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1: Summary of problem statement, data and findings

The Real Problem

In the support process, incoming incidents are analyzed and assessed by organization's support teams to fulfill the request.

In many organizations, better allocation and effective usage of the valuable support resources will directly result in substantial cost savings.

Currently the incidents are created by various stakeholders (Business Users, IT Users and Monitoring Tools) within IT Service Management Tool and are assigned to Service Desk teams (L1 / L2 teams).

This team will review the incidents for right ticket categorization, priorities and then carry out initial diagnosis to see if they can resolve. Around ~54% of the incidents are resolved by L1 / L2 teams. In case L1 / L2 is unable to resolve, they will then escalate / assign the tickets to Functional teams from Applications and Infrastructure (L3 teams).

Some portions of incidents are directly assigned to L3 teams by either Monitoring tools or Callers / Requestors. L3 teams will carry out detailed diagnosis and resolve the incidents. Around ~56% of incidents are resolved by Functional / L3 teams. In case if vendor support is needed, they will reach out for their support towards incident closure. L1 / L2 needs to spend time reviewing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) before assigning to Functional teams (Minimum ~25-30% of incidents needs to be reviewed for SOPs before ticket assignment).

15 min is being spent for SOP review for each incident. Minimum of ~1 FTE effort needed only for incident assignment to L3 teams.

Objective of the Project

In this capstone project, the goal is to build a classifier that can classify the tickets by analyzing text, Guided by powerful AI techniques that can classify incidents to right functional groups can help organizations to reduce the resolving time of the issue and can focus on more productive tasks.

Data Findings:

```
input_data.shape
In [ ]:
Out[]: (8500, 4)
In [ ]: input_data.info()
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        RangeIndex: 8500 entries, 0 to 8499
        Data columns (total 4 columns):
        Short description
                             8492 non-null object
        Description
                             8499 non-null object
        Caller
                             8500 non-null object
        Assignment group
                             8500 non-null object
        dtypes: object(4)
        memory usage: 265.8+ KB
```

The input Excel File contains a total 8500 records consisting of the Short Description, Description, Caller Name and the group assigned as column values.

2. Overview of the final process

Observations from Target Class:

- The Target class distribution is extremely skewed
- A large no of entries for GRP_0 (mounting to 3976) which account for ~50% of the data
- There are groups with 1 entry also. We could merge all groups with small entries to a group to reduce the imbalance in the target. This may reduce the imbalance to some extent.

Data Pre-processing:

Below steps have been performed for initial pre-processing and clean-up of data.

- Dropped the caller field as the data was not found to be useful for analysis
- Replaced Null values in Short description & description with space.
- Merged Short Description & Description fields for analysis
- Contraction words found in the merged Description are removed for ease of word modelling
- Changed the case sensitivity of words to the common one
- Removed Hashtags and kept the words, Hyperlinks, URLs, HTML

Algorithms used:

We have tried below pre-modelling and modelling techniques

- 1. Built Bi-gram and Tri-gram models from the bag of words
- 2. Glove Embedding
- 3. Bidirectional LSTM Models using both embedding and compared
- 4. LSTM model
- 5. Attention model
- 6. Random Forest classifier
- 7. SVM Classifier model
- 8. Decision Tree

3. Step-by-step walk through the solution

Data pre-processing steps:

1. Handling the Null values in Short Description and Description columns:

```
input_data.isnull().sum()

Short description 8
Description 1
Caller 0
Assignment group 0
dtype: int64
```

input_data[pd.isnull(input_data).any(axis=1)]

	Short description	Description	Caller	Assignment group
2604	NaN	\r\n\r\nreceived from: ohdrnswl.rezuibdt@gmail	ohdrnswl rezuibdt	GRP_34
3383	NaN	\r\n-connected to the user system using teamvi	qftpazns fxpnytmk	GRP_0
3906	NaN	-user unable tologin to vpn.\r\n-connected to	awpcmsey ctdiuqwe	GRP_0
3910	NaN	-user unable tologin to vpn.\r\n-connected to	rhwsmefo tvphyura	GRP_0
3915	NaN	-user unable tologin to vpn.\r\n-connected to	hxripljo efzounig	GRP_0
3921	NaN	-user unable tologin to vpn.\r\n-connected to	cziadygo veiosxby	GRP_0
3924	NaN	name:wvqgbdhm fwchqjor\nlanguage:\nbrowser:mic	wvqgbdhm fwchqjor	GRP_0
4341	NaN	\r\n\r\nreceived from: eqmuniov.ehxkcbgj@gmail	eqmuniov ehxkcbgj	GRP_0
4395	i am locked out of skype	NaN	viyglzfo ajtfzpkb	GRP_0

```
## Relacing Null 'Short description' values with 'Description'
input_data['Short description'] = input_data['Short description'].fillna(input_data['Description'])
```

2. Joining the 'Short description' and 'Description' as one column 'FullDescription':

```
# Total number of words in the corpus
tickets['FullDescription'] = tickets['Short description'].str.cat(tickets['Description'], sep=' ', na_rep=' ')
tickets.head()
```

	Short description	Description	Caller	Assignment group	FullDescription
0	login issue	-verified user details.(employee# & manager na	spxjnwir pjlcoqds	GRP_0	login issue -verified user details.(employee#
1	outlook	\r\n\r\nreceived from: hmjdrvpb.komuaywn@gmail	hmjdrvpb komuaywn	GRP_0	outlook \r\n\r\nreceived from: hmjdrvpb.komuay
2	cant log in to vpn	\r\n\r\nreceived from: eylqgodm.ybqkwiam@gmail	eylqgodm ybqkwiam	GRP_0	cant log in to vpn \r\n\r\nreceived from: eylq
3	unable to access hr_tool page	unable to access hr_tool page	xbkucsvz gcpydteq	GRP_0	unable to access hr_tool page unable to access
4	skype error	skype error	owlgqjme qhcozdfx	GRP_0	skype error skype error

3. Handling Encoded Texts:

```
def is_valid_unicode_str(text):
    if not sequence_weirdness(text):
        # nothing weird, should be okay
        return True
    try:
        text.encode('sloppy-windows-1252')
    except UnicodeEncodeError:
        # Not CP-1252 encodable, probably fine
        return True
    else:
        # Encodable as CP-1252, Mojibake alert level high
        return False
```

```
tickets['is_valid'] = tickets.iloc[:,-1:].applymap(is_valid_unicode_str)
```

```
tickets.query('is_valid == False').iloc[:,-2:]
```

	FullDescription	is_valid
98	password expiry tomorrow \n\nreceived from: ec	False
115	server issues \r\n\r\nreceived from: bgqpotek	False
123	mobile device activation from: tvcdfqgp nrbcqw	False
163	æ'¤å›ž: ticket_no1564867 comments added \n\	False
169	[urgent!!] delivery note creation request!! \	False
8387	please review your recent ticketing_tool ticke	False
8388	电è,'开机开ä¸□出æ□¥ to å°□贺,早上电	False
8397	customer group enhanced field \r\n\r\nreceived	False
8415	machine não está funcionando i am unable to	False

825 rows × 2 columns

8416

· Total of 825 rows contain encoded values

```
tickets['FullDescription'] = tickets['FullDescription'].apply(fix_text)
tickets['FullDescription'][8388]
```

an mehreren pc's lassen sich verschiedene prgr...

'电脑开机开不出来 to 小贺,早上电脑开机开不出来'

· The encoding issue is fixed and below we can see the text has successfully changed to Chinese language

4. Detecting language of each description in the dataset:

```
lang = []
for i in range(len(tickets['FullDescription'])):
    try:
        lang.append(detect(tickets['FullDescription'][i]))
    except:
        print("This row throws error:", i)
        lang.append('no')
tickets['lang'] = lang
```

The language detected is stored in a new column named "lang"

```
len(tickets[~tickets["lang"].isin(['no','en'])])
1348
```

A total of 1348 data is found in language other than English

5. Translation all the descriptions which are not in English

```
translator = Translator()
cd_trans = []
for desc in tickets.index:
    if (tickets['lang'][desc] == (['no','en'])):
        cd_trans.append(tickets['FullDescription'][desc])
    else :
        cd_trans.append(translator.translate(tickets['FullDescription'][desc], dest='en', src='auto').text)
tickets['TranslatedDescription'] = cd_trans
```

```
tickets.head()
```

	Caller	Assignment group	FullDescription	is_valid	lang	TranslatedDescription
0	spxjnwir pjlcoqds	GRP_0	login issue -verified user details.(employee#	True	[no, en]	login issue -verified user details.(employee#
1	hmjdrvpb komuaywn	GRP_0	$outlook \verb \n\nreceived from: hmjdrvpb.komuaywn@g$	True	en	$outlook \verb \n\nreceived from: hmjdrvpb.komuaywn@g$
2	eylqgodm ybqkwiam	GRP_0	cant log in to vpn \n\nreceived from: eylqgodm	True	en	cant log in to vpn \n\nreceived from: eylqgodm
3	xbkucsvz gcpydteq	GRP_0	unable to access hr_tool page unable to access	True	en	unable to access hr_tool page unable to access
4	owlgqjme qhcozdfx	GRP_0	skype error skype error	True	no	skype error skype error

tickets.iloc[[3710,3097,3875,4467,5714],[2,5,7,8]]	
--	--

	FullDescription	TranslatedDescription
3710	电话故障 铸棒车间电话故障,39523850	Telephone breakdown: Telephone breakdown of ca
3097	电脑硬盘故障,请求维修。 电脑硬盘故障,请求维修。	The computer hard disk is faulty, request repa
3875	电脑无法连接公共盘,请帮我转给小贺 电脑无法连接公共盘,请帮我转给小贺	The computer cannot connect to the public disk
4467	铸造车间电脑故障 铸造车间记录生产数据的电脑不能开机	Computer failure in the foundry shop The compu
5714	主机不能开启 主机不能开启,电源灯正常,主机面板1、3指示灯 常亮	The host cannot be turned on The host cannot b

❖ The translated data is stored in new column named 'TranslatedDescription'.

6. Removal of unwanted data from the 'TranslatedDescription' column and store the clean-text in 'CleanDescription' column:

```
def getRegexList():
    Adding regex list as per the given data set to flush off the unnecessary text
    ...
    regexList = []
    regexList += ['From:(.*)\r\n'] # from line
    regexList += ['Sent:(.*)\r\n'] # sent to line
    regexList += ['received'] # received data line
    regexList += ['received'] # received data line
    regexList += ['Inc(.*)\r\n'] # to line
    regexList += ['(.*)\r\n'] # coline
    regexList += ['(.*)\r\n'] # footer
    regexList += ['(.*)\r\n'] # footer
    regexList += ['(.*)\r\n'] # images cid
    regexList += ['Inval', \r\n'] # images cid
    regexList += ['Subject']
    regexList += ['[0.9][\r\n]\n'] # mumbers are not required
    regexList += ['[0.9][\r\n]\n'] # numbers, next line and space not needed
    regexList += ['[0.9][\r\n]\n'] # ringle letters appened to numbers not needed
    regexList += ['[0.9]] # numbers not needed
    regexList += ['(-a.7a-2.0-9]+] # anything that is not a letter
    regexList += ['(-a.7a-2]] # single letters makes no sense
    regexList += ['(-a.7a-2]] # two-letter words makes no sense
    regexList += ['(-a.7a-2]] # two-letter words makes no sense
    regexList += ['(-a.7a-2]] # two-letter words makes no sense
    regexList += ['(-a.7a-2]]
    return regexList

class of the unnecessary text

// Claex of the unnecessary text
```

dataset[column] = dataset[column].str.lower().str.replace(regex.lower(), ' ')

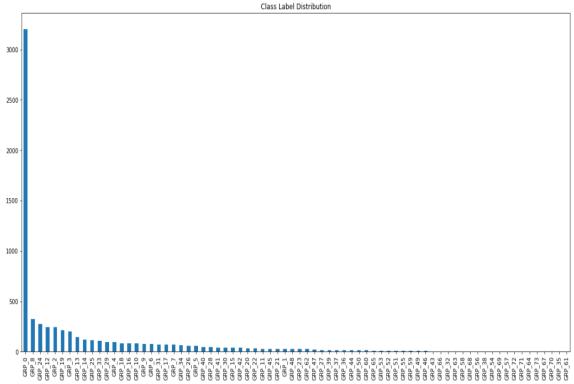
7. Further cleaning the text and removing the 'Caller' names from description text:

Salient features of your data

8. Visualizations:

Plotting the 'Assignment group' data in bar chart using matplotlib library:





- There are 74 Assignment groups which is the Target class.
- The class imbalance is high as data is highly skewed towards 'GRP_0' occupying 46.78% of the data

```
group_df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(group_frequency, orient='index', columns=['frequency'])
group_df['percent representation'] = group_df['frequency'] / group_df['frequency'].sum()
group_df['cumulative percentage'] = group_df['percent representation'].cumsum(axis = 0)
group_df.head(15)
```

	frequency	percent representation	cumulative percentage
GRP_0	3199	0.467895	0.467895
GRP_8	313	0.045780	0.513676
GRP_24	277	0.040515	0.554190
GRP_12	243	0.035542	0.589732
GRP_2	238	0.034811	0.624543
GRP_19	212	0.031008	0.655551
GRP_3	198	0.028960	0.684511
GRP_13	141	0.020623	0.705134
GRP_25	116	0.016967	0.722100
GRP_14	116	0.016967	0.739067
GRP_33	107	0.015650	0.754717
GRP_4	96	0.014041	0.768758
GRP_29	95	0.013895	0.782653
GRP_16	85	0.012432	0.795086
GRP_18	85	0.012432	0.807518

9. Processing on text data using NLTK and Regex library:

• Removing Numbers from the text:

```
def removeNumbers(text):
    """ Removes integers """
    text = ''.join([i for i in text if not i.isdigit()])
    return text
```

Replacing Contractions with complete words:

• Identify the words preceded by 'Not' and find the antonyms words for the same:

```
#Replace Negations with Antonym
def replace(word, pos=None):
    antonyms = set()
    for syn in wordnet.synsets(word, pos=pos):
        for lemma in syn.lemmas():
            for antonym in lemma.antonyms():
               antonyms.add(antonym.name())
    if len(antonyms) == 1:
       return antonyms.pop()
    else:
       return None
def replaceNegations(text):
    """ Finds "not" and antonym for the next word and if found, replaces not and the next word with the antonym """
    i, l = 0, len(text)
   words = []
    while i < 1:
       word = text[i]
       if word == 'not' and i+1 < 1:
            ant = replace(text[i+1])
            if ant:
               words.append(ant)
               i += 2
               continue
       words.append(word)
       i += 1
    return words
def antonym(text):
   tokens = nltk.word tokenize(text)
   tokens = replaceNegations(tokens)
   text = " ".join(tokens)
   return text
```

• Remove the frequently used 'Stopwords' to increase the efficiency of the model to identify the keywords required for classification:

```
#Remove Stopwords
stoplist = stopwords.words('english')
stoplist.remove('no')
stoplist.remove('not')
def stp_words(text):
    finalTokens = []
    tokens = nltk.word_tokenize(text)
    for w in tokens:
        if (w not in stoplist):
            finalTokens.append(w)
    text = " ".join(finalTokens)
    return text
```

 Removal of the mail related words which are not significant to classify the incidents to the respective groups:

```
#Remove mail related words
mail_words_list = ['hi','hello','com','gmail','cc','regards','thanks']
def mail_words(text):
    finalTokens = []
    tokens = nltk.word_tokenize(text)
    for w in tokens:
        if (w not in mail_words_list):
            finalTokens.append(w)
    text = " ".join(finalTokens)
    return text
```

• Lemmatization of the text:

```
#Lemmatization
stemmer = PorterStemmer() #set stemmer
lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer() # set lemmatizer

def nltk_tag_to_wordnet_tag(nltk_tag):
    if nltk_tag.startswith('J'):
        return wordnet.ADJ
    elif nltk_tag.startswith('V'):
        return wordnet.VERB
    elif nltk_tag.startswith('N'):
        return wordnet.NOUN
    elif nltk_tag.startswith('R'):
        return wordnet.ADV
    else:
        return None
```

```
def lemmatize_sentence(sentence):
    #tokenize the sentence and find the POS tag for each token
    nltk_tagged = nltk.pos_tag(nltk.word_tokenize(sentence))
    #tuple of (token, wordnet_tag)
    wordnet_tagged = map(lambda x: (x[0], nltk_tag_to_wordnet_tag(x[1])), nltk_tagged)
    lemmatized_sentence = []
    for word, tag in wordnet_tagged:
        if tag is None:
            #if there is no available tag, append the token as is
            lemmatized_sentence.append(word)
        else:
            #else use the tag to lemmatize the token
            lemmatized_sentence.append(lemmatizer.lemmatize(word, tag))
    return " ".join(lemmatized_sentence)
```

10. The final text is stored in 'Clean Description - After':

```
#create new column and add updated data
cleaned_tickets.at[index, 'Clean Description - After']= proc_des

cleaned_tickets.head()
```

	CleanDescription	Assignment group	Clean Description - After
0	login issue verified user details employee ma	GRP_0	login issue verify user detail employee manage
1	outlook from hello team meetings skype meeti	GRP_0	outlook team meeting skype meeting etc not app
2	cant log to vpn from cannot log to vpn best	GRP_0	not log vpn not log vpn best
3	unable access tool page unable access tool page	GRP_0	unable access tool page unable access tool page
4	skyne error skyne error	GRP 0	skyne error skyne error

4. Model Evaluation

❖ Basic Model building using Unsupervised Learning Models:

Step 1: Tokenisation

```
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
MAX_NB_WORDS = 10000
t = Tokenizer(num_words=MAX_NB_WORDS, split=' ', char_level=False, oov_token=None, document_count=0)
# t = Tokenizer(num_words=MAX_NB_WORDS)
t.fit_on_texts(cleaned_tickets['Clean Description - After'])

from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer

vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer()
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(cleaned_tickets['Clean Description - After'])
```

Step 2: Train-Test Split

Spliting the data set into 75:25 ratio with target as 'Assignment group'

Step 3: Model Building

```
models=[]
models.append(('LogisticRegression',LogisticRegression(solver = 'liblinear')))
models.append(('knn',KNeighborsClassifier()))
models.append(('SVC',SVC(gamma = 'auto', kernel= 'poly', degree=2)))
models.append(('Naive Bayes',MultinomialNB()))
models.append(("Decision_tree",DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion = 'entropy')))
models.append(("Random_Forest",RandomForestClassifier(criterion = 'entropy')))
models.append(("Ada_Boost",AdaBoostClassifier(n_estimators=20)))
models.append(("Bagging",BaggingClassifier(n_estimators=74, max_samples= .7, bootstrap=True)))
models.append(("Gradient_Boosting",GradientBoostingClassifier(n_estimators = 10, learning_rate = 0.05)))
```

Step 4: Fit and evaluate the models

· Fitting into the model

```
def fit_n_print(model, X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test):
    model.fit(X_train, y_train)
    pred = model.predict(X test)
    score = model.score(X_test, y_test)
    return score # return accuracy metrics
result1 = pd.DataFrame({'Model':[],'Accuracy':[]})
for name, model in models:
    accuracy = fit_n_print(model, train_x, test_x, train_y, test_y )
    result1 = result1.append(pd.Series({'Model':name, 'Accuracy':accuracy}), ignore_index=True)
print(result1)
               Model Accuracy
  LogisticRegression 0.567130
1
                  knn 0.534722
                  SVC 0.467014
2
         Naive Bayes 0.505208
3
        Decision_tree 0.491319
4
        Random Forest 0.568287
5
           Ada Boost 0.484954
6
              Bagging 0.592014
    Gradient Boosting 0.524306
```

Observation¶

- There is no much difference in accuracy even after tweaking the hyperparameters
- All the models are having accuracy between 46% to 59%
- As the problem statement is to classify the text given as description, it is recommended
 to use deep learning (neural network) techniques to build the model and enhance the
 accuracy of determining the groups effectively.

Enhanced modelling using Deep Learning Techniques:

Language modelling

Language modelling is a special case of classification where the model is trained to predict the next word or character in the sentence. At each time step t, the output vector gives the probability distribution of xt over all the words/characters in the vocabulary, conditioned on the previous words/characters in the sequence,

The language model can also be used to generate text of arbitrary size by repeatedly sampling characters for the desired number of time steps (for character-level granularity) or until the special end-of-sentence token is selected (for word-level granularity).

For a character-level language model for instance, T can easily exceed 20 or 25.

This greatly amplifies the adverse effects of the well-known vanishing and exploding gradients problem, which prevents long-range dependencies from being learned. Note that this issue can also be experienced with feed-forward neural networks, such as the Multi-Layer Perceptron, but it just gets

worse with RNN due to their inherent tendency to be deep.

Pre-processing and data readiness:

Step 1: Re-naming of the columns and deleting the unused columns

df.head()

	Assignment group	ProcessedDescription
0	GRP_0	login issue verify user detail employee manage
1	GRP_0	outlook team meeting skype meeting etc not app
2	GRP_0	not log vpn not log vpn best
3	GRP_0	unable access tool page unable access tool page
4	GRP_0	skype error skype error

Step 2: Reconfirming that no null value is present

Step 3: Check the required size for padding the text sequences

```
df.ProcessedDescription.apply(lambda x: len(x.split(" "))).mean()
23.47769489542197
```

Thus, padding size of 25 should be good fit.

Step 4: Tokenisation of the text data

```
words = []
for i in df.ProcessedDescription.values:
     words.append(i.split())
words[:1]
[['login',
'issue',
'verify',
  'user',
  'detail',
  'employee',
  'manager',
  'name',
'check',
  'user',
'name',
  'ad',
  'reset',
  'password',
  'advise',
  'user',
'login'
  'check',
'caller',
  'confirm',
  'able',
'login',
'issue',
  'resolve']]
tokenizer = text.Tokenizer(num words=10000)
tokenizer.fit_on_texts(words)
tokenized_train = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(words)
```

Step 5: Word Vocab and Indexing

```
tokenizer.word_index

{'not': 1,
   'please': 2,
   'password': 3,
   'yes': 4,
   'erp': 5,
   'tool': 6,
   'user': 7,
   'na': 8,
   'company': 9,
   'access': 10,
   'issue': 11,
   'work': 12,
   'unable': 13,
   'reset': 14,
   'error': 15,
   'email': 16,
   'need': 17,
   'sid': 18,
```

```
vocab_size = len(tokenizer.word_index) + 1
print(vocab_size)

10162
```

The vocab size id 10162, plus 1 is added as the counting starts from 0.

Step 6: Handling the imbalance of the data

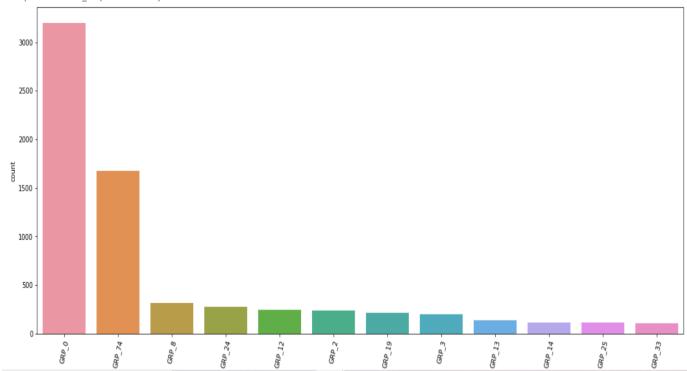
All the groups which have records less than 100 are clubbed into one group named 'GRP_74'.

Step 7: Visualisation of the newly formed grouping structure

```
df['Assignment group - After'].value counts()
GRP_0
         3199
       1677
GRP 74
GRP 8
         313
GRP_24
         277
GRP_12
         243
GRP_2
         238
GRP_19
        212
GRP 3
         198
GRP 13
        141
GRP 25
        116
GRP 14
         116
GRP 33
         107
Name: Assignment group - After, dtype: int64
```

```
df_desc = df['Assignment group - After'].value_counts().sort_values(ascending=False).index
plt.figure(figsize= (20,8))
plt.xticks(rotation=75)
sns.countplot(x='Assignment group - After', data=df, order=df_desc)
```

<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f8ebdd8c1d0>



- Now we have a total of 12 categorical data under 'Assignment group'

Step 8: Label Encoding of the Targe Variable and converting into categorical data

```
encoder = LabelEncoder()
Y = df['Assignment group - After']
encoder.fit(Y)
encoded_Y = encoder.transform(Y)
# convert integers to dummy variables (i.e. one hot encoded)
dummy_y = to_categorical(encoded_Y)
```

Step 9: Train-validation-Test Split

```
from sklearn import model_selection

X_train_val, X_test, y_train_val, y_test = model_selection.train_test_split(X, dummy_y, test_size=0.25, random_state=42)

X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = model_selection.train_test_split(X_train_val, y_train_val, test_size=0.3, random_state=42)

print("Size of the training dataframe is ",len(X_train))
print("Size of the validation dataframe is ",len(X_val))
print("Size of the test dataframe is ",len(X_test))
print("{0:0.2f}% data is in training set".format((len(X_train)/len(df.index)) * 100))
print("{0:0.2f}% data is in training set".format((len(X_val)/len(df.index)) * 100))

Size of the training dataframe is 3588
Size of the Validation dataframe is 1539
Size of the test dataframe is 1710
```

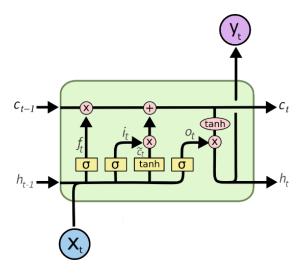
Model Building:

LSTM unit

In practice, whenever people use RNNs, they use the LSTM or the GRU unit (see next subsection), as these cells are engineered in a way that allows them to escape vanishing/exploding gradients and keep track of information over longer time periods.

As shown in Fig. 8, the two things that change in the LSTM unit compared to the basic RNN unit are (1) the presence of a cell state (ct), which serves as an explicit memory, and (2) how hidden states are computed.

With vanilla RNNs, the hidden state is computed with a single layer as $h_t = tanh(Ux_t+Wh_{t-1}+b)$ (see eq. 6). With the LSTM unit however, the hidden state is computed by four interacting layers that give the network the ability to remember or forget specific information about the preceding elements in the sequence.



The LSTM unit. Adapted from Chris Colah's blog.

Model 1: LSTM with 2 Dense layers

Step 1: Model Structure

```
lstm_model_4 = Sequential()
lstm_model_4.add(Embedding(vocab_size, output_dim=200, input_length=25, trainable=True))
lstm_model_4.add(Dropout(0.5))
lstm_model_4.add(LSTM(128, recurrent_dropout = 0.5 , dropout = 0.5))
lstm_model_4.add(Dense(64, activity_regularizer=l1(0.01)))
lstm model 4.add(LeakyReLU(alpha=0.3))
lstm_model_4.add(Dropout(0.5))
lstm_model_4.add(Dense(12, activity_regularizer=l1(0.01),activation='softmax'))
lstm_model_4.compile(loss = 'categorical_crossentropy', optimizer=adam_optimizer',metrics = ['accuracy'])
print(lstm_model_4.summary())
Model: "sequential_14"
Layer (type)
                             Output Shape
                                                        Param #
embedding_14 (Embedding)
                             (None, 25, 200)
                                                        2032400
dropout_10 (Dropout)
                             (None, 25, 200)
                                                        0
                             (None, 128)
lstm 11 (LSTM)
                                                        168448
dense 17 (Dense)
                             (None, 64)
                                                        8256
leaky_re_lu_1 (LeakyReLU)
                             (None, 64)
                                                        0
dropout_11 (Dropout)
                             (None, 64)
                                                        0
dense 18 (Dense)
                                                        780
                             (None, 12)
Total params: 2,209,884
Trainable params: 2,209,884
Non-trainable params: 0
None
```

Step 2: Define Optimizer

Step 3: Train and Fit the Model

```
BATCH ST7E = 32
EPOCHS = 20
stop = EarlyStopping(monitor="loss", patience=5, mode="min")
reduce_lr = ReduceLROnPlateau(monitor="loss", factor=0.2, patience=5, min_lr=1e-6, verbose=1, mode="min")
history = lstm_model_4.fit(X_train_val, y_train_val, validation_split=0.5, epochs=EPOCHS, batch_size=BATCH_SIZE, verbose=1, shuffle=True, callbacks=[stop, reduce_lr])
81/81 [===
Epoch 2/20
                   :========] - 9s 109ms/step - loss: 1.7935 - accuracy: 0.5205 - val_loss: 4.9285 - val_accuracy: 0.1026
81/81 [====
                 ========] - 9s 106ms/step - loss: 1.4216 - accuracy: 0.6243 - val_loss: 1.4928 - val_accuracy: 0.6112
Epoch 3/20
                              - 8s 105ms/step - loss: 1.0856 - accuracy: 0.7401 - val_loss: 1.5457 - val_accuracy: 0.6127
Epoch 4/20
                       81/81 [===
                 ========] - 9s 105ms/step - loss: 0.7937 - accuracy: 0.8357 - val_loss: 2.1976 - val_accuracy: 0.5885
81/81 [====
Epoch 6/20
81/81 [====
                     =======] - 9s 106ms/step - loss: 0.7836 - accuracy: 0.8365 - val_loss: 1.8982 - val_accuracy: 0.6022
Epoch 7/20
                          ==] - 9s 106ms/step - loss: 0.7291 - accuracy: 0.8451 - val_loss: 2.1652 - val_accuracy: 0.5819
Epoch 8/20
                81/81 [=====
81/81 [=====
                    :=======] - 9s 106ms/step - loss: 0.7408 - accuracy: 0.8564 - val_loss: 2.2000 - val_accuracy: 0.5952
Epoch 10/20
81/81 [====
                    =======] - 9s 105ms/step - loss: 0.7546 - accuracy: 0.8529 - val_loss: 2.2990 - val_accuracy: 0.5924
Epoch 11/20
          Epoch 12/20
                   =======] - ETA: 0s - loss: 0.7478 - accuracy: 0.8541
81/81 [=====
Epoch 00012: ReduceLROnPlateau reducing learning rate to 0.0019999999552965165.
```

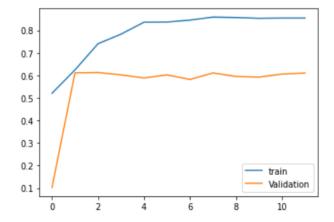
Step 4: Evaluate the Model on Test data

loss: 2.306902

Step 6: Plot the accuracy of train and validation data

```
from matplotlib import pyplot

pyplot.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='train')
pyplot.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation')
pyplot.legend()
pyplot.show()
```



Observation:

- The training loss has gone down to 74.78% but validation loss is still as high as 245.01%
- Although the training set was able to learn and the accuracy has reached 85.41% but the validation failed to reach that level and accuracy reached was 61.04%
- Compared to validation data, performance of test data was better with loss as 230% and accuracy as 63.33%

Model 2: LSTM with pre-defined Embedding weights of dimension 200

Embedding Layer

As all our Machine Learning and Deep learning algorithms are incapable of processing strings or plain text in their raw form, word embeddings are used to convert the texts into numbers. There may be different numerical representations of the same text. It tries to map a word using a dictionary to a vector.

We have experimented below 2 types of embedding in our models with the dimension as 100.

1. Word2Vector Embedding:

Word2Vec models are shallow, two-layer neural networks that are trained to reconstruct linguistic contexts of words. Word2vec takes as its input a large corpus of text and produces a vector space, typically of several hundred dimensions, with each unique word in the corpus being assigned a corresponding vector in the space.

2. GloVe (Global Vectors) Embedding:

GloVe is an unsupervised learning algorithm for obtaining vector representations for words. Training is performed on aggregated global word-word co-occurrence statistics from a corpus, and the resulting representations showcase interesting linear substructures of the word vector space.

Step 1: Load the embedding weights

```
EMBEDDING_FILE_200 = './glove.6B.200d.txt'
def define embedding(EMBEDDING FILE, size):
  embeddings = {}
  for o in open(EMBEDDING FILE):
      word = o.split(" ")[0]
      # print(word)
      embd = o.split(" ")[1:]
      embd = np.asarray(embd, dtype='float32')
      # print(embd)
      embeddings[word] = embd
  # create a weight matrix for words in training docs
  embedding_matrix = np.zeros((vocab_size, size))
  for word, i in tokenizer.word index.items():
    embedding vector = embeddings.get(word)
    if embedding_vector is not None:
      embedding matrix[i] = embedding vector
    return embedding matrix
embedding matrix = define embedding(EMBEDDING FILE 200, 200)
```

Step 2: Build the Model

```
embedding size = 200
lstm_out = 196
lstm model 1 = Sequential()
lstm_model_1.add(Embedding(vocab_size, output_dim=embedding_size, weights=[embedding_matrix], input_length=200, trainable=True))
lstm model 1.add(SpatialDropout1D(0.4))
lstm model 1.add(LSTM(lstm out, dropout=0.2, recurrent dropout=0.2))
lstm model 1.add(Dense(12,activation='softmax'))
lstm model 1.compile(loss = 'categorical crossentropy', optimizer=keras.optimizers.Adam(lr = 0.01), metrics = ['accuracy'])
print(lstm_model_1.summary())
Model: "sequential_3"
Layer (type)
                           Output Shape
                                                       Param #
embedding_3 (Embedding)
                                                       2032400
                            (None, 200, 200)
spatial_dropout1d_2 (Spatial (None, 200, 200)
lstm 1 (LSTM)
                                                        311248
                             (None, 196)
dense_2 (Dense)
                             (None, 12)
                                                        2364
Total params: 2,346,012
Trainable params: 2,346,012
Non-trainable params: 0
None
```

Step 3: Train and Evaluate the Model

```
# fit the model
lstm_model_1.fit(X_train, y_train, validation_data = (X_val,y_val), epochs=10, batch_size=32)
# evaluate the model
lstm loss 1, lstm_accuracy_1 = lstm_model_1.evaluate(X_test, y_test, verbose=0)
print('Accuracy: %f' % (lstm_accuracy_1*100))
print('loss: %f' % (lstm_loss_1*100))
Epoch 1/10
WARNING:tensorflow:Model was constructed with shape (None, 200) for input Tensor("embedding_53_input:0", shape=(None, 200), dtype=floa: WARNING:tensorflow:Model was constructed with shape (None, 200) for input Tensor("embedding_53_input:0", shape=(None, 200), dtype=floa:
Epoch 2/10
113/113 [===
Epoch 3/10
               :=========] - 16s 145ms/step - loss: 0.9766 - accuracy: 0.7001 - val loss: 1.2155 - val accuracy: 0.6303
113/113 [==:
              ==========] - 16s 146ms/step - loss: 0.5979 - accuracy: 0.8091 - val_loss: 1.2787 - val_accuracy: 0.6374
Epoch 4/10
113/113 [==:
                             ==] - 16s 146ms/step - loss: 0.3760 - accuracy: 0.8829 - val loss: 1.4046 - val accuracy: 0.6400
Epoch 5/10
113/113 [=====
                =========] - 16s 145ms/step - loss: 0.2656 - accuracy: 0.9119 - val_loss: 1.5892 - val_accuracy: 0.6212
Epoch 6/10
                   113/113 [==
Epoch 8/10
113/113 [==
                  ========] - 17s 146ms/step - loss: 0.1457 - accuracy: 0.9515 - val_loss: 1.9239 - val_accuracy: 0.6413
Epoch 9/10
Fnoch 10/10
113/113 [==:
                    ========] - 16s 146ms/step - loss: 0.1109 - accuracy: 0.9624 - val_loss: 2.0508 - val_accuracy: 0.6420
Accuracy: 61.695904
loss: 220,526338
```

Observation:

- The test accuracy has increased by just 1% which is 61.69% than the simple LSTM model and loss is still as high as 220%
- Here also the model has over-fitted as we can see training data accuracy has consistently increased up to 96.24% but validation accuracy is stuck to 64.20%
- Regularization needs to be added to the dense layers to overcome over-fitting

Model 3: LSTM Model by excluding 'GRP-74' which consisted of incidents from various group

Step 1: Remove the records where target data was 'GRP 74'

```
df_filtered = df[df['Assignment group - After'] != 'GRP_74']
df_filtered.shape
(5160, 3)
df filtered['Assignment group - After'].value counts()
GRP 0
          3199
GRP 8
          313
GRP 24
           277
GRP 12
           243
GRP 2
           238
GRP 19
           212
GRP 3
           198
GRP 13
           141
GRP 14
           116
GRP 25
           116
GRP 33
           107
Name: Assignment group - After, dtype: int64
```

Step 2: Build the Model

```
lstm_model_4 = Sequential()
lstm_model_4.add(Embedding(vocab_size, output_dim=200, input_length=25, trainable=True))
lstm_model_4.add(Dropout(0.5))
lstm_model_4.add(LSTM(128, recurrent_dropout = 0.5 , dropout = 0.5))
lstm_model_4.add(Dense(64, activity_regularizer=l1(0.01)))
lstm_model_4.add(LeakyReLU(alpha=0.3))
lstm_model_4.add(Dropout(0.5))
lstm_model_4.add(Dense(11, activity_regularizer=l1(0.01),activation='softmax'))
lstm_model_4.compile(loss = 'categorical_crossentropy', optimizer=adam_optimizer, metrics = ['accuracy'])
print(lstm_model_4.summary())
```

Model: "sequential_13"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
embedding_13 (Embedding)	(None, 25, 200)	2032400
dropout_8 (Dropout)	(None, 25, 200)	0
lstm_10 (LSTM)	(None, 128)	168448
dense_15 (Dense)	(None, 64)	8256
leaky_re_lu (LeakyReLU)	(None, 64)	0
dropout_9 (Dropout)	(None, 64)	0
dense_16 (Dense)	(None, 11)	715

Total params: 2,209,819 Trainable params: 2,209,819 Non-trainable params: 0

Step 3: Train and Fit the Model

```
BATCH SIZE = 32
  EPOCHS = 20
history = lstm_model_4.fit(X_attd_train_val, y_attd_train_val, validation_split=0.2, epochs=EPOCHS, batch_size=BATCH_SIZE, verbose=1, shuffle=True, callbacks=[stop, reduce_lr])
         91/91 [====
Epoch 4/20
91/91 [====
Epoch 5/20
91/91 [====
Epoch 6/20
91/91 [====
Epoch 7/20
         epocn //20 91/91 [========] - 8s 91ms/step - loss: 0.6067 - accuracy: 0.8896 - val_loss: 1.2295 - val_accuracy: 0.7718 Epoch 8/20
      91/91 [====
Epoch 9/20
91/91 [====
Epoch 10/20
      ========] - 8s 91ms/step - loss: 0.5645 - accuracy: 0.9034 - val_loss: 1.1859 - val_accuracy: 0.7773
  Epoch 10/20
91/91 [====
Epoch 11/20
             91/91 [=====
5noch 12/20
            91/91 [=====
Epoch 12/20
91/91 [=====
Epoch 13/20
91/91 [=====
Epoch 14/20
91/91 [======
Epoch 15/20
            ========] - 8s 92ms/step - loss: 0.5164 - accuracy: 0.9128 - val_loss: 1.2002 - val_accuracy: 0.7676
```

Step 4: Evaluate the Model on Test data

Observation:

- Although the training data has overfit, but still the validation and test accuracy has increased considerably
- The validation accuracy has gone down to 78.01% and loss has increased to 124%
- The test accuracy has increased to 75.78% as compared to attention layer model
- On the other hand, the loss has reduced to 140.20%, which is high as compared to attention models

Model 4: Attention Model by excluding 'GRP-74' which consisted of incidents from various group

Attention Model

The attention mechanism [1] was developed in the context of encoder-decoder architectures for Neural Machine Translation (NMT) [2, 24], and rapidly applied to naturally related tasks such as image captioning (translating an image to a sentence) [25], and summarization (translating to a more compact language) [21]. From a high-level, by allowing the decoder to shop for what it needs over multiple vectors, attention relieves the encoder from the burden of having to embed the input into a single fixed-length vector, and thus allows to keep much more information [1].

Today, attention is ubiquitous in deep learning models, and is not used only in encoder decoder contexts. Notably, attention devices have been proposed for encoders only, to solve tasks such as document classification [27] or representation learning [5]. Such mechanisms are qualified as self or inner attention.

In what follows, we will start by presenting attention in the original context of encoder decoder for NMT, using the general framework introduced by [20], and then introduce self attention.

Step 1: Build the Attention layer

```
class Attention(tf.keras.Model):
   def __init__(self, units):
       super(Attention, self). init ()
       self.W1 = tf.keras.layers.Dense(units)
       self.W2 = tf.keras.layers.Dense(units)
       self.V = tf.keras.layers.Dense(1)
   def call(self, features, hidden):
       # hidden shape == (batch_size, hidden size)
       # hidden with time axis shape == (batch size, 1, hidden size)
       # we are doing this to perform addition to calculate the score
       hidden_with_time_axis = tf.expand_dims(hidden, 1)
       # score shape == (batch size, max length, 1)
       # we get 1 at the last axis because we are applying score to self.V
       # the shape of the tensor before applying self.V is (batch size, max length, units)
       score = tf.nn.tanh(
            self.W1(features) + self.W2(hidden_with_time_axis))
       # attention_weights shape == (batch_size, max_length, 1)
       attention_weights = tf.nn.softmax(self.V(score), axis=1)
       # context vector shape after sum == (batch size, hidden size)
       context_vector = attention_weights * features
       context_vector = tf.reduce_sum(context_vector, axis=1)
       return context_vector, attention_weights
```

Step 2: Build the Model

```
sequence_input = Input(shape=(MAX_LEN,), dtype="int32")
embedded_sequences = Embedding(MAX_FEATURES, EMBED_SIZE)(sequence_input)
lstm = LSTM(RNN CELL SIZE, return sequences = True)(embedded sequences)
# Getting our LSTM outputs
(lstm, state_h, state_c) = LSTM(RNN_CELL_SIZE, return_sequences=True, return_state=True)(lstm)
context vector, attention weights = Attention(10)(lstm, state h)
dense1 = Dense(1024, activity regularizer=l1(0.01))(context vector)
activation1 = LeakyReLU(alpha=0.2)(dense1)
dropout1 = Dropout(0.5)(activation1)
dense2 = Dense(512, activity regularizer=l1(0.1))(dropout1)
activation2 = LeakyReLU(alpha=0.2)(dense2)
dropout2 = Dropout(0.5)(activation2)
output = Dense(11, activation="softmax")(dropout2)
model_label = keras.Model(inputs=sequence_input, outputs=output)
adam_optimizer = Adam(lr=1e-3, beta_1=0.009, beta_2=0.999, amsgrad=True)
model label.compile(loss='categorical crossentropy',
              optimizer=adam optimizer,
              metrics='accuracy')
```

Step 3: Train and Fit the Model

```
BATCH SIZE = 32
EPOCHS = 30
for i in range(EPOCHS):
 model_label.fit(X_attd_train_val, y_attd_train_val, validation_split=0.2, epochs=1, batch_size=BATCH_SIZE, verbose=1, shuffle=True, callbacks=[stop, reduce_lr])
 model_label.reset_states()
91/91 [==================] - 3s 35ms/step - loss: 1.0313 - accuracy: 0.7913 - val_loss: 1.0595 - val_accuracy: 0.7925
91/91 [==========] - 3s 35ms/step - loss: 0.8703 - accuracy: 0.8231 - val loss: 0.9105 - val accuracy: 0.8008
91/91 [====================] - 3s 37ms/step - loss: 0.7382 - accuracy: 0.8588 - val_loss: 0.9151 - val_accuracy: 0.8188
91/91 [=======] - 3s 35ms/step - loss: 0.7107 - accuracy: 0.8823 - val_loss: 0.9217 - val_accuracy: 0.8368
        ------] - 3s 35ms/step - loss: 0.6845 - accuracy: 0.9052 - val_loss: 0.8723 - val_accuracy: 0.8520
91/91 [=====
91/91
         :=========] - 3s 35ms/step - loss: 0.6462 - accuracy: 0.9218 - val_loss: 0.8924 - val_accuracy: 0.8382
:========] - 3s 35ms/step - loss: 0.5758 - accuracy: 0.9367 - val_loss: 0.9423 - val_accuracy: 0.8437
91/91 [=====
91/91
               :======] - 3s 35ms/step - loss: 0.5537 - accuracy: 0.9436 - val_loss: 0.9581 - val_accuracy: 0.8562
91/91
               ========] - 3s 35ms/step - loss: 0.5160 - accuracy: 0.9768 - val_loss: 0.8337 - val_accuracy: 0.8617
               ========] - 3s 35ms/step - loss: 0.4839 - accuracy: 0.9841 - val_loss: 1.6602 - val_accuracy: 0.7026
91/91 [====
91/91
             91/91
         91/91 [====================] - 3s 35ms/step - loss: 0.4345 - accuracy: 0.9931 - val_loss: 0.8344 - val_accuracy: 0.8562
```

Step 4: Evaluate the Model on Test data

Observation:

- Using the attention layer in the network and removing the sparse data from the
 e dataset has kicked the accuracy to a large extent
- The training data has overfit to 99.27% but for the first time the validation accuracy has gone upto 84.92
 %
- The test accuracy has also increased to 74.87%
- The validation and test loss are the minimum as compared to all the model, 8
 2.28% and 1.26% respectively

Prediction:

```
incident = ['job printer printer issue']
#['login issue verify user detail employee']
#vectorizing the tweet by the pre-fitted tokenizer instance
inc = tokenizer.texts to sequences(incident)
#padding the tweet to have exactly the same shape as `embedding_2` input
#twt = pad sequences(inc, maxlen=28, dtype='int32', value=0)
inc = sequence.pad sequences(inc, maxlen=50)
print(inc)
sentiment = lstm model 4.predict(inc,batch size=1,verbose = 2)
print(sentiment)
        0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
  38 11]]
1/1 - 0s
[[0.97194606 0.00216034 0.00175424 0.00179068 0.00553611 0.00377704
```

- The above gives the probability percentage of the data that can be present for each group.

6. Visualization

❖ Word Cloud for Top 5 groups assigned:

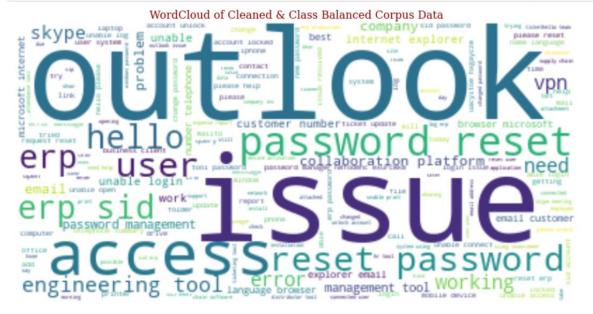
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()

plt.title("WordCloud of Cleaned & Class Balanced Corpus Data", fontdict=font)

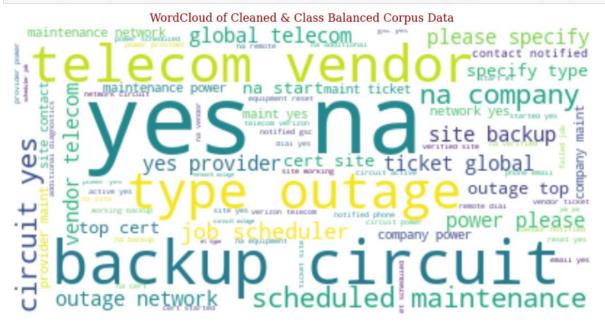
1) Group 0

visualize_wordCloud(cleaned_tickets[cleaned_tickets["Assignment group"].isin(['GRP_0'])].CleanDescription)

plt.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation="bilinear")

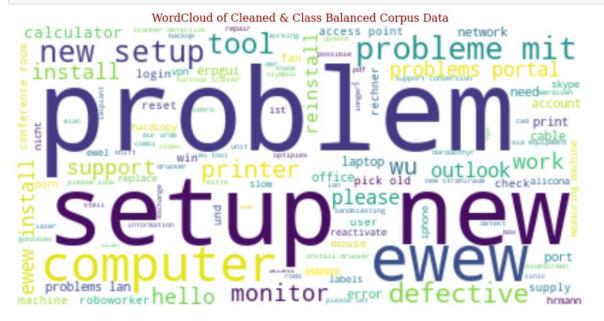


visualize_wordCloud(cleaned_tickets[cleaned_tickets["Assignment group"].isin(['GRP_8'])].CleanDescription)

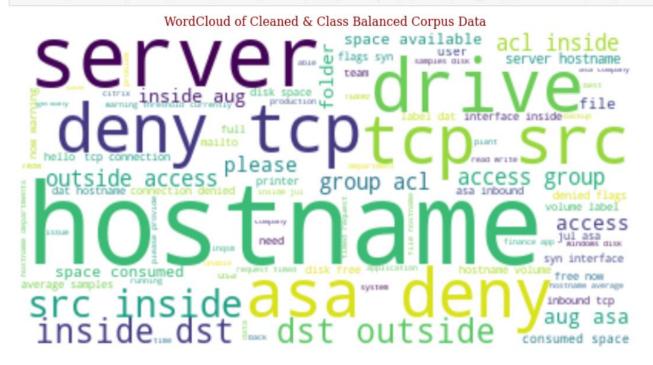


3) Group 24

visualize_wordCloud(cleaned_tickets[cleaned_tickets["Assignment group"].isin(['GRP_24'])].CleanDescription)

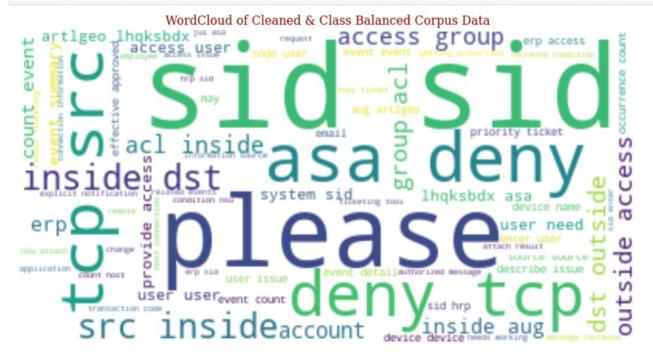


visualize_wordCloud(cleaned_tickets[cleaned_tickets["Assignment group"].isin(['GRP_12'])].CleanDescription)



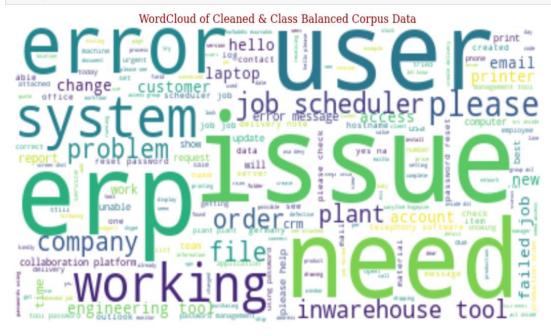
5) Group 2

visualize_wordCloud(cleaned_tickets[cleaned_tickets["Assignment group"].isin(['GRP_2'])].CleanDescription)



6) Other Groups other than the top 5

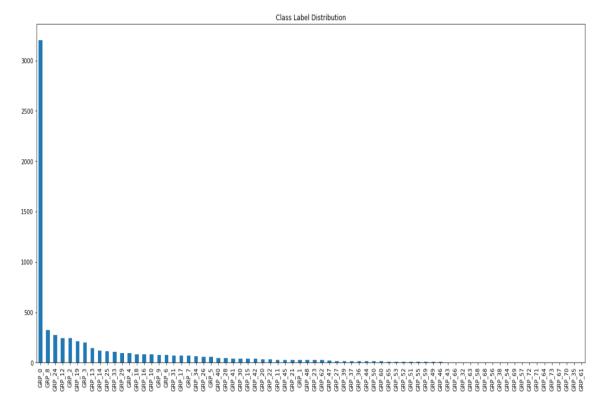
 $\label{localization} visualize \ wordCloud(cleaned_tickets["Assignment group"].isin(['GRP_0','GRP_8','GRP_24','GRP_12','GRP_2'])]. Clean Description)$



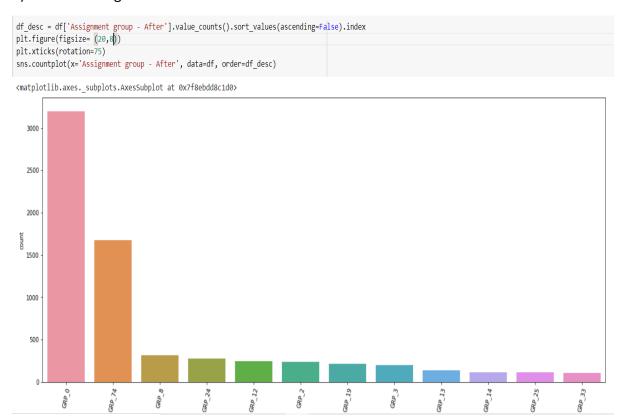
7) Plotting the 'Assignment group' data in bar chart using matplotlib library:

cleaned_tickets['Assignment group'].value_counts().sort_values(ascending=False).plot(kind='bar', figsize=(20,10), title='Class L
abel Distribution')

<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f3947e7e1d0>



8) After handling data imbalance:



7. Implications

Although this model can classify the IT tickets with 91.24% accuracy, to achieve better accuracy in the real world it would be good if the business can collect additional data around 300 records for each group.

8. Limitations

As part of Data pre-processing, we had grouped all assignment groups with less than 10 entries as one group (GRP_74) which had reduced the Target class from 74 to 12 groups. While applying this model in the real world there could be additional intervention required to classify the tickets if it has been classified as GRP_74 by our model. Since the number of elements reported under GRP_74 are less, we expect this intervention to be done less often.

9. Closing Reflections

We found the data was present in multiple languages and in various formats such as emails, chat, etc bringing in a lot of variability in the data to be analysed. The Business can improve the process of raising tickets via a common unified IT Ticket Service Portal which reduces the above-mentioned variability. By doing this, the model can perform better which can help businesses to identify the problem area for relevant clusters of topics.