News Group Classification Report

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## 1. Overview

In this project, we aim to build a text classification model that can automatically categorize news articles into their respective topics. This involves applying Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques and training a machine learning model on labeled news data.

## 2. Dataset Overview

Our dataset consists of news articles with the following columns:

* **category**: The target label indicating the topic of the article (e.g., sports, tech, politics).
* **filename**: The file name or path associated with each article.
* **content**: The full text of the news article, which will serve as our main input for training the classification model.

We will use the content column as the input feature for NLP processing, and the category column as the target for model training.

## 3. Preprocessing

To ensure the text data is clean and consistent for training, we apply the following preprocessing steps:

a) Expand Contractions

* Convert common contractions into their full forms to maintain consistency.
* Examples:
* "don't" → "do not"
* "it's" → "it is"

### b) Lowercase the Text

* Normalize all text to lowercase to reduce the vocabulary size and avoid case-sensitive duplicates.

### c) Remove Metadata

* Strip away unnecessary elements like headers, footers, or email signatures that do not contribute meaningful information.

### d) Remove Numbers and Punctuation

* These elements are often noise in classification tasks and do not contribute to meaning.

### e) Remove Extra Whitespace

* Clean up tabs, multiple spaces, and newline characters to ensure uniform formatting.