Facility Detection and Popularity Assessment from Large-scale Text Classification of Social Media and Crowdsourced Data

SUMMERY

Goal

ABSTRACT

Advances in technology have continually progressed our understanding of where people are, how they use the environment around them, and why they are at their current location. Having a better knowledge of when various locations become popular through space and time could have large impacts on research fields like urban dynamics and energy consumption. In this paper, we discuss the ability to identify and locate various facility types (e.g. restaurant, airport, stadiums) using social media, and assess methods in determining when these facilities become popular over time. We use natural language processing tools and machine learning classifiers to interpret geotagged Twitter text and determine if a user is seemingly at a location of interest when the tweet was sent. On average our classifiers are approximately 85% accurate varying across multiple facility types, with a peak precision of 98%. By using these methods to classify unstructured text, geotagged social media data can be an extremely useful tool to better understanding the composition of places and how and when people use them.

Identify and locate various facility types (e.g. restaurant, airport, stadiums) using social media, and assess methods in determining when these facilities become popular over time.

Interpret geotagged Twitter text and determine if a user is seemingly at a location of interest when the tweet was sent.

Example tweets

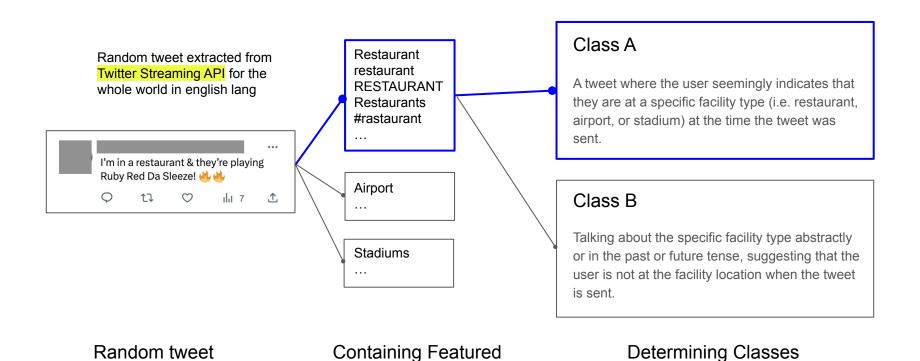


Tweet was made when the user was at an airport



Tweet was made when the user was seemingly not at an airport

Dataset Collection



Word?

Ground Truth Validation

Coordinates: Coordinates (longitude=-115.355825, latitude=36.082837)

Place: Place(id='0134e6167ff7f6ec', fullName='Summerlin South, NV', name
Raw: My gym and my airport + with the killers and Gwen deep cuts on I
Rendered: My gym and my airport + with the killers and Gwen deep cuts

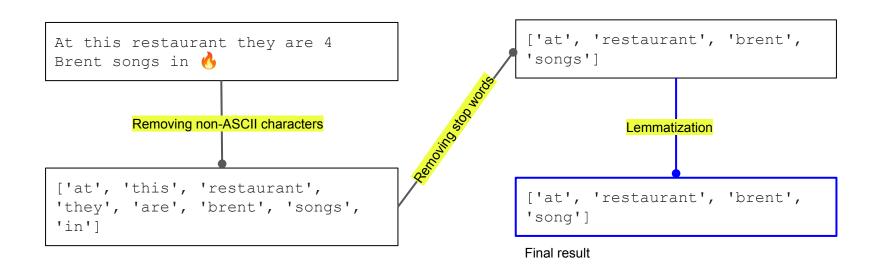
Label: Class A

Label: Class B

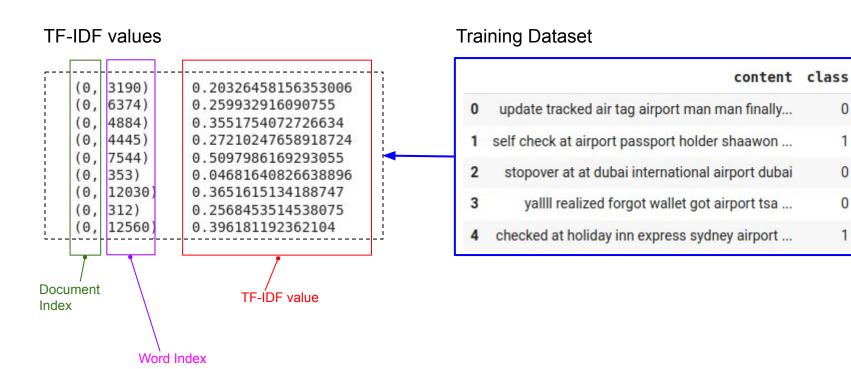




Data Sanitation and Cleaning



Vectorization



Classification

Naive Bayes

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Θ	0.88	1.00	0.94	448
1	0.88	0.10	0.19	67
accuracy			0.88	515
macro avg	0.88	0.55	0.56	515
weighted avg	0.88	0.88	0.84	515

Support Vector Machine

		precision	recall	f1-score	support
	Θ	0.92	0.99	0.95	448
	1	0.87	0.40	0.55	67
accurac	су			0.91	515
macro av	vg	0.89	0.70	0.75	515
weighted av	vg	0.91	0.91	0.90	515