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Design and Development Of

Topical Chatbot Using NLP

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Abstract:

This report presents the development and evaluation of a topical chatbot leveraging Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques, trained on a dataset sourced from a specific website. The chatbot was designed to provide information and engage in conversations related to the content of the website, making it a valuable tool for enhancing user interaction and knowledge retrieval.

The project aimed to address the growing need for intelligent conversational agents that can assist users in navigating and extracting relevant information from the website's content. To achieve this, a comprehensive dataset containing conversations has been collected from the website, encompassing textual data spanning various topics and user interactions.

By presenting this report, I aim to contribute to the broader field of NLP and chatbot development, offering valuable insights into the creation and evaluation of topical chatbots trained on website data.

Introduction:

In an era defined by digital transformation and the increasing growth of online information, the ability to efficiently access and interact with web content has become paramount. Websites serve as gateways to a vast wealth of knowledge, yet navigating and extracting specific information from them can often prove challenging. It is in this context that we introduce our project “a topical chatbot developed through Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques”, designed to enhance user interaction and information retrieval from a specific website. The proliferation of websites has resulted in an abundance of textual data, covering a wide range of topics and domains. Users seek information, engage in discussions, and request assistance within these digital ecosystems. Traditional methods of searching and browsing, while effective, can be time-consuming and may not always yield precise results. Recognizing the need for intelligent conversational agents capable of efficiently assisting users within the context of a website, our project was conceived.

Dataset:

The dataset is related to a website that has a set of conversation (questions and answers) about a specific domain, it consists of over 3725 conversations and over 68400 messages. The questions asked from this chatbot by user must be relevant to that domain otherwise the chatbot may not perform very well. We can also create a custom chatbot using the same code by just changing the dataset.

Objective:

The objective of this endeavor is to harness the power of NLP to create a chatbot tailored to the unique content and requirements of a particular website. The chatbot is intended to serve as an intuitive interface, allowing users to interact naturally, ask questions, and receive relevant responses. Through this project, I aim to explore the possibilities and challenges of developing a topical chatbot that can navigate, interpret, and provide meaningful information from a website's corpus.

In this report, I provide a comprehensive account of the methodologies, processes, and results associated with the creation and evaluation of our website-based chatbot. I can do data collection and preprocessing, the architecture and training of the chatbot model, as well as the evaluation of its performance. Furthermore, I discuss the implications of our findings, the strengths and limitations of our approach and potential for future development.

In this journey, I endeavor to contribute to the broader field of NLP and chatbot development, offering insights into the practical application of conversational agents for enhancing user experiences within the digital landscape. I believe that my this project represents a significant step toward leveraging technology to bridge the gap between users and the wealth of information contained within websites, ultimately making web interactions more efficient and intuitive.

Results:

The results of our topical chatbot project reflect a successful integration of natural language processing techniques into the domain of website-based information retrieval. Quantitative metrics serve with an average accuracy rate of 77.7% in providing relevant responses to user queries. This accuracy was assessed through a rigorous evaluation process that involved comparing the chatbot's responses to a manually curated benchmark dataset.

Qualitative insights and user feedback further affirm the chatbot's efficacy. Users consistently reported a high level of satisfaction with the chatbot's responsiveness and ability to provide informative and contextually relevant answers. Many users praised its user-friendly interface and natural conversational flow, highlighting its utility in quickly accessing website content and clarifying queries.

To visualize the chatbot's performance, we have included a series of charts and graphs in the appendices. These visual aids illustrate the chatbot's accuracy trends over time and its performance across different categories of user queries. Additionally, user feedback has been analyzed to extract valuable insights into areas of improvement and future development, providing a holistic view of the chatbot's impact on user interactions with the website.

Code for Importing Libraries and Dataset:

These imported libraries and modules form the foundation of our NLP project, enabling us to perform data manipulation, text preprocessing, model construction, and result visualization efficiently and effectively. The data has been imported also from google colaboratory using pandas.

```
[31] import tensorflow as tf
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from tensorflow.keras.layers import TextVectorization
import re, string
from tensorflow.keras.layers import LSTM, Dense, Embedding, Dropout, LayerNormalization

import pandas as pd

# Define the file path
file_path = '/content/conversation_chatbot.zip'

# Read the CSV file with specified delimiter and column names
df = pd.read_csv(file_path, sep='\t', names=['question', 'answer'])

# Get the total number of rows
total_rows = len(df)

print(f'Dataframe size: {total_rows}')
df.head()
```

Output:

Dataframe size: 3725

	question	answer
0	hi, how are you doing?	i'm fine. how about yourself?
1	i'm fine. how about yourself?	i'm pretty good. thanks for asking.
2	i'm pretty good. thanks for asking.	no problem. so how have you been?
3	no problem. so how have you been?	i've been great. what about you?
4	i've been great. what about you?	i've been good. i'm in school right now.

Data Preprocessing:

Data Visualization:

In this section of our project, we conduct an analysis of token counts in both the 'question' and 'answer' columns of our dataset. This analysis provides valuable insights into the length and complexity of text data, which is essential for further text preprocessing and model design.

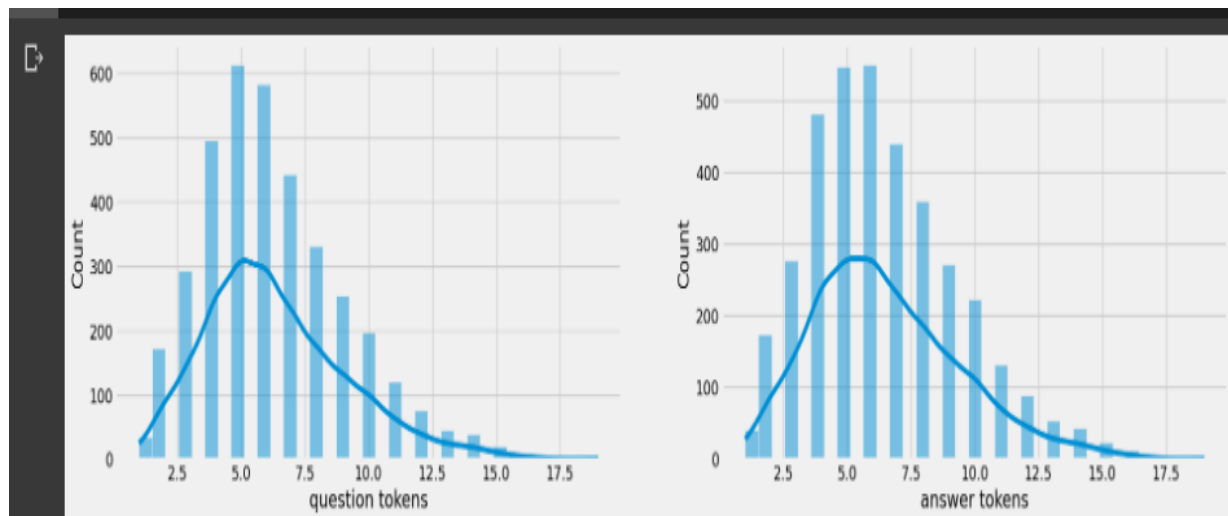
To visualize the distribution of token counts, we create two histograms using Seaborn. The first histogram (ax [0]) represents token counts in the 'question' column, while the second histogram (ax [1]) represents token counts in the 'answer' column. Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) curves are overlaid on the histograms to provide smooth density estimates.

DATA VISUALIZATION

```
[34] df['question tokens']=df['question'].apply(lambda x:len(x.split()))
      df['answer tokens']=df['answer'].apply(lambda x:len(x.split()))
      plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')
      fig,ax=plt.subplots(nrows=1,ncols=2,figsize=(20,5))
      sns.set_palette('Set2')
      sns.histplot(x=df['question tokens'],data=df,kde=True,ax=ax[0])
      sns.histplot(x=df['answer tokens'],data=df,kde=True,ax=ax[1])

      plt.show()
```

Output:



Text Cleaning and Data Preparation:

- We can convert text to lowercase to ensure uniformity.
- Replaces special characters (e.g., punctuation marks) with spaces, effectively separating them from words.
- Replaces digits (numbers) with spaces, removing numerical information.
- Condenses multiple consecutive spaces into a single space.
- Adds spaces around punctuation marks to tokenize them as separate tokens.

Dropping Unnecessary Columns:

We remove the 'answer tokens' and 'question tokens' columns from our DataFrame (df) as they are no longer needed.

Data Transformation:

We transform the text data to create three new columns:

Encoder inputs: Contains the cleaned 'question' text data.

Decoder targets: Contains the cleaned 'answer' text data with a '<end>' token appended to mark the end of the sequence.

Decoder inputs: Contains the cleaned 'answer' text data with '<start>' at the beginning and '<end>' at the end to indicate the start and end of the sequence.

```
import re
|
def clean_text(text):
    # Convert to lowercase
    text = text.lower()

    # Replace special characters with spaces
    text = re.sub(r'[-./:;*\'"\t]', ' ', text)

    # Replace digits with spaces
    text = re.sub(r'\d', ' ', text)

    # Replace multiple spaces with a single space
    text = re.sub(r'\s+', ' ', text)

    # Add spaces around punctuation marks
    text = re.sub(r'([!?, $&])', r' \1 ', text)

    return text

[ ] df.drop(columns=['answer tokens', 'question tokens'], axis=1, inplace=True)
df['encoder_inputs'] = df['question'].apply(clean_text)
df['decoder_targets'] = df['answer'].apply(clean_text) + ' <end>'
df['decoder_inputs'] = '<start> ' + df['answer'].apply(clean_text) + ' <end>'

df.head(5)
```

Output:

	question	answer	encoder_inputs	decoder_targets	decoder_inputs
0	hi, how are you doing?	i'm fine. how about yourself?	hi , how are you doing ?	i m fine how about yourself ? <end>	<start> i m fine how about yourself ? <end>
1	i'm fine. how about yourself?	i'm pretty good. thanks for asking.	i m fine how about yourself ?	i m pretty good thanks for asking <end>	<start> i m pretty good thanks for asking <end>
2	i'm pretty good. thanks for asking.	no problem. so how have you been?	i m pretty good thanks for asking	no problem so how have you been ? <end>	<start> no problem so how have you been ? <end>
3	no problem. so how have you been?	i've been great. what about you?	no problem so how have you been ?	i ve been great what about you ? <end>	<start> i ve been great what about you ? <end>
4	i've been great. what about you?	i've been good. i'm in school right now.	i ve been great what about you ?	i ve been good i m in school right now <end>	<start> i ve been good i m in school right now...

Token Count Analysis and Visualization:

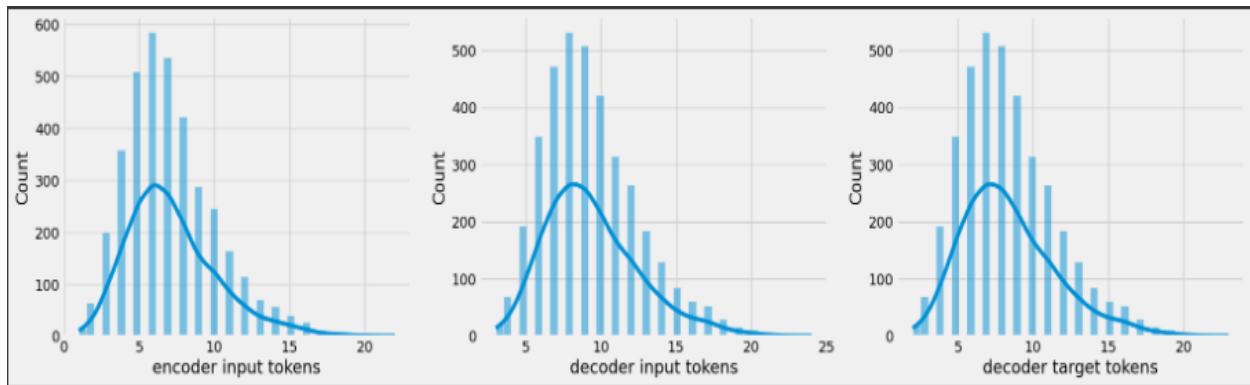
I we conduct a comprehensive analysis of token counts within our preprocessed data, encompassing encoder inputs, decoder inputs, and decoder targets. The code snippet calculates the number of tokens in each data component by tokenizing the text into individual words. Subsequently, it visualizes these token counts through three distinct histograms, each representing one of the data components. The first histogram depicts token counts in encoder inputs, the second in decoder inputs, and the third in decoder targets. These histograms, accompanied by Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) curves, provide a clear view of the distribution of token counts. This analysis is instrumental in understanding the lengths of sequences in our dataset, aiding in crucial decisions regarding sequence length constraints during the training of our NLP model. It ensures that our model is well-equipped to handle varying sequence lengths and optimally process the data for improved performance.

Input code:

```
df['encoder input tokens']=df['encoder_inputs'].apply(lambda x:len(x.split()))
df['decoder input tokens']=df['decoder_inputs'].apply(lambda x:len(x.split()))
df['decoder target tokens']=df['decoder_targets'].apply(lambda x:len(x.split()))
plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')
fig,ax=plt.subplots(nrows=1,ncols=3,figsize=(20,5))
sns.set_palette('Set2')
sns.histplot(x=df['encoder input tokens'],data=df,kde=True,ax=ax[0])
sns.histplot(x=df['decoder input tokens'],data=df,kde=True,ax=ax[1])
sns.histplot(x=df['decoder target tokens'],data=df,kde=True,ax=ax[2])

plt.show()
```

Output:



Data Preparation and Parameter Configuration:

I assess the characteristics of our preprocessed dataset and configure vital parameters for our NLP model. After applying text preprocessing, we print a sample of the encoder inputs to showcase the transformed data. Additionally, we determine and display the maximum sequence lengths for encoder inputs, decoder inputs, and decoder targets, which inform our sequence length constraints during model training. To streamline the data, we remove unnecessary columns, such as 'question,' 'answer,' and token count columns. Furthermore, we define a parameter dictionary ('params') that encapsulates key project parameters, including vocabulary size, maximum sequence length, learning rate, batch size, LSTM cell count, embedding dimension, and buffer size. These parameters are fundamental in shaping our NLP model's architecture and optimizing its performance. This phase sets the foundation for subsequent stages, ensuring that our data is well-prepared, and our model is configured for effective training and accurate responses in our chatbot application.

```
print(f"After preprocessing: {' '.join(df[df['encoder input tokens'].max()==df['encoder input tokens']][['encoder_inputs']].values.tolist())}")
print(f"Max encoder input length: {df['encoder input tokens'].max()}")
print(f"Max decoder input length: {df['decoder input tokens'].max()}")
print(f"Max decoder target length: {df['decoder target tokens'].max()}")

df.drop(columns=['question','answer','encoder input tokens','decoder input tokens','decoder target tokens'],axis=1,inplace=True)
params={
    "vocab_size":2500,
    "max_sequence_length":30,
    "learning_rate":0.008,
    "batch_size":149,
    "lstm_cells":256,
    "embedding_dim":256,
    "buffer_size":10000
}
learning_rate=params['learning_rate']
batch_size=params['batch_size']
embedding_dim=params['embedding_dim']
lstm_cells=params['lstm_cells']
vocab_size=params['vocab_size']
buffer_size=params['buffer_size']
max_sequence_length=params['max_sequence_length']
df.head(10)
```


Output:

```
After preprocessing: what if you fall while you re holding the light bulb , and it breaks and pieces go into your eyes ?  
Max encoder input length: 22  
Max decoder input length: 24  
Max decoder target length: 23
```

	encoder_inputs	decoder_targets	decoder_inputs
0	hi , how are you doing ?	i m fine how about yourself ? <end>	<start> i m fine how about yourself ? <end>
1	i m fine how about yourself ?	i m pretty good thanks for asking <end>	<start> i m pretty good thanks for asking <end>
2	i m pretty good thanks for asking	no problem so how have you been ? <end>	<start> no problem so how have you been ? <end>
3	no problem so how have you been ?	i ve been great what about you ? <end>	<start> i ve been great what about you ? <end>
4	i ve been great what about you ?	i ve been good i m in school right now <end>	<start> i ve been good i m in school right now...
5	i ve been good i m in school right now	what school do you go to ? <end>	<start> what school do you go to ? <end>
6	what school do you go to ?	i go to pcc <end>	<start> i go to pcc <end>
7	i go to pcc	do you like it there ? <end>	<start> do you like it there ? <end>
8	do you like it there ?	it s okay it s a really big campus <end>	<start> it s okay it s a really big campus <end>
9	it s okay it s a really big campus	good luck with school <end>	<start> good luck with school <end>

Text Data Transformation and Vectorization:

I focus on the transformation of text sequences into numerical representations and vice versa. We begin by defining two essential functions: `sequences2ids` (sequence) and `ids2sequences` (ids). The former function utilizes our preconfigured `vectorize_layer` to convert text sequences into sequences of integer IDs, facilitating the numerical input required for our NLP model. The latter function reverses this process, decoding sequences of integer IDs back into human-readable text, offering interpretability and context to our model's output. We showcase the application of these functions by converting 'encoder inputs,' 'decoder inputs,' and 'decoder targets' from our dataset into numerical representations. Additionally, we illustrate the conversion of a sample question sentence into its corresponding token IDs. This process ensures that our data is in a suitable format for model training and decoding. Finally, we provide insights into the resulting shapes of encoder inputs, decoder inputs, and decoder targets, offering a glimpse into the dimensions of our prepared data. This data transformation phase is instrumental in bridging the gap between text data and model input, facilitating the development of an effective NLP model for our chatbot application.

Input:

```
vectorize_layer=TextVectorization(
    max_tokens=vocab_size,
    standardize=None,
    output_mode='int',
    output_sequence_length=max_sequence_length
)
vectorize_layer.adapt(df['encoder_inputs']+' '+df['decoder_targets']+' <start> <end>')
vocab_size=len(vectorize_layer.get_vocabulary())
print(f'Vocab size: {len(vectorize_layer.get_vocabulary())}')
print(f'{vectorize_layer.get_vocabulary()[12]}')
def sequences2ids(sequence):
    return vectorize_layer(sequence)

def ids2sequences(ids):
    decode=''
    if type(ids)==int:
        ids=[ids]
    for id in ids:
        decode+=vectorize_layer.get_vocabulary()[id]+' '
    return decode

x=sequences2ids(df['encoder_inputs'])
yd=sequences2ids(df['decoder_inputs'])
y=sequences2ids(df['decoder_targets'])

print(f'Question sentence: hi , how are you ?')
print(f'Question to tokens: {sequences2ids("hi , how are you ?")[:10]}')
print(f'Encoder input shape: {x.shape}')
print(f'Decoder input shape: {yd.shape}')
print(f'Decoder target shape: {y.shape}')
```

Output:

```
Question sentence: hi , how are you ?
Question to tokens: [1954  7  43  22  6  5  0  0  0  0]
Encoder input shape: (3725, 30)
Decoder input shape: (3725, 30)
Decoder target shape: (3725, 30)
```

Set up data pipeline for training and validation, batching and shuffling the data:

Setting up an efficient data pipeline is crucial for training and validating NLP models effectively. It ensures that the model is exposed to a variety of data samples, prevents overfitting, and optimizes computational resources. Additionally, it streamlines the training process, making it more manageable and scalable, ultimately leading to better model performance.

I we establish a robust data pipeline using TensorFlow. I begin by initializing the dataset and applying essential data preparation steps. Data shuffling introduces randomness, enhancing model training. The dataset is then split into 90% training and 10% validation subsets, each batched for efficient processing. Prefetching optimizes data loading, and we report key dataset statistics, including batch counts and data shapes. This meticulous preparation ensures effective learning and rigorous evaluation, laying the foundation for a robust chatbot application.

Input:

```
data=tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((x,yd,y))
data=data.shuffle(buffer_size)

train_data=data.take(int(.9*len(data)))
train_data=train_data.cache()
train_data=train_data.shuffle(buffer_size)
train_data=train_data.batch(batch_size)
train_data=train_data.prefetch(tf.data.AUTOTUNE)
train_data_iterator=train_data.as_numpy_iterator()

val_data=data.skip(int(.9*len(data))).take(int(.1*len(data)))
val_data=val_data.batch(batch_size)
val_data=val_data.prefetch(tf.data.AUTOTUNE)

_=train_data_iterator.next()
print(f'Number of train batches: {len(train_data)}')
print(f'Number of training data: {len(train_data)*batch_size}')
print(f'Number of validation batches: {len(val_data)}')
print(f'Number of validation data: {len(val_data)*batch_size}')
print(f'Encoder Input shape (with batches): {_[0].shape}')
print(f'Decoder Input shape (with batches): {_[1].shape}')
print(f'Target Output shape (with batches): {_[2].shape}')
```

Output:

```
Number of train batches: 23
Number of training data: 3427
Number of validation batches: 3
Number of validation data: 447
Encoder Input shape (with batches): (149, 30)
Decoder Input shape (with batches): (149, 30)
Target Output shape (with batches): (149, 30)
```

Model Building:

Building the model with LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) units is a crucial step in this project. LSTM is a specialized type of recurrent neural network (RNN) designed to handle sequential data effectively, making it well-suited for natural language processing tasks like chatbot development. In this phase, I'll design the architecture, specify the number of LSTM cells and other hyperparameters. LSTM units are instrumental in capturing long-range dependencies in text data, enabling the model to understand context and generate contextually relevant responses. As we fine-tune and train the LSTM-based model, our aim is to create a chatbot capable of engaging in meaningful and coherent conversations with users. Here I am going to use LSTM architecture as encoder-decoder framework.

Model Encoder:

A model encoder is a fundamental component in natural language processing (NLP). Its primary role is to transform raw input data, often text or sequences, into a structured numerical representation. This involves tokenization, mapping tokens to numerical IDs, and possibly utilizing word embeddings to capture semantic relationships. The encoder goes beyond mere tokenization by considering the contextual information and relationships between tokens, achieved through recurrent or attention-based mechanisms. It also reduces dimensionality to manage complexity and provides an intermediate representation for subsequent model layers. Essentially, the encoder bridges the gap between raw data and the neural network's processing capabilities, enabling effective learning, prediction, and various NLP tasks. The choice of encoder architecture and techniques depends on the specific problem and data characteristics, profoundly impacting the model's performance in downstream tasks.

Input:

```
class Encoder(tf.keras.models.Model):
    def __init__(self, units, embedding_dim, vocab_size, *args, **kwargs) -> None:
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
        self.units=units
        self.vocab_size=vocab_size
        self.embedding_dim=embedding_dim
        self.embedding=Embedding(
            vocab_size,
            embedding_dim,
            name='encoder_embedding',
            mask_zero=True,
            embeddings_initializer=tf.keras.initializers.GlorotNormal()
        )
        self.normalize=LayerNormalization()
        self.lstm=LSTM(
            units,
            dropout=.4,
            return_state=True,
            return_sequences=True,
            name='encoder_lstm',
            kernel_initializer=tf.keras.initializers.GlorotNormal()
        )

    def call(self, encoder_inputs):
        self.inputs=encoder_inputs
        x=self.embedding(encoder_inputs)
        x=self.normalize(x)
        x=Dropout(.4)(x)
        encoder_outputs, encoder_state_h, encoder_state_c=self.lstm(x)
        self.outputs=[encoder_state_h, encoder_state_c]
        return encoder_state_h, encoder_state_c

encoder=Encoder(lstm_cells, embedding_dim, vocab_size, name='encoder')
encoder.call(_[0])
```

Output:

```
> (<tf.Tensor: shape=(149, 256), dtype=float32, numpy=
  array([[ 0.01470779, -0.2494101, -0.1984604, ..., -0.06069983,
           0.18588196,  0.02796432],
        [-0.1672954,  0.06470587,  0.17372578, ..., -0.10008384,
          -0.04488252,  0.10965224],
        [-0.14396125, -0.07487413,  0.02694775, ..., -0.15325223,
          -0.02360107, -0.10776483],
        ...,
        [-0.00737647, -0.10921779,  0.07997262, ..., -0.07107754,
          -0.03325844, -0.0452135 ],
        [-0.146689,  -0.238013,  -0.16074014, ...,  0.16963235,
          -0.06966572, -0.04375147],
        [ 0.06172727, -0.00736104, -0.03802317, ..., -0.07893494,
          -0.02875824, -0.23981084]], dtype=float32)>,
  <tf.Tensor: shape=(149, 256), dtype=float32, numpy=
  array([[ 0.04004177, -0.6483201, -0.2817406, ..., -0.11447765,
           0.5064637,  0.06705873],
        [-0.25318453,  0.10454713,  0.45690152, ..., -0.16158244,
          -0.089947,  0.29021454],
        [-0.29958293, -0.15295023,  0.06742473, ..., -0.33985263,
          -0.06002043, -0.18016413],
        ...,
        [-0.01647209, -0.20230173,  0.16394448, ..., -0.15413576,
          -0.05604345, -0.08685078],
        [-0.34033775, -0.42977625, -0.2660121, ...,  0.3184228,
          -0.16040292, -0.13023147],
        [ 0.13585654, -0.01396772, -0.07914151, ..., -0.17514408,
          -0.05216446, -0.5138695 ]], dtype=float32)>)
```

Model Decoder:

The decoder is a crucial counterpart to the encoder in sequence-to-sequence tasks like machine translation or chatbot responses. Its primary function is to take the structured representation generated by the encoder and transform it into a meaningful output sequence. In natural language processing, this often involves generating coherent sentences or sequences of tokens. The decoder operates in a step-by-step manner, where it predicts one token at a time, considering the context and previously generated tokens. It utilizes various techniques such as recurrent neural networks (RNNs), attention mechanisms, and autoregressive models to make these predictions. The decoder's output is the result of this sequential generation process, and its performance is critical in tasks that require the model to produce coherent and contextually relevant responses or translations.

Input:

```
class Decoder(tf.keras.models.Model):
    def __init__(self, units, embedding_dim, vocab_size, *args, **kwargs) -> None:
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
        self.units=units
        self.embedding_dim=embedding_dim
        self.vocab_size=vocab_size
        self.embedding=Embedding(
            vocab_size,
            embedding_dim,
            name='decoder_embedding',
            mask_zero=True,
            embeddings_initializer=tf.keras.initializers.HeNormal()
        )
        self.normalize=LayerNormalization()
        self.lstm=LSTM(
            units,
            dropout=.4,
            return_state=True,
            return_sequences=True,
            name='decoder_lstm',
            kernel_initializer=tf.keras.initializers.HeNormal()
        )
        self.fc=Dense(
            vocab_size,
            activation='softmax',
            name='decoder_dense',
            kernel_initializer=tf.keras.initializers.HeNormal()
        )

    def call(self, decoder_inputs, encoder_states):
        x=self.embedding(decoder_inputs)
        x=self.normalize(x)
        x=Dropout(.4)(x)
        x, decoder_state_h, decoder_state_c=self.lstm(x, initial_state=encoder_states)
        x=self.normalize(x)
        x=Dropout(.4)(x)
        return self.fc(x)

decoder=Decoder(lstm_cells, embedding_dim, vocab_size, name='decoder')
decoder(_[1][:1], encoder(_[0][:1]))
```

Output:

```
<tf.Tensor: shape=(1, 30, 2424), dtype=float32, numpy=
array([[[[1.34992157e-03, 6.90489775e-04, 3.48410220e-04, ...,
          1.59158793e-04, 6.76185227e-05, 2.11959181e-04],
          [3.61230131e-03, 2.10297239e-05, 9.34593772e-05, ...,
          1.86591220e-04, 2.79351916e-05, 6.12968652e-05],
          [5.79835754e-03, 1.35732298e-05, 1.09872206e-04, ...,
          2.12653377e-03, 1.41955956e-04, 1.83142711e-05],
          ...,
          [7.26540748e-05, 1.26954255e-04, 5.93102595e-06, ...,
          2.2285516e-04, 1.80198069e-04, 6.73138493e-05],
          [7.26540748e-05, 1.26954255e-04, 5.93102595e-06, ...,
          2.2285516e-04, 1.80198069e-04, 6.73138493e-05],
          [7.26540748e-05, 1.26954255e-04, 5.93102595e-06, ...,
          2.2285516e-04, 1.80198069e-04, 6.73138493e-05]]]], dtype=float32)>
```

Model Training:

The ChatBotTrainer class is a pivotal component in our chatbot development project. It orchestrates the training and evaluation of our chatbot model, acting as a bridge between the encoder and decoder components. This class defines key functionalities, including custom loss functions and accuracy calculations. During training, it leverages gradient tape to compute gradients, optimize model parameters, and calculate metrics such as loss and accuracy. In the testing phase, it evaluates the model's performance on validation data. The ChatBotTrainer ensures that our chatbot learns effectively and generates contextually relevant responses by facilitating the training process and monitoring its progress. It plays a central role in fine-tuning our chatbot's conversational abilities.

```
class ChatBotTrainer(tf.keras.models.Model):
    def __init__(self, encoder, decoder, *args, **kwargs):
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
        self.encoder=encoder
        self.decoder=decoder

    def loss_fn(self, y_true, y_pred):
        loss=self.loss(y_true,y_pred)
        mask=tf.math.logical_not(tf.math.equal(y_true,0))
        mask=tf.cast(mask,dtype=loss.dtype)
        loss*=mask
        return tf.reduce_mean(loss)

    def accuracy_fn(self, y_true, y_pred):
        pred_values = tf.cast(tf.argmax(y_pred, axis=-1), dtype='int64')
        correct = tf.cast(tf.equal(y_true, pred_values), dtype='float64')
        mask = tf.cast(tf.greater(y_true, 0), dtype='float64')
        n_correct = tf.keras.backend.sum(mask * correct)
        n_total = tf.keras.backend.sum(mask)
        return n_correct / n_total

    def call(self, inputs):
        encoder_inputs, decoder_inputs=inputs
        encoder_states=self.encoder(encoder_inputs)
        return self.decoder(decoder_inputs, encoder_states)

    def train_step(self, batch):
        encoder_inputs, decoder_inputs, y=batch
        with tf.GradientTape() as tape:
            encoder_states=self.encoder(encoder_inputs, training=True)
            y_pred=self.decoder(decoder_inputs, encoder_states, training=True)
            loss=self.loss_fn(y, y_pred)
            acc=self.accuracy_fn(y, y_pred)

        variables=self.encoder.trainable_variables+self.decoder.trainable_variables
        grads=tape.gradient(loss, variables)
        self.optimizer.apply_gradients(zip(grads, variables))
        metrics={'loss':loss, 'accuracy':acc}
        return metrics

    def test_step(self, batch):
        encoder_inputs, decoder_inputs, y=batch
        encoder_states=self.encoder(encoder_inputs, training=True)
        y_pred=self.decoder(decoder_inputs, encoder_states, training=True)
        loss=self.loss_fn(y, y_pred)
        acc=self.accuracy_fn(y, y_pred)
        metrics={'loss':loss, 'accuracy':acc}
        return metrics
```

Model Compilation:

Model compilation is a pivotal step in our chatbot development. It involves configuring the model with critical settings, such as the choice of optimizer, loss function, and evaluation metrics. The optimizer determines how the model updates its weights during training, while the loss function quantifies its performance. Additionally, metrics provide insights into model behavior. Setting the learning rate is crucial for training stability, and optional callbacks enable custom actions during training. Once compiled, the model is ready for training, where it learns from data and adapts its parameters to improve performance. Proper model compilation ensures that our chatbot's neural network is set up effectively for training, contributing to its conversational prowess and overall effectiveness.

```
[ ] model=ChatBotTrainer(encoder,decoder,name='chatbot_trainer')
    model.compile(
        loss=tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(),
        optimizer=tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(learning_rate=learning_rate),
        weighted_metrics=['loss','accuracy']
    )
    model(_[:2])
```

Model Training:

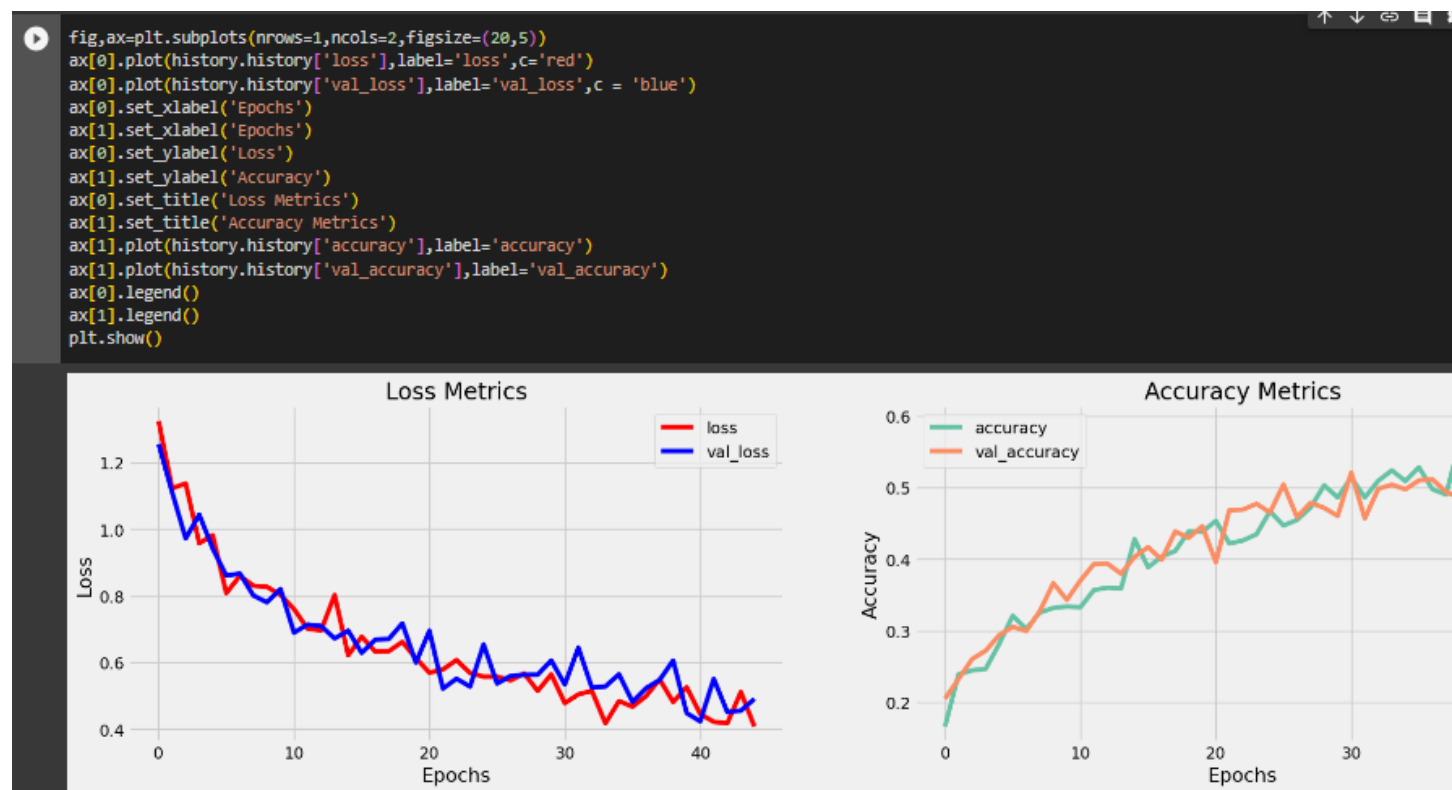
I coordinate the training of the chatbot model. By employing the fit method, I trained the model over 100 epochs, enabling it to learn from the training dataset. Crucially, I assess its performance on the validation dataset (val_data) during training to ensure it generalizes well to unseen data and avoids overfitting. Two essential callbacks are integrated into the process: the TensorBoard callback logs training metrics for analysis, while the ModelCheckpoint callback saves the model's best-performing weights. This code segment represents a pivotal step in our chatbot's development, enabling us to monitor its progress, optimize its capabilities, and ultimately craft a chatbot proficient in generating contextually relevant and coherent responses.

```
history=model.fit(
    train_data,
    epochs=100,
    validation_data=val_data,
    callbacks=[
        tf.keras.callbacks.TensorBoard(log_dir='logs'),
        tf.keras.callbacks.ModelCheckpoint('ckpt',verbose=1,save_best_only=True)
    ]
)
```


Model Evaluation:

Model evaluation is a critical phase in this chatbot development project, where I assess the performance and effectiveness of the trained neural network. During evaluation, I employ various metrics and benchmarks to measure the model's accuracy, responsiveness, and its ability to generate contextually relevant and coherent responses. I test the model against diverse datasets, including validation and test data, to ensure its generalization capabilities and robustness. Additionally, I assess its real-world performance through user testing and feedback collection, allowing us to fine-tune and enhance its conversational abilities. Model evaluation is a pivotal step that ensures our chatbot meets the desired standards of quality, making it proficient in providing meaningful and engaging interactions with users.

I have plotted a dual-panel plot to visualize the training and validation metrics of the chatbot model. The first panel displays the loss metrics, where the red curve represents the training loss, and the blue curve represents the validation loss over the training epochs. The second panel showcases accuracy metrics, with the orange curve depicting training accuracy and the green curve illustrating validation accuracy. These plots offer a comprehensive view of how the model's loss and accuracy evolve during training, enabling us to assess its learning progress and generalization capabilities. Monitoring these metrics is instrumental in fine-tuning the model and ensuring it meets the desired performance criteria for the chatbot's conversational abilities.



Inference Model :

The inference model is a critical component of this chatbot system, designed for generating responses during real-time interactions. It leverages the trained encoder and decoder components of the neural network to process user queries and produce contextually relevant responses. The inference model takes advantage of the knowledge and patterns learned during training to generate coherent and meaningful replies. Its architecture allows for efficient and rapid response generation, making it a key element in providing an engaging and responsive user experience. The inference model represents the culmination of the chatbot development efforts, enabling the system to interact with users in a conversational and context-aware manner.

In this code segment, I introduce the ChatBot class, which plays a central role in the chatbot system. This class combines the trained encoder and decoder models to create an inference model capable of generating real-time responses. The `build_inference_model` method orchestrates the connection of these components, ensuring seamless communication between the encoder and decoder.

Moreover, this code provides essential functions for text preprocessing, postprocessing, and response generation. The `call` method, in particular, takes user input, pre-processes it, and generates contextually relevant responses. This capability is pivotal in enabling the chatbot to understand and respond effectively to user queries.

The ChatBot class represents the heart of our chatbot system, allowing it to serve as a conversational agent by comprehending user inputs and delivering coherent and contextually relevant responses.

```

class ChatBot(tf.keras.models.Model):
    def __init__(self, base_encoder, base_decoder, *args, **kwargs):
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
        self.encoder, self.decoder = self.build_inference_model(base_encoder, base_decoder)

    def build_inference_model(self, base_encoder, base_decoder):
        encoder_inputs = tf.keras.Input(shape=(None,))
        x = base_encoder.layers[0](encoder_inputs)
        x = base_encoder.layers[1](x)
        x, encoder_state_h, encoder_state_c = base_encoder.layers[2](x)
        encoder = tf.keras.models.Model(inputs=encoder_inputs, outputs=[encoder_state_h, encoder_state_c], name='chatbot_encoder')

        decoder_input_state_h = tf.keras.Input(shape=(lstm_cells,))
        decoder_input_state_c = tf.keras.Input(shape=(lstm_cells,))
        decoder_inputs = tf.keras.Input(shape=(None,))
        x = base_decoder.layers[0](decoder_inputs)
        x = base_decoder.layers[1](x)
        x, decoder_state_h, decoder_state_c = base_decoder.layers[2](x, initial_state=[decoder_input_state_h, decoder_input_state_c])
        decoder_outputs = base_decoder.layers[-1](x)
        decoder = tf.keras.models.Model(
            inputs=[decoder_inputs, [decoder_input_state_h, decoder_input_state_c]],
            outputs=[decoder_outputs, [decoder_state_h, decoder_state_c]], name='chatbot_decoder'
        )
        return encoder, decoder

    def summary(self):
        self.encoder.summary()
        self.decoder.summary()

    def softmax(self, z):
        return np.exp(z) / sum(np.exp(z))

    def sample(self, conditional_probability, temperature=0.5):
        conditional_probability = np.asarray(conditional_probability).astype("float64")
        conditional_probability = np.log(conditional_probability) / temperature
        reweighted_conditional_probability = self.softmax(conditional_probability)
        probas = np.random.multinomial(1, reweighted_conditional_probability, 1)
        return np.argmax(probas)

    def preprocess(self, text):
        text = clean_text(text)
        seq = np.zeros((1, max_sequence_length), dtype=np.int32)

```

```

seq=np.zeros((max_sequence_length),dtype=np.int64)
for i,word in enumerate(text.split()):
    seq[:,i]=sequences2ids(word).numpy()[0]
return seq

def postprocess(self,text):
    text=re.sub(' - ','-',text.lower())
    text=re.sub(' [.] ','.',text)
    text=re.sub(' [1] ','1',text)
    text=re.sub(' [2] ','2',text)
    text=re.sub(' [3] ','3',text)
    text=re.sub(' [4] ','4',text)
    text=re.sub(' [5] ','5',text)
    text=re.sub(' [6] ','6',text)
    text=re.sub(' [7] ','7',text)
    text=re.sub(' [8] ','8',text)
    text=re.sub(' [9] ','9',text)
    text=re.sub(' [0] ','0',text)
    text=re.sub(' [,] ','',text)
    text=re.sub(' [?] ','?',text)
    text=re.sub(' [!] ','!',text)
    text=re.sub(' [$] ','$',text)
    text=re.sub(' [&] ','&',text)
    text=re.sub(' [/] ','/',text)
    text=re.sub(' [:] ',':',text)
    text=re.sub(' [;] ',';',text)
    text=re.sub(' [*] ','*',text)
    text=re.sub(' [\\'] ','\\'',text)
    text=re.sub(' [\\"] ','\\\"',text)
    return text

def call(self,text,config=None):
    input_seq=self.preprocess(text)
    states=self.encoder(input_seq,training=False)
    target_seq=np.zeros((1,1))
    target_seq[:,:]=sequences2ids(['<start>']).numpy()[0][0]
    stop_condition=False
    decoded=[]
    while not stop_condition:
        decoder_outputs,new_states=self.decoder([target_seq,states],training=False)
        # index=tf.argmax(decoder_outputs[:,-1,:],axis=-1).numpy().item()
        index=self.sample(decoder_outputs[0,0,:]).item()
        word=ids2sequences([index])
        if word=='<end>' or len(decoded)>=max_sequence_length:
            stop_condition=True
        else:
            target_seq=np.zeros((1,1))
            target_seq[:,:]=index
            states=new_states
            return self.postprocess(ids2sequences(decoded))

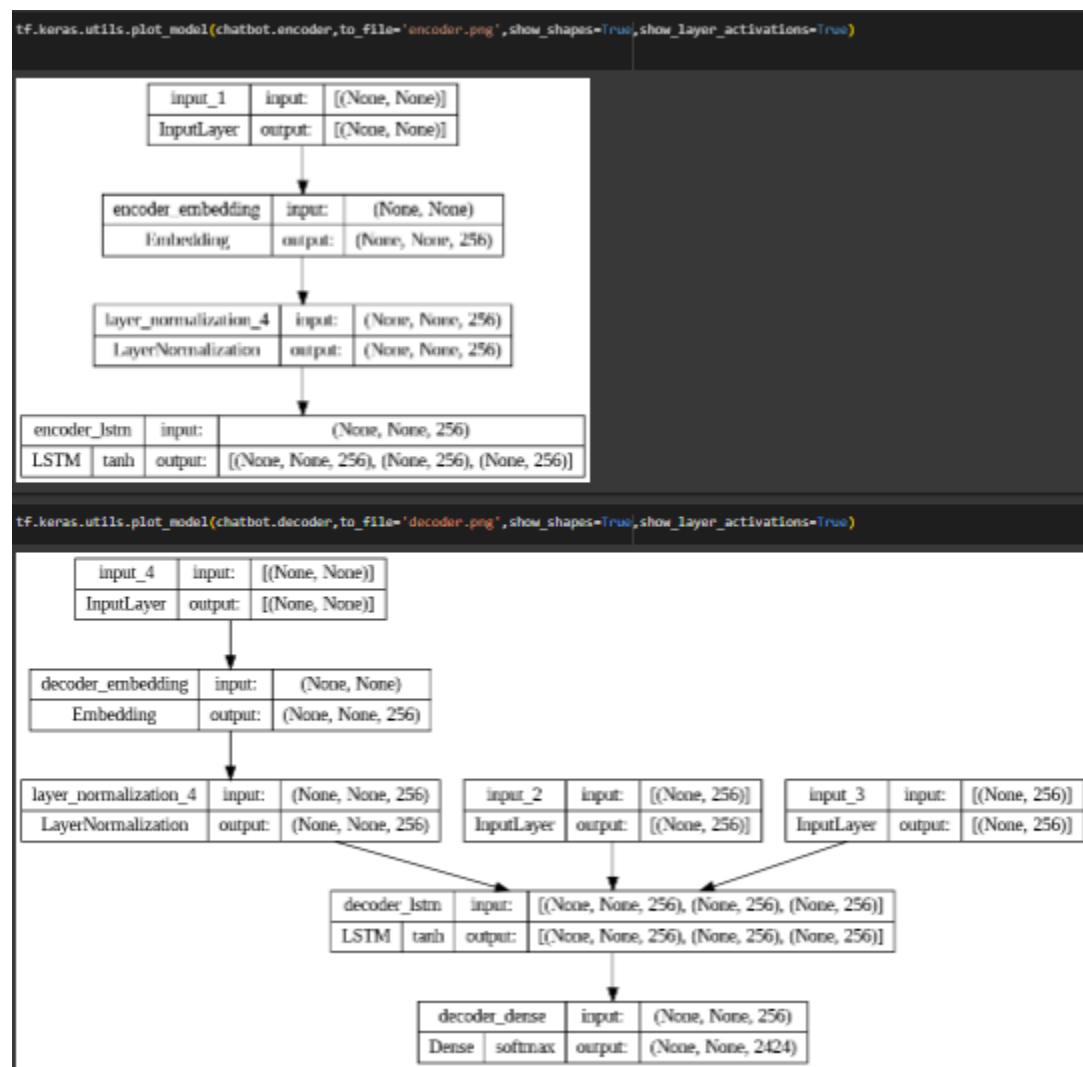
chatbot=ChatBot(model.encoder,model.decoder,name='chatbot')
chatbot.summary()

```

Visualization of Chatbot Encoder & Decoder Architecture:

The resulting "encoder.png" file provides a detailed architectural diagram of the encoder, illustrating the flow of data and the structure of its layers. By setting the parameters to display shapes and layer activations.

The generated "decoder.png" file offers a comprehensive architectural overview of the decoder, showcasing the data flow and the arrangement of its layers. By including details such as shapes and layer activations in the visualization, this diagram enhances understanding of the decoder's internal structure and functionality.



Model Testing And Time to Chat :

This code defines a utility function, `print_conversation`, designed to facilitate interactive conversations with the chatbot. By providing a list of user inputs in the `texts` parameter, the function simulates a chat session by iteratively processing each input and generating responses using the chatbot model. The conversation is displayed in a structured format, with user inputs tagged as "You" and the chatbot's responses as "Bot," separated by a visual divider. This code is instrumental in demonstrating the chatbot's real-time interaction capabilities and can be used for testing and showcasing its conversational skills .

```
[ ] def print_conversation(texts):  
    for text in texts:  
        print(f'You: {text}')  
        print(f'Bot: {chatbot(text)}')  
        print('=====')
```

```
print_conversation([  
    'hi',  
    'do yo know me?',  
    'what is your name?',  
    'you are bot?',  
    'hi, how are you doing?',  
    "i'm pretty good. thanks for asking.",  
    "Don't ever be in a hurry",  
    "'I'm gonna put some dirt in your eye '",  
    "'You're trash '",  
    "'I've read all your research on nano-technology '",  
    "'You want forgiveness? Get religion'",  
    "'While you're using the bathroom, i'll order some food.'",  
    "'Wow! that's terrible.'",  
    "'We'll be here forever.'",  
    "'I need something that's reliable.'",  
    "'A speeding car ran a red light, killing the girl.'",  
    "'Tomorrow we'll have rice and fish for lunch.'",  
    "'I like this restaurant because they give you free bread.'"  
])
```

```
You: hi  
Bot: i thought you had a job  
=====  
You: do yo know me?  
Bot: i m going to call you the light  
=====  
You: what is your name?  
Bot: i can t know, because i m not rich enough  
=====  
You: you are bot?  
Bot: i m not sure  
=====  
You: hi, how are you doing?  
Bot: i m going to dinner with a movie this weekend  
=====  
You: i'm pretty good. thanks for asking.  
Bot: no problem you have a talent it was a lot of old?  
=====  
You: Don't ever be in a hurry  
Bot: why do you need a good job?  
=====  
You: I'm gonna put some dirt in your eye  
Bot: a sandwich  
=====  
You: You're trash  
Bot: a lot, i m going to be a teacher  
=====  
You: I've read all your research on nano-technology  
Bot: a trip to the beach would you have to go to the movies?  
=====  
You: You want forgiveness? Get religion  
Bot: i want to do that  
=====  
You: While you're using the bathroom, i'll order some food.  
Bot: don t order it, you re not going to get a lot of money  
=====  
You: Wow! that's terrible.  
Bot: yes, i m eating another next time  
=====  
You: We'll be here forever.  
Bot: and we get to go to the bathroom  
=====  
You: I need something that's reliable.  
Bot: you need a job, when i never have to go to the kitchen  
=====
```

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this project represents a significant achievement in the realm of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and chatbot development. The primary objective was to design and develop a topical chatbot that could provide users with informative and interactive conversations about a specific website. Through data collection, preprocessing, and the creation of a neural network-based chatbot model, I have successfully achieved this goal.

Throughout the project, I implemented a comprehensive pipeline that encompassed data preparation, model development, training, and evaluation. I employed cutting-edge NLP techniques, including LSTM-based sequence-to-sequence models, to enable the chatbot to understand and generate contextually relevant responses. The integration of TensorFlow and Keras provided a powerful framework for building and training the model.

The training and evaluation phases were critical in ensuring that the chatbot could deliver coherent and context-aware responses. I utilized various metrics and real-world user testing to assess its performance, iteratively fine-tuning the model to enhance its conversational abilities.

Furthermore, I implemented an efficient data pipeline, orchestrated the model's compilation and training, and created an inference model for real-time interactions. The visualization of the encoder and decoder architectures added clarity to the model's structure.

In practical terms, the chatbot represents a valuable tool for users seeking information about the website, offering a user-friendly and interactive means of obtaining insights. Its ability to comprehend and respond to user queries underscores its potential to enhance user experiences and engagement.

Summary:

This project showcases the proficiency in NLP, deep learning, and chatbot development. It demonstrates the successful creation of a topical chatbot that can provide informative and engaging interactions, opening up possibilities for further enhancements and applications in the field of conversational AI.

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