



Emotion and Affect Representation in Sentence Embeddings

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Abstract

Word embeddings exist to abstract features of text into a numeric space. In this project we explore the representation of different emotions and affects from established labeled datasets in common word embeddings.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Why is it important to study emotion? Emotions are considered a human state that influences behaviour and decision making. Many times, when expressing thoughts in a written or spoken form, one or several emotions are present. Detecting these emotions is an important task for human interaction. Automatic emotion detection on text is thus a machine learning task required for comprehensive human-computer interaction.

1.1 Emotions and Affect

In the endless effort towards understanding human behaviour the phenomenon of Emotions has been recognized for centuries. It is after all, an experience that every human has. For many of us it represents a core variable in the representation of our biological, psychological, and social state. For such an important part of our lives, it is incredible how little we actually know about them. There is no scientific consensus on what an emotion is, and the term is often used to refer to mood, humor, temperament, personality, affect, character, and sentiment. This section has as a goal to point out relevant discoveries and conceptualizations in the history of the study of emotions, as a way of delimiting the current study, and as a mean of introduction to the topic for technology-focused readers, but also as a way of outlining a working definition of Emotion, differentiating it from Affect.

Historic Milestones

Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, defined the theory of the Four Humors. This was based on the idea of humors, fluids, or chemicals that control human behaviour. The four humors should be in balance within the

body, and all diseases were caused by an imbalance of these.[?] Galen at took this theory and created what can be considered as the first theory of personality. He believed that human bodies had a predisposition for unbalance of the humors. This made some people have a tendency to have more or less of these, and in turn, this would have an effect on their baseline behaviour. He described four different characteristical behaviours: phlegmatic, choleric, sanguine and melancholic.[Irwin, 1947]

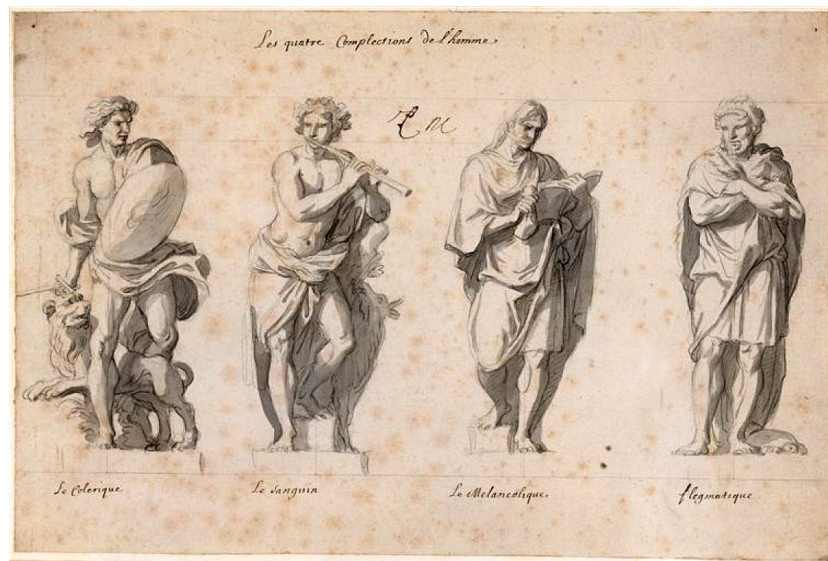


Figure 1.1: Wikicommons PD. The four temperaments by Charles Le Brun, part of the *Grande Commande*.

Charles Darwin first described the importance of emotions in communication, and their relevance across cultures and even species. In his book "The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals" he writes "... the young and the old of widely different races, both with man and animals, express the same state of mind by the same movements." [Darwin and Prodger, 1872] He noticed that surprise was shown in humans across cultures, and even some mammals by raising the eyebrows. By framing emotions as a mean of communication, Darwin enabled the study of expression, and understanding of emotions as an evolutive advantage.

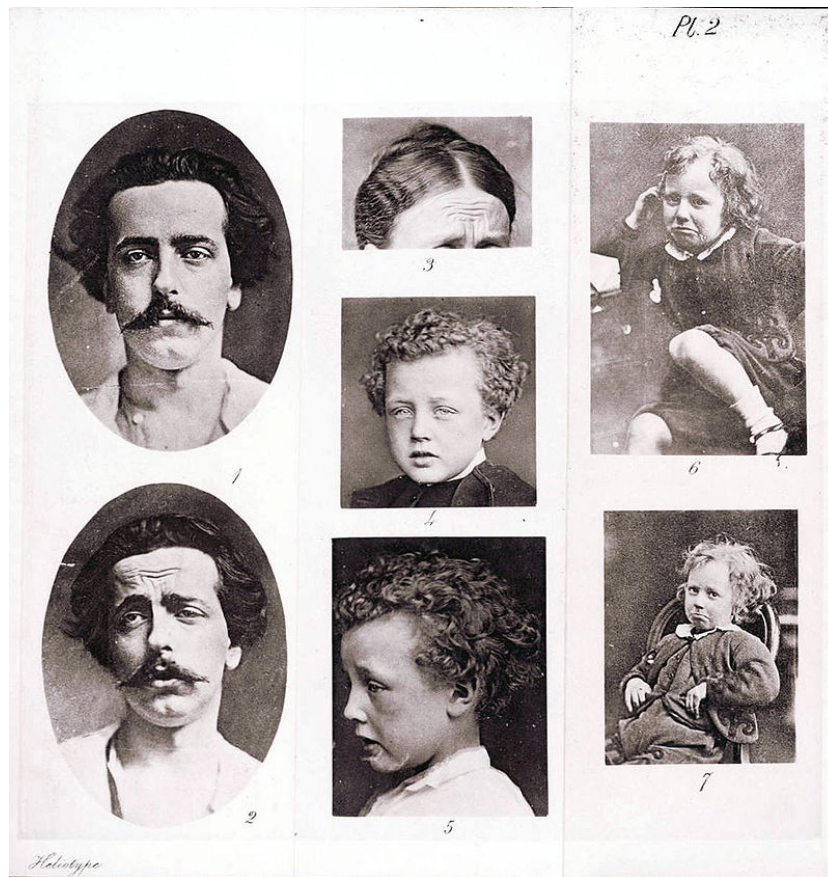


Figure 1.2: Wikicommons PD. Illustration of grief from Darwin's "*The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals*"

Although Emotions were thought to be universal there was no measurement of it. The universality of emotions was first formalized by Paul Ekman in his 1997 paper: "Universal facial expressions of emotion". Ekman studied facial anatomy, and expressions of different populations and cultures across the globe. He arrived to the conclusion that there are seven universal facial expressions of emotion [Ekman and Keltner, 1997].



Figure 1.3: Ekman's photographs for cross-cultural research [Ekman, 1999].

While emotions are a human concept, the digital advances of the millennium caught up and integrated with the field, to create the Affective Computing. The concept was first coined by Rosalind Picard, who not only created it, but is also a lead researcher in the field [Picard, 2000]. The concept was originally related to Human-Computer interactions, and had the goal of computers expressing and recognizing emotions.

Concerned with the subjectivity of emotion measurement, and the lack of generalization of self-report affect scales, Robert Plutchik proposed a method of measuring the basic emotions in a systematic way. He also proposed a way of deriving new emotions from the universal set proposed by Ekman. This was to be done based on theory, with enough diversity, but systematically relatable to the universal emotions [Plutchik and Kellerman, 2013]. In this way, the Plutchik model of emotions was created. This model is based on Ekman's universal emotions. Today, most Machine Learning tasks and datasets use this model of emotions. Different models will be discussed further in this chapter.

It is important to consider that for the last two decades, emotions have

been studied based on Ekman's work on universal emotions. Although these do provide a framework for understanding how emotions came to be a part of the human experience, they do very little for their definition, or the description of emotions in language. Humans are complex, and even the most reliable model of universal emotions has exceptions. Psychologists interpret those differences with the help of the Theory of Constructed Emotions. This was first published by Lisa Feldman in 2014, and it describes the phenomenon of human emotions as a two-sided event: Affect and Emotion. Affect is a physiological phenomenon, the almost mechanical process that will enable behavioural response. The Emotional response is the cognitive contextualization of the former [Feldman Barrett and Russell, 2014]. Separation of physiological and cognitive responses allows the explanation of both, universality, and individual subjectivity.

Definition of Emotion

Within the context of this project it is important to distinguish between emotion and affect. Affect, in the context of this project will be treated as a term to associate predisposition towards stimuli. Thus, affect is in a sense, a general term that can be even used to describe animal, and other non-human entities. Emotions, on the other hand, are treated in this project as a state inherent to humans. This state is multidimensional, and every dimension, or emotion, can either be present in a certain amount, or not be present at all. Emotions present an affect value, but not necessarily otherwise.

Emotions in Communication

The main evolutive advantage of emotions is to be able to communicate an internal state with others. The communication, and therefore, the detection of emotions can be done through three different means:

- **Language or self report:** Using language, verbal, written, or otherwise, to express content with emotion, or explicitly declare an emotional state.
- **Facial Expressions:** The activation of different sets of facial muscles to express emotion. This must be measured visually.
- **Biosignals:** The change of physiological states usually related to the limbic system can be measured through bio-sensors. This more accurately represent affect, but emotions can be measured through it.

This project is focused on language expressions of emotion. More specifically on expressions of emotion through text. This means that this project will not directly measure emotions on humans, but on text written by humans. These represent the expression of a momentary emotional state, expressed through text, and stored for later analysis. Text analysis is a subset of the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP). This project is heavily based on NLP concepts. For this reason, different methods for emotion analysis in text are discussed next.

Models of Emotions

When searching for expressions of emotions in text, one must know what kind of emotions are being searched for. When asking a person what emotions do they know, a plethora of emotions can be named, but most of these are language, culture, or context dependant. Under certain cultures, or even sub-cultures, new emotion names can emerge, that describe a general emotion under different context. Considering the theory of constructed emotions, there is as many emotions as context there are. Fortunately, the study of emotions being done here is restricted to the communication of emotions. For the communication of emotions a consensus must be made. A model of emotions is the selection and structure of categories in which the expression of an emotion can fall, commonly called Universal Emotions: These are usually formed through the analysis of human (and some times animal) behaviour, with the framework of a theory of behaviour. In this section we introduce some relevant models of emotion for ML and NLP.

Ekman's model of Emotions

As mentioned in 1.1, the most widely recognized model of universal emotions in humans was created by Paul Ekman[Ekman, 1992]. This was created through the observation of facial expressions. Facial expressions are measured through Activation Units (AU's): Sets of muscles that, when contracted, deform the figure of the human face in specific ways. Emotions are then characterized by the activation of different sets of AU's. The current model of universal emotions contains seven emotions:

- Anger
- Disgust
- Fear

- Surprise
- Happiness
- Sadness
- Contempt

Although this model is based on facial expressions, most studies of emotion use this as the base model to explore and understand concepts of human behaviour. Notice that this model is based on the communication of emotions through facial expressions. These are said to be universal because facial expressions seem to have been forged through natural selection, and are independent of culture, language, or segregation of populations. In simple terms, humanity had a face for longer than most other human traits. Under this frame of reference, language as a mean of communication is a relatively new phenomenon, but since it allows for more detailed communication, it changes the way we communicate our internal states.

Plutchik's model of Emotions

Although Ekman's model provides a firm base for universal emotions, it lacks structure. Robert Plutchik created his model by removing Contempt, and adding two more emotions: anticipation and trust. By doing so, a three-dimensional model was created that also provided dichotomical, or polar emotions, intensities, and derivatives through superposition.

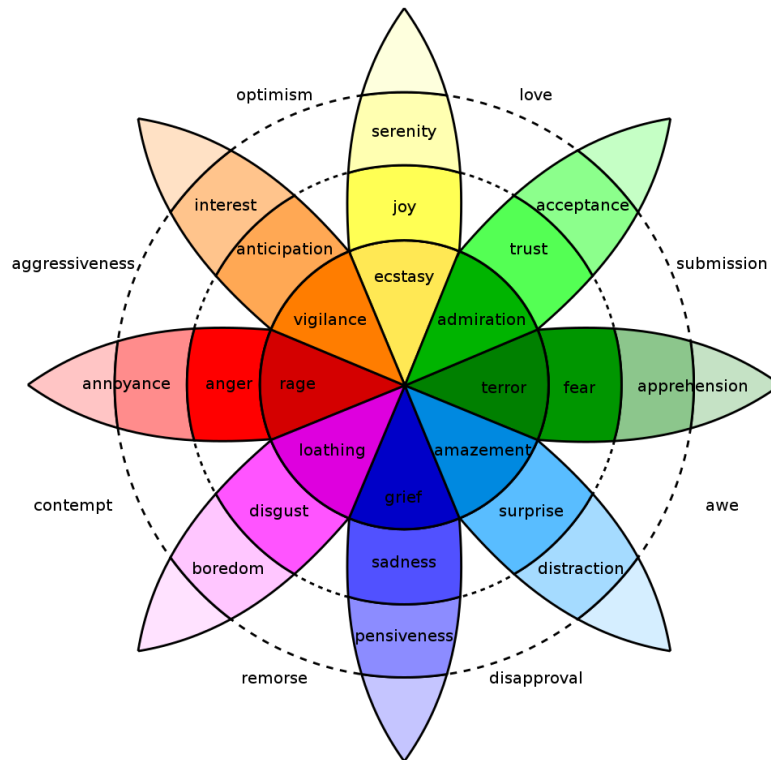


Figure 1.4: Wikicommons PD. Plutchik's wheel of emotions

The model shown in figure 1.1 shows these characteristics. The main emotions are expressed in different intensities, and named accordingly. The combination, or superposition of some emotions receives a new name. This model is so well structured and colored, that it has called the attention of the scientific and engineering community. Unfortunately the premises of this model are faulty, and the scientific basis are questionable. The subjective nature of emotions doesn't allow for strict dichotomies. A simple poll asking "What's the opposite of joy?" will turn in two answers: Anger and Sadness, depending on the context.

According to the theory of Constructed Emotions, it is exactly context that creates emotions. This means that culture, language, learning, and many other environmental factors contribute to the characterization of an emotion. For this reason, when studying emotions in text, a mean of contextualizing an emotion word is necessary.

Emotions and Text

When it comes to contextualizing words, linguists have had tools since the 1930's [Corson, 1996]. This is the case of Lexical Fields. In its simplest version, this tool asks people what words are most closely related to a concept. The result of a free association can be a network of interrelated words, or a set of words that relate to a concept. This set is also called a semantic field. By asking people what emotions are related to a specific word, a semantic field of emotions can be created.

This is exactly what Saif Mohammad did in 2013 [mohammad2013crowdsourcing], creating the Canadian National Research Council Emotional Lexicon (NRC EmoLex). This contains around 14 thousand words, and their association with the 8 basic emotions of the Plutchik emotion model. This was an incredible effort, since several people must review every single word and emotion relationship, and evaluate them. All this work can actually be inferred from large corpus. By creating a network of word relationships, WordNet provides a way to cluster into affective words [Strapparava et al., 2004]. This proves that a representation of emotions in text can be learned from text, without human intervention. Machine Learning provides tools to optimize these representations.

1.2 Emotion and Machine Learning

The field of Natural Language Processing has seen great advances in recent years thanks to the use of Machine Learning for automatic inference of language models. One of the first models to call the community's attention was Google's Word2Vec [Mikolov et al., 2013]. A model trained on news articles that allowed for complex language representation, like lexical arithmetic. This model has the model of an Autoencoder, and is therefore unsupervised.

After Word2Vec, a series of language models were created. Word2Vec successors include ELMo, GloVe, which are similar but consider more or different context when creating the language model. With the creation of the transformer in ML [Vaswani et al., 2017], a second wave of ML language models were created. XLM, GPT, BERT and its many iterations, all provide a language model that captures not only the representation of a word, but also its context.

These models learn to represent words from context: By looking at the words and sentences in a document, a contextualization is given to the use of a specific word, in every document. These language representations are far from a lexicon. They are numerical representations that, due to their

automatically learned creation, are difficult for humans to interpret. Once these models are trained on large amounts of data, the trained model can be stored, and re-distributed to be used in different language tasks. This is called a pre-trained model. For this reason, such a context-dependant model can be used in short sentences, or even single words: The model is in itself the abstraction of a large amount of language data, learned through text documents. There exist also models trained not on documents, but on dialogues. These models will not be used in the context of this project.

By observing the abstract representations of these models, one can learn how specific concepts are learned from text. An inference can be done of the usage of such concepts in text.

1.3 Problem setting

1.4 Project Description

1.5 Objective

Objetivo general: Analizar la representación de emociones en modelos del lenguaje en machine learning. Esto de manera objetiva y medible, y subjetiva, pero disponible al público para fomentar discusión sobre la representación de emociones en modelos de machine learning.

Objetivos secundarios Plantear una metodología para analizar un dataset de emociones, basado en modelos de lenguaje previamente entrenados.

Cómo consecuencia del objetivo anterior, a marco teórico y práctico se puede crear para el análisis de eficiencia de modelos previamente entrenados en datasets de clasificación de textos cortos, acompañados de una sola etiqueta. Ya que el resultado no está vinculado a la semántica de la etiqueta: (emociones). Pero la representatividad adecuada de las etiquetas en el espacio abstracto propuesto por el modelo, resulta en la más fácil clasificación de las observaciones y sus respectivas etiquetas.

1.6 Justification

Word Embeddings Numerically representing words is commonly known as word embedding. This allows for Machine Learning (ML) models to easily manipulate text data that would otherwise be an arbitrary encoding of text. With the advances in machine learning automatic word embedding

became a possible solution to avoid crowdsourcing. Several machine learning approaches try to automatically learn the best numeric representation for characters, words, or sentences given the context of a dataset. Recently there have been many efforts from research institutions to generalize these embeddings through the use of powerful models, and bigger datasets. Such is the case of BERT, a model created by Google with massive datasets.

Affect learning and its relevance The relevance of affect in text has increased since the popularization of text-based social networks, like twitter. There, individuals and organizations openly express their opinions. This creates an environment where implicit feedback about entities is present. An easy way to abstract popular opinion about a named entity is learning the affect expressed in text, such as a tweet. Affect can be a multidimensional phenomenon, but the most important dimension of it is valence: whether a text expresses positive or negative emotion.

Followed by equation 1.1

$$\begin{aligned}
A = \{ & 'a' : ['d', 'e', 'f', 'g'], \\
& 'b' : ['d', 'e', 'f', 'g'], \\
& 'c' : ['d', 'e', 'f', 'g'], \\
& 'd' : ['h'], \\
& 'e' : ['h'], \\
& 'f' : ['h'], \\
& 'g' : ['h'], \\
& 'h' : [] \}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

Chapter 2

Related Work

2.1 Lexicons

Mohamad and Turney created an Emotion Lexicon through crowdsourcing [?]. In this way an emotional word embedding was created by subjectively asking participants whether or not a word was related to a specific emotion.

2.2 Automatic Approaches

Vo and Zhang created an automatic approach to learning sentiment lexicons for short texts through the use of emojis [?]. This method uses the intrinsic usage of emojis to express positive or negative valence in a sentence, and exploded this to expand that valence to words used in the same context.

Maas et al created a method to learn word vectors for sentiment analysis [?].

By applying machine learned automatic embeddings, the creation of word embeddings based only on text data was open as a possibility. This is also a method that later became the popular Word2Vec method [?].

A refining of word embeddings has been suggested by Yu et al by means of a clustering algorithm on the vector space [Yu et al., 2017].

Rothe et al suggested an orthogonal transformation to word embeddings used on SemEval2015 which yielded ultradense word embeddings for affect [?].

A further exploration of transformations of a word vector space was done by Hollis et al by means of component analysis, thus creating models of semantics from text. These were applied to affect[?].

These studies have mostly been done with affect: positive and negative valences, but have mostly ignored other emotional dimensions.

2.3 Word Embeddings

2.4 Language Models

There is an incredible amount of pre-trained Machine Learned Language models. For this project we have selected models based on the following criteria:

- The model was trained with a large amount of general purpose language corpora.
- It represented a breakthrough in NLP tasks at the moment of its publication.
- The model has been reproduced, implemented, and tested in many ML language tasks.

Under this criteria, four models have been spotted as candidates for the experiment:

- Word2Vec: Words to Vectors
- GloVe: Global Vectors for Word Representation
- ELMo: Embeddings from Language Models
- BERT: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers

Word2Vec is the result of converting large corpus into itself, by using an auto-encoder method, with help of a one-hot encoding of the corpus vocabulary [?]. At the time of its publication it captured much attention, mostly due to the possibility of semantic arithmetic. This was tipified by the King - Man + Woman = Queen example. Due to the one-hot encoding step in the algorithm, it does not solve the problem of words with multiple meanings.

Glove is recognizable between other language models, for its linear sub-structures of meaning. Since it was trained on aggregated co-occurrence statistics, it captures semantic structure better than Word2Vec [?]. It still assigns a one-to-one representation of words and embedded vectors, so it does not solve ambiguities.

ELMo solved this last mentioned problem by analyzing context [?]. This was achieved by training on prediction of words in forwards and backwards passes. Even though this model solved the problem of context-dependant meaning, it was created with the premise that context in text is sequential, and it's architecture dependant on LSTMs showed this.

BERT was the first algorithm to solve this problem, by implementing a context-dependant learning, that is not based on the secuential structures. This was done with the use of Transformers. A deep learning architecture based on the atention model, that does not depend on secuential structures.

Both BERT and ELMo give different embeddings to words in different contexts, but BERT has proven better at solving language tasks. For this reason, only BERT will be used in this project.

One last model will be used as a mean of comparing results between the different models. This is FastText [?]. FastText is very similar to the algorithm with which word2vec was created. It creates a one hot encoding of a corpus, and creates a latent dimension through training either an autoencoder, for an unsupervised approach, or a classifier, for a supervised one. This algorithm requires traning on the corpus. Since the corpus selected on this project are relatively small, FastText provides a way to create a baseline for pretrained models, by analyzing what a basic model trained only on the corpus would look like.

Selected Language Models

Considering the prospective models, and the given criteria, the selected models for embedding the datasets are the following:

- Fasttext
- Word2Vec
- GloVe
- BERT

FastText

Python's FastText library[?] is used in this project. This provides two approaches for training the model: an unsupervised, and a supervised. The unsupervised requires a text file with one sentence per line. The algorithm is in charge of the tokenization. This of course only works in english. The supervised approach requires a similar file for the corpus, but at the end of every line, two underscores must be followed by the label of the given sentence.

Word2Vec

Since this pre-trained model has a one-to-one correspondance between word and embedding, a dictionary can be downloaded and imported via the gensim python library [?]. This model has been trained with the Google News [] corpus. It weights about 1.5 Gb, and has a latent space of 300 dimensions. It is supposed to be located at the url <https://code.google.com/archive/p/word2vec/>, but the file is not to be found. Forums on google groups for the word2vec (<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/word2vec-toolkit/z0Aw5powUco>) point several urls where the model can be found.

GloVe

This model, provided by the Standford University, is of easy access, and as Word2Vec, can be imported as a dictionary [?]. The download can be found under <https://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/>. This specific version selected was trained on the Wikipedia corpus, contains 6 billion words, uses 300 latent dimensions, and weights less than 1Gb.

BERT

The BERT model is trained not with one, but two types of tasks. The first one is masked word or sentence prediction, and a second one requires extra layers on the architecture and a fine-tunning training for task specific performance. [?] The pre-trained model that one can get is the language model trained with the masked-language task. This model is not as easy to get, since the default python libraries to import BERT, require training and fine-tunning. For this reason, the bert-embeddings python library has been selected for this task.

2.5 Analysis Algorithms

Two algorithms have been chosen for dimensionality reduction:

- PCA
- TSNE

PCA can be interpreted as a linear transformation on the input space, that yields the maximum explainability by the least amount of dimensions. While TSNE uses statistical information to maximize the distribution of information of groups, while minimizing the distribution of information within groups.

2.6 Datasets

There are many datasets of emotion in text on the internet, and finding them is not a new problem. Unfortunately, the methodology and rigor for their creation cannot be easily tested. A heavy use of the paper "An analysis of annotated corpora for emotion classification in text" by Klinger in 2018 [Klinger et al., 2018] was done. This paper not only collects information about the datasets, but also tests their validity in the context of a text classifier.

Inclusion Criteria

To be included into these experiments, the following criteria must be met by a dataset:

- The dataset must contain short labeled texts, in english.
- The label must be a single emotion, from an eckman-analogous emotional model.
- The labels must not be a reference to valence, arousal, dominance, or other affect models.

The text to be analyzed must be in english, since the methods and language models that we are testing will not all be available in other languages. The single-label criterion has been chosen due to the restriction of two-dimensional projections, and their visualizations as scatter plots. The label is to be expressed as a single color on scatter plots, and a multi-label problem would not present the effect desired when developing the desired intuitions.

Candidate datasets

For the datasets included in Klinger's original paper [Klinger et al., 2018] the naming in the paper was not followed. This is due to the inconsistencies between the paper and their github repository, which (as the moment of writing this thesis) was last updated on Dec 17 2019 (commit e58d676). The dataset naming conventions used here is the same as in the document called "unified dataset of emotion in text": <https://github.com/sarnthil/unify-emotion-datasets/tree/master/datasets>.

Lastly, the candidate list includes the datasets mentioned, but is not restricted to them:

- AffectiveText [Strapparava and Mihalcea, 2007]

- AIT-2018 [Mohammad et al., 2018]
- CrowdFlower
- DailyDialogs [Li et al., 2017]
- Emotion-Cause [Ghazi et al., 2015]
- Emotiondata-Aman [Aman, 2007]
- EmotionPush [Huang and Ku, 2018]
- EmoBank [Buechel and Hahn, 2017]
- fb-valence-arousal [Preotiu-Pietro et al., 2016]
- Friends [Chen et al., 2018]
- Grounded-Emotions [Liu et al., 2017]
- ISEAR International Survey On Emotion Antecedents And Reactions [Scherer and Wallbott]
- Tales [Alm et al., 2005]
- EmoInt [Mohammad and Bravo-Marquez, 2017]
- TEC The Twitter Emotion Corpus published [Mohammad, 2012]
- Electoral-Tweets [Mohammad et al., 2014]
- SSEC The Stance Sentiment Emotion Corpus published [Schuff et al., 2017]

The link to these datasets can be found under the github repository for the unified emotion datasets. <https://github.com/sarnthil/unify-emotion-datasets/tree/master/datasets> From this list, several datasets use an affective model of valence, arousal or dominance. Removing the datasets that do not explicitly comply with the inclusion criteria leaves the following:

- CrowdFlower
- DailyDialogs [Li et al., 2017]
- Emotion-Cause [Ghazi et al., 2015]
- fb-valence-arousal [Preotiu-Pietro et al., 2016]
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During the exploratory phase of this project, a subset of these datasets will be selected, giving priority to those with a more standardized, cleaner, or easier to access data. Models

2.7 Research Question

As a general research question we propose to answer the following: When using pre-trained models for word and sentence embedding, **is the information about the emotional and affective content or context of the word or sentence represented in the vector space?**

This question can be approached in three different ways:

- Is there a direct correlation between any of the dimensions of the vector space and human-labeled emotions and affect?
- Is there a linear transformation that will yield a direct correlation to the same human-labeled emotions?
- Is there a hierarchical structure that accurately represents the embedding of said labels?

Chapter 3

Methodology

To analyze the representation of emotions in different word embeddings, this project has been divided in two main parts: Embedding and Analysis. The embedding part includes selecting the intermediate representation of the dataset, and the usage of the language model to do so. The Analysis is focused on finding the information contained in the language models, through the exploration of the mentioned intermediate representation. A high emphasis on dimensionality-reducing visualizations was done in this last part. These allow for the development of intuitions that can be further explored through statistical tests.

The process for finding information on the desired embedded structure has been divided in consecutive steps, that represent progressive steps into finding structure in a dataset. The steps are the following:

1. **Correlation:** A correlation between embedded dimensions and labels.
2. **Linear Transformation:** A correlation between the labels and a linear transformation of the embedded dimensions.
3. **Non-Linear Transformation:** A non-linear transformation for obtaining separable clusters.
4. **Hierarchical clustering:** Clustering the embedded dimensions, or linear transformations of these.

These steps also correspond to the complexity of a theoretical classifier on the embedded dimension. The first one answering to the question: Can the output of the embeddings be used directly to classify the labels? The second step corresponds to asking if a linear transformation of the embedded space could yield a classifier. For example, can an LDA perform on this dataset and

embedding? The third question relates to the performance of a non-linear classifier. This is the case of a Single Layer Perceptron. Considering the embeddings can be used as an intermediate step, for a further classification, this step should already yield the results of baseline emotion classifiers. The fourth question relates to the relation of emotion and valence. Emotions tend to fit hierarchically into affective models of arousal and valence. [?] By searching for a hierarchy in the representation of emotions, we should be able to trace back the representation of valence [?].

Separating the methodology in this way, enables a progressive approximations approach to answering the research question. It is highly unlikely that a general language model in machine learning represents emotions into a single dimension in a linear manner, but it is increasingly more likely that some correlation is found with a linear transformation of the aforementioned. In case these two approaches present no information about emotions, a hierarchical clustering can extract the intrinsic information of affect in emotions. Since previous works have already shown that affect can be represented in vector spaces, created with a linear transformation of word embeddings[?], it would be contradictory to not find a hierarchical structure of emotions in this last step. If this were to happen, it would be reasonable to question the dataset and its methodology, or the contextual information lost in the embedding process.

3.1 Preliminaries

This research was managed as both, a research project, and a software development project. With scientific rigor, order, and reproducibility in mind, a git repository has been setup, where not only the working environment is provided, but also the history of the project development.

Environment Setup

The environment is all required hardware and software necessary to execute this computational experiment. Here it is presented how to reproduce the same environment, to be able to reproduce the results presented. A short organizational note is also included, to keep track of the project management.

Organizational

The project planning was laid out through three months: March, April and May of 2020. A total of twelve weeks were divided into four equal sprints,

where the four main tasks in the project were equally separated in time: Exploration and Preparation, Programming, Experiments, and Writing. The four sprints were described by tasks, further divided by sub-tasks. These were kept in track and followed by me, and both Supervisors through the Asana application[?].

The repository is accessible through github: <https://github.com/abcsds/MasterThesis>

Hardware

This project was implemented and executed in my personal computer: A Manjaro Linux x86_64, with Kernel 5.6.11-1-MANJARO. The available CPU is an Intel i7-8700K (12) @ 5.000GHz, and the GPU is an NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1080 Ti. A total of 15937MB of RAM memory were available for experiments, as well as 16GB of swap disk. Although much of the technology available for these experiments is more than necessary, the execution of some BERT models is not possible with these technical specifications. This influenced the selection of the BERT model to be used, and played a big part in selecting a pre-embedding of models.

Software

As mentioned, the development and execution were on a Linux Operating System (OS). The Distribution used was Manjaro. This OS is a rolling release distribution, so the version used changed along the development. This is one of the reasons why virtual development and execution environments were used: to keep reproducibility, and ensure a stable testing. The only reason for this OS to be used is that it is my personal computer. As a Version Control System (VCS), git was added to the repository. This enables distributed access and historical revision for anyone trying to reproduce or supervise the project. Several development tools were used. For text editing and script execution, Atom 1.46.0 [?] was used. Within the Atom environment, community packages were used to simplify the workflow: Hydrogen 2.14.1 [?], for example, allows the execution of python code from within the text editor, and can even show output of the lines executed. A list of the used packages is provided in ?? For some exploratory analysis, Jupyter Notebooks [?] were used. To run these, a specific virtual environment was created with Docker 19.03 [?] and NVIDIA-Docker. A docker image for these notebooks was created. The dockerfile of this image contains the libraries used for data exploration. The downloading of the BERT models ran in TensorFlow is also contained in this dockerfile. The description and

an initialization script for the virtual container are included in the project folder called "TF". While the notebooks provided were used for data exploration, and visualization. Most of the development was done on the text editor. For this, python virtual environments were created with the help of the `virtualenv` and `virtualenvwrapper` python libraries. For these, a "requirements.txt" file was provided with the libraries used, and their versions. When developping, the desired virtualenvironment was activated. After this, the atom editor is open on the desired folder. By doing so, the Hydrogen library takes the virtual environment for the execution of the code in the project. By developing in this way, the whole project is available from the folder view on Atom. Code can be executed, and tested on the run, as if it were a Jupyter notebook, but changes are immediately integrated into the code repository. This specific development environment was seleted to avoid conflicts between Jupyter Notebooks, and the VCS. The explorations are stored as notebooks, but cannot really represent the development of the project. The Python programming language was used for the programming of the current project. This is due to it's incredible flexibility, access to the main ML libraries, and the predisposition of the Wirtschaftsinformatik und Maschinelles Lernen Institut. Under Python's umbrella of libraries, several were specifically added to enable this study. A List of the used libraries is provided in the appendix ??.

Two main ML frameworks were selected for the current project: TensorFlow 2.1.0 [?] (TF), and PyTorch 1.4.0 [?] (Also called Torch, for simplicity.). TF was selected specifically for it's access to a pre-trained BERT library [] for embedding sentences. This was very usefull, since, compared to the Transformers library [?], it must not be fine-tunned. TF confronts developers with two main compatibility issues:

- The cuda library being used must be a specific version. Most TF libraries will only work under CUDA library 9.2. Some might run under 10.1, but not under 10.2. Since the development environment is a rolling release linux distribution, the latest version of libraries is provided. Installing multiple versions brings problems to the day-to-day usage. Since the environment is also my personal computer, a virtual environment with containers were used instead, and for these, NVIDIA-Docker.
- at the moment of the development of this project, TF is undergoing a major version change, from 1.x to 2.x. Many reference libraries, and all code I have creted, used, or studied in my masters is deprecated. The techniques learned during my studies need to be updated, and in many cases, re-learned. This is not an uncommon problem in technology, but it opens the opportunity for changing the work framework.

For all ML programming requirements that did not use the pre-trained BERT library, PyTorch was used. Certain algorithms were not programmed, but simply integrated from their implementation on python:

- FastText: This algorithm was not implemented. It's python library from the implementaiton of Facebook Research was used. [?]
- MulticoreTSNE: The TSNE algorithm was not implemented. Since it has heavy requirements on hardware, its implementation using distributed computing was used. [?]
- Normalize: The sklearn version of the normalization algorithm was used due to its optimization. [?]
- PCA: SKlearn version was used. [?]
- Tokenization: Part of the embedding pipeline requires the tokenization of the sentences. This was done with the Spacy library, and the "en'core'web'sm" model.[?]

The Datasets

Three datasets were selected to be used for this project. Here it's described how and when they were accessed, stored and embedded into the intermediate representation.

Access

Accessing datasets to train machine learning models is not a standardized process. The developer of every dataset is in charge of the distribution method. Fortunately, two of the three datasets used in this project were distributed by the same organization: the EmotionPush, and Friends datasets were, while CrowdFlower was distributed originally by a company with the same name.

The CrowdFlower dataset was downloaded from the official CrowdFlower website in October 2019. The url to this dataset is http://www.crowdflower.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/text_emotion.csv. As of May 20, 2020, this link still works, but the website www.CrowdFlower.com redirects to www.appen.com a company that "collects [data] to build [...] artificial intelligence systems." [?]TODO This company offers access to some open source datasets, but the mentioned crowdflower emotion dataset is not listed there. A discussion on this is provided on chapter ??

The EmotionPush and Friends datasets were distributed as part of the EmotionX Task, which in turn is part of a set of Social NLP tasks, created

by the Academia Sinica of Taiwan. [?] To access this datasets, one must register on the EmotionX 2019 website: <https://sites.google.com/view/emotionx2019>. Access to a google drive is then granted via email, and a zip file with both datasets can be downloaded. This dataset has been used more than once in different analysis on the internet, and it can be therefore accessed without permissions to the official method. Here, the original dataset is used.

Storage

The datasets were downloaded and stored under the project folder "data". Since every dataset is provided in different format and under different folder structures, every dataset is simply stored inside a folder with it's name. Under the datasets folder, every selected dataset is accompanied by folders with the embedding model used to embed the dataset. Thus every dataset folder has several subfolders. On these subfolders, a python script called "embed.py". This script varies for every model and dataset. In general terms, it extracts the text and label from the dataset, embeds the text into the desired model, and stores it in a "csv" file under the same folder. The "csv" file is stored under the name "embedded.py", except for the FastText model. In this case, there are two embedding approaches, one supervised and one unsupervised. Thus the names of the FastText embedding files are "embeddings'supervised.csv", and "embeddings'unsupervised.csv". Every other script creates a single "csv" file called "embeddings.csv".

This file structure of the embedded files allows for exploration and experimental scripts to access the embedded data of different datasets, by building a single string with the dataset and model selected. This string must be prepended by the "./data/" folder name, and appended with the "embeddings.csv" string to generate a path that creates accesibility to the different datasets via a python coma-separated-value library, such as the built in `csv`, or Pandas [?] and it's `read_csv` function. This effectively create a data source to be used in a data pipeline. This approach was selected due to it's simplicity.

Embedding

The comparisson of the representation of different language models in this project requires a convergence of many different techniques. For this reason it was chosen to embed the datasets into an intermediate format, to later use them in experiments.

The embedding of the datasets is comprised of 5 steps:

1. Loading model, text, and labels.

2. Tokenizing text.
3. Embedding every token into the model latent space.
4. Average the given embedded words.
5. Store the average sentence embedding.

Loading text, and labels was done with either the CSV[?] or the JSON[?] python library, depending on the format of the data.

Tokenizing was done with Spacy's "en_core_web_sm" model, which allows access to the tokens via an iterator on the model, and the sub-component "text". An small snippet showing this process is shown in 3.1. This snippet considers a model has been loaded as a dictionary on tokens.

Listing 3.1: Tokenizing with Spacy

```
import spacy
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
for token in nlp("This is a sentence in English"):
    word_embedding = model[token.text]
```

Every token is embedded in this way, but some models might not contain some tokens. In this case, the token is simply skipped. Some tokens with relevant information can be lost with using pretrained models that don't contain the complete vocabulary of the dataset, but it is expected, that the information distribution converge to the real distribution when large number of samples are integrated. This problem is later discussed in relation to training a model from zero ??.

Once every token has been embedded into the model's latent space. A simple average is done across the tokens, keeping the dimensionality of the vector representation, and effectively creating a sentence embedding, represented in the model's latent space. This technique was selected since it's the most common [?] method for sentence representation. With this method, the sequential nature of the tokens in the sentence is lost, in favor of providing a constant sized sentence embedding to compare between methods and datasets.

Lastly, the sentence embeddings are stored along with the label information. For this, the CSV format was selected, due to it's interoperability, and accessibility. The statistics library Pandas has an excellent csv reader, but the data can also be imported into spreadsheet software, other statistical software, or very quickly loaded on to python with the CSV library. Every CSV file contains a header on the first row. The header is composed by

$N + 1$ columns where N is the number of latent dimensions in the model. The last column is the "Emotion" column, where the label is stored. The name of every column starts with the letter `d`; and is followed by consecutive numbers.

Since every pre-trained model is different, there were specific requirements on loading the model and embedding the tokens:

FastText

As previously mentioned, the FastText algorithm is an exception in this project, since it is NOT a pretrained model. The model is trained based on the dataset given. This can be done in a supervised, or an unsupervised manner. Due to the two methods for the usage of the FastText python library, the process of embedding a dataset with it requires two extra text files one with a sentence per line, and a second one, which includes the label as the last word of every line, prepended by two underscores (`--`).

In both ways of training, the language model is being trained specifically for the dataset vocabulary. For this reason, all tokens will be available in the model's vocabulary, resulting in the most complete language model. This is at the cost of representing only the topics on the dataset. This is therefore also not a general language model.

Word2Vec

Word2Vec is trained in a very similar way as fasttext. Therefore, the expected results are similar. Word2Vec is treated within the context of this experiments as the pre-trained equivalent of fast text. The same number of latent dimensions, and a similar training approach were used. In this case, if a word in the dataset is not contained in the Word2Vec model, it is dropped, and its analysis won't be included in the results of this project. Word2Vec was trained with a very large corpus, it is therefore considered a general language model.

The pre-trained model has been stored under the project folder `./models/Word2Vec/GoogleNe` `vectors-negative300.bin.gz`. The gensim python library is used to load the model in binary format without having to decompress it. This model is loaded as a dictionary. An example of this is shown in snippet 3.2 that considers an iterator over a tokenized sentence.

Listing 3.2: Loading Word2Vec

```
import gensim
```

```
model =  
    gensim.models.KeyedVectors.load_word2vec_format(model_path,  
        binary=True)  
for token in tokenized_sentence:  
    word_embedding = model[token]
```

GloVe

Pre-trained GloVe models can be downloaded from the official website [TODO](https://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/). This model was downloaded and stored under the project folder `./models/GloVe/glove.6B/glove.6B`. The name of this file contains two numbers: 6B is the number of words that are represented in this model, while 300d is the number of latent dimensions used to represent the vocabulary. This model has been trained for 50, 100, 200, and 300 dimensions. Since a smaller number of dimensions represents a lesser capability for representing complex language concepts [?], the larger version of this model was selected. This also coincides with the number of dimensions used in Word2Vec, which makes results easier to compare.

BERT

Although BERT is a pretrained model, it's original distribution is considered to be only partially trained. On the original paper [?], a fine-tuning task-specific phase is mentioned, and generally required for the model to work best. This finetuning also presents a great infrastructure challenge, since some pre-trained BERT models simply won't fit into a personal computer's RAM.

For this reason, the pre-trained BERT embedding library <https://github.com/imgarylai/bert-embedding> was used. This library allows for a selection of the BERT model, and the embedding of the whole sentence, without tokenization. The result is a json-like dictionary in Python that contains both the original sentence and the embedded sentence.

To be able to run the embedding notebook, provided under the project folder `exploration/Embedding with bert.ipynb`; the following requirements should be met:

- Docker \geq 19.03
- NVIDIA Container Toolkit
- This Docker TF Image: `'tensorflow/tensorflow:2.1.0-gpu-py3-jupyter'`

On Linux, the a correct installation of the nvidia-docker environment would yield a successful run of the following command: `docker run --gpus all --rm nvidia/cuda nvidia-smi`

To build the docker image for this project, one must open a terminal on the "TF" project folder and run the following docker instruction: `docker build -t bert .` where bert is the name of the image to be created. Once this image has been built, docker can create containers with it. So to run the container necessary for the BERT embedding, the following command is used inside the project folder: `docker run --gpus all -p 8888:8888 -v $(pwd):/tf -it bert.` This last command will run a docker container, based on the "tensorflow:2.1.0-gpu-py3-jupyter" image, connect it to the localhost port 8888, and integrate the project folder to the jupyter server running on the container.

Docker is used to comply with the complex requirements of TensorFlow, CUDA, and the bert-embeddings. Once the Jupyter server is running, the notebook can be opened, and executed. The loading of the model is shown in the following snippet 3.3:

Listing 3.3: Loading BERT

```
from bert_embedding import BertEmbedding
bert_embedding = BertEmbedding(model='bert_24_1024_16',
                                dataset_name='book_corpus_wiki_en_cased')
```

Here, the selected model is shown. This is a model with 1024 latent dimensions, trained on the Wikipedia corpus, and with case sensitivity. This means that words lowercase and uppercase letters will be embedded differently.

Within the notebook, a function was created to embed the datasets. This receives three arguments: a list of the sentences, a list of the labels, and the name of the output file, as a string. The embedding function is shown here:

Listing 3.4: Embedding with BERT

```
def embed_and_save(X, Y, outpath):
    E = np.array([np.mean(t[1], axis=0) for t in bert_embedding(X)])
    with open(outpath, 'w', newline='') as f:
        fieldnames = [f"d{i}" for i in range(len(E[0]))] +
            ['emotion']
        writer = csv.DictWriter(f, fieldnames=fieldnames)
        writer.writeheader()
        for e, l in zip(E, Y):
            writer.writerow(dict({f"d{i}": ei for i, ei in
                                enumerate(e)}, **{'emotion': l}))"
```

Running the embeddings for the datasets reported the following data:

Dataset	User	System	Total	Wall
CrowdFlower	user 3h 57min 7s	13min 11s	4h 10min 18s	1h 5min 33s
EmotionPush	user 1h 28min 35s	5min 25s	1h 34min 1s	24min 31s
Friends	user 1h 26min 40s	5min 3s	1h 31min 44s	24min 9s

Table 3.1: Runtimes for embedding datasets with BERT

This is much less than the several days verbally reported by colleagues at the ISMML. This might be due to the use of pre-trained models, and not running back-propagation to fine-tune the language models.

While running the embeddings, almost no GPU memory was used. This signals that the library is actually not making use of the GPU resources available. This also might mean that the embedding of the datasets might be much faster if the correct hardware resources are used.

At the beginning of the Year 2020, the library seemed a reliable way of getting the embedding done quickly. It allowed for embedding of the complete datasets in matter of minutes. Since I had been warned BERT embeddings could take days, I saw this as a great advantage, and kept the method. Unfortunately as of May 2020, this library has been deprecated. It's unmaintained, and has requirements that might only be achievable under very specific conditions. This will not be a problem for reproduction, as long as the library is still available, and the provided docker image is used.

3.2 Analysis

The python scripts to analyze the data are found under the folder `./exploration`; where they are numbered, and named. The order of the scripts corresponds to the progressive steps in the search for structure in the embedded spaces. The scripts are the following:

1. `01_corr.py`
2. `02_pca.py`
3. `03_tsne.py`

The order of these scripts corresponds to the methodology proposed in this thesis. They generate the visualizations, and test the hypothesis on the

data. The last step in the methodology, Clustering, has been performed in all scripts. The scripts each contain a list of strings. Every string in that list is the relative path of one of the pre-processed datasets. These strings can be commented out. In doing so, the analysis will not be run on that specific instance. The full list is declared as follows:

Listing 3.5: Pre-processed datasets

```
dss = ["data/CrowdFlower/FastText/embeddings_unsupervised.csv",
      "data/CrowdFlower/FastText/embeddings_supervised.csv",
      "data/CrowdFlower/GloVe/embeddings.csv",
      "data/CrowdFlower/Word2Vec/embeddings.csv",
      "data/CrowdFlower/BERT/embeddings.csv",
      "data/EmotionPush/FastText/embeddings_unsupervised.csv",
      "data/EmotionPush/FastText/embeddings_supervised.csv",
      "data/EmotionPush/GloVe/embeddings.csv",
      "data/EmotionPush/Word2Vec/embeddings.csv",
      "data/EmotionPush/BERT/embeddings.csv",
      "data/Friends/FastText/embeddings_unsupervised.csv",
      "data/Friends/FastText/embeddings_supervised.csv",
      "data/Friends/GloVe/embeddings.csv",
      "data/Friends/Word2Vec/embeddings.csv",
      "data/Friends/BERT/embeddings.csv"]
```

This was done so to facilitate the integration of new datasets or models to the analysis. As mentioned before ??, the csv file contains a line for every sentence in the dataset, with the number of columns equal to the dimensionality of the model, plus one, for the label.

Every analysis script separates the embedded sentence from the label, into two structures:

- X : contains all the embedded sentences, and is therefore of size $N \times M$, where N is the number of sentences in the dataset, and M is the number of latent dimensions in the model.
- Y : contains all the labels of the dataset, and is of size $N \times 1$.

Correlational Analysis

The correlational analysis runs the numpy `corcoef` ?? algorithm between every dimension of the model, and the labels vector. A snippet of the algorithm can be seen in listing 3.6

Listing 3.6: Correlation Algorithm

```

1  cors = []
2  for emotion in ind:
3      y = (Y == emotion).astype(int)
4      cor_p_sent = []
5      for j in range(X.shape[1]):
6          x = normalize(X[:, j].reshape(-1, 1)).reshape(-1)
7          c = np.corrcoef(x, y)[1,0]
8          cor_p_sent.append(c)
9      cors.append(cor_p_sent)
10 cors = np.array(cors)
11 x = np.nan_to_num(cors)

```

The correlation is done between every dimension, and every emotion. Therefore, the labels vector is filtered with the selected emotion, as it can be seen on line 3. This results in a vector of size N filled with zeros, except in the places where the selected emotion is the label. This ones-and-zeros vector is the reason why the dimensions vector is normalized. The latent space of every model is different. By normalizing it, we restrict the embedding values between 0 and 1, since the default normalization algorithm uses the L2 norm. The next step, evaluating the numpy `corrcoef` function, returns the Pearson product-moment correlation matrix. A matrix is formed from the correlations of every dimension, against every emotion. The resulting matrix is then of size $M \times E$, where E is the number of the emotions labeled in the dataset.

Linear Dimentionality Reduction

For a linear dimensionality reduction algorithm, PCA has been selected. The methodology here only differs from the linear correlation analysis in that a PCA transformation is preformed before examining correlations. It looks as follows:

Listing 3.7: PCA correlation Algorithm

```

projection = PCA().fit_transform(X)
cors = []
for emotion in ind:
    y = (Y == emotion).astype(int)
    cor_p_sent = []
    for j in range(projection.shape[1]):
        x = normalize(projection[:, j].reshape(-1, 1)).reshape(-1)
        c = np.corrcoef(x, y)[1,0]

```



```
        cor_p_sent.append(c)
    cors.append(cor_p_sent)
cors = np.array(cors)
x = np.nan_to_num(cors)
```

Non-Linear Dimentionality Reduction

The non-linear dimensionality reduction algorithm selected was the T-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (TSNE). This uses the distribution information from the embedded sentences to search for a linearly-separable two-dimensional projection. This algorithm was selected for its relationship to visualizations. The multi-core algorithm from the MulticoreTSNE library was used [?].

Clustering Analysis

The clustering algorithm used was SciPy's linkage algorithm, a part of the cluster.hierarchy library [?]. This algorithm is an agglomerative, or bottom-up clustering algorithm. It measures euclidian distance between the selected data points, and clusters them one by one. The result of this algorithm can be seen as a dendrogram plot, next to every heatmap in the results section 4.2.

Chapter 4

Experiments

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Emolex

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4.1 Performance

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Chapter 5

Conclusion

Thanks to the work done in this project a new method for the creation of an emotional model can be created. A prospect model of emotions in text can be created by using explicit textual expressions of emotion. An example of an explicit expression of emotion is: "I feel sad". By removing the emotional word from this sentence, we can obtain an emotion-neutral emotion context. By parsing a corpus for these specific sentences, mapping them on to a pre-trained-model vector space, and reproducing a separation method like PCA, the transformation that better captures the different emotional contexts can be obtained. This transformation can latter be used for non-explicit expressions of emotion. This model of emotions can be context and language specific, but the methodology is not restricted to any language, or even expressions of emotion. It is in general a method for analyzing conceptualizations of pre-trained language models.

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