NLP Disaster Tweets Nicholas Bergeland Northwestern University MSDS 422 – Dr. Fulton

Summary:

For the assignment this week I worked to construct a model which would determine if a tweet was related to a natural disaster event. Given the seemingly recurrent frequency of natural disasters, a model which combs tweets could serve as a potential useful indicator. This is due to the rise in use of social media.

Recently we have seen cases of natural disaster, in which individuals engage in activities such as "going live" on Facebook or Instagram, as well as "tweeting" about current events. This new means of communication by individuals can also potentially serve to inform and aid others in times of crisis. To test this hypothesis, a machine learning model could prove to be a useful tool.

To start with the process, I first needed to import my libraries. For this model, I used a number of packages located inside of Python (Numpy, Pandas, and Sklearn). Once the programs were imported into my workframe, I loaded in both the training and test datasets. From this I point, I ran a couple of checks to make sure the data was correct. When running head tests on the datasets, terms which indicated disaster were returned in the quick search.

With seeing the model return wording that is consistent with disaster indicates the model is on the right track. From this point I took some steps to further develop my model. These included adding ridges and vectors. By doing so I was able to make the model more accurate in its analysis of the tweets being analyzed.

After a few rounds of smoothing and manipulating the model, I was left with what I felt to be a passable model. The result correctly predicted nearly 79% of tweets related to natural disasters! While this is far from perfect, it is still much better than paying a team to sift through and identify tweets (in my opinion). After saving my results to CSV and submitting the results to Kaggle, my score may be found below. Code is submitted as an appendix.

Kaggle Results:



Appendix:

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In [4]:
train df = pd.read csv("train.csv")
test df = pd.read csv("test.csv")
                                                                       In [5]:
train df[train df["target"]==0]["text"].values
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array(["What's up man?", 'I love fruits', 'Summer is lovely', ...,
       'These boxes are ready to explode! Exploding Kittens finally arrived!
gameofkittens #explodingkittens\x890 https://t.co/TFGrAyuDC5',
       'Sirens everywhere!',
       'I just heard a really loud bang and everyone is asleep great'],
      dtype=object)
                                                                       In [6]:
train df[train df["target"] == 0]["text"].values[1]
                                                                       Out[6]:
'I love fruits'
                                                                       In [7]:
train df[train df["target"] == 1]["text"].values[1]
                                                                       Out[7]:
'Forest fire near La Ronge Sask. Canada'
                                                                       In [8]:
train df[train df["target"]==1]["text"].values
                                                                       Out[8]:
array(['Our Deeds are the Reason of this #earthquake May ALLAH Forgive us all
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       'Forest fire near La Ronge Sask. Canada',
       "All residents asked to 'shelter in place' are being notified by offic
ers. No other evacuation or shelter in place orders are expected",
       'M1.94 [01:04 UTC]?5km S of Volcano Hawaii. http://t.co/zDtoyd8EbJ',
       'Police investigating after an e-bike collided with a car in Little Po
rtugal. E-bike rider suffered serious non-life threatening injuries.',
       'The Latest: More Homes Razed by Northern California Wildfire - ABC Ne
ws http://t.co/YmY4rSkQ3d'],
      dtype=object)
                                                                       In [9]:
#Building Vectors using scikitlearn CountVectorizer
count vectorizer = feature extraction.text.CountVectorizer()
## let's get counts for the first 5 tweets in the data
example train vectors = count vectorizer.fit transform(train df["text"][0:5])
print(train df["text"][0:5].values)
print(count vectorizer.get feature names())
print(count vectorizer.vocabulary )
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print(example train vectors)
['Our Deeds are the Reason of this #earthquake May ALLAH Forgive us all'
 'Forest fire near La Ronge Sask. Canada'
 "All residents asked to 'shelter in place' are being notified by officers. N
o other evacuation or shelter in place orders are expected"
 '13,000 people receive #wildfires evacuation orders in California '
 'Just got sent this photo from Ruby #Alaska as smoke from #wildfires pours i
nto a school ']
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'california', 'canada', 'deeds', 'earthquake', 'evacuation', 'expected', 'fir
e', 'forest', 'forgive', 'from', 'got', 'in', 'into', 'just', 'la', 'may', 'n
ear', 'no', 'notified', 'of', 'officers', 'or', 'orders', 'other', 'our', 'pe
ople', 'photo', 'place', 'pours', 'reason', 'receive', 'residents', 'ronge',
'ruby', 'sask', 'school', 'sent', 'shelter', 'smoke', 'the', 'this', 'to', 'u
s', 'wildfires']
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3, 'forest': 17, 'fire': 16, 'near': 26, 'la': 24, 'ronge': 42, 'sask': 44, '
canada': 11, 'residents': 41, 'asked': 7, 'to': 51, 'shelter': 47, 'in': 21,
'place': 37, 'being': 8, 'notified': 28, 'by': 9, 'officers': 30, 'no': 27, '
other': 33, 'evacuation': 14, 'or': 31, 'orders': 32, 'expected': 15, '13': 1
, '000': 0, 'people': 35, 'receive': 40, 'wildfires': 53, 'california': 10, '
just': 23, 'got': 20, 'sent': 46, 'photo': 36, 'from': 19, 'ruby': 43, 'alask
a': 2, 'as': 6, 'smoke': 48, 'pours': 38, 'into': 22, 'school': 45}
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                                                                          In [10]:
## we use .todense() here because these vectors are "sparse" (only non-zero e
lements are kept to save space)
print(example_train_vectors[0].todense().shape)
print(example_train_vectors[0].todense())
[[0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0
  0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0]]
                                                                          In [11]:
#create vectors for all tweets
train vectors = count vectorizer.fit transform(train df["text"])
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## note that we're NOT using .fit transform() here. Using just .transform() m
akes sure
\# that the tokens in the train vectors are the only ones mapped to the test v
# i.e. that the train and test vectors use the same set of tokens.
test vectors = count vectorizer.transform(test df["text"])
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#Our Model
#As we mentioned above, we think the words contained in each tweet are a good
indicator of whether they're about a real disaster or not. The presence of pa
rticular word (or set of words) in a tweet might link directly to whether or
not that tweet is real.
## Our vectors are really big, so we want to push our model's weights
## toward 0 without completely discounting different words - ridge regression
## is a good way to do this.
clf = linear model.RidgeClassifier()
                                                                      In [13]:
#Metric for completion is F1. Testing here
scores = model selection.cross val score(clf, train vectors, train df["target
"], cv=3, scoring="f1")
scores
                                                                      Out[13]:
array([0.60355649, 0.57580105, 0.64485082])
                                                                      In [14]:
#predictions on train set and model for competition
clf.fit(train_vectors, train_df["target"])
                                                                      Out[14]:
RidgeClassifier(alpha=1.0, class weight=None, copy X=True, fit intercept=True
               max iter=None, normalize=False, random state=None,
                solver='auto', tol=0.001)
                                                                      In [16]:
sample submission = pd.read csv("sample submission.csv")
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sample submission["target"] = clf.predict(test vectors)
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sample submission.head()
                                                                      Out[18]:
    id target
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id target

1 2 1
2 3 1
3 9 0
4 11 1

sample_submission.to_csv("submission.csv", index=False)
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In [19]:

Works Cited:

https://github.com/MahalavanyaSriram/Natural-Language-Processing-with-Disaster-

Tweets/blob/master/Jupyter%20Notebooks/baseline.ipynb