#### Techniques and Applications for Sentiment Analysis

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#### Context



# Objective

- Present the main research problems related to Sentiment Analysis (SA) and some of the techniques used to solve them
- Review some of the major application areas where sentiment analysis is being used today





- Assumed that the document contains an opinion on one main object expressed by the author of the document
- Two main approaches
  - Supervised learning
  - Unsupervised learning

- Supervised learning
  - Finite set of classes
  - Training data is available
  - Classes
    - Positive/negative/neutral
    - Numeric scale (stars)
  - SVM, KNN, Naïve Bayes, Logistic Regression, Genetic programming

- Important representations
  - Bag of words
  - TFIDF
  - Part of Speech (PoS)
  - Sentiment Lexicons

- Unsupervised learning
  - Semantic orientation (SO) specific phrases
  - PMI (Pointwise Mutual Information) of the phrase with two sentiment words
  - PMI(P, W)
    - Statistical dependence between phrase P and word W based on their co-occurrence in a corpus

- Unsupervised learning
  - The two words used in Turney (2002) are 'excellent' and 'poor'
  - The SO measures whether P is closer in meaning to the positive word ('excellent') or the negative word ('poor')



#### **SA – Sentence Level**

# Assume

- We know the identity of the entity discussed in the sentence
- There is a single opinion in each sentence

#### **SA – Sentence Level**

- Most approaches are based on supervised learning
- Unsupervised approach is similar of Turney (2002)

#### **SA – Sentence Level**

- Handle different types of sentences by different strategies
- Sentences that need unique strategies
  - Conditional
  - Question
  - Sarcastic



- In many cases, people talk about entities that have many aspects (attributes) and they have a different opinion about each of the aspects
- Often happens in reviews about products or in discussion forums

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- Approach the problem of aspect identification as an information extraction problem
  - Use a tagged corpus to train a sequence classifier such as a Conditional Random Field (CRF)
- Implicit aspects



# **SA – Comparative**

- In many cases users do not provide a direct opinion about one product but instead provide comparable opinions
- The goal of SA in this case is to identify the sentences that contain comparative opinions, and to extract the preferred entity(-ies) in each opinion.

# **SA – Comparative**

- Comparative adjectives adverbs
  - 'more,' 'less,' and words ending with -er (for example, 'lighter')
- Superlative adjectives and adverbs
  - 'most,' 'least,' and words ending with –est (for example, 'finest')
- Additional phrases
  - 'favor,' 'exceed,' 'outperform,' 'prefer,' 'than,'
    'superior,' 'inferior,' 'number one'



# **Sentiment Lexicon**

- Most crucial resource for most sentiment analysis algorithms
- Acquisition
  - Manual
  - Dictionary
    Sontiworda
    - Sentiwordnet
  - Corpus
    - Sentiment consistency

### **Applications**

#### Chesapeake Energy Corporation (NYSE:CHK)

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#### **Research Issues**

- Automatic entity resolution
- Sarcasm
- Noisy texts
- Sentiment to objective statements

## Conclusion

- Reviewed some of the main research problems within the field of SA
- Discussed ways to solve each of these problems
- Described some of the major applications
- Provided a few major open challenges

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#### Introduction



"The king suite was spacious, clean, and well appointed. The reception staff, bellmen, and housekeeping were very helpful. Requests for extras from the maid were always provided. The heating and air conditioning functioned well; this was good as the weather was variable. The sofa bed was the best l've ever experienced. The king size bed was very comfortable. The building and rooms are very well soundproofed. The neighborhood is the best for shopping, restaurants, and access to subway. Only "complaint" has to do with high-speed Internet access. It's only available on floors 8–12."

#### Introduction



