

Clustering-Based Sentiment Analysis for Media Agenda Setting

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Aims

Measure the influence of two online newspapers onto the social media according to Agenda setting theory

Agenda setting theory:

Suggest the news item which is covered more frequently and prominently indicates that the audience will regard the issue as more important.



Dataset

Articles and respective comments on the domain of organic food with search terms *organic food* and *organic farming*

- Articles from two online newspapers, New York Times (English) and Der Spiegel (German)
- Direct response (bilingual): comments right under those articles
- Indirect response: posts in unrelated discussion forums, Quora

	Start	End	No. of articles
New York Times			
With comments	2006	2017	99
Without comments	1970	2017	228
Der Spiegel			
With comments	2007	2017	61
Without comments	2007	2017	91
Quora			
With comments	2009	2017	1304
Without comments	2010	2017	193

Table: Statistics for data crawled from New York Times, Der Spiegel and Quora with 'relevant' labelled as 1.0



Expected outputs (Processes)

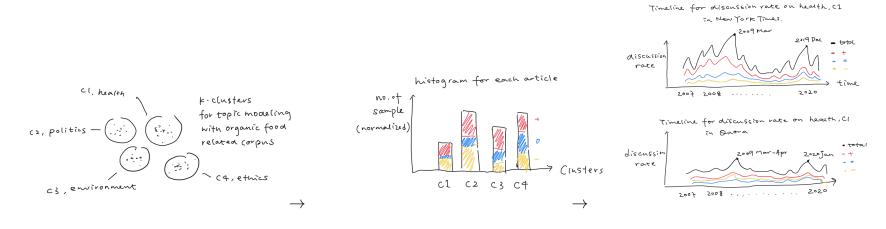


Figure: Stage 1: Cluster, tuple(aspect,sentiment)

Figure: Stage 2: Distribution of clusters per articles

Figure: Stage 3: Timeline analysis, influence on social media



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embed = hub.Module("https://tfhub.dev/google/universal-sentence-encoder-xling/en-de/1") with tf.Session() as session: session.run() print(session.run(embed(sentence)))  \rightarrow [0.02, 0.01, ..., -0.12]
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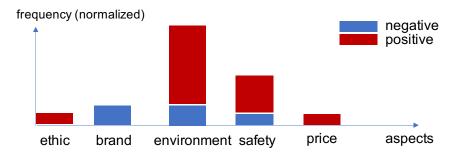


Figure: Aspects distribution on one text



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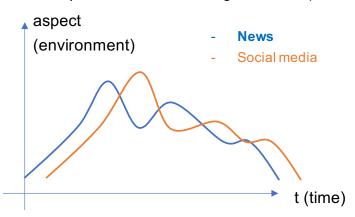
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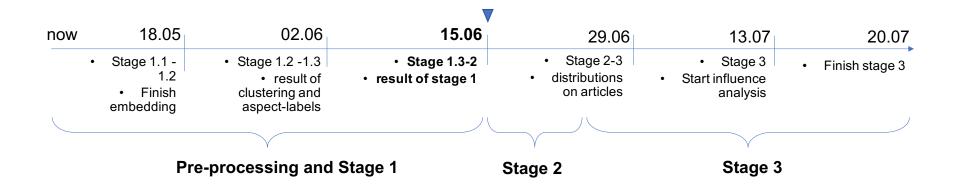
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