Job Function Recommender

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Problem Definition

Given any Job Title, Recommend suitable Job function(s) for that title.

This happened to be a supervised classification problem since we are provided a dataset that consists of three columns: Job Title, Job Function(s) and Job Industry. The 'title' column represents the input while the 'jobFunction' column represents the outcome.

```
In [54]:
         import numpy as np
          import pandas as pd
          df = pd.read csv('D:\jobs data.csv')
          df.head()
```

Out[54]: **Unnamed:** title jobFunction industry ['Engineering -['Computer Software', Full Stack PHP Developer Telecom/Technology', 'IT/Softw... 'Marketing and Advertisi... CISCO Collaboration ['Installation/Maintenance/Repair', ['Information Technology 1 Specialist Engineer 'IT/Softwa... Services'] Senior Back End-PHP ['Computer Software', ['Engineering -2 2 Telecom/Technology', 'IT/Softw... 'Computer Networking'] Developer ['Creative/Design/Art', ['Computer Software', 3 **UX** Designer 'IT/Software Developme... 'Information Technology ... ['Computer Software', ['Engineering -

Telecom/Technology', 'IT/Softw...

Java Technical Lead

'Information Technology ...

'title' in each row is a single multi-word free text sentance that represents the input, This makes it a **Text Classification** problem.

'jobFunction' in each row is a list of string job functions that the title implies, This makes it a **MultiLabel Classification** problem.

'industry' in each row is a list of strings.

Pre-Processing

First, the **'jobFunction'** column needs to be cleaned and converted to numerical representation of the classes to be later fed into the classification models. There are several options for Categorical label encoding but considering that this is a MultiLabel Text Classification, OneHotEncoding proved to be the most robust and reliable in preserving the class distribution and occurence. MultiLabelBinarizer was used to achieve the desired result.

Since the Categorical Encoding process is a model fitting one, this meant that the dataset needed to be split into training and testing subsets before any further learning/pre-processing can be performed on the data (to keep the authenticity of the test data as unseen)

```
In [55]: import pandas as pd
    from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
    project_path = 'C:\\Users\\Dell\\PycharmProjects\\JobFunctionRecommender\\'
    df = pd.read_csv(project_path + 'dataset\\jobs_data.csv')
    df = df.drop(df.columns[0], axis=1)

    train, test = train_test_split(df, random_state=42, test_size=0.1, shuffle=True)
    print("Training set size: " + str(len(train)))
    print("Testing set size: " + str(len(test)))
    train.to_csv(project_path + 'dataset\jobs_data_train.csv')
    test.to_csv(project_path + 'dataset\jobs_data_test.csv')
```

Training set size: 9783 Testing set size: 1087

After splitting the dataset into training set (90%) and testing set (10%), preprocessing and model fitting was applied on the training set.

First, since each row was a list of string seperated by commas and because to fit the binarizer,it needed an abstract view of all job functions, the column was stripped from all misleading symbols such as {",(,[,],)} and each job function extracted from each row and appended to another list encompassing all job functions without discrimination based on specific rows.

This list was fed to the MultiLabelBinarizer model and fitted.

```
In [56]: from sklearn.preprocessing import MultiLabelBinarizer
functions_list = df['jobFunction']
functions_list = np.array(functions_list).reshape(functions_list.shape[0],1)
all_functions = []
for i in range(functions_list.shape[0]):
    row_functions = functions_list[i,0].translate(str.maketrans({"'":None," ":None," ":
```

Number of unique job functions is: 38

'R&D/Science' 'Sales/Retail' 'SportsandLeisure' 'Strategy/Consulting' 'Tourism/Travel' 'Training/Instructor' 'Writing/Editorial' 'nan']

It turns out that there are 38 distinct job functions among the 9783 Job titles

'Medical/Healthcare' 'Operations/Management' 'Pharmaceutical' 'Project/ProgramManagement' 'Purchasing/Procurement' 'Quality'

After fitting the Binarizer, 38 columns for each job function class needed to be added and each row list of strings needs to be transformed into a 0/1 value for each job function class.

```
In [58]:
         original columns = df.shape[1]
         resDF = df.join(pd.DataFrame(columns=mlb_job_functions.classes_).add_prefix('F_'
         dummies start index = original columns
         dummies end index = resDF.shape[1]
         import time
         start time = time.time()
         job functions column index = resDF.columns.get loc("jobFunction")
         for i in range(functions list.shape[0]):
             row_functions = resDF.iloc[i,job_functions_column_index].translate(str.maket)
             row values = mlb job functions.transform([row functions])
             resDF.iloc[i, dummies_start_index:dummies_end_index] = row_values[0]
         print("-----%s minutes for job functions pre-processing
         print(resDF.iloc[0,dummies start index:dummies end index])
         ----- 0.5291524608929952 minutes for job functions p
         re-processing-----
         F_Accounting/Finance
                                                         0
                                                         0
         F Administration
         F_Analyst/Research
         F Banking
         F BusinessDevelopment
         F_C-LevelExecutive/GM/Director
         F_Creative/Design/Art
         F CustomerService/Support
         F Education/Teaching
         F_Engineering-Construction/Civil/Architecture
                                                         0
         F Engineering-Mechanical/Electrical
                                                         0
         F_Engineering-Oil&Gas/Energy
                                                         0
         F_Engineering-Other
         F_Engineering-Telecom/Technology
                                                         1
         F Fashion
         F_Hospitality/Hotels/FoodServices
         F_HumanResources
         F IT/SoftwareDevelopment
         F Installation/Maintenance/Repair
         F Legal
         F Logistics/SupplyChain
         F Manufacturing/Production
         F_Marketing/PR/Advertising
                                                         0
         F Media/Journalism/Publishing
         F Medical/Healthcare
         F Operations/Management
         F Pharmaceutical
         F_Project/ProgramManagement
                                                         0
         F_Purchasing/Procurement
                                                         0
         F Quality
                                                         0
         F R&D/Science
         F Sales/Retail
                                                         0
         F SportsandLeisure
         F_Strategy/Consulting
                                                         0
         F_Tourism/Travel
                                                         0
         F_Training/Instructor
                                                         0
         F_Writing/Editorial
```

F_nan

Name: 0, dtype: object

The same preprocessing technique was used for the **'industry'** column and will not be explaind in this report for the sake of being brief in the documentation.

```
In [12]: with open(project_path + 'saved_models\\job_functions_binarizer.pkl', 'rb') as formula functions_list_features = pickle.load(file)

job_functions_start_index = title_feature_end_index
number_of_job_functions_features = len(mlb_functions_list_features.classes_)
job_functions_end_index = job_functions_start_index + number_of_job_functions_features
job_functions = df.iloc[:,job_functions_start_index: job_functions_end_index]
job_functions_occurences = np.sum(job_functions)
print("\nJob Function Occurences: \n\n" + str(job_functions_occurences))
```

Job Function Occurences :

F. Asservation / Finance	440
F_Accounting/Finance	440
F_Administration	577
F_Analyst/Research	248
F_Banking	10
F_BusinessDevelopment	397
F_C-LevelExecutive/GM/Director	2
F_Creative/Design/Art	664
F_CustomerService/Support	784
F_Education/Teaching	470
F_Engineering-Construction/Civil/Architecture	273
F_Engineering-Mechanical/Electrical	451
F_Engineering-Oil&Gas/Energy	9
F_Engineering-Other	153
F_Engineering-Telecom/Technology	3492
F_Fashion	3
F_Hospitality/Hotels/FoodServices	11
F_HumanResources	224
F_IT/SoftwareDevelopment	3921
F_Installation/Maintenance/Repair	513
F_Legal	18
F_Logistics/SupplyChain	158
F_Manufacturing/Production	113
F_Marketing/PR/Advertising	1272
F_Media/Journalism/Publishing	871
F_Medical/Healthcare	200
F_Operations/Management	278
F_Pharmaceutical	116
F_Project/ProgramManagement	279
F_Purchasing/Procurement	127
F_Quality	361
F_R&D/Science	105
F_Sales/Retail	1643
F_SportsandLeisure	6
F_Strategy/Consulting	14
F_Tourism/Travel	10
F_Training/Instructor	118
F_Writing/Editorial	178
F_nan	105
dtype: int64	

Job Title Feature Extraction

The next step, was applying pre-processing and feature extraction on the **'title'** column. The same techniques used for 'jobFunction' and 'industry' columns cannot be used for the 'title' column since doing that would result in almost a class for each title since each title differs in at least one way or more from the others.

The approach then was to find commonalities between the job titles without losing the variation or distinction that each title holds apart from the others. And since this is not a case where each row consists of multiple free text sentances, a common method such as TF/IDF would ignore possibly important keywords in titles based alone on its low frequency in the training set.

An approach specially designed for extracting Job Title features was used where, first, each title is stripped from any concatetaions such as tool specifics or job locations that do not affect the assigned job functions recommendation.

```
In [59]: import re
    def get_first_title(title):
        # keep "co-founder, co-ceo, etc"
        title = re.sub(r"[Cc]o[\-\]","", title)
        split_titles = re.split(r"\,|\-|\||\&|\:|\/|and|\(", title)
        return split_titles[0].strip()

    print("Real Estates Sales Specialist - 10th of Ramadan ---->" + get_first_title
    print("German Teacher - American School ---->" + get_first_title("German Teacher
```

Real Estates Sales Specialist - 10th of Ramadan ----->Real Estates Sales Specialist

German Teacher - American School ---->German Teacher

After getting the most important part of the title (the first sentance), The Features to be used in classification are extracted from this title after conversion to lower case and under the condition that the word is not an English stopword.

These features include:

- For each word in the remaining sentance, a new feature contains('word') is assigned to the row
- The last word in the title, this is significent because most titles have the most indicative word
 as the last. for example: 'Junior Software Engineer' has engineer as the last word which can
 be used as a strong indication for the job function recommendation (i.e any job that has
 engineer as the last word would get similar recommendations)
- · The first word in the title.

```
In [60]:
         import nltk
         from nltk.corpus import stopwords
         stop words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
         def get title features(title):
             features = {}
             title = get_first_title(title)
             word tokens = nltk.word tokenize(title)
             filtered words = [w for w in word tokens if not w in stop words]
             for word in filtered words:
                  features['contains({})'.format(word.lower())] = True
              if len(filtered words) > 0:
                  first_key = 'first({})'.format(filtered_words[0].lower())
                  last_key = 'last({})'.format(filtered_words[-1].lower())
                  features[first key] = True
                  features[last_key] = True
              return features
         get_title_features("Junior Software Engineer")
```

After applying feature extraction on the title column using these functions, they are transformed into numerical values using the same method as used previously for the 'jobFunction' and 'industry' columns.

Number of unique title features is : 1893

After preprocessing and feature extraction are applied for all column and rows in the training set a new processed dataset is extracted which is used to experiment with classification models on.

```
In [63]: project_path = 'C:\\Users\\Dell\\PycharmProjects\\JobFunctionRecommender\\'
    df = pd.read_csv(project_path + 'dataset\\jobs_data_processed.csv')
    print(df.shape)

(9783, 2002)
```

Other Pre-processing experiments that were applied:

- Stemming to reduce the number of features
- Allowing words in the english alphabet only to be acknowledged.

The resulting classes of features for the titles was reduced from (1893) to (1618) but the classification accuracy did not improve that much.

```
In [13]: #ignore industry features for now
all_training_data = df.iloc[:,0:job_functions_end_index]
print(all_training_data.shape)

(9783, 1901)
```

Classification Models

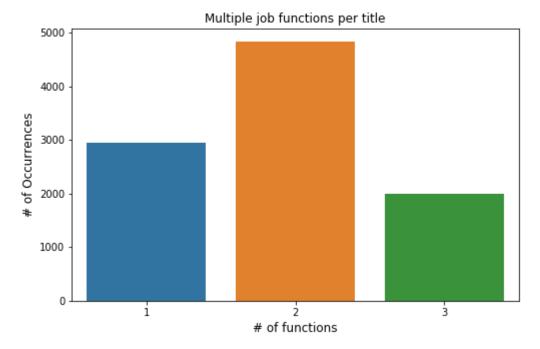
First, to attack the multilabel classification problem. OneVsRestClassifier was used where any classification algorithm could be used after casting it to a OneVsRest mode of operation.

Other methods for multilabel classification exist such as: BinaryRelevance and Classsifer chains were experimented with but produces almost the same results as using the OneVsRestClassifier technique.

Traditional two-class and multi-class problems can both be cast into multi-label ones by restricting each instance to have only one label. On the other hand, the generality of multi-label problems inevitably makes it more difficult to learn. An intuitive approach to solving multi-label problem is to decompose it into multiple independent binary classification problems (one per category). In an "one-to-rest" strategy, one could build multiple independent classifiers and, for an unseen instance, choose the class for which the confidence is maximized.

In order to understand the multilabel classification problem further, this bar graph was used to understand the distribution of the outputs for each sample. This helped in understanding the importance of treating this as a multioutput problem since more than half the dataset's outputs are more than one target for the same input.

```
In [82]: import seaborn as sns
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   rowsums = all_training_data.iloc[:,job_functions_start_index:job_functions_end_in
        x=rowsums.value_counts()
        plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
        ax = sns.barplot(x.index, x.values)
        plt.title("Multiple job functions per title")
        plt.ylabel('# of Occurrences', fontsize=12)
        plt.xlabel('# of functions', fontsize=12)
        plt.show()
```



Multiple Classification algorithms were experimented on but mainly: Logistic Regression, Random Forest Classifier and K-Nearest Neighbour, The reason for choosing each one and its results are mentioned below:

• **K-Nearest Neighbour:** is what first comes to mind when building a recommendation system as it is robust in the face of an imbalanced dataset or an imbalanced problem such as Job

function prediction from job title. However it faces a computational obstacle as the dataset size increases.

- Random Forest Classifier: Random forest is a time efficient algorithm and applies bagging
 so as not to fall into the trap of overfitting when using a simple decision tree. It is also adept at
 dealing with multilabel classification problems.
- Logistic Regression: Even though the Random Forest classifier generated the best training
 and testing results, however when hyperparameter tuning was applied on RFC to make sure
 that it the solution is generalized, the accuracy was substaintially reduced, so Logistic
 regression was experimented with to get a more generalized solution than what the Decision
 Tree got.

For Random Forest Classifier, Hyper-parameter tuning was applied to get the best "max_depth" value, while "min_samples_leaf" was experimented with to understand how regularized the tree was.

```
In [16]:
         from sklearn.multiclass import OneVsRestClassifier
         import time
         start_time = time.time()
         X_train, y_train, y_train_original = all_training_data.iloc[:,title_feature_star
         from sklearn.multiclass import OneVsRestClassifier
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
         clf rfc = OneVsRestClassifier(RandomForestClassifier(max depth=100, random state
         start time = time.time()
         clf rfc.fit(X train,y train)
         print("----- %s minutes for RF fitting" % str((time.time
         RFC_Training_Score = clf_rfc.score(X_train,y_train)
         print('RandomForestClassifier Training accuracy :', str(RFC_Training_Score) + '\
         y test predicted one hot = clf rfc.predict(X train)
         for i in range(5):
             title features = np.array(X train[i,:]).reshape(1,number of job title feature
             title = mlb_title_list_features.inverse_transform(title_features)
             predicted_job_functions = np.array(y_test_predicted_one_hot[i,:]).reshape(1,
             job functions = mlb functions list features.inverse transform(predicted job
             print('Title:\t{}\nTrue labels:\t{}\nPredicted labels:\t{}\n\n'.format(
                 str(title),(y_train_original[i]),(str(job_functions))
             ))
                      ----- 0.8300332347551982 minutes for RF fitting
         RandomForestClassifier Training accuracy: 0.8007768578145763
         Title: [('contains(digital)', 'contains(marketing)', 'contains(specialist)',
         'first(digital)', 'last(specialist)')]
                         ['Media/Journalism/Publishing', 'Marketing/PR/Advertising']
         True labels:
         Predicted labels:
                                 [('Marketing/PR/Advertising', 'Media/Journalism/Publi
         shing')]
         Title: [('contains(application)', 'contains(programmer)', 'first(applicatio
         n)', 'last(programmer)')]
                        ['IT/Software Development']
         True labels:
         Predicted labels:
                                 [('Engineering-Telecom/Technology', 'IT/SoftwareDevel
         opment')]
                 [('contains(designer)', 'contains(graphic)', 'contains(junior)', 'fir
         st(junior)', 'last(designer)')]
                         ['Creative/Design/Art']
         True labels:
         Predicted labels:
                                 [('Creative/Design/Art',)]
         Title: [('contains(customer)', 'contains(manager)', 'contains(service)', 'fi
         rst(customer)', 'last(manager)')]
         True labels:
                         ['Customer Service/Support']
         Predicted labels:
                                [('CustomerService/Support', 'Operations/Managemen
         t')]
                 [('contains(architect)', 'contains(microsoft)', 'first(microsoft)',
         Title:
```

```
'last(architect)')]
True labels: ['IT/Software Development', 'Engineering - Construction/Civi
l/Architecture', 'Engineering - Telecom/Technology']
Predicted labels: [('Engineering-Construction/Civil/Architecture', 'Engineering-Telecom/Technology', 'IT/SoftwareDevelopment')]
```

For Logistic Regression, Hyper-parameter tuning was applied to get the best "C" value.

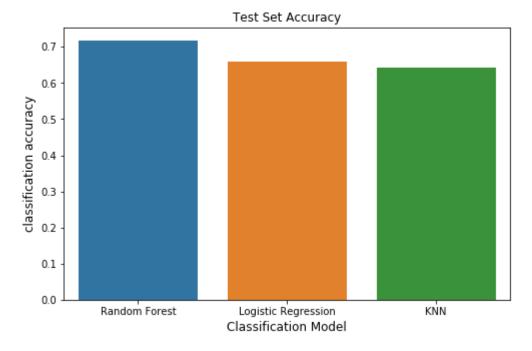
Evaluation Metrics

Each model was saved using pickle and tested on the testing set which was first subjected to the pre-processing process and then tested using each saved model.

The main evaluation metric used was classification accuracy:

```
In [3]:
       import pandas as pd
        project path = 'C:\\Users\\Dell\\PycharmProjects\\JobFunctionRecommender\\'
        transformedTest = pd.read csv(project path + 'dataset\\jobs data test processed.
        X test = transformedTest.iloc[:,5:1864]
        y test = transformedTest.iloc[:,1864:1902]
        import time
        start time = time.time()
        import pickle
        with open(project path + 'saved models\\TrainedLogisticClassifier.pkl', 'rb') as
            clf log = pickle.load(file)
        Log score = clf log.score(X test,y test)
        print(' Logistic Regression Test Score:', Log_score)
        print("-----%s minutes for test set recommendation----
        start time = time.time()
        with open(project_path + 'saved_models\\TrainedRandomForestClassifier.pkl', 'rb'
           clf rfc = pickle.load(file)
        RFC score = clf rfc.score(X test,y test)
        print(' Random Forest Test Score:', RFC_score)
        print("----- %s minutes for test set recommendation----
        start time = time.time()
        with open(project path + 'saved models\\TrainedKNNClassifier.pkl', 'rb') as file
            clf rfc = pickle.load(file)
        KNN Score = clf rfc.score(X test,y test)
        print(' KNN Test Score:', KNN_Score)
        print("-----%s minutes for test set recommendation----
```

```
In [95]: import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
x=["Random Forest", "Logistic Regression", "KNN"]
y = [RFC_score, Log_score, KNN_Score]
plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
ax = sns.barplot(x, y)
plt.title("Test Set Accuracy")
plt.ylabel('classification accuracy', fontsize=12)
plt.xlabel('Classification Model', fontsize=12)
plt.show()
```

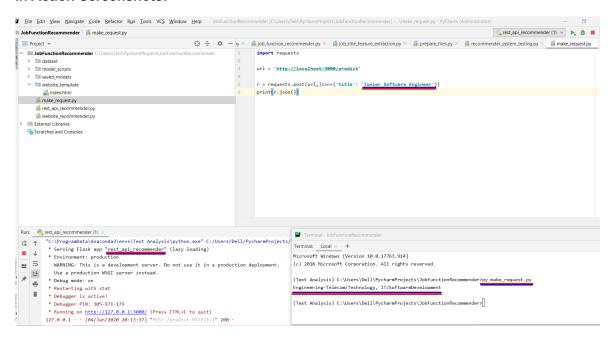


Deployment As Rest API Service

· Flask was used to setup the service

- A script called 'make_request' sends a string request to the URL where the service is setup,
 The string request contains the job title.
- Another script sets up the service at a URL '/predict' and when a request is sent, it calls the
 job_function_recommender which takes a title and returns a list of string of the recommended
 job functions.

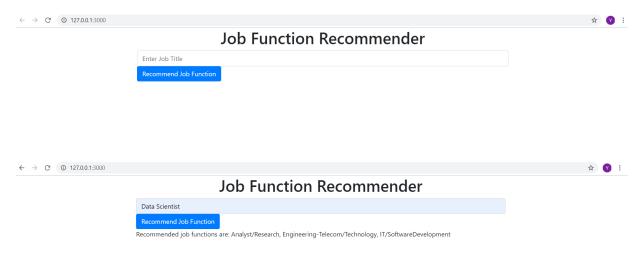
In Action Screenshots:



```
from flask import Flask, request, jsonify # loading in Flask
In [1]:
        app = Flask(__name__)
        from model scripts.job function recommender import job function recommender
        @app.route('/predict', methods=['POST'])
        def predict():
            # Get data from Post request
            data = request.get_json()
            title = str(data['job title'])
            # making predictions
            pred = job_function_recommender(title)
            pred str = ''
            for i in pred:
                if i > 0:
                    pred str = pred str +', '
                pred str = pred str + i
            # returning the predictions as json
            return jsonify(pred str)
        if name == ' main ':
            app.run(port=3000, debug=True)
```

Deployment using website template

In Action Screenshots:



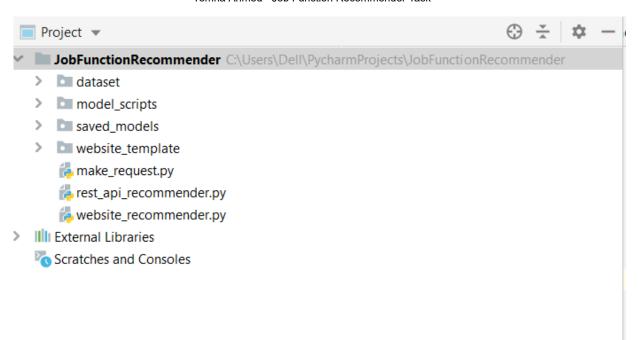
Limitations:

- The number of features extracted from the job titles is still too many, noisy features still exist, such as some arabic words and abreviations.
- The model does not always return a recommendation even when lexically an input is similar to some of the samples in the dataset.

Possible extensions to the method used:

- Use the 'industry' column to improve recommendation. (for example: predict industry from job title and then using both title and industry, predict job functions)
- Experiment with other classification approaches such as CNN.
- Further study the feature extraction process for this dataset to drop noisy features.

Project Folder Structure



```
JobFunctionRecommender: (folder)

dataset: (folder) for saving the preprocessed .csv files to accelerate the classification experiments (avoid waiting for preprocessing each time a model needs to be fitted).

make_request: (script).

rest_api_recommender: (script)

website_recommender: (script)

website template: (folder)

index.html
```

saved_models : (folder) pickle saved encoding and classification
models
model_scripts : (folder)

prepare_files: (script) split dataset into two files one for training and one for testing job_title_feature_extraction (script) preprocessing: (script) apply pre-processing and feature extraction on the training set and save the processed features to csv recommender_system_training: (script) read the processed features from training file and apply different classification algorithms recommender_system_testing: (script) apply pre-processing and prediction on the testing set job_function_recommender: (script) contains function that given a single input recommends a list of corresponding job functions

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