### CS6030 NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

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# **Developing a POS Tagger**

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**NOTE:** Link to Github Page: <a href="https://github.com/ReuelSam/NLP-Assignment-1-POSTagger">https://github.com/ReuelSam/NLP-Assignment-1-POSTagger</a>

Abstract – Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a subfield of linguistics, computer science and artificial intelligence concerned with the interactions between computers and human language. This field focuses on processing and analyzing large amounts of natural language data. Part-of-the-speech (POS) Tagging is a prominent Natural Language Processing approach that refers to categorizing words in a text (corpus) in accordance with a specific part of speech, based on the definition of the word and its context. This assignment focuses on the development of a POS-Tagger that assigns the universal tagset to the given input sentence. The model has been trained on NLTK's Brown Treebank Corpus that contains 57340 sentences. The proposed model has achieved a testing accuracy of 99.50%.

### I. PROBLEM STATEMENT AND OVERVIEW

This assignment aims to tackle the NLP problem regarding the categorizing of words in a corpus in correspondence with a particular part of speech depending on the definition of the word and its context. This assignment deals with the Universal tagset of POS tags used in Universal Dependencies (UD). The model proposed for this classification uses an Embedding and LSTM layer along with 3 Dense layers. Apart from the model, due to the nature of text data, for analysis by a computer, a need for preprocessing the data was identified. This has been done by tokenizing the sentences after being untagged from the datasets. Due to the difference in length in the sentence, the sentence have been padded to have equal length.

#### II. DATASET DETAILS

The dataset used for the training of the dataset has been taken from NLTK's rich library – The Brown Corpus. The Brown Corpus was the first million-word electronic corpus of English, created in 1961 at Brown University. This corpus contains text from 500 sources, and the sources have been categorized by genre <sup>[1]</sup>. This dataset contains many different forms of data, however, for the purposes of this assignment only the tagged sentences have been extracted with the aforementioned Universal Tagset.

The annotation scheme is based on an evolution of (universal) Stanford dependencies (de Marneffe et al., 2006, 2008, 2014) <sup>[2]</sup>, Google universal part-of-speech tags (Petrov et al., 2012) <sup>[3]</sup> and the Reusable Tagset Conversion Using Tagset Drivers (Zeman, 2008) <sup>[4]</sup>. Under this, there are 12 Tags that have been identified:

• ADJ: adjective

• ADP: adposition

• ADV: adverb

• VERB: verb

• CONJ: conjunction

• DET: determiner

• NUM: numeral

• NOUN: noun

• PRT: particle

• PRON: pronoun

• .: punctuation

• x : other

There are a total of 57340 sentences in this dataset. These have been split into train, test and validation sets of sizes 41428, 8601 and 7311 respectively. The tagged sentences are provided as a list containing tuple pairs of the word and their corresponding tags. Therefore, these sentences need to be untagged first into just the words to be used as the input and the Tags to be used as the expected output. These inputs and expected output tags are then vectorized and the output tags are then alone one hot encoded to be readable by the model. The data is padded as well to avoid issues regarding shape of input due to varying length of sentences.

#### III. MODULES

Python comes with a rich library of modules that make coding rather convenient. This is no different when it comes to Language Processing. Python has plenty of Language Processing that can be made use of. Following are the modules that have been imported and applied in this assignment:

- ⇒ *Warnings*: Python library to warn regarding depreciation. Used here to avoid unnecessary prints in the model creation.
- ⇒ *TensorFlow:* Open Source Machine Learning Platform
- ⇒ *Keras:* Open Source Library that provides python interface for artificial neural networks

- *⇒ Matplotlib:* Graphical Library
- ⇒ Seaborn: Graphical Library
- ⇒ *SKLearn:* Machine Library
- ⇒ *Numpy*: Mathematical Library that supports array operations
- ⇒ *NLTK*: NLP Library for symbolic and statistical processing for English
- ⇒ *PPrint*: Python Library for pretty-printing structures in an interpretable format

Apart from Python modules, the code can be broken down into a set of modules:

- ⇒ **Imports:** This section of the code is meant for processing all the imports of the necessary libraries for the execution of this project
- ⇒ **Loading of Dataset:** The dataset has been loaded from Python's NLTK's collection of Treebanks. As explained in Section 2, this assignment makes use of the Brown Corpus.
- ⇒ **Preprocessing of Data:** Being textual data, plenty of preprocessing is required for this dataset. The preprocessing can be further broken down into more subdivisions as follows:
  - Untagging: Splitting input data into raw sentences and tags rather than keeping them together.
  - O Tokenizing: Since computers cannot process text data as it is, the sentences and tags need to be tokenized, as in converted to numbers, for it to be processed. This is done by mapping the words in a dictionary and replacing the words with the mapped key. SKLearn's tokenizer was used to achieve this.
  - o *Padding:* For machine learning models, it is preferred to have equally sized data examples. However, since sentences differ in lengths, padding values are added to equal all the tweet lengths. The max length for a tweet has been chosen as the length of the longest sentence.
  - One Hot Encoding: The expected output is one hot encoded for the ease of passing into the model.
- ➡ Model Creation: The model used for this project is a Sequential Model since the output from each layer is used as the input for the next layer. The first layer in this model is an Embedding Layer that converts every word into a vector with 300 features. This layer is then followed by an LSTM layer with 32 nodes. The data is then passed to a Dense layer with 32 nodes and ReLU activation. Another Desnse

layer has been fit with 16 nodes and ReLU Activation. Finally, the output is produced by another Dense layer with 13(for the 12 tags + 1 padded tag) nodes that uses Softmax Activation due to the non-binary nature of the problem statement. These layers have been elaborated and described in the next section.

## **⇒** Hyperparameters:

- o Epochs: 30 (Callback and Early Stopping has been implemented)
- o Optimizer: Adam
- o Learning Rate: 0.0001
- o Training Batch Size: 128
- Loss Function: Categorical Cross Entropy
- o Max Tweet Length: 180
- o Embedding Layer Dimension = 300
- Early Stopping Patience = 3

### IV. MODEL SUMMARY

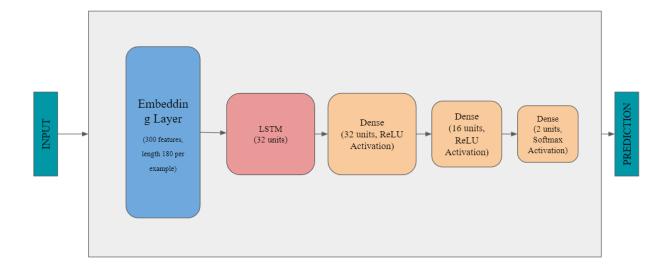
The Model Architecture adopted to address the problem has been described in the prior section. The different layers added are further elaborated here:

- $\Rightarrow$  *Embedding Layer* [5]
  - Used to gain a dense representation of words and their relative meaning.
  - o Requires three arguments
    - Input Dimensions: Size of Vocabulary Number of unique words (49816)
    - Output Dimensions: Size of feature vector 300
    - Input Length: Size of each tweet 120
- $\Rightarrow$  LSTM Layer [6]
  - Long Short-Term Memory
  - o Variation of RNN that is effective for predicting long sequences of data
  - o Two main arguments:
    - Units: 32
    - return\_sequences: set to **True** indicates returning last output as the output
- *⇒* Dense Layer
  - o Three Dense Layers are used
    - Layer 1: 32 units, ReLU Activation
    - Layer 2: 16 units, ReLU Activation
    - Layer 3: 13 units, Softmax Activation

# The Model Summary is given below:



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### V. CODING SNAPSHOTS

## 1) Imports

```
In [1]:

import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")

import nltk
from nltk import word_tokenize
from nltk.corpus import brown as cb

import pprint

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences
from tensorflow.keras.dels import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding, LSTM, Dense, Bidirectional, Flatten, GlobalAveragePooling1D,
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import ModelCheckpoint, EarlyStopping
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical

import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
```

## 2) Loading of data set

```
2. Loading of Brown Corpus Dataset from NLTK Library

| tagged_sentences = cb.tagged_sents(tagset = 'universal')
| print(len(tagged_sentences))
| 57340
```

## 3) Data Pre-Processing

### 4) Tokenizing

```
Tokenizing Input and Expected Output

word_tokenizer = Tokenizer()
word_tokenizer.fit_on_texts(X)
X_encoded = word_tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(X)

tag_tokenizer = Tokenizer()
tag_tokenizer.fit_on_texts(Y)
TAGS = {v: k for k, v in tag_tokenizer.word_index.items()}
Y_encoded = tag_tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(Y)
```

## 5) Padding

```
Padding

In [9]: lengths = [len(seq) for seq in X_encoded]
print("Length of longest sentence: ", max(lengths))

max_length = max(lengths)
trunc_type = 'post'
pad_type = 'post'

X_padded = pad_sequences(X_encoded, maxlen=max_length, truncating=trunc_type, padding=pad_type)
Y_padded = pad_sequences(Y_encoded, maxlen=max_length, truncating=trunc_type, padding=pad_type, value = -1)

Length of longest sentence: 180
```

### 6) One Hot Encoding

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One Hot Encoding the Expected Output

In [10]: Y = to_categorical(Y_padded)
```

## 7) Splitting Data

# 8) Model Creation

```
Model Creation

In [14]:
    embedding_dim = 300
    vocab_size = len(word_tokenizer.word_index) + 1
    num_classes = Y.shape[2]

model = Sequential()
    model.add(Embedding(vocab_size, embedding_dim, input_length=max_length))
    model.add(LSTM(32, return_sequences=True))
    model.add(Dense(32, activation="relu"))
    model.add(Dense(16, activation="relu"))
    model.add(Dense(num_classes, activation='softmax'))
```

# 9) Optimizer and model compilation

```
Model Compilation

in [15]: optimizer = tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(lr = 0.0001)
model.compile(
    loss = "categorical_crossentropy",
    optimizer = optimizer,
    metrics = ["accuracy"]
)
```

## 10) Model Summary

```
Model: "sequential"

Layer (type) Output Shape Param #
embedding (Embedding) (None, 180, 300) 14944800

1stm (LSTM) (None, 180, 32) 42624

dense (Dense) (None, 180, 32) 1056

dense_1 (Dense) (None, 180, 16) 528

dense_2 (Dense) (None, 180, 13) 221

Total params: 14,989,229
Trainable params: 14,989,229
Non-trainable params: 0
```

# 11) Setting up of Checkpoint and Early Stopping to choose best model from epochs

## 12)Training

## 13) Graphs

```
plt.axes().set(facecolor ="white")
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'],color='c')
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'],color='m')
plt.title('model accuracy').set_color('white')
plt.ylabel('accuracy').set_color('white')
plt.xlabel('epoch').set_color('white')
plt.legend(['train', 'validation'], loc='upper left')
plt.show()
plt.axes().set(facecolor ="white")
plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
plt.legend(['train', 'validation'], loc='upper left')
plt.title('model loss').set_color('white')
plt.ylabel('loss').set_color('white')
plt.xlabel('epoch').set_color('white')
plt.show()
```

### 14) Model Evaluation

### 15) POS Tagging New Data

```
def generate_POS_tags(orig_sentence):
    orig_sentence = [orig_sentence.split(" ")]
    sentence = word_tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(orig_sentence)
    sentence = pad_sequences(sentence, maxlen=max_length, truncating=trunc_type, padding=pad_type)

predict_x=model.predict(sentence[0])
    pos = []
    for i in range(len(orig_sentence[0])):
        index = np.argmax(predict_x[i], axis=1)
        pos.append(TAGS[index[0]].upper())

return list(zip(orig_sentence[0],pos))
```

```
from nltk.tag import pos_tag
    from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize

inp = "I am driving the car to the store today"
    res = generate_POS_tags(inp)
    pprint.pprint(res)
    pos_tag(word_tokenize(inp), tagset='universal')
```

```
inp = "Now you're just somebody that I used to know"
res = generate_POS_tags(inp)
pprint.pprint(res)
pos_tag(word_tokenize(inp), tagset='universal')
```

```
inp = "The market is projected to crash within the next month"
    res = generate_POS_tags(inp)
    pprint.pprint(res)
    pos_tag(word_tokenize(inp), tagset='universal')
```

#### VI. RESULTS

The different outputs corresponding to the driver code has been shown below:

1) Tags and Dataset information

```
In [4]: X, Y = untag_sentences(tagged_sentences)

{'ADV', 'CONJ', 'NUM', 'VERB', 'PRON', 'X', 'ADJ', '.', 'PRT', 'ADP', 'DET', 'NOUN'}

Total number of tagged sentences: 57340

Vocabulary size: 49815

Total number of tags: 12
```

2) Raw Data and Encoded Data sample

```
RAW DATA SAMPLE

X: ['The', 'Fulton', 'County', 'Grand', 'Jury', 'said', 'Friday', 'an', 'investigation', 'of', "Atlanta's", 'recent', 'primary', 'election', 'produced', '``', 'no', 'evidence', "''", 'that', 'any', 'irregularities', 'took', 'place', '.']

Y: ['DET', 'NOUN', 'NOUN', 'ADJ', 'NOUN', 'VERB', 'NOUN', 'DET', 'NOUN', 'ADP', 'NOUN', 'ADJ', 'NOUN', 'NOUN', 'VERB', '.', 'DET', 'NOUN', '.', 'ADP', 'DET', 'NOUN', 'VERB', 'NOUN', '.']

ENCODED DATA SAMPLE

X: [1, 5433, 651, 2296, 1634, 62, 1846, 35, 2177, 4, 14222, 551, 1120, 1401, 1193, 14, 59, 473, 15, 9, 85, 9199, 213, 171, 3]

Y: [5, 1, 1, 6, 1, 2, 1, 5, 1, 4, 1, 6, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 1, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 1, 3]
```

3) Data Splitting Details

```
Number of Training Instances: 41428
Number of Testing Instances: 8601
Number of Validation Instances: 7311

TRAINING DATA
Shape of input sequences: (41428, 180)
Shape of output sequences: (41428, 180, 13)

VALIDATION DATA
Shape of input sequences: (7311, 180)
Shape of output sequences: (7311, 180, 13)

TESTING DATA
Shape of input sequences: (8601, 180)
Shape of output sequences: (8601, 180)
Shape of output sequences: (8601, 180)
```

## 4) Training

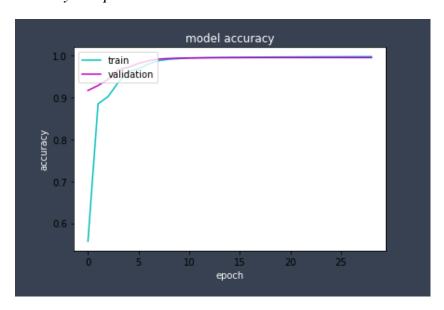
# 5) Accuracy and evaluation

```
5. Accuracy and Loss

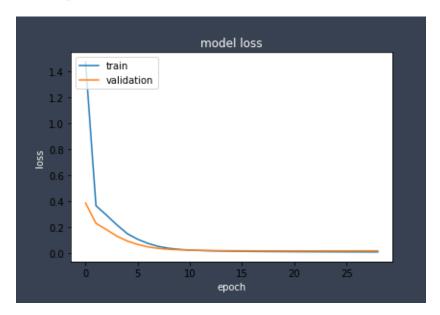
In [20]: loss, accuracy = model.evaluate(X_test, Y_test, verbose = 1)
    print("Loss: ", loss)
    print("Accuracy: %0.2f%%"%(accuracy * 100))

269/269 [===========] - 1s 5ms/step - loss: 0.0175 - accuracy: 0.9950
    Loss: 0.01754867285490036
    Accuracy: 99.50%
```

# 6) Model Accuracy Graph



# 7) Model Loss Graph



## 8) New Sentence POS Tagging (compared with results from NLTK's POS Tagger)

```
from nltk.tag import pos_tag
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
                                                                                                                res = generate_POS_tags(inp)
                                                                                                               pprint.pprint(res)
inp = "I am driving the car to the store today"
                                                                                                               pos_tag(word_tokenize(inp), tagset='universal')
res = generate_POS_tags(inp)
pprint.pprint(res)
pos_tag(word_tokenize(inp), tagset='universal')
                                                                                                                   ("you're", 'PRT'),
('just', 'ADV'),
 [('I', 'PRON'),
('am', 'VERB'),
                                                                                                                   ('that', 'DET'),
('I', 'PRON'),
   ('dn'ving', 'VERB')
('the', 'DET'),
('car', 'NOUN'),
('to', 'ADP'),
('the', 'DET'),
('store', 'NOUN'),
('today', 'NOUN')]
                                                                                                                  ('used', 'VERB'),
('to', 'ADP'),
                                                                                                                   ('know', 'VERB')]
                                                                                                                 [('Now', 'ADV'),
('you', 'PRON'),
("'re", 'VERB'),
('just', 'ADV'),
 [('I', 'PRON'),
('am', 'VERB'),
   ('the', 'DET'),
('car', 'NOUN'),
('to', 'PRT'),
                                                                                                                   ('used', 'VERB'),
('to', 'PRT'),
   ('the', 'DET'),
('store', 'NOUN'),
('today', 'NOUN')]
```

#### VII. CONCLUSIONS

As seen from the output screenshots, the model performs well with the dataset. It managed to score a Training Accuracy of 99.81% in the 29<sup>th</sup> epoch before the early stopping was activated. The validation accuracy appeared to drop from Epoch 27. Therefore, early stopping came into play and the weights with Validation Accuracy of 99.571% were taken. The Validation Loss was observed to be 0.0143. This however was not the lowest value since that was observed at epoch 25 with a value 0.0141. The callback function monitored the validation accuracy and the model at the 27<sup>th</sup> epoch was saved as it has the highest validation accuracy (of 99.571%). On testing, a Testing Accuracy of 99.50% was noted.

As a result, a POS Tagger was developed using the Brown Corpus for assigning the Universal POS Tagset.

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