

FINAL PROJECT REPORT ON 'SENTIMENT ANALYSIS THROUGH DEEP LEARNING'

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Overview

Natural Language Processing has been a very important set of techniques which has risen by huge volumes in the recent decade, due to its huge commercial and cultural viability in processing natural languages and abstracting meaningful and insightful inferences which can be used to solve a huge array of problems.

This project report is a summary of my recent journey in ML and especially deep learning and NLP techniques. It also serves as a firm and solid continuation of my interim project report. Even though I was able to achieve a decent level of accuracy in my final iterations, still it's far from state of the art accuracy, just showing the huge potential and depth in this field.

There are various aspects to touch while training models and thus we would be moving step by step in this report, examining each and every aspect of how we reached towards the final model.

Introduction

Developing and training a model for a specific problem is a very iterative process, with several iterations involving different parts of the model. Thus we decided to divide the model in different parts, and would be individually processing each one separately. Our rough rubrics:

- Data extraction and preprocessing
- Training Process

A common observation might be the "versions" type treatment of the project , but that is because that's the way we moved,thus analysing in that aspect only.

Data extraction and preprocessing

Data extraction was not a problem due to already provided datasets and also no dearth of good datasets on Kaggle,UCI Repo etc. Thus it would be safe to move past this otherwise very important and hassle prone aspect of an ML project.

Preprocessing of the data was a very important job to be done as the raw data was far from clean, albeit also in text form, which was not usable for ML algorithms.

Extracting the very first and second statement from the test data would serve our point.

- 1. Gas by my house hit \$3.39!!!! I\u2019m going to Chapel Hill on Sat. :)
- 2. Theo Walcott is still shit\u002c watch Rafa and Johnny deal with him on Saturday.

Several issues spotted and solved:

- 1. Lowercase the data, we don't want the algorithms to differentiate from L and l.
- 2. Removing things like '\',they don't add any meaning to the statement.
- 3. :) doesn't actually convey the fact that is a "happy or positive statement", able to use this for polarising the statement can do wonders. Thus we changed them to their meaning like ':)' changed to 'smile'.
- 4. Also things like changing http,https,www, etc to 'URL',since that's what they mean.
- 5. Avoiding repetitions in characters, and treating special characters like @.These don't add much substance but lead to significantly increased computational costs.

Many words like 'the','an','or' etc are called stopwords and they don't add much meaning to the sentences albeit increase the computational costs.

Thus nltk package's 'stopwords' was used to eliminate these words but also taking care not to remove polarised words like 'don't', 'not' etc.

The above techniques were used for mostly the first half of my models, however our accuracy was still around 60%, thus more refinement was done in data processing. This was the part we introduced 'Snowball Stemmer' in order to stem in only the core words, removing their derivatives, reducing our computational costs and possibly increasing the accuracy. The former part was achieved but no significant improvement in accuracy was achieved.

This was the part we introduced word embeddings in our model. Earlier we were tokenizing the text data and then one hot encoding to feed to our model. However after we introduced the w2v to our model and used it to make an embedding matrix to be used for embedding layer in our DL models, we finally achieved a significant increase in accuracy (around 2%).

Thus we achieved the final preprocessing pipelines and data cleaning used in our final model.

Tweet_text>>NLTK[Stopwords]+NLTK[Snowball Stemmer]+Custom Cleaning+Tokenize+W2V word embeddings

Sentiment>>Changed labels to '0','1','2' from 'positive','negative','neutral' and categorized through label encoder.

Training Process

Now this is the part which took the maximum time and fiddling.

We would move into a version wise style so that the journey of reaching the final model can be understood better.

Version 1:

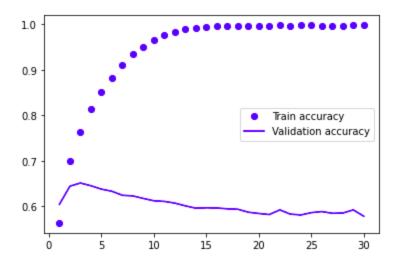
We first started with simple models of ML like Logistic Regression(Only for positive and negative),SGD Classifier and Naive Bayes model. These models were simple to set up offering me accuracies me from 40% to 55%(respective models). Fiddling with these models led to not a significant increase in accuracies, leading our way to Deep Learning.

Final accuracy- 40-55 %

Version 2:

We first tried a very basic network with 2 layers of neurons with 64 neurons each of 'relu activation' and final layer of 'softmax' activation. The model clearly presented us with overfitting problem. Even though training reached around 98% accuracy, cross_validation score reached in early 60's and 59's. However, this was a significant improvement from simple ML algorithms but still far from good.

```
Model: "sequential_1"
Layer (type)
                  Output Shape
                                   Param #
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                 (None, 64)
dense_1 (Dense)
                 (None, 64)
dense_2 (Dense)
                                   4160
dense_3 (Dense)
                (None, 3)
                                   195
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Total params: 644,419
Trainable params: 644,419
Non-trainable params: 0
```



Accuracy test of basic model on train data

Final accuracy on test data - 60-61 %

Version 3:

Overfitting was the major problem here.

This was our approach which we used to solve it. We had 3 options for it.

1. Decrease the layers and their number of neurons.

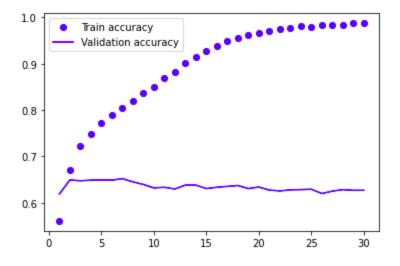
2. Include dropout layers in the model

Model: "sequential_8"			
Layer (type)	Output	Shape	Param #
dense_20 (Dense)	(None,	64)	640064
dropout_3 (Dropout)	(None,	64)	0
dense_21 (Dense)	(None,	64)	4160
dropout_4 (Dropout)	(None,	64)	0
dense_22 (Dense)	(None,	3) 	195 ======
Total params: 644,419 Trainable params: 644,419 Non-trainable params: 0			

3. Include regularizers in the model.(l1 regularizer used)

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense_23 (Dense)	(None, 64)	640064
dense_24 (Dense)	(None, 64)	4160
dense_25 (Dense)	(None, 3)	195
Total params: 644,419 Trainable params: 644,419 Non-trainable params: 0		

After testing all the three models we found the highest accuracy was found with the regularizers model, helping us significantly reduce overfitting.



Accuracy test of regularized model on train data

We finally tested the regularized model and found our final accuracy to reach 63.6 % on final test data.

Final accuracy on test data - 63.6 %

Version 4:

We had got reasonable accuracy by now,but had still to try many things. This is when we included w2v embedding and started working with LSTM and Convolutional Neural Network. We also added callbacks to stop from overfitting during training. Basically we tried everything we knew.

1. Our first basic LSTM Model-

```
Model: "sequential"
Layer (type)
                   Output Shape
                                     Param #
embedding (Embedding)
                    (None, 300, 300)
lstm (LSTM)
                   (None, 100)
                                     160400
dense (Dense)
                   (None, 3)
                                     303
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Total params: 8,647,703
Trainable params: 160,703
Non-trainable params: 8,487,000
```

We were excited, but got no significant improvement in accuracy as it kept on fluctuating between 60-63%. It would be not be wrong to say that we were confused now as what to do, and the only thing had in mind was to play with more models, change the hyperparameters (# of epochs, # of LSTM neurons, adding more dense layers, changing the w2v vocabulary size etc)

2. On consulting web articles we got to know that including 1-D CNN's might help us in the model as they "may be able to pick out invariant features for good and bad sentiment. These learned spatial features may then be learned as sequences by an LSTM layer". Thus we included them also in our model. Also we fiddled up more (changed # of epochs, shifted layers, increased # of neurons etc) and added more dense layers. Finally we also added callbacks so that we don't overtrain the model.

FINAL MODEL:

Model: "sequential_15"

Layer (type)	Output	Shape	Param #
embedding_14 (Embedding)	(None,	300, 300)	8487000
convld_10 (ConvlD)	(None,	300, 32)	28832
max_pooling1d_10 (MaxPooling	(None,	150, 32)	0
dropout_11 (Dropout)	(None,	150, 32)	0
lstm_12 (LSTM)	(None,	200)	186400
dense_17 (Dense)	(None,	150)	30150
dropout_12 (Dropout)	(None,	150)	0
dense_18 (Dense)	(None,	3)	453

Total params: 8,732,835 Trainable params: 245,835

Non-trainable params: 8,487,000

None

This model gave us better and improved results, albeit with a small margin.

```
□ Train on 20391 samples, validate on 1074 samples
 Epoch 1/20
 20391/20391 [=
          Epoch 2/20
 20391/20391 [=
            Epoch 3/20
         20391/20391 [=
 Epoch 4/20
 20391/20391 [========] - 11s 554us/step - loss: 0.5234 - accuracy: 0.7342 - val loss: 0.5031 - val accuracy: 0.7467
 Epoch 5/20
 20391/20391 [========] - 11s 551us/step - loss: 0.5178 - accuracy: 0.7390 - val loss: 0.5040 - val accuracy: 0.7439
 Epoch 6/20
 20391/20391 [=======] - 11s 558us/step - loss: 0.5114 - accuracy: 0.7440 - val loss: 0.5011 - val accuracy: 0.7461
 Epoch 7/20
 Epoch 8/20
 Epoch 9/20
 Epoch 10/20
        20391/20391 [=
 Epoch 11/20
 20391/20391 [======
              =========] - 11s 552us/step - loss: 0.4956 - accuracy: 0.7540 - val loss: 0.4969 - val accuracy: 0.7523
 Epoch 12/20
 20391/20391 [=======] - 12s 565us/step - loss: 0.4929 - accuracy: 0.7569 - val loss: 0.4964 - val accuracy: 0.7554
 CPU times: user 3min 4s, sys: 25.5 s, total: 3min 30s
 Wall time: 2min 18s
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It achieved around 75% accuracy on validation sets.

Final accuracy on test data - 65.238 %[Current high score for us]

Summary

So finally we were able to achieve ~65% accuracy.

We worked good on some areas like helping not overfit our model, or making our model clean. Still there were plenty of areas where we expected our model to perform really well, but it didn't went up to the expectations. Some notes-

1. w2v didn't work up to expectations. One good example is as follows.

```
"""Entry point for launching an IPython
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/ger
if np.issubdtype(vec.dtype, np.int):
[('x', 0.43743306398391724),
('appreciate', 0.43567147850990295),
('hate', 0.3938419222831726),
('mind', 0.38253432512283325),
('sa', 0.3786958158016205),
('poetic', 0.37081852555274963),
('enjoyed', 0.3705761134624481),
('malik', 0.36925673484802246),
('xx', 0.3685652017593384),
('sweet', 0.3647758960723877)]
```

Note how 'hate' is closely embedded to 'love' in the embeddings. This is very strange.

We tried different word embeddings also, but still got similar results, thus stuck to w2v finally. Still, word embedding was a letdown for us.

- 2. One more thing we experienced was how 'experimentative' training process is. After adding LSTM and CNN and still not getting very great results, all what we did majorly was change and tune our hyperparameters, which was purely experimentative and seemed like based on luck(which is false). It seems this is a process of experience, which the author doesn't have much. Anyways even though we tried to understand LSTM and CNN's as much as we can, it was pretty much like operating from a black-box. We worked our way for days and managed to only improve by 2-3%.
- 3. Also the data was little non-regularised (with negative sentiment less) and even though we tried to do something for it, we were not able to implement it in the final model.
- 4. One strange thing experienced was how the number of outputs exceeded the number of inputs of test data when training the models through TPU's in Kaggle. The problem was resolved when trained through GPU's. The issue was also not discussed much in detail on the internet.
- 5. Finally we still feel that more experience with these models and possibly more techniques in Deep Learning can still help us to improve our accuracy much.

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