

## SENTIMENT ANALYSIS ON GST IN SOCIAL MEDIA USING R

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### ABSTRACT

The rapid development in social media has given the method for exploring and tracing the all the sentiments in all sort of issues in India. In recent past months there has been a change in the Goods and Services Tax of financial standards in India which leads to major talks in all over India through social media and led to a big debates between every individuals' emotions. People are sharing expectations, perspectives and Sentiments with large amount of text or image or video data. To discover bits of knowledge from this Data produced and settle on certain choice we represent microblogging web application that gathers twitter information which shows various measurable structures. In this paper we perform analysis of twitter information to investigate the common mans' sentiment or emotions using sensitivity in R. Our essential approach was to concentrate on data as positive, negative or unbiased from twitter datasets using streaming API to extract tweets related to GST.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### Social Media and Analytics

The social media has taken rapid increase in the number of users of internet over the last decade. It is also plays a major role in digital marketing and continues to grow. It is now one of the substantial part of our life and it's been served both as a benefit as well as a misery for the society. People from across the globe take to the social media to express their thoughts regarding a trending topic. We witness various discussions regarding important topics by the people of the world across different social media platforms. One can easily express his or her thoughts by simply tweeting about it or posting about it on Facebook[10]. Other social media users can express their regard or disregard on the very same topic by retweeting it or by

commenting on it respectively. This way, we get a clear idea about the number of users in favour of the topic and the number of users against the matter in discussion.

Recent years have witnessed the explosive growth of the social media content on the internet; people now express their views on almost anything in discussion [7,8,9]. There are many micro-blogging websites like Twitter, Facebook, etc. Twitter has become a very popular communication tool among Internet users and it is one of the most open and simplest platforms to share their opinions on different topics. The outgrowth of social media in expression of thoughts has resulted in the availability of huge volumes of data from masses has started a ground for steering research in the area that combines both politics and social media.

Twitter is one of the most popular social networking services used by today's generation. It enables users to send and read short 140-character messages called "tweets" [5]. When someone posts a new tweet on some topic, other like-minded users also join in the talk and this formulates a Twitter's network of like-minded users related to some topic which can provide an pointer of poll of assurance associated to the topic of conversation.

In India usage of social networking is growing movements nowadays in participating the sites like Facebook, Twitter, whatsapp, Instagram, etc are become a public domain is portrayed clearly to express their opinions regarding major hot topic. The active user of social media users in India were more than 18 million in 2015 and by in late 2016 there was massive increase in number of active internet user to more than 100%. Consider a scenario where in we are required to determine whether the discussion about a trending global topic is on a positive side or a negative side or unbiased side. Suppose we consider many tweets on the topic of discussion, it becomes a difficult task to go through each tweet [11,15].

Data on social media can be broadly classified into textual data such as tweets and comments, network data such as Facebook friendship network or the twitter follow-following network, and actions such as likes, shares, views, and retweets. Get-together this data, pre-processing it, and received at consistent and resounding insights on the data become an integral part of social media analytics.

### **Goods and Services Tax (GST):**

GST is an indirect tax valid all over India which replaced multiple falling of taxes imposed by the central and state governments. The GST is directed by a GST Council and its Chairman is the Finance Minister of India. GST follows [0, 5, 12, 18, and 28] % rates as tax

where 50% of these taxes is to state government and 50% taxes is to central government. India's biggest tax modification was passed on midnight (Jun 30/Jul 1, 2017) by the Prime Minister of India which marked by a historic session of both the houses of parliament convened at the Central Hall of the Parliament.

## 2. RELATED WORK

Social media has been explored to estimate the popularity of politicians, sentiments of general public towards some recently introduced policy maybe budget, tax reforms etc., to find out the sentiments of social media users. Social networking sites have also been used to compare people's political preferences expressed online with those observed by elections. Social media can be analysed on daily or hourly basis during an electoral campaign so as to get a detailed insight into emotions of voters [3,4].

It is possible to track in real-time trends and capture any sudden change by monitoring and analysing the conversation on social networking sites and get the public opinion well before declaration of results of polls. There are few studies that claim that analysing social media allows a reliable forecast of the final result. In a study by researchers, it has been stated that the number of times a candidate is mentioned in blog posts is a good predictor of electoral success and can achieve better predictions than election polls. On similar lines the authors, compared party pointed out on Twitter with the results of the 2009 German election and discussed that the relative number of tweets related to each party is a good predictor of its vote share and stands a improved method to analyse tweets such that not just the total or mention of party name or candidate name is considered but the sentiment attached in tweets are also analysed as stated by authors [7,8].

## 3. DATA COLLECTION AND PRE-PROCESSING

Twitter data has been taken as a progressive environment of collecting the public opinion and treat it as data elections. Which depicts their different emotions and their sentiments and they keeps on tweeting their opinion based on some statement or news by political parties. By using twitter API, we collected 1,000 tweets and observed the GST proposal notice from the day of declaration 30<sup>th</sup> Jun' 17 or 1<sup>st</sup> Jul' 17 to till date. The tweets included useful information related to GST as well punctuation marks, special characters, and emojis. The data collected has been cleaned so as to remove all the unwanted punctuation

symbols, special characters. All tweets have been converted to lowercase and finally a word corpus has been generated.

#### 4. TECHNIQUE APPLIED

We have used the R language which is used widely for data analysis and statistical computing. It is a powerful language developed in the year 1993. R has sufficient requirements for implementing and executing machine learning algorithms in a fast and simple manner. We have generated Word Cloud based on the set of 5,000 tweets concentrating on GST and Sentiment is also been analysed on these tweets which depicts the emotions of public in the direction of GST introduction. We have used many packages viz. *syuzhet*, *lubridate*, *ggplot2*, *scales*, *reshape2*, *dplyr* to facilitate understanding of emotions and plotting the same.

#### 5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

##### 5.1. Word Cloud Generation

A word cloud is a method of mining text which consents to focus the most frequently used words in a tweet. It is a photographic sign showing the most related or relevant words. We always wanted to produce this kind of images within R. We visualize tweets as a word cloud to bond out what people are tweeting about the GST (#gst).

We require three R packages for this, Extract tweets from Twitter, identify & create text to turn into a cloud. The best step is to identify & create text on which you want to create the word cloud is by creating a word corpus from the collection of text. Corpus is just a way to store a collection of documents in R software readable format. The text mining packages like “tm” operate on a format called corpus.

Data cleaning on the text is the most important step. It is done by converting all data into lowercase and removing punctuation, links or replacing symbols like “/” or “@” with a blank space. We’ve transformed every word to lower case, so that ‘Tax’ and ‘tax’ now count as the same word. We’ve removed all punctuation ‘gst’ and ‘gst!’ will now be the same. We stripped out any extra whitespace and we removed stop words and we need to remove URL’s from text.

Stop words are the common uninterested words. If we look at the result of stop words for eg: “English” we can see what it is getting removed. The information value of ‘stop words’ is near zero due to the fact that they are so common in a language. Removing this kind of



positive or negative sentiments. we use two packages `plyr` and `string` to operate strings. Put tweets into data frame and Apply sentiment Function to the tweets.

This means most of the people were having positive or happy about GST. From the plot we can see overall score lies between neutral and positive. So, in this series of three Articles we learned how to perform Sentimental Analysis in R by extracting data from Twitter.

Finally the sentiment analysis of the set of tweets has been done to understand the emotions of public for GST. Emotions of anger, anticipation, disgust, fear, joy, sadness and surprise have been extracted using `get_nrc_sentiment()` function of “R” software and other preprocessing of tweets. From the sentiment analysis of “gst” tweets it is very clear that there is a feeling of anticipation for “GST”. Here nearly equal joy and sadness emotion for “GST” in India.

The tweets show that the citizens of India have hardly any emotion of anger or fear as observed from the tweets. The sentiment analysis has been shown in Fig. 2.

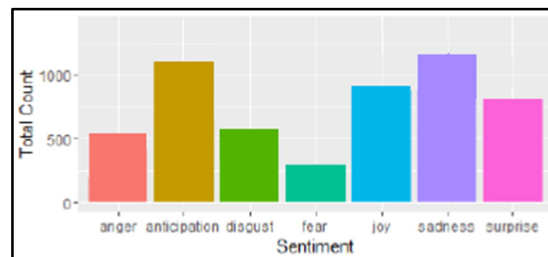


Figure 2: Sentiment analysis of tweets mentioning “GST”

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

The growing quantity of social media users has raised the interest about the opportunity to understand the relation between people's favourites and real political behaviour. This training focuses on the question that whether the data from social networking sites can be utilized to interpret the attitude of citizens of a nation towards various policies. We have observed that twitter is very commonly being used as a platform for discussion by citizens of India. We concluded that social media is a controlling and reliable source of public opinion as far as a nation like India is concerned. The discussions on twitter are corresponding to traditional debates and are skilled adequate to give an impartial idea of emotions of general public. We have done sentiment analysis of emotions of people which shows people's

acceptance for GST but with too much of sadness feeling. In future, we plan to convert this analysis in real time corresponding to tweets arriving on time-based rule and geographically split and examine the tweets according to states.

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