Keras Model for Text Classification in Amazon Review Dataset using LSTM

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Abstract- With the use of Ecommerce, Industry 4.0 is being effectively used in online product-based commercial transactions. An effort has been made in this article to extract positive and negative sentiments from Amazon review datasets. This will give an upper hold to the purchaser to decide upon a particular product, without considering the manual rating given in the reviews. Even the number words in an inherent positive review exceeds by one, where the present classifiers misclassify them under negative category. This article addresses the aforementioned issue by using LSTM (Long-Short-Term-Memory) model, as LSTM model has a feedback mechanism based progression unlike the other classifiers, which are dependent on feed-forward mechanism. For achieving better classification accuracy, the dataset is initially processed and a total of 100239 short and 411313 long reviews have been obtained. With the appropriate Epoch iterations, it is observed that, this proposed model has gain the ability to classify with 89% accuracy, while maintaining a non-bias between the train and test datasets. The entire model is deployed in TensorFlow2.1.0 platform by using the Keras framework and python 3.6.0.

Keywords: Ecommerce, LSTM model, feed-forward mechanism, feedback mechanism, Keras, TensorFlow, relu, sigmoid, GPU device.
1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

This article implements the LSTM based text classification over the Amazon Review dataset. The execution platform used here is TensorFlow 2.1 [1]. TensorFlow is an open source platform, which has proven results while working with machine learning in an end-to-end interactive mode. The presently available sentiment analyzers [2] are not reliable in all the cases, as they were deployed for a particular scenario. The Amazon review dataset is used (2018), while considering the cell phone and new accessories related review over a small subset of the dataset, which is taken in to consideration. The LSTM model is used when compared to other classifier because of the feedback mechanism [3] unlike the feed forward mechanism [4]. The dataset has initially undergone usual processing. After the initial processing, LSTM model along with over-fitting restrictors like “ReLU” and “sigmoid” [5] and embedding model with 16-dimension is created. The actual expected result is out from the dataset evaluation for classification by considering the reviews, which have rating 3 and above (i.e. 3, 4 and 5) as positive sentiments and reviews which have rating below 3 (i.e. 1 and 2) as negative sentiments.

1.2 MODEL INITIALIZATION FOR CLASSIFICATION

The following libraries need to be imported for the purpose of classification: matplotlib, matplotlib.pyplot, os, re, shutil, string, tensorflow, tensorflow.keras.layers, losses, collections.Counter, Pandas, Numpy and sklearn. The TensorFlow GPU device [6] (i.e. /device: GPU:0) and TensorFlow version 2.1.0 is used for classification.

The following Figure 1 depicts the proposed sentiment classification process. An input sentence is segmented to 100 words as shown in the figure. These array words are embedded to the LSTM model though the drop-out layer, which is governed by “ReLU” and “Sigmoid” activators to avoid over-fitting. It is shown in the figure clearly that, the word[i] goes to the corresponding LSTM[i]. The outcome LSTM[i] goes to both the “Flatten” layer as well as to the succeeding LSTM[i+1] cells. Thereafter, “Dense” layers transform the classification to the “drop-out” layer
alternatively. The final classification with the sentiment extraction is captured in the “Final dense” layer.

![Figure 1: Flow of Sentiment Classification Process](image)

**1.3 PRE-PROCESSING**

The following code removes the presence of any punctuation marks from the dataset present under consideration. It has the dictionary type variable “delete_dict1”, which supervises the detection of any punctuation marks in the collection. A string table marker is used to translate the dictionary type variable into an indexed marker. Finally, the detected and modified table markers are split as per the following condition: the length of each finalized token should be greater than 2 irrespective of their case (upper case or lower case). The entire dataset is delivered as a .csv file.

```python
def clean_DS_text(text_Raw):
    delete_dict1 = {sp_character: " for sp_character in string.punctuation}
    delete_dict1['] = ''
    tbl = str.maketrans(delete_dict1)
    txt1 = txt.translate(tbl)
    textArr = txt1.split()
    txt2 = ''.join([w for w in textArr if (not w.isdigit() and (not w.isdigit() and len(w)>2))])
    return txt2.lower()
```
From the initial pruned dataset (.csv file) [7], the following moderated dataset has been delivered. It is further processed by considering the following labels of dataset: Unnamed, rating, verified, reviewTime, reviewer ID, productID, reviewText, summary, and unixReviewTime. The entire dataset is grouped by increasing the order of ratings and the product ID. The following code performs the task above data categorization. The sample processed dataset is depicted in the following Figure 2.

```python
rvw_data = pd.read_csv("..\AmazonReviewsCellPhones\CellPhonesRating.csv")
print(rvw_data.head(10))
print(len(rvw_data.groupby('productID')))  
print(len(rvw_data.groupby('reviewerID')))  
```

![Sample Processed Amazon Review Dataset](image)

**Figure 2:** Sample Processed Amazon Review Dataset

A total of 938261 unique products and 47901 unique users are selected as per the pre-processed dataset amounting to a total of 986162 records. The distribution of records as per the rating in decreasing order is shown below (the maximum sentence length is limited to 4303 per int64 Type processing cycle):

- 5.0 rating – 555516
- 4.0 rating – 161434
- 3.0 rating – 90015
- 2.0 rating – 76692
- 1.0 rating – 54597
The general observation made above shows that, most of the ratings are above the 3.0 ratings, which is a preferred scenario for classification. An initial screening statistics is done with the help of the following code snippet and the generated box plot is captured in the Figure 3:

```python
rating.set(style="whitegrid");rating.boxplot(x=rvw_data['Num_words']);
<AxesSubplot:xlabel='Num_words'>
```

![Box plot for the number of words in the dataset](image)

**Figure 3: Box plot for the number of words in the dataset**

The following code snippet classifies the above intermediary dataset into short and long reviews respectively. The code uses a mask_data as conditional connector, which checks and combines the review datasets, which have less than 100 words and greater than 20 words. This masked-up dataset is then converted to a short review list. Python has a collection with the capability to store the heterogeneous data types. The same code has a mask_data conditional combiner altered for the condition to extract out sentence that has greater than 100 words. The same is categorized as the long review. The code is run over the review data amazon dataset and obtained the number of short reviews as 411313 and long reviews as 100239.

```python
mask_data = (rvw_data['Num_words'] < 100) & (rvw_data['Num_words'] >=20)
set_shrt_rvws = rvw_data[mask_data]
print('No of Short reviews')
print(len(df_shrt_rvws))
mask_data = rvw_data['Num_words'] >= 100
set_long_rvws = rvw_data[mask_data]
```
print('No of Long reviews')
print(len(df_long_reviews))

1.4 CREATING TRAINING AND TEST DATASETS

The following code snippet creates the training and test datasets required for the classification. This code uses a lambda function [9], which is an anonymous function that has proven strength across languages. The intermediary dataset obtained from short reviews are initially grouped by the “ProductID” tag. This grouped set is then transferred to the in-built function of Keras model [10] “filter”. A condition is set to restrict the filtering, whenever the length of a particular review is above 20. All these are fed as input to the sentiment extraction process based on the “ratings” tag. The filtered and applied dataset is then treated as training dataset, which is further used for the classification in this proposed model.

filtered_data = df_short_reviews.groupby('productID').filter(lambda x: len(x) >= 20)
filtered_data['sentiment'] = filtered_data['rating'].apply(get_sentiment)
train_data = filtered_data[['reviewText','sentiment']]
print(train_data['sentiment'].value_counts())

The following code snippet is responsible for the creation of the test dataset for classification. Here, the restriction set for the filter method is lesser than 100 as it is referring to the long reviews. Also, here the already masked reviews of the previous stages are used, subsequently the filter and applied methods are executed. The resultant dataset is treated as the test dataset for further classification.

Mask = review_data['Num_words_text'] < 100
df_short_reviews = review_data[mask]
filtered_data = df_short_reviews.groupby('productID').filter(lambda x: len(x) >= 10)
filtered_data['sentiment'] = filtered_data['rating'].apply(get_sentiment)
test_data = filtered_data[['reviewText','sentiment']]
The outcome of the above code snippet is summarized in the following Table 1. From the table, it is evident that, three times the train data set is used for the test dataset, which is favorable for any meaningful classification. As per TensorFlow framework, these values are all tagged with int64 [11] data type by considering the 64 bit version of the platform.

**Table 1: Train and test data distribution and count**

| S. No | Ratings | No. of words | Sentiment classification | Total words extracted |
|-------|---------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Train data | | | | |
| 1 | 5.0 | 119685 | 175910 (positive) | 203891 |
| 2 | 4.0 | 36450 | | |
| 3 | 3.0 | 19775 | | |
| 4 | 2.0 | 15606 | 27981 (negative) | |
| 5 | 1.0 | 12375 | | |
| Test data | | | | |
| 1 | 5.0 | 417691 | 592118 (positive) | 686345 |
| 2 | 4.0 | 111226 | | |
| 3 | 3.0 | 63201 | | |
| 4 | 2.0 | 55746 | 94227 (negative) | |
| 5 | 1.0 | 38481 | | |

From the generated dataset, the training and validation dataset has to be generated. This is accomplished by using the following code snippet. It is clearly seen from the code that it is two dimensional and a list is generated. At each of the record processing, the test size is kept as 0.5. This is to ensure that, 1:1 ration should be followed between the train and validation dataset [12], without any discrepancy in any of the two. The random state attribute of the train_test_split function aims to denote that non-linearity [13], which is maintained in the dataset pruning.

```python
X_tr, X_valid, y_tr, y_valid = train_test_split(train_data['reviewText'].tolist(), train_data['sentiment'].tolist(), test_size=0.5, stratify = train_data['sentiment'].tolist(), random_state=0);
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The outcome of the above code yields a train dataset of length 101945 and the validation dataset size as 101946. In both the cases, the distribution counter behaved with the following parametric values (1: 87955, 0: 13990).
After the above stage, the entire train and validation dataset is converted to text tokens by using the following text tokenizer. The property “unk” is used for the oov_token attribute [14]. The converted text token, which are in integer form that are made fit to the common tokens based on the statistical mean of each token.

tokenizer = Tokenizer(num_words=num_words,oov_token="unk")
tokenizer.fit_on_texts(X_train)

The outcome of the finalized training, validation and test dataset details are summarized in the following Figure 4.

![Figure 4: Summary of Train, Test and validation datasets](image)

2. SENTIMENT MODEL USING LSTM

LSTM (Long-Short-Term-Memory) [15] is a neural network framework based on recurrent relations. LSTM has its promising applications in the field of deep learning. This framework uses the feedback connections unlike the feed forward connections of other classifiers. A sequence dataset such as Amazon review dataset are best fit with LSTM as state transducers are involved in each of the feedback state of the model. As the dataset under consideration is unsegmented, LSTM has its upper hold when compared to other deep learning algorithms.
The following Figure 5 illustrates the architecture and working of LSTM. The figure depicts the single cell state in LSTM classification. All the “C a.b” are the cell states. The “Xi” is the inputs and the corresponding outputs. This cell state has the input gate and forget gate [16] as a part of its architectures.

![Figure 5: Cell wise architecture of LSTM Model](image)

To work with the LSTM, one cell's output is fed as input for the other cell. This sequence is fabricated further for this proposed model in Keras for the purpose of classification. Keras is an integrated part of TensorFlow2.1.0. Keras allows the entire platform to be with stack of layers.

### 2.1 KERAS MODEL FOR THE AMAZON REVIEW DATASET CLASSIFICATION

The following code snippet is the framework for the proposed model. The maximum number of features considered for the model classification is 50,000. The size of the vocabulary is also the same as that of the maximum features. The embedding layer has the dimension as 16. This denotes that every converted vector is in the 16 dimensional embedding space [17]. The embedding layer is added through the following function tf.keras.embedding(). The dense attribute has the activators as “ReLU” and “sigmoid”. The entire compiled classification process is partitioned in to kernel regularizers and bias regularizers. These regularizers help in avoiding the over fitting as done in many of the classifiers. The drop out probability is set to 0.4, so as to restrict the vectors from discarded in the course of classification.
max_features = 50000
embedding_dim = 16

model = tf.keras.Sequential()

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Embedding(max_features + 1, embedding_dim,
    input_length=sequence_length,
    embeddings_regularizer = regularizers.l2(0.005)))

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Flatten())

model.add(tf.keras.layers.LSTM(embedding_dim,dropout=0.2, recurrent_dropout=0.2,
    return_sequences=True, kernel_regularizer=regularizers.l2(0.005))

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(512, activation='relu',
    kernel_regularizer=regularizers.l2(0.001),
    bias_regularizer=regularizers.l2(0.001),))

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.4))

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))

model.summary()

The outcome of the LSTM model is summarized using the following code snippet and in Figure 6.

model.compile(loss=tf.keras.losses.BinaryCrossentropy(),optimizer=tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(1e-3),
    metrics=[tf.keras.metrics.BinaryAccuracy()])

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| Model: "sequential_7" | Output Shape | Param # |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------|
| embedding_7 (Embedding) | (None, 100, 16) | 800016 |
| dropout_14 (Dropout) | (None, 100, 16) | 0 |
| lstm_7 (LSTM) | (None, 100, 16) | 2112 |
| flatten_7 (Flatten) | (None, 1600) | 0 |
| dense_21 (Dense) | (None, 512) | 819712 |

Total params: 1,625,953
Trainable params: 1,625,953
Non-trainable params: 0

Figure 6: Parametric specifics of the LSTM model
2.2 TRAINING THE MODEL

The following code snippet demonstrates the training for model under consideration. The Epoch count of 10 is set. Epoch is nothing but neural network attribute which governs the proper fitting of training and test datasets. This Epoch count ensures the accurate prediction for any model. Higher the Epoch count makes the prediction more complex, yielding uneven results over varying data points. Lower the Epoch count makes the model more unstable. During every Epoch iteration, [18] the batch size of 1024 bytes is processed. The data points are observed in a shuffled order by ensuring that the model has no bias [19] over any other non-parametric vectors [20].

epochs = 10
history = model.fit(train_ds.shuffle(5000).batch(1024), epochs= epochs,
validation_data=valid_ds.batch(1024), verbose=1)

The following Figure 7 shows the accuracy of the model after 10 Epochs. The iterations 8, 9 and 10 are shown in the figure. At the end of 10\textsuperscript{th} iteration the overall accuracy of 90.62\% is attained.

| Epoch | Loss   | Accuracy |
|-------|--------|----------|
| 8/10  | 0.3124 | 0.8850   |
| 9/10  | 0.3104 | 0.8851   |
| 10/10 | 0.3127 | 0.8840   |

Figure 7: Prediction accuracy during the 8\textsuperscript{th}, 9\textsuperscript{th} and 10\textsuperscript{th} Epoch iterations

2.3 MODEL ANALYSIS

A plot for measuring the loss during the text classification is made with the help of the following code. The plot is charted between “Number of Epochs” and “Loss Value”. Number of Epochs is kept in the x axis. The loss vale is kept in the y axis.
The following observations are made for the train and test dataset performance using the Figure 8. A high degree of non-linearity in the progression exists in the initial values of the Epoch. The Epoch value of 4 initiates a smooth fitting for both the train and test dataset. Even then the alternate values of Epoch count iterations shows non-compliance with the linearity in the line. The training dataset experiences a high value as the volume is more compared to the test dataset.

![Figure 8: Correlations of Test and Train Datasets over the Epoch Iterations](image)

The accuracy of the model is also plotted for the text classification using the following code snippet.

```python
plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='training data');
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='validation data');
plt.ylabel('Loss value')
plt.xlabel('No. epoch')
plt.show()
```

```python
plt.plot(history.history['binary_accuracy'], label='training data')
plt.plot(history.history['val_binary_accuracy'], label='validation data')
plt.title('Accuracy for Text Classification')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy value')
```

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plt.xlabel('No. epoch')
plt.legend(loc="upper left")
plt.show()

The Figure 9 illustrates the outcome of the model in terms of accuracy. The chart is plotted between “Number of Epochs” and “Accuracy value”. Both the training and test datasets are plotted.

![Figure 9: Text Classification Accuracy of Test and Train Datasets Volumes](image)

Finally, a classification report is generated by using the following code snippet. The outcome of the above code is shown in the Figure X. The overall accuracy is 89%. The positive sentiments predictions are supported with the count of 94227 vectors. The negative sentiments predictions are supported with the count of 592118 vectors. This outcome has relevance with the accuracy chart that has been generated earlier in the Figure 10, where both the macro average and weighted average are having the same support count.

```python
Labels = [0, 1]
print(classification_report(test_data['sentiment'].tolist(),test_data['pred_sentiment'].tolist(),labels =labels))
```
CONCLUSION

In this research article, the Amazon review dataset is considered for analyzing the sentiments about mobile phone and accessories review of the users. The LSTM is applied in the Keras framework under the TensorFlow 2.1.0 platform. Python 3.6.0 is chosen as the preferred language of implementation, as it has many models for readily available libraries. A total of 100239 short (less than 20 words) and 411313 long reviews (greater than 20 words and less than 100 words) are considered for the classification. The maximum capability of the activators “ReLU” and “sigmoid” to avoid the over-fitting is maintained by restricting the feature size as 50,000 and embedding layers dimension as 16 to affect the extraction strategy. The “Epoch” iteration count of 10 is set to attain the maximum classification accuracy. The overall accuracy of 89% has been attained, while maintaining the balance between the macro and weighted average. The feedback connection mechanism of LSTM for every “Epoch” iteration gains the ability to provide the support count of 686345 words alignment. When classical models, which have prediction power similar to LSTM, are used to classify the same set of Amazon review dataset with similar volume, they misclassify even when the number of words exceeds by a little margin. This happens due to the inherent feed forward mechanism of the traditional models. Also, this is completely avoided and effectively handled by the LSTM model.

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