

**Malignant Comment Classifier Project**

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# INTRODUCTION

**Business Problem Framing:**

* Online discussions and web-based media stages have given people the necessary resources to advance their contemplations and openly offer their viewpoint on different issues and occurrences. At times, these internet-based remarks contain express language which might hurt the pursuers.
* Online disdain, portrayed as harmful language, hostility, digital harassing, scorn and numerous others has been recognized as a significant danger on internet-based web-based media stages. Online media stages are the most unmistakable justification for such poisonous conduct.
* There has been an exceptional expansion in the instances of digital tormenting and savages on different online media stages. Numerous superstars and powerhouses are confronting backfires from individuals and need to run over scornful and hostile remarks. This can negatively affect anybody and influence them intellectually prompting wretchedness, psychological sickness, self-loathing and self-destructive contemplations. To protect users from being exposed to offensive language on online forums or social media sites, companies have started flagging comments and blocking users who are found guilty of using unpleasant language.
* Here, we need to build a model that can classify comments between good comments and toxic comments.

**Conceptual Background of the Domain Problem:**

* Our aim in this project is to focus mainly on data pre-processing and feature engineering and ensure that the data, which will be consumed by our machine learning models, is as clean as possible.
* In addition, our goal is to build a prototype of online hate and abuse comment classifier which can used to classify good and offensive comments so that it can be controlled and restricted from spreading hatred and cyber bullying.

**Review of Literature:**

* This project aims to build machine learning model that can classify good and offensive comments. So that offensive comments can be controlled and restricted from spreading hatred and cyber bullying
* First, we do all the data pre-processing steps and do EDA to visualize the data graphically and after that we clean and prepare our data using Natural Language Processing (NLP), which is helpful in make a best machine learning model.

**Motivation for the Problem Undertaken:**

In current scenario, there has been increasing no. of cases of cyber bullying and trolls on social media platforms. My motivation for this project is to do some research on this thing and make a machine learning model. This helps clients to classify offensive comments and remove them from various platforms as well as take some legal action on offensive comments.

# Analytical Problem Framing

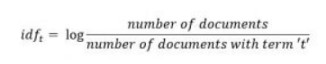
**Mathematical/ Analytical Modelling of the Problem:**

* We use some mathematical, statistical and analytics approaches in this project. Which is described below:
  1. **Removing Stop Words**: Stop words are common words that structure a sentence. Words such as “I”, “are”, and “here” do not contribute to the sentiment (the rating in our case) of reviews. Hence, we decided to remove stopwords. We used NLTK’s stopwords package to provide us with the list of stopwords.
  2. **Lemmatization:** Lemmatization is the process of converting a word to its base form. Lemmatization usually refers to doing things properly with the use of a vocabulary and morphological analysis of words, normally aiming to remove inflectional endings only and to return the base or dictionary form of a word, which is known as the lemma. We applied this method on our comments text.
  3. **Term Frequency - Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF):** This approach to encoding is also fairly simplistic but carries more information than just the number of occurrences, like Bag-ofWords. TF-IDF is a numerical statistic that also reflects how important a word is to a document or paragraph. The scheme is split into two calculations, TF and IDF.
* TF, or Term Frequency, is the number of times a term, *t*, appears divided by the number of terms in the document/paragraph, *d*.



Equation for Term Frequency

* IDF, or Inverse Document Frequency, is a measure of how important the term is in the corpus. It’s calculated by taking the log of the number of documents divided by the number of documents with the term *t* in it.



Equation for Inverse Document Frequency

* The TF-IDF encoding scheme outputs TF × IDF for each term in each review.
* We convert our comments text into vectors using TF-IDF method.

4) **Synthetic minority oversampling technique (SMOTE):** In our dataset target variable is imbalanced and it provides inaccurate results during machine learning part. So, we used SMOTE method to cop up with that issue. SMOTE is an oversampling method and one of the most commonly used oversampling method to solve the imbalance classification problem. This method creates synthetic samples (not duplicate) of minority class. These synthetic records are generated by randomly selecting one or more of the k-nearest neighbors for each example in the minority class.

**Data Sources and their formats:**

* In this project, client provides us two dataset, training dataset and testing dataset. Both datasets are in csv format.
* The dataset contains the training set, which has 1,59,571 samples and the test set which contains 1,53,164 samples. Training dataset contain 8 features which includes ‘Id’, ‘Comments’, ‘Malignant’, ‘Highly malignant’, ‘Rude’, ‘Threat’, ‘Abuse’ and ‘Loathe’. While test dataset contains 2 features which include ‘Id’ and ‘Comments’.
* The label can be either 0 or 1, where 0 denotes a NO while 1 denotes a YES. There are various comments which have multiple labels. The first attribute is a unique ID associated with each comment.
* Below is the snapshot of our training dataset:



**Data Pre-processing and Data Preparation:**

For cleaning and preparation of the data, we use some techniques which are described below:

* We check null values present in the data, but there is no null value found in the dataset.
* There are six target features in this dataset so we combined them and make one target feature giving the name as label and also we do scaling for that feature.
* After data analysis, we clean our data using some NLP (Natural Language Processing) techniques. We convert comments text column in lower case and remove punctuation from that column like +, - , /, etc. because that type of punctuation badly affect our result. Then we remove digits from comments text.
* After that, we apply stop words and lemmatization techniques on comments text, which we already discussed above.
* At last, we use tf-idf and smote techniques for preparation of the data, which we also discussed above.

**Data Inputs- Logic- Output Relationships:**

* We used classification machine learning models because our target variable is label (0 or 1).
* There are many classification models but here we used some of them models.
* First, we split our dataset into two segments: training and testing. We take 80% data for training and 20% data for testing. For splitting data we use train test split method. Below is the code for splitting the data:



* + 1. 80% of the observation as training set = x\_train
    2. The associated target for each observation in x\_train = y\_train 3) 20% of the observation as test set= x\_test

4) The target associated with the test set = y\_test.

* After splitting data, we passed training data to machine learning models. The fitted model will first be used to generate prediction on the test set (x\_test). Next, the predicted class labels are compared to the actual observed class label (y\_test).

**Libraries Used:**

* We used many libraries used in this project, which is described below:
  1. Numpy: This library is used for scientific computing. It supports multidimensional arrays and matrices.
  2. Pandas: This library is used for data analysis and modelling convenient in python. Pandas simplify analysis by converting CSV, JSON, and TSV data files or a SQL database into a data frame with rows and columns.
  3. Matplotlib and Seaborn: Both libraries are used for data visualization.
  4. Imbalanced-learn: This library is used for imbalanced classification of target variable.
  5. Wordcloud: Word Cloud is a data visualization technique used for representing text data in which the size of each word indicates its frequency or importance. Significant textual data points can be highlighted using a word cloud. Word clouds are widely used for analyzing data from social network websites.
  6. NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit): It is a suite that contains libraries and programs for statistical language processing. It is one of the most powerful NLP libraries, which contains packages to make machines understand human language and reply to it with an appropriate response.
  7. Scikit-learn: The Python library, [Scikit-Learn,](https://scikit-learn.org/) is built on top of the Matplotlib, Numpy, and SciPy libraries. It has wide range of algorithms.

**Models Development and Evaluation**

**Identification of possible problem-solving approaches:**

* Below is the approaches that we used in solve the issue and make the best model:
  + 1. Data reading and understanding
    2. Data analysis
    3. Data cleaning and preparation
    4. Over sampling
    5. Train test split
    6. Machine learning algorithms

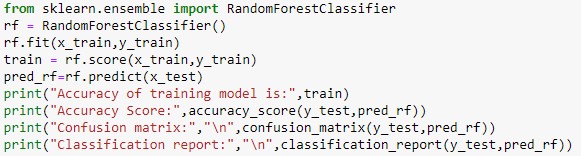
**Testing of Identified Approaches (Algorithms):**

The classification algorithm that we used is:

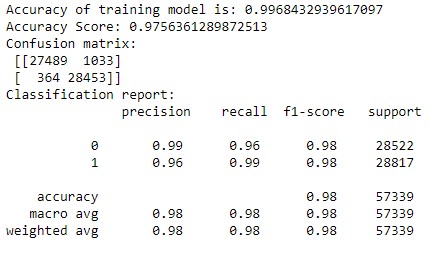
* 1. Logistic Regression
  2. Decision tree classifier
  3. MultinomialNB
  4. Random Forest Classifier

**Building machine learning models:**

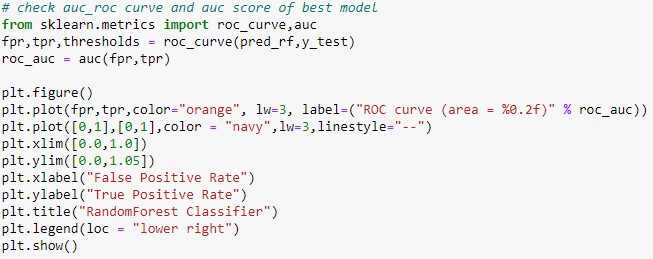
* We use many algorithms to find best model, but here we describe only best model.
* We find random forest classifier as a best model. It is supervised learning algorithm. This algorithm generates many individual trees, often hundreds or thousands.
* The "forest" it builds, is an ensemble of decision trees, usually trained with the “bagging” method. The general idea of the bagging method is that a combination of learning models increases the overall result.
* This classifier produces multiple decision trees and merges them together to produce accurate result. Below is the code of our model with random forest classifier:



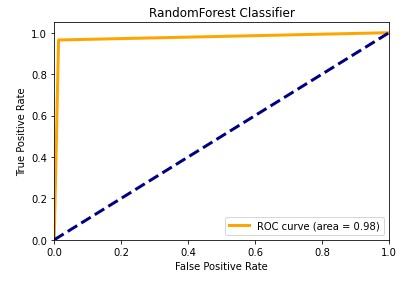
Output:



* We get 99% training model accuracy and 97% test data accuracy with best confusion matrix and classification report. As we can see in output, Randomforest classifier also gives good precision and recall score along with f1 score.
* Then, we check auc\_roc score and plot auc curve of random forest classifier model. Area Under the Curve (AUC) is the measure of the ability of a classifier to distinguish between classes and is used as a summary of the ROC curve. The higher the AUC, the better the performance of the model at distinguishing between the positive and negative classes. Below is the code of auc\_roc curve:

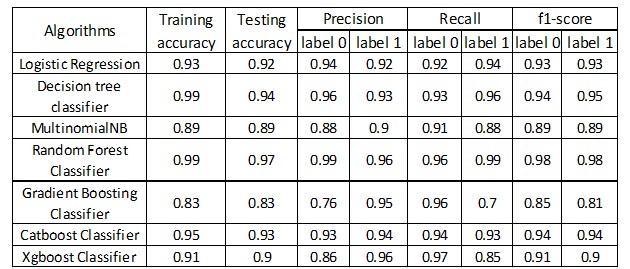


Output:



* From the above plot we can see that, we get best area under the curve for randomforest classifier, which is 98%.

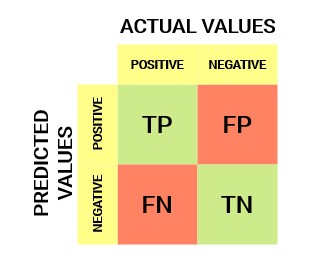
* Now, check accuracy of all used algorithms:



**Key Metrics for success in solving problem under Consideration:**

* We use three types of metrics for solving problem. Which is described below:
  + 1. Accuracy score: Accuracy score is a metric for evaluating classification model. It is calculated by number of correct prediction made divided by the total number of prediction made.

* + 1. Confusion matrix: A confusion matrix is an nxn matrix used for evaluating performance of classification model, where n is the number of target classes. The matrix compares the target values with predicted values which are predicted by machine learning model. This matrix gives us a view of how good our classification model work and what kind of errors t is making. Below is the simple figure of confusion matrix.

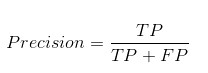


* If the model predicts that a client will enter default, and client really enters into default, then it is true positive situation (TP).
* When the model classifies a case as positive, but it actually negative, then it is a false positive observation (FP).
* If the model predicts that a client will not enter into default, and the client didn’t entered into default in the test set, then it is true negative situation (TN).
* The prediction of the model may be negative, while the client may actually enter into default, then it is false negative classification (FN).
* Below is the output of our best confusion matrix with random forest classifier:



3) Classification Report: A classification report is used to measure the quality of predictions from a classification algorithm. This report shows the metrics like precision, recall and f1- score. The metrics are calculated by using true and false positives, true and false negatives.

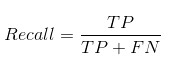
* Precision depicts how many of the correctly predicted cases actually turned out to be positive. Below is the formula of precision and calculation of precision with random forest classification model :



Precision = 27489/ (27489+1033)

Precision = 0.96

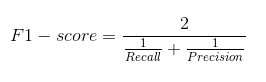
* Recalls depicts how many of actual positive cases we were able to predict correctly with our model. Below is the formula of recall:



Recall = 27489/ (27489+364)

Recall = 0.99

* F1- score gives combined idea about precision and recall metrics. Below is the formula of f1-score:

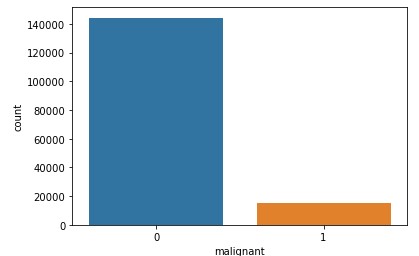


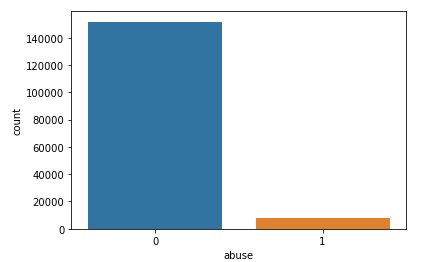
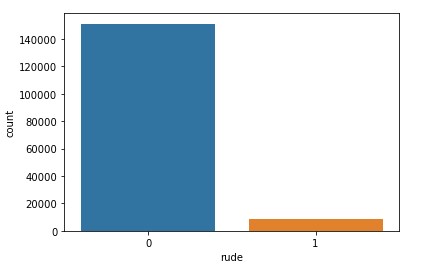
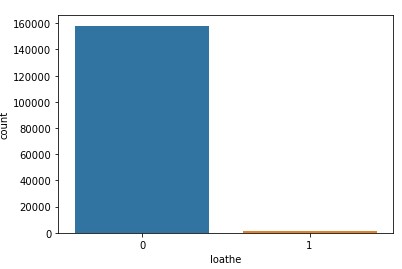
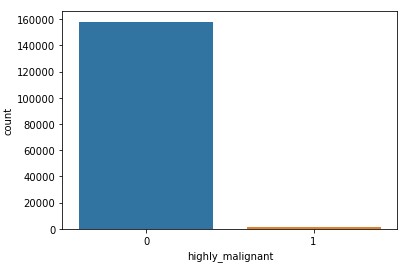
F1 –score = 2/ ((1/0.99) + (1/0.96))

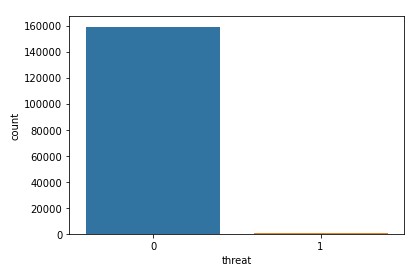
F1- score = 0.98

**Visualizations:**

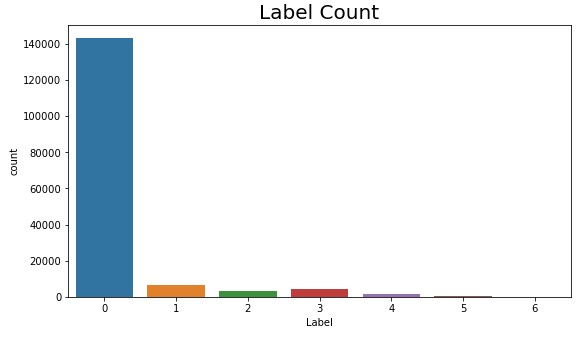
* Now, let’s look at the analysis of the data.
* First, we plot the target feature columns.



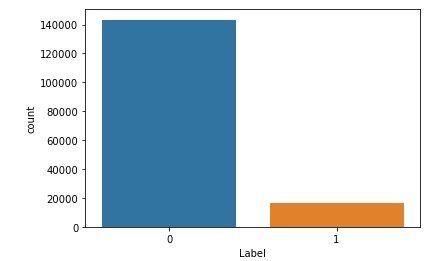




Above all count plot is our target feature and we can see that there is imbalanced classification and this issue affect our final result. For solve this issue we use oversampling method, which we already discussed above.



From the above plot we can say that, most of the comments are good and very less numbers of comments are toxic. 0 depicts good comments, while 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 depicts offensive comments.



From the above count plot we can see that, after merge all target columns, it is still imbalanced. So, to solve this issue we used oversampling (SMOTE) method.

# CONCLUSION

**Key Findings and Conclusions of the Study:**

* The purpose of this article was twofold: to understand the pattern of various types of comments and make predictive model able to effectively classify observation in the two classes, i.e. 0 (good comments) and 1 (offensive comments)
* Our target variable is imbalanced, so we use SMOTE technique to get a good result.
* We use many classifiers to find best model and best result were observed for the random forest classifier with 97% accuracy score. We also get a good precision and recall score along with f1-score.
* Our model is able to detect offensive comments with very high confidence.

**Limitation of this work and Scope for Future Work:**

* I used i3 processor computer for making this model, so I am not able to use GridSearchCV and cross validation because system takes too much time to give the result and sometimes it also gives memory error. If somehow, I use GridSearchCV and Cross validation then our model result will be surely improved.
* For future work, the model should be further improved by trying to make deep learning model. Moreover, try other sampling technique to get best results.