Four-day workshop Automated Content Analysis with Python Day 2

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This afternoon

- 1 What's Automated Content Analysis?
- 2 Sentiment Analysis
 Bag-of-words approaches

Advanced approaches

A sentiment analysis tailored to your needs!

3 Basic ACA: Dictionary- and string-based methods

Stopword removal

Natural language processing

A simple algorithm

Regular expressions

Some more Natural Language Processing

What's Automated Content Analysis?

Methodological approach

	Counting and Dictionary	Supervised Machine Learning	Unsupervised Machine Learning
Typical research interests and content features	visibility analysis sentiment analysis subjectivity analysis	frames topics gender bias	frames topics
Common statistical procedures	string comparisons counting	support vector machines naive Bayes	principal component analysis cluster analysis latent dirichlet allocation semantic network analysis
	deductive		inductive

Boumans, J. W., & Trilling, D. (2016). Taking stock of the toolkit: An overview of relevant autmated content analysis approaches and techniques for digital journalism scholars. *Digital Journalism*, 4(1), 8–23. doi:10.1080/21670811.2015.1096598

Today

- We'll start with counting/dictionary-based methods
- Sentiment analysis
- Basic ACA: Natural language processing and regular expressions

Sentiment analysis

Extracting subjective information from texts

• the author's attitude towards the topic of the text

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- * Less sophisticated approaches do not see this as a sperate dimension but simply calculate objectivity = 1 (negativity + positivity)

Example

(polarity, subjectivity) with

$$-1 \le polarity \le +1$$

 $0 \le subjectivity \le +1$)

This is the module pattern.nl, available for Python 2 only. De Smedt, T., & Daelemans W. (2012). Pattern for Python. *Journal of Machine Learning Research, 13*, 2063-2067.

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- e.g., add up the scores and average them.

How to do this

(given a *string* tekst that you want to analyze and two *lists* of strings with negative and positive words, lijstpos=["great","fantastic",...,"perfect"] and lijstneg)

```
sentiment=0
for woord in tekst.split():
    if woord in lijstpos:
        sentiment=sentiment+1 #same as sentiment+=1
    elif woord in lijstneg:
        sentiment=sentiment-1 #same as sentiment-=1
    print (sentiment)
```

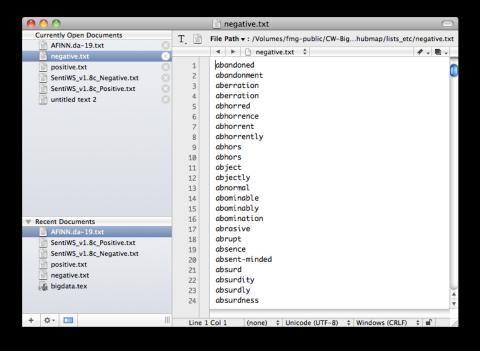
Do we need to have the lists in our program itself?

No.

You could have them in a separate text file, one per row, and then read that file directly to a list.

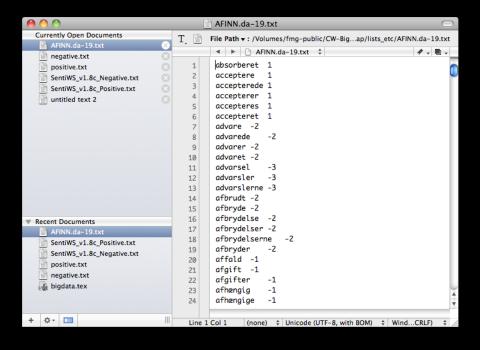
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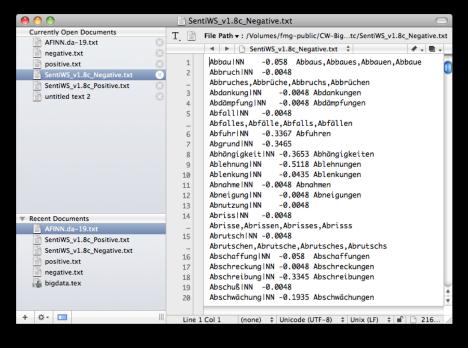
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More advanced versions

- CSV files or similar tables with weights
- Or some kind of dict?





Bag-of-words approaches

e.g., Schut, L. (2013). Verenigde Staten vs. Verenigd Koningrijk: Een automatische inhoudsanalyse naar verklarende factoren voor het gebruik van positive campaigning en negative campaigning door vooraanstaande politici en politieke partijen op Twitter. *Bachelor Thesis*, Universiteit van Amsterdam.



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- easy to implement
- easy to modify:
 - add or remove words
 - make new lists for other languages, other categories (than positive/negative), . . .
- easy to understand (transparency, reproducability)

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- simplistic assumptions
- e.g., intensifiers cannot be interpreted ("really" in "really good" or "really bad")
- or, even more important, negations.

Sentiment analysis: Advanced approaches

Improving the BOW approach

Example: The Sentistrenght algorithm

- -5...-1 and +1...+5
- spelling correction
- "booster word list" for strengthening/weakening the effect of the following word
- interpreting repeated letters ("baaaaaad"), CAPITALS and !!!
- idioms
- negation
- Idots

Thelwall, M., Buckley, K., & Paltoglou, G. (2012). Sentiment strength detection for the social Web. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 63(1), 163-173.



Take the structure of a text into account

- Try to apply linguistics concepts to identify sentence structure
- can identify negations
- can interpret intensifiers

Example 1: pattern

```
1 >>> from pattern.nl import sentiment
2 >>> sentiment('Wat een geweldige dag!')
3 (1.0, 1.0)
4 >>> sentiment('Super slecht dit!')
(-1.0, 1.0)
6 >>> sentiment('Best wel slecht dit!')
7 (-0.10000000000000003, 0.9375)
```

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Unlike in pure bag-of-words approaches, here, the overall sentiment is not just the sum or the average of its parts!

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Example 2: Vader

```
import nltk
nltk.download('vader_sentiment')

from nltk.sentiment import vader
senti=vader.SentimentIntensityAnalyzer()
senti.polarity_scores('This is a great day!')
senti.polarity_scores("I don't like this food")
senti.polarity_scores("I love her, but I hate him")
```

The .polarity_scores method returns a dictionary with four values. In our example, we get the following results:

Advanced approaches

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- Black box? Or do we understand the algorithm?
- Difficult to adapt to own needs
- really much better results?

A sentiment analysis tailored to your needs!

Data analysis 1: Sentiment analysis A sentiment analysis tailored to your needs!

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Identifying suicidal texts

- Bag-of-words-approach with very specific dictionary
- added negation
- added regular expression search for key phrases
- Very specific design requirements: False positives are OK, false negatives not!

Huang, Y.-P., Goh, T., & Liew, C.L. (2007). Hunting suicide notes in web 2.0 – preliminary findings. Ninth IEEE International Symposium on Multimedia. Retrieved from

http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=4476021



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group suidide notes by these characteristics:

- swear
- family
- friend
- positive emotion
- negative emotion
- anxiety
- anger

- sad
- cognitive process
- biology
- sexual
- ingestion
- religion
- death

Pestian, J.P.; Matykiewicz, P., Linn-Gust, M., South, B., Uzuner, O., Wiebe, J., Cohen, K.B., Hurdle, J., & Brew, C. (2012). Sentiment analysis of suicide notes: A shared task. *Biomedical Informatics Insights*, 5(1), p. 3-16. Retrieved from http://europepmc.org/articles/PMC3399408?ndf=render

Sidenote

An alternative state-of-the-art approach:

Use supervised machine learning

- Instead of defining rules, hand-code ("annotate") the sentiment of some tweets manually and let the computer find out which words or characters ("features") predict sentiment
- Then use this model to predict sentiment for other tweets
- Essentially the same like what you know since the second year of your Bachelor: regression analysis (but now with DV sentiment and IV's word occurrences)
- \Rightarrow week 8

Gonzalez-Bailon, S., & Paltoglou, G. (2015). Signals of public opinion in online communication: A comparison of methods and data sources. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 659*(1), 95–107.



Exercise

Stopword removal: What and why?

Why remove stopwords?

- If we want to identify key terms (e.g., by means of a word count), we are not interested in them
- If we want to calculate document similarity, it might be inflated
- If we want to make a word co-occurance graph, irrelevant information will dominate the picture

Stopword removal: How

```
testo='He gives her a beer and a cigarette.'
testonuovo=""
stopwords=['and','the','a','or','he','she','him','her']
for verbo in testo.split():
   if verbo not in stopwords:
     testonuovo=testonuovo+verbo+" "
```

What do we get if we do:

```
print (testonuovo)
```

Can you explain the algorithm?

We get:

```
1 >>> print (testonuovo)
2 'He gives beer cigarette. '
```

Why is "He" still in there? How can we fix this?

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Regular expressions

Automated content analysis using regular expressions

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- You can use them in many editors (!), in the Terminal, in STATA ... and in Python

An example

From last week's task

- We wanted to remove everything but words from a tweet
- We did so by calling the .replace() method
- We could do this with a regular expression as well: [^a-zA-Z] would match anything that is not a letter

Basic regexp elements

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Repetition

- * the expression before occurs 0 or more times
- + the expression before occurs 1 or more times

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- ① [Pp]ython
- 2 [A-Z]+
- **3** RT :* @[a-zA-Z0-9]*

What else is possible?

If you google regexp or regular expression, you'll get a bunch of useful overviews. The wikipedia page is not too bad, either.

How to use regular expressions in Python

The module re

- re.findall("[Tt]witter|[Ff]acebook",testo) returns a list
 with all occurances of Twitter or Facebook in the
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- re.sub("[Tt]witter|[Ff]acebook","a social medium",testo)
 returns a string in which all all occurances of Twitter
 or Facebook are replaced by "a social medium"

How to use regular expressions in Python

The module re

```
re.match(" +([0-9]+) of ([0-9]+) points",line) returns

None unless it exactly matches the string line. If it

does, you can access the part between () with the

.group() method.
```

Example:

```
line=" 2 of 25 points"
result=re.match(" +([0-9]+) of ([0-9]+) points",line)
if result:
print ("Your points:",result.group(1))
print ("Maximum points:",result.group(2))
```

Your points: 2

Maximum points: 25

Possible applications

Data preprocessing

- Remove unwanted characters, words, ...
- Identify *meaningful* bits of text: usernames, headlines, where an article starts, . . .
- filter (distinguish relevant from irrelevant cases)

Possible applications

Data analysis: Automated coding

- Actors
- Brands
- links or other markers that follow a regular pattern
- Numbers (!)

Example 1: Counting actors

```
import re, csv
   from os import listdir, path
   mypath ="/home/damian/artikelen"
    filename list=[]
   matchcount54_list=[]
   matchcount10 list=[]
6
    onlyfiles = [f for f in listdir(mypath) if path.isfile(path.join(mypath,
        f))]
8
    for f in onlyfiles:
      matchcount54=0
g
      matchcount10=0
10
      with open(path.join(mypath,f),mode="r",encoding="utf-8") as fi:
11
12
         artikel=fi.readlines()
         for line in artikel:
13
            matches54 = re.findall('Israel.*(minister|politician.*|[Aa]
14
                 uthorit)',line)
            matches10 = re.findall('[Pp]alest',line)
15
            matchcount54+=len(matches54)
16
            matchcount10+=len(matches10)
17
         filename_list.append(f)
18
         matchcount54_list.append(matchcount54)
19
         matchcount10_list.append(matchcount10)
20
    output=zip(filename list,matchcount10 list,matchcount54 list)
21
    with open("overzichtstabel.csv", mode='w',encoding="utf-8") as fo:
22
       writer = csv.writer(fo)
23
24
       writer.writerows(output)
```

Example 2: Which number has this Lexis Nexis article?

```
All Rights Reserved
1
                                 2 of 200 DOCUMENTS
5
                                   De Telegraaf
7
                               21 maart 2014 vrijdag
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    for line in tekst:
       matchObj=re.match(r" +([0-9]+) of ([0-9]+) DOCUMENTS",line)
2
       if matchObj:
           numberofarticle= int(matchObj.group(1))
           totalnumberofarticles= int(matchObj.group(2))
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Regular expressions

Practice yourself!

http://www.pyregex.com/

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- Parse sentences (advanced)

NLP: What and why?

Why do stemming?

- Because we do not want to distinguish between smoke, smoked, smoking, . . .
- Typical preprocessing step (like stopword removal)

Stemming

(with NLTK, see Bird, S., Loper, E., & Klein, E. (2009). *Natural language processing with Python*. Sebastopol, CA: O'Reilly.)

```
from nltk.stem.snowball import SnowballStemmer
stemmer=SnowballStemmer("english")
frase="I am running while generously greeting my neighbors"
frasenuevo=""
for palabra in frase.split():
    frasenuevo=frasenuevo + stemmer.stem(palabra) + " "
```

If we now did print(frasenuevo), it would return:

```
i am run while generous greet my neighbor
```

Stemming and stopword removal - let's combine them!

```
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In order to use nltk.corpus.stopwords, you have to download that module once. You can do so by typing the following in the Python console and selecting the appropriate package from the menu that pops up: import nltk

nltk.download()

NB: Don't download everything, that's several GB.



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stopwords swadesh switchboard timit toolbox treebank udhr udhr2 unicode_samples universal_treebank	Stopwords Corpus Swadesh Wordlists Switchboard Corpus Sample TIMIT Corpus Sample Toolbox Sample Files Penn Treebank Sample Universal Declaration of Human Rights Corpu Universal Declaration of Human Rights Corpu Unicode Samples	8,5 KB 22,3 KB 772,6 KB 21,2 MB 244,7 KB 1,6 MB 1,1 MB	not instal not instal

Server Index: http://nltk.github.com/nltk_data/

Download Directory: /home/damian/nltk_data

In [5]: import nltk

In [6]: nltk.download()

· (A) (B) (B)

NLP: What and why?

Why parse sentences?

- To find out what grammatical function words have
- and to get closer to the meaning.

Parsing a sentence

nltk.word_tokenize(sentence) is similar to sentence.split(),
but compare handling of punctuation and the didn't in the
output:

Parsing a sentence

Now, as the next step, you can "tag" the tokenized sentence:

```
tagged = nltk.pos_tag(tokens)
print (tagged[0:6])
```

gives you the following:

```
1 [('At', 'IN'), ('eight', 'CD'), ("o'clock", 'JJ'), ('on', 'IN'),
2 ('Thursday', 'NNP'), ('morning', 'NN')]
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And you could get the word type of "morning" with tagged[5][1]!

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More NLP

Look at http://nltk.org

Exercise EU speech dataset (Github)