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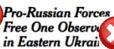




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# hypothesis: the words in a document predict the document's "joy score"\*

\*what is joy?

Item: Record Low Set In Deaths From Traffic, Mayor Says

Item: Pierce Is Critically Injured On Halfpipe



Item: Rush Limbaugh Leaves Hospital

# data selection:

source: New York Times archives timeframe: Jan 1, 2010 - Jan 1, 2012\*

# data preparation:

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initial corpus
-167 de-dupe headlines
-6 drop null values
-79 after removing short headlines (<20 chars)</li>
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What's On Today

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A Variety of Stories On Many Screens

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# data scoring:

- by hand :-/
- optimize for individual



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# Finding patterns, exploring...

# 1) TFIDF transform

- fast
- scalable
- great reputation for text problems
- joyful:1, everything else:0

# 2) Random Forest Classifier

- avoid overfitting
- speed not an issue
- no distribution assumptions
- find best term features?

# 3) Naive Bayes

- fast
- scalable (linear with corpus)
- iterate & search for best feature set:
  - headline text
  - first paragraph text

- $[0.908 \ 0.8965 \ 0.891]$
- headline & first pragraph text

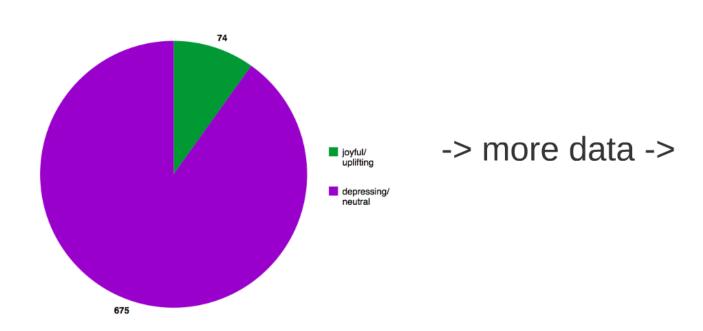


error: ~.90



false positive rate: ~100%







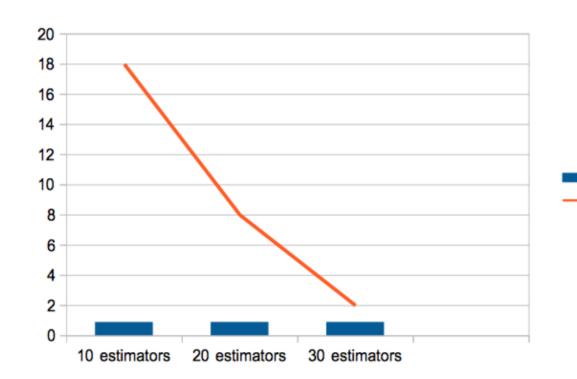
# results

# Random Forest

error: .879

false positive rate:

2/94 = .021



false pos

# **Naive Bayes**

error: .870

false positive rate: 4/94 = 4.6%







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New York City has re-engineered streets with pedestrian plazas, bicycle lanes and time-equipped crosswalk signals in recent years.





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# **Lessons learned**

- know what you want to optimize
- the most accurate model may not be the best IRL
- "joy", "uplifting" hard to define
- more intelligent weighting
- more, less skewed data

# **Planned Improvements**

- stemming
- more data sources
- hybrid individual community model

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businesses
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impact
today
puzzle
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talking
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candidate

