

An Introduction to Watson X NLP — Emotion Classification

Watson X NLP is a standard embedded AI library designed to tie together the pieces of IBM's NLP. It provides a standard base NLP layer along with a single integrated roadmap, a common architecture, and a common code stack designed for widespread adoption across IBM products, and to streamline IBM Research innovations into products.

Emotion Classification is a strong tool usually manually processed by humans in gathering groups of qualitative data. Having the ability to automatically gather and process larger datasets of text via customer feedback, comments, or an entire article written on your product is a strong tool to gain insight into the most common emotional responses in a group of people or a block of text.

Watson X NLP now provides the ability to automatically classify text into the strongest emotions we hope to track: “sadness”, “joy”, “anger”, “fear”, and “disgust”. We are able to infer upon a certain emotion through syntax analysis and our emotion workflows provided by IBM's AI libraries via pre-trained models and custom trained models.

We will familiarize with the fundamentals of Watson X NLP and walk through the process of running and evaluating pre-trained models to perform emotion classification.

Watson X NLP's pre-trained models come in two forms: Blocks and Workflows.

Blocks

Blocks are the embodiment of NLP models, which support `load()`, `save()`, `run()`, and `train()` functions. There are two types of Blocks. Type 1 are Blocks that operate directly on the input document. The most commonly used Type 1 block is the syntax block. Syntax block performs tokenization, lemmatization, part of speech tagging, and dependency parsing on the input document. Type 2 are blocks that depend on other blocks. Type 2 are unable to directly take documents as inputs. Generally, models that require text preprocessing, such as classifiers or entity extractors, will be Type 2 blocks. In most use-cases, the output of a Type 1 syntax block will be used as the input of a Type 2 classifier block.

Workflows

Workflows are entire pipelines of the blocks. The previously mentioned flow of a Type 1 syntax block inputting to a Type 2 classifier block can be packaged as a workflow so that the process can run with one function call on the input document instead of multiple individual function calls.

Two blocks commonly used by Watson NLP are:

Syntax Analysis

Syntax Analysis, or Watson's *Syntax block*, performs tokenization, lemmatization, parts of speech tagging, and dependency parsing on raw input documents so that custom models can properly classify documents.

Emotion Classification

Emotion Classification, provided with the *Ensemble emotion workflow* and the *Aggregated emotion workflow*, can classify any block of text into five emotions: "sadness", "joy", "anger", "fear", and "disgust".

Although the Emotion Classification block relies on parsing through Watson's syntax block, we will focus primarily on **Emotion Classification** workflows and how they work.

Prerequisite: Import and Initialize Helper libraries

Before you begin using Watson NLP, you will need to import and initialize certain helper libs that are necessary to access Watson NLP's Emotion Classification, which you can find here [include link here].

1. Collecting the dataset

Datasets for emotion classification will require an input text feature column and an emotion label column with labels such as 'joy', 'anger', 'fear', and 'sadness'. Let's use this manually annotated tweet dataset found on [Kaggle](#). You can download all of the .csv files and combine them or download the single test .csv file.

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Data

| Name | Last modified |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| svm_model_small application/binary | 33 minutes ago Unknown |
| complaint_topic_model application/binary | 2 hours ago Unknown |
| samsungGalaxyTweets.csv CSV | 1 day ago Unknown |
| appleiPhoneTweets.csv CSV | 1 day ago Unknown |
| svm_model application/binary | 1 day ago Unknown |
| oneplusNordTweets3.csv CSV | 2 days ago Unknown |
| oneplusNordTweets2.csv CSV | 2 days ago Unknown |
| oneplusNordTweets.csv CSV | 3 days ago Unknown |
| emotion-tweets.csv CSV | 1 week ago Christopher Chen (You) |
| model_cnn_emo_classification application/binary | 1 week ago Unknown |
| stopwords.txt Text file | 1 week ago Service |

Watson Studio Project data assets

After downloading the dataset, you will need to upload the file to the Watson Studio project as a data asset. From there, the data will be ready to be inserted into the notebook. Notebook is set up with instructions for reading the .csv as a Pandas DataFrame.

| | | text | labels |
|------|--------------------------|---|-----------|
| 6084 | HartRamsey'sUPLIFT | If you're still discouraged it means you're listening to the wrong voices & looking to the wrong source.Look to the LORD! | [sadness] |
| 6830 | | @r0lls ppl get triggered over u smiling they're irrelevant | [joy] |
| 270 | | #smile is the #respect we give everyone. | [joy] |
| 6945 | @ArcticFantasy | I would have almost took offense to this if I actually snapped you | [anger] |
| 2576 | @ParrishWalton @kjmngolf | Also, our best assets on offense are our RB's and our WR's (longterm). Have to have an offense to utilize both. | [anger] |
| ... | | ... | ... |
| 5861 | @Toucherandrich | there was a US diver named steele johnson. i'd like him barred from the olympics. | [anger] |
| 3315 | | Been working in Blanchardstown shopping centre for over 2 years now and I only figured out today where Marks & Spencer's is #lost | [sadness] |
| 6675 | | can it stay gloomy but get cold pls | [sadness] |
| 569 | | Blake lively is flawless | [joy] |
| 5393 | | when you think you've got it together for a day then you randomly burst out crying | [anger] |

Pandas DataFrame of the dataset

2. Data processing

Because the dataset already caters towards NLP emotion classification with the necessary feature and label columns, there will be little processing need at this step. In practice, data will often have to be cleaned and transformed to fit the model's needs. Watson NLP expects the labels in the label column to be in a list as opposed to a standalone string. To achieve this, we will apply a simple conversion function to the label column.

```
def convertToList(x):
    return [x]
```

```
df['label'] = df['label'].apply(convertToList)
df = df.rename(columns={'label': 'labels'})
```

Function to convert labels to a list of labels

Optionally, the notebook has a step for creating a train/test split of the dataset. This can be performed on the larger, combined data of the train, test, and validation .csv files from Kaggle. Once again, the only data split that we will be using is the test split for evaluation of the models.

3. Running pretrained models

Now for the fun part! Watson NLP has two pre-trained emotion classification models using the workflow system. This means that to run the model, we'll only have to provide a text input, rather than having to set up a syntax processing block and a model block. This blog will use *"Such a sweet boy. But after much thought and careful consideration, I've decided that the ruler for the next ten thousand years is going to have to be... me."* as a single input test with the expected label to be "joy".

All models will have to be downloaded from the Watson NLP library on their initial run. They will be saved to the runtime local, or local working path if the notebook is being run offline.

```
# Load the Emotion workflow model for English
ensemble_emotion_model = watson_nlp.load(watson_nlp.download('ensemble_
classification-wf_en_emotion-stock'))
```

Loading the model with `watson_nlp.load(watson_nlp.download(<model_name>))`

Generating a prediction with the model is as straightforward as invoking **model.run()** with the test text as the input. The return of the model prediction is a dictionary of emotions with their respective confidence scores. The highest score is the predicted emotion.

```
# Run the Emotion model on a single document
ensemble_emotion_result = ensemble_emotion_model.run("Such a sweet boy.
But after much thought and careful consideration, I've decided that the
ruler for the next ten thousand years is going to have to be... me. ")
print(ensemble_emotion_result)
```

Predicting an input text with `model.run()`

Certain blocks and workflows also have the ability to run and evaluate an entire dataset i.e. test dataset. This is done with the **model.evaluate_quality()** function. The outputting result is a dictionary of confusion matrices, precision, recall, and f1 score for each of the labeled emotions.

```
test_data_file = "df_test.json"

quality_report = ensemble_emotion_model.evaluate_quality(test_data_file)
print(json.dumps(quality_report, indent=4))
```

Evaluating a test file with `model.evaluate_quality()`

Conclusion

This introduction to Watson X NLP is only a brief look at how easily NLP emotion classification can be performed on ready datasets by utilizing the Watson NLP python library. There are many more models that come pretrained with the library such as topic modeling and sentiment analysis. Watson X NLP enables the accessibility of IBM's NLP stack.