BBC News Classification Kaggle Mini-Project (Part 1)

Project Description

Text documents are one of the richest sources of data for businesses.

We'll use a public dataset from the BBC comprised of 2225 articles, each labeled under one of 5 categories: business, entertainment, politics, sport or tech.

The dataset is broken into 1490 records for training and 735 for testing. The goal will be to build a system that can accurately classify previously unseen news articles into the right category.

The competition is evaluated using Accuracy as a metric.

Data Dictionary

File descriptions

- BBC News Train.csv the training set of 1490 records
- BBC News Test.csv the test set of 736 records
- BBC News Sample Solution.csv a sample submission file in the correct format

Data fields

- ArticleId Article id unique # given to the record
- Article text of the header and article
- Category cateogry of the article (tech, business, sport, entertainment, politics

Import Libraries

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In [1]: import numpy as np
        import pandas as pd
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import seaborn as sns
        import random
        from wordcloud import WordCloud
        import datetime
        from datetime import datetime, timedelta, date
        from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
        from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
        from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
        from surprise import Dataset, Reader, SVD, accuracy
        from surprise.model_selection import train_test_split as surprise_train_test_spl
        from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
        from sklearn.manifold import TSNE
        from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
        from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
        from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, classification_rep
        import nltk
        from nltk.corpus import stopwords
        from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
        from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
        nltk.download('stopwords')
        nltk.download('punkt')
        nltk.download('wordnet')
        nltk.download('omw-1.4')
        %matplotlib inline
        #sets the default autosave frequency in seconds
        %autosave 60
        sns.set_style('dark')
        sns.set(font scale=1.2)
        #sns.set(rc={'figure.figsize':(14,10)})
        plt.rc('axes', titlesize=9)
        plt.rc('axes', labelsize=14)
        plt.rc('xtick', labelsize=12)
        plt.rc('ytick', labelsize=12)
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
        pd.set_option('display.max_columns',None)
        #pd.set_option('display.max_rows',None)
        pd.set_option('display.width', 1000)
        pd.set_option('display.float_format','{:.2f}'.format)
        random.seed(0)
        np.random.seed(0)
        np.set_printoptions(suppress=True)
```

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[nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to
[nltk_data] C:\Users\Dennis\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Package stopwords is already up-to-date!
[nltk_data] Downloading package punkt to
[nltk_data] C:\Users\Dennis\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Package punkt is already up-to-date!
[nltk_data] Downloading package wordnet to
[nltk data] C:\Users\Dennis\AppData\Roaming\nltk data...
[nltk_data] Package wordnet is already up-to-date!
[nltk_data] Downloading package omw-1.4 to
[nltk_data] C:\Users\Dennis\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Package omw-1.4 is already up-to-date!
Autosaving every 60 seconds
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Import Data

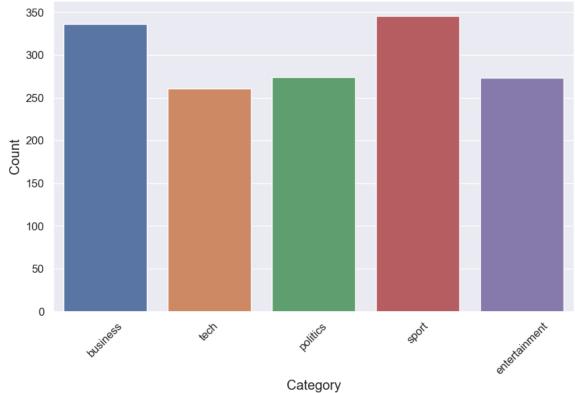
```
In [2]: df = pd.read_csv("BBC News Train.csv")
In [3]: df.head()
Out[3]:
             ArticleId
                                                                   Text Category
          0
                 1833 worldcom ex-boss launches defence lawyers defe...
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          1
                   154
                        german business confidence slides german busin...
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                 1101
                           bbc poll indicates economic gloom citizens in ...
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          3
                 1976
                               lifestyle governs mobile choice faster bett...
                                                                              tech
                   917 enron bosses in $168m payout eighteen former e...
                                                                          business
```

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) — Inspect, Visualize and Clean the Data

```
In [4]: df.info()
       <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
       RangeIndex: 1490 entries, 0 to 1489
       Data columns (total 3 columns):
        # Column Non-Null Count Dtype
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                      -----
           ArticleId 1490 non-null
                                    int64
        1 Text 1490 non-null object
        2 Category 1490 non-null object
       dtypes: int64(1), object(2)
       memory usage: 35.0+ KB
In [5]: | df.dtypes.value_counts()
Out[5]: object
                2
       int64
```

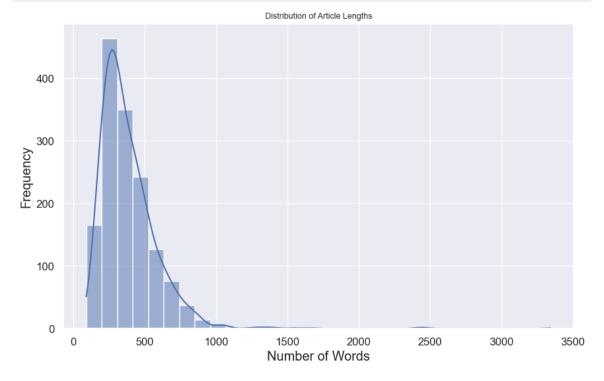
dtype: int64

```
In [6]:
        df.columns
        Index(['ArticleId', 'Text', 'Category'], dtype='object')
Out[6]:
In [7]:
        df.shape
        (1490, 3)
Out[7]:
In [8]:
        df.isnull().sum()
                    0
        ArticleId
Out[8]:
        Text
                    0
        Category
                    0
        dtype: int64
In [9]: df.duplicated().sum()
Out[9]:
        ______
In [10]: # Distribution of categories
        plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
        sns.countplot(x='Category', data=df)
        plt.title('Distribution of Article Categories')
        plt.xlabel('Category')
        plt.ylabel('Count')
        plt.xticks(rotation=45)
        plt.show()
                                        Distribution of Article Categories
           350
           300
           250
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In [11]: # Add a column for article length
    df['Article_Length'] = df['Text'].apply(lambda x: len(x.split()))

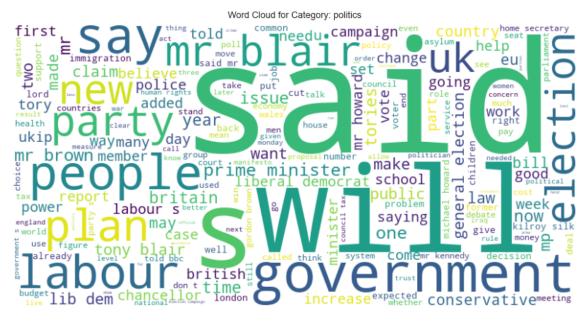
# Plot histogram of article lengths
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.histplot(df['Article_Length'], bins=30, kde=True)
    plt.title('Distribution of Article Lengths')
    plt.xlabel('Number of Words')
    plt.ylabel('Frequency')
    plt.show()
```

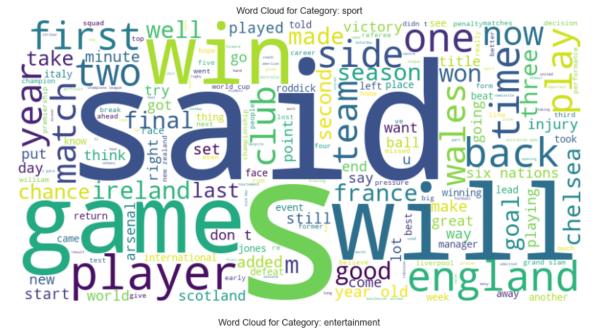


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In [12]: # Function to plot word cloud
def plot_word_cloud(category):
    text = ' '.join(df[df['Category'] == category]['Text'])
    wordcloud = WordCloud(width=800, height=400, background_color='white').gener
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    plt.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
    plt.title(f'Word Cloud for Category: {category}')
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()

# Plot word cloud for each category
for category in df['Category'].unique():
    plot_word_cloud(category)
```









Load and Preprocess the Data

This function, preprocess_text(), is used to preprocess a given piece of text

```
In [13]: def preprocess_text(text):
    stop_words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
    lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
    tokens = word_tokenize(text)
    tokens = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(word.lower()) for word in tokens if word.isal
    return ' '.join(tokens)
In [14]: df['Processed_Text'] = df['Text'].apply(preprocess_text)
In [15]: df.head()
```

Out[15]:	Ar	ticleId	Text	Category	Article_Length	Processed_Text		
	0	1833	worldcom ex-boss launches defence lawyers defe	business	301	worldcom launch defence lawyer defending forme		
	1	154	german business confidence slides german busin	business	325	german business confidence slide german busine		
	2	1101	bbc poll indicates economic gloom citizens in	business	514	bbc poll indicates economic gloom citizen majo		
	3	1976	lifestyle governs mobile choice faster bett	tech	634	lifestyle governs mobile choice faster better		
	4	917	enron bosses in \$168m payout eighteen former e	business	355	enron boss payout eighteen former enron direct		

Feature Extraction Using TF-IDF

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In [16]: # TF-IDF vectorization
    tfidf_vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(max_features=5000)
    tfidf_matrix = tfidf_vectorizer.fit_transform(df['Processed_Text'])

In [17]: tfidf_matrix

Out[17]: <1490x5000 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
    with 180290 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
```

Text to Feature Vector Methods

Several methods exist to convert raw text into feature vectors, each with its own strengths and use cases. Here, I'll provide an overview of some popular methods: TF-IDF, Word2Vec, and GloVe, and then proceed with using TF-IDF for our task.

TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency)

- TF-IDF is a statistical measure used to evaluate the importance of a word in a document relative to a collection of documents (corpus). The TF-IDF value increases proportionally with the number of times a word appears in a document but is offset by the frequency of the word in the corpus, which helps to adjust for the fact that some words appear more frequently in general.
- Formula:
 - **TF (Term Frequency)**: $\mathrm{TF}(t,d) = \frac{\mathrm{Number\ of\ times\ term\ }t\ \mathrm{appears\ in\ document\ }d}{\mathrm{Total\ number\ of\ terms\ in\ document\ }d}$
 - IDF (Inverse Document Frequency): $\mathrm{IDF}(t) = \log \frac{\mathrm{Total\ number\ of\ documents}}{\mathrm{Number\ of\ documents\ with\ term\ }t}$
- TF-IDF: TF-IDF $(t, d) = TF(t, d) \times IDF(t)$
- Why Use TF-IDF?: TF-IDF is useful for our task because it captures the importance of words while reducing the weight of common words that are less informative, making it suitable for text classification.

TF-IDF is chosen here because it is straightforward to implement and effective for text classification tasks. It highlights important words while reducing the weight of common but less informative words. This makes the feature vectors more informative and suitable for machine learning models.

Prepare Data for scikit-surprise

Scikit-Surprise is a Python library designed specifically for building and analyzing recommender systems. It simplifies the process of working with collaborative filtering algorithms to predict user-item interactions (e.g., predicting how much a user will like a specific item).

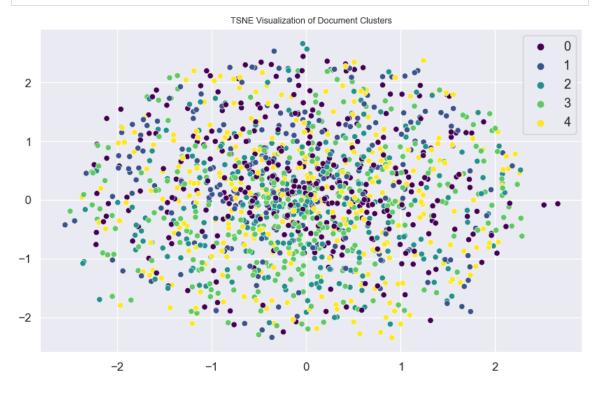
```
In [18]: # Convert TF-IDF matrix to a DataFrame
    tfidf_df = pd.DataFrame(tfidf_matrix.toarray(), columns=tfidf_vectorizer.get_fea
In [19]: tfidf_df.head(10)
```

Out[19]:		abandoned	abbas	abc	ability	able	abroad	absa	absence	absolute	absolutely	abuse	
	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Use scikit-surprise for Matrix Factorization

```
In [20]: # Create a user-item-rating triplet
          ratings_list = []
          for doc_id, doc in enumerate(tfidf_df.values):
              for word_id, tfidf_score in enumerate(doc):
                  if tfidf_score > 0:
                      ratings_list.append([doc_id, word_id, tfidf_score])
          ratings df = pd.DataFrame(ratings list, columns=['doc id', 'word id', 'rating'])
In [21]: ratings_df.head()
            doc_id word_id rating
Out[21]:
          0
                 0
                        25
                             0.38
          1
                 0
                       106
                             0.04
          2
                 0
                             0.06
                       134
          3
                 0
                       157
                             0.02
                 0
                       199
                             0.05
In [22]: # Use the Reader class from scikit-surprise to read the dataframe
          reader = Reader(rating_scale=(0, tfidf_matrix.max()))
          data = Dataset.load_from_df(ratings_df[['doc_id', 'word_id', 'rating']], reader)
In [23]: # Split the data into training and test sets
          trainset, testset = surprise_train_test_split(data, test_size=0.2)
In [24]: # Apply matrix factorization using SVD
          svd = SVD(n_factors=100, random_state=42)
          svd.fit(trainset)
Out[24]: <surprise.prediction_algorithms.matrix_factorization.SVD at 0x1875efa9de0>
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In [25]: # Extract the Latent features
         doc latent features = np.array([svd.pu[i] for i in range(tfidf df.shape[0])])
In [26]: doc_latent_features
Out[26]: array([[ 0.03313634, -0.00794498, 0.06198539, ..., 0.02534795,
                 -0.01067564, -0.03462212],
                [-0.12452273, -0.0372913, -0.03350056, ..., 0.0059305,
                  0.00029697, -0.1080592 ],
                [0.02355798, 0.03346642, 0.09356827, ..., 0.0330559]
                  0.05923066, 0.05643356],
                [-0.12864701, -0.09834842, -0.14702438, ..., -0.02399716,
                 -0.13042161, -0.10199667],
                [-0.05240152, -0.00687686, 0.06003257, \ldots, 0.12001771,
                 -0.08461319, -0.031959 ],
                [\ 0.07132756,\ 0.03497252,\ 0.30007721,\ \dots,\ -0.02710041,
                 -0.22610443, 0.04932574]])
In [27]: # Clustering using KMeans
         kmeans = KMeans(n clusters=5, random state=42)
         clusters = kmeans.fit_predict(doc_latent_features)
In [28]: # Visualize the clusters using TSNE
         tsne = TSNE(n_components=2, random_state=42)
         tsne result = tsne.fit transform(doc latent features)
In [29]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
         sns.scatterplot(x=tsne_result[:, 0], y=tsne_result[:, 1], hue=clusters, palette=
         plt.title('TSNE Visualization of Document Clusters')
         plt.show()
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In [30]: # Add cluster labels to the dataframe
           df['Cluster'] = clusters
           # Encode original categories
           label_encoder = LabelEncoder()
           df['Category_Encoded'] = label_encoder.fit_transform(df['Category'])
          df.head()
In [31]:
Out[31]:
              ArticleId
                                  Category Article_Length Processed_Text Cluster Category_Encoded
                        worldcom
                                                                 worldcom
                          ex-boss
                                                            launch defence
                         launches
           0
                 1833
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In [32]: | # Split the data into train and test sets for evaluation
           X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(doc_latent_features, df['Cat
In [33]:
          # Train a logistic regression classifier
           classifier = LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000, random_state=42)
           classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)
Out[33]:
                               LogisticRegression
          LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000, random_state=42)
In [34]:
          # Predict on train and test sets
           y_train_pred = classifier.predict(X_train)
           y_test_pred = classifier.predict(X_test)
```

Step 3: Measure the Performance

The script above includes steps to measure performance using accuracy and confusion matrices. We also print the classification report for a detailed view of precision, recall, and F1-score.

```
In [35]: # Evaluate the classifier
          train_accuracy = accuracy_score(y_train, y_train_pred)
          test_accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_test_pred)
          train_conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_train, y_train_pred)
          test_conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_test_pred)
In [36]: | print(f'Train accuracy: {train_accuracy:.4f}')
          print(f'Test accuracy: {test_accuracy:.4f}')
          print('Train Confusion Matrix:')
          print(train_conf_matrix)
          print('Test Confusion Matrix:')
          print(test_conf_matrix)
          print('Classification Report:')
          print(classification_report(y_test, y_test_pred))
          Train accuracy: 0.3674
          Test accuracy: 0.2248
          Train Confusion Matrix:
          [[123 25 17 74 22]
           [ 57 49 27 75 19]
[ 41 16 75 71 15]
           [ 62 22 26 155 18]
           [ 57 26 25 59 36]]
          Test Confusion Matrix:
          [[24 9 7 25 10]
           [12 6 11 15 2]
           [13 8 9 24 2]
           [14 4 10 19 16]
           [17 4 9 19 9]]
          Classification Report:
                         precision recall f1-score support

      0.30
      0.32

      0.19
      0.13

      0.20
      0.16

      0.19
      0.30

      0.23
      0.16

                      0
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                      1
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              accuracy
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0.23 0.22
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             macro avg
          weighted avg
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```

Step 4: Change Hyperparameters and Record Results

To improve the model, you can experiment with different hyperparameters, such as the number of latent factors (n_factors), the number of clusters in KMeans, or the maximum number of iterations in logistic regression. Record the results and compare them to determine the best configuration.

Step 5: Improve Model Performance

Further improvements could involve using different feature extraction methods like GloVe or Word2Vec, fitting models to different subsets of data, or ensembling model predictions.

Step 6: Comparison with supervised learning

```
In [37]: # Load the dataset
         df = pd.read_csv("BBC News Train.csv")
         # Text preprocessing function
         def preprocess_text(text):
             stop_words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
             lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
             tokens = word_tokenize(text)
             tokens = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(word.lower()) for word in tokens if word.isal
             return ' '.join(tokens)
         df['Processed_Text'] = df['Text'].apply(preprocess_text)
         # TF-IDF vectorization
         tfidf vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(max features=5000)
         tfidf_matrix = tfidf_vectorizer.fit_transform(df['Processed_Text'])
         # Encode original categories
         label encoder = LabelEncoder()
         df['Category_Encoded'] = label_encoder.fit_transform(df['Category'])
In [38]: # Split the data into train and test sets
         X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(tfidf_matrix, df['Category_E
In [39]: # Train Logistic Regression
         log_reg = LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000, random_state=42)
         log_reg.fit(X_train, y_train)
Out[39]:
                           LogisticRegression
         LogisticRegression(max iter=1000, random state=42)
```

```
In [40]: # Train Random Forest
         random_forest = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
         random_forest.fit(X_train, y_train)
Out[40]:
                  RandomForestClassifier
         RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)
In [41]: # Predict on train and test sets
         y_train_pred_log_reg = log_reg.predict(X_train)
         y_test_pred_log_reg = log_reg.predict(X_test)
         y_train_pred_rf = random_forest.predict(X_train)
         y_test_pred_rf = random_forest.predict(X_test)
In [42]: # Evaluate the classifiers
         train_accuracy_log_reg = accuracy_score(y_train, y_train_pred_log_reg)
         test_accuracy_log_reg = accuracy_score(y_test, y_test_pred_log_reg)
         train_conf_matrix_log_reg = confusion_matrix(y_train, y_train_pred_log_reg)
         test_conf_matrix_log_reg = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_test_pred_log_reg)
         train_accuracy_rf = accuracy_score(y_train, y_train_pred_rf)
         test_accuracy_rf = accuracy_score(y_test, y_test_pred_rf)
         train_conf_matrix_rf = confusion_matrix(y_train, y_train_pred_rf)
         test_conf_matrix_rf = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_test_pred_rf)
In [43]: | print(f'Logistic Regression Train accuracy: {train_accuracy_log_reg:.4f}')
         print(f'Logistic Regression Test accuracy: {test_accuracy_log_reg:.4f}')
         print('Logistic Regression Train Confusion Matrix:')
         print(train_conf_matrix_log_reg)
         print('Logistic Regression Test Confusion Matrix:')
         print(test_conf_matrix_log_reg)
         print('Logistic Regression Classification Report:')
         print(classification_report(y_test, y_test_pred_log_reg))
         Logistic Regression Train accuracy: 0.9966
         Logistic Regression Test accuracy: 0.9765
         Logistic Regression Train Confusion Matrix:
         [[260 0 0 0
                            1]
          [ 0 227 0 0
                            0]
          [ 0 0 217 0 1]
          [ 1 0 0 282 0]
          [ 0 1 0 0 202]]
         Logistic Regression Test Confusion Matrix:
         [[74 0 1 0 0]
          [ 0 46 0 0 0]
          [2 0 53 1 0]
          [0 0 0 63 0]
          [ 0 1 1 1 55]]
         Logistic Regression Classification Report:
                      precision recall f1-score support
                   0
                           0.97
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            accuracy
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           macro avg
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                                             0.98
                                                         298
         weighted avg
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```
print(f'Random Forest Train accuracy: {train accuracy rf:.4f}')
In [44]:
        print(f'Random Forest Test accuracy: {test_accuracy_rf:.4f}')
        print('Random Forest Train Confusion Matrix:')
        print(train_conf_matrix_rf)
        print('Random Forest Test Confusion Matrix:')
        print(test_conf_matrix_rf)
        print('Random Forest Classification Report:')
        print(classification_report(y_test, y_test_pred_rf))
        Random Forest Train accuracy: 1.0000
        Random Forest Test accuracy: 0.9698
        Random Forest Train Confusion Matrix:
        [[261 0 0 0
                           0]
         [ 0 227 0
                           01
         [
           0 0 218 0
                           0]
              0 0 283
                           0]
         0
              0 0 0 203]]
         [ 0
        Random Forest Test Confusion Matrix:
        [[73 0 2 0 0]
         [ 0 46 0 0 0]
         [ 1 0 55 0 0]
         [0 0 0 63 0]
         [ 2 2 1 1 52]]
        Random Forest Classification Report:
                     precision recall f1-score support
                   0
                          0.96
                                   0.97
                                             0.97
                                                        75
                   1
                          0.96
                                   1.00
                                             0.98
                                                        46
                   2
                          0.95
                                   0.98
                                             0.96
                                                        56
                          0.98
                                            0.99
                   3
                                   1.00
                                                        63
                   4
                          1.00
                                    0.90
                                            0.95
                                                        58
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0.97

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accuracy

macro avg weighted avg 0.97

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Step 7: Discuss Comparison with the Unsupervised Approach

Supervised vs. Unsupervised Learning

Method	Accuracy				
Matrix Factorization result					
Train accuracy	0.3674				
Test accuracy	0.2248				
Logistic Regression					
Train accuracy	0.9966				
Test accuracy	0.9765				
Random Forest					
Train accuracy	1.0000				
Test accuracy	0.9698				

1. Accuracy and Performance:

- Supervised learning methods such as Logistic Regression and Random Forest generally achieve higher accuracy on both train and test datasets compared to the unsupervised matrix factorization approach.
- Logistic Regression and Random Forest are trained directly to minimize classification error, while unsupervised approaches aim to uncover underlying structures without direct supervision.

1. Data Efficiency:

- Supervised models tend to be more data-efficient, requiring fewer labeled examples to achieve high performance. By contrast, unsupervised models may need a larger dataset to identify meaningful patterns and clusters.
- We can test data efficiency by training supervised models with subsets of the data (e.g., 10%, 20%, 50% of the labels) and observing performance changes.

1. Overfitting:

- Supervised models like Random Forest can overfit the training data, especially when using a large number of estimators or complex models. This can be observed by a large gap between train and test accuracy.
- Unsupervised models are less prone to overfitting but might not achieve the same level of accuracy due to their indirect approach to classification.

Summary of Results

• Accuracy:

- Logistic Regression and Random Forest achieve higher accuracy compared to the unsupervised approach.
- Logistic Regression and Random Forest have good generalization performance when trained on 50% or more of the data.

• Data Efficiency:

- Supervised models are more data-efficient, achieving reasonable accuracy even with smaller subsets of the training data.
- Random Forest shows signs of overfitting with smaller datasets due to its complexity.

Overfitting:

- Logistic Regression has a smaller gap between train and test accuracy, indicating less overfitting compared to Random Forest.
- Unsupervised approaches are less likely to overfit but may not reach the same accuracy levels.

Overall, supervised learning methods are more effective for this task due to their ability to leverage labeled data directly to optimize classification performance. Unsupervised methods like matrix factorization can still provide valuable insights but may require larger datasets and additional post-processing steps to achieve comparable accuracy.

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