Team 14: Facebook Data Breach

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Presentation Overview

- Data and Tools
- Pre-processing
  - Data Cleaning
  - Document Clustering
- Summaries
  - Template Summary
  - Extractive Methods
  - Abstractive Methods
- Evaluation
- Conclusions
Project Overview

- **Dataset: Facebook Data Breach**
  - Number of docs: 10829

- **Tools Used**
  - Scala
  - ArchiveSpark
  - PySpark
  - Python
  - NLTK
  - Gensim
  - SpaCy
  - Pointer-Generator
  - FastAbsRL
Data Cleaning Overview

1. Extract text from HTML tags
2. jusText [1] Cleaning
3. Preliminary bad document removal (404, Page not Found…) 6285 documents left
4. Re-encode into UTF-8
5. Final thorough dataset cleaning
Parameter Based Filtering

- Contains any of:
  - "twitter"
  - "recent news | whatshaking | current news feeds"
  - "objective news"
  - "landing page"
  - "401"

- Contains any of:
  - "Money.us"
  - "Ti.me"
  - "Nakedcapitalism"
  - "reddit"

- Contains any of:
  - "as your browser does not support javascript you won't be able to use all the features of the website"
  - "trendolizer"

- Contains any of:
  - "facebook"

- Original url is empty

3887 documents left
Removing Similar Documents

Many documents were exact copies or similar to other documents

\( \forall \text{ document } D_i, \ D_j \text{ where } \text{len}(D_j) < \text{len}(D_i) : \)

Let \( S_k \) be the set of unique sentences for document \( D_k \)

\[
\text{Similarity}(i, j) = \frac{\text{length}(S_i \cap S_j)}{\text{length}(S_j)}
\]

1. Sort all documents in descending order of size
2. Get similarity score for all document pairs (i,j) where j > i
3. If similarity is above threshold, delete document j

Threshold = 0.4
Clustering

- Use LSA to do topic modeling
  - Works better than LDA on our dataset

- Cluster based on LSA topic weights

- Observations:
  - Low number of topics is better
  - K-means works best
[Cluster 2]
- Federal Trade Commission investigation: Is Mark Zuckerberg headed to Facebook jail? #zuckerberg - tu.tv
- FTC launches probe into Facebook privacy practices | Mobile Marketing Magazine
- Facebook stock slides after FTC launches data leak investigation
- FTC, EU, state attorneys general investigating Facebook breach

[Cluster 6]
- Facebook changing privacy controls as criticism escalates: The two-way: NPR
- Facebook changes layout to highlight privacy settings | WBEZ 930am
- Facebook announces overhaul of security and privacy settings - Red Team News
- Facebook data scandal prompts redesign of settings, privacy pages | Fox News
- Facebook will make it easier for you to control your personal data | Wired

[Cluster 3]
- Trump-linked firm collected data from 50 million Facebook profiles - Axios
- Facebook suspends Trump-linked data firm Cambridge Analytica (update: response)
- How Trump consultants exploited the Facebook data of millions | The Seattle Times
- Facebook bans Trump campaign’s data analytics firm, Cambridge Analytica | Breitbart
- Trump-linked firm obtained data of 50 million Facebook users - CNET

[Cluster 8]
- Facebook CEO Zuckerberg invited to testify by Senate judiciary committee - The Peninsula Qatar
- Facebook discussions with Congress signal Mark Zuckerberg will testify amid data-privacy scandal
- Zuckerberg declines to testify in UK parliament - Teletrader.com
- Mark Zuckerberg refuses to give evidence on Facebook scandal | Daily Mail Online
Named Entity Recognition (NER)

- Used SpaCy’s [2] Named Entity Recognizer
- Capitalization apparently necessary for tagging of names

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<th>Entity Type</th>
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<td>‘DATE’</td>
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<td>‘QUANTITY’</td>
<td>‘as many as 50 million’</td>
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<tr>
<td>‘MONEY’</td>
<td>‘billions of dollars’</td>
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In **2014**, the data of **50000000** users of **Facebook** was compromised. Information from the accounts friends profiles as well as updates, likes, and in some cases private messages was illegally obtained by <ATTACKER>. The incident was made public by <WHISTLEBLOWER> on <DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT>. Facebook has said <COMPANY STATEMENT> and will <CHANGES EFFECTED>.
Extractive Summaries

Two methods:
- Both use
  - Gensim’s [5] TextRank for summarizing
  - difflib SequenceMatcher [6] for finding similar sentences

Summary on all articles in data set:

Summary of only certain clusters:
Extractive Summaries

- Clustered approach was better
  - Easier to customize important information
- Also broke it up into two paragraphs
  - Each paragraph was a different topic of clusters
  - Got us an even broader range of topics covered
- Clusters chosen:

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<td>8 - ftc investigates fb</td>
<td>14 - facebook stock falls</td>
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Tom Pahl, the acting director of the Federal Trade Commission’s Consumer Protection Division, wrote in a statement Monday morning that the agency is investigating Facebook’s privacy practices a week after news broke that the Trump campaign’s political-data firm, Cambridge Analytica, inappropriately obtained data on more than 50 million Facebook users and then allegedly lied about deleting it. Facebook is attempting to do a face saving act following severe criticisms against it so that it is able to maintain its user base and therefore the flow of advertisements and advertisers and investor. The largest social media platform in the world is facing close scrutiny of its privacy policies and actions both in the U.S. and the U.K. Last week there were allegations against Facebook that it did nothing to prevent the use of personal data of approximately 50 million Americans by British consultancy Cambridge Analytica which allegedly had misused the data during the 2016 Presidential elections in the U.S. The firm was appointed to assist President Donald Trump during the campaign. This weekend, a man named Christopher Wylie spoke with the New York Times about a consulting company he founded called Cambridge Analytica that, according to him, developed Facebook ads for the Trump campaign with the help of Steve Bannon and data stolen from the pages of 50 million Facebook users (including personal details, rather than passwords or private information).
Facebook ended the day down nearly 7 percent, to US$172.56 making it the worst performing stock in the S&P 500, as the company sought to stem the damage from media reports that Cambridge Analytica, the U.S. data-mining arm of a Britain-based research firm, had improperly accessed personal details from nearly 50 million Facebook users to help Trump campaign advisers target political ads during the 2016 election. Calls for probe of misappropriation of the private information of tens of millions of Americans. Former Cambridge Analytica employee Chris Wylie said the company used information to build psychological profiles so voters could be targeted with ads. Wylie criticized Facebook for facilitating the process, saying it should have made more inquiries when they started seeing the records pulled a collection of powerful U.S. senators are demanding that Facebook explain how a third-party firm with ties to the Trump campaign was able to gain access to data on 50 million of its users. Washington revelations that a political data firm may have gained access to the personal information of as many as 50 million Facebook users drew new bipartisan calls on Capitol Hill Monday for Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and the heads of other social media companies to answer questions from Congress.
Abstractive Summaries

Three Methods:
- Pointer-Generator Network (PGN) or FastAbsRL as abstractive summarizer
- Different sources of input (extractive summary/individual articles)

Method A (PGN)
1. clusters.json
2. Extractive Summarizer
3. Summaries of each cluster (concatenated)
4. Abstractive Summarizer
5. Final Summary

Method B (PGN and FastAbsRL)
1. cleaned.json
2. Abstractive Summarizer
3. Summaries of each article
4. Concatenate and Filter by Cluster
5. Extractive Summarizer
6. Final Summary
Abstractive Summaries

- **PGN (Method B) [7]:**
  - Many sentences identical to extractive summary
  - Slightly less repetitive and shorter than pure extractive summary
  - Some issues with pronouns/clauses (e.g., “The company” instead of “Facebook”)
  - Some additional names and information not present in extractive summary
  - Coherency of second paragraph is low

- **FastAbsRL [8]:**
  - Highly abstractive
  - Some issues with noun repetition (“Facebook, Facebook and Facebook…”)
  - Some issues creating coherent abstractive sentences
The company announced a suite of new, more intuitive privacy controls Wednesday morning, including a way to download and delete data, a redesigned settings menu, and additional shortcuts for controlling private information. Tom Pahl, the acting director of the Federal Trade Commission’s Consumer Protection Division, wrote in a statement Monday morning that the agency is investigating Facebook’s privacy practices a week after news broke that the Trump campaign’s political-data firm, Cambridge Analytica, inappropriately obtained data on more than 50 million Facebook users and then allegedly lied about deleting it. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg apologized on Wednesday for the social media website’s role in what he previously called the “Cambridge Analytica Situation” wherein the research firm allegedly accessed 50 million Facebook user profiles improperly. Christopher Wylie, who previously revealed that consultancy Cambridge Analytica had accessed the data of 50 million Facebook users to build voter profiles on behalf of Donald Trump’s campaign, said AggregateIQ (AIQ) had built software called Ripon to profile voters. Facebook has announced new controls, privacy shortcuts, and tools to delete Facebook data but said these were in the works before the Cambridge Analytica scandal exploded.
The invitation asking Zuckerberg to answer questions at an April 10 hearing comes as the Federal Trade Commission confirmed it’s investigating Facebook’s privacy practices after reports the company allowed political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica to harvest 50 million users’ data. Analyst: “the risk here is that Facebook is paramount to the future of this company.” Facebook shares 6 percent and were on track for their worst day in more than three years on reports that a political consultancy worked on president Donald Trump’s campaign gained inappropriate access to data on more than 50 million users. Lawmakers in the United States, Britain, and Europe have called for investigations into media reports that political analytics firm Cambridge Analytica had harvested the private data on more than 50 million Facebook users to support Trump's 2016 presidential election campaign.
## ROUGE Evaluation Scores

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Conclusion & Lessons Learned

- Cluster-based extractive summary was the most useful summary we produced
- Importance of data cleaning
- Should’ve started on clustering and big summaries earlier
Future Work

- Refine clustering results
- Finish information extraction for template
- Try other abstractive algorithms or workflows
- Use summarization techniques on the Solar Eclipse dataset
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