

Coronavirus Tweets Analysis -Xufei Li



Goal:

To know what people are talking about during pandemic

Solution path:

- Top topics people are discussing on March 2020(beginning of pandemic) & May 2021(current)
- Compare by countries
- Group tweets to different group for further analysis

Data:

- From Kaggle: 41,000+ tweets
- Twitter API: 5,000 tweets

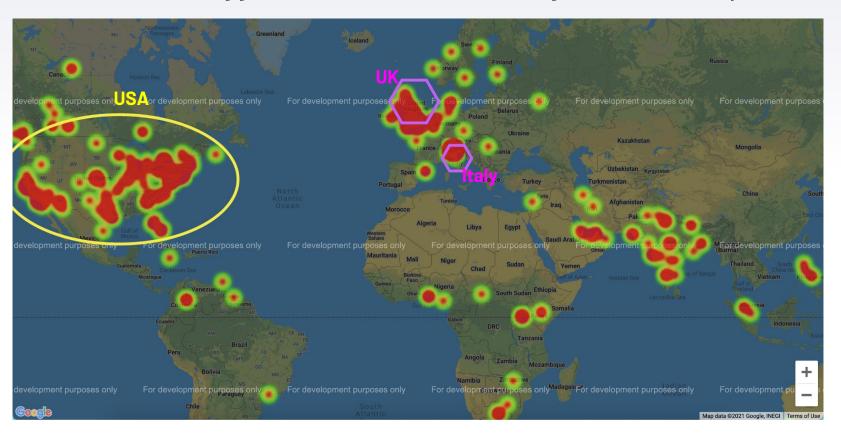






Data Cleaning & Heatmap

Filter & Clean Kaggle Data - March, 2020 & English Tweets only



Text Preprocessing

Preprocessing & Tokenization:

- 're' library
- Stop words
- TfidfVectorizer



Topic Modeling - NMF

Topic 1	Panic buying & stocking food		
Topic 2	Grocery & retail		
Topic 3	Online shopping & delivery		
Topic 4	Gas price decline		
Topic 5	Toilet paper hoarding		
Topic 6	Food shortage(empty shelves)		
Topic 7	Mask & Hand sanitizer shortage		
Topic 8	Thanks ALL front-line workers		
Topic 9	Covid impact on business & economy		
Topic 10	Stay at home		



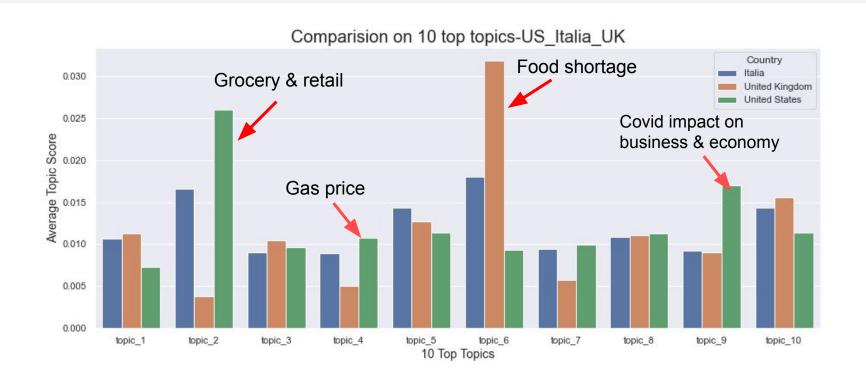
A fun tweet:

Toilet paper hoarding is sh**.

- 4 cases toilet paper from Costco
- Family of 4
- Quarantine for 14 days

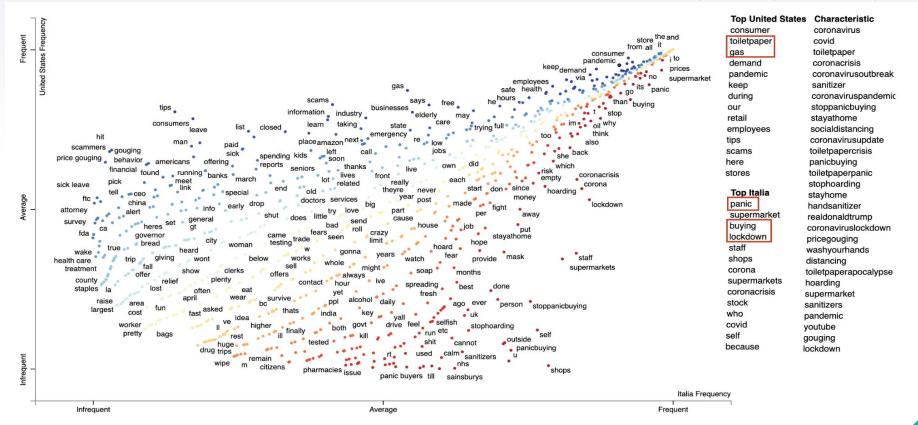
= 182 sh**/day
So, calm down!

Visual - comparison among countries

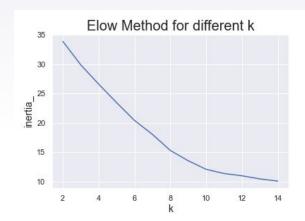


Visual - Scattertext United States vs. Italia (March, 2020)

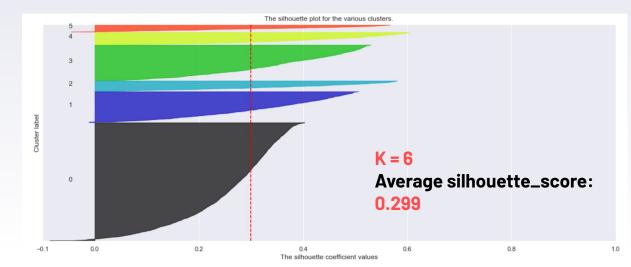
- USA vs. Italy
- 'panic'(39 vs. 99)
- 'tolietpaper'(71 vs. 36)
- sharing words: 'jobs', 'testing'

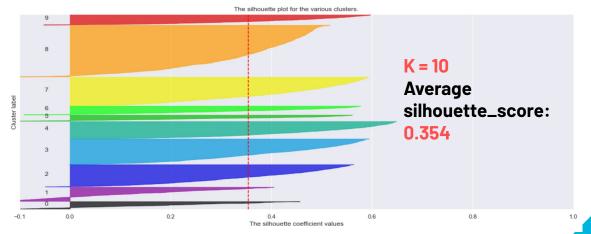


Clustering



Choose K = 6





Result of clustering:

Top 3 topic for each cluster based on topic score



Cluster 0	'topic_5'	'topic_10'	'topic_8'
Cluster 1	'topic_2'	'topic_8'	'topic_10'
Cluster 2	'topic_4'	'topic_2'	'topic_10'
Cluster 3	'topic_7'	'topic_8'	'topic_10'
Cluster 4	'topic_6'	'topic_10'	'topic_8'
Cluster 5	'topic_9'	'topic_3'	'topic_1'

Topics for May_2021:

(Data is from twitter API, only for May_26_2021 night)



- Vaccine 'appointment', 'second dose', 'side effects'
- News 'LEAKED INTERNAL DOCS(fb)'
- News 'Tennessee anti-vaxxer arrested'
- News 'COVID OUTBREAK IN MELBOURNE, Australia'

Future work:

Ingesting whole month data for May_2021 then apply topic modeling to see the top discussions.



Appendix 1: Top 6 words for each topic for March, 2020

```
[['people', 'stock', 'need', 'buying', 'panic', 'food'],
['people', 'going', 'stores', 'retail', 'grocery', 'store'],
['stay', 'amazon', 'delivery', 'home', 'online', 'shopping'],
['amid', 'low', 'price', 'gas', 'oil', 'prices'],
['toiletpaperpanic', 'rolls', 'roll', 'toiletpaper', 'paper', 'toilet'],
['just', 'like', 'local', 'shelves', 'people', 'supermarket'],
['use', 'masks', 'hands', 'make', 'hand', 'sanitizer'],
['delivery', 'employees', 'staff', 'drivers', 'thank', 'workers'],
['scams', 'business', 'behavior', 'impact', 'pandemic', 'consumer'],
['support', 'social', 'stay', 'help', 'home', 'amp']]
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Conclusion:

- Topic1: panic buying & stocking food
- Topic2: grocery & retail
- Topic3: online shopping & delivery
- Topic4: gas price decline
- Topic5: Toilet paper hoarding
- Topic6: supermarket shelves are empty Food shortage
- Topic7: mask & Hand sanitizer shortage
- Topic8: Thanks ALL front-line workers
- Topic9: covid impact on business & economy
- Topic10: StayAtHomeSaveLives?



Appendix 2:

Example: detailed raw tweets for topic_1

```
: topic check('topic 1') #topic: "panic buying & stocking food"
  food
            3.10264
  panic
           2,22801
  buying
           1.64335
            0.84370
  need
           0.79738
  stock
            0.72541
  people
  Name: topic_1, dtype: float64
  9651
  #Covid 19 stop panic buying theres enough food etc for everyone https://t.co/FfABnl3Upo
  9283
                                                                                                      all this #corona
  virus we need to stop panic buying so the old and the people that are still working get food
  15452
  Minister The country has enough food supplies there is no need for panic buying 19
  1881
           #Coronavirus seriously can people stop buying free from food cause they have already hoarded the other foo
  d. People need the free from food due to medical issue. Please stop panic buy there is need.
  5816
                                                                                             For all of you panic buy
  ing. STOP DOING IT Vulnerable people can't get any food please think of others. #coronavirus
  2448
  STOP FUCKING PANIC BUYING FOOD, YOU IDIOTS!! #coronavirus
  Name: Raw Tweet, dtype: object
```

Appendix 3:

Example: detailed raw tweets for topic_4

```
topic check('topic 4') #gas price decline
prices
          2.18292
oil
          0.86774
          0.55985
gas
price
         0.34274
low
          0.31089
          0.25006
amid
Name: topic 4, dtype: float64
3352
                                                       Oil prices at $23.18\r\r\n#Oilprices #coronavirus
3353
                                    Oil prices at $22.90\r\r\n#Oilprices #coronavirus #CoronaVirusUpdate
                             Oil prices at 2002 already, are we back almost 20 years due to #coronavirus
4021
19424
                                                                          I do like Covid 19 gas prices
6280
         Toilet paper prices went up while gas prices going down. #covid_19\r\r\nhttps://t.co/jp5aYlra9R
3954
                           Gas prices keep going down because of COVID-19. \r\r\nhttps://t.co/GCX7Mz3M21
Name: Raw Tweet, dtype: object
```