

# Comparing NLP Algorithms

Multinomial Naïve Bayes, SVM, LDA, NER



# Goals

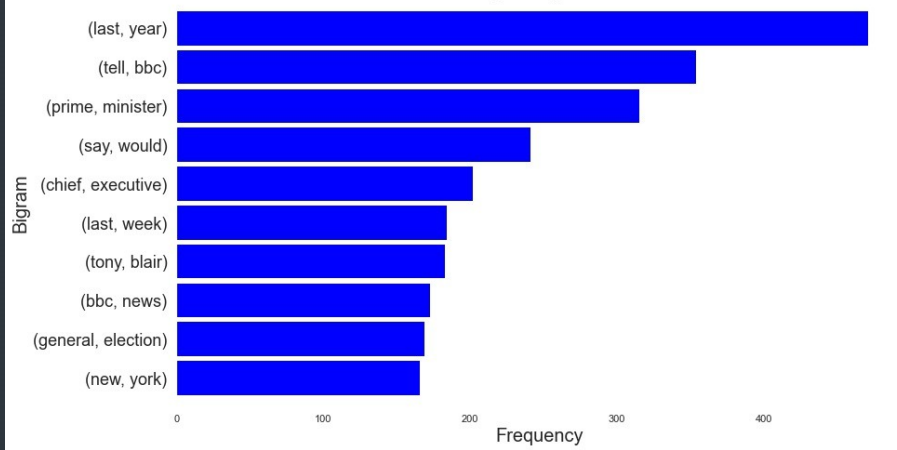
- Train NLP models for use in production data pipeline for unstructured scientific and technical data
  - Automate pre-processing
  - Text Classification
  - Topic Modeling
  - N.E.R. for metadata tagging
- Determine feasibility of LDA for Topic Modeling in production pipeline
- Use Named Entity Recognition to extract metadata

# The Data Set

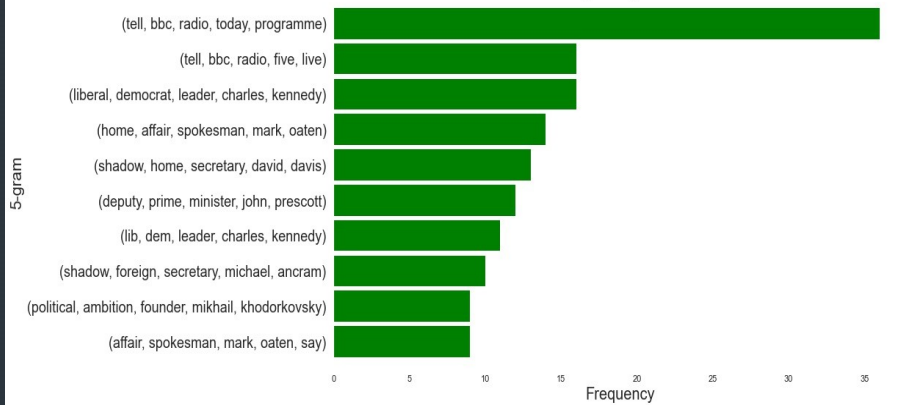
- Consists of 2225 documents from the BBC news website corresponding to stories in five topical areas from 2004-2005. Natural Classes: 5 (business, entertainment, politics, sport, tech)
- Data set came from an academic research project that I can't even begin to comprehend
  - D. Greene and P. Cunningham. "Practical Solutions to the Problem of Diagonal Dominance in Kernel Document Clustering", Proc. ICML 2006.
- Series of text documents in folders grouped by topic
- Required very little wrangling (read in text, strip 1<sup>st</sup> line as title, split filepath to get topic, store in dataframe)
- Data Set stats (after trimming some outliers)

count	2200.000000	business	510
mean	198.202273	sport	505
std	86.017350	politics	413
min	46.000000	tech	392
25%	132.000000	entertainment	380
50%	178.000000		
75%	251.000000		
max	499.000000		

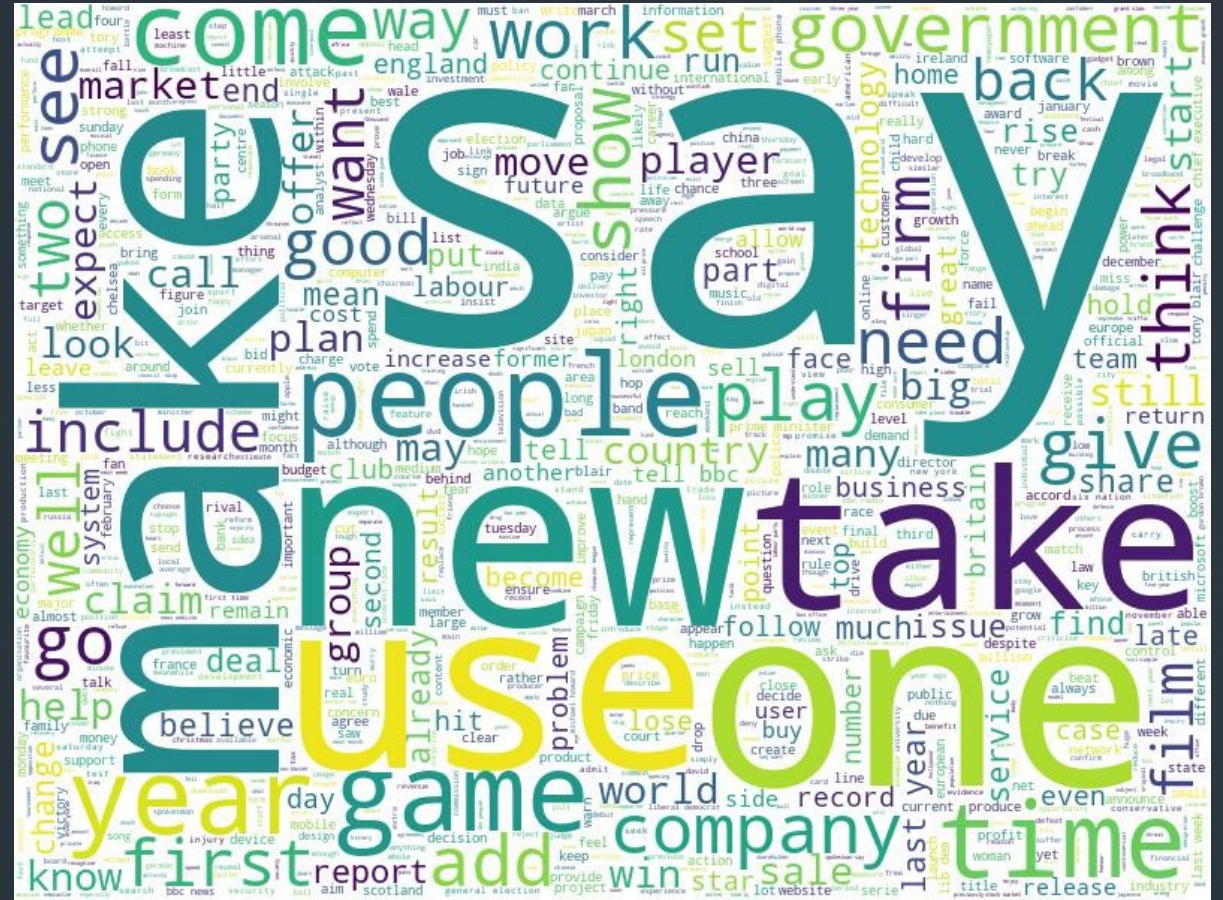
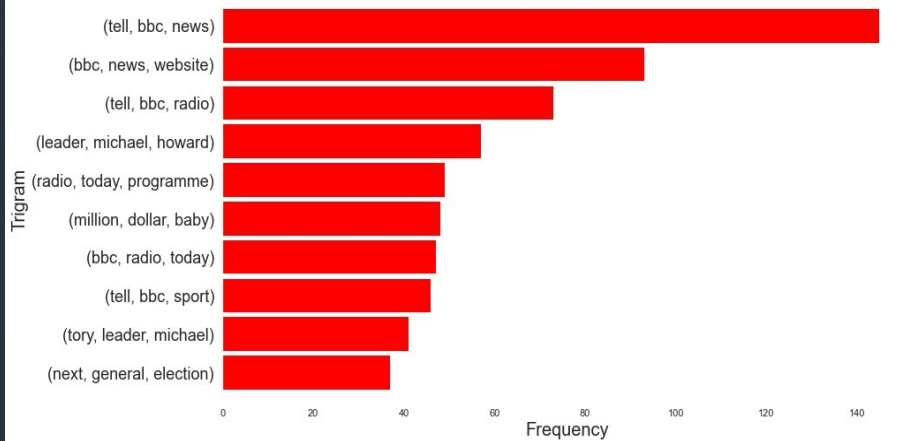
Top 10 Bigrams



Top 10 5-grams

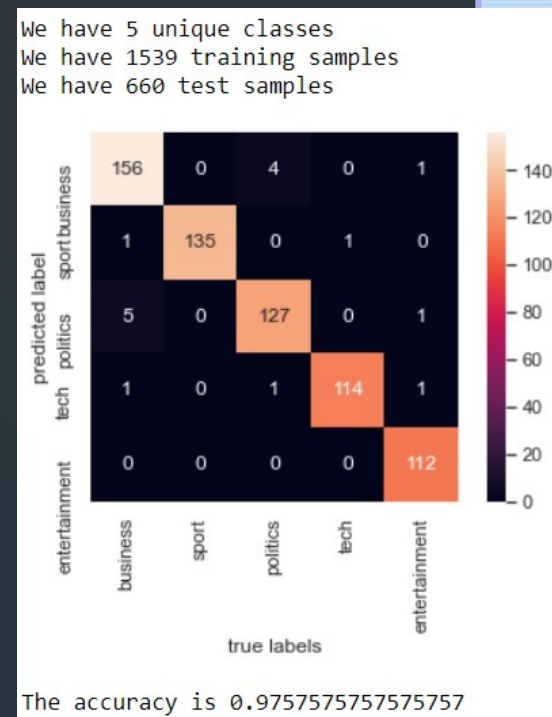
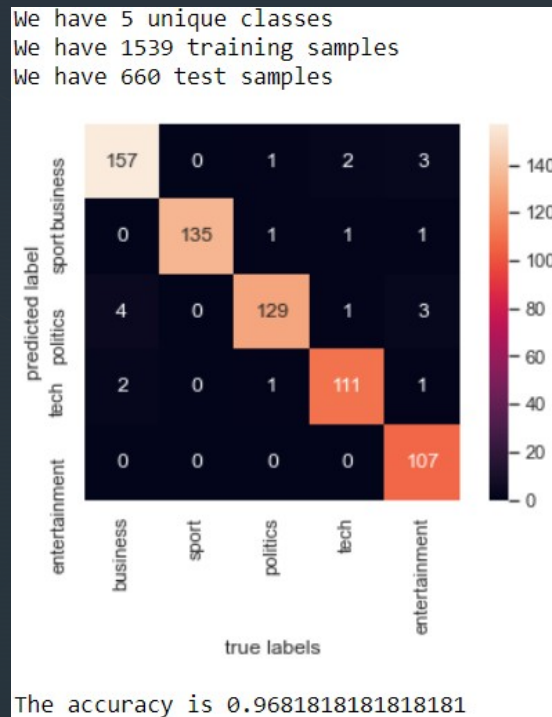
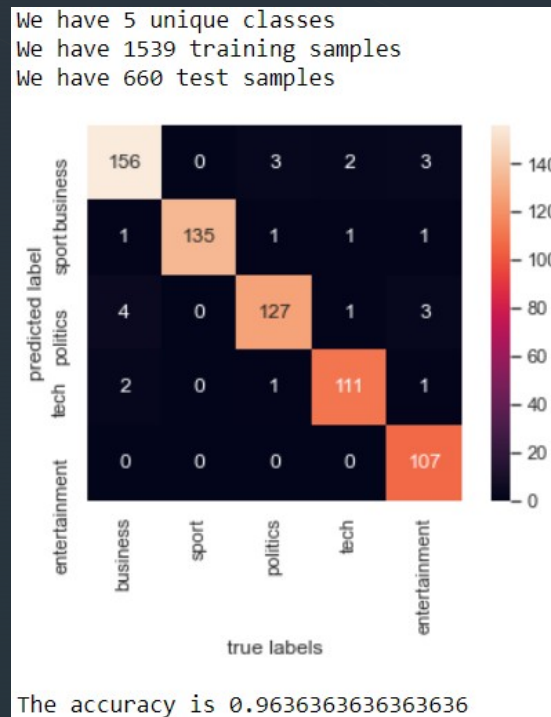
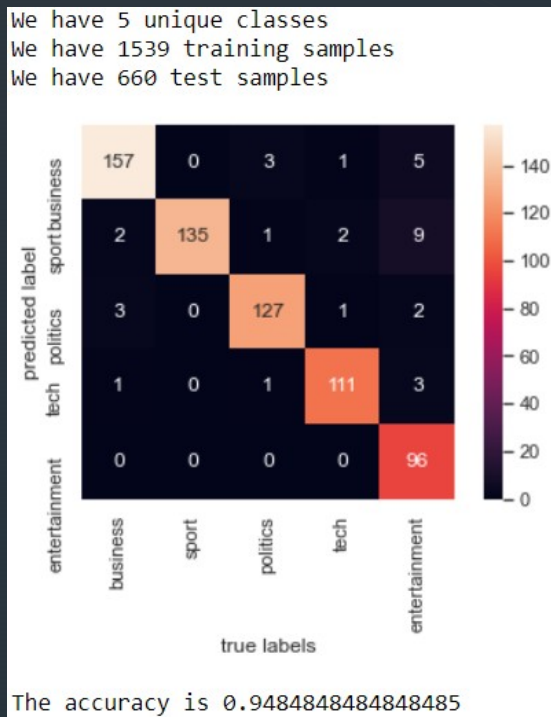


Top 10 Trigrams



# Text Classification – MNB & SVM

- Text classification works...too well?
- Pre-processing options:
  - Manual, TfidfVectorizer, PorterStemmer, Lemmatizer, others.
- Multinomial Naïve Bayes: 94.8% - 96.8%
- SVM: 97.5%



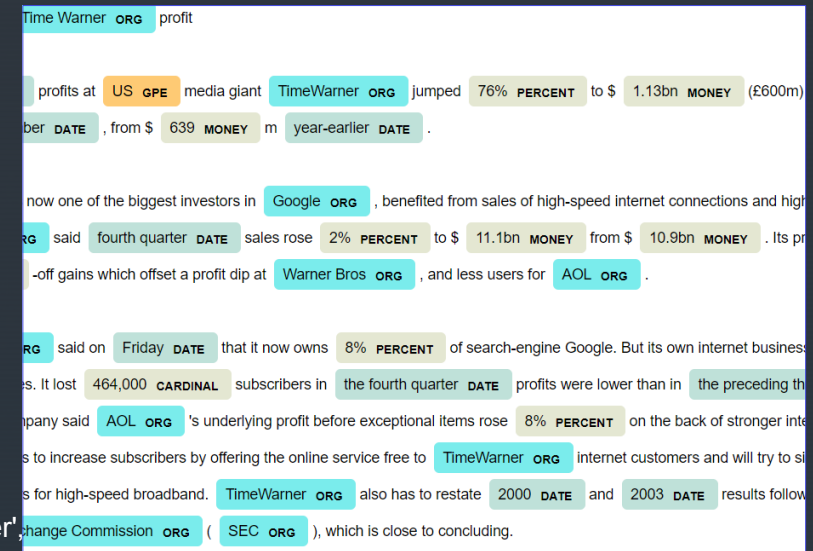
# Topic Modeling – LDA

- Can you be a library purist?
  - Leveraging what works in the moment
  - nltk, gensim, spaCy, sklearn, etc...
- What is LDA good for anyway?
  - People with a ton of time and patience...
  - Or for determining topics from bulk unstructured data
  - Or for clustering classified documents to gain new insights
  - Or ... Or ... Or ...
- Can LDA make predictions?
  - Why, yes. Yes, it can.
    - Just not as easy as Text Classification...



# Named Entity Recognition

- Not much to say here.
- I used spaCy, but I'm open to Stanford's stuff too
- NER just works for metadata extraction
  - CAVEAT – manual process
- The pre-trained model is pretty fantastic
- I really need to learn how train a custom NER model



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{'DATE': ['fourth quarter',  
'2005',  
'the preceding three quarters',  
'2003',  
'Quarterly',  
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'2000',  
'the fourth quarter',  
'year-earlier',  
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'Bertelsmann',  
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'Time Warner',  
'AOL',  
'Google',  
'SEC',  
'Warner Bros'],  
'PERSON': ['Alexander', 'Richard Parsons',  
'Catwoman']}
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# Outcomes

- Text classification models work very well
  - MNB vs SVM vs ?? ... How good is too good
  - Need more (diverse) data
- LDA looks like it could be useful with a large enough data set and good analytic insight...and patience
- NER is a beautiful thing for metadata extraction
  - Need to customize it for specific mission sets
- Pipeline and `make_pipeline` are ... beautiful
- Holy crap I'm glad I learned about pickle
  - Pickling trained models!?!? Yes please and thank you



# Next Steps

- Read/write to MongoDB vs Pandas Dataframe
- Customized stop words list to remove things like 'say' and 'bbc'
- Incorporate foreign language handling
  - Machine Translation (AWS Translate, Google Cloud Translation, etc)
  - NLP in foreign languages
- Customize N.E.R. for tailored results
- Incorporate sentiment analysis for social media data
- Web application for data interaction
  - Django / Flask / ??
  - Visualize existing data
    - word cloud, histograms, ngrams, sentiment spikes over time, heatmaps, etc
  - Upload new document(s)
    - pre-process, predict, update metadata, correct errors, add to training set, retrain model