Are you more "proukr" o "dontcare"? what a hashtag can say about you

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ABSTRACT

In this report, we propose a study conducted using Network Science tools regarding the relationships built up between users using the social network Twitter during the first weeks after the start of the war in Ukraine in February 2022.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The outbreak of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict in February 2022 has been an important topic of discussion on social networks. Our analysis aims to construct a network inspired by the spread of the debate through the observation of tweets and retweets of users worldwide. Within our network, nodes represent users and links represent interactions between them. We divided the nodes into 4 categories and the analysis carried out on the tweets and hashtags led us to analyse their trends with the ultimate goal of identifying what could be potential future scenarios within the network, in terms of

¹Project Repositories

Data Collection: https://github.com/sna-unipi/data-collection Analytical Tasks: https://github.com/sna-unipi/analytical-tasks Report: https://github.com/sna-unipi/project-report

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interaction with a user from a different category.

the likelihood of a user changing their nature following an

2 DATA COLLECTION

The first step was the data collection phase and the creation of a dataset. In order to set the work on data that best suited our needs, we decided to create a dataset by extracting data from Twitter to create our network.

Selected Data Sources

We chose Twitter as the source for extrapolating the data as we believe it is one of the most widely used social networks for discussing the Russian-Ukrainian conflict as well as being, more generally, one of the most widely used platforms worldwide and thus able to engage a significant number of users. Although the official date of the outbreak of war is 24 February, we started analysing tweets from 15 February 2022 in order to capture users' opinions before the actual start date, until 15 March 2022, thus considering both the pre-war phase and the start phase, the highest moment that fragmented people's opinions. We use only one month for the network construction phase for reasons of memory management, performance, which were crucial considerations in the duration of the whole project due to the gigantic amount of tweets and related data and metadata. For the final phase of the open question, we enlarge the time view to two months.

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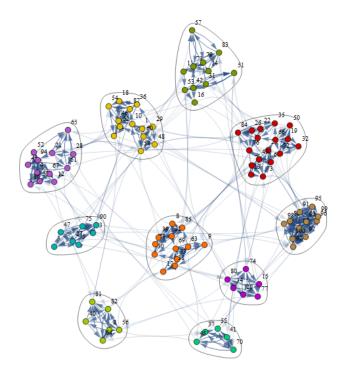


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6 TASK 3: OPEN QUESTION

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7 DISCUSSION

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