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Beer Style Predictor Web App Report ADSI 2023

The Beer Style Predictor web application is designed to predict the style of beer based on the user-provided data. This app uses a pre-trained kNN model to make predictions. The input is the brewery name and other beer characteristics from 1-5. This report discusses the modeling strategy (Section A), web app structure (Section B), and instructions for running predictions (Section C).

Section A. Modeling Strategy

Exploratory Data Analysis

After characterizing the data, below are the insights:

- Highly imbalanced data, there are minority beer style classes which needs to be
- There are a few instances with null beer_abv and brewery_name values. Imputation
 can be done, but for simplicity, these instances were omitted. It was reviewed that
 removing these instances won't affect the number of unique classes.

Feature Engineering

For feature engineering, there are only three methods performed: 1) filtering the null values of the dataset; 2) combining the minority **brewery_name values to `unknown/others`**; and 3) performing feature scaling and one-hot encoding.

Modeling

KNN modeling algorithm was used for simplicity. Due to the number of instances, other modeling strategies might require some sharding techniques or using machines with higher-specs. The model was only assessed through the accuracy metric – however, this should be assessed in other metrics for imbalanced data in the future. Different k values were examined, in the interest of time, only k=3 and k=5 were performed. The test accuracy was 0.61 and 0.6 for k=3 and k=5, respectively. The web app uses the model with k=3.

Section B. Web App Structure

The Beer Style Predictor Web App predicts the beer style from the following inputs:

- **Brewery name:** This is a list of breweries, if brewery is not found, the user can just select `unknown/others`
- **Beer abv:** The alcohol by volume value, range is from 0-95 max value was based on the maximum abv.
- Review appearance, palate, taste, and aroma: review values ranging from 1-5

Below is a screenshot of the web app.

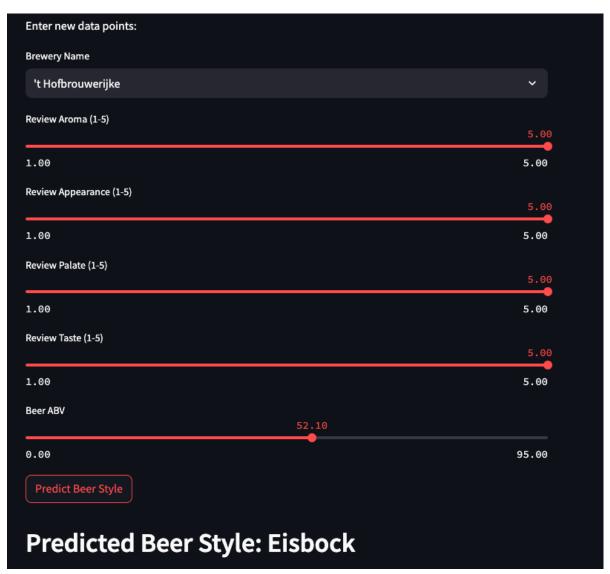


Fig. Beer Style Predictor Web App

Section C. Running the web app

This section is already covered in the README.md file. Below is the screenshot of the instructions from the file.

