

Emotion Detection Project Documentation

Overview

This project involves building an emotion detection web service. The process includes training a machine learning model using the dair-ai/emotion dataset, deploying the model as an inference endpoint using AWS SageMaker, and setting up a web server on an EC2 instance to interact with the SageMaker endpoint.

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Development Process

Here's a breakdown of the steps taken to set up and deploy the project:

1. Data Preparation and Model Training

- **Dataset:** The dair-ai/emotion dataset from Hugging Face was used, containing labeled text data for various emotions.
- **Model:** The architecture chosen was DistilBERT, a lightweight version of BERT, suitable for text classification tasks.
- **Training Platform:** AWS SageMaker was used for training the model.
 - **Steps:**
 - **Dataset Preparation:** The dataset was uploaded to an S3 bucket.
 - **Training Job Configuration:** A training job was configured in SageMaker with the following settings:
 - **Algorithm:** Hugging Face's Transformers framework with DistilBERT.
 - **Hyperparameters:** Tuned for learning rate, batch size, and the number of epochs.
 - **Instance Type:** ml.p3.2xlarge for fast training using GPU acceleration.
 - **Fine-Tuning the Model:** The model was fine-tuned on the emotion dataset, achieving a high accuracy on the validation set.

2. Setting Up the SageMaker Inference Endpoint

- After training, the model was deployed as an endpoint on AWS SageMaker.
 - **Steps:**
 - **Create Endpoint Configuration:** The trained model artifacts were used to create an endpoint configuration.
 - **Deploy the Endpoint:** The model was deployed to an ml.m5.large instance for inference.

- **Testing the Endpoint:** The endpoint was tested using sample inputs to ensure it returned the expected emotion predictions.

3. Developing the Web Server

- **Platform:** A Flask web server was developed to serve as a front-end interface for users to interact with the SageMaker endpoint.
- **Configuration:**
 - The server was configured to receive text input via a POST request, forward the request to the SageMaker endpoint using the boto3 library, and return the predicted emotion and confidence score.
- **Error Handling:**
 - Implemented error handling to manage cases where the SageMaker endpoint is unreachable or the input is invalid.

4. Hosting the Web Server on an EC2 Instance

- **EC2 Instance Setup:**
 - Launched an EC2 instance using an Amazon Linux 2 AMI.
 - Configured the security group to allow inbound HTTP and SSH traffic.
- **Environment Setup:**
 - Installed Python, Git, and other required dependencies on the instance.
 - Cloned the project repository from GitHub.
 - Installed the necessary Python packages from requirements.txt.
- **Running the Flask Server:**
 - Configured the Flask application to listen on all network interfaces (0.0.0.0) to make it accessible externally.
 - Used screen or tmux to keep the server running in the background.

- **Testing:**

- The server was tested using tools like curl and Postman to ensure that it correctly communicated with the SageMaker endpoint and returned the predicted emotion.