### Research Project

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# Investor sentiment variation across regions: a Natural Language Processing analysis

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- 2. Sentiment Analysis
- 3. Transformers and BERT model
- 4. Model methodology and analysis
- 5. Conclusive remarks

### 1. Introduction

### Information and market prices

- Information plays a **fundamental role** in financial markets
  - One of the main idea :
    - Full information increases market efficiency
    - And, price reflects the true value of the tarded good
  - > Asset prices reflect all available information ...
    - ... in line with the Efficient Market Hypothesis (Fama, 1970)
- A large literature studies the link between information and asset prices
  - > Economic and financial literature
  - More rencently a growing literature in CS and AI

### 1. Introduction

### News and strategic approaches in investing

- Traders heavily rely on information to make buying or selling decisions
  - Investors who have better information can strategically use it to make their investment decisions
  - Can twitter data serve as reliable predictors of daily stock price movements?
- Significant growth of **online financial press** and abundant information on social networks
  - > Need for investors to exploit this amount of information for strategic purposes
  - > and extract market sentiment for strategic purposes
- Machine Learning models
  - > Combining sentiment analysis and news to forecast fluctuation in stock prices
  - ➤ Use of NLP models

### 1. Introduction

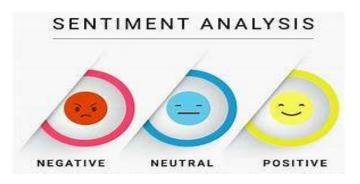
### The case of multilisted companies

- Multi-listed companies (NYSE, Euronext, LSE...) ... stock prices may differ across stock markets:
  - > Different market conditions and regulations
  - > But also, different market sentiments across marketplaces / countries
- The research project:
  - > Use a NLP model to conduct a sentiment analysis on press articles related to a specific company
  - > Compare sentiments in two different countries for the same company
  - > Illustrative example: French company LVMH, listed on Euronex and NYSE

# 2. Sentiment analysis

Text classification

**Text classification** in NLP involves categorizing and assigning predefined labels or categories to text documents, sentences, or phrases based on their content



- Data Collection
- Text pre- processing
- Sentiment Detection
- Sentiment Classification
- Presentation of Output



# 2. Sentiment analysis

### Text classification

#### Data colletion

- > Various sources: news articles, social media, blogs,...
- > API/ Web scrapping

#### Text pre-processing

- Preparing the text
- > Removing non informative passages (HTML tags, scripts, advertisments...)
- > Tokenization

#### Sentiment detection and classification

- > Examining sentences
- Categorizing subjective sentences
- Classification

# 2. Sentiment analysis

Classification methods

#### **Based on Lexicon**

- Algorithms focus on the words themselves
- Certain words express a positive sentiment, while others strictly express a negative sentiment
- Example:
  - > The corpus-based approach
  - > The dictionary-based approach

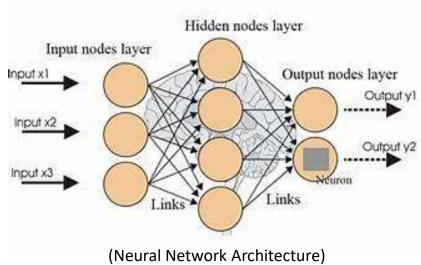
#### **Based on Al**

- ML approaches use supervised, unsupervised, or reinforcement learning
- Classify words, sentences, or entire documents into sentiment categories
- Example:
  - > MNB classifier
  - > Maximum Entropy classifier
  - Decision Trees
  - > Artificial Neural Networks

### 3. Transformers and BERT model

### Transformers

- What are **Transformers**?
  - > Type of neural network architecture
  - ➤ Mainly used in the field of NLP and sequence understanding
- Introduced by Vaswani in a paper called "Attention is all you need"
- Transformer is a model that relies on selfattention



### 3. Transformers and BERT model

BERT model

- BERT, which stands for "Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers," is a popular natural language processing (NLP) model developed by Google AI in 2018.
- BERT is designed to understand the contextual relationships and nuances of words in a sentence or a document

#### **BERT:**

- > Transformer Architecture
- Bidirectional Context
- Pre-Training
- > Fine Tuning
- Applications

The sentiment analysis (1): Dataset

- IMBD dataset dowloaded from Kaggle
  - > 50,000 movie reviews
  - positive/negative sentiment

sentiment	review	
positive	One of the other reviewers has mentioned that	0
positive	A wonderful little production.  The	1
positive	I thought this was a wonderful way to spend ti	2
negative	Basically there's a family where a little boy	3
positive	Petter Mattei's "Love in the Time of Money" is	4
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positive	I thought this movie did a down right good job	49995
negative	Bad plot, bad dialogue, bad acting, idiotic di	49996
negative	I am a Catholic taught in parochial elementary	49997
negative	I'm going to have to disagree with the previou	49998
negative	No one expects the Star Trek movies to be high	49999

Figure 1: Extract from the IMDB Dataset

	Teview	Sentiment	Clean_text
0	One of the other reviewers has mentioned that	positive	One of the other reviewers has mentioned that
1	A wonderful little production.  The	positive	A wonderful little production. The filming tec
2	I thought this was a wonderful way to spend ti	positive	I thought this was a wonderful way to spend ti
3	Basically there's a family where a little boy	negative	Basically there's a family where a little boy
4	Petter Mattei's "Love in the Time of Money" is	positive	Petter Mattei's "Love in the Time of Money" is
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49999	No one expects the Star Trek movies to be high	negative	No one expects the Star Trek movies to be high

review sentiment

Figure 3: Extract from the IMDB Dataset after text cleaning

50000 rows × 3 columns

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clean text

The sentiment analysis (2): Data processing

- Preparing the data to fine tune the model
  - Data split
  - Tokenization using the Bert Tokenizer
  - vectorization

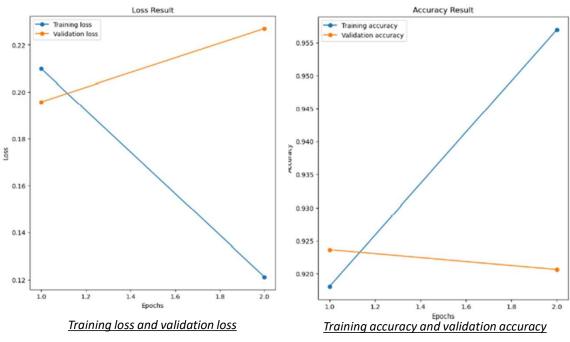
#### code required for data splitting

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tokenizer = BertTokenizerFast.from pretrained(bert type)
x train = tokenizer.batch encode plus(x train.to list(),
                                      return tensors='tf',
                                      max length=256,
                                      padding='max length',
                                      truncation=True).values()
x test = tokenizer.batch encode plus(x test.to list(),
                                     return tensors='tf',
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x val = tokenizer.batch encode plus(x val.to list(),
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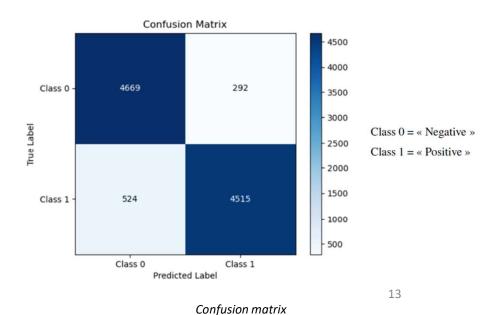
code required for tokenization and vectorization

The sentiment analysis (3): The model

- Hyperparameters:
  - ➤ learning rate of 2.10-5
  - > number of epoch=2
  - batch size = 32



- Model's Performance:
  - $\triangleright$  validation loss = 0.22
  - validation accuracy = 0.92
  - $\gt$  F1-score = 0.92

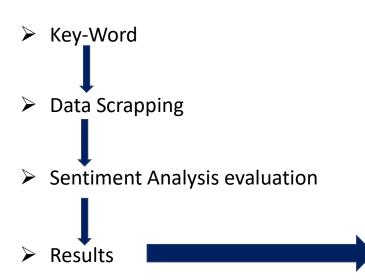


### Data Scrapping

- Comparative analysis by examining American articles in English from American sources and French articles in French from French sources
- Sentiment analysis model, which operates exclusively on English text
  - > Translation: library Translator from googletrans
  - > Translator has limitations: 500 characters at a time
  - saving .txt files containing the translated English text
- Translation and data preparation for the sentiment analysis model
  - News API
  - Date range (30 days)
  - List of sources
  - Extracting text from HTML pages using BeautifulSoup
  - > saving .txt files containing the text from the article

Complete code

The complete code utilizes the Sentiment Analysis
 NLP model and the data scraping code



62.877792 97.383887 98.023570 91.818714
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65.640223
87.998617
87.339282
60.050792
92.133057
91.556478
82.076204
75.310951
75.247908
98.745823

Number of 'Positive' labels: 9 Number of 'Negative' labels: 6 Results for American articles on LVMH

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	Date	Title	Link	Source	Label	Categorical_Accuracy
0	2023-06- 29T14:52:34Z	LVMH CEO Visits China	https://www.forbes.com/sites/brendanahern/2023	Forbes	Negative	62.877792
1	2023-07- 26T17:43:29Z	LVMH Is The Bridge Between Fashion And Sports	https://www.forbes.com/sites/allysonportee/202	Forbes	Positive	97.383887
2	2023-07- 10T11:12:39Z	Sephora Celebrates 25 Years In The USA	https://www.forbes.com/sites/walterloeb/2023/0	Forbes	Positive	98.023570
3	2023-07- 15T10:30:00Z	Who Got Rich This Week: Bernard Amault Up \$23	https://www.forbes.com/sites/devinseanmartin/2	Forbes	Positive	91.818714
4	2023-07- 27T12:15:00Z	Luxury Fashion Sales Buoyed By Asia As U.S. Sp	https://www.forbes.com/sites/maryroeloffs/2023	Forbes	Positive	92.392153
5	2023-07- 26T07:15:16Z	LVMH shares fall as second-quarter sales fail	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/lvmh-shares-fal	Yahoo Entertainment	Negative	65.640223
6	2023-07- 17T07:09:14Z	European Stocks Decline on China Data; LVMH Le	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/european-stocks	Yahoo Entertainment	Negative	87.998617
7	2023-07- 26T09:31:35Z	European Stocks Slide as LVMH Earnings Weighs	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/european-stocks	Yahoo Entertainment	Negative	87.339282

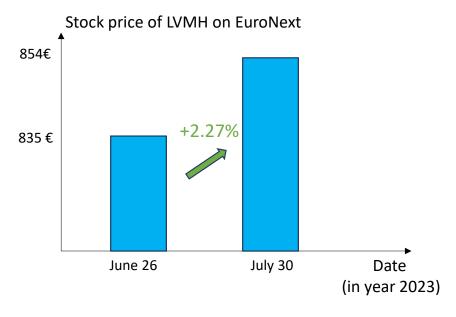
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0	2023-07-18T15:07:38Z	JO : Paris 2024 assure avoir passé le milliard	https://www.lemonde.fr/sport/article/2023/07/1	Le Monde	Positive	77.496643
1	2023-06-25T02:30:01Z	Les rosés de Provence poussent-ils le bouchon	https://www.lemonde.fr/le-monde-passe-a-table/	Le Monde	Positive	77.496643
2	2023-07-05T10:01:01Z	Le patrimoine des 500 plus grandes fortunes fr	https://www.liberation.fr/economie/le-patrimoi	Libération	Positive	94.802673
3	2023-07-20T18:36:21Z	Le fonds activiste Bluebell met le géant du lu	https://www.lemonde.fr/economie/article/2023/0	Le Monde	Positive	77.496643
4	2023-07-02T17:00:12Z	Venise - Simplon - Orient-Express, le train de	https://www.lemonde.fr/economie/article/2023/0	Le Monde	Positive	77.496643
5	2023-06-27T18:54:22Z	Un conducteur de 17 ans abattu à Nanterre par	https://www.liberation.fr/international/un-con	Libération	Positive	62.295769
6	2023-07-08T07:00:26Z	JO de Paris 2024 : Le Coq sportif cherche 30 m	https://www.lemonde.fr/economie/article/2023/0	Le Monde	Positive	77.496643
7	2023-06-28T02:45:05Z	Les grandes tailles, ces exclus de la mode	https://www.lemonde.fr/economie/article/2023/0	Le Monde	Positive	77.496643
8	2023-06-26T05:00:07Z	Mais où va la Bourse ?	https://www.lemonde.fr/argent/article/2023/06/	Le Monde	Positive	77.496643
9	2023-07-06T04:00:20Z	Place Vendôme, à Paris, une exposition célèbre	https://www.lemonde.fr/m-styles/article/2023/0	Le Monde	Positive	91.389664

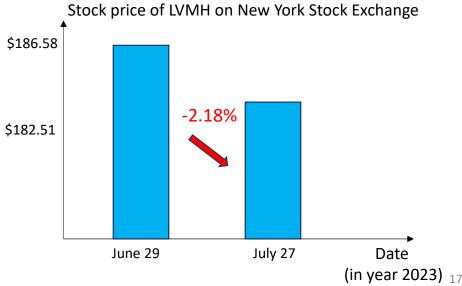
	Number of article	Positive articles	Negative articles	Mean of positive Categorical Accuracy	Mean of negative Categorical Accuracy
French	10	10	0	79.1%	N/A
American	15	9	6	91%	73%

#### Discussion

- Investor sentiment can vary across regions
- Different sentiments could contribute to explain why, for the same company the stock price and its variation could differ across stock markets

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## 5. Conclusive remarks

- Certain limitations that offer opportunities for improvement
  - > news APIs
  - online scrapping
  - > translation

Thank you for your atention!