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Acronyms

AI: Artificial Intelligence

DL: Deep learning

GUI: Graphical User Interface

ML: Machine learning

NLP: Natural Language Processing,

ROUGE: Recall-Oriented Understudy for Gisting Evaluation

BLEU: Bilingual Evaluation Understudy

T5: Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer

BART: Bidirectional Auto-Regressive Transformers

BERT: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers

PEGASUS: Pre-training with Extracted Gap-sentences for Abstractive Summarization

Sequence-to-sequence models.

ILP: Integer Linear Programming

LSTM: Long Short-Term Memory.

NN: Neural Network

RNN: Recurrent Neural Network

CNN: Convolutional Neural Network

Seq2seq: Sequence to Sequence

REST: Representational State Transfer

RoBERTa: Robustly Optimized BERT Pre-training Approach

GPT-3: Third Generation Generative Pre-Trained Transformer

1. INTRODUCTION

In this research project, the author tries to increase the performance of abstractive text summarization for the domain of movie reviews by performing hyperparameter optimization on a set of top tiers pretrained transformer architectures, in-order to achieve an optimized architecture.

This document will discuss the research problem, research gap, research challenge, and the research approach that the author aims to address over the next months. Additionally, a review of prior research interests and the essential evidence of the issue is done. Finally, in the work plan, the expected schedule of the project's deliverables is presented.

2. PROBLEM DOMAIN

2.1. Movie User Reviews

A growing number of websites, like Amazon and the Internet Movie Database (IMBD), a website for movie reviews, allow users to publish reviews for things they are interested in, along with the growth of Web 2.0, where user interaction is prioritized. (Khan et al., 2020)

Online movie reviews are evolving into an important information source for users, with the continuous increase in data on the web (Khan et al., 2020). However, online users post a significant number of movies reviews every day, hence making it difficult for them to manually summarize the reviews and determine their interest in the film. One of the challenging problems in natural language processing is mining and summarizing movie reviews. (Khan et al., 2020).

Text summary assist users or business decision-makers by compiling and analyzing a significant number of online reviews. (Alsager and Sasi, 2017).

These days, the majority of people research a film's reviews before selecting or watching it on any platform, such Netflix or Amazon Prime, but we also come across conflicting reviews that can be either good or bad. While most reviews are detailed and require a significant amount of time to review, this develops a problem where users aren't able to make quicker decisions. Therefore, by summarizing the review makes it easier and faster

for users to make decisions. This can also help streaming services like Netflix quickly discover the viewing habits or preferences of their users (Khan et al., 2020)

2.2. Text Summarization

Today, there is a lot of textual material available, including news stories and reviews. Text summarizing helps us quickly find the key elements of the full piece by minimizing the quantity of text. (Mahajan et al., 2021).

Extractive summarization and abstractive summarization are typically the two methods of text summarization. When extractive summarizing, the most important lines from the context or article are plucked out without being altered in any way. Meanwhile, abstractive summarizing aims to create the sentences on its own and creates the summary; this is superior than extractive summarization since it is more meaningful to generate our own phrases inside the context rather than to utilize selected sentences from the context without any change. (Etemad, Abidi and Chhabra, 2021).

2.3. Transformers

Transformers in NLP is a novel architecture that aims to solve sequence-to-sequence tasks while handling long range dependencies with ease. It has surpassed competing neural models like CNN (Convolutional Neural Nets) and RNN (Recurrent Neural Nets) in terms of performance to appear as the dominant architecture for natural language processing (Wolf et al., 2020).

Transformers uses self-attention mechanism to target on selected areas of the input sentence followed by the encoder and decoder architecture (Etemad, Abidi and Chhabra, 2021).

3. PROBLEM DEFINITION

In the domain of movie review summarization, currently there are no researches done using the latest deep learning approaches (**such as Transformers**) to solve this problem, standard machine & deep learning algorithms such as Naïve Bayes, RNN have been used, the usage of advanced deep learning approaches can be utilized in order to enhance the quality/accuracy of the text summarization.

Deep learning models take longer to train but they provide greater accuracy sicne they can simultaneously automate feature extraction and classification, whereas machine learning algorithms require feature selection at first. Therefore, applying deep learning techniques will help to improve the quality of text summarization and help the user in making better decisions. (Etemad, Abidi and Chhabra, 2021)

3.1. Problem Statement

The use of advanced deep learning approaches (such as Transformers) to generate abstractive summaries from movie reviews has not been investigated before, which can help in increasing the quality of text summarization.

4. RESEARCH MOTIVATION

The identified problem can also be applied to several other domains which requires to improve the quality abstractive text summarization using the advanced approaches of deep learning, not only specific movie reviews.

As mentioned in the work of (Etemad, Abidi and Chhabra, 2021), syntactic and semantic issues with text summarization were the main issues that researchers were concerned on solving. and with respect to their research by exploring multiple deep learning techniques, they concluded that Transformer based models (T5 model) outperformed in all NLP tasks, this encourages the author to go deeper into the field of transformers optimization in order to enhance the quality of text summarization and address the constraints associated with the summarizing of movie reviews.

5. EXISTING WORK

Table 5.1 - Related work in Abstractive text summarization

| Citati | Summary | Limitations | Contribution | Critical Review |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| on | | | | |
| (Khan | An automatic | To use advanced | Worked on feature | Only used |
| et al., | approach to | deep learning | extraction and converting | general machine |
| 2020) | summarize | approaches. | reviews into vector space, | learning |
| | lengthy movie | | followed by the Naïve | algorithms to |

| | reviews and | | Bayes machine learning | handle movie |
|-------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | allow users to | | algorithm used for review | review |
| | quickly | | classification, using an | summarization |
| | recognize the | | undirected weighted | not deep learning |
| | positive and | | graph based ranking | approaches. |
| | negative | | algorithm to rank score | |
| | aspects of a | | for reach review sentence | |
| | movie. | | in graph. Finally, the top | |
| | | | ranked sentences are | |
| | | | chosen based on highest | |
| | | | rank scores to produce | |
| | | | extractive summary. | |
| (Boor | Using | Focused on | Using seq2seq model for | Used general |
| ugu, | customer | improving the | summarization along with | deep learning |
| Rames | reviews on | accuracy by | attention mechanism for | approaches such |
| h and | products when | using the latest | increased accuracy, also | as RNN etc to |
| Madha | making | models in the | using word embedding | solve the |
| vi, | purchasing | field of text | model Concept net | problem |
| 2019) | decisions to | summarization. | Number batch which is | |
| | give a proper | By using | better than Glove. Finally, | |
| | summarization | transformers | using a 1D convolutional | |
| | of the reviews | architecture, we | layer followed by max | |
| | to the | could improve | pooling layer, LSTM | |
| | customer, so | this. | layer and then at the end a | |
| | that he doesn't | | fully connected layer. | |
| | need to go | | | |
| | through all the | | | |
| | reviews to | | | |
| | figure out if the | | | |
| | product is what | | | |
| | he is looking | | | |

| | for and save | | | |
|---------|--|--|---|---|
| | time. | | | |
| (Mukh | A solution for | Motive for the | Using an Integer Linear | Creating |
| erjee | generating | need to create | Programming (ILP | extractive |
| et al., | personalized | tourist review | [Unsupervised method]) | summaries may |
| 2020) | aspect-based | dataset for our | based extractive | not be very |
| | opinion summaries from large collections of online tourist reviews, also able to customize the attributes of the summary based on the user's interest. | experiments. The need for also experimenting with the data of lesser known places (Tourist locations) | informative subset of opinions around the identified aspects. Evaluate and compare the summaries using ROUGE based metrics and obtain competitive results. | meaningful since the dataset is also limited down, hence using abstractive approach would give better results |
| (Gupta | A | Future work | Using the pretrained | The author has |
| et al., | comprehensive | should focus on | models such as Pipeline | used the top tier |
| 2021) | comparison of | building more | BART, BART modified, | transformer |
| | a few | robust models | T5 and PEGASUS to | architecture |
| | transformer | which can | work with the text | during |
| | architecture | further extend | summarization. | experimentation, |
| | based pre- | the algorithm to | Evaluation metrics we | however the |
| | trained models | create | done using the ROUGE | hyperparameters |
| | for text | summaries of | Scores. | used were default |
| | summarization. | variable length | | which could be |
| | | and apply for | | improved by |
| | | multi-document | | tuning to get a |
| | | summarization. | | better result. |

| (Maha | Generate a text | Real time | Developed an encoder- | The author has |
|--------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| jan et | summary along | training | decoder model using | made use of deep |
| al., | with proper | required if this | Gated Recurrent Units | learning |
| 2021) | grammar and | is used in | and trained the model to | approaches to |
| | no repeated | production, in | generate abstractive | handle the |
| | words using the | order to train | summary from an article. | problem, |
| | Encoder- | with the latest | | however with |
| | Decoder model | articles with | | respect to the |
| | with the | time. | | domain its not |
| | attention layer. | | | practical to use in |
| | | | | production since |
| | | | | real time trained |
| | | | | is not yet |
| | | | | implemented |
| (Etem | Experimenting | NA | Experimenting with RNN | The author has |
| ad, | the text | | based models' | experimented |
| Abidi | summarization | | architectures, working | with the |
| and | domain with | | with pre-trained | advanced deep |
| Chhab | deep learning | | transformer-based model | learning |
| ra, | approaches and | | architectures. Finally, | approaches but |
| 2021) | finding which | | using evaluation metrics | failed to tune the |
| | performs the | | such as BLEU and | hyperparameters |
| | best, from | | ROUGE to evaluate the | for better result. |
| | RNN, CNN, | | models. | |
| | Transformers | | | |
| | etc | | | |

6. RESEARCH GAP

Based on previous work done (Khan et al., 2020) related to abstractive text summarization on movie reviews, the literature doesn't identify for the need of using advanced deep

learning approaches to improve the performance of text summarization for this domain over traditional machine learning approach.

This project focuses on Empirical gap in the Movie Domain, as well as Theoretical and Performance gaps in the area of transformer optimization. Transformers plays a major role in the field of deep learning especially at problems related to Natural Language Processing, by performing hyperparameter optimization on several transformer architectures we can contribute to the enhanced quality of abstractive text summarization.

7. RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

Improving the performance of an existing solution is very common in the field of data science, as we can explore new algorithms or fine-tuning existing algorithms to get better results. The contributions for this project can be classified as theoretical contributions and domain contributions.

7.1. Technological Contribution

There are various deep learning techniques that can be used to handle abstractive text summarization, however with respect to previous researches done, it is found that *transformers* outperform most of the other deep learning approaches as of today but there was no more research on optimizing them for a much better performance.

This research will be focused on getting the best optimized transformer architecture from few of the top tier existing pre-trained model by fine-tuning and performing hyperparameter optimization, therefore we are able to maximize the performance of the recommended architecture. Additionally, it is believed that this study approach could be utilized in any field that utilizes abstractive text summarization transformers.

7.2. Domain Contribution

Neural Networks makes up the backbone of deep learning algorithms which enables them to process complex unstructured data over normal means of machine learning algorithms (Mahajan et al., 2021). It is found that, the need for using advanced deep learning approaches has not been explored in the domain of movie review summarization.

Given that transformers perform well in this field, the proposed solution for this domain will be finding the recommended architecture along with hyper-parameter optimization, to reach its best performance. An additional contribution will be that, the proposed solution will be generalized to any other domain linked with the field of NLP text summarization.

8. RESEARCH CHALLENGE

The main objective of this research is to achieve the optimized transformer architectures for the field of NLP abstractive text summarization. Transformers were introduced in 2017 by a team at Google Brain and are the most used choice for NLP problems replacing RNN models, given that this architecture was introduced not much longer back brings to a point where there is a lack of research done in the area of transformer optimization for the purpose of abstractive text summarization. (Wolf et al., 2020). Therefore, finding the most recommended transformer architecture along with the optimal parameters becomes a challenge with very less resources to look up to.

Additionally, identifying suitable datasets for this domain (Movie Reviews Summarization) is challenging and necessitates a substantial amount of effort in data preprocessing where it is important since we are dealing with NLP and performance optimization related domain.

9. RESEARCH QUESTIONS

RQ1: What are the top tier transformer architectures widely used and know for NLP problems related to text summarization?

RQ2: How can a pretrained transformer architecture be fine-tuned to get the optimal hyper parameters?

RQ3: What kind of evaluations should we perform after fine-tuning to filter out the best transformer architecture?

RQ4: What expected metadata and data format to be required from the dataset as for the transformers?

10. RESEARCH AIM

The aim of this research is to propose the most optimized transformer architecture from a range of popularly used architectures by fine-tuning the model via hyperparameter optimization, therefore obtaining the recommended architecture's optimum performance for abstractive text summarization.

To further explain the objective, a fully working system that can be utilized to execute abstractive text summarizing based on the movie review provided as input will be created by this research project. The quality of the resulting text summary or performance optimization will be the main points of emphasis. To get the best result, the usage of data preparation, data analysis, conducting hyperparameter tuning, and evaluating the models will be investigated.

To confirm or disprove the selected hypothesis, the necessary information will be obtained and investigated, components will be built, and performance will be evaluated. Both a hosted server and a local browser will be able to execute the system for private or public usage. The data science models and their source code will be made accessible for future study and usage in a public repository. The information gleaned from the literature review will be published in a review paper.

11. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The completion of the resulting research objectives is expected to fulfill the aims and provide answers to the research questions listed above. These goals are benchmarks that must be achieved for the research to be considered successful.

ObjectiveDescriptionLORQLiteratureComplete a thorough critical review of earlier related work.LO2, RQ1,SurveyRO1: Make a preliminary investigation on existing abstractive text summarization using deep learning approaches.LO4, RQ2,

Table 11.1 - Research Objectives

| | RO2: Make a preliminary investigation on why transformers | | |
|-------------|---|------|------|
| | architecture was the chosen deep learning choice for this | | |
| | research. | | |
| | RO3: Analyze the top tier transformer architectures widely used. | | |
| | RO4: Analyzing how the models can be fine-tuned via | | |
| | hyperparameter optimization. | | |
| | RO5: Analyzing the different approaches used for model | | |
| | evaluation. | | |
| Requirement | Defining the project's needs utilizing relevant approaches and | LO1, | RQ4, |
| Analysis | tools in order to solve the projected research gaps and obstacles | LO2, | RQ2, |
| | based on prior related research. | LO5, | RQ1 |
| | RO1: Gathering information related to the expected metadata | LO7 | |
| | required for the dataset to contain for the model training. | | |
| | RO2: Gathering the requirements of transformer architectures | | |
| | for fine-tuning and understand the end to end user expectations. | | |
| | RO3: Getting insights from domain experts to build a suitable | | |
| | system. | | |
| Design | Considering the following when developing the suggested | LO1, | RQ2 |
| | system: | LO2 | |
| | RO1: Design a component to preprocess the dataset for the | | |
| | respective model inputs. | | |
| | RO2: Design a component to store the top tier transformer | | |
| | models with their respective metadata, to use throughout. | | |
| | RO3: Design a hyperparameter tuning component that can | | |
| | improve accuracy of the transformer model. | | |
| | RO4 : Design high-level architecture for the system. | | |
| Development | Setting up a mechanism capable of addressing the gaps that were | LO1, | RQ2, |
| | intended to be covered. | LO5, | RQ3 |
| | | LO6 | |
| | RO1 : To develop data preprocessing component. | | |
| | | | |

| | RO2 : To develop a component that handles and stores the top | | |
|--------------|--|------|-----|
| | | | |
| | tier transformer architectures for fine-tuning. | | |
| | RO3 : To develop the hyperparameter tuning component that | | |
| | handles all the top tier architectures assigned. | | |
| | RO4 : To develop a component for the model evaluations for the | | |
| | measured hyperparameters | | |
| Testing and | Testing and evaluating the developed system (including the data | LO4 | RQ3 |
| Evaluation | science models with the suitable metrices) | | |
| | | | |
| | RO1 : Performing unit test, integration and performance testing | | |
| | along with a test plan created. | | |
| | RO2 : Evaluating all the transformer architectures used for fine- | | |
| | tune experimentations, using recommended scores such as | | |
| | (ROUGE, BERT SCORE). | | |
| Documenting | Keeping track of and documenting the study project's ongoing | LO8, | - |
| the progress | progress and any challenges encountered. | LO6 | |
| Publish | Ensure that the documentation, reports, and papers are well- | LO4, | - |
| Findings | structured and include a critical analysis of the research. | LO8 | |
| | | | |
| | RO1 : To publish a research paper on the related work done. | | |
| | RO2 : To publish the testing & evaluation results of the work | | |
| | done. | | |
| | RO3 : To publish the code implementation repository as public | | |
| | to be access by future research investigations, along with the | | |
| | models and datasets. | | |
| L | | L | |

12. PROJECT SCOPE

The aim of this project to maximize transformers optimization by hyperparameter tuning, given below are the following scope details for the project objectives to be achieved, along with the review of existing solutions and with the time period taken into consideration.

12.1. In-Scope

The project's scope is as follows:

- *Recreating a usable dataset for the project* Reconstructing the dataset to a format structure which can be used for model training.
- *Model refinement on hyperparameter tuning* Performing hyperparameter tuning on the top tier transformer architecture models.
- *Evaluating the models* Evaluating all the architectures using appropriate metrics to filter out the best architecture from the rest.
- *API integration development* REST API endpoints will be created to serve/call the final chosen model for interactions.
- *GUI development* A graphical user interface will be developed; therefore, the end user will be able to perform abstractive text summarization and get visual results.

12.2. Out-Scope

The project will not include the followings:

- *Limited architecture explored* The system will only be explored with few of the top tier architectures (roughly around 3 or 5 maximum), and will not be exploring more than that.
- *Only single model integration* The final model which outperforms the rest with the best set of hyperparameters will be used as the summary generation model, options to select other architectures explored with their hyperparameters aren't included.

Displaying the

generated summary

on client screen

12.3. PROTOTYPE DIAGRAM

User User enters a the target review text for summarization Review Text

| Comparison | Comparis

Figure 12.3 - Prototype Feature Diagram (Self-composed)

13. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Performing tokenization, stop

word removal etc... and preparing input format for the transformer

model

13.1. Research Methodology

When determining the quality of a project, there are a number of important factors to consider, including the cost incurred, the amount of time required, and the weight given to the project's scope. These factors must be effectively managed throughout the project's lifespan, which is when methodologies are required.

The table listed below are the chosen methodologies for the project, where Saunders Researched Onion model has been used (Saunders, Lewis, and Thornhill, 2003).

Research Philosophy

The author will explore and experiment with numerous techniques as part of a combined strategy to determine which is most effective for reaching the research aim, therefore the **pragmatism** approach was chosen among the positivism, pragmatism, realism, and interpretivism approaches.

Table 12.1 - Research Methodology

| Research Approach | This research experiments with several approaches to figure out |
|-------------------|---|
| | the best, the deductive approach was taken into consideration this |
| | was because the research aims at applying a combination of |
| | existing model architectures to fine-tune and get the best. As the |
| | data analysis qualitative method were chosen. |
| Research Strategy | This area focuses on data collection with respect to the research |
| | questions created. Survey and experiments were the strategies |
| | considered to address the research questions. Both of these |
| | strategies are expected as an approach for the quantitative result |
| | at evaluation. |
| Research Choice | Weather the research is concerned with qualitative or quantitative |
| | aspects depends on the choice of methodology. |
| | Even though we ultimately prioritize quantitative findings mainly, |
| | multi-method was taken into consideration for this study. This is |
| | partly because determining the qualitativeness of the data utilized |
| | for development is important since, in the end, it will influence the |
| | quantitative outcomes. |
| Time Horizons | Cross-sectional will be used since only during the requirement |
| | engineering and evaluation phase the data will be gathered and |
| | therefore not repeatedly collection over time. |
| Techniques and | Here, data collecting and analysis methods are considered. |
| procedures | We'll utilize sources including internet news, discussions, reports, |
| | surveys, publications and organizational records. |

13.2. Development Methodology

13.2.1. Life Cycle model

The project's research development methodology of choice was the **Agile** Software Development Life Cycle. This is a result of the project's reliance on an iterative development method.

13.2.2. Design Methodology

Modularity for flexibility and Code Reusability for efficiency and future development continuity was considered by the author to support incremental methodology, hence **Object-Oriented Analysis and Design** was chosen as the Design Methodology for the project.

13.2.3. Development Methodology

Object oriented programming methodology will be used for the development methodology for the project, this is due to the project's ease of future developer enhancement, making it simpler.

13.2.4. Requirement Elicitation Methodology

Conducting Surveys via questionnaires, review more previous research done, experimenting with various transformer architectures and brainstorming will be the approaches taken in-order to communicate and gather **insights** for the projects need.

13.2.5. Evaluation Methodology

Prototype testing

A set of test cases will be created in order to test out the entire flow of the prototype with respect to the actual output and whats expected.

Model testing

With respect to previous research done (Steinberger and Jezek, 2009) states that for text generated/summarization evaluations using **ROUGE** score demonstrate the best performance compared to other available evaluation methods such as **BLEU**. Therefore, **ROUGE** will be used as the evaluation metric for this project.

Benchmarking

Performance benchmarking is necessary to assess the model's effectiveness on a test data set that replicates the production data, as well as its output speed and memory consumption. Benchmark testing will be done on the final model architecture, which will serve as the optimized model, meanwhile ROUGE will be used for the model evaluation (Steinberger and Jezek, 2009).

13.3. Project Management Methodology

Prince2 a controlled project management which allows the author to develop environments for different parts or section of the project and maintain, this will be the chosen project management methodology.

13.3.1 Schedule

Gantt Chart

Timelline
Project Initiation
Selection of research problem and to...
Supervisor's approval of the research...
Exploring the research domain
Identifying aim and objectives
Drafting initial Literature Review
Preparing draft Project Proposal
Supervisor review of draft proposal
Self-evaluation & refinement of proje...
Submission of project proposal 72% 100% 80% 70% 100% 35% 80% 0% 50% Project Initiation Selection of research problem Project Initiation
election of research problem and topic :: Nazhim Kalam
Supervisors approval of the research topic :: Nazhim Kalam
Exploring the research domain :: Nazhim Kalam
Identifying aim and objectives :: Nazhim Kalam
Drafting initial Literiature Review :: Nazhim Kalam
Preparing draft Project Proposal :: Nazhim Kalam
Supervisor review of draft proposal :: Nazhim Kalam
Supervisor of project proposal :: Nazhim Kalam Literature Review
Literature Review
Literature Review: Nazhim Kalam
Lidentifying components to conduct Literature Review: Nazhim Kala
Collecting related research papers & articles: Nazhim Kala
Reading & summarizing of dathered literature: Nazhim Kalam
Drafting LR: Nazhim Kalam
Supervisor review of LR: Nazhim Kalam
Finalizing LR: Nazhim Kalam
Submission of final LR: Nazhim Kalam Literature Review
Identifying components to conduct Li...
Collecting related research papers &...
Reading & summarizing of gathered I...
Drafting LR
Supervisor review of LR
Finalizing LR
Submission of final LR 58% 50% 80% 60% 0% 0% 0% of final LR: Nazhim Kalam

Designing the System

Identifying components of existing systems
Selecting components of the prototype
Creating high level architecture
Supervisor review of high level architecture
Creating system design
Preparing draft of Software Design Spe
Supervisor review of SDS
Self evaluation & refinement of SRS Submission of final LR

pesigning the System
Identifying components of existing s...
Selecting components of the prototy...
Creating high level architecture
Supervisor review of high level archi...
Creating system design
Preparing draft of Software Design S...
Supervisor review of SDS
Self evaluation & refinement of SRS
Submission of SDS 0% 0% 0% Selection of Tools and Technologies

Reviewing different tools & technologies

Selecting appropriate tools & technologies Selection of Tools and Technologies Reviewing different tools & technolog. Selecting appropriate tools & techno... Prototype lemplementation
Define artifacts of prototype delivera...
Implementing core features
Implementing application componen...
Code refactor & applying best practi...
Demo prototypes to supervisor
Refining the prototype Prototype Impleme
Define artifacts of prototype deliverables
Implementing core feature
Implementing application co rototypes to supervisor I Refining the prototype Testing and Evaluation
Identifying functional and non-functi...
Creating test plan
Writing unit tests
Conducting integration tests
Conducting integration tests
Conducting usability tests
Conducting usability tests
Final evaluation of research prototype conducting unablity tests

Conducting interpration tests

Conducting functionality tests

Conducting tests

Conducting tests

Conducting tests Documentation and Conclusion

Drafting the dissertation

Supervisor review dissertation

Refining dissertation

Submission of final dissertation

Writing documentation for the product

Project presentation & viva Documentation and Conclusion
Drafting the dissertation
Supervisor review dissertation
Refining dissertation
Submission of final dissertation
Writing documentation for the produ...
Project presentation & viva

Figure 13.1 - Gantt Chart

Deliverables

Additional Tasks
Writing a review paper
Writing the final Research Paper

Table 13.2 - Deliverables and dates

| Deliverable | Date |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Literature Review Document | 27 th October 2022 |
| Critical review of existing work and solutions. | |

Additional Tasks
Writing a review paper
Writing the final Research Pap

| Project Proposal Document | 3 rd November 2022 |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Initial proposal of the project. | |
| Software Requirement Specification | 24 th November 2022 |
| Documentation outlining the requirements that must be met, | |
| designed as the ultimate prototype, including data collection | |
| methods. | |
| System Design Document | 2 nd February 2023 |
| Document outlining the system's design for text summarizing | |
| using transformers. | |
| Prototype | 3 rd February 2023 |
| A functional prototype with all its main features included as stated. | |
| Thesis | 27 th April 2023 |
| Final report detailing the research and project decisions | |
| Review Research Paper | 2 nd May 2023 |
| A review paper reviewing published existing systems in handling | |
| abstractive text summarization. | |
| Manuscript Paper | 10 th May 2023 |
| A research paper introducing the concepts and design developed | |
| as part of this project | |
| Final Research Paper | 15 th May 2023 |
| A research paper about the experimentations done with the | |
| transformers hyperparameters. | |
| Public project repository | 30 th April 2023 |
| A publicly accessible project repository to setup and test the | |
| development | |

13.3.2. Resource Requirements

Software Requirements

• *Operating System* – Microsoft Windows OS will be used for the research, documentation and for the complete project implementation (end to end).

- *Python* Machine learning & Deep learning model development and APIs creation to serve the models and handle logic will be implemented by using the Python language. Python is a general-purpose language that has been used most widely in data-science related projects and in backend frameworks link Flask and Django.
- *Flask* Backend web framework for API development for the prototype. This will be used to access/transfer data to and from the data science models developed.
- *TensorFlow/ Scikit learn Python packages* Libraries that will be used during the development of the data science models.
- Jupyter Notebook / Google Colab Used for Machine-learning/Deep learning model development in this project, it's an Integrated development environment for programming.
- *TypeScript (React)* JavaScript framework which is used for the development of the frontend application interface of the project. Here is where the user will be able to input and view their data.
- *Vscode* The project's development environment. This will be utilized while creating the codebase for the backend API and frontend development.
- **Zotero** Referencing software that keeps a copy of all the articles as well as managing the references for research papers
- *MS Office/ Google Docs/ Figma* Software & tools which will be used to create figures, reports and handle documentations.
- *Google Drive/ GitHub* Backup platform and code management system to help keep backup of all documents and code.
- *Git* Version control system which will be used to keep track of the changes made in the project code and manage code changes.

Hardware Requirements

- Core i5x Processor (8th generation) or above Above average processing power required to perform high resource intensive tasks (such as model training).
- Nvidia MX130 GPU or above To handle data science model training processes.
- **16GB RAM or above** Sufficient amount of RAM needed to run multiple applications (client + server), model training also consumes a lot of CPU and RAM.

• **Disk space of 30GB or above** – To store project data and applications.

Data Requirements

• Amazon Movie review data – From Stanford University Education.

Skill Requirements

- Good understanding about machine learning and deep learning concepts.
- Good understanding about Natural Language Processing and its data preprocessing methods.
- Good understanding about transformers and how to work with hyperparameters in general along with the knowledge of its use.
- Research writing skills

13.3.3. Risk Management

The table given below defines the possible risks which can be encountered during the process of the project development along with the possible mitigation steps.

Table 13.3 - Risk Mitigation Plan

| Risk | Magnitude | Probability | Mitigation Plan |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| | of the loss | of | |
| | | occurrence | |
| Losing the development | 5 | 2 | Using GitHub and external |
| project | | | backup to keep a latest copy of |
| codebase/repository | | | the project codebase. |
| Project documentation | 5 | 4 | Use a dedicated folder under |
| corruption | | | the same GitHub repository and |
| | | | push all latest documentation |
| | | | changes & use cloud-based |
| | | | documentation approach |
| Unable to complete all | 4 | 2 | Prioritize and create a timeline |
| mentioned project | | | to complete the deliverables. |
| deliverables on time | | | |

| Insufficient knowledge | 5 | 3 | Performing an intensive |
|------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| on the project domain | | | research on the problem |
| | | | domain along with the research |
| | | | domain. |
| Personal computing | 5 | 4 | Upload the complete backup to |
| breaks down during the | | | GitHub and Google Drive, use |
| project timeline | | | University Lab service to |
| progress. | | | continue project work, till |
| | | | personal machine recovery. |
| Any unavoidable | 3 | 1 | Create weekly goals to |
| personal health risk - | | | complete and keep them |
| Sickness | | | updated. |

13.4. Solution Methodology

Data collection, data preprocessing, data visualization, model training, model evaluation, and model deployment are the main phases that all machine/deep learning model developments go through. Regarding a few earlier studies on transformers, the author followed the general principles and experimented with a variety of pre-trained transformer models in order to determine which performs the best. (Gupta et al., 2021). The same process will be followed in this project, but the phase for tweaking the hyperparameters will be included as an extra step.

Figure 12.2 - Summarization model creation flow (Patel, 2022)



13.4.1 Data Gathering

Data gathering techniques often fall into one of two categories: primary or secondary. In contrast to secondary data collecting methods, which use data that has already been

gathered, primary data refers to information that was obtained directly by the researcher (Wagh, 2022). Secondary data gathering is the method utilized in this project.

13.4.2. Data Preparation

This step, often referred to as data preprocessing, involves preparing the data before it is subjected to the training processing by using a series of techniques as follows:

- *Lower casing*: Creating a common casing out of every text context.
- *Punctuation removal*: Remove any characters that don't have significant meaning.
- *Stopwords removal*: Elimination of terms that are used frequently but don't add much sense to the context, such "the" and "a".
- *Contraction mapping*: Adding more detail to abbreviated words like "don't" into "do not".
- Stemming: A method of reducing a word to its word stem.
- *Lemmatization*: Grouping different inflected of words into the root form.

13.4.3. Data Analysis

This procedure, also known as data visualization, involves graphically depicting the data (using maps, graphs, and charts) and identifying data patterns. (Analytics Vidhya, 2021). Where necessary, data visualization will be used in this project.

13.4.4. Model Selection and Training

The author will experiment with tuning hyperparameters while utilizing various pretrained model transformer architectures. This transformer architecture is the optimum option since it dominates the field of natural language processing. Using pertained model, the author is able to achieve stronger performance than creating a model from scratch as a result of their extensive corpus data training. (Wolf et al., 2020)

Since they are the top tier model architectures, the pre-trained models chosen for hyperparameter tweaking will include BART, T5, PEGASUS, RoBERTa, and GPT-3.

Hyperparameter Optimization

This set of parameters needs to be calculated for optimal performance, so model training parameters could be set to them. Minimizing the loss and cost has the potential to stabilize

the bias and variance in the model. Additionally, the chosen dataset will have an impact on the estimated set of hyperparameters.

13.4.5. Model Evaluation and Deployment

There are several forms of evaluation metrics for text summarization models, including **BLEU** and **ROUGE**. Since **ROUGE** is more credible than **BLEU**, it will be utilized for model evaluation and choosing the optimal model architecture to apply. (Steinberger and Jezek, 2009)

The model deployment will be done together with the backend server and hosted in cloud platforms.

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