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1 Twitter Sentiment Analysis

1.1 Project Description

Natural language processing (NLP) has many applications, one of the most common being sentiment analysis. Sentiment analysis uses NLP techniques to identify and extract affective states and subjective information. Sentiment analysis itself has a wide range of applications, including in gathering consumer opinions, monitoring mental health, and advertising. The project is to conduct a supervised learning project using labeled sentiment data. The first dataset for this project is provided from the data found in the Kaggle competition: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/kazanova/sentiment140. This dataset includes 1,600,000 labeled tweets, with: 0 = negative, and 4 = positive.

1.2 Motivation

For this project, I was deciding between either 1) a CNN-based classification task on medical images, or 2) sentiment analysis on Twitter data. The first project idea was explored but unfortunately unfeasible because of restrictions on sharing the private datasets I have available to me as well as the size of 3D image-based datasets (could not be hosted given Google Colab disk space limitations). As such, I chose the second project to pursue. The motivation behind taking on this project is to learn NLP and its applications. I hoped to begin by learning how to build NLP models for general purposes, then apply it to a specific use case in the future.

1.3 Learnings

I learned about all the preprocessing steps needed for NLP that aren't present in other forms of ML, including text processing, tokenization, embeddings, and how there are specific architectures designed for NLP (LSTM, BERT). I also learned a lot more about hyperparameter tuning, and found that there are a lot of different aspects that can influence the performance of a model.

1.4 Imports and Data from Kaggle

```
[1]: import pandas as pd import numpy as np

[42]: import tensorflow as tf import matplotlib.pyplot as plt import pandas as pd import numpy as np
```

```
# Natural language toolkit
     import nltk
     nltk.download('stopwords')
     from nltk.corpus import stopwords # Stopwords
     from nltk.stem import SnowballStemmer # Stemming
     stopwords = stopwords.words('english')
     stemmer = SnowballStemmer('english')
     from sklearn.model selection import train test split
     from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
     import re # Regular expressions to match words
    [nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to /root/nltk_data...
                  Package stopwords is already up-to-date!
    [nltk data]
[3]: from tensorflow import keras
[4]: print("Tensorflow Version",tf._version__)
    Tensorflow Version 2.8.0
[7]: # Mount drive
     from google.colab import drive
     drive.mount('/content/drive')
    Mounted at /content/drive
[8]: !pip install kaggle
    Requirement already satisfied: kaggle in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages
    (1.5.12)
    Requirement already satisfied: python-slugify in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-
    packages (from kaggle) (6.1.2)
    Requirement already satisfied: tqdm in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages
    (from kaggle) (4.64.0)
    Requirement already satisfied: certifi in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages
    (from kaggle) (2021.10.8)
    Requirement already satisfied: urllib3 in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages
    (from kaggle) (1.24.3)
    Requirement already satisfied: python-dateutil in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-
    packages (from kaggle) (2.8.2)
    Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.10 in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-
    packages (from kaggle) (1.15.0)
    Requirement already satisfied: requests in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-
    packages (from kaggle) (2.23.0)
```

Requirement already satisfied: text-unidecode>=1.3 in

```
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (from python-slugify->kaggle) (1.3)
Requirement already satisfied: chardet<4,>=3.0.2 in
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (from requests->kaggle) (3.0.4)
Requirement already satisfied: idna<3,>=2.5 in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (from requests->kaggle) (2.10)
```

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>
Saving kaggle.json to kaggle.json
User uploaded file "kaggle.json" with length 65 bytes

```
[10]: # Make sure to accept the rules on the Kaggle competition where this data is being used
# otherwise this download will not work!
!kaggle datasets download -d kazanova/sentiment140
```

Downloading sentiment140.zip to /content 80% 65.0M/80.9M [00:02<00:00, 21.6MB/s] 100% 80.9M/80.9M [00:03<00:00, 28.1MB/s]

[11]: !unzip sentiment140.zip

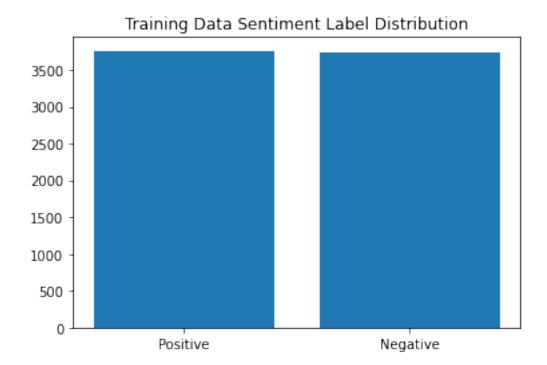
Archive: sentiment140.zip inflating: training.1600000.processed.noemoticon.csv

1.5 Load in Data

```
# Remap the sentiment
          label_to_sentiment = {0: "Negative", 2: "Neutral", 4: "Positive"}
           self.data.sentiment = self.data.sentiment.map(label_to_sentiment)
          self.data = self.data.sample(sample_size, axis = 0)
          self.X_train = self.data.iloc[:int(sample_size*0.75), 5].values
          self.y_train = self.data.iloc[:int(sample_size*0.75), 0].values
           self.X_test = self.data.iloc[int(sample_size*0.75):, 5].values
           self.y_test = self.data.iloc[int(sample_size*0.75):, 0].values
        def __len__(self):
          return self.data.shape[0]
        def __getitem__(self, index):
          return self.X_train[index], self.y_train[index]
        def make_train_df(self):
          train = pd.DataFrame(self.X_train, self.y_train).reset_index()
          train.columns = ['sentiment', 'text']
          return train
        def make test df(self):
          test = pd.DataFrame(self.X_test, self.y_test).reset_index()
          test.columns = ['sentiment', 'text']
          return test
[107]: # Explore the data and characteristics
       dataset = FeatureDataset("/content/training.1600000.processed.noemoticon.csv", __
        →10000)
[108]: dataset.data.head()
[108]:
               sentiment
                                  id
                                                              date
                                                                       query \
       1225409 Positive 1990683826 Mon Jun 01 05:29:55 PDT 2009
                                                                    NO QUERY
       610188 Negative 2224038141 Thu Jun 18 09:00:51 PDT 2009
                                                                    NO QUERY
       1142173 Positive 1977271606 Sat May 30 20:33:07 PDT 2009
                                                                    NO_QUERY
       376452
               Negative 2051677330 Fri Jun 05 22:32:31 PDT 2009
                                                                    NO_QUERY
       1054503 Positive 1962009112 Fri May 29 10:22:55 PDT 2009
                                                                    NO_QUERY
                     user_id
                                                                           text
       1225409 Liyah_Love12
                                                           In Class Boredddddd
       610188
                Annmarie101 is wonderin why on earth facebook wont let me ...
                    sponsler Ummm...I may or may not be tweeting from a str...
       1142173
       376452
                   Beeepers Right when I was about to go have fun, joy mak...
       1054503
                      zoja87 Back home , bought some spaghetti ingridients ...
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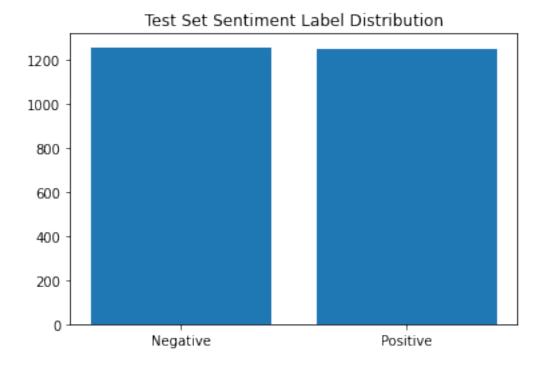
```
[109]: train_counts = dataset.make_train_df().sentiment.value_counts()
    plt.bar(train_counts.index, train_counts.values)
    plt.title("Training Data Sentiment Label Distribution")
```

[109]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Training Data Sentiment Label Distribution')



```
[110]: test_counts = dataset.make_test_df().sentiment.value_counts()
    plt.bar(test_counts.index, test_counts.values)
    plt.title("Test Set Sentiment Label Distribution")
```

[110]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Test Set Sentiment Label Distribution')



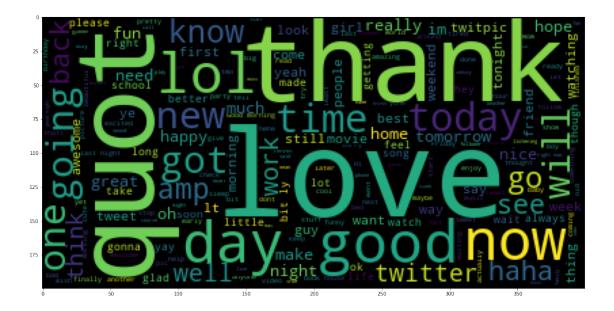
The distribution of data between positive and negative classifications seem fairly balanced in the training and testing datasets with no skewness.

Making a wordcloud because I'm curious to know which words are associated with 'positive' and 'negative' emotions.

```
[111]: from wordcloud import WordCloud

pos_text = dataset.data[dataset.data.sentiment == 'Positive'].text
neg_text = dataset.data[dataset.data.sentiment == 'Negative'].text
pos_wc = WordCloud().generate(" ".join(pos_text))
neg_wc = WordCloud().generate(" ".join(neg_text))
plt.figure(figsize=(20,20))
plt.imshow(pos_wc)
```

[111]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7ff021ceb390>



Interesting results - words like 'good' and 'love', as well as 'nice', 'thank' and 'friend'. However, that I also notice there is likely a lot of noise from words like 'quot' and 'amp' which are likely symbols, as well as words like 'im', 'go', and 'twitter' which are likely words that just happen to be commonplace on Twitter.

```
[112]: # Checking why "quot" and "amp" seem to be included in the word cloud
for i in pos_text[1:100]:
   if 'amp' and 'quot' in i:
      print(i)
```

If only we could do this Eurovision style. " This is Michael from East of England, the electorate have voted and... "

Time to go to sleep after a long night of doing comedy and celebrating Dan " the fuck master" Madonia's birthday

Cunitechy speakin of marathi movies.. I've watched one.. " shwaas" and absolutely loved it.. hope u hve watched tht mulgi

urgh, Food Tech coursework should be illegal, no joke. i'm sooo happy, for no reason *HIGH FIVE* @WollysHolly "00 00 00!!" ;)

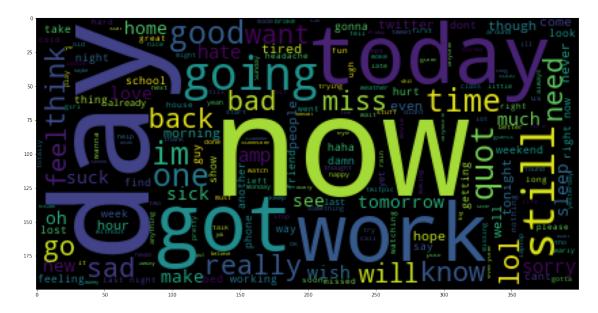
@warlockuk - I quite like - my chemical romance Tho I'm having a "within temptation" day today

says : " in order to succeed, we must have the courage both fail and to try again. "

As you can see, quot and amp are likely just derivations from symbols. We need to remove these commonwords and these symbols in case it confounds learning.

```
[113]: plt.figure(figsize=(20,20)) plt.imshow(neg_wc)
```

[113]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7ff021c7a5d0>



Similarly with negative comments, you can see expected words. I find it very interesting that 'work', 'now' and 'still' are included - maybe the idea of 'now' induces a time-based stress in users that leads to negativitiy, and similarly ideas involved with 'still' can lead to frustration. And of course, I can empathize with Twitter users about why 'work' is associated with negative emotion . I also find it interesting that words like 'hate' and 'sad' aren't as prevalent as 'work', 'now', or 'still'. Perhaps this is because these words tend not to be as expressed on social media - people might keep that more to themselves. There are also a lot of stopwords - which again shows a need for text preprocessing.

1.6 Text Preprocessing

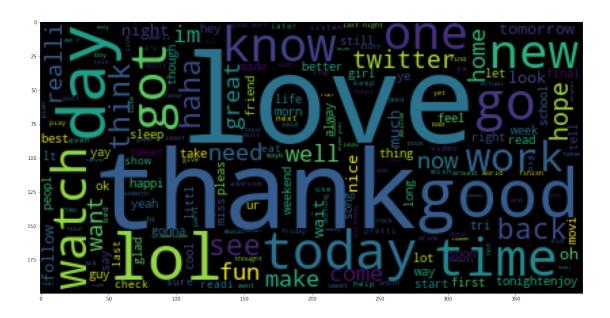
Text in tweets tend to have a lot of extraneous hyperlinks, punctuation, emojis, etc. It is important in NLP applications to preprocess text before training. There are three important steps: - **Remove stopwords**: stopwords are commonly used words in the English language. These words have no contextual meaning in an sentence, so therefore we remove them before classification. Some stopwords are.. 'i', 'me', 'my', 'myself', etc.

- 'Stemming' words: There are many grammatical versions of words, for example write, writing and writes. There are also families of derived or related words with similar meanings. The goal of stemming is to reduce alternate, inflectional, and related forms of a word to a common base form. Stemming does this through a process that chops off the ends of words. For example, 'adjust able' -> 'adjust'.
- **Lemmatization**: Much like stemming, the goal of lemmatization is also to reduce extraneous forms of words. Lemmatization, however, refers to using a morphological analysis of words. It removes inflectional endings only (ie., 'going' -> 'go') and also turns synonyms into a base or dictionary form of a word. (ie., 'better' -> 'good')

A final form of text processing that needs to be done is removal of hyperlinks, which are prolific in Tweets. This can be done through applying regular expressions (**regex**) which is a system that uses a specific series of commands to match and identify patterns in other strings. (ex., I can regex the https: of a link)

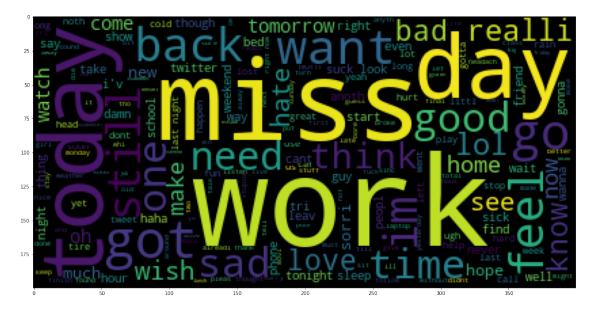
```
[115]: # Regex to clean hyperlinks
       # https://stackoverflow.com/questions/11331982/
        \rightarrow how-to-remove-any-url-within-a-string-in-python
       def remove URL(text):
           """Remove URLs from a text string"""
           return re.sub(r"http\S+", "", text).strip()
       # Remove stopwords and stem words
       # https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/bloq/2019/08/
        \rightarrow how-to-remove-stopwords-text-normalization-nltk-spacy-qensim-python/
       stopwords.append('go') # Go is a very common stopword not already in the dataset
       def preprocess(text):
         text = remove_URL(text)
         tokens = []
         for token in text.split(' '):
           if token not in stopwords:
             token = token.replace('&quot', '') # Remove Equot
             token = token.replace('amp', '&') # Remove amp (because often is attached_
        \rightarrow to another word)
             tokens.append(stemmer.stem(token))
         return ' '.join(tokens)
[116]: dataset.data.text = dataset.data.text.apply(lambda x: preprocess(x)) # apply to_
        \rightarrowall text in dataset
[117]: # Recheck word cloud
       pos_text = dataset.data[dataset.data.sentiment == 'Positive'].text
       neg_text = dataset.data[dataset.data.sentiment == 'Negative'].text
       pos_wc = WordCloud().generate(" ".join(pos_text))
       neg_wc = WordCloud().generate(" ".join(neg_text))
       plt.figure(figsize=(20,20))
       plt.imshow(pos_wc)
```

[117]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7ff03e70f5d0>



```
[118]: plt.figure(figsize=(20,20))
   plt.imshow(neg_wc)
```

[118]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7ff021cdb2d0>



Much cleaner upon visual inspection, without as many irrelevant or unimportant words.

1.7 Tokenization

In a general sense, tokenization is breaking the raw text into small chunks called tokens. Tokenization is a required process for NLP. When we feed in the text from a tweet, the machine needs to be able to understand what it all means and process it appropriately. In the case of a sentence, we can break it into words as tokens. For example, the previous sentence would have 15 tokens, starting at [In] and ending with [tokens]. Tokenization usually also throws away certain characters, like punctuation. Tokenization is important for many reasons.

- 1. These tokens help in understanding the context or developing the model for the NLP. In many cases, we can also mask these tokens and use our ML algorithm to predict what that token will be given the tokens surrounding it (this is how Google Autocomplete is trained I believe!).
- 2. The tokenization helps in interpreting the meaning of the text by analyzing the sequence of the words. This is more important in this situation; tokenization allows for interpretation of each Tweet inputted. It also allows a sentence to be converted into tokens that can be used as 'features', which is necessary for our future Sequential model.

```
[119]: MAX_NB_WORDS = 100000 # Define a max word length
MAX_SEQUENCE_LENGTH = 30 # Define a max sequence length (given Twitter_
character limits this seems reasonable)
```

Vocabulary Size: 14155

1.8 Padding and Encoding

Padding is performed to ensure there is no variance in input shapes of sequences (a requirement of the model). (i.e., should all be same length.) Padding in this context refers to adding extra blank space to a sequence. We add extra space here up to the maximum sequence length. This is necessary because not all Tweets are the same length!

```
[121]: from keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences # pad_sequences pads_

sequences to the same length

# https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/preprocessing/sequence/

pad_sequences

# Save in our final train/test variables
```

X_train: (7500, 30)
X_test: (2500, 30)

Label encoding here essentially means we want to convert the "Positive" and "Negative" labels to 0 and 1 for binary classification.

y_train: (7500, 1)
y_test: (2500, 1)

1.9 Embeddings

Previously when discussing tokenization, we mentioned how tokens are essentially features and a sentence is a feature vector. Embeddings are similar to the idea of the feature vector - it's a representation of words within their contexts. However, by my understanding, it's the vector representation of that word in a space that is defined by the other words with similar meaning. This way, a machine can infer context of the word by those it is surrounded by, giving the word meaning through its context. The 'space' where other words are contained have to be learned on a preset dictionary. While this can be done ourselves using other AI algorithms, it is easier to use established ones. GloVe and word2vec are both methods to learn a standalone word embedding within the context of a text corpus. These representations can be very abstract, but essentially, what word2vec and GloVe can do is to define a vector space where given a word, they can create a vector for that word that places it within that vector space. An example of this intuition which I found helpful was the following:

"We find that these representations are surprisingly good at capturing syntactic and semantic regularities in language, and that each relationship is characterized by a relation-specific vector offset. This allows vector-oriented reasoning based on the offsets between words. For example, the male/female relationship is automatically learned, and with the induced vector representations, "King – Man + Woman" results in a vector very close to "Queen." " – Linguistic Regularities in Continuous Space Word Representations, 2013.

Here, we use GloVe (given it is newer and generally thought of an improved version of word2vec in some contexts) to define embeddings.

GloVe from: https://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/

Tutorial: https://blog.keras.io/using-pre-trained-word-embeddings-in-a-keras-model.html

Helpful article: https://machinelearningmastery.com/what-are-word-embeddings/

```
[98]: # Download GloVe
       !wget http://nlp.stanford.edu/data/glove.6B.zip
       !unzip glove.6B.zip
      --2022-05-01 00:40:03-- http://nlp.stanford.edu/data/glove.6B.zip
      Resolving nlp.stanford.edu (nlp.stanford.edu)... 171.64.67.140
      Connecting to nlp.stanford.edu (nlp.stanford.edu)|171.64.67.140|:80...
      connected.
      HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 302 Found
      Location: https://nlp.stanford.edu/data/glove.6B.zip [following]
      --2022-05-01 00:40:03-- https://nlp.stanford.edu/data/glove.6B.zip
      Connecting to nlp.stanford.edu (nlp.stanford.edu)|171.64.67.140|:443...
      connected.
      HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 301 Moved Permanently
      Location: http://downloads.cs.stanford.edu/nlp/data/glove.6B.zip [following]
      --2022-05-01 00:40:03-- http://downloads.cs.stanford.edu/nlp/data/glove.6B.zip
      Resolving downloads.cs.stanford.edu (downloads.cs.stanford.edu)... 171.64.64.22
      Connecting to downloads.cs.stanford.edu
      (downloads.cs.stanford.edu) | 171.64.64.22 | :80... connected.
      HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
      Length: 862182613 (822M) [application/zip]
      Saving to: 'glove.6B.zip.1'
      glove.6B.zip.1
                             0%[
                                                    7 50.16K
                                                                183KB/s
      ^C
      Archive: glove.6B.zip
      replace glove.6B.50d.txt? [y]es, [n]o, [A]ll, [N]one, [r]ename:
[124]: # Select embeddings
       GLOVE_EMB = 'glove.6B.300d.txt'
       EMBEDDING_DIM = 300
```

```
[125]: # Map words to known embeddings by parsing the data of pre-trained embeddings
embeddings_index = {}

f = open(GLOVE_EMB)
for line in f:
    values = line.split()
    word = value = values[0]
    coefs = np.asarray(values[1:], dtype='float32')
    embeddings_index[word] = coefs
f.close()

print('Found %s word vectors.' %len(embeddings_index))
```

Found 400000 word vectors.

1.10 LSTM Construction and Training

With all of the data preprocessed and embeddings defined, we can begin building and training the model. LSTMs (long short term memory) are a sequence model based on the recurrent neural network (RNN) architecture. Most neural networks we have learned about in the course are feedforward neural networks, ie., each layer outputs to another layer in front. RNNs and LSTMs have feedback connections, where they allow information that is sent forward to another node to also persist in the original node. A great analogy I found explaining this is the following:

For example, imagine you want to classify what kind of event is happening at every point in a movie. It's unclear how a traditional neural network could use its reasoning about previous events in the film to inform later ones. – https://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Understanding-LSTMs/

By looping back around, RNNs and LSTMs allow information to persist. You can imagine why this is important in natural language tasks, where context is important to understand language. LSTMs are unique RNNs because they are designed to allow for context detection from points far away from one another. This can be especially useful in sentences because context for one word may not always be placed next to the word itself in the embedding or vector space.

To build an LSTM, the key architecture is as follows:

- 1. Embedding Layer This layer is used as a vector space with pre-trained embeddings, and generates an embedding vector for each input sequence.
- 2. Conv1D Layer This is used to convolve large data into smaller feature vectors for memory and processing. (I don't think this is characteristic of every LSTM, but can be included for dimension reduction)

- 3. LSTM Layer The RNN-based layer we discussed.
- 4. Dense Layer Fully connected layer used for final classification.

The optimizer used for the model was Adam. Batch Size was 256. Epochs was 10. I tried a few different parameters for the LR, including 5e-3, 1e-3, 5e-4, and 1e-5. The three former caused overfitting while the one latter led to extremely slow training and inconsistent training loss. Ultimately, a middle ground of 2e-4 was chosen.

```
[127]: from tensorflow import keras
       from keras.models import Sequential
       from keras.layers import Dense, Dropout, Embedding, LSTM, GlobalMaxPooling1D,
        →SpatialDropout1D, Input, Conv1D, Bidirectional
       from keras.callbacks import ModelCheckpoint, ReduceLROnPlateau
[135]: LR = 2e-4
       BATCH SIZE = 256
       EPOCHS = 8
[104]: tf.test.is_gpu_available() # Ran out of GPU time on my Colab, but this should
        \rightarrowrun with GPU.
[104]: False
[136]: # Define LSTM model
       model lstm = Sequential()
       model_lstm.add(Embedding(VOCAB_SIZE, EMBEDDING_DIM, weights=[embedding_matrix],_
       →input_length=MAX_SEQUENCE_LENGTH, trainable=False))
       model_lstm.add(SpatialDropout1D(0.2))
       model_lstm.add(Conv1D(64, 5, activation='relu'))
       model_lstm.add(Bidirectional(LSTM(64, dropout=0.2, recurrent_dropout=0.2)))
       model_lstm.add(Dense(512, activation='relu'))
       model lstm.add(Dropout(0.5))
       model_lstm.add(Dense(512, activation='relu'))
       model_lstm.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))
       from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
       model lstm.compile(
           loss='binary_crossentropy',
           optimizer=Adam(learning_rate = LR),
           metrics=['accuracy']
[137]: history = model_lstm.fit(
           X_train,
           y_train,
           batch_size = BATCH_SIZE,
           epochs = EPOCHS,
```

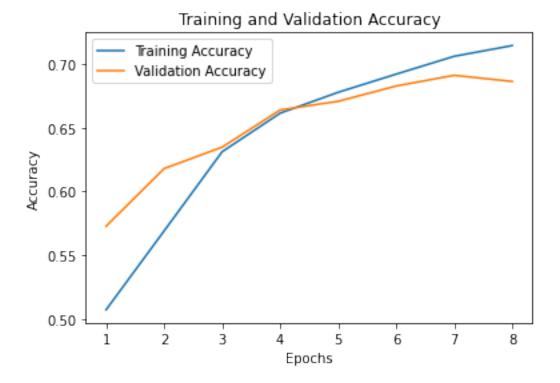
```
Epoch 1/8
    accuracy: 0.5072 - val_loss: 0.6889 - val_accuracy: 0.5728
    Epoch 2/8
    30/30 [============= ] - 10s 333ms/step - loss: 0.6817 -
    accuracy: 0.5691 - val_loss: 0.6663 - val_accuracy: 0.6180
    30/30 [============= ] - 10s 331ms/step - loss: 0.6459 -
    accuracy: 0.6312 - val_loss: 0.6315 - val_accuracy: 0.6348
    accuracy: 0.6615 - val_loss: 0.6142 - val_accuracy: 0.6640
    accuracy: 0.6779 - val_loss: 0.6044 - val_accuracy: 0.6708
    accuracy: 0.6921 - val_loss: 0.5938 - val_accuracy: 0.6828
    Epoch 7/8
    30/30 [============= ] - 10s 347ms/step - loss: 0.5693 -
    accuracy: 0.7061 - val_loss: 0.5875 - val_accuracy: 0.6912
    Epoch 8/8
    30/30 [============ - - 10s 336ms/step - loss: 0.5544 -
    accuracy: 0.7145 - val_loss: 0.5937 - val_accuracy: 0.6864
[138]: loss = history.history['loss']
     val_loss = history.history['val_loss']
     accuracy = history.history['accuracy']
     val_accuracy = history.history['val_accuracy']
     epochs = range(1, len(loss) + 1)
     plt.plot(epochs, loss, label='Training loss')
     plt.plot(epochs, val_loss, label='Validation loss')
     plt.title('Training and Validation loss')
     plt.xlabel('Epochs')
     plt.ylabel('Loss')
     plt.legend()
     plt.show()
```

validation_data = (X_test, y_test))



Training loss appears to decrease across epochs, however validation loss fluctuates around 0.6-0.7. This shows that the model may be overfit to the training data and does not generalize well.

```
[139]: plt.plot(epochs, accuracy, label='Training Accuracy')
    plt.plot(epochs, val_accuracy, label='Validation Accuracy')
    plt.title('Training and Validation Accuracy')
    plt.xlabel('Epochs')
    plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
```



The results seen in the loss are reflected in the accuracy. The model appears to stop improving in performance around epoch 2, which is also where loss no longer decreases. Looking for potential solutions to this, my first instinct is to try hyperparameter optimization. Reading https://medium.com/geekculture/10-hyperparameters-to-keep-an-eye-on-for-your-lstm-model-and-other-tips-f0ff5b63fcd4. Different parameters and what I tried below:

- **Dropout**: Dropout is a technique to prevent overfitting by silencing or dropping out various nodes. Doing trial and error, I found that a SpatialDropout of 0.2 and a Dropout of 0.5 seem to lead to the highest accuracy. These values are also within the standards that are normally accepted as mentioned in the article.
- Batch Size: should always be in powers of 2. Large sizes make large gradient steps compared to smaller ones for the same number of samples "seen". I started with a batch size of 32 but because of the slowly decreasing loss, I thought increasing the batch size should work the best. A size of 256 led to an increasing validation loss while the training loss was decreasing (at around epoch 5), indicating potential overfitting. The 256 batch size model also led to a validation accuracy stagnating around 0.71. Considering this pattern emerged at a batch size of 32 as well, despite overfitting concerns I chose 256 because it provided the best validation accuracy.
- Learning Rate: This appeared to make a small difference. Having the learning rate too high led to overfitting. 5e-3, 1e-3, and 5e-4 were too high, however 1e-5 was too low. I picked 3e-4 as a middle ground. I no longer found there was overfitting, however the validation accuracy decreased to around 0.69 from a previous peak acheived at 0.72. Knowing the model is less likely to be overfit is more important to me, however, and as such I chose 3e-4 as the LR.
- Epochs: Following the rule (described in the article above) where you should extend the

number of epochs to just before you see signs of overfitting, I found an epoch # of \sim 8 was enough (+/- 1 depending on the random sample), past that the validation loss would no longer decrease.

However while fixing (somewhat) the overfitting, we sacrifice a little bit of predictive accuracy. To resolve this problem, I wonder if the data is the limitation. We have access to 1,600,000 Tweets, and with more data, the model could potentially perform better. Creating a new dataset with 10x the Tweets:

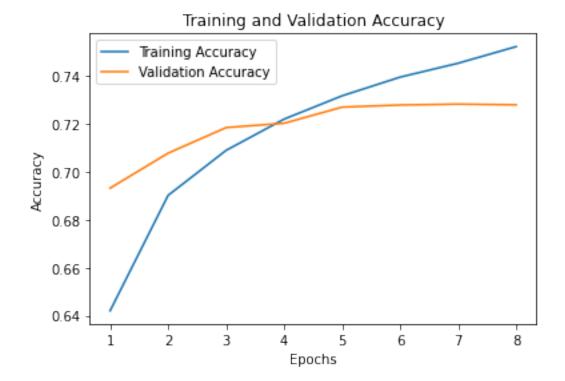
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[140]: # New dataset with 100,000 Tweets
       dataset_2 = FeatureDataset("/content/training.1600000.processed.noemoticon.
       ⇔csv", 100000)
[141]: # Text preprocess
       dataset_2.data.text = dataset_2.data.text.apply(lambda x: preprocess(x)) #__
        → apply to all text in dataset
[142]: # Tokenize
       tokenizer.fit_on_texts(dataset.make_train_df().text)
       word_index = tokenizer.word_index # allows maping of each token to an index in_
       VOCAB SIZE = len(tokenizer.word index) + 1
       print("Vocabulary Size :", VOCAB_SIZE)
      Vocabulary Size: 14155
[143]: from keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences
       X train = pad_sequences(tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(dataset_2.make_train_df().
       →text),
                               maxlen = MAX SEQUENCE LENGTH)
       X_test = pad_sequences(tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(dataset_2.make_test_df().
       →text),
                              maxlen = MAX_SEQUENCE_LENGTH)
       print("Training X Shape:",X_train.shape)
       print("Testing X Shape:",X_test.shape)
       labels = dataset 2.make train df().sentiment.unique().tolist()
      Training X Shape: (75000, 30)
      Testing X Shape: (25000, 30)
[144]: encoder = LabelEncoder()
       encoder.fit(dataset_2.make_train_df().sentiment.to_list())
       y_train = encoder.transform(dataset_2.make_train_df().sentiment.to_list())
       y_test = encoder.transform(dataset_2.make_test_df().sentiment.to_list())
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y_train = y_train.reshape(-1,1)
      y_{test} = y_{test.reshape}(-1,1)
      print("y_train shape:", y_train.shape)
      print("y_test shape:", y_test.shape)
      y_train shape: (75000, 1)
      y_test shape: (25000, 1)
[145]: # Define LSTM model
      model lstm = Sequential()
      model_lstm.add(Embedding(VOCAB_SIZE, EMBEDDING_DIM, weights=[embedding_matrix],_
       →input_length=MAX_SEQUENCE_LENGTH, trainable=False))
      model_lstm.add(SpatialDropout1D(0.2))
      model_lstm.add(Conv1D(64, 5, activation='relu'))
      model_lstm.add(Bidirectional(LSTM(64, dropout=0.2, recurrent_dropout=0.2)))
      model_lstm.add(Dense(512, activation='relu'))
      model_lstm.add(Dropout(0.5))
      model_lstm.add(Dense(512, activation='relu'))
      model_lstm.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))
      from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
      model_lstm.compile(
          loss='binary_crossentropy',
          optimizer=Adam(learning_rate = LR),
          metrics=['accuracy']
[146]: history = model_lstm.fit(
          X_train,
          y_train,
          batch_size = BATCH_SIZE,
          epochs = EPOCHS,
          validation_data = (X_test, y_test))
      Epoch 1/8
      293/293 [============= ] - 108s 349ms/step - loss: 0.6272 -
      accuracy: 0.6421 - val_loss: 0.5749 - val_accuracy: 0.6931
      Epoch 2/8
      293/293 [============ ] - 102s 347ms/step - loss: 0.5808 -
      accuracy: 0.6901 - val_loss: 0.5586 - val_accuracy: 0.7077
      Epoch 3/8
      293/293 [=========== ] - 102s 347ms/step - loss: 0.5597 -
      accuracy: 0.7088 - val_loss: 0.5447 - val_accuracy: 0.7183
      Epoch 4/8
      293/293 [============= ] - 103s 351ms/step - loss: 0.5435 -
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accuracy: 0.7219 - val_loss: 0.5393 - val_accuracy: 0.7201
     Epoch 5/8
     293/293 [============ ] - 103s 350ms/step - loss: 0.5303 -
     accuracy: 0.7316 - val_loss: 0.5334 - val_accuracy: 0.7268
     Epoch 6/8
     accuracy: 0.7393 - val_loss: 0.5330 - val_accuracy: 0.7277
     Epoch 7/8
     293/293 [=========== ] - 103s 352ms/step - loss: 0.5103 -
     accuracy: 0.7451 - val_loss: 0.5342 - val_accuracy: 0.7281
     Epoch 8/8
     accuracy: 0.7520 - val_loss: 0.5368 - val_accuracy: 0.7278
[147]: loss = history.history['loss']
     val_loss = history.history['val_loss']
     accuracy = history.history['accuracy']
     val_accuracy = history.history['val_accuracy']
     epochs = range(1, len(loss) + 1)
     plt.plot(epochs, loss, label='Training loss')
     plt.plot(epochs, val_loss, label='Validation loss')
     plt.title('Training and Validation loss')
     plt.xlabel('Epochs')
     plt.ylabel('Loss')
     plt.legend()
     plt.show()
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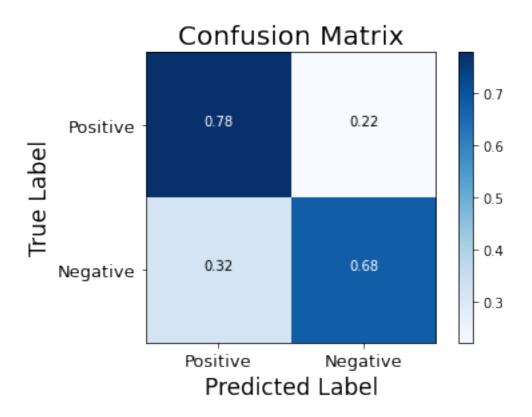
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[148]: plt.plot(epochs, accuracy, label='Training Accuracy')
    plt.plot(epochs, val_accuracy, label='Validation Accuracy')
    plt.title('Training and Validation Accuracy')
    plt.xlabel('Epochs')
    plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
```



Training on a dataset of 100,000 Tweets certainly appears to improve trends in training and validation. Interesting observations include: - The validation loss performs better than the training loss until epoch 5 where it stabilizes, potentially suggesting that at this stage the model becomes less generalizeable to other Tweets. - Similarly, 0.72 appears to be a point where validation accuracy stagnates. - The validation accuracy and loss improves compared to the 10,000 Tweet dataset. - At epoch 9, the validation accuracy dips below the training accuracy and the val_loss > training loss. This suggests that at this point, overfitting may begin. As such, an epoch of 8 or 9 might be a better selection than the arbitrary epoch length of 10. - A batch size of 512 appeared to be effective - 1024 led to a pattern indicative of overfitting around epoch 5.

1.11 Model Statistics

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plt.colorbar()
          tick_marks = np.arange(len(classes))
          plt.xticks(tick_marks, classes, fontsize=13)
          plt.yticks(tick_marks, classes, fontsize=13)
          fmt = '.2f'
          thresh = cm.max() / 2.
          for i, j in itertools.product(range(cm.shape[0]), range(cm.shape[1])):
              plt.text(j, i, format(cm[i, j], fmt),
                       horizontalalignment="center",
                       color="white" if cm[i, j] > thresh else "black")
          plt.ylabel('True Label', fontsize=17)
          plt.xlabel('Predicted Label', fontsize=17)
[159]: def label_to_sentiment(score):
          if score > 0.5:
            return "Positive"
          else:
            return "Negative"
      predictions = model_lstm.predict(X_test, verbose = 1, batch_size = 10000)
      y_pred = [label_to_sentiment(prediction) for prediction in predictions]
      3/3 [======= ] - 8s 2s/step
[162]: conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(dataset_2.make_test_df().sentiment.to_list(),__
       →y_pred)
      plot_confusion_matrix(conf_matrix, classes = dataset_2.make_test_df().sentiment.
       →unique(), title="Confusion Matrix")
      plt.show()
```



Sensitivity: 0.68, Specificity: 0.78, PPV: 0.76, NPV: 0.71, Accuracy: 0.73

[170]: print(classification_report(list(dataset_2.make_test_df().sentiment), y_pred))

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Negative	0.71	0.78	0.74	12428
Positive	0.76	0.68	0.71	12572
accuracy			0.73	25000
accuracy macro avg	0.73	0.73	0.73	25000
weighted avg	0.73	0.73	0.73	25000

The model statistics are displayed above. The specificity of the model is the highest out of all statistics at 0.78, which indicates that the model is good at ruling in negative sentiments. In other words, the model has few false negatives. The sensitivity is lower at 0.68, however, which indicates the model is not as strong at identifying positive sentiments. The PPV (precision of positive sentiment) is high at 0.76, reflecting the higher sensitivity and indicating that there is 76% of all positive sentiments were classified correctly. On the other hand, NPV is at 0.71, indicating that 71% of all negative sentiments were classified correctly. The F1-score is a balance between both precision and recall, and hovers consistently around 0.70-0.75. With an overall accuracy of approximately 0.73, this reflects a moderately appropriate model. Future steps for this model are to train it on more data (which is certainly feasible given training time on the scale of hours), as well as to try different models on the data.

For instance, transformer models like BERT are new, state of the art models that can perform much better than LSTMs and RNNs. As well, as a personal goal, I would love to implement this again in PyTorch and huggingface, which seems to be faster growing in popularity over TensorFlow.