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Title

Influence Factorization for identifying authorities in Twitter

Venue

Knowledge-Based Systems

Topic labeling

Manual

Focus

Secondary

Type of contribution

Established approach

Underlying technique

Manual labeling

Topic labeling parameters

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Label generation

"Finally, experts labeled the coherent topics with appropriate topic titles."

Three human experts identified six coherent topics and labeled them with a topical keyword.

After this process, there were six topics formed and named as: "Politics / Breaking News", "Religion", "Spiritual", "Social Responsibility", "Soccer / Sports", and "TV /TV Shows".

"Politics" and "Breaking News" topical words were highly overlapping, thus a single topic is formed for both topics.

Motivation

After assigning topics to all of the tweets, topical networks were formed. For each user-topic pair percentage of topical tweets were calculated. Afterwards, topical labels were assigned to users according to topical contents of their tweets.

Topic modeling

LDA

Topic modeling parameters

Nr of topics (k): 6

Nr. of topics

6

Label

Manually assigned single or multi-word labels identifying the broad categories of the 6 topics

Label selection

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Label quality evaluation

Assessors

Domain

Paper: Social media (Twitter)

Dataset: Social media (Twitter)

Problem statement

One of the most intriguing aspects of social networks is to identify influencers who are experts on a specific topic.

In this paper, we aim to identify topic-based experts using a large dataset collected from Twitter. Our proposed approach has three phases:

- (1) identification of topics on social media posts (more specifically, tweets),
- (2) user modeling, based on a group of user specific features
- (3) Influence Factorization to identify topical influencers.

The main advantage of the proposed method is to identify future influencers as well as current ones on Twitter.

Corpus

Origin: Twitter

Nr. of documents: 38M tweets

Details:

- Posts from around 180K public user ids over a 70 days period

Table 2
Statistics about data sets.

	#users	#tweets	#links/follows
Training set	186K	31M	16M
Test set	181K	7M	15.6M

Document

A (pooled) set of Tweets belonging to the same user and published in the same day

Pre-processing

- Stemming to all of the tweets as the first preprocessing step of topic modeling.
- Afterwards, stop-words, punctuations, and mentions that have no effect for topic modeling were also eliminated.
- Pooling on Tweets belonging to the same user and day is applied

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