

## Calculating the Polarity of Tweets with ArcGIS and qdap

1. Add R into the PATH environmental variable
  - a. Right click "My Computer" on Windows XP (or "Computer" on Windows 7), either on your desktop or in your start menu.
  - b. Click "Properties"
  - c. In Windows 7, click "Advanced System Settings" on the left.
  - d. In the "Advanced" tab, click the "Environment Variables" button.
  - e. Double-click the PATH variable, and add your R path to the list.
    - i. Entries are separated by semicolons. For example:  
**%WinDir%\System32;C:\Program Files\R\R-2.11.1\bin**
2. Add a Python Toolbox
  - a. Follow the instructions in the attached video
3. Collect Tweets
  - a. Double click the 'get\_tweets' tool located within your new toolbox.
  - b. Add a keyword for your search (i.e. Obama)
  - c. Enter a pair of Longitude, Latitude Coordinates
    - i. The first pair must be the southwest corner of a box, and the second pair must be the northeast corner of the same box.
    - ii. See the coordinates section for examples
  - d. Enter the total number of tweets that you want to collect
  - e. Click 'OK' to start collecting tweets
  - f. If all goes well, a new table named '(your keyword)\_tweets.dbf' should appear within your current directory
4. Get the Polarity of the Tweets
  - a. Double click the 'sentiment' tool located within your new toolbox.
  - b. Add the name of your table created with the 'get tweets' tool
  - c. Optional: Add a variable for grouping (i.e. place)
  - d. Click 'OK' to start calculate the polarity of the tweets
  - e. If you did not add a grouping variable, your results will be added as columns to your '(your keyword)\_tweets.dbf' table
  - f. If you added a grouping variable, a new table named '(your keyword)\_tweets\_(your group)\_polarity.dbf' should appear within your current directory
5. Coordinates

a. United States	-122.09, 32.25, -67.86, 47.16
b. San Francisco	-122.75, 36.8, -121.75, 37.8
c. New York City	-74.26, 40.49, -73.73, 40.88
d. Washington, DC	-77.13, 38.81, -76.91, 39.01