# Reddit listing classification

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#### Problem statement

- Human language into numbers
- Interpret language and predict the context (subreddit classification)

- Challenges?
- Why is it important?
- Who benefits?



### **Outlines**

- Out data
- Exploratory data analysis
- Model benchmarking
- Model comparison
- Balanced vs. imbalanced data
- Conclusions



## Our data

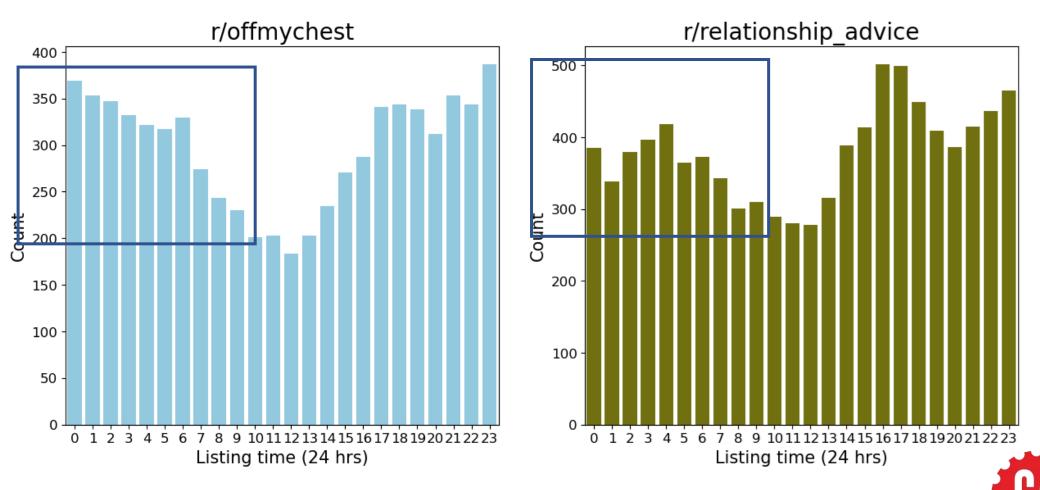
- Reddit API's used
- 16,000+ listings

- Information extracted:
  - Listing and title
  - urls and media
  - Date and time

- Subreddits:
  - r/offmychest
  - r/relationship\_advice
- No severe imbalance

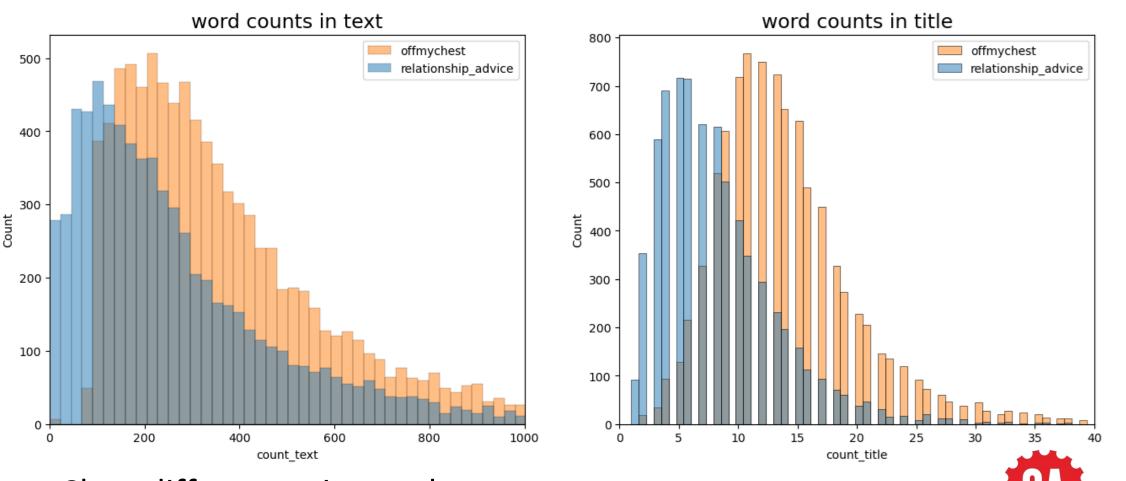
Why these options?

## **EDA-Listing Time**



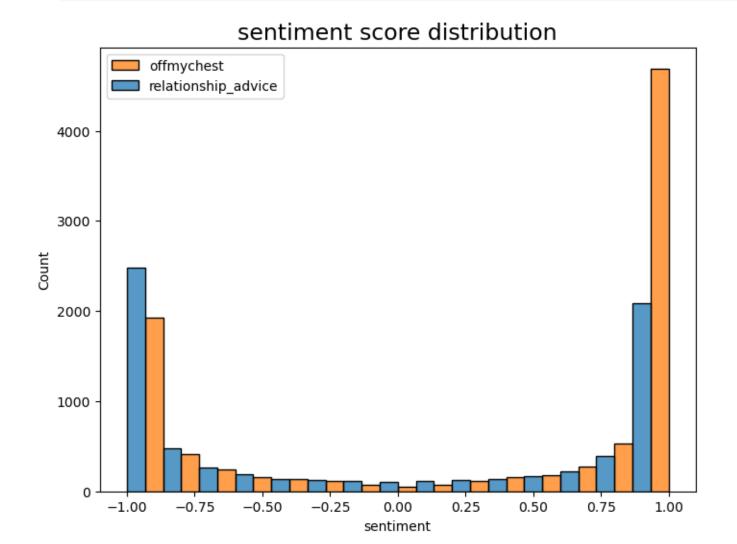
Needs data collection in longer time spans

## **EDA-Word Counts**



• Clear differences in words counts

#### **EDA-Sentiment Scores**

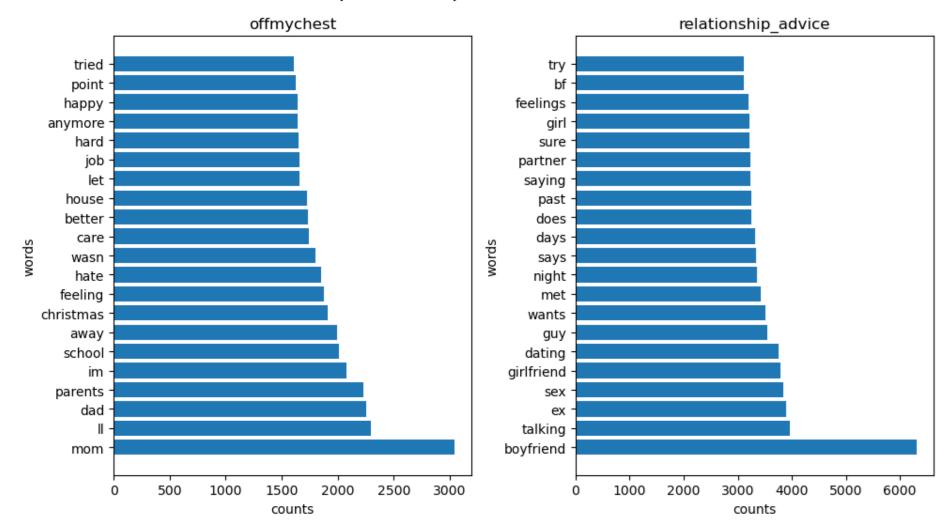


 r/offmychest has a higher positive ratio



## **EDA-Exclusive Popular Words**

#### Popular unique word's count



 75% overlap in popular words



## Model Benchmarking

- Null model
- Model based on numeric features
  - Sentiment
  - Word counts
- Base NLP model
  - CountVectorizer
  - Logistic Regression (Regularized)

| Model          | Accuracy score |
|----------------|----------------|
| Null model     | 0.56           |
| Numeric model  | 0.65           |
| Base NLP model | 0.88           |

Why accuracy score?

## **Model Comparison**

- Logistic Regression
- KNN
- Naïve Bayes
- Random Forest

The odd case of high variance

| Model         | Accuracy score |
|---------------|----------------|
| Log Reg       | 0.88           |
| Naïve Bayes   | 0.85           |
| Random Forest | 0.84           |
| KNN           | 0.76           |

## Balanced vs. Imbalanced Data

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| Score     | Balanced data | Imbalanced data |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Accuracy  | 0.89          | 0.92            |
| Precision | 0.9           | 0.5             |
| Recall    | 0.9           | 0.28            |
| f1-score  | 0.9           | 0.36            |

LogReg (with class weighting)

| Score     | Imbalanced data |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Accuracy  | 0.91            |
| Precision | 0.4             |
| Recall    | 0.6             |
| f1-score  | 0.48            |

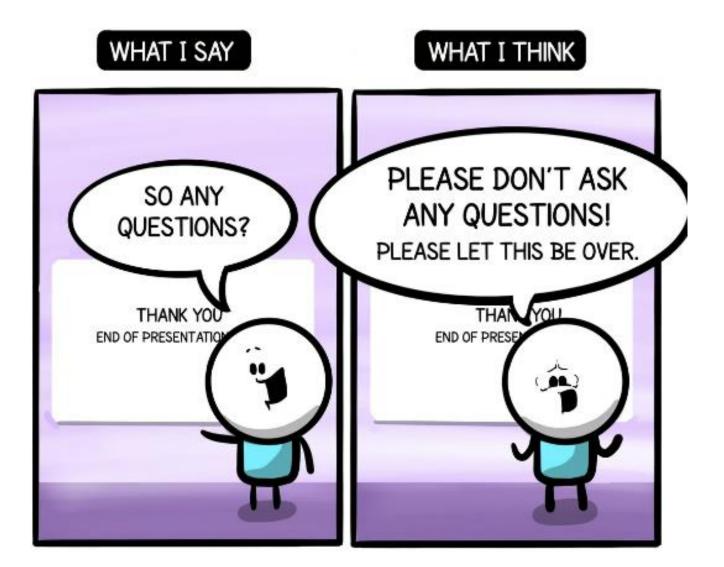
• Data imbalance ratio (94 to 6)

### Conclusions

- Best model showed 88% 'accuracy' in classification.
- Logistic regression outperformed other estimators.
- Classifiers could easily go into the overfitting territory.
- Imbalance classes pose challenges for our classifiers.

#### **Future work**

Consider words in the context of sentences and relations (LM)



from reddit.com

