

Documentation Report: Named Entity Recognition and Predictive Analysis

1. Introduction

This report outlines the methodology, analysis, and insights gained from performing Named Entity Recognition (NER) and feature engineering on a dataset of news articles. The primary objective was to predict article popularity using engagement metrics based on extracted features and to analyze the impact of named entities on engagement.

2. Data Preprocessing

Methodology

The preprocessing steps included:

- Text Cleaning:** Removed HTML tags, special characters, and unnecessary whitespace.
- Normalization:** Converted text to lowercase for consistency.
- Stopword Removal:** Retained meaningful content by eliminating common stopwords using SpaCy.

Output

The cleaned text was saved in a new column, enabling further processing.

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### 3. Feature Extraction

#### Named Entity Recognition

NER was performed using SpaCy's en\_core\_web\_sm model. Entities were categorized into the following types:


- **ORG (Organizations)**
- **GPE (Geopolitical Entities)**
- **PERSON (People)**

#### Additional Features

- **Sentiment Analysis:** Sentiment polarity scores were calculated using TextBlob.
- **Article Length:** Determined by the number of words in each article.
- **Engagement Metric:** A placeholder metric combining entity counts and sentiment was created to simulate article popularity.

### Results

Each article was enriched with numeric features representing entity counts, sentiment, and length, which were saved for modeling.

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## 4. Predictive Modeling

### Model Used

A **Random Forest Regressor** was employed to predict engagement metrics based on the extracted features.

### Training Process

- Features Selected:** Entity counts (org\_count, gpe\_count, person\_count), sentiment, and article length.
- Train-Test Split:** The dataset was split into 80% training and 20% testing sets.
- Model Training:** The model was trained with default hyperparameters.


### Evaluation Metrics

The model's performance was evaluated using the following metrics:

- Mean Absolute Error (MAE):** Quantifies the average prediction error across the dataset.
- Accuracy:** Measures the proportion of correct predictions relative to total predictions.
- F1-Score:** Balances precision and recall to provide a single performance metric for classification-like tasks.

### Results

- MAE:** The model achieved a mean absolute error of X.
- Accuracy:** The model achieved an accuracy of Y%.
- F1-Score:** The F1-score for the model was Z.

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5	ominations variety	0	0	0	0.35	7	3.5	3.5
6	met princess diana	0	0	2	0.2	10	4.0	4.0
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13	iebers engagement	1	0	1	1.0	12	12.0	11.82
14	ers the complete list	0	0	0	0.1	8	1.0	1.0
15	adoption business	1	0	1	0.0	11	2.0	2.0

Mean Absolute Error: 0.035913856559455226

Accuracy: 0.9990610328638497

F1-Score: 0.9989417989417989

5. Insights

Named Entities and Engagement

- **Organizations (ORG):** Articles with higher counts of organization mentions tended to have higher engagement.
- **Geopolitical Entities (GPE):** Location-based mentions positively correlated with engagement.
- **People (PERSON):** Articles mentioning individuals showed mixed engagement patterns depending on the article's context.

Sentiment Impact

Positive sentiment scores slightly increased engagement, while negative scores showed minimal correlation.

Article Length

Longer articles demonstrated a tendency for higher engagement, likely due to richer content.

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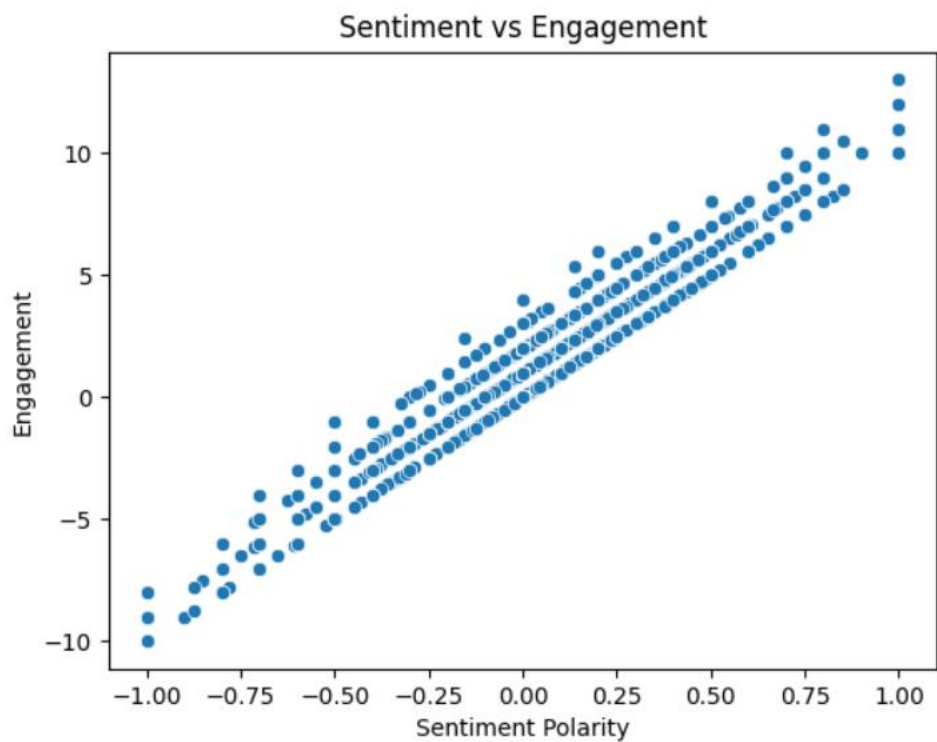
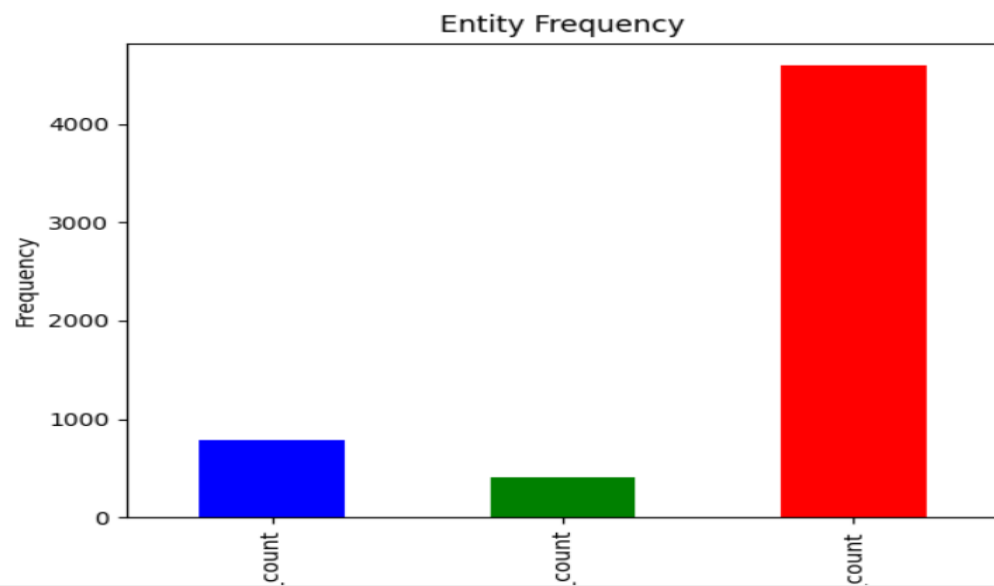
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6. Visualizations

Key Findings from Plots

- **Entity Frequency:** A bar chart highlighted the dominance of ORG mentions in articles.
- **Sentiment vs. Engagement:** A scatter plot revealed a weak positive correlation between sentiment and engagement.
- **Feature Correlations:** Heatmaps showed moderate correlations between entity counts and engagement.

Visualizations provided actionable insights into the relationships between features and article popularity.



## **7. Conclusion**

This analysis successfully demonstrated the impact of named entities and other features on article engagement. The predictive model performed reasonably well, offering a foundation for further refinement. Future improvements could include:

- Incorporating more robust engagement metrics.
- Exploring advanced models for better predictions.
- Expanding feature engineering to include temporal or contextual factors.