

# TWEET PREDICTION CHALLENGE

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# PROJECT ORGANIZATION

- Brainstorming
  - Review of state-of-the-art bibliography
  - Look for related problems and how they are solved, the relevant libraries
  - Intuitions at that stage





# PROJECT ORGANIZATION

- Main steps:
  - Preprocessing
  - Text processing
  - ML model choice
- Tasks distribution

# FEATURES SELECTION

- Data Cleaning:

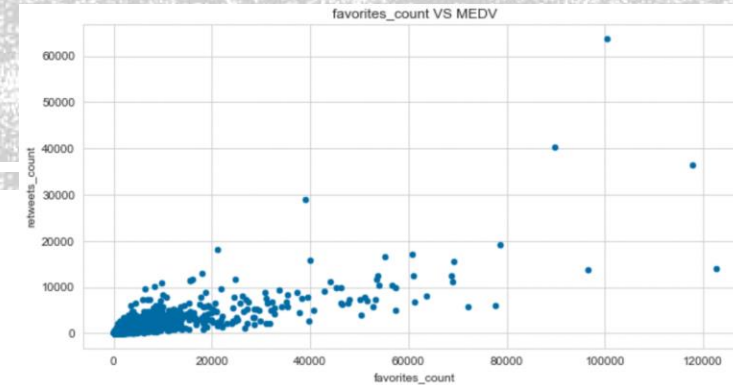
We dropped unusable columns like 'Urls' and 'mention'

- Statistical correlation analysis

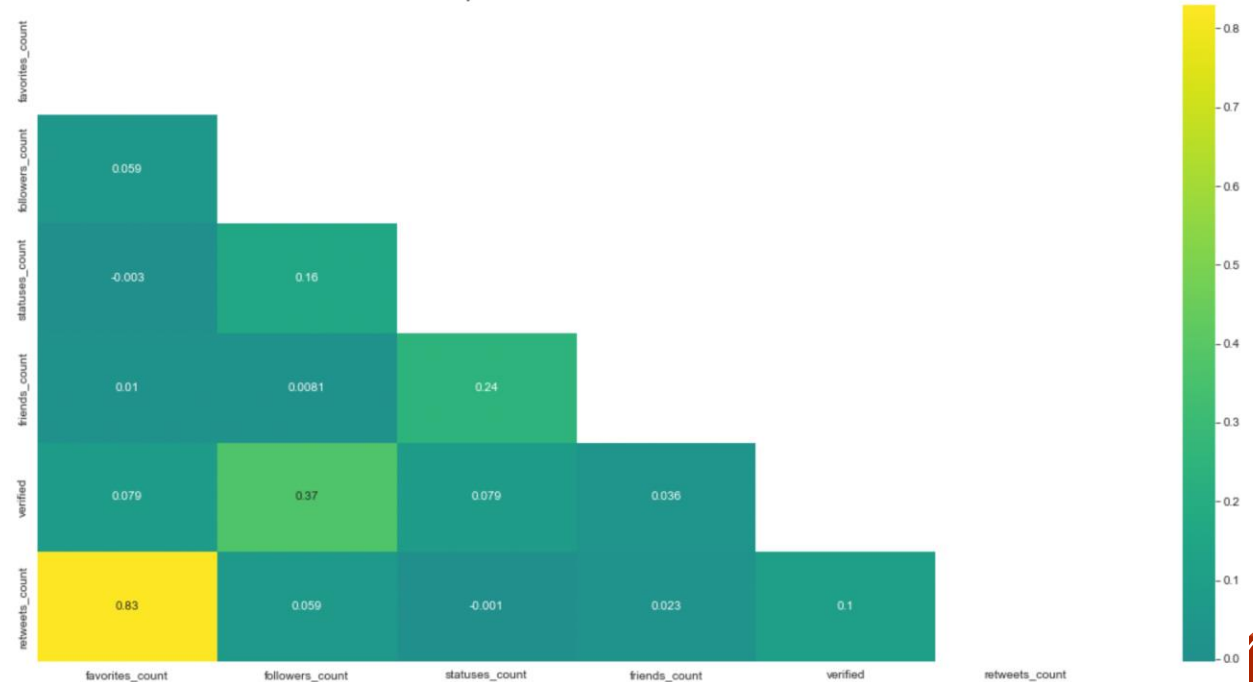
over numerical features:

to Choose the most important variables:

- Correlation matrix
- Scatter Plot
- Feature Importance Scikit-Learn



Heatmap of co-relation between variables



# FEATURES SELECTION

- Simple models testing (LinearRegressors, KNNRegressor)

	MSE	MAE	MSLE	R2	Model
0	8364.878058	6.400095	0.259403	0.945214	RFRegressor
4	8007.420985	6.699376	0.364185	0.709554	MLPRegressor
2	8956.462569	6.891657	0.321614	0.812682	KNeighborsRegressor
1	8143.490857	7.128499	0.776982	0.891920	GradientBoosting
3	9766.441500	9.646227	1.174634	0.686163	LinRegressor





$$TF = \left( \frac{\text{Number of times keyword is found in document}}{\text{Number of words in document}} \right)$$

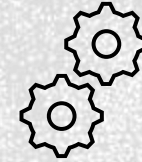
$$IDF_i = \log \left( 1 + \frac{N_D}{f_i} \right)$$

Inverse Document Frequency for the search term  $i$  within the corpus of documents

The number of documents in the corpus of documents that contain the term  $D$

The number of documents that contain the search term

# TEXT PROCESSING



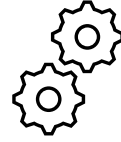
## 1) Sentiment Analysis:

- Interesting, why ?
- Categorical value
- Textblob package

## 2) TF-IDF Analysis

- Useful 1<sup>st</sup> approach
- 100 words

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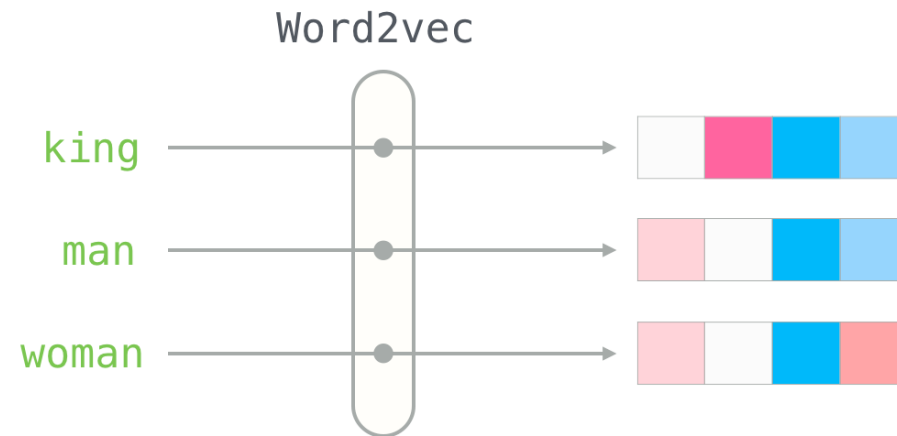
## 3) Hashtags processing :

- Carry interesting information
- 18% of data
- Crammed



## 4) Word2Vec

- Used in NLP, uses NN
- Pretrained by Google
- Captures word similarity
- Implemented using mean vector over tweet



# TEXT PROCESSING

## 5) Candidate/Name Extraction:

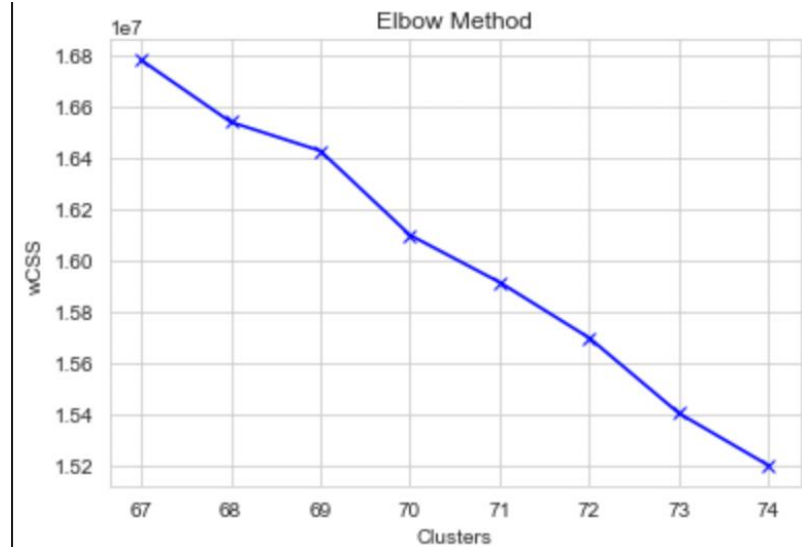
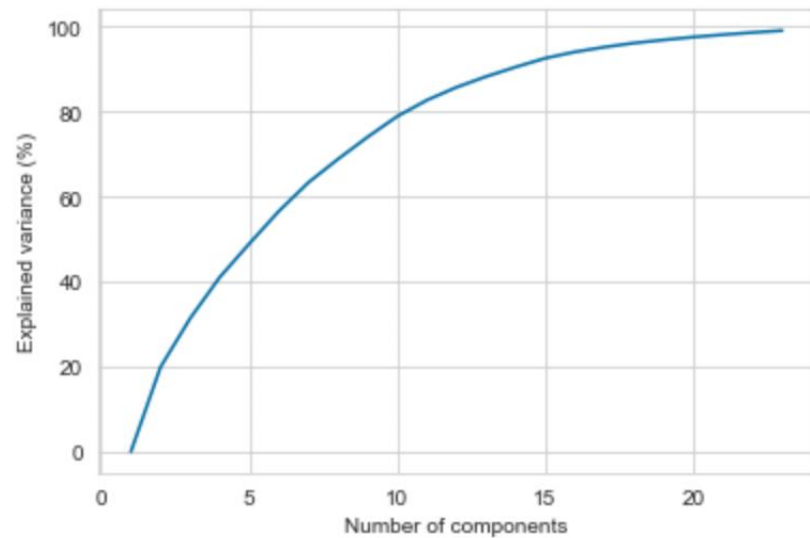
- Maybe tweets about Macron are more appreciated?
- Maybe news about the Ukraine are interesting to spread?
- Extract using Flair-NER package
- Find similarity to already found names
- Classify or add new names
- Gives back a number as class e.g. Macron = 3.

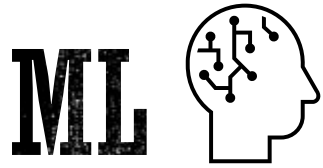




# DIMENSIONALITY REDUCTION

- PCA (explained variance ratio curve)
- KMeans Clustering (Unsupervised Learning, creates categorical feature)





## 1) Regression Models ++ :

### **After:**

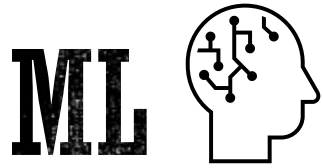
- Data Pre-processing
- Selection of the final predictors
- Data Transformation ( Standardization/Normalization for distance-based algorithms)

### **We retested regression models :**

- We even tried gradient boosting regressor

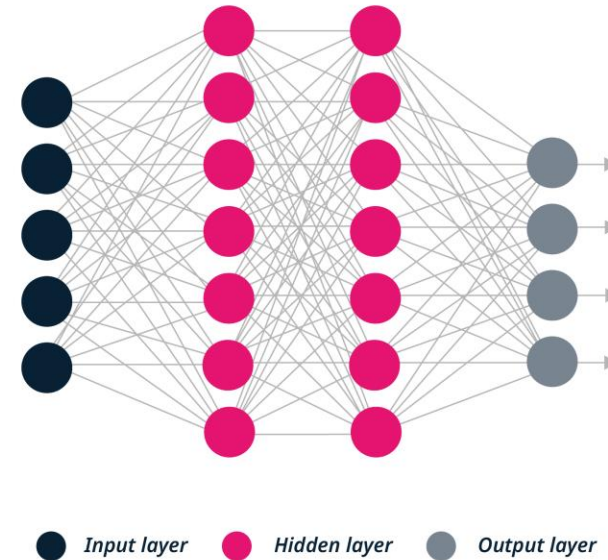
### **Worse performance!!**

Probably because : + features needs more data.



## 2) Deep learning:

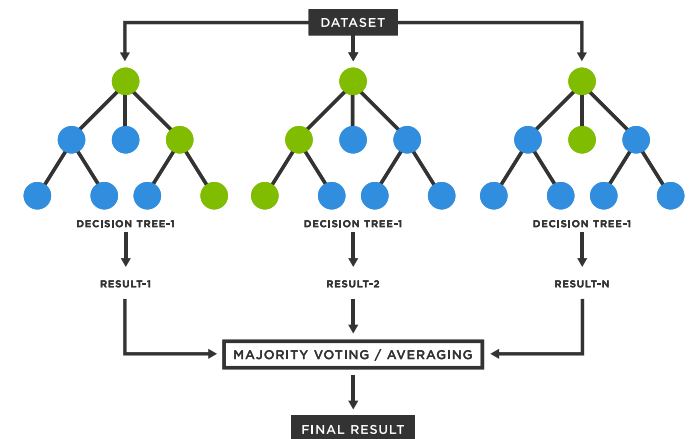
- Keras
- Architecture
  - ❖ Infinite possibilities
  - ❖ Sticking to the basics ( ReLu )
  - ❖ FCNN
- Optimizing GD using SGD and Adam
- Extremely good results by Keras on the training set  $MAE \approx 1.9$





# FINAL MODEL AND DEPLOYMENT

- 1) Predictors:
  - Clusters(tweets similarity after applying KMeans)
  - The number of users that clicked the (like) button for this tweet.
  - The number of followers the user has
- 2) Model: Random Forest
  - Reasons :
    - Categorical Data(Clusters, Sentiment, Candidate, Verified)
    - Aggregates the result of many decision trees and then outputs the most unbiased result (uses averaging).
    - A random forest produces good predictions that can be understood easily.
  - Hyperparameter tuning (Grid Search using Scikit Learn)



# CONCLUSION



## Challenges

- Execution Time
  - Text Processing
  - grid search
- Language - NLK

## Potential Improvements

- More TFIDF Words
- Smaller Testing Batches
- Using a raw word2vec implementation (untrained)
- Dropout for NN



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
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