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# SEC and Stock Market

— The analysis of the relationship between  
market behavior and SEC Press  
Releases/Public Statements/ Speeches —

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# Background

There are lots research discussing the sentiment analysis about Twitter, News, or particularly Financial News.

The potential relationship between the mood and the stock market is the cutting edge topic.

The sentiment analysis could focus on any articles, such as the governance statements, in there is the SEC.

# Problems We try to Solve

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has a three-part mission: to protect investors; maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets; and facilitate capital formation. But are they effective? Will SEC announce something on News or Public Statement affect the stock market?

**Q: Is there any correlation between emotional feature in SEC statement and US stock market behavior?**

# Data Sources and Methods

## Data Sources:

6000+ articles from SEC.gov website. Three types: Press Releases, Public Statements, Speeches. <http://www.sec.gov/news/pressreleases>

Yahoo Finance: S&P500, NASDAQ, DOW JONES index, 2000-1-1 to 2016-3-31

## Methods

Sentiment Analysis with Python, R;

Regression, Classification, Decision Tree, Neural Network;

Keywords, topic find;

Open Sentiment Analysis packages NLTK or API (<http://www.sentimentanalysisonline.com/>), etc.

# Some Examples

In 2001, SEC shut down the market due to the attack on 9/11, when the market reopen, one press release said like this:

2001-91

SEC TAKES ACTION TO FACILITATE REOPENING OF FAIR AND ORDERLY EQUITIES MARKETS

Washington, D.C. September 14, 2001 - ...reopening of U.S. equities markets on Monday, September 17, 2001. These markets are the world's **strongest and most vibrant**, in spite of the heinous acts of last Tuesday.

The Commission has used, for the first time, its **emergency powers** to ease certain regulatory restrictions temporarily:

...

The Commission will **monitor the situation**. Investors should be assured that U.S. markets will function **effectively and fairly**, and that market and investor protections are squarely in place...

# Market Reaction during 9/11



# Sentiment Analysis Test

## Sentiment Analysis with Python NLTK Text Classification

This is a demonstration of **sentiment analysis** using a **NLTK 2.0.4** powered **text classification** process. It can tell you whether it thinks the text you enter below expresses **positive sentiment**, **negative sentiment**, or if it's neutral. Using **hierarchical classification**, *neutrality* is determined first, and *sentiment polarity* is determined second, but only if the text is not neutral.

### Analyze Sentiment

Language  
english ▼

Enter text

Public Statement by SEC Chairman:  
Naked Short Selling Is One Problem a  
Slumping Market Shouldn't Have  
The demise of IndyMac, coming on the  
heels of Bear Stearns, desperate sale  
to JPMorgan Chase, is a sure sign of  
the fragility of today's markets.  
What's needed now, more than ever, is  
reliable information for investors and  
confidence that trading can be  
conducted without the illegal  
influence of manipulation.

Enter up to 50000 characters

Analyze

### Sentiment Analysis Results

The text is **neg**.

The final sentiment is determined by looking at the classification probabilities below.

**Subjectivity**

- neutral: 0.4
- polar: 0.6

**Polarity**

- pos: 0.4
- **neg: 0.6**

There is one Public  
Statement by SEC  
Chairman: Christopher  
Cox

*Naked Short Selling Is  
One Problem a Slumping  
Market Shouldn't Have,*  
July 18, 2008

Test Result **Negative**.  
Article link: [http://www.  
sec.  
gov/news/speech/2008/s  
pch071808cc.htm](http://www.sec.gov/news/speech/2008/spch071808cc.htm)

# schedule

2nd week build basic model

3rd week Final proposal presentation (Apr 25th)

4th week Final project report



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