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# Ticket2Vec

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### The Business Problem

- Only information available was the option chosen by the user
- Problems:
  - Users often chose wrong label
  - Too generic options: `journey\_other` `driver\_other` (majority of tickets)
- Causing:
  - Operations-centered logic
  - Delays in response due to misclassifications

→ Take free text field and use NLP for better classification

### The Machine Learning Problem

- Supervised Learning
- Number of samples ~ 200.000 tickets
- Features: text
- Target: category selected by customer support team (~ 18 classes).

### **NLP** Pipeline



### **Ticket2Vec in production**



## Detecting Harassment The Importance of Minor Classes

### **Adding Harassment Detection**

- Priority queue: quicker response, trained agents, special protocols
- Why was a priority?
  - Taking care of users
  - Prevent future incidents
- Previous tool: detection with dictionary

 $\rightarrow$  If we used Ticket2Vec we were detecting zero harassment  $\bigcirc$ 

### **Adding Harassment Detection**



### Problems

- Highly imbalanced dataset
- Large number of classes
- One minority class is very important
- Classification algorithm was underperforming:
  - Out of the box classification algorithms normally do not behave well with imbalanced data
  - Most common metric for classification (accuracy) does not reflect well our goals

### How we solved it

- New metrics
  - Accuracy
  - Harassment Precision
  - Harassment Recall
- Cost-based classification
  - False negative cost Cfn (not detecting harassment)
  - False positive costs Cfp (false alarm)

In our case: Cfn >> Cfp

→ It worked! We were detecting 90% harassment tickets without sacrificing overall performance

### Experiment

- Validate results in real scenario
- Compare with the system to be replaced  $\rightarrow$  tags selected by the users
- Experimental setting:
  - Focus on harassment and lost item categories (redirectioning to specialised queues)
  - Running for 1 month, rider tickets
  - A/B testing:
    - half of the tickets are redirected using ticket2vec tag
    - half of the tickets are redirected using the rider tag or the harassment dictionary

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### **Experiment Results**

• Ticket2Vec outperformed rider tags and the dictionary



#### Harassment



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### Average resolution time

- FiRT = First Reply Time
- FuRT = Full Resolution Time

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### **Pilot: Solve & Redirect Tickets Automatically**

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- Used 4 categories:
  - Harassment (redirection)
  - Lost item (redirection)
  - Request Invoice (automatic answer)
  - Price different than estimated (automatic answer)

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### **Monitoring performance**



- $\rightarrow$  Low precision due to:
  - new categories
  - duplicates

### **Key Takeaways**

• Cost-based classification can help with imbalanced problems

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- Machine learning in a company is a continuous process
  - Deploy MVP and iterate
  - Experiment to prove that your model works
  - Continuous monitoring and revision

# Thank you!

