

Understanding Through Tweets

Introduction to the twitter meta-data
Mining Twitter API



What Answers Your Data Brings?

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Drowning in Data

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Exploring...

*Where?
Who?
How?*



Your Data Is Telling a Story

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I wisely started with a map.

— *J. R. R. Tolkien* —

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Viewing Trends By Location

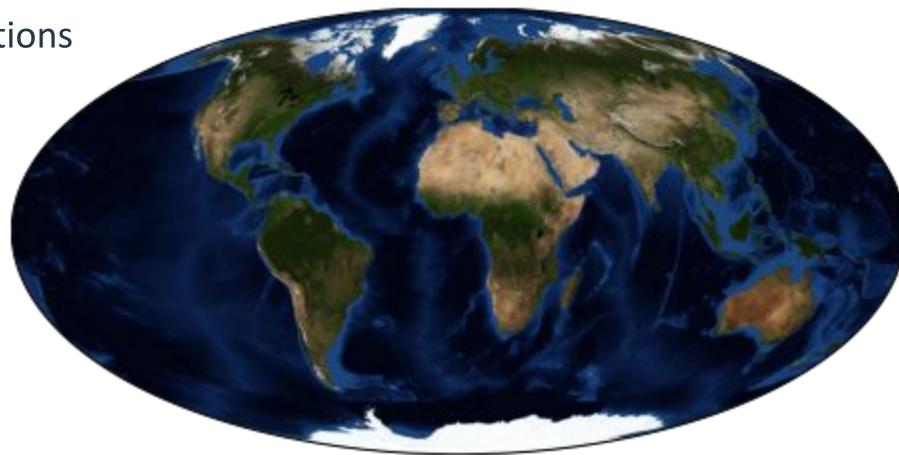
Putting Tweets on the Map Using Basemap

- Map Projections
- Latitude
- Longitude
- Weights
- Colors



Projections

- Pseudo-cylindrical projections
- Cylindrical projections
- Perspective projections



Elaborate in your colab notebook

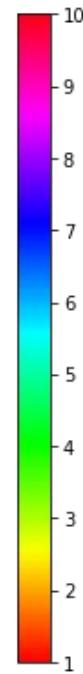
Plotting Latitude and Longitude



Size by Weights



Adding Color

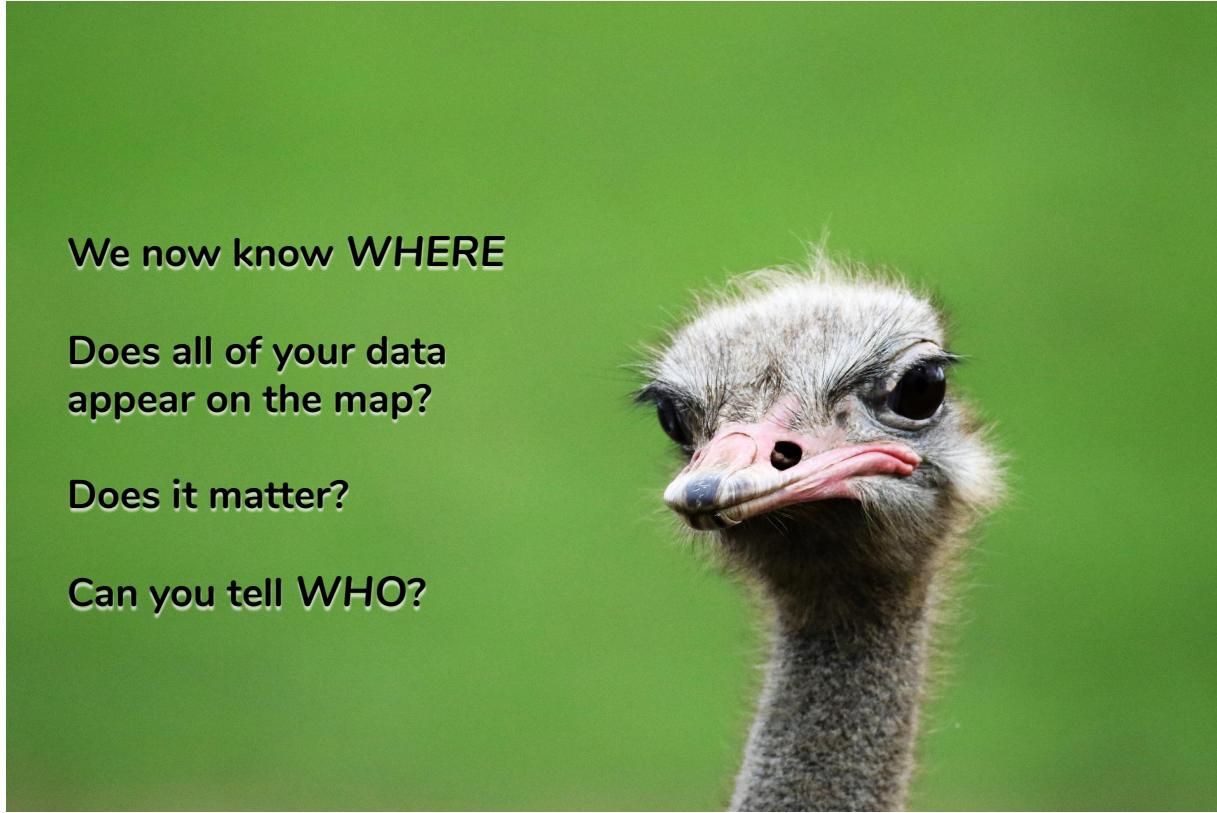




Applying on Your Data

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We now know WHERE

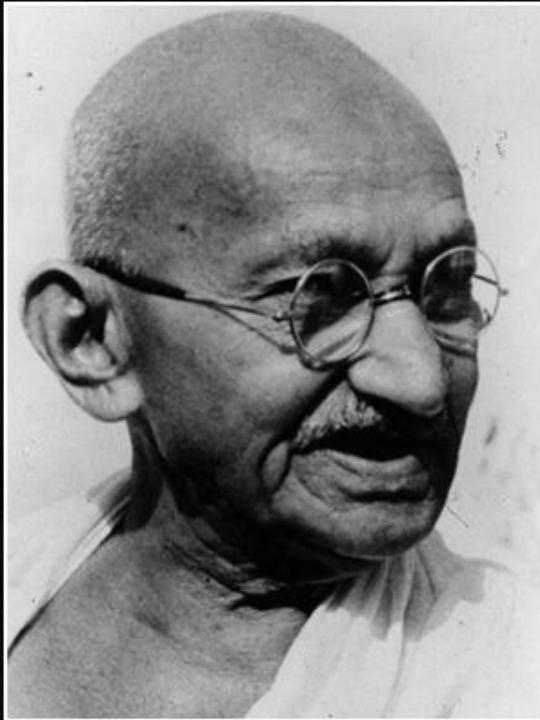
Does all of your data
appear on the map?

Does it matter?

Can you tell WHO?

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A small group of determined and like-minded people can change the course of history.

— *Mahatma Gandhi* —

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Who Are the Main Players?

How Are They Connected?

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Social Network Analysis



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What is a social network?

Points	Lines
People	Followers, friendships, kin
Companies	Acquire, trade, chain of supply
Disease	Chain of infection
Web pages	links
Countries	Flight routes, trade
Articles	Citation, writers

Points and line have formal names that vary in different disciplines:

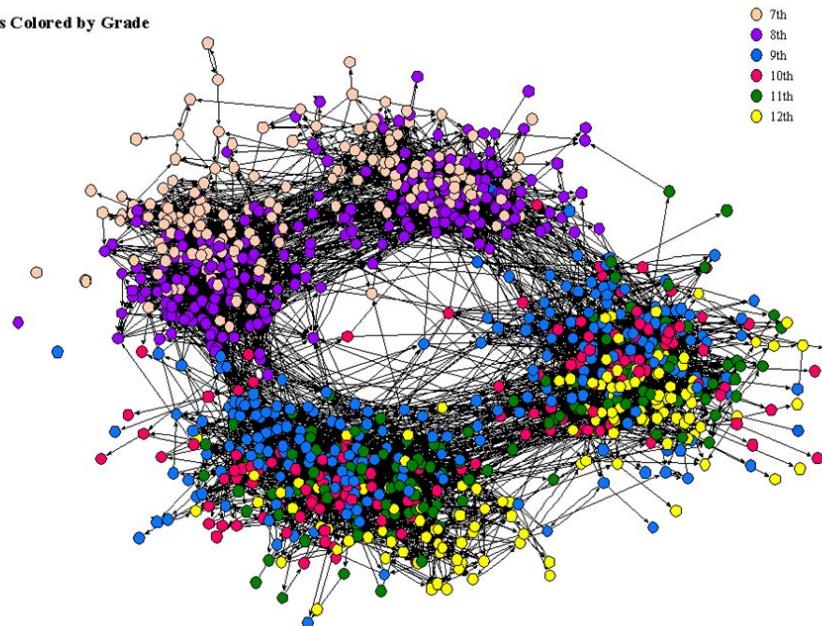
Points	Lines	Discipline
Vertices	Edges, arcs	Math
Nodes	Linked, edges	Computer Science
Sites	Bonds	physics
Actors	Ties, relations	Sociology

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High Schools as Networks

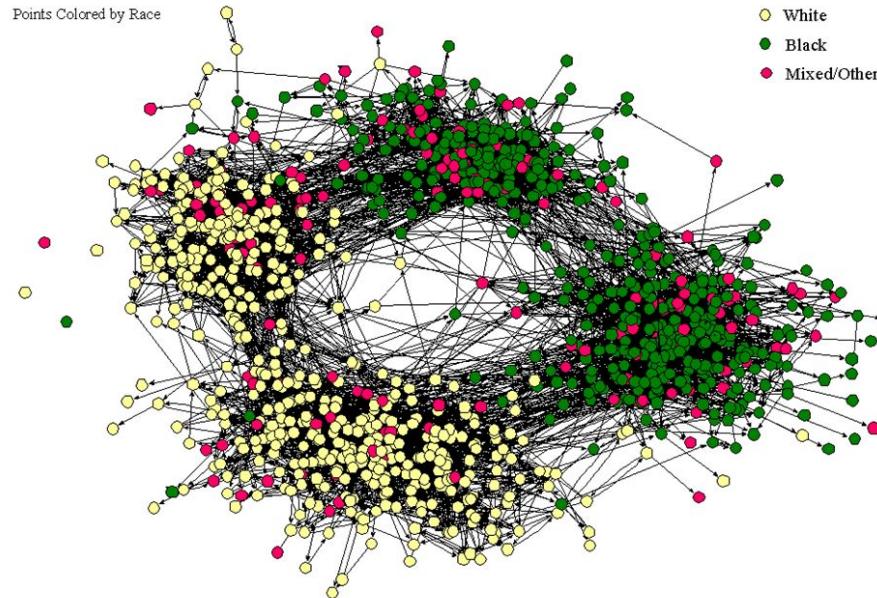
The Social Structure of “Countryside” School District

Points Colored by Grade

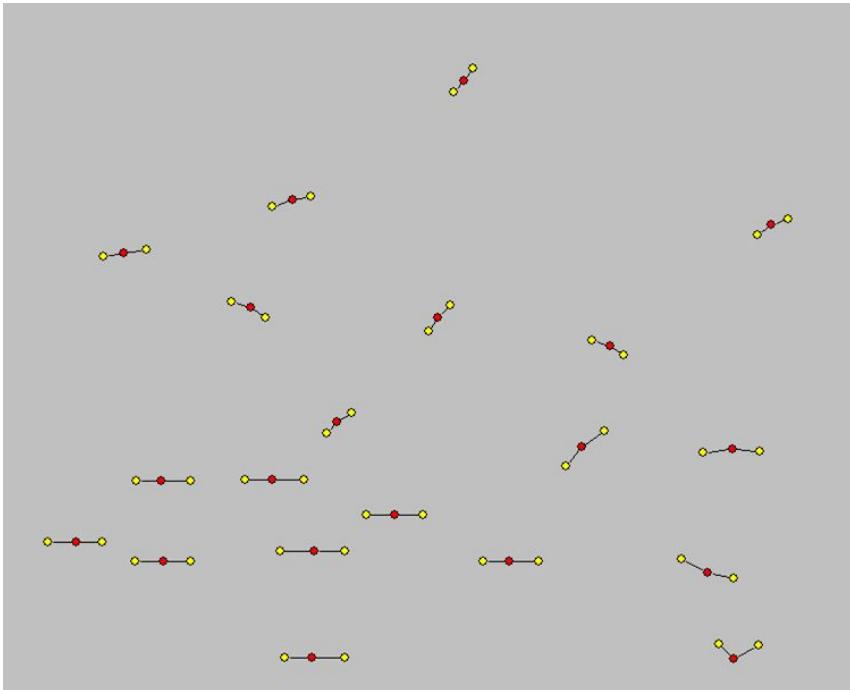


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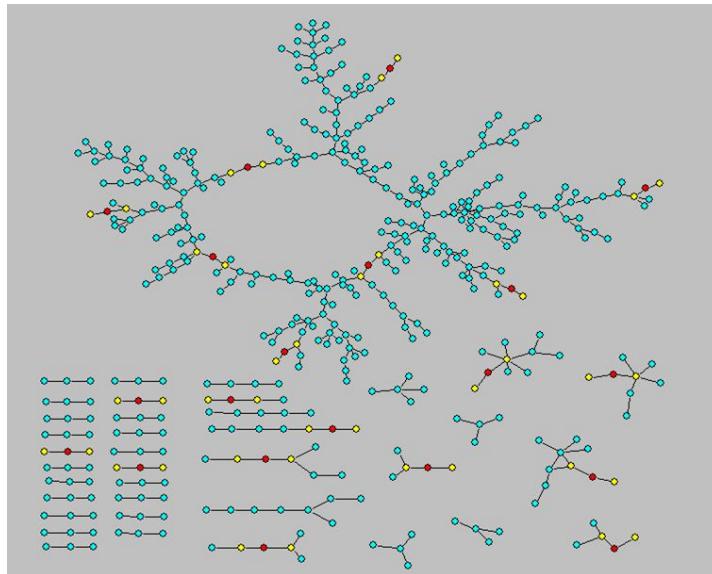
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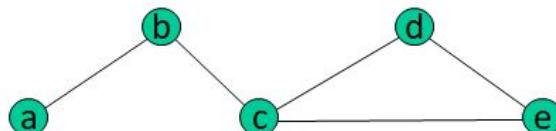


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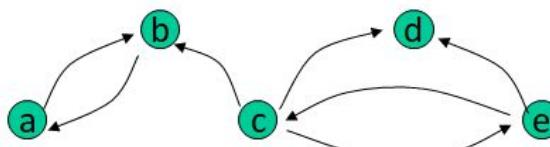
In general, a relation can be:

Binary or Valued

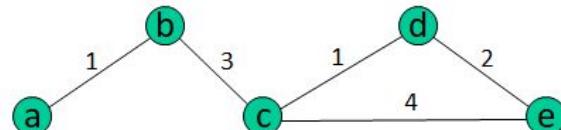
Directed or Undirected



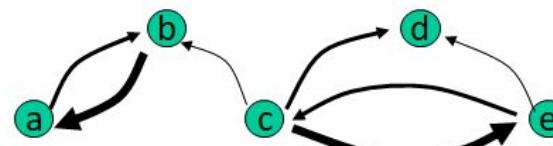
Undirected, binary



Directed, binary



Undirected, Valued



Directed, Valued

Two features of the network's topology are known to be important: connectivity and centrality

Connectivity

Connectivity refers to how actors in one part of the network are connected to actors in another part of the network.

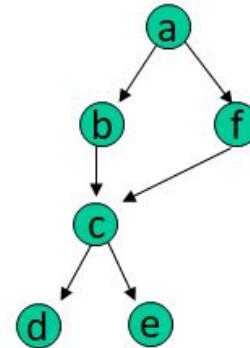
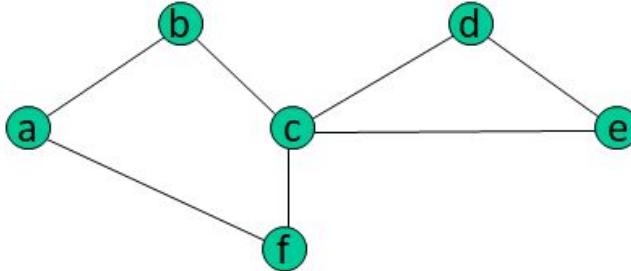
Reachability: Is it possible for actor i to reach actor j? This can only be true if there is a chain of contact from one actor to another.

Distance: Given they can be reached, how many steps are they from each other?

Number of paths: How many different paths connect each pair?

Reachability

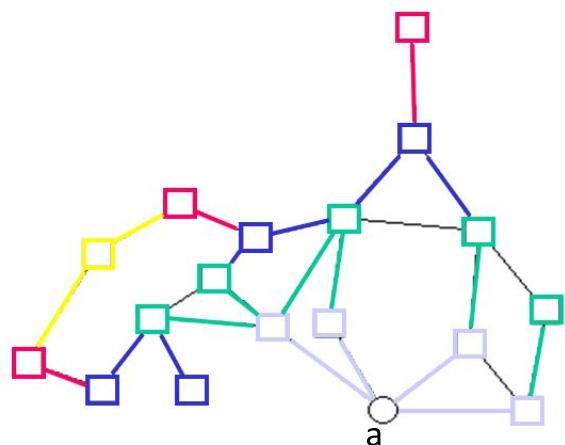
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Distance & number of paths

Distance is measured by the (weighted) number of relations separating a pair:



Actor “a” is:

1 step from 4- purple

2 steps from 5- green

3 steps from 4 - blue

4 steps from 3- red

5 steps from 1- yellow

Centrality

Centrality refers to (one dimension of) location, identifying where an actor resides in a network.

For example, we can compare actors at the edge of the network to actors at the center.

In general, this is a way to formalize intuitive notions about the distinction between insiders and outsiders.

Centrality

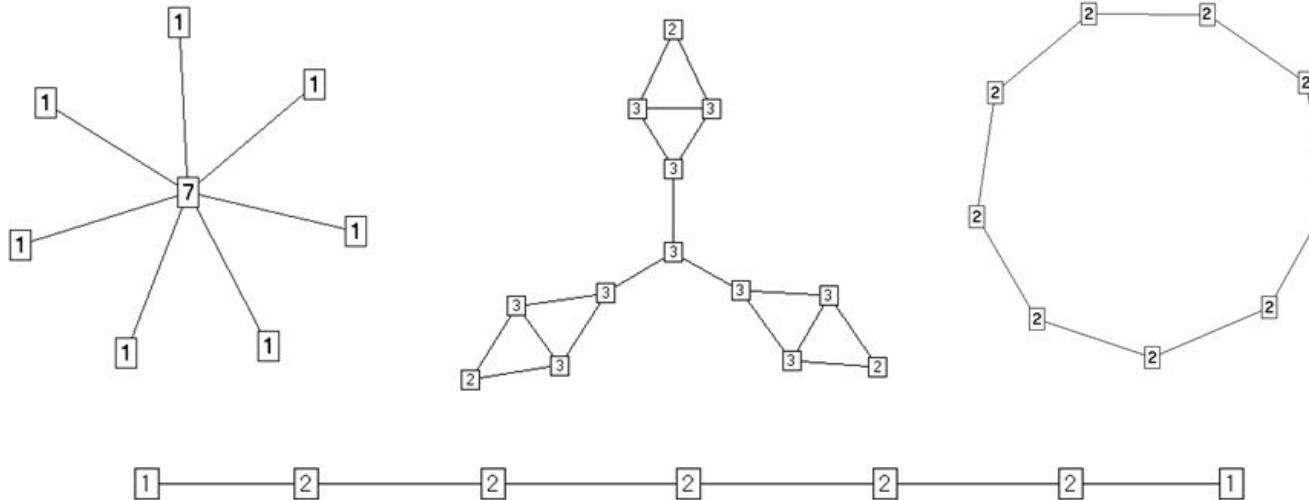
Identifying which nodes are in the ‘center’ of the network.

Three standard centrality measures capture a wide range of “importance” in a network:

- Degree
- Closeness
- Betweenness

Degree Centrality

Degree is the number of ties, and the actor with the most ties is the most important



$$C_D = d(n_i) = X_{i+} = \sum_j X_{ij}$$

Closeness Centrality

An actor is considered important if he/she is relatively close to all other actors.

Closeness is based on the inverse of the distance of each actor to every other actor in the network.

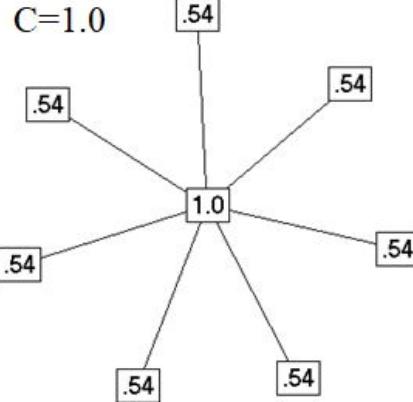
Closeness Centrality:

$$C_c(n_i) = \left[\sum_{j=1}^g d(n_i, n_j) \right]^{-1}$$

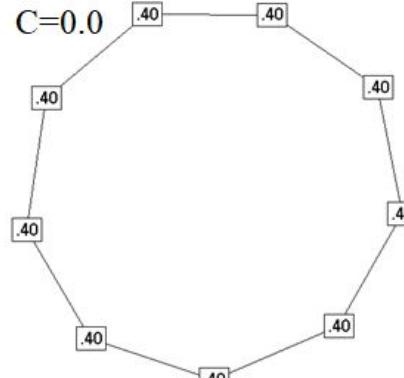
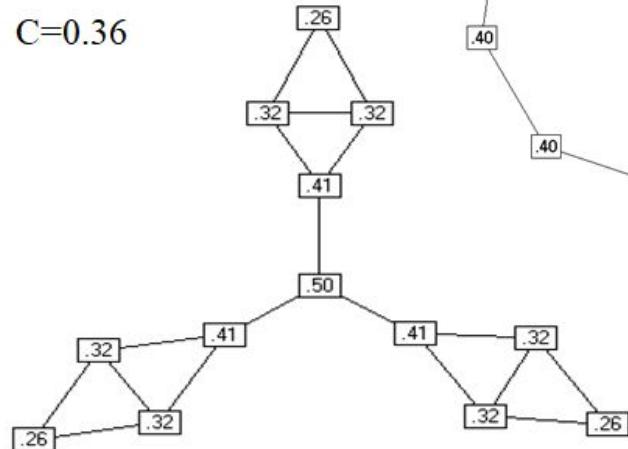
Normalized Closeness Centrality

$$C'_c(n_i) = (C_c(n_i))(g - 1)$$

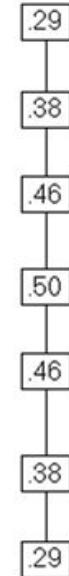
Closeness Centrality examples



$C=0.36$



$C=0.28$



Betweenness Centrality

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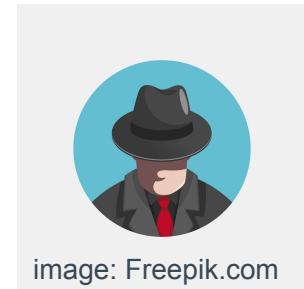
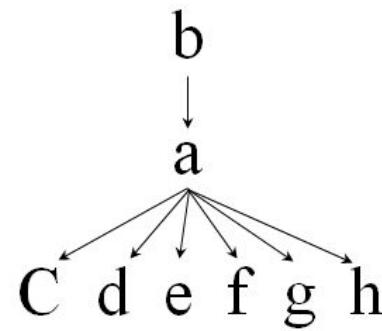
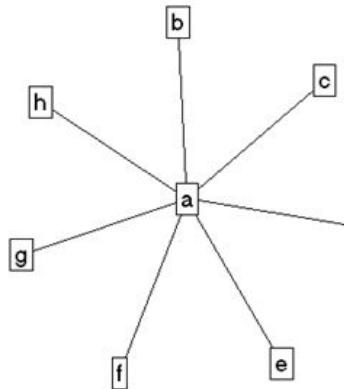


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$$C_B(n_i) = \sum_{j < k} g_{jk}(n_i) / g_{jk}$$

Where g_{jk} = the number of geodesics connecting jk , and

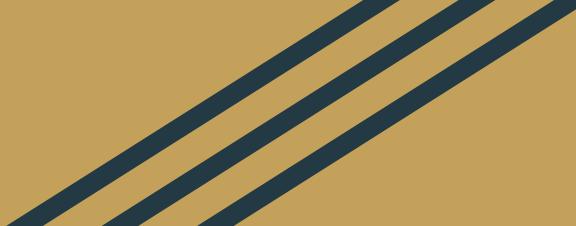
$g_{ik}(n_i)$ = the number that actor i is on.

Usually normalized by:

$$C'_B(n_i) = C_B(n_i) / [(g - 1)(g - 2) / 2]$$



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What Kinds of Relations We Have?

Twitter Relations

Retweets

Mentions

Replies



Try For
Yourself

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Understanding Groups

There may be multiple relations of multiple types connecting your nodes.

Social network data are substantively divided by the number of modes in the data.

2-mode data represents nodes from two separate classes, where all ties are across classes. Examples:

- People as members of groups

- People as authors on papers

- Words used often by people

- Events in the life history of people

The two modes of the data represent a duality: you can project the data as people connected to people through joint membership in a group, or groups to each other through common membership

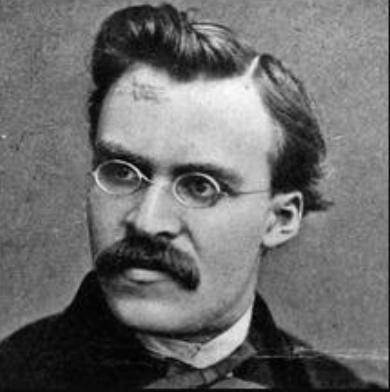
What Do They Feel About It?



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Sentiment Analysis



Friedrich Nietzsche

We often refuse to accept an idea merely because the tone of voice in which it has been expressed is unsympathetic to us.

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Sentiment analysis has many other names

- Opinion extraction
- Opinion mining
- Sentiment mining
- Subjectivity analysis

Why sentiment analysis?

- Movie: is this review positive or negative?
- Products: what do people think about the new iPhone?
- Public sentiment: how is consumer confidence? Is despair increasing?
- Politics: what do people think about this candidate or issue?
- Prediction: predict election outcomes or market trends from sentiment

Lexicon-based solutions

- Detect/extract the polarity of opinions, based on **affective** dictionaries [7,8]
- Word-lists where each token is annotated with an ‘emotional’ value
 - e.g., positive/negative words or words that express anger, fear, happiness, etc.
- More to follow...
- Add **syntactic** and **prose** rules to estimate the overall polarity of text:
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 - Intensifier, diminisher word detection: “**Very** good movie” vs. “good movie”
 - Example of simplified process in next page...•

Lexicon-based solutions

- Detect emotion in two independent dimensions:
- Positive: D_{pos} : {1, 2, ..., 5}
- Negative: D_{neg} : {-5, -4, ..., -1}
- (optional) Predict overall polarity by comparing them :
- If $D_{\text{pos}} > |D_{\text{neg}}|$ then positive
- Example: “He is brilliant but boring”
 - Emotion(‘brilliant’) = +3
 - Emotion(‘boring’) = -2
 - Negation detection: “H” } $D_{\text{pos}} = +3, D_{\text{neg}} = -2 \Rightarrow \text{positive}$
 - Emotion(NOT ‘brilliant’) = -2
 - Decreased by 1 and sign reversed
 - Exclamation detection: “!” } $D_{\text{pos}} = +1 \text{ (default)}, D_{\text{neg}} = -3 \Rightarrow \text{negative}$

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Your Turn

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Closer Look- Is It Mean the Same?



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Challenges (I)

- Subtle ways of expressing private states
- “If you are reading this because it is your darling fragrance, please wear it at home exclusively and tape the windows shut” **No negative words**
- “Miss Austen is not a poetess” **Fact or opinion?**
- “Go read the book” **Context**
- “Yeah, sure!” **Irony**
- “I feel blue” vs “The sky is blue” **Idioms**
- “If you thought this was going to be a good movie, this isn’t your day” **Negation**
- Informal language
 - 90+% of language used in some social platforms deviates from standard English [3]
 - “wuddup doe mah nigga juz droppin sum cuzz luv on u DeUcEz”
- As a result, even standard NLP processes need revisiting:
- Part-of-speech tagging in Twitter [4]

Challenges (II)

- “This film should be brilliant. It sounds like a great plot, the actors are first grade, and the supporting cast is good as well, and Stallone is attempting to deliver a good performance. However, it can't hold up” Opinion reversal
- “I bought an iPhone a few days ago. It was such a nice phone. The touch screen was really cool. The voice quality was clear too. Although the battery life was not long, that is ok for me. However, my mother was mad with me... ” Topic drift
- Lastly, in contrast to IR which is typically based on keywords, opinions are NOT easily conveyed by keywords.
- e.g. “unpredictable plot” vs. “unpredictable steering”

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Questions?

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A close-up photograph of a hedgehog's face, looking directly at the camera with its dark eyes and pink nose. It has a dense coat of brown and tan quills. The background is a soft-focus green garden with some red flowers. Overlaid on the bottom left is a large, stylized, white-outlined question mark.

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