

# DataLab Cup 1: Predicting News Popularity

DataLab

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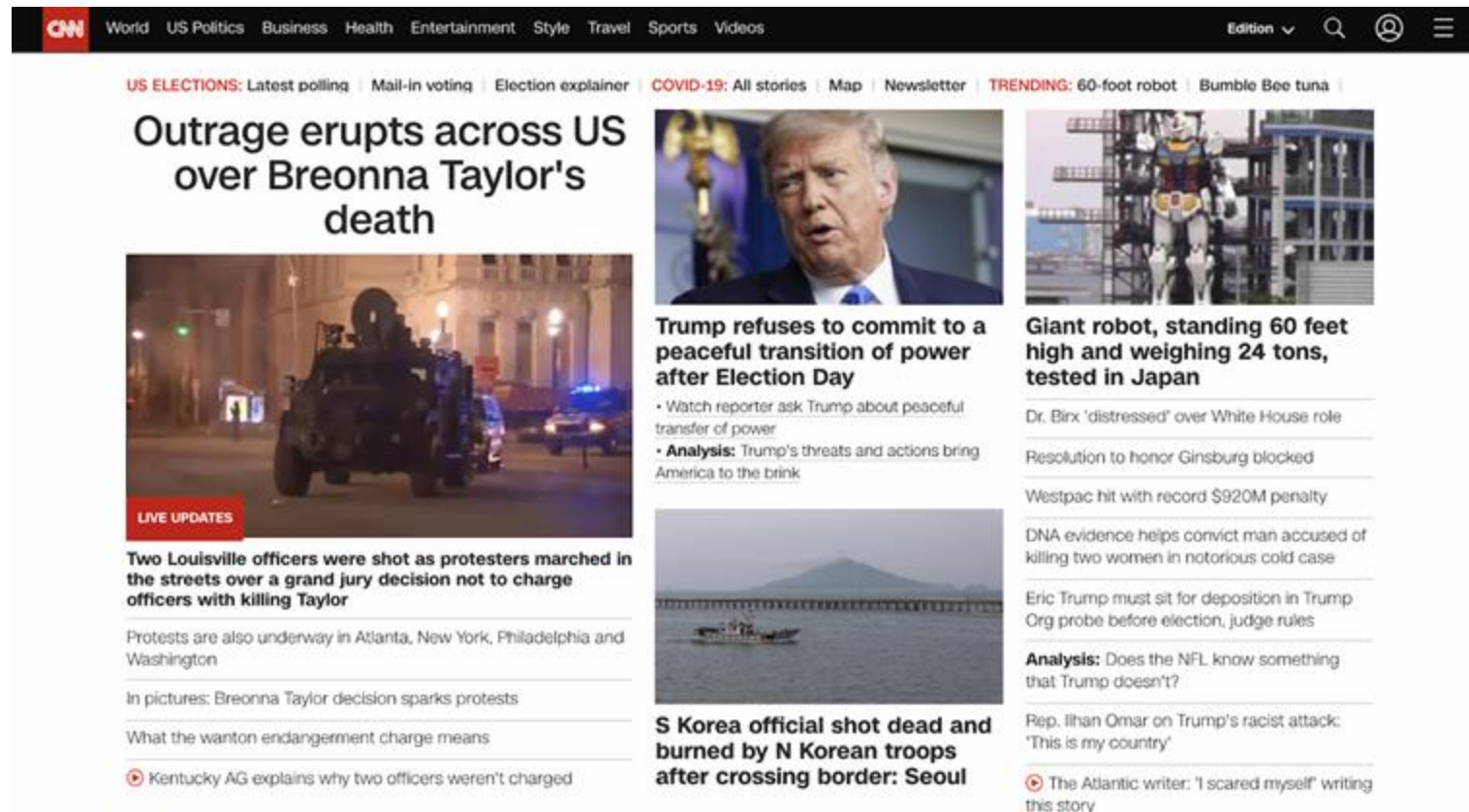
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# Competition Information - Goal

- Predict the news popularity



The screenshot shows the CNN website homepage with a navigation bar at the top containing links for World, US Politics, Business, Health, Entertainment, Style, Travel, Sports, and Videos. Below the navigation bar, there are several news stories:

- Outrage erupts across US over Breonna Taylor's death**: This story features a large image of a police vehicle at night. Below the image, it says "LIVE UPDATES" and provides a summary: "Two Louisville officers were shot as protesters marched in the streets over a grand jury decision not to charge officers with killing Taylor". It also mentions that protests are underway in Atlanta, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, and includes links to related content like "In pictures: Breonna Taylor decision sparks protests" and "What the wanton endangerment charge means".
- Trump refuses to commit to a peaceful transition of power after Election Day**: This story features a photo of Donald Trump. It includes a sub-headline "Watch reporter ask Trump about peaceful transfer of power" and an analysis: "Analysis: Trump's threats and actions bring America to the brink".
- Giant robot, standing 60 feet high and weighing 24 tons, tested in Japan**: This story features a photo of a large robot. It includes a sub-headline "Dr. Birx 'distressed' over White House role" and a link to "Resolution to honor Ginsburg blocked".
- S Korea official shot dead and burned by N Korean troops after crossing border: Seoul**: This story features a photo of a ship on the water. It includes a sub-headline "Rep. Ilhan Omar on Trump's racist attack: 'This is my country'" and a link to "The Atlantic writer: 'I scared myself' writing this story".

# Competition Information - Dataset

- Training data
  - 27643 pieces of news
- Testing data
  - 11847 pieces of news

## Ouya gaming console sells out on Amazon

By Todd Wasserman, Mashable  
Updated 5:13 GMT (2013 HKT) June 25, 2013



The Ouya sells for \$99 and all games will at least offer a free trial period or free-to-play version.

### STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Ouya gaming console sells out in hours on Amazon
- Android-based console sells for \$99

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SEE ALSO: 7 Gadgets for the Ultimate Connected Living Room

### TOP STORIES



### Paid Content



Popularity (1/-1)

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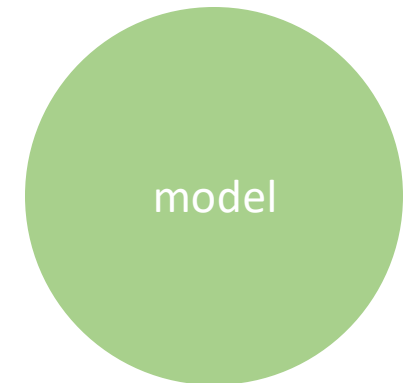
- The act of extracting features from raw data and then transforming them into something that we can use for a machine learning model.

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Raw Data



Feature Engineering



Classification

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Extract <h1>

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# Data Preprocessing

- Stop words
  - Stop words are common in a document but less information, they might misleading the classification model.
  - You can use the stop words **NLTK** provided or create your own stop words.

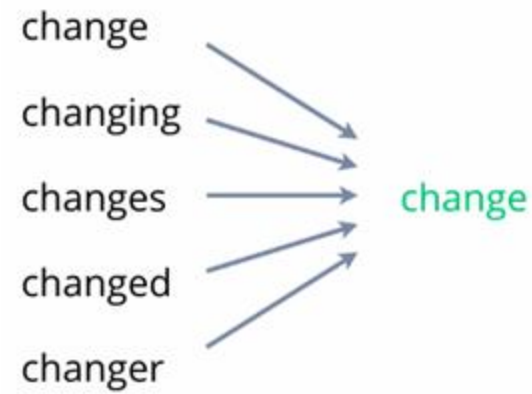
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# Data Preprocessing

- Word stemming
  - The process of reducing inflected (or sometimes derived) words to their word stem, e.g. runs, running, ran => run.
  - NLTK provides two kind of algorithms to reduce the inflected words.



Porter Stemmer



Lemmatization

# Feature Engineering

- Data preprocessing
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# TF-IDF

- A numerical statistic that intended to reflect how important a word is to a document in a collection or corpus.
- The tf-idf value increases proportionally to the number of times a word appears in a document and is offset by the number of documents in the corpus that contain the word.



# TF-IDF

- Term frequency (tf)

- It is a measure of how frequently a term appears in a document

- $tf_{i,j} = \frac{n_{i,j}}{\sum_k n_{k,j}} = \frac{\text{Number of times term } i \text{ appears in the document}}{\text{Total number of terms in the document}}$

- Inverse document frequency (idf)

- It is a measure of how important a term is

- $idf_i = \log\left(\frac{|D|}{|\{j: t_i \in d_j\}|}\right) = \log\left(\frac{\text{Total number of documents}}{\text{Number of documents with term } i \text{ in it}}\right)$

- $tf-idf_{i,j} = tf_{i,j} * idf_i$

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# Feature Hashing

- Reduce the dimension vocabulary space by hashing each vocabulary into a hash table with a fixed number of buckets.
- There are some cons, e.g. the information will be less than TF-IDF.
- However, you can do out-of-core learning when using hashing which means you only load part of the dataset at a time similar to the concept of batch.

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# Evaluation Metric

- We will use **Area Under Curve (AUC)** as our metric in this competition.
- AUC is the area under the ROC curve.

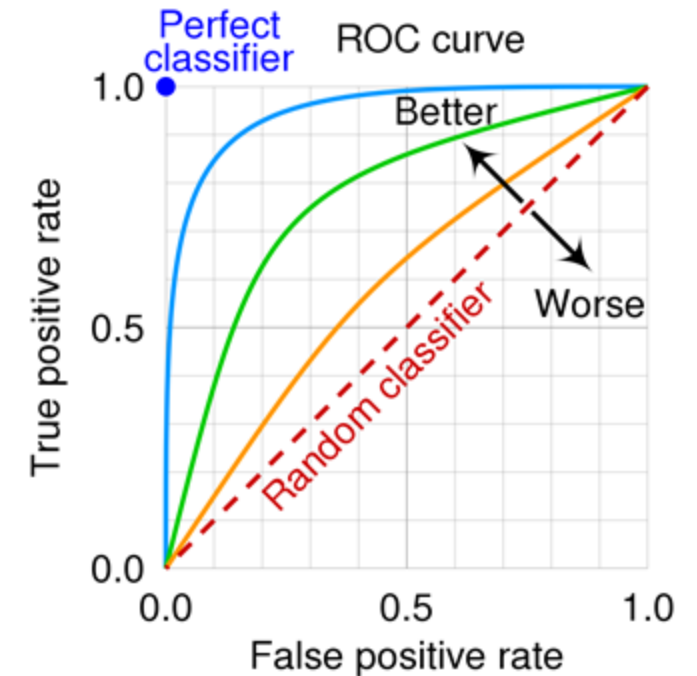
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- Confusion matrix
  - A specific table layout that allows visualization of the performance of an algorithm.

	Actually Positive (1)	Actually Negative (0)
Predicted Positive (1)	True Positives (TPs)	False Positives (FPs)
Predicted Negative (0)	False Negatives (FNs)	True Negatives (TNs)

# Evaluation Metric

- Receiver operating characteristic curve (ROC curve).
  - A graphical plot that illustrates the diagnostic ability of a binary classifier system as its discrimination threshold is varied.
  - False positive rate =  $\frac{\text{False positive}}{\text{All negative samples}}$
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# Report

- **Each team** has to hand in a report after the competition ends.
- The report should be in the form of a **Jupyter Notebook**.
- The filename should be DL\_comp1\_{student ID}\_report.ipynb
- Please submit your report via the **eeclass** system **before 2025/10/19**.

# Report

- The report should include:
  - Student ID & name of each member
  - How did you preprocess the data
    - E.g. cleaning, feature engineering
  - How did you build the classifier
    - E.g. model, training algorithm, special techniques
  - Conclusion
    - E.g. interesting findings, pitfalls, takeaway lessons

# Show off

- For the **top three scores** on the private leaderboard, a show off event will be held during the class on **2025/10/23**.
- For the top three students, please prepare a brief presentation (about 3 to 5 minutes) to introduce your **feature design, model, methods tried and experiment results**.
- Please prepare slides. Don't present directly with your code.

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# Precautions

- Timeline:
  - 2025/09/18 (Thur) - competition announced
  - 2025/10/14 (Tue) 23:59pm - competition deadline
  - 2025/10/19 (Sun) 23:59pm - report deadline (to eeclab)
  - 2025/10/23 (Thur) - show off (TOP 3)
- Scoring:
  - Private leaderboard - 80%
  - Report - 20%

# Precautions

- Rules
  - What you **CAN** do
    - Use untaught APIs: you can use any machine learning tools you like as well as models/techniques that are not taught in the class.
  - What you **CAN'T** do
    - Create specific deterministic rules that make predictions.
    - Train models using representation learning based on neural networks.
    - Use datasets and references beyond those made available by the competition.
    - Abuse the competition infrastructure to gain an edge.
    - Copy code from other teams.