Creating Chatbot in Python

Phase 4: Web Application Integration using Flask – Documentation

1. Data Preprocessing:

Loading and Exploring Data:

- Data Loading:

- Read the dialogue data from the 'dialogs.txt' file using Pandas, specifying the column names as 'question' and 'answer'.

- Print the size of the loaded dataframe and display the first few rows of the data.

Data Visualization:

- Token Length Analysis:

- Tokenize questions and answers, analyze their token lengths, and visualize the distributions.

- Utilize histograms and joint plots to understand the token length distributions.

Text Cleaning:

- Cleaning Text Data:

- Implement a text cleaning function to preprocess the raw text data.

- Normalize the text by converting to lowercase and handling special characters.

Tokenization and Data Preparation:

Text Vectorization:

- Tokenization and Vectorization:

- Utilize `TextVectorization` layer from TensorFlow to tokenize and convert text sequences to numerical IDs.

- Prepare encoder inputs, decoder inputs, and decoder targets for training.

Data Batching and Prefetching:

- Preparing Training and Validation Data:

  - Create TensorFlow datasets from the tokenized sequences.

  - Batch and prefetch the data for efficient training.

Model Building:

Building the Encoder:

- Encoder Architecture:

  - Implement the `Encoder` class as a subclass of `tf.keras.models.Model`.

  - Define the layers for embedding, LSTM, and normalization in the encoder.

Building the Decoder:

- Decoder Architecture:

  - Implement the `Decoder` class as a subclass of `tf.keras.models.Model`.

  - Define the layers for embedding, LSTM, normalization, and dense (output) layer in the decoder.

2. ChatBot Training and Model Evaluation:

Training the ChatBot:

- Model Initialization:

  - Initialize the `ChatBotTrainer` model by providing the encoder and decoder networks.

  - Specify the loss function as Sparse Categorical Crossentropy and the Adam optimizer with a specified learning rate.

  - Compile the model with the defined loss and optimizer, including metrics for training evaluation.

- Training Procedure:

- Train the model using the `fit` function, specifying the training data, number of epochs, and validation data.

- Utilize callbacks such as TensorBoard for logging and ModelCheckpoint to save the best model during training.

Visualization of Training Metrics:

- Loss and Accuracy Visualization:

- Plot the training and validation loss over epochs to monitor the model's learning progress.

- Additionally, visualize the training and validation accuracy to assess the model's performance.

Model Saving:

- Saving the Best Model:

- Load the weights of the best performing model saved during training using the ModelCheckpoint callback.

- Save the entire model in TensorFlow format for future use.

Model Layer Details:

- Inspecting Model Layers:

- Iterate through the layers of the encoder and decoder networks within the `ChatBotTrainer` model.

- Print the details of each layer, including their configurations and parameters.

Next Steps and Future Enhancements:

- Discuss potential future enhancements and improvements to the chatbot system.

- Address areas of improvement, such as refining the training data, optimizing hyperparameters, or integrating additional features.

- Consider user feedback and iterate on the chatbot's capabilities to enhance user experience.

3. Flask Web Application Integration:

In this phase, the chatbot developed in previous phases will be integrated into a web application using Flask. Flask is a lightweight and flexible Python web framework, making it an ideal choice for hosting the chatbot and facilitating user interactions

Setting Up Flask:

- **Installation:**

- Ensure Flask is installed using pip:

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pip install flask
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- Creating Flask App:

- Set up a Flask application by creating a Python file (e.g., `app.py`).

- Import necessary libraries and modules, including Flask, to initialize the application.

Creating Routes:

- Home Route:

- Define the home route (`'/'`) where the user interface will be displayed.

- Render an HTML template containing the chatbot interface for user input and responses.

- **Chatbot Interaction Route:**

- Create a route to handle user input and chatbot responses.

- Extract user input from the request and pass it to the chatbot for processing.

- Return the chatbot's response as a JSON object.

User Interface Development:

- **HTML Template:**

- Create an HTML template (`index.html`) for the chatbot interface.

- Include input fields for user queries and display areas for chatbot responses.

JavaScript Integration:

- Client-Side Interaction:

  - Use JavaScript to handle user interactions on the client side.

  - Implement a function (`sendMessage()`) triggered when the user sends a message.

  - Send the user input to the Flask server using AJAX for processing.

  - Update the chat-box with the chatbot's response received from the server.

Running the Flask App:

- **Run the Application:**

  - Start the Flask development server to run the web application.

  flask run

- Accessing the Web Interface:

  - Open a web browser and navigate to `http://localhost:5000` to access the chatbot interface.

  - Users can interact with the chatbot by entering queries and receiving responses in real-time.

By following these steps, the chatbot has been successfully integrated into a Flask-based web application. Users can interact with the chatbot via the web interface, providing queries and receiving responses in real-time. Additionally, the application is ready for deployment on hosting platforms for public access.