# Sentiment Analysis on 515k Hotel Reviews

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# Background

Tourism industry has transitioned from a brick-and-mortar and person-to-person business into a digital savvy and omnipresent travel service network. Taking booking.com for example, as one of the most successful Online Travel Agency (OTA), its website and mobile apps are available in over 40 languages, offer 28,988,780 total reported listings, and cover 144,354 destinations in 229 countries and territories worldwide. Every day, more than 1,550,000 room nights are reserved on this platform. Therefore, how to retrieve, analyze, and categorize those emotional and experiential elements of tourist activities and capitalize on those digital footprints has become a great challenge and major concern of tourism businesses. Sentiment Analysis comes into the rescue, Sentiment Analysis basically refers to the use of computational linguistics and natural language processing to analyze text and identify its subjective information (Alaei, Becken, & Stantic, 2017). Opinion Mining or Sentiment Analysis is based on the idea of unlocking the hidden value of opinions to achieve deeper understanding of customers' need and more informed and actional business insights.

#### About the Data

This dataset was scraped from Booking.com by Jason Liu and publicly available on Kaggle (https://www.kaggle.com/jiashenliu/515k-hotel-reviews-data-in-europe).

The aim of applying Sentiment Analysis to this dataset is two-fold:

#### 1. for hotel managers:

Hotels can leverage opinion polarity and sentiment topic recognition to gain a deeper understanding of customers' feedback and their drivers. Also, to extract customers' emotional tone from the reviews they posted will help provide good opportunities for hotels to re-evaluate and improve their customer service and products accordingly.

#### 2. for potential customers:

Sentiment Analysis helps answer questions like if two hotels have the same review score, how can a potential customer find the right hotel?

All customers should no longer be placed in the one bucket but demand different service and products to satisfy certain needs. Some customers have high standards on hotel staff that take care of them and create guest experience. Some guests want spaciousness and quality of facilities to achieve a restful sleep. For some guests, price or good value may be the most key factor in their decision to book. And others are willing to pay extra to indulge themselves with high-end experience in their travel. In attempt to drive right customers to right hotels, we need to find a way to evaluate and sort hotels by different features.

To utilize Sentiment Analysis to its full potential, we bring a trending concept "Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis" into this project. Different from a traditional sentiment classification task which tends to treat

an entire entity as a whole, Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis focuses on how to estimate sentiment score for different aspects of an entity, how positive or negative the opinions are on average for each aspect.

## Initial Observation (data\_process.ipynb)

This dataset contains 515,738 customer reviews and score of 1492 luxury hotels across Europe gathered by Bookings.com from August 2015 to August 2017.

All 17 fields in the dataset are described below:

- Hotel Address: Address of the hotel.
- Review Date: Date when reviewer posted the corresponding review.
- Average\_Score: Average Score of the hotel, calculated based on the latest comments in the last year.
- Hotel\_Name: Name of the hotel.
- Reviewer\_Nationality: Nationality of the reviewer.
- Negative\_Review: Negative/bad things the reviewer wrote about the hotel. If the reviewer didn't give a negative review, its value shows 'No Negative'.
- Review\_Total\_Negative\_Word\_Counts: Total words in the negative review.
- Positive\_Review: Positive/good things the reviewer wrote the hotel. If the reviewer didn't give a negative review, its value shows 'No Positive'.
- Review\_Total\_Positive\_Word\_Counts: Total words in the positive review.
- Reviewer\_Score: A score the reviewer has given to the hotel, based on his/her experience.
- Total\_Number\_of\_Reviews\_Reviewer\_Has\_Given: Number of Reviews the reviewer has given in the past.
- Total\_Number\_of\_Reviews: Total number of valid reviews the hotel has.
- Tags: Tags reviewer gave the hotel.
- days since review: Duration between the review date and scrape date.
- Additional\_Number\_of\_Scoring: There are also some guests who just made a scoring on the service rather than a review. This number indicates how many valid scores without review in there.
- lat: Latitude of the hotel.
- Ing: longtitude of the hotel.

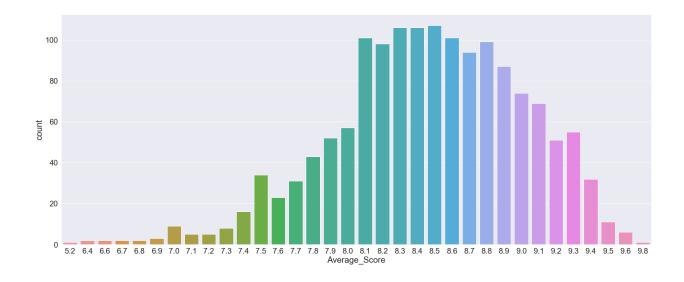
We take closer look in Average\_Score, Hotel\_Name, Negative\_Review,

Review\_Total\_Negative\_Word\_Counts, Positive\_Review, Review\_Total\_Positive\_Word\_Counts, Reviewer\_Score for Sentiment Analysis. Since both negative reviews and positive reviews are already split and provided by the dataset, so starting with binary classification would be natural choice for this project.

And geographical information including Hotel\_Address, lat, lng might be helpful for data visualization in the later phase of the project.

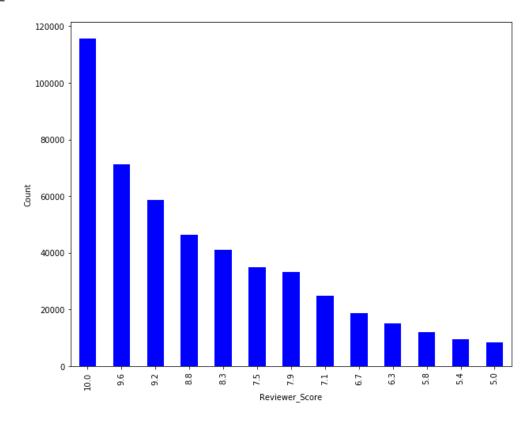
Average Score Distribution:

The histogram below represents the distribution of Hotel Average\_Score. It ranges from 5.2 to 9.8, and the most common average score are between 8.1 to 9.1. Since Average\_Score is calculated based on all Reviewer\_Scores from the previous year, it tends to "balance" some extreme values, so we see a relatively smooth and "normal" distribution.

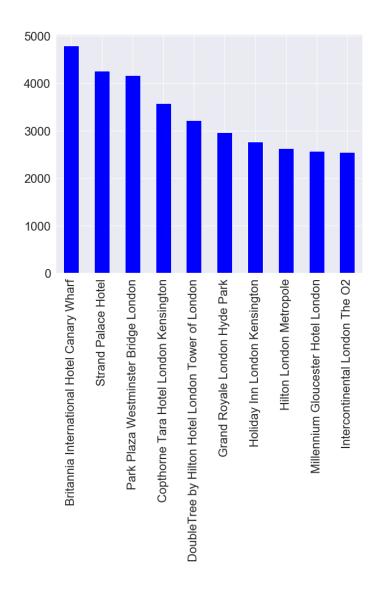


#### **Reviewer Score Distribution:**

The histogram below represents the top 5 distribution of Hotel Reviewer\_Score. The range of review\_score is from 1.0 to 10.0.



Top 10 Most Reviewed Hotels:



Word could distribution for Review\_Nationality:



# Simple Binary Classification (data\_process.ipynb)

1. Handle duplicated and missing values

We start with removing duplicated values and checking missing values. Most missing values are Hotel\_Names, latitudes and longitudes of hotels, we use information provided by <a href="http://latlong.org/">http://latlong.org/</a> to manually fill in those blanks for future geographical display.

```
###Latitude information of Hotels
loc_lat = {'Fleming s Selection Hotel Wien City':48.209270,
              'Hotel City Central':48.2136,
             'Hotel Atlanta':48.210033,
'Maison Albar Hotel Paris Op ra Diamond':48.875343,
              'Hotel Daniel Vienna':48.1888,
              'Hotel Pension Baron am Schottentor':48.216701,
'Austria Trend Hotel Schloss Wilhelminenberg Wien':48.2195,
             'Derag Livinghotel Kaiser Franz Joseph Vienna':48.245998, 
'NH Collection Barcelona Podium':41.3916,
              'City Hotel Deutschmeister':48.22088,
              'Hotel Park Villa':48.233577.
               'Cordial Theaterhotel Wien':48.209488,
              'Holiday Inn Paris Montmartre':48.888920, 'Roomz Vienna':48.186605,
              'Mercure Paris Gare Montparnasse':48.840012,
               'Renaissance Barcelona Hotel':41.392673,
              'Hotel Advance':41.383308}
###Longitude information of Hotels
loc_lng ={'Fleming s Selection Hotel Wien City':16.353479,
    'Hotel City Central':16.3799,
    'Hotel Atlanta':16.363449,
    'Maison Albar Hotel Paris Op ra Diamond':2.323358,
    'Hotel Daniel Vienna':16.3840,
    'Hotel Pension Baron am Schottentor':16.359819,
    'Austria Trend Hotel Schloss Wilhelminenberg Wien':16.2856,
    'Derag Livinghotel Kaiser Franz Joseph Vienna':16.341080.
              'Derag Livinghotel Kaiser Franz Joseph Vienna':16.341080,
'NH Collection Barcelona Podium':2.1779,
'City Hotel Deutschmeister':16.36663,
              'Hotel Park Villa':16.345682,
              'Cordial Theaterhotel Wien':16.351585,
'Holiday Inn Paris Montmartre':2.333087,
               'Roomz Vienna':16.420643,
              'Mercure Paris Gare Montparnasse':2.323595, 'Renaissance Barcelona Hotel':2.167494,
              'Hotel Advance':2.162828}
```

#### 2. Stemming and Tokenization

We install and use **NLTK** libraries to do basic data pre-processing. When apply built-in stopwords in NLTK library, the word "us" shows in the most 20 common words in negative words. In order to remove a stop word such as "us", apply a pre-downloaded "stopwords.txt" file. Then stem the word by applying the out-of-box PorterStemmer() from NLTK.

```
###nl.+b
##removing stop words
import re
import time
import nltk
from collections import Counter
from nltk import word_tokenize
from nltk.corpus import stopwords ###not work well
from nltk.stem import PorterStemmer
from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
start_time = time.time()
text = text_df['reviews'].values
print("Start removing stop words")
stop = set(stopwords.words('english')) ##not work well
stop_words = [word.strip("\n") for word in open('stopwords.txt').readlines()]
#len(stop)
words = []
summary = []
all_pos_words = []
all_neg_words = []
for i in range(0,len(text)):
    if type(text[i]) == type('') :
        sentence = text[i]
        sentence = re.sub("[^a-zA-Z]"," ", sentence)
        buffer sentence = [k for k in sentence.split() if k not in stop]
        buffer_sentence_n = [k for k in sentence.split() if k not in stop_words]
        for j in buffer_sentence:
            if len(j) >= 2:
                if i <= (len(text)/2):
                   all_pos_words.append(j)
                else:
                   all_neg_words.append(j)
                word +=
        summary.append(word)
print("performing stemming")
porter = PorterStemmer()
for i in range(0,len(summary)):
   summary[i] = porter.stem(summary[i])
print("--- %s seconds ---" % (time.time() - start_time))
Start removing stop words
performing stemming
 -- 158.507291079 seconds ---
```

#### 3. Label positive and negative reviews

We clean up the corpus by eliminating white space, removing numbers and coverting all words in reviews to lower case. For simplicity's sake, each positive/negative review is treated as a document to be classified. We assign each positive review numeric value 1 and each negative review numeric value 0. One thing worth noting is we treat "no positive" in positive review as a 100% negative review, "no negative" in negative review as a 100% positive review and treat "nothing" in positive or negative review as negative / positive review respectively. The other case is to treat "everything" in positive/negative review as negative/positive review respectively. Based on these labels, we have prepared 477,358 negative reviews and 327,667 positive reviews for the next step, classifier comparison and evaluation.

```
df['pos_count'] = 0
df['neg_count'] = 0
##remove space and make each word lowercases
df['Negative_Review'] = [x.lower().strip() for x in df['Negative_Review']]
df['Positive_Review'] = [x.lower().strip() for x in df['Positive_Review']]
#df['Negative_Review'].head()
##if 'nothing' 'no positive' in Positive_Review, turn positive review to negative
df['neg_count'] = df.apply(lambda x: 1 if x['Positive_Review'] == 'no positive' or
                           x['Positive_Review'] == 'nothing' or
x['Negative_Review'] == 'everything'
                           else x['pos_count'], axis = 1)
##if 'nothing' 'no negative' in Negative_Review, turn positive review to positive
df['pos_count'] = df.apply(lambda x: 1 if x['Negative_Review'] == 'no negative' or
                           x['Negative_Review'] == 'nothing' or
                           x['Positive_Review'] == 'everything'
                           else x['neg_count'], axis = 1)
df.pos_count.value_counts()
     327667
    187545
Name: pos_count, dtype: int64
df.neg count.value counts()
     477358
     37854
1
Name: neg_count, dtype: int64
pos_reviews = df['Positive_Review'].values
pos_reviews = pos_reviews.tolist()
neg_reviews = df['Negative_Review'].values
neg_reviews = neg_reviews.tolist()
#pos_reviews
#neg reviews
total_text = pos_reviews + neg_reviews
#total text
#pos_reviews
score = ['positive' for i in range(len(pos_reviews))]
score += ['negative' for i in range(len(neg_reviews))]
for i in range(len(score)):
     if score[i] == 'positive':
         score[i] = 1
     else:
         score[i] = 0
text_df = pd.DataFrame()
text_df['reviews'] = total_text
text_df['score'] = score
text_df.head()
                                 reviews score
only the park outside of the hotel was beautiful
 1 no real complaints the hotel was great great I...
 2 location was good and staff were ok it is cute...
 3 great location in nice surroundings the bar an...
 4 amazing location and building romantic setting
```

We're able to extract 20 most common positive words and 20 most common negative words and their frequencies:

```
print("Most common new positive words: ", freq_pos_n.most_common(20))
print("Most common new negative words: ", freq_neg_n.most_common(20))

('Most common new positive words: ', [('staff', 194387), ('location', 192645), ('room', 140651), ('hotel', 125218), ('good', 11
2201), ('great', 105531), ('friendly', 85273), ('breakfast', 84524), ('helpful', 76102), ('nice', 69379), ('clean', 66859), ('e
xcellent', 62229), ('comfortable', 59903), ('bed', 49881), ('rooms', 40325), ('positive', 36445), ('lovely', 35073), ('stay', 3
2008), ('close', 30936), ('station', 29262)])
('Most common new negative words: ', [('room', 175835), ('negative', 129312), ('hotel', 74625), ('breakfast', 58410), ('small', 49837), ('staff', 39467), ('rooms', 34776), ('bed', 29819), ('bit', 27521), ('bathroom', 26568), ('didn', 26441), ('night', 240
71), ('shower', 21283), ('good', 20789), ('did', 20086), ('service', 19305), ('bar', 19115), ('time', 17458), ('stay', 17410),
('reception', 16625)])
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Their word clouds are generated below:





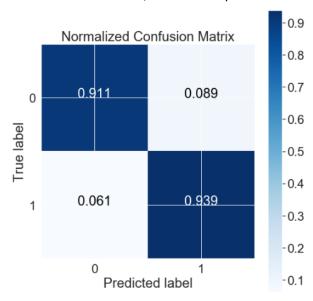
#### 4. Classification Evaluation

We explore various classifiers from Scikit-Learn library and we look at their Precision, Recall, Accuracy score and run-time to ensure a both efficient and accurate classification. For each approach, we divide corpus into training and test dataset, select optimal parameters and create a confusion matrix illustrated as below. We also give a brief overview for each approach and please refer to our technical review for more details.



#### Naïve Bayes

A Naïve Bayes classifier is a family of probabilistic algorithms, which uses Bayes' theorem in the classifier's decision rule, with an independent assumption between features.

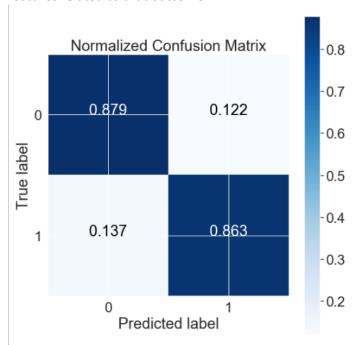


```
tn = conf_NB[0, 0]
fp = conf_NB[0, 1]
fn = conf_NB[1, 0]
tp = conf_NB[1, 1]
precision = 100 * float(tp) / (tp + fp)
recall = 100 * float(tp) / (tp + fn)
accuracy = 100 * float(tp + tn) / len(y_test)
#accuracy
#precision
#recall

print("Accuracy for Naive Bayes is {}%".format(round(accuracy, 2)))
print("Precision for Naive Bayes is {}%".format(round(precision, 2)))
print("Recall for Naive Bayes is {}%".format(round(recall, 2)))
Accuracy for Naive Bayes is 92.48%
```

#### • Logistic Regression

Precision for Naive Bayes is 91.34% Recall for Naive Bayes is 93.86% Logistic Regression is also common to solve Binary Classification problem. The goal of Binary Classification is thus to find a model that can best predict the probability of a discrete outcome (notated as 1 or 0, for the "positive" or "negative" classes), based on a set of explanatory input features related to that outcome.

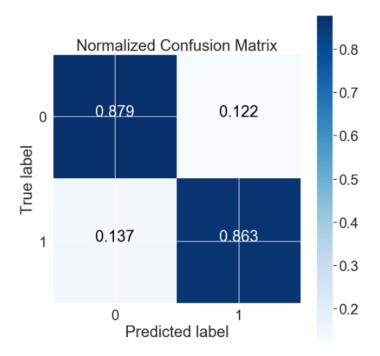


```
tn_2 = conf_log_reg[0, 0]
fp_2 = conf_log_reg[0, 1]
fn_2 = conf_log_reg[1, 0]
tp_2 = conf_log_reg[1, 1]
precision_2 = 100 * float(tp_2) / (tp_2 + fp_2)
recall_2 = 100 * float(tp_2) / (tp_2 + fn_2)
accuracy_2 = 100 * float(tp_2 + tn_2) / len(y_test)
#accuracy_2
#precision_2
#precision_2
#precision_2
print("Accuracy for Logistic Regression is {}%".format(round(accuracy_2, 2)))
print("Precision for Logistic Regression is {}%".format(round(precision_2, 2)))
print("Recall for Logistic Regression is {}%".format(round(recall_2, 2)))
```

Accuracy for Logistic Regression is 87.08% Precision for Logistic Regression is 87.65% Recall for Logistic Regression is 86.3%

#### Support Vector Machine (SVM)

A SVM is a classifier which uses annotated data for training to construct an optimal separating hyperplane/line in a multi-dimensional space which can be used to categorize new samples data into different groups. It is one of the key machine learning methods widely used for Sentiment Analysis.

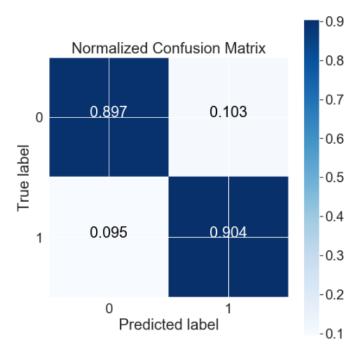


```
tn_3 = conf_SVM[0, 0]
fp_3 = conf_SVM[0, 1]
fn_3 = conf_SVM[1, 0]
tp_3 = conf_SVM[1, 1]
precision_3 = 100 * float(tp_3) / (tp_3 + fp_3)
recall_3 = 100 * float(tp_3) / (tp_3 + fn_3)
accuracy_3 = 100 * float(tp_3 + tn_3) / len(y_test)
#accuracy_3
#precision_3
#precision_3
#precision_3
print("Accuracy for SVM is {}%".format(round(accuracy_3, 2)))
print("Precision for SVM is {}%".format(round(precision_3, 2)))
print("Recall for SVM is {}%".format(round(recall_3, 2)))
```

Accuracy for SVM is 87.69% Precision for SVM is 89.59% Recall for SVM is 85.27%

#### • Decision trees

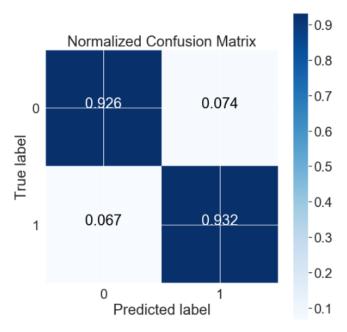
Decision tree is a non-parametric learning method that predicts the value of a target variable by learning decision rules. Tree models where the target variable can take a discreate set of values are called classification trees and leaves represent class labels and breaches represent connections of features that lead to those labels. One of the advantages of decision trees is to learn inherent rules available in the dataset that are not available to the user.



```
tn_4 = conf_dec_tree[0, 0]
fp_4 = conf_dec_tree[0, 1]
fn_4 = conf_dec_tree[1, 0]
tp_4 = conf_dec_tree[1, 1]
precision_4 = 100 * float(tp_4) / (tp_4 + fp_4)
recall_4 = 100 * float(tp_4) / (tp_4 + fn_4)
accuracy_4 = 100 * float(tp_4 + tn_4) / len(y_test)
#accuracy_4
#precision_4
#precision_4
#precision_4
#precision_for Decision Tree is {}%".format(round(accuracy_4, 2)))
print("Precision for Decision Tree is {}%".format(round(precision_4, 2)))
print("Recall_for Decision Tree is {}%".format(round(precision_4, 2)))
```

Accuracy for Decision Tree is 90.07% Precision for Decision Tree is 89.77% Recall for Decision Tree is 90.44%

Naïve Bayes classifier has proved again that the simplest solutions are usually the most powerful ones. Despite other more advanced techniques, Naïve Bayes has achieved the highest accuracy score and reasonable run-time. Our next decision is how to continually improve Naïve Bayes classifier. In order to do so, we test bi-gram classifier and experimental results suggest that bigrams can substantially raise the performance of classifier especially for Recall.



```
tn_5 = conf_NB_Bi[0, 0]
fp_5 = conf_NB_Bi[0, 1]
fn_5 = conf_NB_Bi[1, 0]
tp_5 = conf_NB_Bi[1, 1]
precision_5 = 100 * float(tp_5) / (tp_5 + fp_5)
recall_5 = 100 * float(tp_5) / (tp_5 + fn_5)
accuracy_5 = 100 * float(tp_5 + tn_5) / len(y_test)
#accuracy_5
#precision_5
#precision_5
#precision_5
print("Accuracy for Bi-gram Naive Bayes is {}%".format(round(accuracy_5, 2)))
print("Precision for Bi-gram Naive Bayes is {}%".format(round(precision_5, 2)))
print("Recall for Bi-gram Naive Bayes is 92.92%
Precision for Bi-gram Naive Bayes is 92.63%
```

Precision for Bi-gram Naive Bayes is 92.63% Recall for Bi-gram Naive Bayes is 93.24%

# Sentiment Analysis (aspect\_analysis\_data\_process.ipynb & aspect\_analysis.ipynb)

We switch to NLTK for further Sentiment Analysis, because 1) NLTK comes with all ideal built-in functions we need for Sentiment Analysis (textual tokenization, parsing, classification, stemming, tagging, semantic reasoning etc.) and 2) all of NLTK classifiers work with "featstructs", which is a simple dictionary mapping a feature name to a feature value. It allows us to use simplified bag of words model where every existing word is a feature name with a value of True. From previous step, we have known that Naïve Bayes performs best with our dataset, so we first create our own classification model using Naïve Bayes classifier again. 70% reviews are used as training data for the classifier and the remaining 30% reviews are used to test and calculate accuracy score. Contrast to the previous classification where we use all the words as features, here we only use 10,000 most informative words for positive reviews and negative reviews. Save each word and its corresponding sentiment score to "pos\_word\_sen\_score.csv" and "neg\_word\_sen\_score.csv" for future use. Now we're ready to put this preparation into use for three applications.

```
probdist = classifier_NB._feature_probdist
word_list = []
word_score = []
sentiment = []
for (name, value) in classifier_NB.most_informative_features(10000):
    def label_prob(1):
       return probdist[l,name].prob(value)
    labels = sorted([l for l in classifier_NB._labels if value in probdist[l, name].samples()],
   key = label_prob)
if len(labels) == 1:
   continue
10 = labels[0]
    l1 = labels[-1]
   if probdist[10, name].prob(value) == 0:
        ration = "INF"
    else:
       ration = '%8.1f' % (probdist[11, name].prob(value) / probdist[10, name].prob(value))
    sentiment.append(int(l1))
   word_list.append(name)
   word_score.append(float(ration))
#len(word_list)
```

```
word_sentiment_score = pd.DataFrame({'word': word_list, 'sentiment': sentiment, 'score': word_score})
word_sentiment_score.head()
neg_word_sen_score = word_sentiment_score[word_sentiment_score.sentiment == 0]
#display(word_sentiment_score[word_sentiment] == 1])
neg_word_sen_score.head()
neg_word_sen_score.shape

(6441, 3)

pos_word_sen_score = word_sentiment_score[word_sentiment_score.sentiment == 1]
pos_word_sen_score.head()
pos_word_sen_score.shape

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neg_word_sen_score.to_csv('neg_word_sen_score.csv', index=False)
pos_word_sen_score.to_csv('pos_word_sen_score.csv', index=False)
pos_word_sen_score.to_csv('pos_word_sen_score.csv', index=False)
```

In order to compare each hotel based on various aspects, our project calculates each positive sentiment score and negative sentiment score based on above method for each positive and negative review (see details in "data\_process.ipynb"). Then save each score to "pos\_score.txt" and "neg\_score.txt". This step may take longer time.

```
pos_score = []
start time = time.time()
for i in range(len(pos reviews)):
   pos_score.append(pos_sentiment_score(pos_reviews[i]))
print('pos_score %s seconds' % (time.time() - start_time))
pos_score[:5]
pos_score 3108.43393493 seconds
[23.1, 135.7, 57.30000000000004, 63.59999999999994, 43.6]
np.savetxt('pos_score.txt', pos_score, delimiter=',')
neg score = []
start_time = time.time()
for i in range(len(neg reviews)):
   neg_score.append(neg_sentiment_score(neg_reviews[i]))
print('neg score %s seconds' % (time.time() - start time))
neg_score[:5]
###save to file
np.savetxt('neg_score.txt', neg_score, delimiter=',')
neg_score 3423.66275191 seconds
data = pd.read_pickle('Filling_nans')
##print(len(data), len(pos_reviews), len(neg_reviews)) (515212, 515212, 515212)
new_dataset = pd.DataFrame({'Hotel_name': data['Hotel_Name'], 'Avg_score': data['Average_Score'], 'pos': pos_score,
                            'neg': neg_score})
new_dataset.head()
  Avg_score Hotel_name neg
       7.7 Hotel Arena 465.1 23.1
1
       7.7 Hotel Arena 0.0 135.7
2
  7.7 Hotel Arena 63.2 57.3
```

### Application 1: Strength of Sentiment in Reviews

7.7 Hotel Arena 466.0 63.6 7.7 Hotel Arena 141.8 43.6

This application will estimate the strength of positive and negative sentiment in reviews. It takes a review as input and return a positive sentiment strength (ranging from 0) and a negative sentiment strength (ranging from 0) by calling pos\_sentiment\_score() and neg\_sentiment\_score() respectively. In this way, hotels will better understand customers' experience by extracting their emotional tone from the reviews they post and use this insight to improve their business and gain competitive advantages. See details in "data process.ipynb".

Test Case (test case.ipynb):

#### Input:

My room was dirty and I was afraid to walk barefoot on the floor which looked as if it was not cleaned in weeks White furniture which looked nice in pictures was dirty too and the door looked like it was attacked by an angry dog My shower drain was clogged and the staff did not respond to my request to clean it On a day with heavy rainfall a pretty common occurrence in Amsterdam the roof in my room was leaking luckily not on the bed you could also see signs of earlier water damage I also saw insects running on the floor Overall the second floor of the property looked dirty and badly kept On top of all of this a repairman who came to fix something in a room next door at midnight was very noisy as were many of the guests I understand the challenges of running a hotel in an old building but this negligence is inconsistent with prices demanded by the hotel On the last night after I complained about water damage the night shift manager offered to move me to a different room but that offer came pretty late around midnight when I was already in bed and ready to sleep.

```
test_text1 = 'My room was dirty and I was afraid to walk barefoot on the floor which looked as if it was not cleaned in weeks whi
```

#### Output:

('The positive sentiment score of the given text is 31.50', 'The negative sentiment score of the given text is 466.00')

The given test review is classified as a **negative review** since the neg\_sentiment\_score is much larger than pos\_sentiment\_score. And since this review is coped from column "Negative\_Review", the result matches the right categorization.

#### Input:

Great location in nice surroundings the bar and restaurant are nice and have a lovely outdoor area The building also has guite some character

```
test_text2 = 'Great location in nice surroundings the bar and restaurant are nice and have a lovely outdoor area The building also
```

#### Output:

The given test review text is classified as a **100% positive review** since the neg\_sentiment\_score is 0. And since this review is copied form column "Positive\_Review", the result matches its right categorization.

The two returned scores tell us how negative or positive a given review is, in other words, how dissatisfied or satisfied a customer is. The two test cases show that our tool works as desired.

#### Application 2: Reviewer Score Prediction

As an extension of application 1, application 2 takes two reviews (no need to specify which one is positive and which one is negative, but they need to be different) as input and predicts Reviewer\_Score using the correlation between Reviewer\_Score and strengths of positive and negative sentiment (from application 1) in reviews by calling Reviewer\_score\_cal(). This application can be beneficial to hotels in some scenarios, especially where customers forget leaving an overall score. With our tool at their disposal, it's easy and quick for hotel managers to generate a numeric feedback out of mixed reviews.

We use built-in linear regression model from Scikit-Learn library and Mean Absolute Error, Mean Squared Error, Root Mean Squared Error to evaluate its performance. See model details in "reviewer score.ipynb".

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size = 0.3,random_state = 42)
regressor = LinearRegression()
regressor.fit(X_train, y_train)
LinearRegression(copy_X=True, fit_intercept=True, n_jobs=None,
         normalize=False)
print(regressor.coef_, regressor.intercept_)
(array([ 0.01183668, -0.01697772]), 8.24393084976765)
y_pred = regressor.predict(X_test)
comparison = pd.DataFrame({'Actual': y_test, 'Predicted': y_pred})
comparison[:5]
        Actual Predicted
         8.3 8.653194
 499860
          7.9 8.443674
 453739
 484096
          9.6 8.172326
 415438
         10.0 9.280633
248620 4.6 6.317105
print('Mean Absolute Error:', metrics.mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred))
print('Mean Squared Error:', metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
print('Root Mean Squared Error:', np.sqrt(metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)))
('Mean Absolute Error:', 1.0824430198662658)
('Mean Squared Error:', 1.9188871956284612)
('Root Mean Squared Error:', 1.3852390391656095)
review_score_model = [regressor.coef_[0], regressor.coef_[1], regressor.intercept_]
review_score_model
[0.011836679330565333, -0.016977716121541978, 8.24393084976765]
model_para = pd.DataFrame({'para': review_score_model})
model_para.to_pickle('reviewer_score_model_para')
model_para
 0 0.011837
 1 -0.016978
 2 8.243931
```

```
model_para = pd.read_pickle('reviewer_score_model_para') ###read model parameters
model_para = model_para['para'].values.tolist()
model para
```

[0.011836679330565333, -0.016977716121541978, 8.24393084976765]

```
def Reviewer_score_cal(a, b):
   if a == b:
       return('Error: Given two texts are the same. Please give two different texts')
    pos_score_a = pos_sentiment_score(a)
    neg_score_a = neg_sentiment_score(a)
   pos_score_b = pos_sentiment_score(b)
    neg_score_b = neg_sentiment_score(b)
    if pos_score_a > neg_score_a and neg_score_b > pos_score_b:
        pos = pos_score_a
        neg = neg_score_b
       result = model_para[0] * pos + model_para[1] * neg + model_para[2]
        return result
   elif neg_score_a > pos_score_a and pos_score_b > neg_score_b:
       pos = pos_score_b
        neg = neg_score_a
       result = model_para[0] * pos + model_para[1] * neg + model_para[2]
        return result
    elif pos_score_a > neg_score_a and pos_score_a > neg_score_a:
        return('Error: the given two reviews are both positive reviews')
   elif pos_score_a < neg_score_a and pos_score_a < neg_score_a:
        return('Error: the given two reviews are both negative reviews')
```

Test Case (test\_case.ipynb):

Input:

We continue to use two reviews from Application 1.

Output:

```
Reviewer score cal(test text1, test text2)
1.0851279425530453
print('The predicted Reviewer Score of the two given texts is %.2f' %Reviewer score cal(test text1, test text2))
 The predicted Reviewer Score of the two given texts is 1.09
```

If these two reviews are given by the same reviewer to a certain hotel, we could predict the Reviewer Score for this hotel is 1.09 on the scale of 1 to 10 based on this experience.

#### Application 3: Hotel Ranking List Based on Aspects

There are three different levels of Sentiment Analysis: Document-based, Sentence-based and Aspectbased. Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis has gained increasing popularity in both industry and academia, but only recently it has entered the domain of tourism. Please refer to our technology review for a detailed review of existing research and trendy applications.

In our work, we implement an Aspect-based opinion miner for hotel reviews and find important aspects for positive and negative reviews, based on which we rank all hotels by Average Score and Aspectbased sentiment analysis on reviews. First, we collect top 20 common words in positive reviews and negative reviews and save them in two .txt files called "freq pos 20.txt" and "freq neg 20.txt" respectively. By deeply looking at the 20 words from each file, the top 5 aspects are "staff", "location", "room", "breakfast", "bed" for positive and "room", "breakfast", "staff", "bed", "bathroom" for negative. First apply the previous calculated positive sentiment score and negative sentiment score and group all the sentiment scores and Average\_Score by "Hotel\_Name". Then save each aspect related data to pickle file.

```
pos_score = []
neg_score = []
pos_file = open('pos_score.txt', 'r')
neg_file = open('neg_score.txt', 'r')
for line in pos_file.readlines():
    pos_score.append(float(line))
for line in neg_file.readlines():
   neg_score.append(float(line))
len(pos_score), len(neg_score)
(515212, 515212)
import pandas as pd
data = pd.read_pickle('Filling_nans')
new_dataset['Pos_Reviews'] = [x.lower().strip() for x in new_dataset['Pos_Reviews']]
new dataset.head()
   Avg_score Hotel_name
                                                Neg_Reviews
                                                                                  Pos_Reviews neg
        7.7 Hotel Arena
                        i am so angry that i made this post available ... only the park outside of the hotel was beautiful 465.1 23.1
        7.7 Hotel Arena
                                                 no negative no real complaints the hotel was great great I... 0.0 135.7
        7.7 Hotel Arena
                        rooms are nice but for elderly a bit difficult... location was good and staff were ok it is cute... 63.2 57.3
        7.7 Hotel Arena my room was dirty and i was afraid to walk bar... great location in nice surroundings the bar an... 466.0 63.6
        7.7 Hotel Arena you when i booked with your company on line yo... amazing location and building romantic setting 141.8 43.6
staff_pos_data = new_dataset[new_dataset['Pos_Reviews'].str.contains("staff")]
staff_pos_data.head()
staff pos data.to pickle("staff pos data")
staff in negative reviews
staff_neg_data = new_dataset[new_dataset['Neg_Reviews'].str.contains("staff")]
staff neg data.head()
staff_neg_data.to_pickle("staff_neg_data")
location in positive reviews
loc_pos_data = new_dataset[new_dataset['Pos_Reviews'].str.contains("location")]
loc_pos_data.to_pickle("loc_pos_data")
```

If a customer has no interest in any optional aspects, the customer will get a ranking list only based on descending value of "Average\_Score" by reading "overall\_list.csv".

```
overall_data = pd.read_csv('hotel_score.csv')
overall_list = overall_data.sort_values('Average_Score', ascending = False)
overall_list = overall_list.drop(columns = ['index'])
overall_list.head()
```

	Hotel_Name	Average_Score	count		
1203	Ritz Paris	9.8	28		
481	H10 Casa Mimosa 4 Sup	9.6	116		
472	H tel de La Tamise Esprit de France	9.6	61		
3	41	9.6	103		
772	Hotel The Serras	9.6	213		
<pre>overall_list = overall_list.reset_index(drop = True)</pre>					
overall_list.head()					

```
overall_list.to_csv('overall_list.csv')
```

In order to compare hotel under each aspect, firstly read each aspect-related data from pick file then filter reviews based on aspect. Secondly, group positive sentiment score and negative sentiment score and Average\_Score by each Hotel\_Name and get mean values respectively. Ranking rules are as followings: if any two hotel has different Average\_Score, rank higher Average\_Score first; if two hotels have the same Average\_Score, compare mean ratio by the following formula, rank higher mean ratio first.

 $mean\ ratio = \frac{mean(positive\ sentiment\ score) - mean(negative\ sentiment\ score)}{mean(positive\ sentiment\ score)}$ 

```
staff_pos_data = pd.read_pickle('staff_pos_data')
staff_neg_data = pd.read_pickle('loc_pos_data') ###loc == location
rm_pos_data = pd.read_pickle('loc_pos_data') ###m == room
rm_neg_data = pd.read_pickle('rm_neg_data')
bk_pos_data = pd.read_pickle('rm_neg_data')
bk_pos_data = pd.read_pickle('bk_pos_data') ##bk == breakfast
bk_neg_data = pd.read_pickle('bk_neg_data')
bed_pos_data = pd.read_pickle('bd_pos_data')
bed_neg_data = pd.read_pickle('bd_neg_data')
bath_neg_data = pd.read_pickle('bd_neg_data')
```

#### "staff" in positive reviews

Return a list of hotel descendingly by score of Avg\_score and (mean(pos)-mean(neg))/(mean(pos)

```
staff_pos_list = staff_pos_data.groupby('Hotel_name').agg({'pos': 'mean', 'neg': 'mean', 'Avg_score': 'mean'})
staff_pos_list.head()
```

	neg	pos	Avg_score
Hotel_name			
11 Cadogan Gardens	20.365517	69.240230	8.7
1K Hotel	27.890244	68.829268	7.7
25hours Hotel beim MuseumsQuartier	16.299588	78.984362	8.8
41	11.659375	67.742188	9.6
45 Park Lane Dorchester Collection	12.014286	54.600000	9.4

```
staff pos list['score'] = (staff pos list.pos - staff pos list.neg) / staff pos list.pos
staff_pos_list.head()
                                     neg
                                              pos Avg_score
                     Hotel_name
                                                        8.7 0.705872
              11 Cadogan Gardens 20.365517 69.240230
                        1K Hotel 27.890244 68.829268
                                                        7.7 0.594791
25hours Hotel beim MuseumsQuartier 16.299588 78.984362
                                                        8.8 0.793635
                            41 11.659375 67.742188
                                                         9.6 0.827886
  45 Park Lane Dorchester Collection 12.014286 54.600000
                                                        9.4 0.779958
staff_pos = staff_pos_list.sort_values(['Avg_score', 'score'], ascending = [False, False])
staff pos.head()
                                             pos Avg score
                                   neg
                                                              score
                   Hotel name
                     Ritz Paris 15.041667 60.441667
                                                        9.8 0.751137
         H10 Casa Mimosa 4 Sup 13.511475 107.865574
                                                        9.6 0.874738
                          41 11.659375 67.742188
                                                        9.6 0.827886
               Haymarket Hotel 11.886000 86,226000
                                                        9.6 0.862153
H tel de La Tamise Esprit de France 7.146341 91.500000
                                                        9.6 0.921898
```

Each ranking list is saved to .csv file for user to read directly. 'loc\_pos\_list.csv' is a ranking list of hotels has "location" in positive reviews. 'staff\_pos\_list.csv' is a ranking list of hotels has "staff" in positive reviews. 'rm\_pos\_list.csv' is a ranking list of hotels has "room" in positive reviews. 'bk\_pos\_list.csv' is a ranking list of hotels has "location" in positive reviews. 'bed\_pos\_list.csv' is a ranking list of hotels has "bed" in positive reviews. 'rm\_neg\_list.csv' is a ranking list of hotels has "room" in negative reviews. 'bk\_neg\_list.csv' is a ranking list of hotels has "breakfast" in negative reviews. 'staff\_neg\_list.csv' is a ranking list of hotels has "bed\_neg\_list.csv' is a ranking list of hotels has "bed" in negative reviews. 'bath\_neg\_list.csv' is a ranking list of hotels has "bathroom" in negative reviews. Then visualize the result by google map via "folium" library.

```
        staff_pos= staff_pos_list.reset_index()

        hos list.reset_index()

        hos list.reset_index()

        by staff_pos.head()

        hos list.reset_index()

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```
loc_pos = loc_pos_list.reset_index()
loc_pos.to_csv('loc_pos_list.csv')
rm_pos = rm_pos_list.reset_index()
rm_pos.to_csv('rm_pos_list.csv')
bk pos = bk pos list.reset index()
bk pos.to csv('bk pos list.csv')
bed_pos = bed_pos_list.reset_index()
bed_pos.to_csv('bed_pos_list.csv')
rm_neg = rm_neg_list.reset_index()
rm neg.to csv('rm neg list.csv')
bk_neg = bk_neg_list.reset_index()
bk_neg.to_csv('bk_neg_list.csv')
staff_neg = staff_neg_list.reset_index()
staff_pos.to_csv('staff_neg_list.csv')
bed_neg = bed_neg_list.reset_index()
bed_neg.to_csv('bed_neg_list.csv')
bath_neg = bath_neg_list.reset_index()
bath_neg.to_csv('bath_neg_list.csv')
```

This way, hotel can address customers' different needs which is critical to their experience satisfaction. For a potential guest who has high standards on location, this tool will return top 20 hotels with highest average score and best location-related reviews. Hotel Ranking List by aspect-based sentiment score is extremely helpful when it comes to hotel decision-making process. One question all the time is which hotel I should choose when there is a tie in their ratings. Our tool solves this problem by asking what matters most and rescues potential customers from a struggle to pick out useful comments from enormous amount of reviews.

Test Case (test\_case.ipynb):

Assume a customer is interested in "location" from positive reviews.

```
import pandas as pd
loc_pos = pd.read_csv('loc_pos_list.csv')
loc_pos['Hotel_name'][:20]
                                      11 Cadogan Gardens
                      25hours Hotel beim MuseumsQuartier
3
                      45 Park Lane Dorchester Collection
                                              88 Studios
                                       9Hotel Republique
                                       A La Villa Madame
8
           ABaC Restaurant Hotel Barcelona GL Monumento
9
      AC Hotel Barcelona Forum a Marriott Lifestyle ...
10
      AC Hotel Diagonal L Illa a Marriott Lifestyle ...
11
               AC Hotel Irla a Marriott Lifestyle Hotel
12
             AC Hotel Milano a Marriott Lifestyle Hotel
13
               AC Hotel Paris Porte Maillot by Marriott
              AC Hotel Sants a Marriott Lifestyle Hotel
14
      AC Hotel Victoria Suites a Marriott Lifestyle \dots
15
16
                                  ADI Doria Grand Hotel
                              ADI Hotel Poliziano Fiera
17
18
                          ARCOTEL Kaiserwasser Superior
                                      ARCOTEL Wimberger
19
Name: Hotel name, dtype: object
import folium
df = pd.read_pickle('Filling_nans')
loc_pos_hotel = loc_pos['Hotel_name'][:20]
loc_pos_data = df.loc[df['Hotel_Name'].isin(loc_pos_hotel)][["Hotel_Name","Hotel_Address",
                                                              'lat', 'lng']].drop_duplicates()
loc_pos_map = folium.Map(location = [52, 17], zoom_start = 1)
loc_pos_data.apply(lambda row:folium.Marker(location=[row["lat"], row["lng"]])
                                              .add_to(loc_pos_map), axis=1)
loc_pos_map
```



#### Discussion

Tremendous amount of Hotel reviews are available on booking.com but it takes lots of time to read and analyze them, therefore for that purpose Sentiment Analysis is needed. The main contribution of our work can be summarized as below:

1. Based on relatively large amount of data

The corpus of 515k reviews is used to build and test review classifiers for Sentiment Analysis. It might take hours to run the whole script without cache.

2. Different classifiers and libraries are deployed and compared

We use different pre-processing strategies and machine learning approaches to determine the polarity of hotel reviews. In conclusion we determine that Bigram feature with Naïve Bayes classifier works best with our dataset.

3. Document-based Sentiment Analysis and Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis

By treating each positive/negative review as a document to be classified, our tool is able to associate customer feedback with overall sentiment scores telling hotels how happy or dissatisfied a customer is in general. To reach Sentiment Analysis' full potential, our tool takes different aspects of hotel experience into consideration and provides how people's sentiment varies when they are talking about room, staff, breakfast or location. There're some good opportunities for hotels to re-evaluate areas of opportunity and growth and better understand their clients.

4. Useful for both hotel managers and potential customers

There is always room for improvement as hotels strive to give customer to best possible experience. Determining important features/aspects expressed in online hotel reviews is vital for hotel managers as mentioned in 3. In addition, potential guests using this tool are equipped with a more powerful weapon when booking their hotels. They are provided a chance to filter same-rated hotels by a feature that matters most and a ranking list based on the feature.

#### **Future Work**

In the end, how might this tool be improved? The answer lies in the ability to derive additional insights from the data. Some directions of future work include:

1. Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis and Reviewer\_Score

Current work is being done to tie Reviewer\_Score with overall sentiment score using linear regression. Furthermore, prediction on Reviewer\_Score can be achieved though Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis and more advanced machine learning approaches. This will help answer questions like:

- How positive or negative opinions for each aspect contribute to overall sentiment score?
- What weighted combination of different aspects best predicts a Reviewer\_Score?
- 2. User Interface:

A user interface is the single most important element that plays a massive role in bringing in high volumes of users. If our tool's user interface can evolve from a command line interface to a user-friendly graphical web browser, more people are encouraged to use it and provide more feedback on how to continually improve its functionality.

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