Information Extraction from Social Sites

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Our world today (already old)



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Web 2.0 content (July 2010)

flickr

- 3,190 uploads in the last minute
- 3.2 million things geotagged this month
- 4,754,012,299 photos (2 July 2010)

YouTube

- 24h of video content uploaded every minute
- 2 billion movies watched every day

facebook

- More than 400 million active users
- More than 200 million users log on at least once each day
- 2.5 billion photos uploaded each month



Winner

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The winner of the WelKnowlt Grand Travel Challenge

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Tags everywhere

tag cloud Call for papers CIVR2009 Collective Intelligence Conference content popularity images Invited Talk IVUS Multimedia Retrieval Multimedia Semantics News object detection Ontologies Patents proceedings Project Semantic Multimedia Semantics social bookmarking tutorial video retrieval WeKnowlt Workshop WWW2009 more tags

Search, Describe content, Extract knowledge

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Very low recall



Tags

- Property#1
- le Canada
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- Pentax K20D
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- Sackville

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Stable tagging patterns



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... and more: Travel trends using flickr



Trace Flickr users from a chronologically ordered set of geographically referenced photos

Who are the Italians and who are the Americans?

MIT SENSEABLE CITY LAB, "The World's eyes"

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What else we can do?

Tags that are "representative" for a geographical area

- 1. Clustering of photos
 - K-means, based on their location [Kennedy07]
- 2. Rank each cluster's tags
- 3. Get tags above a certain threshold

Contribute to our understanding of the world



Representative tags for San Francisco [Kennedy07]

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Collective Intelligence, PeopleWeb, Crowdsourcing, Wisdom of crowds ...

Collective Intelligence is the Intelligence which emerges from the collaboration, competition and coordination among individuals.



...an Intelligence greater than the sum of the individuals' intelligence

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CI and Web 2.0?

 Analyze user-generated content, such as tags that are manually assigned to photos, and its relation to context over time, space and social connectivity

Sources

- Tags
- Content
- Social info
- Time, Location
- Other sources (e.g. Wikipedia)



http://www.iyouit.eu

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A "simple" example

Uses the GPS in cellular phones to gather traffic information, process it, and distribute it back to the phones in real time

- online, real-time data processing
- privacy-preservation
- data efficiency, i.e. not requiring excessive cellular network



Mobile Century Project: http:// traffic.berkeley.edu/mobilecentury.html

Image search - Tourism

- Linguistic processing of semistructured sources
 - Wikipedia,
 Geoplanet
- Statistical analysis for ranking
 - User Queries
 - Flickr tags



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Generating photo summaries

• **Problem formulation**: Having identified a tag x as representative of a cluster, compute a set of photos that are representative for that tag



Generating photo summaries for geographic objects in [Kennedy07]

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Sample photo summaries of events [Quacko8]

DATASET: Divide the earth's surface into square tiles of 200m2 70000 geographic tiles 220000 geotagged photos from Flickr After preprocessing, 73000 photos were assigned to clusters Manually labeling of 700 clusters



The most commonly identified event (single day covered by a single photographer) "Oxford Geek nights"
 "Movie premiere Italy"
 "Exhibition gallery paris"

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Auto annotation & geo-location



# Images	222'757
Size Metadata	1.1 GB
Size Features	111 GB
# Images assigned to clusters	73'236
# Similarities computed	217'330'144
# Similarities > 0	751'457

[Quack08]

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EpiCollect: Science - epidemiology example

- A scientist or member of the public collects and records data, photos and videos then sends this information to a central web-based database
- e.g. to document the presence of an animal or plant species that are "representative" for a geographical area
- Location information maps
- Citizen scientists



EpiCollect: Linking Smartphones to Web Applications for Epidemiology, Ecology and Community Data Collection, David M. Aanensen, Derek M. Huntley, Edward J. Feil, Fada'a al-Own, Brian G. Spratt



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Research Fields and Issues

- Statistical analysis, machine learning, data mining, pattern recognition, social network analysis
- Clustering
- Graph theory
- Image, text, video analysis
- Information extraction
- Fusion techniques
- Trust, security, privacy
- Performance, scalability
 - speed, storage, power, grids, clouds

Clustering for Social Media

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Clustering Approaches

- Tag-Based
- Content-Based
- Time-based

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Tag-based Clustering (I)

- 1. Vector data model
- Assume n resources and d attribute-tags
 - d: a representative set of tags
- A resource representation in vector space (sf) is based on semantic similarity and tag cooccurrence between the resource's tags and the attribute-tags
- A resource r_i is represented by a d-dimensional vector r_i = (sf₁, sf₂,..., sf_d)
- All resources can be represented by an n x d matrix



 2. Clustering on n (resources, r) x d (attributes) matrix (K-means, Hierarchical, COBWEB)



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Tag-based Clustering -Experimental Results

- Dataset: 3000 images downloaded from Flickr
- Meaningful subdomains of roadside:
 buildings, roof, street, road
 cars, vehicles, race





people, street, festival



(c)

Different clusters for the **ambiguous tag** wave, rock:

wave, person, hand rocks, stone, rockyside rock, music, band



wave, sea, ocean







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Tag & Content-based Clustering

- After performing tag-based clustering, low-level features of resources are used for cluster refinement
- Outlier Detection (mahalanobis distance)
- For each resource the following visual descriptors are extracted:
 - Scalable Color, *SC*
 - Color Structure, CS
 - Color Layout, CL
 - Edge Histogram, *EH*
 - Homogenous Texture, HT
- A single image feature vector per each resource is produced, encompassing all descriptors normalized in [0,1]
- Feature extraction and distances between image feature vectors are according to MPEG-7 XM.

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Evaluation Method

• **Definition:** Cluster Topic, CT, are the tags that have frequency in cluster's resources annotation over a threshold T.



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Tag & Content-based Clustering – Experimental Results

Dataset: 10000 images (with their tags) downloaded from Flickr



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Experimental Results (II)



Attributes Assignment to k=8 clusters,

W: weighting factor of semantic similarity against similarity derived from tag co-occurrence

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Why consider time?

- Most approaches analysis of "static" views of users-tags
- Events, Trends change user interests
- Users Tagging Behavior changes over time
- Time is a fundamental dimension in analysis of users and tags in a social tagging system



E.g. : Prediction of first weekend box-office revenues using tweets

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Many times, a user's targeted interest is hidden in the general tagging activity....



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Time-aware user/tag clustering

Static user/tag clusters	Time-aware user/tag clusters
Find user/tags groups that relate to a topic	Find user/tags groups that relate to a topic at specific time periods (e.g. people interested in fashion every August and March, that new collections are announced)
Group together users that use similar tags during the entire time span	Discriminate between users' regular interests (spread over the entire time span) and occasional interests (highlighted in specific time periods)

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Clustering vs Co-clustering

- Given a multi-dimensional data matrix, co-clustering refers to <u>simultaneous</u> clustering along multiple dimensions
- In a two-dimensional case it is simultaneous clustering of rows and columns
- Most traditional clustering algorithms cluster along a single dimension



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Co-Clustering Example

- Text is represented as a Matrix D
 - rows denote documents
 - columns denote the words
 - matrix elements D_{ij} denote occurrence of word j in document i
- Co-clustering is applied to discover blocks in matrix D
 - correspond to a group of documents (rows) characterized by a group of words (columns)
- In our case we want a user tag time dependent matrix: D (user, tag)

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The proposed approach (I): Overview

- Build a matrix of user activity over time: U(user, time)
- Build a matrix of tag activity over time: T(tag, time)
- Combine these two matrixes: TeS(user, tag)
 - Temporal connection is introduced, but
 - Tag User connection is not taken into account
- Build a matrix of users and tags based on tag semantics SeS(user, tag)
- Combine TeS and SeS and apply co-clustering: Sim(user, tag)
 - Both temporal and tag user connections are introduced

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The proposed approach (II): The Co-Clustering algorithm



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The proposed approach (III): Details

Focus on time locality

- Division of total time in timeframes of size $\boldsymbol{\tau}$
- Representation of users and tags activity in each timeframe (vector model)
 - Number of tags a user has assigned and number of times a tag has been used, during each timeframe
- Combination of the two matrixes: Inner product
- Focus on tag user similarity
 - Compute similiarities between users and tags based on tag semantics
 - Similarity metric: WordNet *Wu & Palmer*

Joint use of tag and time similarity

• Similarity metric: Dot product $\rightarrow (u_{i_i}t_j) = SemSim(u_{i_i}t_j) * TemSim(u_{i_i}t_j)$

[I. S. Dhillon, "Co-clustering documents and words using bipartite spectral graph partitioning," in 7th SIGKDD]

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Experimentation – Input parameters

- Data workload: 6764 images from Flickr over a time period of 1 year (Sept 2007-Aug 2008) that referred to 4 topics (ancient Greece, Olympics, earthquake and weddings)
 - Pre-processing
 - Remove invalid tags
 - Remove tags with frequency < 1
 - Keep compound valid tags
 - 1218 users, 2496 tags, 210 days
- Size of timeframes: $\tau = 1, 10, 30$ days
- Number of clusters: k = 7, 10, 12

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Experimentation – the τ parameter

 By changing the value of τ, we can discriminate between users occasional and regular interests

User	$\tau = 30$	$\tau = 100$		
Userl	olympics2008, bei- jing, flame, opening ceremony	ancientgreece, acrop- olis, parthenon, ar- chaeology, ancient- civilizations		
User2	earthquake, china, disaster, ruin, disasterassistancere- sponseteam	wedding organizing, party		

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Experimentation – Clusters Visualization



Cluster evolution (timestamp 1)



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Cluster evolution (timestamp 3) million photos any established rotent jewellery 0010443/0400 and tasking pic tooh back to the most 90005740(550) incident preseit potentia 4101000 1014220401405 ancient greak soulpture Negostalande d dialog STREETS BEINGE client terriptie 04025/01/00 fill necion all in wijing national stadum Timestamp 1: June 2008

Timestamp 2: July 2008

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Timestamp 3: August 2008

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Use Cases

- Capturing trends, interests, periodic activities of users in specific time periods
- Community-based tag recommendation
- Personalization (time-aware user profiles)
- Fighting spam on social web sites (by discriminating regular and occasional users)

Social Media "teacher" of the machine

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Exploiting clustering for machine learning

<u>Objective:</u> Develop a framework able to create strongly annotated training samples from weakly annotated images

Tagged images

Problems:

- Object detection schemes require region-detail annotations
- Manual annotation is laborious and time consuming



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Tag-based processing

[Giannakidou08]

SEMSOC, vector space model where each image is projected onto a space defined by the most prominent tags **SEMSOC output example**



Distribution of objects based on their frequency rank



Absolute difference between 1st and 2nd most highly ranked objects increases as n increases



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Segmentation & Visual Descriptors

- Segmentation
 - K-means with connectivity constraint (KMCC)

[Mezaris et al., 2004]

- Visual Descriptors
 - MPEG-7 standard
 - Dominant Color, Color Layout, Color Structure, Scalable Color, Edge Histogram, Homogeneous Texture, Region Shape.

[Bober et al., 2001], [Manjunath et al., 2001].

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Region-based Clustering & Cluster Selection Region clustering



Perform segmentation and visual feature extraction from all images in an image group (Identified by SEMSOC)

- Perform clustering based on visual features to gather together regions depicting the same object



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Setting:

- Visualise the way regions are distributed among clusters
- Use shape-code (squares) to indicate the regions of interest and color-code to indicate a cluster's rank (largest cluster: red)
- Ideally all squares should be painted red and all dots should be painted differently

<u>Goal:</u>

 Validate our theoretical claim that the most populated cluster contains the majority of regions depicting the object of interest

Conclusions:

 Our claim is valid in 5 (i.e., sky, sea, person, vegetation, rock) and not valid in 2 (i.e., boat, sand) cases



Vegetation in magnification

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Experimental Results -Man. vs Autom. trained object detectors



Observations:

- Performance lower than manually trained detectors
- Consistent performance improvement as the dataset size increases

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Experimental Results – MSRC Dataset (21 objects)

Observations:

- In 5 cases the objects were too diversiform to be described by the employed feature space (not even the manual annotations performed well)
- In 5 cases the annotation we got from Flickr groups were not appropriate
- In 6 cases, our method has failed to select the appropriate cluster
- In 5 cases our method worked well



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Experimental Results -MSRC vs Flickr groups Target object: Tree

Tree object







#C Chatter - measure







K2 Chaint - pins





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#7 Choter - sumating with same







#4 Churler - Jakine





#) Cleater - claudy sky



#8 Challed - water

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Good example: Semantic objects are correctly assigned to clusters and the most-populated cluster corresponds to the target object)

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Experimental Results -MSRC vs Flickr groups Target Object: Sky

Sky object







#5 Choise - midstecture (Annae, buildings)







#2 Choise - sky (hut a hit salos)







43 Chine - 48 (her petterning model)





el Churler - Janise







#6 Choter - sky insertly ded()



#7 Chiniel - ike (sensity light)



Bad example: Sky regions are split in many clusters and the most populated cluster contains noise regions

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Community Detection

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Examples of Social Media networks

Folksonomy (Delicious)



Mika, P. (2005) Ontologies Are Us: A Unified Model of Social Networks and Semantics. Proceedings of the 4th International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2005), Springer Berlin / Heidelberg, pp. 522-536 MetaGraph (Digg)



Lin, Y., Sun, J., Castro, P., Konuru, R., Sundaram, H., and Kelliher, A. (2009) MetaFac: community discovery via relational hypergraph factorization. Proceedings of KDD '09, ACM, pp. 527-536

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Challenges in Social Media network mining

No prior assumptions about structure: Complex & evolving structure No possibility for knowing structural features (e.g. number of clusters on a graph) in advance → Unsupervised

Scale

Tens of millions of active users frequently contributing loads of content links + metadata (tags, comments, ratings) → Efficient - scalable

Quality

Spam is very common. Only a portion of user contributions is worth further analysis. → Noise resilient

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What is a community in a network?

Group of vertices that are more densely connected to each other than to the rest of the network.

Multiple definitions to quantify

communities:

Fortunato S. (2010) Community detection in graphs. Physics Reports486: 75-174

Global: N-cut, conductance, modularity Local: Local modularity, (μ, ε) -cores Ad hoc: Label propagation, dynamic synchronization



Related to clustering, but: (a) not necessary to know number of communities, (b) computationally more efficient

In Social Media, we focus on local definitions, because of the properties of Social Media networks: efficiency-scalability and noise resilience.

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Global vs. Local

- **Global:** Process the whole graph to derive a partition into communities
 - + Abundant research
 - + Good results (community quality, algorithm efficiency)
 - Not practical for huge graphs or for real-time applications
- Local: Incremental process of the graph and output communities (streaming)
 - Relatively little research
 - Great potential for demanding applications

Approach illustration

Two-step process:

- •1st step:
 - (μ, ϵ) core detection
- 2nd step: Local expansion
- 3rd step: Characterization of remaining vertices as hubs or outliers



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Experiments on Synthetic Community Networks

 Synthetic networks according to method of Newman and Girvan.

 $S_{PAR} = \{N, K, z_{tot}, p_{out}, s_{var}\}$



(a) $p_{out} = 0.01$

(b) $p_{out} = 0.08$

Change complexity of underlying communities.

	F_C			NMI		
p_{out}	BB	BB'	GN	BB	BB'	GN
0.01	100	100	100	1.0	1.0	1.0
0.05	100	100	100	1.0	1.0	1.0
0.1	100	100	50	1.0	1.0	0.86
0.15	100	99	50	1.0	.98	0.86
0.20	99	74	50	0.98	0.84	0.86
0.25	24	$\overline{24}$	0	0.54	0.56	0.02

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Change relative sizes of underlying communities.

	F_C			NMI		
s_{var}	BB	BB'	GN	BB	BB'	GN
1.1	100	100	100	1.0	1.0	1.0
1.5	100	100	100	1.0	1.0	1.0
1.6	99.5	100	100	0.99	1.0	1.0
1.7	88	98	100	0.82	0.96	1.0
1.8	85.5	97	100	0.79	0.95	1.0
1.9	58.5	87	90	0.68	0.82	0.88
2.0	12.5	80	82	0.45	0.73	0.81
2.5	0	62	75	0.45	0.63	0.72

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LYCOS iQ Tag Network



Hybrid Photo Clustering

Goal:

Group large photo collections into clusters based on how much they are related to each other Assist browsing and navigation by means of a map-based application Detect landmark and event clusters.

Combine both visual features and tags

Two kinds of similarity (visual and tag networks) are complementary to each other Many times one photo has missing tags or is hard to interpret visually

Graph-based approach - superimpose visual and tag graphs Use photo cluster features for classification to landmarks/events

Results

Higher quality clusters by use of both visual and tag similarity instead of only each one of them.

Clusters can be used for landmark and event detection.

Integrated in CSG prototype and ClustTour stand-alone demo.

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Photo clustering results (1)

User study (involving 20 people)

- Users where shown photo clusters and they were asked to judge how relevant the photos of each cluster were related to each other
- Each cluster was produced by different notion of similarity (tag-only, visual-only, hybrid). Obviously, users were not aware of this information

Hybrid clusters were found to be of superior quality (highest F-measure) Algorithm | Precision | Recall | F-measure | κ -sta

2)	Algorithm	Precision	Recall	F-measure	κ -statistic
	SCAN-VIS	0.980	0.178	0.301	0.925
	SCAN-TAG	0.910	0.197	0.323	0.688
	SCAN-HYB	0.898	0.246	0.387	0.637
	EXP-VIS	0.985	0.178	0.301	0.895
	EXP-TAG	0.929	0.201	0.331	0.709

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Photo clustering results (2)

Geographic localization of results was also found to be very high. Most clusters correspond to landmarks or events.





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Sample results: [Visual] vs. [Tag] vs. [Visual + Tag]

VISUAL



TAG



HYBRID



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ClustTour demo: City exploration by means of photo clusters

ClustTour



http://www.clusttour.gr

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Personal Intelligence



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Further Issues

- Not all data always available (e.g. User queries, fb)
- Long tail is forgotten (e.g. flu trends in 3rd world countries)
- "More data, less analysis",....
- Applications and commercialization
- Efficiency of semantics and analysis
- Real integration
 - not just sum of different analysis
 - formal framework and approach
 - representation
- User interaction Interfaces

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