

DATA SCIENCE: ONLINE NEWS POPULARITY

Abstract: This dataset summarizes a heterogeneous set of features about articles published by Mashable in a period of two years (Mashable's primary focus is on technology, lifestyle and entertainment news. It is a global, multi-platform media and entertainment company).

Internship Task: We can use this dataset to solve an interesting problem of predicting the number of shares in social networks (popularity), however for this internship task please carry out an Exploratory Data Analysis and create compelling story based on the given dataset.

Attribute Information:

- 1. url: URL of the article (non-predictive)
- 2. n tokens title: Number of words in the title
- 3. n tokens content: Number of words in the content
- 4. n unique tokens: Rate of unique words in the content
- 5. n non stop words: Rate of non-stop words in the content
- 6. n non stop unique tokens: Rate of unique non-stop words in the content
- 7. num hrefs: Number of links
- 8. num self hrefs: Number of links to other articles published by Mashable
- 9. num imgs: Number of images
- 10. num videos: Number of videos
- 11. average token length: Average length of the words in the content
- 12. num keywords: Number of keywords in the metadata
- 13. data channel is lifestyle: Is data channel 'Lifestyle'?
- 14. data channel is entertainment: Is data channel 'Entertainment'?
- 15. data channel is bus: Is data channel 'Business'?
- 16. data channel is socmed: Is data channel 'Social Media'?
- 17. data_channel_is_tech: Is data channel 'Tech'?
- 18. data channel is world: Is data channel 'World'?
- 19. weekday_is_monday: Was the article published on a Monday?
- 20. weekday_is_tuesday: Was the article published on a Tuesday?
- 21. weekday_is_wednesday: Was the article published on a Wednesday?

- 22. weekday_is_thursday: Was the article published on a Thursday?
- 23. weekday_is_friday: Was the article published on a Friday?
- 24. weekday_is_saturday: Was the article published on a Saturday?
- 25. weekday is sunday: Was the article published on a Sunday?
- 26. is weekend: Was the article published on the weekend?
- 27. LDA_00: Closeness to LDA topic 0
- 28. LDA 01: Closeness to LDA topic 1
- 29. LDA_02: Closeness to LDA topic 2
- 30. LDA_03: Closeness to LDA topic 3
- 31. LDA 04: Closeness to LDA topic 4
- 32. global_sentiment_polarity: Text sentiment polarity
- 33. global_rate_positive_words: Rate of positive words in the content
- 34. global_rate_negative_words: Rate of negative words in the content
- 35. avg_positive_polarity: Avg. polarity of positive words
- 36. avg negative polarity: Avg. polarity of negative words
- 37. title sentiment polarity: Title polarity
- 38. shares: Number of shares (TARGET)

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