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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	Continuous-time Recurrent Neural Network.
T5	Deep Learning.
BART	Graphics Processing Unit.
BERT	Long Short-Term Memory.
PEGASUS	Liquid Time-constant.
ILP	Machine Learning.
LSTM	Symmetric Mean Absolute Product Error.
RNN	Mean Absolute Scaled Error.
CNN	Mean Squared Error.
SEQ2SEQ	Sequence to Sequence
RoBERTa	Robustly Optimized BERT Pre-training Approach
GPT-3	Third Generation Generative Pre-Trained Transformer
REST	Representational State Transfer

1. INTRODUCTION

In this research project, the author tries increase the performance of abstractive text summarization for the domain of movie reviews but yet creating a generalized optimized solution which can be applied to various other domains aswell, 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, Gul, Zareei, et al., 2020)

Online movie reviews are evolving into an important information source for users, with the continuous increase in data on the web (M and Mehla, 2019). 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, Gul, Uddin, et al., 2020).

Text summary assist users or business decision-makers by compiling and analyzing a significant number of online reviews. (Alsaqer 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 (Dashtipour et al., 2021)

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 since 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. (Khan, Gul, Zareei, et al., 2020)

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
on				Review
(Khan,	An automatic	To use	Worked on feature extraction and	Only used
Gul,	approach to	advanced	converting reviews into vector space,	general
Zareei,	summarize	deep learning	followed by the Naïve Bayes	machine
et al.,	lengthy movie	approaches.	machine learning algorithm used for	learning
2020)	reviews and		review classification, using an	algorithms to
	allow users to		undirected weighted graph based	handle movie
	quickly		ranking algorithm to rank score for	review

	recognize the		reach review sentence in graph.	summarizatio
	positive and		Finally, the top ranked sentences are	n not deep
	negative		chosen based on highest rank scores	learning
	aspects of a		to produce extractive summary.	approaches.
	movie.			
(Boor	Using	Focused on	Using seq2seq model for	Used general
ugu,	customer	improving	summarization along with attention	deep learning
Rames	reviews on	the accuracy	mechanism for increased accuracy,	approaches
h and	products when	by using the	also using word embedding model	such as RNN
Madha	making	latest models	Concept net Number batch which is	etc to
vi,	purchasing	in the field of	better than Glove. Finally, using a 1D	solve the
2019)	decisions to	text	convolutional layer followed by max	problem
	give a proper	summarizatio	pooling layer, LSTM layer and then	
	summarization	n. By using	at the end a fully connected layer.	
	of the reviews	transformers		
	to the	architecture,		
	customer, so	we could		
	that he doesn't	improve this.		
	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	Using an Integer Linear	Creating
erjee	generating	the need to	Programming (ILP [Unsupervised	extractive
et al.,	personalized	create tourist	method]) based extractive technique	summaries
2020)	aspect-based	review	to select an informative subset of	may not be
	opinion	dataset for	opinions around the identified	very

	summaries	our	aspects. Evaluate and compare the	meaningful
	from large	experiments.	summaries using ROUGE based	since the
	collections of	The need for	metrics and obtain competitive	dataset is also
	online tourist	also	results.	limited
	reviews, also	experimentin		down, hence
	able to	g with the		using
	customize the	data of lesser		abstractive
	attributes of the	known places		approach
	summary based	(Tourist		would give
	on the user's	locations)		better results
	interest.			
(Gupta	A	Future work	Using the pretrained models such as	The author
et al.,	comprehensive	should focus	Pipeline BART, BART modified, T5	has used the
2021)	comparison of	on building	and PEGASUS to work with the text	top tier
	a few	more robust	summarization. Evaluation metrics	transformer
	transformer	models	we done using the ROUGE Scores.	architecture
	architecture	which can		during
	based pre-	further		experimentat
	trained models	extend the		ion, however
	for text	algorithm to		the
	summarization.	create		hyperparame
		summaries of		ters used
		variable		were default
		length and		which could
		apply for		be improved
		multi-		by tuning to
		document		get a better
		summarizatio		result.
		n.		

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

6. RESEARCH GAP

Based on previous work done (Khan, Gul, Zareei, 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, (Zhang, Xu and Wang, 2019) 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 (Liu and Wang, 2021), 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 design, develop and evaluate the most optimized transformer architecture from a range of popularly used architectures by fine-tuning via hyperparameter optimization, therefore obtaining the recommended architecture's optimum performance for generalized 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.

Table 11.1- Research Objectives

Objective	Description	LO	RQ
Literature	Complete a thorough critical review of earlier related work.	LO1,	RQ1,
Review	RO1: Make a preliminary investigation on existing abstractive	LO6	RQ2,
	text summarization using deep learning approaches.		RQ3
	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.		
	evaluation.		
Requirement	Defining the project's needs utilizing relevant approaches and	LO2,	RQ4,
Analysis	tools in order to solve the projected research gaps and obstacles	LO3,	RQ2,
	based on prior related research.	LO4,	RQ1
	RO1: Gathering information related to the expected metadata	LO5,	
	required for the dataset to contain for the model training.	LO6	
	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	LO3,	RQ2
	system:	LO4,	
	RO1: Design a component to preprocess the dataset for the	LO6	
	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	LO3,	RQ2,
	intended to be covered.	LO4,	RQ3
	RO1 : To develop data preprocessing component.	LO6	
	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 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 finetune experimentations, using recommended scores such as (ROUGE, BERT SCORE). Documenting the progress and any challenges encountered. LO6 Publish Ensure that the documentation, reports, and papers are well-structured and include a critical analysis of the research. 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				
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and datasets		be access by future research investigations, along with the models		
		and datasets		

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.

12.3. PROTOTYPE DIAGRAM

User enters a the Transformer model makes use of target review text encoders and decoders to generate for summarization the summary for the review Returning summary text sent to the backens JSON [API] response to client nding preprocessed input to server via http request model as input Performing tokenization, stop word removal etc... and preparing Displaying the input format for the transformer generated summary on client screen

Figure 12.1 - Prototype Feature Diagram (Self-composed)

13. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

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, 2007).

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.

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

Table 12.1 - Research Methodology

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. (Lin, 2004)

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).

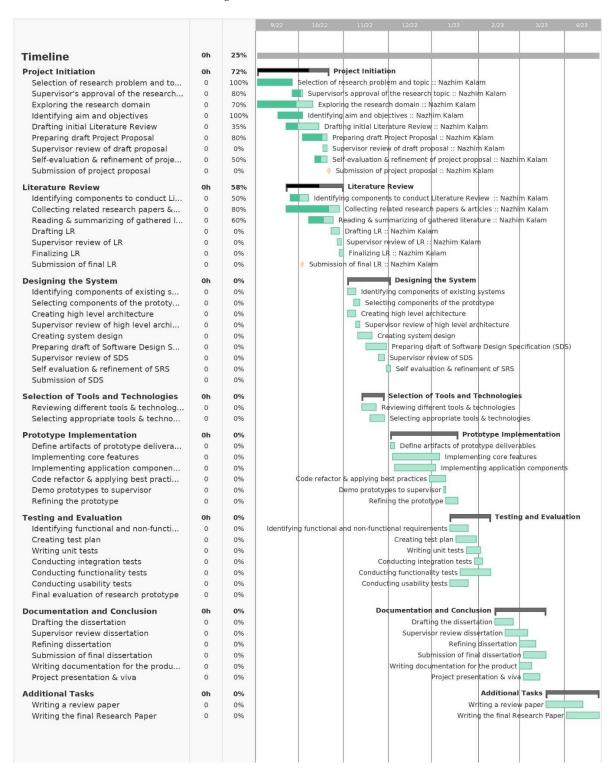
13.3. Project Management Methodology

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

Figure 13.1 - Gantt Chart



Deliverables

Table 13.2 - Deliverables and dates

Deliverable	Date
Literature Review Document	27 th October 2022
Critical review of existing work and solutions.	
Project Proposal Document + Ethics Forms	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.	
Proof of Concept with Implementation Presentation	23 rd December 2022
Performing a presentation regarding the implementation along with the	
proof of concept	
Project Specifications Design & Prototype	2 rd February 2023
A functional prototype with all its main features included as stated.	
Along with a documentation of the design approach followed.	
Test & Evaluation Report	23 rd March 2023
Documented Evaluation Report conducted on the Prototype.	
Draft Project Proposal	30 th March 2023
A draft thesis submission, in order to get supervisors feedback	
Final 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.	
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
d	ev	elopment								

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 backup to
project			keep a latest copy of the project
codebase/repository			codebase.

Project documentation	5	4	Use a dedicated folder under the same
corruption			GitHub repository and push all latest
			documentation changes & use cloud-
			based documentation approach
Unable to complete all	4	2	Prioritize and create a timeline to
mentioned project			complete the deliverables.
deliverables on time			
Insufficient knowledge	5	3	Performing an intensive research on the
on the project domain			problem domain along with the research
			domain.
Personal computing	5	4	Upload the complete backup to GitHub
breaks down during the			and Google Drive, use University Lab
project timeline progress.			service to continue project work, till
			personal machine recovery.
Any unavoidable	3	1	Create weekly goals to complete and
personal health risk -			keep them updated.
Sickness			

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 (Ashmore, Calinescu and Paterson, 2019). The same process will be followed in this project, but the phase for tweaking the hyperparameters will be included as an extra step.

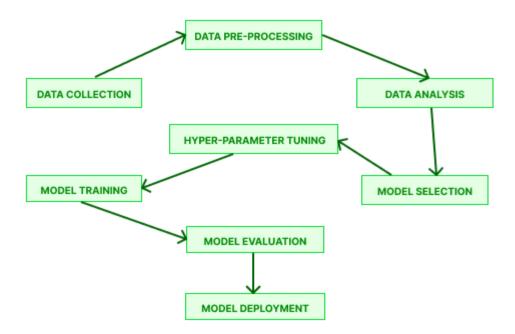


Figure 12.2 – Model development flow (Self-composed)

13.4.1 Data Collection

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 (Devi and Pavithra, 2022). Secondary data gathering is the method utilized in this project.

13.4.2. Data Pre-processing

This step involves in 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 (Suresh and Guttag, 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 (Liu and Wang, 2021; Joy and Selvan, 2022). 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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