



# Analyzing Yelp Reviews

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# Star Rating vs. Actual Reviews

- ▶ How reliable are the star ratings for the restaurants?
- ▶ Here is an example:



Rating Score: 3/5  
Polarity Score: 0.9306

“somewhat disappointed”  
“unfortunately”  
“ok”  
“worst”  
“I don’t like to give an OK review”



**Debi P.**  
Bakersfield, CA  
52 friends  
24 reviews  
7 photos

3 stars 10/24/2017

After moving to Utah from California, we were told this place was the best Mexican food in the Salt Lake area. We were somewhat disappointed, unfortunately.

The food was, ok. We're still searching for some good Mexican food.

Also, the worst Cadillac Margarita I've had in Utah. I don't like to give an OK review, but with all of the praise this place gets, I felt it is only fair to be 100 percent honest.

Carlos R. voted for this review

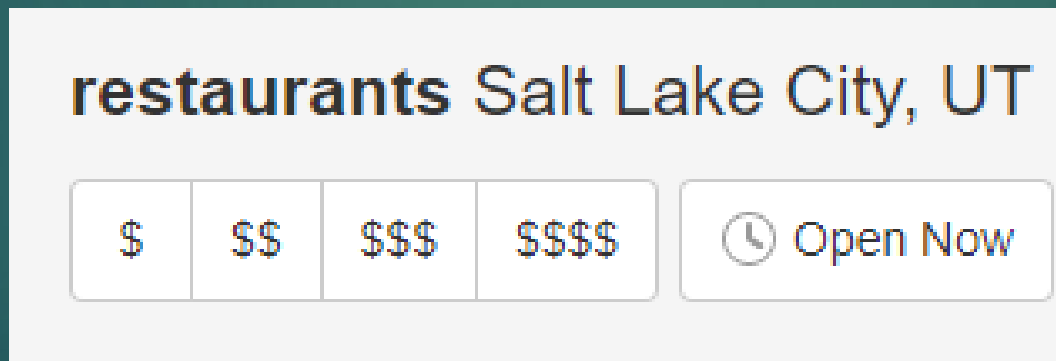
Useful 1

Funny

Cool

# Price Level

- ▶ Specifically, does the price range of the restaurant affect the reliability of reviews?
- ▶ \$ - cheap , \$\$ - Medium, \$\$\$ expensive, \$\$\$\$ ultra-high end



# Collecting Data



```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    for price in PRICE_RANGE:
        with open('../Final_Project/price-' + price, 'w') as list_file:
            if price != '3':
                for number in OFF_SET:
                    off_set = number
                    ids = query_api('restaurant', 'salt lake city, UT', price)
                    for i in ids:
                        print(i + '\n', file=list_file)
            else:
                off_set = 0
                ids = query_api('restaurant', 'salt lake city, UT', price)
                for i in ids:
                    print(i + '\n', file=list_file)
```

```
def get_rnlp(businessId, price):
    """ Retrieves webpage source code for each restaurant and inputs into
    text files separated by price level """
    yelp_url = 'https://www.yelp.com/biz/' + businessId + '?osq=Restaurants'
    headers = {'user-agent': 'Jaimie Choi (jchev95@hotmail.com)'}
    response = r.get(yelp_url, headers=headers)
    with open('Final_Project/raw_script-' + price + '/' + businessId + '.txt',
              'w', encoding='utf8') as scrape_file:
        scrape_file.write(response.text)
```

- 1) Collected business ID for restaurants in Salt Lake City from Yelp API
- 2) Used the restaurant names to scrape each restaurant's page source
- 3) Separated the text files by the restaurant's price range

# Data Cleaning

```
def get_rating():
    """ Goes through the restaurant source code to find ratings for
    each review """
    rate_value = r'itemprop="ratingValue" content="([0-9.]*)'
    rate_list = [float(i) for i in re.findall(rate_value, raw_html)]
    if len(rate_list) != 0:
        rate_list.pop(0)
    return rate_list

def get_polarity():
    """ Goes through the restaurant source code to find polarity scores
    for each review """
    review = re.compile(r'<p.itemprop="description">(.*?)<p>', re.DOTALL)
    review_list = re.findall(review, raw_html)
    polarity_list = [float(analyzer.polarity_scores(i)["compound"])
                     for i in review_list]
    return polarity_list
```

- 1) Used regex to find the rating scores and reviews for each restaurant
- 2) Used NLTK polarity score analyzer to find polarity scores for each restaurant

# Statistical Results

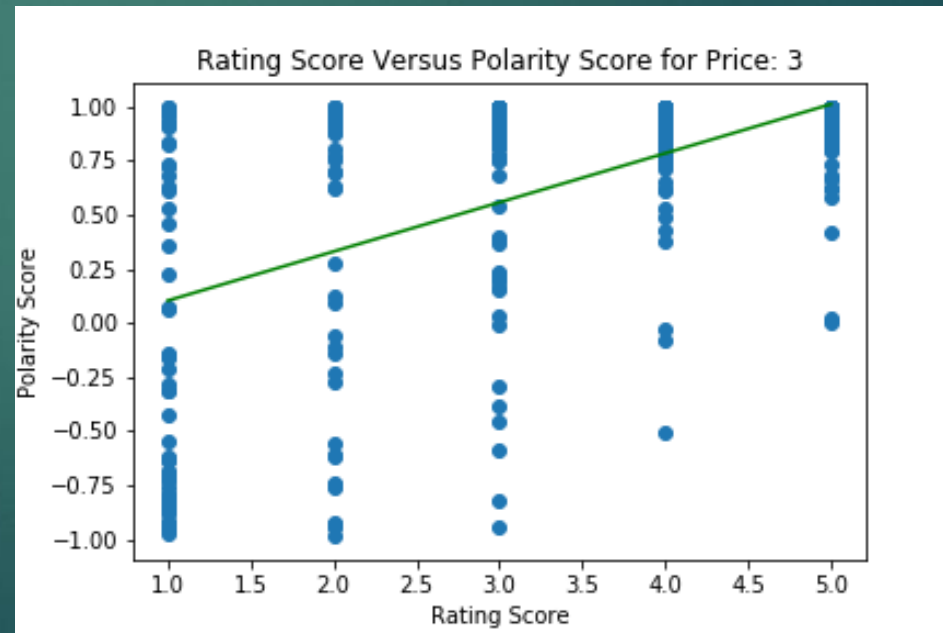
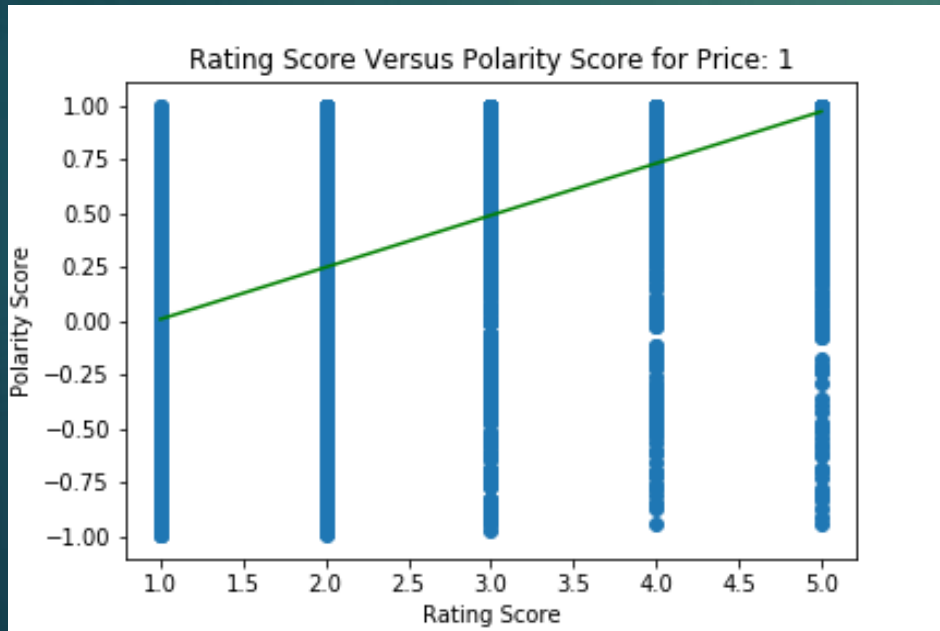
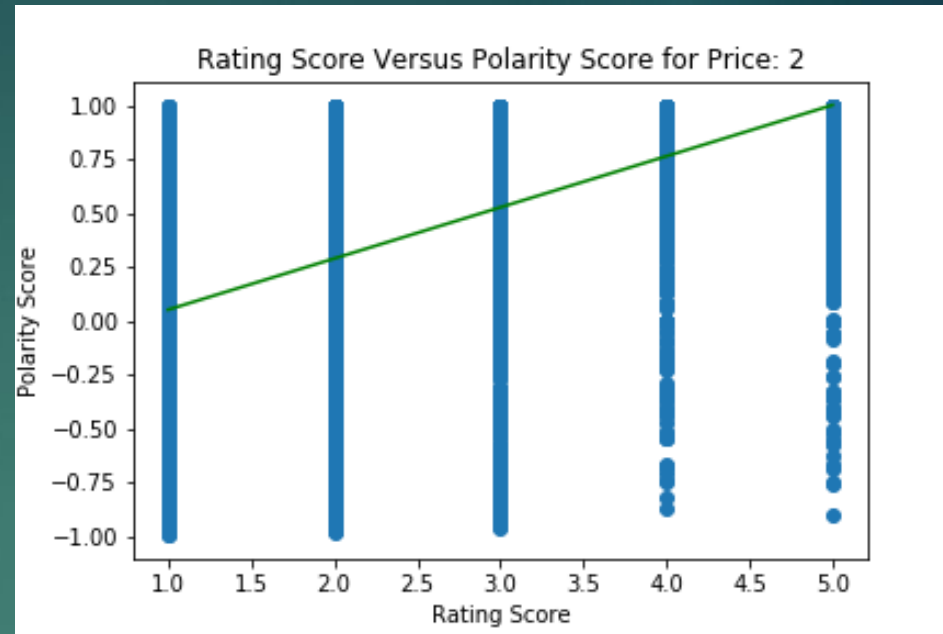
R-Value

1) 0.6292\*\*\*

2) 0.6241\*\*\*

3) 0.6275

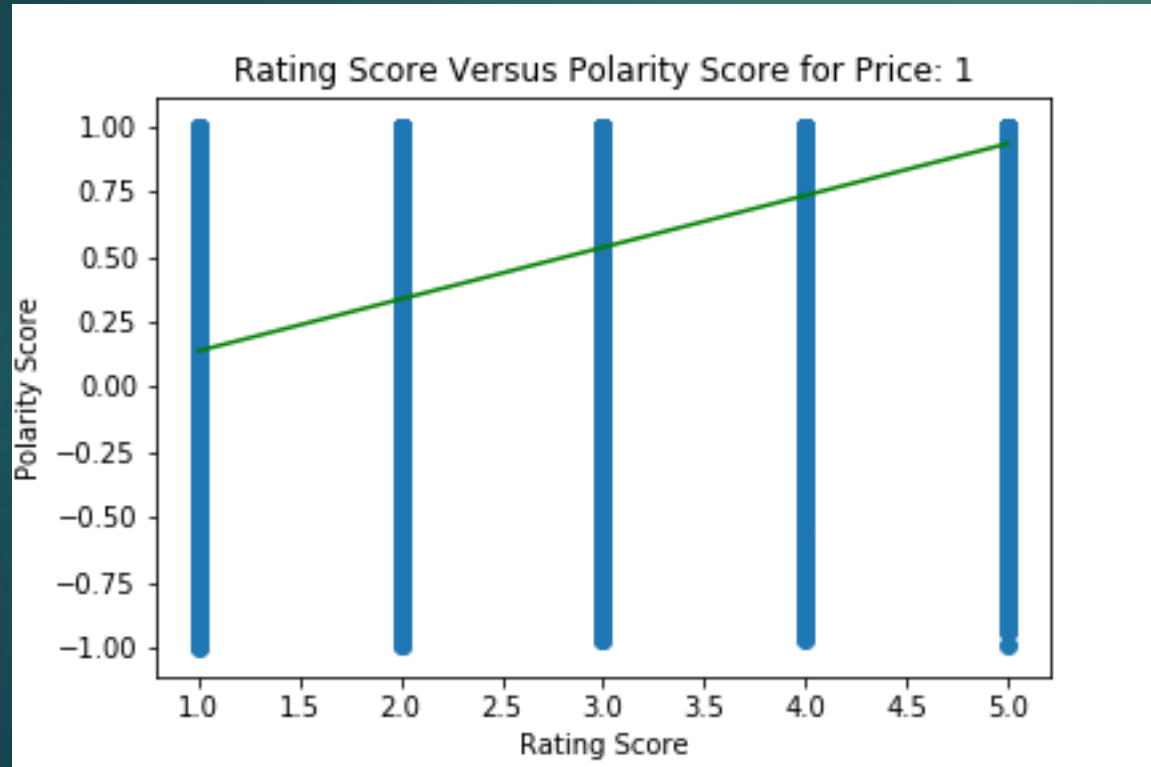
\*\*\* statistically significant \*\*\*



# Statistical Result

## Price 1 for 3 cities

- Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City (0.524)\*\*\*



# Code for the Statistical Result

```
def Create_ScatterPlot(price):
    """ Uses rating score and polarity score to make a scatter
    plot with a regression line """
    plt.scatter(x, y, marker='o')
    plt.title('Rating Score Versus Polarity Score for Price: ' + price)
    plt.xlabel('Rating Score')
    plt.ylabel('Polarity Score')
    plt.plot(np.unique(x),
             np.poly1d(np.polyfit(x, y, 1))(np.unique(x)), color='green')
    plt.savefig('Final_Project/statistical_result/comparison_graph-' +
                price + '.png')
    plt.close()
```

```
def Outfile_Regression_Results(price):
    """ Writes into a file all the slope-intercept, r value, p value,
    and standard deviation of the regression """
    linear_regression = linregress(x, y)
    with open('Final_Project/statistical_result/results.txt',
              'a+') as result_file:
        print('Price-level ' + price + ': ', linear_regression, sep='\t',
              file=result_file)
```



# Conclusion

- ▶ Significant positive relationship between rating score and polarity score
- ▶ The restaurant price level does not seem to affect the relationship
- ▶ How to extend this research:
  - ▶ Collect yelp review data from all over United States for a more
  - ▶ reliable statistic result