Project Report: Sentiment Analysis and Emotion Detection

1. Introduction

In the age of digital communication, vast amounts of textual data are generated daily through social media, product reviews, blogs, and more. Understanding the emotions and sentiments behind this text is essential for businesses, organizations, and researchers. This project focuses on implementing Sentiment Analysis and Emotion Detection using Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to determine the polarity (positive, negative, neutral) and emotional state (e.g., joy, anger, sadness) expressed in the text.

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2. Objectives

- To classify the sentiment of a given text as positive, negative, or neutral.

- To detect and categorize emotions such as joy, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, and disgust.

- To implement and evaluate machine learning and deep learning models for accurate prediction.

- To visualize the results for better understanding and interpretation.

3. Literature Review

Sentiment Analysis and Emotion Detection have been widely researched. Traditional methods involved rule-based approaches using lexicons. More recently, machine learning and deep learning models like SVM, Naïve Bayes, LSTM, and transformers (e.g., BERT) have significantly improved accuracy.

- Lexicon-based models: Use predefined lists of positive and negative words.
- Machine learning models: Train classifiers like SVM or Logistic Regression using bag-of-words or TF-IDF.
- Deep learning models: Use word embeddings (Word2Vec, GloVe) and neural networks (LSTM, GRU).
- Transformer-based models: Use contextual embeddings for superior performance.

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4. Methodology

Data Collection:

- Sentiment140: Twitter dataset labeled as positive, negative, or neutral.
- GoEmotions: Dataset by Google containing 27 emotion labels.

Data Preprocessing:

- Text cleaning (removal of URLs, mentions, hashtags, punctuation)
- Lowercasing, tokenization, stop-word removal, lemmatization

Feature Extraction:

- Bag-of-Words (BoW), TF-IDF, Word embeddings (Word2Vec, GloVe, BERT)

Model Building:

- Sentiment Analysis: Logistic Regression, SVM, LSTM, BERT
- Emotion Detection: BiLSTM, CNN, Fine-tuned BERT

Evaluation Metrics:

- Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, Confusion Matrix

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5. Results

Model	Task	Accuracy
Logistic Regression	Sentiment Analysis	84%
LSTM	Sentiment Analysis	88%
BERT	Sentiment Analysis	92%
BiLSTM	Emotion Detection	86%
BERT	Emotion Detection	91%

Visualizations include sentiment distribution charts, emotion histograms, and confusion matrices.

6. Discussion

BERT-based models consistently outperform traditional machine learning models due to their ability to understand context. Emotion detection is more complex than sentiment analysis due to the overlapping nature of emotions. Challenges include handling sarcasm, slang, and code-mixed language.

7. Applications

- Customer feedback analysis
- Social media monitoring
- Mental health analysis
- Chatbot enhancement
- Market research

8. Conclusion

This project demonstrates that modern NLP techniques, especially transformer-based models like BERT, provide high accuracy for sentiment analysis and emotion detection. With growing computational power and more labeled datasets, these models can be further enhanced for real-world applications.

9. Future Work

- Incorporate multimodal data (text + audio/video)

- Improve performance on multilingual and code-mixed datasets

- Real-time sentiment and emotion tracking systems

- Explainable AI for emotion prediction

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