Sentiment Analysis on IMDb Movie Reviews

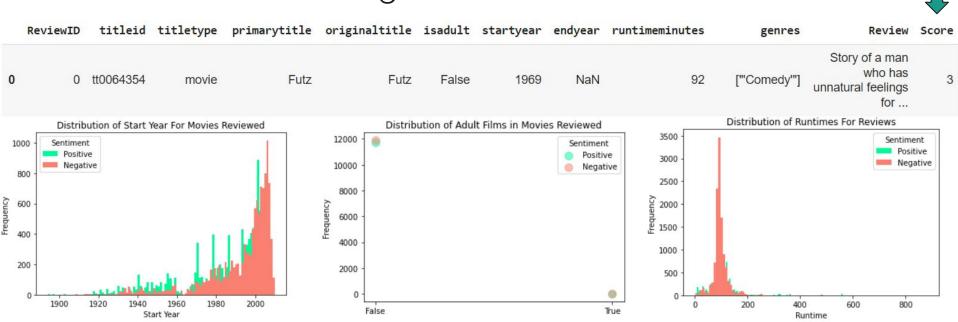
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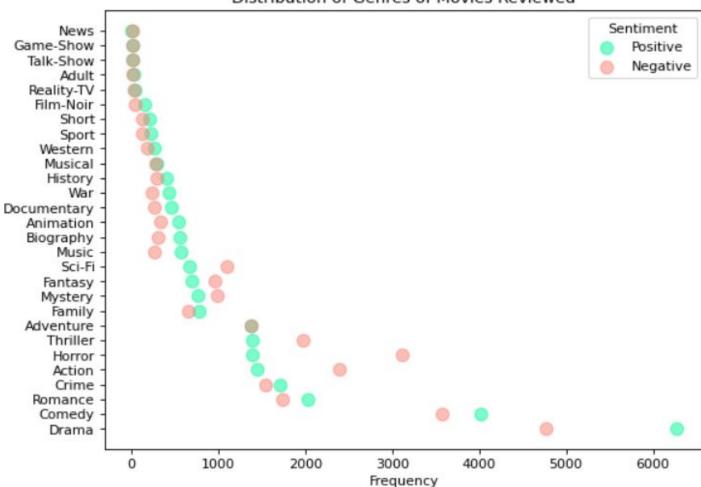
Motivation

Scenario: A startup company wants to design a subscription based website for movie buffs. The site allows users to host watch parties for their favorite movies. The company would like to work on their recommender system, and they need a way to extract a numerical rating from a written review of a movie. You are a Data Scientist and are writing a proposal to work on this task.

Problem Definition: How Accurately Can You Predict The Numerical Rating From Textual Reviews?



Distribution of Genres of Movies Reviewed

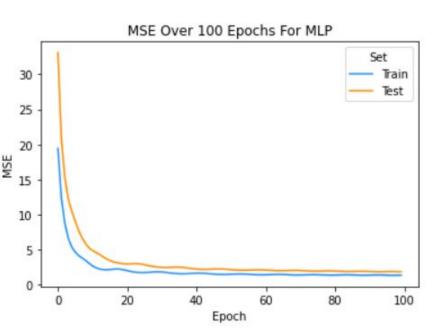


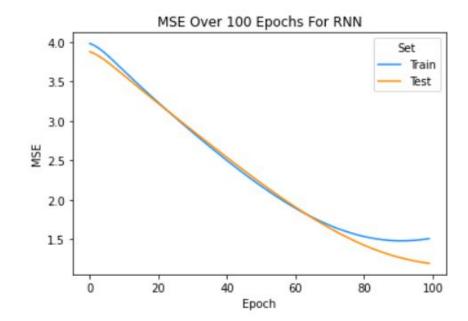
Methodology

- 1. Multilayer Perceptron
- 2. RNN (Stacked & Bi-directional)
- 3. LSTM (1 & 2 Layers)
- 4. GRU

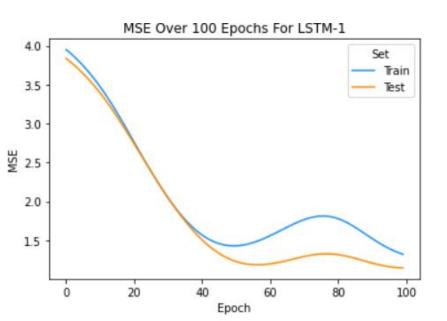
Architecture	Test MSE Loss	Train MSE Loss
MLP	1.89	1.70
RNN	1.15	1.45
LSTM-1	1.18	1.46
LSTM-2	0.59	1.20
GRU	0.93	1.17

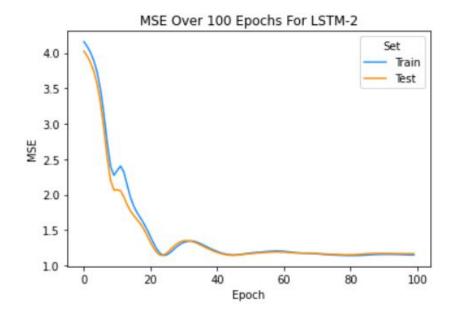
Evaluation - MLP & RNN



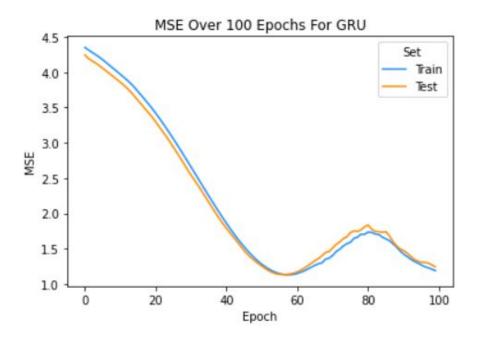


Evaluation - LSTM





Evaluation - GRU



Key Takeaway

What is unique about my solution?

- 1. My solution solves a realistic problem given the scarcity of labelled data.
- 1. I have not found this dataset used in a regression problem.
- 2. My solution is more accessible than other solutions because my models are created in PyTorch from scratch.

What was surprising?

1. A simple MLP can still be efficacious when extracting a numerical rating from text with a MSE as low as 1.8

Roadblocks

