

Document Classification

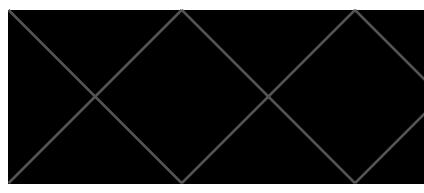
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<https://github.com/ninjalu/doc-classification>

Data and challenges

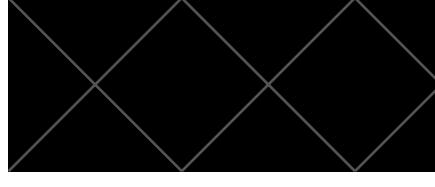
Data and challenges

Data and objective

-  provided us with 4 series of labelled online articles, a mixture of url links and texts.
- After scraping from the url links and consolidated all the texts, we have: 100 profile reports; 99 situation reports; 88 incident reports and 74 analytical reports.
- The objective is to classify given documents into 4 categories: analytical, situation, profile and incident reports.

Data and challenges

Data and objective

-  told us the reason for classification is that it could help downstream tasks such as named entity recognition.
- We need to bear that in mind as we tackle this.

Data and challenges

Challenges

- The training data comes in different formats. We need to conduct some scraping and preprocessing to make sure data is in the right format for the analysis.
- The training data is relatively small: 361 samples in total.
- Document lengths are very long. For neural NLP this could be a challenge.

Ideas



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Traditional NLP

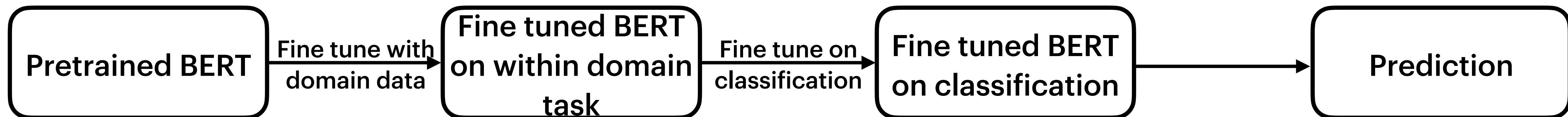
- From the project proposal, we learned some insights of how the documents were classified. This provides guidance to some aspects of the hand-crafted featuring engineering.
- TF-IDF combining with SVD could perhaps provide some useful features of how articles are written.

Situation report	Short syntactical repetition	Large entities; few repeats			
Incident report	Descriptive less repetitive	Fewer entities;			
Profile report	Descriptive	Single entities;	More time	More places	
Analytical report	Cautious			More stats	More cautious words

Ideas

BERT: one

- Fine tune a pretrained BERT model with an additional classification layer.
- Within-domain fine tune (existing corpus, collecting more data?) pretrained BERT model, fine tune again with classification task.



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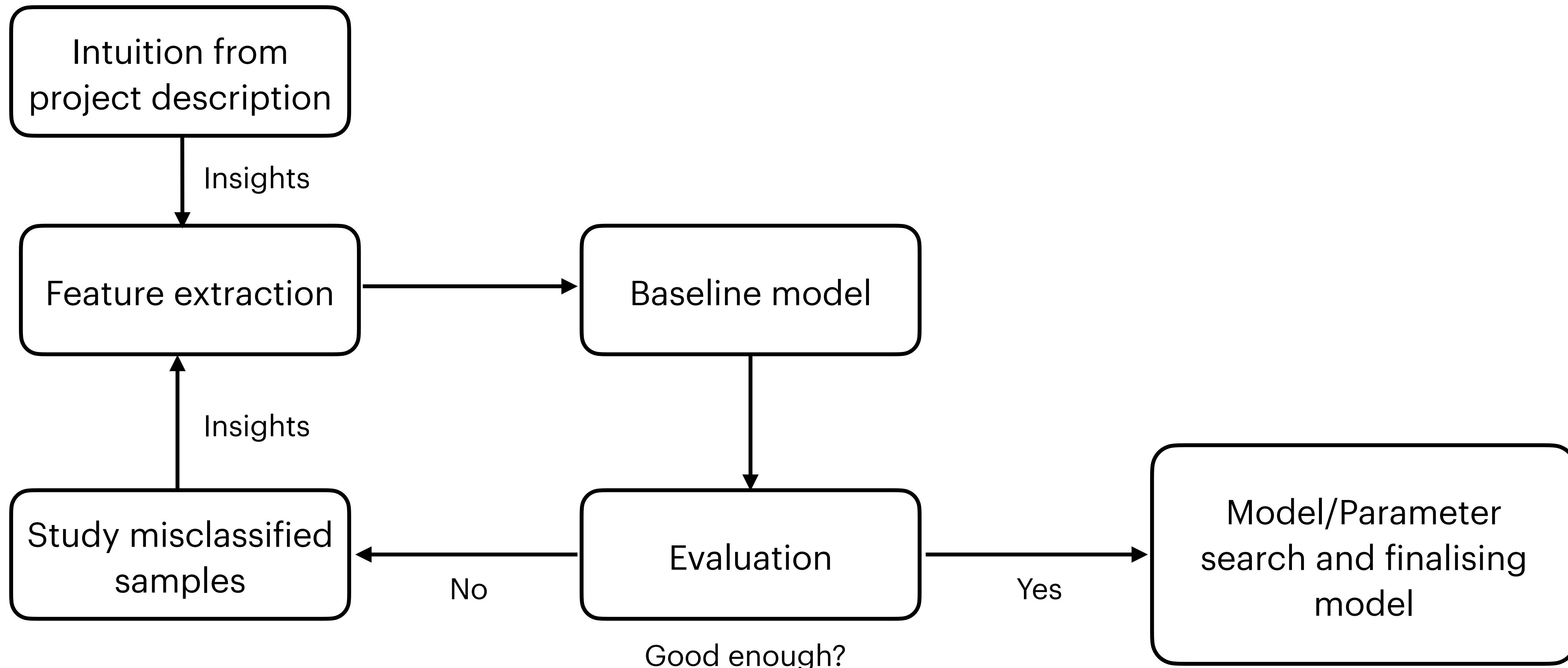
Pros and cons

	PROS	CONS
Traditional NLP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Fast to train and to inference2. Good interpretability3. Less concerned about document size	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Do not 'understand' language as well as BERT.2. Feature engineering is based on domain understanding which can be ineffective
BERT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Good all around 'understanding' of the language.2. Not relying on domain expertise to produce good results.3. Pretrained models can benefit downstream tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Slow to train and inference.2. Document size could be a concern3. Black box difficult to interpret.

Traditional NLP

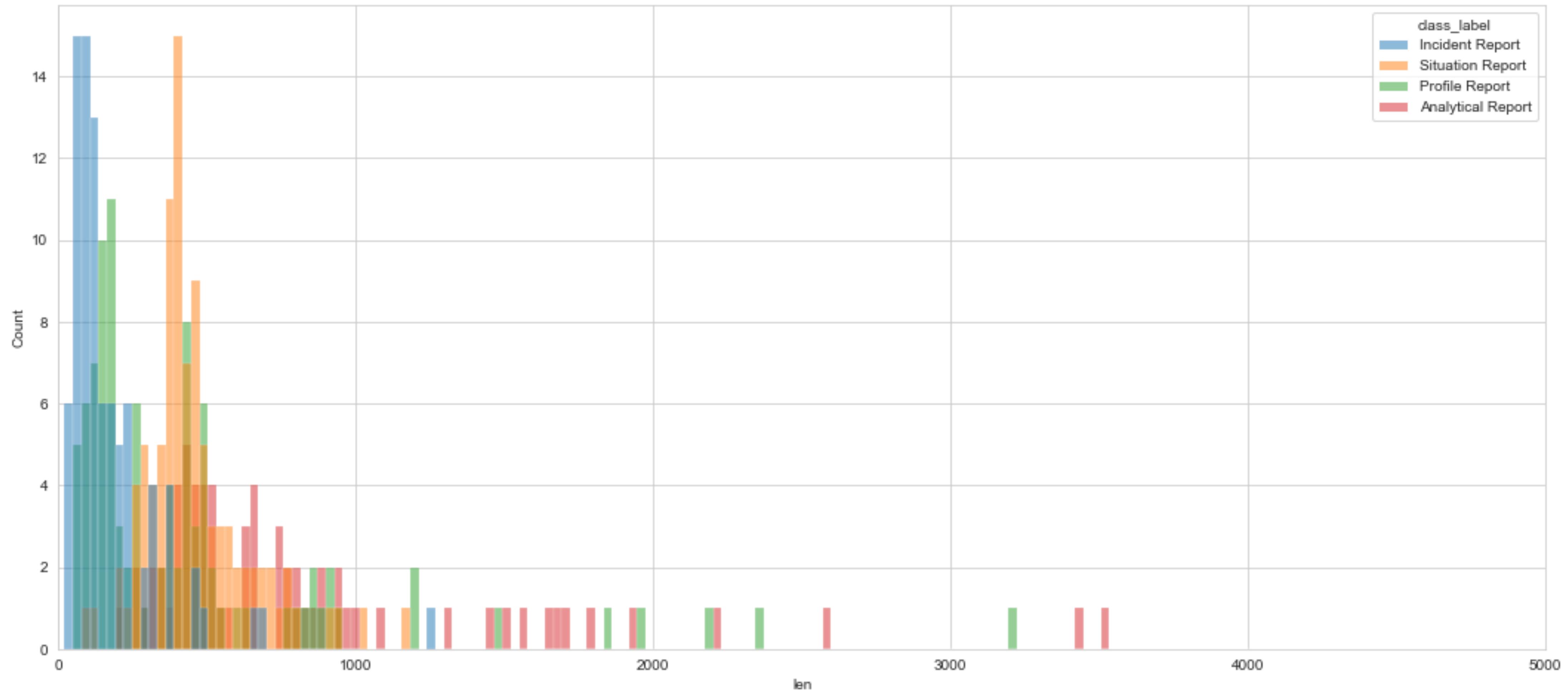
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My workflow for handcrafting features



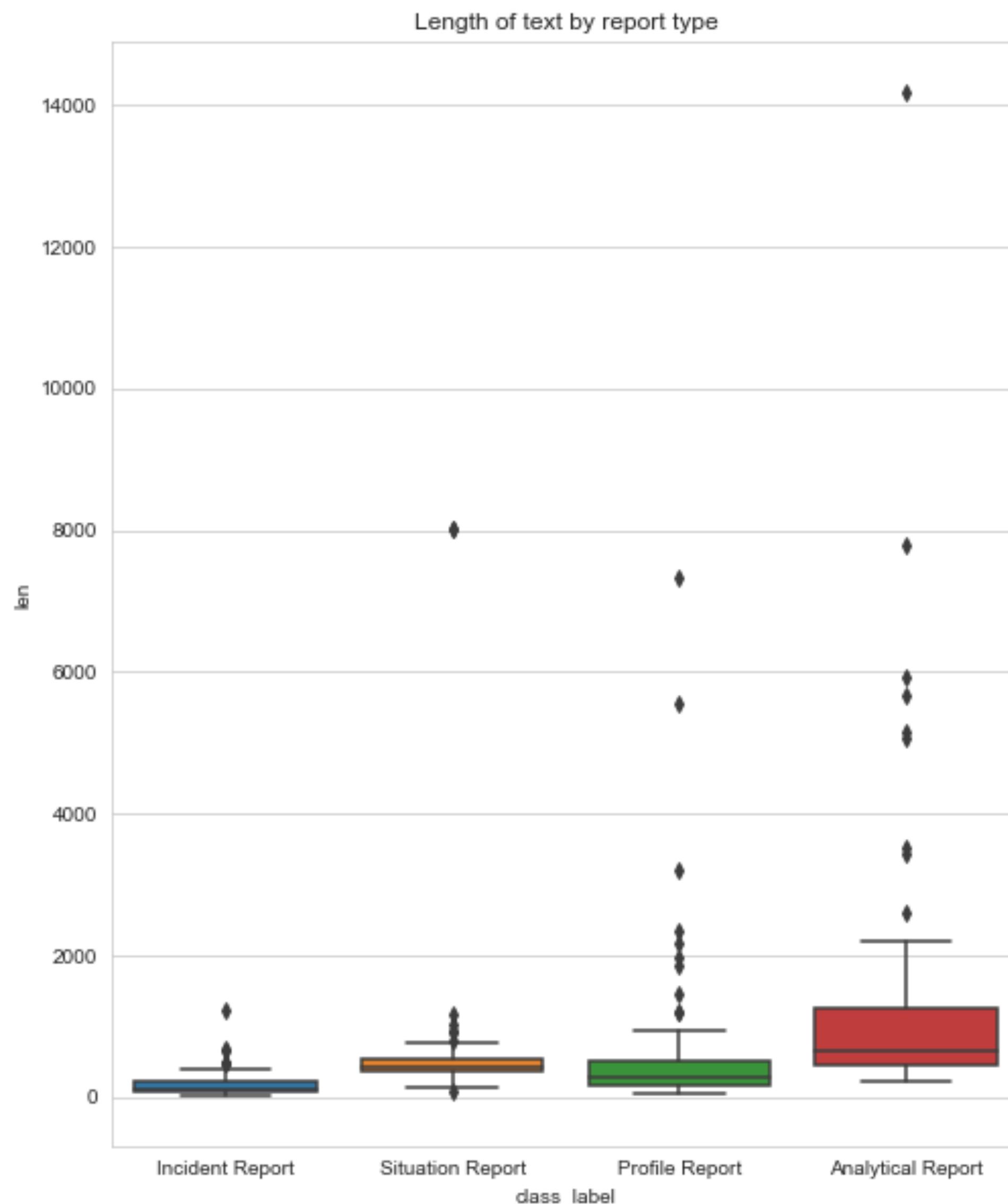
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Exploratory process - charts



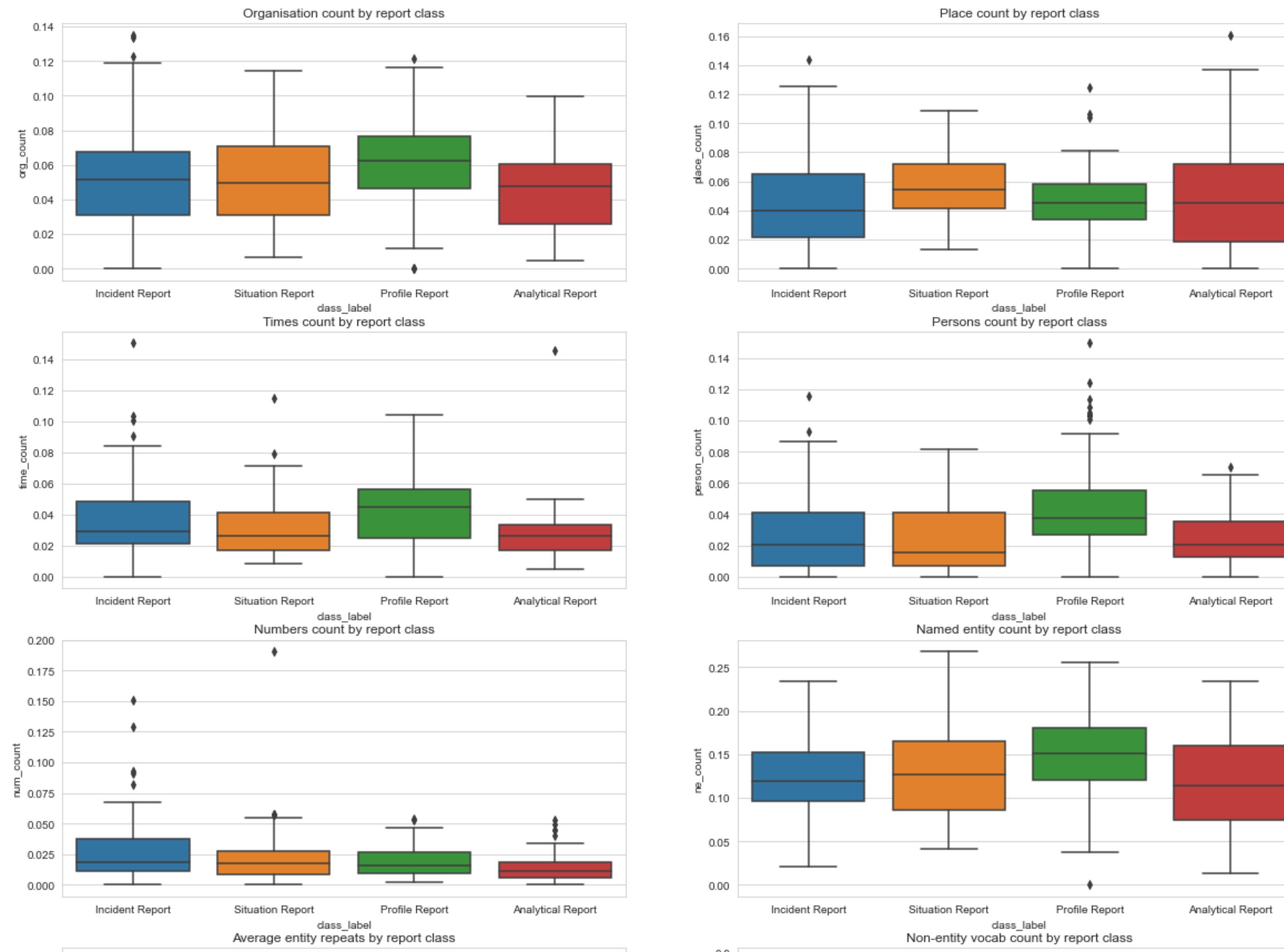
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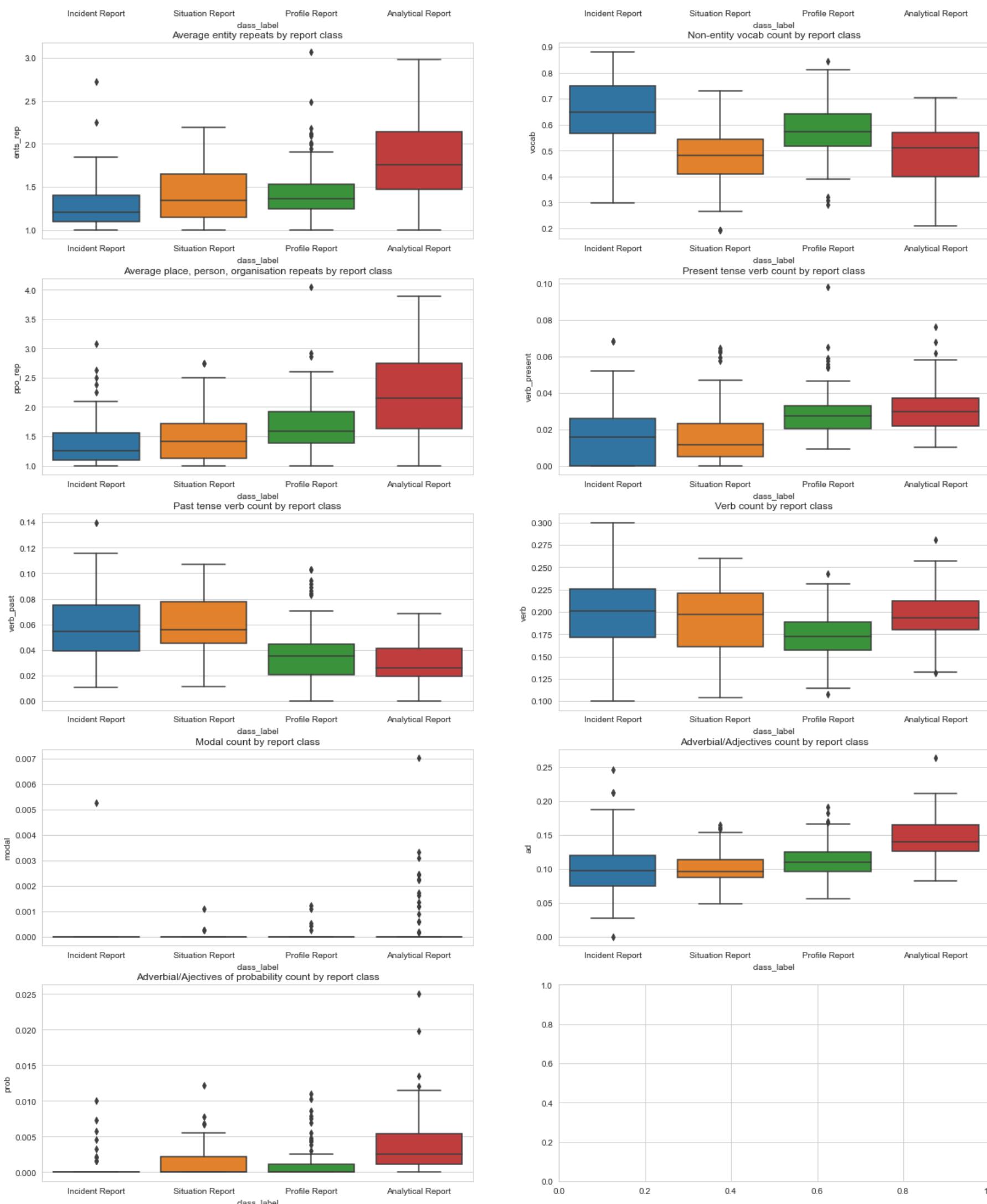
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Traditional NLP

Iterative process: one

- Document lengths, normalised counts of organisations, places, times, persons, numbers.

Train:		precision	recall	f1-score	support	26 misclassified	class_label	pred_label
	Incident Report	0.97	0.98	0.97	59	2	Incident Report	Analytical Report
	Situation Report	0.96	0.99	0.97	70	17	Situation Report	Profile Report
	Profile report	0.99	0.99	0.99	80	24	Situation Report	Incident Report
	Analytical report	0.99	0.95	0.97	79	53	Analytical Report	Situation Report
	accuracy			0.98	288	54	Analytical Report	Profile Report
	macro avg	0.97	0.98	0.98	288	57	Analytical Report	Situation Report
	weighted avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	288	81	Situation Report	Analytical Report
Validation:		precision	recall	f1-score	support	96	Profile Report	Analytical Report
	Incident Report	0.67	0.67	0.67	15	101	Profile Report	Analytical Report
	Situation Report	0.76	0.72	0.74	18	109	Profile Report	Analytical Report
	Profile report	0.68	0.75	0.71	20	140	Profile Report	Incident Report
	Analytical report	0.84	0.80	0.82	20	148	Profile Report	Incident Report
	accuracy			0.74	73	164	Profile Report	Incident Report
	macro avg	0.74	0.73	0.74	73	183	Analytical Report	Situation Report
	weighted avg	0.74	0.74	0.74	73	202	Analytical Report	Situation Report
	accuracy			0.74	73	212	Incident Report	Profile Report
	macro avg	0.74	0.73	0.74	73	216	Incident Report	Profile Report
	weighted avg	0.74	0.74	0.74	73	234	Incident Report	Profile Report
	[[10 1 1 3]					248	Incident Report	Profile Report
	[0 13 5 0]					259	Incident Report	Profile Report
	[2 3 15 0]					267	Situation Report	Incident Report
	[3 0 1 16]]					273	Situation Report	Profile Report
						281	Situation Report	Analytical Report
						307	Situation Report	Analytical Report
						329	Situation Report	Incident Report
						337	Analytical Report	Incident Report

Traditional NLP

Iterative process: two

- Average repeats of entities, places people and organisations, normalised vocabulary (non-entity) count

Train:		precision	recall	f1-score	support	17 misclassified	
Incident Report	0.98	1.00	0.99	59		24	Situation Report
Situation Report	0.99	1.00	0.99	70		48	Analytical Report
Profile report	1.00	1.00	1.00	80		53	Analytical Report
Analytical report	1.00	0.97	0.99	79		75	Situation Report
accuracy			0.99	288		81	Situation Report
macro avg	0.99	0.99	0.99	288		86	Incident Report
weighted avg	0.99	0.99	0.99	288		96	Profile Report
Validation:		precision	recall	f1-score	support	140	Profile Report
Incident Report	0.83	0.67	0.74	15		148	Profile Report
Situation Report	0.72	0.72	0.72	18		164	Profile Report
Profile report	0.73	0.80	0.76	20		178	Analytical Report
Analytical report	0.99	0.95	0.93	20		202	Analytical Report

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[[10  2  2  1]
 [ 0 13  4  1]
 [ 1  3 16  0]
 [ 1  0  0 19]]
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Traditional NLP

Iterative process: three

- Normalised counts of present tense verb, past tense verb, verb, modal auxiliary, adjectives/adverbs

Train:		precision	recall	f1-score	support	13 misclassified		
						class_label	pred_label	
Incident Report		1.00	1.00	1.00	59	48	Analytical Report	Situation Report
Situation Report		0.99	1.00	0.99	70	54	Analytical Report	Situation Report
Profile report		1.00	1.00	1.00	80	77	Situation Report	Profile Report
Analytical report		1.00	0.99	0.99	79	81	Situation Report	Analytical Report
accuracy				1.00	288	96	Profile Report	Analytical Report
macro avg		1.00	1.00	1.00	288	109	Profile Report	Analytical Report
weighted avg		1.00	1.00	1.00	288	148	Profile Report	Incident Report
Validation:		precision	recall	f1-score	support	234	Incident Report	Profile Report
Incident Report		0.71	0.80	0.75	15	273	Situation Report	Analytical Report
Situation Report		0.89	0.94	0.92	18	281	Situation Report	Analytical Report
Profile report		0.85	0.85	0.85	20	323	Situation Report	Profile Report
Analytical report		0.88	0.75	0.81	20	329	Situation Report	Incident Report
accuracy				0.84	73	337	Analytical Report	Incident Report
macro avg		0.83	0.84	0.83	73			
weighted avg		0.84	0.84	0.84	73			

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[[12 1 0 2]
 [ 0 17 1 0]
 [ 2 1 17 0]
 [ 3 0 2 15]]
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Traditional NLP

Iterative process: four

- Normalised count of adverbials and adjectives of probability:

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Train:		precision	recall	f1-score	support	11 misclassified		
						class_label	pred_label	
Incident Report		1.00	1.00	1.00	59	48	Analytical Report	Situation Report
Situation Report		0.99	1.00	0.99	70	81	Situation Report	Analytical Report
Profile report		1.00	1.00	1.00	80	96	Profile Report	Analytical Report
Analytical report		1.00	0.99	0.99	79	148	Profile Report	Incident Report
accuracy				1.00	288	234	Incident Report	Profile Report
macro avg		1.00	1.00	1.00	288	259	Incident Report	Profile Report
weighted avg		1.00	1.00	1.00	288	273	Situation Report	Analytical Report
Validation:		precision	recall	f1-score	support	281	Situation Report	Profile Report
Incident Report		0.81	0.87	0.84	15	323	Situation Report	Profile Report
Situation Report		0.94	0.89	0.91	18	329	Situation Report	Incident Report
Profile report		0.78	0.90	0.84	20	337	Analytical Report	Profile Report
Analytical report		0.94	0.80	0.86	20			
accuracy				0.86	73			
macro avg		0.87	0.86	0.86	73			
weighted avg		0.87	0.86	0.86	73			

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  [ 1  1 18  0]
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Traditional NLP

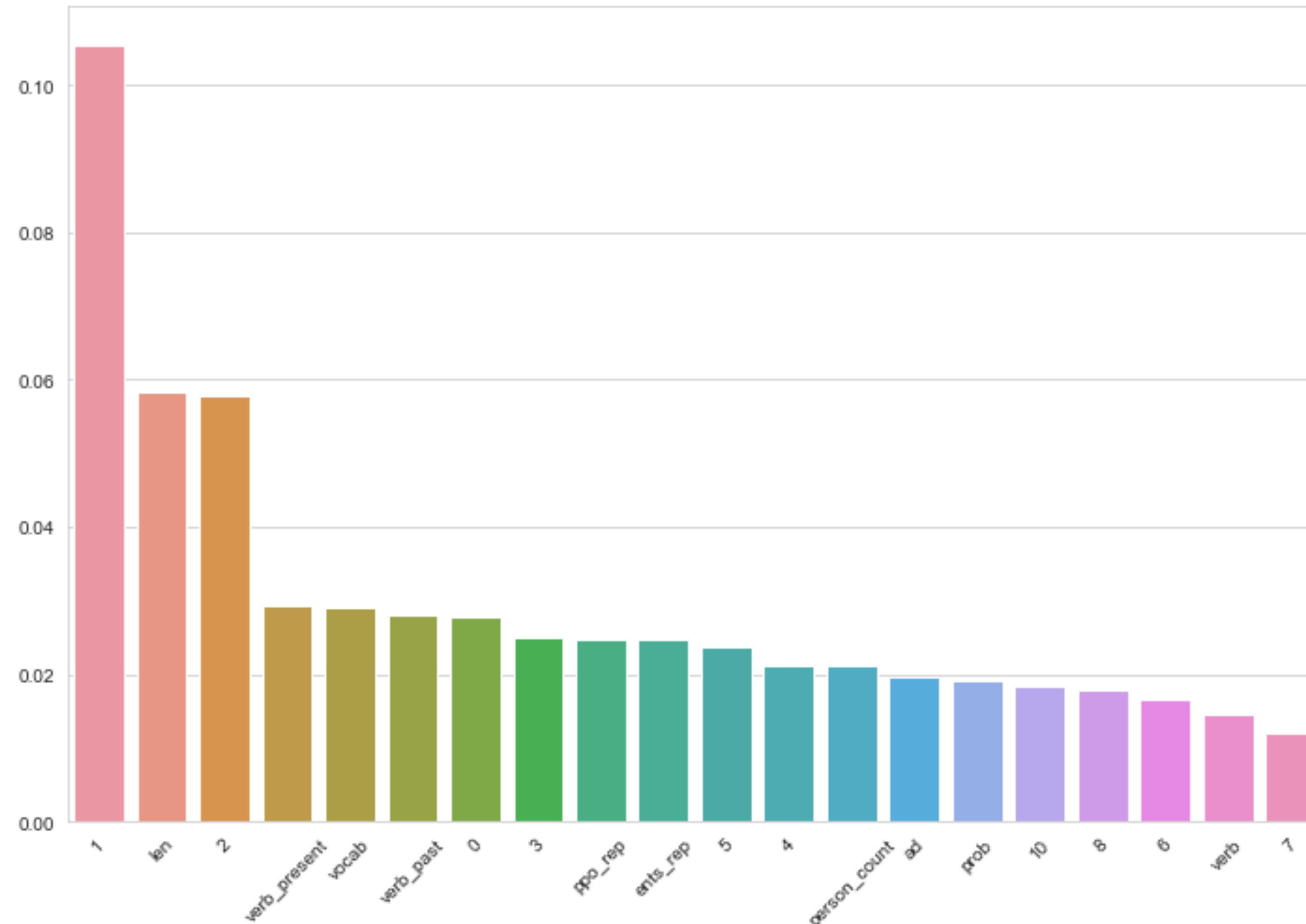
Iterative process: five

- Adding SVD (100) of TF-IDF of lemmatised documents.

Train:	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Incident Report	1.00	1.00	1.00	59
Situation Report	1.00	1.00	1.00	70
Profile report	1.00	1.00	1.00	80
Analytical report	1.00	1.00	1.00	79
accuracy			1.00	288
macro avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	288
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	288
Validation:	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Incident Report	0.79	0.73	0.76	15
Situation Report	0.94	0.94	0.94	18
Profile report	0.82	0.90	0.86	20
Analytical report	0.95	0.90	0.92	20
accuracy			0.88	73
macro avg	0.87	0.87	0.87	73
weighted avg	0.88	0.88	0.88	73
[[11 1 3 0]				
[0 17 0 1]				
[2 0 18 0]				
[1 0 1 18]]				

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Feature importance



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Finalise model

- Random search cross validation was conducted with random forest (Best parameters: {'n_estimators': 1000, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'max_depth': 8, 'bootstrap': True}) and CatBoost (Best parameters: {'learning_rate': 0.3, 'l2_leaf_reg': 15, 'iterations': 500, 'depth': 7}).
- Both yielded similar results: F1 test score, random forest: 0.91, CatBoost: 0.91.
- The parameter space could be shifted, expanded and or zoomed in to allow for better results. However, within the given time, the result is satisfactory.
- I chose random forest over gradient boost machine because of similar results and much faster run time for random forest

BERT



BERT

What's BERT

- BERT(Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformer) is semi-supervised in MLM and NSP, pretrained on Wikipedia and BooksCorpus.
- It can be used on downstream tasks such as sequence classification, question-answering, etc.

BERT

More challenges and ideas

- Challenge 1: the documents are often a lot longer than BERT's maximum length 510.
- Solution 1: Simple truncate (head-only, tail-only, head-and-tail, hierarchical)
- Solution 2: Longformer
- Challenge 2: BERT might need more labelled data (subsequently proved untrue!).
- Solution 1: Make more data by dividing documents into segments, each labelled accordingly.
- Solution 2: Back-translate to create more data
- Solution 3: Fine tune on semi-supervised task before fine tune again with specific task. MLM -> Classification

BERT

What I tried

- Simple truncate head-only (There is a paper demonstrating complicated methods (hierarchical) do not work as well as simple truncate.)
- Make more data by dividing documents into segments, each labelled accordingly. The result was disappointing, so this approach was abandoned.
- Back-translate to create more data. (Tried towards the end, but couldn't resolve an vocabulary error)
- Fine tune on a semi-supervised task. Wasn't able to obtain more unlabelled data, but then discovered RoBERTa is actually a great alternative pretrained on news and online articles!

BERT

Result - BERT

- BERT produced comparable results to traditional NLP, after training for a couple of hours on a AWS EC2 instance

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Incident Report	0.92	0.97	0.94	88
Situation Report	0.97	0.89	0.93	99
Profile report	0.97	0.97	0.97	100
Analytical report	0.91	0.96	0.93	74
accuracy			0.94	361
macro avg	0.94	0.95	0.94	361
weighted avg	0.95	0.94	0.94	361
[[85 2 0 1]				
[7 88 1 3]				
[0 0 97 3]				
[0 1 2 71]]				

BERT

What's RoBERTa

- RoBERTa builds on BERT, but has these key differences:
- Byte Piece Encoding (BPE) instead of Word Piece Encoding (WPE)
- Larger mini-batches, higher learning rates and longer sequences.
- No training on NSP task
- Dynamic masking pattern
- Trained on much bigger corpus, Wikipedia, BookCorpus, plus CC-NEWS, OpenWebText and STORIES. You can see it as having already pertained on similar corpus to our training data.

BERT

Result - RoBERTa

- RoBERTa produces even better results than both traditional methods and BERT.

		precision	recall	f1-score	support
	Incident Report	0.95	1.00	0.97	18
	Situation Report	1.00	0.85	0.92	20
	Profile report	1.00	1.00	1.00	20
	Analytical report	0.88	1.00	0.94	15

	accuracy			0.96	73
	macro avg	0.96	0.96	0.96	73
	weighted avg	0.96	0.96	0.96	73

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[[18  0  0  0]
 [ 1 17  0  2]
 [ 0  0 20  0]
 [ 0  0  0 15]]
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Final thoughts

Do you want to cook?



OR



Final thoughts

Traditional NLP



- Reading misclassified documents can help building intuition and crafting features.
- For deployment, I would be very happy to deploy a traditional NLP model into production, especially when speed is important, because random forest took so little time to train and has great result and interpretability.
- However, I am also aware the small size of labeled data which could perhaps make my feature engineering overfit to the training data.
- Also to consider model maintenance: new data may need new feature engineering. Inference requires preparation: tokenisation, feature extraction, and it won't be instant.
- A bit like making pizza. If the model (pizza making process) has only been exposed to a certain type of data (i.e. ready-to-go topping) on it, when new kind of data comes in (i.e. raw peppers), you might need to update your preparation method - new feature engineering (roasting before cooking).
- What about a language you aren't familiar with? How do you feature engineer?

Final thoughts

BERT and RoBERTa

- RoBERTa outperforms BERT by a large margin and takes similar amount of time to fine tune, thus preferable if BERT based model is chosen.
- For the benefit of downstream tasks that utilises BERT (classification, question-answering, entity recognition, etc.), it is better to fine tune BERT parameters on domain specific corpus on semi-supervised learning tasks, i.e. MLM, before task specific models.



Final thoughts

BERT and RoBERTa

- This is much like making sour dough or Japanese ramen soup. You have a 'mother' BERT (or spin-offs) model, which is fine tuned as new unlabelled data comes in, on semi-supervised tasks to keep it 'up-to-date'. This update will increase accuracy of BERT-based models (children) on all downstream tasks.
- This will reduce training time and the amount of labelled data required for all downstream tasks.
- A bit like sour dough or ramen soup. All your food made with mother dough or soup taste delicious because the base is already delicious and constantly updated to the new ingredients (data).

