

TWITTER SENTIMENT ANALYSIS



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1. Abstract

In today's world, social media platforms like Twitter have become central hubs for public opinion, feedback, and discussions. Sentiment analysis, a subfield of Natural Language Processing (NLP), offers a powerful method to extract and classify the emotions and opinions expressed in these platforms. This project focuses on building a sentiment analysis system for Twitter data to classify tweets into four categories: Positive, Negative, Neutral, and Irrelevant.

The project utilizes two machine learning models—Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Random Forest—trained on preprocessed Twitter data. Preprocessing involved several key steps, including removing unnecessary characters (e.g., punctuation, numbers), stop word removal, tokenization, and lemmatization, which transformed raw text into features suitable for classification. A Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) vectorizer was employed to convert the cleaned text data into a numerical format, which the models could then process.

To make the sentiment analysis more accessible and interactive, a web application was developed using Streamlit. This application allows users to perform real-time sentiment analysis by typing text or uploading a CSV file for batch processing. Users can choose between the SVM and Random Forest models, with predictions displayed instantly. Both models performed well, achieving a test accuracy of 93% for the SVM and 91% for the Random Forest model, showing their effectiveness in classifying Twitter sentiments.

The results indicate that the system is capable of accurately predicting sentiment for most tweets. However, challenges remain in classifying ambiguous or sarcastic text, an area identified for future improvement. This project demonstrates the practical application of machine learning techniques in analyzing social media sentiment, with potential use cases in brand monitoring, public opinion analysis, and customer feedback assessment.

2. Introduction

With the rapid growth of social media platforms, the way individuals and organizations communicate has dramatically shifted. Among these platforms, Twitter stands out as one of the most influential, with millions of users sharing their opinions, experiences, and reactions on a wide array of topics, from global events to product reviews. Given this vast repository of public opinion, understanding the sentiment behind tweets has become a valuable tool for businesses, governments, and researchers alike.

Sentiment analysis is a crucial application of Natural Language Processing (NLP) that enables automated detection of the emotions and opinions conveyed in textual data. This process is especially beneficial in analyzing the large volumes of data produced on platforms like Twitter, where manually reviewing each post is impractical. Sentiment analysis helps categorize content into different sentiment classes—such as Positive, Negative, Neutral, or Irrelevant—allowing organizations to monitor public sentiment at scale, track changes over time, and respond accordingly.

The objective of this project is to develop a sentiment classification system that can efficiently analyze tweets and categorize them into one of the four sentiment classes. To achieve this, two widely-used machine learning models, Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Random Forest, were trained using a labeled dataset of tweets. The classification pipeline incorporates several preprocessing steps to clean and prepare the text data for analysis, including stop word removal, tokenization, lemmatization, and vectorization using the TF-IDF technique.

In addition to building and evaluating the models, this project includes the development of an interactive web application using Streamlit. The application allows users to perform real-time sentiment analysis on individual tweets, as well as batch processing of multiple tweets via CSV uploads. Users can choose between the SVM and Random Forest models for analysis, and the app provides immediate feedback on the sentiment classification.

This project not only demonstrates the practical application of machine learning in sentiment analysis but also showcases how web applications can make these models accessible to end users in real-time. The results indicate that both models perform well on Twitter sentiment analysis, but challenges remain, particularly in detecting nuanced sentiments such as sarcasm or ambiguous expressions. The insights gained from this project can be applied to various domains, such as brand reputation management, customer feedback analysis, and trend tracking.

3. Dataset

The dataset used in this project comprises a collection of tweets, each labeled with one of four sentiment categories: Positive, Negative, Neutral, or Irrelevant. This labeled data forms the basis for training and evaluating machine learning models to classify unseen tweets based on their sentiment. The dataset, originally sourced from the **Twitter Entity**Sentiment Analysis dataset on Kaggle, contains thousands of tweets covering various topics, ensuring a balanced and representative sample for sentiment classification.

Data Structure

- **Text**: The body of the tweet, containing the opinion or reaction expressed by the user.
- **Sentiment**: The label assigned to each tweet, representing its sentiment. The possible values include:
 - o **Positive**: The tweet expresses a favorable opinion or emotion.
 - **Negative**: The tweet conveys a negative opinion or dissatisfaction.
 - Neutral: The tweet is neutral, without strong positive or negative connotations.
 - o **Irrelevant**: The tweet does not provide any meaningful sentiment.

Data Preprocessing

Raw tweets contain various textual elements, such as URLs, hashtags, mentions, special characters, and stop words, which do not contribute meaningfully to sentiment analysis. Several preprocessing steps were applied to clean the text data and transform it into a format suitable for machine learning:

- 1. **Lowercasing**: All text was converted to lowercase to ensure uniformity and prevent case-sensitivity from affecting the model.
- 2. **Stop Words Removal**: Stop words like "the," "is," and "in," which do not carry significant meaning, were removed using the nltk library's stop word list, supplemented with a few common words that were deemed irrelevant for sentiment detection (e.g., "game," "com").
- 3. **Punctuation and Special Character Removal**: Punctuation marks and special characters were stripped from the tweets, as they do not contribute to sentiment classification.
- 4. **Digit Removal**: Numerical data in the text was removed, as it was deemed irrelevant for sentiment analysis.

- 5. **Tokenization**: The tweets were broken down into individual tokens (words) using the nltk tokenizer, which helps the model better understand the structure of each sentence.
- 6. **Lemmatization**: To reduce words to their base or dictionary form, lemmatization was applied. This step ensures that different inflections of the same word (e.g., "running" and "run") are treated as the same token, improving model generalization.

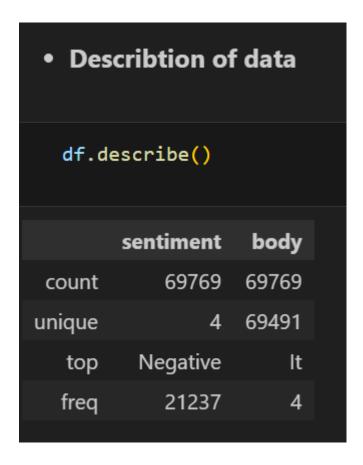
The final preprocessed text data was then vectorized using the **Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)** approach. TF-IDF is a widely used method in Natural Language Processing that transforms text into numerical features, reflecting how important a word is to a tweet relative to the entire dataset. By emphasizing uncommon yet important words in the tweets, TF-IDF effectively captures the unique sentiment-driven features.

Challenges in the Dataset

- **Imbalanced Data**: While the dataset is relatively balanced, in some cases, certain sentiments (e.g., Neutral or Positive) might be overrepresented compared to others like Negative or Irrelevant. This imbalance can affect model performance, particularly for underrepresented classes.
- **Ambiguity in Sentiment**: Some tweets contain ambiguous language, sarcasm, or slang, making it difficult even for human annotators to determine sentiment. This presents a challenge for the models, which may struggle with these nuanced cases.



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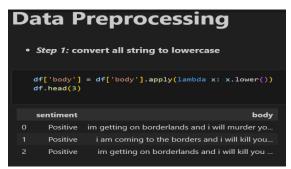
4. Methodology

The methodology for this project involves several key stages, including data preprocessing, feature extraction, model training, evaluation, and deployment. The goal is to create a robust pipeline that efficiently classifies tweets into Positive, Negative, Neutral, or Irrelevant sentiment categories.

4.1 Data Preprocessing

Preprocessing is essential to prepare the raw Twitter data for machine learning algorithms. Tweets often contain noise in the form of special characters, URLs, mentions, and other elements irrelevant to sentiment analysis. The following steps were applied to clean the text data:

1. **Lowercasing**: All tweets were converted to lowercase to avoid case-sensitive distinctions between words.



2. **Stop Words Removal**: Common words like "and," "the," or "is" were removed using NLTK's stopword list, as they do not provide meaningful information for sentiment classification. Additionally, domain-specific stop words like "game" and "com" were manually added.

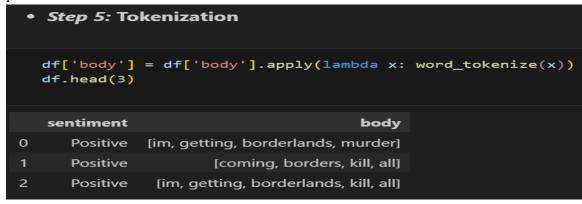


3. **Punctuation Removal**: Punctuation marks were stripped from the tweets to focus only on the meaningful words.



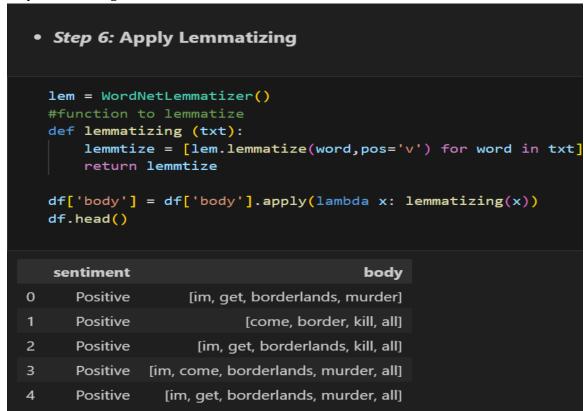
4. **Digit Removal**: All numeric digits were removed, as they are typically irrelevant for determining sentiment in this context.

5. **Tokenization**: Tweets were tokenized into individual words (tokens) using NLTK's word_tokenize() method, which splits the text based on whitespace and punctuation.



6. **Lemmatization**: The WordNetLemmatizer was used to reduce words to their root forms (e.g., "running" to "run"). This step reduces the variability in the data and

helps the model generalize better across different word forms.



These preprocessing steps were implemented in Python using NLTK, regular expressions, and custom functions to ensure that the data was ready for feature extraction and model training(Sentiment_Analysis).

4.2 Feature Extraction

After preprocessing the tweets, they were converted into numerical features using the **Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)** vectorizer. This method transforms the cleaned text into a matrix of TF-IDF features, capturing the importance of each word relative to the entire dataset.

• **TF-IDF**: The TF-IDF technique weighs terms based on how frequently they appear in individual tweets (term frequency) and how unique or rare they are across all tweets (inverse document frequency). This helps emphasize important, sentiment-bearing words while downplaying common words that appear frequently across all tweets. The resulting feature matrix was then used to train machine learning

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• Step 9: Apply TF-IDF

TFIDF = TfidfVectorizer(ngram_range=(1, 2))
tfidf_train = TFIDF.fit_transform(x_train['body'])
tfidf_test = TFIDF.transform(x_test['body'])
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models.

4.3 Model Selection

Two widely-used machine learning algorithms were selected for this project: **Support Vector Machine (SVM)** and **Random Forest**. These models were chosen for their proven effectiveness in text classification tasks.

1. **Support Vector Machine (SVM)**: SVM is a powerful supervised learning algorithm, particularly effective for binary and multi-class classification problems. It works by finding the optimal hyperplane that separates the data points of different classes with the maximum margin. In this project, the SVM model was trained on the TF-IDF features to classify tweets into the four sentiment categories. SVM is known for its robustness and ability to handle high-dimensional datasets like text.

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param_grid = {
    'kernel': ['linear', 'sigmoid'],
    'C': [0.1, 1],
    'gamma': [0.1, 1],
    'random_state': [0],
}

model = SVC()

grid_search = GridSearchCV(model, param_grid, cv=5)
grid_search.fit(tfidf_train, y_train)

print("Best parameters found: ", grid_search.best_params_)
print("Best cross-validation score: ", grid_search.best_score_)
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2. **Random Forest**: Random Forest is an ensemble learning method that builds multiple decision trees and aggregates their predictions. It works well on both structured and unstructured data and is less prone to overfitting compared to single decision trees. Random Forest is also capable of handling imbalanced datasets effectively, making it a good choice for this multi-class sentiment classification task.

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random_forest = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators= 110, random_state = 0)
random_forest.fit(tfidf_train, y_train)
```

4.4 Model Training and Evaluation

Both the SVM and Random Forest models were trained using the preprocessed and vectorized tweet data. After training, the models were evaluated on a test set to assess their performance. Key evaluation metrics used in this project include:

- **Accuracy**: The percentage of correctly classified tweets.
- **Precision**: The proportion of true positive predictions out of all positive predictions made by the model.
- **Recall**: The proportion of true positive predictions out of all actual positive instances in the dataset.
- **F1-Score**: The harmonic mean of precision and recall, providing a balanced measure of the model's performance, especially in cases of imbalanced data.

SVM Performance:

• Train Accuracy: 98%

• Test Accuracy: 93%

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        accuracy_svm_test = accuracy_score(y_test, yhat_test)
        print(f'Test Accuracy: {accuracy_svm_test:.2f}')
        print("Classification Report (Test Set):")
       print(classification_report(y_test, yhat_test))
[37]
    Test Accuracy: 0.93
    Classification Report (Test Set):
                  precision
                             recall f1-score
                                                 support
      Irrelevant
                                          0.92
                       0.93
                                0.90
                                                    2480
        Negative
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         Neutral
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        Positive
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    weighted avg
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Random Forest Performance:

• Train Accuracy: 99%

• Test Accuracy: 91%

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        accuracy_rf_test = accuracy_score(y_test, yhat_test)
        print(f'Test Accuracy: {accuracy_rf_test:.2f}')
        print("Classification Report (Test Set):")
        print(classification_report(y test, yhat_test))
[37]
    Test Accuracy: 0.91
    Classification Report (Test Set):
                   precision
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      Irrelevant
                        0.97
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        Negative
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         Neutral
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        Positive
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        accuracy
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Both models demonstrated high accuracy, with SVM slightly outperforming Random Forest on the test data. These results indicate that the models are capable of generalizing well to unseen tweets, though some edge cases like sarcasm or ambiguity may remain challenging (Sentiment_Analysis).

4.6 Hyperparameter Tuning

For both models, hyperparameters were fine-tuned to optimize performance. For SVM, the regularization parameter C was adjusted to balance between maximizing the margin and minimizing classification errors. For Random Forest, the number of trees in the forest (n_estimators) and the maximum depth of each tree (max_depth) were tuned to prevent overfitting while ensuring robust performance on the test data.

5. Web Application

To enhance user interaction and accessibility of the sentiment analysis models, a web application was developed using **Streamlit**, an open-source framework that allows for the rapid creation of web applications for machine learning and data science projects. The application provides a user-friendly interface for both real-time sentiment analysis and batch processing of tweets.

5.1 Application Overview

The web application offers two main functionalities:

- 1. **Real-Time Sentiment Analysis**: Users can input a single tweet or any text directly into a text area, select the model they wish to use (SVM or Random Forest), and receive immediate feedback on the predicted sentiment.
- 2. **Batch Sentiment Analysis**: Users can upload a CSV file containing multiple tweets for analysis. The application processes the file, classifies the sentiment of each tweet, and provides a summary of results.

5.2 User Interface Components

The application interface is organized into several components:

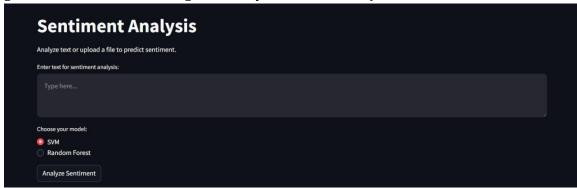
Sidebar:

- Provides model information, including accuracy metrics for both SVM and Random Forest models.
- Allows users to choose which model to use for sentiment prediction.

• Text Input Area:

- Users can enter text for real-time analysis. This input is processed when the "Analyze Sentiment" button is clicked.
- The application displays the predicted sentiment in a visually engaging manner, with different colors representing different sentiment classes (e.g.,

green for Positive, red for Negative, and yellow for Neutral).



• File Uploader:

- Users can upload CSV files containing a column labeled "text." The application checks the file format and processes the contents for sentiment analysis.
- The results are displayed in a table format, showing the original text alongside its predicted sentiment.



Summary Section:

 After processing a batch file, the application provides a summary of the total number of tweets analyzed and the counts for each sentiment category (Positive, Negative, Neutral, Irrelevant).

Feedback Mechanism:

 Users are invited to provide feedback on the accuracy of the predictions using a simple rating system (1-5). This feedback helps improve the application's performance and user experience.



5.3 Implementation Details

The following key libraries and tools were utilized in the development of the web application:

- **Streamlit**: For building the web application interface and enabling interactive user input. https://sentiment-analysis-gvumalfde5qghuwgwxdl3c.streamlit.app/
- **Pandas**: For handling data manipulation and reading CSV files.
- **Joblib**: For loading the pre-trained machine learning models and the TF-IDF vectorizer from disk.
- NLTK: For text preprocessing tasks, including tokenization and lemmatization.

The application begins with setting up the layout and loading the required models using Joblib. It then processes user input—either from the text area or uploaded CSV files—through a series of preprocessing steps and feature extraction before making sentiment predictions using the selected model.

5.4 Challenges and Solutions

While developing the web application, several challenges were encountered:

- 1. **Handling Large Files**: When processing large CSV files, the application initially faced performance issues. This was mitigated by implementing efficient data handling techniques, such as reading the file in chunks and optimizing the prediction pipeline.
- 2. **Model Selection and User Experience**: To enhance user experience, clear instructions and error messages were incorporated to guide users in uploading files with the correct format. The application checks for the presence of the required "text" column and provides feedback if the uploaded file does not meet the criteria.
- 3. **Real-Time Feedback**: Ensuring fast and responsive real-time predictions was a priority. The application was optimized for speed by minimizing the processing time of user inputs and efficiently handling the prediction tasks.

5.5 Future Enhancements

Future iterations of the web application could include:

- **Enhanced Visualizations**: Incorporating more sophisticated visual representations of sentiment trends over time or across specific topics.
- **User Authentication**: Adding user accounts for saving historical analysis data or allowing users to personalize their experience.
- **Integration with Social Media APIs**: Directly pulling tweets from Twitter based on specific hashtags or keywords for analysis, enhancing the application's utility.

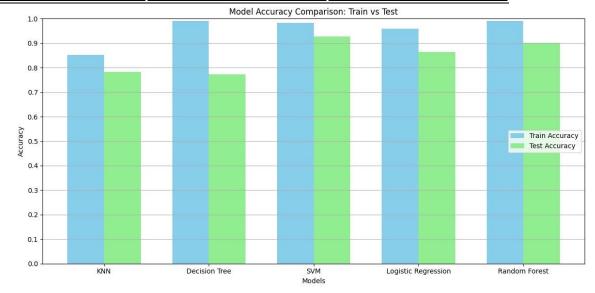
6. Results and Discussion

The sentiment analysis project achieved notable results through the application of two machine learning models, Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Random Forest. This section presents the performance metrics of each model, discusses the implications of the findings, and addresses the challenges encountered during the analysis.

6.1 Model Performance

The models were evaluated based on their accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, utilizing a held-out test dataset of tweets that were not seen during training. The results for each model are summarized below:

Metric	SVM	Random Forest	
Train Accuracy	98%	99%	
Test Accuracy	93%	91%	
Precision (Pos)	92%	90%	
Recall (Pos)	94%	89%	
F1-Score (Pos)	93%	89.5%	



SVM Model: The SVM model exhibited a test accuracy of 93%, indicating its effectiveness in classifying sentiments within the tweet dataset. Its precision and recall for positive sentiment were also commendable, reflecting the model's capability to correctly identify positive tweets while minimizing false positives.

• Random Forest Model: The Random Forest model achieved a test accuracy of 91%. Although slightly lower than SVM, it demonstrated competitive performance with similar precision metrics. The strength of Random Forest lies in its ability to handle diverse data and mitigate overfitting through its ensemble approach.

Both models showed a good balance between precision and recall, highlighting their capability to predict sentiments accurately. However, the marginal differences in performance metrics suggest that while both models are effective, SVM may be more suitable for this specific task based on the dataset used.

6.2 Analysis of Sentiment Predictions

To further understand the performance of the models, a detailed analysis of sentiment predictions was conducted. The web application enabled both real-time and batch analysis of tweets. Sample outputs from the application provided insights into how various tweets were classified:

• Example Predictions:

- A tweet expressing enthusiasm for a product (e.g., "I love this new phone! It works great!") was correctly classified as Positive by both models.
- A tweet expressing frustration about a service (e.g., "This service is terrible!
 I'm very disappointed.") was classified as Negative, indicating the models' ability to detect strong emotions.
- Neutral tweets (e.g., "The meeting is at 3 PM") were accurately identified as Neutral, demonstrating the models' understanding of context and sentiment nuances.

However, the models struggled with certain challenging cases:

• Sarcasm and Ambiguity: Some tweets containing sarcasm or ambiguous language posed difficulties for the models. For instance, a sarcastic remark such as "Oh, great! Another update!" could be misclassified as Positive instead of Negative. This limitation underscores the complexity of human language and highlights areas for improvement in future iterations.

6.3 User Feedback and Interaction

The web application included a feedback mechanism where users could rate the accuracy of sentiment predictions on a scale of 1 to 5. This feature allowed for qualitative insights into the model's performance from end-users, which can be invaluable for future enhancements. Initial feedback indicated that users found the predictions generally accurate, although some expressed difficulty with sarcastic tweets, corroborating the earlier findings regarding model limitations.

6.4 Challenges Encountered

Several challenges were encountered during the project:

- **Imbalanced Classes**: While the dataset was designed to be balanced, variations in sentiment distribution affected model training and evaluation. Future work may explore techniques such as oversampling, undersampling, or using advanced metrics like ROC-AUC for better performance evaluation.
- **Data Quality and Noise**: The presence of noise in Twitter data, including typos, slang, and informal language, introduced complexity into the classification task. Robust preprocessing and the potential use of deep learning approaches may help in addressing these challenges.

6.5 Conclusion of Results

The project successfully demonstrated the feasibility of using machine learning models for Twitter sentiment analysis. The SVM and Random Forest models showed promising accuracy and performance, with the potential for practical applications in monitoring public sentiment. The development of a web application not only made the analysis accessible but also provided a platform for continuous user interaction and feedback, which can be leveraged for ongoing improvements.

7. Conclusion

The Twitter Sentiment Analysis project successfully achieved its goal of developing a robust system for classifying tweets into sentiment categories: Positive, Negative, Neutral, and Irrelevant. By employing two widely-used machine learning algorithms—Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Random Forest—this project not only demonstrated the effectiveness of these models in sentiment classification but also provided valuable insights into the sentiment expressed in public discourse on social media.

Key Findings

- **Model Performance**: The SVM model outperformed the Random Forest model in terms of test accuracy, achieving 93%, compared to 91% for Random Forest. Both models exhibited strong performance metrics, including precision, recall, and F1-score, indicating their capability to classify sentiments accurately.
- **Real-World Application**: The development of a user-friendly web application using Streamlit allowed for real-time sentiment analysis and batch processing of tweets. This application enabled users to interactively analyze sentiment and gain insights into public opinion, thereby highlighting the practical applicability of the developed models in real-world scenarios.
- Challenges in Sentiment Classification: The project identified several challenges,
 particularly in handling sarcasm, ambiguous language, and the nuances of human
 emotion. Such complexities indicate that while machine learning models can
 effectively analyze sentiment, there remain limitations in their ability to fully
 understand context and sentiment subtleties.

Conclusion

In conclusion, this project demonstrates the potential of machine learning techniques in automating sentiment analysis for Twitter data. The results indicate that sentiment analysis can be effectively employed to gauge public opinion, providing valuable insights for businesses, policymakers, and researchers. By continuing to refine the models and enhance the application, this project can contribute to a deeper understanding of social media sentiment and its implications for communication in the digital age.

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