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Analysis of stock performance based on Sentiment Analysis

Correlating stock performance of Apple inc. based on Sentiment Analysis of the internet content and Wikipedia page counts. Data will be aggregated from April to November.

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Background

- We are basically computing sentiment of content people post on the internet.
- sentiment(polarity, subjectivity)
- polarity -> [-1.0, 1.0], subjectivity -> [0.0, 1.0]

Motivation

- People are always sharing on the internet.
- One of the ways companies can understand what their consumers want
- It is interesting to understand social opinion which was not possible before.

Data Sources

- WFT file format
 - WARC(Web Archive) file format. Released to public by CommonCrawl project
 - WET contains text . Series of 'records'

WARC/1.0

WARC-Type: conversion

WARC-Target-URI: http://advocatehealth.com/condell/emergencyservices3

WARC-Date: 2013-12-04T15:30:35Z

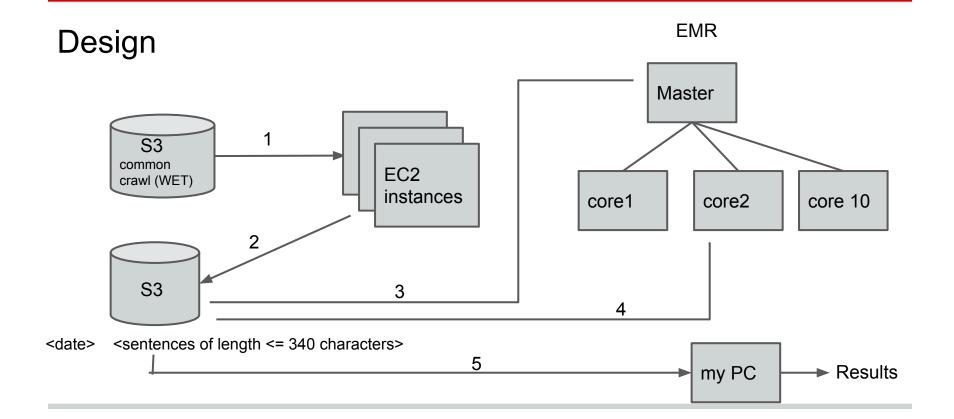
WARC-Record-ID: WARC-Refers-To:

WARC-Block-Digest: sha1:3SJBHMFPOCUJEHJ7OMGVCRSHQTWLJUUS

Content-Type: text/plain Content-Length: 5765

...Text Content...

- Wikipedia page counts of 'apple inc.'
 - o <date> <page counts>
- Historic daily stock quotes of apple inc.:
 - o <date> <closing value>



Results:

- https://www.google.com/fusiontables/DataSource?docid=13KKVu3TX0F9R2hQOG6FbElf-KrPoFgSmOuxa1mPU
- Although data is large, Crawler record dates are centered around particular dates, and not distributed. Statistical methods like interpolation, and distribution approximations would have been helpful.
- Opinions are less subjective, with some phases when subjectivity > 0.5, which is a good thing.
- Spikes in page count could be correlated to fall in stock prices.
- Opinions are generally positive.

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<date> <polarity> <subjectivity> <page counts> <stock closing value>
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Obstacles

- Pig is hard.
- Using external libraries in MapReduce program.
- Tried using UDFs in Pig script.

Conclusion:

- A more consistent data would be good.
- Deeper sentiment analysis definitely hold answers to questions about crowd behavior.
- Learnt about Amazon's cloud offerings and using them.

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