Sentiment Analysis in R: Part 2) Unstructured Data

By Anahita Sanandaji (please do not share without permission)

Step 0: start by reading packages (you may need to install them). Do not forget to set your directory.

Step 1: Read lexicons (positive and negative words lists) and run the functions:

Step 2: Run **generalCleaning** function (Run all lines of code together)

Step 3: Run calculateSentiment function (Run all lines of code together)

```
# build a calculateSentiment function which will require 5 lists of data (dataToScore, dataToDisplay,
    positiveListOfWords, negativeListOfWords); this function will count all instances of positive matches
     and subtract all instances of negative matches to suggest a sentiment score for the data:
calculateSentiment <- function(dataToScore, dataToDisplay, positiveListOfWords, hegativeListOfWords, nameOfDataset)
  # for every row of data in dataToScore we will calculate the sentiment score, then build a list of scores
       to list next to dataToDisplay:
  listOfScores <- laply(dataToScore, function(singleRowOfData, positiveListOfWords, negativeListOfWords) {
     words = unlist(str_split(singleRowOfData, '\\s+')) #generates a list of all words in the row of data
# next, generate a list indicating "true" for every word in the list of "words" that is also in
# positiveListOfWords, otherwise indicates "false":
     positiveMatches <- is.element(words, positiveListOfWords)
negativeMatches <- is.element(words, negativeListOfWords) #same idea, but for negativeListOfWords
# sum will count up all instances of "true" as 1, so in this case, we are counting the positiveMatches
         then subtracting from negativeMatches:
     scoreForSingleRow <- sum(positiveMatches) - sum(negativeMatches)</pre>
     return(scoreForSingleRow)
  \},\ positive List Of Words,\ negative List Of Words,\ .progress = "text"\ )
  # remove emojis, pictures, videos, etc from our output (notice, dataToDisplay did not run through our
  dataToDisplay = gsub("[^[:graph:]]", " ", dataToDisplay)
  # create a dataframe which will be the required data structure used to create a CSV (comma separated value) file;
# basically, return three columns, "which dataset, sentiment and text" with data listed under each:
  dataToReturn <- data.frame("whichDataset"=nameOfDataset, sentiment=listOfScores, text=dataToDisplay)
  return(dataToReturn)
```

Step 4: Read .txt files (given to you)

Use of data.frame(toString(readLines("NameofFile.txt, warn = FALSE)))

Step 5: Add dataset names and combine

Give column name "text" to our text (it does not have any column name)

Step 6: Do cleaning and sentiment analysis by calling the generalCleaning and calculateSentiment functions:

Step 7: Check results of Sentiment Analysis and Write to .csv Results file:

Step 8: Perform some more analysis and create wordcloud