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1. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, the World Wide Web has transformed from a large, static library that people only browse into a vast and dynamic information resource. Relying on this, social networks is a very popular and powerful tool for expressing opinions, broadcasting news, and simply communicating

with friends. People using them for commenting on significant events in real time, with several hundred micro-blogs posted each second.

The most popular micro-blogging service is Twitter. The popularity of Twitter stems from its availability on a number of different electronic devices (web and cell phones. There is a prevalence of a subculture in Twitter that encourages users to acquire a large friend pool, as well as send tweets on a wide variety of subjects, typically several times a day.

Monitoring and analysing this rich and continuous flow of user-generated content can yield unprecedentedly valuable information, which would not have been available from traditional media outlets. Tweets can be seen as a dynamic source of information enabling individuals, corporations, and government organizations to stay informed of what is happening now. For instance, people would be interested in getting advice, opinions, facts, or updates on news or events. Companies are increasingly using Twitter to advertise and recommend products, brands, and services; to build and maintain reputations; to analyse users' sentiment regarding their products (or those of their competitors); to respond to customers' complaints; and to improve decision making and business intelligence. Twitter has also emerged as a fast communication channel for gathering and spreading breaking news, for predicting election results, and for sharing political events and conversations. It has also become an important analytical tool for crime prediction and monitoring terrorist activities.

Twitter promotes an attractive style stating breaking news, as there is very little lag between the time that an event happens or is first reported in the news media and the time at which it is the subject of a posting on Twitter. Twitter can be characterized as an endless database, which collects millions of real-time short text messages every second. Tweets also have a mechanism by which the user can link to other objects on the web such as articles, images or videos which is typically used to link tweets to related material on the Internet. Thereafter, the first result is that the size of information is multiplied and the variety of references is bigger, as well. These messages are not only just data, but they can

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be manipulated efficiently. One well-timed subject of research is to use those messages for event detection. In other words, the tweets is a source of inventing which topics are more seasonable. Event detection has also instant impact on the world, through the quick transmission of the news and necessary briefing in some cases.

With the passage of time and the effect of more and more users the topic acquire much popularity. Through this phenomenon we can form a general summarization of the event. This process is called event summarization. The massive crowd keeps close pace with the development of trending topics and provide the timely updated information. Twitter has shown its powerful ability in information delivery in many events, like the wildfires in San Diego and the earthquake in Japan. In response to searches for ongoing events, today's major search engines simply find tweets that match the query terms, and present the most recent ones. This approach has the advantage of leveraging existing query matching technologies, and for simple one-shot events such as earthquakes it works well. However, for events that have "structure" or are long-running, and where users are likely to want a summary of all occurrences so far, this approach is often unsatisfactory.

Event detection is a growing domain of research. Many different species of algorithms have been detected regarding this sector. A common approach are techniques that are based on text categorization. In addition, there are some methods that reclaim the display frequency of each term.

The computational treatment of sentiment has recently attracted a great deal of attention, in part because of its potential applications. One of the main reasons for sentiment analysis is the aforementioned increase of user-generated content on the Web which has resulted in a wealth of information that is potentially of vital importance to institutions and companies. Typically, document-based sentiment analysis processes operate at a particular level, i.e. at the word or sentence level, for extracting a document's sentiment. In machine learning, the most popular approach for sentiment analysis, the selection of appropriate features for representing a document is crucial. In sentiment identification at the word level different types of features have been introduced, which are either sentiment-based (e.g. words which express a specific sentiment), syntactic-based (e.g. part-of-speech and n-grams), or semantic-based (e.g. semantic word vector spaces which capture the meaning of each word).

Document-level polarity classification is not a special case of text categorization with sentiment -rather than topic-based categories. Hence, standard machine learning classification techniques, such as support vector machines (SVMs), can be applied to the entire documents themselves. Nevertheless, some researches presented a technique that it is easy to improve the accuracy, by integrating sentence-level subjectivity detection with document-level sentiment polarity.

As we know, in the machine learning approach, each classifier is trained using a collection of representative data. In contrast, the semantic-orientation approach does not require prior training; instead, it measures a word containing positive or negative sentiment. Each approach has its own benefits and drawbacks. For example, the machine learning approach tends to be more accurate, but the semantic-orientation approach has better generality. Recently, a new lexicon-enhanced method was accrued to generate a set of sentiment words based on a sentiment lexicon as a new fea-

ture dimension. It combines these sentiment features with content-free and content-specific features used in the existing machine-learning approach. In the evaluation stage, they showed that adding the new set of sentiment features can increase sentiment-classification performance.

The Internet and other communication technologies play a potentially disruptive role on the constraints imposed on social networks. These technologies reduce the overhead and cost for being introduced to new people regardless of geography, and help us stay in touch with those we know. Some have even gone so far as to call this "the end of geography," where the process of relationship formation becomes disentangled from distance altogether.

However, geography still plays an important role. The reason is because of the strong relationship between event detection and geographical location each user belongs. Twitter is a social networking website, which means that users need not be viewed in isolation, but instead can be viewed as part of a large network of other users, user groups, and user cliques. Moreover, users have some meta-data information, such as description, source location, friends, which means that the social network structure in Twitter can aid in finding users that are most likely to tweet about news belonging to a particular geographic location or region.

The rise of micro-blogging services spurred various applications to mine the data coming from those services. Many such applications could benefit from information about the location of users, but unfortunately location information is currently very sparse. The main problem is that less than 1 per cent of tweets are geo-tagged and information available from the location field in users' profiles is unreliable at best. The benefits of mining those data promises new personalized information services, including local news summarized from tweets of nearby Twitter users, the targeting of regional advertisements, spreading business information to local customers, and novel location-based applications (e.g., Twitter-based earthquake detection, which can be faster than through traditional official channels).

There is a great number of geoinference using social networks. One direction has produced approaches that claim to accurately locate the majority of posts within tens of kilometres of their true locations. Another method predicts the location of an individual from a sparse set of located users with performance that exceeds IP-based geolocation. On the side, there is also a technique that predicts locations of Twitter users at different granularities, such as city, state, or time zone, using the content of their tweets and their tweeting behaviour.

Getting started the first section of this survey is the presentation of some techniques that aim to event detection. The survey detects both algorithms that are based on text categorization and frequency display methods. The second chapter deals with techniques of sentiment analysis. We give more weight on techniques that use machine learning. The last chapter unfolds methods for location identification.

2. EVENT DETECTION

Given a series of twitter posts, the goal of event detection is to extract a particular event by analysing the text or hashtag of a tweet. The process of event detection is not a lenient task as tweets stream in huge volumes and the level of noise is kept high [24]. On the other hand, the huge volume of the stream allows the use of streaming algorithms,

thus making event detection an accomplishable task [24].

The conventional approach for this problem is to represent the documents as term frequency vectors [24]. When a new document arrives, it is compared to all previous ones, and if its similarity to a specific document called "centroid" is below a threshold, the new document is registered as a new event [24]. Unfortunately, this simple approach doesn't perform well as the dimensionality of the data expands.

Twitter's users usually tweet about their personal life, personal opinions, taste in music etc., which makes the majority of tweets unsuitable for our purpose. Although, when a noteworthy event occurs, a lot of users tweet about it. The goal of event detection is to detect these events in an automatic fashion, keeping the noise (tweets that are not events) as low as possible [24].

2.1 Strategies for event detection?

As stated before, tweets stream in high rates and capture the pulse of the moment, therefore occupying us to process them right away [25]. This is accomplished by using algorithms that are online in nature, meaning they can on inputs that are not known beforehand[25].

Tweets are inherently noisy since most of them concern small user groups. In order to improve the results of event detection we first have to improve the input by extracting only useful information from noise [25]. Even then, information that concerns us is still limited by the upper character limit set for each tweet, currently at 140 characters. Bad use of language, spelling errors and special puns also negatively affect the outcome of event detection.

Twitter is an evolving platform where users come and go, and become friends and followers with each other. When designing event detection algorithms, one should keep in mind the above aspects and make the algorithms adapt well to new knowledge, otherwise watch them fail as time passes [25].

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3. CONCLUSIONS

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