



Twitter Categorization

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Problem: Is a tweet related to a disaster event?



Abstract

Twitter provides a platform for human expression and discussion. The creation of a NLP classification model may be able to categorize the relevance of tweets. We developed multiple classification models, including a Neural Network, Logistic Regression, and Naive Bayes Classifier. Cross-validation of the model brought us over 80% accuracy on test data.

Data

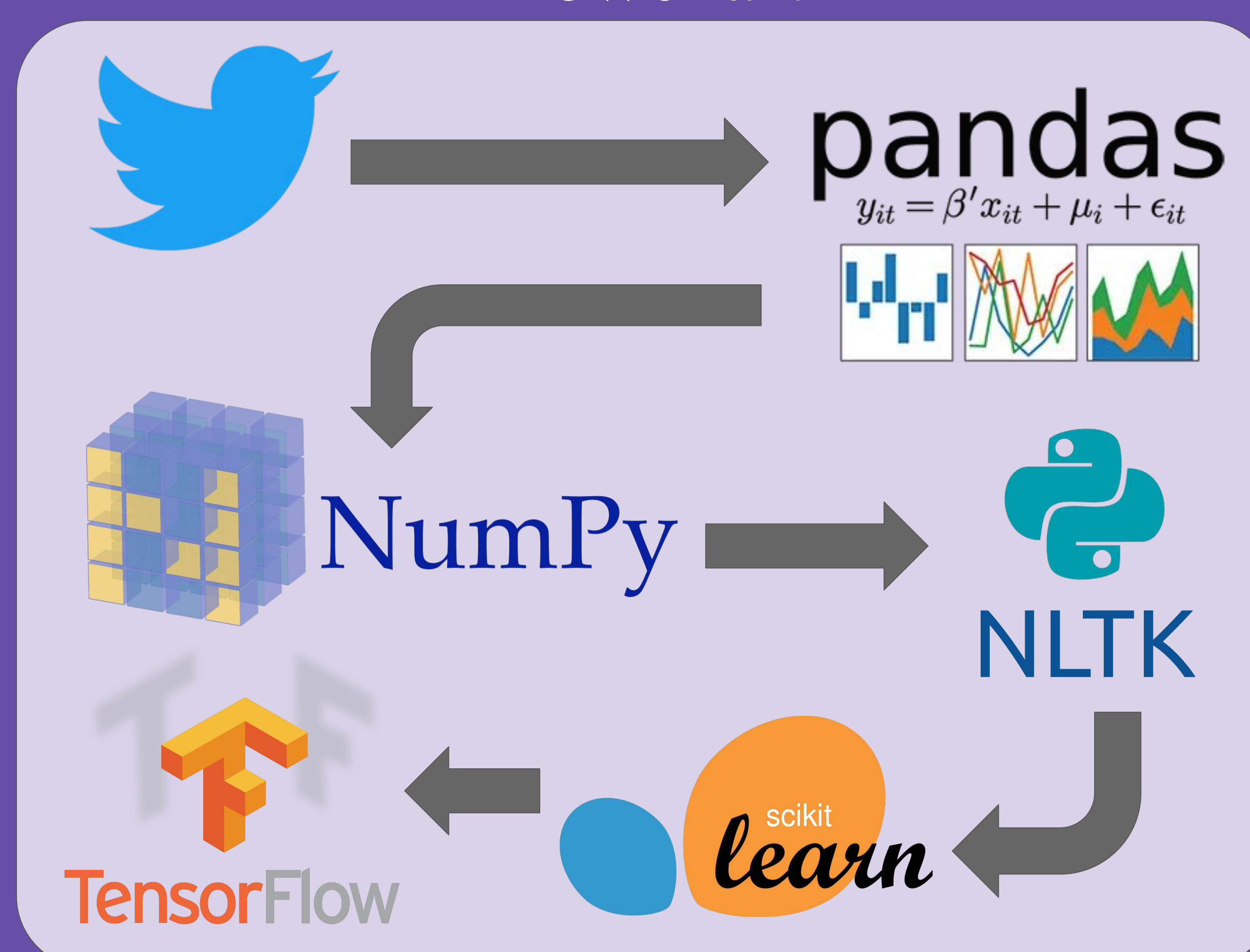
Training
7416 Instances

Testing
1854 Instances

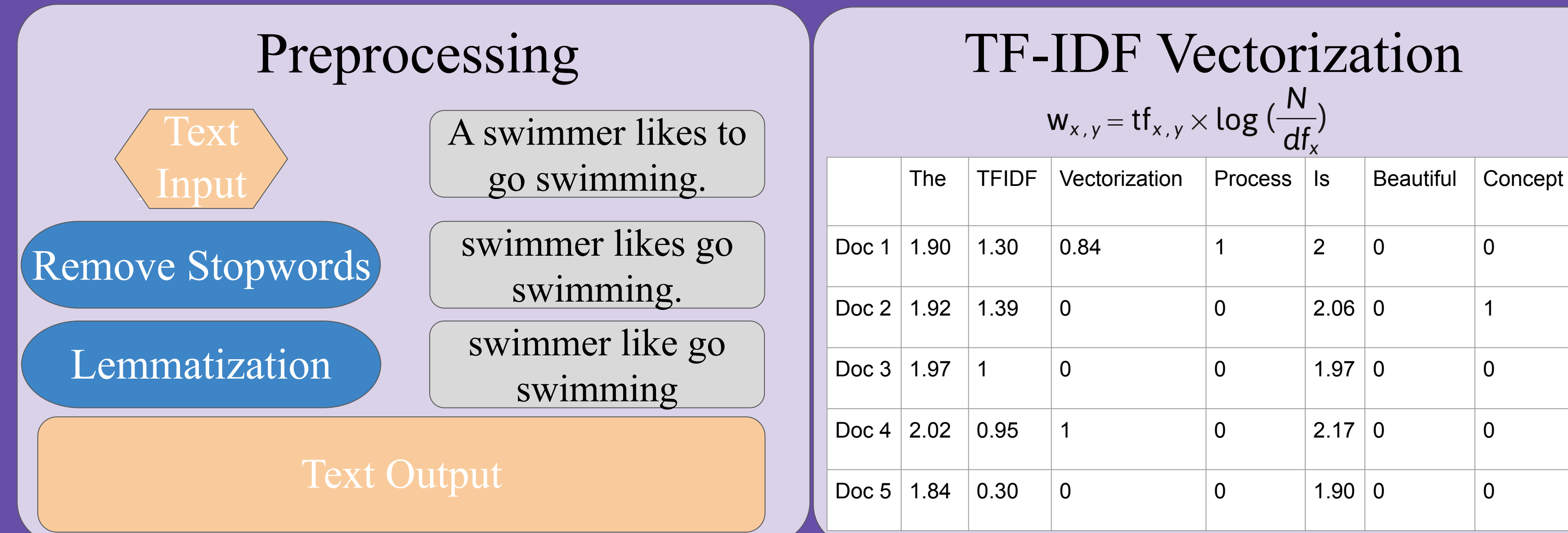
- # of classes: 2
 - Relevant = 1, Not relevant = 0
- Imbalanced training data: 4,305 (0) vs. 3,111 (1)

	index	class_label	text
0	8525	0	she keep it wet like tsunami
1	5008	1	when ur friend and u are talking about forest
2	8803	0	but i will be uploading these videos asap so y...
3	6795	0	i'm interested is it through yahoo?

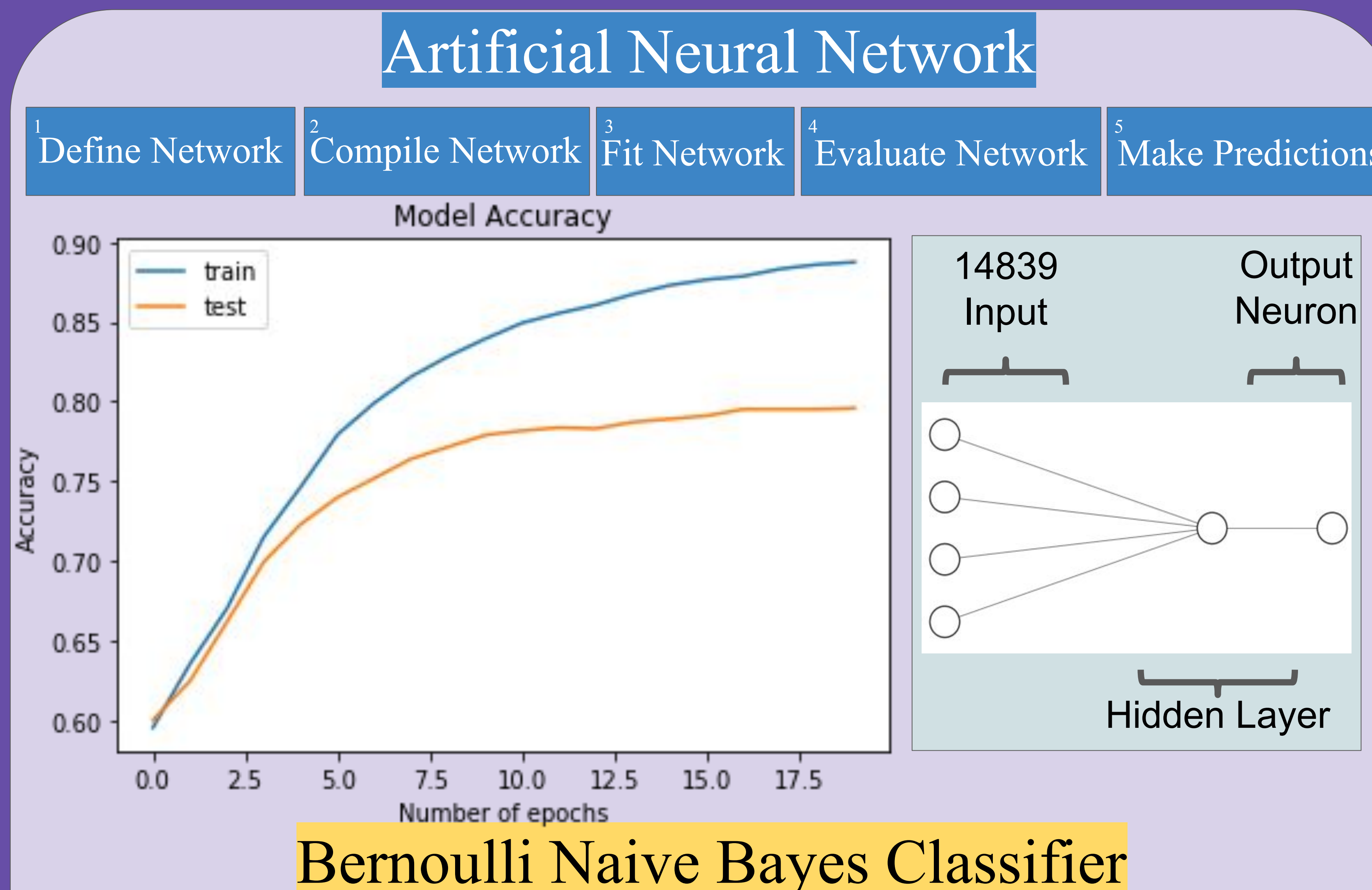
Flowchart



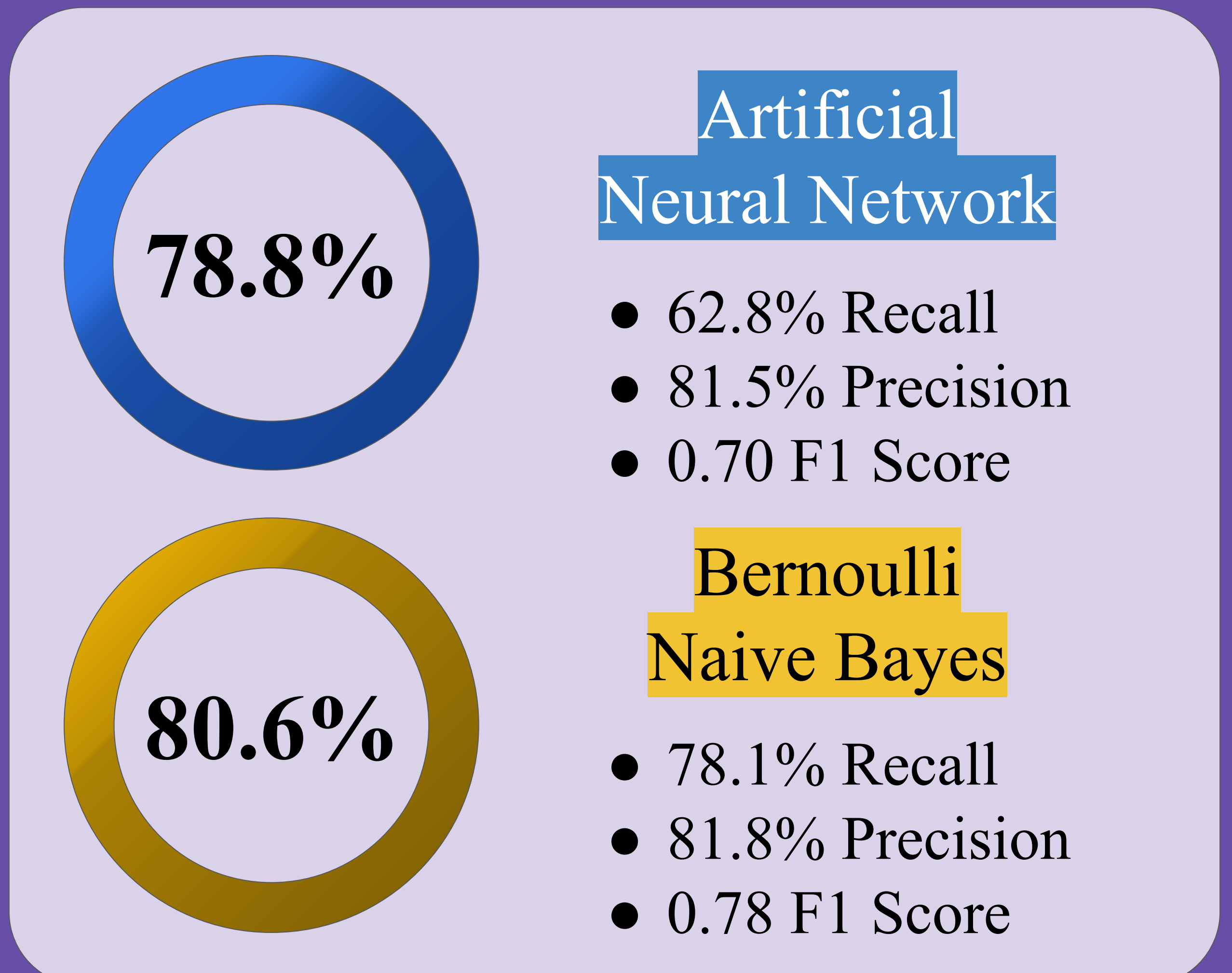
Process



Model



Results



Conclusion

- Bernoulli Naive Bayes achieved the highest accuracy of ~80.6%
- A neural network achieved an accuracy of ~78.8%
- Preprocessing is important for cleaning the data
- Nuances in individual texting habits make tweets inherently difficult to classify
- Tf-idf vectorization is better than countVectorizer as it values a word's importance to a document within a collection while countVectorizer simply performs frequency analysis

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