Project 3: Web APIs & NLP

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Our goal:

- Create an NLP model that accurately predicts from which Subreddit a given post originated.

Problem statement:

- Can we use NLP to discern a good/helpful tip from a bad one?

Our data:

1. r/LifeProTips



2. r/ShittyLifeProTips



Our model will compare Subreddit post titles only.

r/LifeProTips

"Tips that improve your life in one way or another."

- 10,433 posts dating back to April 18, 2022
- Use a heat gun or a blowdryer to help remove stickers easier and faster!
- Check your rental car's trunk for a complete spare and jack kit.

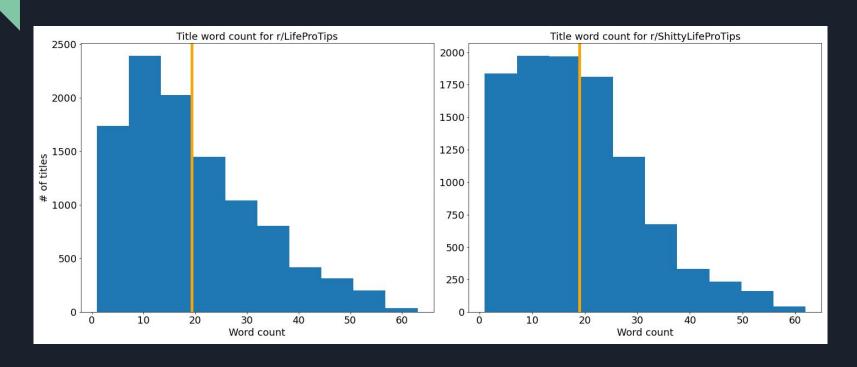
r/ShittyLifeProTips

"A place for the shittiest, most mocking "pro-tips" you can think of."

- 10,239 posts dating back to Nov 24, 2021
- Walking near a baby in a stroller? Simply pick it up and introduce yourself.
- Charge your phone to 150% and it will last much longer.

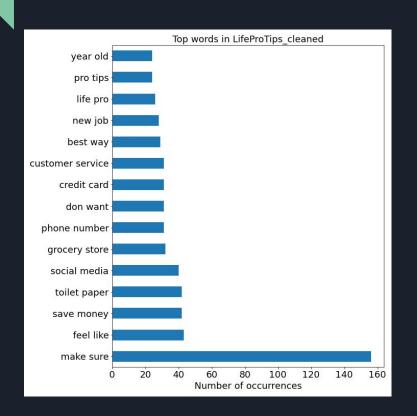
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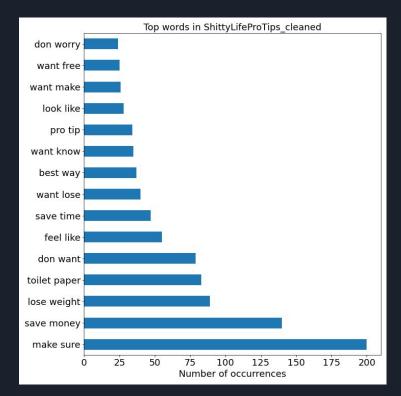
Average title word count = 19 for both!



r/LifeProTips and r/ShittyLifeProTips have very similar posts....

- A lot of overlap in the top bigrams





Model selection:

- GridSearchCV to find best parameter values for each combination of vectorizer and classifier
- Vectorizers used:
 - CountVectorizer(), Tfidfvectorizer()
 - Stopwords removed
 - Tokenized, lemmatized, and stemmed versions
- Classifiers used:
 - LogisticRegression(), KNeighborsClassifier(),
 MultinomialNB(), RandomForestClassifier(),
 AdaBoostClassifier(), GradientBoostingClassifier()

Model evaluation:

- Training set: 15,502 posts Test set: 5,168 posts
- Models were each tested individually and evaluated based on various metrics.
 - Top models chosen based on accuracy (.score).
- Baseline accuracy: 50.4%

Model results:

1. LogisticRegression, TfidfVectorizer:

- Train: 74.8% Test: 75.7%

2. MultinomialNB, TfidfVectorizer:

- Train: 75.4% Test: 75.6%

3. RandomForest, TfidfVectorizer:

- Train: 71.0% Test: 72.7%

4. GradientBoosting, CountVectorizer:

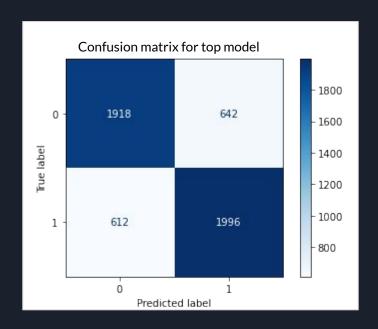
- Train: 69.4% Test: 68.8%

5. AdaBoost, TfidfVectorizer:

- Train: 64.0% Test: 64.0%

6. KNeighbors, CountVectorizer:

- Train: 59.5% Test: 59.8%



Key takeaways and recommendations:

- Can we discern a good tip from a bad tip with these models? I wouldn't bet my life on it....75% accuracy is good but not great!
- All models outperformed the baseline and showed no signs of being overfit.
- Top performing model with a test accuracy of 75.7% is LogisticRegressionClassifier() with TfidfVectorizer().
- A larger data set or an ensemble model could produce models with better performance.

Supplemental slide:Model performances sorted by test score accuracy

model_vec		best_params	train_score	test_score	sensitivity	specificity	precision	f1_score	tn	fp	fn	tp
0	Ir_tvec	{'lr_C': 10, 'lr_penalty': 'l2', 'tvec_max_df': 0.5, 'tvec_max_features': None, 'tvec_ngram_range': (1, 2), 'tvec_preprocessor': None}	0.748420	0.757353	0.765337	0.749219	0.756634	0.760961	1918	642	612	1996
1	nb_tvec	{'nb_alpha': 1, 'tvec_max_df': 0.5, 'tvec_max_features': None, 'tvec_ngram_range': (1, 2),	0.753903	0.756192	0.766871	0.745313	0.754148	0.760456	1908	652	608	2000
2	Ir_cvec	{'cvec_max_df': 0.5, 'cvec_max_features': None, 'cvec_ngram_range': (1, 2),	0.742098	0.753483	0.750767	0.756250	0.758327	0.754528	1936	624	650	1958
3	nb_cvec	{'cvec_max_df': 0.5, 'cvec_max_features': None, 'cvecngram_range': (1, 2),	0.754032	0.752128	0.755752	0.748437	0.753728	0.754739	1916	644	637	1971
4	rf_tvec	{'rf_max_depth': None, 'rf_min_samples_leaf': 1, 'rf_n_estimators': 150, 'tvec_max_df': 0.5,	0.710037	0.726587	0.702454	0.751172	0.742001	0.721686	1923	637	776	1832
5	rf_cvec	{'cvec_max_df': 0.9, 'cvec_max_features': None, 'cvec_ngram_range': (1, 2), 'cvec_preprocessor': None, 'rf_max_depth': None, 'rf_min_samples_leaf': 1, 'rf_n_estimators': 100}	0.714811	0.725039	0.684433	0.766406	0.749056	0.715288	1962	598	823	1785
6	gb_cvec	$\label{local-condition} $$ 'cvec_max_df': 0.5, 'cvec_max_features': 5000, 'cvec_ngram_range': (1, 2), 'cvec_preprocessor': None, 'gb_learning_rate': 0.5, 'gb_max_depth': 4, 'gb_n_estimators': 200} $$$	0.694104	0.687887	0.763420	0.610938	0.666555	0.711707	1564	996	617	1991
7	gb_tvec	{'gb_learning_rate': 0.5, 'gb_max_depth': 4, 'gb_n_estimators': 200, 'tvec_max_df': 0.5, 'tvec_max_features': None, 'tvec_ngram_range': (1, 1), 'tvec_preprocessor': None}	0.686621	0.680341	0.722009	0.637891	0.670107	0.695090	1633	927	725	1883
8	ada_tvec	{'ada_learning_rate': 1.0, 'ada_n_estimators': 100, 'tvec_max_df': 0.5, 'tvec_max_features': 5000, 'tvec_ngram_range': (1, 2), 'tvec_preprocessor': None}	0.639272	0.639706	0.796012	0.480469	0.609513	0.690389	1230	1330	532	2076
9	ada_cvec	{'adalearning_rate': 0.5, 'adan_estimators': 100, 'cvecmax_df': 0.5, 'cvecmax_features': None, 'cvecngram_range': (1, 1), 'cvecpreprocessor': None}	0.631596	0.639512	0.806365	0.469531	0.607628	0.693030	1202	1358	505	2103
10	knn_cvec	<pre>{'cvec_max_df': 0.5, 'cvec_max_features': 5000, 'cvec_ngram_range': (1, 2), 'cvec_preprocessor': None, 'knn_n_neighbors': 3, 'knn_weights': 'distance'}</pre>	0.594956	0.598491	0.406442	0.794141	0.667927	0.505364	2033	527	1548	1060
11	knn_tvec	{'knn_n_neighbors': 3, 'knn_weights': 'distance', 'tvec_max_df': 0.5, 'tvec_max_features': 5000, 'tvec_ngram_range': (1, 1), 'tvec_preprocessor': None}	0.576314	0.588816	0.258819	0.925000	0.778547	0.388489	2368	192	1933	675