afinn project

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DTU-forsker afkoder Twitter-beskeder med 1.200 linjer Python-kode

Twitter-beskeder og blog-indlæg har stor betydning for, hvordan virksomheders omdømme ser ud online. Danske forskere arbejder på at skabe et digitalt stemningsbarometer ud fra syndfloden af oplysninger online.

Mikkel Meister

Tirsdag, 29. december 2009 - 6:59













Started out as a English sentiment word list for use in analysis of Twitter messages in 2009.

Later the approach was evaluated with manually labeled tweets in published paper.

Shown Python code snippets on the Internet including my blog on how to use it.

In July 2015, turned into a GitHub repository.

0.1 release in November 2016.



Philosophies for afinn

Simple approach with little dependencies: The package should do what it should do and nothing more.

Open source.

Test thoroughly all elements of the package.

Documentation in the code for everything.

Tutorials.

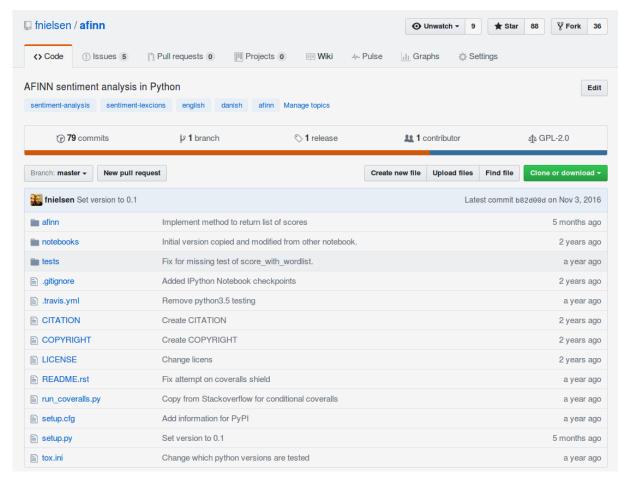
Easy installation for other developers.

Should work for a broad number of Python versions.

"Python best practice".



GitHub-based development



Git-based development with GitHub.

Repository contains the Python module itself with data, test function, setup and package files files (setup.py, README.rst), notebooks with example code.

Other developers can work from it: 36 forks by different peoples.



The AFINN word list

Word associated with sentiment score between -5 (most negative) and +5 (most positive):

```
abandon -2
abandoned
                 -2
abandons
                 -2
abducted
                 -2
abduction
                -2
                 -2
abductions
abhor -3
                 -3
abhorred
abhorrent
                 -3
abhors -3
abilities
ability 2
aboard
aborted -1
```



Basic Afinn object

The word list is encapulated as a Python class (object-orientation)

The word list is loaded at object instantiation time, to avoid reading overhead during sentiment scoring

A text scored for sentiment based on the sentiment of individual words with a method from the class:

```
class Afinn():
    def __init__(self):
        self.data = self.load_data()
    def score(self, text):
        score = 0
        for word in text:
            score += self.data.get(word, default=0)
        return score
```



Basic use

Using the class: Object instantiation followed by calling the score methods:

```
>>> from afinn import Afinn
>>> afinn = Afinn()  # afinn is a object name now, not module
>>> afinn.score('Ituisusouhorrendouslyubad')
-3.0
>>> afinn.score('veryufunny')
4.0
```

Or score multiple texts in a list:

```
afinn_scores = [afinn.score(text) for text in texts]
```



Basic processing

The central part of the text processing uses regular expression (Python module: re) to extract words or to directly match against the AFINN dictionary.

```
import re # Import regular expression standard library module

# Setup
lexicon = {'ikke_god': -2, 'imponerende': 3, 'ineffektiv': -2}
regex = re.compile('(ikke_god|imponerende|ineffektiv)')

# Match and scoring
matched = regex.findall("Den_er_ineffektiv_og_ikke_god")
score = sum([lexicon[word] for word in matched])
```

score is now -4. A few phrases can be matched.



Code checking

flake8 tool can check that the code conforms to convention (PEP8).

\$ flake8 afinn

(Nothing is reported if there is no convention issues)

Further checking can be made with pylint.



Documentation

Documention in the "docstring" of a object method:

Sentiment analysis scores for text

```
def scores_with_pattern(self, text):
    """Score text based on pattern matching.
    Performs the actual sentiment analysis on a text. It uses a regular
    expression match against the word list.
    The output is a list of float variables for each matched word or
    phrase in the word list.
    Parameters
    text : str
        Text to be analyzed for sentiment.
    Returns
    scores : list of floats
```



Documentation

and the documentation goes on with example code:

```
Examples
-----
>>> afinn = Afinn()
>>> afinn.scores_with_pattern('Good_and_bad')
[3, -3]
>>> afinn.scores_with_pattern('some_kind_of_idiot')
[0, -3]
"""
# TODO: ":D" is not matched
words = self.find_all(text)
scores = [self._dict[word] for word in words]
return scores
```

15 lines of documentation, 3 lines of code.



Documention checking

There is a standard for documentation: PEP 257.

Tools exists to check whether the documentation is complete and whether it follows the standard: pydocstyle (previously called pep257).

I can call it with:

pydocstyle afinn

(It should report nothing if ok)

There is a plugin in flake8

Afinn uses the Numpy document convention. However this cannot be tested: Currently no tools (AFAIK).



Testing

Unit tests in afinn/tests/test_afinn.py

Test function have the prefix test_.

The prefix tells py.test, http://doc.pytest.org, to test it.

Example for testing the find_all method of the object:

```
def test_find_all():
    afinn = Afinn()
    words = afinn.find_all("It_is_so_bad")
    assert words == ['bad']
```

Here it is tested whether find_all returns a list with a single element "bad".



Testing

Starting py.test in the afine directory will automatically identify all test functions that should be executed based on test_ prefix:

Succinct!



Testing: doctesting

From method documentation:

```
Examples
-----
>>> afinn = Afinn()
>>> afinn.scores_with_pattern('Good_and_bad')
[3, -3]
```

```
This piece of code can be tested: "doctest" python -m doctest afinn/afinn.py
```

or . . .



Testing: doctesting

Testing the entire module:

Here 7 example code snippets were found in the docstrings, extracted and tested and found to be ok.



Testing with tox

I would like to have afinn working with different versions of Python: Versions 2.6, 2.7, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5.

tox combines testing with **virtual environments** enabling the test of **different versions of Python**.

tox creates virtual environments in afinn/.tox/<virtualenv> moves into them and executes whatever is specified in a tox.ini file (for afinn it is setup to execute py.test, doctesting and flake8).

tox neatly enables testing multiple versions with just a single command.

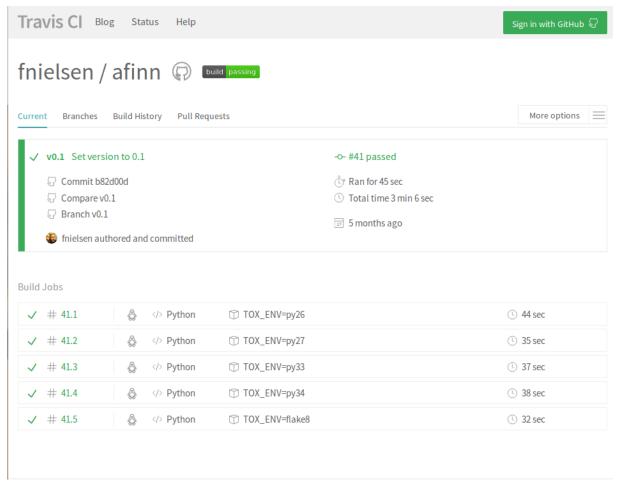


Testing with tox

```
$ tox
GLOB sdist-make: /home/faan/projects/afinn/setup.py
py26 inst-nodeps: /home/faan/projects/afinn/.tox/dist/afinn-0.1.zip
Installing collected packages: afinn
 Running setup.py install for afinn ... done
Successfully installed afinn-0.1
py26 runtests: commands[1] | py.test test_afinn.py
========== test session starts
platform linux2 -- Python 2.6.9, pytest-3.0.7, py-1.4.33, pluggy-0.4.0
rootdir: /home/faan/projects/afinn, inifile:
collected 14 items
test_afinn.py .......
 py26: commands succeeded
 py27: commands succeeded
 py33: commands succeeded
 py34: commands succeeded
 py35: commands succeeded
  flake8: commands succeeded
  congratulations :)
```



Testing with Travis



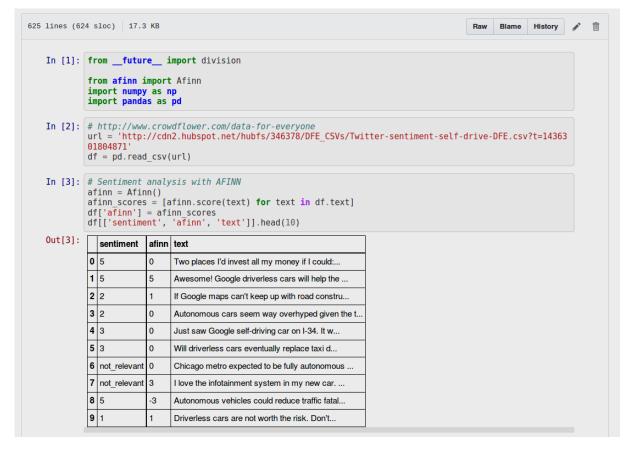
Travis: cloud-based testing at https://travis-ci. org/fnielsen/afinn

Ensures that the package would also work on another system: Missing data? Missing dependencies?

Specified with a .travis.yml configuration file to run tox.



Jupyter notebooks



A couple of Jupyter notebooks are available in the GitHub repository.

Used to demonstrate how the module can be applied with a dataset.

GitHub formats the notebook for human readability. It would otherwise be raw JSON.

This notebook computes accuracy on a manually sentiment-scored Twitter dataset.



Python Package Index



afinn distributed from the central open archive *Python Package Index*: https://pypi.python.org/pypi/afinn

Enables others to download the package seamlessly

pip install afinn

Or search for it with:

pip search sentiment

Python tools for help with upload.



Dependencies

Keep dependencies on a bare minimum: None, except standard library (codecs, re, os) — so far.

Otherwise the dependencies should have been added to requirements.txt

Example from other package:

```
beautifulsoup4
db.py
docopt
fasttext
flask
Flask-Bootstrap
gensim
jsonpickle
```

Enables pip install -r requirements.txt



Issue: Versioneering

Versioneering is a problem at the moment.

```
Version string "0.1" is hard-coded in the setup file:
setup(
    name='afinn',
    packages=['afinn'],
    version='0.1',
```

PyPI version is 0.1, but if the GitHub repository is changed this version is no longer reflecting differences.

In the old days, developers would manually update the version.

Now Brain Warner's versioneer can take care of automatically distinguishing git-tagged versions, updated and "dirty" versions.



Summary

The Python environment has good methods to standardize development.

Python can neatly enforce documentation.

A good number of tools help the developer to write in a best practice mode: testing frameworks, code and documentation style checkers.

Python provides a good framework for publishing open source code.

Persistent and versioned distribution.

Most of the "code" is documentation.



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