

## ***“How do you feel today ?”***

GoEmotions : text-based emotion detection



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# MOTIVATION

## CONTEXT

- One of the many applications of **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**
- Text-based emotion detection is generally limited to a **small number of emotions** (6 to 12)
- **Difficulty of interpretation** due to subjectivity (sarcasm, irony...)

## FIELDS OF APPLICATION

- **Social media analysis** in different areas (*product/brand reviews, hate speech, etc.*)
- **Mental health** (*emotional distress, suicidal thoughts, etc.*)
- **Personalized customer services**
- **Empathetic chatbots**



## AMBITION

- Building a **text classification model** that detects **one or multiple emotions** on a **large spectrum of emotions**

## APPROACH

- **Data selection and exploration**
- **Data cleansing**
- **Building classification models**
- **Evaluation and performance analysis**



# GOEMOTIONS DATASET

## INTRODUCTION

Built by a **Google Research** team (subject of a research paper)

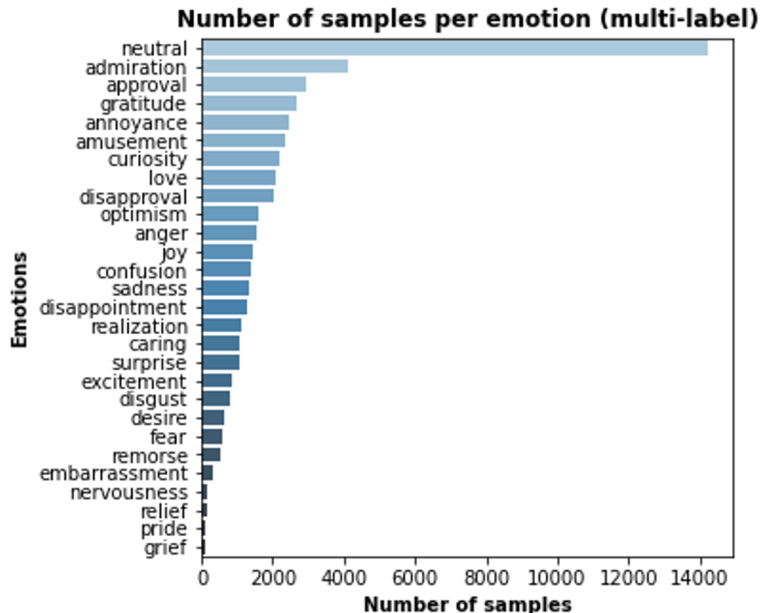
Gathers more than **58K Reddit comments (English)**

**Largest manually labeled** dataset

## CHALLENGES

**Class imbalance:** ~30% of “neutral” samples

**Multi-label:** Up to 5 emotions for a single comment





# EMOTIONS WHEEL

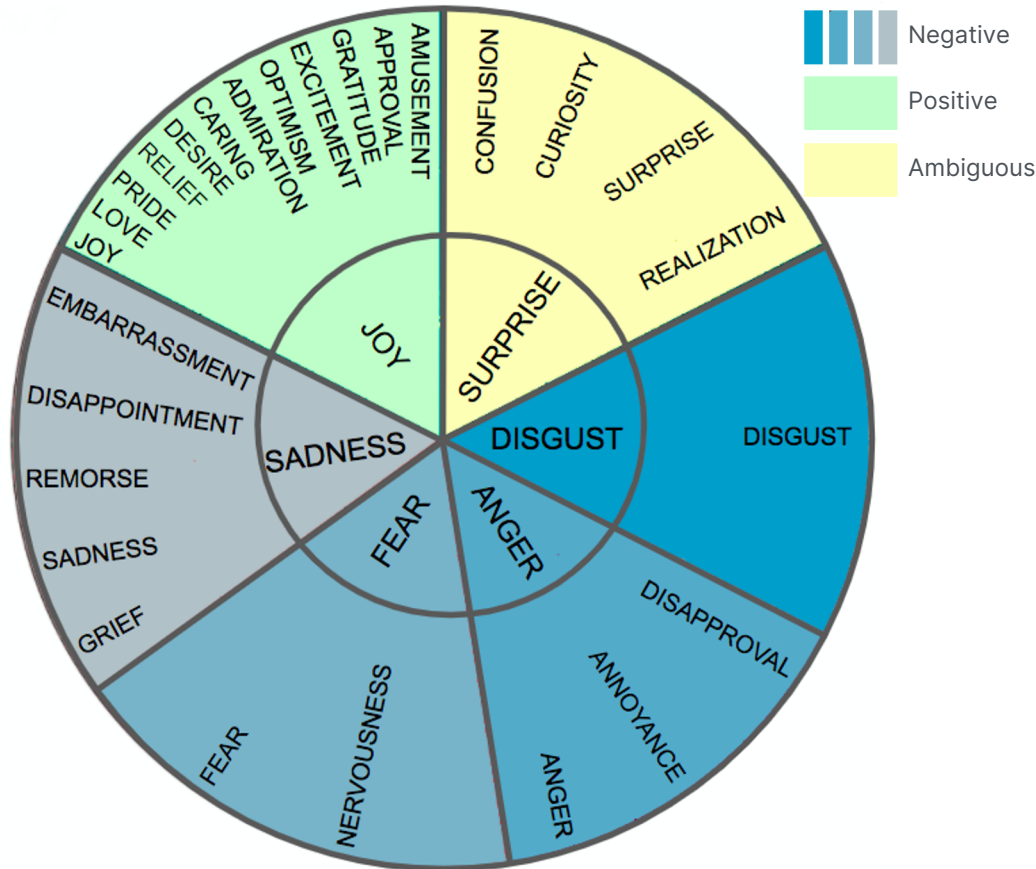
## 2 TAXONOMIES

**GoEmotions** (27 emotions) + "neutral"

**Ekman** (6 emotions) + "neutral"

## SCOPE OF STUDY

**Emotions analysis** (vs Sentiment analysis)  
(Focus on GoEmotions taxonomy)







**STEP 1**

**spaCy**

**DATA CLEANING**



# DATA CLEANSING

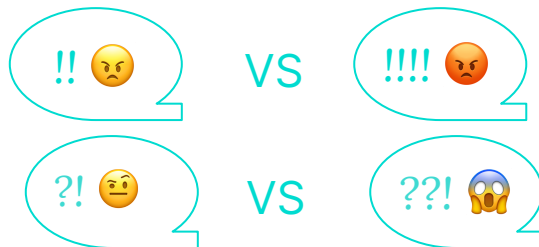
## EMOJIS

“demojize”



## SPECIAL CHARACTERS / NUMERICAL

(#, @, ... except “?” and “!”)

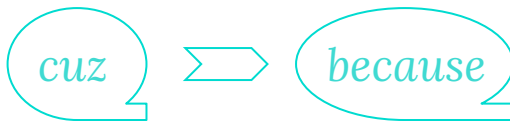


## CONTRACTIONS

Separate contractions



## ACRONYMS







## STEP 2



## MODELING & EVALUATION

*1<sup>st</sup> Model*

**Dummy model**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Model*

**Baseline model**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Model*

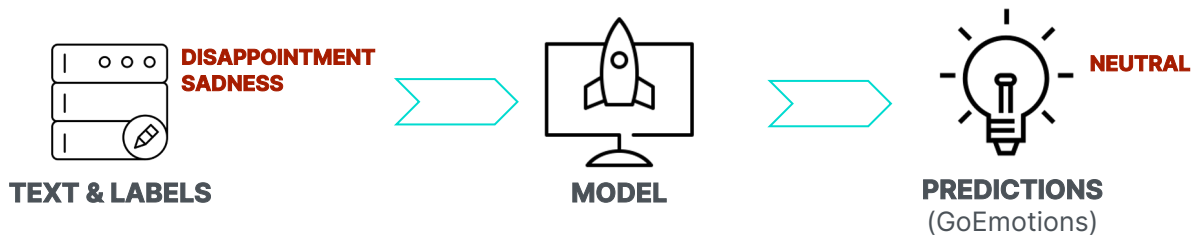
**BERT**



# MODELING - Dummy & Baseline models

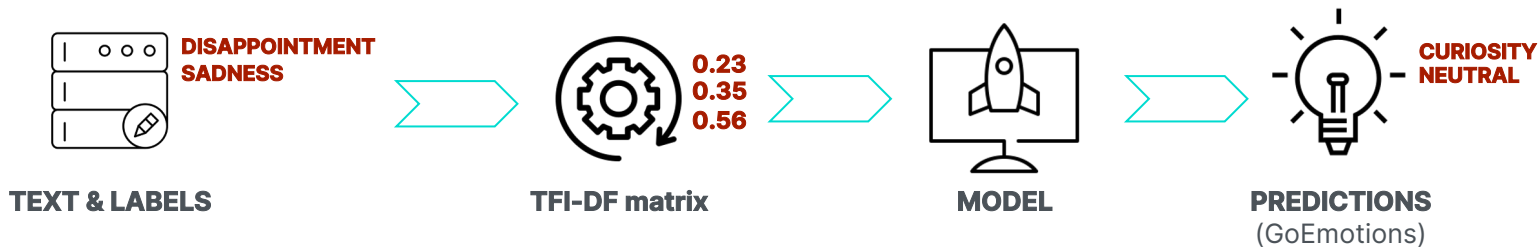
**Comment sample :** *"No one cares my guy"*

**DUMMY MODEL** - Always predicts "neutral"



**SCORE\***  
**2%**

**BASLINE MODEL** - Machine Learning (Ridge Classification)



**SCORE\***  
**24%**

*\*on test data*



# MODELING - BERT *(General information)*

## PRESENTATION

**BERT** *(Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers)*

**Deep Learning** model developed by Google for NLP tasks

**Pre-trained** on data extracted from **BooksCorpus** (800M words) and **English Wikipedia** (2,500M words)

Based on the **attention mechanism** (word contextualization)

## ADVANTAGES

**Very efficient**

Keeps the **meaning of a sentence**

## DISADVANTAGES

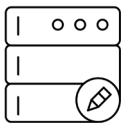
More than **100M trainable parameters**  
(base model)



# MODELING - BERT *(Experiments)*

**Comment sample :** "No one cares my guy"

1



**DISAPPOINTMENT  
SADNESS**

**TEXT & LABELS**



**MODEL**



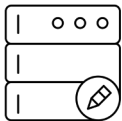
**NEUTRAL**

**PREDICTIONS**  
(GoEmotions)



**SCORE\***  
**45%**

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**DISAPPOINTMENT  
SADNESS**

**TEXT & LABELS**



**MODEL**



**MODEL ENHANCEMENT**  
No prediction → "neutral"



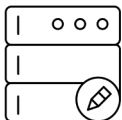
**NEUTRAL**

**PREDICTIONS**  
(GoEmotions -  
Enhanced)



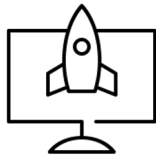
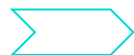
**SCORE\***  
**46%**

3



**DISAPPOINTMENT  
SADNESS**

**TEXT & LABELS**



**MODEL**  
(Enhanced)



**MAPPING PREDICTIONS**  
GoEmotions → Ekman



**NEUTRAL**

**PREDICTIONS**  
(Ekman)



**SCORE\***  
**58%**

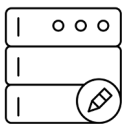
*\*on test data*



# MODELING - BERT (*Garbage in ... Garbage out ?*)

## PROBLEM

*"How was the problem resolved??? Having the same issue????"*



NEUTRAL

VS



CONFUSION  
CURIOSITY

TEXT & LABELS

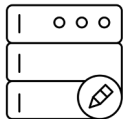
PREDICTIONS

## INTERPRETATION

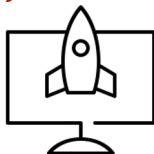
- The **"neutral" class** was used as a **"garbage" class** at the time of labeling
- The "neutral" class **adds noise to our data**

## SOLUTION

**Comment sample :** *"No one cares my guy"*



DISAPPOINTMENT  
SADNESS



MODEL



SADNESS

PREDICTIONS



SCORE\*  
53%

**DELETING NEUTRAL SAMPLES**  
(-30% of samples in the dataset)



# CONCLUSION

## SUBJECTIVITY BIAS

- In the **expression** and **interpretation** of emotions in a text
- In the **labelling**
- In **our evaluation of the detected emotions**

## PERFORMANCES



INITIAL SCORE\*  
**46%**

- **Exceeded our expectations**
- Similar score to Google's research paper
- A large potential for improvement

## THE CHERRY ON TOP



Training on “non-neutral” samples allows to

- **Better distinguish emotions**
- **Detect a “neutral” emotion a posteriori**



SCORE\*  
**53%**



## POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- **Enhance the data cleaning** phase
- **Review training labels** (*False “neutral” samples, mislabeled samples, etc.*)
- Find **more data**, more **diversified** and more **representative of the general population**
- **Try other algorithms** (*GPT-2, RoBERTa, XLNet...*)



## ÉTAPE 3



## DÉMONSTRATION

(Web app: My Annoying Shrink)





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***Thank you !***

