



Data Science/ML & Magic the Gathering

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What is Magic the Gathering?



"Daze", art by Richard Wright



What is Magic: The Gathering?

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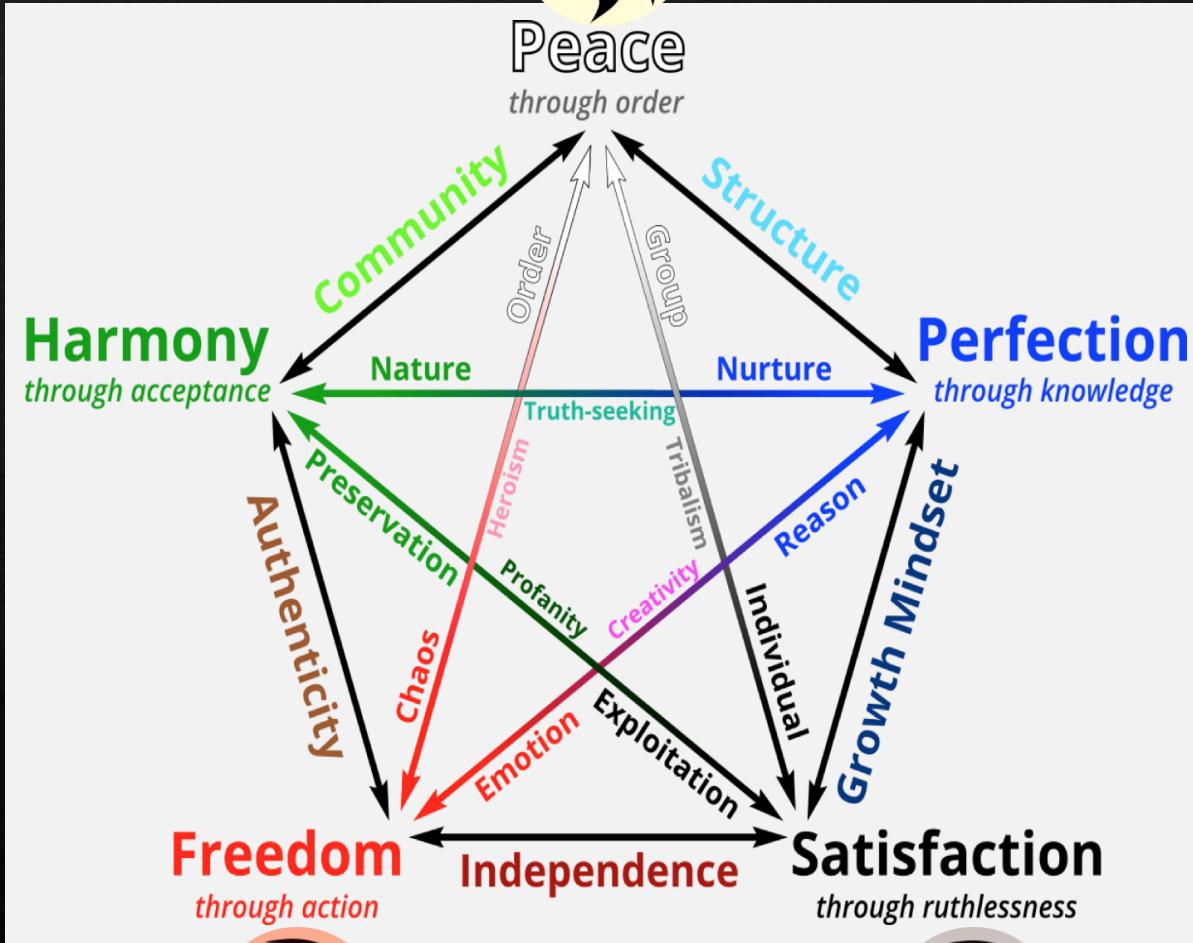
Magic: The Gathering
525 mil subscriptores

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Color Identities



Colorless



Anatomy of a Card (1/2)

Mana Cost

Card name

Razortide Bridge

Card Type

Artifact Land

Abilities/
Card Text

Razortide Bridge enters the battlefield
tapped.
Indestructible

•: Add * or .

Flavor Text (optional)

The path to unity is forged in understanding.

Artist, Expansion Code,
Rarity

252/303 C
MH2 • EN ➔ ROB ALEXANDER

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Colossification

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Enchantment – Aura

Enchant creature
When Colossification enters the battlefield,
tap enchanted creature.
Enchanted creature gets +20/+20.

*"Turns out the case of the flattened outpost and
the case of the missing kitten were related."
—Endris, Drannith magistrate*

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Anatomy of a Card (2/2)



Classification problem: “Given a certain card’s characteristics, can we create a model that correctly predicts the card’s color identity? ”



Data acquisition & preparation



"Solve the Equation", art by Lie Setiawan



MTGJSON
v5.2.0+20220530

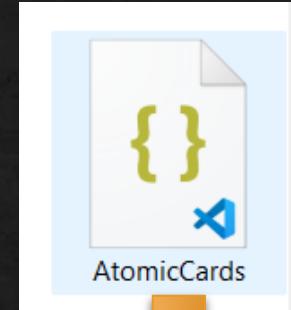
<https://mtgjson.com/>



AtomicCards

File containing every [Card \(Atomic\)](#) card.

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AtomicCards

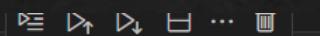


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#we have more cards now because all the double sided cards got unfolded
json_normalize(data_dict["Rune-Tail, Kitsune Ascendant // Rune-Tail's Essence"])
```

colorIdentity	colors	convertedManaCost	faceName	foreignData	layout	manaCost	manaValue	name
0	[W]	[W]	3.0 Rune-Tail, Kitsune Ascendant	{} flip	{2}{W}	3.0	3.0	Rune-Tail, Kitsune Ascendant // Rune- Tail's Es...
1	[W]	[W]	3.0 Rune-Tail's Essence	{} flip	NaN	3.0	3.0	Rune-Tail, Kitsune Ascendant // Rune- Tail's Es...



- Drop columns we won't need, drop all illegal cards, replace Null values, rename columns, confirm that 'Name' is a primary key

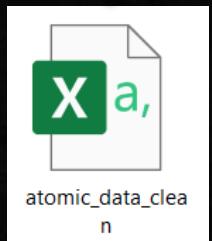


df.head(15)

✓ 0.3s

Python

Color	Subtype		Text	Type	Loyalty	Power	Toughness	Keyword	Name	ManaValue
0 ['White']	['Plains']		({{T}: Add {W}.})	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Plains	0.0
1 ['Blue']	['Island']		({{T}: Add {U}.})	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Island	0.0
2 ['Black']	['Swamp']		({{T}: Add {B}.})	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Swamp	0.0
3 ['Red']	['Mountain']		({{T}: Add {R}.})	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Mountain	0.0
4 ['Green']	['Forest']		({{T}: Add {G}.})	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Forest	0.0
5 ['White']	['Ajani']	[+1]: Put a +1/+1 counter on up to one target ...		['Planeswalker']	4	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Ajani, Caller of the Pride	3.0
6 ['White']	['Cat', 'Soldier']	Whenever an enchantment enters the battlefield...		['Creature']	N/A	3	3	['None']	Ajani's Chosen	4.0
7 ['White']	['N/A']	At the beginning of each end step, if you gain...		['Enchantment']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Angelic Accord	4.0
8 ['White']	['Wall']	Defender (This creature can't attack.)\nFlying		['Creature']	N/A	0	4	['Defender', 'Flying']	Angelic Wall	2.0
9 ['White']	['Angel']	Flying\nLifelink (Damage dealt by this creatur...		['Creature']	N/A	3	4	['Flying', 'Lifelink']	Archangel of Thune	5.0
10 ['White']	['Human', 'Wizard']	When Auramancer enters the battlefield, you ma...		['Creature']	N/A	2	2	['None']	Auramancer	3.0
11 ['White']	['Human', 'Cleric']	When Banisher Priest enters the battlefield, e...		['Creature']	N/A	2	2	['None']	Banisher Priest	3.0
12 ['White']	['Aura']	Enchant creature\n{W}: Enchanted creature gets...		['Enchantment']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['Enchant']	Blessing	2.0
13 ['White']	['Sliver']	Sliver creatures you control have double strik...		['Creature']	N/A	2	2	['None']	Bonescythe Sliver	4.0
14 ['White']	['N/A']	Choose a color. White creatures you control ga...		['Instant']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Brave the Elements	1.0



Label	Categorical		Text Data		Categorical*					Primary Key (also text data)		Categorical*	
	Color	Subtype	Text	Type	Loyalty	Power	Toughness	Keyword	Name	ManaValue			
0	['White']	['Plains']	({T}: Add {W}.)	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	[N/A]	Plains	0.0			



Instead of creating dummy variables, we will treat the categorical variables as text data.

	Color	Subtype	Text	Type	Loyalty	Power	Toughness	Keyword	Name	ManaValue
0	['White']	['Plains']	({{T}: Add {W}.})	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Plains	0.0
1	['Blue']	['Island']	({{T}: Add {U}.})	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Island	0.0
2	['Black']	['Swamp']	({{T}: Add {B}.})	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Swamp	0.0
3	['Red']	['Mountain']	({{T}: Add {R}.})	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Mountain	0.0
4	['Green']	['Forest']	({{T}: Add {G}.})	['Land']	N/A	N/A	N/A	['N/A']	Forest	0.0

df.head(5)

✓ 0.4s

Color	Text	Name	Dummies
0 [White]	({{T}: Add {W}.})	Plains	Plains Land N/A N/A N/A N/A 0.0
1 [Blue]	({{T}: Add {U}.})	Island	Island Land N/A N/A N/A N/A 0.0
2 [Black]	({{T}: Add {B}.})	Swamp	Swamp Land N/A N/A N/A N/A 0.0
3 [Red]	({{T}: Add {R}.})	Mountain	Mountain Land N/A N/A N/A N/A 0.0
4 [Green]	({{T}: Add {G}.})	Forest	Forest Land N/A N/A N/A N/A 0.0

All “text”-type data.

“Dummies”
column contains all
categorical data

Clean text data for machine learning

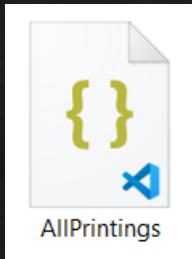
- Remove special characters
 - Remove html tags
 - Remove punctuation
 - Remove non-alphabetic numbers
- Remove stop words (e.g. 'may', 'also', 'across', 'among', 'N/A')
- Stemming: transform words with roughly the same semantics to one standard form (e.g. 'enchantment', 'enchant', 'enchanted' all become 'enchant')

We also keep an untouched version of the PK

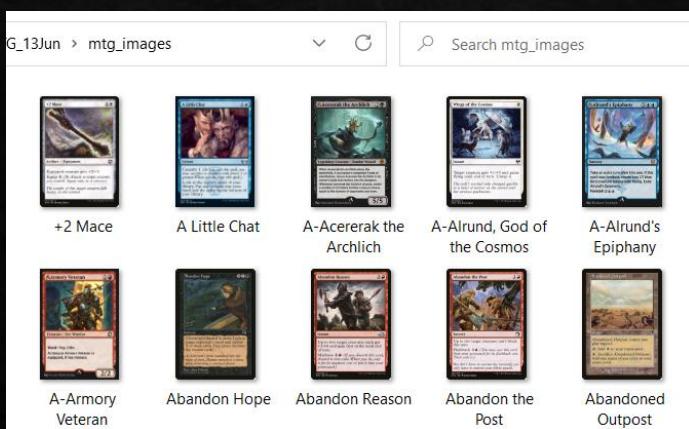


Color	Name	name	text	dummies
0 White	Plains	plain	add w	plain land
1 Blue	Island	island	add u	island land
2 Black	Swamp	swamp	add b	swamp land
3 Red	Mountain	mountain	add r	mountain land
4 Green	Forest	forest	add g	forest land
5 White	Ajani, Caller of the Pride	ajani caller	target creatur gain...	ajani planeswalk
6 White	Ajani's Chosen	ajani cho	cat soldier creatur none	
7 White	Angelic Accord	angel acco	turn creat white ange...	enchant
8 White	Angelic Wall	angel wall	defend creatur attack fli	wall creatur defend fli

Getting the image data



➤ Select only 1 card art for each card and avoid full art (so we can separate the art from the card image better).



MTG API
<https://scryfall.com/>



	scryfallId	Name
0	7ee52536-8cfa-482b-874e-094c0a081894	Plains
1	161aacab-d0bb-48c5-8bd4-bff321a94b2e	Island
2	4df49e68-cadf-4196-a3f4-ae38579edaeb	Swamp
3	890037ae-c366-4769-b7f7-7185a1bebca1	Mountain
4	86dae285-a59c-426c-b6cd-3683abea75a3	Forest
...
67803	e65356e6-0ead-49fd-b069-be1ea9b1c105	Cathedral of Serra
67806	314fd1d7-4bd8-4d95-b7c2-1aa6660ab88a	Mountain Stronghold
67808	66641d88-b3f0-4bcd-8d2d-29aa2de69e30	Seafarer's Quay
67810	d43c01b7-443d-4061-a934-6863d230c9b8	Tolaria
67811	9de534ff-fb48-4692-bd0f-dd237ca28502	Unholy Citadel

Crop the card art out of all the images



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+2 Mace	A Little Chat	A-Acererak the Archlich	A-Alrund, God of the Cosmos	A-Alrund's Epiphany
A-Armory Veteran	Abandon Hope	Abandon Reason	Abandon the Post	Abandoned Outpost



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+2 Mace	A Little Chat	A-Acererak the Archlich	A-Alrund, God of the Cosmos	A-Alrund's Epiphany
A-Armory Veteran	Abandon Hope	Abandon Reason	Abandon the Post	Abandoned Outpost

Save image data inside the data frame

Color	Name	name	text	dummies
0 White	Plains	plain	add w	plain land
1 Blue	Island	island	add u	island land
2 Black	Swamp	swamp	add b	swamp land



Color	Name	name	text	dummies	ImagePath
0 White	Plains	plain	add w	plain land	D:/Benchtime/MTG_13Jun/mtg_images_crop/Plains.jpg
1 Blue	Island	island	add u	island land	D:/Benchtime/MTG_13Jun/mtg_images_crop/Island.jpg
2 Black	Swamp	swamp	add b	swamp land	D:/Benchtime/MTG_13Jun/mtg_images_crop/Swamp.jpg

Ok now
we're
ready!

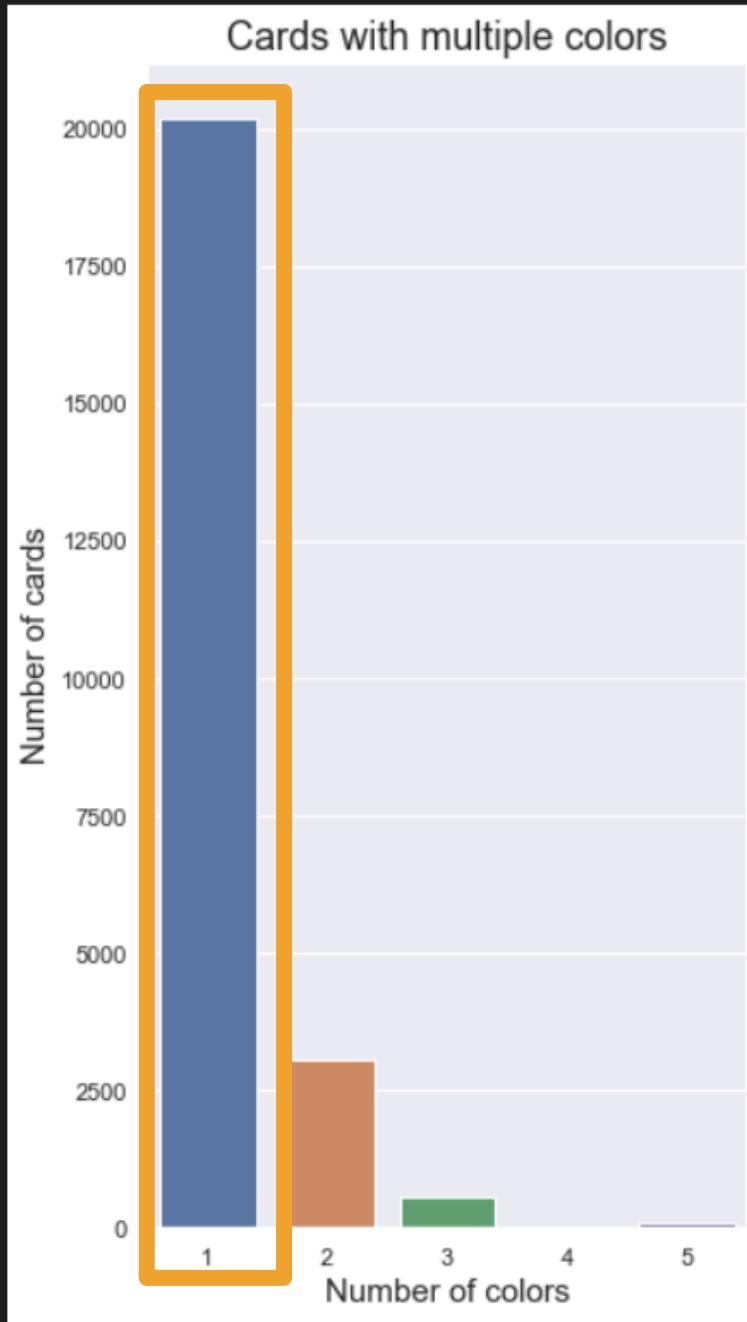
Color	Name	name	text	ImageData
0 White	Plains	plain	add w	[85, 94, 104], [101, 111, 12...
1 Blue	Island	island	add u	, 43], [1, 48, 31], [71, 69, 84], [2...
2 Black	Swamp	swamp	add b	17, 26, 32], [31, 35, 39], [77, 81, 89], [2...

Preparing data for Machine Learning



"Time Warp", art by Dominik Mayer

Adequate sample sizes



```
df['color_sum'].value_counts()  
1    20202  
2     3064  
3      573  
5      73  
4      12  
Name: color_sum, dtype: int64
```



Supervised Learning

Y (Correct Labels)

	Color	Name
0	White	Plains
1	Blue	Island
2	Black	Swamp

X (Text/Image Features)

	name	text	dummies	ImageData
0	plain	add w	plain land	[[[92, 105, 112], [85, 94, 104], [101, 111, 12...]
1	island	add u	island land	[[[80, 54, 43], [74, 48, 31], [71, 69, 84], [2...]
2	swamp	add b	swamp land	[[[17, 26, 32], [31, 35, 39], [77, 81, 89], [2...]

X_{test}



Model.fit(x_{train}, y_{train})

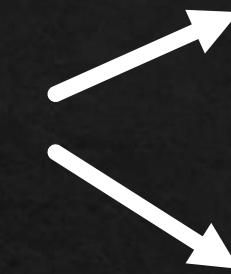


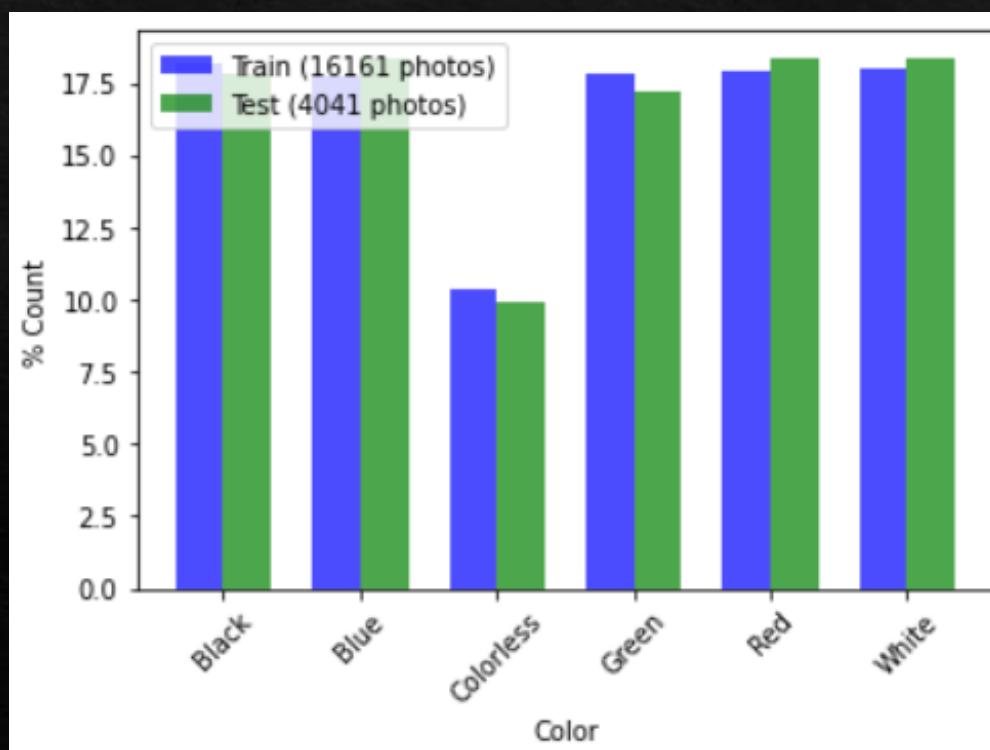
$Y_{predictions}$

*Optimize
Accuracy*

*Compare
with Y_{test}*

Train/Test Split

X, Y  80% X_{train}, Y_{train}
20% X_{test}, Y_{test}



2 Machine Models: 1 for text and 1 for image data

Y (Labels)

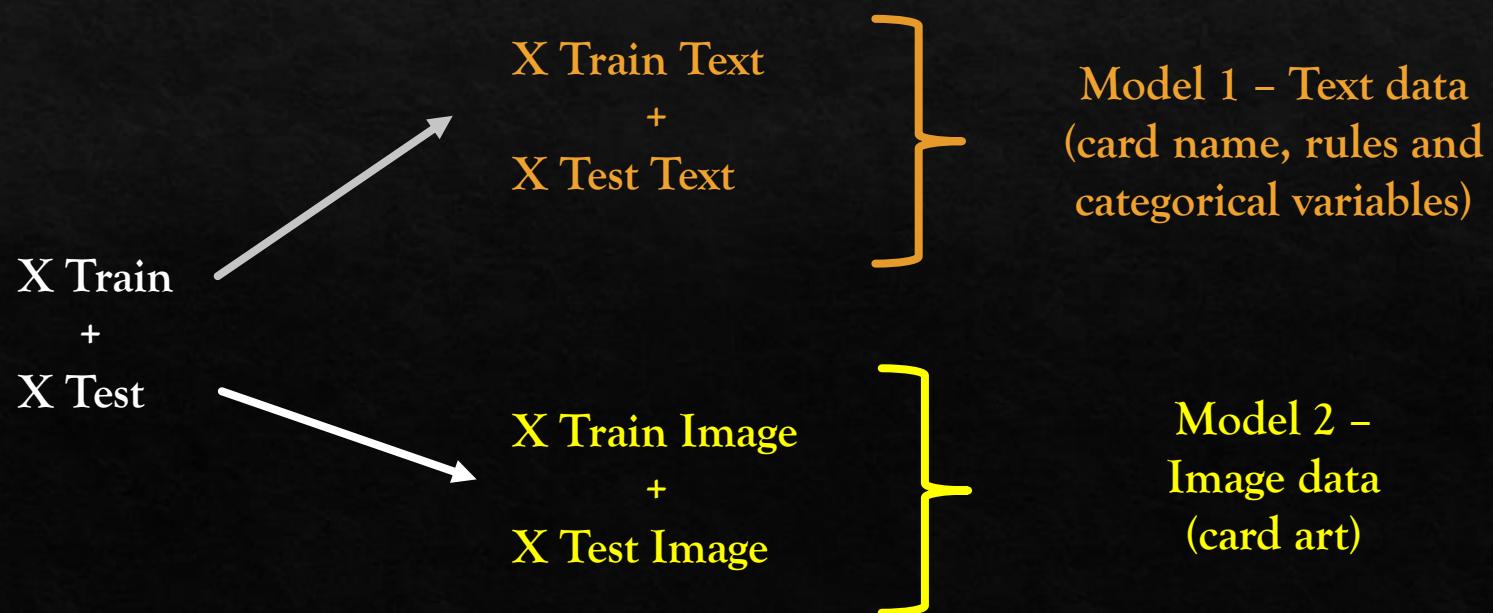
	Color
0	White
1	Blue
2	Black

X (Text Model)

	Name	name	text	dummies
0	Plains	plain	add w	plain land
1	Island	island	add u	island land
2	Swamp	swamp	add b	swamp land

X (Image Model)

ImageData
[[92, 105, 112], [85, 94, 104], [101, 111, 12...]
[[[80, 54, 43], [74, 48, 31], [71, 69, 84], [2...]
[[[17, 26, 32], [31, 35, 39], [77, 81, 89], [2...]



Text feature extraction

X (Text Model)

name	text	dummies
plain	add w	plain land
island	add u	island land
swamp	add b	swamp land

TF-IDF “Term Frequency – Inverse Document” method:

- i) Calculates how often a given word appears within a card
- ii) Downscales words that appear a lot across cards
- iii) The output is a vector with frequency scores highlighting words that are more interesting

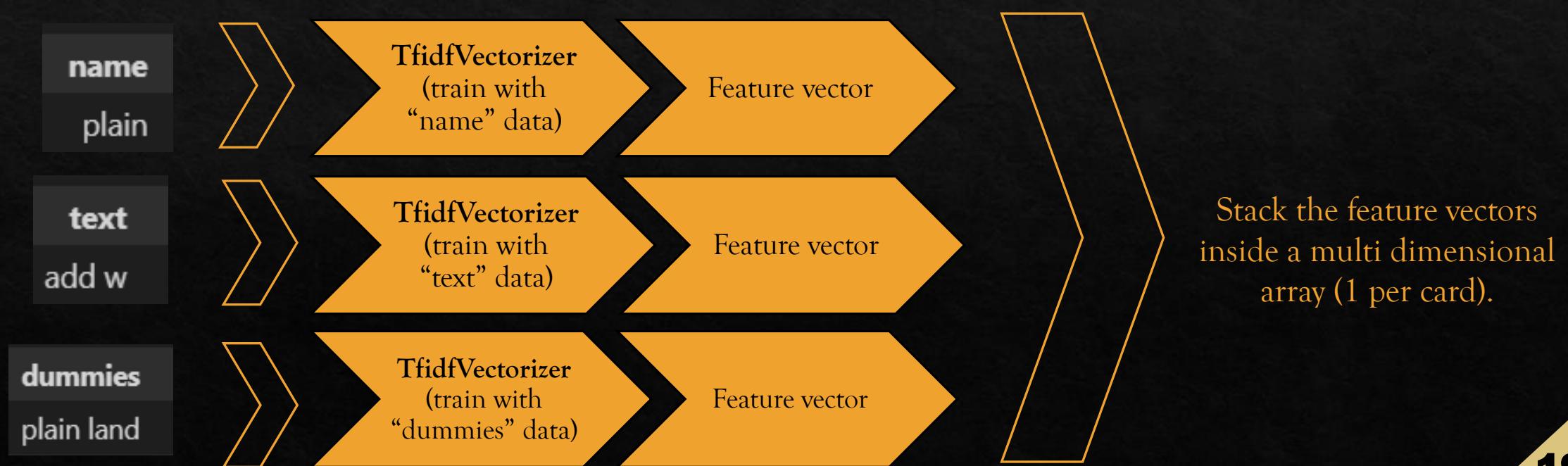


Image feature extraction

Color

`cv2.calcHist()`

- **Color Histogram:** characterizes color distribution in an image

Texture

`mahotas.features.haralick()`

- **Haralick Texture:** quantifies the spatial variation of grey tone values

Shape

`cv2.HuMoments()`

- **Hu Moments:** set of 7 numbers invariant to image transformations, and calculated based on the intensity and position of the pixels in an image

Others

`skimage.feature.hog()`

- **Histogram of oriented gradients (HOG):** counts occurrences of gradient orientation in localized portions of an image

ImageData

`[[[92, 105, 112], [85, 94, 104], [101, 111, 12...]`



4 Image
Descriptors

4 Feature
vectors



Stack the feature vectors
inside a multi dimensional
array (1 per image).

Model 1: Text data



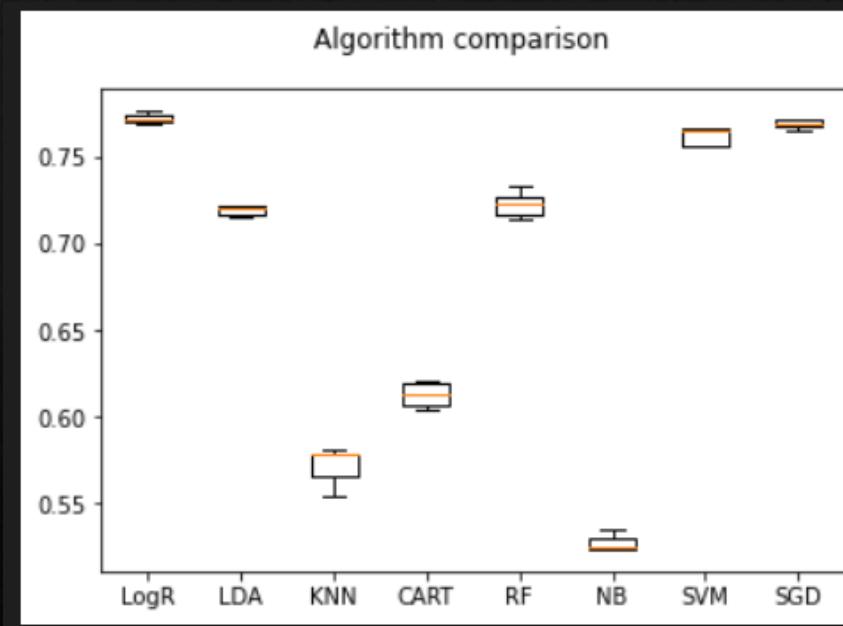
“Tolarian Scholar”, art by Sara Winters

Cross-validation

To compare and select the best performing model, 10-fold (`sklearn.model_selection.KFold`) cross validation was used.

Classification models compared:

- Logistic Regression >> *best performance/speed*
- Linear Discriminant Analysis
- K-Nearest Neighbors
- Decision Tree Classifier
- Random Forest Classifier
- Naive Bayes
- Support Vector Machines
- Stochastic Gradient Descent Classifier

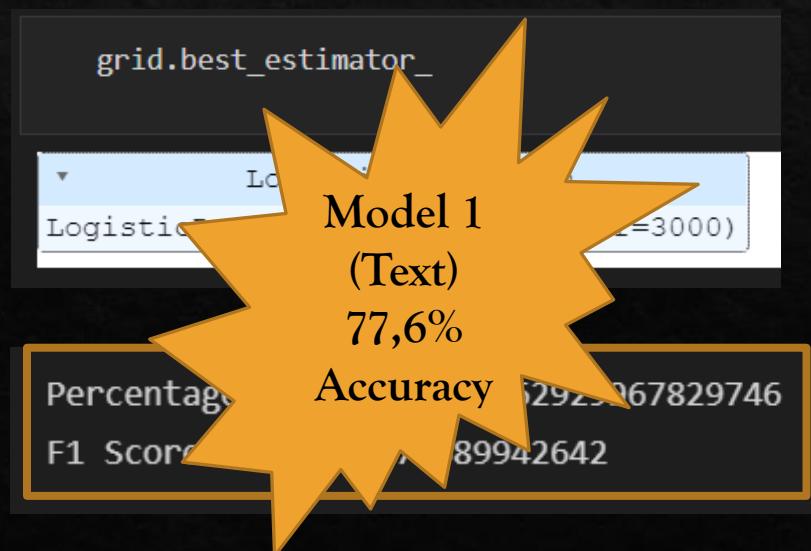


Grid-search

To tune the parameter C of the Logistic Regression model, Grid Search was used (`sklearn.model_selection.GridSearchCV`).

*A high value of C tells the model to give more weight to the training data.
A lower value of C will let the model know that the training data may not be fully representative of real world data.*

After testing values of C (0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000), grid search arrives at:



Model 2: Image data



"Sanguine Brushstroke", art by Wayne Wu

Cross-validation

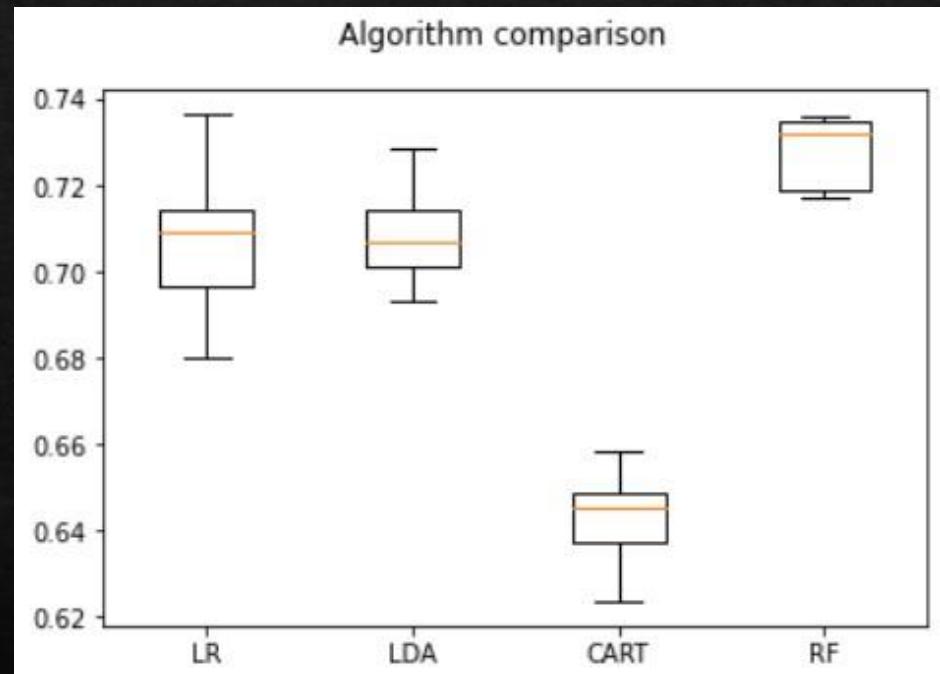
Classification methods compared:

Logistic Regression

Linear Discriminant Analysis

Decision Tree Classifier

Random Forest Classifier >> *best performance/speed*

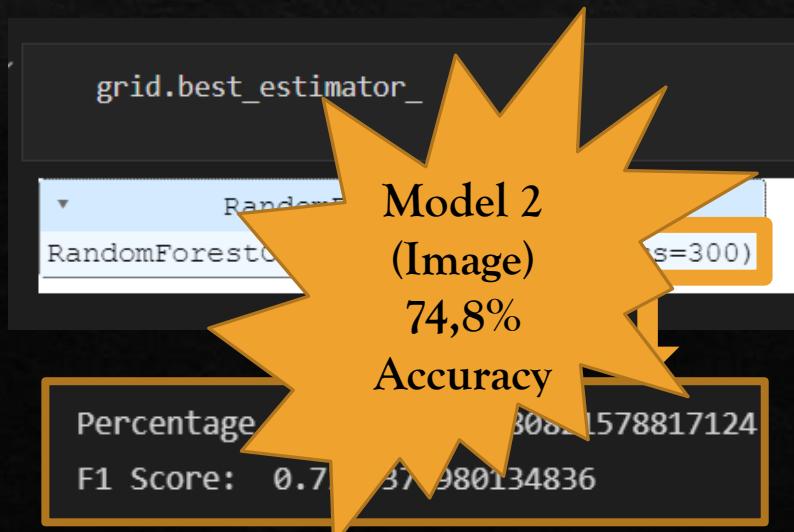


Grid-search

n_estimators is the number of trees the model should build before taking the maximum voting or averages of predictions:

A higher number will increase model performance, but will require more computational and time resources.

After testing values of n_estimators (100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600), grid search arrives at:

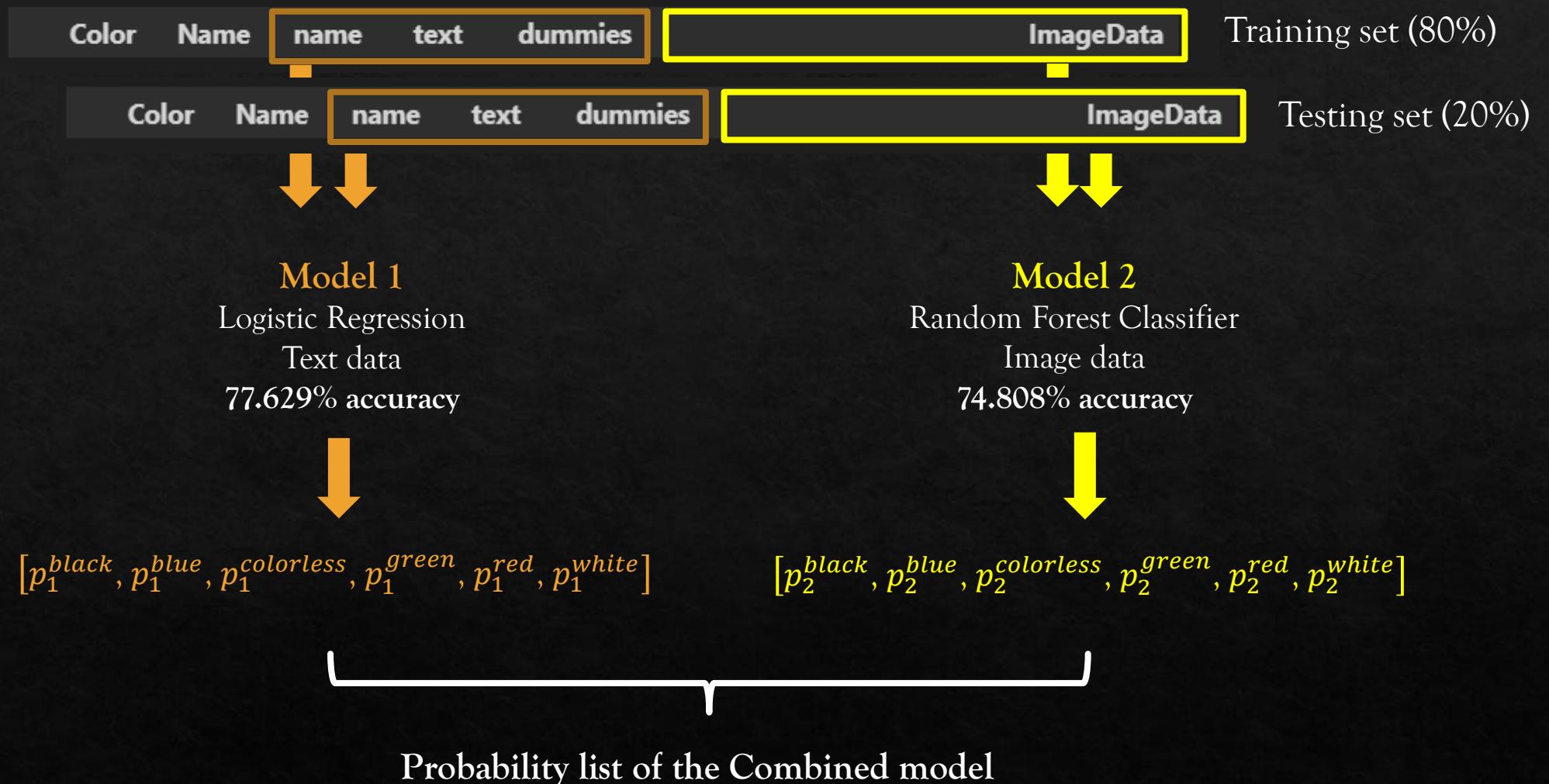


Combined Model: Soft voting system



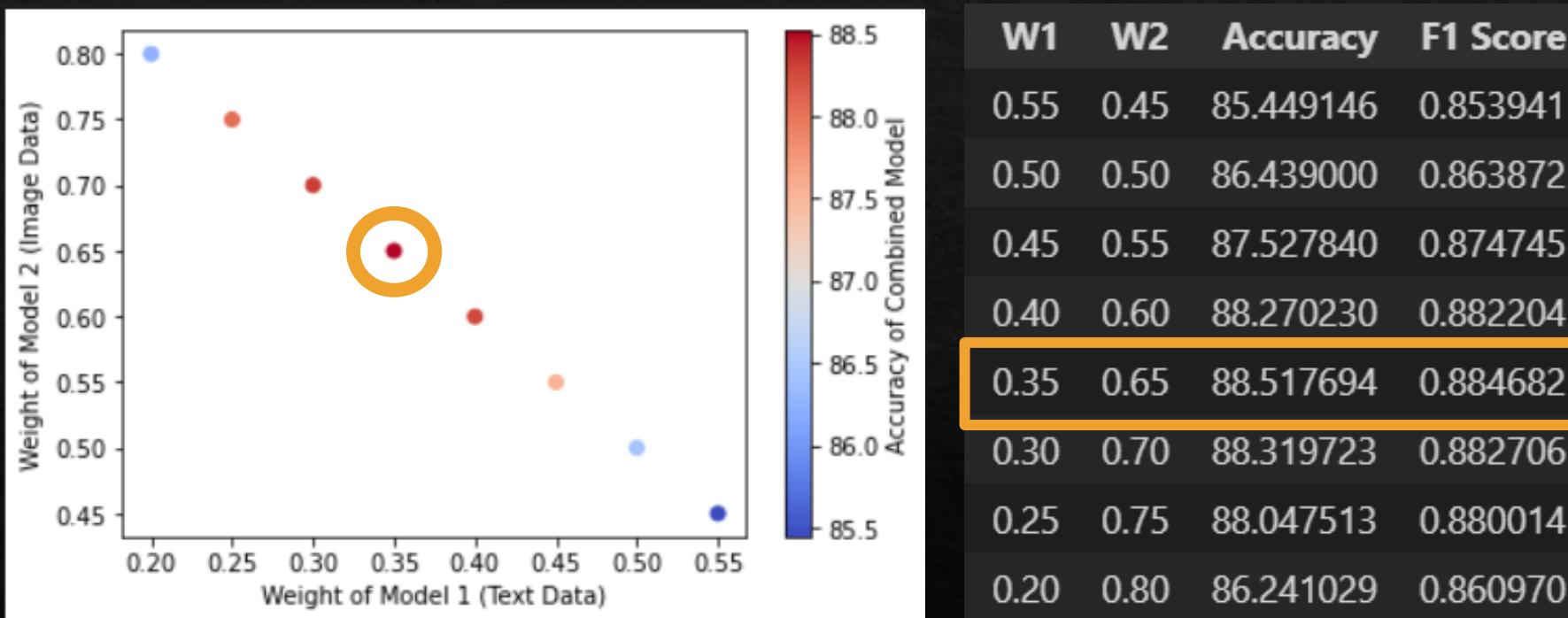
"Illusion of Choice"
art by John Severin Brassell

Soft voting system



$$[p_1^{black}w_1 + p_2^{black}w_2, p_1^{blue}w_1 + p_2^{blue}w_2, p_1^{colorless}w_1 + p_2^{colorless}w_2, p_1^{green}w_1 + p_2^{green}w_2, p_1^{red}w_1 + p_2^{red}w_2, p_1^{white}w_1 + p_2^{white}w_2]$$

Choosing the best weight for each model (W1, W2)



What is a Confusion Matrix?

Visualizes and summarizes the performance of a classification algorithm.

Example: Is it an image of a Magikarp?

True Negative



Is NOT a Magikarp

False Positive



IS a Magikarp

False Negative



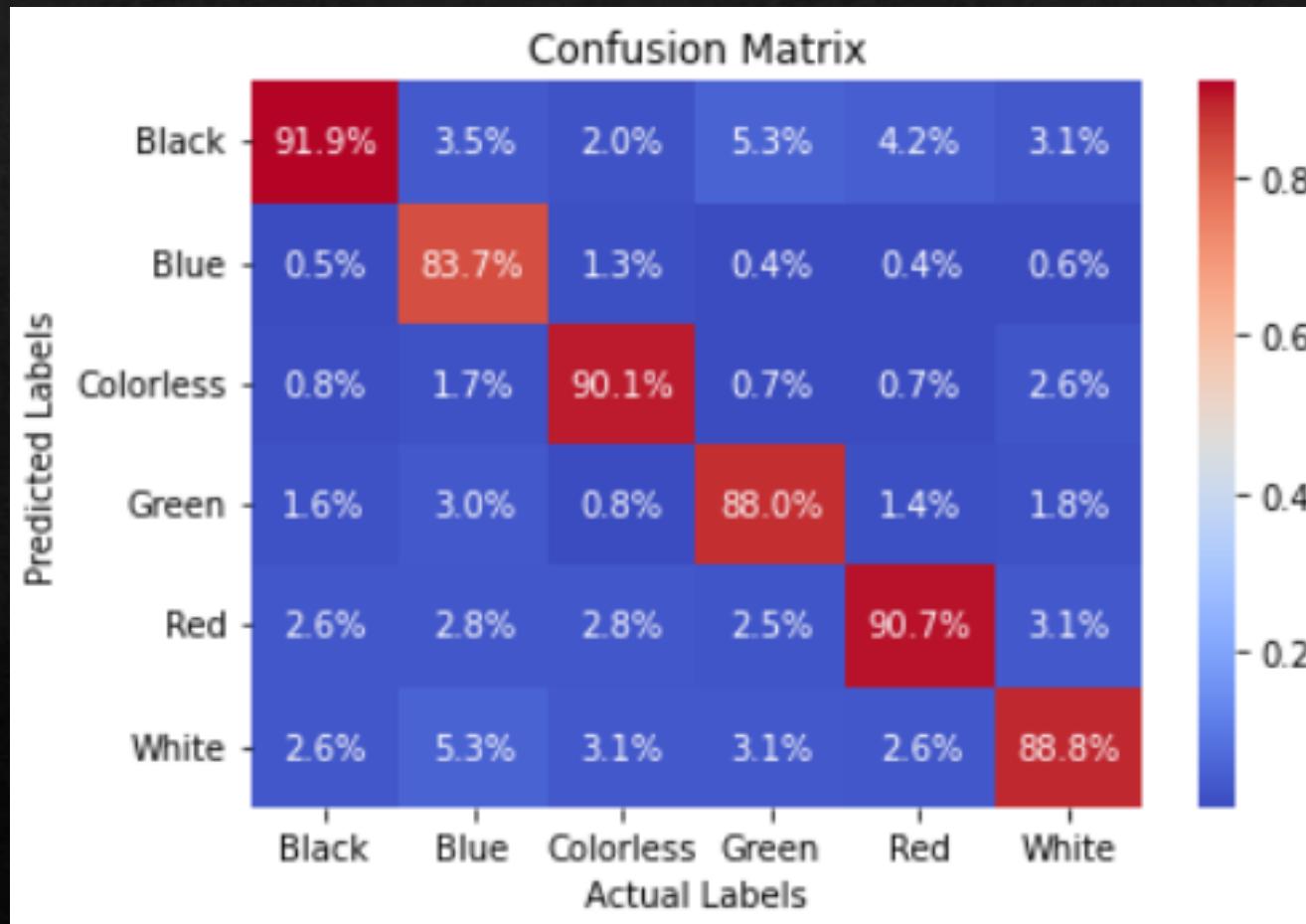
Is NOT a Magikarp

True Positive

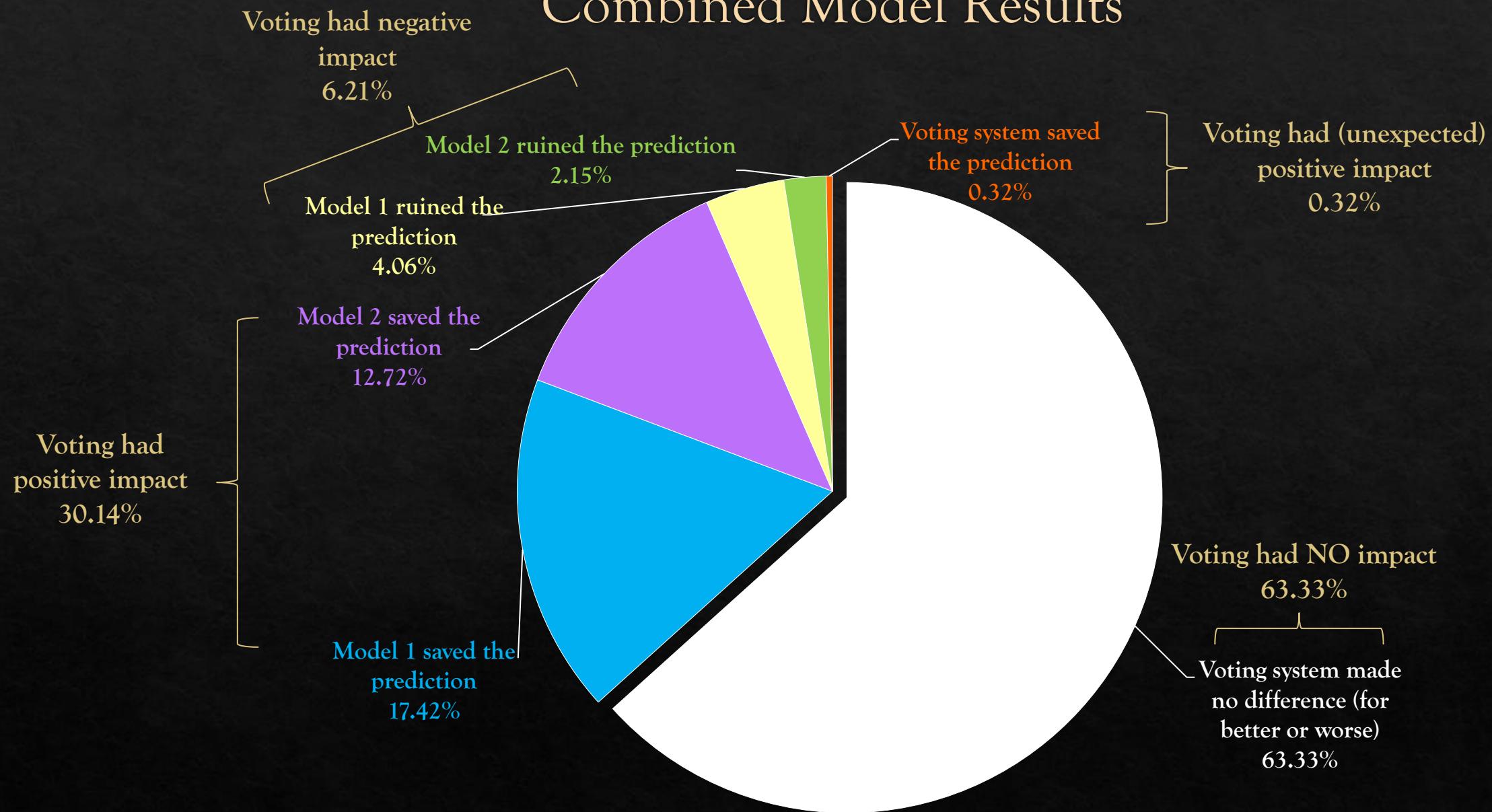


IS a Magikarp

Confusion Matrix of Combined Model



Combined Model Results



Example: all models agree on correct prediction



Model 1 (Text)

0.006% Black
0.939% Blue
0.0% Colorless
0.002% Green
0.024% Red
0.029% White

Model 2 (Image)

0.051% Black
0.726% Blue
0.053% Colorless
0.077% Green
0.036% Red
0.057% White

Combined Model

0.035% Black
0.801% Blue
0.035% Colorless
0.05% Green
0.032% Red
0.047% White

Correct Answer



Example: all models guessed incorrectly



Model 1 (Text)

0.123% Black
0.001% Blue
0.861% Colorless
0.003% Green
0.0% Red
0.012% White

Model 2 (Image)

0.157% Black
0.133% Blue
0.063% Colorless
0.55% Green
0.043% Red
0.053% White

Combined Model

0.145% Black
0.087% Blue
0.343% Colorless
0.359% Green
0.028% Red
0.039% White

Correct Answer



Example: model 1 saves the prediction



Model 1 (Text)

0.006% Black
0.036% Blue
0.006% Colorless
0.939% Green
0.006% Red
0.006% White

Model 2 (Image)

0.123% Black
0.343% Blue
0.087% Colorless
0.337% Green
0.02% Red
0.09% White

Combined Model

0.082% Black
0.236% Blue
0.058% Colorless
0.548% Green
0.015% Red
0.061% White

Correct Answer



Example: model 2 saves the prediction



Model 1 (Text)

0.058% Black
0.045% Blue
0.001% Colorless
0.532% Green
0.311% Red
0.053% White

Model 2 (Image)

0.18% Black
0.13% Blue
0.063% Colorless
0.153% Green
0.37% Red
0.103% White

Combined Model

0.137% Black
0.1% Blue
0.041% Colorless
0.286% Green
0.349% Red
0.086% White

Correct Answer



Example: model 1 jeopardizes the prediction



Model 1 (Text)

0.005% Black
0.963% Blue
0.001% Colorless
0.0% Green
0.001% Red
0.03% White

Model 2 (Image)

0.077% Black
0.083% Blue
0.19% Colorless
0.072% Green
0.165% Red
0.413% White

Combined Model

0.052% Black
0.391% Blue
0.124% Colorless
0.047% Green
0.107% Red
0.279% White

Correct Answer



Example: model 2 jeopardizes the prediction



Model 1 (Text)

0.116% Black
0.142% Blue
0.536% Colorless
0.064% Green
0.07% Red
0.072% White

Model 2 (Image)

0.11% Black
0.57% Blue
0.073% Colorless
0.117% Green
0.043% Red
0.087% White

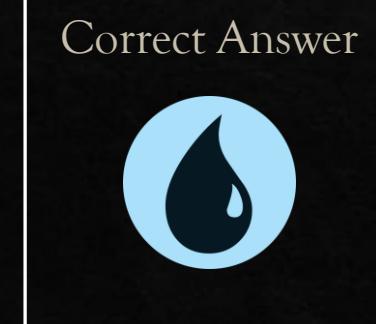
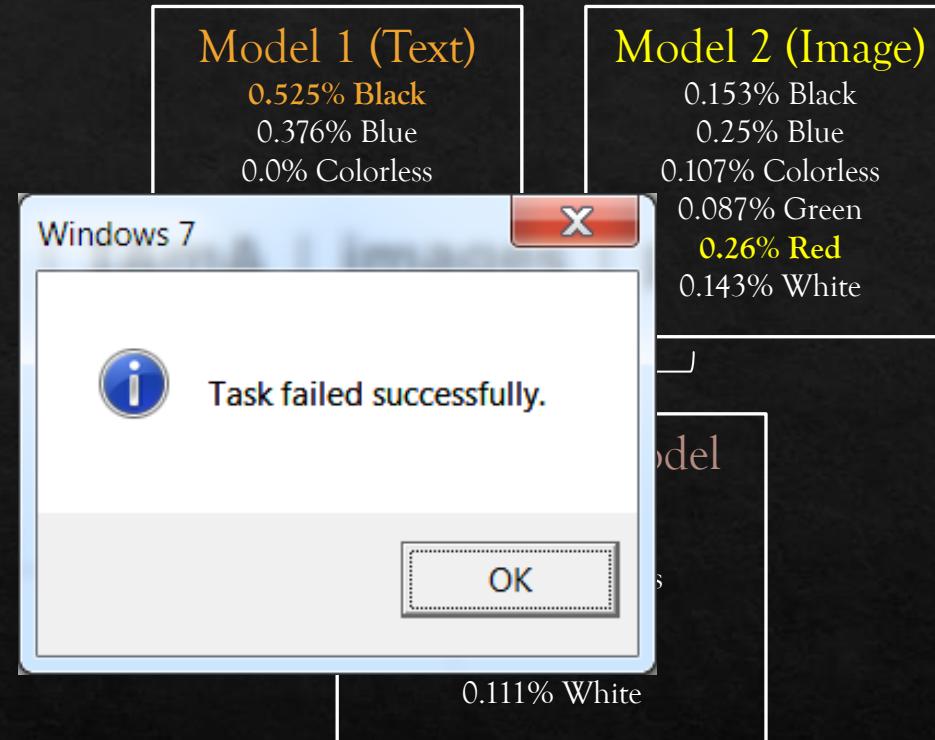
Combined Model

0.112% Black
0.42% Blue
0.235% Colorless
0.098% Green
0.053% Red
0.081% White

Correct Answer



Example: model 1 and 2 are wrong, but combined model makes correct prediction



Q&A



Real footage of our cat helping us organize the card collection (totally not a reversed video!)

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