
Automatic Text Summarization Using NLTK & Spacy

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Abstract

Automatic text summarization is a vital natural language processing task that aims to distill key information from large volumes of text. In this paper, we propose a technique of text summarization which focuses on the problem of identifying the most important portions of the text and producing coherent summaries which investigates the application of the Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK) in the context of text summarization. The study explores both extractive and abstractive summarization methods using NLTK & Spacy to generate concise summaries. The effectiveness of the NLTK-based and using Spacy library of python both summarization techniques is evaluated through experiments on input text. we have The research findings reveal the strengths and limitations of NLTK in text summarization and demonstrate its potential for facilitating efficient information extraction from textual data.

Keywords

NLTK, ATS, Abstractive, Extractive, Spacy

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Introduction

In the modern world, where tremendous amount of data is accessible on digital platforms, it is important to make an enhanced tool to get the desired data rapidly. It is a tough task for individuals to manually select the gist of elaborated text. There is an issue of scanning such large reports from the accessible archives/text. Also, the main concern is to recognize the most important data in the document, large text records or set of related text. With the revolutionary and rapidly growing amount of data, discovering the crisp amount of information is challenging. There should be some tool which compresses them into a shorter interpretation looking after its implications. Hence, it is essential to make a model that could condense data like us. Designing such a model is the real task. In present time large scale of data transfer over internet is not so easy. Multifarious kind of password based authentication approaches have been investigated during the previous year. Various types of secrecy process used for authentication between the user during the communication^[1]. Text summarization technique used to summarize content in abstract form, with the help of using method abstract approach and extractive approach. After performing summarization of text client/user want to transfer content over the network. The purpose of this project is to produce such a model as the solution which is based on Extractive Approach for summarizing text, starting with the Natural Language Processing as the fundamental model. The extractive approach is actually successful in delivering the summary using the same set of words which are actually most important words present in the actual text/archive; hence, it delivers the relevant information.

From here, we come across with the effectiveness of different methods for distinguishing them on the basis of size accuracy of summary. Here, these methods try to first understand the text and then mark the words according to their importance and then selecting the sentences containing

the most important words in it and using them or the words used in their place to form the actual summary shortening the length of actual text. The procedure in all the methods is same i.e., Text- $\rightarrow$ Text-Processing- $\rightarrow$ Summary, where text is the input, text- processing is the intermediary step summary is the final output. One of the approaches referred as the abstractive approach which is one of the two important methodologies involved in Automatic Text Summarization works by giving the synopsis that includes new set of words.

It is used to deliver the required summary with the same meaning as the original text. As it is clear, the extractive approach basically first selects various and unique sentences/sections of the text/document then combines them to form a summary. These sentences are selected on the basis of accurate highlights/scores described as the importance of the sentences. The importance plus meaning of the first record is maintained preserved in both the cases. Here, we have opted for the Extractive-Approach. Using this approach, we could produce the relevant summary with a ratio of text to a summary as 2:1 or even better.

A.

A text is a written document or any object that can be 'read', 'written', 'displayed', 'visualized', 'typed', 'interpreted', 'scanned' or 'printed' whether this object is a work of literature, articles published in newspapers, magazines, a type of document. It is a coherent set of signs, symbols, semantics and syntax that transmits some kind of information. Text represents textual document which is a written or printed work and regarded in terms of its content^[2].

B. Summarization

Summarization is the process of making a summary of any text. A summary is a crisp statement or restatement of major points, especially as a conclusion to a work, it is actually a comprehension and usually brief extract, abstract or recapitulation of previously stated facts or statements. To summarize means to sum up the main points of something — a summarization is the kind of summation of a large document or huge amount of text^[2].

C. Text-Summarization

Text summarization is the process in which long piece of texts gets a crisp format with lesser number of words than the actual text still reflecting the same meaning as the original doc/text.

Text Summarization Methods

The various dimensions of automatic text summarization can be generally categorized as different approaches based on certain characteristics like single or multiple document(s) specific or general purpose, learning Algorithm output-based (extractive or abstractive).

A. Abstractive Approach

Abstractive summarization, is all about trying to comprehend the content of the text, generating synonyms or completely new words and utilizing them to make the Summary. It perhaps not contains the same sentences as present in the original text. This approach incorporates learning methods to make its own sentences but reflect the same meaning as the original text was providing.

B. Extractive Approach

Extractive summarization is one of the methods which incorporates making a summary on the basis of scoring technique. It marks the sentences containing important words with higher value as compared to the sentences containing least valued words. A subset of these high-valued sentences is selected within the boundaries of the text. There are two important parts for accomplishing this approach: extraction and expectation both required for extracting & grouping words & sentences according to their score to display them as the appropriate summary.

Natural Language Processing

C. NLP the abbreviation of Natural Language Processing, is the branch of artificial intelligence that is the intersection of Computational Learning & Linguistics (Natural Languages) or the communicating tool of humans. Natural Language Processing is the part of advance technology used to give insights of natural languages to the machine. The objective-list of NLP extends from simple interpretation to complex comprehension i.e., to read, comprehend, interpret, decipher and make sense of the human languages in a manner that is meaningful to the machines. There are two main techniques i.e., one to explore meaning & other to find a proper usage^[2]. It also involves the Text- Mining Approach which is procedural in nature → 1. creation of corpus – 2. text-cleaning –

D. 3. feature engineering – 4. model building. Bringing NLP in use is a beneficial option as it provides machine the ability to learn the natural languages and overcome it's weaknesses, also enhances the quality of learning by incorporating various programming & grammatical rules. NLP supports both paradigms Procedural & Object- based and both are equally essential- first for step- by-step execution latter for being executed. It performs the task of real understanding & proper usage of linguistic data by solving tasks in Python.

E. By providing the interfaces to the dictionary resources; machine can be taught/trained about identifying parts-of-speech, tenses, kind of sentences, etc. simultaneously it can learn the art of marking respective tags & dealing with libraries, So, on the basis of grammatical parameters, it is easy & efficient to use. The Natural Language Tool Kit (NLTK) or other text processing tools would allow individuals to divide text into smaller segments/sections by using partitioning methodologies, visualizing their syntactical usage, tagging them and finally projecting their actual meaning. Accomplishment of all this leads a machine to comprehend the main source of knowledge and generate substantial glance or representation in concrete form.

Text-Processing

The automated process of analysis & manipulation of the text is known as text processing^[2]. It takes the text as input, processes it & finally provides the required outcome; it could be widely used within different areas of an organization, such as product teams could get insights from customer feedbacks to automate customer services. Here, words/tokens of the text represent discrete, categorical features.

A. Tokenization

Splitting into tokens. Tokens refers to any individual unit in the program which is meaningful to either the machine or the human.

Word-Tokenization: When the entire text is divided into individual words and word-score is generated for every word according to it's count.

Sentence-Tokenization: When the entire text is divided into individual sentences and each sentence is provided it's sentence-score according to the occurrence of the high-scored words.

B. Spacy

A free, open-source library accurate for advanced Natural Language Processing (NLP) via Python. It comprehends & delineates the text (either small or large) by processing the same. Moreover, spacy provides wide range of in-built features which makes it an efficient tool for Text Processing & Language Modelling^[3-5].

Module used:

python -m spacy download en_core_web_sm for small text document,
python -m spacy download en_core_web_lg for large text document.

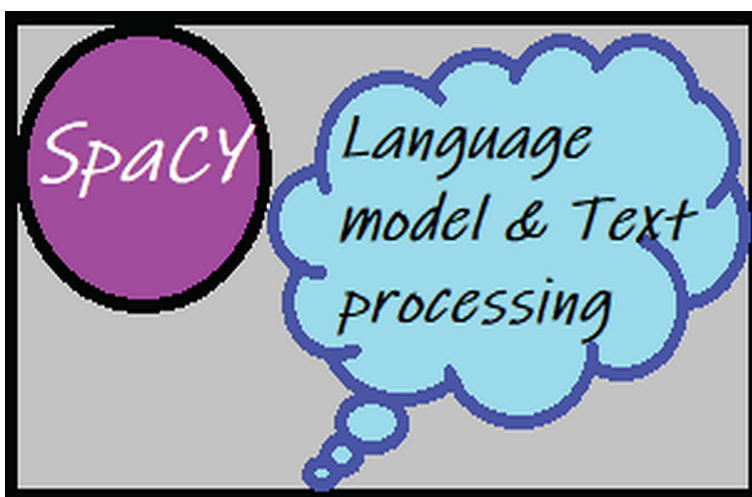


Figure 1. About SpaCy.

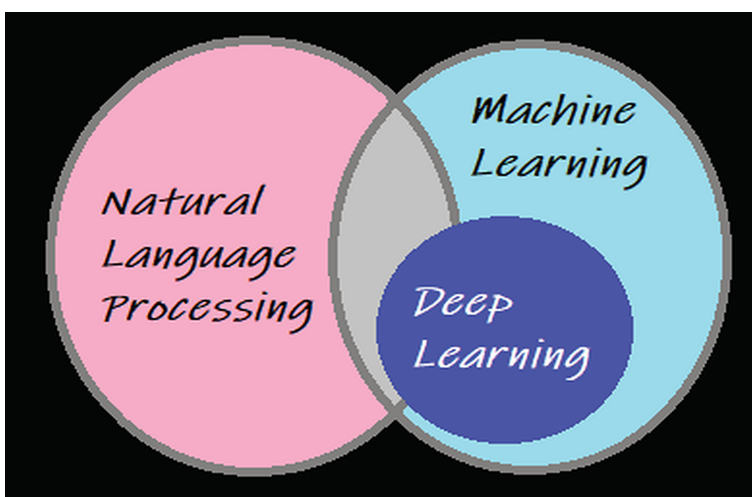


Figure 2. Venn Diagram

Table 1. Ratio Table

INPUT	OUTPUT
Text	Summary
2(Two)	1(One)
Eg. Extract from IBM reports	Coherent Summary

Tables & Figures

A. Relationship Between ML, DL & NLP

A. Comparision Table^[1]

Table 2. SpaCy, CoreNLP & NLTK (statistically)

Package	Precision	Recall	F-Score
SpaCy	0.72	0.65	0.69
CoreNLP	0.79	0.73	0.76
NLTK	0.51	0.65	0.58

Table 3. SpaCy, CoreNLP, NLTK (grammatically)

Package	Tokenization	Tag
CoreNLP	2 milli- second(ms)	10ms
NLTK	4ms	443ms
SpaCy	0.2ms	1ms

A. Schematic Diagram

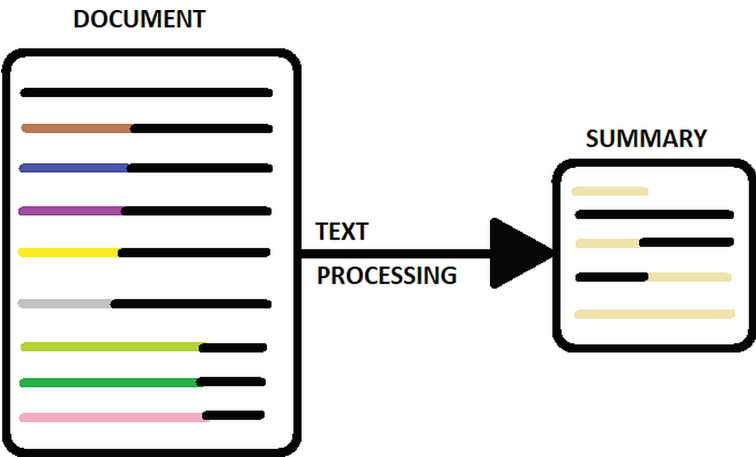


Figure 3. Text Processing

Future Scope

In this project the extractive approach is explained, utilized and implemented; the next approach named as abstractive approach of Automatic Text Summarization could be the upcoming challenge, it is a technique wherein task of summarization becomes very complex as the whole text is required

to be understood by the machine to generate a summary with entirely new words delivering the same meaning as the original text. Here, the model has to be trained with a lot of words & their synonyms, one word replacing many words & the correct usage of each word; RNN & LSTM are two future methodologies which would be incorporated to learn the words and to store their appropriate meanings, encoders- decoders & sequence-to- sequence model have to be utilised to produce efficient summary using this methodology. We would be extending the project in future to create the automatic text summarizer having the combination of both Extractive & Abstractive approach and would name it Hybrid text summarizer.

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