

- Activity 4 (mini)
- Sentiment analysis

- “I love Deadpool! I am so excited for Deadpool and Wolverine!”
- “I am not a fan of comics, so I bleh about Deadpool”
- “Deadpool is coming out in July 😁”

Sentiment analysis in python

- VADER
 - (Valence Aware Dictionary and sEntiment Reasoner) is a lexicon and rule-based sentiment analysis tool that is specifically attuned to sentiments expressed in social media

What is sentiment? What are we measuring?

According to VADER's creators, C.J. Hutto and Eric Gilbert,

“Sentiment analysis, or opinion mining, is an active area of study in the field of natural language processing that **analyzes people's opinions, sentiments, evaluations, attitudes, and emotions** via the computational treatment of subjectivity in text”

How VADER was built

Rate the following words from -4 (extremely negative) to 4 (extremely positive):

- Awesome
- Bad
- Clever
- Discard
- Excellence

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Enlisted 10 different people to rate thousands of words positively or negatively on a scale of -4 to 4

- Awesome 3.1 0.83066 [3, 4, 2, 3, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 3]
- Bad -2.5 0.67082 [-3, -2, -4, -3, -2, -2, -3, -2, -2, -2]
- Clever 2.0 0.7746 [2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 1, 3, 1, 3, 3]
- Discard -1.0 0.44721 [-1, -1, -1, -1, 0, -1, -1, -1, -2, -1]
- Excellence 3.1 0.9434 [4, 3, 4, 3, 2, 3, 1, 4, 3, 4]

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1. If there's punctuation, especially exclamation points, the sentiment intensity should be increased (e.g., "Mochi ice cream is bliss" 👍 vs "Mochi ice cream is bliss!!!" 👍👍👍)
2. If there's capitalization, especially all caps, the sentiment intensity should be increased (e.g., "Mochi ice cream is bliss" 👍 vs "Mochi ice cream is BLISS" 👍👍👍)
3. If there are words like "extremely" or "absolutely", the sentiment should be increased ("Mochi ice cream is good" 👍 vs "Mochi ice cream is extremely good" 👍👍👍)

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4. If there's a "but" in a sentence, the polarity of the sentiment should shift, and the sentiment that follows the "but" should be prioritized (e.g., "Mochi ice cream is nice" 👍 vs "Mochi ice cream is nice, but it's a little blah" 👎)

5. If there's a negation before an important word, the sentiment polarity should be flipped ("Mochi ice cream is my favorite" 👍 vs "Mochi ice cream is not my favorite" 👎)

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- Cutsies 1.0 1.18322 [**2**, 2, 1, 1, 0, 2, 2, **-1**, 2, -1]
- Boldly 1.5 1.62788 [**3**, **-2**, -1, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 2]
- Does it matter that we're missing out on specific nuances? Is this the best tool for capturing what we're trying to study and understand?

VADER's sentiment analysis

- Works very fast
- Doesn't require any training or set up
- Works best with social media texts/sentences

Interpreting VADER's output

```
sentimentAnalyser.polarity_scores("I like the Marvel movies")
```

```
{'neg': 0.0, 'neu': 0.361, 'pos': 0.639, 'compound': 0.6486}
```

Setting up the python environment

- `!pip install vaderSentiment`
- `from vaderSentiment.vaderSentiment import
SentimentIntensityAnalyzer`
- `import pandas as pd`
- `pd.options.display.max_colwidth = 400`

Using VADER on a sentence

- `sentimentAnalyser = SentimentIntensityAnalyzer()`
- `sentimentAnalyser.polarity_scores("<string>")`

Try a sentence with exclamation point, capital letters, and words like “very” and “extremely.” How does the score change?

Using VADER on a list of sentences

- sentences = [*<list of sentences>*]
- for sentence in sentences:
 - sentiment_scores = sentimentAnalyser.polarity_scores(sentence)
 - print(f"{sentence}: {sentiment_scores}")

Practice: Sentiment analysis on your favorite song

Pick a verse from your favorite song and conduct a sentiment analysis.

- Before running sentiment analysis, do you think your favorite song is a happy or sad song?
- After running sentiment analysis, did the result match your expectation?