R User Meetup NOTAM classifier in R

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Topics we'll touch on

- Me: I'll be quick (promise)
- The Introduction: What is a NOTAM?
- The Problem: What is the difficulty?
- The Approach: What methods did we use?
- The Results: What can we conclude?







The boring part (Me)









The Introduction What if?

Military area



New structure near airport



Closed airport/runway



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Fireworks



Unavailability of services/systems



The Introduction What if? Military area

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The Introduction Format of a NOTAM

H7501/18 NOTAMN Q)EGPX/QWGLW/IV/M/W/100/195/5716N00443W124 A)EGPX B)1810050700 C)1810051742 E)GLD FLY WO SSR TRANSPONDER WI AREA 553000N 0063000W - 563000N 0063000W - 571500N 0050000W - 590000N 0050000W - 590000N 0024500W - 573000N 0013000W -570000N 0013000W - 560700N 0023000W - 560703N 0040000W - 561400N 0040926W - 555330N 0050000W - 553000N 0050000W - 553000N 0063000W REF AIP ENR 1.1 F)FL100 G)FL195

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The Introduction Format of a NOTAM – Structured & Unstructured Data

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Tags (Q, A, B, C, D, E, F, G) identifying structured data (green), and free-text (blue)







The Problem What (else) is wrong?

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The Introduction How does it work within SWISS?





The Introduction What are we looking at?





The Problem Quantity overview

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SWISS

The Introduction What are we looking at?



Can we help on this step?







The Approach Easy part

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The Approach

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Valid date range

Free features!



The Approach Fun part

Whatever someone decided to write

Too much / Too little

Contractions (sometimes!)

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> Not ready to use information!





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- ABN; airport beacon 2 U/S: UNSERVICEABLE 3 ABV: above 4 ACC: area control center ARTCC 5 ACCUM: accumulate 6 ACFT; aircraft 7 ACR; air carrier 8 ACT; active 9 AD; AERODROME 10 ADJ; adjacent 11 ADZD; advised 12 AFD; airport facility directory 13 AFSS; automated flight service station 14 AGL; above ground level 15 ALS; approach light system 16 ALT; altitude 17 ALTM:altimeter 18 ALTN; alternate 19 ALTNLY; alternately 20 ALSTG; altimeter setting 21 AMDT:amendment 22 AMGR; airport manager 23 AMOS; automatic meteorological observing system 24 AP; airport
- 25 APCH; approach

- 349 UNMKD; unmarked
- 350 UNMNT; unmonitored
- 351 UNREL; unreliable
- 352 UNUSBL;unusable
- 353 VASI; visual approach slope indicator
- 354 VDP; visual descent point
- 355 VIA; by way of
- 356 VICE; instead versa
- 357 VIS; visibility
- 358 VMC; visual meteorological conditions
- 359 VOL;volume
- 360 VOR; whf Omni-directional radio range
- 361 VORTAC; VOR and TACAN
- 362 W;west
- 363 WB;westbound
- 364 WED; Wednesday
- 365 WEF; with effect from or effective from
- 366 WI;within
- 367 WKDAYS; Monday through Friday
- 368 WKEND; Saturday and Sunday
- 369 WND;wind
- 370 WPT;waypoint
- 371 WSR; wet snow on runways
- 372 WTR; water on runways
- 373 WX;weather

Mapped contractions to full words





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- 1 \b\d+([,.]\d{1,2})? ?(K|M)HZ\b;<frequency>
- 2 \bCH[0-9]{2}[XY]\b;<channel>
- 3 \bFL[0-9]{3}\b;<flightlevel>
- 4 \b[0-9]+[.]?[0-9]? ?FT(?(AMSL|AGL))?\b;<height>
- 5 \b[0-9]+[NS] ?[0-9]+[EW]\b;<coordinate>
- 6 \b\d+([,.]\d{1,2})? ?(M|KM|NM)\b;<distance>
- 7 \b(RUNWAY|RWY) ?[0-9]{2}(R|L|C)?(/[0-9]{2}(R|L|C)?)?(?!\w);<runway>

Special numbers mapped with regular expressions



1	а
2	about
3	above
4	after
5	again
6	against
7	all
8	am
9	an
10	and
11	any
12	are
13	as
14	at
15	be
16	because
17	been
18	before
19	being
20	below
21	between
22	both
23	but
24	by
25	cannot

26	could
27	did
28	do
29	does
30	doing
31	down
32	during
33	each
34	few
35	for
36	from
37	further
38	had
39	has
40	have
41	having
42	he
43	her
44	here
45	hers
46	herself

47 him48 himself49 his

50 how

97	through
98	to
99	too
100	under
101	until
102	up
103	very
104	was
105	we
106	were
107	what
108	when
109	where
110	which
111	while
112	who
113	whom
114	why
115	with
116	would
117	you
118	your
119	yours
120	yourself
121	yourselves

Listed stop words





> message <- "All the good stuff"
> gsub("stuff", "things", message)
[1] "All the good things"







{ngram}

1-gram



{ngram}

1-gram



{ngram}

1-gram



{ngram}

2-gram



{ngram}

2-gram



{ngram}

3-gram



$$f_{t,d} = \frac{number \ of \ occurrences \ in \ message}{number \ of \ terms \ in \ message} : \text{Term Frequency}$$
$$idf_t = \log(\frac{number \ of \ messages}{number \ of \ messages \ where \ term \ appears}) : \text{Inverse Document Frequency}$$

$$w_{t,d} = f_{t,d} * idf_t$$
: Overall Importance



The Approach Feature Engineering – Expert Intuition

What information can we include that is accounted for by experts?





The Approach Feature Engineering – Expert Intuition

What information can we include that is accounted for by experts?

- How close is the NOTAM center to an airport we operate?
 Feature: closestDestAirportDistance
- How close is the NOTAM center to an alternate airport?
 Feature: closestAltAirportDistance
- How long is the free text portion of the NOTAM?
 Feature: freeTextSize



The Approach Feature Collection

Feature matrix:

- 16 features from structured section
- 3 engineered features

"RANGE "

"STDE "

"SYSTEM "

"TAXIWAY "

"WILL TAKE "

"WITHIN AREA "

"RESTRICTED AREA "

"TEMPORARY RESTRICTED

"VHF OMNI DIRECTIONAL

"UNSERVICEABLE <runwav>

"RUNWAY <runwav> <number> "

- 200 ngram features

Label from historical data of messages that were/weren't suppressed (0/1)

[1] "flmin" [6] "nat_N" [11] "purp_B" [26] "scope_W" [21] "<coordinate> <coordinate> " [26] "<distance> RADIUS " [31] "<number> " [36] "<number> PCT WET " [41] "ABOVE " [46] "ACTVATED AIRSPACE CLOSED " "flmax" "traffic_ifr" "purp_0" "closestDestAirportDistance" "<coordinate> <coordinate> "<flightlevel> " "number> <number> " "<runway> " "ABOVE GROUND " "AETVATED TEMPORARY "

"lat_rad" "traffic_vfr" "purp_M" "closestAltAirportDistance" "<flightlevel> <flightlevel> " "<number> <number> " "<rumway> <number> " "ACTIVE " "long_rad" "traffic_checklist" "scope_A" "freeTextSize" "<distance> ABOVE " "<frequency> " "<rumber> <number> PCT " "<rumber> <number> <number> " "AETOROME " "rad" "purp_N" "scope_E" "<coordinate> " "<distance> ABOVE GROUND " "<hubber> PCT " "<rumay> CLOSED " "ACTIVATED AIRSPACE " "ATP "

[166] "RAIM " [171] "RESTRICTED " [176] "RUNNAY <runway> " [181] "SERVICE NOW " [186] "SURFACE Aheight> " [191] "TAKE PLACE " [191] "TAKE PLACE " [201] "UNSERVICEABLE " [206] "VHF OMNI " [216] "VHT MIN <distance> "

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"REF" "RESTRICTED AREA ACTIVATED" "RUNWAY CLOSED" "SOUTH" "SYSTEM <runway>" "TAXIWAY CLOSED" "TEMPORARY RESTRICTED AREA" "UNSERVICEABLE INSTRUMENT" "WET" "WILL TAKE PLACE " "WORK" "REF AIP " "ROUTE " "RUNWAY CLOSED <runway> " "SURFACE " "SYSTEM UNSERVICEABLE " "TAXIWAY CLOSED TAXIWAY " "TOWER " UNSERVICEABLE INSTRUMENT LANDING " "WET OBSERVATION " "WET " WORK PROGRESS " "REMARK " "NUNWAY " "SURVICE " "SURRACE <flightlevel> " "TAKE " "TAKE " "TAKE " "TAKF " "TAFFIC " "VHF O "WET OBSERVATION <number> " "WET OBSERVATION <number> "



The Approach Model Training

~ 10min training time (laptop)







The Results Model – Feature Importance

```
model <- xgb.dump(bst_model, with_stats = TRUE)</pre>
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```
feature_names <- dimnames(dtrain)[[2]]</pre>
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importance_matrix <- xgb.importance(feature_names, model = bst_model)</pre>
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xgb.plot.importance(importance_matrix[0:20])



The Results Model – Feature Importance





The Results Model – Feature Importance on one item





The Results Model – Prediction

Prediction on Test Dataset: pred <- predict(bst_model, dtest) {stats}</pre>

pred.resp <- ifelse(pred > 0.5,1,0)



The Results Model – Accuracy







How good is this really?





Confusion Matrix and Statistics







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Potentially not important information being shown









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The Results Model – Deeper Analysis



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What to discuss with demo:

- How probabilities are distributed
- How, dividing by bins of probabilities, we can achieve greater accuracies
- How, choosing the bins of greater accuracy,
- we can reduce rather than eliminate the workload (3 piles suggestion)



The Results Model – Demo

What to discuss with demo:

- How accuracy within clusters differs (pure clusters candidates for automization)
- Point out how types of clusters may be characteristic of certain geographical areas
- Point out how the clustering can bring insight to how people group messages instinctively (bring the user's learning to the paper)



Gradient Boosted Trees - Classification Distribution



72.98



Accuracy distribution of test data



Conclusions:

· Maybe there isn't "sufficient" accuracy that justifies automatically throwing out messages.

• We can instead suggest if a message should be suppressed by pre-classifying.

· We have a large number of messages either automated or "pre-classified", leaving more time to evaluate other, more ambiguous messages



The Results Model – Deeper Analysis



kmeans {stats}



Precision of selected cluster: 99.45 %

	Cluster Selection Item ID for explanation			
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	Show only mismatches			
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The Summary

- Current state: the challenge of how to implement
- Within this context full automation is not advisable
- However, supervised and unsupervised ML can both provide valuable insights as well as assistance in decision making



Thank you



Questions?



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