



Text Mining in Social Media

Text, Web and Social Media Analytics Lab

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Exercise 6: Clustering



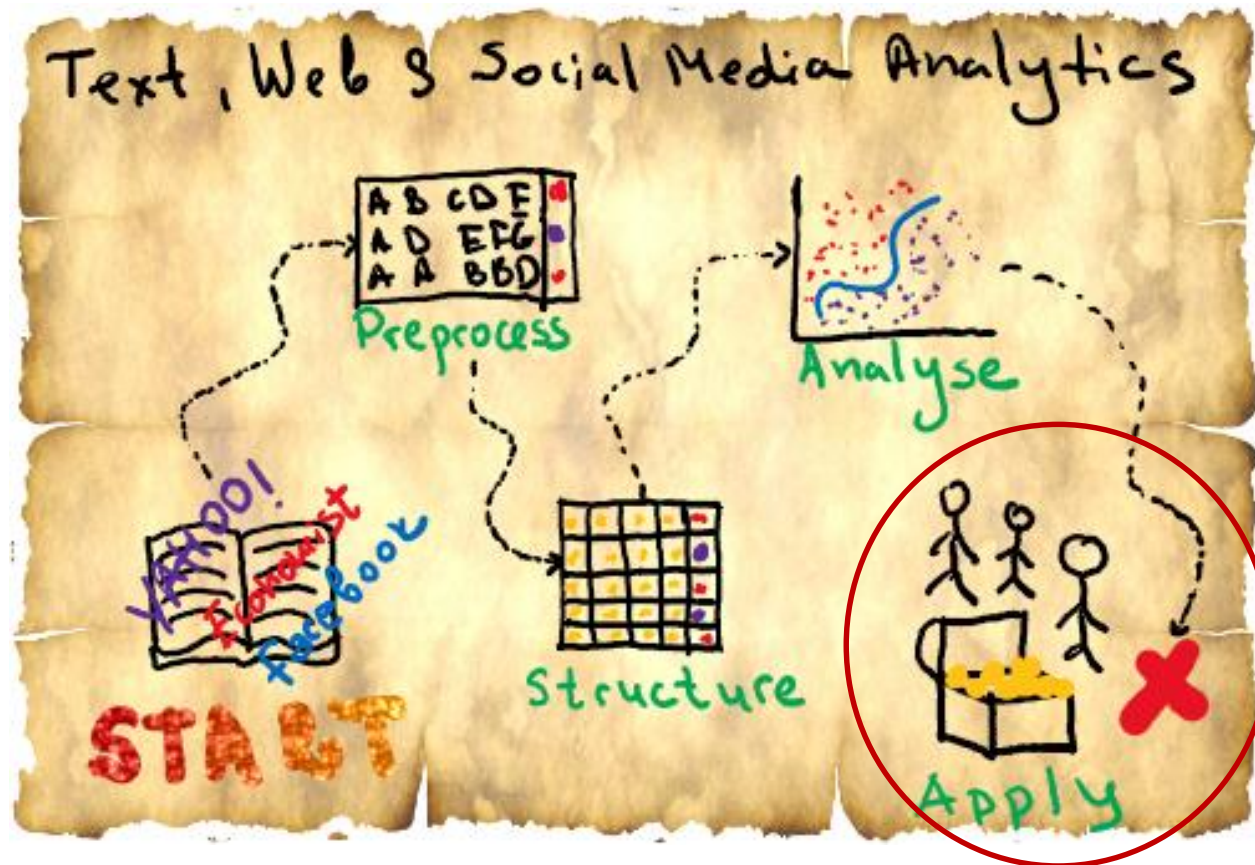
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Can one group present please?



What did we learn last week?

Social Media Analytics: Treasury map



Course structure



Date	Lecture	Exercise
12.04.2021	Introduction	Technical Installation
19.04.2021	Text Preprocessing	Projects kick-off
26.04.2021	Text Representation	Preprocessing Newsgroups
03.05.2021	Text Representation (2)	Text Representation Newsgroups
10.05.2021	Text Classification	Text Representation Newsgroups (2)
17.05.2021	Text Clustering/Capgemni	Newsgroups Topic Classification
31.05.2021	Text Mining in Social Media	Newsgroups Topic Clustering
07.06.2021	Mining Social Graphs	Sentiment Analysis and Time Series in Twitter
14.06.2021	Projects Status Update	Projects Status Update
21.06.2021	Web Analytics	Mining Social Graphs in Twitter
28.06.2021	Mock Exam	Web Analytics in E-commerce
05.07.2021	Final Presentation	Final Presentation
19.07.2021	Submit Code & Written report	
t.b.a.	Exam	

What will we learn today?



At the end of this lecture, you will:

1. Know what is social media and why social media analytics matters.
2. Be aware of the main social media sites and possibilities to access their data.
3. Understand the special nature of text analytics and its applications for social media data.



What is social media?

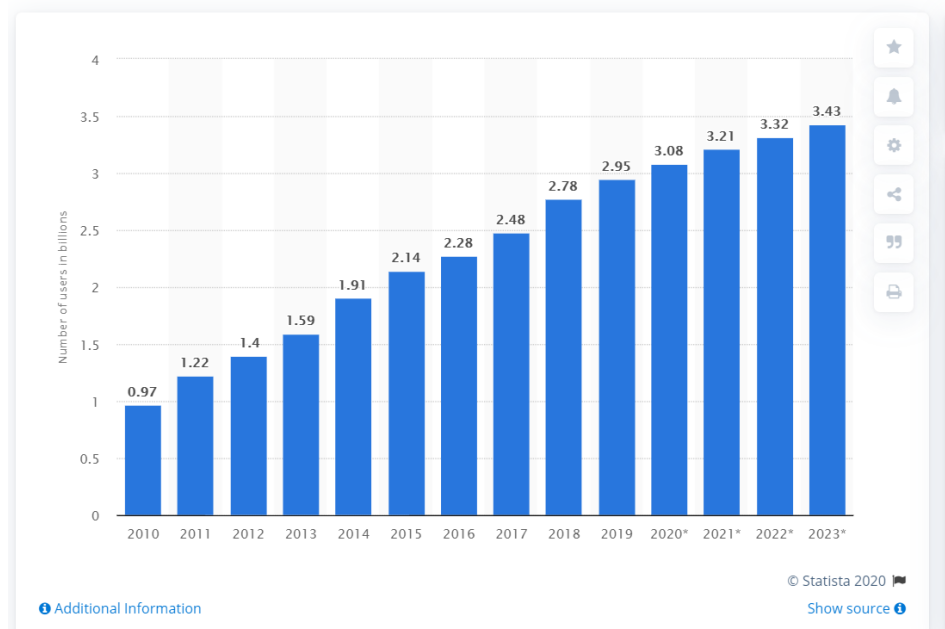
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Source: <https://www.statista.com/>

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Social Media: Success stories



Domino's Pizza UK ✓
@Dominos_UK

Want a tasty Domino's pizza for lunch? Keep tweeting
[#letsdolunch](#) to knock money off the pizzas!

11:43 AM · Apr 2, 2012 · [Twitter Ads](#)

10 Retweets



Cancer Research UK ✓ @CR_UK · Mar 25, 2014
The £8 million you've raised with your [#nomakeupselfie](#) pics will help fund 10 clinical trials.



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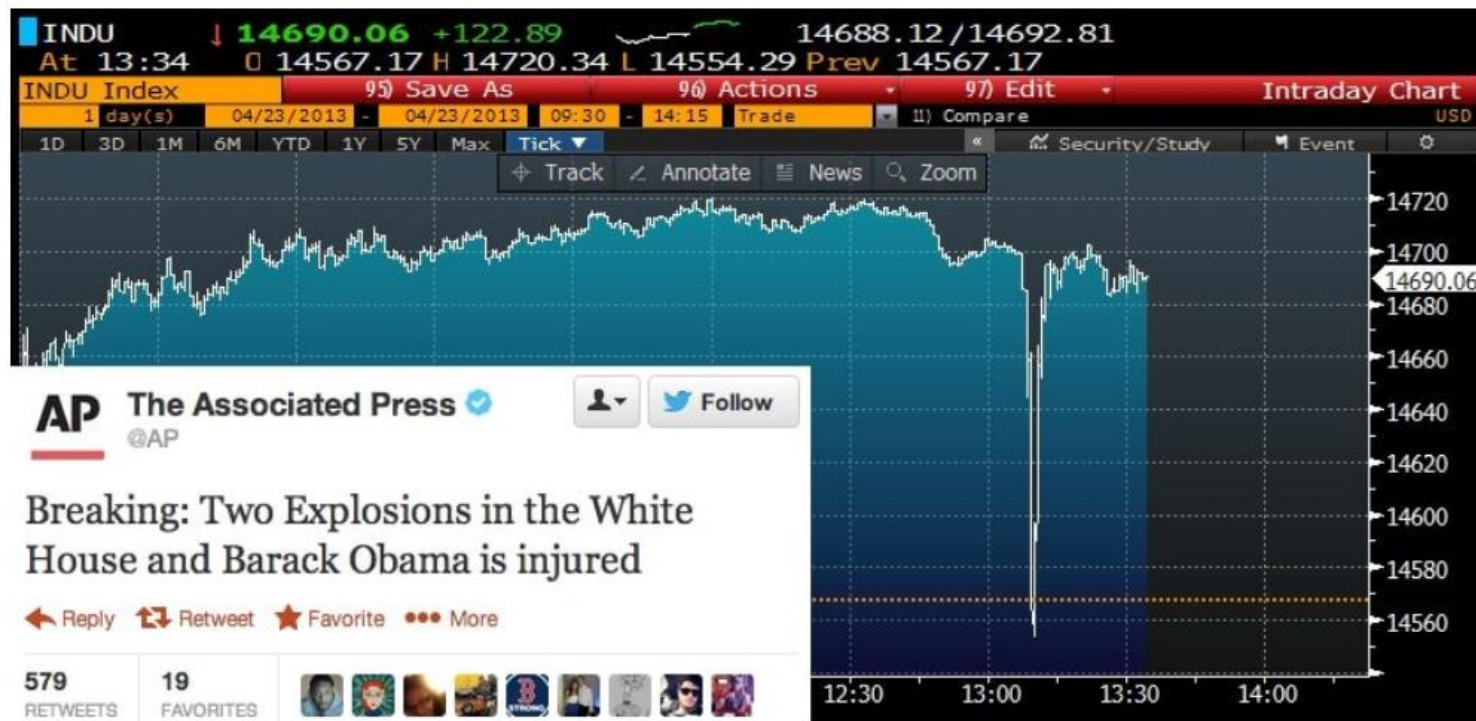
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Nat Geo Channel ✓ @NatGeoChannel · Sep 21, 2017
These athletes will have to cover 26.2 miles in 2 hours. That's 4:34 per mile.
[#Breaking2](#) @Nike



Social Media: Success stories (?)



This chart shows the Dow Jones Industrial Average during Tuesday afternoon's drop, caused by a fake A.P. tweet, inset at left.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2013/04/23/syrian-hackers-claim-ap-hack-that-tipped-stock-market-by-136-billion-is-it-terrorism/>

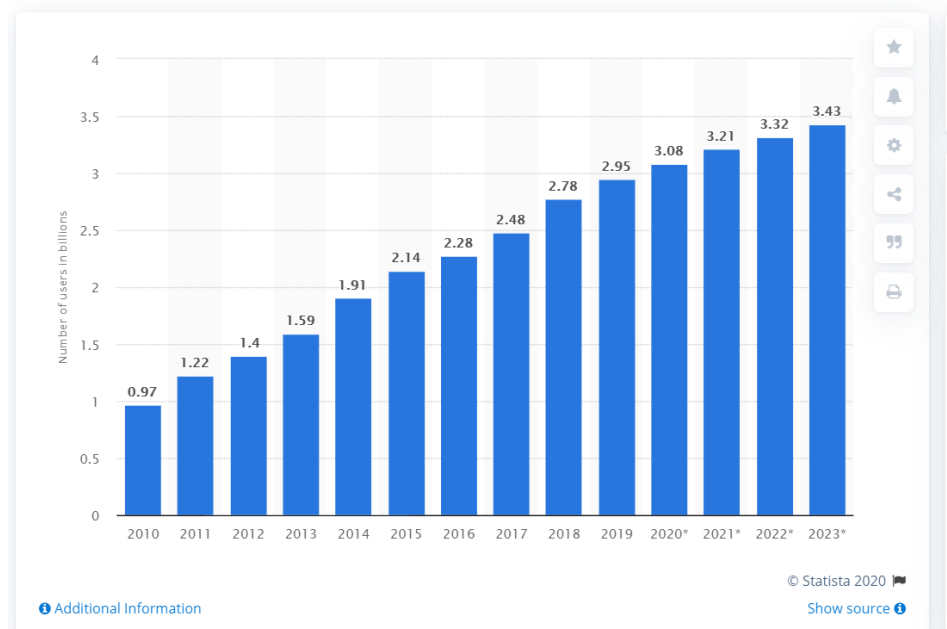
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Social Media Analytics: Why it matters?



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Why does social media analytics matter?



Social Media Analytics: Why it matters?

- Social Media is so important that companies can't ignore it.
- **But:** a bad social media strategy can have devastating consequences

➔ Develop a strategy based on the data by...

...understanding the status quo (as-is):

- Who are your customers (e.g. age)?
- How do they feel about your company/product?
- How did this develop over time (e.g. new products)?
- How are your competitors doing in social media?

...and improving the future (to-be):

- How to improve users' perception of your company/product?
- How to increase your customer base?



**Which social media site is the most popular one worldwide
(number of active users)?**

a: Facebook

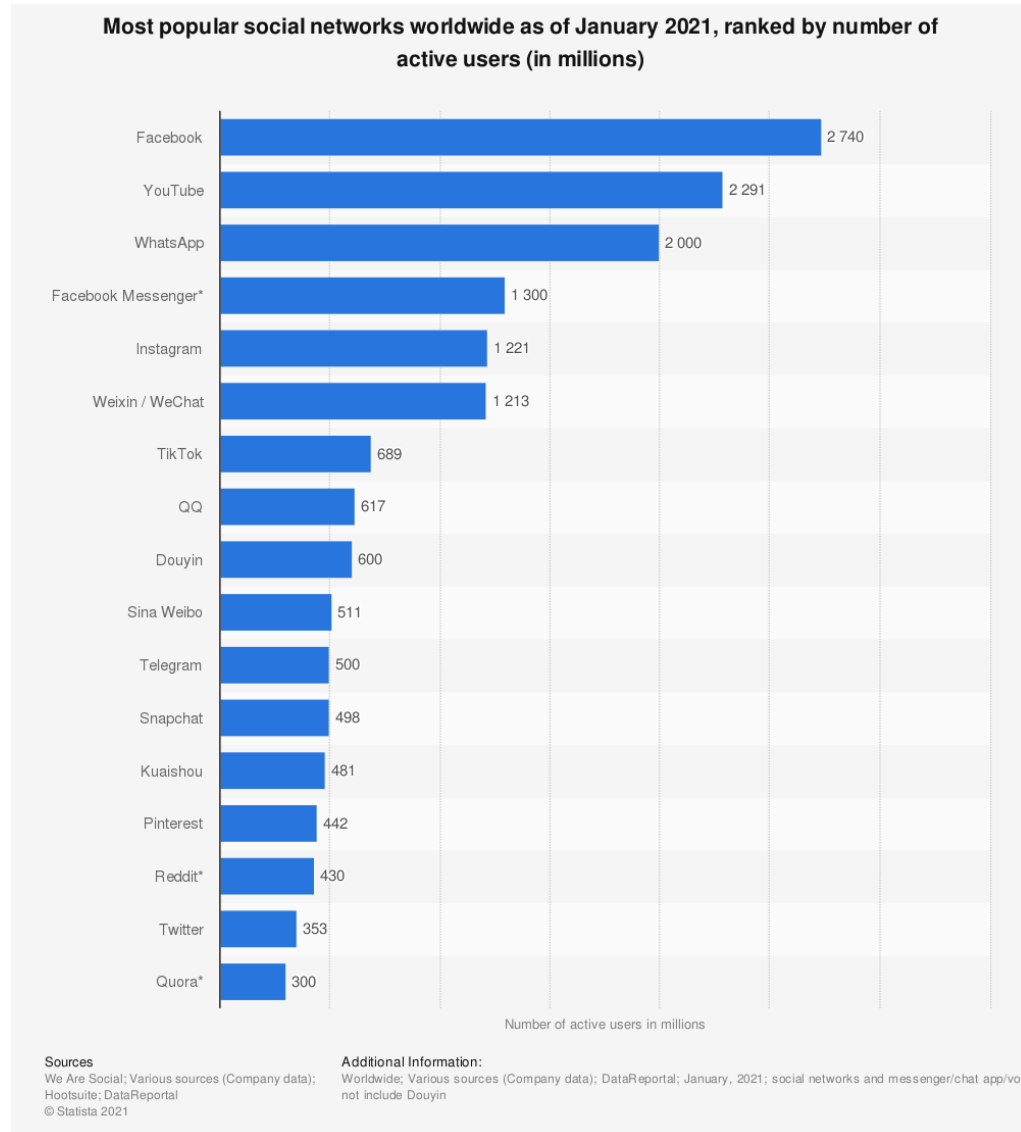
b: Twitter

c: YouTube

d: WeChat

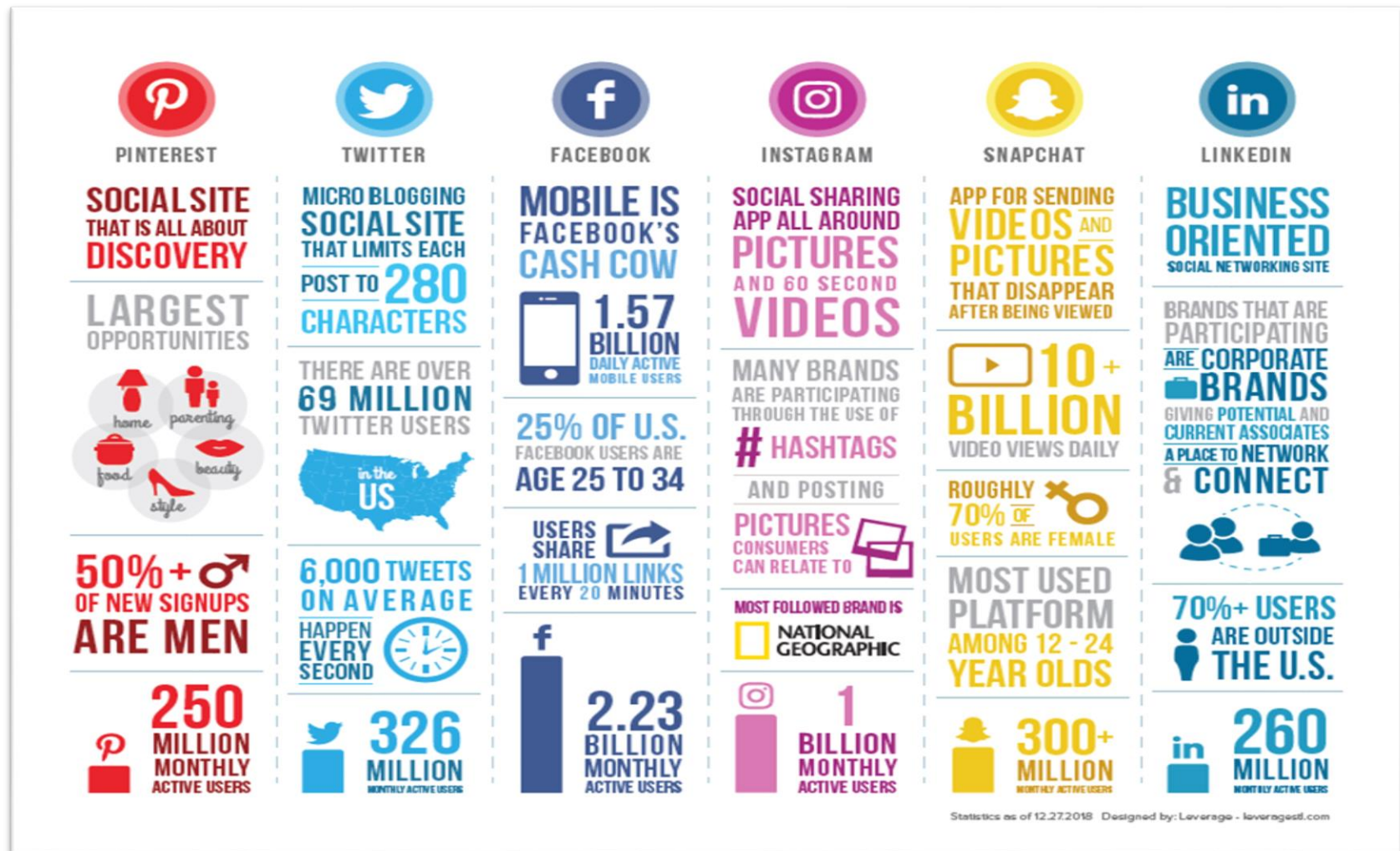
e: LinkedIn

Social Media: Main Sites (2)



<https://www.statista.com/statistics/72014/global-social-networks-ranked-by-number-of-users/>

Social Media Analytics: Main Sites



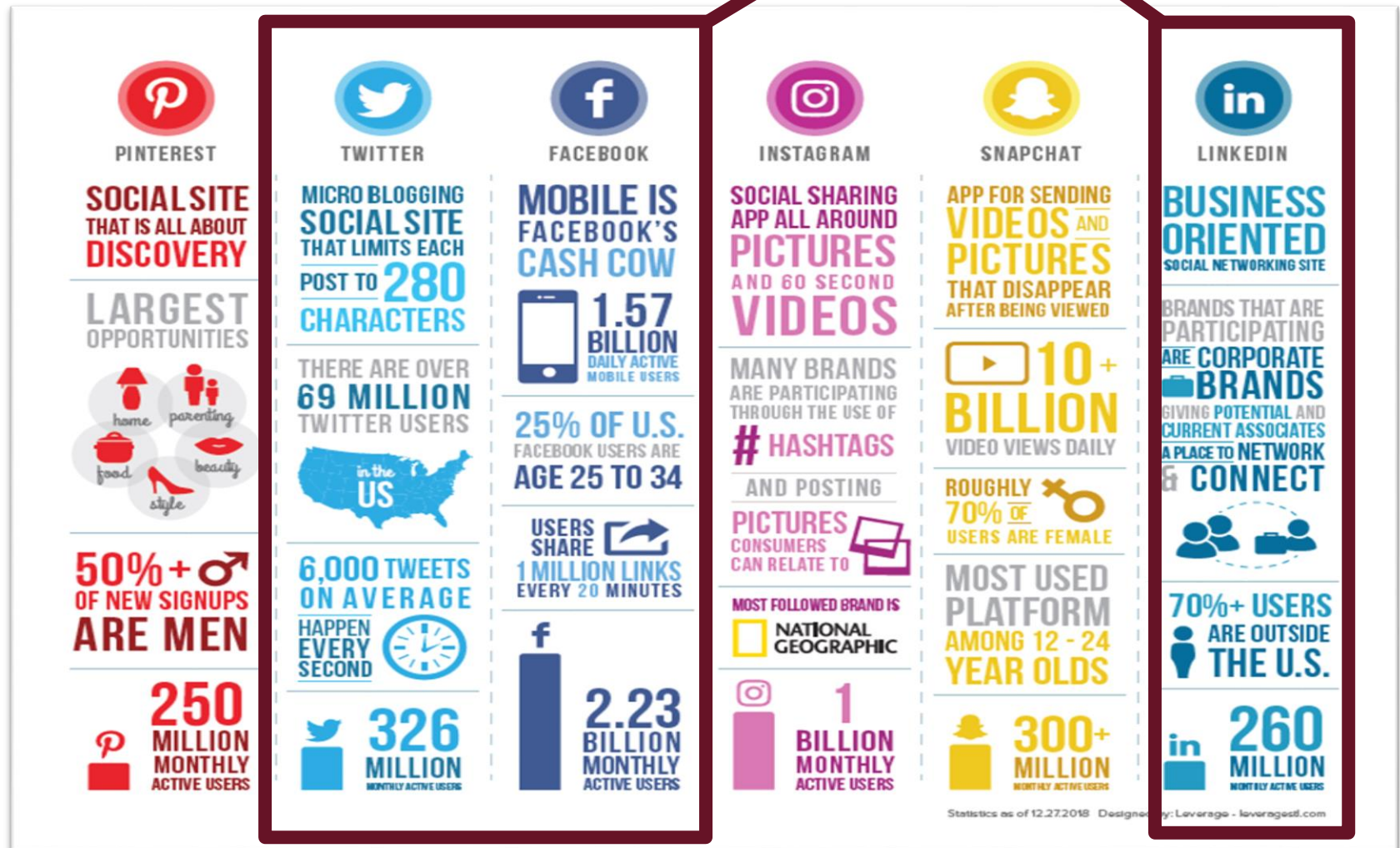
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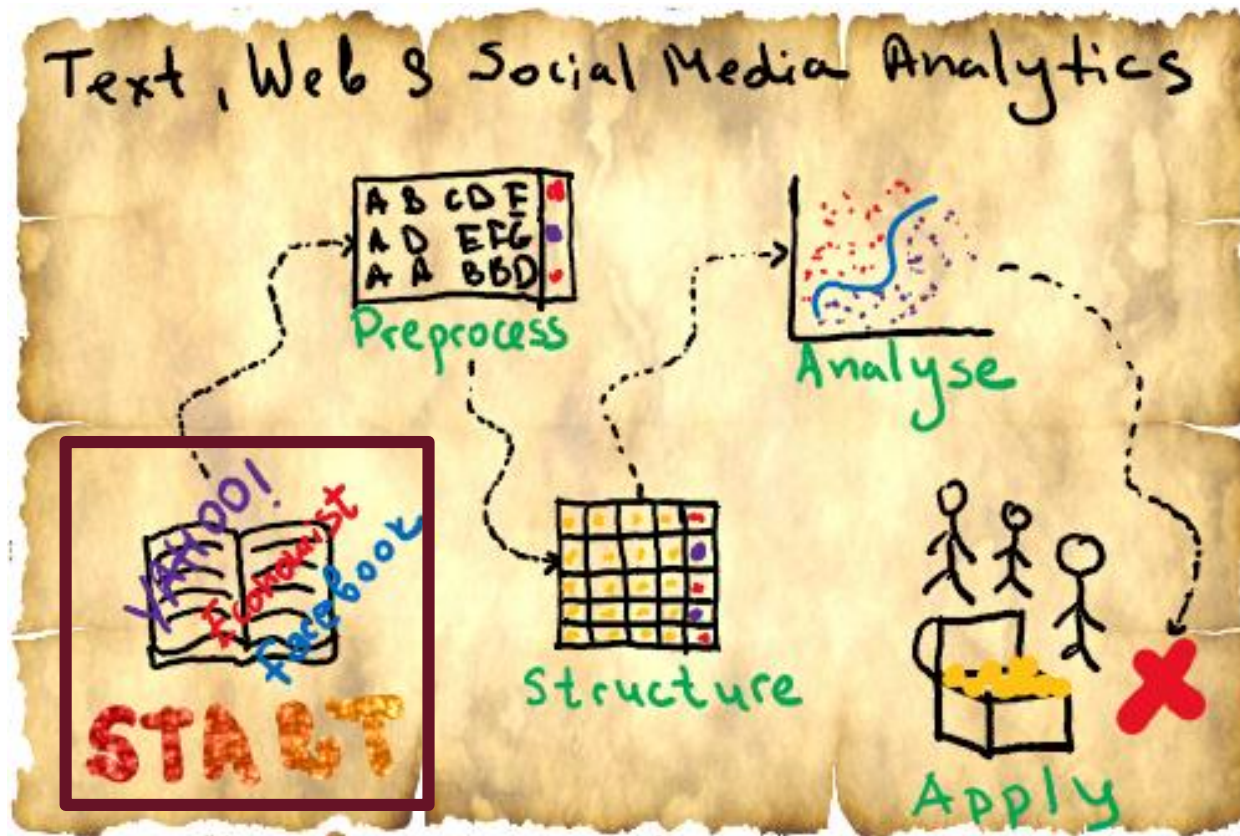
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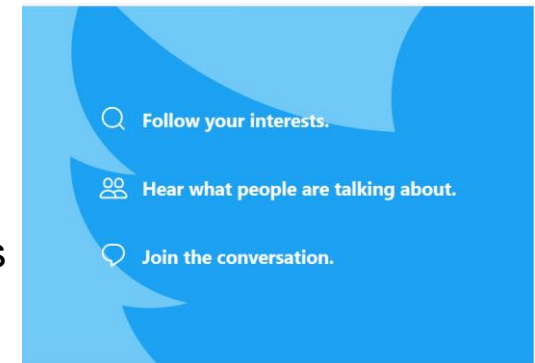
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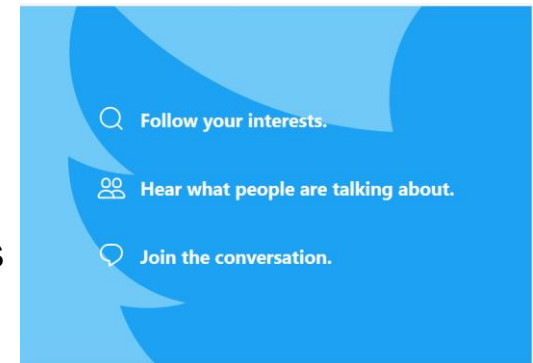
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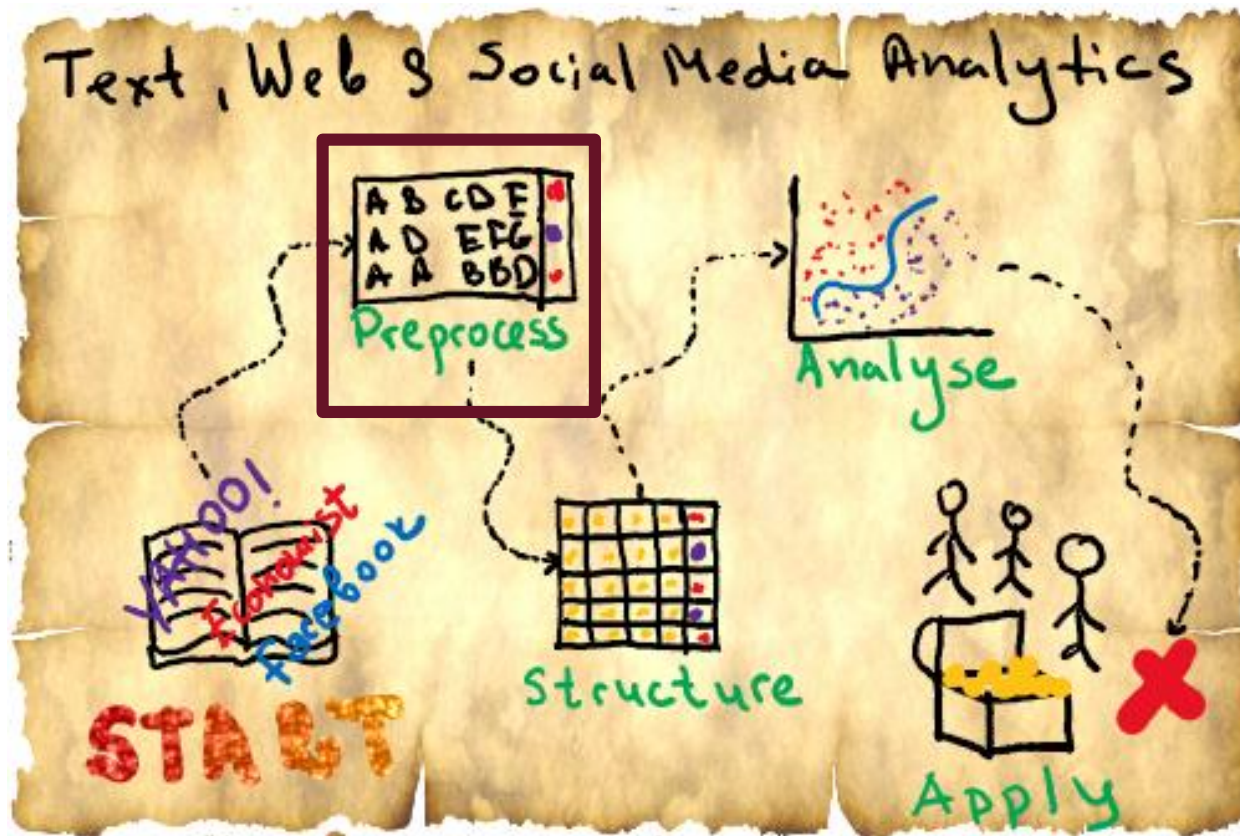
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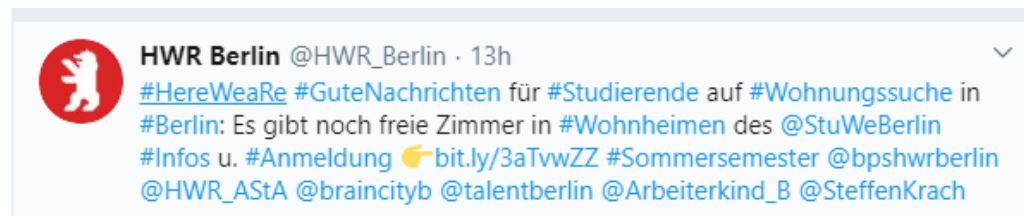
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Applications: cluster users in professional groups and work experience, find the most trending professional topics

Social Media Analytics: Treasury map



Why do social media texts require additional preprocessing than other texts such as books?

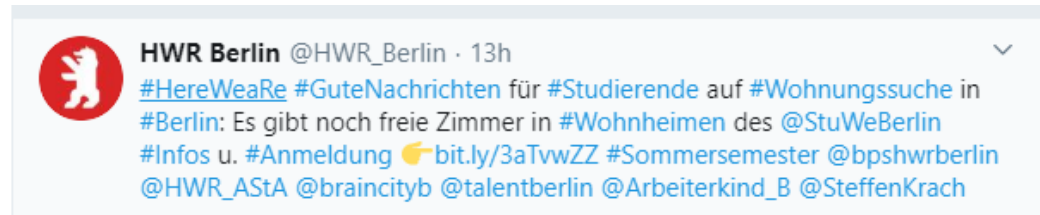




Text Preprocessing in Social Media Analytics

Social Media texts are different, because they contain non-language parts such as:

- URL: e.g. bit.ly/3aTvwZZ
- Hashtags: #StuWeBerlin
- Mentions: @HWR_AStA



- Reserved words: RT(=Retweet), FAV(=Favourite Message)
- Emojis: 😊 🙌
- Smilies: 😊, ☹️



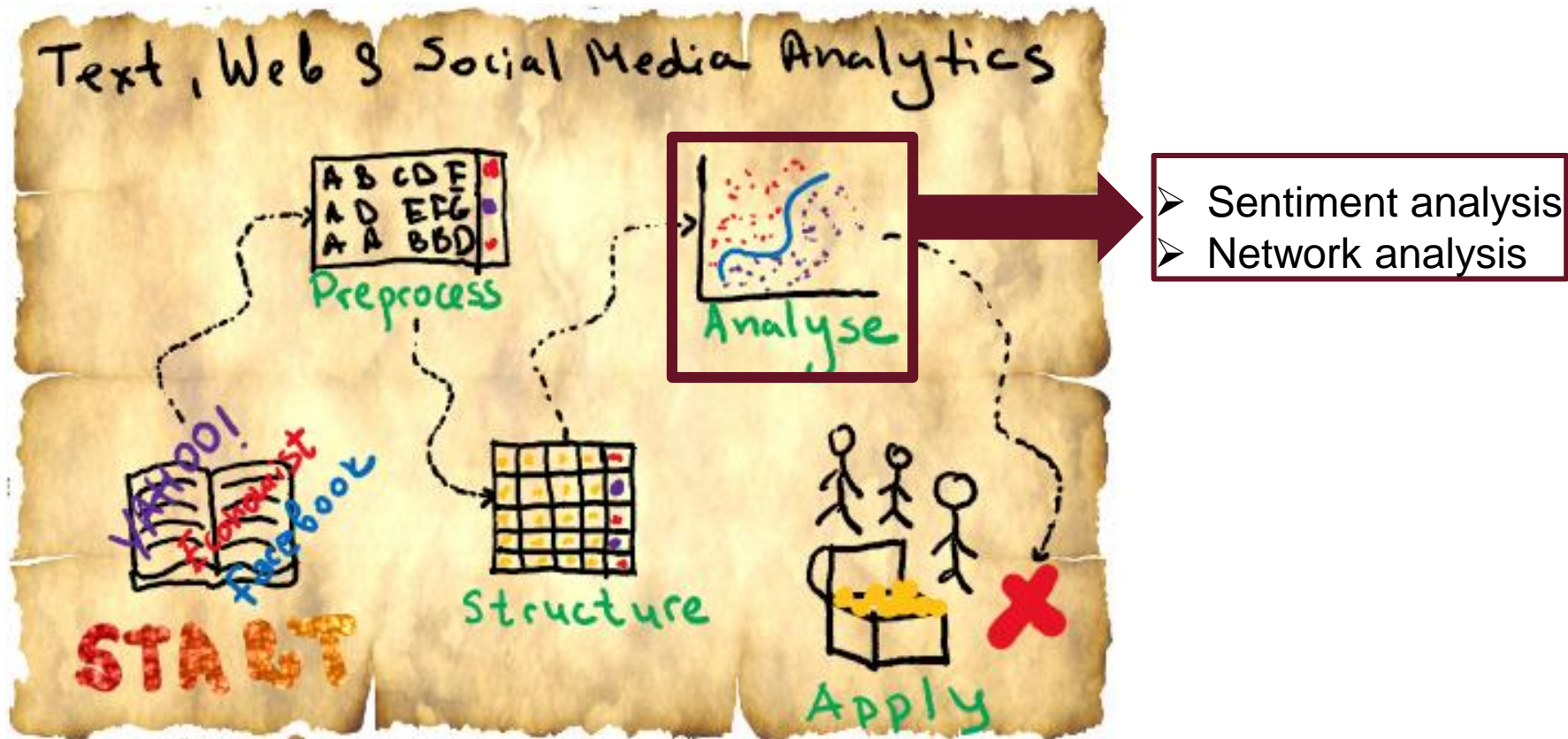
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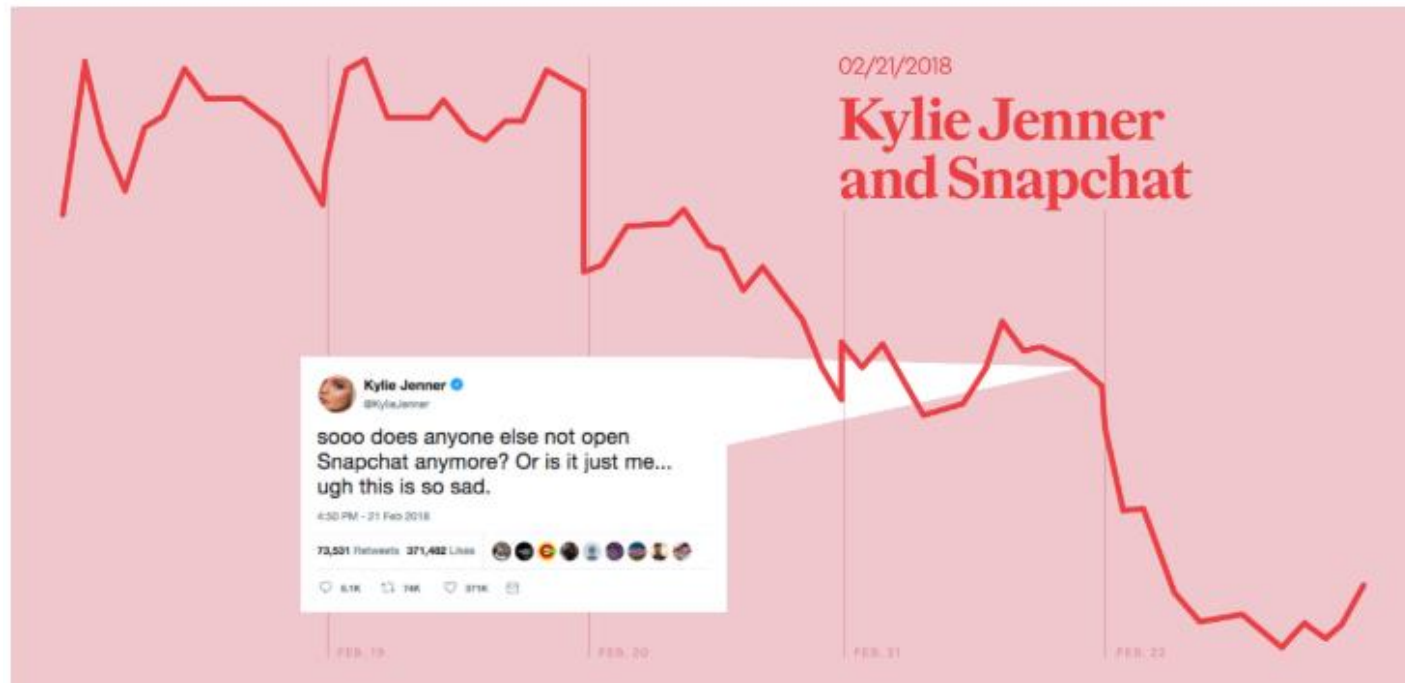
Additional preprocessing to reduce noise.

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Text Analysis in Social Media Analytics: Sentiment

- As opposed to other texts such as news, texts in social media are emotional and subjective.
- Due to the network structure, emotions amplify and can have serious consequences.



Source: <https://www.ogilvy.com/feed/11-tweets-that-turned-the-stock-market-upside-down/>



Text Analysis in Social Media Analytics: Sentiment (2)

- Sentiment Analysis aims at determining whether a piece of text is positively, neutrally or negatively mooded.

Example:

- „The movie was horrible, I definitely don't recommend it.“ → negative
- „It was a fantastic movie with a very interesting plot.“ → positive
- „I went to see the movie yesterday.“ → neutral



Calculate social media sentiment in Python

Comparison of Python Sentiment Packages

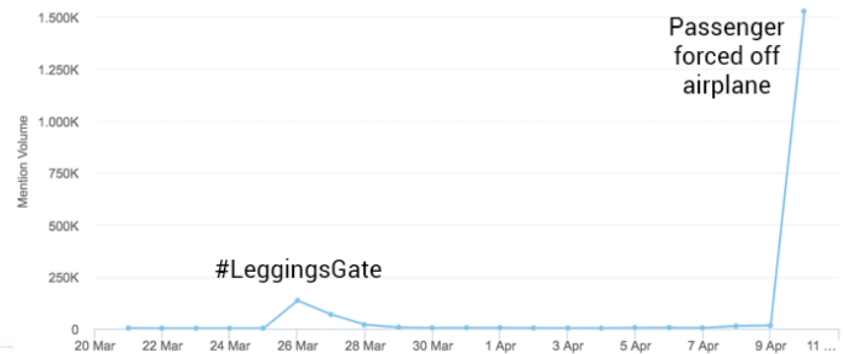
Package	Output	Method	Comment
VADER (NLTK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative Neutral Positive Compound in $[-1,1]$, combination of positive and negative 	Rule/lexicon-based, word based	Good for short texts, handles smileys
CoreNLP	0: very negative 1: negative 2: neutral 3: positive 4: very positive	Tree-based and neural network models	Uses a deep learning model that has to be loaded
TextBlob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polarity in $[-1,1]$ Subjectivity in $[0,1]$ 	Pattern analyser and Naïve Bayes analyser (trained on movie reviews)	Based on the most commonly occurring negative and positive adjectives (Pattern)

Text Analysis in Social Media Analytics: Time Series Analysis

Why it matters?

- Examine effects of social media campaigns (e.g. #Breaking2)
- Identify trends in sentiment and react
- Examine trending topics over time

Mentions of United Airlines



Twitter, Facebook & Instagram analysis via Brandwatch | 20 March - 10 April 2017



Jayse D. Anspach @JayseDavid · Apr 10, 2017

@United overbook #flight3411 and decided to force random passengers off the plane. Here's how they did it:



Summary:

- Social media content quality can have serious positive and negative consequences on products and companies.
- Main social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn offer free access to their data via APIs.
- Text preprocessing for social media content requires additional cleaning.
- Sentiment analysis in Python can be done with VADER, TextBlob or NLPCore.
- Time series analysis in social media is crucial for product campaigns and long-term sentiment analysis.

Outlook: Social media data has an underlying network structure that can be analysed to determine most influential users, topic clusters and information spread dynamics.



Questions?

Exercise 7



In a minute, six break-out rooms will be created. Choose the room that corresponds to your group in Moodle e.g. Room 1= Group 1. In your project group discuss and document the solution for Exercise 7 (in Moodle).