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Detecting users' anomalous emotion using social media for business intelligence[☆]

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ABSTRACT

Anomaly detection in sentiment analysis refers to detecting users' abnormal opinions, sentiment patterns or special temporal aspects of such patterns. Users' emotional state extracted from social media contains business information and business value for decision making. Social media platforms, such as Sina Weibo or Twitter, provide a vast source of information, which include user feedbacks, opinions and information on most issues. Many organizations also leverage social media platforms to publish information about events, products, services, policies and other topics frequently, analyzing social media data to identify abnormal events and make decisions in a timely manner is a beneficial topic. This paper adopts the multivariate Gauss distribution with the power-law distribution to model and analyze the users' emotion of micro-blogs and detect abnormal emotion state. With the measure of joint probability density value and the validation of the corpus, anomaly detection accuracy of individual user is 83.49% and of different month is 87.84% by this method. Through the distribution test, the results show that individual users' neutral, happy and sad emotions obey the normal distribution, but the surprised and angry emotions do not. Besides, emotions of micro-blogs released by groups obey power-law distribution, but the individual emotions do not. This paper proposes a quantitative method for abnormal emotion detection on social media, which automatically captures the correlation between different features of the emotions, and saves a certain amount of time by batch calculation of the joint probability density of data sets. The method can help the businesses and government organizations to make decisions according to the user's affective disposition, intervene early or adopt proper strategies if needed.

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1. Introduction

According to the 2016 third quarter earnings report [1] released by Sina Weibo, as of September 30, 2016, the monthly number of active users on Weibo has reached 297 million. In September, 2016, the number of active users has reached 132 million, representing

an increase of 32% over the same period last year. Micro-blog in the video, travel, sports and other fields have been further developed. In 2016, most of the active users on micro-blog are highly educated, they are the main force of micro-blog, accounting for up to 77.8%, and their emotional states are often characterized by the micro-blogs that they released.

Sina Weibo has a large number of young users, and they are an important part of the main consumer and society. User emotion modeling and anomaly detection on micro-blog is an important field of emotional analysis, which can help the enterprises to make business decisions, help the government to monitor public opinion and public safety through social network, prevent the spread of irrational emotions in social network or even in real world, respond timely to the possible negative incidents to prevent some criminals who attempts to spread rumors [2] through micro-blog

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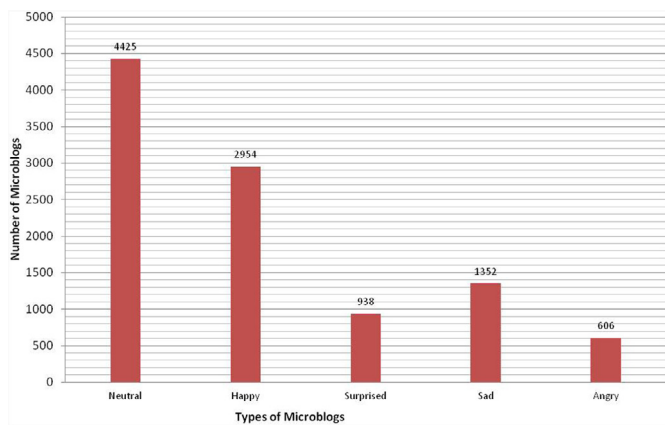


Fig. 1. Five types of micro-blogs.

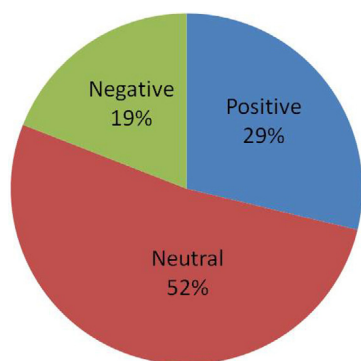


Fig. 2. Micro-blog emotional polarity.

[3]. A considerable amount of data mining research on anomaly detection has been conducted, and this stream has gained considerable interest owing to the realization that anomaly patterns can be detected from large databases through data mining. With the advancement of social media technologies, the ways in which people communicate through their comments, feedback and critiques have dramatically changed. They can post reviews and share their opinions on products, services, policies and other topics through social media platforms. If these emotions or anomalies are undetected or poorly managed, the consequences may be severe, e.g., a business or company whose customers reveal negative sentiments and will no longer support the establishment. Users' emotion and opinion about product in social media is very important for decision making.

Figs. 1 and 2 are 10,275 micro-blogs collected from 100 users from May 2011 to May 2016, including five types of emotions and the proportion of emotional polarity. From Fig. 2, it's obvious that the negative emotions in social media account for a quite high proportion, which is worthy of attention and concern.

Currently, the methods used for anomaly detection are mostly unsupervised [4] and nonparametric [5]. Lin [6] proposed a unified hybrid model—a factor graph model combined with Convolutional Neural Network to leverage tweet content and social interaction information for stress detection, which improved the detection performance by 6–9% in F1-score. Guzman [7] proposed a scalable and fast on-line method that used normalized individual frequency signals per term and a windowing variation technique, this method reported keyword bursts which can be composed of single or multiple terms, ranked according to their importance. Niu [8] proposed a rule-based and dictionary-based approach, through the experiment, the language features of emotional expression in micro-blogs were discussed, and Niu provided a basis for the establishment

of high-precision emotional analysis system. Zhang [9] built an emotional dictionary based on the emotional words and phrases commonly used of emotional factors to recognize and classify the emotion on micro-blog, which achieved good results. Zhao [10] considered the object of a text to improve the emotional classification accuracy to detect the social anomaly, the Twitter text were chose as the sample for testing, by comparing the proportion of negative emotions to observe anomaly in a day, the conclusions are general and could not accurately analyze the specific abnormal event or user. Li [11], who was based on real-time event monitoring framework and system of micro-blog, proposed a rule-based and statistical method, used time series model to monitor anomaly, which proved more effective than the ordinary model. Yin [12] proposed a micro-blog anomaly ranking detection method based on the lifting coefficient, which effectively prevented the artificial manipulation to improve the ranking of micro-blog. Experiments on the simulation data set showed that the method could effectively identify micro-blog anomaly ranking by micro-blog topology.

Anomaly detection methods mentioned above are mainly based on dictionary, text, neural network, time series, statistic, rule and rank, which require a large number of annotated corpus, but the annotations workload are really heavy. In addition, the current methods tend to classify and analyze all the data on a social platform to detect outbreaks or abnormal events from the time aspect, but there is little research on the detection of abnormal emotion for the individual user.

2. Preparation work

2.1. Data processing

In order to detect the abnormal emotion on micro-blog and model users emotion, this paper is divided into three stages: data processing, abnormal emotion detection and user emotion modeling. Data processing stage is introduced in this chapter in detail, abnormal emotion detection will be claimed in the third chapter, and user emotion modeling will be claimed in the fourth chapter.

In the data process stage, through the Internet crawler technology [13], 10,275 micro-blogs of 100 users from May 2011 to May 2016 are collected. The users include writers, stars, network celebrity, students, ordinary people, etc; the original micro-blog texts are marked with the corresponding user id, release time and other useful information. Micro-blogs of an user during a period of time will be classified into 5 types (five-dimensional vector) based on the preliminary work [14], then the number of “neutral, happy, surprised, sad, angry” emotions of user can be obtained. 5 types of micro-blogs are as the variables related to the user's emotions, and the correlation between the variables and users emotions is researched and modeled. Each type of emotion can be modeled by the single Gaussian model, and the five-dimensional vector of emotions can be modeled by the multivariate Gaussian distribution, through joint probability density (JPD) and a proper threshold [15], the abnormal user or abnormal month can be detected. The corpus annotated with emotions are further processed into two aspects, user and month.

[User: month: emotion category: the number]

[Month: user: emotion category: the number]

From the user aspect is to detect abnormal emotion of a specific user during a period of time; From the month aspect is to see which month appears abnormal users.

2.2. Gaussian distribution

Gaussian distribution is to use the probability density function (normal distribution curve) to accurately quantify things. The Gaus-

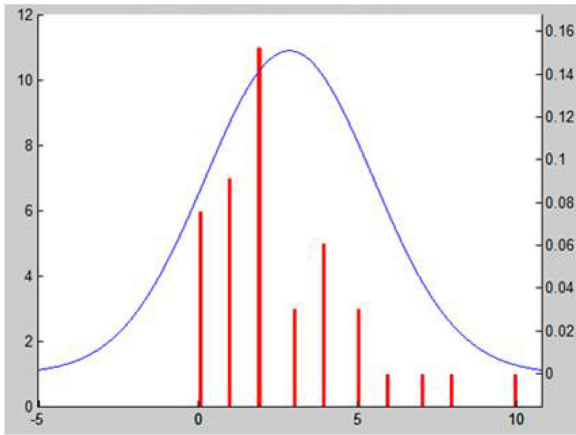


Fig. 3. Fitted graph of normal distribution.

Table 1
 Features of emotions on micro-blog.

Features	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5
Emotions	Neutral	Happy	Surprised	Sad	Angry

sian model consists of the single Gaussian model (SGM) and the multivariate Gaussian model (MGM)[16]. In this paper, the single Gaussian distribution is used to model and visualize each emotion of the users, the multivariate Gaussian distribution is used to model the five-dimensional emotions, which can automatically capture the correlation between the different features of variables.

Fig. 3 is the distribution of the number of specific emotion on micro-blog from a user during 10 months. As shown in Fig. 3, the fitted graph does not exactly match the Gaussian distribution, because the number (N) of data set is small. The fact is that as N increases, it converges quickly to the Gaussian distribution. The single Gauss model can detect abnormal data in a set of data in a certain extent, but it is complex for it to solve the problem with multiple variables.

In Table 1, X1–X5 are 5 features that are considered to be influential for anomaly detection of micro-blog, X1 = “neutral”, X2 = “happy”, X3 = “surprised”, X4 = “sad”, X5 = “angry”. For the original model, these features need to be computed one by one, in this paper, it is assumed that the user’s multidimensional emotion follows the multivariate normal distribution, the association between these features can be captured by the multivariate Gaussian model and the anomalies can be detected by the computing the JPD and setting the appropriate threshold.

3. Model

3.1. Anomaly detection

Anomaly detection is the detection of abnormal samples from the data set. Anomaly detection in sentiment analysis refers to detecting users’ abnormal opinions, sentiment patterns or special temporal aspects of such patterns. Users’ emotional state extracted from social media contains business information and business value for decision making. The anomalies detection may be due to sudden sentiment changes hidden in large amounts of text. If these anomalies are neglected or poorly managed, the consequences may be severe. Abnormal cases are very few in anomaly detection. There are three concrete methods for anomaly detection, model-based approach [17], proximity-based approach [18], and density-based approach [19]. Professor Andrew Ng has taken the

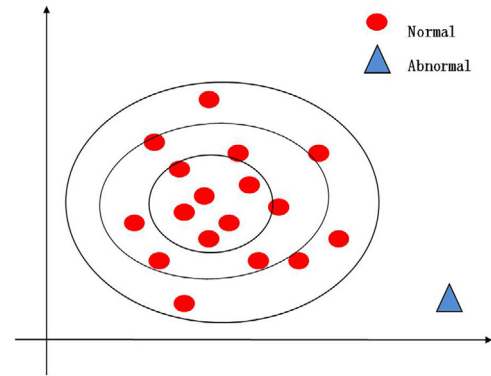


Fig. 4. Anomaly detection of aircraft engine.

anomaly detection of aircraft engine [20] as an example to explain the basic principle of density-based anomaly detection:

A variety of factors can influence the aircraft engine and cause the anomalies. Assuming that X = engine-generated heat, Y = engine vibration intensity, given a set of data $D = (D1, D2, \dots, Dn)$. Since the engine anomaly detection is based on two variables to determine, according to the (X, Y) value, these data points can be plotted on the graph. As shown in Fig. 4, the density of oval points are large, and they are marked as normal points; the rightmost triangle data point are significantly deviated from the normal data group, whose density is much smaller than the oval points, then it is marked as anomaly.

The principle of anomaly detection based on density is that data points that are farther away from the neighboring points (low density) will be marked as outliers [18]. In the experiment, data in low probability density will be considered as anomalies, and then determine whether the user and month that corresponding to the data are abnormal or not.

3.2. Anomaly detection on micro-blog

At present, most of the studies focus on the single Gauss model or the two-dimensional Gauss model, and there are few models or methods that use 3 or more variables in the anomalies detection. In this paper, users’ micro-blog emotions were divided into 5 categories, so that the users’ emotions can be characterized by 5 dimensional variables. The single Gauss distribution can be used for the visualization of each emotional type of micro-blog, and the 5-dimensional Gauss model will be used to solve the problem of abnormal emotion detection.

Given the training set $\{X_j^{(1)}, X_j^{(2)}, \dots, X_j^{(m)}\}$, which is a matrix of $m * n$; a model $p(x)$ can be fitted by setting first:

$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m X_j^{(i)} \tag{1}$$

$$\sum_j = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [(X_j^{(i)} - \mu)(X_j^{(i)} - \mu)^T] \tag{2}$$

where m is the number of samples; “j” is from 1 to n, and n is the number of variables. μ (n-dimensional) is the mean of each column vector, and \sum is the covariance matrix. Given an example $x^{(i)}$ (5-dimensional variable), the JPD of x can be calculated as follows:

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} |\sum|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x^{(i)} - \mu)^T \sum^{-1} (x^{(i)} - \mu)] \tag{3}$$

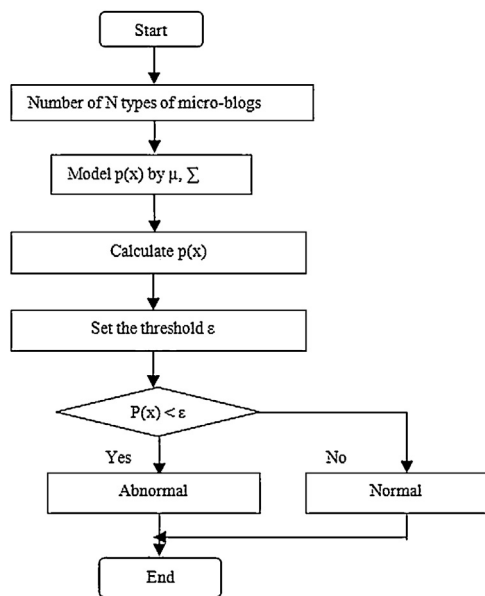


Fig. 5. Micro-blog abnormal emotion detection model.

Fig. 5 is the emotion anomaly detection on micro-blog model proposed in this paper, which can be concluded as the following steps,

- Number of user's/month's N types of micro-blogs $\{X_j^{(1)}, X_j^{(2)}, \dots, X_j^{(m)}\}$.
- Model $p(x)$ by μ, Σ .
- Calculate $p(x)$.
- Set the threshold ϵ .
- Flag an anomaly if $p(x) < \epsilon$.

The JPD value shows the density of the sample, in order to detect abnormal samples quantitatively and accurately, a threshold will be set. When the JPD value of the sample is less than the threshold, which means that the density of the sample is too low, and it will be marked as abnormal.

3.3. Threshold selection

The range of JPD value is used to evaluate whether the data set is abnormal or not, so a proper threshold is essential for this work to be determined. In this paper, the threshold selection is realized by the following steps:

- Calculating the JPD values for all the data sets.
- Dividing all the data sets into two parts, the cross validation set (CVS) [21] and the test set [22].
- Comparing the accuracy by selecting different thresholds on the cross validation set to obtain the optimal threshold.
- Using the optimal threshold to get the accuracy on test set.

The JPD value of each data set is calculated by the multivariate Gauss model $p(x)$, and $p(x)$ can be calculated according to the formula (3). The process of the threshold selection will be presented in Section 4.2.

4. Experiments and results

In the experiment part, a total of 10,275 micro-blogs of 100 users are randomly selected and classified into 5 types according to the user and month. Since the data will be very sparse and not easy

Table 2
 JPD of users (user12).

User12	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	JPD
Dec.2015	2	0	0	0	0	8.15E-04
Nov.2015	1	1	0	0	0	7.70E-03
Oct.2015	1	0	0	0	2	3.79E-04
Sep.2015	1	2	0	0	0	7.38E-03
Aug.2015	1	4	1	0	1	5.01E-04
Jul.2015	1	0	1	2	0	2.78E-04
Jun.2015	1	2	0	0	0	7.38E-03
May.2015	0	0	0	2	0	6.92E-04
Apr.2015	0	1	0	1	0	5.40E-03
Mar.2015	0	0	1	0	0	9.16E-04
Oct.2014	0	1	0	0	0	9.18E-03
Jul.2014	0	0	1	0	1	9.96E-04
Jun.2014	0	1	0	0	0	9.18E-03
May.2014	0	0	0	0	1	6.22E-03
Feb.2014	2	0	0	0	1	1.54E-03
Jan.2014	0	1	0	1	1	3.10E-03
Sep.2013	1	1	0	0	0	7.70E-03
Aug.2013	1	2	0	0	0	7.38E-03
Jul.2013	0	3	0	1	0	7.61E-04
Jun.2013	3	2	1	3	2	1.06E-04
May.2013	10	11	2	3	1	3.40E-06

to analyze if counted in a day or in a week, data is collected and computed monthly in this paper. After the semi-automatic annotation of the micro-blogs, a five dimensional data set:(number of neutral emotion, number of happiness, number of surprise, number of sadness, number of anger) will be obtained. Through batch calculation of the JPD of the data, a threshold is used on the test set, if the JPD value of a sample on the test set is smaller than the threshold, then it will be marked as abnormal. The threshold selection and accuracy of the detecting method are two main parts of the experiments. Finally, the K-S test [23] is used to detect the distribution of the group emotion on micro-blog, which models the users' social emotion from the groups aspect.

4.1. Joint probability density

The data in Table 2 is collected from user12 among the 100 users, the column 2 to the column 6 is the number of five micro-blog emotions of this user. It can be seen from the table that most JPD values (the last column) of each month are from $1E-03$ to $1E-04$, but the JPD of the data in May 2013 is $3.40E-06$, which is significantly smaller than that of other groups, which is marked as the abnormal case.

Fig. 6 is the original micro-blogs of the corresponding user of Table 2, it can be seen that in May 2013, the user's mood does appear "tired, insomnia" and other abnormal states.

In Table 3, most of the JPD values are also from $1E-03$ to $1E-04$, but there are 4 shadowed data that are smaller than the others. It is obvious that these data far less than the other values will be labeled as suspected anomalies.

Fig. 7 is the original micro-blogs of the corresponding month of Table 3, in May of 2016, the user 19 and user20 appeared "sad, poor, forget the past, give up" and other abnormal emotional states.

4.2. Threshold selection and accuracy

For further verification of this method and improvement of accuracy, total 10,275 micro-blogs are processed into 1700 data sets, in which 500 data sets are as cross validation set, 1200 data sets as test set; by observation and comparison, 3 suitable thresholds are chose on the cross validation set. Different thresholds will get different accuracies, and the threshold related to the highest accuracy will be selected for the test set.

Tuesday 05/07 23:27:46 2013
洗个澡，明天拍照然后就要着手打广告去了，真心不舍得呀~[泪]
(Take a bath, I will take pictures tomorrow and then start advertising to sell it, really not willing to
sh., tears.)
Tuesday 05/07 00:28:10 2013
刚刚看完 nba,正在消亡的垃圾话..哈哈..球场精英骂垃圾话也是天才,小编很有才.
(Just finished watching the NBA, the dying trash talk.. ha ha.. stadium elite is also genius when he
scolds rash talk, the editors is talented!
Monday 05/06 19:59:20 2013
打完球大晚上 ya 个越南牛肉粉 laska. 不可以再饭前拍一个了, 太 90 后了[汗]
(After playing the ball at night, Ya Vietnamese beef powder laska. I Can't take a photo before a
meal, it's too 90's [sham])
Monday 05/06 12:32:49 2013
[馋嘴]早你一个餐.
(greedy) good morning, breakfast.
Saturday 05/04 15:55:36 2013
还有 20 分钟啊啊啊...今晚出去吃个饭然后迅速回家.
(There are 20 minutes left... I'll eat a meal and then quickly go home tonight)
Saturday 05/04 00:22:51 2013
今天肯定是很累了, 好好睡一觉[心]
(I must be too tired today, take a good sleep[heart])
Friday 05/03 04:26:25 2013
天都亮了, 真是的发神经马呆想神马想, 还没有睡着. 肚子都饿了, 唉...日子不好过, 度日
如年啊啊啊.
(The sky is bright, why did I think too much and couldn't go to sleep. Hungry, ah...
The bad days, pass a day as if it were a year, ah ah.)

Fig. 6. Verification of abnormal emotional text (user12).

Table 3
JPD of months (May, 2016).

May.2016	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	JPD
User1	14	0	0	0	0	1.41E-05
User2	1	2	0	0	1	6.50E-04
User3	0	0	0	1	0	3.21E-03
User4	0	0	0	1	0	3.21E-03
User5	0	2	1	1	1	2.71E-03
User6	1	2	0	1	0	3.01E-03
User7	0	1	0	0	0	4.72E-03
User8	1	0	2	1	1	2.59E-05
User9	1	1	1	1	0	2.09E-03
User10	0	0	0	1	0	3.21E-03
User11	7	1	0	0	0	3.21E-03
User12	0	0	0	1	0	3.21E-03
User13	0	3	1	0	1	9.26E-04
User14	0	1	0	0	0	4.72E-03
User15	0	1	0	0	0	4.72E-03
User16	2	0	0	0	0	7.15E-03
User17	1	0	0	0	0	6.61E-03
User18	1	0	0	0	0	6.61E-03
User19	5	1	1	0	2	5.45E-05
User20	8	10	2	2	0	2.13E-06
User21	2	0	0	0	0	7.15E-03

Table 4
Cross validation results based on users.

Threshold	CVS	TP	FP	Accuracy
1E-04	36	29	7	80.56%
4E-05	36	32	4	88.89%
1E-05	36	27	9	75%

Table 5
Cross validation results based on months.

Threshold	CVS	TP	FP	Accuracy
1E-05	36	30	6	83.33%
1E-06	36	32	4	88.89%
1E-07	36	31	5	86.11%

“TP” is true positive (marked as abnormal, the actual data is abnormal), “FP” is false positive (marked as abnormal, the actual data points is normal). From Table 4, 1E-04, 4E-05, 1E-05 are chose for the cross validation set based on users, when the threshold is 4E-05, the accuracy of anomaly detection is 88.89%, which is the highest among the 3 thresholds. From Table 5, 1E-05, 1E-06,

user19 Wednesday 05/04 23:32:25 2016
user19 心酸[酸]
user19 Wednesday 05/04 21:58:54 2016
user19 蛮可怜的[泪][泪][Pretty pathetic tears][tears]
user19 Wednesday 05/04 15:07:23 2016
user19 妥协精神就不成大事哦! [You can't achieve great things if you are compromised]
user20 Friday 05/06 01:47:17 2016
user20 最好的话是'忘掉过去吧,我给你一个家'。(The best lover's prattle is to forget the
past. I will give you a home.)
user20 Tuesday 05/05 13:27:59 2016
user20 恭喜祝贺, 戒断戒断。(Meetsummer: avoid conceit and impetuosity)
user20 Tuesday 05/05 13:11:44 2016
user20 别只顾着追逐, 停下来看看。(Don't just chase, stop and have a look.)
user20 Wednesday 05/04 18:25:54 2016
user20 欲速则不达...太过于急切, 只会物极必反! 凡事都是沉淀积累的过程! 共勉。
(More haste, less speed... Things will develop in the opposite direction when they become
extreme, everything is a process of accumulation.)
user20 Tuesday 05/03 23:31:56 2016
user20 比起劝我早睡的, 我更喜欢陪我熬夜的, 道理很简单谁都可以关心你, 做事偶尔想
想你, 可是很少有人能甘愿放弃自己的原则来迁就你。(Compared to the one who persuades
me to go to bed early, I prefer to the one who stay up late me, the reason is very simple, anyone
could care about you, occasionally think about you, but few people are willing to give up their
rules to accommodate you.)
user20 Monday 05/02 23:29:06 2016
user20 自勉, 自省。(Self encouragement, self examination.)
user20 Monday 05/02 23:22:07 2016
user20
user20 Monday 05/02 23:21:48 2016
user20
user20 Monday 05/02 15:31:00 2016
user20 一个事情来了, 你没有勇气地去解决掉, 它一定会再来。生活真的是这样, 它会让你
一次次的疼痛, 一次次地去复习这个功课, 直到你学会为止。(A problem has come, you don't
have the courage to solve it, it will come again. Life is really like this, it will make you
suffer again, go over the lesson again and again until you learn.)
user20 Monday 05/02 01:18:03 2016
user20 你说我们做朋友吧, 我很好对你说: 扯淡! (You said we be friends, I want to say to you:
nonsense.)
user20 Monday 05/02 01:11:06 2016
user20 愿你 从此幸福! (Wish you happiness from now on.)

Fig. 7. Verification of abnormal emotional text (May, 2016).

Table 6
Accuracy based on users.

Threshold	Test data	TP	FP	Accuracy
4E-05	109	91	18	83.49%

Table 7
Accuracy based on months.

Threshold	Test data	TP	FP	Accuracy
1E-06	74	65	9	87.84%

1E-07 are chose for the cross validation set based on months, when the threshold is 1E-06, the accuracy of anomaly detection is 88.89%, which is the highest among the 3 thresholds. Through the experiment on the cross validation set, the threshold of different user is set to 4E-05; the threshold of different month is set to 1E-06.

Table 6 is the accuracy obtained from the user's aspect, 109 data sets are marked as abnormal, after the comparison with the original micro-blog, whose emotions are semi-automatic labeled, of which 91 data sets are true positive, 18 data sets are false positive, and the accuracy is 83.49%. Table 7 is the accuracy based on different month, 74 data sets are marked as abnormal, after the comparison with the original micro-blog, of which 65 data sets are true positive, 9 data sets are false positive, and the accuracy is 87.84%. This method has a better performance in detecting abnormal emotion users in a period of time.

In order to evaluate the method proposed, the method is compared with the other three existing methods. Fig. 8 shows the anomaly detection accuracy of existing three methods and the proposed method, NMF (nonnegative matrix factorization) gets the low accuracy, about 51%. The real-time monitoring [11] method gets the accuracy of 73.33%, whose accuracy is not high, but the advantage of this method is that the detection is dynamic and real-time. SSDM [24] gets the accuracy of about 85.2%, compared with the former methods, it is greatly improved, but the method is for the Twitter spam detection, Chinese micro-blog is more complicated to deal with than the Twitter text, and the anomalies are more difficult to detect due to the diversity and concealment of Chinese. In this paper, the JPD value is introduced to quantify the

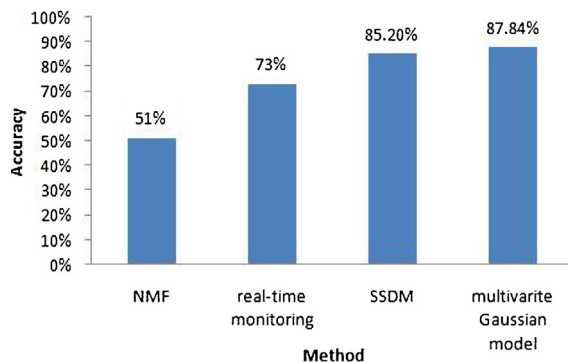


Fig. 8. Comparison the accuracy of four methods.

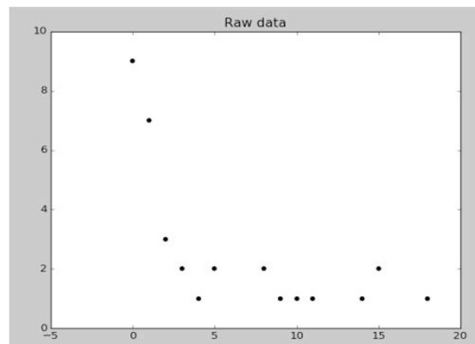


Fig. 9. Distribution of original data.

Table 8
 K-S test of individual user.

Kolmogorov–Smirnov						
Item		Var1	Var2	Var3	Var4	Var5
N		20	20	20	20	20
Normal(a, b)	Mean	1.4	1.8	0.4	0.8	0.5
	Standard	2.5	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.7
Most	Absolute	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4
Extreme	Positive	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4
Difference	Negative	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
Kolmogorov–Smirnov Z		1.3	0.7	1.9	1.2	1.6
Asymp. Sig. (bilateral)		0.1	0.7	0	0.1	0

Table 9
 K-S test of group.

Kolmogorov–Smirnov						
Item		Var1	Var2	Var3	Var4	Var5
N		100	100	100	100	100
Normal (a, b)	Mean	2.4	3.7	0.7	1.2	0.4
	Standard	2.6	4.4	1	1.3	0.7
Most	Absolute	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Extreme	Positive	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
Difference	Negative	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Kolmogorov–Smirnov Z		3.1	2.6	3.1	3.7	4
Asymp. Sig. (bilateral)		0	0	0	0	0

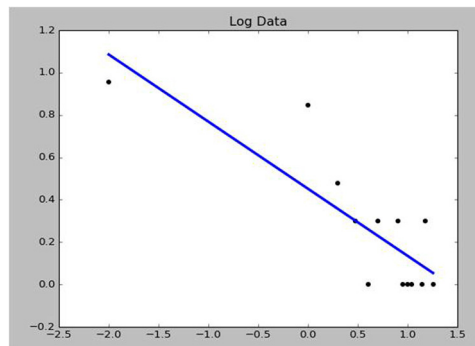


Fig. 10. Distribution of logarithmic data.

anomaly detection, through the experiments, the accuracy rate of 87.84% is achieved. As the texts on social media are very diverse and the features of anomaly are not obvious, the accuracy of anomaly detection are not high at present and need further study.

4.3. User emotion modeling

User’s five categories of micro-blogs of each month can be seen as a five-dimensional matrix, the data of each dimension is tested and verified whether they are subject to Gaussian distribution or not. According to K-S test, as shown in Tables 8 and 9, VAR1–VAR5 represent “neutral, happy, surprised, sad, angry” five variables. Asymp. Sig. (bilateral) is the *P*-value, which is generally set to a threshold value as 0.05, when *P*-value is larger than 0.05, the data can be assumed to be a normal distribution; otherwise, the original hypothesis (the data is subject to the normal distribution) is rejected. For the individual user and group users, the K-S test is separately used and obtained the results as the following tables:

Table 8 is the K-S test of an individual user, as the table shows, *P*-value of “neutral, happy and sad” types are bigger than 0.05, consistent with previous assumption, but “surprised” and “angry” emotions are not subject to the normal distribution, because these two emotions have the characteristic of outburst. Table 9 is the K-S test results of group (100 users), for each type of micro-blogs, find-

ing that the *P*-value is less than 0.05, indicating that the emotion of group on micro-blog is not subject to the normal distribution.

In fact, the micro-blog sentiment of the group tends to satisfy another exponential distribution: power law distribution [25], which is a famous and widespread social phenomenon, also known as long-tail distribution. This paper makes an experiment and verification for this inference: setting *x* as the abscissa, *x* is the number of each type of micro-blogs of all users in a month, and setting the frequency of *x* as the vertical axis, these data can be fitted by matlab.

Fig. 9 shows the original distribution of a set of data. The row data is close to the long-tailed distribution shape, after taking the logarithm of row data, the log data is obtained, which approximates a straight line as shown in Fig. 10. Finally, the residual sum [26] is used to evaluate the reasonableness of the distribution. The smaller the residual sum, the more likely the power-law distribution of the set of data can be considered. The distributions of all users’ micro-blogs of every month are tested in this experiment, which proves that the distribution of group’s emotion on micro-blog is subject to the power-law distribution.

5. Discussion

In the beginning of this paper, we assumed that the micro-blog emotions of users obey normal distribution, and a model for user emotion and anomaly detection on social media was researched in this paper. Through experiments and analysis of real data, some inferences are also obtained as the following:

- Emotions such as “neutral, happy, sad” of micro-blog are subject to the normal distribution.
- Emotions such as “surprised, angry” of micro-blog are explosive and not subject to the normal distribution.
- Group emotions on micro-blog are not subject to the normal distribution, they tend to satisfy another index distribution: power-law distribution.

The innovative point of the Gauss model is that the emotion on micro-blog is 5-dimensional in this paper, this method can automatically capture the correlation between different features of variables and model the multiple emotions well. Besides, through the batch calculation of JPD of the samples, the anomaly detection can be detected quantitatively.

There are also two aspects need to be improved in this paper, one is due to the sparseness of micro-blog data of each user, the abnormal emotion of individual user can only be detected in a month or in a week at present, if the data is enough, the method can model emotions and detect anomaly on micro-blog in a day, but the abnormal user in a certain period on micro-blog can be detected timely. Another is that the time performance need improvement, the threshold selection is still a time-consuming process, we compensate for this by batch computing the JPD of the data sets, thus saving a part of the time.

6. Conclusion

This paper makes a study on the users emotion modeling and abnormal emotion detection on social media. The multivariate Gaussian model and joint probability density are introduced to detect abnormal users emotions of user on micro-blog. Results show that the accuracies of abnormal detection are 83.49% and 87.84% according to the user and month respectively. The experiment also shows that the “neutral, happy, sad” emotions of the individual user are subject to the normal distribution through the K-S test, while the “surprised, angry” emotions are not, and the emotion of micro-blogs released by group is subject to power-law distribution, while the individual user is not. This paper combines multivariate Gaussian model with joint probability density to detect anomalies on social media, and proposes a relatively comprehensive approach to model user and group emotions, which are meaningful to detect the abnormal emotion, monitor the public security and help the enterprise to make the reasonable business decision.

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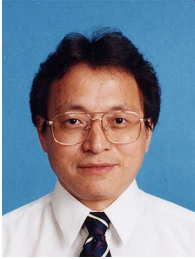
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