Using NLP to Classify Reddit Posts:

Bodyweight Fitness or Weightlifting

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Introduction

- Problem Statement
 - Can we predict to what subreddit a post belongs? Specifically, can we predict the categorization of r/bodyweightfitness and r/weightlifting.
- Importance
- Audience

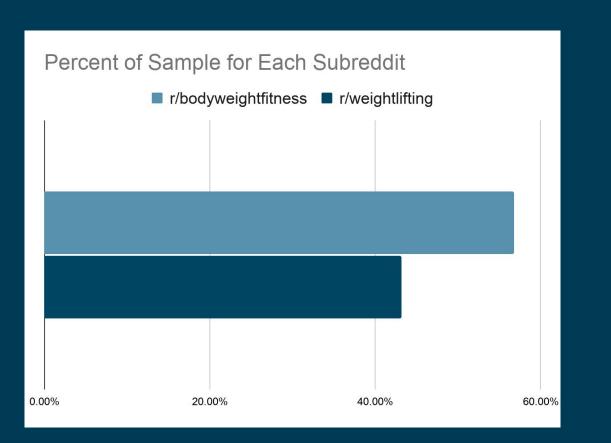
Background

- Data scraped from two subreddits
 - Pushshift's API

r/bodyweightfitness (1)	r/weightlifting (0)	
Hey fit people, I've gotten a new pair of gymnastics rings and I was wondering, which good workout programs do you know for rings?I was looking especially for something like full body 3x per week	I'm 80 kg and clean and jerk 106 kg. At my gym they teach split jerk, but I feel like I am better in every way when I push jerk. I get more power, I get lower quicker and my catch feels more stable and powerful.	

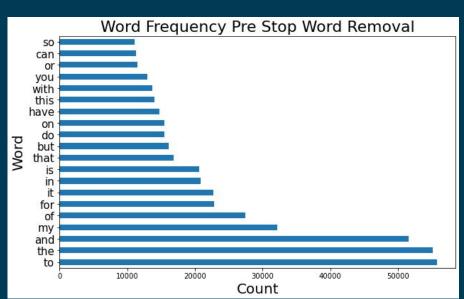
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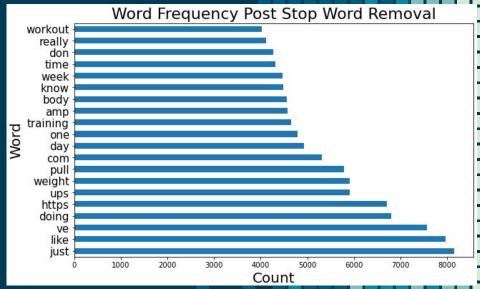
- 20,000 from each subreddit
- Data cleaning
 - No videos or automod created threads
 - No deleted rows (moderator, user deleted, etc.)
 - Text in 'selftext' field
 - Custom stop words list
- Modeling
 - Logistic regression, naïve bayes, random forest





Stop Words





The Final Models

- Baseline / Null model
 - 0.567966
- Logistic Regression with TF-IDF
- Naïve Bayes with TF-IDF

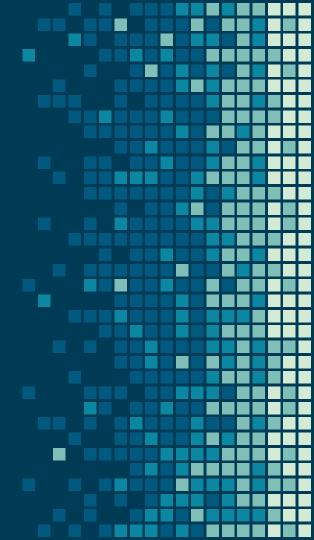
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r/bodyweightfitness	r/weightlifting	
pull workout push body weight exercises pull ups muscle routine training	weightlifting squat lifting weight snatch bar amp gym clean good	



Results

	Log Reg w/ TF-IDF	Naïve Bayes w/ TF-IDF
Cross Val	0.900	0.885
Train Accuracy (R2)	0.933	0.897
Test Accuracy (R2)	0.902	0.888
Specificity	0.854	0.823
Sensitivity	0.940	0.937
Precision	0.894	0.874



Conclusions

- Posts can be accurately predicted with greater accuracy than the Null Model
- Final Models had similar performance.
- Evidence of some overfitting
- Difference in top words

Recommendations

- Build more models
- Refine stop words list
- Collect more data
- Examine post titles
- Apply to other fitness domains
 - o r/running vs. r/slowjogging

THANKS!

Any questions?

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