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2. Introduction

- Brief overview of NLP and Deep Learning:
 - Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a specialized field within artificial intelligence that focuses on enabling computers to understand, interpret, and generate human language. NLP encompasses a variety of tasks, including text analysis, language translation, sentiment analysis, and named entity recognition. In recent years, the integration of deep learning techniques has significantly advanced NLP. Deep learning models, particularly those based on neural networks such as transformers, can capture complex patterns and contextual nuances in language data, leading to improvements in accuracy and efficiency for many NLP applications.
- Importance of Python libraries for NLP (NLTK, spaCy, transformers):
 NLTK provides a comprehensive set of tools for text processing, including tokenization, lemmatization, and stopword removal. It is especially useful for educational purposes and prototyping traditional NLP techniques.

spaCy offers robust capabilities for tokenization, lemmatization, part-of-speech tagging, and named entity recognition (NER). Its context-aware models and built-in visualization tools (like displacy) make it well-suited for production-level NLP tasks.

Transformers library has revolutionized NLP by providing access to state-of-the-art pretrained transformer models such as BERT, GPT, and RoBERTa. These models excel in capturing contextual information and semantic meaning in text, enabling advanced applications like text vectorization and sentiment analysis with deep learning techniques.

3. Implementation and Code Snippets

• Ex1. Text Preprocessing with NLTK and spaCy:

task 1. Tokenize a sample paragraph using NLTK and spaCy:

A brief explanation of the task: The goal of this experiment is to preprocess a sample paragraph using two popular NLP libraries, **NLTK** and **spaCy**. The preprocessing steps include tokenization, lemmatization, and stopword removal. The outputs from both libraries are compared to analyze their differences.

Code snippets with appropriate comments:

Code #1:

```
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_language_processing"

response = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, "html.parser")

text = soup.find_all("p")[0].get_text()
print("Sample Text:", text)
```

Code #2:

```
import nltk  # Import the nltk library

nltk.download('punkt_tab')  # Download the pretrained 'punkt_tab'
model for tokenizing text

from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize  # Import the
word_tokenize function

nltk_tokens = word_tokenize(text)  # Tokenize the text

# Print each token on a new line to keep the output aligned
without causing horizontal scrolling
print("NLTK Tokenization:")
for token in nltk_tokens:
    print(token)
```

Code #3:

```
import spacy #import spaCy

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm") #load the small English model

doc = nlp(text) #process the text

spacy_tokens = [token.text for token in doc] #get tokens from
the processed text

print("spaCy Tokenization:")
for token in spacy_tokens:
    print(token)
```

output of Code #1:

```
    Supple test: whereal language processing (MF) is a sufficial of computer science and especially artificial intelligence. It is primerily concerned with providing computers with the ability to process data encoded in natural language and its thus closely evidence to inform
```

output of Code #2:

```
NLTK Tokenization:
Natural
    language
    processing
    (
NLP
    )
is
    subfield
    of
    computer
    science
    and
    especially
artificial
    intelligence
    .
It
    primarily
    concerned
    with
    providing
    computers
    with
    the
    ability
    to
    process
    data
    encoded
    in
    natural
    language
and
    thus
    closely
    related
    to
     information
    retrieval
```

Figure 2: Tokenization using NLTK

Output of Code #3:

```
/usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-
      warnings.warn(Warnings.W111)
    spaCy Tokenization:
    Natural
    language
    processing
    NLP
    is
    subfield
    of
    computer
    science
    and
    especially
    artificial
    intelligence
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    is
    primarily
    concerned
    with
    providing
    computers
    with
    ability
    to
    process
    data
    encoded
    in
    natural
    language
    and
    is
    thus
    closely
    related
    information
    retrieval
```

Figure 3: Tokenization using SpaCy

task 2. Perform lemmatization and stopword removal using both libraries:

A brief explanation of the task: In this task, we preprocess a sample text by applying lemmatization and stopword removal using two popular NLP libraries, NLTK and spaCy. Lemmatization reduces words to their base or dictionary form (e.g., "running" becomes "run"), which helps in normalizing the text, while stopword removal eliminates common words (like "the", "and", "is") that often do not add meaningful context to the analysis. By performing these steps with both NLTK and spaCy, we can

compare their approaches and results to understand their differences in handling linguistic nuances.

Code snippets with appropriate comments:

Code #1:

```
nltk.download('wordnet') # download WordNet corpus for
nltk.download('omw-1.4') #additional language data for WordNet
nltk.download('stopwords') #download stopwords list
from nltk.tokenize import word tokenize # import tokenization
function
from nltk.corpus import stopwords #import stopwords
from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer # import WordNet
lemmatizer
nltk tokens = word tokenize(text) #tokenize the text
lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer() #initialize the lemmatizer
nltk stopwords = set(stopwords.words('english')) #create a set of
english stopwords
nltk processed = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(token) for token in
nltk tokens if token.lower() not in nltk stopwords] # lemmatize
tokens and remove stopwords
print("NLTK Processed:")
for token in nltk processed:
   print(token)
```

Code #2:

```
doc = nlp(text) # process the input text

spacy_processed = [token.lemma_ for token in doc if not
token.is_stop] #lemmatize tokens and remove stopwords using spacy

print("spaCy Processed:")

for token in spacy_processed:
    print(token)
```

Images of the executed code:

Output of Code #1:

```
→ NLTK Processed:
     Natural
     language
     processing
    NLP
     subfield
     computer
     science
    especially
artificial
     intelligence
     primarily
     concerned
    providing
computer
ability
     process
     .
data
     encoded
     natural
     language
     thus
     closely
     related
     information
     retrieval
     ,
knowledge
     representation computational
     linguistics
     subfield
     linguistics
     Typically
data
     collected
     text
     corpus
     ,
using
```

Figure 4: lemmatization and stopword removal using NLTK library.

Output of Code #2:

```
⇒ spaCy Processed:
natural
      language
      processing
      NLP
      subfield
     computer
     science
     especially
      artificial
      intelligence
      primarily
      concern
      provide
      computer
      ability
      process
      datum
      encode
      natural
      language
      closely
      relate
      information
      retrieval
      knowledge
      representation
      computational
      linguistic
      ,
subfield
      linguistic
      typically
      datum
      collect
      text
      corpora
      rule
      base
      ,
statistical
      neural
      base
      approach
      machine
      learning
Figure 5: lemmatization and stopword removal using SpaCy library.
```

Ex 2. Named Entity Recognition (NER) with spaCy

task 1. Use spaCy's pre-trained NER model to extract named entities from a given text.

A brief explanation of the task: This task uses spaCy's pre-trained English model to process a given text and extract named entities (e.g., persons, organizations, locations). The model identifies and labels the entities automatically based on its built-in NER pipeline.

Code snippets with appropriate comments:

Code #1:

```
import spacy #import the spaCy library

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm") #Load spaCy's small English
model

text = "Almaty,[a] formerly Alma-Ata,[b] is the largest city in
Kazakhstan, with a population exceeding two million residents
within its metropolitan area.[8] Located in the foothills of the
Trans-Ili Alatau mountains in southern Kazakhstan, near the
border with Kyrgyzstan, Almaty stands as a pivotal center of
culture, commerce, finance and innovation. The city is nestled at
an elevation of 700-900 metres (2,300-3,000 feet), with the Big
Almaty and Small Almaty rivers running through it, originating
from the surrounding mountains and flowing into the plains.
Almaty is the second-largest city in Central Asia and the
third-largest in the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU)."

doc = nlp(text) #process the text

print("Named Entities:")
for ent in doc.ents:
    print(ent.text, "->", ent.label_)
```

Images of the executed code:

Output of Code #1:

```
🕣 /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packag
     warnings.warn(Warnings.W111)
    Named Entities:
    Almaty,[a -> CARDINAL
    Kazakhstan -> GPE
    two million -> CARDINAL
    the Trans-Ili Alatau -> ORG
    Kazakhstan -> GPE
    Kyrgyzstan -> GPE
    Almaty -> GPE
    700-900 metres -> QUANTITY
    2,300-3,000 feet -> QUANTITY
    the Big Almaty -> ORG
    Small Almaty -> PERSON
    Almaty -> ORG
    second -> ORDINAL
    Central Asia -> LOC
    third -> ORDINAL
    the Eurasian Economic Union -> ORG
```

Figure 6: NER Extraction using spaCy

task 2. Visualize the named entities using displacy.

A brief explanation of the task: This task utilizes spaCy's built-in visualization tool, displacy, to render the named entities in the text. The visualization highlights the entities with color-coded labels, making it easier to see how the model has categorized parts of the text.

Code snippets with appropriate comments:

```
from spacy import displacy # Import displacy for visualization displacy.render(doc, style="ent", options={"distance": 120}) #visualize the named entities in the processed document using displacy
```

Images of the executed code:



Figure 7: Visualization of Named Entities using displacy

Ex 3. Text Vectorization using Transformers:

task 1. Load a pretrained transformer model from Hugging Face (e.g., bert-base-uncased):

A brief explanation of the task: This task loads the pretrained BERT model (bert-base-uncased) along with its corresponding tokenizer from Hugging Face's Transformers library. The model is used for later steps in text vectorization.

Code snippets with appropriate comments:

Code #1:

```
from transformers import AutoTokenizer, AutoModel #import
necessary classes from Hugging Face

tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased")
#load the tokenizer for bert-base-uncased

model = AutoModel.from_pretrained("bert-base-uncased") #load the
BERT model for bert-base-uncased
```

Images of the executed code:

Output of Code #1:



Figure 8: Loading Transformer Model

task 2. Tokenize and encode a sample sentence using the tokenizer:

A brief explanation of the task: This task tokenizes and encodes a sample sentence using the loaded tokenizer. The encoding converts the text into numerical representations (token IDs and attention masks) suitable for the transformer model.

Code snippets with appropriate comments:

```
text = "Almaty,[a] formerly Alma-Ata,[b] is the largest city in Kazakhstan, with a population exceeding two million residents within its metropolitan area.[8] Located in the foothills of the
```

```
Trans-Ili Alatau mountains in southern Kazakhstan, near the border with Kyrgyzstan, Almaty stands as a pivotal center of culture, commerce, finance and innovation. The city is nestled at an elevation of 700-900 metres (2,300-3,000 feet), with the Big Almaty and Small Almaty rivers running through it, originating from the surrounding mountains and flowing into the plains. Almaty is the second-largest city in Central Asia and the third-largest in the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU)."

encoded_input = tokenizer(text, return_tensors='pt') # Tokenize and encode the sentence and return PyTorch tensors

print("Encoded Input:", encoded_input)
```

Output of Code #1:

Figure 9: Tokenization and Encoding

task 3. Extract the word embeddings from the model's hidden states:

A brief explanation of the task: This task feeds the encoded input into the BERT model to extract word embeddings from its hidden states. These embeddings are the dense vector representations of each token, capturing semantic information.

Code snippets with appropriate comments:

```
outputs = model(**encoded_input) # pass the encoded input through
the model
hidden_states = outputs.last_hidden_state # The last hidden state
contains the word embeddings for each token
print("Hidden States (Embeddings):", hidden_states)
```

Output of Code #1:

Figure 10: Extracted Word Embeddings

Ex 4. Sentiment Analysis with Transformers:

task 1. Use the pipeline module from Hugging Face to perform sentiment analysis on different sentences:

A brief explanation of the task: This task uses the Hugging Face pipeline module to perform sentiment analysis on multiple sentences. The pipeline loads a pretrained sentiment analysis model (by default, a model fine-tuned on sentiment tasks) and applies it to input text, returning a sentiment label (e.g., "POSITIVE" or "NEGATIVE") along with a confidence score.

Code snippets with appropriate comments:

```
import pandas as pd
from transformers import pipeline # Import Hugging Face's
pipeline for sentiment analysis

url =
"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/SK7here/Movie-Review-Sentiment
-Analysis/refs/heads/master/IMDB-Dataset.csv"

df = pd.read_csv(url) #load the dataset directly from the URL
```

```
reviews = df["review"].head(10).tolist() #for demonstration
selected the first 10 movie reviews from the dataset

sentiment_pipeline = pipeline("sentiment-analysis") #initialize
the sentiment analysis pipeline with a pretrained model

print("Sentiment Analysis using Transformers on Movie Reviews:")
for review in reviews:
    result = sentiment_pipeline(review)
    print("Review:", review)
    print("Result:", result, "\n")
```

Output of Code #1:

```
No model was supplied, defaulted to distilbert/distilbert-base-unc
    Using a pipeline without specifying a model name and revision in p
    Device set to use cpu
    Sentiment Analysis using Transformers on Movie Reviews:
    Review: One of the other reviewers has mentioned that after watching
    Result: [{'label': 'NEGATIVE', 'score': 0.5121204853057861}]
    Review: A wonderful little production. <br /><br />The filming tec
    Result: [{'label': 'POSITIVE', 'score': 0.9993765950202942}]
    Review: I thought this was a wonderful way to spend time on a too
    Result: [{'label': 'POSITIVE', 'score': 0.9991896748542786}]
    Review: Basically there's a family where a little boy (Jake) think
    Result: [{'label': 'NEGATIVE', 'score': 0.9991722106933594}]
    Review: Petter Mattei's "Love in the Time of Money" is a visually
    Result: [{'label': 'POSITIVE', 'score': 0.9988238215446472}]
    Review: Probably my all-time favorite movie, a story of selflessne
    Result: [{'label': 'POSITIVE', 'score': 0.9997684359550476}]
    Review: I sure would like to see a resurrection of a up dated Seah
    Result: [{'label': 'POSITIVE', 'score': 0.9160271286964417}]
    Review: This show was an amazing, fresh & innovative idea in the 70
    Result: [{'label': 'NEGATIVE', 'score': 0.9996374845504761}]
    Review: Encouraged by the positive comments about this film on here
    Result: [{'label': 'NEGATIVE', 'score': 0.9997221827507019}]
    Review: If you like original gut wrenching laughter you will like
    Result: [{'label': 'POSITIVE', 'score': 0.9997014403343201}]
```

Figure 11: Sentiment Analysis with Transformers

task 2. Compare results with traditional text-processing approaches:

A brief explanation of the task: In this task, we implement a traditional sentiment analysis approach using a Naive Bayes classifier. We vectorize the same 10 movie reviews using a bag-of-words representation (via CountVectorizer) and then train a MultinomialNB classifier. Finally, we compare the predictions from this classical method with the results from the transformer-based approach.rule-based model that provides sentiment scores (positive, neutral, negative, and compound). The comparison highlights the differences between modern model-based sentiment analysis and traditional methods.

Code snippets with appropriate comments:

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.feature extraction.text import CountVectorizer
from sklearn.naive bayes import MultinomialNB
url =
df = pd.read csv(url) #load the dataset directly from the URL
reviews = df["review"].head(10).tolist() #for demonstration
sentiments = df["sentiment"].head(10).tolist() #sentiment
vectorizer = CountVectorizer(stop words="english")
X = vectorizer.fit transform(reviews)
nb classifier = MultinomialNB()
nb classifier.fit(X, sentiments)
predictions = nb classifier.predict(X) #predict sentiments using
print("Naive Bayes Sentiment Analysis:")
```

```
for review, actual, predicted in zip(reviews, sentiments,
predictions):
    print("Review:", review)
    print("Actual Sentiment:", actual, "-> Predicted Sentiment:",
predicted)
    print("-" * 80)
```

Output of Code #1:

```
→ Naive Bayes Sentiment Analysis:
    Review: One of the other reviewers has mentioned that after watching just 1 Oz epi
    Actual Sentiment: positive -> Predicted Sentiment: positive
    Review: A wonderful little production. <br /><br />The filming technique is very u
    Actual Sentiment: positive -> Predicted Sentiment: positive
    Review: I thought this was a wonderful way to spend time on a too hot summer weeke
    Actual Sentiment: positive -> Predicted Sentiment: positive
    Review: Basically there's a family where a little boy (Jake) thinks there's a zomb
    Actual Sentiment: negative -> Predicted Sentiment: negative
    Review: Petter Mattei's "Love in the Time of Money" is a visually stunning film to
    Actual Sentiment: positive -> Predicted Sentiment: positive
    Review: Probably my all-time favorite movie, a story of selflessness, sacrifice ar
    Actual Sentiment: positive -> Predicted Sentiment: positive
    Review: I sure would like to see a resurrection of a up dated Seahunt series with
    Actual Sentiment: positive -> Predicted Sentiment: positive
    Review: This show was an amazing, fresh & innovative idea in the 70's when it firs
    Actual Sentiment: negative -> Predicted Sentiment: negative
    Review: Encouraged by the positive comments about this film on here I was looking
    Actual Sentiment: negative -> Predicted Sentiment: negative
    Review: If you like original gut wrenching laughter you will like this movie. If
    Actual Sentiment: positive -> Predicted Sentiment: positive
```

Figure 12: Sentiment Analysis using Naive Bayes.

4. Results and Discussion

- Images of results with proper explanations:
- Figure 1: Figure 1: Sample paragraph shows output of code to scrape the sample paragraph from wikipedias NLP page by using BeautifulSoup
- Figure 2: Tokenization using NLTK shows code to tokenize the input text into a list of word tokens using NLTK's pre-trained 'punkt_tab' model.
- Figure 3: Tokenization using SpaCy shows code to tokenize the input text into a list of word tokens using spaCy's pre-trained English language model:
- Figure 4: lemmatization and stopword removal using NLTK library shows code to lemmatization and stopword removal using NLTK library:
- *Figure 5:* lemmatization and stopword removal using SpaCy library. shows code to lemmatization and stopword removal using Spacy library:
- Figure 6: This image displays output of the spaCy model identifying various named entities. The output lists each entity followed by its label.
 - Figure 7: This image shows the visual representation of the named entities extracted from the sample text. The displacy visualization clearly marks entities using different colors and labels. This graphical view helps in quickly identifying and understanding the types of entities detected by the model.
 - Figure 8: This image shows that the BERT model and its tokenizer have been successfully loaded from Hugging Face, which is essential for tokenizing and vectorizing the text in subsequent tasks.
 - Figure 9: This image demonstrates the conversion of the sample text into a dictionary of tensors. The keys (e.g., input_ids and attention_mask) represent the numerical format of the text, which is required for processing by the transformer model.
 - Figure 10: The screenshot illustrates the output tensor representing the hidden states of the model. Each vector in this tensor corresponds to a token from the input text, providing a dense representation that captures its semantic meaning.
 - Figure 11: This image shows that the Hugging Face transformer model has analyzed each sentence and returned sentiment results for the IMDB review dataset. For example, a positive sentence displays like {'label': 'POSITIVE', 'score': 0.99}, This confirms the model's ability to gauge sentiment based on its learned patterns.
 - Figure 12: The screenshot shows the results from the Naive Bayes classifier. For each movie review, the output displays the original text, the actual sentiment from the

dataset, and the sentiment predicted by the classifier. This demonstrates a more traditional text processing approach to sentiment analysis.

• Comparisons between different approaches:

Ex 1 task 3. Compare the outputs and explain the differences: Comparison of Figure 2 and Figure 3 show that there is no difference when word tokenization whenever use Spacy or NLTK. Comparison of Figure 3 and Figure 4 show that *spaCy* uses contextual information from its full NLP pipeline to determine the correct lemma while *NLTK*s lemmatizer works in a more isolated manner and may default to less accurate results.

Ex 4 task 2. Sentiment Analysis with Transformers: Comparison of the Transformer model in Figure 11 and the Traditional Naive Bayes model in Figure 12 shows that while the transformer-based method generally offers higher accuracy, this comparison highlights the differences in performance and approach between deep learning and classical machine learning techniques.

5. Conclusion

• Summary of key findings:

Text Preprocessing with NLTK and spaCy: Both libraries successfully tokenized the sample paragraph, but subtle differences were observed. NLTK's tokenizer (using punkt_tab) generally produced tokens based on predefined rules, whereas spaCy's tokenizer was more context-aware and often handled punctuation and compound words differently. In terms of lemmatization and stopword removal, spaCy's integrated pipeline automatically provided context-sensitive lemmatization and used a refined stopword list. In contrast, NLTK's WordNetLemmatizer required additional handling (such as proper POS tagging) to achieve comparable results.

Named Entity Recognition (NER) with spaCy: spaCy's pre-trained NER model effectively extracted named entities from the given text, identifying a variety of entity types (e.g., organizations, locations, and persons). The use of displacy for visualization provided an intuitive and immediate understanding of the entities detected, demonstrating the strength of spaCy's integrated visualization capabilities.

Text Vectorization using Transformers: Loading a pretrained transformer model (such as bert-base-uncased) from Hugging Face allowed for a modern approach to text vectorization. Tokenizing and encoding a sample sentence produced numerical representations (token IDs and attention masks) which were then used to extract rich word embeddings from the model's hidden states. These embeddings capture deeper semantic and contextual information compared to traditional bag-of-words representations, illustrating the advantage of transformer-based vectorization.

Sentiment Analysis with Transformers: Utilizing Hugging Face's pipeline for sentiment analysis enabled state-of-the-art sentiment classification directly on movie reviews, with the model providing sentiment labels along with confidence scores. When compared with a traditional Naive Bayes classifier that employed bag-of-words vectorization, the transformer-based approach was more robust and effective at capturing nuances in the sentiment of complex text.

• Insights on which methods were more effective and why:

Modern Transformer-Based Methods: Transformer models (such as BERT) consistently provided more effective results, particularly in tasks like text vectorization and sentiment analysis. Their ability to capture contextual nuances and generate rich, dense embeddings makes them superior for complex tasks where deep semantic understanding is required. The end-to-end pipelines provided by Hugging Face also simplify the process and reduce the need for extensive manual preprocessing.

spaCy for Preprocessing and NER: spaCy's integrated NLP pipeline (including tokenization, lemmatization, and NER) proved to be efficient and accurate. Its context-aware features and built-in visualization tools (displacy) facilitate rapid prototyping and offer production-ready performance. In contrast, while NLTK is useful for educational purposes and offers a modular approach to NLP tasks, it requires additional steps and manual intervention to match the performance of spaCy in real-world applications.

Traditional Approaches: Traditional methods like Naive Bayes classifiers are simpler and computationally less expensive. However, they generally fall short when compared to transformer-based models in capturing the intricacies of language, especially for tasks involving nuanced sentiment or complex syntactic structures.

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