

AFFIMO

Vers un système open-source de détection textuelle des AFFinités et éMotions de l'utilisateur

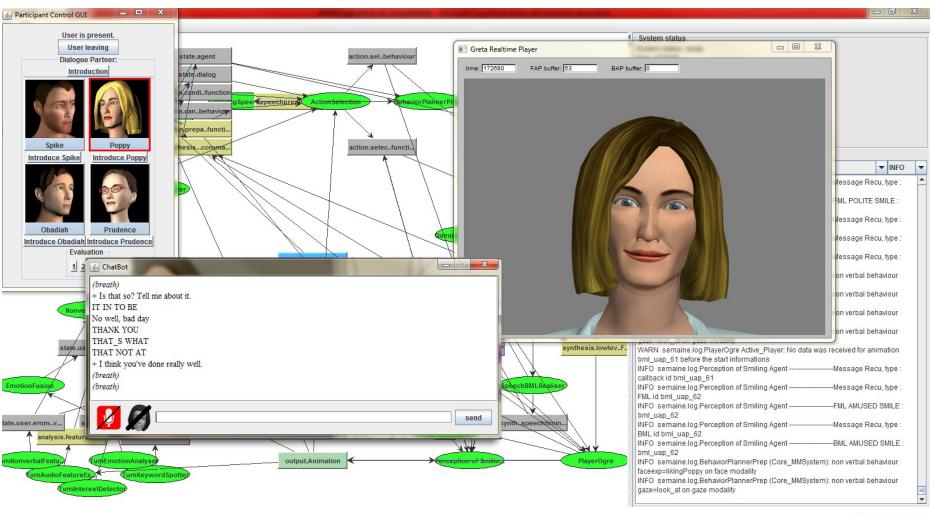
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I. Problematic





II. Approaches

Keywords spotting / Lexical affinity

- Method: detection of affective terms
- Resource: dictionary of affective terms
- Pros: simplicity of the method
- Cons: no recognition of affective sentence without affective terms

Ex. "I'm happy" - "My husband just filed for divorce"

++ others rules (grammar, syntax, symbols, ...)

Statistical methods / Machine learning techniques

- Method: machine learning algorithm trained on annotated corpus
- Resource: large corpus of affective annotated text
- Pros: good method for large text input (paragraph)
- Cons: no semantic consideration
- ++ Combinations keywords spotting + machine learning



III. Examples: Classical text / messages

- Emologus (LeTallec et al., 2010)
 - Domain: children emotions (specific dictionary of affective terms)
 - Method: Keywords spotting + semantic relations rules (verbs and adjectives)

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Ex. "to break" : (x,y)-> -y"

"break a jewelry" -> negative

"break a monster's leg" -> positive
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- EmoText (Osherenko and André, 2009)
 - Domain: movies (neutral concept + WordNet-Affect)
 - Method: Keywords spotting + grammatical rules

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Ex.
Intensifiers rules on interjections, exclamation, adverbs, repetitions:
"Oh, what a beautiful present!" -> beautiful ++
"We are utterly powerless" -> powerless --
Negation rules: "I'm not happy" -> change valence
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IV. Examples: Informal text / messages

- EMMA Emotion Metaphor and Affect (Li Zhang, 2009)
 - Method: Keywords spotting + syntactic detection of affective metaphor
 - Domain: specific metaphor (emotions as physical objects or events)

Ex. "joy ran through me", "my anger returns in a rush"

- EmoHeart (Neviarouskaya et al., 2007)
 - Method: Keywords spotting + symbolic rules
 - *Domain:* Internet chat (WordNet-Affect + emoticons & abbreviations dictionaries)

Ex. ";-)" ":-(" "wow" "BL" for "belly laughing"



V. Example: Machine learning technique

Empathy Buddy (Liu et al., 2003)

Method: Keywords spotting + machine learning

- Knowledge base of commonsense
 - Annotation of affective sentence using keywords spotting
 - Concepts associated to emotions

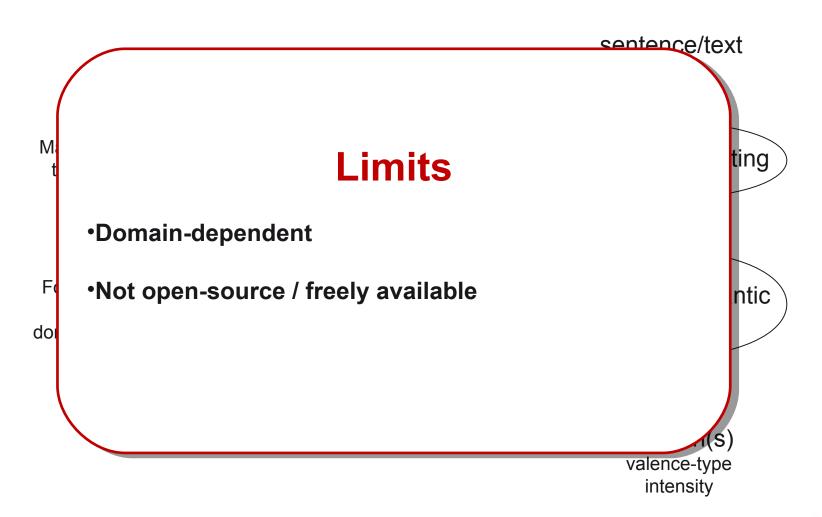
 ex. "car accident is scary" -> "car accident": fear
 - Propagation of the affective annotation with two or three pass
 - ex. "Something exciting is both happy and surprising"

 "Rollercoasters are exciting"

 "Rollercoaster are typically found at amusement parks"
 - Dynamics of emotions
 - ex. decay technique: sentence-emotional; sentence-neutral meta-emotions: Relief: Fear followed by happy

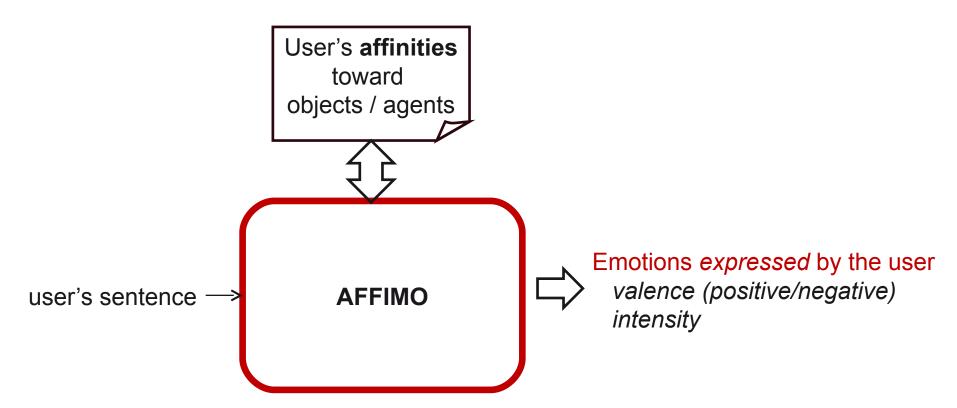


V. Existing models





To start to develop an open-source system to detect user's emotions in written sentences





✓ Lexical analysis of user's message

- Analyze of the valence of words in the message
- Dictionary of emotional terms (SentiWordNet) + smileys

✓ Syntactic analysis of user's message

- Keywords spotting to detect negations and intensifiers
- Database of intensifiers (Brooke, 2001)

✓ Semantic analysis of user's message

- Lemmatization of the sentence using TreeTagger (Schmid, 1995)
- Definition of effects of verbs on subjects and objects

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ex. eat: subject +, object –

"the dog eats the mouse":

positive for the dog, negative for the mouse
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✓ Affinities detection based on the structure

<adjective, noun> <subject, hate/like, object>

- •Analyze of the positive and negative emotional connotations of adjectives preceding nouns (based on SentiWordNet)
- Positive adjective : increase the degree of liking toward noun
- •Negative adjective : decrease the degree of liking toward noun

✓ Affinities file

- Contain all the affinities detected in the text
- Automatically updated
- Default affinities can be setup
- Affinity used to compute the user's emotions

ex. "The lovely dog eat this nasty cat"

like(user,dog) dislike(user,cat)

eat: subject +, object
Viser: emotion +



✓ Ongoing open-source project



✓ Limits

- *Utility of the object to compute user's emotions
- •Grammatical rules (repetitions, exclamations,)
- Comparison with other affective dictionaries (ex. WordNet-Affect)
- Conflicts in affective dictionaries (Serban et Pauchet, WACAI 2012)
- Emotion types
- History of dialog
- Evaluation on corpus & with users
- Not real-time ...





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