Thumbs Up? Sentiment Classification using Machine Learning Techniques

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 - provide useful insights for readers automatically
 - e.g., product review is negative or positive

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- e.g., "How could anyone sit through this movie?"
 - Can you mark any negative word?

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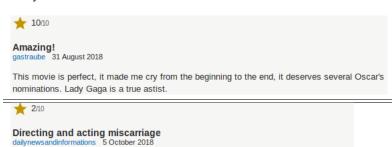


This movie is perfect, it made me cry from the beginning to the end, it deserves several Oscar's nominations. Lady Gaga is a true astist.

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Maybe only the sound on this film is up to par...everything else is drown in mediocrity...

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- Evaluate by loss function
- e.g., Zero-one loss: $L(x, y, f_w) = \mathbf{1}\{f_w(x) \neq y\}$
 - w denotes learned parameters

Data: IMDB Movie Reviews

- Lucky for us: user rating provides supervised learning
- Converted into 3 categories:
 - Positive, negative, (neutral not used)
- Avoid bias issues:
 - 20 reviews per author per sentiment
 - ▶ 752 negative vs 1301 positive
 - total of 144 reviewers

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Table: Baseline results for human word lists, data is balanced (700 vs. 700)

¹Documents percentage where sentiments rated equally

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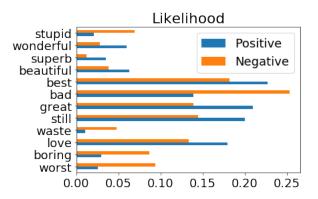
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 - Not necessarily the reason for low accuracy!
- Authors propose their list
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Table: Results where words (total 14) were chosen based on data statistics

(2018) Data analysis

We reproduced the analysis, following are example estimates



Note words occurrences were binarized

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Methods differ in their loss functions:

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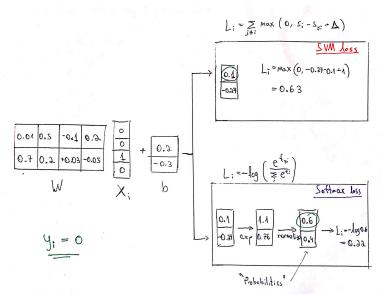
$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq i} max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + \delta)$$
, where $s_j = f(x_i, W)_j$

Definition (Softmax loss)

$$L_i = -log(\frac{e^{fy_i}}{\sum_j e^{f_j}})$$

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Evaluate loss example



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- Adding bigrams doesn't improve results; Bigrams alone is worse
- Part-of-speech: "I love this movie" vs. "This is a love story"
- Position based on dividing text into quarters.

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- Difficult for bag-of-words classifiers.
- Authors suggest determining the focus of each sentence

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Reproduce results (2018)

 We have tried to reproduce the experiment for the best setting reported

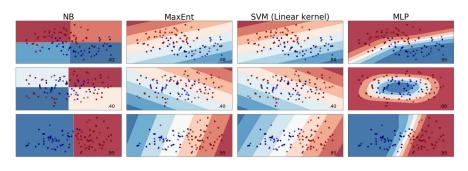
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Table: Original vs. our results

- No tuning (sklearn 0.19.2 default parameters)
- MLP: 2-layer neural network, 100 Relu neurons, sigmoid
- Notebook is available here

Classifier comparison (2018)

• Our classifiers decision boundaries for some toy datasets



Accuracy is reported

Thank you for participating! Questions?