Next Word Prediction

Using n-gram(4) Models

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Journey of the Shiny Predictor App

This presentation features the following

- Creating n-grams data set used to predict next word in the Shiny App
- Knowledge capture during the creation of data-set and Shiny App
- Next Word Prediction why this specific approach

Links to the app and source code

- Source Code on GitHub
- Shiny App

Data Wrangling and Tidy Data Set Creation

The raw data contains corpora in 4 different languages, for this project only en_US locale files were downloaded.

Text mining was implemented using the **tidy** libraries. Due to huge size of twitter and blog files, used only 33% of their size in this project.

Some details about the data:

Stats	News	Blogs	Twitter
File.Size	196.2775	200.4242	159.3641
File.Length	77259	899288	2360148
Longest.Line	5760	40833	140

Next Word Prediction Model

The predictive text model was built from a sample of 500k lines extracted from a random sample of a large corpus of blogs, news and twitter data (over 4 million lines).

The sample data was tokenized and cleaned with tidytext. Cleaning process included removing profane words, all non-ascii characters, and all words were lower-cased. The strings were then split into tokens (n-grams =4).

For the Shiny App, used quadgram (n-gram=4), basically a string of 4 words, datatable with frequencies of occurence to predict next word.

The Shiny App

Users enter text in the text box and the predicted words are posted below the text box

Users can also select the number of words they want to predict by inputting in the amount of words below the text box.

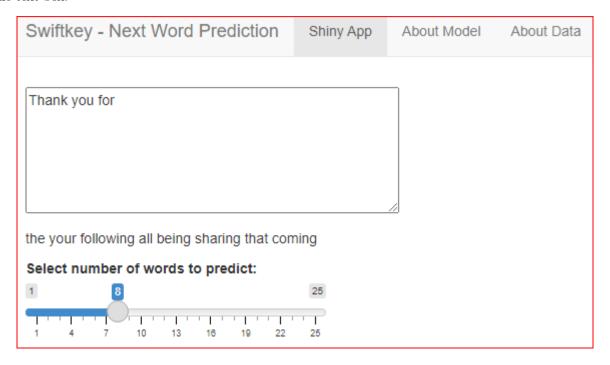


Figure 1: Shiny App

Summary

- Due to machine resource limitations, had to limit reading of blogs.txt, and twitter.txt files to 33% of their respective file sizes
- The Shiny App was built limiting n-grams data set to 500,000 rows
- Need more data to improve prediction accuracy and effectively suggest words that lead to higher usage by User

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