

# **IST-736 Text Mining Homework-5**

Training/Evaluation Data Acquisition Through AMT

## Introduction

This week's homework is around an interesting exploration about how a platform like Amazon Mechanical Turk (AMT) can be leveraged to label data. Subsequently, we will employ techniques like Cohen's Kappa to determine the level of agreement or disagreement between the Turkers.

In the report we will briefly introduce the AMT platform, define important terminology, and see how it can be used to label the dataset introduced in Homework-1. That is, a corpus of tweets related to topic artificial intelligence.

## About the AMT platform

A common requirement with datasets in machine-learning or artificial intelligence is to have the data labelled sufficiently so models can be trained and eventually make predictions. For the dataset specifically, we are looking to tag sentiment on a bunch of tweets.

Using the AWS credentials, login to URL [www.mturk.com](http://www.mturk.com)

The platform offers role as *Worker or Requester*. To stage data and getting the AMT workforce to tag the data, we would need to use the role of *Requester* hence. Further, on sign-on select *New Project* and choose *Sentiment Analysis under Language* and hit the *Create Project* button as shown below:

The screenshot shows the Amazon MTurk 'New Project' interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various project templates under the 'Language' category, with 'Sentiment Analysis' highlighted. The main content area displays the 'Survey Link Instructions' form, which includes fields for 'Survey link' (http://example.com/survey345.html) and 'Provide the survey code here' (e.g. 123456). A blue button labeled 'Create Project' is at the bottom right.

Prior setting up the task it is important to understand the terminology. Following are a few:

- Worker: A worker refers to anyone with an MTurk worker account. Workers browse tasks posted on MTurk and choose to accept a task, work on it, and submit it when it is done.
- HIT: Expands as Human Intelligence Task. A HIT is a single unit of work that you want to complete. For example, we will use a collection of 30 tweets, each of those tweets would be a single HIT.
- Assignment: You can request one or more workers to complete each of your HITs. The work submitted by each worker for each HIT is called an Assignment. In our exercise, we will use 2 workers for 30 tweets amounting to a total of 60 assignments.

Knowing this helps us define the task clearly:

The screenshot shows the Mechanical Turk task setup interface. It is divided into two main sections: 'Describe your task to Workers' and 'Setting up your task'.

**Describe your task to Workers:**

- Title:** A text input field containing 'Sentiment analysis'.
- Description:** A text input field containing 'Sentiment analysis'. Below it, a small note says: 'Describe the task to Workers. Be as specific as possible, e.g. "review a survey about movies", instead of "short survey", so Workers know what to expect.'
- Keywords:** A text input field containing 'sentiment, text'. Below it, a small note says: 'Give more detail about this task. This gives Workers a bit more information before they decide to view your task. Provide keywords that will help Workers search for your tasks.'

**Setting up your task:**

- Reward per assignment:** A dropdown menu showing '\$ 0.15'. Below it, a small note says: 'This is how much a Worker will be paid for completing an assignment. Consider how long it will take a Worker to complete each assignment.'
- Number of assignments per task:** A dropdown menu showing '2'. Below it, a small note says: 'How many unique Workers do you want to work on each task?'
- Time allotted per assignment:** A dropdown menu showing '2 Minutes'. Below it, a small note says: 'Maximum time a Worker has to work on a single task. Be generous so that Workers are not rushed.'
- Task expires in:** A dropdown menu showing '10 Minutes'. Below it, a small note says: 'Maximum time your task will be available to Workers on Mechanical Turk.'
- Auto-approve and pay Workers in:** A dropdown menu showing '1 Days'. Below it, a small note says: 'This is the amount of time you have to reject a Worker's assignment after they submit the assignment.'

Next, we design the layout or dashboards the worker will see. Here, I customized the xml to comprise only Positive, Negative and Neutral sentiment (and removed the N/A). Also, we provide instructions to help the workers:

<full-instructions header="Sentiment Analysis Instructions">

<p><strong>Positive</strong> sentiment include: joy, excitement, delight</p>

<p><strong>Negative</strong> sentiment include: anger, sarcasm, anxiety</p>

<p><strong>Neutral</strong>: neither positive or negative, such as stating a fact</p>

Finally, the preview and Finish screen would like this:

The screenshot shows the Mechanical Turk task preview screen. It is divided into two main sections: 'Enter Properties' and 'Design Layout'.

**Enter Properties:**

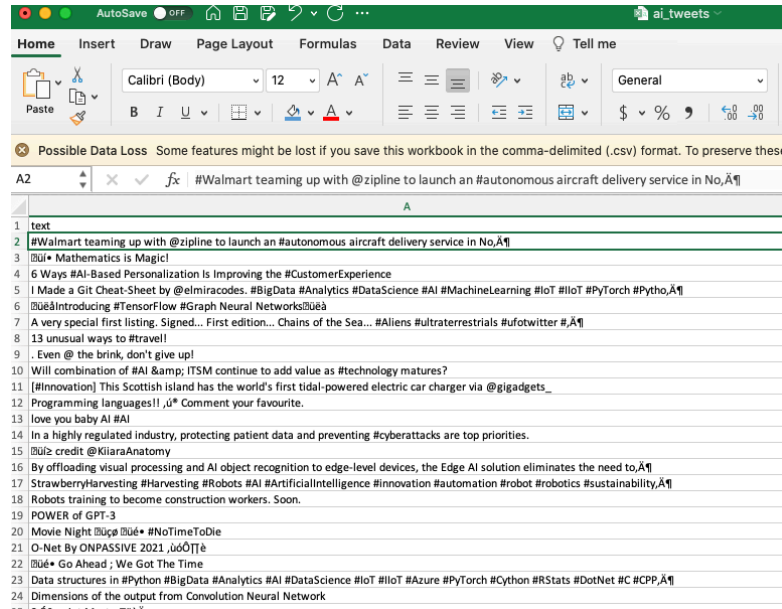
- Task title:** Sentiment analysis
- Requester:** Sharat Sripathi
- Qualifications Required:** None
- Reward:** \$0.15 per task
- Tasks available:** 0
- Duration:** 2 Minutes

**Design Layout:**

- Previewing Answers Submitted by Workers:** A message box stating: 'This message is only visible to you and will not be shown to Workers. You can test completing the task below and click "Submit" in order to preview the data and format of the submitted results.'
- Instructions:** A text input field containing 'What sentiment does this text convey?'
- Shortcuts:** A text input field containing '\$(text)'
- Select an option:** A dropdown menu showing 'Positive 1', 'Negative 2', and 'Neutral 3'.

## Data source, EDA, and labelled data on AMT

Once the dashboard and task has been setup on AMT, the final step is to Publish the data. For this purpose, we would create a csv file with the following content:



Where the column *text*, comprises tweets obtained using the *tweepy* library. However, prior writing tweets into the data-frame and csv file we filter, and clean tweets based on the following:

- Remove RT tags from each tweet using `re.sub()`
- If a `http(s)` URL appears in a tweet, we will pass since we do not expect Turkers to spend time researching on the URLs

## Obtaining results from AMT platform

Having uploaded the data to AMT, we can now publish it and allow workers to work on tagging the sentiment on tweets. The task can be monitored in the Manage section and completed in a span of a few minutes. Below is a snapshot of the completed assignment and task:

Manage Batches

Click on the name of the batch to see more details

▼ Batches in progress (0)

▼ Batches ready for review (1)

Sentiment Analysis 3 [Review Results](#) [Delete](#)

Created:	November 20, 2021	Assignments Completed:	58 / 58
Time Elapsed:	10 minutes	Estimated Completion Time:	COMPLETE
Batch Progress:	<div><div></div><div>100% submitted</div><div>100% published</div></div>		

► Batches already reviewed (0)

Once the results are available in AMT, the data can be downloaded for further analysis (as csv file). The csv is appended with an additional column, comprising sentiment tags obtained from the NLTK sentiment intensity analyzer. Below is a snapshot of the resulting data-frame:

```
In [5]: 1 import pandas as pd
2 # Let's calculate the kappa co-efficient based on the obtained results
3 df_mturks = pd.read_csv('ai_tweets_final.csv')
4 df_mturks.head()
```

Out[5]:

	Tweet	NLTK-Sentiment-Analyser	Mturk-1	Mturk-2
0	#Walmart teaming up with @zipline to launch an...	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
1	Mathematics is Magic!\n#AI #MachineLearning #d...	Neutral	Positive	Positive
2	I Made a Git Cheat-Sheet by @elmiracodes. #Big...	Neutral	Neutral	Positive
3	Will combination of #AI & ITSM continue to...	Positive	Neutral	Neutral
4	[#Innovation] This Scottish island has the wor...	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral

## Results and accuracy

In this section, we will use the Cohen's Kappa score to correlate and compare the sentiment tagging between the Turkers and NLTK Sentiment Analyzer – in the following combinations:

- Between Mturk-1 and Mturk-2
- Between NLTK-Sentiment Analyzer and Mturk-1
- Between NLTK-Sentiment Analyzer and Mturk-2

But first, what is a Kappa score. Kappa score finds origins in the field of psychology, and it used for measuring the agreement between two human evaluators or raters (e.g., psychologists) when rating subjects (e.g., patients). It was later appropriated by machine-learning to measure classification performance. The metric is also commonly known as Cohen's Kappa coefficient after the American statistician and psychologist Cohen Kappa.

Kappa can be commonly defined as:

$$\text{KappaScore} = (\text{Agree} - \text{ChanceAgree}) / (1 - \text{ChanceAgree})$$

where:

- Agree - proportion of agreement between two parties
- ChanceAgree - expected proportion of chance agreements
- KappaScore - (-1, 1) where 1 is perfect agreement

### Calculation of Kappa score using manual method

To understand the process thoroughly, see manual calculation of Kappa score between the two Turkers that is, Mturk-1 and Mturk-2.

		Mturk-1									
					Total		Chance Agree (Psuffixe) Mturk-1	Chance Agree (Psuffixe) M turk-2	Combined Chance Agree (Psuffixe)		
		Positive	Negative	Neutral							
Mturk-2	Positive	2	1	10		13	Positive	0.25		0.464285714	0.116071429
	Negative	0	1	0		1	Negative	0.071428571		0.035714286	0.00255102
	Neutral	5	0	9	14	Neutral	0.678571429	0.5	0.339285714		
	Total	7	2	19	28				0.457908163		
							Psuffixo	0.428571429			
							Kappa = (Psuffixo - Psuffixe)/1- Psuffixe	-0.054117647			
							where: Psuffixo - empirical prob of agreement Psuffixe - expected prob of agreement				

### Calculation of Kappa score using sklearn

Using sklearn the Kappa score can also be calculated using Python as seen below:

```
In [8]: 1 from sklearn.metrics import cohen_kappa_score
2 cohen_kappa_score(df_mturks['Mturk-1'], df_mturks['Mturk-2'],
3                 labels=['Positive', 'Negative', 'Neutral'])
4
5 # The manual calculation corroborates with the result of cohen_kappa_score()
6 # A negative score shows a disagreement between the two Turkers.

Out[8]: -0.054117647058823604

In [9]: 1 # Repeat this for other combinations
2 cohen_kappa_score(df_mturks['NLTK-Sentiment-Analyser'], df_mturks['Mturk-1'],
3                 labels=['Positive', 'Negative', 'Neutral'])

Out[9]: 0.04622871046228705

In [10]: 1 cohen_kappa_score(df_mturks['NLTK-Sentiment-Analyser'], df_mturks['Mturk-2'],
2                  labels=['Positive', 'Negative', 'Neutral'])

Out[10]: -0.14545454545454545
```

#### NOTE:

The Kappa score between the manual method and the sklearn match. It is -0.05

Summary of results:

	Between Turkers	Mturk-1 vs NLTK sentiment analysis	Mturk-2 vs NLTK sentiment analysis
Kappa score	-0.05	0.04	-0.14

### Conclusion

First, what a great platform - AMT! For first time users, it is simple, intuitive and offers just enough customizations to be in control of data. As for the Kappa score, we see the following:

- Between Turkers - A negative score of 0.05 shows disagreement
- Between Mturk-1 and NLTK sentiment analysis - A score of 0.04 shows mild agreement. Note that, since NLTK sentiment analysis was used in homework-1 to label sentiment, it was used as one of the evaluators
- Between Mturk-2 and NLTK sentiment analysis - A negative score of 0.14 again shows disagreement.

Essentially showing poor agreement between any two columns in the data-frame.

Being curious if some of the Turkers were using a common NLTK sentiment tagger, comparisons between each Turker and the standard NLTK library were run. Again, very marginal agreement for one of the Turkers thus showing they possibly used discretion when sentiment tagging tweets.

Couple of possible improvements:

- In the mturk task there is possibility to request for more specific skills. I presume this would give us better or consistent results. This may be specific to the topic of artificial intelligence.
- Some of the tweets were truncated but I kept them assuming Turkers would tag it Neutral since I had a specific instruction, but they ended up tagging Positive/Negative for few instances. Perhaps, providing full tweets would aid Turkers better tag them.