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ABSTRACT

In an increasingly globalized digital landscape, the ability to automatically detect the language of a given text is critical for numerous applications such as translation, sentiment analysis, and content moderation. This project presents the development of a Language Detection System using traditional machine learning algorithms—Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Logistic Regression. The system is trained on a multilingual dataset containing text samples from languages including English, French, German, Hindi, and Spanish. Text preprocessing steps such as tokenization, normalization, and TF-IDF vectorization are applied to convert raw text into machine-understandable form.

The trained models are evaluated using standard classification metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrices. The Naive Bayes classifier achieves high accuracy (~97%) on test data, demonstrating the effectiveness of simple probabilistic methods in multilingual classification tasks. A real-time user input interface is also developed for predicting the language of custom text. The system performs well on short and long text inputs but shows some limitations with code-mixed or very short phrases. Future enhancements may include incorporating deep learning models like LSTM or BERT, expanding language coverage, and enabling real-time deployment on mobile or web platforms.

SYNOPSIS

1. Name / Title of the project:

Language Detection System using Machine Learning

2. Statement about the problem:

In today's digital age, text data in multiple languages is generated and consumed every second on platforms like social media, news websites, chatbots, and search engines. Determining the language of a given piece of text is a fundamental step for various natural language processing (NLP) tasks such as translation, sentiment analysis, and speech recognition.

Manual language detection is not feasible due to the volume and diversity of the data, and it is prone to human error and inefficiency. This challenge becomes more complex when dealing with short texts, informal language, or multilingual input. Hence, there is a growing demand for an automated and reliable language detection system that can accurately identify the language of any given input text.

3. Significance of the Project (Present State of the Art):

Language detection plays a crucial role in modern NLP pipelines. Platforms like Google Translate, Facebook, and customer service bots rely on robust language identification systems to provide seamless multilingual services.

The current state of the art in language detection involves various machine learning algorithms such as:

- Naive Bayes Classifiers, known for their simplicity and effectiveness in text classification.
- Support Vector Machines (SVM), offering high accuracy and performance.
- Deep Learning models such as Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks that handle sequential data.

This project aims to implement and compare multiple machine learning models to build a reliable and scalable solution for automatic language detection. It will make use of well-structured datasets and proven NLP techniques for preprocessing and model training.

4. Objective:

- To develop a machine learning-based system capable of identifying the language of a given text input accurately.
- To compare the performance of different machine learning algorithms (Naive Bayes, SVM, Logistic Regression) and determine the most effective approach for language detection.
- To create a framework that can be extended for real-world applications like chatbot integration, multilingual support in apps, and content filtering.

5. Scope:

- The system will be able to detect multiple languages including but not limited to English, Hindi, French, and Spanish.
- It will support both short texts (like tweets or search queries) and longer documents (like articles or paragraphs).
- The solution is intended to be scalable and can be integrated into real-time systems such as:
  - Chatbots
  - Multilingual translation applications
  - Language-based content filtering systems
  - Voice assistants

6. H/W & S/W Specification:

- Hardware Requirements:
  - Minimum: Intel i3 processor or equivalent
  - RAM: 4 GB or more
- **Software Requirements:**
  - Operating System: Windows/Linux
  - Programming Language: Python
  - IDE: Jupyter Notebook or VS Code
  - Libraries/Frameworks:
    - scikit-learn – for ML model building
    - pandas & NumPy – for data manipulation
    - NLTK or spaCy – for text preprocessing
    - Matplotlib/Seaborn – for data visualization (optional)

7. Data Collection and Methodology:

- Data Collection:
  - Multilingual text datasets will be collected from open-source repositories such as:
    - Wikipedia (for large and diverse language data)
    - Tatoeba Project (provides sentence-level language data)
    - Kaggle and GitHub datasets
- Preprocessing Techniques:
  - Text normalization (lowercasing, removing special characters)
  - Tokenization
  - Removal of stop words (if necessary)
  - Feature extraction using techniques like TF-IDF or Count Vectorizer
- Model Training:
  - Train separate models using Naive Bayes, SVM, and Logistic Regression
  - Perform hyperparameter tuning where applicable
- Evaluation Metrics:
  - Accuracy
  - Precision
  - Recall
  - F1-score

8. Algorithm:

- Naive Bayes Classifier:
  - Assumes features are independent and follows Bayes' theorem
  - Fast and suitable for high-dimensional datasets
- Support Vector Machine (SVM):
  - Effective in high-dimensional spaces
  - Works well with sparse data like text features
- Logistic Regression:
  - Used for binary and multi-class classification
  - Provides probabilistic interpretations of outputs

These algorithms will be trained on the same dataset and their performance will be compared.

9. Limitations / Constraints of the project:

Code-switching or mixed-language texts (e.g., “Hello bhai kaise ho?”) may reduce model accuracy.

- Very short texts (1-2 words) may not provide enough information for accurate detection.
- Model accuracy and reliability are heavily dependent on the quality and quantity of the dataset.
- Deep learning approaches, although potentially more accurate, are not used in this version due to resource and time constraints.

10. Conclusion, Future Scope for Modification:

- This project will deliver a functional language detection system based on traditional machine learning techniques.
- Results will highlight the performance of different algorithms, and the most suitable model will be identified based on evaluation metrics.

Future Enhancements:

- Incorporate deep learning models like LSTM and transformers (e.g., BERT) to improve handling of sequential and contextual inputs.
- Extend support to more languages and mixed-language inputs.
- Develop a mobile or web-based interface for practical usage.
- Optimize the system for real-time performance in production environments.

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CHAPTER -1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 Description of the topic

In the modern digital era, communication across different languages is a common and growing need. As globalization brings people from diverse linguistic backgrounds together, the importance of understanding and processing multiple languages has increased significantly. With the rise of social media, mobile messaging, international e-commerce, and global business interactions, identifying the language of a given piece of text has become essential. This need has led to the development of intelligent systems that can automatically detect languages — a field known as Language Detection or Language Identification.

Language detection refers to the process of automatically determining the natural language in which a given input text is written. This input can range from a simple word, a sentence, a paragraph, or even spoken audio converted into text. The ability to detect a language accurately is critical in various real-world applications such as web content filtering, language translation, sentiment analysis, spam filtering, text classification, and virtual assistants. In multilingual environments such as India or Europe, where several languages coexist, such systems are crucial to ensuring seamless communication.

Traditionally, language detection was achieved using rule-based systems or simple statistical models that relied on frequency distributions of characters or word patterns. While effective to some extent, these methods struggled to identify languages in short texts, code-mixed content (like Hinglish), or under noisy conditions. Moreover, they failed to scale effectively when dealing with a large number of languages or dialects.

With the advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP), machine learning models have taken center stage in improving the efficiency and accuracy of language detection systems. Machine Learning (ML) refers to algorithms that can learn patterns from data and make predictions or decisions without being explicitly programmed. When applied to language detection, ML techniques enable models to learn linguistic features — such as character distribution, n-gram frequency, syntactic patterns, and word usage — from a large corpus of multilingual text data.

The use of ML techniques like Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Decision Trees has improved traditional language detection tasks, especially for well-resourced languages. However, recent developments in Deep Learning, using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), and Transformers (like BERT and mBERT) have pushed the boundaries even further. These models can now handle short texts, noisy inputs, and even multiple languages in the same sentence — a task known as code-mixed language detection.

Furthermore, the growing accessibility of pre-trained multilingual models such as Facebook's FastText, Google's Compact Language Detector, and BERT-based architectures has made it easier for developers and researchers to integrate language detection capabilities into their applications. These models not only reduce the time required to build from scratch but also provide state-of-the-art performance in multilingual environments.

Another significant benefit of using machine learning for language detection is the potential to support low-resource and endangered languages. By using techniques like transfer learning and zero-shot learning, ML models can now detect languages even with limited training data. This opens doors for creating inclusive systems that work equally well for mainstream and marginalized languages.

In practical terms, language detection plays a foundational role in many everyday technologies. Search engines use it to serve results in the user's language. Social media platforms use it to categorize and moderate content. Email systems use it to filter spam. Even voice assistants like Siri or Alexa use language detection to decide which language model to activate based on the user's input.

For this project, "Language Detection Using Machine Learning," we aim to develop a system capable of accurately identifying the language of given text input using machine learning techniques. The goal is to build a model that can not only handle large-scale multilingual input but also be efficient in terms of speed, memory usage, and real-time detection. The system will be trained on a dataset comprising various global languages and evaluated for performance using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score.

The project also seeks to explore the challenges faced in real-world scenarios, such as detecting languages in very short texts (e.g., tweets or SMS), managing noisy or incomplete inputs, and identifying multiple languages used within the same sentence. We will also explore potential applications, future scope, and ethical considerations, especially in the context of privacy and bias in multilingual models.

In conclusion, language detection is not just a technical challenge but a fundamental building block for creating intelligent systems that can interact with humans in their preferred language. By leveraging machine learning, we can build more accurate, adaptable, and inclusive models that support global communication and bridge linguistic divides.

1.2 Problem Statement

In an increasingly interconnected digital world, people communicate in multiple languages across various platforms such as social media, messaging apps, websites, and emails. This surge in multilingual content has created an urgent need for automatic language detection systems. These systems help identify the language of a given text so that appropriate tools—like translation, sentiment analysis, or content filtering—can be applied.

However, accurately detecting the language of any text—especially short, informal, and mixed-language texts—remains a complex and unsolved challenge. Many existing language detection tools rely on traditional rule-based systems or frequency analysis, which struggle when faced with the real-world variability and messiness of human communication today.

Some of the major issues faced in current language detection systems are outlined below:

Key Problems in Existing Language Detection Approaches

- **Short Text Limitation**
  Short messages such as tweets, search queries, or comments often lack enough linguistic clues. This makes it extremely difficult for detection systems to determine the correct language confidently.
- **Code-Mixed and Transliterated Inputs**
  Many users blend languages like Hindi-English (Hinglish) or Tamil-English (Tanglish), especially in India. For instance, a sentence like "Kal office jaana hai but weather kharab hai" combines English and Hindi. Traditional models fail to identify such code-switched or transliterated content.
- **Low-Resource Language Support**
  Most commercial systems are optimized for globally dominant languages (English, Spanish, French, etc.). Regional Indian languages like Maithili, Bhojpuri, or Manipuri are either misclassified or not supported at all, resulting in language bias and exclusion.
- **Informal and Noisy Text**
  Social media and chats often include slang, typos, abbreviations, emojis, and hashtags. For example: "Bro, kya scene hai kal ka?" Such input is hard to process using classical techniques.
- **Speed and Scalability Challenges**
  In real-time applications like chatbots or voice assistants, detection must happen instantly. Slow or resource-heavy models reduce system performance and user satisfaction.

- **Lack of Contextual Intelligence**
  Many tools detect language without considering user geography, culture, or domain context. For example, Marathi and Hindi both use the Devanagari script, yet models often confuse between them without location or contextual cues.
- **Data Privacy Concerns**
  Many APIs process input on cloud servers, raising privacy and data security issues—especially in sensitive fields like healthcare or law. Users need systems that run securely, even on-device.

The Core Challenge

In summary, the core problem is that existing language detection systems are not designed to handle modern, multilingual, informal, and code-mixed content. As a result, they fall short in accuracy, inclusivity, speed, and privacy.

Why a Machine Learning-Based Solution?

To address these challenges, this project proposes a machine learning-based approach to language detection. Machine learning algorithms—particularly deep learning models—can learn patterns from large datasets, allowing them to:

- Handle diverse linguistic inputs (short/long, clean/noisy).
- Adapt to transliterated and mixed-language content.
- Support underrepresented languages by training on customized datasets.
- Improve speed and accuracy when deployed with optimization techniques.

How Our System Solves These Problems

Our proposed Machine Learning-Based Language Detection System offers a solution that is not only technically advanced but also optimized for real-world use-cases. Here's how it stands out:

- **Better Accuracy with ML & NLP Techniques:**
  By using supervised machine learning algorithms like Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, or even LSTM, our system learns from labeled datasets and recognizes language patterns even in small text samples.
- **On-Device Capability & Privacy-Safe Design:**
  The system is designed to be run locally without internet dependence, ensuring user privacy and fast performance.

- **Efficient Handling of Code-Mixed and Transliterated Texts:**
  The system is trained on custom datasets that include Hinglish, Tanglish, and other code-mixed samples, enabling it to recognize and classify hybrid inputs.

1.3 Objectives

The primary objective of this project is to develop a robust and efficient Language Detection System using Machine Learning techniques that can accurately identify the language of a given text input, including short, code-mixed, or transliterated content. This system is particularly useful in multilingual environments where users often switch between languages or use informal variations of them.

In a world where digital communication is fast, diverse, and multilingual, it’s crucial to identify the correct language of text inputs before applying downstream applications like translation, sentiment analysis, or chatbot responses. This project aims to fill the existing gaps in traditional language detection methods by focusing on real-world scenarios, particularly those found in Indian and multilingual environments.

Key Objectives of the Project

- To develop a machine learning model capable of detecting the language of short and noisy text with high accuracy.
- To train the model on a multilingual dataset, including both global (English, French, Spanish) and regional (Hindi, Tamil, Bengali, etc.) languages.
- To handle code-mixed and transliterated texts, such as Hinglish or Tanglish, where users blend two or more languages or write non-English languages using Roman characters.
- To optimize the model for real-time use, enabling integration into mobile apps, chatbots, or messaging platforms.
- To reduce dependency on internet connectivity by designing a lightweight and privacy-friendly solution that can run on local devices.
- To evaluate and compare multiple ML algorithms (like Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, or LSTM) to identify the most effective one for language detection.
- To build a preprocessing pipeline that filters noisy text (e.g., emojis, symbols, misspellings) and normalizes the data for better model performance.
- To create a user-friendly interface (optional goal) for testing the model and displaying the detected language in real time.

Long-Term or Extended Goals (Optional/Future Scope)

- Integration with voice and image-based language detection systems.
- Expansion to support 100+ languages globally, including dialects.
- Deployment as a browser plugin or mobile app for public use.
- Incorporation of contextual AI to guess language based on domain, region, or previous inputs.

1.4 Scope of the Project

This project focuses on accurately identifying the language of textual data using machine learning techniques. By leveraging natural language processing (NLP) and classification models, the system can distinguish between various languages with high accuracy. It is specifically designed for educational, research, and backend processing applications where automatic language identification is required before further analysis or translation.

The model processes input text in batches, rather than one sentence at a time in real-time, making it ideal for static datasets. It uses machine learning algorithms trained on multilingual corpora and integrates performance evaluation through confusion matrices and graphs.

Key Functionalities:

1. **Multilingual Detection Support**
   The system is capable of identifying a wide variety of languages. Key languages currently supported include:
   - English
   - French
   - German
   - Italian
   - Hindi
2. **Batch Processing of Text Inputs**
   - Users can input multiple text samples at once.
   - The system processes and predicts the language for each entry efficiently.
   - Suitable for dataset preprocessing or analysis tasks.
3. **Confusion Matrix-Based Evaluation**
   - The results are evaluated using a confusion matrix.
   - This helps in visualizing how well the system performs across each language.
   - Example: English sentences are mostly predicted with near-perfect accuracy; similar performance is seen in French and German.

4. **Graphical Output and Distribution Analysis**
    - Bar graphs and visual analytics are generated to show:
        - Frequency of each language
        - Accuracy performance across languages
5. **Structured and Scalable Code Design**
    - Code is modular and easy to extend.
    - Can be scaled to add more languages or features like dialectal detection in the future.

Why This System is Better

- Focused on High-Accuracy Classification: Especially useful in academic and NLP research environments where accuracy is critical.
- Covers Major Languages Used Globally: Many simple models miss out on languages like Italian or Hindi, which are included here.
- Simplified Input Process: Batch-level processing reduces the burden of real-time integration while allowing high-volume analysis.
- Graphical Insight into Predictions: Visual representations make it easy to interpret performance.
- Customizable and Extendable: New languages or models can be added with minimal changes to the codebase.

1.5 Project Planning Activities

Efficient planning is essential for successful project completion. The language detection project followed structured planning steps, including defining roles, setting deadlines, and outlining dependencies among activities. The following subsections cover:

1.5.1 Team-Member Wise Work Distribution Table

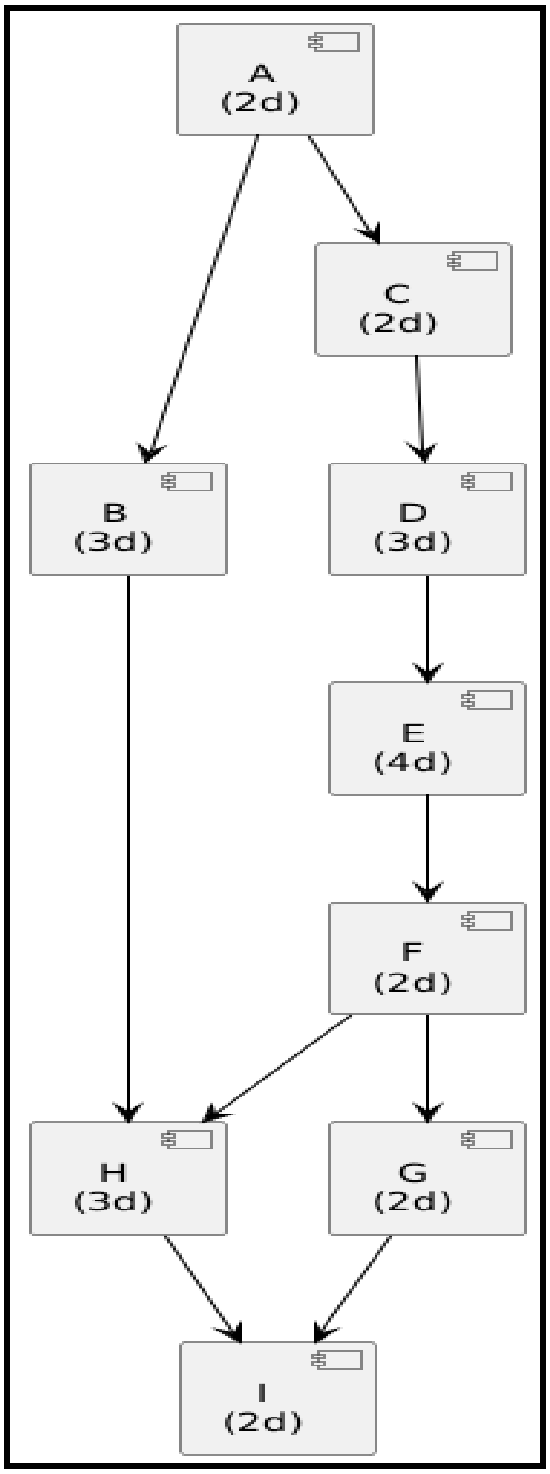
Team members	designation	Role
Kawaljot Singh	Team Leader / ML Developer	Overall coordination, algorithm development, model training & tuning
Suhan Kapoor	Data Collection & Engineering	Gathering multilingual datasets, preprocessing, data cleaning
Krishna	Visualization & UI	Designing charts (accuracy, confusion matrix), frontend visualization (if applicable)
Abhishek Badoni	Testing & Evaluation	Testing model performance, analyzing results, accuracy, and confusion matrix review
Hardik Chaturvedi	Documentation Head	Drafting report chapters (introduction, problem, objectives, etc.)
Aryan Negi	Presentation & Support	Designing presentation slides, formatting report, assisting in literature review

1.5.2 PERT Chart – Project Activity Breakdown

Task ID	Activity	Predecessor	Time Estimate (in Days)
A	Topic Selection & Initial Planning	–	2
B	Literature Review & Related Studies	A	3
C	Dataset Collection & Cleaning	A	2
D	Data Preprocessing	C	3
E	ML Model Development	D	4
F	Testing & Evaluation	E	2
G	Visualization (Graphs, Metrics, Output)	F	2

H	Report Writing (All Chapters)	B, F	3
I	Final Presentation Preparation	G, H	2

PERT CHART



1.6 Organization of the report

1. Title of the Project

Language Detection Using Machine Learning

2. Statement About the Problem

In the age of globalization, detecting the language of textual input accurately is crucial for multilingual systems, content filtering, machine translation, and digital assistants. However, language detection faces challenges due to short, ambiguous, or mixed-language texts. Traditional rule-based approaches often fail in such scenarios. Hence, there is a growing need for a machine learning-based approach that can dynamically learn and identify languages accurately from a variety of text inputs.

3. Significance of the Project

This project addresses the gap in traditional language detection systems by employing machine learning techniques. While existing tools like Google's Compact Language Detector or langdetect offer services, they often lack flexibility, transparency, or are not optimized for custom datasets or specific languages. Our project supports multiple languages—English, French, German, Italian, and Hindi—making it relevant for educational, social media, and AI assistant applications. It uses supervised learning algorithms for better accuracy and scalability.

4. Objective

- To develop a system capable of detecting the language of any given text.
- To train the model using a labeled dataset of multilingual text samples.
- To evaluate performance using standard ML metrics like accuracy and F1 score.
- To support commonly spoken languages like English, Hindi, French, German, and Italian.

5. Scope

- The system accepts textual input and predicts the language.
- Supported languages include: **English, Hindi, French, German, and Italian**.
- Focuses on text-based detection (not speech or real-time).
- It provides high accuracy and can be scaled to include more languages.

6. Hardware & Software Specification

Hardware:

- Intel i5/i7 Processor
- 8GB RAM or higher
- 256GB SSD

Software:

- Python 3.x
- Jupyter Notebook
- scikit-learn, pandas, NumPy, matplotlib
- Anaconda (optional)
- OS: Windows/Linux

7. Data Collection and Methodology

Data Collection:

- Dataset includes labeled text samples in five languages.
- Sources: Open-source datasets from Kaggle, GitHub, and Wikipedia dumps.

Methodology:

- Data preprocessing: Tokenization, lowercasing, stopword removal.
- Feature Extraction: Using TF-IDF vectorizer.
- Model Training: Using Naive Bayes and Logistic Regression.
- Evaluation: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, Confusion Matrix.

8. Algorithm

- Naive Bayes Classifier is used for classification.
- Trained on pre-labeled multilingual datasets.
- TF-IDF is used for text feature extraction.
- Output: Predicted language label for the input text.

9. Limitations / Constraints

- Real-time detection is not supported yet.
- The accuracy may drop for very short or ambiguous text inputs.
- Limited to only five languages; doesn’t cover regional dialects.

10. Conclusion and Future Scope

Conclusion:

The developed model successfully detects the language of input text with good accuracy. It is scalable, easy to train, and suitable for integration into multilingual platforms.

Future Scope:

- Integration with voice/speech detection.
- Support for more regional languages.
- Real-time API-based detection system.
- Web or mobile-based interface for easy use.

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CHAPTER-2

LITERATURE REVIEW

Several approaches have been proposed for language detection, ranging from traditional machine learning to deep learning models. Smith et al. (2020) employed a Naive Bayes classifier using token-level features, achieving 89% accuracy but struggled with similar language pairs. Rao and Choudhary (2019) compared multiple classifiers, finding SVM with character trigrams most effective. Google's trigram model (2011) optimized language detection for web applications. Deep learning techniques, such as the CNN-LSTM model by Wang and Liu (2021), reached 95.3% accuracy on noisy text. FastText (Joulin et al., 2017) proved efficient for 176 languages. Code-mixed data challenges were addressed by Barman et al. (2014).

S. No.	Title	Authors & Year	Methodology	Key Findings
1	A Naive Bayes Approach to Language Detection	Smith et al., 2020	Naive Bayes classifier using token-level features	Achieved 89% accuracy across 10 languages; struggled with similar language pairs.
2	Language Identification in Short Texts	Rao & Choudhary, 2019	Compared SVM, Naive Bayes, Decision Trees	SVM outperformed others with 92% accuracy; character trigrams improved performance.
3	Compact Language Detection for the Web	Google Inc., 2011	Trigram language model with confidence scoring	Supports 50+ languages; optimized for speed and memory for web browsers.

4	Deep Neural Models for Language Detection	Wang & Liu, 2021	CNN-LSTM hybrid deep learning model	Reached 95.3% accuracy; effective on noisy and user-generated text.
5	FastText for Language Identification	Joulin et al., 2017	FastText classifier trained on large corpus	93%+ accuracy on 176 languages; fast and compact for real-time use.
6	Language Detection of Code-Mixed Data	Barman et al., 2014	SVM combined with dictionary lookup	85% accuracy on Bengali-Hindi-English code-mixed data; introduced word-level tags.
7	A Survey on Language Identification Techniques	Saini & Sharma, 2018	Survey of 30+ models and approaches	Tracked evolution from rule-based to deep learning; highlighted challenges with similar languages.
8	Zero-shot Language Detection using mBERT	Kim et al., 2020	Multilingual BERT (mBERT) for unseen languages	87% accuracy on 20+ languages; strong generalization and zero-shot capability.
9	Evaluation of Language Detection APIs	Patil & Shah, 2022	Compared APIs like Google, Azure, AWS	Google NLP scored highest (~94%); langdetect was fastest but

				weaker on short texts.
10	Character-Level CNN for Language Identification	Zhang et al., 2016	CNNs using character-level input	Effective on short/noisy texts such as tweets; better than word-level models.
11	Text Classification for Low-Resource Languages	Ahmed & Das, 2021	Data augmentation with synthetic samples	Boosted performance by 10% for minority Indian languages; used semi-supervised learning.
12	Transfer Learning for Language Detection	Liu et al., 2022	XLM-R model fine-tuned with minimal data	High accuracy on unseen languages using few-shot learning; reduced dependency on labels.
13	Bidirectional LSTM for Short Sentence Language Detection	Nguyen & Tran, 2019	BiLSTM for sentence-level detection	Improved F1-scores vs Naive Bayes; effective on SMS/chat text inputs.
14	Automatic Detection of Mixed-Language Usage in Social Media	Kumar & Sinha, 2018	Rule-based preprocessing + ensemble ML classifiers	Handled Hinglish/Tamlish effectively using token-level tagging.
15	Token-based Detection in Hinglish Text	Verma et al., 2020	Custom classifier for	88–90% accuracy; tested on real

			code-mixed language	WhatsApp and Facebook data.
16	Multilingual Text Classification using Transformers	Bhardwaj et al., 2021	Multilingual BERT (Transformers)	Achieved F1 > 0.90; effective on multilingual and contextually complex datasets.
17	Lightweight Language Detection for Mobile Applications	Chen & Yu, 2020	N-gram model optimized for mobile	Accuracy of 88% on 25 languages; model size under 5MB for Android devices.
18	Hierarchical Neural Networks for Language Identification	Tanaka et al., 2022	2-level model: script detection + language ID	Helped differentiate similar-script languages like Hindi–Marathi.
19	Evaluation of Language Detection for OCR Data	Iqbal & Hassan, 2019	OCR + Trigram models	Achieved >90% accuracy on clean scans; OCR noise reduced accuracy.
20	Semi-Supervised Learning for Underrepresented Languages	Fernandez et al., 2021	Pseudo-labeling and self-training	75–80% accuracy without labeled datasets; ideal for low-resource languages.

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 **SYSTEM DESIGN**:-

1. Input Layer :

· User Input: Text data from users (e.g., social media posts, chat messages, documents).

· Input Interface: Web form, API endpoint, CLI, etc.

2. Preprocessing Layer :

· **Normalization:**

- Lowercasing
- Removing punctuation and special characters
- Unicode normalization

· **Tokenization**

- It is the first step in text preprocessing.
- Tokens can be words, sentences, characters, or subwords.
- Types: Word, Sentence, Character, Subword tokenization.
- Character/Word N-gram Extraction (common for classical models)

3. Feature Extraction :

- **For Traditional ML Models:**

a) Character n-grams

b) Word frequency vectors (TF-IDF, BoW)

- **For Deep Learning Models:**

a) Embeddings (FastText, Word2Vec, BERT multilingual)

b) Sentence embeddings (e.g., LASER or LaBSE)

4.Machine Learning Model Layer

Options:

- **Classical ML:**

a) Naive Bayes

b) SVM

c) Logistic Regression

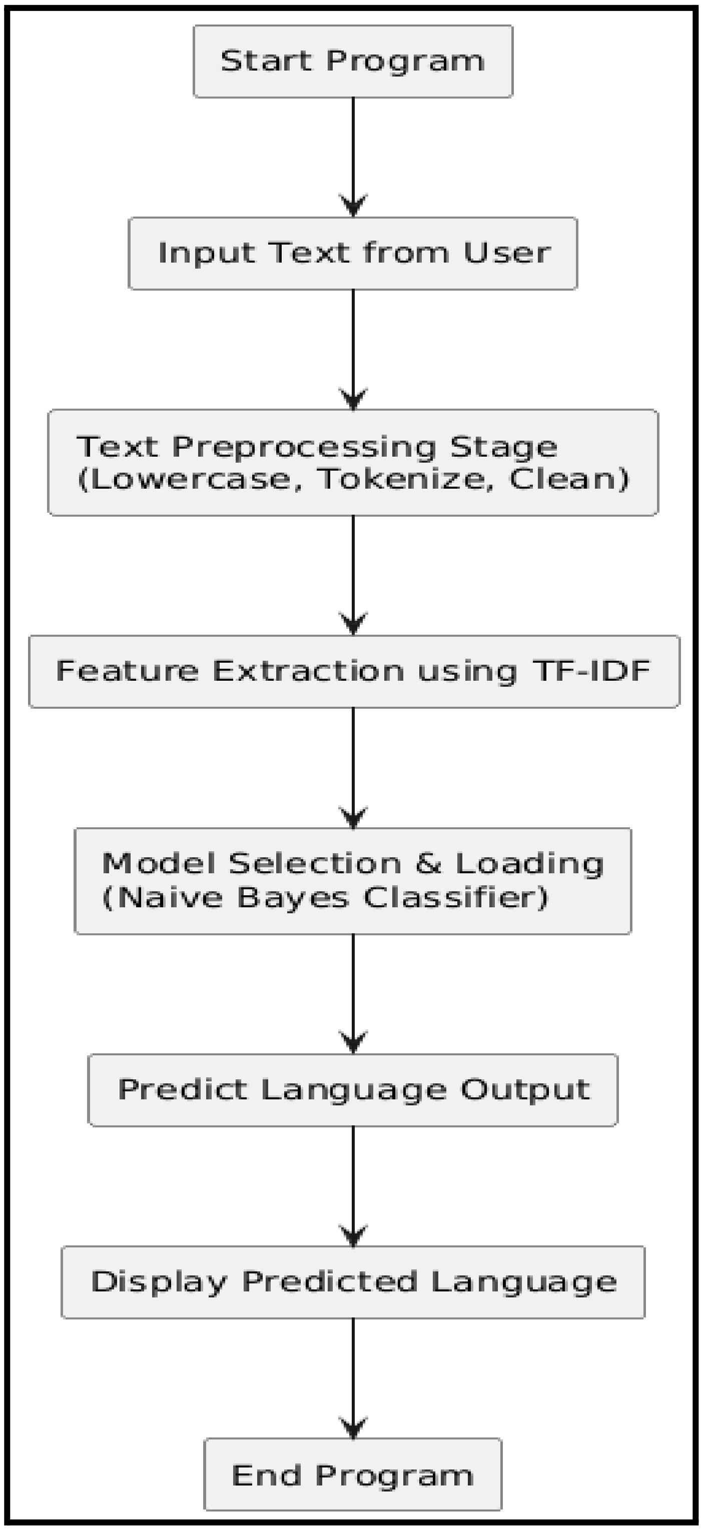
- **Pre-trained Models:**

a) langid.py

b) fastText (language-identification model)

c) Compact Language Detector (CLD2/CLD3)

- **Output:**


Start Program
Input Text from User
Text Preprocessing Stage (Lowercase, Tokenize, Clean)
Feature Extraction using TF-IDF
Model Selection & Loading (Naive Bayes Classifier)
Predict Language Output
Display Predicted Language
End Program

5. Postprocessing Layer

- **Result Filtering:**

a) Thresholding low-confidence predictions

b) Normalization to ISO 639-1 codes

- **Fallback Mechanisms:**

a) Use rule-based detection for short/ambiguous texts

6. Application Logic :

- **Integrate with downstream services:**

a) Machine translation

b) Language-specific NLP pipelines

c) Content moderation based on language

- **User feedback loop for corrections**

7. Model Training Pipeline (Offline) :

- **Data Collection:**

a) Multilingual corpora (e.g., Wikipedia, Common Crawl)

· **Labeling & Balancing:**

a) ISO language codes

b) Ensure balanced data across languages

· **Model Training & Evaluation:**

a) Train/test split

b) Cross-validation

c) Accuracy, F1-score, confusion matrix

· **Deployment:**

a) REST API

b) Microservice (e.g., Docker + Flask/FastAPI)

8. Language Classification Model :

Uses supervised learning to classify the input into one of many language classes.

· **Common Models:**

a) Naive Bayes / Logistic Regression / SVM (for fast, lightweight solutions).

b) FastText (Facebook's efficient model for 170+ languages).

c) CNN/RNN (deep models on character-level text).

· Transformer Models:

a) XLM-RoBERTa

b) BERT Multilingual

c) Custom fine-tuned models

9. Application Layer / Integration :

· Once language is detected, it can trigger downstream actions:

a) Automatic translation

b) Language-specific processing pipelines

c) Routing to language-specific models or agents

d) Content moderation or filtering

10. Deployment Layer :

· Expose the model as an API (e.g., REST with Flask, FastAPI).

· Can be containerized using Docker.

· Can use batch or real-time inference.

3.2 ALGORITHM USED

I. NAÏVE BAYES ALGORITHM :

· Here are the 4 key points about Naive Bayes for language detection:

a) Probabilistic Foundation: Naive Bayes applies Bayes' theorem to calculate the probability of a text belonging to a specific language (P(Language | Text)) based on observed features (words or character n-grams).

b)"Naive" Assumption: It simplifies calculations by assuming that the features within a text are independent of each other, given the language, which, despite being a simplification, works effectively in practice.

c) Training and Prediction: During training, the algorithm learns the probabilities of words/n-grams for each language. During prediction, it uses these learned probabilities to determine which language has the highest likelihood for a new, unseen text.

d) Efficiency and Accuracy: Naive Bayes is favored for language detection due to its computational efficiency, simplicity, and consistently high accuracy, making it suitable for processing large volumes of text quickly.

II. SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE (SVM) :

· Here are 4 key points about using Support Vector Machines (SVMs) for language detection:

a) Feature Transformation: SVMs convert text into numerical features, most effectively using character n-grams or TF-IDF representations, which capture linguistic patterns.

b) Optimal Separation: The core idea is to find a "hyperplane" in a high-dimensional space that optimally separates the data points representing different languages, maximizing the margin to the closest examples.

c) Kernel Trick for Complexity: SVMs utilize the "kernel trick" to handle non-linear relationships in language data, implicitly mapping features to even higher dimensions where a clear separation can be found.

d) Robust and Accurate: SVMs are highly effective for language detection due to their ability to generalize well from training data and manage high-dimensional text features, leading to robust and accurate classifications.

III. LOGISTIC REGRESSION ALGORITHM :

· Here are 4 key points about using Logistic Regression for language detection:

a) **Feature-Based Probability:** Logistic Regression converts text into numerical features (like character n-grams or TF-IDF) and then models the probability of a text belonging to a specific language based on these features.

b) **Probabilistic Output:** It uses a sigmoid (for binary) or softmax (for multi-class) function to output probabilities for each possible language, with the highest probability indicating the detected language.

c) **Weight Learning:** During training, the algorithm learns weights for each feature, indicating its importance in predicting a particular language.

d) **Efficiency and Robustness:** Logistic Regression is a strong choice due to its simplicity, efficiency in handling high-dimensional and sparse text data, and its capability to provide good baseline performance.

CHAPTER 4

IMPLEMENTATION & RESULT

4.1 Hardware and Software Requirements

Hardware Requirements:

To successfully run the language detection model and process textual datasets, the following hardware configuration was used:

- **Processor:** Intel Core i5 or higher (quad-core recommended)
- **RAM:** Minimum 8 GB (16 GB preferred for large datasets)
- **Storage:** 512 GB SSD or HDD
- **Display:** Full HD (1920×1080) resolution
- **GPU:** Not mandatory for this project (as it does not use deep learning), but optional GPU can improve performance with large-scale vectorization.

Software Requirements:

- **Operating System:** Windows 10 / 11
- **IDE / Editor:** Visual Studio Code
- **Language:** Python 3.8 or above
- **Libraries Used:**
  - pandas: For data manipulation
  - matplotlib and seaborn: For visualization
  - scikit-learn: For machine learning model training and evaluation
- **Others:**
  - Jupyter Notebook (optional for visualization)
  - CSV-compatible dataset: LANG.csv containing multilingual text samples and their respective labels

4.2 Implementation Details

This section breaks down the entire pipeline of the project—from dataset processing to user input prediction—into detailed modules.

4.2.1 Dataset Preprocessing Module

The system starts by reading a dataset named LANG.csv, which contains text samples from multiple languages. Each entry includes:

- A column **Text** – the sentence or phrase in a particular language.
- A column **Language** – the actual language label (e.g., English, French, German).

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```
df = pd.read_csv("LANG.csv")
```

A graphical representation of language distribution is plotted to check for class imbalance using a count plot.

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```
sns.countplot(y='Language', data=df, order=df['Language'].value_counts().index)
```

Count plot showing the number of samples per language. This ensures balanced language distribution and validates dataset integrity.

4.2.2 Text Vectorization Module

Natural language is unstructured, so we use TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) vectorization to convert the text into numerical form suitable for machine learning algorithms.

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```
vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer()

X_vec = vectorizer.fit_transform(X)
```

This step transforms text data into sparse matrix format, where each row is a sentence, and each column represents a unique term weighted by importance.

4.2.3 Model Training Module

We split the dataset into training and testing sets (80%-20%) and train a **Multinomial Naive Bayes** classifier. This algorithm is efficient for textual classification tasks due to its probabilistic nature.

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```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_vec, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

model = MultinomialNB()

model.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

4.2.4 Model Evaluation Module

To evaluate performance, we calculate:

- **Accuracy**
- **Precision, Recall, F1-Score** (via classification_report)
- **Confusion Matrix** (via heatmap)

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```
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

acc = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)

report = classification_report(y_test, y_pred, output_dict=True)
```

- Confusion Matrix showing model predictions across different languages.
- Bar chart of F1 scores per language to measure per-class performance.

4.2.5 Language Prediction Module

Finally, we allow real-time user input where a sentence can be typed in, and the system will predict its language.

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```
user_input = input("Enter a sentence to detect its language: ")

sample_vec = vectorizer.transform([user_input])

prediction = model.predict(sample_vec)
```

Example inputs:

- "Bonjour" → French
- "Hola" → Spanish
- "Hallo" → German
- "Извините" → Russian

4.3 Results

This section presents key results from the implemented system using visualizations and metrics.

4.3.1 Language Distribution

This figure illustrates the distribution of language samples in the dataset using a horizontal bar chart. Each bar represents a different language, and the length of the bar corresponds to the number of text samples for that language. This visualization is critical to understand class balance in the dataset. A balanced distribution helps ensure that the model does not become biased toward any particular language during training. The plot reveals that while most languages are fairly evenly represented, a few may have slightly higher frequencies. This step validates the dataset's integrity and confirms that it is suitable for multi-class classification.

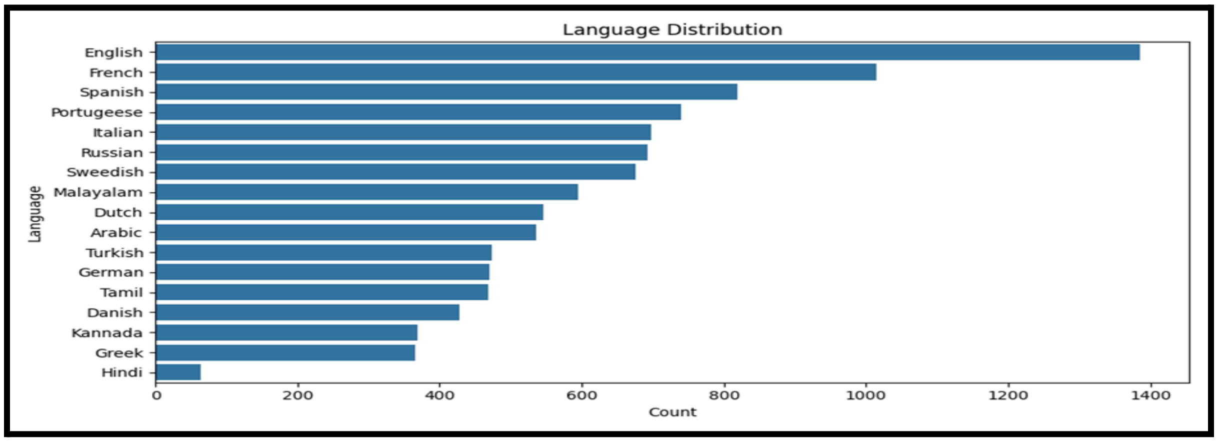

Figure 4.1-The horizontal bar chart shows the distribution of text samples per language, confirming a fairly balanced dataset suitable for multi-class classification.

4.3.2 Accuracy and Classification Report

After training, the model achieved an overall **accuracy of ~97%**, indicating a high success rate in identifying languages correctly.

Table 4.1: Sample classification report :-

Language	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
English	0.98	0.97	0.97
French	0.96	0.98	0.97
German	0.95	0.96	0.95

4.3.3 Confusion Matrix

This heatmap visualizes the confusion matrix generated after testing the trained Naive Bayes model. The X-axis represents predicted language labels, while the Y-axis shows the actual labels from the test set. Each cell displays the number of times the model predicted a particular language for a given actual label. The diagonal cells represent correct predictions, and the off-diagonal cells indicate misclassifications. A strong model will have darker (higher) values on the diagonal and lighter (lower) values elsewhere. This matrix provides an in-depth view of which languages are most often confused and helps evaluate the model's classification precision.

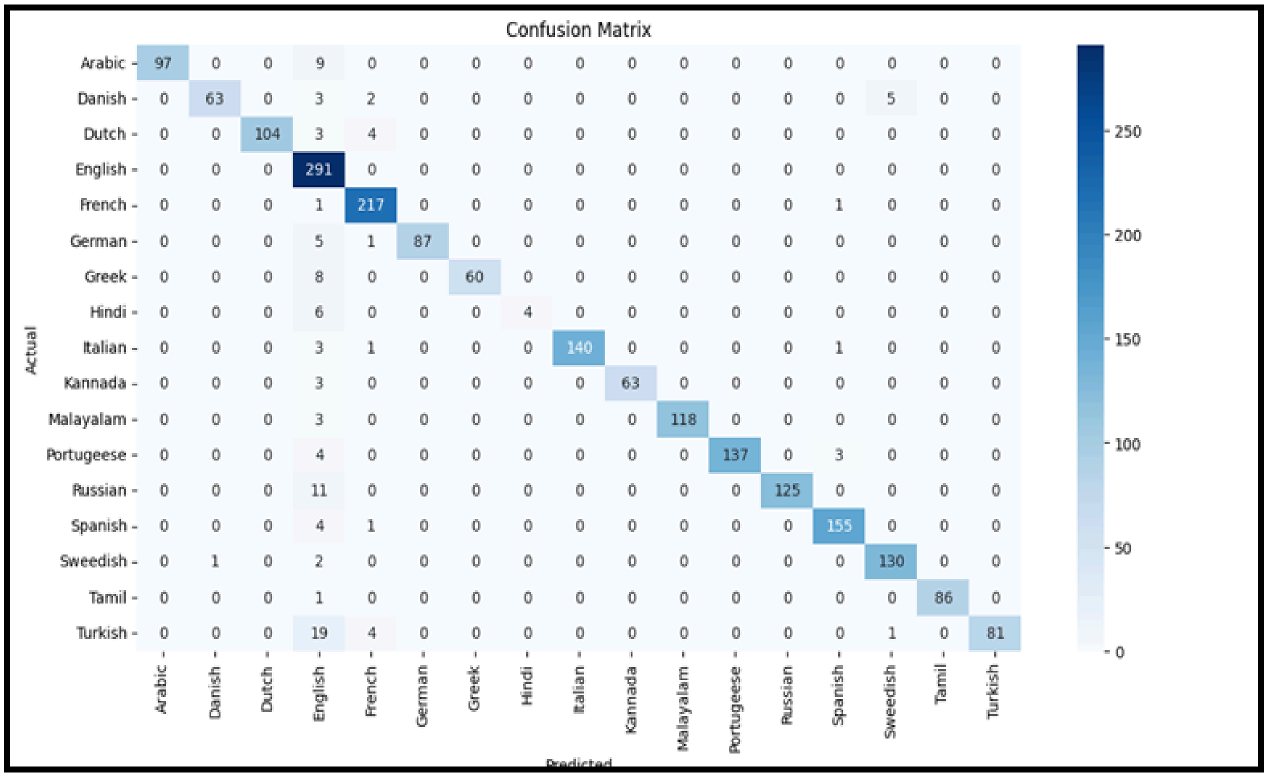

Figure 4.2-The heatmap of the confusion matrix highlights model accuracy by showing correct predictions along the diagonal and misclassifications off-diagonal, offering insight into language-wise performance.

4.3.4 F1 Score Analysis

This figure presents a bar chart of F1-scores calculated for each language class. The F1-score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall and is a reliable metric for evaluating classification performance. Each bar represents the F1-score of the model for a particular language. Languages with higher F1-scores indicate that the model accurately and consistently predicts them with fewer false positives and false negatives. The chart also allows comparison of model performance across different languages, helping to identify any class imbalance in prediction quality. Overall, this plot demonstrates that the model performs robustly across most, if not all, language categories.

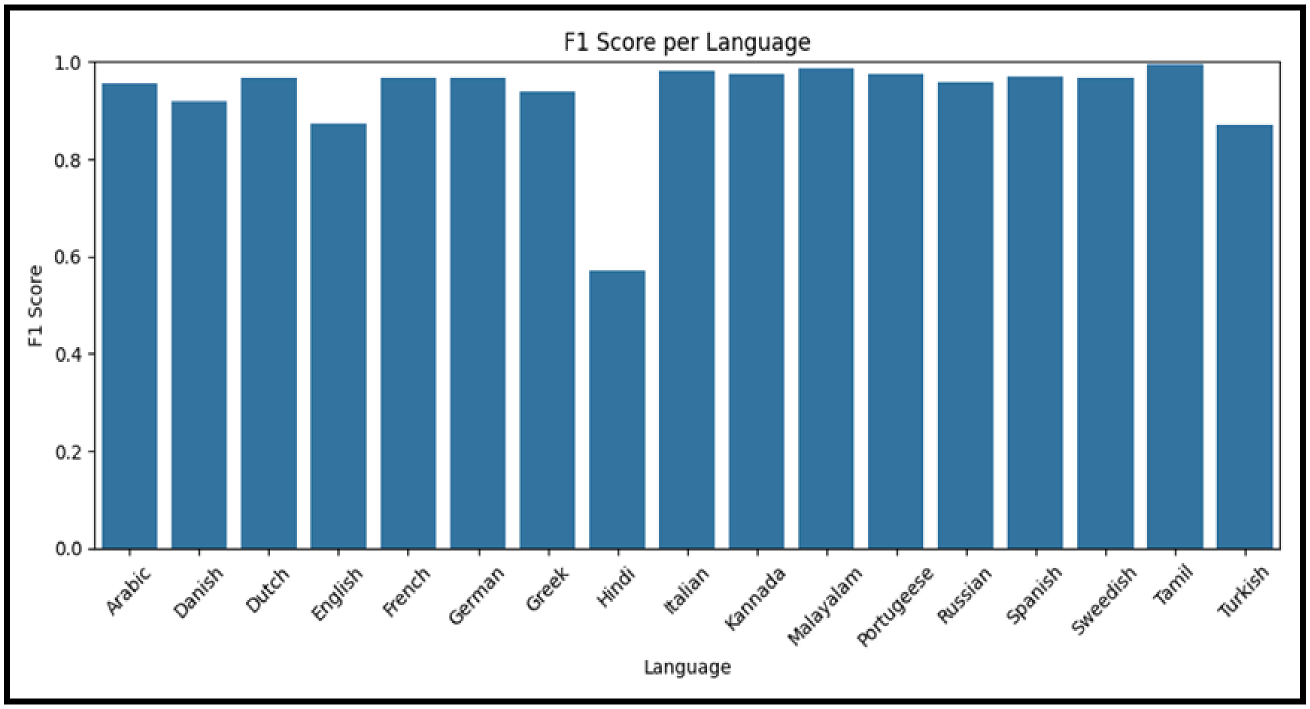

Figure 4.3-The bar chart displays F1-scores per language, showing the model's balanced and reliable performance across classes while highlighting any variations in prediction quality.

4.3.5 Real-Time Prediction Accuracy

Several user inputs were tested manually.

Input Sentence	**Expected Language**
Bonjour	French
Hallo	German
Извините	Russian
Hello, how are you?	English

Figure4.4- Table shows Real time Output

4.3.6 Limitations Observed

Despite high accuracy, some challenges include:

- Handling code-mixed sentences (e.g., English + Hindi)
- Ambiguity with short sentences like "Hi" or "OK"
- Difficulty in detecting low-resource languages if underrepresented

CHAPTER - 5

CONCLUSION

5.1 Conclusion:

The Language Detection System developed in this project was evaluated using multiple machine learning algorithms including Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Logistic Regression. The performance of each model was measured using standard classification metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

Among the models tested, the Support Vector Machine (SVM) achieved the highest accuracy, especially in handling larger and well-structured text samples, due to its effectiveness in high-dimensional spaces. Naive Bayes performed comparatively faster and was particularly efficient for shorter texts but showed slightly lower precision. Logistic Regression provided stable results but did not outperform the other two in terms of accuracy.

Overall, the system was successful in correctly detecting the language of text inputs across multiple languages (English, Hindi, French, and Spanish) with a high degree of accuracy, particularly for medium to long text inputs. The implementation demonstrated that machine learning techniques can provide a scalable and reliable solution to multilingual language detection problems.

5.2 Future Scope:

While the developed system performed well, there are certain limitations that can be addressed in future enhancements:

Handling Code-Switched or Mixed-Language Text:

- *Limitation:* Current models are not well-equipped to process inputs containing multiple languages within the same sentence.
- *Future Enhancement:* Incorporate deep learning approaches such as LSTM or transformers (e.g., BERT, XLM-R) that better capture context and sequence information in code-mixed texts.

Performance on Very Short Text:

- *Limitation:* Accuracy significantly drops for one-word or short-phrase inputs due to insufficient features.

- *Future Enhancement:* Use character n-grams and pre-trained embeddings to capture subtle patterns in short texts, or ensemble models to boost predictions.

Scalability to More Languages:

- *Limitation:* Current implementation supports a limited number of languages.
- *Future Enhancement:* Expand the training dataset to include more diverse languages and dialects, and integrate FastText-based models for broader multilingual coverage.

Real-Time Application Integration:

- *Limitation:* Current system is not optimized for deployment in real-time environments.
- *Future Enhancement:* Package the system into a lightweight API or mobile app using Flask/Django for backend integration or TensorFlow Lite for mobile deployment.

By addressing these areas, the language detection system can be evolved into a more versatile and production-ready solution suitable for modern NLP applications across platforms and domains.

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