Tutorial: Introduction to Data Science with Python #brexit Analysis

Data Source: Twitter, using stream API
Data type: Tweets regarding brexit
Number of tweets collected: 5000

Libraries Used:

- PyMongo: Mongo DB client for Python

- https://api.mongodb.com/python/current/

- Tweepy: Python library to access Twitter API

- https://tweepy.readthedocs.io/en/v3.5.0/

Pre-processing:

Just tracked twitter with #brexit to figure out what other hashtags might be relevant. The final hashtags to be tracked were:

- 'brexit'
- 'theresamay'
- 'stopbrexit',
- 'brexitdeal',
- 'brexitshambles'

To setup MongoDB collection with the fetched tweets from the API, use the following: \$ mongoimport -d analysis -c brexit --file brexit.json

Analysis

1. Summary: Top 20 hashtags

2. Summary: Mentions of Theresa May

3. Summary: Counts of the 'favorites' on tweets

4. Comparison: Types of tweets - original vs retweeted

5. Comparison: Types of tweet content - text vs audio vs video

Description:

Stream API is used to fetch the tweets for the specified hashtags, and the data is stored in a MongoDB collection. The script 'fetchTweet.py' takes a secret file with the API tokens, and the tweepy API requests to fetch the data. Pymongo is used as a connector to store the data into a collection, so that we can run queries on the data.

The analysis is done using the script 'analysis.py' and it has 5 methods to analyse the five different questions. Part of those are done using Python, and a part of them are done using raw Mongo queries - as it seemed to be faster.

In the following page, we'll see the results of our analysis.

Top 20 hashtags



(word cloud generated using: https://www.wordclouds.com)

Hashtags with their frequencies are:

573	brexit
36	eu
32	revokearticle50
27	indicativevotes
26	brexitshambles
24	wtobrexitnow
23	peoplesvote
21	brexitstorm
15	nodeal
14	nhs
13	indicativevotes2
12	theresamay
12	singlemarket
10	stopbrexit
9	r4today

9	twatinahat
8	brexitbetrayal
8	uk
7	brexitchaos
7	fbpc

Mentions of Theresa May

We used a regex pattern to match all the names from "theresa|theresamay|maytheresa'

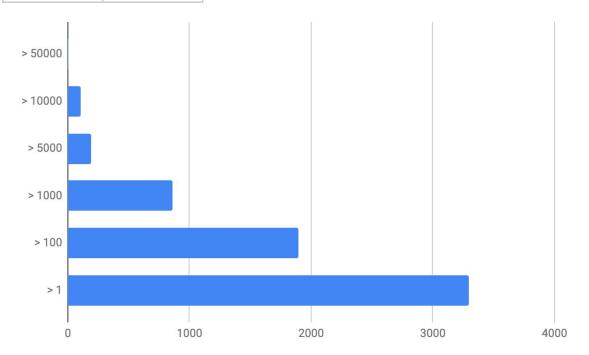
Total number of mentions in 5000 tweets: 153

Counts of favorites on tweets

Observartions: It seems like only 3/5000 tweets were favorited more than 50,000 times. Also, 3295 tweets were favorited atleast 1 time

The whole list is here for some numbers:

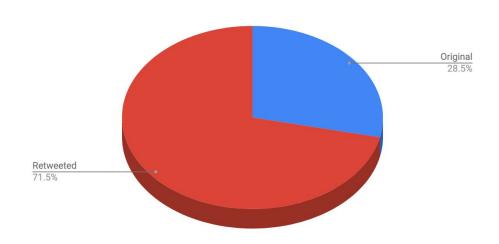
> 50000	3
> 10000	108
> 5000	187
> 1000	861
> 100	1896
> 1	3295



Original Tweets vs Retweeted Tweets

Original: 1424/5000 Retweeted: 3576/5000

On Twitter, a majority of the users retweet what they find interesting, and the behaviour could also beconfirmed from the analysis



Tweet Types

Text	4,822
Photo	148
Video	19

