Phone Sentiment Analysis with Web Crawl Data

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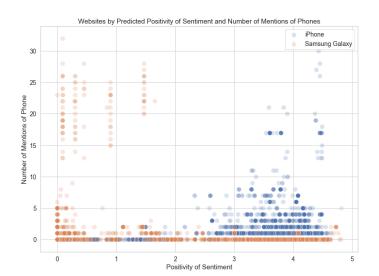
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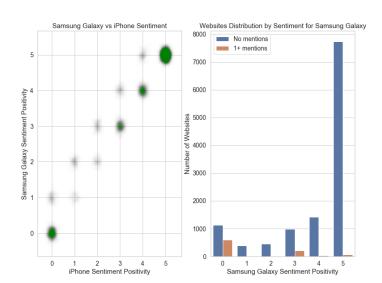
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▶ When the sites actually mention the phones, iPhone sentiment is much more positive



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- http://brazoriacountytexas.tk/ is hyperlink maze without any real content





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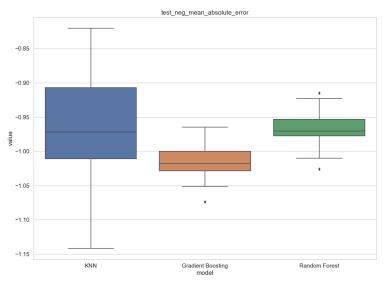
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- 4. Predict the manually labeled sentiments from the number of word instances

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▶ Random Forest model perform accurately and is very stabile



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