Big Data and Automated Content Analysis I+II

Week 4 – Wednesday
Sentiment Analysis

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Today

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2. Data analysis 1: Sentiment analysis
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   - A sentiment analysis tailored to your needs!
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Not much. We counted some frequencies and calculated some averages.

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What do you think? What are interesting methods to analyze large data sets (like, e.g., social media data? What questions can they answer?)

What else can we do?

For example

- sentiment analysis
- automated coding with regular expressions
- natural language processing
- supervised and unsupervised machine learning
- network analysis

What else can we do?

Or ideally. . .

. . . a combination of these techniques.

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⇒ It depends on your reserach question which approach is more interesting!

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 automated content analysis approaches and techniques for digital journalism scholars. *Digital Journalism*, *4*, 1. 8–23.

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

Applications

Who uses it?

- Companies
- especially for Web Analytics
- Social Scientists
- applications in data journalism, politics, . . .

Many references to examples in Mostafa (2013).

⇒ Cases in which you have a huge amount of data or real-time data and you want to get an idea of the tone.

Mostafa, M. M. (2013). More than words: Social networks' text mining for consumer brand sentiments. *Expert Systems with Applications, 40*(10), 4241– 4251. doi:10.1016/j.eswa.2013.01.019

Example

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>>> sentiment("Great service by @NSHighspeed")
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(-0.6166666666666667, 0.6666666666666666)
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This is the module pattern.nl
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- e.g., add up the scores and average them.

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(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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poslijst=open("filewithonepositivewordperline.txt").read().splitlines()
neglijst=open("filewithonenegativewordperline.txt").read().splitlines()
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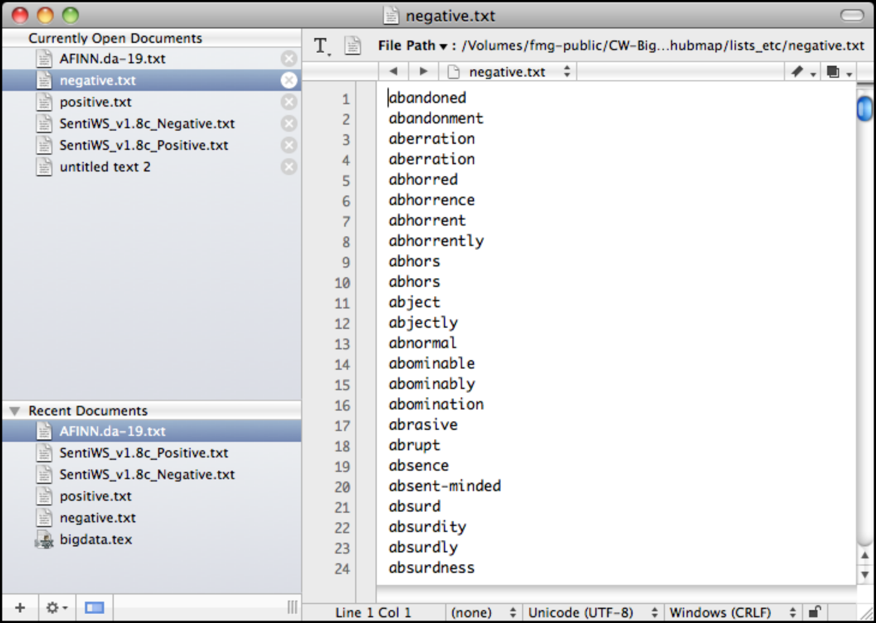
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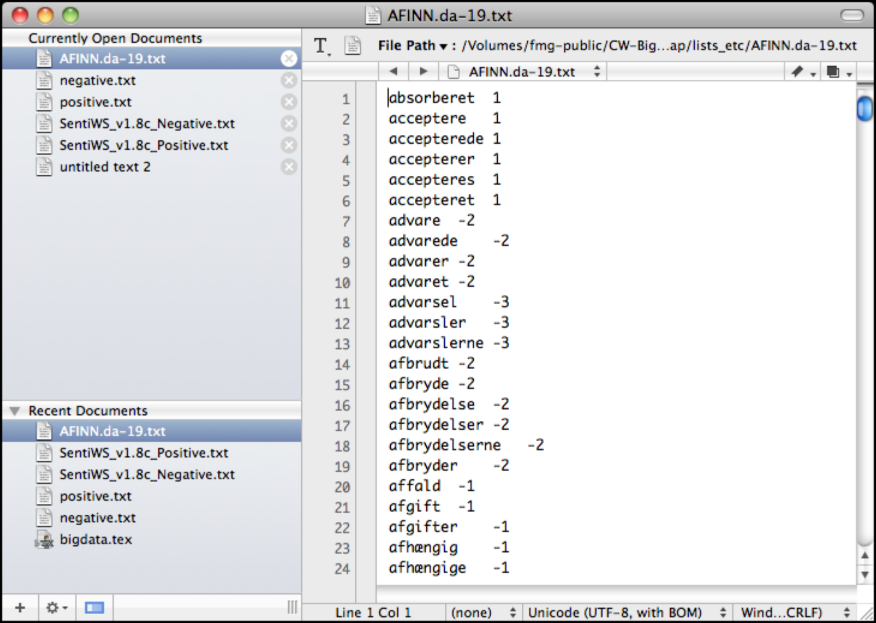
More advanced versions

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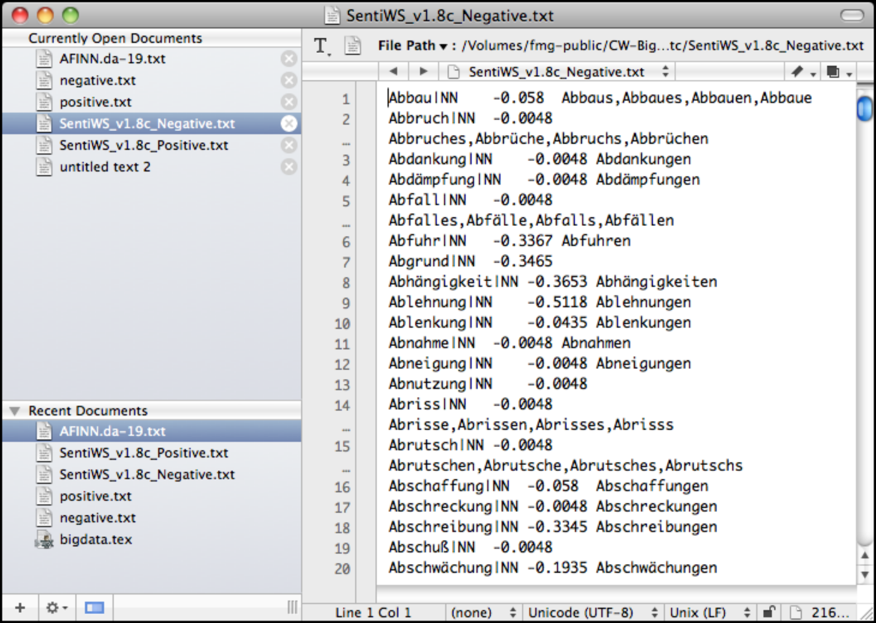
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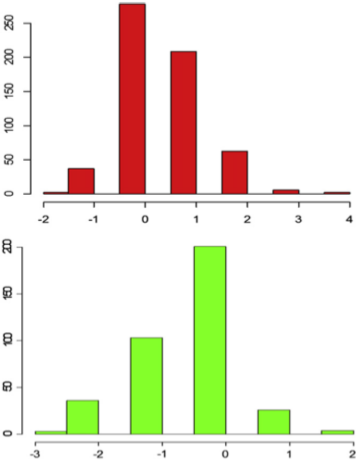

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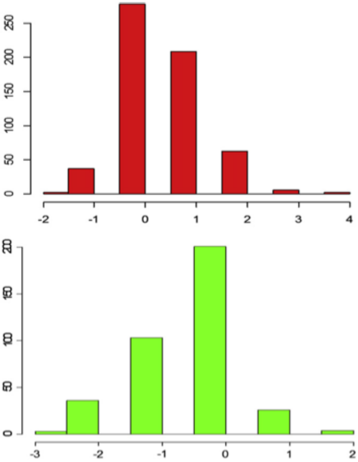

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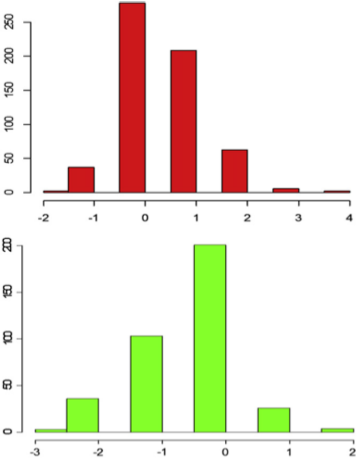

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- each word counts equally (1)
- many tweets contain no words from the list. What does this mean?
- Ways to improve BOW approaches?

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.

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Advanced approaches

Improving the BOW approach

Example: The Sentistrenght algorithm

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

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.

Advanced approaches

Take the structure of a text into account

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

Example

```
from pattern.nl import sentiment
>>> sentiment("Great service by @NSHighspeed")
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>>> sentiment("Really")
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>>> sentiment("Really Great service by @NSHighspeed")
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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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- Black box? Or do we understand the algorithm?
- Difficult to adapt to own needs
- *really* much better results?

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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

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BUT: Keep in mind that the results of *any* off-the-shelf-package might be biased and/or noisy in *your* domain!

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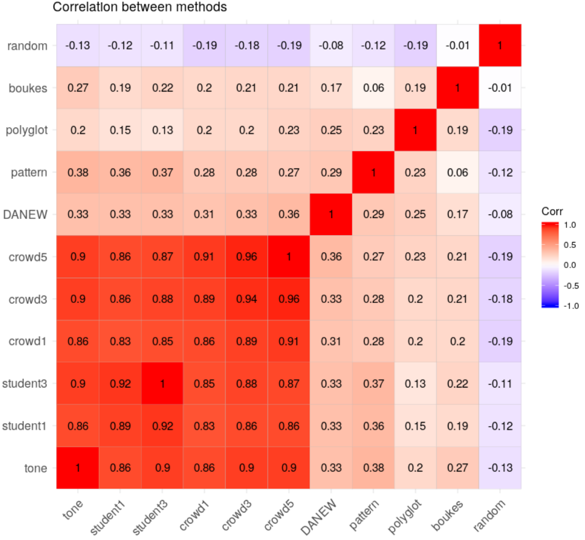

Note: student3 (and crowd3, crowd5) are the majority vote between 3 (or 5) student/crowd coders. studen1, crowd1, and crowd3 are summary values for multiple (combinations of) coders, so the diagonal reflects the average correlation between them

Boukes, M., van der Velde, R.N., & Vliegenthart, R. (2018). The good and bad in economic news: Comparing (automatic) measurements of sentiment in Dutch economic news. *International Communication Association*

A possible receipe for doing your sentiment analysis

1. Construct a list `data` of strings with your input data
2. Create an empty list `sent` for storing the results
3. For each text `t` in `data`, estimate the sentiment of `t` and append the result to `sent`[1]
4. Confirm that `len(data) == len(sent)`
5. use `zip()` and a `csv.writer` to write input and output next to each other to a csv file.

[1] use multiple lists instead if you estimate for instance subjectivity *and* polarity

Superivsed ML ($\Rightarrow$ week 9)

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)

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.

Take-home message
Mid-term take-home exam
Next meetings

Take-home messages

What you should be familiar with:

- You should have *completely* understood last week's exercise. Re-read it if neccessary.
- Approaches to the analysis (e.g., structure vs. content)
- Types of sentiment analysis, application areas, pros and cons

Mid-term take home exam

Week 5: Friday, 8 March, to Tuesday, 12 March

- You get the exam on Friday at the end of the meeting
- Answers have to be handed in no later than Tuesday evening, 23.59
- 20% of final grade
- 3 questions:
  1. Literature question: E.g., different methods ("Explain how. . . is done") and/or epistemological or theoretical implications ("What does this mean for social-scientific research?")
  2. Empirical question (conceptual)
  3. Empirical question (actual programming task)

If you *fully* understood all exercises until now, it shouldn't be difficult and won't take too long. But give yourself *a lot* of buffer time!!!

Next meetings

Friday, 29–2

Task for during the meeting: Conduct an own sentiment analysis! You can bring your own data (you will probably learn more!), but then already think about how to write some script to read the data (as we did last week and as described in Chapter 5).