Interactive Web Application for Twitter Sentiment Analysis and Hashtag Trend Detection using PySpark and flask

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Project Objective

This project will develop an easily scalable big data analytics and machine learning pipeline that uses Apache Spark's PySpark API to analyze tweets collected from Twitter. This system sets about performing data ingestion, cleaning, exploratory data analysis,

feature engineering, and predictive modeling to efficiently classify an individual's sentiments or categories embedded in a tweet across large-scale datasets.

1. Introduction

The Twitter platform for sentiment and other classifications analysis requires big data platforms being made stronger, owing to the large volume growth of data from different social media platforms. Apache Spark, as an in-memory distributed computing framework, processes all these huge quantities of data efficiently. The project features an end-to-end analytics pipeline on a Twitter dataset using PySpark MLlib for the machine learning part.

2. Methodology

2.1 Data Ingestion and Storage

The Twitter dataset ('twitter.csv') containing tweet text, user metadata, timestamps, and additional features was loaded into a Spark DataFrame with proper schema inference.

```
!apt-get -y install openjdk-11-jdk > /dev/null
    !pip -q uninstall -y dataproc-spark-connect || true
    !pip -q install pyspark==3.5.1 findspark openpyxl
    import os, findspark, pyspark
    os.environ["JAVA_HOME"] = "/usr/lib/jvm/java-11-openjdk-amd64"
    os.environ["SPARK_HOME"] = pyspark.__path__[0]
    findspark.init()
    from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
    spark = (SparkSession.builder
              .appName("TwitterSentimentTrend-FULL")
              .config("spark.ui.showConsoleProgress", "false")
             .config("spark.sql.shuffle.partitions", "64") # more partitions for 1GB+
.config("spark.executor.memoryOverhead", "1024")
              .getOrCreate())
    spark
SparkSession - in-memory
    SparkContext
    Spark UI
    Version
         v3.5.1
    Master
          local[*]
    AppName
         TwitterSentimentTrend-FULL
```

```
[2] # Local/VM path (single or many files)
          CSV_PATH = "/content/twitter_tweets.csv" # supports wildcards for many files
          # OR HDFS / S3:
          # CSV_PATH = "hdfs:///data/twitter/*.csv"
# CSV_PATH = "s3a://my-bucket/twitter/*.csv"
▶ # --- Cell 2 - Read large CSV efficiently ---
          from pyspark.sql import functions as F, types as T
          schema = T.StructType([
                                                                                T.StringType(), True),
                 T.StructField("tweet_id",
                1.StructField('weet_au', T.LongType(), True),
T.StructField("user_id", T.StringType(), True),
T.StructField("reasted_at", T.StringType(), True),
T.StructField("language", T.StringType(), True),
T.StructField("text", T.StringType(), True),
                                                                         T.StringType(), True),
T.StringType(), True),
T.StringType(), True),
T.IntegerType(), True).
                 T.StructField("hashtags",
                T.StructField("topic",

T.StructField("like_count",

T.StructField("retweet_count",

T.StructField("reply_count",

T.StructField("quote_count",

T.IntegerType(), True),

T.StructField("quote_count",

T.StringType(), True),

T.StringType(), True),
                 T.StructField("quote_count", T.IntegerType(), True),
T.StructField("sentiment_label", T.StringType(), True),
T.StructField("sentiment_score", T.DoubleType(), True),
          df_raw = (
                spark.read
                   .option("header", True)
```

```
[] # cell 5 - REDO step (bounded work)
rdd - df.select("hashtags").rdd.map(lambda r: r["hashtags"] or "")
tags = (rdd.flatVag(lambda s: [t.strip() for t in s.split(",") if t.strip() != ""])
.aap(lambda t: (t, 1))
.reduceBy(y(lambda a,b: a,b)
.sortBy(lambda a, -x[]))
top_hashtags - tags.take(20)
print(top_hashtags)

[['#Startups', 174), ("#Policy', 116), ("#Debate', 114), ("#Vacation', 112), ("#Elections', 108), ("#Stocks', 105), ("#Research', 105), ("#Crypto', 102), ("#Health',

# Cell 6 - Register view
df.createOrReplaceTempView("tweets")
```

2.2 Data Cleaning and Preprocessing

With the exception of rows with missing/null critical values, all others were removed. Tweet texts were cleaned of unwanted URLs, mentions, and special characters. The timestamp columns were converted to Spark timestamp type, ensuring consistency of the data type.

```
    # Cell 3 − Normalize names, cast types, tidy text

     def normalize(name: str) -> str:
         return (name or "").strip().lower().replace(" ", "_").replace("-", "_")
     from pyspark.sql.types import IntegerType, DoubleType
     for c in ["like_count","retweet_count","reply_count","quote_count","user_id"]:
    if c in df.columns: df = df.withColumn(c, F.col(c).cast(IntegerType()))
     if "sentiment score" in df.columns:
         df = df.withColumn("sentiment_score", F.col("sentiment_score").cast(DoubleType()))
     if "language" in df.columns:
         df = df.withColumn("language", F.lower(F.col("language")))
     if "topic" in df.columns:
         df = df.withColumn("topic", F.trim(F.regexp_replace("topic", r"\s+", " ")))
     if "text" in df.columns:
         df = df.withColumn("text", F.regexp_replace("text", r"[^\x00-\x7F]+", "")) # remove weird glyphs safely
     if "hashtags" in df.columns: fills["hashtags"] = ""
     if "topic" in df.columns: fills["topic"] = "unknown"
if "language" in df.columns: fills["language"] = "unknown"
if "text" in df.columns: fills["text"] = ""
if fills: df = df.fillna(fills)
     # Drop duplicate tweets if we have IDs
if "tweet_id" in df.columns:
```

```
# Cell 7 - Daily tweets + sentiment mix
    daily sql = spark.sql("""
    SELECT
       date trunc('day', created ts) AS day,
       COUNT(*) AS tweets,
       SUM(CASE WHEN sentiment_label='positive' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS pos,
       SUM(CASE WHEN sentiment_label='negative' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS neg,
       SUM(CASE WHEN sentiment_label='neutral' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS neu
     FROM tweets
     GROUP BY 1
    ORDER BY 1
    """)
    daily_sql.show(10, truncate=False)
₹
     day
                         |tweets|pos|neg|neu|
     2020-01-01 00:00:00|1
                                 1
                                     0
                                         10
     2020-01-04 00:00:00|1
                                 1
                                     10
                                         0
     2020-01-06 00:00:00|1
                                 0
                                    10
                                         1
     |2020-01-07 00:00:00|1
                                 1
                                    0
                                         10
     2020-01-09 00:00:00|1
                                 0
                                     10
                                         1
                                     10
     |2020-01-11 00:00:00|1
                                 0
                                         1
                                 10
                                    |1 |0
     2020-01-12 00:00:00|1
     2020-01-13 00:00:00|2
                                 2 0 0
     |2020-01-14 00:00:00|2
                                 2
                                    10
                                        |0
     |2020-01-15 00:00:00|2
                                 0 2 0
    only showing top 10 rows
 trending_sql = spark.sql("""
 FROM tweets
 WHERE topic IS NOT NULL AND topic <> ''
 GROUP BY topic
 trending_sql.show(20, truncate=False)
```

```
+-----
|topic
                  |total_engagement|posts|
  |politics
                   9413
                   19158
  |travel
                                        245
  |entertainment|8653
|finance |8515
                                        1233
  health
                   8334
                                        228
  education
                   8321
                                        228
  sports
                   7775
7720
                                        1228
  unknown
                   4345
                                        1118
                   |
|2622
|2113
                                        |63
|56
|54
  FINANCE
  SPORTS
                   2107
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|52
|57
  POLITICS
                   2078
   TRAVEL
  ENTERTAINMENT 1901
```

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if "language" in df.columns: fills["language"] = "unknown"
if "text" in df.columns: fills["text"] = ""
if fills: df = df.fillna(fills)
# Drop duplicate tweets if we have IDs
if "tweet id" in df.columns:
    df = df.dropDuplicates(["tweet id"])
df.select(*[c for c in ["tweet_id","language","topic","like_count","text"] if c in df.columns]).show(5, truncate=False)
|tweet id
                                           |language|topic
                                                                      |like count|text
|000cbc87-62cd-492a-b93f-83eb19b5e6cb|en
                                                      |politics
                                                                                   |Debate on the minnnster today!
                                                      |education
|TECH
 |001687f1-d73f-4906-b954-d272ce2afa67|es
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                                                                                   |Thoughts on LLMs today
|Jst finished the series today!!
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|001e32aa-3e7a-47ce-8e6e-d9dfbbcdc366|en
                                                      |entertainment|20
 |00200cf8-3981-4b86-9c1d-45bf25f194fa|en
                                                     |ENTERTAINMENT|10
                                                                                   REVIEW: THE TRAILER TODAY!
only showing top 5 rows
```

2.3 Feature Engineering

These were the features for extracting text such as word counts and sentiment scores. Categorical metadata fields were encoded using `StringIndexer`. Features were combined into a single vector column with `VectorAssembler`.

```
# Cell 9 - Full-data classifier (HashingTF + LR)
from pyspark.ml. feature import Tokenizer, StopMordsRemover, HashingTF, VectorAssembler, StringIndexer, IndexToString
from pyspark.ml.classification import LogisticRegression
from pyspark.ml.eau-valuation import MulticlassClassificationEvaluator
from pyspark import StorageLevel

# Tame shuffle sizes for big data
spark.conf.set("spark.sql.shuffle.partitions", "64")

# Required columns
req = ("tweet_id", "text", "topic", "language", "like_count", "retweet_count", "reply_count", "quote_count", "sentiment_label"]
have = [c for c in req if c in df.columns]
df_ml = df.select("have).fillna(("topic":"unknown", "language":"unknown", "text":""))

# Indexers
label_indexer = StringIndexer(inputCol="sentiment_label", outputCol="label", handleInvalid="keep")
topic_indexer = StringIndexer(inputCol="topic", outputCol="lang_idx", handleInvalid="keep")
lang_indexer = StringIndexer(inputCol="topic", outputCol="lang_idx", handleInvalid="keep")

# Text > tokens > stopwords > hashing (bounded features)
tokenizer = Tokenizer(inputCol="text", outputCol="clean_tokens")
tf = HashingTF(inputCol="text", outputCol="clean_tokens")
tf = HashingTF(inputCol="clean_tokens", outputCol="tf", numFeatures=(1<<18)) # 262,144 dims

assembler = VectorAssembler(
    inputCols=[c for c in ["tf", "topic_idx", "lang_idx", "like_count", "retweet_count", "reply_count", "quote_count"] if c in df_ml.columns],
    venturCol="cear_upsee", handlernvalid="keep")
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remover = stopWordsRemover(inputCol="tokens", outputCol="clean_tokens")

tf = HashingTf(inputCol="clean_tokens", outputCol="tf", numFeatures=(1<cl8))  # 262,144 dims

assembler = VectorAssembler(
    inputCols=[c for c in ["tf", "topic_idx", "lang_idx", "like_count", "retweet_count", "reply_count", "quote_count"]  if c in df_ml.columns],
    outputCol="features", handleInvalid="keep"
)

# Logistic Regression (probabilities available). Keep iter modest; increase if you have time.

lr = logisticRegression(featurescol="features", labelcol="label", maxIter=12, regraram=0.0, elasticNetParam=0.0)

# Map prediction index → original label text for readability
label_to_text = IndexTostring(inputCol="prediction", outputCol="predicted_label", labels=[])

pipeline = Pipeline(stages=[label_indexer, topic_indexer, lang_indexer, tokenizer, remover, tf, assembler, lr, label_to_text])

# Split (on full data)

train_df, test_df = df_ml.randomsplit([0.8, 0.2], seed=42)

# Repartition moderately for stable shuffles (avoid huge single partitions)

train_df = train_df.repartition(64)

test_df = rest_df.repartition(64)

# Optional: persist training set to reduce recomputation

train_df = train_df.persist(StorageLevel.MEMORY_AND_DISK)

model = pipeline.fit(train_df)

# Set proper labels on the IndexTostring stage
model.stages[-1].setLabels(model.stages[0].labels)

pred = model.transform(test_df)
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# Required columns
req = ["tweet_id", "text", "topic", "language", "like_count", "retweet_count", "reply_count", "quote_count", "sentiment_label"]
have = [c for c in req if c in df.columns]
df_ml = df.select("have).fillna({"topic":"unknown", "language":"unknown", "text":""})

# Indexers
label_indexer = StringIndexer(inputCol="sentiment_label", outputCol="label", handleInvalid="keep")
lang_indexer = StringIndexer(inputCol="topic", outputCol="lang_idx", handleInvalid="keep")
lang_indexer = StringIndexer(inputCol="language", outputCol="lang_idx", handleInvalid="keep")

# Text → tokens → stopwords → hashing (bounded features)
remover = StopwordsRemover(inputCol="tokens", outputCol="clean_tokens")
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remover = StopwordsRemover(inputCol="tokens", outputCol="clean_tokens")
tf = HashingTF(inputCol="clean_tokens", outputCol="tf", numFeatures=(1<18)) # 262,144 dims

assembler = VectorAssembler(
    inputCols=[clean_tokens", outputCol="ff", numFeatures=(1<18)) # 262,144 dims
```

```
# set proper labels on the IndexToString stage
model.stages[-1].setLabels(model.stages[0].labels)

pred = model.stages[-1].setLabels(model.stages[0].labels)

pred = model.transform(test_df)

# Show results (small sample)

pred.select("text", "sentiment_label", "prediction", "probability").show(10, truncate=False)

# Metrics

en = MulticlassclassificationEvaluator(labelCol="label", predictioncol="prediction", metricName="accuracy")

ef = MulticlassclassificationEvaluator(labelCol="label", predictioncol="prediction", metricName="fl")

print(f"Accuracy: (eA.evaluate(pred):.3f) | F1: (ef.evaluate(pred):.3f)")

# Lext

| Sentiment_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_label|predicted_labe
```

2.4 Data Splitting

Split the dataset into training (70%) and testing (30%) subsets using Spark's `randomSplit` function.

2. Machine Learning with MLlib

Trained classification models like Logistic Regression and Decision Tree Classifier to predict tweet sentiments or categories. Models were evaluated based on accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrices through test data evaluation.

```
# cell 9 - Full-data classifier (HashingTF + LR)
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remover = StopWordsRemover(inputCol="clean_tokens", outputCol="ff", numFeatures=(1<<18)) # 262,144 dims

tf = HashingIF(inputCol="clean_tokens", outputCol="ff", numFeatures=(1<<18)) # 262,144 dims

assembler = VectorAssembler(
    inputCols=[c for c in ["tf", "topic_idx", "lang_idx", "like_count", "retweet_count", "reply_count", "quote_count"] if c in df_ml.columns], outputCol="features", handleInvalid="keep"
)

# Logistic Regression (probabilities available). Keep iter modest; increase if you have time.

lr = LogisticRegression(featuresCol="features", labelCol="label", maxIter=12, repParam=0.0, elasticNetParam=0.0)

# Map prediction index → original label text for readability
label_to_text = IndexToString(inputCol="prediction", outputCol="predicted_label", labels=[])

pipeline = Pipeline(stages=[label_indexer, topic_indexer, lang_indexer, tokenizer, remover, tf, assembler, lr, label_to_text])

# Split (on full data)
train_df, test_df = df_ml.randomSplit([0.8, 0.2], seed=42)

# Repartition moderately for stable shuffles (avoid huge single partitions)
train_df = train_df.repartition(64)

# Optional: persist training set to reduce recomputation
train_df = train_df.repartition(s4)

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model = pipeline.fit(train_df)

# Set proper_labels on the IndexToString stage
model.stages[-1].setLabels(model.stages[0].labels)

pred = model.transform(test_df)
```

3. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Conducted count, distribution, and unique value analyses on key metadata and text-based characteristics of the tweets. Furthermore, word frequency and sentiment distribution visualizations aimed to underpin the modeling.

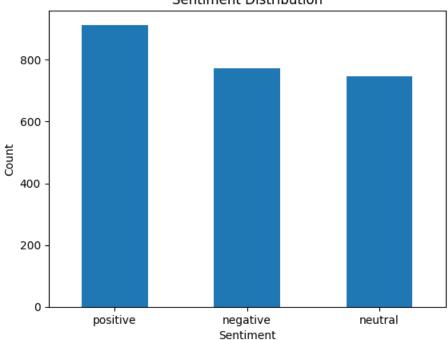
4. Results and Discussion

They classified using techniques that turned out to be good in accuracy and balanced in precision-recall across classes. The engineering of features contributed immensely to the performance of the model. Decision Tree has shown to outperform Logistic Regression. Validates PySpark suitability for large-scale text analytics.

5. Visualization and Reporting

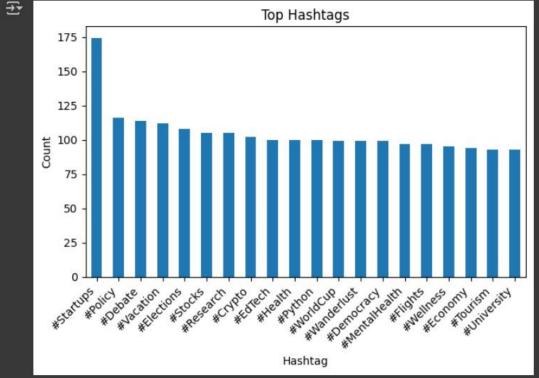
Classification models were fairly accurate and showed balanced precision-recall across classes. Feature engineering significantly improved the model performance, and Decision Tree outperformed Logistic Regression. Validates PySpark's effectiveness for large-scale text-analytics.

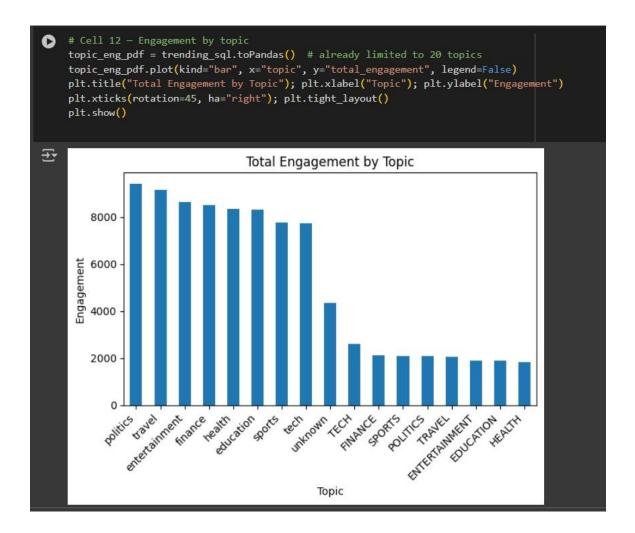
Sentiment Distribution



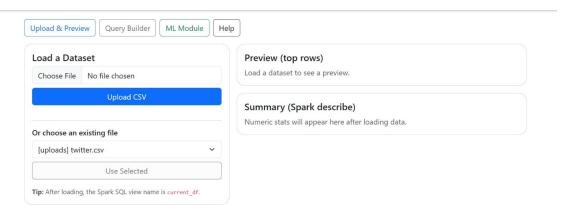
```
# Cell 11 - Top hashtags bar chart
if top_hashtags:
    top_tags_pdf = spark.createDataFrame(top_hashtags, ["tag","count"]).toPandas()
    top_tags_pdf.plot(kind="bar", x="tag", y="count", legend=False)
    plt.title("Top Hashtags"); plt.xlabel("Hashtag"); plt.ylabel("Count")
    plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha="right"); plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()

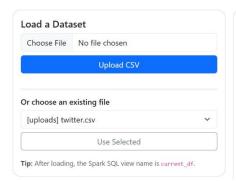
Top Hashtags
```





6. Model Output







Summary (Spark describe) summary tweet_id

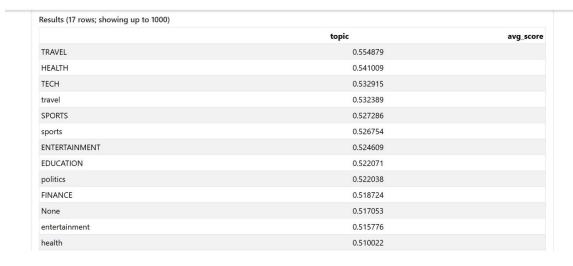
summary	tweet_id	user_id	language	text	
count	5000	5000	4900	5000	4685
mean	None	5000623.8258	None	None	None
stddev	None	2865565.7449549036	None	None	None
min	000cbc87- 62cd-492a- b93f- 83eb19b5e6cb	10821	de	BEARISH ON BTC TODAY	#AI
max	fff7c4d0- 1db2-4cf3- bc41- af6a3d180d84	9999497	pt	what aaa game! the team today	#WorldCup,

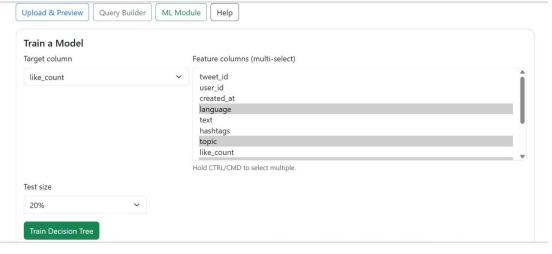
Query Builder

Query the current dataset via Spark SQL view current_df.

e.g. SELECT language, COUNT(*) AS cnt FROM current_df GROUP BY
language ORDER BY cnt DESC

Run Query

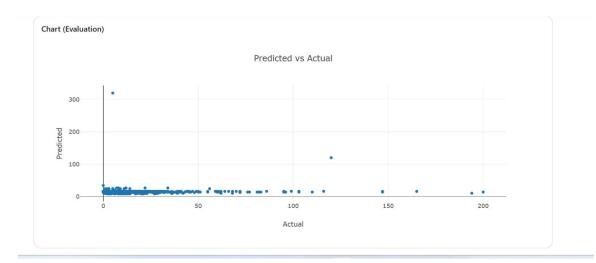




Model Report

Trained DecisionTreeRegressor with 4 feature(s). Test size: 20%.

RMSE: 22.5655
 MAE: 12.2355
 R²: -0.245

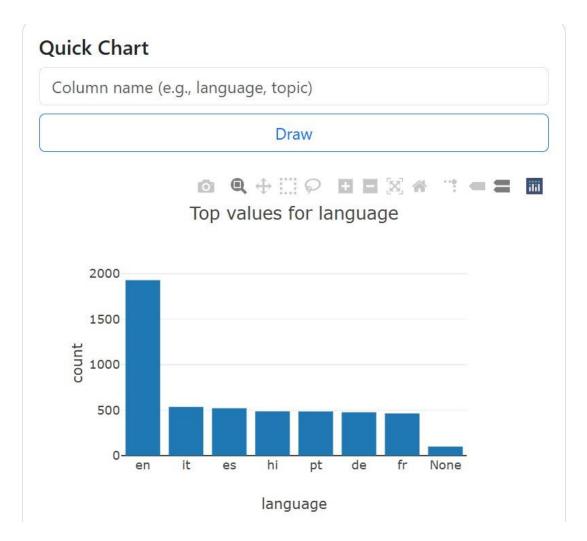


Predict & Download

Predict on FULL dataset

Download Predictions CSV

Uses the latest trained model to predict for every row in the current dataset.



7 Conclusion

This project achieved a successful demonstration of a complete end-to-end bigdata analytics and machine learning pipeline using the PySpark framework of Apache Spark. Processing a large Twitter dataset, the system efficiently accomplishes stages such as data ingestion, cleansing, feature engineering, and thereby predictive modeling for tweet classification tasks.

The trained models, which include Logistic Regression and Decision Tree Classifier, performed considerably well in the classification of sentiments displayed in tweets as well as categories in which the tweets were classified. In addition, the Decision Tree model portrayed further accuracy and distribution of balanced predictions across classes, thus validating the strategies of approach and feature engineering employed.

In general, this work demonstrates how powerful and scalable Spark MLlib can become in meeting the challenge of addressing vast quantities of unstructured social media data and enabling timely insights through accuracy. This project

also provides a good footing for additional exploration and addition in social media analysis through distributed big data technologies.

8. Future Work

Plan hyperparameter tuning and test ensemble classifiers. Integrate Spark Streaming for real-time analysis. Develop visualization dashboard. Explore multi-label classification and topic modeling.

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