Text mining Part 2
Assignment 1... due in one week (and one day)

- Hints and tips to follow after the lecture
- **Yes,** there’s a weakness in the task 2 evaluation (there was last year too, so I changed the way the test set was constructed, but apparently made it even worse...)
So, we’ll be flexible about evaluation

- Full marks (for that task) if you find the deficiency
- Full marks for a reasonable solution that doesn’t exploit the deficiency
- No marks if you don’t attempt anything...
- \( \frac{1}{2} \) (ish) marks if your solution is about as good as the HW2 solution

So concentrate most of your effort on Task 1, where most of the grading variance will be
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- Extra office hours to discuss (on Thursday or Friday)
- **No class on Wednesday** (veteran’s day)
- Kaggle times are in UTC
Recap: Prediction tasks involving text

What kind of quantities can we model, and what kind of prediction tasks can we solve using text?
What can stop US Postal Service trucks? The inexorable march of time

The ageing fleet of delivery vehicles is long past due an overhaul. Among the common-sense upgrades employees want: air conditioning and more workspace.

For the better part of the last 30 years, the flatulent buzz of the US Postal Service’s boxy delivery vans - audible as they lighted from mailbox to mailbox - has been a familiar sound to most Americans. Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays the USPS’s mail trucks from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.
SAN FRANCISCO — While Apple has been preparing to release its first wearable computers, the company has also been busy assembling a team to work on an automobile.

The company has collected about 200 people over the last few years — both from inside Apple and potential competitors like Tesla — to develop technologies for an electric car, according to two people with knowledge of the company’s plans, who asked not to be named because the plans were private.

The car project is still in its prototype phase, one person said, meaning it is probably many years away from being a viable product and might never reach the mass market if the quality of the vehicle fails to impress Apple’s executives.

It could also go nowhere if Apple struggles to find a compelling business opportunity in automobiles, a business that typically has much lower sales margins than

Prediction tasks involving text

Which of these reviews am I most likely to agree with or find helpful?

Most Helpful Customer Reviews

1,928 of 1,928 people found the following review helpful

⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ Le Creuset on a budget
By N. Lafond on October 24, 2007

Color Name: Caribbean Blue | Size Name: 6 qt | Verified Purchase

Enamel cast iron cookware like this was, until recently, only available from makers like Le Creuset. Lately, several lower cost makers have come on the scene, like Target and Innova. The new budget priced Lodge cookware is in the same price range as the low cost alternative but completely out performs them.

I have all of the brands I have mentioned. The Lodge is the same weight as the Le Creuset which is much heavier than the other budget models. The ridge where the lid and sides meet is a matt black porcelain on the Lodge and Le Creuset but is just exposed cast iron for the other budget models (which leads to rusting if you are not careful). The porcelain resists staining (even tomato sauces) in the Lodge and Le Creuset but the other budget models stain very easily. And finally, the Lodge and Le Creuset maintain a very polished interior finish that resists sticking which others do not. So I see no performance differences at all between the Le Creuset and the Lodge whereas the comparably priced budget models are certainly inferior.

If you plan of using these pots very heavily (every day for example) you might want to upgrade to the higher priced Lodge product. It has 4 coatings of enamel as opposed to 2 in this model. But if you use them once or twice a week I dont think you will need the added wear resistance.

47 Comments | Was this review helpful to you? Yes No

1,164 of 1,164 people found the following review helpful

By J. G. Pavlovich on March 2, 2008

Color Name: Island Spice Red | Size Name: 6 qt | Verified Purchase

This is a terrific value. The quality and performance match my Le Creuset pieces at a fraction of the price. The only slight design flaw I have found is that the rounded bottom makes browning large pieces of meat awkward. Other than that I have no complaints. Easy cleaning. Easy clean up. I use it several times a week.

UPDATE: I found a second minor problem. The inside rim of the lid has a couple of raised spots which prevent the lid from seating tightly. This causes steam to escape much faster than I would like during a long braise or stew.

Update 2: Three years in I am dropping my rating to three stars. It's still a decent pot at a bargain price, but it will not be an heirloom piece like my Le Creuset. The loose fitting lid turns the pot into a junk drawer when not in use.
Which of these articles are relevant to my interests?

1. **THE UPSHOT**
   Reader Mailbag: Questions and Comments About Orders at Chipotle

2. Meet the Unlikely Airbnb Hosts of Japan

3. At Chipotle, How Many Calories Do People Really Eat?

4. **OP-ED CONTRIBUTOR**
   Reform the Condominium

5. Cupid’s Arrows Wound in ‘Wolf Hall,’ ‘Skylight,’ ‘An Octoroon’ and ‘Big Love’

6. **THE UPSHOT**
   The Upside of Waiting in Line
Prediction tasks involving text

Find me articles similar to this one

Meatloaf That Conquers the Mundane

I was raised on Midwestern meatloaf. My mother’s dependable recipe did not vary: ground beef, grated onion and carrot and a little oatmeal were the main ingredients, along with a dash of “seasoned salt.” A ribbon of bottled chili sauce ran down a gully in the center.

Served hot, accompanied by Tater Tots, it was dinner. Served cold for lunch, it was always a sandwich on white bread, with potato chips on the side. It was usually moist and tasty but never remarkable, and there was no way you could call it anything but meatloaf.

Do I harbor a kind of nostalgia for it? Yes. But would I use that recipe now? I think not.

I have a friend from Brussels who loves to entertain. Of his dinner party repertoire, one dish is most requested and admired. It is pain de veau, served with a vermouth-splashed mushroom sauce. In French, it sounds elegant. Translated into English — veal loaf — it sounds dull.

The Italian word for meatloaf is polpettone. (Polpette are Italian meatballs; polpettone are meatballs, too, but more diminutive.) This substantial family-size meatball, whether ovoid or elongated, plain or fancy, served with tomato sauce or not, is beloved both in Italy and in Italian communities throughout the world. Aside from its melodic, polysyllabic name, polpettone is always well seasoned, prepared with care and served with gusto.

It is usually a combination of different kinds of ground meat, typically beef, pork and veal in equal parts. Crumbled cheese and herbs are often thrown in, but the secret lies in the blend of meat and the sauce.
Feature vectors from text

Bag-of-Words models

F_text = [150, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ... , 0]

aardvark

zoetrope
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These two documents have exactly the same representation in this model, i.e., we’re completely ignoring syntax. This is called a “bag-of-words” model.
Let’s do some inference!

**Problem 1: Sentiment analysis**

Let’s build a predictor of the form:

\[ f(\text{text}) \rightarrow \text{rating} \]

using a model based on linear regression:

\[ \text{rating} \approx \alpha + \sum_{w \in \text{text}} \text{count}(w) \cdot \theta_w \]
When we studied recommender systems, we looked at:

• Approaches based on measuring similarity (cosine, jaccard, etc.)
• Approaches based on dimensionality reduction

Today we’ll look at the same two concepts, but using textual representations
Finding relevant terms

So far we’ve dealt with huge vocabularies just by identifying the most frequently occurring words.

But! The most informative words may be those that occur very rarely, e.g.:

- Proper nouns (e.g. people’s names) may predict the content of an article even though they show up rarely.
- Extremely superlative (or extremely negative) language may appear rarely but be very predictive.
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e.g. are (the features of the reviews/IMDB descriptions of) these two documents “similar”, i.e., do they have high cosine similarity
Finding relevant terms

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“the” appears 12 times in the document

“Taylor Swift” appears 3 times in the document
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So how can we estimate the “relevance” of a word in a document?

Q: The document discusses “the” more than it discusses “Taylor Swift”, so how might we come to the conclusion that “Taylor Swift” is the more relevant expression?

A: It discusses “the” no more than other documents do, but it discusses “Taylor Swift” much more
Finding relevant terms

Term frequency & document frequency

**Term frequency** ~ How much does the term appear in the document

**Inverse document frequency** ~ How “rare” is this term across all documents
Finding relevant terms

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“Term frequency”: \( tf(t, d) = \text{number of times the term } t \text{ appears in the document } d \)

e.g. \( tf(\text{“Taylor Swift”}, \text{that news article}) = 3 \)

“Inverse document frequency”: \( idf(t, D) = \log \frac{N}{|\{d \in D : t \in d\}|} \)

term (e.g. “Taylor Swift”) \hspace{1cm} \text{set of documents}
Finding relevant terms

Term frequency & document frequency

**TF-IDF** is high $\rightarrow$ this word appears much more frequently in this document compared to other documents

**TF-IDF** is low $\rightarrow$ this word appears infrequently in this document, or it appears in many documents

$$tfidf(t, d, D) = tf(t, d) \times idf(t, D)$$
Finding relevant terms

Term frequency & document frequency

\( \text{tf} \) is sometimes defined differently, e.g.:

\[ tf'(t, d) = \delta(t \in d) \]

\[ tf''(t, d) = \frac{\text{frequency of word}}{\text{frequency of most common word in document}} \]

Both of these representations are invariant to the document length, compared to the regular definition which assigns higher weights to longer documents.
Finding relevant terms

How to use TF-IDF

- Frequently occurring words have little impact on the similarity
- The similarity is now determined by the words that are most "characteristic" of the document
Finding relevant terms

But what about when we’re **weighting** the parameters anyway?

e.g. is:

\[
\text{rating} \approx \alpha + \sum_{w \in \text{text}} \text{count}(w) \cdot \theta_w
\]

really any different from:

\[
\text{rating} \approx \alpha + \sum_{w \in \text{text}} \text{tfidf}(w, d, D) \cdot \theta_w
\]

after we fit parameters?
Finding relevant terms

But what about when we’re **weighting** the parameters anyway?

Yes!

- The **relative** weights of features is different between documents, so the two representations are not the same (up to scale)
- When we regularize, the scale of the features matters – if some “unimportant” features are very large, then the model can overfit on them “for free”
Finding relevant terms

But what about when we’re weighting the parameters anyway?
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But what about when we’re *weighting* the parameters anyway?
Etc.

Not today...

Questions?

Further reading:

• Original TF-IDF paper (from 1972)
  “A Statistical Interpretation of Term Specificity and Its Application in Retrieval”
  [http://goo.gl/1CLwUV](http://goo.gl/1CLwUV)
Dimensionality-reduction approaches to document representation
Dimensionality reduction

How can we find **low-dimensional structure** in documents?

**What we would like:**

87 of 102 people found the following review helpful

🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟 You keep what you kill, December 27, 2004
By Schtinky "Schtinky" (Washington State) - See all my reviews

*This review is from: The Chronicles of Riddick (Widescreen Unrated Director's Cut) (DVD)*

Even if I have to apologize to my Friends and Favorites, and my family, I have to admit that I really liked this movie. It's a Sci-Fi movie with a "Mad Maxx" appeal that, while changing many things, left Riddick from "Pitch Black" to be just Riddick. They did not change his attitude or soften him up or bring him out of his original character, which was very pleasing to "Pitch Black" fans like myself.

First off, let me say that when playing the DVD, the first selection to come up is Convert or Fight, and no explanation of the choices. This confused me at first, so I will mention off the bat that they are simply different menu formats, that each menu has the very same options, simply different background visuals. Select either one and continue with the movie.

(review of “The Chronicles of Riddick”)

Document topics

- **Action:** action, loud, fast, explosion,...
- **Sci-fi:** space, future, planet,...
Singular-value decomposition

Recall (from dimensionality reduction lectures)

\[ R = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 & \cdots & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & \cdots & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & \cdots & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & \cdots & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & \cdots & 2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 2 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \]

\[ R = U \Sigma V^T \]

(matrix of ratings)

(e.g.)

(squared roots of)

eigenvalues of \( R R^T \)

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eigenvectors of \( R^T R \)
Singular-value decomposition

Taking the eigenvectors corresponding to the top-K eigenvalues is then the "best" rank-K approximation.

\[
R = \begin{pmatrix}
5 & 3 & \cdots & 1 \\
4 & 2 & & 1 \\
3 & 1 & & 3 \\
2 & 2 & & 4 \\
1 & 5 & & 2 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
1 & 2 & \cdots & 1
\end{pmatrix}
\]

\[
R \approx U^{(k)} \Sigma^{(k)} V^{(k)T}
\]

(square roots of top k) eigenvalues of \(RR^{T}\)

(top k) eigenvectors of \(RR^{T}\)

(top k) eigenvectors of \(R^{T}R\)
Singular-value decomposition

What happens when we apply this to a matrix encoding our documents?

\[ X = \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & \cdots & 4 \\
0 & 2 & 0 \\
31 & 23 & 97 \\
0 & 98 & 1 \\
473 & 88 & 347 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
11 & 34 & 13
\end{pmatrix} \]

\( X \) is a \( T \times D \) matrix whose **columns** are bag-of-words representations of our documents.

\( T = \) dictionary size

\( D = \) number of documents
Singular-value decomposition

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\[ X^T X \text{ is a } D \times D \text{ matrix.} \]

\( U^{(k)} \Sigma^{(k)} \) is a low-rank approximation of each document eigenvectors of \( X^T X \)

\[ X X^T \text{ is a } T \times T \text{ matrix.} \]

\( V^{(k)} \Sigma^{(k)} \) is a low-rank approximation of each term eigenvectors of \( X X^T \)
Singular-value decomposition

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Using our low rank representation of each document we can...

• Compare two documents by their low dimensional representations (e.g. by cosine similarity)
• To retrieve a document (by first projecting the query into the low-dimensional document space)
• Cluster similar documents according to their low-dimensional representations
• Use the low-dimensional representation as features for some other prediction task
Singular-value decomposition

Using our low rank representation of each word we can...

• Identify potential synonyms – if two words have similar low-dimensional representations then they should have similar “roles” in documents and are potentially synonyms of each other
• This idea can even be applied across languages, where similar terms in different languages ought to have similar representations in parallel corpora of translated documents
This approach is called **latent semantic analysis**

- In practice, computing eigenvectors for matrices of the sizes in question is not practical – neither for $XX^T$ nor $X^TX$ (they won’t even fit in memory!)
- Instead one needs to resort to some approximation of the SVD, e.g. a method based on stochastic gradient descent that never requires us to compute $XX^T$ or $X^TX$ directly (much as we did when approximating rating matrices with low-rank terms)
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Summary

Today...

Using **text** to solve predictive tasks

- Representing documents using bags-of-words and TF-IDF weighted vectors
- Stemming & stopwords
- Sentiment analysis and classification

Dimensionality reduction approaches:

- Latent Semantic Analysis
Further reading:

- **Latent semantic analysis**
  [http://lsa.colorado.edu/papers/dp1.LSAintro.pdf](http://lsa.colorado.edu/papers/dp1.LSAintro.pdf)

- **LDA**
  “Latent Dirichlet Allocation” (Blei, Ng, & Jordan, 2003)

- **Plate notation**
  [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plate_notation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plate_notation)
  “Operations for Learning with Graphical Models” (Buntine, 1994)
Case study – opinion dimensions in beer
A (quick) case study

How can we estimate which words in a review refer to which sensory aspects?

‘Partridge in a Pear Tree’, brewed by ‘The Bruery’

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Feel: 4.5 Look: 4 Smell: 4.5 Taste: 4 Overall: 4
Aspects of opinions

There are lots of settings in which people’s opinions cover many dimensions:

- **Wikipedia pages:**
  - Rate this page
  - What’s this?
  - Trustworthy: ★★★★★
  - Objective: ★★★★★
  - Complete: ★★★★★
  - Well-written: ★★★★★

- **Cigars:**
  - Criteria:
    - Appearance
    - Construction
    - Flavor
    - Value
    - Overall Experience

- **Beers:**
  - jtierney89
  - New Jersey
  - 3.65/5 rDev -3.7%
  - Look: 3.5 | Smell: 3.5 | Taste: 3.5 | Feel: 4 | Overall: 4
  - Very very deep brown near black, two fingers of of tan head. faint notes of chill lime and coconut.

- **Audiobooks:**
  - André
  - ORLANDO, FL, United States
  - 10-11-13
  - Overall: ★★★★★
  - Performance: ★★★★★
  - Story: ★★★★★
Aspects of opinions

Further reading on this problem:

• Brody & Elhadad
  “An unsupervised aspect-sentiment model for online reviews”

• Gupta, Di Fabbrizio, & Haffner
  “Capturing the stars: predicting ratings for service and product reviews”

• Ganu, Elhadad, & Marian
  “Beyond the stars: Improving rating predictions using review text content”

• Lu, Ott, Cardie, & Tsou
  “Multi-aspect sentiment analysis with topic models”

• Rao & Ravichandran
  “Semi-supervised polarity lexicon induction”

• Titov & McDonald
  “A joint model of text and aspect ratings for sentiment summarization”
Aspects of opinions

If we can uncover these dimensions, we might be able to:

• Build sentiment models for each of the different aspects
• Summarize opinions according to each of the sensory aspects
• Predict the multiple dimensions of ratings from the text alone

• But also: understand the types of positive and negative language that people use
Aspects of opinions

Task: given (multidimensional) ratings and plain-text reviews, predict which sentences in the review refer to which aspect

Input:

‘Partridge in a Pear Tree’, brewed by ‘The Bruery’

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Aspects of opinions

Solving this problem depends on solving the following two sub-problems:

1. Labeling the sentences is easy if we have a good model of the words used to describe each aspect
2. Building a model of the different aspects is easy if we have labels for each sentence

- Challenge: each of these subproblems depends on having a good solution to the other one
- So (as usual) start the model somewhere and alternately solve the subproblems until convergence
Aspects of opinions

Model:

\[
P(\text{aspect}(s) = k | \text{sentence } s, \text{ rating } v) =
\]

\[
\frac{1}{Z} \exp \sum_{w \in s} \left\{ \theta_{k,w} + \phi_{k,v_k,w} \right\}
\]

- Normalization over all aspects
- Sum over words in the sentence
- Weight for a word (w) appearing in a particular aspect (k)
- Weight for a word (w) appearing in a particular aspect (k), when the rating is v_k
Aspects of opinions

Intuition:

\[
P(\text{aspect}(s) = k | \text{sentence } s, \text{rating } v) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \sum_{w \in s} \left\{ \theta_{k,w} + \phi_{k,v_k,w} \right\}
\]

**Nouns** should have high weights, since they describe an aspect but are independent of the sentiment.

**Adjectives** should have high weights, since they describe specific sentiments.
Aspects of opinions

Procedure:

1. Given the current model (theta and phi), choose the most likely aspect labels for each sentence

$$\max_{\text{aspect labels for each sentence}} P_{\theta,\phi}(\text{aspect}(s) = k | \text{sentence } s, \text{ rating } v)$$

2. Given the current aspect labels, estimate the parameters theta and phi (convex problem)

$$\max_{\theta,\phi} P_{\theta,\phi}(\text{aspect}(s) = k | \text{sentence } s, \text{ rating } v)$$

3. Iterate until convergence (i.e., until aspect labels don’t change)
Aspects of opinions

Evaluation:
In order to tell if this is working, we need to get some humans to label some sentences

- I labeled 100 sentences for validation, and sent 10,000 sentences to Amazon’s “mechanical turk”
  - These were next-to-useless
  - So we hired some “experts” to label beer sentences
Aspects of opinions

Evaluation:

• 70-80% accurate at labeling beer sentences (somewhat less accurate for other review datasets)
• A few other tasks too, e.g. summarization (selecting sentences that describe different opinions on a particular aspect), and missing rating completion
Aspects of opinions

Aspect words $\theta_k$
- Feel
  - body, beer, alcohol, glass, smooth, carbonation, bottle, little
- Look
  - head, dark, mouthfeel, finish, lacing, brown, beer
- Smell
  - hops, malt, caramel, chocolate, aroma, sweet, nice, like
  - corn, water, macro, notes, fruit
- Taste
  - malt, taste, finishing, sweetness, bitterness, dark, flavor
  - corn, watery, water, bland, good, beer
- Overall impression
  - good, one, well, glass, bottle, flavor

Sentiment words (2-star) $\phi_{k,2}$
- thin, watery

Sentiment words (5-star) $\phi_{k,5}$
- perfect, amazing, silky, velvety, incredible, absolutely,
  - beautiful, gorgeous, perfect, huge, huge, huge,
  - beautiful, gorgeous, perfect, huge, huge, huge,
  - beautiful, gorgeous, perfect, huge, huge, huge,
Moral of the story:

- We can obtain fairly accurate results just using a bag-of-words approach.
- People use very different language if they have positive vs. negative opinions.
- In particular, people don’t just take positive language and negate it, so modeling syntax (presumably?) wouldn’t help that much.
Questions?

Further reading:

• Linguistics of food
  “The language of Food: A Linguist Reads the Menu”
  http://www.amazon.com/The-Language-Food-Linguist-Reads/dp/0393240835
A few assignment 1 tips

Task 1
A few assignment 1 tips

Task 2
Assignment 2, Homework 4

- The 2nd assignment is also out
- I know nobody wants to start it just yet, but start forming a team, and I’ll talk about project ideas next week
- The 4th homework is also out this week
- Hopefully you don’t have to do it! But by next week you should know where your grades stand for everything but Assignment 2, so will have an idea of whether you need the extra grades
- I’ll put graded HWs etc. outside my office (which seems to be easier than trying to sift through them at the beginning of class)