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# Multi-Class Text Classification Model Comparison and Selection

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When working on a <u>supervised machine learning</u> problem with a given data set, we try different algorithms and techniques to search for models to produce general hypotheses, which then make the most accurate predictions possible about future instances. The same principles apply to text (or document) classification where there are many models can be used to train a text classifier. <u>The answer to the question "What machine learning model should I use?" is always "It depends." Even the most experienced data scientists can't tell which algorithm will perform best before experimenting them.</u>

This is what we are going to do today: use everything that we have presented about text classification in the previous articles (and more) and comparing between the text classification models we trained in order to choose the most accurate one for our problem.

### The Data

We are using a relatively large data set of Stack Overflow questions and tags. The data is available in <u>Google BigQuery</u>, it is also publicly

available at this Cloud Storage URL:

https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow-workshop-examples/stack-overflow-data.csv.

### **Exploring the Data**

```
1
    import logging
 2
    import pandas as pd
3
    import numpy as np
4
    from numpy import random
5
    import gensim
    import nltk
6
    from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
    from sklearn.feature extraction.text import CountVecto
    from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_
9
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
10
11
    from nltk.corpus import stopwords
12
    import re
13
    from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
```

explore

	post	tags
0	what is causing this behavior in our c# datet	c#
1	have dynamic html load as if it was in an ifra	asp.net
2	how to convert a float value in to min:sec i	objective-c
3	.net framework 4 redistributable just wonderi	.net
4	trying to calculate and print the mean and its	python
5	how to give alias name for my website i have	asp.net
6	window.open() returns null in angularjs it wo	angularjs
7	identifying server timeout quickly in iphone $\dots$	iphone
8	unknown method key error in rails 2.3.8 unit	ruby-on-rails
9	from the include how to show and hide the con	angularjs

Figure 1

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We have over 10 million words in the data.

```
my_tags = ['java','html','asp.net','c#','ruby-on-
rails','jquery','mysql','php','ios','javascript','python','c
','css','android','iphone','sql','objective-
```

```
c','c++','angularjs','.net']
plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
df.tags.value_counts().plot(kind='bar');
```

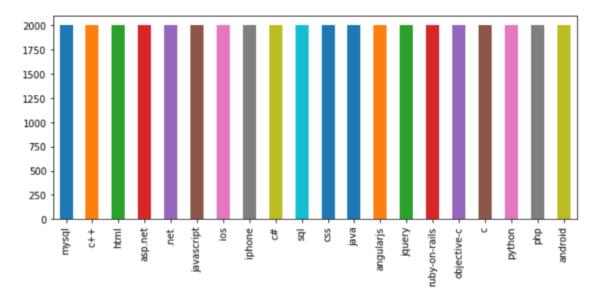


Figure 2

The classes are very well balanced.

We want to have a look a few post and tag pairs.

```
def print_plot(index):
    example = df[df.index == index][['post',
'tags']].values[0]
    if len(example) > 0:
        print(example[0])
        print('Tag:', example[1])
print_plot(10)
```

when we need interface c# <blockquote> <strong>possible duplicate:</strong><br/>
<a href= https://stackoverflow.com/questions/240152/why-would-i-want-to-use-interfaces >why would i want to use interfaces </a> <a href= https://stackoverflow.com/questions/9451868/why-i-need-interface >why i need interface </a> </blockquote> i want to know where and when to use it for example /pre>
/pre>
/code>interface idemo { // function prototype public void show(); } // first class using the interface class myclass1 : idemo { public void show() { // function body comes here response.write( i m in myclass); } } // second class using the interface class myclass2 : idemo { public void show() { // function body comes here response.write( i m in myclass2 ); response.write( so what ); } /code> these two classes has the same function name with different body. this can be even achieved without interface. then why we need an interface where and when to use it
Tag: c#

Figure 3

```
print_plot(30)
```

Figure 4

As you can see, the texts need to be cleaned up.

### **Text Pre-processing**

The text cleaning techniques we have seen so far work very well in practice. Depending on the kind of texts you may encounter, it may be relevant to include more complex text cleaning steps. But keep in mind that the more steps we add, the longer the text cleaning will take.

For this particular data set, our text cleaning step includes HTML decoding, remove stop words, change text to lower case, remove punctuation, remove bad characters, and so on.

```
REPLACE_BY_SPACE_RE = re.compile('[/(){}\[\]\[@,;]')
     BAD_SYMBOLS_RE = re.compile('[^0-9a-z #+_]')
 2
 3
     STOPWORDS = set(stopwords.words('english'))
 4
 5
     def clean_text(text):
         .....
 6
             text: a string
 8
             return: modified initial string
10
11
         text = BeautifulSoup(text, "lxml").text # HTML dec
12
         text = text.lower() # lowercase text
         text = REPLACE_BY_SPACE_RE.sub(' ', text) # replace
13
```

clean text

Now we can have a look a cleaned post:

need interface c# possible duplicate would want use interfaces need interface want know use example interface idemo function prototype public void show first class using interface class myclass1 idemo public void show function body comes responsewrite my class second class using interface class myclass2 idemo public void show function body comes responsewrite myclass2 responsewrite two classes function name different body even achieved without interface need interface use

Tag: c#

Figure 5

Way better!

```
df['post'].apply(lambda x: len(x.split(' '))).sum()
```

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After text cleaning and removing stop words, we have only over 3 million words to work with!

After splitting the data set, the next steps includes feature engineering. We will convert our text documents to a matrix of token counts (CountVectorizer), then transform a count matrix to a normalized tf-idf representation (tf-idf transformer). After that, we train several classifiers from Scikit-Learn library.

```
X = df.post
y = df.tags
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y,
test_size=0.3, random_state = 42)
```

# Naive Bayes Classifier for Multinomial Models

After we have our features, we can train a classifier to try to predict the tag of a post. We will start with a <a href="Naive Bayes">Naive Bayes</a> classifier, which provides a nice baseline for this task. <a href="Scikit-learn">Scikit-learn</a> includes several variants of this classifier; the one most suitable for text is the multinomial variant.

To make the vectorizer => transformer => classifier easier to work with, we will use Pipeline class in Scilkit-Learn that behaves like a compound classifier.

```
from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
 2
    from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
     from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfTrans
 3
 4
     nb = Pipeline([('vect', CountVectorizer()),
 5
                    ('tfidf', TfidfTransformer()),
 6
 7
                    ('clf', MultinomialNB()),
8
                   ])
9
    nb.fit(X_train, y_train)
10
11
    %%time
```

nb

accuracy 0.7395					
	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
java	0.63	0.65	0.64	613	
html	0.94	0.86	0.90	620	
asp.net	0.87	0.92	0.90	587	
c#	0.70	0.77	0.73	586	
ruby-on-rails	0.73	0.87	0.79	599	
jquery	0.72	0.51	0.60	589	
mysql	0.77	0.74	0.75	594	
php	0.69	0.89	0.78	610	
ios	0.63	0.59	0.61	617	
javascript	0.57	0.65	0.61	587	
python	0.70	0.50	0.59	611	
С	0.79	0.79	0.79	594	
css	0.84	0.59	0.69	619	
android	0.66	0.84	0.74	574	
iphone	0.64	0.83	0.72	584	
sql	0.66	0.64	0.65	578	
objective-c	0.79	0.77	0.78	591	
C++	0.89	0.83	0.86	608	
angularjs	0.94	0.89	0.91	638	
.net	0.74	0.66	0.70	601	
avg / total	0.75	0.74	0.74	12000	
Wall time: 955	ms				

Figure 6

We achieved 74% accuracy.

# **Linear Support Vector Machine**

<u>Linear Support Vector Machine</u> is widely regarded as one of the best text classification algorithms.

svm

accuracy 0.78916	6666666666	7		
	orecision	recall	f1-score	support
java	0.74	0.68	0.71	613
html	0.85	0.93	0.89	620
asp.net	0.87	0.95	0.91	587
c#	0.81	0.80	0.80	586
ruby-on-rails	0.74	0.88	0.80	599
jquery	0.77	0.41	0.53	589
mysql	0.82	0.68	0.74	594
php	0.70	0.95	0.81	610
ios	0.82	0.56	0.66	617
javascript	0.72	0.59	0.65	587
python	0.71	0.65	0.68	611
С	0.81	0.87	0.84	594
css	0.77	0.79	0.78	619
android	0.83	0.86	0.85	574
iphone	0.81	0.80	0.81	584
sql	0.71	0.68	0.69	578
objective-c	0.81	0.90	0.85	591
c++	0.84	0.96	0.89	608
angularjs	0.87	0.95	0.91	638
.net	0.77	0.89	0.83	601
avg / total	0.79	0.79	0.78	12000
Wall time: 1.26	s			

Figure 7

We achieve a higher accuracy score of 79% which is 5% improvement over Naive Bayes.

## **Logistic Regression**

Logistic regression is a simple and easy to understand classification algorithm, and Logistic regression can be easily generalized to multiple classes.

logreg

accuracy 0.783					
•	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
java	0.70	0.62	0.66	613	
html	0.91	0.91	0.91	620	
asp.net	0.97	0.94	0.95	587	
c#	0.78	0.77	0.78	586	
ruby-on-rails	0.77	0.81	0.79	599	
jquery	0.59	0.58	0.58	589	
mysql	0.77	0.76	0.76	594	
php	0.82	0.86	0.84	610	
ios	0.70	0.72	0.71	617	
javascript	0.61	0.59	0.60	587	
python	0.64	0.63	0.64	611	
С	0.83	0.83	0.83	594	
css	0.78	0.78	0.78	619	
android	0.85	0.85	0.85	574	
iphone	0.80	0.83	0.81	584	
sql	0.65	0.65	0.65	578	
objective-c	0.82	0.84	0.83	591	
C++	0.91	0.91	0.91	608	
angularjs	0.96	0.94	0.95	638	
.net	0.78	0.83	0.80	601	
avg / total	0.78	0.78	0.78	12000	
Wall time: 981	ms				

Figure 8

We achieve an accuracy score of 78% which is 4% higher than Naive Bayes and 1% lower than SVM.

As you can see, following some very basic steps and using a simple linear model, we were able to reach as high as an 79% accuracy on this multi-class text classification data set.

Using the same data set, we are going to try some advanced techniques such as word embedding and neural networks.

Now, let's try some complex features than just simply counting words.

### **Word2vec and Logistic Regression**

<u>Word2vec</u>, like <u>doc2vec</u>, belongs to the text preprocessing phase. Specifically, to the part that transforms a text into a row of numbers. Word2vec is a type of mapping that allows words with similar meaning to have similar vector representation.

The idea behind Word2vec is rather simple: we want to use the surrounding words to represent the target words with a Neural Network whose hidden layer encodes the word representation.

First we load a word2vec model. It has been pre-trained by Google on a 100 billion word Google News corpus.

```
from gensim.models import Word2Vec

wv =
  gensim.models.KeyedVectors.load_word2vec_format("GoogleNews-
  vectors-negative300.bin.gz", binary=True)
  wv.init_sims(replace=True)
```

We may want to explore some vocabularies.

```
from itertools import islice
list(islice(wv.vocab, 13030, 13050))
```

```
['Memorial_Hospital',
 'Seniors',
 'memorandum',
 'elephant',
 'Trump',
 'Census',
 'pilgrims',
 'De',
 'Dogs',
 '###-###_ext',
 'chaotic',
 'forgive',
 'scholar',
 'Lottery',
 'decreasing',
 'Supervisor',
 'fundamentally',
 'Fitness',
 'abundance',
 'Hold']
```

Figure 9

BOW based approaches that includes averaging, summation, weighted addition. The common way is to average the two word vectors. Therefore, we will follow the most common way.

```
1
     def word_averaging(wv, words):
 2
         all_words, mean = set(), []
 3
 4
         for word in words:
 5
             if isinstance(word, np.ndarray):
 6
                 mean.append(word)
             elif word in wv.vocab:
                 mean.append(wv.syn0norm[wv.vocab[word].ind
 8
 0
                 all_words.add(wv.vocab[word].index)
10
11
         if not mean:
             logging.warning("cannot compute similarity wit
12
13
             # FIXME: remove these examples in pre-processi
14
             return nn_zeros(wv_vector size.)
                         word averaging
```

We will tokenize the text and apply the tokenization to "post" column, and apply word vector averaging to tokenized text.

```
def w2v_tokenize_text(text):
 1
 2
         tokens = []
 3
         for sent in nltk.sent_tokenize(text, language='eng
             for word in nltk.word_tokenize(sent, language=
 5
                 if len(word) < 2:
                     continue
 6
                 tokens.append(word)
         return tokens
 8
 9
10
    train, test = train_test_split(df, test_size=0.3, rand
11
```

w2v\_tokenize\_text

Its time to see how logistic regression classifiers performs on these word-averaging document features.

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
logreg = LogisticRegression(n_jobs=1, C=1e5)
```

```
logreg = logreg.fit(X_train_word_average, train['tags'])
y_pred = logreg.predict(X_test_word_average)
print('accuracy %s' % accuracy_score(y_pred, test.tags))
print(classification_report(test.tags,
y_pred,target_names=my_tags))
```

accuracy 0.637	91666666666	7		
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
4	0.63	0.50	0.61	612
java	0.63	0.59	0.61	613
html	0.73	0.76	0.75	620
asp.net	0.65	0.67	0.66	587
c#	0.53	0.52	0.52	586
ruby-on-rails	0.70	0.77	0.73	599
jquery	0.44	0.39	0.41	589
mysql	0.65	0.61	0.63	594
php	0.73	0.80	0.76	610
ios	0.60	0.61	0.61	617
javascript	0.56	0.52	0.54	587
python	0.55	0.50	0.52	611
С	0.61	0.61	0.61	594
css	0.65	0.65	0.65	619
android	0.60	0.57	0.59	574
iphone	0.70	0.71	0.71	584
sql	0.42	0.42	0.42	578
objective-c	0.68	0.71	0.70	591
c++	0.76	0.78	0.77	608
angularjs	0.82	0.83	0.82	638
.net	0.66	0.71	0.68	601
avg / total	0.63	0.64	0.64	12000

Figure 10

It was disappointing, worst we have seen so far.

## **Doc2vec and Logistic Regression**

The same idea of <u>word2vec</u> can be extended to documents where instead of learning feature representations for words, we learn it for sentences or documents. To get a general idea of a <u>word2vec</u>, think of it as a mathematical average of the word vector representations of all the words in the document. <u>Doc2Vec</u> extends the idea of <u>word2vec</u>, however words can only capture so much, there are times when we need relationships between documents and not just words.

The way to train doc2vec model for our Stack Overflow questions and tags data is very similar with when we train <a href="Multi-Class Text">Multi-Class Text</a> Classification with Doc2vec and Logistic Regression.

First, we label the sentences. <u>Gensim's Doc2Vec</u> implementation requires each document/paragraph to have a label associated with it. and we do this by using the TaggedDocument method. The format will be "TRAIN\_i" or "TEST\_i" where "i" is a dummy index of the post.

```
from tqdm import tqdm
    tqdm.pandas(desc="progress-bar")
 2
     from gensim.models import Doc2Vec
     from sklearn import utils
     import gensim
     from gensim.models.doc2vec import TaggedDocument
 6
 7
     import re
 8
0
     def label_sentences(corpus, label_type):
         .....
10
         Gensim's Doc2Vec implementation requires each docu
11
12
        We do this by using the TaggedDocument method. The
13
         a dummy index of the post.
         .....
14
         labeled = []
15
         for i w in anymorate/cornue).
```

label\_sentences

According to <u>Gensim doc2vec tutorial</u>, its doc2vec class was trained on the entire data, and we will do the same. Let's have a look what the tagged document looks like:

```
all_data[:2]
```

```
[TaggedDocument(words=['fulltext', 'search', 'php', 'pdo', 'returning', 'result', 'searched', 'lot', 'matter', 'find', 'wrong', 'setup', 'trying', 'fulltext', 'search', 'using', 'pdo', 'php', 'get', 'results', 'error', 'messages', 'table', 'contains', 'cu stomer', 'datails', 'idd', 'int', '11', 'auto_increment', 'name', 'varchar', '150', 'lastname', 'varchar', '150', 'company', 'varchar', '250', 'adress', 'varchar', '150', 'postcode', 'int', '5', 'city', 'varchar', '150', 'email', 'varchar', '250', 'phon e', 'varchar', '250', 'repon', 'varchar', '150', 'timestamp', 'timestamp', 'current_timestamp', 'run', 'sqlquery', alter', table', 'system_customer', 'add', 'fulltext', 'name', 'lastname', 'coumns', 'id', 'portode', 'timestamp', 'signs', 'tro uble', 'far', 'idea', 'problem', 'lis', 'db', 'configuration', 'php', 'code', 'goes', 'php', 'sth', 'dhbprepare', 'select', 'n ame', 'lastname', 'company', 'adress', 'city', 'phone', 'email', 'orgnr', 'search', 'bolean', 'match', 'placcholders', 'stbhindparam', 'search', 'data', 'stbrexeute', 'rows', 'echo', 'email', 'orgnr', 'search', 'bolean', 'mode', 'bind', 'placcholders', 'stbhindparam', 'search', 'data', 'stbrexeute', 'rows', 'stom', 'company', 'dd', 'echo', 'td', 'row', 'name', 'td', 'echo', 'td', 'row', 'name', 'td', 'echo', 'td', 'row', 'name', 'td', 'echo', 'td', 'row', 'lastname', 'td', 'stom', 'mode', 'tmestamp', 'td', 'echo', 'td', 'row', 'name', 'td', 'tow', 'name', 'td', 'tow', 'name', 'td', 'tow', 'name', 'td', 'tow', 'tab', 'tostcompany', 'somename', 'bolean', 'mode', 'talso', 'read', 'word', 'found', '50', 'rows', 'case', 'wses', 'specific', 'words', 'table', 'wses', 'myisam', 'engine', 'get', 'results', 'error', 'messages', 'please', 'help', 'point', 'wrong', 'thank'l, tagse' 'Traine']), 'Taggedoocument(wordse['select', 'everything', 'lase', 'tostcompany', 'somename', 'bolean', 'mode', 'table', 'wses', 'myisam', 'engine', 'get', 'results', 'error', 'messages', 'please', 'help', 'point', 'wrong', 'thank'l, tagse' 'Traine']), 'Taggedoocument(wordse['select
```

Figure 11

When training the doc2vec, we will vary the following parameters:

- dm=0 , distributed bag of words (DBOW) is used.
- vector\_size=300 , 300 vector dimensional feature vectors.
- negative=5, specifies how many "noise words" should be drawn.

- min\_count=1 , ignores all words with total frequency lower than this.
- alpha=0.065 , the initial learning rate.

We initialize the model and train for 30 epochs.

```
model_dbow = Doc2Vec(dm=0, vector_size=300, negative=5,
model_dbow.build_vocab([x for x in tqdm(all_data)])

for epoch in range(30):
    model_dbow.train(utils.shuffle([x for x in tqdm(all_dbow.alpha -- 0 002)
    train_doc2vec
```

Next, we get vectors from trained doc2vec model.

```
1
     def get_vectors(model, corpus_size, vectors_size, vect
 2
 3
         Get vectors from trained doc2vec model
 4
         :param doc2vec model: Trained Doc2Vec model
 5
         :param corpus_size: Size of the data
 6
         :param vectors_size: Size of the embedding vectors
         :param vectors_type: Training or Testing vectors
 8
         :return: list of vectors
9
10
         vectors = np.zeros((corpus_size, vectors_size))
         for i in range(0, corpus_size):
11
             prefix = vectors type + ' ' + str(i)
12
                          get_vectors
```

Finally, we get a logistic regression model trained by the doc2vec features.

```
logreg = LogisticRegression(n_jobs=1, C=1e5)
logreg.fit(train_vectors_dbow, y_train)
logreg = logreg.fit(train_vectors_dbow, y_train)
y_pred = logreg.predict(test_vectors_dbow)
print('accuracy %s' % accuracy_score(y_pred, y_test))
print(classification_report(y_test,
y_pred,target_names=my_tags))
```

accuracy 0.8045					
	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
java	0.73	0.68	0.70	589	
html	0.89	0.91	0.90	661	
asp.net	0.93	0.94	0.94	606	
c#	0.80	0.80	0.80	613	
ruby-on-rails	0.83	0.90	0.86	601	
jquery	0.72	0.71	0.72	585	
mysql	0.87	0.81	0.84	621	
php	0.81	0.84	0.82	587	
ios	0.68	0.67	0.67	560	
javascript	0.69	0.63	0.66	611	
python	0.63	0.65	0.64	593	
С	0.81	0.83	0.82	581	
css	0.81	0.77	0.79	608	
android	0.84	0.85	0.84	593	
iphone	0.84	0.82	0.83	592	
sql	0.68	0.65	0.66	597	
objective-c	0.84	0.86	0.85	604	
c++	0.90	0.95	0.92	610	
angularjs	0.93	0.96	0.95	595	
.net	0.81	0.84	0.82	593	
avg / total	0.80	0.80	0.80	12000	

Figure 12

We achieve an accuracy score of 80% which is 1% higher than SVM.

### **BOW** with Keras

Finally, we are going to do a text classification with <u>Keras</u> which is a Python Deep Learning library.

The following code were largely taken from a <u>Google workshop</u>. The process is like this:

- Separate the data into training and test sets.
- Use tokenizer methods to count the unique words in our vocabulary and assign each of those words to indices.
- Calling fit\_on\_texts() automatically creates a word index lookup of our vocabulary.
- We limit our vocabulary to the top words by passing a num\_words param to the tokenizer.
- With our tokenizer, we can now use the texts\_to\_matrix method to create the training data that we'll pass our model.
- We feed a one-hot vector to our model.
- After we transform our features and labels in a format Keras can read, we are ready to build our text classification model.
- When we build our model, all we need to do is tell Keras the shape
  of our input data, output data, and the type of each layer. keras
  will look after the rest.

• When training the model, we'll call the fit() method, pass it our training data and labels, batch size and epochs.

```
import itertools
1
 2
    import os
3
 4
    %matplotlib inline
5
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
6
    import numpy as np
7
    import pandas as pd
8
    import tensorflow as tf
0
10
    from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelBinarizer, Labe
11
    from sklearn.metrics import confusion matrix
12
13
    from tensorflow import keras
14
    from keras.models import Sequential
15
    from keras.layers import Dense, Activation, Dropout
16
    from keras.preprocessing import text, sequence
17
    from keras import utils
18
19
    train size = int(len(df) * .7)
    train_posts = df['post'][:train_size]
20
21
    train_tags = df['tags'][:train_size]
22
23
    test_posts = df['post'][train_size:]
24
    test_tags = df['tags'][train_size:]
25
26
    max\_words = 1000
27
    tokenize = text.Tokenizer(num_words=max_words, char_le
28
    tokenize.fit_on_texts(train_posts) # only fit on train
29
30
    x_train = tokenize.texts_to_matrix(train_posts)
31
    x_test = tokenize.texts_to_matrix(test_posts)
32
33
    encoder = LabelEncoder()
34
    encoder.fit(train_tags)
    y_train = encoder.transform(train_tags)
35
36
    y_test = encoder.transform(test_tags)
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38
    num_classes = np.max(y_train) + 1
    y_train = utils.to_categorical(y_train, num_classes)
39
```

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Figure 13

The accuracy is:

```
12000/12000 [===========] - 1s 76us/step Test accuracy: 0.795583333333333
```

Figure 14

So, which model is the best for this particular data set? I will leave it to you to decide.

Jupyter notebook can be found on Github. Have a productive day!

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