

Lyrics Generator Using Character Level Model

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Abstract—This paper is about the generation of lyrics from a chosen genre. Five genre choices can be made, Pop, Hip-hop, Rock, Country, and Blues. User enters a few words and generate more lyrics from there.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Song is one of the essential entertainments and part of human's life but writing a lyric for a song requires creativity to construct a meaningful, interesting story and lyrical skill to produce a good rhyme pattern and form a good flow. This lyric generator project aims to build a system that will automatically generate text by completing the sentences entered by the user. This system will have 5 categories of song that liaise with the generation of the lyrics. The 5 categories of song are Pop, Hip-hop, Rock, Country, and Blues. Character-level model was used in this system to predict the upcoming character to complete the whole lyrics which is commonly used in and NLP related systems.

II. RELATED WORK

A. Generating lyrics using rhythm

Tra-la-la-lyrics is a system that is built for the generation of lyrics according to a particular pre-generated melody. The relationship between words, the musical beat of melodies, and rhymes was studied by Oliveira, Cardoso, and Pereira. They implemented various algorithms which performed the division of syllables and can recognize the 'syllabic stress' on a specific word. They also set up a database which intended to store words and form of grammar. Unfortunately, their result was not pleasant.

B. Generation of rap lyrics

A Rap Lyrics Generator was developed by Nguyen and Sa. A database of around 40,000 existing rap lyrics was used in this program. From the words and verses found in the existing lyrics, a new lyric is then generated. To create the lyrics, a linear-interpolated trigram model approach was used. However, the result was graded as lacking flow. Therefore, they shift to a quad gram model. They also implemented a database containing rhyming phrases from two separate sentences. They produced sentences in this manner that rhyme with each other. Finally, all the sentences were written together according to the song structure and arrangement. The generator worked well but it was not applicable to the content of the lyrics and did not relate to a specific theme.

C. Automated generation of poems

WASP (Wishful Automatic Spanish Poet) was the first poem generating program that merged natural language generation techniques with artificial intelligence. It is a system that receives user inputs and these were used as seeds. The system is a forward reasoning rule-based system. The results obtained were assessed as being poor and not very efficient.

D. Semantic similarity in song lyrics Logan

Kositsky and Moreno experimented on the use of lyrics to automatically identify and classify music and to assess artist similarity. Song lyrics were collected from various kinds of sources on the internet to evaluate the content and semantics of the lyrics, various techniques such as the PLSA (Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis) and the k-means clustering methods were used. To check their similarity, evaluation was carried out by matching the system together with another audio system. Both techniques used had their pros and cons. Hence, a combination of the two methods could prove to be much better but this was left to work in future.

E. Natural language processing and lyrics generation

Mahedero, Martinez and Cano implemented basic natural language processing tools to analyze song lyrics. Experiments were carried out on the lyrics to identify the languages, to classify them according to various themes, to extract the structure and to search for similarity between them. A sample of 500 lyrics was chosen from few websites. Italian, Spanish, German, French and English were the languages that were used. The results achieved 92% accurate. A Naive Bayes classifier was used. The Inverse Document Frequency (IDF) and Cosine distance was used to measure similarity. The identification of languages proved to be a simpler task compared to the others.

III. SYSTEM FUNCTIONALITIES

A. Workflow

The system includes several functionalities including creating a dataset, pre-processing text, one-hot encoding, training the model, evaluating the model getting user input and predicting the lyrics based on the genre selected. Figure 1 shows the workflow for the system.


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Total Characters : 27
[' ', 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h', 'i', 'j', 'k', 'l', 'm', 'n', 'o', 'p', 'q', 'r', 's', 't', 'u', 'v', 'w', 'x', 'y', 'z']

Character To Index Mapping :
{' ': 0, 'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3, 'd': 4, 'e': 5, 'f': 6, 'g': 7, 'h': 8, 'i': 9, 'j': 10, 'k': 11, 'l': 12, 'm': 13, 'n': 14, 'o': 15, 'p': 16, 'q': 17, 'r': 18, 's': 19, 't': 20, 'u': 21, 'v': 22, 'w': 23, 'x': 24, 'y': 25, 'z': 26}

Index To Character Mapping :
{0: ' ', 1: 'a', 2: 'b', 3: 'c', 4: 'd', 5: 'e', 6: 'f', 7: 'g', 8: 'h', 9: 'i', 10: 'j', 11: 'k', 12: 'l', 13: 'm', 14: 'n', 15: 'o', 16: 'p', 17: 'q', 18: 'r', 19: 's', 20: 't', 21: 'u', 22: 'v', 23: 'w', 24: 'x', 25: 'y', 26: 'z'}

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Figure 4: One-hot Encoding

The order of input is very important for this problem, so RNN is chosen as it takes into the temporal aspect of the problem. RNN creates a network that takes in consecutive inputs and also uses the activation from previous nodes as a parameter for the next one. Simple RNN encounters the problem that information from early cells are not likely to be passed on to later ones, so LSTMs layer is added to solve this problem by adding a little memory to every cell that stores some information about what happened before. Dense layer is then added for classification. Figure 5 shows the model architecture.

Model: "sequential_3"		
Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
lstm_4 (LSTM)	(None, 20, 256)	290816
lstm_5 (LSTM)	(None, 128)	197120
dense_4 (Dense)	(None, 100)	12900
dense_5 (Dense)	(None, 27)	2727
Total params: 503,563		
Trainable params: 503,563		
Non-trainable params: 0		

Figure 5: Model Architecture

The data is then ready to fit into the model to learn. An early stopping callback is used to stop training the model if the loss does not improve for 3 consecutive epochs.

To create some diversity and ensure that not always the same output is produced, Francois Chollet's keras text Tgeneration example provides a helper function sample to sample an index from a probability array. The function generates a multinomial distribution of predictions. The purpose is to add some randomness so that the most likely word is not always chosen. The parameter diversity is used by the sample function, which will randomly select the next most probable word from the softmax output. As a result, when diversity is low, there are a lot of repetitive words.

C. Screen Shots

How to use the system:

1. Run user interface.ipynb.
2. Choose the genre for the song you want to write.
3. Enter a few words (at least 20 characters)
4. Press Generate button and wait for results.
5. To generate another song lyric, click Reset and repeat 1 to 4.

Figure 6 shows the user interface for the Lyrics Generator program. Users must select the genre from the dropdown list and enter the seed.

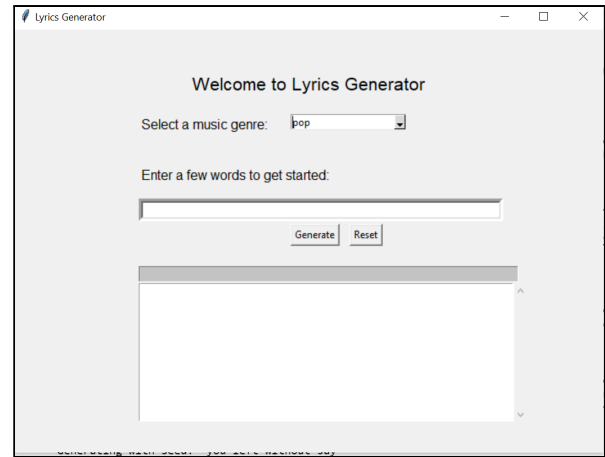


Figure 6: User Interface

A progress bar will load after the user clicks on the Generate button to show the progress. The output of is shown the bottom box. Users can also click the Reset button to clear all the input and enter generate another lyric. Figure 7 shows a sample input.

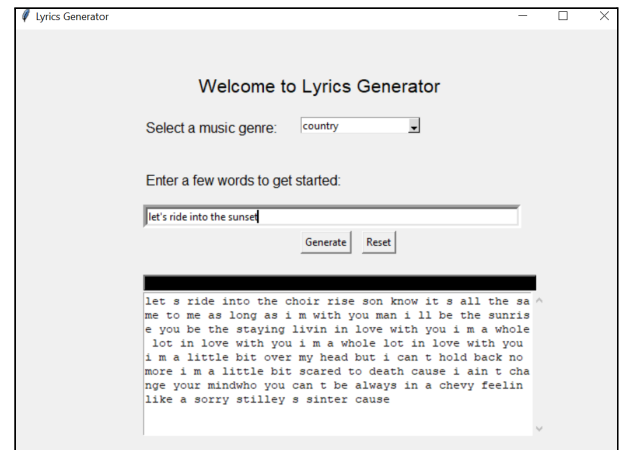


Figure 7: Sample Input and Output

Since the input shape of our model is 20 characters if the seed is less than that the model will not predict well. So, if the user enters less than 20 characters an error message will be shown. Figure 8 shows the error message.

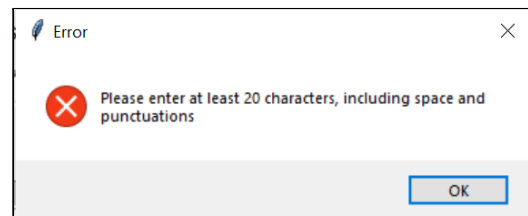


Figure 8: Error Message

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 shows the genres and the number of songs they have in the dataset, the epoch on which they stop training and their corresponding accuracy. Hip hop performed the

worst out of all probably because of the use of slang words and short forms that are hard to interpret.

Genre	Number of songs	Stops on epoch	Accuracy
Pop	505	214	91.96%
Rock	544	168	93.25%
Blues	530	145	95.50%
Hip Hop	506	36	71.38%
Country	630	107	87.22%

Table 1: Information and results on each genre

After the model is finished training, a function called `predict_lyrics` is used to get the input from the user and generate the lyrics with different diversity. Based on the results, we find that when higher diversity is used, the words produced are not accurate and some of them are spelled incorrectly or does not exist, the sentences do not make much sense too, so in the end we used `diversity = 0.2` for the final system.

To ensure that the model performs the best, no matter how long the user input is, we will only take the first 20 characters, which is the same input shape that we used to train the model.

For example, Figures 9 to 13 are the outputs based on the seed “you left without saying” from different genres. “You left without saying” is shortened to only “you left without say”. The final output length will be 400 characters.

A. Blues Model

----- diversity: 0.1
 ----- Generating with seed: "you left without saying"
 you left without say what s the only sinalers at stick with my friends i say to you re doing baby come over here i ll prove to
 you baby while the moon is shining breaking head even though s that good to on ehay my tears leadde with the river and i m hip ca
 reed the river and i m hip careed the river and i m hip careed the river and i m hip careed the river and i m hip careed the river and i m
 messing you can hel me home that s where a
 ----- diversity: 0.2
 ----- Generating with seed: "you left without saying"
 you left without say what s the time hey when the rain brother you go out off me it s high lord tell me lay down hey hey h
 ey i m a voodoo child baby i don t got too pull the sun i want you to roll me like mother will ut on my mind i don t owe you a
 thing i don t owe you a thing i don t owe you a thing baby i don t owe you a thing baby i don t owe you a thing baby i don t owe you
 a thing i don t owe you a thing i don t
 ----- diversity: 0.4
 ----- Generating with seed: "you left without saying"
 you left without say what s they crazy about you in the back yard i d better leave you on song i ve got my own everything tha
 t i got the way that try yeah lord i m troubled i m all worried in mind yeah and i m never being satisfied and i just can t kee
 p from crying sometimeslomo mama s dead and goneand i know i m all alonei can t keep from crying sometimeslater one of these
 eardies i m the call of the dayscare i
 ----- diversity: 0.6
 ----- Generating with seed: "you left without saying"
 you left without say what they was crazy about you sugar mama because you ease my worried mind i tried to give you consols cri
 edn don t have a soul not to make where that ain t le i want you i ll take you say with me that rides and that s expect as cut h
 i song well i turned whole i need to lie i m telling it s always here baby come the time that i plant him will hold you i m gon
 na leave this town sally i was for you
 ----- diversity: 0.8
 ----- Generating with seed: "you left without saying"
 you left without say you want to darlin trist me and my soulaid i could call her about with you um where you know oh my baby
 oh oh oh on the soil for me now can see it through the children crying hey baby don t you want to go anolestand my baby s gone
 i m gonna leave the city got to get away all this fussin in light want to work that frontier s mother s nineleax fixing holing
 on downe mama i don t knowlour you g
 ----- diversity: 1.0
 ----- Generating with seed: "you left without saying"
 you left without say you will what s the devil starts to rock you better get some insurny can be the worried he said what you alra
 eed i m how i feel like i need a soul baby hargin around my head when i m not home the day i shot the bullet in s
 ears on me no more on don t youally i love s i vain the way i m booked i gotta go come on i m thinkin around my desire don t
 ment nobody knows that i feel inside
 ----- diversity: 1.2
 ----- Generating with seed: "you left without saying"
 you left without say hat a rock in and younger on kind breaker i ll do that the next woman you make her all the thing dance you
 got me treat to you to youngical it remains a little queen in ease when i was ten years around i am so funny really take the
 head of the world to help you babyrun you s the love you in my head hargin and you will make a high people for good learing here
 y m sine is going to be rainin out

Figure 9: Blues Model Sample Output

B. Country Model

[illegible]

Figure 10: Country Model Sample Output

C. Hip-Hop Model

[illegible]

Figure 11: Hip-hop Model Sample Output

D. Pop Model

[illegible]

Figure 12: Pop Model Sample Output

E. Rock Model

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----- diversity: 0.1
----- Generating with seed: "you left without say"
you left without say i m just a time take my hand we ll have it all i can t see the children of tomorrow share their dreams ult
h you babeuish sheads a ride on not ho what s inserend her weight refun remember that i was born to walk aloneand i miss breath
ing in and the cold beneath of youbut i can tell that i like my miss merces so just think i m standing ready foxy and all i gr
at that you re part of me still for you
----- diversity: 0.2
----- Generating with seed: "you left without say"
you left without say i m just a time take my hand we ll have i friend out feelin lookin so crazy right nougot me lookin so craz
y right nougot me lookin so crazy right nougot me hoping you will tell my long home and we are all the start so breathi m hoin
g for a well rave on and a merepraped blumbake me to the top for days great s go right the write but i m cool cryin a playing a
t neaskin to dance with the bass i love
----- diversity: 0.4
----- Generating with seed: "you left without say"
you left without say i m on my ways i m on my wayhome sweet home you know that i ve had enough i could die wear reminds me your t
oes above oh baby baby the love s what you do to me what you do to me what you do to me what you do to me what you do to me wha
t you do to me what you do to me what you do to me what you do to me what you do to me what you do to me what you do to me what
you do to me what you do to me what yo
----- diversity: 0.6
----- Generating with seed: "you left without say"
you left without say i m gonna dance i wanna stay awaymorbad yeah that music used to start for where she s under my thumb a sia
mese cat a puddy jin girl blessed mehoid the pain next one i want it anybood cause i m too much so if you wanted to feel me but
i can t get highi can after drauting watchinofincitand the prince that must be my girl yours don t look like thati said i was t
he countin can when your eyes and gree
----- diversity: 0.8
----- Generating with seed: "you left without say"
you left without say cama act swing with my heart behind a man when it s steption strangles all the mony of the waybream on the
door towar away what s you i m going to what you all my heart savel my kitty in a toof love i think we ve got a bobby thun hous
hared he pats happened in need of her was a good want to really when you go oo yeah rock and roll man rock and roll until i ll
watch bring me back when you hold me t
----- diversity: 1.0
----- Generating with seed: "you left without say"
you left without say cama act swingin pain fall it out for bright worry amaring at nights out in her feet in a hiberbeat his si
ckness less like the big bad i m done one doom come came to the rock she couldn t stay awaydon t you know their andis i never
said i just darnow baby till it all away and take me on the turning baut it was cooling to let my soul going cold an old moty
every mindi told you oh what they all
----- diversity: 1.2
----- Generating with seed: "you left without say"
you left without say where it does don t hide a poor lord through the wanty here changing around and arounds i da rive but uhe
n you finally said save nothing reminds a meruce reun wishes and slip and hurting yeah yeah air this confetti like a gameboar s
to kind of the gal is red hot ever stave somehen they re felt a ponbution i ve been a cat bradi lave kennyour s been a soun
d for envidene despain now broom ligh

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Figure 13: Rock Model Sample Output

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