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Web data: Reddit Pizza Requests

Dataset information

This dataset contains a collection of 5671 textual requests for pizza from the Reddit community "Random Acts of Pizza" together with their outcome (successful/unsuccessful) and meta-data. All requests ask for the same thing: a free pizza. The outcome of each request --- whether its author received a pizza or not --- is known. Meta-data includes information such as: time of the request, activity of the requester, community-age of the requester, etc.

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Dataset statistics

Number of requests	5,671
Timespan	December 8, 2010 - September 29, 2013
Average success rate	24.6%

Source (citation)

- Tim Althoff, Cristian Danescu-Niculescu-Mizil, Dan Jurafsky. [How to Ask for a Favor: A Case Study on the Success of Altruistic Requests](#). ICWSM, 2014.

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@inproceedings{althoff2014howtoaskforafavor,
  title={How to Ask for a Favor: A Case Study on the Success of Altruistic Requests}},
  author={Althoff, Tim and Danescu-Niculescu-Mizil, Cristian and Jurafsky, Dan},
  booktitle={Proceedings of the International Conference on Weblogs and Social Media (ICWSM)},
  year={2014}
}
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Files

The full dataset archive can be downloaded [here](#).

File	Description
pizza_request_dataset.json	The dataset in json format.
read_dataset.py	A simple python script illustrating how to read in the dataset as well as the attributes available for each single request.
narratives (folder)	A folder containing the lexicons used to detect the five narratives described in our paper (desire, family, job, money, student).
altruistic_requests_icwsm.pdf	The article introducing this dataset.
README.txt	A README file.

Data format

Each entry in `pizza_request_dataset.json` corresponds to one request (the first and only request by the requester on RAOP). For each request, the following fields are included:

Field	Description
<code>giver_username_if_known</code>	Reddit username of giver if known, i.e. the person satisfying the request ("N/A" otherwise).
<code>in_test_set</code>	Boolean indicating whether this request was part of our test set.
<code>number_of_downvotes_of_request_at_retrieval</code>	Number of downvotes at the time the request was collected.
<code>number_of_upvotes_of_request_at_retrieval</code>	Number of upvotes at the time the request was collected.
<code>post_was_edited</code>	Boolean indicating whether this post was edited (from Reddit).
<code>request_id</code>	Identifier of the post on Reddit, e.g. "t3_w5491".
<code>request_number_of_comments_at_retrieval</code>	Number of comments for the request at time of retrieval.
<code>request_text</code>	Full text of the request.
<code>request_text_edit_aware</code>	Edit aware version of "request_text". We use a set of rules to strip edited comments

	indicating the success of the request such as "EDIT: Thanks /u/foo, the pizza was delicious".
request_title	Title of the request.
requester_account_age_in_days_at_request	Account age of requester in days at time of request.
requester_account_age_in_days_at_retrieval	Account age of requester in days at time of retrieval.
requester_days_since_first_post_on_raop_at_request	Number of days between requesters first post on RAOP and this request (zero if requester has never posted before on RAOP).
requester_days_since_first_post_on_raop_at_retrieval	Number of days between requesters first post on RAOP and time of retrieval.
requester_number_of_comments_at_request	Total number of comments on Reddit by requester at time of request.
requester_number_of_comments_at_retrieval	Total number of comments on Reddit by requester at time of retrieval.
requester_number_of_comments_in_raop_at_request	Total number of comments in RAOP by requester at time of request.
requester_number_of_comments_in_raop_at_retrieval	Total number of comments in RAOP by requester at time of retrieval.
requester_number_of_posts_at_request	Total number of posts on Reddit by requester at time of request.
requester_number_of_posts_at_retrieval	Total number of posts on Reddit by requester at time of retrieval.
requester_number_of_posts_on_raop_at_request	Total number of posts in RAOP by requester at time of request.
requester_number_of_posts_on_raop_at_retrieval	Total number of posts in RAOP by requester at time of retrieval.
requester_number_of_subreddits_at_request	The number of subreddits in which the author had already posted in at the time of request.
requester_received_pizza	Boolean indicating the success of the request, i.e., whether the requester received pizza.
requester_subreddits_at_request	The list of subreddits in which the author had already posted in at the time of request.
requester_upvotes_minus_downvotes_at_request	Difference of total upvotes and total downvotes of requester at time of request.
requester_upvotes_minus_downvotes_at_retrieval	Difference of total upvotes and total downvotes of requester at time of retrieval.
requester_upvotes_plus_downvotes_at_request	Sum of total upvotes and total downvotes of requester at time of request.
requester_upvotes_plus_downvotes_at_retrieval	Sum of total upvotes and total downvotes of requester at time of retrieval.
requester_user_flair	Users on RAOP receive badges (Reddit calls them flairs) which is a small picture next to their username. In our data set the user flair is either None (neither given nor received pizza, N=4282), "shroom" (received pizza, but not given, N=1306), or "PIF" (given after received, N=83).
requester_username	Reddit username of requester.
unix_timestamp_of_request	Unix timestamp of request (supposedly in timezone of user but in most cases equal to the UTC timestamp which is incorrect since most RAOP users are from the USA).
unix_timestamp_of_request_utc	Unit timestamp of request in UTC.