Information Extraction and Semantic Analysis

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Questions

- What are the most relevant concepts considered by the FSR (Financial Stability Report) document corpus btw 2010 and 2016?
- 2. What is the readability and formality level of each document?
- 3. How can we measure the impact of FSR on the readers by web searching?

Main Paper Contributions

- Practical experience on dealing with unstructured data
 - R code for text processing and sentiment orientation
- Data: Corpus of 58 docs (Financial Stability Report) from 2010 to 2016, each of about 40 pages
- Most relevant concepts in the corpus, quality, impact
 - Nearest Neighbours (crisis and stability)
 - Coherence (semantic similarities of sentences in the corpus)
 - Readability
 - Formality
 - Impact of FSRs by web search

Data Representation Models



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word2vec embedding

Coherence, Readability

Two of the quality dimensions of texts + formality

Conceptual issue → Cluster	Lexicon	Syntax	Semantics	Rhetoric	Pragmatics
Accuracy	Lexical accuracy	Syntactic accuracy			
Readability	Readability Text comprehension Closer-to-Text base com Closer-to-situation mode			ehension	
Consistency	Coherence Referential Cohesion – local co-reference Referential Cohesion – global co-reference				
Accessibility					Cultural accessibility

Batini, Scannapieco: «Data and Information Quality», Springer 2016

Questions: Full quality evaluation framework? Semi-structureness to be considered?

Impact through Web searches

Semantic orientation: historical word (Turney 2002)

Table 1 Search strings and the share of search ints in Scopus (with overlaps)			
Search term	% of hits		
"sentiment analysis"	68.5 %		
"opinion mining"	29.1 %		
"sentiment classification"	18.0 %		
"opinion analysis"	5.6 %		
"semantic orientation"	3.8 %		
sentiwordnet	2.7 %		
"opinion classification"	1.4 %		
"sentiment mining"	1.3 %		
"subjectivity analysis"	1.1 %		
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"subjectivity classification"	0.8 %		

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Mäntylä et al: The Evolution of Sentiment Analysis - A Review of Research Topics, Venues, and Top Cited Papers <u>https://arxiv.org/ftp/arxiv/papers/1612/1612.01556.pdf</u>, 2016

Impact through Web searches

- Whole sets of statements of RSF
- PMI (Pointwise Mutual Information) approximated by Web search hits in the web search of the statement associated with two antonyms
- Computation for three antonyms:
 - Stabilità/instabilità
 - Crisi/espansione
 - Vulnerabilità/solidità
- On the results:
 - Initial issue of 2010, 2014, 2016
 - Conclusions only sketched

Answers in the paper

- What are the most relevant concepts considered by the FSR (Financial Stability Report) document corpus btw 2010 and 2016?
- 2. What is the readability and formality level of each document? Possible expansions, e.g. further quality dimensions
- 3. How can we measure the impact of FSR on the readers by web searching?
 - Some more work to evaluate if FSRs have an impact: e.g. expansion of the corpus, comparison with other search engines, possibly filter of «news» web hits in Google





