Sentiment Analysis of Twitter Data w/Machine Learning

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The Business Problem

People are increasingly expressing their thoughts on social media platforms and those conversations can severely affect public which impacts sales. It is critical for brands to stay informed of how they are perceived and quickly adapt to shifting trends.



Business Objectives

- Obtain actionable insights from public opinion via twitter data Apple can use to stay ahead of its competition
 - What led the participants to negative sentiments about their brand or products
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 - What did sentiments did participants have towards competing brands or products

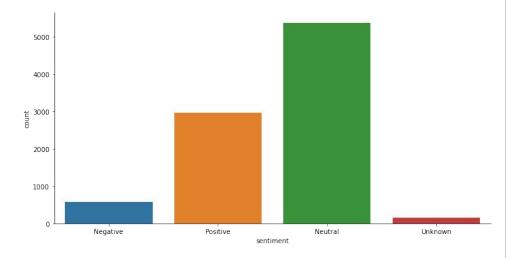
 Develop Machine Learning models that can be used to gather future public feedback



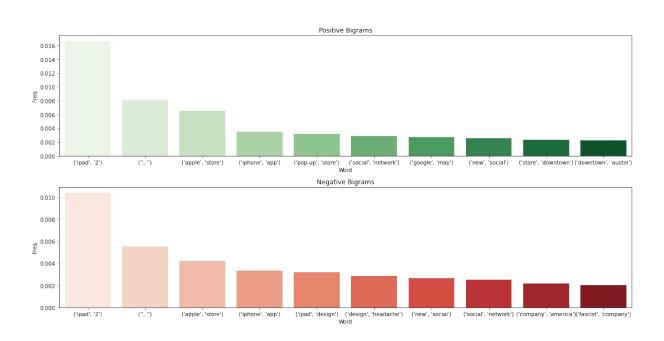
The Data

 +9,000 tweets captured from events held by Apple and Google at the 2011 SXSW Conference

- The tweets were labeled by humans into one of the following categories:
 - Negative Sentiment
 - Positive Sentiment
 - Neutral Sentiment
 - Sentiment is Unknown

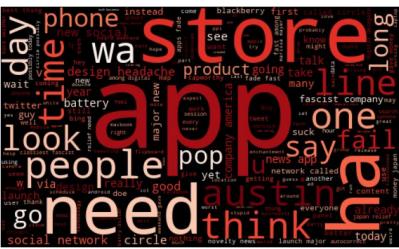


Bigram Results

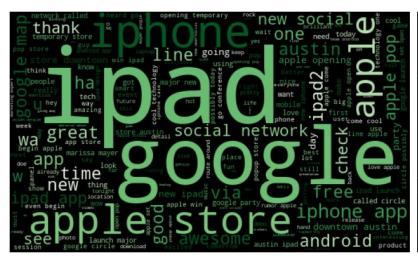


Insights From Negative Tweets



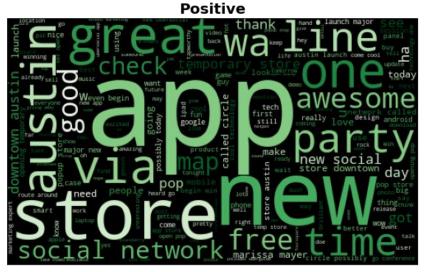


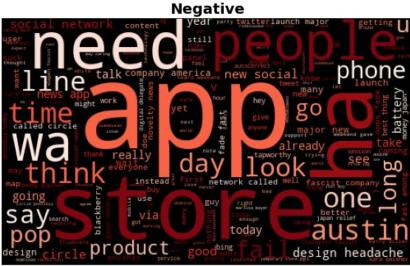
Insights From Positive Tweets





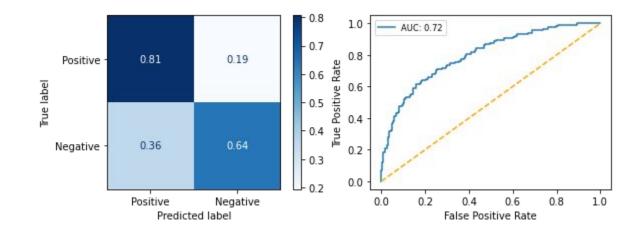
WordCloud Comparison





Methods

- Trained basic Machine Learning models to labeled twitter data
 - Classifiers include Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression and Random Forest
 - Selected for interpretability and to serve as a baseline for further complex models



Model Results

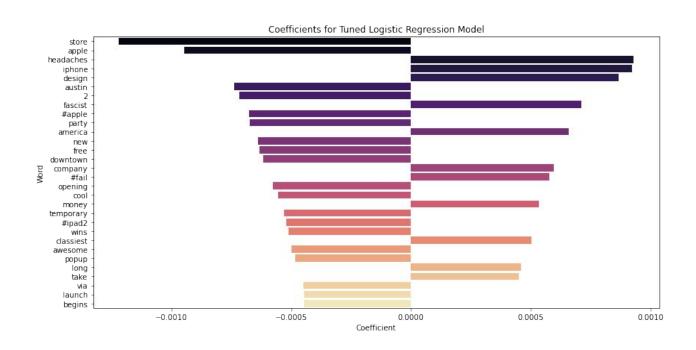
Logistic Regression Model

- Correctly predicted 64% of the Negative Tweets
- Correctly predicted 81% of the Positive Tweets
- Less overfit to the training data
- Can be further tuned

Naive Bayes Model

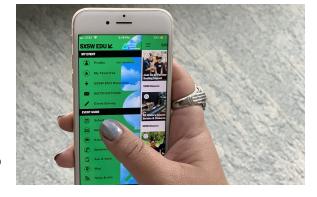
- Correctly predicted 68% of the Negative Tweets
- Correctly predicted 85% of the Positive Tweets
- Over Sampled the minority class
- Less complex

Most Important Features



Conclusions and Recommendations

- Machine Learning models can monitor public sentiment
- Can track threats and weakness of their competition
- Product Designs Insights
 - Improve iPhone battery
 - Retool the iPad design
 - Ensure apps in the app store are functioning properly
- Marketing Insights
 - Pop-up stores generate a lot of excitement
 - Parties and events and giveaways should be further looked into



Next steps

- Gather more data
- Develop a multiclass model
- Test more complex preprocessing techniques and different classification models



Thank you!

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https://github.com/rcauvy/product-sentiment-analysis-nlp

