

# Inducing Domain-Specific Sentiment Lexicons from Unlabeled Corpora

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# Outline

- *Motivations*
- Framework
- Recreating known lexicons
- Inducing lexicons

# Motivations

## BEFORE

- Domain-specific sentiment lexicons are crucial to CSS
- Lexical sentiment is hugely **influenced by context**  
(*Domain: "soft" & History: "Terrific"*)
- Hand-made lexicons are expensive & time-consuming
- Web-scale lexicons induce biases in specific domain

## THIS WORK

- Small sets of seed words universal across domains
- Modest-sized corpora
- Confidence score

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# Framework

- 3 Steps
  1. Embeddings
  2. Constructing Graphs
  3. Propagating
- Variants
- Robustness

# Embeddings

- Construct Co-occurrence Matrix  $M^{PPMI}$

Each Element:

$$M_{i,j}^{PPMI} = \max \left\{ \log \left( \frac{\hat{p}(w_i, w_j)}{\hat{p}(w_i) \hat{p}(w_j)} \right), 0 \right\}$$

Where  $\hat{p}$  is **smoothed** window-based co-occur ( $c=0.75, r=4$ )

- Perform a SVD composition to build embeddings:

$$M^{PPMI} = U \Sigma V^T \quad w_i^{SVD} = (U)_i$$

- Outperform Word2Vec & GloVe

# Constructing Graphs

- Connecting nearest  $k$  neighbors according to cosine-similarity

$$E_{i,j} = \arccos \left( - \frac{w_i^T w_j}{||w_i|| ||w_j||} \right)$$

As  $w_i$  and  $w_j$  get closer, value of edges increase from  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  to  $\pi$

# Propagating

- Transition Matrix

$$T = D^{\frac{1}{2}} E D^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{thus } T_{i,j} = \left( \sum_{k=1}^N w_{i,k} \sum_{k=1}^N w_{k,j} \right) w_{i,j}$$

- Update Until **Numerical Convergence**

$p \in R^{|V|}$ : vector of word sentiment

$s \in R^{|S|}$ : vector of seeds

$$p^{(t+1)} = \beta T p^{(t)} + (1 - \beta) s$$

- Obtain both positive and negative scores



# Propagating

- Final Score

$$\overline{P}^P(w_i) = \frac{P^P(w_i)}{P^P(w_i) + P^P(w_i)}$$

- seed words

Domain	Positive seed words	Negative seed words
Standard English	good, lovely, excellent, fortunate, pleasant, delightful, perfect, loved, love, happy	bad, horrible, poor, unfortunate, unpleasant, disgusting, evil, hated, hate, unhappy
Finance	successful, excellent, profit, beneficial, improving, improved, success, gains, positive	negligent, loss, volatile, wrong, losses, damages, bad, litigation, failure, down, negative
Twitter	love, loved, loves, awesome, nice, amazing, best, fantastic, correct, happy	hate, hated, hates, terrible, nasty, awful, worst, horrible, wrong, sad

manually selected to be context insensitive

# Variants & Rubostness

## Variants

- Transition Matrix
- label propagation

## Robustness

- Running over B random equally-sized seed sets
- $B = 50$  &  $\text{size\_of\_subsets} = 7$
- Confidence

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# Recreating known lexicons

## Domains

Domain	Standard English	Finance	Twitter
Lexicon	General Inquirer Lexicon with Continuous valence	Handcrafted	SemEval task 10E
Embeddings	Off-the-shelf Word2Vec on Google News( $10^{11}$ )	-	Rothe et al. (2016)
Corpus	COHA( $10^7$ )	financial 8K documents( $10^7$ )	-

# Recreating known lexicons

## Baseline

### 1. PMI

Computing the pointwise mutual information between the seeds and the targets without using propagation.

### 2. Velikovich et al.(2010)

Similar to this work with alternative propagations and vectors

## State-of-the-art

### 1. DENSIFIER

Learning orthogonal transformations

### 2. WordNet-based

Performing LP over WordNet-derived graph (Standard English)

# Recreating known lexicons

## Evaluation Setup

- Binary Classification  
Positive vs. Negative
- ternary classification  
Positive, Neutral and Negative with a **prior distribution**
- Kendall  $\tau$  correlation  
With continuous human-annotated polarity scores

## Findings

- SENTPROP achieves state-of-the-art level on large corpus
- Maintain high accuracy on modest-sized corpus
- High quality word vectors have a drastic impact on performance

# Result

## Large corpus

- Google News & Twitter

Method	AUC	Ternary F1	$\tau$
SENTPROP	90.6	58.6	0.44
DENSIFIER	<b>93.3</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>0.50</b>
WordNet	89.5	58.7	0.34
Majority	–	24.8	–

Method	AUC	Ternary F1	$\tau$
SENTPROP	86.0	<b>60.1</b>	0.50
DENSIFIER	<b>90.1</b>	59.4	<b>0.57</b>
Sentiment140	86.2	57.7	0.51
Majority	–	24.9	–

## Modest corpus

- Finance & COHA

Method	AUC	Ternary F1
SENTPROP	<b>91.6</b>	<b>63.1</b>
DENSIFIER	80.2	50.3
PMI	86.1	49.8
Velikovich et al. (2010)	81.6	51.1
Majority	–	23.6

Method	AUC	Ternary F1	$\tau$
SENTPROP	<b>83.8</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>0.28</b>
DENSIFIER	77.4	46.6	0.19
PMI	70.6	41.9	0.16
Velikovich et al. (2010)	52.7	32.9	0.01
Majority	–	24.3	–

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# Community-specific lexicons

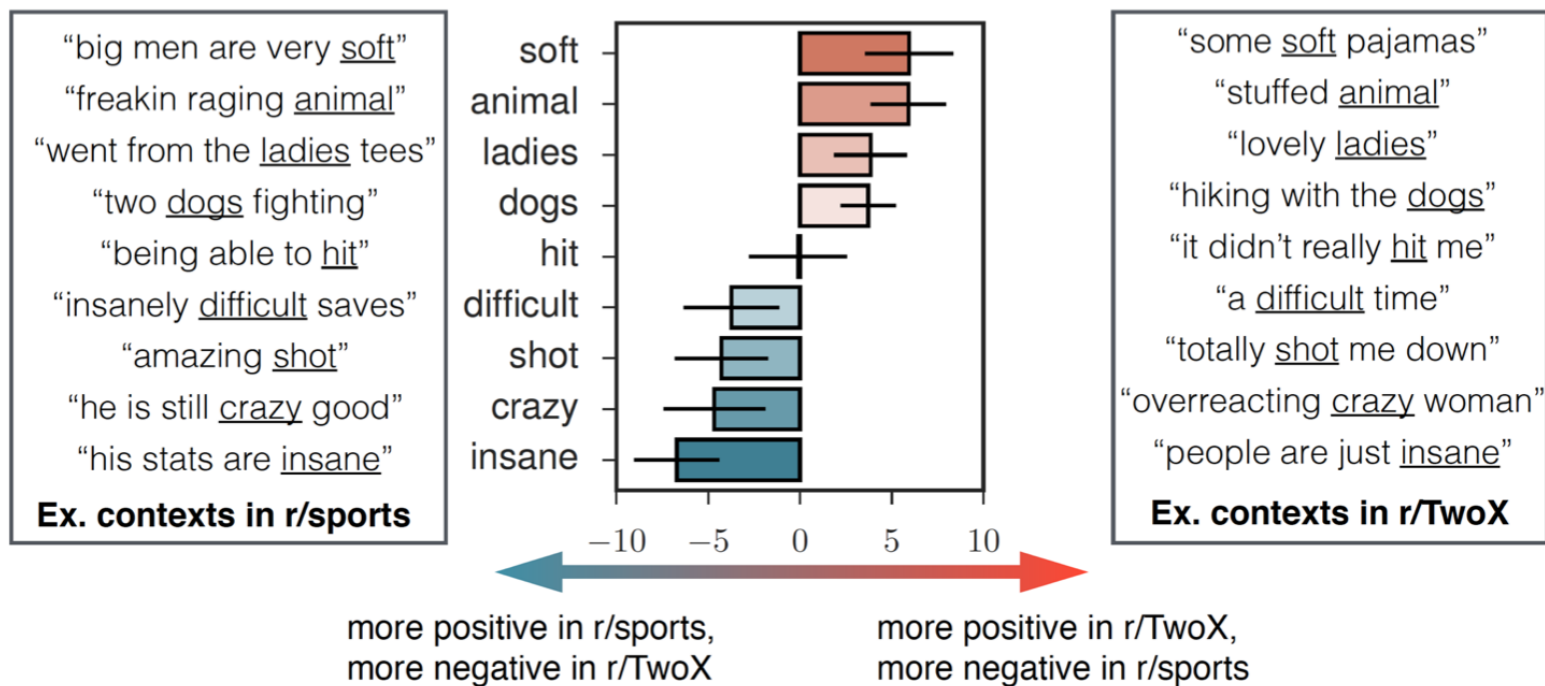
## Setup

- **Twitter seeds**
- Comments of top 250 sub-Reddits 2014  
*Top 5000 non-stop words*
- Random set of 1000 community pairs  
*Overlap more than half top 5000 words.  $\tau$  is computed on top 25% shared words in case of perverting noise and neutral words*

## Findings

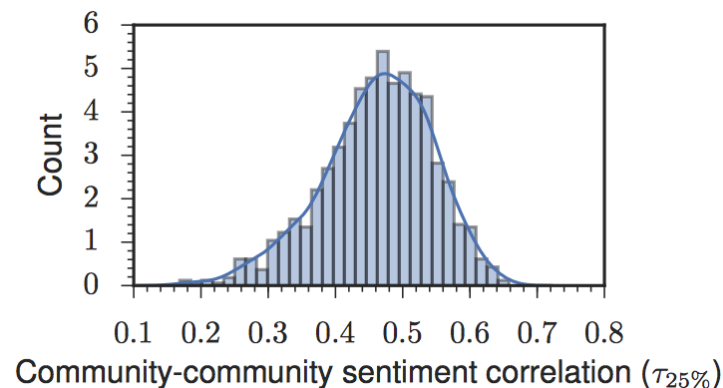
- Sentiment can differ across communities
- Conflicting communities may have similar sentiment

# Results



r/TwoX & r/Sports :  $\tau_{25} = 0.41$

r/TwoX & r/TheRedPill :  $\tau_{25} = 0.58$



# Historical lexicons

## Setup

- All adjectives with counts above 100 in a given decade and top 5000 non-stop words each year
- Ternary classification
- Phenomena: amelioration / pejoration

## Result

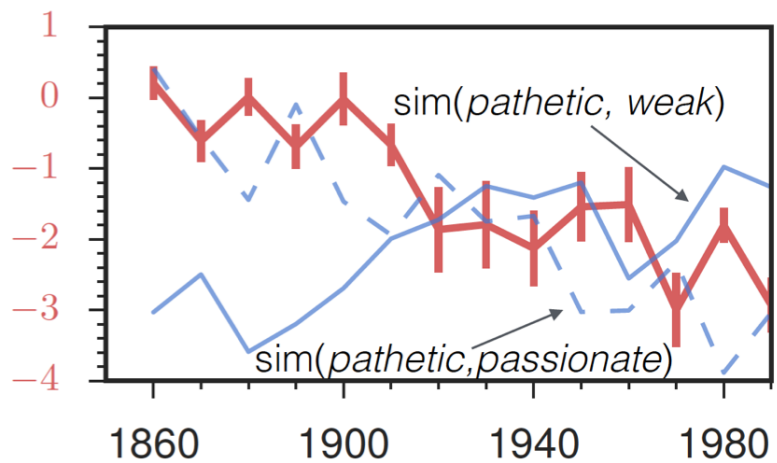
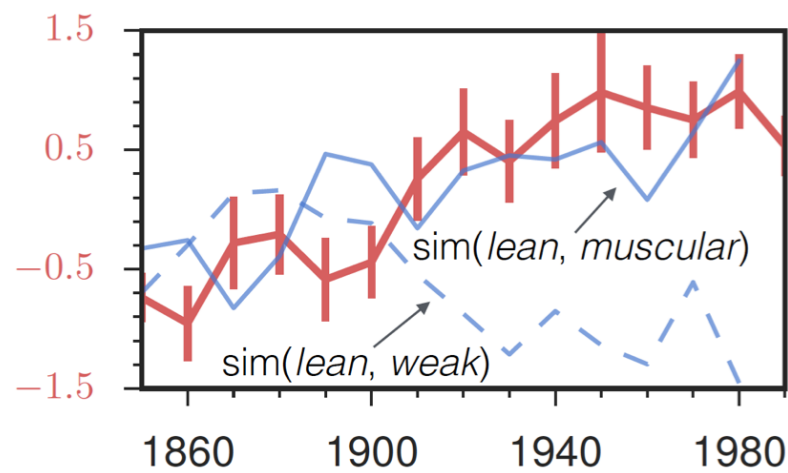
- Over 5% words **completely changed** in 150 years
- Over 25% words changed in 150 years

## Examples

- *lean, pathetic* and *sorry*

# Results

- Amelioration VS. Pejoration



*Thank You!!!*