**Code-A-Ton 2024**

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**Lyrics sentiment classification:**

* As the initial assessment was sent with the million unlabeled Spotify dataset the first idea that came to mind was to use clustering techniques to group the songs together.
* But clustering techniques don’t usually work well on texts, due to the complexity of the language. But as I had worked with word embeddings before and as word embeddings are better in capturing the word context and structure of the language, I thought to use word embeddings for all the lyrics from “word2vec” model and then perform clustering on top of these embeddings.

**Word embeddings**

* I am using genism python library to load the pre-trained word2vec embeddings. Gensim comes with a wide range of embeddings dataset, for this project I’m using “word2vec-google-news-300” which contains embeddings from the word2vec model trained on google news, each embedding is of 300 dimensions vector(1x300).
* Before moving on to K-means clustering I wanted to see if I could use just the embeddings to predict the sentiment of the song using the similarity between the embedding vectors.
* Embedding vectors have a unique property that if a word occurs in similar “context” as the other word then the cosine distance between these two embeddings is smaller i.e they are closer to each other.
  + For example : The embeddings for the word “king” is closer to “man”, whereas the embeddings for the word "queen” is closer to "women”.
  + The embeddings also support vector operations.
* To try out this method I searched for labelled datasets for song lyrics, and I came across this [dataset](https://github.com/imdiptanu/lyrics-emotion-detection/). It is a multi-labeled dataset, it has the following sentiment categories – Amazement, Calmness, Joyful activation, Nostalgia, Power, Sadness, Solemnity, Tenderness, Tension

**Data preprocessing1**

* To convert the song lyrics into embeddings I used the following preprocessing technique.
  + Lower case the text
  + Tokenize the sentences using NLTK.
  + Remove stop words from the tokens list, filter out non alphabetic tokens.
  + Lemmatize the tokens.
* For creating an embedding for the song lyrics, I calculated the embeddings for each token, do this for every token in the lyrics, and then take the sum of all the token embeddings.
* Do the above for every song, and then normalize the embeddings to get the unit variance.

**Prediction**

* Given a song lyric, I calculate the vector embeddings as mentioned above.
* Then calculate the “cosine similarity” of this vector with matrix of embeddings which I had created in the pre-processing step. This gives a similarity score for each song present in our corpus.
* Now select the song which has the highest similarity score, and the label belonging to this song is the label assigned to the test song.

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**Experiment**

* For predicting the label for a song, now we need to store all the vectors of the songs in our corpus. This wouldn’t scale as more the songs more the number of embeddings.
* For this purpose, I thought of combining the vectors of all the songs belonging to a particular emotion. For example, if there are 10 songs belonging to the emotion “Sadness” then I combine all the vectors to a single vector.
* Now I will be left with 9 embedding vectors which I can use for predicting the labels for new songs by computing the cosine similarity.
* After computing this embedding matrix of size (9 x 300), I kind of stumbled upon the fact that the combined embeddings for “Calmness” and “Sadness”, “Power” and “Tension”, “Amazement” and “Solemnity” are nearly identical. Through this observation we can conclude that songs belonging to one category can be equal to the other category.

**Kmeans**

* As discussed earlier, now I have established the process to convert a song lyric from textual representation to embedding representation.
* Using this emebeddings data I can perform clustering with the help of clustering techniques such as Kmeans, DBSCAN etc.
* The reason I chose Kmeans is that it’s easy to implement as there was constraint not to use any deep learning library.
* Now I employ the same approach as I did in the previous embedding method[1].

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* Kmeans is a simple algorithm, and it’s easy to implement but tough to decide when to stop the training and what each cluster represents.
* Kmeans is non-parametric model i.e it does not have any parameters to learn during the training stage. The hyperparameters are the number of clusters K.
* For measuring the performance of the algorithm I’m using WCSS – Within Cluster Sum of Squares.
* One change I’ve made is, usually we use Euclidean distance in measuring the distance between the centroids and the data point, here I’m using cosine distance as we are dealing with the embeddings.
* I stop the training when the centroids don’t change from the previous step.

**Experiments**

* As Kmeans doesn’t have many hyperparameters to tune, I tried out some values of K and selected the right metric based on WCSS distance.
* All the experiments are tracked using Tensorboard.

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* The best **WCSS score is 953.88** **for K = 9**.
* For assigning the labels for each centroid and it’s datapoints I made use of embeddings from the previous approach (embedding approach) as we know for each label each of the 9 embeddings belong to. When I did the cosine similarity with these embeddings, I got the below labels for the centroids.
* After training this K-Means I have used it to predict the labels for the given Spotify dataset.

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            0: ["Amazement", "Solemnity", "Tenderness"],

            1: ["Joyful activation", "Power", "Tension"],

            2: ["Calmness", "Sadness", "Nostalgia"],

            3: ["Amazement", "Solemnity", "Tenderness"],

            4: ["Calmness", "Sadness", "Amazement"],

            5: ["Calmness", "Sadness", "Nostalgia"],

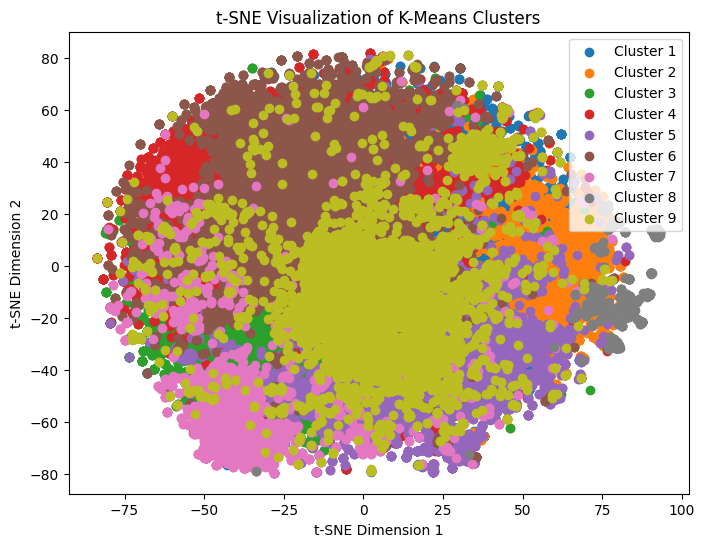
            6: ["Calmness", "Sadness", "Amazement"],

            7: ["Joyful activation", "Power", "Tension"],

            8: ["Calmness", "Sadness", "Nostalgia"],

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**TSNE visualization of the clusters**

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* As the centroids are of 300-dimension vectors we can’t easily visualize the clusters without doing dimensionality reduction.
* For dimensionality reduction we can use techniques such as PCA, Singular value decomposition, but these two are slow compared to T-SNE.
* The above figure shows the visualization of our clusters in 2 T-SNE dimensions.

**Fully connected neural network**

* Supervised learning methods are preferred over unsupervised learning methods in classification/prediction tasks.
* I therefore searched for labelled datasets containing lyrics and sentiment labels, I came across these datasets – [Edmonds dance dataset](https://github.com/BaoChunhui/Generate-Emotional-Music) and [lyrics emotion detection](https://github.com/imdiptanu/lyrics-emotion-detection/) dataset. Edmonds dataset has also some tweets dataset which we will use to extend our dataset.

**Dataset preprocessing**

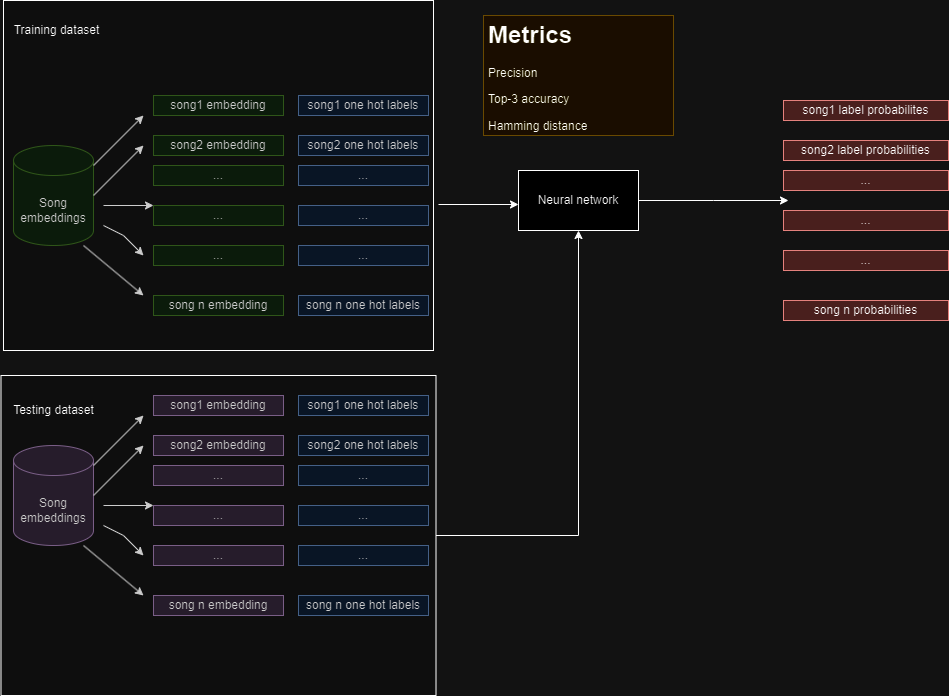
* All labels in Edmonds dance dataset and lyrics emotion dataset are not similar. But some labels do match, therefore we need to do some pre-processing.
* I have used Edmonds dataset for testing purposes and combined the lyrics emotion dataset along with tweets dataset to create a training dataset.

These are the steps involved in the preparation of the dataset.

1. In lyrics emotion dataset there are separate columns for each labels, but they are not one hot encoded instead they are numbered like 1,2,3…
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   Description automatically generatedSo, I converted these columns to be one hot encoding.
3. I combined Nostalgia and Sadness to one column to be sadness and then dropped Nostalgia column.
4. I dropped Solemnity from the dataset as it is not like any of the labels in the test dataset.
5. As the test dataset contains “Disgust” which is not present in the training dataset, I took the “Disgust” data from the tweets dataset and created a new feature column in the lyric’s emotion dataset. I set 1 to Disgust column for the tweets and 0 for all other previously songs.

**Training**

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* The preprocessing of lyrics data is like what we have done in the previous two methods.
* The neural network consists of one hidden layer with non-linear activation. The last layer consists of **sigmoid** activations (I’m not using **SoftMax** as the last layer activation as we need to independently predict the class labels), binary cross entropy is used as the loss function.
* For faster convergence I’ve used **Glorot/Xavier** weight initialization. Compared to random initialization Glorot initialization worked really well.
* The hidden layer uses RELU (rectified liner unit) as the activation function.
* I have used top3 accuracy, Hamming loss and precision for measuring the performance of the model.
* The input to the neural network is the embeddings representation of the lyrics.
* I have used batch gradient descent as the optimization algorithm.
* After training this neural network I have used it to predict the labels for the given Spotify dataset.

**Experiment**

* Every experiment is tracked using Tensorboard.
* The hyperparameters involved in this neural network are – number of hidden neurons, learning rate, hidden layer activation, batch size.
* The best set of hyperparameters are **hidden neurons – 128, epochs = 1000, learning rate – 0.01, hidden layer activation – relu, batch size – 32. Test error** 0.64, **Precision** 0.149, **top3metric** 0.89, **Hamming** **loss** 0.33.
* I believe that this method still has the potential to improve by increasing the depth of the neural network.
* Compared to the other two approaches, this method performed better, this is just the subjective analysis of few songs, but there is no benchmarking to prove as I couldn’t test the methods on the same dataset due to constraint of time.

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**Lyrics Generation**

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Description automatically generatedFor lyrics generation, I have implemented word2vec algorithm to detect the surrounding/outer words given the center word. I have employed two approaches which are distinguished by the way the words are ordered.

**Training**

* The songs in the Edmonds dataset are filtered out into different groups based on their emotion labels. The groups are not exclusive, i.e. a song can be more than one group, as there are multiple emotions in a song.
* Individual word2vec model is trained on each emotion cluster and the word2vec model produces embeddings for each token in the cluster. Now we have a mapping for each token and its embeddings from the algorithm.
* The embeddings produced by the model have learned the semantics belonging to each emotion. This helps in generating relevant words for generating the lyrics.
* I couldn’t train on all the songs present in the cluster as it would take lot of time, so I trained the algorithm on 50 songs in each cluster.
* The model’s training is tracked on Tensorboard, I finetuned the hyperparameters for emotion “Joy” and the best hyperparameters are - **hidden layer neurons** – 3, **window size** – 3, **epochs** – 50, **learning\_rate** – 0.01. The cross entropy loss at the end of 50 epochs is – 6.28e5.

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**Lyrics generation without template –**A black and white diagram

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* The first technique I used to generate the lyrics given the emotion is –
  + Select the word2vec (w2v) model based on the emotion, then feed the word2vec (w2v) model with an initial word.
  + As the w2v is trained, get the list of words which are semantically nearer to the initial word. Then choose one of the words and again feed the selected word to the w2v model and get the list of words, and repeat this process until you have the required number of words.
  + To make sure there are a smaller number of repeated words, maintain a queue, which stores the last 5 words generated.
  + Sample lyrics generated for emotion “Joy” and initial word “I”
    - ***“ i w- all might often apart . if crazy romance . , alright. shawty how we god asleep kelis . stronger no louie . i offered kinda im hear , . drunk joke headband is gisele . owned me freak ok about would you are lucky could imitate . whatever feeling wo again try causing something > crew dancefloor second . . sun bone call , should , ai taste knew , , murder gim they gim they gim they , gim . they gim they , gim they gim they gim they gim they gim they gim they gim “.***
  + The first thing that we observe is that there is no structure in the sentences. And it seems gibberish, some words appear to resonate the emotion provided.
  + To solve this issue I came up with another methodology which follows a certain structure while forming the sentences.

**Lyrics generation with template –**

* As there is a lack of structure in the previous method I tried to break up the songs into verses, chorus, bridge and outro. I took the song named “Boulevard of Broken Dreams” by “Green Day”, and used prompt engineering on ChatGPT to break the song into verses, choruses, bridge and outro.
* Then for each song section I used NLTK to tokenize and assign each token a “Part of speech” (POS) tag. And using this information, I came up with this template for the songs to be generated

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  "verse1": "Pronoun, Verb, Determiner, Adjective, Noun,<br>,Determiner, Adjective, Noun, Determiner, Pronoun, Verb, Adverb, Verb,<br>,Verb, Adverb, Verb, Adverb, Pronoun, Verb,<br>,Conjunction, Pronoun, Verb, TO, Pronoun, Conjunction, Pronoun, Verb, Noun, Preposition, Pronoun, Conjunction, Pronoun, Verb, Adjective",

  "verse2": "Pronoun,Verb,Adjective,Pronoun,Conjunction,Verb,Adjective,Pronoun,Verb,Pronoun,Adjective,<br>,Pronoun,Adjective,Noun,Verb,Determiner,Adjective,Noun,Pronoun,Verb,Adjective,<br>,Adverb,Pronoun,Verb,Noun,Adverb,Adverb,Verb,Pronoun,Conjunction,Adverb,Pronoun,Verb,Adjective,<br>,Interjection,Interjection,Interjection,Interjection,Interjection,Pronoun,Verb,Determiner, Adjective",

  "chorus1": "Adverb,Pronoun,Verb,Noun,Adverb,Verb,Pronoun,Conjunction,Adverb,Pronoun,Verb,Adjective,Interjection,Interjection,Interjection, Adjective",

  "outro": "Determiner,Noun,Verb,Determiner,Adjective,Noun,Pronoun,Verb,Preposition,Pronoun,Adjective,<br>,Determiner,Adjective,Noun,Verb,Determiner,Adjective,Noun,Pronoun,Verb,Adjective,<br>,Adverb,Pronoun,Verb,Noun,Adverb,Verb,Pronoun,Conjunction,Adverb,Pronoun,Verb,Adjective"

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* I also created a mapping for every token in the corpus to it’s respective POS tag, so that I can choose the required tokens based on the POS tag required according to the above template.
* Whenever I need to generate lyrics, I make use of the above template and with my corpus of tokens and their POS tags corresponding to each emotion.
* Example lyrics generated using the above template – emotion “Sadness”

***it need no wrong hand***

***all other clap whatever they wonder too hated***

***gin maybe call why they pateks***

***but he remains to you ,or him prove soon***

***him hey every philipp change***

***on every blue about wanting affection***

***when this need hand***

***or we wonder some warm two ,or she add always***

***we burn holding off both mind***

***this monica self quite for my life***

***past some please ,but when it deserve soon***

***him prove every philipp change***

***on every on like ha louis***

***why a rack tag***

***and we fine another use three ,or self look oh***

***our tie till all wrong hand whatever dry around self***

***my direct life clap this creep luck which seems hope***

***very ,they clap life past still should reliever he***

***me make just***

* We can observe that the structure of the sentences are more clearer, and can make sense out of it. But this method still has flaws has the semantics doesn’t make sense.
* I tried to improve this methodology using fine grained template like below

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  "verse1": "personal\_pronoun, verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular, determiner, adjective\_large, noun\_singular,<br>,determiner, adjective\_large, noun\_singular, wh\_determiner, personal\_pronoun, verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular, adverb, verb\_past\_participle,<br>,verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular, Adverb, verb, wh\_adverb, personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_third\_person\_singular,<br>,coordinating\_conjunction, personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_third\_person\_singular, infinite\_marker, personal\_pronoun,<comma>,coordinating\_conjunction, personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular, adverb",

  "chorus1": "personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular,determiner,adjective\_large,noun\_singular,<br>,preposition\_subordinating\_conjunction,determiner,proper\_noun\_singular,preposition\_subordinating\_conjunction,proper\_noun\_singular,proper\_noun\_singular,<br>,wh\_adverb,determiner,noun\_singular,noun\_singular,<br>,coordinating\_conjunction,personal\_pronoun, verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular,determiner,adjective\_large,cardinal\_digit,<comma>,coordinating\_conjunction,personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular,adverb,<br>",

  "bridge": "personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular,verb\_gerund,particle,determiner,noun\_singular,<br>,determiner,verb\_present\_third\_person\_singular,personal\_pronoun,adverb,preposition\_subordinating\_conjunction,possessive\_pronoun,noun\_singular,<br>,preposition\_subordinating\_conjunction,determiner,noun\_singular,<comma>,coordinating\_conjunction,wh\_adverb,personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular,adverb",

  "chorus2": "personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular,determiner,adjective\_large,noun\_singular,<br>,preposition\_subordinating\_conjunction,determiner,proper\_noun\_singular,preposition\_subordinating\_conjunction,proper\_noun\_singular,proper\_noun\_singular,<br>,wh\_adverb,determiner,noun\_singular,noun\_singular,<br>,coordinating\_conjunction,personal\_pronoun, verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular,determiner,adjective\_large,cardinal\_digit,<comma>,coordinating\_conjunction,personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular,adverb,<br>",

  "outro": "possessive\_pronoun,adjective\_large,possessive\_ending,determiner,adjective\_large,noun\_singular,wh\_determiner,verb\_present\_third\_person\_singular,preposition\_subordinating\_conjunction,personal\_pronoun,<br>,possessive\_pronoun,adjective\_large,noun\_singular,possessive\_ending,determiner,adjective\_large,noun\_singular,wh\_determiner,verb\_present\_third\_person\_singular,noun\_singular,<br>,adverb,<comma>,personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular,noun\_singular,preposition\_subordinating\_conjunction,adverb,modal,verb,personal\_pronoun,<br>,personal\_pronoun,verb\_present\_not\_third\_person\_singular,adverb"

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* The sample lyrics generated using this template is as follows, emotion – Sadness

***what remind alone sad girl***

***remind i step face high talk face high***

***bring be dancin where bring nobody***

***where face high look tragedy ,left it running sleep***

***going here fast same hand***

***somehow knocking somehow knocking here sleep***

***everything bad mistake dirty***

***amazing it nothing to left door ,sleep it running sleep***

***running it going dirty mistake everything***

***it amazing hand really somehow sleep nothing***

***sleep somehow hand ,somehow going it running knocking***

***it going dirty mistake everything***

***from left running tragedy tomorrow ever***

***mean tight something life***

***heart better been face leave i ,else wo hurt step***

***face leave hurt wo leave boogie hurt where never where***

***leave sad girl else never late find plase yeah runaway***

***even ,runaway find plase without almost can done anything***

***done how almost***

* I think the model needs to be trained for still more epochs to get the right semantics, given the time constraint I limited the corpus to 50 songs, so I believe if we train on large corpus of songs we will be able to get even better results.
* We can also investigate using better embedding models like Glove embeddings, BERT embeddings to generate semantically better lyrics.

**Libraries used.**

NumPy – For implementing the algorithms.

Pandas – Data processing

Gensim – For loading the pre-trained word2vec algorithms.

NLTK – For processing the text (tokenization, lemmatization, POS tagging)

Tensorboard – For experiment tracking

**Future work**

* Models performance can be improved by more training and including more training data.
* For lyrics generation we can train a deep neural network such as LSTM as they can capture the sentence structure and semantics well compared to word2vec.
* We can also try to use Glove vectors instead of word2vec vectors, as Glove vectors capture sentence semantics better.