss.item():.4f}')
89 print(f"final loss, loss={loss.item():.4f}")
90 # Save model
91 data = {
92     "model_state": model.state_dict(),
93     "input_size": input_size,
94     "hidden_size": hidden_size,
95     "output_size": output_size,
96     "all_words": all_words,
97     "tags": tags
98 }
99 torch.save(data, "cse_chatbot.pth")
100 print("Model training complete. File saved as 'cse_chatbot.pth'")
101

```

3. cse_chatbot.py

```
cse_chatbot.py > ...
1  import random
2  import json
3  import torch
4  import torch.nn as nn
5  from torch.utils.data import Dataset, DataLoader
6  from nltk_utils import bag_of_words, tokenize
7  import numpy as np
8  import warnings
9  warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
10 data = torch.load("cse_chatbot.pth", weights_only=True)
11 input_size = data["input_size"]
12 hidden_size = data["hidden_size"]
13 output_size = data["output_size"]
14
15 class NeuralNet(nn.Module):
16     def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, output_size):
17         super(NeuralNet, self).__init__()
18         self.l1 = torch.nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_size)
19         self.l2 = torch.nn.Linear(hidden_size, output_size)
20     def forward(self, x):
21         x = torch.relu(self.l1(x))
22         x = self.l2(x)
23         return x
24
25 model = NeuralNet(input_size, hidden_size, output_size)
26 model.load_state_dict(data["model_state"])
27 model.eval()
28
29
30 all_words = data["all_words"]
31 tags = data["tags"]
32 with open('cse_chatbot_dataset.json', 'r') as f:
33     intents = json.load(f)
34
35 chatbot_name = "GEHU"
36 print("Hello! Type 'quit' to exit.")
37 while True:
38     try:
39         sentence = input('You: ')
40         if sentence.lower() == "quit":
41             print("Goodbye!")
42             break
43         tokenized = tokenize(sentence)
44         bag = bag_of_words(tokenized, all_words)
45         bag = bag.reshape(1, bag.shape[0])
46         bag = torch.from_numpy(bag)
47         output = model(bag)
48         _, predicted = torch.max(output, dim=1)
49         tag = tags[predicted.item()]
50         probs = torch.softmax(output, dim=1)
51         prob = probs[0][predicted.item()]
52         if prob.item() > 0.75:
53             for intent in intents["intents"]:
54                 if tag == intent["tag"]:
55                     response = random.choice(intent['responses'])
56                     print(f"{chatbot_name}: {response}")
57             else:
58                 print(f"{chatbot_name}: I didn't understand that.")
59         except KeyboardInterrupt:
60             print("\nGoodbye!")
61             break
```

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