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 1st line as title, split filepath to get topic, store in dataframe)
- Data Set stats (after trimming some outliers)

count	2200.000000
mean	198.202273
std	86.017350
min	46.000000
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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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Catwoman']}

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