

TWITTER SENTIMENT ANALYSIS USING PYTHON

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Abstract

Sentiment Analysis is the process of 'computationally' determining whether a piece of writing is positive, negative or neutral. It's also known as opinion mining, deriving the opinion or attitude of a speaker. It can also be used to compare any queries or determine overall sentiment based on the public opinion on social media.

- ➤ Business: In marketing field companies use it to develop their strategies, to understand customers' feelings towards products or brand.
- ➤ Politics: keep track of political view, to detect consistency and inconsistency between statements and actions at the government level. It can be used to predict election results as well!
- ➤ Public Actions: Sentiment analysis also is used to monitor and analyze social phenomena

We take user input for a query, fetch tweets for that keyword/s and tag each of the tweet as positive or negative to estimate the general sentiment.

Methodology

Libraries:

Tweepy

It is used to authenticate user for accessing the Twitter API We create an instance of the OAuthHandler type and pass the parameters:

- a. Consumer Key
- b. Consumer Secret
- c. Access Token
- d. Access Token Secret

❖ TextBlob

TextBlob is a Python library for processing textual data. First we call clean_tweet method to remove links, special characters, etc. Then, as we pass tweet to create a TextBlob object. Further, the TextBlob library

- a. tokenizes the tweet
- b. Remove stopwords from the tokens
- c. assigns it a polarity value ranging from -1.0 to 1.0

Installation:

Tweepy: tweepy is the python client for the official Twitter API.

Install it using following pip command:

```
pip install tweepy
```

TextBlob: <u>textblob</u> is the python library for processing textual data.

Install it using following pip command:

```
pip install textblob
```

Also, we need to install some NLTK corpora using following command:

```
python -m textblob.download corpora
```

(Corpora is nothing but a large and structured set of texts.)

Authentication:

In order to fetch tweets through Twitter API, one needs to register an App through their twitter account. Follow these steps for the same:

- Open this link and click the button: 'Create New App'
- Fill the application details. You can leave the callback url field empty.
- Once the app is created, you will be redirected to the app page.
- Open the 'Keys and Access Tokens' tab.
- * Copy 'Consumer Key', 'Consumer Secret', 'Access token' and 'Access Token Secret'.

We follow these 3 major steps in our program:

- ❖ Authorize twitter API client.
- ❖ Make a GET request to Twitter API to fetch tweets for a particular query.

❖ Parse the tweets. Classify each tweet as positive, negative or neutral.

Working of the code:

- ❖ First of all, we create a **TwitterClient** class. This class contains all the methods to interact with Twitter API and parsing tweets. We use __init__ function to handle the authentication of API client.
- ❖ In **get_tweets** function, we use:

```
fetched_tweets = self.api.search(q = query, count =
count)
```

to call the Twitter API to fetch tweets.

❖ In **get_tweet_sentiment** we use textblob module.

```
analysis = TextBlob(self.clean tweet(tweet))
```

TextBlob is actually a high level library built over top of <u>NLTK</u> library. First we call **clean_tweet** method to remove links, special characters, etc. from the tweet using some simple regex.

Then, as we pass **tweet** to create a **TextBlob** object, following processing is done over text by textblob library:

- o Tokenize the tweet ,i.e split words from body of text.
- Remove stopwords from the tokens.(stopwords are the commonly used words which are irrelevant in text analysis like I, am, you, are, etc.)
- Do POS(part of speech) tagging of the tokens and select only significant features/tokens like adjectives, adverbs, etc.
- o Pass the tokens to a **sentiment classifier** which classifies the tweet sentiment as positive, negative or neutral by assigning it a polarity between -1.0 to 1.0.
- **!** Here is how **sentiment classifier** is created:
 - TextBlob uses a Movies Reviews dataset in which reviews have already been labelled as positive or negative.

- Positive and negative features are extracted from each positive and negative review respectively.
- Training data now consists of labelled positive and negative features. This data is trained on a Naive Bayes Classifier.

Then, we use **sentiment.polarity** method of **TextBlob** class to get the polarity of tweet between -1 to 1.

Then, we classify polarity as:

• Finally, parsed tweets are returned. Then, we can do various type of statistical analysis on the tweets. For example, in above program, we tried to find the percentage of positive, negative and neutral tweets about a query.

Code

```
import re
import tweepy
from tweepy import OAuthHandler
from textblob import TextBlob
```

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class TwitterClient(object):
    . . .
    Generic Twitter Class for sentiment analysis.
    . . .
    def init (self):
        . . .
        Class constructor or initialization method.
        1 1 1
        # keys and tokens from the Twitter Dev Console
        consumer_key = '6kQ0i7tHfnDpn0600qZ0Bleie'
        consumer secret
'vvfHQmD6G0gSifbycqjllLgmhA51HscQ89zPRpET8tZx4brlk7'
                                     '1416842455178043394-
        access token
ZkvEjSyla1nphIc04mTDaYCHXpw1Dz'
        access token secret
'9TyC4ev6Ko5EM6ZflBbkKVqZsU0su6UTF2YFsXtFUajDj'
        # attempt authentication
        try:
            # create OAuthHandler object
                                     OAuthHandler(consumer_key,
            self.auth =
consumer secret)
            # set access token and secret
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self.auth.set access token(access token,
access token secret)
            # create tweepy API object to fetch tweets
            self.api = tweepy.API(self.auth)
        except:
            print("Error: Authentication Failed")
    def clean tweet(self, tweet):
        . . .
        Utility function to clean tweet text by removing links,
special characters
        using simple regex statements.
        1 1 1
        return ' '.join(re.sub("(@[A-Za-z0-9]+)|([^0-9A-Za-z
\t| (\w+:\//\S+) ", " ", tweet).split())
    def get tweet sentiment(self, tweet):
        . . .
        Utility function to classify sentiment of passed tweet
        using textblob's sentiment method
        1 1 1
        # create TextBlob object of passed tweet text
        analysis = TextBlob(self.clean tweet(tweet))
        # set sentiment
        if analysis.sentiment.polarity > 0:
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return 'positive'
        elif analysis.sentiment.polarity == 0:
            return 'neutral'
        else:
            return 'negative'
    def get tweets(self, query, count=100):
        1 1 1
        Main function to fetch tweets and parse them.
        1 1 1
        # empty list to store parsed tweets
        tweets = []
        try:
            # call twitter api to fetch tweets
            fetched tweets = self.api.search tweets(q=query,
count=count, result type='popular')
            # parsing tweets one by one
            for tweet in fetched tweets:
                # empty dictionary to store required params of
a tweet
                parsed tweet = {}
                # saving text of tweet
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parsed tweet['text'] = tweet.text
                # saving sentiment of tweet
                parsed tweet['sentiment']
self.get tweet sentiment(
                    tweet.text)
                # appending parsed tweet to tweets list
                if tweet.retweet count > 0:
                    # if tweet has retweets, ensure that it is
appended only once
                    if parsed tweet not in tweets:
                        tweets.append(parsed tweet)
                else:
                    tweets.append(parsed tweet)
            # return parsed tweets
            return tweets
        except tweepy. Tweepy Exception as e:
            # print error (if any)
            print("Error : " + str(e))
def main():
    # creating object of TwitterClient Class
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api = TwitterClient()
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    # q = input("Enter the query keywords: ")
    tweets = api.get tweets(query='india', count=200)
    # picking positive tweets from tweets
   ptweets = [tweet for tweet in tweets if tweet['sentiment']
== 'positive']
    # percentage of positive tweets
   print("Positive tweets percentage: {} %".format(
        100 * len(ptweets) / len(tweets)))
    # picking negative tweets from tweets
    ntweets = [tweet for tweet in tweets if tweet['sentiment']
== 'negative']
    # percentage of negative tweets
    print("Negative tweets percentage: {} %".format(
        100 * len(ntweets) / len(tweets)))
    # percentage of neutral tweets
   print("Neutral tweets percentage: {} % \
        ".format(100 \star (len(tweets) - (len(ntweets) +
len(ptweets))) / len(tweets)))
    # printing first 5 positive tweets
   print("\n\nPositive tweets:")
    for tweet in ptweets[:10]:
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```
print(tweet['text'])

# printing first 5 negative tweets
print("\n\nNegative tweets:")

for tweet in ntweets[:10]:
    print(tweet['text'])

print('\n')

if __name__ == "__main__":
    # calling main function
    main()
```

Output

Query : 'India'

Query: 'Elon musk'