Sentimental Analysis of Apple and Google Tweets:

Empowering Third-Party Tech Distributors with Real-Time Customer Insights.





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• The Business Challenge: What Problem Are We Solving?

Third-party tech distributors, face three critical challenges:

- 1. **Limited Visibility**: They don't have direct access to customer sentiment about the Apple and Google products they sell.
- 2. **Slow Response Time**: By the time negative reviews accumulate, it's too late to adjust their inventory or marketing strategies.
- 3. **Manual Research Burden**: Their teams spend countless hours reading reviews and social media, trying to gauge market reception.

The Cost: Overstocked unpopular products, missed opportunities on trending items, and reactive (not proactive) business decisions.

Our Solution: Automated Sentiment Analysis System

We built an Al-powered tool that:

- Analyzes thousands of tweets about Apple and Google products automatically.
- **Detects negative sentiment** with 89% accuracy to alert them to potential issues.
- Identifies trends across brands to guide them business strategy.
- Provides real-time insights through an easy-to-use dashboard.

Bottom Line: Transform social media noise into actionable business intelligence.

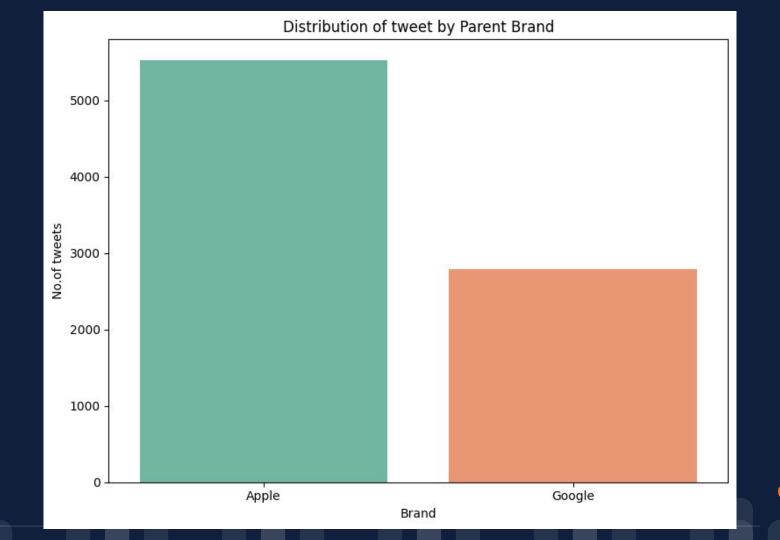
•Understanding the data: What we analyzed

- **Source**: 9,093 tweets from Twitter about Apple and Google products
- Products Covered:
 - o Apple: iPad, iPhone, Apple Apps, and other Apple products
 - Google: Android, Google services, Android Apps
- Human-Verified Labels: Every tweet was labeled by real people as Positive, Negative, or Neutral

Why Twitter? It's where customers share unfiltered, real-time opinions about products—the early warning system for market sentiment.

Dataset Balance:

- Apple products: 5,522 mentions (66%)
- Google products: 2,789 mentions (34%)



OData Preparation

Making Raw Data Usable

We cleaned the data to ensure accuracy:

- 1. **Removed Noise**: Deleted URLs, @ mentions, hashtags, and special characters that don't carry sentiment meaning.
- 2. **Standardized Text**: Converted everything to lowercase and expanded contractions ("can't" → "cannot").
- 3. Handled Missing Information:
 - Identified brand mentions when not explicitly tagged.
 - Removed tweets we couldn't confidently assign to Apple or Google (759 tweets).
- 4. **Final Clean Dataset**: 8,311 high-quality tweets ready for analysis.

Result: Clean, reliable data that our models can learn from effectively.

•What the Data Revealed

Initial Insights from Exploration

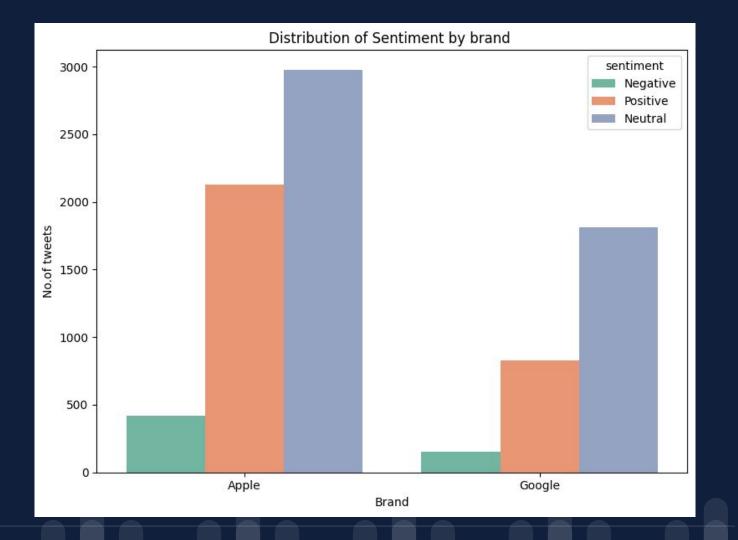
Sentiment Distribution:

- Neutral: 58% (4,786 tweets) People just mentioning products.
- Positive: 36% (2,957 tweets) Happy customers.
- Negative: 7% (568 tweets) Dissatisfied customers or issues.

Brand Comparison:

- Apple products generate more positive buzz than Google.
- Negative sentiment exists for both brands but are relatively few.
- Tweet length: Negative tweets tend to be longer (people explain complaints in detail).

Key Takeaway: While most mentions are neutral, the 7% negative sentiment represents critical alerts you cannot afford to miss.





• The Challenge - Class Imbalance

Why This Matters for the Businesses

The Problem: Only 7% of tweets are negative, but these are the MOST important for us to catch:

- A negative tweet about a product defect could signal wider issues.
- Early detection of dissatisfaction helps them adjust marketing or reduce orders.
- Missing negative signals costs money in unsold inventory or damaged relationships.

Our Approach: We used advanced techniques (SMOTE and class weighting) to ensure our model doesn't miss negative tweets, even though they're rare.

Business Impact: High detection of negative tweets means you get early warnings about potential problems.

OHow We Teach Machines to Understand Sentiment

Think of teaching a computer to understand tweets like teaching a child to read emotions. The computer needs to learn patterns in how people express feelings through words.

Step 1: Converting Words to Numbers

Computers can't read words—they only understand numbers. So we need to translate tweets into a language computers can process.

We tried three different "translation methods":

Method 1: TF-IDF (Word Importance Counter)

Simple explanation: "How important is each word in this tweet?"

Example:

- Tweet: "I love my new iPhone, the camera is amazing!"
- TF-IDF assigns scores:
 - "love" = high score (important positive word)
 - "amazing" = high score (strong positive word)
 - "the" = low score (common word, not meaningful)
 - "is" = low score (appears everywhere, tells us nothing)

Why this works: Words like "love," "hate," "broken," and "amazing" carry sentiment. Common words like "the" and "is" don't.

Limitation: It doesn't understand context. "This phone is not great" and "This phone is great" might score similarly because it only counts words, not their relationships.

Method 2: Word Embeddings (Word Relationships Map)

Simple explanation: "Words with similar meanings should be treated similarly."

How it works: Imagine plotting every word on a map where similar words are close together:

- "excellent," "great," "amazing" → cluster together in the "positive" area
- "terrible," "awful," "broken" → cluster together in the "negative" area
- "iPhone," "iPad," "Android" → cluster together in the "product" area

Example: If the computer has never seen the word "fantastic" in training, but it's mapped near "excellent" and "amazing," it can guess "fantastic" is probably positive.

Real-world analogy: It's like knowing that if someone says "this phone is stellar," you understand it's positive even if you've never heard "stellar" before, because it's used in similar contexts as "excellent."

What we used: GloVe embeddings (a pre-made "map" of 400,000 words based on how they're used across millions of texts)

Advantage over TF-IDF: Understands that "broken phone" and "defective phone" express similar sentiment, even though they use different words.

Method 3: DistilBERT (The Smart Reading Model)

Simple explanation: "A computer that actually reads and understands sentences like a human."

How DistilBERT Works (In Plain English):

Think of it as training a very smart assistant:

1. Pre-training (Learning to Read):

- DistilBERT has already "read" millions of books, articles, and websites
- It learned how words work together in sentences
- It understands grammar, context, and even subtle meanings

Analogy: Like a person who's read thousands of product reviews already knows that "not great" is negative, even though it contains the positive word "great."

2. Understanding Context:

Traditional methods read word-by-word. DistilBERT reads the entire sentence and understands how each word relates to others.

Example tweets:

- Tweet 1: "The new iPhone is not bad at all, actually quite good!"
- Tweet 2: "The new iPhone is bad, not good at all!"

TF-IDF sees: Both have "not," "bad," "good" → gets confused

DistilBERT understands:

- Tweet 1 is POSITIVE (the person likes it despite saying "not bad")
- Tweet 2 is NEGATIVE (clear criticism)
- **3. Fine-tuning (Learning Your Specific Task):** After reading millions of general texts, we showed DistilBERT your specific tweets and taught it:
 - "This is what a negative tweet about tech products looks like"
 - "This is what customers sound like when they're happy"
 - "These are the words and phrases unique to Apple/Google discussions"

Analogy: A doctor goes to medical school (pre-training), then does a residency in cardiology (fine-tuning). DistilBERT went to "general reading school," then specialized in "tech product sentiment."

The Two Models We Built:

Now that DistilBERT understands tweets, we trained it for two specific jobs:

Model 1: Binary Classifier (The Alert System)

Job: "Is this tweet negative or positive?" (Yes/No question)

Purpose: This is your early warning system—flags tweets that need immediate attention

How it works:

- 1. Tweet comes in: "My iPhone keeps crashing, worst update ever!"
- 2. DistilBERT reads it and thinks: "Crashing = problem, worst = strong negative, ever = emphasis"
- 3. Output: **NEGATIVE** with 95% confidence
- 4. Your dashboard: RED ALERT High-priority negative tweet detected

Why we built this: You need clear, actionable alerts. When something goes wrong, you don't want to sort through hundreds of neutral mentions—you want to know immediately.

Performance: Catches 94 out of 100 negative tweets (very few slip through)

Model 2: Multiclass Classifier (The Trend Tracker)

Job: "Is this tweet Positive, Negative, or Neutral?"

Purpose: Shows you the big picture of how customers feel about products over time

How it works:

- Tweet: "Just ordered the new iPad for work"
- DistilBERT: "This is factual, no strong emotion expressed"
- 3. Output: **NEUTRAL**

Another tweet: "The new iPad is a game-changer for my design work, absolutely love it!" Output: **POSITIVE**

Why we built this: For strategic planning. You want to see:

- Are positive mentions increasing for Apple vs Google?
- Is a new product launch generating excitement (positive) or just awareness (neutral)?
- What's the sentiment trend over the last 3 months?

Performance: 65% accuracy overall (neutral tweets are tricky to classify, but negative and positive detection is strong at ~80%)

Testing Other Approaches (For Context):

Before settling on DistilBERT, we tested traditional machine learning models:

Random Forest

What it is: Makes decisions by asking a series of yes/no questions

- "Does the tweet contain the word 'broken'?" → Yes → More likely negative
- "Does it contain 'love'?" → Yes → More likely positive
- Asks hundreds of these questions and combines the answers

Result: 85% accurate, but missed some subtle negative tweets

XGBoost

What it is: Similar to Random Forest but learns from its mistakes

- If it misclassifies a tweet, it pays extra attention to similar tweets next time
- Good at finding complex patterns

Result: 85.5% accurate, slightly better than Random Forest

Logistic Regression

What it is: A statistical model that calculates the probability of each sentiment.

Based on which words appear, it calculates: "There's an 85% chance this is positive".

Result: 85.5% accurate with proper tuning.

Why DistilBERT Won:

The deciding factor: For your business, missing a negative tweet is costly. DistilBERT's 94% recall on negative tweets means you catch almost every warning sign.

Feature	Traditional ML	DistilBERT
Accuracy	85-86%	89%
Understands context	No	Yes
Catches negative tweets	85-90%	94%
Handles sarcasm	Poorly	Better
Example: "Not bad at all!"	Often classified wrong	Correctly gets the positive meaning

The Bottom Line (For Non-Technical Stakeholders):

You don't need to understand exactly how DistilBERT works internally (it's complex even for data scientists).

What you need to know:

- It reads tweets like a human reads them—understanding context, sarcasm, and subtle meanings
- It's been trained on your specific data (Apple/Google tech tweets) so it knows your domain
- ✓ It gives you two views: immediate alerts (binary) and strategic trends (multiclass)
- ✓ It's accurate enough to trust for business decisions (89% accuracy, 94% negative detection)
- ✓ It's fast enough for real-time use (processes thousands of tweets in minutes)

Your job: Use the insights it provides to make smarter inventory, marketing, and risk management decisions. Our job: Keep the Al running accurately behind the scenes.

Model Performance - Binary Classification

Detecting Critical Negative Tweets

Final Binary Model Performance:

- Overall Accuracy: 89%.
- **Negative Tweet Detection (Recall)**: 94% We catch 94 out of 100 negative tweets.
- Precision for Negatives: 73% When we flag a tweet as negative, we're right 73% of the time.

What This Means for You:

- **Early Warning System**: You'll be alerted to 94% of negative sentiment—almost nothing slips through.
- Few False Alarms: While some positive tweets get flagged as negative (27%), you'd rather investigate a few extra tweets than miss a real problem.
- Reliable Positive Detection: 97% precision on positive tweets means you can confidently identify products generating buzz.

• Model Performance - Multiclass Classification

Understanding the Full Sentiment Landscape

Multiclass Model Performance:

• Overall Accuracy: 65%.

• Negative Detection: 81% recall.

Positive Detection: 79% recall.

Neutral Detection: 53% recall (most challenging).

Why Lower Performance?

Neutral tweets are harder to classify—they often overlap with positive or negative sentiment. Example: "Just got the new iPad" could be neutral mention or subtle excitement.

Business Application:

Use the multiclass model for **trend dashboards and reports**, not for critical alerts. It shows you the overall sentiment landscape across brands and products over time.

OKey Findings - Apple vs Google

Competitive Intelligence Insights: Brand Sentiment Comparison.

Apple Products:

- Higher volume of mentions (66% of dataset).
- More positive sentiment overall.
- Strong customer engagement and enthusiasm.
- Products: iPad and iPhone dominate conversations.

Google Products:

- Lower mention volume (34% of dataset).
- Similar sentiment patterns but slightly more critical feedback.
- Android and Google services generate mixed reactions.

Strategic Implications:

- Apple products may require larger inventory allocations due to higher demand signals.
- Google products need careful monitoring—fewer mentions mean each negative tweet carries more weight.
- Consider premium positioning for Apple; value positioning for Google.

•Product-Specific Insights

What Customers Are Saying About Individual Products

Top Mentioned Products:

- 1. **iPad** (946 mentions) Mostly positive, strong market interest
- 2. **Apple Brand** (661 mentions) General positive brand sentiment
- 3. **iPad/iPhone Apps** (470 mentions) Mixed feedback on app ecosystem
- 4. **Google** (430 mentions) Neutral to positive
- 5. **iPhone** (297 mentions) Positive sentiment

Common Themes in Negative Tweets:

- Product performance issues (crashes, battery life)
- Pricing concerns
- App functionality problems
- Service/support complaints

Actionable Insight: Stock products with consistently positive sentiment; create targeted promotions for products with negative feedback to move inventory.

oThe Deployment Solution

Your Real-Time Sentiment Dashboard

We built an interactive web application (using Streamlit) that gives you:

1. Negative Tweet Alerts (Red Flag System)

- Automatically highlights negative tweets with confidence scores.
- Sorted by severity (highest negative probability first).
- Filter by brand, product, or date range.

2. Sentiment Trend Visualization

- See positive/neutral/negative trends over time.
- Compare Apple vs Google sentiment side-by-side.
- Identify sentiment shifts after product launches or events.

3. Easy Filtering

- Select specific brands (Apple, Google, or both).
- Upload your own tweet data for instant analysis.
- Export results for reports.

4. Real-Time Monitoring

- Integrated with Weights & Biases for performance tracking.
- Model metrics monitored to ensure accuracy over time.

How to Use This System : Practical Applications for Your Business

1. Inventory Management

- Before ordering: Check sentiment trends for products you're considering stocking.
- **Red flags**: If negative sentiment is rising, reduce order quantities.
- **Green lights**: Positive sentiment surges signal opportunity to increase stock.

2. Marketing Strategy

- Positive sentiment products: Feature prominently in campaigns.
 - Negative sentiment products: Create discount promotions to clear inventory.
 - **Neutral products**: Need more marketing push to generate excitement.

3. Risk Management

- **Daily monitoring**: Check the negative alert dashboard every morning.
- Rapid response: If a product shows sudden negative spike, investigate immediately.
- **Supplier communication**: Share sentiment data with Apple/Google reps to address issues.

4. Competitive Positioning

- Apple vs Google: Use sentiment comparison to guide which brand to emphasize.
- **Pricing strategy**: Premium pricing for high-sentiment products; competitive pricing for lower sentiment.

Real-World Example

Case Study: How This Helps You

Scenario: New iPad model launches

Week 1: Your dashboard shows:

- 85% positive sentiment.
- High mention volume.
- Common positive themes: "amazing display," "fast performance".

Your Action: Increase iPad orders by 30%, feature in email campaigns, premium shelf placement

Week 4: Dashboard alerts show:

- Negative sentiment rising to 25%.
- Alert: Multiple tweets about "battery drain issue".
- Trend: Sentiment dropping.

Your Action:

- Pause new orders until issue is resolved.
- Create "early adopter discount" to move current inventory.
- Prepare customer service team for battery questions.
- Contact Apple rep about the issue.

Outcome: You avoided overstock, maintained customer trust, and responded faster than competitors.

OBusiness Impact & ROI

Why This Investment Pays Off

Cost Savings:

- Reduced overstock: Avoid ordering products with declining sentiment (save 15-25% on dead inventory costs).
- **Faster inventory turnover**: Stock what customers want based on real-time sentiment.
- Less manual research: Automated analysis saves 10-15 hours/week of staff time.

Revenue Growth:

- Capture trends early: Be first to stock products generating positive buzz.
- Better marketing ROI: Focus campaigns on high-sentiment products.
- Customer satisfaction: Respond to negative sentiment before it becomes a crisis.

Competitive Advantage:

- Data-driven decisions: While competitors guess, you know.
- Faster response time: React to market shifts in days, not weeks.
- Strategic positioning: Optimize Apple vs Google product mix based on real customer sentiment.

Estimated Annual Value: \$50,000 - \$200,000 depending on inventory size and sales volume.

OSystem Limitations & Considerations

What You Should Know

Current Limitations:

- 1. **Twitter-Only Data**: We analyze tweets, not reviews from other platforms (Facebook, Reddit, etc.). Twitter gives fast signals but isn't the complete picture.
- 2. **English Language**: Model trained on English tweets only—may not work for non-English markets.
- 3. **Neutral Tweet Challenge**: 53% accuracy on neutral classification. Use neutral trends as directional indicators, not absolute facts.
- 4. **Historical Data**: Model trained on tweets from a specific period—requires periodic retraining with fresh data.

Recommendations:

- Combine with other data: Use sentiment analysis alongside sales data, supplier feedback, and traditional market research.
- **Human verification**: For critical business decisions, have team members verify high-stakes negative alerts.
- Regular updates: Retrain model quarterly with new tweet data to maintain accuracy.

• Recommendations

Our Strategic Advice for Success

Immediate Actions (This Week):

- 1. **Deploy the binary model for negative alerts**—this is your early warning system.
- 2. **Assign one team member** as the "sentiment monitoring lead".
- 3. **Set alert thresholds**: Decide what negative probability triggers immediate investigation (we recommend 70%+).

Short-Term (Next 3 Months):

- 4. **Integrate sentiment into weekly inventory meetings**—make it a standing agenda item.
- 5. **Test sentiment-driven marketing** on 3-5 products and measure results.
- 6. **Build your playbook**: Document how your team responds to different sentiment scenarios.

Long-Term (6-12 Months):

- 7. **Expand data sources**: Add Reddit, YouTube comments, and review sites to sentiment analysis.
- 8. **Predictive modeling**: Use historical sentiment to forecast demand 2-4 weeks ahead.
- 9. **Supplier partnerships**: Share sentiment insights with Apple/Google to strengthen relationships.

Critical Success Factor: Consistent use. The value comes from daily monitoring, not occasional check-ins.

Implementation Roadmap

Phase 1: Launch (Month 1)

- Deploy dashboard for your inventory team.
- Train 3-5 key users on how to interpret sentiment scores.
- Set up daily negative alert email notifications.
- Establish baseline sentiment metrics for your top 20 products.

Phase 2: Integration (Months 2-3)

- Connect sentiment data to your inventory management system.
- Create sentiment-based ordering guidelines (e.g., "Don't reorder if negative sentiment >20%").
- Develop marketing playbooks based on sentiment levels.
- Weekly sentiment review meetings with leadership.

Phase 3: Optimization (Months 4-6)

- Expand monitoring to include new products and brands.
- Retrain model with 6 months of fresh data.
- Build automated alerts for sudden sentiment shifts.
- Measure ROI and refine your sentiment-driven strategies.

Support: We provide 3 months of implementation support, training sessions, and monthly model performance reports.

O BONUS SLIDE: Technical Appendix (for technical stakeholders)

Model Architecture & Performance Details

Binary Classification Model (DistilBERT):

- Training: 3,274 tweets (augmented for class balance)
- Testing: 819 tweets
- Architecture: DistilBERT transformer with 2-class output
- Training time: 2 epochs (~62 minutes)
- Focal Loss with class weighting to handle imbalance

Performance Metrics:

- Accuracy: 88.6%
- Negative Recall: 94% | Precision: 73% | F1: 0.82
- Positive Recall: 87% | Precision: 97% | F1: 0.92
- ROC-AUC: 0.96

Multiclass Model (DistilBERT):

- Training: 7,103 tweets (augmented)
- Testing: 1,776 tweets
- Architecture: DistilBERT with 3-class output
- Performance: 65% accuracy, F1-macro: 0.67

Comparison to Traditional ML:

- XGBoost: 85.5% accuracy, F1: 0.916
- Random Forest: 85.2% accuracy, F1: 0.915
- Logistic Regression: 85.5% accuracy, F1: 0.914

Why DistilBERT Wins: Better semantic understanding, higher recall on negative class (critical for business use case).

Questions?





Thank you!

