Web API's and NLP

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Problem Statement:

- We've been tasked with using NLP to train 2 classifier models that can accurately predict which sub reddit a given post is from.
- Subreddits: r/relationship_advice, r/confession
- Chosen classifier models: Logistic Regression and Naive Bayes
- Draw conclusions of which model is better
- Tie in information on how our models can be used for marketing purposes

What is Reddit?

- Social news aggregation, web content rating and discussion site
- This online user community has over 300 million active users
- Relationship advice: 3.9 million members
- Confession: 2.2 million members



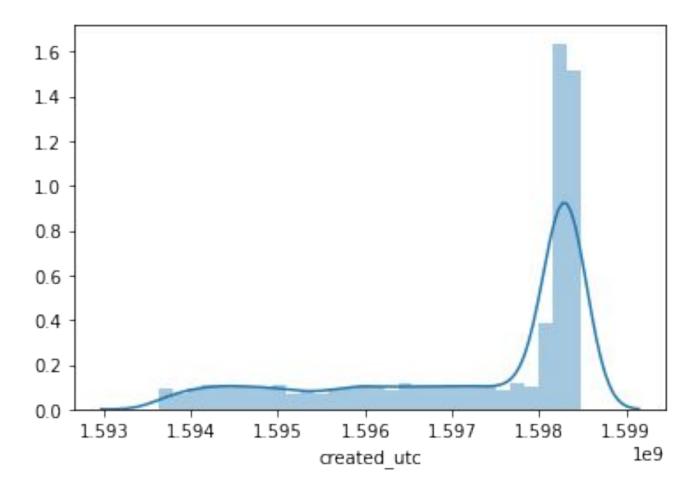
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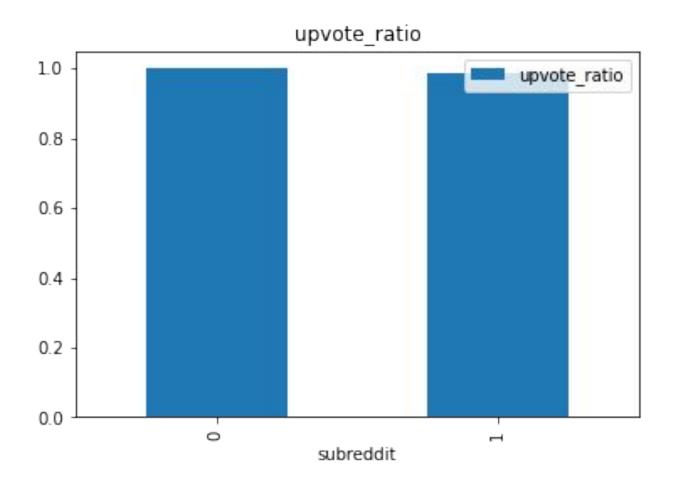
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Initial Data Cleaning & EDA

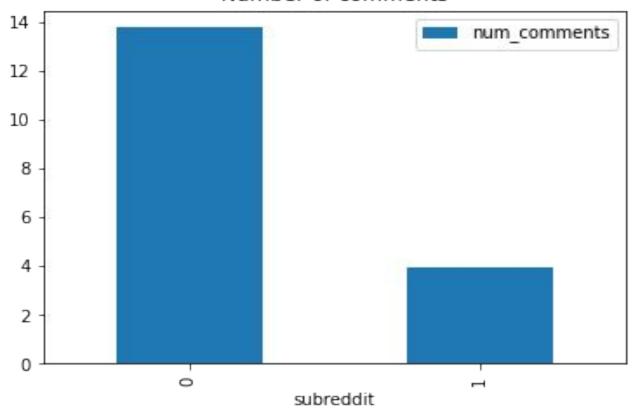
- Used Push shift API to pull data from Subreddits of our choice
- About 16,206 rows of data (8500 from each subreddit)
- Converted subreddits {Relationship Advice: 0 Confessions: 1}
- Removed stopwords, tokenized and dropped columns

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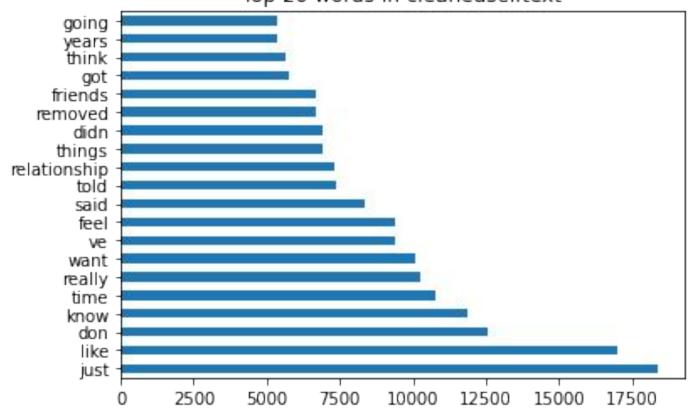


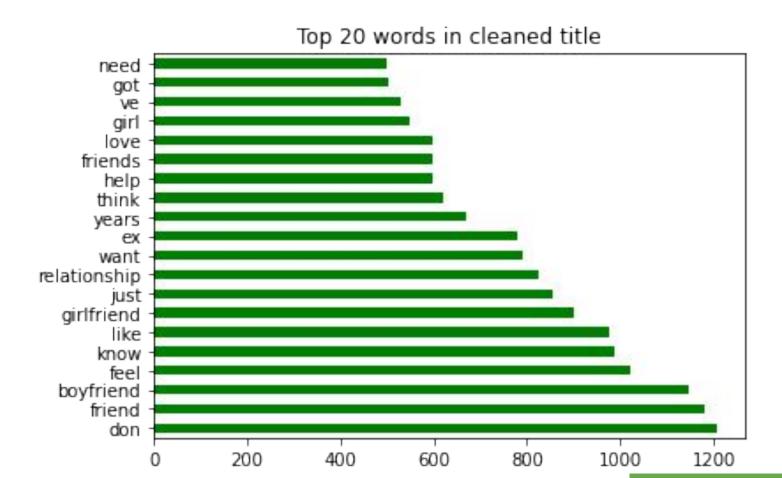


Number of comments



Top 20 words in cleanedselftext





So which is better?

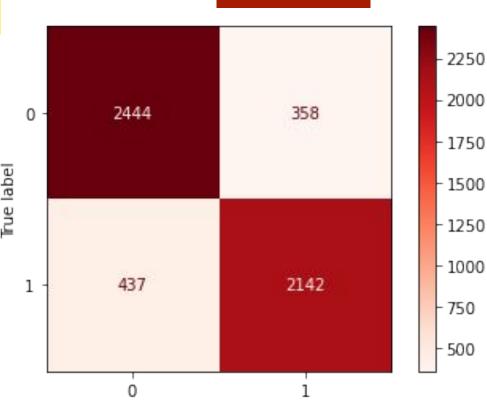
Log regression confusion matrix

Accuracy ~ 0.852 Sensitivity ~ 0.856 Misclassification ~0.147 Specificity ~ 0.872



 $0 \sim 0.52$

 $1 \sim 0.47$



Predicted label

WINNER!

Naives Bayes GridSearch Confusion Matrix

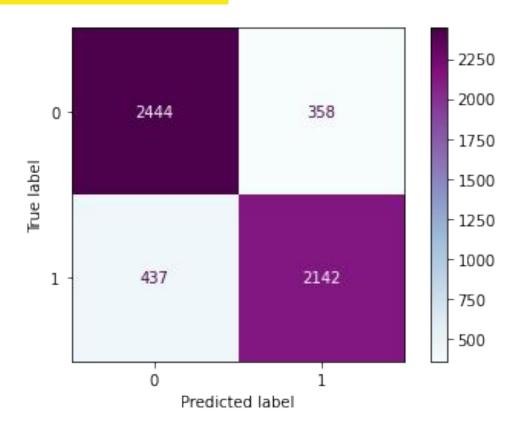
Accuracy ~ 0.849

Sensitivity ~ 0.845

Misclassification ~ 0.15

Specificity ~ 0.858

Baseline~ 0- 0.52 1- 0.47



Positives/Negatives of Log models

Advantage:

- Highly interpretable, requires little computational resources
- Doesn't need to be scaled/easy to regularize
- Trained easily and also easy to implement

Disadvantage:

- Not easy to solve non-linear problems with this approach
- Sensitive to outliers

Positives/Negatives of Naive Bayes(w/Grid Search) Classifier

Advantages:

- Easy to implement
- Makes dealing with missing values easier
- Can be used for both binary and multi classification problems
- Not sensitive to irrelevant features

Disadvantages:

Assumption of independent predictor features

How can this model be used?

- Models outperformed baseline
- Bloggers/professionals who work in the space of counseling, relationship coaching, etc
- Top predictor words show what they can add to their blogs outside of reddit
- Also be an active contributor to the channel

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Questions?: