

BC Stats Proposal

Text Analytics: Quantifying the Responses to Open-Ended Survey Questions

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Introduction



Work Environment Survey (WES)

- Survey conducted by BC Stats for employees of BC Public Service.
- · Measures the health of the work environments.
- 80 multiple choice questions (5 point scale) and
 2 open-ended questions.
- · 2013, 2015, 2018, and 2020 across 26 Ministries.

Introduction

Open-ended Questions

Question 1

What one thing would you like your organization to focus on to improve your work environment?

Example: "Better health and social benefits should be provided."

Question 2

Have you seen any improvements in your work environment and if so, what are the improvements?

Example: "Now we have more efficient vending machines."

^{*}Note: these are fake comments as examples of the data.

Objectives

Overarching goal:

Use automated multi-label theme classification of comments to themes and sub-themes.

Question 1

What one thing would you like your organization to focus on to improve your work environment?

- Build a model for predicting label(s) for main themes.
- Build a model for predicting label(s) for sub-themes.
- Scalability: Identify trends across ministries and over the four specified years.

Question 2

Have you seen any improvements in your work environment and if so, what are the improvements?

- Identify labels for theme classification and compare with existing labels.
- · Create visualizations for executives to explore the results.

Existing Solution for Question 1

Last year's Capstone

Objective: - To build a model for predicting label(s) for themes

Table 2. Results from the Base Model the Chosen Model

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall		
Bag of Words LinearSVC	45%	0.74	0.64		
Deep Learning Ensemble	53%	0.83	0.66		

Source: BC Stats Capstone 2019-Final Report, by A. Quinton, A. Pearson, F. Nie (https://github.com/aaronquinton/mds-capstone-bcstats/blob/master/reports/BCStats_Final_Report.pdf)

We aim to improve accuracy for predicting label(s) for main themes respective of previous capstone project results.

Getting Familiar with the Data

- · Separate Data for each question, and each year.
- · Comments with sensitive information.
- · Files in XLSX -Excel format-.

Question 1

What one thing would you like your organization to focus on to improve your work environment?

· Labeled data from 2013, 2018, 2020, added to around 32,000 respondents.

Question 2

Have you seen any improvements in your work environment and if so, what are the improvements?

- · Labeled data from 2018, which add around 6,000 respondents.
- Unlabeled data from 2015 and 2020, that respresent 9,000 additional comments.

Question 1

Dataset format

Responses for this question are captured and labeled (theme and sub-theme) by hand:

Comments*	CPD	СВ	EWC	 CB_Improve_benefits	CB_Increase_salary
Better health and social benefits should be provided	0	1	0	 1	0

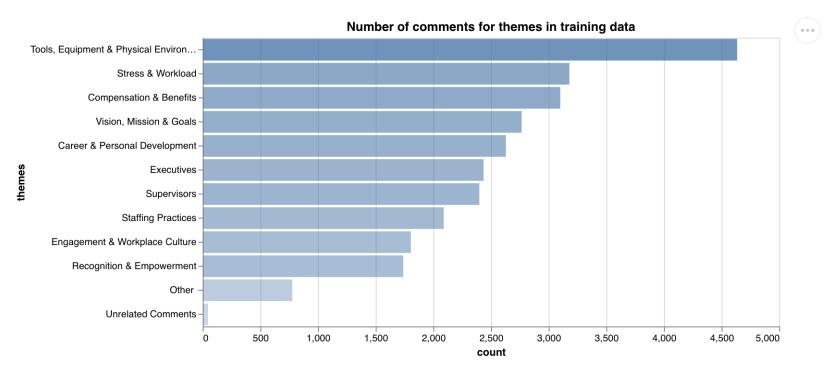
Theme: CB = Compensation and Benefits

Sub-theme: CB_Improve_benefits = Improve benefits

^{*}Note: this is a fake comment as an example of the data.

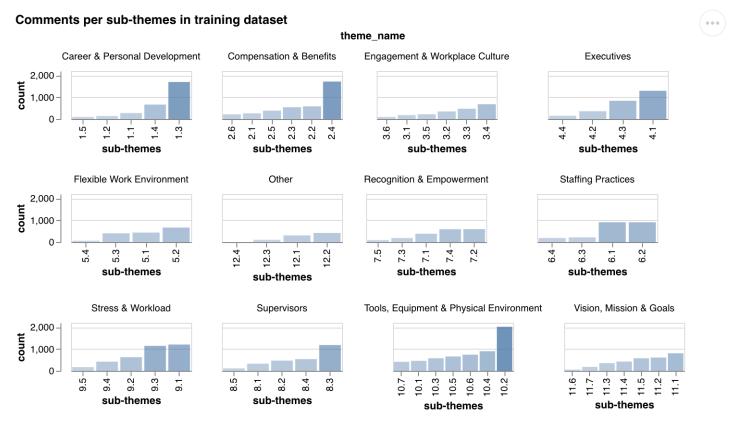
Question 1

Labels: 13 themes and 63 sub-themes.



Label cardinality for themes: ~1.4

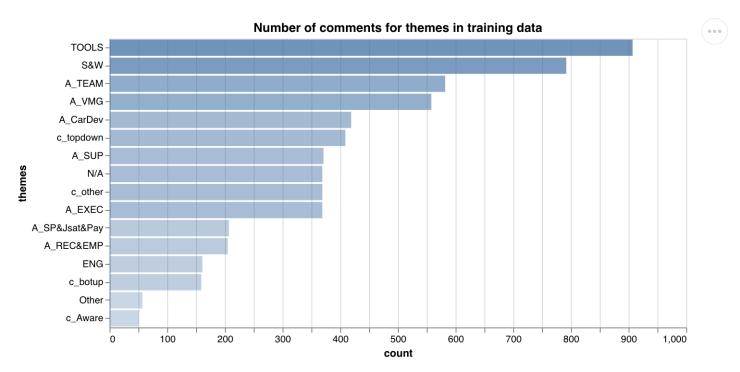
Question 1



Label cardinality for sub-themes: ~1.6

Question 2

Labels for 2018: 6 themes and 16 sub-themes



Label cardinality: ~1.6

Challenges

- Decide appropriate metric for evaluating accuracy (considering partial correctness) for multi-label prediction problem.
- Low label cardinality indicating sparsity in training data
 - ~2 labels per comment from ~60 labels.
- Build a model with increased performance higher label precision and recall- than the MDS team last year so that it can be deployed by BC Stats.
- · Class Imbalance in the data
 - skeweness in number of comments per label.

Techniques

Question 1

Binary Relevance - Base Model from last year's Captsone

X	Y_1	Y_2	Y_3	Y_4
x ⁽¹⁾	0	1	1	0
$x^{(2)}$	1	0	0	0
x ⁽³⁾	0	1	0	0
x ⁽⁴⁾	1	0	0	1
x ⁽⁵⁾	0	0	0	1

X	Y_1	X	Y_2	X	Y_3	X	Y_4
$x^{(1)}$	0	$x^{(1)}$	1	$x^{(1)}$	1	$x^{(1)}$	0
						$x^{(2)}$	
x ⁽³⁾						$x^{(3)}$	
x ⁽⁴⁾						$x^{(4)}$	
x ⁽⁵⁾		x ⁽⁵⁾				1-1	

Source: Multi-Label Classification: Binary Relevance, by Analytics Vidhya (https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2017/08/introduction-to-multi-label-classification/)

Techniques

Question 1

Classifier Chains - Proposed Base Model

X	y1	y2	y3	y4
x1	0	1	1	0
x2	1	0	0	0
x3	0	1	0	0

X	y1		X	у1	y2	X	y1	y2	у3	X	у1	y2	у3	y4
x1	0		x1	0	1	x1	0	1	1	x1	0	1	1	0
x2	1		x2	1	0	x2	1	0	0	x2	1	0	0	0
х3	0		х3	0	1	x3	0	1	0	х3	0	1	0	0
Clas	ssifier	1	Clas	ssifier	2	Classifier 3				Clas	ssifier	4		

· Multi-Label Classification using TF-IDF Vectorizer with Classifier Chain.

Source: Multi-Label Classification: Classifier Chains, by Analytics Vidhya (https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2017/08/introduction-to-multi-label-classification/)

Techniques

Question 2

Theme Identifications

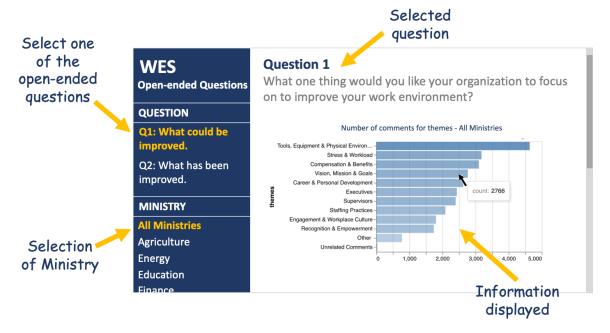
Use clustering algorithms like PCA and Topic Modelling

Scalability

- Descriptive Statistics using Matplotlib, Altair and Plotly
 - Identify trends over the years
 - Identify trends across Ministries

Deliverables

- · Data pipeline with the documentation for our models
- · Dash app that displays the trends across ministries for both qualitative questions



Source: Dash app's sketch, based in app developed by BC Stats for the Workforce Profiles Report 2018 (https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2017/08/introduction-to-multi-label-classification/).

Note: This figure is just for illustrative purpose, the final version of the app could differ from the sketch.

Timeline

