Tell me a good joke!

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Project description

- We want to determine what makes a good joke based on users' comments
- ▶ A problem of sentiment analysis and classification
- positive/negative/neutral comments
- ▶ Tell how funny a joke is
- Corpus based on comments from joke pages available on Facebook(ie: 9GAG, Joke Of The Day)

Current approaches in literature for sentiment analysis

- ► Lexicon based technique
- ► Noisy emoticons labels
- ► Machine learning methods

Current approaches in literature for sentiment analysis (2)

Lexicon based technique

- ► Take individual words/concepts determining the emotion by obtaining word polarities from a lexicon
- ▶ Domain independent/specific
- ▶ Part of Speech (POS) information indicated in polarity lexicons to overcome word-sense ambiguity; some parts might be more relevant (ie: adjectives, adverbs)
- ▶ Bag of words: SentiWordNet ¹
- ▶ Bag of concepts: SenticNet ²



²http://sentic.net/

¹http://sentiwordnet.isti.cnr.it/

Current approaches in literature for sentiment analysis (3)

Noisy emoticons labels

- ▶ Relevant for short text messages => one can assume that an emotion withing a message represents an emotion for the whole message and all the words of the message are related to this emotion
- ► Happy: ":-)", ":)", "=)", ":D
- ► Sad: ":-(", ":(", "=(", ";("
- ▶ Neutral: ":|"

Current approaches in literature for sentiment analysis (4)

Machine learning methods

- ► Multinomial Naive Bayse
- ▶ TF-IDF scores
- Support Vector Machines
- Maximum entropy
- etc

Our approach

Corpus creation

- Extract comments from Facebook pages using Facebook's Graphs API and create the corpus
- Compose a "bag of words" ("bag of cocepts" would me more desirable)
- Consider emoticons as words
- ▶ Pay attention to repeated letters (ie: "happppy"), negations, contractions, eliminate stopwords
- Use Natural Language Toolkit(NLTK) ³ for tokening/stemmatization



Our approach (2)

Form the training data set

- ➤ Split the processed comments into positive and negative/neutral categories
- For each processed word compute the relevance for the category that it belongs
- Use TF-IDF(term frequency—inverse document frequency) score:
- ightharpoonup "laugh", "funny", ":)" ightharpoonup relevant for a positive comment
- "cry", "horrible", "disgusting", ":((" \rightarrow relevant for a negative comment

Our approach (3)

Classify new comments

- Multinomial Naive Bayes
- ▶ In order to classify new comments, take into account also the TF-IDF score, not just the probabilities → how frequent occurs the term in a specific class, but also how relevant it is
- "Transformed Weight-normalized Complement Naive Bayes (TWCNB)"
- ▶ Scikit-learn ⁴framework already has this implemented



Our approach (4)

Tell if the joke is funny

- ► Count the number of positive/negative comments to evaluate the quality of the joke
- ▶ Evaluate how funny was the joke perceived:
- ▶ For each comment compute $\sum_{word \in Words} Polarity_{word} * TFIDF_{word} \rightarrow \text{the score is}$ weighted by the positive/negative polarity, but also by the relevance for the positive category
- ▶ Use SenticNet ⁵ for polarity; include additional polarities for emoticons Examples:
- "think" and "funny" have positive polarities of 0.061 and of 0.619; however, "think" won't be as relevant as "funny"
- "ugly" has a negative polarity of -0.581

Accuracy of our solution

- ▶ Use testing samples for comments and see if classifier's prediction corresponds to our judgement → identify false positive (FP), false negative (FN), true positive (TP) and true negative (TN) cases
- ➤ Compute F1, precision (positive predictive value), recall (sensitivity, true positive rate) scores for measuring the efficiency
- $ightharpoonup Precision = \frac{TP}{TP+FP}$
- $ightharpoonup Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$
- $F1 = 2 * \frac{Precision*Recall}{Precision+Recall}$

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Questions

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