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PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Most chatbots don't display friendliness well during human interactions, resulting in a poor user experience.
- Chatbots often lack the ability to understand a wide range of user input.

METHODS

- Improve the chatbot's **conversational ability** by providing features in addition to Dialogflow's built-in capabilities:
- Filler word automation provides human-like filler words for more natural sounding conversations.
- Sentiment analysis detects user frustration and routes to an operator for better assistance.
- A fallback threshold routes users to a representative if the bot consistently fails to understand the user.
- **Transfer personalization** provides the user comfort by acknowledging the issue right before transferring.
- Identify **new user intentions** by using **machine learning** to group unresolved queries.

RESULTS

- User testing compared the existing and improved system through a one-sided blind test. Survey results showed higher satisfaction for the improved system.
- Classification performance (accuracy, precision, recall) increased from redesigning intent structure.
- Cluster analysis (purity, NMI, FMI) favored an affinity propagation approach for intent identification.
- Existing lexicon-based sentiment analysis methods outperformed current MLaaS solutions.



Chatbot: Hi. I am an automated system that can handle complete sentences, so tell me, how can I help you today?

Panelist: This chatbot sucks. **<u>Chatbot:</u>** Sorry I didn't get that. Can you please repeat?

Chatbot Cognitive & Enhancement Project By emulating human speech and introducing self-learning, chatbots can provide a better user experience.



OLD CHATBOT:

Panelist: I'd like to update my household information.

Chatbot: Please hold while I transfer you to a Panel Relations Specialist

Panelist: "unintelligible"

Chatbot: Sorry I didn't get that. Can you please repeat?

Filler Word Automation

Sentiment Analysis -MLaaS vs Lexicon-

Transfer Personalization

Fallback Threshold

NEW CHATBOT:

P.I.E. Bot: Good afternoon! I'm Mia, a chatbot that can handle complete sentences. How can I help you today? P.I.E. Bot: Alright, I hope you were satisfied with the call. Have a great day!

Panelist: This chatbot sucks.

P.I.E. Bot: I am sorry, I see that you're frustrated. Please hold while I find a representative who can better assist you.

Panelist: I'd like to update my household information. **P.I.E. Bot: Sure**, I see you are having an issue with household **information**, please hold while I find the right person to help you with that.

Panelist: "unintelligible"

P.I.E. Bot: Sorry, I seem to be having trouble understanding you, please hold while I transfer you to a representative.



Slack Integration:



Technical Performance Measures:

Technical Performance Measure (TPM)				Target			Final
Average Chatbot Response Length				<= 10 sec			4.24*
Accuracy				>= 90%			93.43*
Precision				>= 98%			95.20*
Recall				>= 90%			93.43*
Purity				>=65%			68.12
NMI				>= 50%		53.75	
FMI				>= 20%		26.45	
Codes:	unacceptable	in trouble	met		10%	*internal testing results conducted by team	

Benefits:

- Increased panelist retention.
- Decreased need for human representatives.
- Less manual work required to identify new user intentions.



