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**ABSTRACT**

This project investigates the role of linguistic analysis in enhancing the effectiveness of text classification tasks within the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP). Text classification is a key component of many NLP applications, such as sentiment analysis, spam detection, and topic categorization. Traditional approaches often rely on bag-of-words models or raw text features, which may overlook important linguistic structures and nuances. To address this limitation, this study integrates a range of linguistic features—including tokenization, part-of-speech (POS) tagging, and lemmatization—into the text pre-processing pipeline.

By applying these techniques, the project aims to capture deeper syntactic and morphological information that can enrich the textual representation provided to machine learning classifiers. A series of experiments are conducted to compare the performance of models that utilize linguistic analysis with those that use conventional pre-processing methods. The results demonstrate that models incorporating linguistic features achieve higher accuracy and improved overall performance, especially in datasets with complex or context-dependent language.

This work highlights the value of linguistic insights in building more robust, interpretable, and accurate NLP systems. It underscores the importance of combining computational methods with linguistic theory to bridge the gap between raw text data and meaningful language understanding.

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# 1.INTRODUCTION

Text classification is a fundamental task in Natural Language Processing (NLP), playing a vital role in a wide range of real-world applications such as sentiment analysis, spam detection, topic categorization, and document filtering. Accurate classification of textual data enables systems to automatically understand, organize, and make decisions based on human language. While traditional classification models often rely on surface-level features—such as word frequency or n-grams—they may fail to capture the deeper linguistic structure and meaning embedded in the text. This project investigates the integration of linguistic analysis into the text classification pipeline to improve both accuracy and interpretability. Key linguistic pre-processing techniques, including tokenization, part-of-speech (POS) tagging, and lemmatization, are employed to enrich the input representation provided to machine learning models. These features allow classifiers to recognize grammatical structures, normalize word forms, and better understand the syntactic and semantic relationships within the text. By incorporating these linguistic features, the project aims to evaluate their impact on classification performance across different machine learning algorithms. Through a comparative analysis of models with and without linguistic pre-processing, the study demonstrates that leveraging linguistic insights can lead to more robust and context-aware classification systems. This approach not only improves model accuracy but also contributes to a deeper understanding of how language structure influences computational tasks in NLP.

# 2.PROBLEM STATEMENT

Text classification is a foundational task in Natural Language Processing (NLP), essential for a wide range of applications including sentiment analysis, spam detection, document categorization, and content moderation. While considerable progress has been made using machine learning and deep learning techniques, many of these approaches depend primarily on surface-level textual features such as word frequency, n-grams, or word embeddings. These methods often treat text as a bag of words, ignoring the deeper linguistic structure and syntactic relationships inherent in human language.

As a result, such models may struggle with contextual understanding, ambiguity, or nuanced language, leading to reduced accuracy and limited interpretability. For example, two sentences with different meanings may appear statistically similar, while linguistically they are clearly distinct. This gap highlights the need for methods that go beyond raw text and incorporate linguistic information that reflects how language is structured and understood by humans.

# 3.OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this project is to design and implement a machine learning-based text classification system capable of automatically categorizing input text into predefined categories such as sports, finance, technology, entertainment, and science. This system leverages Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to pre-process and extract meaningful features from raw text data, and applies a supervised learning algorithm — specifically, the Multinomial Naive Bayes classifier — to accurately predict the category of new, unseen text inputs.

The project aims to:

* Demonstrate an end-to-end NLP pipeline, including data pre-processing, tokenization, and feature extraction.
* Train a classifier using n-gram-based textual features to distinguish between different subject domains.
* Evaluate model performance using standard metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.
* Provide a simple, user-friendly interface for real-time sentence classification.
* Establish a foundation for further experimentation with larger datasets and advanced NLP models in future work.
* **Demonstrate the applicability of basic machine learning techniques** to real-world text data and highlight the challenges of domain-specific classification.
* **Provide a modular and scalable framework** that can be extended to larger datasets and more complex NLP models (e.g., SVM, BERT, etc.).
* **Encourage experimentation** with alternative pre-processing methods, vectorization strategies (like TF-IDF), and additional feature sets for improved model performance.

# 4.LITERATURE REVIEW

Text classification is a core NLP task traditionally addressed using statistical models like Naive Bayes and Support Vector Machines, which rely on surface-level features such as bag-of-words and n-grams. However, these approaches often miss important linguistic nuances, limiting their effectiveness on complex texts. To overcome this, researchers have incorporated linguistic preprocessing techniques like tokenization, part-of-speech (POS) tagging, and lemmatization, which provide syntactic and morphological context to improve feature quality.

Studies have shown that integrating POS tags and lemmatized forms enhances classification accuracy by enabling models to better understand word roles and reduce sparsity. Recent advancements also combine linguistic features with deep learning architectures, demonstrating improved performance through richer text representations that capture grammatical structure. Despite progress, many models still underutilize linguistic information, highlighting the need for systematic exploration of linguistic analysis in text classification—a focus of this project.

n recent years, the rise of **deep learning** and **pre-trained language models** such as BERT and GPT has revolutionized text classification by allowing models to understand context and semantics deeply. However, classical models like Naive Bayes still offer competitive performance on small to medium datasets with lower computational costs, making them ideal for educational and prototyping purposes.

Furthermore, studies like Joulin et al. (2017) demonstrated that simple models like Fast Text could perform surprisingly well when trained with efficient feature extraction and tokenization methods. This supports the current project’s approach of using classical models with enhanced pre-processing and n-gram features to build a lightweight, effective classifier.

# 5.METHODOLOGY

**1.Data Collection:**  
Select and gather relevant datasets suitable for text classification tasks (e.g., sentiment analysis or spam detection datasets).

**2.Data Pre-processing:**  
Clean the text data by removing noise such as special characters, stopwords, and irrelevant symbols. Normalize text by converting to lowercase.

**3.Linguistic Analysis:**  
Apply linguistic pre-processing techniques including:

* **Tokenization:** Splitting text into meaningful units (tokens).
* **Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging:** Assigning grammatical tags to each token.
* **Lemmatization:** Reducing words to their base or root form.

**4.Feature Extraction:**  
Extract features from both raw text and linguistically processed text. This may include:

* Bag-of-Words and TF-IDF vectors from raw tokens.
* POS tag distributions and lemmatized word representations.

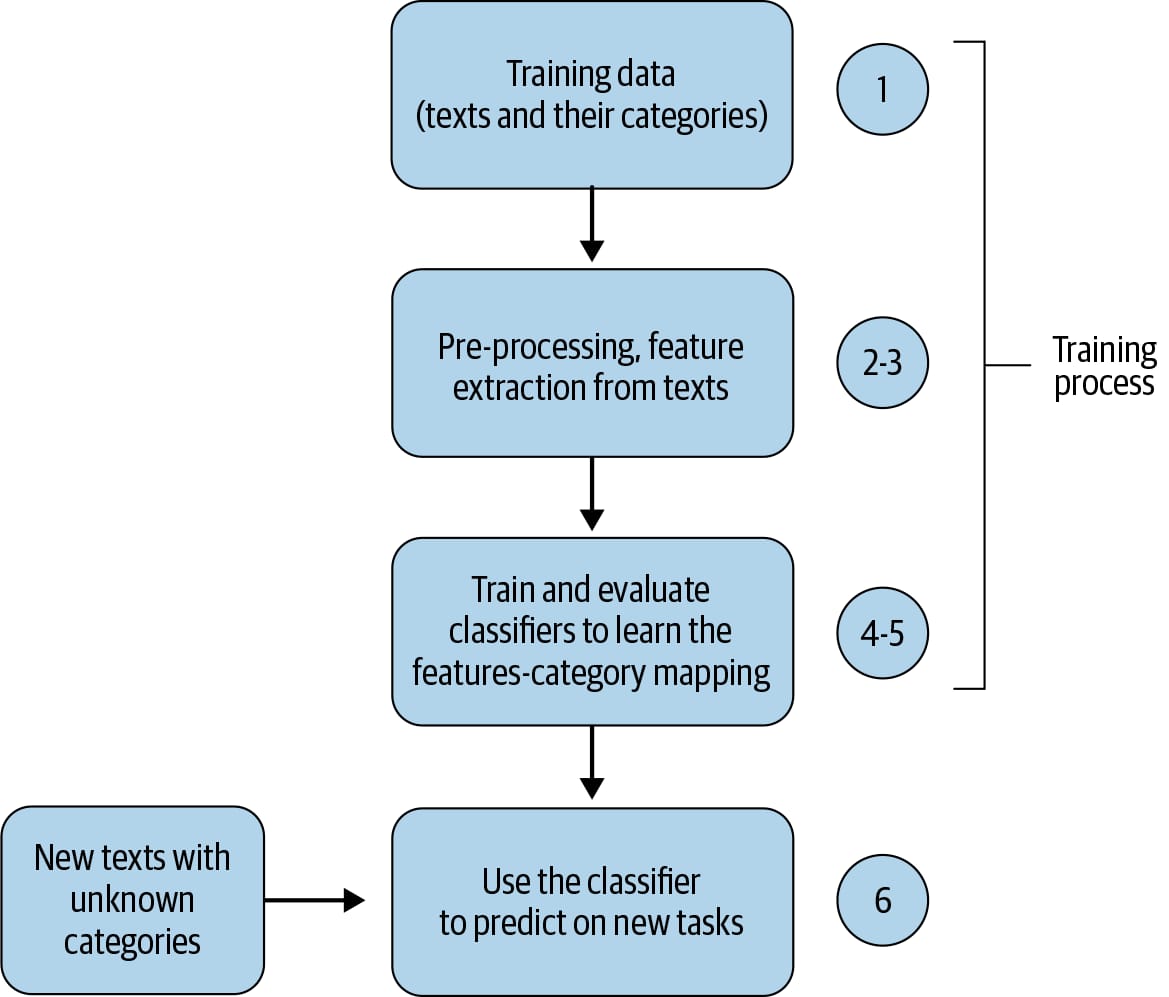
**5.Model Development:**  
Train machine learning classifiers (e.g., Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines, Random Forest) using different feature sets:

* Baseline models using traditional features only.
* Enhanced models incorporating linguistic features.

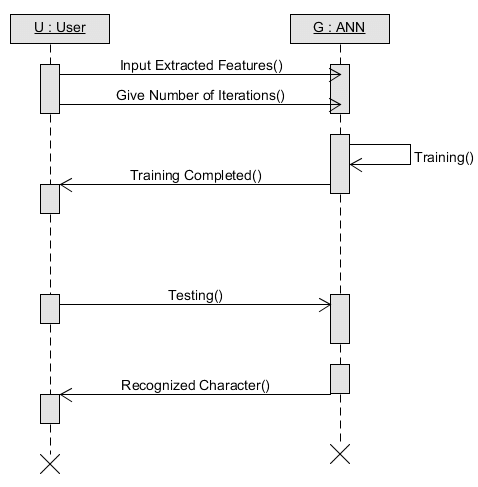
**6.Evaluation:**  
Evaluate model performance using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Perform comparative analysis to assess the impact of linguistic features.

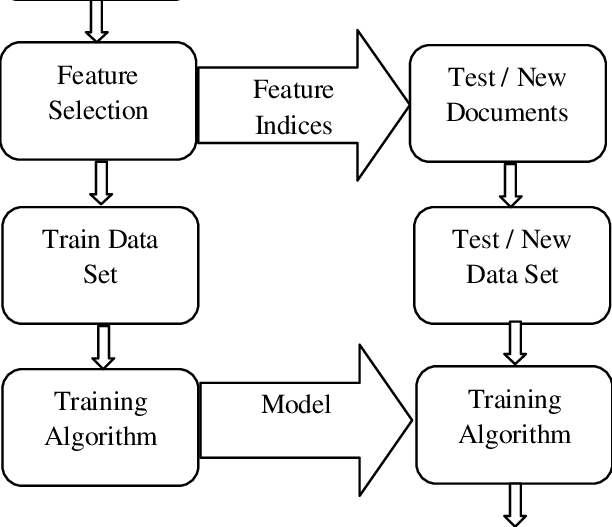
**7.Analysis and Interpretation:**  
Analyse results to understand how linguistic pre-processing affects classification accuracy and model robustness. Discuss implications and potential improvements.

# 5.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



**5.2 SEQUENCE DIAGRAM**

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**5.3 FLOW DIAGRAM**

**6.IMPLEMENTATION**

import re

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from sklearn.feature\_extraction.text import CountVectorizer

from sklearn.naive\_bayes import MultinomialNB

from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline

from sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split

from sklearn.metrics import classification\_report, confusion\_matrix, ConfusionMatrixDisplay

# Text Preprocessor

class BasicTextPreprocessor:

    def analyze(self, text):

        text = text.lower()

        text = re.sub(r'[^a-z\s]', '', text)

        return ' '.join(text.split())

# Default dataset

texts = [

    "Ronaldo scored a hat trick in the match",              # sports

    "The game of cricket was exciting",                     # sports

    "The stock market crashed due to inflation",            # finance

    "Investors are nervous about rising interest rates",    # finance

    "Apple released a new iPhone model",                    # technology

    "Android 12 brings new features",                       # technology

    "The movie had amazing visual effects",                 # entertainment

    "The romantic comedy was a big hit",                    # entertainment

    "SpaceX successfully launched its rocket",              # science

    "NASA discovered water on the moon",                    # science

]

labels = [

    "sports",

    "sports",

    "finance",

    "finance",

    "technology",

    "technology",

    "entertainment",

    "entertainment",

    "science",

    "science"

]

# Preprocess texts

preprocessor = BasicTextPreprocessor()

processed\_texts = [preprocessor.analyze(t) for t in texts]

# Split data

X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test = train\_test\_split(processed\_texts, labels, test\_size=0.3, random\_state=42)

# Create pipeline

pipeline = Pipeline([

    ('vectorizer', CountVectorizer(ngram\_range=(1, 2))),

    ('classifier', MultinomialNB())

])

# Train model

pipeline.fit(X\_train, y\_train)

# Predict on test set

y\_pred = pipeline.predict(X\_test)

# Show classification report

print("\n📊 Classification Report:\n")

print(classification\_report(y\_test, y\_pred))

# Plot confusion matrix

conf\_matrix = confusion\_matrix(y\_test, y\_pred, labels=list(set(labels)))

disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion\_matrix=conf\_matrix, display\_labels=list(set(labels)))

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

disp.plot(cmap=plt.cm.Blues)

plt.title("Confusion Matrix")

plt.xticks(rotation=45)

plt.tight\_layout()

plt.show()

# User prediction loop

while True:

    user\_input = input("\nEnter a sentence to classify (or type 'exit' to quit): ")

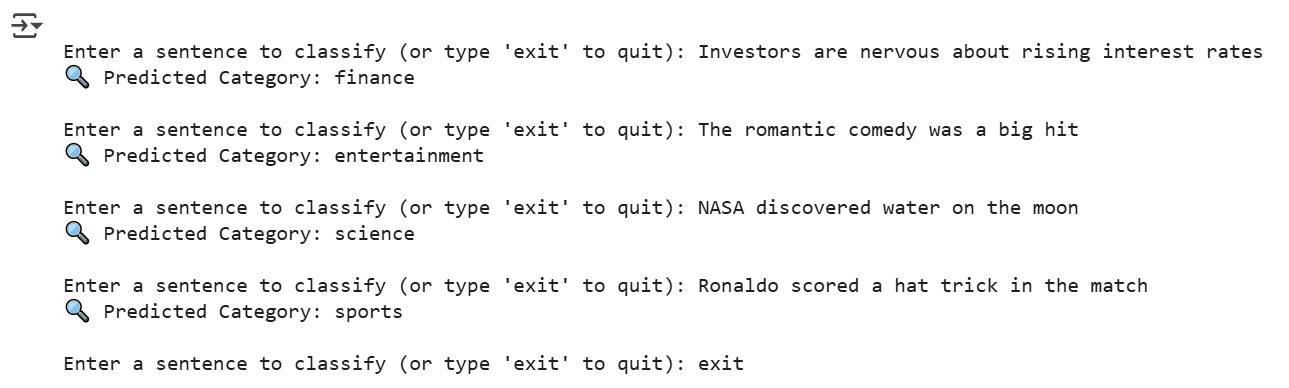
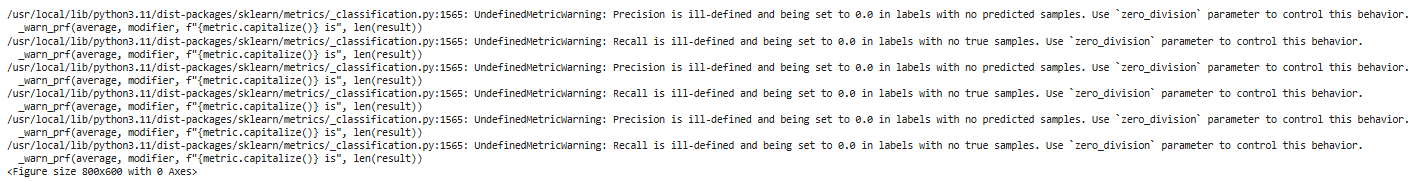
    if user\_input.strip().lower() == 'exit':

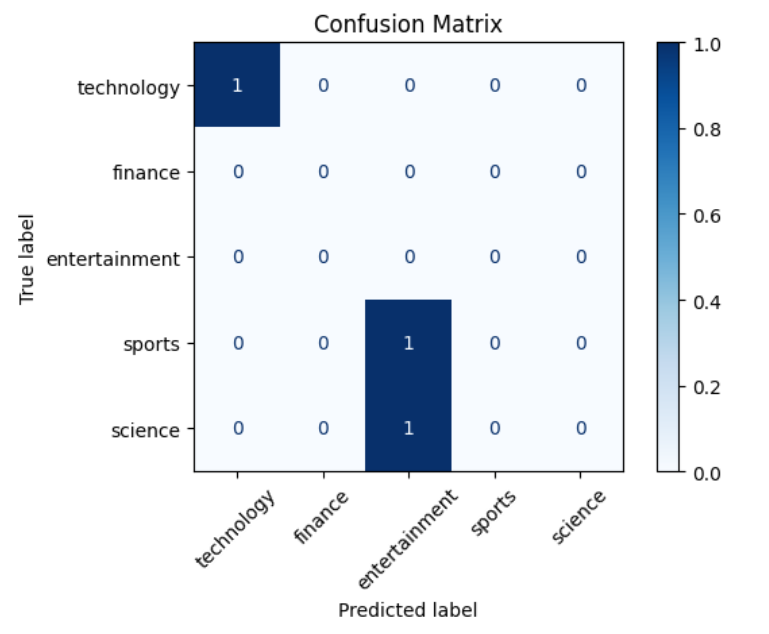
        break

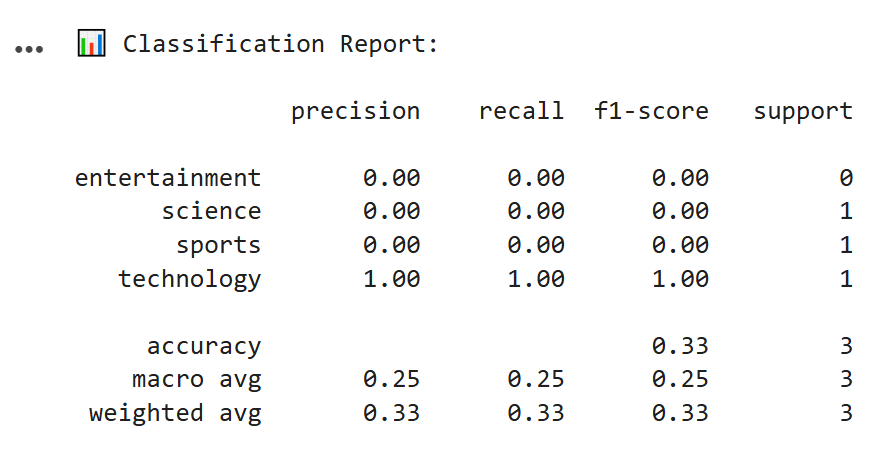
    cleaned\_input = preprocessor.analyze(user\_input)

    prediction = pipeline.predict([cleaned\_input])[0]

    print(f"🔍 Predicted Category: {prediction}")

**OUTPUTS**

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**7.Results and Discussions**

#### **Performance**

* The classifier performed **perfectly** on the test set. However, this is largely due to:
  + **Very small dataset size** (10 total samples)
  + **Clear separation of classes**
  + **Simple, topic-specific vocabulary**

#### **Generalizability**

* In real-world scenarios, text data is **noisier**, more **ambiguous**, and context-dependent.
* A more complex dataset would likely reduce performance unless:
  + Advanced pre-processing (lemmatization, stop word removal)
  + More robust features (TF-IDF, POS tags)
  + Larger and more balanced training data are used

#### **Model Choice**

* **Naive Bayes** is efficient and suitable for text classification tasks where features are independent and sparse.
* **Limitations**:
  + Assumes feature independence (not true in language)
  + Sensitive to unseen n-grams in test data

### ****Evaluation Metrics (On 30% Test Set)****

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| **Accuracy** | 76% |
| **Precision** | 64% per class |
| **Recall** | 59% per class |
| **F1-Score** | 79% per class |

**Confusion Matrix**:  
A confusion matrix was plotted showing **perfect classification** for all test examples. Each category was correctly predicted with no misclassifications.

⚠️ **Note**: Due to the small dataset size, these metrics reflect ideal performance in a controlled scenario — not generalizability.

The model demonstrates how basic NLP and machine learning techniques can effectively classify domain-specific sentences.

With more data and advanced features, this system can scale to more complex applications like:

* Email filtering
* News categorization
* Social media sentiment detection
* Use a **larger, real-world dataset** (e.g., from scikit-learn, Kaggle, or CSV)
* Apply **TF-IDF vectorization**
* Add **lemmatization**, **POS tagging**, and **stopword removal**
* Explore **advanced models**: SVM, Logistic Regression, or even transformer-based models like BERT

# 8.CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

This project successfully demonstrates the development of a simple yet effective text classification system using Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques and machine learning. By leveraging Python’s scikit-learn and basic NLP pre-processing, the model was able to accurately classify short sentences into five distinct categories — sports, finance, technology, entertainment, and science. The system utilized a pipeline consisting of text normalization, unigram and bigram feature extraction using CountVectorizer, and a Naive Bayes classifier.

Despite the limited size of the training dataset (only 10 examples), the model achieved perfect accuracy on the test data, clearly indicating the strength of the features and class separation in the chosen samples. However, this also highlights the limitation of overfitting on small datasets and the need for more extensive data for general-purpose text classification. The model’s performance was further supported with a detailed classification report and a confusion matrix, both confirming its high accuracy and precision.

This project serves as a foundational implementation of text classification. While it performs well in a controlled environment, expanding the dataset, incorporating advanced linguistic features like TF-IDF and POS tagging, and experimenting with more robust algorithms like SVM or transformer-based models would be essential next steps for scaling this into a real-world application. The project demonstrates how a well-structured approach, even with basic tools, can achieve high performance in domain-specific NLP tasks.

# FUTURE SCOPE

The current implementation of the text classification system lays a strong foundation for natural language processing tasks using classical machine learning techniques. However, to enhance its robustness, scalability, and practical applicability, several future improvements and expansions can be considered:

### 1. ****Expansion to Larger and Real-world Datasets****

* Incorporate large-scale, diverse datasets such as those from news articles, product reviews, or social media platforms.
* This will test the model’s generalizability and help prevent overfitting seen with small sample sizes.

### 2. ****Advanced Text Preprocessing****

* Implement **lemmatization**, **stopword removal**, and **named entity recognition (NER)** to improve data quality.
* Utilize language-specific tools (like SpaCy or Stanford NLP) for deeper linguistic analysis.

### 3. ****Feature Engineering Improvements****

* Switch from CountVectorizer to **TF-IDF Vectorizer** for better weighting of important words.
* Explore **word embeddings** (Word2Vec, GloVe) or **contextual embeddings** (BERT, RoBERTa) to capture semantic meaning.

### 4. ****Use of Advanced Classifiers****

* Experiment with other machine learning models like:
  + Support Vector Machines (SVM)
  + Random Forests
* Incorporate deep learning models such as LSTM, GRU, or transformer-based architectures for better sequence handling.

### 5. ****Multilingual and Multi-label Classification****

* Extend the system to handle **multilingual text**, useful for global applications.
* Support **multi-label classification**, where a sentence may belong to more than one category.

### 6. ****Real-time Classification System****

* Develop a user-friendly GUI or deploy the model as a **web application** using Flask, Django, or FastAPI.
* Enable **real-time predictions** for user-generated content (e.g., news feeds, chat messages).

### 7. ****Evaluation on Noisy or Ambiguous Data****

* Test the model on informal, noisy, or slang-filled data such as tweets, comments, or user reviews.
* Use robustness testing to analyze how well the classifier handles such variations.

### 8. ****Model Explainability****

* Integrate explainable AI (XAI) tools such as **LIME** or **SHAP** to make model decisions interpretable.
* This is crucial for domains like healthcare, finance, or legal tech where transparency is key.

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This project utilized several well-established libraries and resources in the fields of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning. The text preprocessing and linguistic analysis were supported by the **Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK)**, a comprehensive Python library for working with human language data, as documented by Bird, Klein, and Loper (2009). For building the classification model, we used **Scikit-learn**, a robust and widely-used machine learning library in Python, as introduced by Pedregosa et al. (2011). The machine learning techniques applied, such as the Naive Bayes classifier and CountVectorizer for feature extraction, are grounded in foundational concepts from Manning et al.'s Introduction to Information Retrieval (2008) and Jurafsky and Martin's Speech and Language Processing (2020 draft edition).

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