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# HurriHelp

A machine learning algorithm to help a twitterbot help those affected by Hurricane Ian

Presentation Slides: https://www.canva.com/design/DAFR2yfd9p0/juNA8udagCiO\_l6kwt5WEg/view? utm\_content=DAFR2yfd9p0&utm\_campaign=designshare&utm\_medium=link&utm\_source=publishsharelink (the PDFs Attached lose some formatting)



Problem: People who survived Hurricane Ian need outreach to help connect them with FEMA resources and the National Disaster Distress Helpline.

Solution: A twitterbot that responds to people who are 1) using the #Hurricanelan hashtag 2) in distress.

Consider the following tweet:





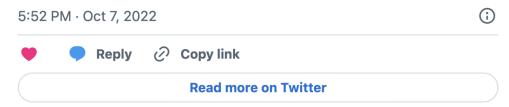
I just went through an almost category 5 hurricane. 5 minutes away from ground zero.

After 9 days, we got out power back, and in 10, I got my Twitter/internet back.

It was horrific, it was the scariest night of our lives.

So grateful to still be here.

## #Hurricanelan



Vision: HurriHelp would respond to the above tweet with this message:

"Hi! I'm HurriHelp, a hurricane helper bot. Here's some resources: National Disaster Distress Helpline (1-800-985-5990), for more info: https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4673"

Data Collection: Scraped Twitter for data using Tweepy. Collected 7652 non Re-Tweeted tweets with the following additional features:

- 1 screen\_name
- 2 user\_description
- 3 favourite\_count
- 4 retweet\_count
- 5 created\_at
- 6 replying\_to
- 7 media
- 8 hashtags
- 9 urls
- 10 user\_mentions
- 11 is\_quote
- 12 is\_retweet
- \*I only ended up using 'screen\_name' in addition to the text of the tweet for cleaning. I want to go back and analyze all these features in the future, as is I only used the tweet text for modeling.

#### Label Production: Make labels by:

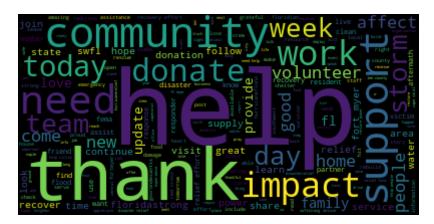
- 1. using Text\_Blob, VADER and a version of a BERT model trained for sentiment analysis: https://huggingface.co/cardiffnlp/twitter-roberta-base-sentiment?text=I+like+you.+I+love+you to make three different columns with numeric scores of sentiment
- 2. Used SKLearn's StandardScaler() to make all three sentiment analysis columns on same scale
- 3. Added all three scores into a 'final\_score' column
- 4. Analyzed distribution and chose threshold for "Negative Sentiment" and "Positive Sentiment"

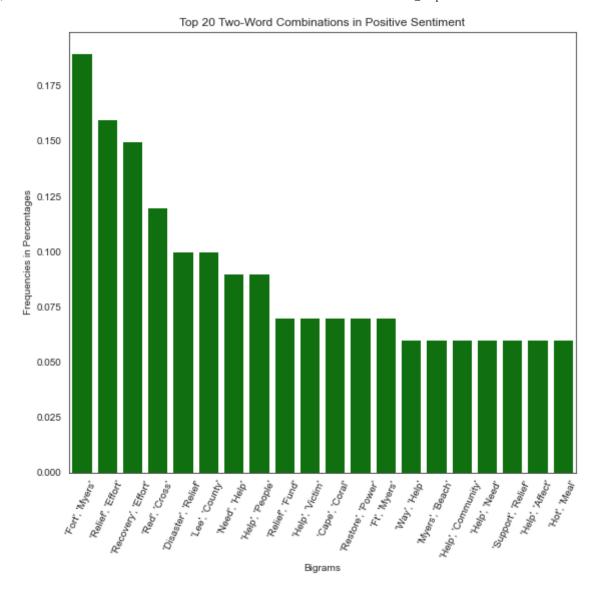
## Cleaning the data:

- 1. created list of twitter users in data who tweeted more than 20 times and removed those tweets from data set to avoid spammers and news sights
- 2. used spaCy's list of stopwords and added 'Hurricane', 'lan', and 'Florida'
- 3. elongated all contractions using contractions libary

- 4. used spaCy, NLTK and string manipulation to get list of lemmas in each tweet and remove punctuation, numbers, URLS, stopwords
- 5. used demoji to remove all emojis, after testing modeling with and without emojis and found no benifit to keeping emojis (see trail notebook)
- 6. final data set had 6773 original tweets

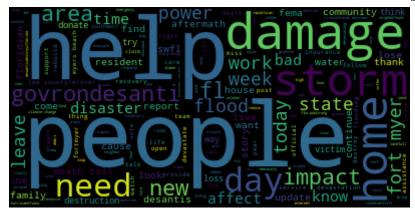
Analysis: Used WordCloud, Seaborn and NLTK's Bigrams to make the following visualizations-- Positive Sentiment:

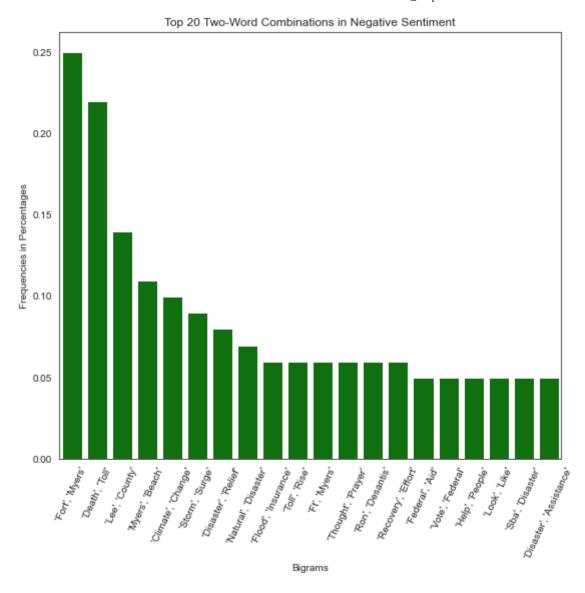




Observations: most common themes of words unique to Positive Sentiment were about basic needs being met.

**Negative Sentiment:** 





Obersavations: most common themes of words unique to Negative Sentiment were about needing monetary help. Interestingly, also included "DeSantis".

Shared Themes of words included places and 'help'.

Vectorizing the Tweets:

- 1. Used SKLearn TFIDF Vectorizer on each tweet's string of lemmas
- 2. Used SKLearn Count Vectorizer on each tweet's string of lemmas

Train/Test/Split: 80%/10%/10%

## **MODELING METHODS:**

- Predict sentiment from validation set
- Target: Negative Sentiment Tweets
- Machines ranked by Precision score \*\* decided to use precision score since both label-making and tweet filtering methods need improvement, and it's unhelpful to have bot spam users.

#### Machines Used:

- Random Forest
- XGBoost
- Naive Bayes
- CatBoost

## **Tuning Methods:**

• Used GridsearchCV for all models except Naive Bayes, did 5 cross validates for each model

## Comparing Models:

- Evaluated model with custom function producing classification report and ROC\_AUC plot for Negative Sentiment class
- Made list of all Precision Scores from all models for eyeballing comparision

#### Final Model:

- Best model was CatBoost using a simple Count Vectorizer for term frequency
- Trained best model on all training data

- Validated Best Model for final Precision score of 80%
  - This model as best model since it did marginally better than other models and because it's highly interpretable

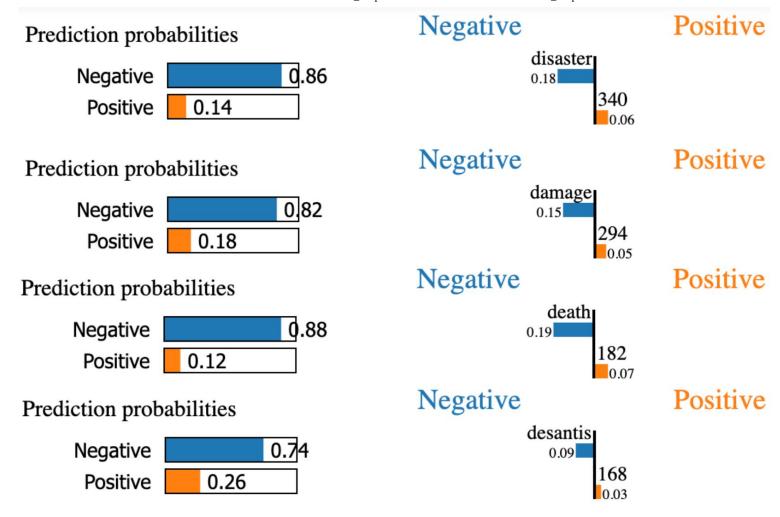
#### MODELING CONCLUSIONS:

All models could not produce precision scores better than 81% currently, implying hitting a threshold for improvement given current labeling techniques, and dataset. More in-depth label-making and larger data set needed for improved performance. Current model is NOT viable for Hurri\_Help yet! It would respond to too large an amount of twitter users who are upset about the politics surrounding the hurricane response who are not in need of outreach.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS** to Hurricane Response:

- Huge financial burden of recovery is common theme in negative tweets, more outreach by FEMA to inform public about financial options and disaster relief
- Look out for tweets with 3 Ds of DOOM: "Disaster", "Damage", and "Death" as these were the most common words in the negative tweets with the most negative sentiment

(AN INTERESTING FIND: DESANTIS 4th on LIST. I wonder how Gov. DeSantis would respond to this information.)



#### \*\*FUTURE WORK: \*\*

- Try EMOTION DETECTION algorithm to isolate 'SAD' tweets for labeling, and have labels as "TARGET" and "Not TARGET" for decernment
- Collect and utilize larger data set
- Analyze and model other features in data set
- Make pipeline for weeding out tweets and modeling tweets

- Get a prototype of Hurri\_Help working live on twitter
- Remove names and places from data so HurriHelp will be scalable for future hurricanes
- \*\* MOST IMPORTATNLY: FIND A NEW HOME \*\*

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