

# Capstone Project - 3

**Team 4: Predicting the News  
Popularity in  
Multiple Social Media Platforms**

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# Problem Statement

This is a large data set of news items and their respective social feedback on multiple platforms: Facebook, Google+ and LinkedIn. The collected data relates to a period of 8 months, between November 2015 and July 2016, accounting for about 100,000 news items on four different topics: Economy, Microsoft, Obama and Palestine.



# Data Encapsulation

**IDLink (numeric):** Unique identifier of news items

**Title (string):** Title of the news item according to the official media sources

**Headline (string):** Headline of the news item according to the official media sources

**Source (string):** Original news outlet that published the news item

**Topic (string):** Query topic used to obtain the items in the official media sources

**PublishDate (timestamp):** Date and time of the news items' publication

**SentimentTitle (numeric):** Sentiment score of the text in the news items' title

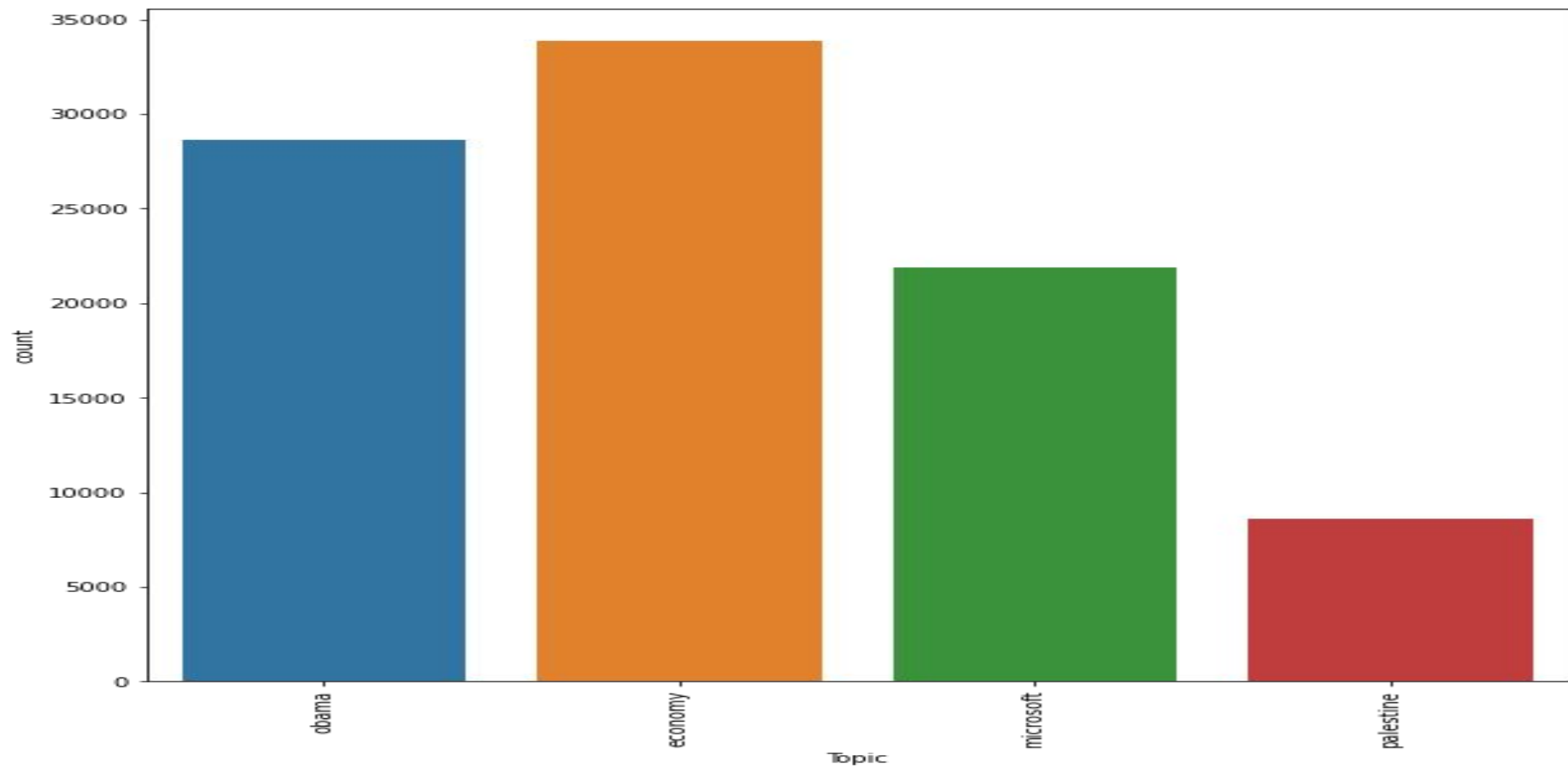
**SentimentHeadline (numeric):** Sentiment score of the text in the news items' headline

**Facebook (numeric):** Final value of the news items' popularity according to the social media source Facebook

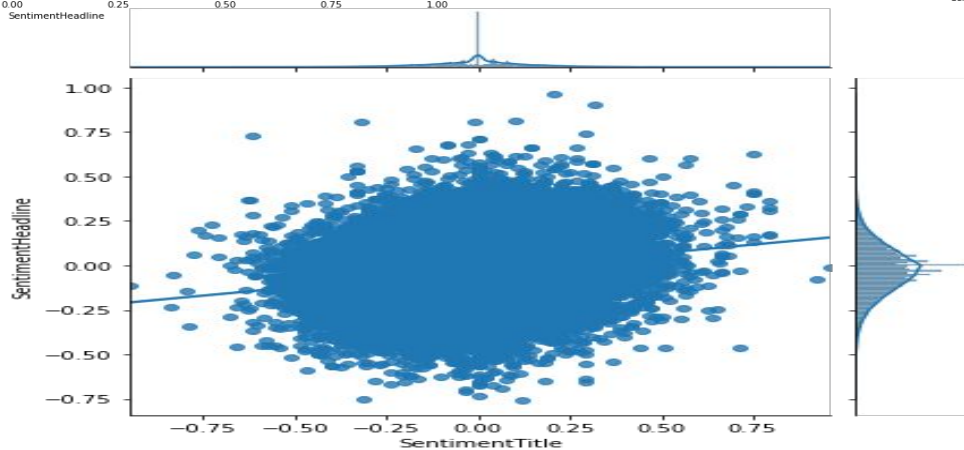
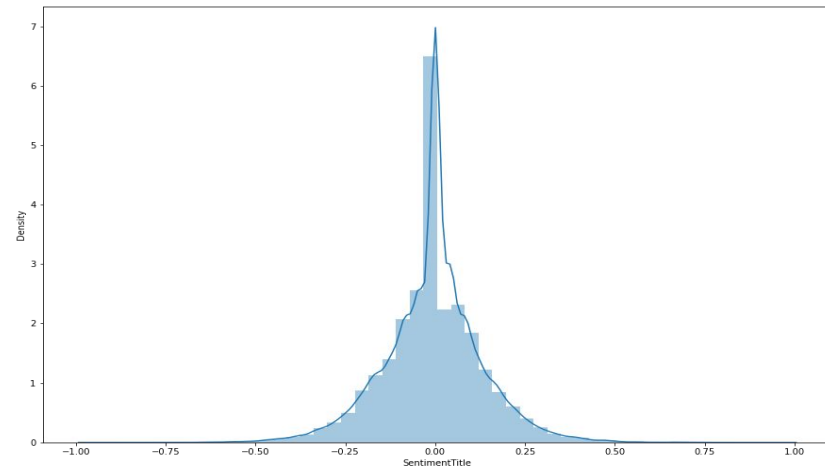
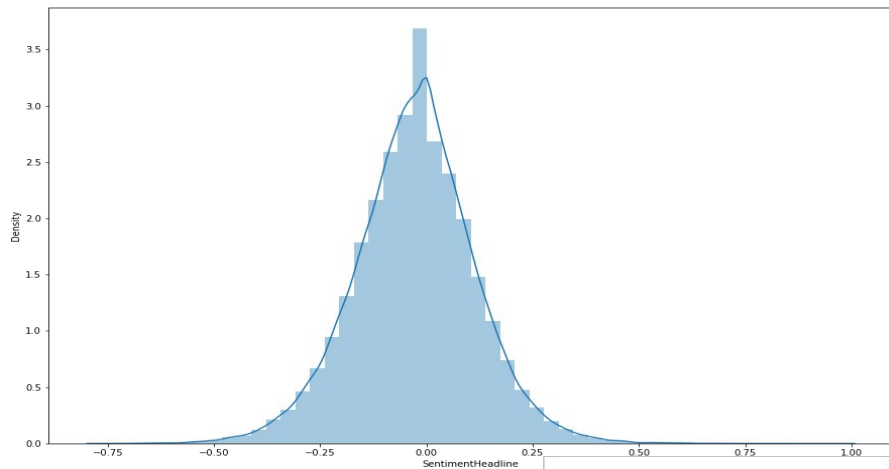
**GooglePlus (numeric):** Final value of the news items' popularity according to the social media source Google+

**LinkedIn (numeric):** Final value of the news items' popularity according to the social media source LinkedIn

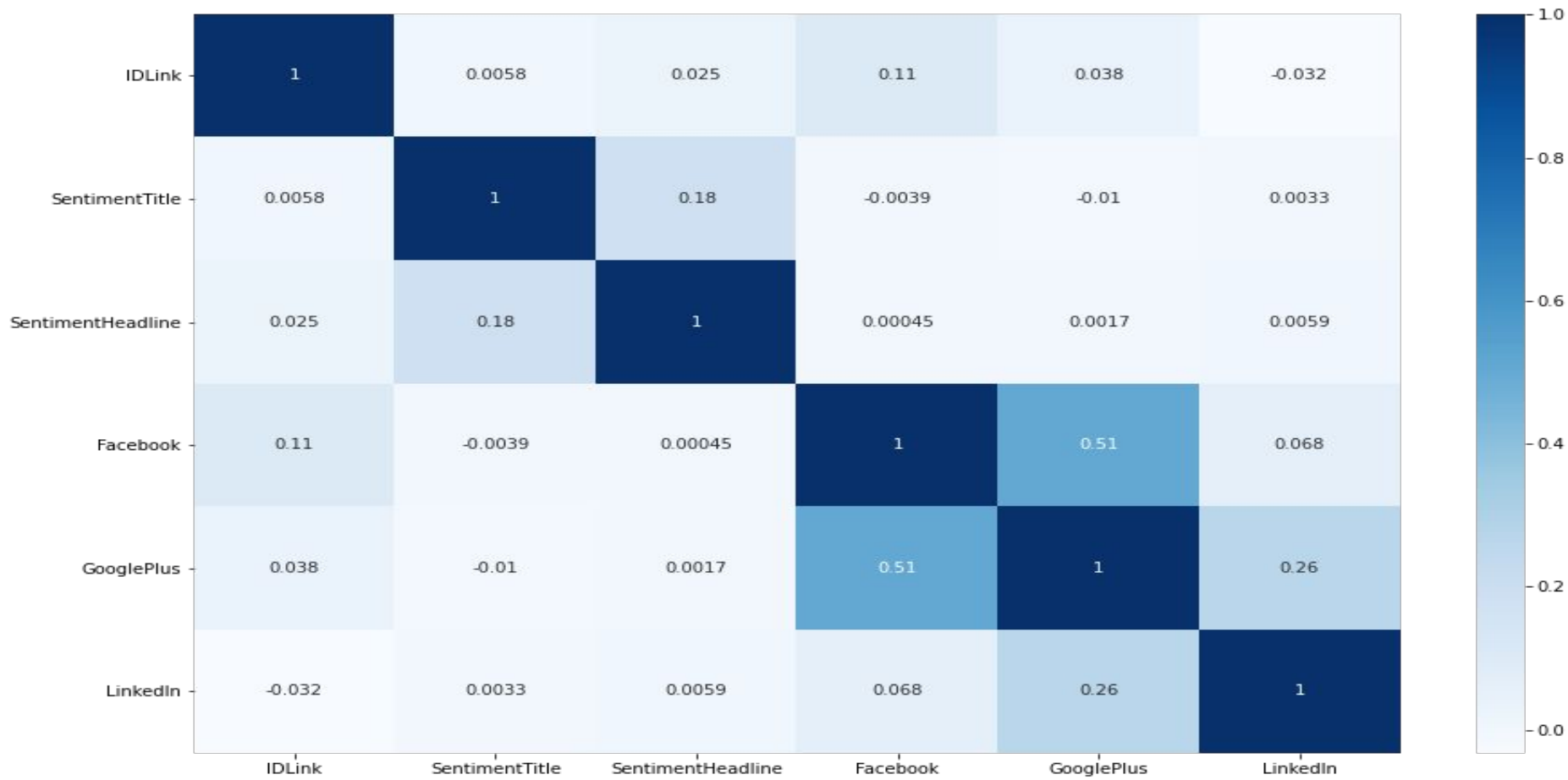
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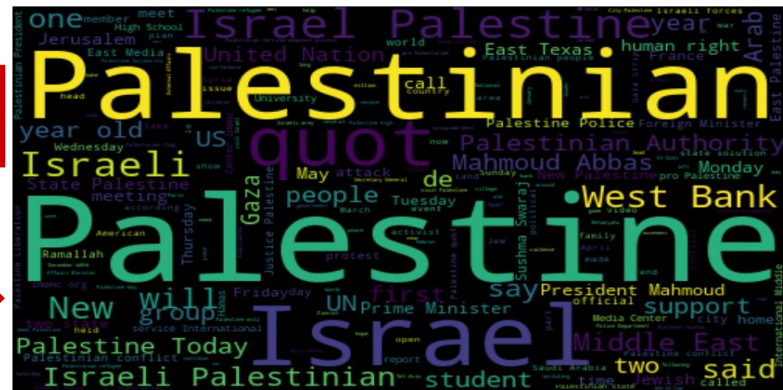


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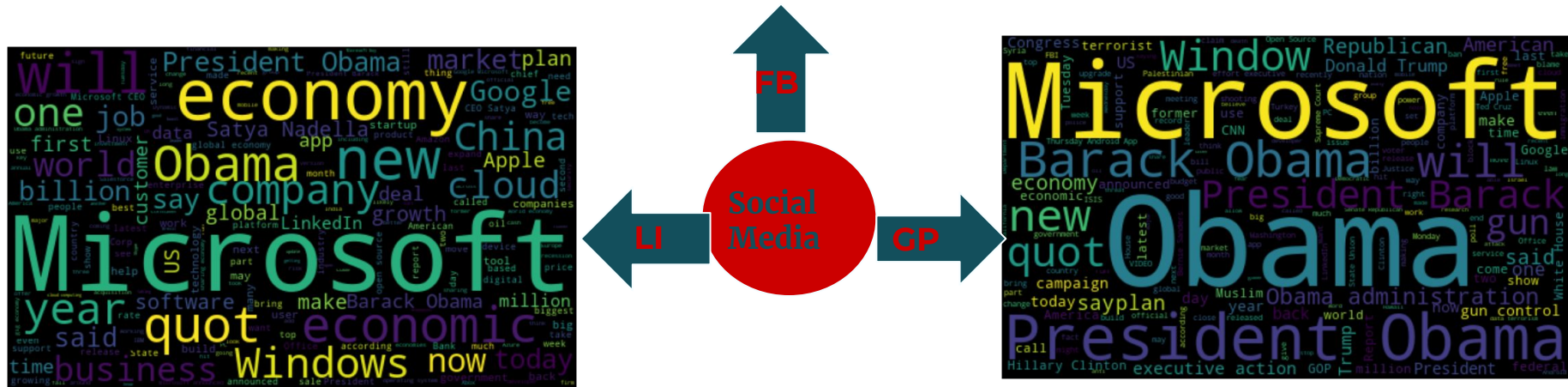
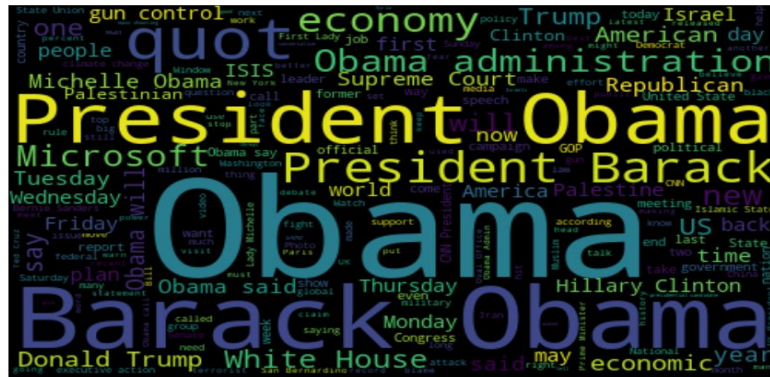


# The EDA (Continue)









## News With 100+ likes On Social Media

# Text Processing

Tokenization.

Remove punctuations.

Remove stopwords.

Remove short words.

Lemmatization.

Stemming.

N-grams.

TF-IDF Vectorizer.



# Text Processing(Continue)

**The Lemmatization :** Lemmatization (lemmatization) in linguistic is the process of grouping together the inflected forms of a word so they can be analysed as a single item, identified by the word's lemma, or dictionary form.

🔍 studying



study

/ˈstʌdi/

See definitions in:

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Education

Theatre

verb

gerund or present participle: **studying**

# Text Processing(Continue)

**Stemming** : Stemming is the process of producing morphological variants of a root/base word. Stemming programs are commonly referred to as stemming algorithms or stemmers. A stemming algorithm reduces the words “chocolates”, “chocolatey”, “choco” to the root word, “chocolate” and “retrieval”, “retrieved”, “retrieves” reduce to the stem “retrieve”.

am, are, is  $\Rightarrow$  be

car, cars, car's, cars'  $\Rightarrow$  car

The result of this mapping of text will be something like:

the boy's cars are different colors  $\Rightarrow$

the boy car be differ color

# Text Processing(Continue)

**Ngram:** An  $n$ -gram model is a type of probabilistic language model for predicting the next item in such a sequence

**Uni-Gram**

This	Is	Big	Data	AI	Book
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**Bi-Gram**

This is	Is Big	Big Data	Data AI	AI Book
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**Tri-Gram**

This is Big	Is Big Data	Big Data AI	Data AI Book
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# Text Processing(continued)

**Max features:-** Build a vocabulary that only consider the top `max_features` ordered by term frequency across the corpus.  
ie.If `max_feature = n`; It means that it is selecting the top `n` Feature on the basis of Tf-Idf value

**Tf\_idf** We also experimented with changing `min_df` , and `maxdf` , which represent the minimum or maximum document frequencies of a word in order to be included as a feature. Empirically, we found that model performance was not very sensitive to the `min_df` and `max_df` parameters. In our analysis, we set `min_df = 5`, `max_df = 80%`.

# Preparing Dataset

worker	world	worldwide	worry	write	year
0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000
0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000
0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000
0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.08478
0.0	0.165573	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000

**Data Partition (80% -Train data 20%-Test Data)**

## Basic Model Evaluation

**MSE is 422126.03507856163**

**RMSE is 649.7122709927538**

**r2 score is 0.1594327118754868**

**MAE is 277.9330093781675**

# Model Evaluation

## RandomForestRegressor

```
bootstrap=True, ccp_alpha=0.0,  
criterion='mse',  
max_depth=11, max_features='auto',  
max_leaf_nodes=None, max_samples=  
None,  
min_impurity_decrease=0.0,  
min_impurity_split=None,  
min_samples_leaf=60,  
min_samples_split=50,  
min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0,  
n_estimators=120, n_jobs=None,  
oob_score=False,  
random_state=None, verbose=0,  
warm_start=False
```

## XGBRegressor

```
base_score=0.5, booster='gbtree',  
colsample_bylevel=1,  
colsample_bynode=1,  
colsample_bytree=1, gamma=0,  
importance_type='gain',  
learning_rate=0.1,  
max_delta_step=0, max_depth=  
min_child_weight=1, missing=None,  
n_estimators=100, n_jobs=1,  
nthread=None,  
objective='reg:linear',  
random_state=0,  
reg_alpha=0, reg_lambda=1,  
scale_pos_weight=1, seed=None,  
silent=None
```



# Future Work

## Complexity Measures

**Natural Language Features** We also added features for the counts of each part of speech using spaCy. We also added average sentence length, number of sentences, and average word length to our features array.

## Embedding Matrix

The concept of an embedding matrix is an attempt to solve this relationship representation problem. To begin with, we pick a dimensionality of meaning — this can be somewhat arbitrary. Say we decide all meaning can map to some abstract space of three dimensions. Conceptually, that would mean that all words would exist as singular points in a 3D space and any word could be uniquely defined by their position within that space described by three numbers  $(x, y, z)$ .

# Conclusion

- We could conclude that if sentiment value is highly positive then the popularity of that new is high same goes for low sentiment value.
- If news contain certain kinds of words like growth, Fear, Danger, Government, business then our sentiment goes either positive or negative.

# Challenges

- We have 3 dependent variables(Facebook, Google Plus,LinkedIn)
- We have a huge data set (it consists of 12 dataset which contain the information of likes of each topic on the given social media platform.)
- To implement TF-IDF vectorizer on corpus of having 100000 news document.
- Google Colab Crash problem.
- We do not know how to tackle this type of problem.

# Q & A