**CS 441 - Final Project**

*You only need to complete and submit this once for the group. Be sure to add the other group members to the submission in Gradescope. List them here also.*

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Complete the sections below. You do not need to fill out the checklist.

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6. **Problem Description**

**Give an overview of the problem you are trying to solve.**

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| During disaster, people may share the emergencies on their tweets before the government announce the formal alert. If we could discover whether a tweet is about a real disaster without human intervention, it may improve the speed of respond for such emergencies. |

**Explain what you are trying to predict, and what inputs (features) are available for prediction.**

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| Predicting whether a tweet is about a real disaster or not by interpreting the context and language used in the tweets. Pure text tweets are available, with location, keyword, and main text for prediction. |

**Explain the experimental setup. How many examples for train, val, test? What are the metrics?**

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| There are 10000 tweets, with format of id, keyword, location, text, target (1 for real disasters and 0 for not). I want to split it into train sets and validation sets with the ratio 8:2. The train.csv for training has 7613 tweets. There is another test dataset that has 3263 tweets. |

**What are some of the challenges in solving this problem?**

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| The “keyword” column maybe crucial for deciding whether the “text” is indeed about disasters, but how to use “location” to help classification is not clear. I decide to try to ignore them first. |

1. **Model Comparison**

**Which three models will you compare? Which hyperparameter(s) will you test?**

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| K-Nearest Neighbors |
| Linear Regression |
| SVM |

**Use tables or plots to show the evaluated hyperparameter values for each model, and indicate which is best.** These experiments should use only the training and validation sets. Feel free to delete the boxes, as long as it’s clear.

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| KNN: |
| Linear Regression: |
| SVM: |

**Which model and hyperparameters are best overall?** Train it using the combination of the train and validation sets and report test performance.

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| Best model: SVM with linear kernel and C = 1.0 has the highest F1-score.  Test F1-score: 0.79558 |

**3. Additional Analysis: Either Effect of Training Data Size or Feature Analysis**

**Which type of analysis are you doing?**

Training size

**Present your experiments and conclusions.** If evaluating features, include performance of your best model with different subsets of features and importance analysis using L1 regularization, mutual information, or similar. If evaluating training size, compare all three models using the selected hyperparameters.

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**4. Stretch Goal: Innovation**

**Describe your proposed approach**

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**Provide and explain the experimental analysis of your proposed approach**

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**What is innovative about your approach?**

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**Is your approach potentially publishable?** If not (the usual case), skip this part. If so, explain the research contributions and how it fits in with related work. What venue would you consider for publication?

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**5. Acknowledgments / Attribution**

**Link to your code (required!!)**

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| https://github.com/Hongxiao-Chen/CS-441---Final-Project |

**Link to your data (if not pre-selected)**

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| Disaster tweets: https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/nlp-getting-started/overview |

**External citations or resources**

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| 1. https://stackoverflow.com/questions/17390326/getting-rid-of-stop-words-and-document-tokenization-using-nltk |

**Group member contributions**

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| Hongxiao Chen: everything |

Did group members contribute roughly equally or unequally? If unequally, explain and specify whether one member went above and beyond, or someone contributed less than agreed or expected.

Equally

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