Dataset

The dataset used for this study is the tourist accommodation reviews dataset. The source for this dataset is unknown.

Explanation and preparation of datasets

To see the dimensions and attributes of the dataset, we would be using python and its packages to understand the dataset.





We can see that there are 53644 reviews in this dataset with 5 variables namely ID, Review date, Location, Hotel/Restaurant name and Review. For this study, we would be picking 30 Hotels/Restaurants. We will be making this selection based on Location. For this reason, we would be analysing the different locations. The table below summarises the location and their states and countries.

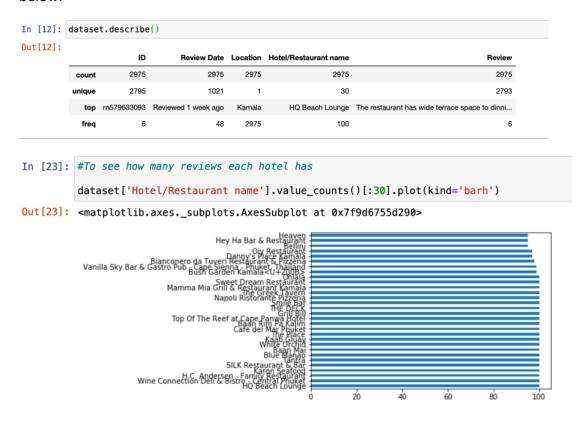
LOCATION	STATE
Kathu	Yunnan, China

Kata Beach	Karon, Thailand
Rawai	Coast of Phuket Island, Thailand
Choeng Thale	Phuket province, Thailand
Karon Beach	Karon, Thailand
Phuket Town	Phuket Island, Thailand
Patong	Phuket Island, Thailand
Mai Khao	Phuket Island, Thailand
Karon	Karon, Thailand
Chalong	Phuket Island, Thailand
Nai Harn	Phuket, Thailand
Cape Panwa	Mueang Phuket District, Thailand
Sakhu	Phuket Island, Thailand
Pa Khlok	Pa Klok, Thailand
Kamala	Kamala, Thailand
Bang Tao Beach	Phuket, Thailand
Thalang District	Phuket, Thailand
Talat Nuea	Mueang Phuket District, Thailand
Kata Noi Beach	Karon, Thailand
Wichit	Wichit, Thailand
Nai Yang	Phuket, Thailand
Talat Yai	Mueang Phuket District, Thailand
Koh Kaew	Ko Kaeo, Thailand
Nai Thon	Phuket, Thailand
Ratsada	Phuket Island, Thailand

For our study, we would be using sentiment analysis algorithm on 30 hotels/restaurants in the Kamala area of Thailand.



We can see that there are 32 hotels/restaurants in this area. So, we would be selecting 30 out of the 32. We did a value count for the 32 Hotels/restaurants and then we removed the two with the least values. The description for our final dataset is shown below.

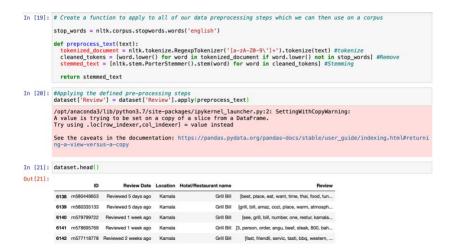


A **corpus** is a group of text documents that we would analyse using text mining or natural language processing techniques to draw conclusions from.

Tokenization is the process of breaking down a large block of text into smaller, more manageable pieces called **Tokens**.

A text normalisation technique called **stemmatization** changes every form of word to its base root mode.

The first step is to establish the corpus and then we tokenize, and then we clean by removing punctuations, stopwords, changing all to texts to lowercase after which we stemmatize. Here, we used Porter's stemmer.



Implementation in Python

To implement sentiment analysis in python, we would be using the VADER (Valence Aware Dictionary for Sentiment Reasoning) model for the text sentiment analysis.

VADER (Valence Aware Dictionary for Sentiment Reasoning)

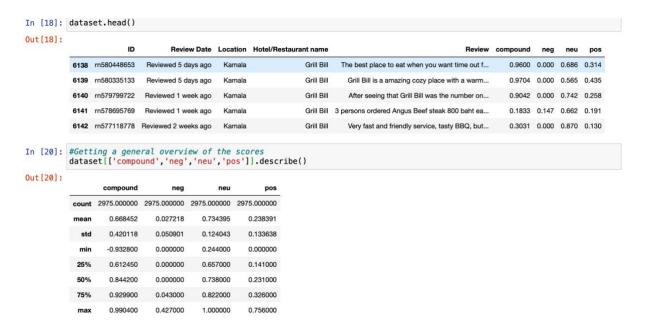
VADER is a text sentiment analysis model that considers both the polarity (positive/negative) and strength (intensity) of the emotion. It uses a dictionary that converts lexical features into sentiment scores which is a measure of the intensity of an emotion. It tells us not only the sentiment scores but also about the degree of positive and negative emotions (Aditya Beri, 2020).

We chose to use this model because it doesn't require any training data, it is suitable for reviews and social media text, it is very good at detecting and understanding the sentiment of texts containing words, slangs, conjunctions, symbols and so much more.

Creating the Model in Python

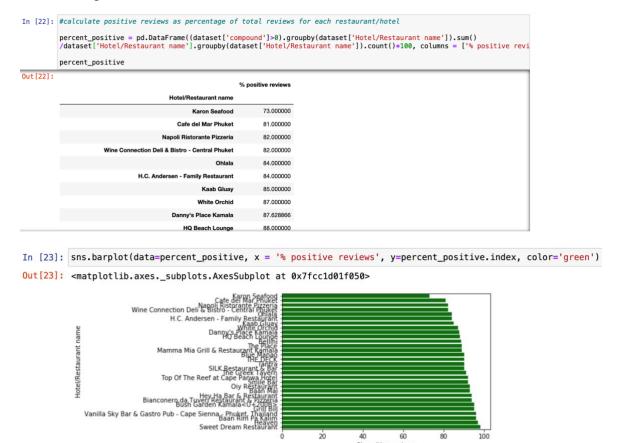
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In [17]: #Generating polarity scores for the column review and creating a column for each score

dataset['compound'] = [sentiment.polarity_scores(review)['compound'] for review in dataset['Review']]
   dataset['neg'] = [sentiment.polarity_scores(review)['neg'] for review in dataset['Review']]
   dataset['neu'] = [sentiment.polarity_scores(review)['neu'] for review in dataset['Review']]
   dataset['pos'] = [sentiment.polarity_scores(review)['pos'] for review in dataset['Review']]
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The compound score is between -1 and 1. If it is greater than 0, it is a positive review and vice versa. The median here is 0.84 which means that most of the scores are above zero which means majority are positive reviews.

Now, we would look at the positive scores per restaurant/hotel just to get an overlook of the ratings for each.

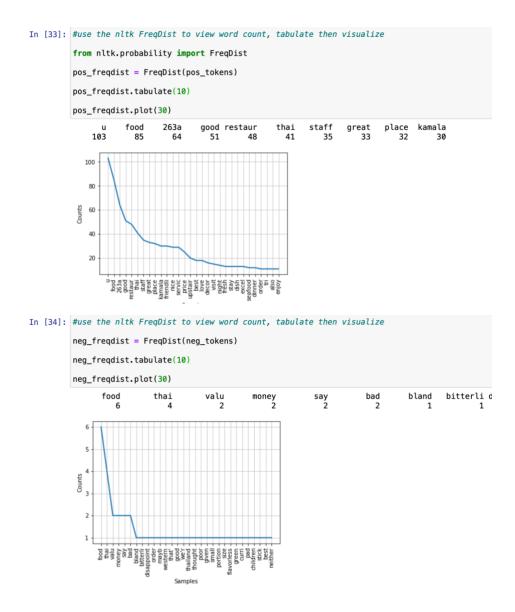


We can see that 'Karon seafood' has the lowest positive review and 'Sweet Dream Restaurant' has the highest positive review.

Now we will build a word cloud of positive and negative reviews for the restaurant with the highest positive review.

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In [27]: #wordcloud of words from positive reviews for Sweet Dream restaurant
         pos_tokens = [word for review in dataset_positive_subset['processed_review'] for word in review]
         wordcloud = WordCloud(background_color='white').generate_from_text( ' '.join(pos_tokens))
          #Display the generated image:
          plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
plt.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
          plt.axis("off")
Out[27]: <function matplotlib.pyplot.show(*args, **kw)>
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           restaur
                   ≝staf
In [28]: #wordcloud of words from positive reviews for Sweet Dream restaurant
          neg_tokens = [word for review in dataset_negative_subset['processed_review'] for word in review]
          wordcloud = WordCloud(background_color='white').generate_from_text( ' '.join(neg_tokens))
          #Display the generated image:
         plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
plt.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
plt.axis("off")
          plt.show
Out[28]: <function matplotlib.pyplot.show(*args, **kw)>
           green western given disappoint good
           order
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To view the word counts to see which words were the most frequent for both the positive and negative reviews, we used the Frequency Distribution library to plot this.



Results analysis and discussion

We realised that for the implementation of VADER, we didn't need to pre-process the data. When we implemented the algorithm with the pre-processed data, we got the following error « 'list' object has no attribute 'encode' », so we had to use the raw reviews in strings for the modelling. And to build the wordcloud to visually see the frequent and distribution of words, we needed to tokenize, remove stopwords and stem the text to be able to have a word count. So, the pre-processing algorithm was implemented here.

For the sweet dream restaurant, we can clearly see the main words that contribute to the positive and negative reviews.

Conclusions

VADER is a very efficient model for sentiment analysis. It is very easy to use, and the results are concise, clear, and compelling. The study above helps the restaurants/hotels in the Kamala area of Thailand see and understand their strong and weak links which in turn can help them increase their quality of service in the right areas which will then lead to improved positive scores.