Twitter Text Mining and Stock Price Movement



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Research Questions

1. Are there correlations between tweets sentiments and stock prices within a week? How are they related?

2. Could tweets sentiments be instructive on predicting stock movement?



Acquire Twitter Sentiment

- Collect tweets relevant only to stock ticker
- Twitter API calls through Rtweet package
- Tweets data including user_id, text, symbols included in tweets, and date

Stock Price Price Retrieval

- Collect stock price using Yahoo Finance Data
- Pricing Data including, date, daily high, low, close,trading volume, and adjusted daily price

Data Cleansing

Twitter Data Cleansing

- Remove leading whitespaces
- Remove trailing whitespace
- Remove extra whitespaces
- Replace apostrophes with %%
- Remove emojis
- Remove Unicodes
- Replace double space with single
- Remove URL
- And more

Stock Price Cleansing

- Select closing price and date
- Extract and convert date column

```
x <- tweetsdf
x$text <- enc2native(x$text)
x$text <- gsub("^[[:space:]]*","",x$text)
x$text <- gsub("[[:space:]]*$","",x$text)
x$text <- gsub("+"," ",x$text)
x$text <- gsub("'", "%", x$text)
x$text <- iconv(x$text, "latin1", "ASCII", sub="")
x$text <- gsub("\\\.", " ", x$text)
x$text <- gsub("\\\\.", " ", x$text)
x$text <- gsub("\\\", " ", x$text)
x$text <- gsub("\", ", ", x$text)
x$text <- gsub("\", ", ", x$text)
x$text <- gsub("https(.*)*$", "", x$text)
x$text <- gsub("https(.*)*$", "", x$text)
x$text <- gsub("\\n", "-", x$text)
x$text <- gsub("\\ample \n", "\ample \n", x$text)
x$text <- gsub("\\ample \n", "\ample \n", x$text)</pre>
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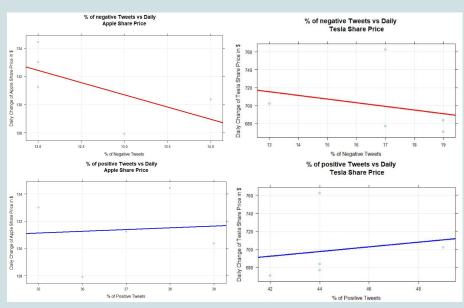
Observation and Conclusion

Correlation Comparison

	Apple	Tesla
Negative Sentiments	-o.68	-0.27
Positive Sentiments	0.08	0.181

Negative sentiments have more predictive power than positive sentiments.





Recommendation and Limitation

- 1. Larger datasets are likely to generate deeper level insights
- 2. Seek for creative ways to quantify sentiments using various dictionaries
- 3. Include more stock tickers allow to smooth variance in sentiment