

Tokenizer function

can u explain what this function does:

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1 What `.map()` does

`dataset.map()` in Hugging Face applies a function to **every example in your dataset**.

- `batched=True` → the function gets a **batch of examples** at once (like a mini-list), not a single example.
- `batch` is a dictionary where keys are column names, values are **lists of values**.

Example:

Suppose your dataset has 3 tweets:

tweets	label
"I love Borderlands!"	2
"This game is boring."	0
"Neutral review of the game."	1

With `batched=True`, the `batch` looks like:

```
batch = {
    "tweets": [
        "I love Borderlands!",
        "This game is boring.",
        "Neutral review of the game."
    ],
    "label": [2, 0, 1]
}
```

2 What the **tokenizer** does

`tokenizer(batch["tweets"], ...)` converts **raw text into numbers** (input IDs) that the model understands.

Here's what each argument does:

Argument	Purpose
<code>batch["tweets"]</code>	The raw text (list of tweets)
<code>truncation=True</code>	Cut off tweets longer than <code>max_length</code>
<code>padding="max_length"</code>	Pad shorter tweets to <code>max_length</code> with zeros
<code>max_length=128</code>	All sequences become exactly 128 tokens

The tokenizer converts each string into a dictionary:

```
{
  'input_ids': [...],          # numerical IDs for each token
  'attention_mask': [...]     # 1 for real tokens, 0 for padding
}
```

3 What your **tokenize** function returns

```
{
  "input_ids": [
    [101, 1045, 2293, 2342, 999, 102, 0, 0, ...], # "I love
    Borderlands!"
    [101, 2023, 2190, 2003, 6659, 1012, 102, 0, ...], # "This
    game is boring."
    [101, 8089, 4605, 1997, 1996, 2342, 1012, 102, ...] # "Neutral
    review..."
  ],
  "attention_mask": [
    [1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,...], # same length as input_ids
    [1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,...],
    [1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,...]
  ]
}
```

- **input_ids** → what the model sees
 - **attention_mask** → tells the model which tokens are real vs padding
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4 How **.map()** updates the dataset

After mapping, your dataset now has **new columns**:

input_ids	attention_mask	label
[101, 1045, 2293, ...]	[1, 1, 1, ...]	2
[101, 2023, 2190, ...]	[1, 1, 1, ...]	0
[101, 8089, 4605, ...]	[1, 1, 1, ...]	1

Now the dataset is **ready to feed into DistilBERT**.