Interim Report

# Chapter 1 - Introduction

To determine whether there is a link between the sentiment of a TV show and the viewer ratings. This project will explore areas of Sentiment Analysis (SA), different ways to perform sentiment analysis, why is this relevant and how will others benefit from this. This will involve some data analysis and manipulation to find out if there are any correlations. This chapter explores the background of the research as well as a justification for it. The aims and objectives are also considered.

## 1.1 - Background

Sentiment analysis has been defined as opinion mining (Ding, et al. 2008) and according to Feldman (2013), sentiment analysis is used to look at the “decision-making process of people”. The value of this is we can better understand them as consumers, voters, reviewers etc.

Feldman (2013) states that by using sentiment analysis it “offers these organizations the ability to monitor the different social media sites in real time and act accordingly”. This would give companies a much better understanding of their customers and can benefit from this.

## 1.2 – Aims & Objectives

The aim of this project is to explore the areas of sentiment analysis and to create a script which will look at the sentiment of an episode of a TV show and the viewer ratings and see if there is a link between them.

* To perform a literature review of sentiment analysis.
* To investigate the sentiment of a TV show, per episode/season.
* To investigate the viewer rating of a TV show from reviewer websites.
* To investigate if there is a link between both results.

By researching other methods of sentiment analysis, this would enable this project to try and cover all the different parts of sentiment analysis using each method to their advantages.

**clearly identify the outputs produced from the research/literature review process**

From the literature review, there have been many discoveries about sentiment analysis. These are as follows,

1. Sentiment analysis is very popular for business who want to analyse their customers data, to discovery if there are any patterns which can be found.
2. Sentiment analysis can be used in multiple ways from Document-level sentiment analysis, Sentence-level sentiment analysis, Aspect-based sentiment analysis, Comparative sentiment analysis and Sentiment lexicon acquisition.
3. There are already a few companies offering a commercial version which does sentiment analysis. (SAS, SPSS, Google Cloud Natural Language, Watson Tone Analyzer & Amazon Comprehend as well as others).
4. How this can be implemented with open source tools such as R & R-Studio. with some packages like BagOfWords and TidyText to do sentiment analysis yourself with a script.

**How they could be applied to the design of the final deliverable**

From discovering these different types of sentiment analysis, there is an easy barrier of entry for someone who is willing to learn the 4th note as declared above. By doing so we can explore the different ways of doing sentiment analysis with coding it ourselves and seeing the differences. Whilst doing this we can test different types of sentiment analysis on different types of datasets.

This will allow us to fully explore the free route, especially for the scope of this project.

**Evaluating Software**

**Platforms**

Research will include aspects of:

* **evaluating software**
* **platforms**
* **methodologies**
* **academic research**
* **evaluation of commercial alternatives**

A chapter should also be included that details the LSEPI aspects associated with your project.

# LSEPI

## Legal

Software licenses – The aim of this project is to use open source tools which will give anyone the ability to follow along with this project.

* R - An open source front end for the programming language R, which is great for creating and manipulating scripts and data frames.
* R-Studio -
* Git - is an open source version-control system for keeping track of changes in code.
* GitHub is a website for developers to upload their code externally, which was built on Git and allows for collaboration. (Microsoft)
* Visual Studio Code - An open source text editor for developers.

## Social

Anonymity of user input – With the use of web scrapping for this project, this could be a difficult issue for some websites. For the types of websites this project will focus on, most of them offer a developer version which allows users to download and analyse their data sets. This has been confirmed in the Terms Of Service (TOS) and usually requires the user to create an account and tell the company why/what you’ll be doing with the data.

This has been done for this project and by doing so with a developer account, allows the user to get a certain amount of data per day.

## Ethical

To lay out the rules for ethics, we would have to consider how personal it can be from person to person. Whilst it can be so unique, usually the work place would follow some general ethical concerns.

* To treat people fairly
* To respect the autonomy of individuals
* To act with integrity
* To seek the best results

This project will make sure to be mindful of ethical issues, for example with scraping data it could be easy to identify someone if say their tweet wasn’t scrambled up. By doing so, this could cause some back lash (Witch hunt) for someone’s opinion online and could lead to a much bigger ethical issue.

## Professional

As stated by the BCS code of conduct, a professional should:

* Only undertake to do work or provide a service that is within your professional competence.
* NOT claim any level of competence that you do not possess.
* Develop your professional knowledge, skills and competence on a continuing basis, maintaining awareness of technological developments, procedures, and standards that are relevant to your field.
* Ensure that you have the knowledge and understanding of Legislation\* and that you comply with such Legislation, in carrying out your professional responsibilities.
* Respect and value alternative viewpoints and, seek, accept and offer honest criticisms of work.
* Avoid injuring others, their property, reputation, or employment by false or malicious or negligent action or inaction.
* Reject and will not make any offer of bribery or unethical inducement.
* (BCS 2019)

## Issues

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