**Project**

**Project Progress Report**

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**What tasks have been completed?**

* Finalized project objective to “*Leaderboard Competition Creation using Natural Language Processing with disaster tweets dataset.*” [***XX hours***]
* Completed design specification and project plan tasks to execute below: [***XX hours***]
  + Configure Leaderboard using *LiveDataLab*.
  + Connect project GitHub to Leaderboard in *LiveDataLab*.
  + Establish approach to compare models using a common evaluation criterion accurately and fairly.
  + Identify a list of NLP models to evaluate.
  + Start with OkapiBM25 – *review results, pros, and cons*.
  + Evaluate K-means clustering – *review results, pros, and cons*.
  + Evaluate LDA – *review results, pros, and cons*.
  + Evaluate LSA / PLSA – *review results, pros, and cons*.
  + Evaluate out-of-the-box APIs (e.g., *TextBlob*) – *review results, pros, and cons*.
  + Evaluate SciPy’s pre-built NLP packages – *review results, pros, and cons*.
  + Provide Conclusion and Final Recommendation
  + Document Final Project Report
* Configured Github repository – added documentation for project proposal. **[*XX hours*]**
* Identified Kaggle’s [Natural Language Processing with Disaster Tweets](https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/nlp-getting-started) to predict which tweets are about real disasters and which are not. **[*XX hours*]**
* Configured initial Leaderboard in *LiveDataLab*.
* Attempted to connect our project GitHub repo to Leaderboard in *LiveDataLab* by usingpreviously developed code in MP 2.2. **[*XX hours*]**
  + TA’s *Mu-Chun Wang* and *Yuxiang Liu* provided guidance to not pursue this integration to *LiveDataLab* – due to complexities in implementation*.*
  + The project team have incorporated their feedback to establish a baseline score and train and validate several NLP models against the baseline to beat the baseline.
  + Requested *Mu-Chun Wang* to delete the initial Leaderboard created.
* Developed approach to compare models using a common evaluation criterion accurately and fairly in python. Configured the following helper functions: **[*XX hours*]**
  + *load\_and\_preprocess\_data (csv\_path)*
  + *load\_model (model\_path, class\_name)*
  + *evaluate\_model (model, X\_test, y\_test)*
  + *Leverage sklearn metrics for accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score*
* Document Project Progress Report (this document).

**What tasks are pending?**

* Start with OkapiBM25 – *review results, pros, and cons*.
* Evaluate Bayesian Regression Models – *review results, pros, and cons*.
* Evaluate K-means clustering – *review results, pros, and cons*.
* Evaluate LDA – *review results, pros, and cons*.
* Evaluate LSA / PLSA – *review results, pros, and cons*.
* Evaluate out-of-the-box APIs (e.g., *TextBlob*) – *review results, pros, and cons*.
* Evaluate SciPy’s pre-built NLP packages – *review results, pros, and cons*.
* Perform Hyperparameter Optimization (HPO) for all approaches.
* Provide Conclusion and Final Recommendation
* Document Final Project Report

**Are you facing any challenges?**

* The team was struggling to connect the project GitHub repo to a Leaderboard in LiveDataLab – were looking for example code and documentation.
  + No longer an issue as advised by *Mu-Chun Wang* and *Yuxiang Liu.*
* The team is now unblocked to continue evaluating NLP models against our dataset.