Earthquake detection using Twitter Tweets

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1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

This project addresses the need for a faster and more efficient earthquake detection and alerting system that uses social media channels, notably Twitter. Traditional earthquake monitoring systems are frequently constrained by their reliance on seismic sensors, which can be costly and time-consuming to install. Furthermore, there is frequently a lag in sending information to appropriate authorities and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), which can stymic disaster response operations. This project intends to create a real-time earthquake detection and notification system that can detect seismic events quickly and correctly and warn NGOs and other monitoring committees utilizing Twitter data analysis techniques and machine learning algorithms. The goal is to provide a cost-effective and timely solution that can help save lives and mitigate the impact of earthquakes.

2 MOTIVATION

Firstly, Social media occupies a large part of our day-to-day lives. People keep updating their accounts with their recent activities, places they have been to, or events they attend. Social media can also be very helpful in posting about natural calamities. The use of social media during natural disasters has allowed people to broadcast their safety.

Secondly, Twitter is a useful tool for real-time earthquake detection since it allows people to submit real-time information. This can facilitate timely action and precautions to be taken.

Thirdly, Twitter is a useful tool for communicating important information regarding seismic activity since it is generally available to a large audience. When phone networks crashed during the earthquake, many people turned to Twitter, a social-networking website in the country.

Moreover, analyzing tweets can yield accurate information about an earthquake's location, magnitude, and other relevant details.

Finally, analyzing social media data, including tweets, can offer insights into people's reactions to natural disasters, which can help develop better disaster response strategies.

3 LITERATURE REVIEW

[1] This paper discusses how Twitter can be used as a source of information and proposes a method for detecting real-time events using Convolution Neural Network (CNN). The CNN model is trained on past earthquake tweets labeled by crowdsourcing and used to predict whether a tweet containing the earthquake keyword is informative. The informative tweets are then used as input streaming data for the real-time event detection algorithm. This system can detect earthquakes with a tolerance level faster than official government disaster websites.

[2]This paper investigates using Twitter as a real-time interaction platform to detect events such as earthquakes. The authors propose an algorithm that uses a classifier to monitor tweets and detect target events based on features such as keywords and context. They also devise a probabilistic spatiotemporal model for the event and use Kalman filtering and particle filtering for location estimation. The proposed system is applied to construct an earthquake reporting system in Japan that detects earthquakes with high probability and sends emails to registered users much faster than official announcements by the Japan Meteorological Agency.

[3]The proposed system in this paper uses deep learning techniques such as RNN/LSTM to validate Twitter tweets and provide real-time detection of earthquakes. Machine learning models are trained from past labeled tweets related to earthquakes and used as classifiers to predict the validity of tweets. The system listens to particular keywords like "earthquake" using Twitter's API and converts tweets to word embeddings using BERT before inputting them into the model. The proposed system can detect earthquakes with a higher tolerance level than existing websites and provide earlier warnings to the public.

[4] This paper outlines two main approaches to tracking and analyzing hashtag-based Twitter activities during a crisis: using an open-source tool like your Twapperkeeper and additional tools to process and visualize Twitter activities. The other requires custom-designed tracking and analysis tools like Gawk.

4 NOVELTY

When an earthquake is struck, it takes approximately two to three days to get it covered in the news. This delays the process of reaching out and providing aid to the people and places where the calamity has been hit. Through this project, we provide a platform for the nearby NGOs to inform them where the earthquake has been detected in real-time. This accelerates the process of helping the ones in need.

5 METHODOLOGY

Our problem solution first requires extracting the tweets from the historic data streamed as live data using Kafka stream. The tweets will be extracted based on the word and hashtags like earthquake, stuck, help,#earthquakes, and many more. These extracted tweets will become our dataset. The dataset will have Tweet, the user's location who has tweeted, as a significant feature that can be used further.

5.1 BERT

In our project, we have used the BERT algorithm. BERT is used to classify the dataset as relevant(talking about an earthquake Hit) or irrelevant.

5.2 Kafka Streaming

Kafka Streaming is used to stream tweets in real time. The process involves importing a historic tweet dataset into Kafka and setting up a Kafka Connect Source Connector that reads the data from the Kafka topic and writes it to a new topic in real time.

5.3 Bing API

Used to find the coordinates of the locations extracted.

5.4 Flask

Used to build a web application.

5.5 Folium

Creating a Map using the coordinates obtained from locations.

5.6 Socket

Used for two-way communication between Front-end and Back-end.

5.7 React JS

To provide the users and NGOs with an easy platform to get notified where the earthquake is occurring.

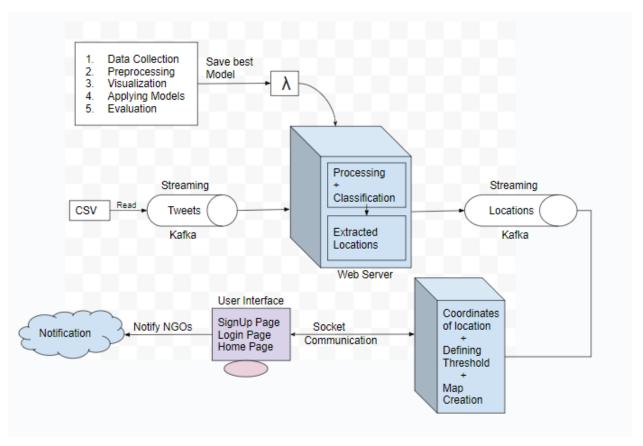


Figure 1: Architecture of our application

6 DATABASE

6.1 Database

We used **Firebase**, a cloud-based platform provided by Google, for user authentication, allowing us to add secure authentication to our Shaky app easily. In addition to authentication, it offers us a real-time database and cloud storage to store user data.

6.2 Datasets

- 6.2.1 Classification Model Training Data. We used a dataset from CrisisLex, which has 33095 rows and 3 columns. The column includes:- Id, Relevance, and Text
- 6.2.2 Classification Model Testing Data. We have used a dataset from CrisisLex, which has 4463 rows and 3 columns. The column includes:- Id, Text, and Relevance

6.2.3 Dataset Used in Kafka Streaming. Here we have used a dataset that has 98000 rows and four columns. The column includes- named id, event, src, and text

This data is historical Twitter data which has been stimulated by Kafka streaming to create a visual representation of tweets live streaming.

7 CODE

7.1 Model for Classification of tweets

7.1.1 Preprocessing

```
import string
 !pip install emoji
import emoji
import re
import nltk
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
from nltk.tokenize import word tokenize
nltk.download('stopwords')
import nltk
nltk.download('punkt')
from nltk.tokenize import word tokenize
def dropnull(df):
  df=df.dropna()
def replaceemoji(df):
  i=0
  for j in df['text']:
    df.at[i,'text'] = emoji.demojize(j)
    i+=1
def removeurl(df):
   for i in range(0,len(df)):
    df.at[i,'text']=re.sub(r'http\S+', '',df.at[i,'text'], flags=re.MULTILINE)
def to_lower_case(df):
 for i in range(0,len(df)):
    df.at[i,'text']= df.at[i,'text'].lower()
def remove_punctuation(df):
  for i in range(0,len(df)):
    df.at[i,'text'] = df.at[i,'text'].translate(str.maketrans('', '', string.punctuation))
```

Figure 2: Code snippet

```
def replaceemoji(df):
  i=0
  for j in df['text']:
    df.at[i,'text'] = emoji.demojize(j)
    i+=1
def removeurl(df):
  for i in range(0,len(df)):
    df.at[i,'text']=re.sub(r'http\S+', '',df.at[i,'text'], flags=re.MULTILINE)
def to lower case(df):
for i in range(0,len(df)):
    df.at[i,'text']= df.at[i,'text'].lower()
def remove punctuation(df):
  for i in range(0,len(df)):
    df.at[i,'text'] = df.at[i,'text'].translate(str.maketrans('', '', string.punctuation))
def remove stopwords(df):
  for i in range(0,len(df)):
   word=df.iloc[i]['text']
   word tokens=word tokenize(word)
    stop words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
    filtered sentence = [w for w in word tokens if not w.lower() in stop words]
    filtered sentence = []
    for w in word tokens:
      if w not in stop_words:
        filtered sentence.append(w)
    for j in filtered sentence:
      df.at[i,'text']+=" "+str(j)
def preprocess(df):
  dropnull(df)
```

Figure 3: Code snippet

7.1.2 Tokenization

Figure 4: Code snippet

Token IDs			
2023			
2088			
2003			
21746			
2039			
9779			
2546			
11839			
29278			
5428			
2571			
2088			

Table 1: Representation of tokens with tokenId

7.1.3 Adding attention mask

Figure 5: Code snippet

Tokens	Token IDs	Attention Mask	
[CLS]	101	1	
quake	27785	1	
after	2044	1	
##sho	22231	1	
##cks	10603	1	
damage	4053	1	
nap	18996	1	
##a	2050	1	
bridge	2958	1	
force	2486	1	
lane	4644	1	
closure	8503	1	
quake	27785	1	
after	2044	1	

Table 2: Tokens with Attention Mask

7.1.4 Applying BERT Model

Figure 6: Code snippet

7.1.5 Training Model Using Train Dataset

```
# Recommended number of epochs: 2, 3, 4. See: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1810.04805.pdf
epochs = 2
for _ in trange(epochs, desc = 'Epoch'):
    # ======= Training =======
   # Set model to training mode
    model.train()
    # Tracking variables
    tr_loss = 0
    nb_tr_examples, nb_tr_steps = 0, 0
    for step, batch in enumerate(train_dataloader):
        batch = tuple(t.to(device) for t in batch)
        b_input_ids, b_input_mask, b_labels = batch
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        # Forward pass
        train_output = model(b_input_ids,
                             token_type_ids = None,
                             attention_mask = b_input_mask,
                             labels = b_labels)
        # Backward pass
        train_output.loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
        # Update tracking variables
        tr_loss += train_output.loss.item()
        nb_tr_examples += b_input_ids.size(0)
        nb_tr_steps += 1
```

Figure 7: Code snippet

```
# Set model to evaluation mode
model.eval()
# Tracking variables
val_accuracy = []
val_precision = []
val_recall = []
val_specificity = []
for batch in validation_dataloader:
     batch = tuple(t.to(device) for t in batch)
b_input_ids, b_input_mask, b_labels = batch
     with torch.no_grad():
       # Forward pass
       eval output = model(b input ids,
                                token_type_ids = None,
                                attention_mask = b_input_mask)
    logits = eval_output.logits.detach().cpu().numpy()
label_ids = b_labels.to('cpu').numpy()
# Calculate validation metrics
     b_accuracy, b_precision, b_recall, b_specificity = b_metrics(logits, label_ids)
     val_accuracy.append(b_accuracy)
     # Update precision only when (tp + fp) !=0; ignore nan
     if b_precision != 'nan': val_precision.append(b_precision)
     # Update recall only when (tp + fn) !=0; ignore nan
if b_recall != 'nan': val_recall.append(b_recall)
     # Update specificity only when (tn + fp) !=0; ignore nan
     if b_specificity != 'nan': val_specificity.append(b_specificity)
print('\n\t - Train loss: {:.4f}'.format(tr_loss / nb_tr_steps))
print('\t - Validation Accuracy: {:.4f}'.format(sum(val_accuracy)/len(val_accuracy)))
print('\t - Validation Precision: {:.4f}'.format(sum(val_precision)/len(val_precision)) if len(val_precision)>0 else '\t - Validation Precision: NaN')
```

Figure 8: Code snippet

Figure 9: Code snippet

```
Epoch: 50% | 1/2 [03:18<03:18, 198.58s/it]
- Train loss: 0.0924
- Validation Accuracy: 0.9792
- Validation Precision: 0.9929
- Validation Recall: 0.9669
- Validation Specificity: 0.9920

Epoch: 100% | 2/2 [06:41<00:00, 200.75s/it]
- Train loss: 0.0530
- Validation Accuracy: 0.9785
- Validation Precision: 0.9951
- Validation Recall: 0.9638
- Validation Specificity: 0.9951
```

Figure 10: Result snippet

7.1.6 Classification on Testing Data

```
pip install xlrd

Looking in indexes: <a href="https://pypi.org/simple">https://us-python.pkg.dev/colab-wheels/public/simple/Requirement already satisfied: xlrd in /usr/local/lib/python3.9/dist-packages (2.0.1)</a>

df2= pd.read_csv('data.csv')
```

Figure 11: Code snippet

7.1.7 Preprocessing on new dataset

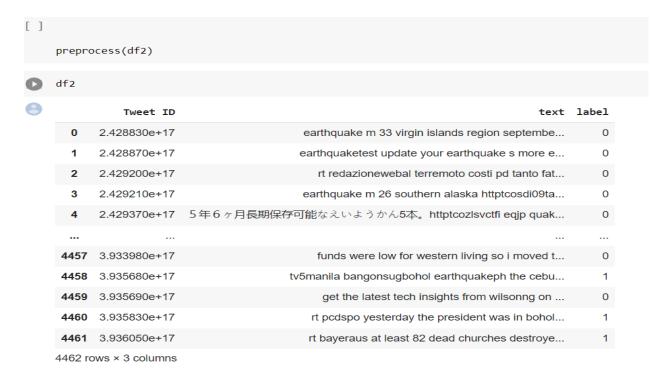


Figure 12: Code snippet



Figure 13: Code snippet

7.1.8 Replacing 0's with no earthquake and 1's with earthquake



Predicted Class

0	No Earthquake
1	No Earthquake
2	No Earthquake
3	No Earthquake
4	No Earthquake
4457	No Earthquake
4458	Earthquake
4459	No Earthquake
4460	Earthquake
4461	Earthquake
4460	o v 1 columno

4462 rows × 1 columns

Figure 14: Code snippet

7.1.9 Tokenization and assigning attention mask using BERT

```
/usr/local/lib/python3.9/dist-packages/transformers/tokenization utils base.py:2354: FutureWarning: The `
  warnings.warn(
          Tweet ID
                                                                text \
      2.428830e+17 earthquake m 33 virgin islands region septembe...
0
      2.428870e+17 earthquaketest update your earthquake s more e...
1
      2.429200e+17 rt redazionewebal terremoto costi pd tanto fat...
2
      2.429210e+17 earthquake m 26 southern alaska httptcosdi09ta...
      2.429370e+17 5年6ヶ月長期保存可能なえいようかん5本。httptcozlsvctfi eqjp quak...
4457 3.933980e+17 funds were low for western living so i moved t...
4458 3.935680e+17 tv5manila bangonsugbohol earthquakeph the cebu...
4459 3.935690e+17 get the latest tech insights from wilsonng on ...
4460 3.935830e+17 rt pcdspo yesterday the president was in bohol...
4461 3.936050e+17 rt bayeraus at least 82 dead churches destroye...
     Predicted Class
0
         Earthquake
1
         Earthquake
2
       No Earthquake
3
         Earthquake
      No Earthquake
4
          Earthquake
4457
          Earthquake
4458
4459
          Earthquake
4460
          Earthquake
4461
         Earthquake
[4462 rows x 3 columns]
```

Figure 15: Code snippet

7.2.0 Final Accuracy

```
[30] from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
    accuracy_score(y_true, df2['Predicted Class'])

0.8201557705924003
```

Figure 16: Result snippet

```
[31] from sklearn.metrics import classification report
     target_names = ['earthquake', 'no earthquake']
     print(classification report(y true,df2['Predicted Class'] , target names=target names))
                    precision
                                 recall f1-score
                                                     support
        earthquake
                         0.90
                                    0.77
                                              0.83
                                                        2369
     no earthquake
                                                        1868
                         0.75
                                    0.89
                                              0.81
          accuracy
                                              0.82
                                                        4237
                         0.82
                                    0.83
                                              0.82
                                                        4237
         macro avg
      weighted avg
                         0.83
                                    0.82
                                              0.82
                                                        4237
```

Figure 17: Result snippet

7.2 Kafka Producer

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe - node KafkaProducer.is
  ode.js v18.14.0
  :\Users\DELL\Documents\GitHub\CSE508_Winter2023_Project_10\Final Deliverables\kafka-producer>node kafka-producer.js
ode:internal/modules/cjs/loader:1050
 rror: Cannot find module 'C:\Users\DELL\Documents\GitHub\CSE508_Winter2023_Project_10\Final Deliverables\kafka-producer\kafka-producer.js'
[90m at Module._resolveFilename (node:internal/modules/cjs/loader:1047:15)+[39m
[90m at Module.]oad (node:internal/modules/cjs/loader:893:27)+[39m
[90m at Function.executeUserEntryPoint [as runNain] (node:internal/modules/run_main:81:12)+[39m
[90m at node:internal/main/run_main_module:23:47+[39m {
    code: +[32m'MODULE_NOT_FOUND'+[39m,
    requireStack: []
  ode.js v18.14.0
  :\Users\DELL\Documents\GitHub\CSE508_Winter2023_Project_10\Final Deliverables\kafka-producer>ls
ls' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
perable program or batch file.
 :\Users\DELL\Documents\GitHub\CSE508_Winter2023_Project_10\Final Deliverables\kafka-producer>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 729A-CB7F
Directory of C:\Users\DELL\Documents\GitHub\CSE508 Winter2023 Project 10\Final Deliverables\kafka-producer
  2-Apr-23 00:24
2-Apr-23 22:57
2-Apr-23 00:24
                                               1,731 KafkaProducer.js
                                             node_modules
39,388 package-lock.json
339 package.json
485 SocketClient.js
  3-Apr-23 02:29
9-Apr-23 22:57
1-Apr-23 23:46
                                              StreamDataSet
30,679 tweet.csv
                        5 File(s)
4 Dir(s)
                                       72,622 bytes
21,368,971,264 bytes free
```

Figure 18: Kafka Producer- creating a queue of tweets

7.3 Kafka Relevant Live Stream Dataset

```
"Systymentonesses", "count" '7011, Queensland Floods ontopic, "source" "Crisisterfo, "text" "Bellen gregory yeah you wissed a goodun. United hasmered Fulham.")
"This year of the price of
```

Figure 19: Kafka Producer- creating queue of tweets

7.4 UI Notification Platform

7.4.1 Login Page

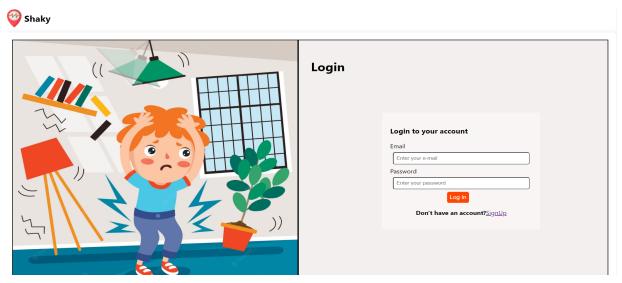


Figure 20: UI snippet

7.4.2 Sign Up Page



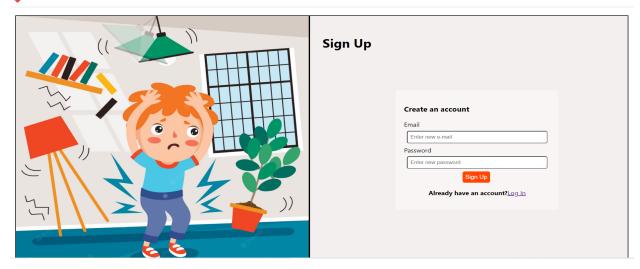


Figure 21: UI snippet

7.4.3 Notification Page



Earthquake Hits

Signed In as saloni123@gmail.com

Sign Out

Texas, Georgia, Kentucky, Waco, United States



Figure 22: UI snippet

8 EVALUATION

As we planned on using Twitter API and fetching the data as a live stream, due to the unavailability of Twitter Developer Portal access, we performed a Kafka Live Streaming on historical data that we acquired from CrisisLex.

Comparison with baselines and the system's performance on existing data
 In the baseline results, we have shown that the system's performance was around

With accuracy= 52%

And now it has been increased to 82%.

[30] from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
 accuracy_score(y_true, df2['Predicted Class'])

0.8201557705924003

Figure 23: Result snippet

SOTA on different evaluation metrics + how the system performs on new data / handles different cases
 Our system performance metrics for the training data and validation data is shown below:-

Epoch: 50% | 1/2 [03:18<03:18, 198.58s/it]

- Train loss: 0.0924

Validation Accuracy: 0.9792
 Validation Precision: 0.9929
 Validation Recall: 0.9669
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- Train loss: 0.0530

Validation Accuracy: 0.9785
Validation Precision: 0.9951
Validation Recall: 0.9638
Validation Specificity: 0.9951

Figure 24: Result snippet

Our system performance metrics for the new data or the test data is shown below:-

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
earthquake no earthquake	0.90 0.75	0.77 0.89	0.83 0.81	2369 1868
accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.82 0.83	0.83 0.82	0.82 0.82 0.82	4237 4237 4237

Figure 25: Result snippet

9 CONCLUSION

The papers described in the Literature Review mainly focus on the location present within the tweets. Therefore to improve and for better location prediction, we have added an additional feature to get the locations present in the geolocations of the user who has tweeted and compare these locations to get the most accurate location. We have also trained our model to classify the tweets, based on the BERT algorithm and it is efficiently able to classify on any given data.

An additional feature has been implemented that none of the paper has implemented, that is a feature to notify the NGOs or users in real-time where the earthquake has been stuck. Our system provides a user-friendly platform which informs the user/NGOs so that help can be provided faster.

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