



Introduction to NLP

Sentiment Analysis



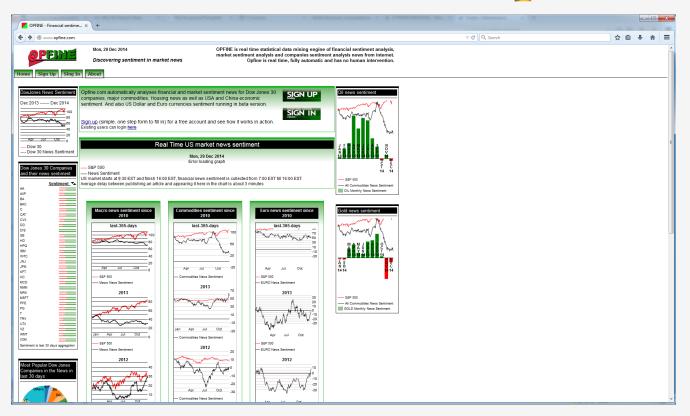
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Sentiment About Companies





Other Examples

- Movie reviews
- Product reviews
- Debates
 - www.createdebate.com



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- Many posts, blogs
- Expressing personal opinions
- Research questions
 - Subjectivity analysis
 - Polarity analysis (positive/negative, number of stars)
 - Viewpoint analysis (Chelsea vs. Manchester United, republican vs. democrat)
- Sentiment target
 - entity
 - aspect



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- Level of granularity
 - Document
 - Sentence
 - Attribute
- Opinion words
 - Base
 - Comparative (better, slower)





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- Just counting negative words is not enough
- Negation analysis





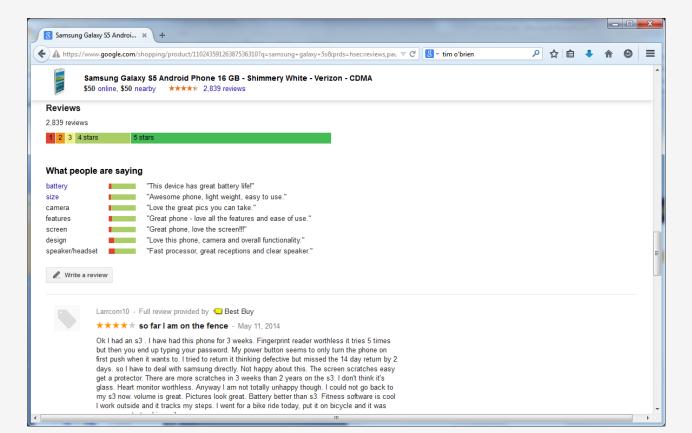
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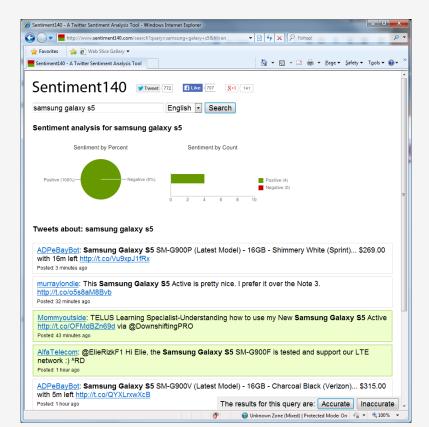


Product Reviews





Twitter Sentiment







Problems

- Subtlety
- Concession
- Manipulation
- Sarcasm and irony



SA as a Classification Problem

- Set of features
 - Words
 - Presence is more important than frequency
 - Punctuation
 - Phrases
 - Syntax
- A lot of training data is available
 - E.g., movie review sentences and stars
 - http://www.cs.cornell.edu/people/pabo/movie-review-data
- Techniques
 - MaxEnt
 - SVM
 - Naive Bayes





Resources

- CMU Twitter parser
 - http://www.ark.cs.cmu.edu/TweetNLP/

