# Comparative study of the Twitter Sentiment of a set of football superstars

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Obvious Owen @MrObviousOwen

Jamie Vardy has now scored in 11 consecutive matches That means in the last 11 games he's scored in every one Incredible 11:27 PM - 28 Nov 2015 641 noahlove Yep, Messi about to lose La Liga on the last Mayk da an Gary Lineker 📀 tin @GaryLineker Re Vardy! He scores when he wants. RETW 57 11:26 PM - 28 Nov 2015 5:27 F 5,119

Lineker 📀 Lineker



#### indisputably the greatest player Ion a pair of football boots Don't



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On this corresponding weekend four years ago, Vardy scored in a 1-1 draw at Gateshead for Electwood. In the conference. Now he's worth £30m

11:42 PM - 28 Nov 2015



Favorited ••• More



Messi Vardy Comparison



The trend of sum of Rating for Date Day. Color shows details about Player. The marks are labeled by Player. The data is filtered on Date Day, which keeps 8 of 17 members. The view is filtered on Player, which keeps Messi and Vardy.

Messi Vardy Comparison (28th Nov)



The trend of sum of Rating for Time Minute. Color shows details about Player. The marks are labeled by Player. The data is filtered on Date Day, which keeps 28. The view is filtered on Player, which keeps Messi and Vardy.



# Data Transformation- Unsupervised

| girl    | 1 |                |   |  |
|---------|---|----------------|---|--|
| club    | 1 | Lexicon Score* |   | = Sum of Scores of each word in the          |
| coat    | 1 | Tweet          | = | Score(girl) + Score(club) + + Score(forward) |
| little  | 1 |                | = | 1  |
| forward | 1 |                |   |  |

\*Bing Liu Opinion Lexicon [6786 words : 2006 +ve , 4783 -ve]

## Data Transformation- Unsupervised

#mes: rt @josezejoker: lionel messi goes up
to girl in club and say \"get your coat, you've
pulled\", she reply\n\n\"wow, you're a little
forward\"

Lexicon Score = 0

#kan: rt @bentrivett1: fucking jamie vardy's an
overrated piece of shit! you f\*\*\*king harry
khiladi, one season wonder c\*\*\*
#oneseasonwonder"

Lexicon Score = -2

#ron: rt @realmadrid @cristiano i love cristiano ronaldo

Lexicon Score = 1

#cou: And he's slotted it home after a quick
break! Counter attack FTW! Klopp FTW!

Lexicon Score = 0

# Data Classification- Supervised Classification

Bag of Words Representation: Assumes that position of the word in the text is not important



Term Document Frequency Matrix

### Data Classification-Supervised Classification



# Supervised Classification- Tweets with Comparison?



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# Supervised Classification- Tweets with Emoticons? Slang Words? Repeating letters?

#mes: god back \ud83d\ude09\ud83d\ude39\ud83d\ude39\ ud83d\ude24 @culedefcb

| ۲ | kissing_heart | \ud83d\ude18 | 4  |
|---|---------------|--------------|----|
| ٢ | wink          | \ud83d\ude09 | 4  |
| 3 | yum           | \ud83d\ude0b | 4  |
| Θ | triumph       | \ud83d\ude24 | 5  |
| 3 | cry           | \ud83d\ude22 | -2 |
| ٢ | disappointed  | \ud83d\ude1e | -2 |
| ٢ | flushed       | \ud83d\ude33 | -2 |
| 0 | fearful       | \ud83d\ude28 | -2 |

#kan: Awesooome Goal! FTW Hurricane

• Emoticon Mapping

#mes: god back 'wink' 'wink''triumph'@culedefcb

• Slang Removal

#kan: Awesoooome Goal! For The Win hurricane

• Repeated Letters removal

#kan: Awesoome Goal! FTW hurricane

# Lexicon Mapping

#cou: And he's slotted it home after a quick break! Counter attack FTW! Klopp FTW!

#### Lexicon Score = 0

**Lexicon Mapping:** The Lexicon Scores of Each Tweet are added as a feature in the Term Document Matrix

Rationale: All the words relevant to the real-time test data may not be present in the train data

|        | Lexicon<br>Rating | attack | break | counter | coat | FTW | f***king | love | one | RATING |
|--------|-------------------|--------|-------|---------|------|-----|----------|------|-----|--------|
| tweet1 | -4                | 1      | 0     | 0       | 0    | 0   | 1        | 0    | 0   | -1     |
| tweet2 | -1                | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0    | 0   | 0        | 0    | 0   | 0      |
| tweet3 | 0                 | 1      | 1     | 1       | 0    | 1   | 0        | 0    | 0   | 1      |
| tweet4 | +2                | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0    | 0   | 0        | 1    | 0   | 1      |

Modified Term Document Frequency Matrix

# **Comparison of Various Classifiers**

Train Data: 4669 unique tweets. Collected uniformly over time for each player. Number of tweets about each player in the train data proportional to the total number of tweets about the player. Train Data: 781 Negative, 1267 Neutral, 2621 Positive Classification: Three-Way Classification



# From generative models to discriminative models

Generative modes like Naive Bayes gives the joint probability of the features and tries to maximize the joint likelihood of the data

Assumptions

- Conditional independence
- Position of the word doesn't matter

Cons- Overcounts evidence

For a tweet t and class c P (c | t) =  $\frac{P(t | c) P(c)}{P(t)}$ best class that the tweet t belongs to given by C<sub>best</sub> = argmax P(c | t) = argmax P(x<sub>1</sub>,x<sub>2</sub>...x<sub>n</sub> | c) \*P(c) c c C c c C = argmax  $\prod P(x_i | c) *P(c)$ c c C

# Maximum Entropy Classifier

- Used when we can't assume any probability distribution or conditional independence for our model.
- We want the probabilities to be as uniform as possible.
- uniformity  $\Rightarrow$  high entropy

 $H(p) = E_p [log_2(1/p_x)] = -\Sigma p_x log_2 p_x$ 

#### Maximize entropy H subject to feature based constraints

- Adding constraints (features):
  - lowers maximum entropy
  - increases maximum likelihood of data
  - brings distribution closer to data



A coin-flip is most uncertain for a fair coin.

# Maximum Entropy Classifier

- 1. For each word w and class c, define a joint feature f(c,w)= N, where N is the number of times the feature appears in the class c
- 2. Using iterative optimization assign weights to the features in order to maximize the log-likelihood of the training data
- 3. Probability of a class c given tweet t is given by

$$P(c|d,\lambda) \stackrel{def}{=} \frac{\exp\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} f_{i}(c,d)}{\sum_{c' \in C} \exp\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} f_{i}(c',d)}$$

Maxent models don't double count correlated features- this is done by weighing the features so that model expectations match observed expectations

# Effect of Emoticon/Slang/Lexicon



D: Decrease in Accuracy when the particular cleaningmethod is not implemented.

A method with higher D has a higher importance

# **Business Applications**

Real time quadrant charts for player classification

Comparing popularity of players

Use as a factor in predicting possible ROI (as an endorsee)

Ronaldo, Kane, Neymar Comparison



The trend of sum of Rating for Date Day. Color shows details about Player. The marks are labeled by Player. The data is filtered on Date Day, which keeps 17 of 17 members. The view is filtered on Player, which keeps Kane, Neymar and Ronaldo.

#### Tweet Count Map



Map based on Longitude (generated) and Latitude (generated). Size shows count of Rating. The marks are labeled by Country. The data is filtered on Player and Date Day. The Player filter keeps 8 of 8 members. The Date Day filter ranges from November 11, 2015 to November 29, 2015.

#### Kane Sentiment Heat Map



Map based on Longitude (generated) and Latitude (generated). Color shows average of Rating. The marks are labeled by Country. The data is filtered on Player and Date Day. The Player filter keeps Kane. The Date Day filter ranges from November 11, 2015 to November 29, 2015.

Ronaldo Sentiment Heat Map



Map based on Longitude (generated) and Latitude (generated). Color shows average of Rating. The marks are labeled by Country. The data is filtered on Player and Date Day. The Player filter keeps Ronaldo. The Date Day filter ranges from November 11, 2015 to November 29, 2015.

