

# Interest Analysis using Semantic PageRank and Social Interaction Content

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# Introduction: Motivation (1/2)

- Both content providers and consumers
  - E.g., movie reviews and etc.
- There exists keyword extraction tools to digest information
- Need more
  - Highlighting the words that interest us/catch our eyes

# Introduction: Motivation (2/2)

- Keywords != words of interest
  - Interesting words != keywords
- Keywords: from authors' perspectives
  - I.e., the statistics of the article content alone
- Words of interest: need to combine readers' perspectives

# Introduction: Purpose (1/2)

- In this paper
  - Predict topic words catching readers' eyes after article reading
- In prediction
  - Social interaction data of great importance
    - Reader information not public
  - PageRank algorithm used to help
    - Consider semantic features

# Introduction: Purpose (2/2)

- These interesting words can be used
  - As social tags
  - In article recommendation
  - In sentiment analysis

# Introduction: Example Web Post

## The article:

府城 西市場(*traditional market*) 謝宅(*the old house*) 歡迎喜愛旅行與體驗生活(*life style*)的好朋友來玩；1905年淺草商場，台南人稱大菜市；古老的布料行集散地，與迪化街齊名。雖沒落，但 ... 昔日華麗市場(*traditional market*)仍保一絲光采。一群同樣熱愛台南(*the historical city*)老房子(*the old house*)的夥伴，近10個月的懷胎，完成了 這個夢想的空間。陡峭的樓梯，奇妙的格局 ...  
□此契約屬於房屋不動產契約，支付的為房租費用(*rental fees*)，...手繪私房地圖(*exclusive map*)...  
讓大家簡單而直接的去體驗與感受屬於原本純粹簡單的美好生活(*life style*) 一棟四十多年的老房子(*the old house*)坐落在台南市(*the historical city*)紛擾喧鬧的市場(*traditional market*)中經歷過近十個月不斷的反覆討論與修正 ... 從此來台南(*the historical city*)晃盪的旅人們可以住在一個像家的地方 ...  
早起喝碗牛肉湯(*bouillon*)吃菜粽帶個營養三明治 中午到市場(*traditional market*)去嚐個虱目魚湯 再轉進這數百年記憶的巷弄間尋找秘密的記憶 台南(*the historical city*)府城 西市場(*traditional market*) 謝宅(*the old house*) 有四個樓層 ... 可以基本住四個人 ...

## Its social interaction content (i.e., its response posts):

Post 1: 我想要預約12/19~12/20. 人數(*head count*)6~8個左右. 請問:1. 還有空房間嗎? 2. 費用(*rental fees*)是多少?

Post 2: 我們人數(*head count*)有6人，是一群喜愛老房子(*the old house*)的學生，希望能親身體驗謝宅(*the old house*)的故事。想進一步了解相關資訊與費用(*rental fees*)。

...

## Scores of interest preferences for words (w.r.t. the topic of the article):

謝宅(*the old house*): 0.25,      台南(*the historical city*): 0.15,      生活(*life style*): 0.09,  
市場(*traditional market*): 0.05,      .....      費用(*rental fees*): 0.0002, ...

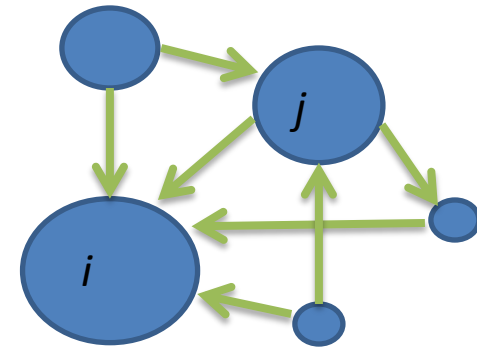
## Top-ranked predicted words of interest for future readers:

1. 謝宅(*the old house*)    2. 費用(*rental fees*)    3. 台南(*the historical city*)    4. 市場(*traditional market*) ...

- Keyword extractors find frequent words
- Feedback covers topics of less-frequent/single-occurrence article words
- Combine article with feedback
  - Single-appearance word given more attention

# Method: PageRank on Web Pages

- PageRank introduced to find important web pages
  - Nodes: web pages
  - Edges: incoming and outgoing links
  - PageRank iterates to find the probability of a random walker landing on any web page

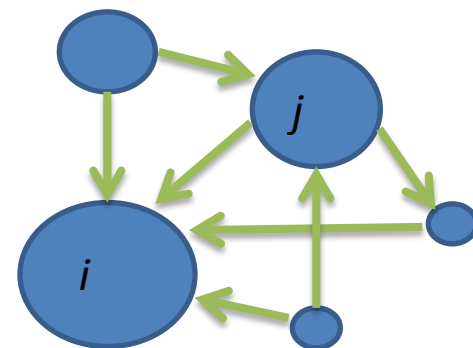


$$PR(i) = \frac{1-d}{N} + d \times \sum_{j:j \rightarrow i} \frac{w(j,i)}{\sum_{k:j \rightarrow k} w(j,k)} PR(j)$$

# Method: PageRank in Our Paper (1/5)

- Nodes: words in sentences
- Words within window size have edges
  - Directed from words to words that follow
- Iteration formula

$$PR(i) = (1 - d) \times \text{IntPref}(i) + d \times \sum_{j:j \rightarrow i} \frac{w(j,i)}{\sum_{k:j \rightarrow k} w(j,k)} PR(j)$$





# Method: PageRank in Our Paper (2/5)

- Semantic features of word nodes used
  - (1) word group:

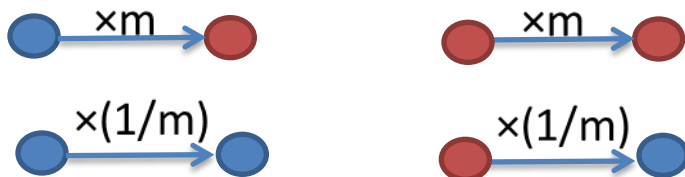
- Intuition: content words (●) likely to be interests than function words (●)
- a) slightly content word centered model



- b) moderately content word centered model



- c) aggressively content word centered model



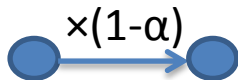
# Method: PageRank in Our Paper (3/5)

- Semantic features of word nodes used
  - (2) content source of a word pair:

- Word pairs from articles



- Word pairs from reader feedback



- Both authors' and readers' voice are heard

# Method: PageRank in Our Paper (4/5)

- Semantic features of word nodes used
  - (3) words' degrees of reference:
    - Intuition: highly referenced words among authors and readers likely to be interests
    - A node weighted by  $1 + DR(\text{the node})$
    - $DR(\text{the node})$  defined as
$$\frac{\text{num}(\text{reader response with the node})}{\text{num}(\text{reader response})}$$
    - Article counted as “a reader response”

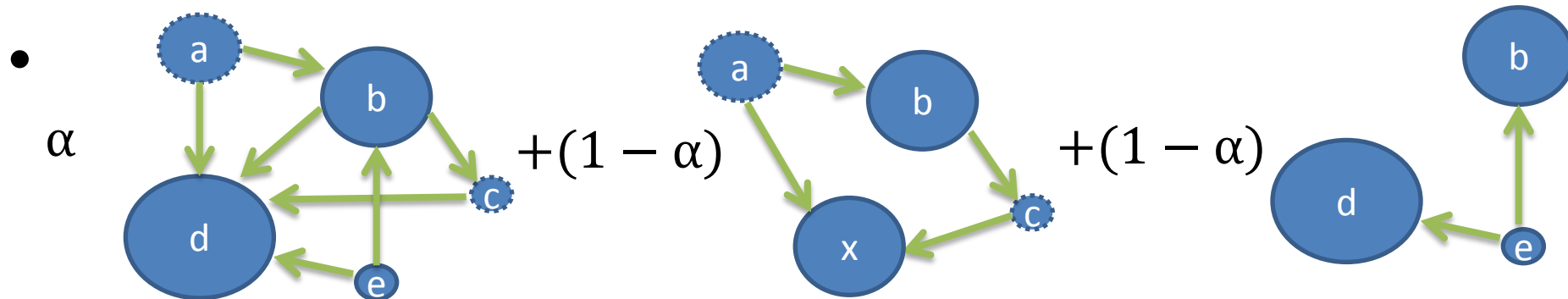
# Method: PageRank in Our Paper (5/5)

- Incorporate semantic features into PageRank

$$PR(i) = (1 - d) \times \text{IntPref}(i) +$$

$$d \times \left\{ \alpha \times \sum_{j:j \rightarrow i} \frac{w(j,i)}{\sum_{k:j \rightarrow k} w(j,k)} PR(j) \times (1 + DR(i)) + \right.$$

$$\left. (1 - \alpha) \times \sum_{j:j \rightarrow i} \frac{w(j,i)}{\sum_{k:j \rightarrow k} w(j,k)} PR(j) \times (1 + DR(i)) \right\}$$



# Method: Interest Preference Model

- Estimate topical interest preference score
- 1.  $Tfidf(w)$
- 2.  $Pr(w | t) = freq(w, t) / freq(*, t)$
- 3.  $Pr(t | w) = freq(w, t) / freq(w, *)$
- 4.  $entropy(w) = -\sum_{t'} Pr(t' | w) \times \log(Pr(t' | w))$
- 5.  $Pr-Entropy(w | t) = Pr(w | t) / 2^{entropy(w)}$
- 6.  $Pr-Entropy(t | w) = Pr(t | w) / 2^{entropy(w)}$
- While PageRank uses local info, these use global

# Method: Informativity of Reader Feedback

- Not all interaction content responds to the article
  - Check informativity of readers' response sentence and select informative ones
- 1) coverage:
  - Compute ngram coverages
    - To ensure the topic cohesion
  - BLEU: coverages weighted and favor longer ngrams
- 2) focus:
  - The percentage of words certain in topics
    - To have more focused topic

# Experiments: Data Sets

- 6,600 articles collected from [www.wretch.cc](http://www.wretch.cc)
  - Along with their feedback
- Most of the blog posts in Chinese
  - CKIP segmenter used for segmentation
- 30 articles for testing (avg 17.6 responses)

# Experiments: Gold Standards

- Two judges annotated interested words
- To evaluate our system on majority readers
  - Judges related to the responding readers and found their interests in their feedback
  - Only  $\frac{1}{2}$  replies responded with reader interest info and they covered one/two topic words in the articles



# Evaluation (1/4)

- Top-N nDCG, P, MRR used for evaluation
- Content-word weighting mechanisms

	nDCG	P	MRR
w/o	.778	.397	.728
agr@m=2	.765	.390	.719
agr@m=4	.754	.370	.707
mod@m=2	.782	.390	.747
mod@m=4	.765	.390	.719
slg@m=2	<b>.792</b>	<b>.397</b>	<b>.741</b>
slg@m=4	<b>.792</b>	<b>.397</b>	<b>.741</b>

– Slightly performed the best; aggressive is too much

# Evaluation (2/4)

- Different window sizes

	WS=2	WS=3	WS=6	WS=10
nDCG	.765	<b>.792</b>	.774	.733
P	.410	.397	.343	.350
MRR	.736	<b>.741</b>	.741	.686

- In blogosphere words bond in proximity
  - In contrast to large window size in news articles

# Evaluation (3/4)

- Estimation strategies for IntPref w/o reader feedback

@N=5	nDCG	P	MRR	@N=3	nDCG	P	MRR
entropy	.677	.287	.659	entropy	.667	.356	.644
tfidf	.719	.313	.676	tfidf	.651	.389	.638
PR+tf	.657	.310	.632	PR+tf	.655	.350	.617
PR+Pr(w tp)	.631	.290	.583	PR+Pr(w tp)	.562	.328	.539
PR+Pr(tp w)	.673	.317	.639	PR+Pr(tp w)	.659	.350	.622
PR+PrEntropy(w tp)	.636	.283	.584	PR+PrEntropy(w tp)	.562	.328	.539
PR+PrEntropy(tp w)	<b>.773</b>	<b>.337</b>	<b>.725</b>	PR+PrEntropy(tp w)	<b>.757</b>	<b>.428</b>	<b>.717</b>
PR+tfidf	<b>.792</b>	<b>.397</b>	<b>.741</b>	PR+tfidf	<b>.767</b>	<b>.506</b>	<b>.728</b>

- Entropy, tfidf beats PR+tf
- *PR+tfidf* achieves the best performance
- Entropy helps especially when better estimation is used

# Evaluation (4/4)

- We trained tfidf and PR+tfidf with social interaction content

@N=5	# sentences in FB used	judges' interest	general readers' interest		
		nDCG	hit rate	nDCG	MRR
tfidf+FB <sub>none</sub> (=tfidf)	0	.719	.10	.087	.075
tfidf+FB <sub>all</sub>	1314 (=100%)	.699	.10	.079	.072
PR+tfidf+FB <sub>none</sub> (=PR+tfidf)	0	.792	.19	.137	.122
PR+tfidf+FB <sub>Coverage</sub>	393 (=30%)	<b>.803</b>	<b>.34</b>	.221	.182
PR+tfidf+FB <sub>Focus</sub>	476 (=36%)	<b>.766</b>	<b>.28</b>	.164	.139
PR+tfidf+FB <sub>Coverage+Focus</sub>	321 (=24%)	<b>.808</b>	<b>.33</b>	.210	.177

- Using all reader feedback is no better than using none
- Coverage* and *Focus* select useful data and contribute to interest analysis
  - Coverage* boosts hit rate relatively by 240% and 79%
- The combination filters out  $\frac{3}{4}$  reader sentences
  - $\frac{1}{4}$  of the social data still help

# Future Work

- Word omission happens in blogosphere especially in reader responses
  - Recover these words
- Connection between reader sentiment and reader interest
  - Sentiment analysis on interaction content help interest analysis?
  - Interest analysis help on-topic sentiment detection?

# Conclusion

- Propose a work that predicts reader interest using
  - Semantic PageRank
  - Social data
- They are simple but helpful
  - Semantic features e.g., parts-of-speech and degrees of reference
  - Selection of informative reader responses
  - Topical interest preference model