

COMPUTATIONAL AFFECT: Finding Emotions in Language

Sentiment or Valence

- Category: positive, negative, neutral
- Intensity: degree of sentiment

Emotions

- Category:
- Many emotions
- Basic emotions
- Valence, arousal, dominance
- Intensity: degree of emotion



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What We Do

- Identify HYPOTHESES; formulate NEW TASK
- Large-scale CROWDSOURCED DATA ANNOTATION with extensive quality control measures
- Including fine-grained real-valued dimensional annotations with best—worst scaling
- Analyze data; develop INTERACTIVE VISUALIZATIONS; evaluate hypotheses
- Develop AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS, including deep learning neural network systems, for sentiment analysis and other applications





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BGR, August 11, 2016. <u>Donald Trump's angriest tweets are sent from</u> his Android while the nice ones are sent from an iPhone.

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Sentiment Analysis and Topic Modeling.

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Applied to Various Textual Units, and Beyond

- Character N-Grams
- Words
- Phrases
- Sentences
- Tweets
- Documents



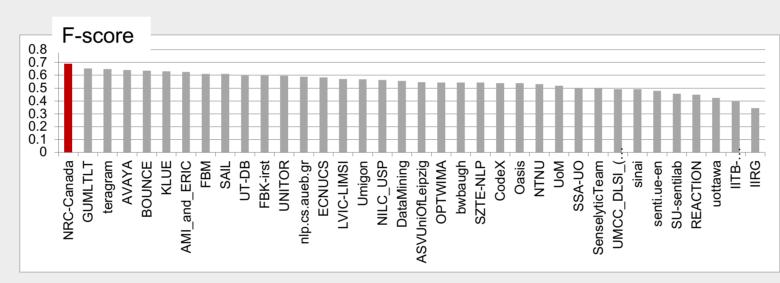
Manually created affect lexicons

- NRC Emotion Lexicon
- widely used for research
- commercially licensed
- used to analyze Brexit discourse, Trump tweets, Radiohead songs, forum posts, etc.
- Valence, Arousal, and Dominance Lexicon
- Affect Intensity Lexicon
- Sentiment Composition lexicons

Automatically generated affect lexicons

Multi-modal deep learning models

Participation in Shared Tasks



- First in SemEval-2013 Shared Task on Sentiment Analysis of Tweets (40+teams)
- First in SemEval-2014 Shared Task on Aspect Based Sentiment Analysis (30+ teams)
- First in SemEval-2014 Shared Task on Sentiment Analysis of Tweets (40+ teams)
- First in AMIA-2017 Shared Task on Social Media Mining for Health Applications (9 teams)

Organization of Shared Tasks, and more

Shared Tasks

- SemEval-2018 Affect in Tweets (72 teams) (Ethics Evaluation)
- WASSA-2017 Emotion Intensity in Tweets (22 teams)
- SemEval-2016 Stance Detection (26 teams)
- SemEval-2016 Sentiment Intensity (5 teams)
- SemEval-2015 Sentiment in Tweets (44 teams)

Workshop

 2017 and 2018 Workshops on Computational Approaches to Subjectivity, Sentiment and Social Media Analysis

Tutorials

- Computational Analysis of Affect and Emotion in Language. EMNLP-2015.
- Sentiment Analysis of Social Media Texts. EMNLP-2014. (> 30,000 views on YouTube)



Applications We Worked On

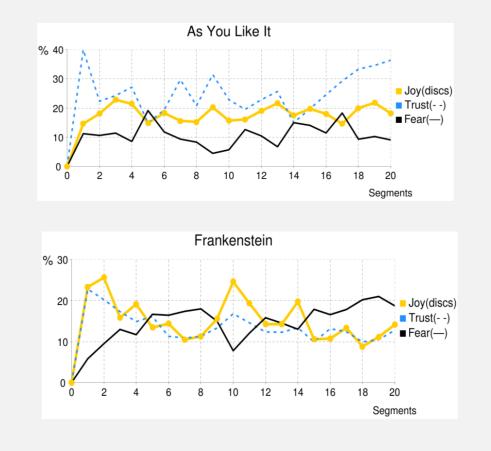
- Personality trait identification
- Understanding metaphors Machine translation
- Stance detection
- Quantifying beliefs, claims, public opinion
- Evolutionary linguistics

Computational Literary Analysis

 deriving emotional trajectories in stories

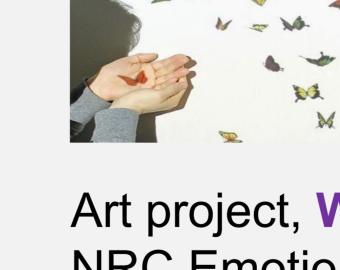
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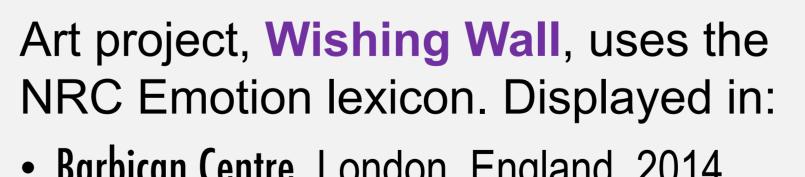
- commercial interest
- popular press coverage
- music played at the Louvre, Paris











- Barbican Centre, London, England, 2014
- Tekniska Museet, Stockholm, Sweden, 2014
- Onassis Cultural Centre, Athens, Greece, 2015
- Zorlu Centre, Istanbul, Turkey, 2016



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