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Interpreting the Public Sentiment with Emotions on Twitter

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Abstract: *The Information on the Web is the ocean of opinions expressed in the user generated form as tweets on twitter which explore a great opportunity to understand the sentiment of the public by analyzing its large-scale data as well as opinion-rich data. Now people increasingly use emoticons in tweets in order to express their feelings on wide variety of topics on Twitter. Sentiment analysis on entities in tweets thus becomes a fast and effective way of concluding public opinion. But the tweets containing text is not sufficient for the opinion but somewhere emoticons also place a very vital role in the field of Sentiment Analysis. Emoticons are widely used to express positive or negative sentiment on Twitter. Inspired by the wide availability of emoticons, we propose to study the literature survey for sentiment analysis on tweets with emoticons.*

Keywords—Sentiment analysis, tweets, Emoticons, Unsupervised Approach

I. INTRODUCTION

With the explosive growth of user generated messages, Social site like Twitter where millions of users can exchange their opinion regarding some topic. Sentiment analysis on Twitter data has provided a platform where timely public sentiment can be expose in an economical and effective way, which is critical for decision making in various domains. For instance, a company can study the public sentiment in Tweets to obtain users' feedback towards its products; while a politician can adjust his/her position with respect to the sentiment change of the public.

Sentiment analysis is a technique for extracting sentiment associated with polarities of positivity, negativity and neutrality. It is one of the types of natural language processing in which we can track the mood of the public about a particular entity. Sentiment analysis, which is also called opinion mining, is used for constructing a system to collect and examine opinions about the entities on posts in Twitter called *tweets*. Due to the explosion of social media services a great opportunity to understand the sentiment of the public by analyzing its large-scale data as well as opinion-rich data. Sentiment analysis on tweets can done by many approaches. Approaches as machine-learning and lexicon-based approaches have been adopted to do sentiment analysis on Twitter. Machine-learning approaches to sentiment analysis need to train the data and are known to be domain-dependant. Lexicon-based sentiment analysis approaches use sentiment lexicons for retrieving the polarity of individual words and aggregate these scores in order to determine the text's polarity. But the tweets containing text is not sufficient for the opinion but somewhere emoticons also place a very vital role in the field of Sentiment Analysis. Emoticons are widely used to express positive or negative sentiment on Twitter. We propose to study the literature survey on unsupervised approach for sentiment analysis with emoticons.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 illustrates Emoticons. Section 3 provides a brief review of Literature Survey. Sentiment Analysis Emoticons Framework is reported in Section 4.

II. EMOTICONS

Sentiment analysis on entities in tweets thus becomes a rapid and effective way of concluding public opinion. But the tweets containing text is not sufficient for the opinion but somewhere emoticons also place a very vital role in the field of Sentiment Analysis. Emoticons are widely used to express positive or negative sentiment on Twitter. The first emoticon was used on September 19, 1982 by professor Scott Fahlman in a message on the computer science bulletin board of Carnegie Mellon University. In his message, Fahlman proposed to use “:-)” and “:-(” to distinguish jokes from more serious matters, respectively. It did not take long before the phenomenon of emoticons had spread to a much larger community.

Sentence	How	Sentiment
<i>I love my work :-D</i>	Intensification	Positive
<i>The movie was bad :-D</i>	Negation	Positive
<i>:-D I got a promotion</i>	Only sentiment	Positive
<i>~ I love my work</i>	Negation	Negative
<i>The movie was bad ~-</i>	Intensification	Negative
<i>I got a promotion ~-</i>	Only sentiment	Negative

Table 1: Example of how Emoticons can be used to convey sentiment

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People started sending yells, hugs, and kisses by using graphical symbols formed by characters found on a typical keyboard. A decade later, emoticons had found their way into everyday computer-mediated communication and had become the paralanguage of the Web [17]. As such, emoticons enable people to indicate subtle mood changes, to signal irony, sarcasm, and jokes, and to express, stress, or disambiguate their (intended) sentiment, perhaps even more than nonverbal cues in face-to-face communication can. Therefore, harvesting information from emoticons appears to be a viable strategy to improve the state-of-the-art of sentiment analysis.

III. LITERATURE SURVEY

Sentiment analysis has been a hot topic for quite a few years [2]. This paper clarifies the differences between affect, feelings, emotions, sentiments, and opinions these five subjective terms and reveals significant concepts to the computational linguistics community for their effective detection and processing in text[1].

Author perceive that guiniune reasons behind variations is highly related to the emerging topics within the sentiment variation periods. Based on this observation, author propose a Latent Dirichlet Allocation which is also called as LDA based model, Foreground and Background LDA which is called as FB-LDA, to extract foreground topics and filter out old toics which stayed for long time background topics[2].[3]This paper presents an interactive visualization system that aims to analyze public sentiments for popular topics on the Internet. Author illustrated that by searching and to establish frequent words in text type data, it models and mines the changes of the sentiment on topics[4]. Authors propose a method for automatic analysis of attitude (affect, judgment, and appreciation) in sentiment words. They proposed first stage as an automatic separation of clear affective and relating to (judgmental) adjectives from those that express appreciation or different attitudes depending on context[5].

Recently, as an effective tool to understand opinions of the public, sentiment analysis is widely used in various social media applications [7], including poll rating prediction [4], stock market prediction, event analysis [1], behavioral targeting [3], etc. Similar to conventional sentiment analysis on product and movie reviews, most existing methods in social media can fall into supervised learning methods [10] and unsupervised learning methods [4]. Due to the lack of label information and the large-scale data produced by social media services, unsupervised learning becomes more and more important in real-world social media applications. As in many existing system they are depended on one single domain only using supervised technique .But as unsupervised technique is also efficient to use in any domain without need of any training data.

In existing research [1] author have described the lexicon based classifier with some future work regarding Emoticons, Natural Language Processing.[2] In this paper author has proposes a Model for general people's opinions in regard to Australian federal election 2010 event was taken as an example for sentiment analysis experiments.[13] In this paper ,author present an unsupervised system for extracting aspects and determining sentiment in review text. Author has demonstrate its effectiveness on both component tasks, where it achieves similar results to more complex semi-supervised methods that are restricted by their reliance on manual annotation and extensive knowledge sources.[19]In this paper, author have presented a method for an automatic collection of a corpus that can be used to train a sentiment classifier. They used TreeTagger for POS-tagging and observed the difference in distributions among positive, negative and neutral sets. From the observations it is concluded that authors use syntactic structures to describe emotions or state facts. The limitations as it only reliable for Chinese language.

IV. SENTIMENT ANALYSIS EMOTICONS FRAMEWORK

We propose a novel framework for automated sentiment analysis, which takes into account the information conveyed by emoticons. The goal of this framework is to detect emoticons, determine their sentiment, and assign the associated sentiment to the selected text in order to correctly classify the polarity of natural language text as either positive or negative. In order to accomplish this, we build upon existing work [2]. Our framework, depicted in Figure 1, is essentially a pipeline in which each component fulfills a specific task in analyzing the sentiment of tweets.

First, we load a document in order for it to be analyzed for sentiment. we look for empty lines or lines starting with an indentation. When splitting a document into sentences, we look for punctuation marks, such as ".", "!", and "?", as well as for emoticons, as most emoticons are placed at the end of a text segment. Each text segment is checked for the presence of emoticons (step 2). If a word in a text segment matches a character sequence in the emoticon sentiment lexicon, the segment is rated for sentiment based on the sentiment imposed onto the text by its emoticons. Else, the segment is analyzed for the sentiment conveyed by its sentiment-carrying words that id pre-processing, Feaure Selection and Text based Sentiment Analysis.

Given a set of tweets, T , which contains a set of sentences, s , $T = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_i\}$; and each sentence s_k describes something on a subset of entities $e = \{e_i, \dots, e_j | e_i, e_j \in E\}$, where E is the set of all entities. set of opinion word, w , s

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= {w1, w2, ... ,wj}. The score function for a sentence is as follow:

$$score(s) = \sum_{w_j: w_j \in WL} \frac{w_j \cdot sentOri}{dis(w_j, e_i)} \quad (1)$$

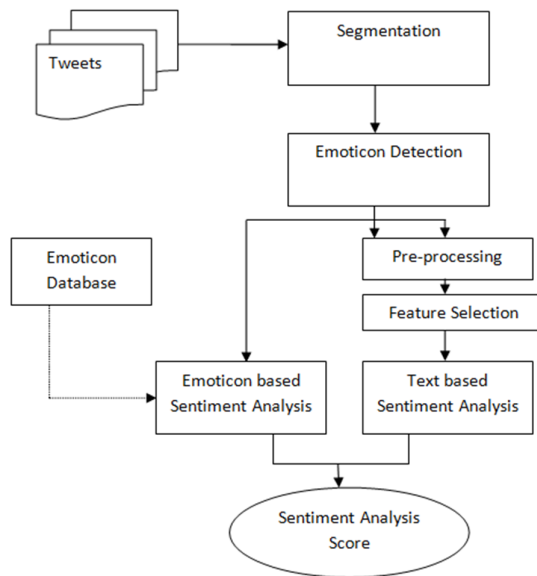


Figure 1: Framework of Model

where w_j is an opinion word, WL is the set of all opinion words from Wilson lexicon list and s is the sentence that contains the entity e_i , and $dis(w_j, e_i)$ is the distance between entity e_i and opinion word w_j in the sentence s , and $w_j.sentOri$ is the semantic orientation of the word w_j (i.e., +1, or +0.5, or 0, or -1, or -0.5). If a sentence contains more than one entity then the opinion word close to the entity has smaller value of $dis(w_j, e_i)$ and indicates this word makes more contribution to that entity's sentiment scores.

The Mathematical Model of the system will be given as-

Score={ $w_j, e_i, WL, SentOri, s$ } where,

- w_j =Opinion word
- e_i =Entity
- $SentiOri$ =Semantic Orientation
- WL =Wordnet List
- s =Sentence that contain an entity

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