

OPINION MINING: A CASE STUDY FOR ADVANCED BOW & TRANSFER LEARNING

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Introduction

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Many keywords :

subjectivity, sentiment, opinion, emotion, affective state,...

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- Work on subjective problems
- Many industrial applications
 - Users do consider reviews !
 - We are able to analyse reviews...
 - Can we predict behaviours ?

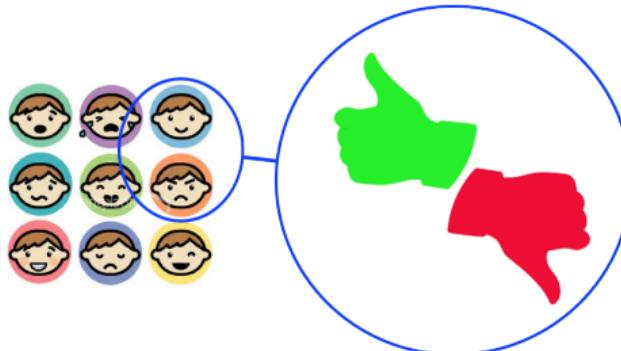
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About mining user generated content on
the web 2.0

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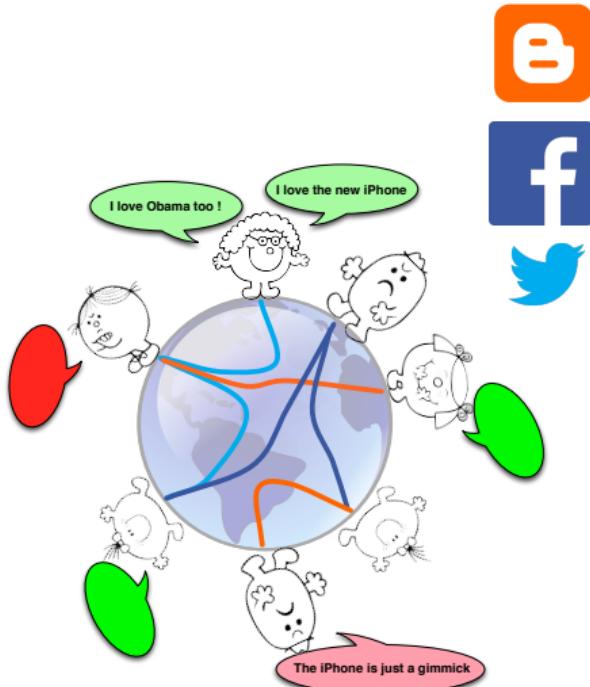
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- Link with **Community Detection**
- Link with **Recommender Systems**



Introducing users & links

Three application clusters (at the document level)

1 E-reputation

Companies looking for brand name protection

2 Survey

Everybody trying to save money & conduct surveys on everything

3 (Opinionated) Information Retrieval

Meeting consumer needs

⇒ Watching the whole web 24/7, detecting buzz, indexing...

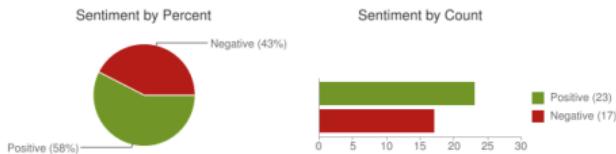


"It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it."-

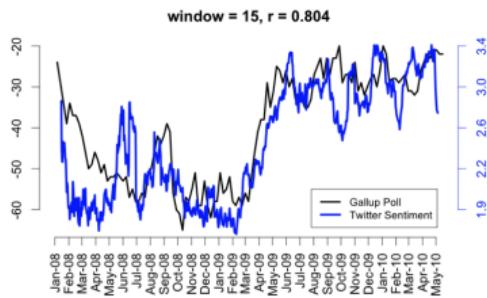
Warren Buffett

Survey & Monitoring : scientific issues

- Aggregating results from sentiment classification (new features)



- Building a time series prediction



ICS (Index of Consumer Sentiment), Michigan monthly poll



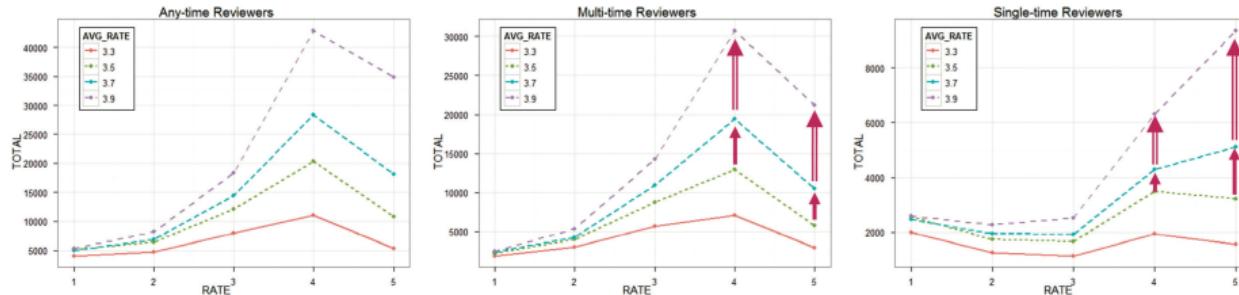
O'Connor et al., ICWSM 2010

From Tweets to Polls : Linking Text Sentiment to Public Opinion Time Series.

IR : Adverse Search & Review Spam

Distinguishing real comments from review spams

- Natural distributions of marks (vs non-natural ones)



Feng et al., ICWSM 2012

- User/Author modeling

- Special patterns
- Social groups
- Rating behaviors

"Positive opinions often mean profits and fame for businesses and individuals. This is a very strong incentive for people to game the system by posting fake opinions or reviews to promote or discredit certain products." - Bing Liu

Social Graph Mining

Combining influence modeling & Sentiment classification

⇒ who can give an efficient positive message about something ?



Issues : extracting

- Opinion Communities
- Opinion Influencers

Scientific issue :

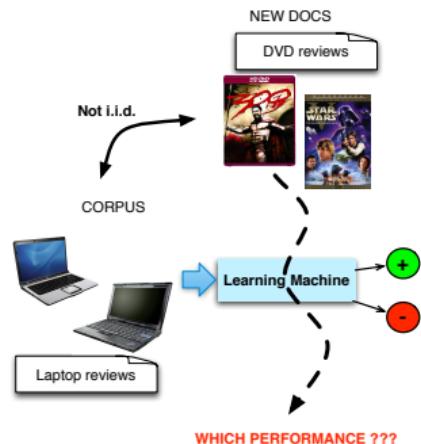
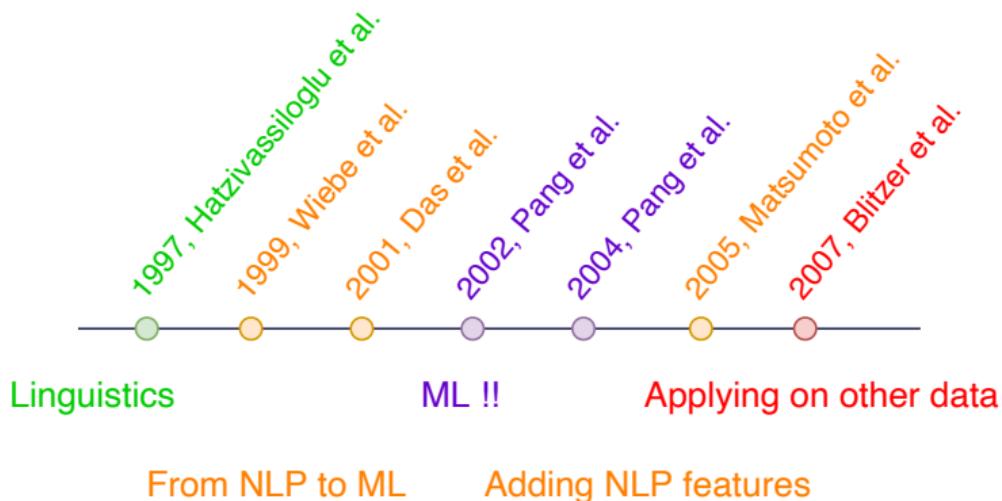
Dealing with a lot of data, taking into account both graph structure and content informations

Advanced features & Bag of Words

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1997 Hatzivassiloglou et al. : Resource building (adjectives)

1999 Wiebe et al. : Corpus building + Naive Bayes

2001 Das and Chen : BOW + NLP (Negation Coding) + ML : It works !

2002 Pang et al. : Simple Features (BOW) + SVM (or *Naive Bayes*)

It works very well !

2004 Pang et al. : ... but not at the sentence level

2005 Matsumoto et al. (and others) : complex NLP features are required

2007 Blitzer et al. : we want to apply those models on new (non rated) data

Evolution of the sentiment corpora

2002 Pang and Lee, Movie reviews : 1400 documents

2007 Blitzer et al. Amazon : 4x 2000 documents

2009 Whitehead : 10x [200, 2000] documents

... more and more corpora, with more and more documents

- Big Amazon : 20x [5k, 50k] documents
- Big IMDB : 2x 25k documents
- Trip advisor : 2x 50k documents
- Huge Amazon : 5.8 M reviews
- ...

⇒ A very unusual task were the labeled data is almost infinite !

Bag of words representation & coding

Most of the models rely on **Bag Of Words (BOW)** representation :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{D} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{X} \\ \text{repr}(doc) & = & d \in \mathbb{R}^V \end{array}$$

- Unigrams, Bigrams
- Additional features from NLP (POS...)

Since early studies [Das 2001, Pang 2002], a consensus on the coding :

- tf vs tf-idf vs presence coding
 - Discriminant coding : $\Delta\text{-tf}$: difference between frequencies in classes + and - (\approx kind of NB in the coding)
- ⇒ **Presence Coding (= working in \mathbb{B}^V)**

Negation Coding, POS filtering

NLP vs ML

How to code the structure of the sentences ?
(Which is known to be important in the decision !)

- N-grams... But very high dimensionality above $N = 2$
- POS filtering : Reducing the complexity of the structure [Pang 2002]
- Unigrammes + negation coding [Das et al. 2001]
Add NOT_ to every word between negation and following punctuation :

[...] didn't like this movie , but I [...]
⇒ didn't NOT_like NOT_this NOT_movie but I



Sanjiv Das and Mike Chen. APFA, 2001

Yahoo ! for Amazon : Extracting market sentiment from stock message boards



Complex NLP features

More and more complex feature to catch the structure...

- N-grams, subsequences, POS filtering [Dave et al. 2003]

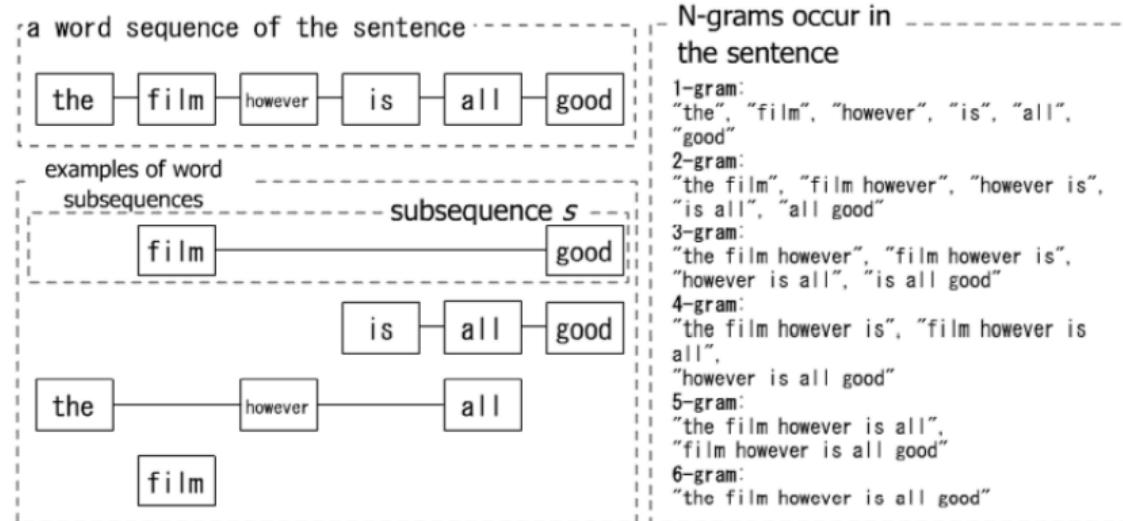


Fig. 2. A word sequence of a sentence "*The film however is all good*" and example subsequences

⇒ filtering the noise & extracting frequent patterns

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- Subsequences, tree-dependency [Matsumoto et al. 2005]

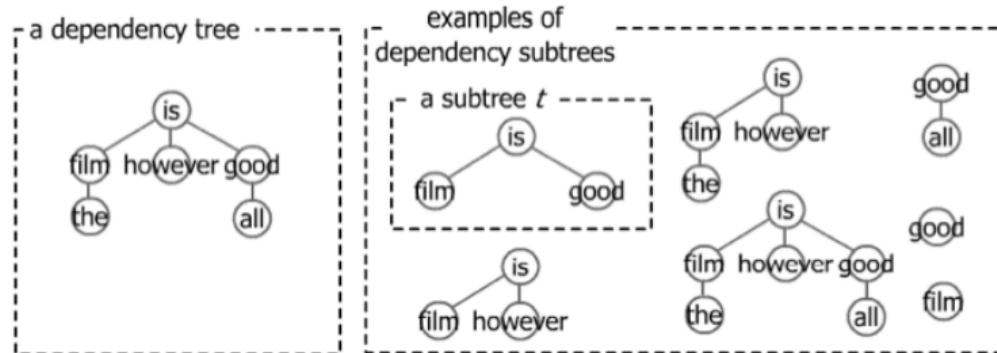


Fig. 3. A dependency tree of a sentence "*The film however is all good*" and examples of subtrees

Representation & preprocessing

2008 Pang & Lee Survey, **Lemmatization** : open issue, depending on

- experiments, langage,
- size of the learning set

2006 Kennedy and Inkpen, **Emotional Quantifiers** :

- modifying the counting of terms depending on *valence shifters*

2010 Wiegand et al.,

- A Survey on the Role of **Negation** in Sentiment Analysis

2009 Potts : coding emoticons

```
[<>]?                                # optional hat/brow
[:::=8]                                 # eyes
[\-\o\*\*'']?                            # optional nose
[\\)\]\(\([dDpP/\:\}\{@\|\\\]
|                                         #### reverse orientation
[\\)\]\(\([dDpP/\:\}\{@\|\\\]
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[:::=8]                                 # eyes
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```

High dimensionality representation

Raw extraction (no POS filtering)

Removing words with only one occurrence

Corpus	Corpus Size (N)	Review length	Vocabulary (V)		
			Unigr.	U+Bigr.	U+B+SSeq.
Books	2000	240	10536	45750	78664
Dvd	2000	235	10392	48955	89313
Electronics	2000	154	5611	30101	49994
Kitchen	2000	133	5314	26156	40773
Movie Rev.	2000	745	26420	148765	308564

Table 1 – Descriptions of 5 famous corpora (IMDB, Amazon).

Dimensionality increases quickly !

High dimensionality \Rightarrow many problems

- **Cost** of the dictionary (memory and computation time)
 - POS filtering & a priori knowledge...
- **Optimization problem**
 - Curse of dimensionality
 - **Ill posed problems :**
 - 10^3 docs VS 10^4 or 10^6 features
 - Risk of **over fitting**
- **Engineering problems**
 - Growing datasets \Rightarrow harder developments \Rightarrow bug/bias risk

Results [Pang et al. 2002]

- Very close performances for all algorithms
- [Pang et al. 2002] : **SVM** slightly better, **Naive Bayes** slightly worse.

	Features	# of features	frequency or presence?	NB	ME	SVM
(1)	unigrams	16165	freq.	78.7	N/A	72.8
(2)	unigrams	"	pres.	81.0	80.4	82.9
(3)	unigrams+bigrams	32330	pres.	80.6	80.8	82.7
(4)	bigrams	16165	pres.	77.3	77.4	77.1
(5)	unigrams+POS	16695	pres.	81.5	80.4	81.9
(6)	adjectives	2633	pres.	77.0	77.7	75.1
(7)	top 2633 unigrams	2633	pres.	80.3	81.0	81.4
(8)	unigrams+position	22430	pres.	81.0	80.1	81.6

Figure 3: Average three-fold cross-validation accuracies, in percent. Boldface: best performance for a given setting (row). Recall that our baseline results ranged from 50% to 69%.

A Results [Matsumoto et al. 2005]

- Rich coding $\Rightarrow \nearrow$ polarity recognition

Table 2. Results for dataset 1

Features	Accuracy(%)		
	test1	test2	test3
Pang et al. [1]	82.9	N/A	N/A
Mullen et al. [10]	84.6	N/A	N/A
word unigram ($= uni$)	83.0	83.7	83.0
lemma unigram ($= unil$)	82.8	83.8	83.2
word bigram ($= bi$)	79.6	80.4	80.1
lemma bigram ($= bil$)	80.4	80.9	80.7
$uni + bi$	83.8	84.6	84.0
$uni + bil$	83.6	84.2	83.5
$unil + bi$	84.4	84.8	84.6
$unil + bil$ ($= bow$)	84.0	84.9	84.2
$bow + seq$	84.1	85.3	84.9
$bow + seq_l$	84.4	85.7	84.9
$bow + dep$	86.6	87.6	87.5
$bow + dep_l$	87.3	88.3	88.0
$bow + seq + dep$	86.2	87.2	87.2

Table 3. Results for dataset 2

Features	Accuracy(%)		
	test1	test2	test3
Pang et al. [2]	87.1	N/A	N/A
word unigram ($= uni$)	87.1	88.1	87.0
lemma unigram ($= unil$)	86.4	86.9	85.9
word bigram ($= bi$)	84.2	85.3	85.1
lemma bigram ($= bil$)	84.3	85.2	84.7
$uni + bi$ ($= bow$)	88.1	88.8	88.0
$uni + bil$	87.8	88.6	87.8
$unil + bi$	87.3	88.2	87.3
$unil + bil$	87.7	88.3	87.9
$bow + seq$	88.2	89.4	88.3
$bow + seq_l$	88.5	89.8	88.5
$bow + dep$	92.4	93.7	92.7
$bow + dep_l$	92.8	93.7	92.9
$bow + seq + dep$	92.6	93.5	92.8

Linear models & decision making

In detail example with bigrams dictionary
(Amazon Book Reviews) :

Given a trained model w , For a document x_i , decision is computed as follows :
 $f(x_i) = \langle x_i, w \rangle = \sum_V x_{ij} w_j$

With presence coding (namely $x_{ij} = 0/1$) : $f(x_i) = \sum_{j \in x_i} w_j$

- w_j is the contribution associated to the presence of the word j
 - detection of positive & negative markers
- $|w_j|$ can be seen as a **subjectivity score** (\approx Sentiwordnet definition)

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Linear models & presence coding : $f(x_i) = \sum_{j \in x_i} w_j$

This book is great

Score : 0.20597761553808144

this_book : -0,0569

be : 0,0760

book_be : 0,0195

great : 0,2507

book : -0,0183

be_great : 0,0057

this : -0,0707

I felt disappointed

Score : -0.07434288371014953

I : 0,0189

disappointed : -0,0946

I_feel : 0,0062

feel : -0,0048

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In detail example with bigrams dictionary (Amazon Book Reviews) :

This book is not easy to read

Score : -0.02990834226477354

this_book : -0,0569

read : 0,0866

book_be : 0,0195

easy : 0,1688

this : -0,0707

be_not : -0,0661

not : -0,3336

be : 0,0760

not_easy : 0,0348

easy_to : 0,1046

book : -0,0183

to : 0,1163

to_read : -0,0909

Negation examples :

could couldn't should shouldn't

should : -0,0245

could : -0,0272

shouldn't : 0,0026

couldn't : 0,0293

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(Amazon Book Reviews) :

Inefficient at sentence level :

I don't like this book

Score : -0.38660630368246496

this_book : -0,0569

I_don't : -0,1249

don't : -0,1555

I : 0,0189

don't_like : 0,0391

book : -0,0183

like : -0,0706

this : -0,0707

like_this : 0,0522

I like this book

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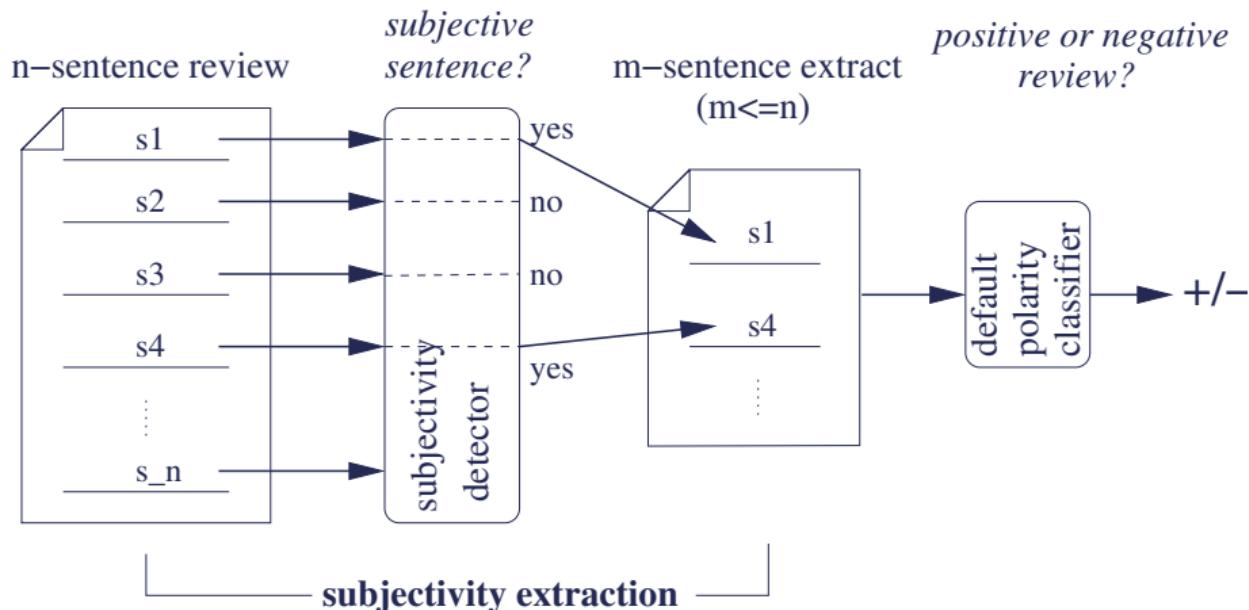
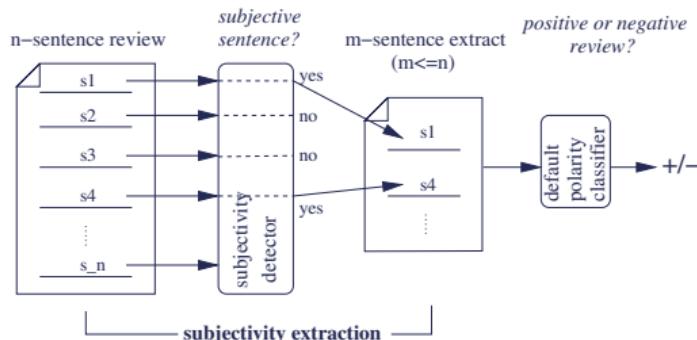


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Bo Pang and Lillian Lee [ACL 2004](#) A Sentimental Education : Sentiment Analysis Using Subjectivity Summarization Based on Minimum Cuts

Conclusion

- + Impressive performances on specific datasets
- + (Almost) no NLP knowledge required
- + Comprehensive model (at the corpus level)
- ... But mixed performance at the sentence level
- + Very efficient approach with existing SVM libraries & basic coding
- ... But computation time increases quickly when descriptors become complex

⇒ let's move to multi-domain sentiment classification

- + Good for the performance on a single dataset...
- Bad for the generalization abilities of the model !

Machine Learning, Multi- Domaines (ML-MD)

(Very) Brief History of Multi-domain sentiment classification

Aue 05 Description of the task

Blitzer 07 SCL algorithm & Amazon dataset release

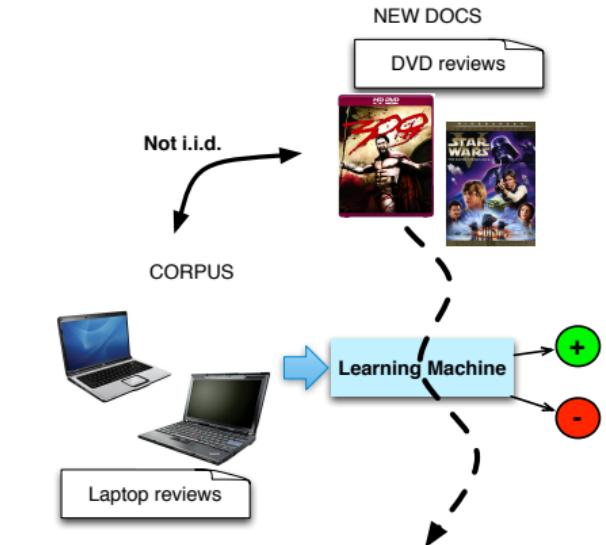
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Vocabulary :

- **Source** : the labeled data used to train our model
- **Target** : the data we want to classify

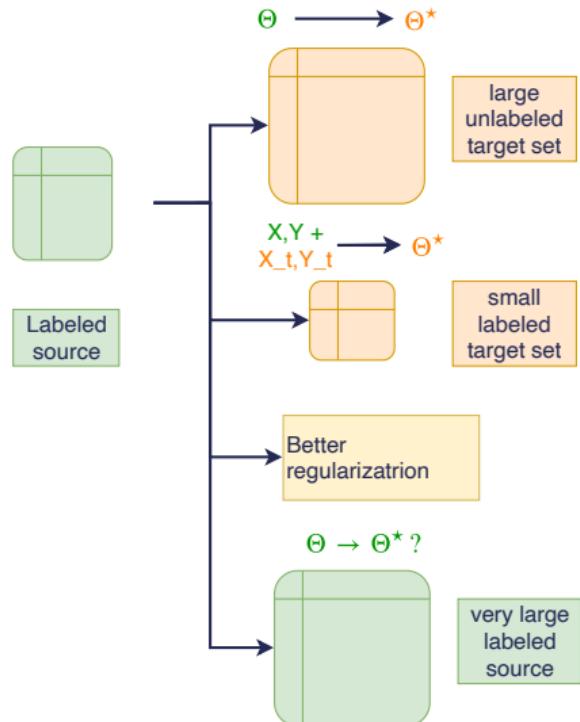
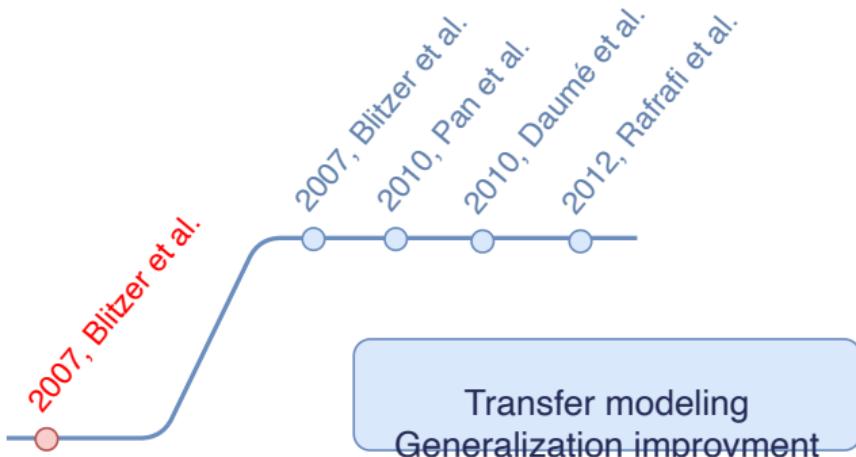
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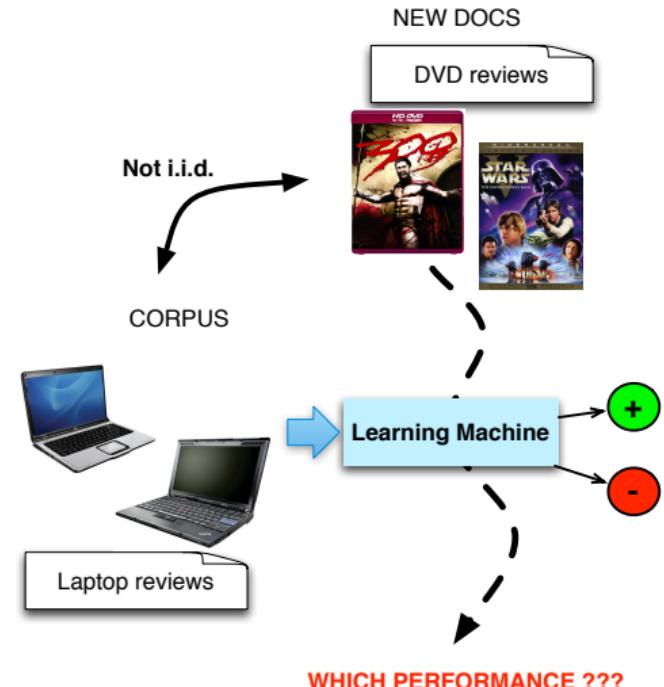
WHICH PERFORMANCE ???

Algorithmic approaches

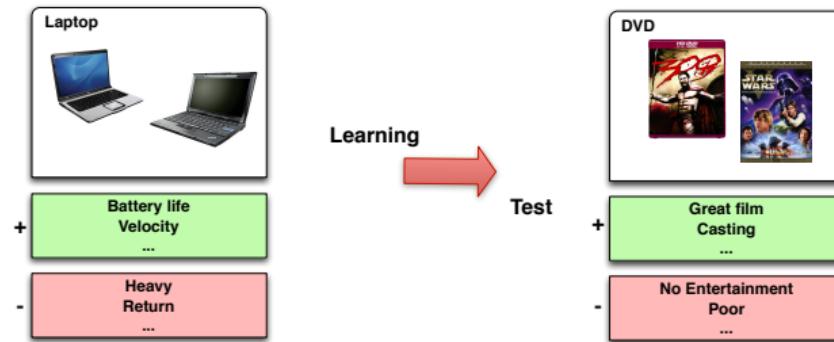


Blitzer Framework

- 4 domains from Amazon :
 - Books (2k docs),
 - Dvd (2k docs),
 - Kitchen (2k docs),
 - Electronics (2k docs)
 - >5k unlabeled docs in each domain
- Cross-domain experiments
 - Learning on one domain
 - Testing on another one
- Binary Classification (+/-)



Why is it difficult?



- Vocabulary transfer
 - Different context
- ⇒ Even with unigrams, linear model learn domain specific rules
- *summer* : good for books (*summer book*)
 - *return* : very bad for all physical product (*return to the seller*)
 - *loved* : good for a book, bad for a phone...

Many proposals

1 Engineering approach

Adapting the learnt model to the test distribution

- When we get few test labels
- Without test labels

2 Theoretical optimization approach

better generalization \approx regularization process

- Finding an efficient regularization for sentiment classification

3 Linguistic approach

Better understanding of the messages \Rightarrow Better generalization

- Introducing a (probabilistic) semantic

Structural Correspondance Learning

Input: labeled source data $\{(\mathbf{x}_t, y_t)\}_{t=1}^T\}$, unlabeled data from both domains $\{\mathbf{x}_j\}$

Output: predictor $f : X \rightarrow Y$

1. Choose m pivot features. Create m binary prediction problems, $p_\ell(\mathbf{x})$, $\ell = 1 \dots m$

2. For $\ell = 1$ to m

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}}_\ell = \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(\sum_j L(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j, p_\ell(\mathbf{x}_j)) + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \right)$$

end

3. $W = [\hat{\mathbf{w}}_1 | \dots | \hat{\mathbf{w}}_m]$, $[U D V^T] = \text{SVD}(W)$, $\theta = U_{[1:h,:]}^T$

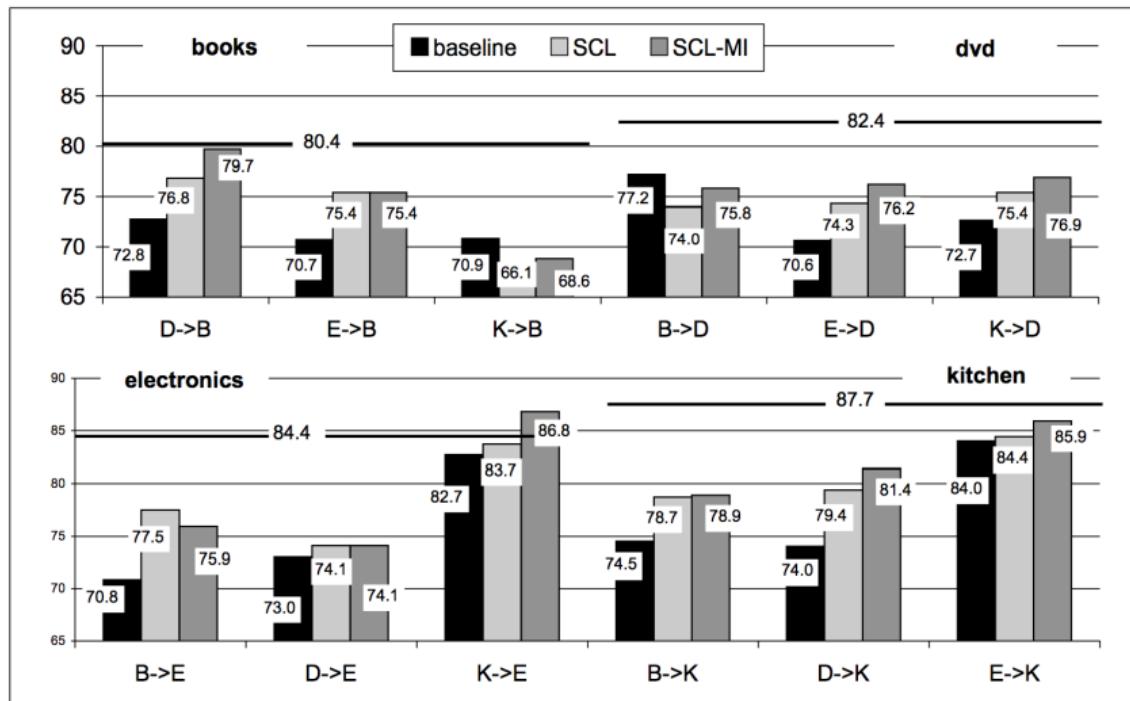
4. Return f , a predictor trained

$$\text{on } \left\{ \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_t \\ \theta \mathbf{x}_i \end{bmatrix}, y_t \right) \right\}_{t=1}^T$$

- Labeled Source , Unlabeled Target data
- Pivot feature p = frequent sentiment word
- W = which words cooccure with p ?
- SVD on W = concept extraction
- Enriched description : Original + Concepts

Figure 3: SCL Algorithm

Algo. [Blitzer et al. 2007], [Pan et al., 2010]



Simpler Algorithm

Hypothesis : we have a small labeled target dataset

- The target dataset is too small (*vs* the source) to impact the final model
- Proposal : high dimensionality coding

$$\Phi^s(x) = [x, x, 0], \quad \Phi^t(x) = [x, 0, x], \quad f(x) = \langle \Phi(x), [w^{gen}, w^s, w^t] \rangle$$

NB : implementation = copying the doc. representation

- regularization is required : either on $\|w\|^2$, or on $\|w^s - w^t\|^2$

⇒ Very good performances... On non-sentiment applications

⇒ Interesting performances for sentiments

NB : a semi-supervised version of the algo. called EasyAdapt++ has been developed afterwards.



Daumé, ACL 2007

Frustratingly Easy Domain Adaptation

CODA [Chen 2011]

Idea

Using a kind of *pseudo relevance feedback* to retrain our model and fit the target distribution

- 1 Training a model M on the source \mathcal{S}
- 2 Applying M on the target \mathcal{T}
- 3 Selecting documents x_c with the most confident decision in \mathcal{T}
- 4 Retrain M^{t+1} on $\mathcal{S}^{t+1} = \{\mathcal{S}, x_c\}$
- 5 Repeat until \mathcal{T} is empty

- Very good performance
- Heavy computation cost

 M. Chen, K. Q. Weinberger and J. C. Blitzer, NIPS 2011
Co-Training for Domain Adaptation

Multiple sources [Whitehead, 2009]

Idea : using many sources to optimize the target performance

Table 1: Cross Domain Classification
Training Dataset

	camera	camp	doctor	drug	laptop	lawyer	movie	music	radio	rest	tv	Ave. Test
Testing Dataset	90	64	67	57	64	63	51	55	60	61	62	63
camera	90	64	67	57	64	63	51	55	60	61	62	63
camp	71	85	69	57	53	68	52	63	62	66	71	65
doctor	59	65	84	58	53	72	50	57	63	72	65	63
drug	57	59	59	72	53	62	50	54	57	59	56	58
laptop	74	56	56	53	96	63	57	50	55	61	52	61
lawyer	57	61	71	55	59	83	51	60	60	66	65	63
movie	57	63	56	52	59	59	81	55	53	58	59	59
music	58	58	65	61	50	53	50	88	61	63	56	60
radio	55	64	62	53	52	62	50	58	73	59	58	59
rest	64	67	76	64	53	62	56	64	64	85	65	65
tv	61	70	63	53	51	71	52	58	62	63	82	62
Ave. Train	64	65	66	58	58	65	55	60	61	65	63	

Multiple sources [Whitehead, 2009]

Idea : using many sources to optimize the target performance

Table 3: Leave-One-Out vs. Single-Domain

Test Set	LOO	Ave. Other	Best Other	Same	
camera	62	63	67	90	
camp	66	65	71	85	
doctor	61	64	72	84	
drug	53	58	62	72	
laptop	65	61	74	96	
lawyer	58	63	71	83	⇒ But it doesn't work !
movie	62	59	63	81	
music	61	60	65	88	
radio	56	59	64	73	
restaurant	67	65	76	85	
tv	60	62	71	82	
Average	61	62	69	83	

Multiple sources : other studies

Theoretical study [Dredze 2010]

Using a mixture of sources to model the target **should** improve the performance on the target

Experimental Results (Whitehead, 09) :

Mixture of sources ≈

Choosing best source (with an oracle) >

blending all sources

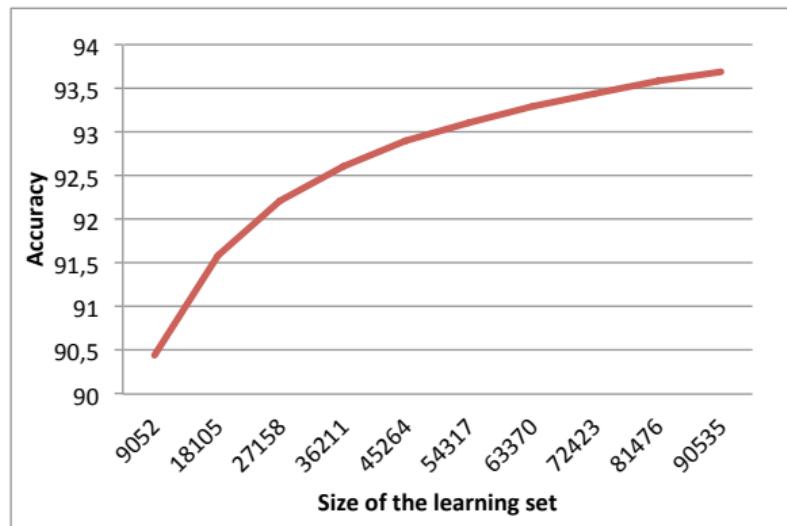


Mark Dredze, Alex Kulesza and Koby Crammer, Machine Learning 2010
Multi-domain learning by confidence-weighted parameter combination

Multiple sources & scaling [Rafrafi 2013]

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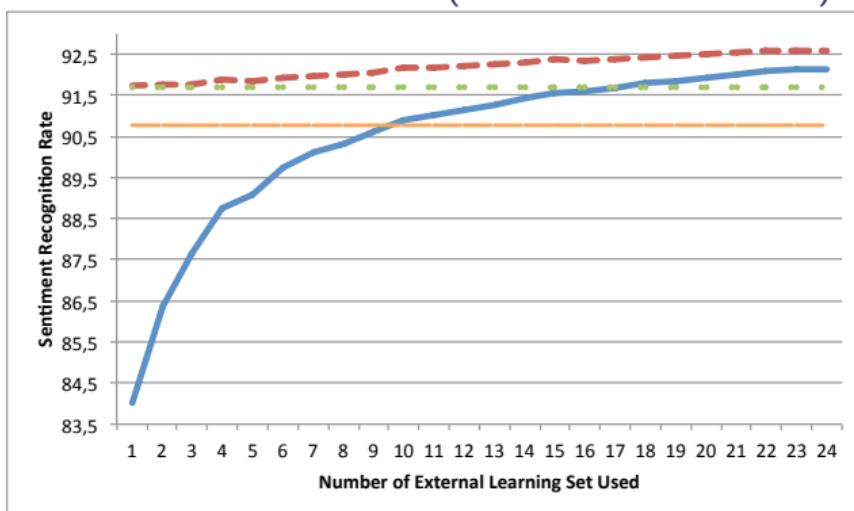
Classical cross-validation on blended Amazon :



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In multi-domain context (25 Amazon's domains)



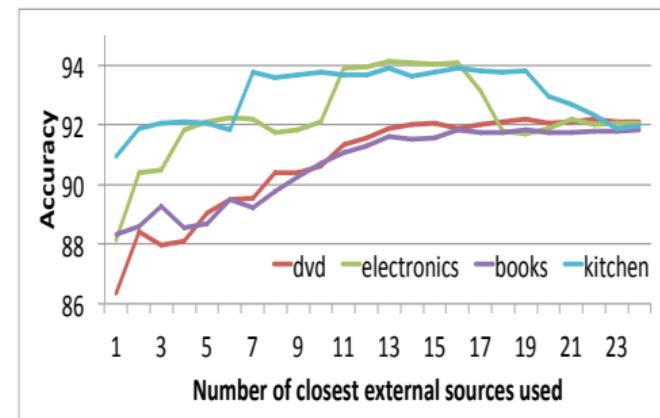
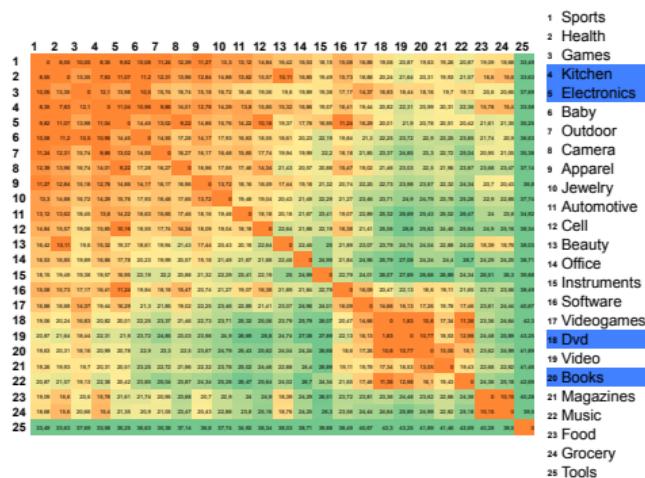
In-domain baseline
Best source (oracle)
Labeled target + all sources
All sources without any target data

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Distance KL between the sources \Rightarrow multiple sources selection

Performance using sources that are close to the target :

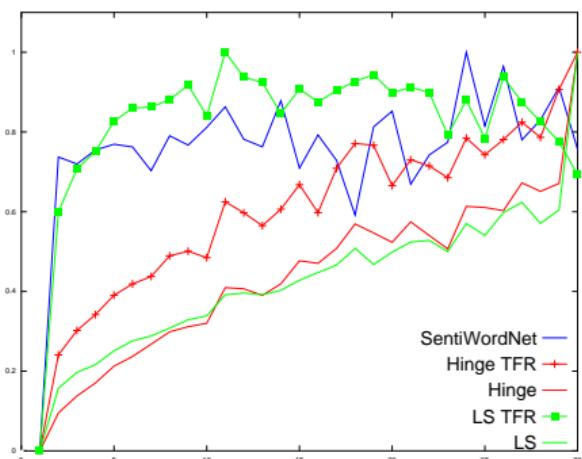


Subjectivity Appraisal [Rafrati 2012]

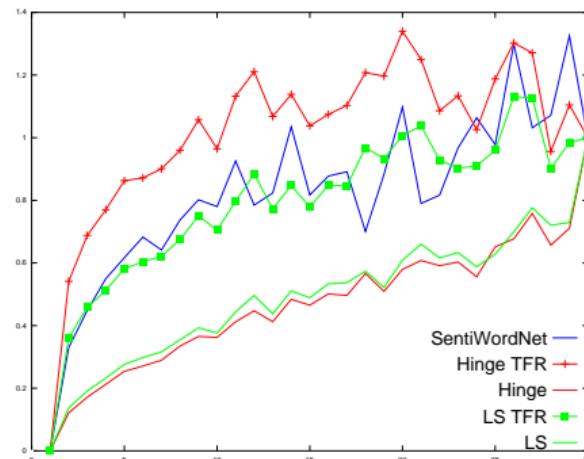
Scarce terms have more influence :

new subjectivity curves are closer to SentiWordNet

Unigrams :



Bigrams :

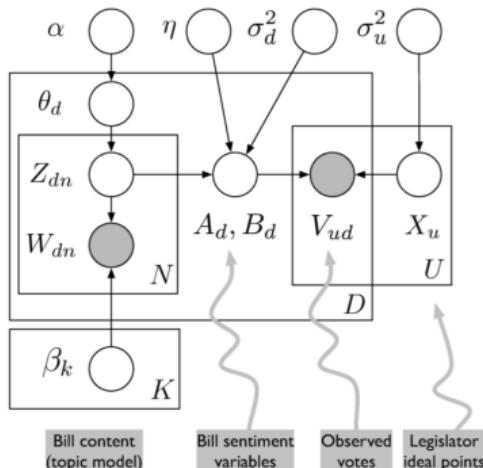
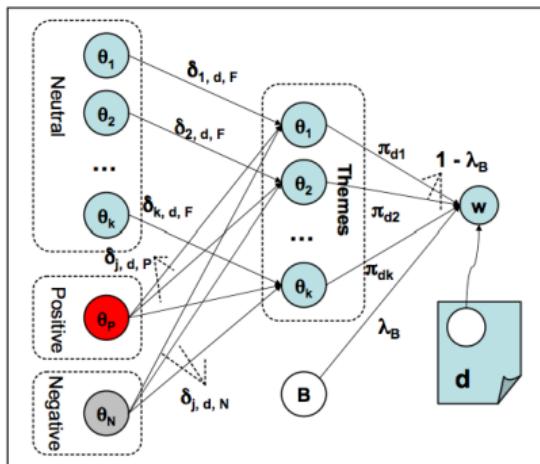


⇒ New opportunities for a better regularization

Semantics & graphical models

LSA for topic/sentiments

- Learning with EM (simple models)
- Learning with Gibbs Sampling (more complex model)



Liu, Huang, An, Yu [SIGIR 2007 ARSA](#) : a sentiment-aware model for predicting sales performance using blogs

Mei, Ling, Wondra, Su, Zhai [WWW 2007 Topic Sentiment Mixture](#) : Modeling Facets and Opinions in Weblogs

Gerrish, Blei [ICML 2011 Predicting Legislative Roll Calls from Text](#)

Multi-Aspect Review

- Using generative model (multi-grain LDA)
- + Dealing with multi-aspect reviews
- Summary ⇒ Extracting some group of words

Food: 5; Decor: 5; Service: 5; Value: 5

The chicken was great. On top of that our service was excellent and the price was right. Can't wait to go back!

Food: 2; Decor: 1; Service: 3; Value: 2

We went there for our anniversary. My soup was cold and expensive plus it felt like they hadn't painted since 1980.

Food: 3; Decor: 5; Service: 4; Value: 5

The food is only mediocre, but well worth the cost. Wait staff was friendly. Lot's of fun decorations.



Food	"The chicken was great", "My soup was cold", "The food is only mediocre"
Decor	"it felt like they hadn't painted since 1980", "Lots of fun decorations"
Service	"service was excellent", "Wait staff was friendly"
Value	"the price was right", "My soup was cold and expensive", "well worth the cost"

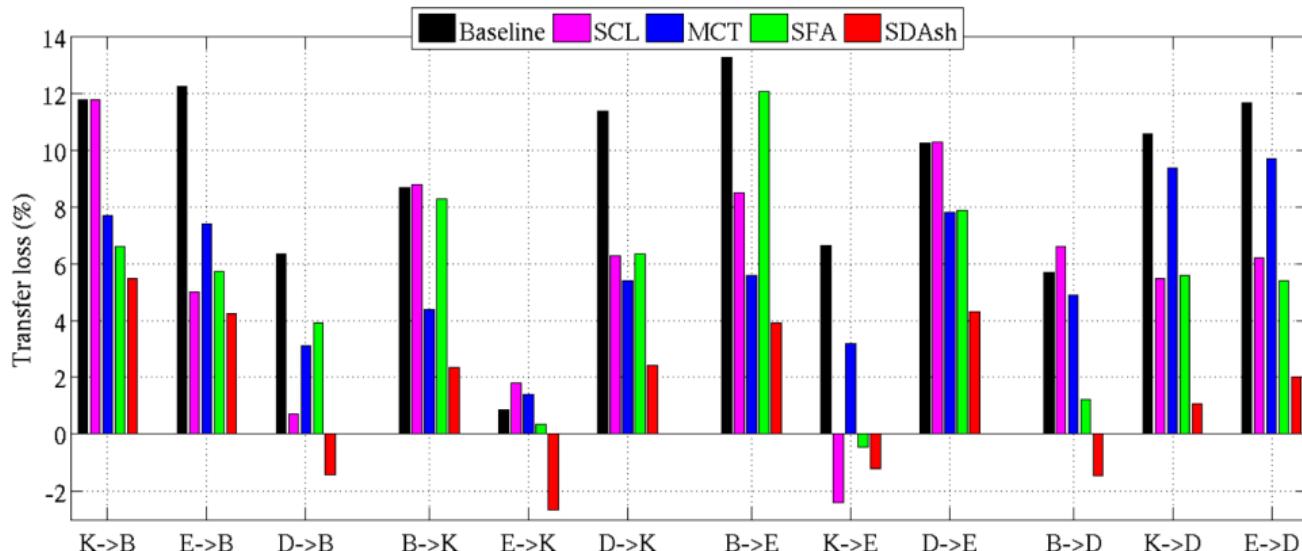


I. Titov, R. McDonald, ACL 2008

A Joint Model of Text and Aspect Ratings for Sentiment Summarization

Semantic & autoencoders [Glorot et al. 2011]

- Scaling \Rightarrow neural networks & autoencoders (\approx stochastic PCA)
- Deep approach :
 - 1 Unsupervised learning : language modeling
 - 2 Fine Tuning : using the labels



PLSA, PCA, Topic/sentiment

All most approaches operate at the document level...

- Extracting words or co-occurring words at the document level
 - topic modeling
 - sentiment for each topic
 - sentiment that are topic independent
- ... But no comprehensive model at the sentence level...
 - A real disadvantage for a *semantic* approach
- Also some scaling problem when bayesian graphical models become more & more complex

Conclusion

- + A general framework, critical in ML : **Transfer Learning**
- + Various tricks & algorithms useful for many NLP tasks
 - Yet another SVD use
 - New features
 - Graphical models
- Most approaches are deprecated due to recent advances in deep learning