**Overview of** social media virality predictor

**1. Problem Definition**

**Objective:** Clearly define what "virality" means in the context of your model.

* **Metrics for Virality:** Define metrics such as the number of shares, likes, retweets, comments, etc.
* **Scope:** Determine the platforms to focus on (e.g., Twitter, Facebook, Instagram).
* **Stakeholders:** Identify the end-users of the prediction model (e.g., marketers, content creators).

**2. Data Collection**

**Objective:** Gather a comprehensive dataset that includes both viral and non-viral content.

* **Sources:** Collect data from social media platforms via APIs (Twitter API, Facebook Graph API, etc.).
* **Features:** Capture relevant features such as content type (text, image, video), post metadata (timestamp, author, platform), and engagement metrics (likes, shares, comments).
* **Historical Data:** Collect historical data to understand past viral trends.

**3. Data Preprocessing**

**Objective:** Clean and prepare the data for analysis and model training.

* **Cleaning:** Remove duplicates, handle missing values, and filter out irrelevant content.
* **Normalization:** Normalize numerical features (e.g., likes, shares) to ensure consistent scale.
* **Feature Engineering:** Extract additional features like sentiment analysis, keyword density, topic modeling, and user influence scores.

**4. Feature Engineering**

**Objective:** Extract meaningful features that can help predict virality.

* **Content Features:** Text length, presence of hashtags, mentions, keywords, media type (image, video).
* **User Features:** User follower count, user engagement rate, user influence score.
* **Temporal Features:** Time of posting, day of the week, recency of the post.
* **Engagement Features:** Early engagement metrics (initial likes, shares, comments within the first few minutes/hours).

**5. Model Selection**

**Objective:** Choose the appropriate machine learning models for predicting virality.

* **Traditional Models:** Logistic regression, decision trees, random forests.
* **Advanced Models:** Gradient boosting machines (e.g., XGBoost, LightGBM), neural networks, LSTM for sequential data, transformers for contextual understanding.
* **Hybrid Models:** Combining models to capture different aspects of virality.

**6. Model Training**

**Objective:** Train the selected models on the prepared dataset.

* **Training:** Use a portion of the dataset to train the model.
* **Validation:** Use another portion for validation and hyperparameter tuning.
* **Evaluation Metrics:** Use metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, AUC-ROC to evaluate the model performance.

**7. Model Evaluation**

**Objective:** Assess the model’s performance on unseen data.

* **Test Set:** Evaluate the model on a separate test set.
* **Cross-Validation:** Perform cross-validation to ensure robustness.
* **Real-World Scenarios:** Test against real-world examples to assess practical performance.

**8. Model Tuning**

**Objective:** Optimize the model for better performance.

* **Hyperparameter Tuning:** Use grid search, random search, or Bayesian optimization.
* **Ensemble Methods:** Combine multiple models to improve accuracy and robustness.
* **Regularization:** Use techniques like dropout, L2 regularization to prevent overfitting.

**9. Deployment**

**Objective:** Integrate the model into a production environment.

* **API Development:** Create an API for the model to interact with other systems.
* **Scalability:** Ensure the system can handle high traffic and large volumes of data.
* **Monitoring:** Set up monitoring to track model performance and detect drifts.

**10. Maintenance and Updates**

**Objective:** Keep the model accurate and up-to-date.

* **Continuous Learning:** Regularly update the model with new data.
* **Feedback Loop:** Use user feedback to identify and correct errors.
* **Periodic Retraining:** Schedule retraining sessions to incorporate fresh data and address emerging trends.

# Article: Using Data Science to Predict Viral Tweets

<https://towardsdatascience.com/using-data-science-to-predict-viral-tweets-615b0acc2e1e>

technical example of training a model that predicts if a tweet ll go viral

# Article: Building an XGBoost Model to Predict Video Popularity

<https://medium.com/bitgrit-data-science-publication/building-an-xgboost-model-to-predict-video-popularity-ce4a39a356d7>

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# Article: Predicting Virality of Online News Articles using Textual Content

<https://sled.eecs.umich.edu/media/eecs595_fa22/4_Benson.pdf>

BERT/ROBERTA can be used for text analysis, this articles highlights some of the indicators that’s of value in the prediction of article virality such as certain keyword has higher tendence to go viral or the platform of publication also matters such as posts on FB has a higher tendency to go viral than google+ and linkedin

# Article:How to predict viral content using random forest regression

<https://hub.packtpub.com/how-to-predict-viral-content-using-random-forest-regression-in-python-tutorial/>

explains the underlying reason why people will share an online post, the different type of emotion the post evokes affects the probability that people shares and thus whether something goes viral.

# Article: How TikTok decides if your Video is a Viral Hit or a Flop

# https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/how-tiktok-decides-your-video-viral-hit-flop-samuel-chen/

Video performance is based on **Views, Shares, Likes, and Video Completion**

**However video completion data may not be available to us, so we could only have ¾ of the indicators**

**Article:** Slapping Cats, Bopping Heads, and Oreo Shakes: Understanding Indicators of Virality in TikTok Short Videos

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2111.02452>

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