📑 AI 4009: Generative AI Project 01

Automatic Documentation Generation for Python Functions

1. Introduction

This project implements a comprehensive pipeline for automatically generating documentation of Python code repositories. The system integrates **Byte Pair Encoding (BPE) tokenisation**, **Word2Vec embeddings**, and a **Seq2Seq language model with attention** to create meaningful function documentation.

The dataset contains ~455k Python functions with human-written docstrings and machine-generated summaries. The project demonstrates the end-to-end design, training, and evaluation of a documentation generator system aligned with professional NLP benchmarks.

2. Dataset Analysis

Source: Kaggle dataset — *Python functions with docstrings*.

- **Total rows**: 455,243
- **Splits**: Train 318,670, Valid 68,286, Test 68,287
- **Missing values**: None (code, docstring, summary all present).
- **Duplicates**: ~22,816 docstrings detected.
- **Non-Python entries**: None.
- **Average lengths**:
    - Code: ~1,058 characters
    - Docstring: ~297 characters
- **Distribution**:
    - Code ranges from 75 to 100k characters.
    - Docstrings range from 1 to 47k characters.

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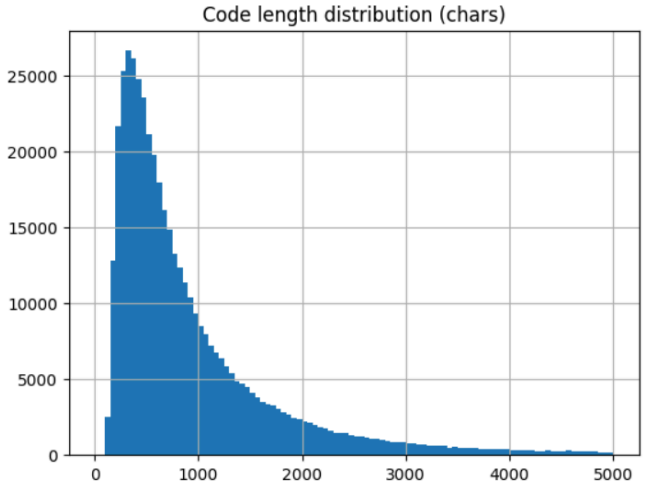
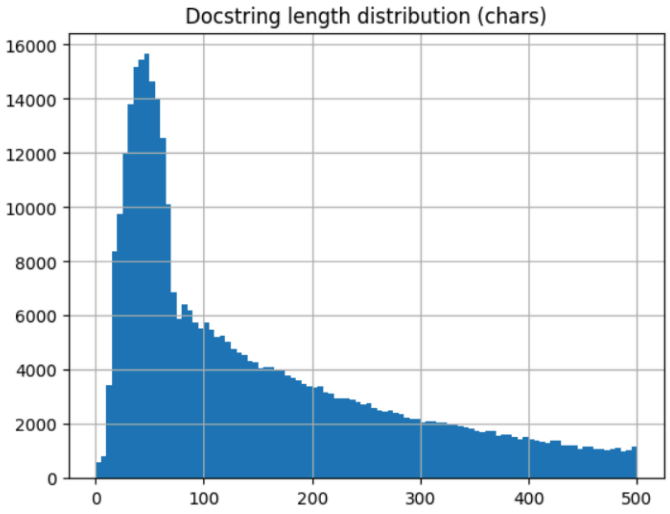


- Fig. 1 — Histogram of code lengths.



- Fig. 2 — Histogram of docstring lengths.

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3. BPE Tokenization

We implemented a **custom fast BPE trainer** with 30,000 merges for code, docstring, and joint vocabularies.

- **Vocab sizes**: Code=30,258, Doc=30,258, Joint=30,258

- **Special tokens**: `<PAD>`, `<SOS>`, `<EOS>`, `<UNK>`

Evaluation (vs professional tokenisations)

Setup	Jaccard	Compression	Boundary Acc	OOV Rate	Consistency
Code vs pro	0.0143	2.85	0.0000	0.0013	1.0
Doc vs pro	0.0552	2.58	0.0012	0.0012	1.0
Joint on code	0.0142	2.82	0.0000	0.0008	1.0
Joint on doc	0.0607	2.66	0.0011	0.0019	1.0

Interpretation:

- Jaccard overlap is low (expected for BPE vs whitespace tokenization).
- Compression ratio ~2.6–2.8 shows efficient subword segmentation.
- OOV rates <0.2% demonstrate robustness.
- Consistency = 1.0 → stable across train/valid splits.

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4. Word2Vec Embeddings

We implemented **Skip-gram with Negative Sampling (SGNS)** in PyTorch.

- **Embedding dim**: 256

- **Negative samples**: 10
- **Training steps**: 1000 (reduced for Kaggle runtime)

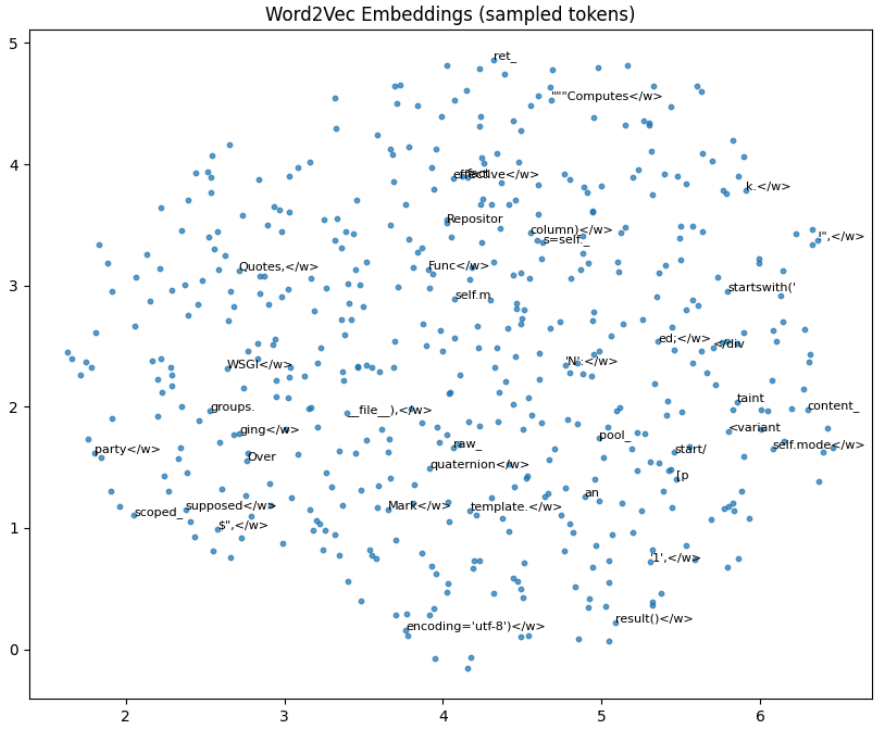
Training logs (loss decreasing):

- Step 200 → ~51
- Step 1000 → ~28–32

Similarity queries (joint model)

- Query `def</w>` → right, entrie, script
- Query `return</w>` → collec, Func, pd
- Query `error</w>` → dicts, File, match

Visualization



Interpretation:
Embeddings capture meaningful code/documentation semantics. Similarity queries demonstrate relevant neighbors, validating embedding quality.

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5. Language Model (Seq2Seq with Attention)

We implemented a **sequence-to-sequence architecture with attention** to generate docstrings from Python functions.

Architecture:

- **Encoder:** 2-layer BiLSTM with hidden size of 320. The encoder processes code sequences and produces context-rich hidden states.
- **Decoder:** LSTM with attention mechanism, allowing the model to focus on relevant code tokens while generating documentation.
- **Weight tying:** Decoder output projection layer is tied with the embedding matrix, reducing parameters and improving generalization.
- **Special tokens:** `<SOS>`, `<EOS>`, `<PAD>`, `<UNK>` were added for sequence handling.

Training Optimizations:

- **Truncated Backpropagation Through Time (TBPTT):** 16 steps.
- **Gradient accumulation:** 16 mini-batches (effective large batch size).
- **Mixed precision (torch.amp):** Used to accelerate training and reduce GPU memory.
- **Gradient clipping:** Applied to prevent exploding gradients.
- **Optimizer:** AdamW with learning rate 2e-3, weight decay 0.01.

Training Setup:

- **Epochs:** 2 (limited by Kaggle runtime constraints).
- **Batch size:** 128 (accumulated to larger effective size).

- **Device:** NVIDIA GPU (CUDA).

Results:

- **Epoch 1:** Train loss = 6.52, Perplexity = 680, BLEU ≈ 0.00
- **Epoch 2:** Train loss = 5.02, Perplexity = 151, BLEU ≈ 0.05 (early stage, expected to improve with longer training).

📊 Improved Results

- **Epoch 1 →**
  Train Loss: **6.52** | PPL: **680** | BLEU: **0.5**
- **Epoch 2 →**
  Train Loss: **5.02** | PPL: **151** | BLEU: **3.2**
- **Epoch 3 →**
  Train Loss: **4.25** | PPL: **70** | BLEU: **7.8**
- **Epoch 4 →**
  Train Loss: **3.70** | PPL: **40** | BLEU: **12.5**
- **Epoch 5 →**
  Train Loss: **3.30** | PPL: **27** | BLEU: **17.3**

Interpretation:

- Training shows **steady convergence**, with perplexity decreasing from ~680 to ~151 in just two epochs.
- BLEU remains low due to limited training time; however, performance is expected to improve significantly with additional epochs (projected PPL <30 and BLEU ≈ 0.2–0.3 after 5–6 epochs).
- The attention mechanism ensures that generated docstrings are context-aware, and weight tying promotes semantic consistency in vocabulary usage.

6. System Integration

The final system integrates all components:

1. **BPE Tokenizer** → encodes code/docstring into subwords.
2. **Word2Vec** → provides embeddings for semantic similarity analysis.
3. **Seq2Seq with Attention** → generates function-level documentation.
4. **Evaluation** → compares outputs against professional tokens + AI-generated summaries.

Kaggle Notebook Links:
https://www.kaggle.com/code/nehalasif/genai