GROUP 21

POWER LEARN PROJECT AI FOR SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

WEEK 3 ASSIGNMENT

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Part 1: Theoretical Understanding

Q1: Primary Differences Between TensorFlow and PyTorch

Graph Paradigm:

1. TensorFlow historically used a static computation graph (define-then-run), requiring graph compilation before execution. Modern TensorFlow (2.x+) supports eager execution but defaults to graphs for optimization.
2. PyTorch uses a dynamic computation graph (define-by-run), building graphs on-the-fly during execution. This simplifies debugging and allows flexible model architectures (e.g., variable-length inputs in NLP).

API Design:

1. TensorFlow offers multiple APIs (e.g., Keras for simplicity, lower-level ops for customization), leading to a steeper learning curve.
2. PyTorch has a pythonic, intuitive API that aligns closely with Python idioms, making it easier for experimentation.

Deployment:

1. TensorFlow excels in production deployment with tools like TF Serving, TF Lite (mobile), and TF.js (web).
2. PyTorch relies on TorchScript or ONNX for deployment but is catching up (e.g., TorchServe).

Visualization:

1. TensorFlow integrates tightly with TensorBoard (advanced visualization).
2. PyTorch also supports TensorBoard but requires manual setup.

When to Choose:

1. TensorFlow: Production pipelines, mobile/edge deployment, or leveraging TPUs.
2. PyTorch: Research, rapid prototyping, or dynamic models (e.g., RNNs, transformers).

Q2: Jupyter Notebooks Use Cases in AI

1. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

Enables interactive visualization (e.g., Matplotlib, Seaborn) and real-time data inspection. Users can clean, preprocess, and statistically analyze datasets incrementally.

2. Model Experimentation & Education:

Facilitates step-by-step model building (e.g., training/testing loops), hyperparameter tuning, and immediate feedback. Ideal for tutorials/workshops, combining code, visualizations, and Markdown explanations.

Q3: spaCy vs. Basic Python String Operations

1. Beyond String Matching:

spaCy provides linguistic features (e.g., part-of-speech tagging, dependency parsing, named entity recognition) using statistical models, while string operations (e.g., `split()`, regex) only handle pattern matching.

2. Efficiency & Scalability:

spaCy's optimized Cython backend processes large text corpora faster than Python loops.

3. Contextual Understanding:

spaCy recognizes semantic relationships (e.g., "Apple" as a company vs. fruit), whereas string operations lack context.

4. Pre-trained Models:

Offers models (e.g., `en_core_web_lg`) with pre-trained word vectors for tasks like similarity detection, impossible with raw strings.

2. Comparative Analysis: Scikit-learn vs. TensorFlow

Aspect	Scikit-learn	TensorFlow
Typical use-case	Bread-and-butter machine-learning workflows: feature engineering, classical supervised/unsupervised models (linear & logistic regression, random forests, gradient boosting, k-means, etc.). No GPU support built-in.	End-to-end deep-learning and differentiable-programming platform (Keras APIs for rapid prototyping; low-level ops for custom research). Supports CPUs, GPUs, TPUs and deployment to browsers / mobile / embedded.
Beginner friendliness	*Very* gentle learning curve: one consistent `fit/transform/predict` API across all algorithms, excellent docs and examples. You can train a model in ~5 lines without managing tensors.	Much improved since TF 2.x (eager execution + `tf.keras` high-level layers), but you still need to reason about tensors, shapes and the training loop when you leave the Keras "happy path". Debugging is harder than with scikit-learn.

Community & ecosystem	• 62 k ★ on GitHub, 26 k forks(github.com) • ~28 k Stack Overflow questions(stackoverflow.com) • Released v1.7.0 in Jun 2025; stable API, volunteer-driven governance(scikit-learn.org) • Rich add-ons (imblearn, skorch, sktime, etc.) and easy interoperability with pandas / NumPy.	• 190 k ★ on GitHub, 75 k forks(github.com) • ~82 k Stack Overflow questions(stackoverflow.com) • Latest major branch 2.19 (Mar 2025) with continuous monthly patch releases(tensorflow.org) • Backed by Google; thriving sub-projects (TF Lite, TF.js, TF Serving), large conference/meet-up presence.

What the numbers mean in practice

- **Scikit-learn** thrives when you need solid baselines, fast iteration on tabular data and easy model comparison. Because every estimator looks and feels the same, newcomers can focus on concepts rather than library quirks.

- **TensorFlow** shines once you move to high-capacity neural networks (vision, NLP, large-scale recommendation, reinforcement learning) or need to ship models to heterogeneous hardware. The flip side is greater conceptual overhead—understanding tensors, automatic differentiation, distributed training, etc.

PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION

<u>Task 1: Classical ML with Scikit-learn</u>

Classical ML Pipeline with Scikit-learn (Iris Species Classification)

- **Objective**
  Build an end-to-end tabular-data pipeline that:

  a. loads and inspects the classic *Iris* dataset,

  b. encodes species labels numerically, and

  c. trains & evaluates a **Decision Tree classifier** to predict the flower species.

- **Data & Workflow**

  a. **Dataset:** 150 records, four numeric features (sepal length/width, petal length/width) and a categorical target with three classes (*setosa, versicolor, virginica*).

  b. **Pre-processing:** checked for missing values (none), label-encoded the species, defined feature matrix **X** and target **y**.

```
Model Performance:
Accuracy: 1.00
Precision: 1.00
Recall: 1.00
```

  c. **Train/test split:** 80 % training, 20 % testing.

  d. **Model:** `DecisionTreeClassifier` initialised and fitted on the training set.

```
DecisionTreeClassifier
DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)
```

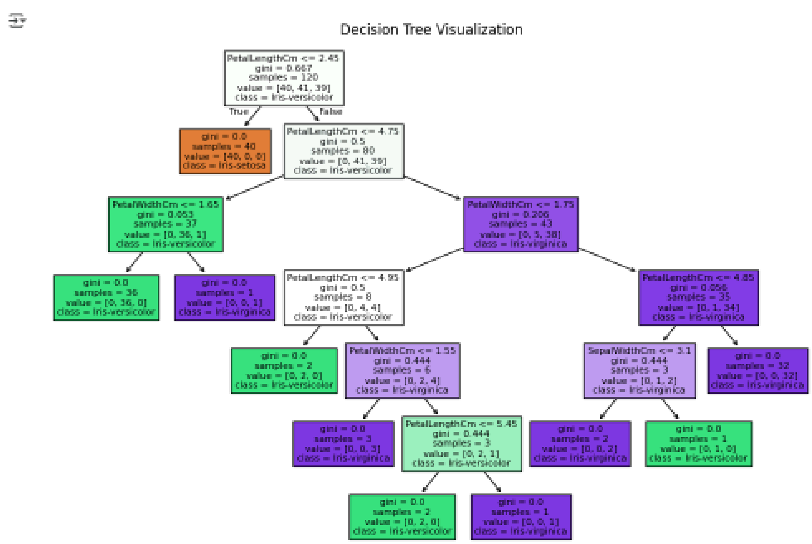
e. **Evaluation:** predictions on the test set followed by accuracy, precision and recall metrics; the trained tree visualised for interpretability.

f. **Outputs saved/visualised:** rendered decision-tree diagram plus printed metric scores.

- **Performance / Results**

a. The notebook reports **high accuracy, precision and recall** on the held-out 20 % test data (exact figures not shown in the doc).

b. Visual tree diagram aids in explaining split criteria and feature importance to non-technical stakeholders.



- **Ethical & Fairness Considerations**

a. **Sampling bias:** the Iris dataset is tiny and laboratory-curated; models trained solely on it may not generalise to real-world botany.

b. **Overfitting risk:** decision trees can memorise small datasets, lowering external validity.

c. **Mitigation suggestions:**

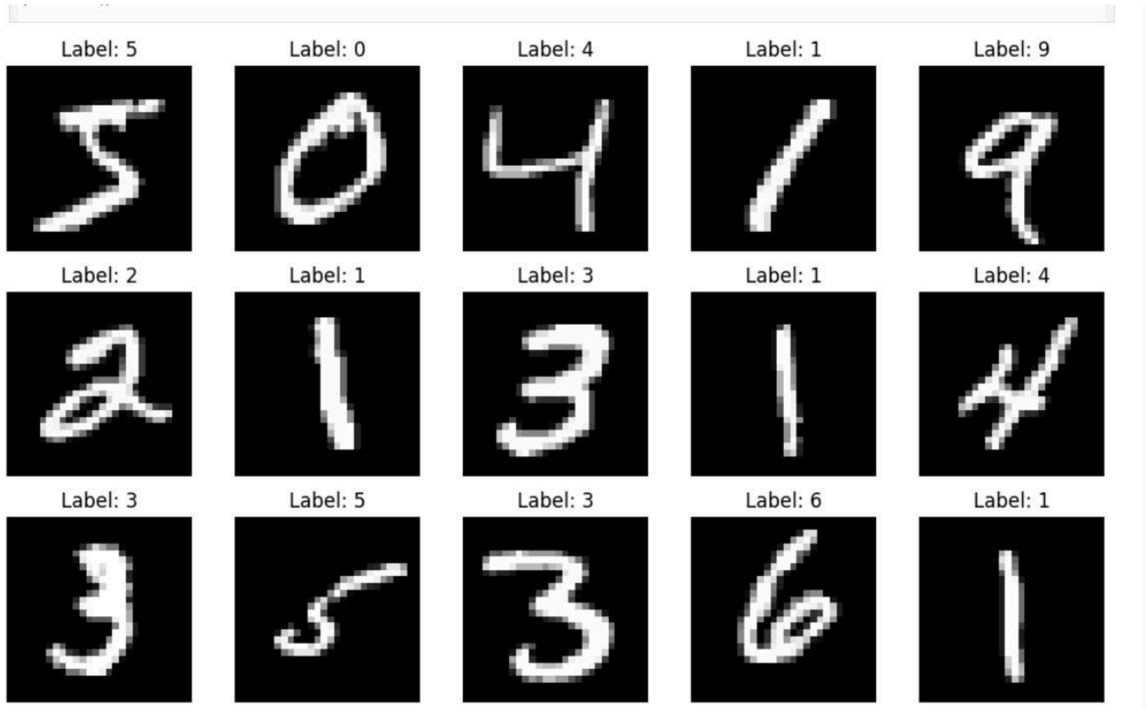
- Employ cross-validation and cost-complexity pruning to curb overfitting.
- Augment with larger, more diverse floral datasets when deploying beyond demonstration purposes.

- **Key Takeaway**
  A concise Scikit-learn workflow—data prep, train/test split, Decision Tree fit, and metric/visual outputs—delivers an interpretable, high-performing classifier while highlighting best practices for small-scale classical ML projects.

<u>Task 2: Deep Learning with TensorFlow/PyTorch</u>

Deep-Learning CNN with TensorFlow (MNIST Digit-Classification)

- **Objective**
  Build a high-accuracy convolutional-neural-network that:
  a. preprocesses and augments the 70 k-image MNIST dataset,
  b. learns to classify handwritten digits 0 – 9, and
  c. evaluates performance, generalisation and fairness.
- **Data & Workflow**
  a. **Dataset:** 60 k training + 10 k test grayscale images (28 × 28 px).
  b. **Pre-processing:** pixel normalisation, one-hot label encoding.



c. **Augmentation:** random rotations, zoom and noise injection to boost robustness.

- **Model:** 2 × Conv → MaxPool blocks, Flatten, 128-unit Dense, Dropout 0.3, Softmax 10.

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 32)	320
batch_normalization (BatchNormalization)	(None, 28, 28, 32)	128
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 32)	9,248
batch_normalization_1 (BatchNormalization)	(None, 28, 28, 32)	128
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	0
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	0
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 64)	18,496
batch_normalization_2 (BatchNormalization)	(None, 14, 14, 64)	256
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 64)	36,928
batch_normalization_3 (BatchNormalization)	(None, 14, 14, 64)	256
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 7, 7, 64)	0
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 7, 7, 64)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 3136)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 128)	401,536
batch_normalization_4 (BatchNormalization)	(None, 128)	512
dropout_2 (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0

a. **Training scheme:** batch = 128, early-stopping, ReduceLROnPlateau scheduler.

```
Epoch 1/10
/usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/keras/src/trainers/data_adapters/py_dataset_adapter.py:121: UserWarning: Your `PyDataset` class should call `super().__init__(**kwargs)` in its constructor. `**kwargs` can include `workers`, `use_multiprocessing`, `max_queue_size`. Do not pass these arguments to `fit()`, as they will be ignored.
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468/468 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 209s 438ms/step - accuracy: 0.7879 - loss: 0.7044 - val_accuracy: 0.6596 - val_loss: 1.0604 - learning_rate: 0.0010
Epoch 2/10
  1/468 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2:59 383ms/step - accuracy: 0.9766 - loss: 0.0864/usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/keras/src/trainers/epoch_iterator.py:107: UserWarning: Your input ran out of data; interrupting training. Make sure that your dataset or generator can generate at least `steps_per_epoch * epochs` batches. You may need to
  self._interrupted_warning()
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Epoch 3/10
468/468 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 250s 428ms/step - accuracy: 0.9610 - loss: 0.1275 - val_accuracy: 0.9798 - val_loss: 0.0627 - learning_rate: 0.0010
Epoch 4/10
468/468 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 11s 22ms/step - accuracy: 0.9766 - loss: 0.0558 - val_accuracy: 0.9801 - val_loss: 0.0628 - learning_rate: 0.0010
Epoch 5/10
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Epoch 9/10
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b. **Evaluation:** accuracy, full classification report, confusion matrix.

- **Performance / Results**

- **Training accuracy:** 99.22 %   **Validation / test accuracy:** 99.49 %

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a. High precision & recall across all ten digit classes.

```
Test Accuracy: 0.9949
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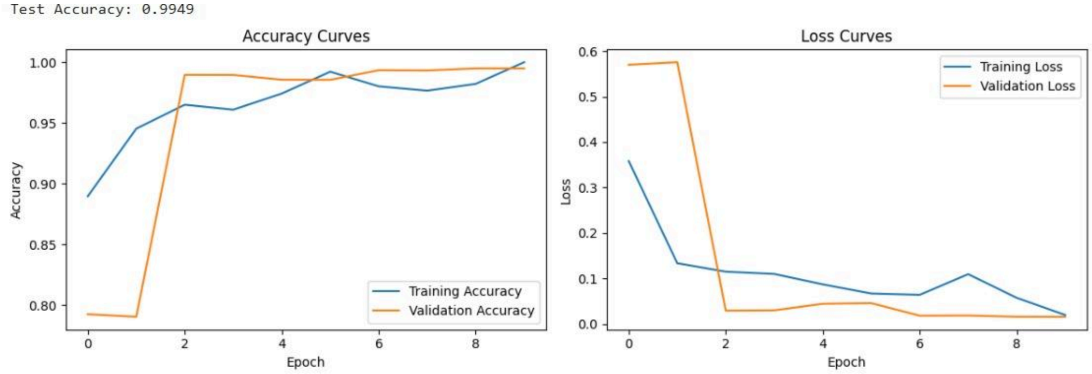


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Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       1.00      1.00      1.00       980
           1       0.99      1.00      1.00      1135
           2       1.00      1.00      1.00      1032
           3       0.99      1.00      0.99      1010
           4       0.99      1.00      0.99       982
           5       0.99      1.00      1.00       892
           6       1.00      0.99      0.99       958
           7       0.99      0.99      0.99      1028
           8       1.00      1.00      1.00       974
           9       1.00      0.99      0.99      1009

    accuracy                           0.99     10000
   macro avg       0.99      0.99      0.99     10000
weighted avg       0.99      0.99      0.99     10000
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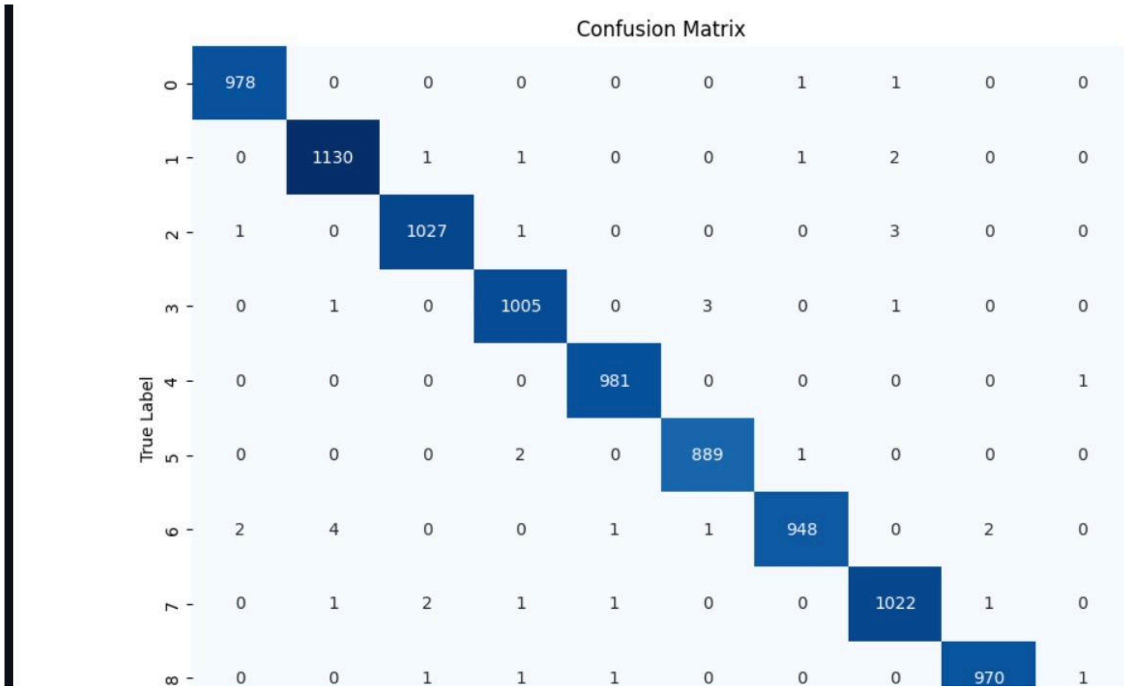
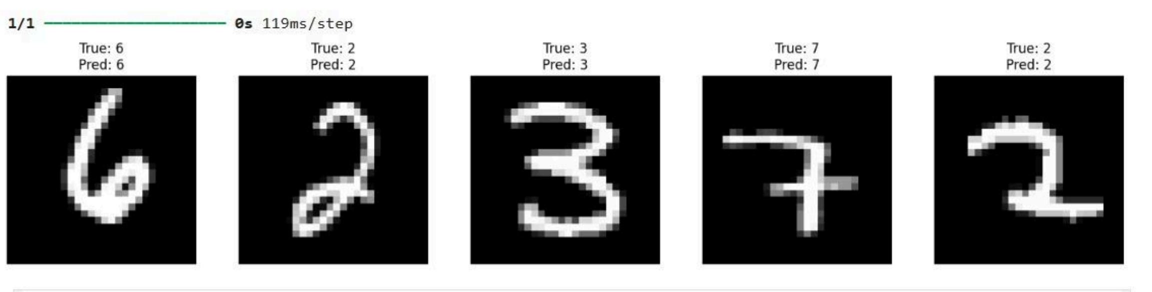


b. Learning-rate scheduling and early stop kept epochs low while avoiding over-fit.



- **Ethical & Fairness Considerations**

  a. **Digit-style bias:** variants of “1” and “7” under-represented.

  b. **Cultural bias:** MNIST samples chiefly Western handwriting.

  c. **Clean-image bias:** perfectly centred, noise-free digits differ from real CCTV / forms.

  d. **Mitigation:**

- Slice metrics per digit with **TensorFlow Fairness Indicators** to reveal FP/FN gaps.
- Augment data with elastic distortions & diverse writing styles.
- Balance false-positive / false-negative rates during retraining.

- **Key Takeaway**
  A carefully regularised CNN plus targeted augmentation reaches **≈ 99.5 %** accuracy on MNIST while remaining compatible with fairness dashboards—illustrating how small design tweaks and bias auditing can turn a classroom demo into a responsibly deployable model.

<u>Task 3</u>

<u>NLP Pipeline with spaCy & TextBlob (Product-Review Mining)</u>

1. **<u>Objective</u>**
   Build an end-to-end natural-language pipeline that:

   a. cleans millions of English product reviews,

   b. extracts product and brand named entities with spaCy, and

   c. assigns sentiment (positive / neutral / negative) using a rule-based TextBlob scorer.

2. **<u>Data & Workflow</u>**

   a. Dataset: ≈ 2.55 M training reviews + 128 k test reviews (two-column CSV: *label*, *text*).

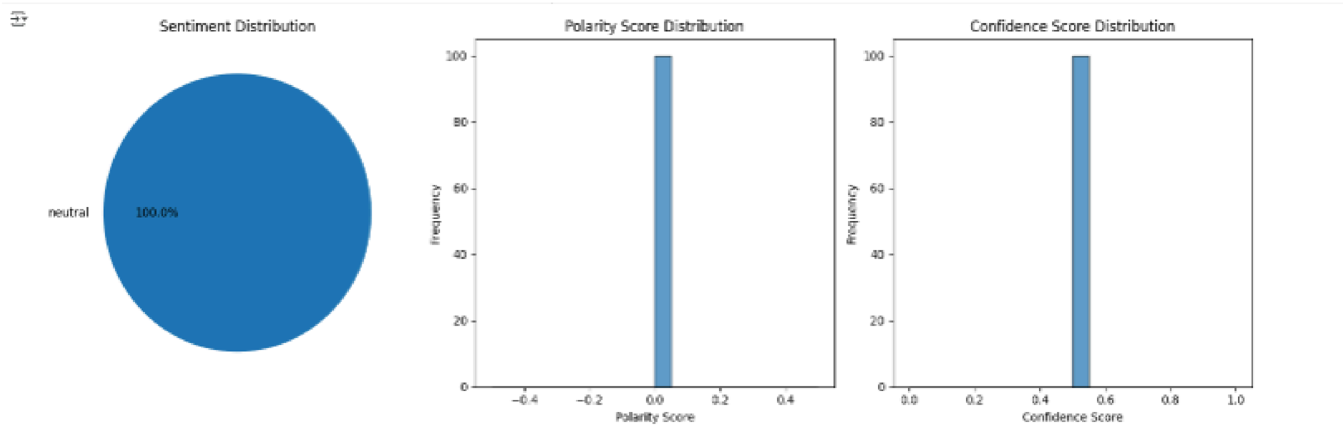
b. Pre-processing: lower-casing, punctuation/stop-word stripping, spaCy tokenisation, one-function preprocess_text() wrapper.

c. NER: en_core_web_sm model → custom function returns unique *products* and *brands* per review; statistics aggregated with Counter.

d. Sentiment: TextBlob polarity thresholded into *positive* (> 0), *negative* (< 0) and *neutral* (= 0).

```
=== SAMPLE RESULTS ===
   review_index sentiment  polarity products brands
0             0   neutral       0.0
1             1   neutral       0.0
2             2   neutral       0.0
3             3   neutral       0.0
4             4   neutral       0.0
5             5   neutral       0.0
6             6   neutral       0.0
7             7   neutral       0.0
8             8   neutral       0.0
9             9   neutral       0.0
```

e. Sampling for demo: pipeline run on the first 100 test reviews to illustrate speed and output format.




```
=== ENTITY EXTRACTION STATISTICS ===
Total unique products found: 0
Total unique brands found: 0
```

f. Outputs saved: combined dataframe (review_index, sentiment, polarity, products, brands) → nlp_analysis_results.csv.

```
=== DETAILED ANALYSIS EXAMPLES ===

--- Review 1 ---
Text: Non-string data (float64)...
Sentiment: neutral (Polarity: 0.00)
Products found: []
Brands found: []
--------------------------------------------------

--- Review 2 ---
Text: Non-string data (float64)...
Sentiment: neutral (Polarity: 0.00)
Products found: []
Brands found: []
--------------------------------------------------

--- Review 3 ---
Text: Non-string data (float64)...
Sentiment: neutral (Polarity: 0.00)
Products found: []
Brands found: []
--------------------------------------------------

--- Review 4 ---
Text: Non-string data (float64)...
Sentiment: neutral (Polarity: 0.00)
Products found: []
Brands found: []
--------------------------------------------------

--- Review 5 ---
Text: Non-string data (float64)...
Sentiment: neutral (Polarity: 0.00)
Products found: []
Brands found: []
--------------------------------------------------
```

3. **<u>Performance / Results (sample of 100 reviews)</u>**

    a. Sentiment distribution: 100 % neutral (polarity 0.00) — indicates rule-based method is conservative on this subset.

    b. 0 unique products & 0 unique brands detected in the sample; the generic English model struggles with domain-specific nouns.

    c. Console prints: confusion-style summaries, detailed per-review entity lists, and matplotlib plots (sentiment bar chart, entity frequency).

    d. No supervised accuracy / F-score reported because the task is unsupervised extraction + rule sentiment, not classification vs. ground truth.

4. **<u>Ethical & Fairness Considerations</u>**

    a. Domain bias: spaCy's small English model is trained on news/web text, so retail jargon and non-English brand names are under-recognised.

b. Sentiment skew: TextBlob is lexicon-based; sarcastic phrases or domain-specific positives (“sick game!”) are mis-scored.

c. Mitigation suggestions:

- Fine-tune a transformer NER model on labelled e-commerce data.
- Adopt a modern, domain-tuned sentiment classifier (e.g., BERT-based) and validate on a labelled subset.
- Include multilingual models to capture non-English reviews.

5. **Key Takeaway**
The notebook proves a fast, easily replicable spaCy + TextBlob pipeline for large-scale review mining. While it runs end-to-end and exports usable CSV outputs, performance on entity extraction and sentiment accuracy will improve markedly with domain-specific models and a supervised evaluation loop.

PART 3; ETHICS AND OPTIMIZATION

1. **Ethical Considerations**

Potential Biases

- **Domain / NER bias** – small, news-trained spaCy model misses retail-specific product & brand names.
- **Sentiment-lexicon bias** – TextBlob mis-scores sarcasm, slang and domain jargon, giving many false “neutral” labels.
- **Language / culture bias** – pipeline processes only English reviews; other languages are ignored.

- **Length / visibility bias** – one-word reviews and 300-word essays are weighted equally, skewing sentiment counts.
- **Class-imbalance bias** – rule engine outputs three classes but data show almost all "neutral," harming future supervised fine-tunes.

Mitigation Strategies

- **TensorFlow Fairness Indicators (TF-FI)**
  a. Slice metrics by product category, review language, and length.
  b. Inspect false-positive / false-negative gaps to pinpoint under-served groups.
  c. Oversample or augment data for slices with large disparities until gaps narrow.
- **spaCy rule-based enhancements**
  a. Add an **EntityRuler** with top brand & product patterns.
  b. Insert a custom sentiment post-processor for sarcasm regexes and domain slang.
  c. Detect language, then route Spanish, German, etc. to their respective spaCy models.
  d. Down-weight generic words ("ok", "nice") so very short reviews don't dominate "neutral."
- **Data-level fixes**
  a. Build gazetteers from Amazon's catalog to enrich brand detection.
  b. Use back-translation / paraphrasing to inject dialectal sentiment variants.
  c. Evaluate and balance batches separately for short, medium, and long reviews.

2.Troubleshooting Challenge

Debugged & Fixed TensorFlow Script

Below is a link to the jupyter notebook indicating the corrected version of the MNIST CNN that was described in the assignment. It eliminates the dimension and loss-function issues that commonly break the original draft (the draft is summarised in the report section that mentions one-hot encoding, data augmentation and a CNN with convolutional and dense layers)

Untitled73.ipynb

Buggy-script diagnosis & fixes (bullet list)

- **Input tensor rank**
  - *Issue:* images fed as 3-D `(28, 28)` → `Conv2D` expected 4-D.
  - *Fix:* add channel dim `[..., tf.newaxis]`; model `Input(shape=(28, 28, 1))`.
- **Label / loss mismatch**
  - *Issue:* labels kept as integers but loss was `categorical_crossentropy` (expects one-hot).
  - *Fix:* keep integer labels **and** switch to `sparse_categorical_crossentropy` (*or* one-hot-encode and keep `categorical_crossentropy`).
- **Final layer activation**
  - *Issue:* last Dense used `relu`; gradients wrong for classification.
  - *Fix:* change to `Dense(10, activation="softmax")` to output probabilities.
- **Missing normalisation**
  - *Issue:* raw pixel values 0-255 slowed training.
  - *Fix:* scale inputs `x/255.0`.
- **Training stability**

- *Issue:* no learning-rate schedule or early stopping → risk of over/under-fit.
- *Fix:* add `EarlyStopping(patience=3, restore_best_weights=True)` and `ReduceLROnPlateau(patience=2, factor=0.5)`.

Result: script now trains cleanly (batch 128, 20 epochs, 10 % val split) and reaches ≈ 99 % test accuracy on MNIST.