Instructor Ratings and Categorization using NLP

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Instructor quality can make or break the classroom experience

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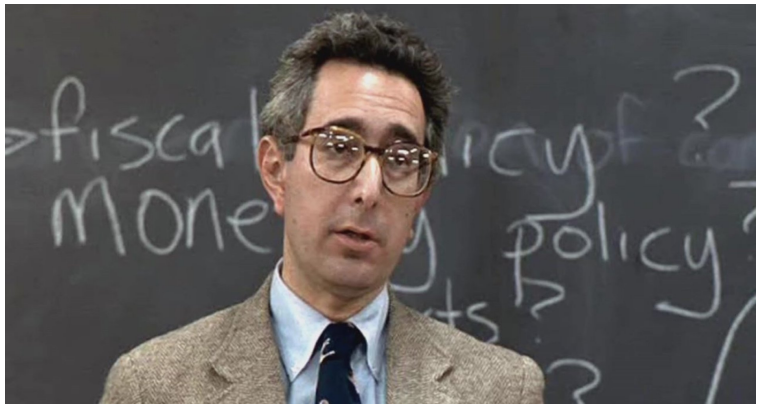

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Problem Statement

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Hard to choose classes without prior information about instructor quality

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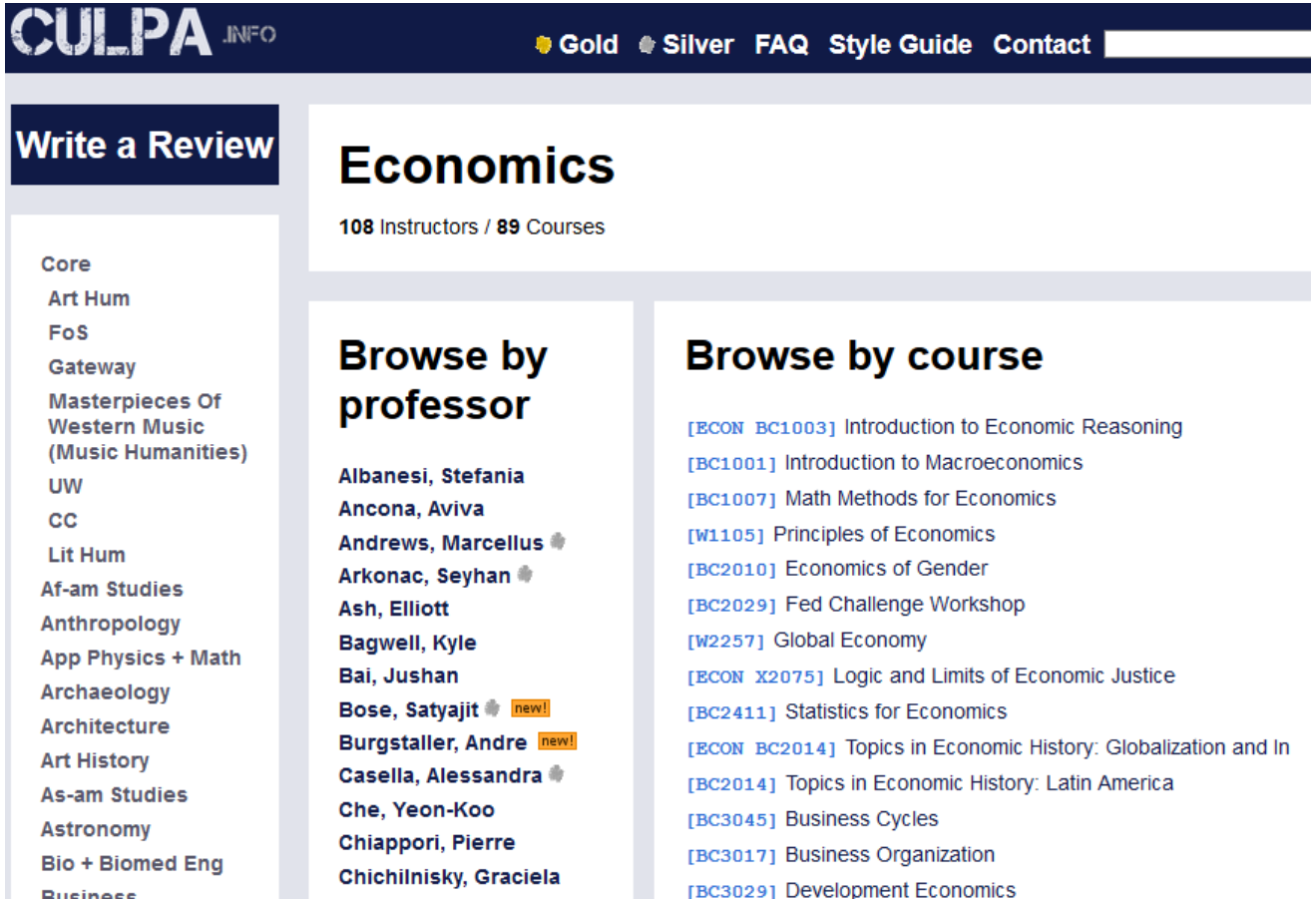
Reviews exist online but hard to compare among instructors without a consistent metric

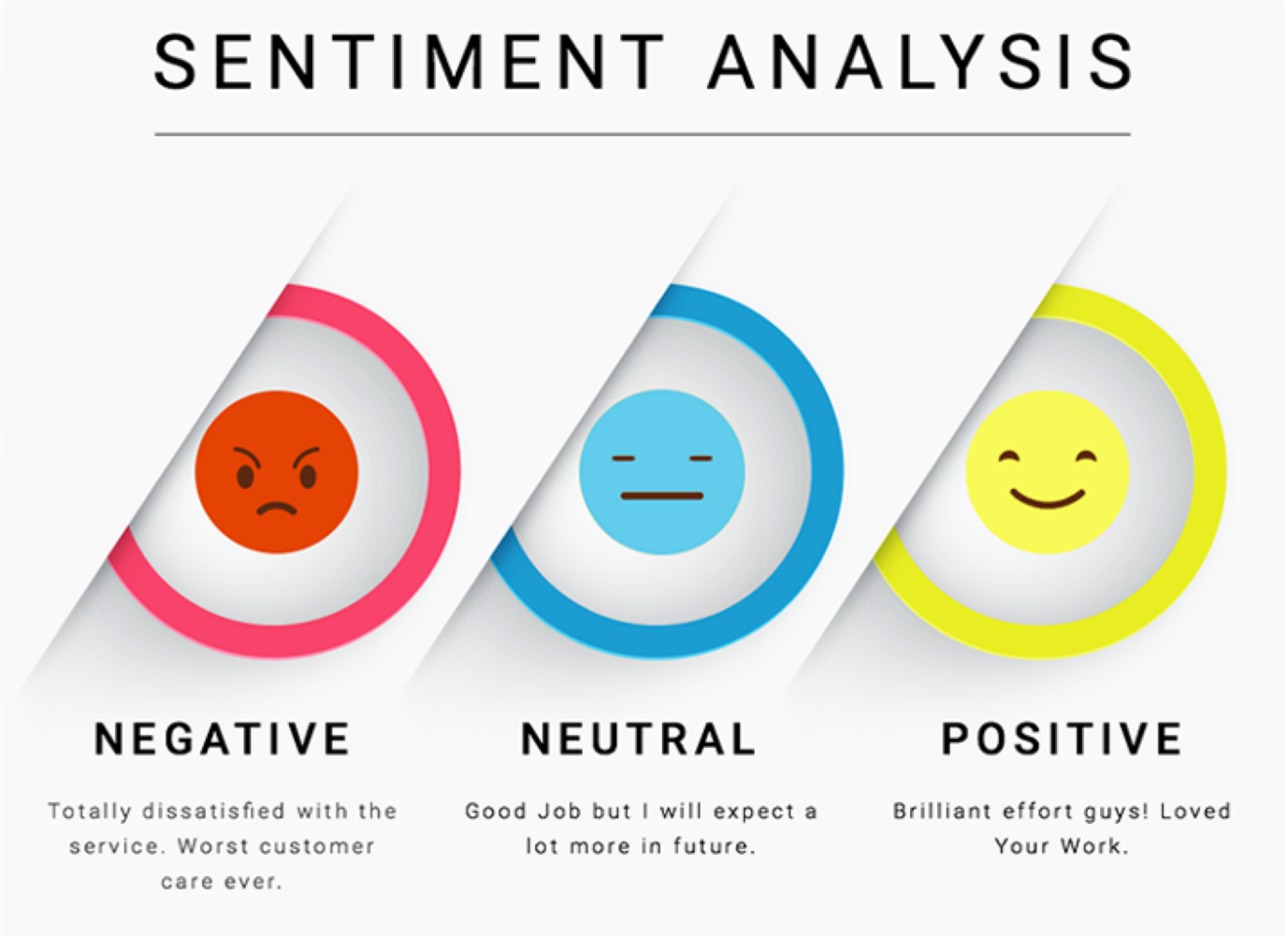
Our solution



- Use reviews from CULPA.info to generate a score using sentiment analysis
- Score will be based on weighted percentage of positive reviews (similar to RottenTomatoes score for movies)
- Weighting will be determined by the fraction of ‘agree’ votes, i.e. $\frac{Agree}{Agree+Disagree}$. If no votes, then weight will be the average weight for the reviews for instructor.

Data & Methodology

- Text of reviews to be scraped directly from the CULPA.info website, along with agree/disagree votes
- Sentiment analysis done with NLTK package in Python (using Naïve Bayes Classifier)



Conclusion

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Help students get the best of Columbia!

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Help professors improve!