



# **Dataset built for Arabic Sentiment Analysis**

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### **Abstract**

Social media administrations, for example, Facebook and Twitter and online networking facilitating sites, for example, Flickr and YouTube have turned out to be progressively famous in

later a long time. One key variable to their allure worldwide is that these destinations and administrations permit individuals to express and impart their insights, likes, and hates, unreservedly and straightforwardly. The assessments posted extent from reprimanding government officials to talking about top notch cricket individuals, referring to top news, assessing motion pictures, and suggesting new items and administrations, for example, mobiles, eateries, and so on. This advancement has powered a new field known as subjective examination and opinion mining with the objective of separating individuals' notion from content to help clients in their buy choices and merchants in improving their notoriety. This rising field has pulled in a vast research interest, however the greater part of the current work concentrates on English content, with less contribution to Arabic. Arabic Sentiment Analysis focusses on datasets and lexicons, but less efforts and contribution to this hinders the success in Sentiment Arabic when we talk about Arabic. Consequently, in this proposal, we considered sentiment investigation of Arabic as the key focus and support the researchers in this field by developing a dataset from online networking website, to be specific Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Keek, due to wide use of these by Arabic Community to share their opinions and reviews. In particular, we contemplated reviews/tweets from Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Keek which convey a Sentiment. We built up a framework that will procure Arabic content from Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Keek and concentrate clients' suppositions towards diverse points and items. Key stages of the framework takes three dimensions. We followed an Algorithm which involves Data Acquisition stage, Filtering Stage and Annotation Stage. In the Data Acquisition stage, we gathered tweets/reviews from Facebook, Youtube, Instagram, Keek and Twitter identified with particular subjects. In the Tweet/Reviews-Filtering stage, we diminished the ones which ought to convey no sentiment, repeated reviews, spam. The gathered filtered tweets /reviews where used in the Annotation stage, wherein the filtered reviews/tweets where annotated as Positive or Negative. We tested this dataset on Siddiqui et al. 2016 system2 due to unavailability of state of art, on for testing we achieved an accuracy of 77.75%. As there is no state of art, we further evaluated our system by providing our dataset to three Arabic native speakers who further confirmed the authenticity of the dataset generated.

#### نبة مختصرة

تحولت إدارات وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي على سبيل المثال Facebook و Twitter ومواقع تيسير الشبكات عبر الإنترنت مثلاً عليه Flickr و YouTube إلى شهرة متزايدة تدريجياً في وقت لاحق لفترة طويلة. أحد المتغيرات الرئيسية لجاذبيتها في جميع أنحاء العالم هو أن هذه الجهات والإدارات تسمح للأفراد بالتعبير عن آرائهم وحبهم وكرههم دون تحفظ ومباشرة. نشرت التقييمات وصلت الى مدى توبيخ المسؤولين الحكوميين وإلى الحديث عن أفراد الكريكات من الدرجة الأولى والإشارة إلى أهم الأخبار وتقييم الصور المتحركة واقتراح عناصر وإدارات جديدة على سبيل المثال الهواتف النقالة والمطاعم وما إلى ذلك. يعمل هذا التقدم على تشغيل حقل جديد يُعرف بالفحص الذاتي واستخراج الآراء بهدف فصل فكرة الأفراد عن المحتوى لمساعدة العملاء في خيارات الشراء والتجار في تحسين سمعتهم. جذب هذا المجال الصاعد اهتمامًا بحثيًا كبيرًا ولكن الجزء الأكبر من العمل الحالي يركز على المحتوى باللغة الإنجليزية مع مساهمة أقل في اللغة العربية. يركز تحليل المعنويات العربية على مجموعات البيانات والقواعد المعجمية لكن الجهود والإسهامات الأقل في هذا تعيق النجاح في المعنى العربي عندما نتحدث عن اللغة العربية. وبناءً على ذلك وفي هذا الاقتراح اعتبرنا أن تقصي المشاعر في اللغة العربية هو محور التركيز الرئيسي ودعم الباحثين في هذا المجال من خلال تطوير مجموعة بيانات من موقع الويب الخاص بالشبكات عبر الإنترنت لتكون Youtube و Twitter و Facebook و Instagram و Keek محددة بسبب هذه من قبل المجتمع العربي لتبادل آرائهم والتعليقات. على وجه الخصوص، فكرنا في مراجعات / تغريدات من Youtube و Twitter و Facebook و Instagram و Keek التي تنتقل المشاعر. لقد أنشأنا إطاراً سيوفر المحتوى العربي من Twitter و Facebook و Instagram و Keek ونركز افتراضات العملاء على نقاط وعناصر متنوعة. المراحل الرئيسية للإطار تستغرق ثلاثة أبعاد. لقد تابعنا خوارزمية تتضمن مرحلة الحصول على البيانات ومرحلة التصفية ومرحلة التعليق التوضيحي. في مرحلة الحصول على البيانات جمعنا التغريدات / المراجعات من Facebook و Youtube و Instagram و Keek و Twitter والتي تم تحديدها مع مواضيع معينة. في مرحلة التصفية / التعليقات - التصفية قللنا تلك التي يجب أن تنتقل أي شعور ، مراجعات متكررة ، والبريد المزعج. التغريدات / المراجعات التي تمت تصفيتها والتي تم تجميعها حيث يتم استخدامها في مرحلة التعليقات التوضيحية حيث تتم المراجعات / التغريدات المصفاة التي تمت تصفيتها على أنها تعليقات إيجابية أو سلبية. لقد اختبرنا مجموعة البيانات هذه على Siddiqui et al. 2016 system2 بسبب عدم توفر أحدث التقنيات حققنا دقة تبلغ 77.75٪. نظرًا لعدم وجود أحدث نظام فقد قمنا بتقييم نظامنا بشكل أكبر من خلال توفير مجموعة بياناتنا لثلاثة من الناطقين باللغة العربية الذين أكدوا كذلك على صحة مجموعة البيانات التي تم إنشاؤها.

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## Chapter One- **Introduction**

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### 1.1 Overview of Sentiment Analysis

Sentiment Analysis is a field which is mostly opted, due to the increase use of social media sites by the people to communicate sentiments or opinions. Many names are quite often used like Sentiment Analysis coined by (Pang and Lee 2008), review mining and appraisal extraction (Piao 2007), opinion mining (Dave 2003), others like subjectivity analysis or sentiment polarity analysis, this results in new researchers struggling to distinguish these terms where they all mean the same. As stated by (Taboada et al. 2013; Feldman 2013), Sentiment Analysis plays a key role in making a company reach top level. According to (Korayem 2012) the classification of sentiment analysis includes subjective classification to take only subjective sentences for the next step, where the sentiment analysis takes place on a sentence or document, with the use of appropriate approach that is either rule based or machine learning or hybrid. The polarity could be negative, neutral or positive.

### 1.2 Inspiration

#### **1.2.1 Importance, Aims and Outcomes**

The biggest selling point for a company underlies within an organisation's approach to deal with customers or client's feedback, critics or reviews. So as to deal with positive or negative reviews these companies require a system which can analyse these and distinguish these as positive or negative. Many researchers have used sentiment analysis to further better their approach or systems or method. Online reviews were matched with currency by (Wright 2009) wherein he diligently quotes the importance of review which could make or break an entity. As illustrated by (Pang and Lee 2008), Sentiment Analysis could even be utilized by Psychologists to study the status of an individual mind wherein (Glance et al. 2005) shares that the utilisation of Sentiment Analysis in Businesses. Business intelligence benefits in further improving their systems as well way of working. Politics was another area highlighted as one of the applications of Sentiment Analysis which reveals voter's viewpoints (Laver et al. 2003; Goldberg et al. 2007; Mullen and Malouf 2006; Efron 2004; Hopkins and King 2007). Sentiment analysis was suggested to be Recommendation System by (Terveen 1997; Tatemura 2000; Glance et al. 2005) when compared

to (Mallouf and Mullen 2008) who stated that message filtering can be managed by Sentiment Analysis.

The predominant objective of this paper is to build a sentence level dataset by collecting reviews or tweets or comments from social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram Keek and YouTube. The outcome would be reviews or tweets which could be used by researchers to evaluate their systems using our dataset.

### 1.3 Natural Language processing and Sentiment Analysis

Sentiment Analysis and Natural Language Processing are very much interlinked due to the significant role played by Sentiment Analysis in many NLP tasks like Question answering, Information Retrieval and so on...

### 1.4 Knowledge Gap in Sentiment Analysis

Sentiment Analysis in Arabic is not progressing the way it should be, because of the resources not available. Not to undermine the very fact that no matter opinions shared online are not restricted to English but most of the significant success in the state of art for sentiment analysis task is found to be in English when other languages such as Arabic is compared. This is very well supported by (Abdul-Mageed et al. 2012) wherein he states the importance of Arabic Sentiment Analysis to be huge when talked about the world where we live in with many Arabic online users. Arabic due to its highly challenging features remains a focus for researchers. Attempts have been made by many researchers to put forward datasets or lexicons but these are just like few stones in a river. The new or existing researchers who attempts to deal with Arabic Sentiment Analysis spends lot of time developing resources, due to deficiency of resources and the unavailability of existing resources as mostly these resources are either paid or not shared by the developers.

### 1.5 Problem statement and Research Questions

#### 1.4.1 Problem Statement

Sentiment Analysis is a region which ought to be a key requisite with the increasing immense stature because of the developing utilization of communications online via facebook or any other networking sites. Pang and lee (2008) illustrated that Polarity Analysis or Opinion Analysis or more unequivocally Sentiment Analysis focusses on conveying the assumptions of analysts or clients. The issue announcement can be created as issue of sentiment gathering into negative or

positive, extraordinarily particularly supported. English is one of the lucky language which is profoundly examined dialect with next to not much work done as such far with Arabic gives a reminder to all the Arabic Researchers to spend their valuable time into Arabic Sentiment Analysis. The key barrier to research in Arabic Sentiment Analysis is the limitation of resources being made available for researchers. This unavailability hinders the progress of Arabic Sentiment Analysis due to the time consumption in building resources for Arabic Sentiment Analysis.

#### 1.6 Research Questions

RQ1 RQ1: Is it possible to build a dataset manually from scratch?

RQ2: Does the three-dimension step procedure is the appropriate procedure followed to build the datasets?

RQ3: Does the elimination of reviews or tweets which are re-tweets/reviews or are copied or are spam or convey no meaning impact the over collection of data?

RQ4: Does the dataset built gives good results when tested on (Siddiqui et al. 2016)?

RQ5: Does the further evaluation of the dataset with the help of 3 native speakers authenticate the dataset to be used for future references?

### 1.7 Contribution

The contribution to research is building a dataset which could be utilized by researchers to perform Sentiment Analysis. There are datasets which are available in research which are very limited, handful. This dataset will add to the research era, which researchers can use to test their systems and would be helpful to new Arabic Researchers who ought to fall behind and fail to attempt on new software's due to limited resources available and most of which are not shared online. We aim to make this resource available to research community with open access, hence enhancing the utilization of this dataset for testing on newly developed Sentiment Analysis System or improvising existing systems.

### 1.8 Chapter Summary

This chapter covered the explicit overview of this paper. Online sharing of reviews/ feedback on various entities in millions and billions brought about the evolvement of a field very well known as Sentiment Analysis. The Sentiment Analysis is getting thought from researchers and had influenced the whole mechanized time. Review sharing is the most broadly perceived option found in the Internet Social Media World opted to convey personal opinion. The effect of review sharing is on the customers to take decisions on various things right from obtaining a film ticket to acquiring a property to various advancement operations. This chapter as well covers touches base at an end with inspiration, issue enunciation, research request and theory. This thesis is sorted out as takes after. Chapter 2 covers an expressive view on Arabic NLP. Section 3 covers the foundations for Sentiment Analysis. Chapter 4 covers the types and approaches of Sentiment Analysis. Chapter 5 incorporates the data accumulation. Chapter 6 covers the evaluation. Chapter 7 covers the Conclusion.

## Arabic Natural Language Processing and its challenges

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NLP is a space of software engineering that goes for encouraging the correspondences between machines (PCs that comprehend machine dialect or programming dialect) and individuals (who convey and comprehend common dialects like English, Arabic and Chinese and so forth...). NLP is vital as it has an immense effect on our day by day lives. Numerous applications these day's utilization ideas from NLP. Natural Language Processing (NLP) has expanded huge importance in machine translation and diverse kind of uses like talk mix and affirmation, constraint multilingual information systems, et cetera. Information Retrieval in Arabic, Arabic Sentiment Analysis and Arabic Machine Translation are a rate of the Arabic contraptions, which have shown noteworthy data in learning and security associations. NLP accept a key part in get ready stage in Sentiment Analysis, Information Extraction and Retrieval, Automatic Summarization, Question Answering, to give some examples.

A semitic language which ought to be grammatically, morphologically, phonetically and semantically from Indo-European languages is Arabic. Arabic NLP is going up against various difficulties. To contribute in observing some of them, we show up in this paper a thorough depiction of various test's Arabic as a lingo and dialect gets. Furthermore, this paper is a brightening to not just the recurring pattern researchers in this field, too is a motivation to others to take measures to handle Arabic lingo challenges.

Arabic is the 6th most talked dialect on the planet, and is talked by a huge rate of the total populace. The importance of Arabic stated by Farghaly and Shaalan (2009), where the illustrated how Arabic is associated with Islam and Muslims offers their prayers in Arabic. In addition, Arabic is the primary dialect of the Arab world nations which have critical significance around the world. Arabic is an exceptionally rich tongue that has a spot with another language family, especially the Semitic vernaculars, from the dialects talked in the West, which are on an extremely fundamental level Indo-European. Arabic is intriguing and any individual with a slight learning of Arabic can read and comprehend a content composed fourteen centuries back.

Arabic, as a dialect or vernacular, which is exceedingly derivational and inflectional (Abd Al Salm 2009; Riyad and Obeidat 2008; Farra 2010), and there are no tenets for accentuation (Dave et al. 2003; Harrag 2009; Wiebe and Riloff 2005; Ghosh et al. 2012; Barney 2010). Genuinely, there are standards; be that as it may, there is nonattendance of order in Arabic (Farghaly and Shaalan, 2009).

Arabic dialect has an incredibly rich and complex cognizance framework. In addition, Arabic utilizes progressions that truly mean sidekick off, "mother of" or "father of" to show possession, a trademark, or a property, and utilizations pronouns of two sexual presentations just; it has no reasonable pronouns (Izwaini 2006). Arabic sentences can be clear ostensible (subject–verb), or verbal (verb–subject) with free request; in any case, English sentences are on a very basic level obvious (subject–verb) request. The free request property of the Arabic dialect introduces an urgent test for some Arabic NLP applications.

Arabic is portrayed presentation three sorts: Classical (Traditional or Quranic) Arabic, Dialect and Arabic Modern standard Arabic (Habash 2010; Korayem et al. 2012). Arabic dialect being utilized takes these structures as a part of light of three key parameters including morphology, punctuation and lexical blends (Elgibali 2005; Abdal 2008(reference missing); Farghaly and Shaalan 2009; Reifae and Raiser 2014). Traditional Arabic has its vitality in Arab nation in rank. Diacritic imprints (otherwise called "Tashkil" or short vowels) are ordinarily utilized with Classic Arabic as phonetic advisers for demonstrate the right articulation. Despite what might be expected, they are alternatively composed with the other heft of alternate sorts of Arabic.

Present day Standard Arabic (MSA) is utilized for TV, daily paper, verse and in books. Arabic Courses learnt at the Arab Academy is likewise educated in the Modern Standard structure. The MSA can be changed to adjust to new words that should be made in view of science or innovation. Nonetheless, the composed Arabic script has seen no adjustment in the letter set, spelling or vocabulary in no less than four millenniums. Barely any living dialect can claim such a qualification.

Shaalan (2014) shared on Vernacular Arabic or "informal Arabic" as a calmly used language on regular calendar by Arabs and is discovered differing in different countries and likewise particular in different areas inside a country. Al-Kabi et al. (2014) stated about the use of Arabic Language by most of the Arabic internet users and is seen to be used as a piece of making completely in

employments out of online networking (Shaalán 2014), fluctuates from one region to another is Dialect Arabic. In vernacular Arabic, segments of the words are obtained from MSA (AboBakr et al. 2008). AboBakr et al. (2008) introduced a half and half pre-handling approach that can change over summarizes of Egyptian colloquial contribution to MSA to such an extent that the accessible NLP devices can be connected to the changed over content.

Arabic is a greatly twisted tongue, with a rich morphology and sentence structure being many-sided (Al-Sughaiyer; Ryding 2005 and Al-Kharashi 2004). Habash (2007) states that Arabic has an incredibly rich morphology delineated by a blend of templatic and affixational morphemes, complex morphological standards, and a rich part framework. Arabic is uncommonly inflectional (Bassam et al. 2002; Mostafa et al. 2006 (reference missing)) in light of the affixes which fuses social words and pronouns. Arabic morphology is confounding a direct result of things and verbs realizing 10,000 root (Darwish 2002(reference missing)). Designs in Arabic morphology is around 120. Beesley (1996) highlighted the significance of 5000 roots for Arabic morphology.

The word request in Arabic is variation. We can have a free decision of the word which we need to underline and put it at the head of sentence. By and large, the syntactic analyzer parses the info tokens created by the lexical analyzer and tries to recognize the sentence structure utilizing the Arabic linguistic use rules. The moderately free word request in an Arabic sentence causes syntactic ambiguities which require examining all the conceivable language structure rules and also the understanding between constituents (Siddiqui et al., 2016).

The below subsections includes the difficulties of Arabic dialect concerning its attributes and their related computational issues at orthographic, morphological, and syntactic levels. In computerizing the way toward investigating Arabic sentences, there are cover between these levels, as they all assistance in seeming well and good and importance of the words, and in disambiguating the sentence.

### 2.1. Arabic Orthography

Inside the orthographic examples of the composed words, state of a letter can be changed relying upon whether it is associated with a previous and resulting letter, or simply associated with a previous letter. For instance, the states of the letter "ف" (f), i.e. "ف"/"ف"/"ف", changes relying upon whether it happens before all else, center, or end of a word, individually. Arabic orthography



incorporates an arrangement of orthographic images, called diacritics, that convey the expected articulation of words. This clears up the sense and importance of the word.

### 2.1.1 No capital letters

Arabic has no remarkable sign rendering the acknowledgment of a Named Entity all the more troublesome (Oudah et al. 2016). When English is compared with the specific markers for Orthography with specifically upper case demonstrating that a word or progression of words is a name. Arabic does not have capital letters; this trademark addresses a broad obstruction for the essential undertaking of Named Entity Recognition with regards to other dialects, wherein capital letters address a key highlight in recognizing formal individuals, spots or things (Shaalán 2014).

### 2.2 Arabic Morphology

The morphological challenge of Arabic language is one of an extra property of Arabic. This morphological richness adds to the vocabulary which is increased to a huge extend in the inventive utilization of roots and morphological specimens (Beesley 2001; Farghaly 1987; Abdel Monem et al. 2009; McCarthy 1981; Farra et al 2010; Soudy et al. 2007). 85% of words gathered by tri-requesting roots resulted in 10,000 free roots (Al-Fedaghi and Al-Anzi 1989).

Thus, Arabic being profoundly derivational and emphasis brings about high intonations in morphology (Farghaly 1987; Ahmed 2000; Beesley 2001; Soudi 2007). The templatic morphology language termed as Arabic is found to be with words which are included roots and combines with joins.

### 2.3 Chapter Summary

Arabic as a dialect is both testing and intriguing. This ought to help peruses welcome the many-sided quality connected with Arabic NLP. We delineated the difficulties of Arabic dialect by giving case under MSA. It turns out to be clear to us, that albeit Arabic is a phonetic dialect as an impartial plotting between the letters that belongs to a dialect and their associated sounds. An Arabic word does not devote letters to speak to short vowels. It requires changes in the letter structure contingent upon its place in the word, and there is no thought of upper casing. With respect to MSA writings, short vowels are discretionary which makes it significantly more troublesome for non-local speakers of Arabic to take in the dialect and present difficulties to dissect Arabic words. Morphologically, the word structure is both rich and reduced with the end goal that it can speak to an expression or a complete sentence. Linguistically, the Arabic sentence is long

with complex language structure. Arabic Anaphora has expanded the uncertainty of the dialect, as now and again the Machine Translation framework neglects to recognize the right forerunner due to the equivocalness of the precursor, and we require outside learning to redress the predecessor. Additionally, the Arabic sentence constituents (free word request) can be swapped without influencing structure or significance, which includes more syntactic and semantic vagueness, and requires investigation that is more mind boggling. By the by, assention in Arabic is full or incomplete and is delicate to word request impacts.

## Sentiment Analysis

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Sentiment Analysis is the assignment of distinguishing whether a printed thing (e.g., an item audit, a blog entry, a publication, and so forth.) communicates a POSITIVE alternately a NEGATIVE sentiment as a rule. Sentiment Analysis as well distinguishes a given element, e.g., a man, a political party, or an approach. Moreover, associations of different sorts use the Web to permit them to gather individuals' assessments about nearly every one of the subjects that worry them through facilitating the procedure of getting input or by gathering what individuals are feeling on an entity.

Hence, sentiments have become omnipresent technology being empowered by our fellow human beings in the social media world which includes facebook, Twitter, you tube and so on. This indeed calls for a need to get the sentiments classified which will thus help companies or organisations to improve as well as gain profit by satisfying the customers by accommodating their feedback into their systems. So as to do that, quite often the step usually followed includes the accumulation of the crude unstructured data containing these expressions. This collection is thus passed through a system which can project it as either negative or positive.

Sentiment Analysis Systems and datasets (reviews) for English language are in large number available for researchers to further investigate and draw conclusions, but the same is reversed in the case of Arabic.

So as to support Arabic community to use datasets to enhance their existing systems, this thesis is put forward which presents a newly build corpus gathering reviews or tweets from very known social media sites like – facebook, Keek, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube by following a Three-Step Algorithm focussing only on Positive/ Negative Sentiments and discarding/ not considering Tweets or Reviews which doesn't communicate anything, this is further discussed in chapter 5 under data collection.

### 3.1 Applications of Sentiment Analysis

Sentiment Analysis as indicated by assessment has numerous applications in political science, sociologies, statistical surveying, and numerous others (Mart'inezCamara et al., 2014; Mejova et al., 2015).

(Balahur et al. 2007) stated the importance of Sentiment Analysis in news reviews or reviews on new channels. As well projection of political results based on the reviews, Sentiment Analysis could be beneficial. (Somasundaran 2007; Stoyanov 2005; Lita et al. 2005) stated that Sentiment Analysis would be useful in Question Answering task.

These applications state the importance of Sentiment Analysis in varied fields including schools to companies, poor to rich, people to organisations, organisations to global market and so on.

### 3.2 Subjective Classification

A sentence could be either subjective or objective. (Roty 1997) exhibited an unmistakable portrayal on the term objective as the formal presentation of a sentence as it is without any sentiment. Wherein a subjective sentence does communicate any sentiment.

Utilizing a parallel classifier Muhammad et al. (2012) secluded the target from events which were subjective. SAMAR framework was proposed by (Abdul-Magge et al. 2012), presented the many-sided challenges of Arabic dialect in subjectivity and opinion investigation.

### 3.3 Importance of Sentiment Analysis

With the very utilization of online networking forums like facebook, twitter ... opinions are shared on an extensive scale in various dialects. Surveys or opinions are not limited to a specific substance, for sure audits covers an immense range including items (Qui et al. 2011), generally in music, colleges, recordings, brands, schools, et cetera (Somasundaran and Weibe 2008).

Consequently, advancing the need to extricate the suppositions, assumptions and feelings from the surveys, in order to manage diverse issues or concerns. These audits subsequently help the organizations to keep track on their items or administrations too helps them to fortify their frail territories. In spite of the fact that Sentiment Analysis has been concentrated unequivocally well in English, yet Arabic still stays testing with relatively less work done in Arabic in this way.

### 3.4 Challenges Faced

- Sometime sentences with negative words are used to express positive sentiment for example: “الحياة قد تتعثر ولكنها لا تتوقف والأمل قد يختفي ولكنه لا يموت أبداً” meanings “Life may stumble, but do not stop and hope may disappear, but it never dies”.
- Some Arabic comments may contain translated words and non-Arabic words like “لول” and “برنس”, it may contain as well special characters such as #.
- Arabic comments may contain miss-spelled words “روووووعه”, “مقهورييييين” means “magnificence”, “Oppressed” but couldn’t be understood by system as the language is not followed correctly
- Some words have dual meanings for example the word “ماهو” in Egyptian dialects means “not” and at the same time it means “what is”.
- Dialects lack of spelling standards for example the word “مايعملش”, “ميعملش” means “he did not work” are variable spellings. Peoples doesn’t bother to follow correct spellings (Al-kabi et al. 2014).
- People write sarcastic comments which doesn’t really project one sentiment. Like – No matter you wear anything pretty, still you will look the same.
- Indifferent writing styles is another challenge wherein Arabic commenters doesn’t follow Modern Standard Arabic (Omar and Chris 2013).

### 3.5 State of Art

English Sentiment Analysis is explored to maximum extent when compared to Arabic which still stay main focus. As the results and centrality of state of art for Arabic Sentiment Analysis is not available we will look at a segment of the basic perspectives and work done with regards to Arabic Sentiment Analysis.

Using various assessment measurements the evaluation of outcome is done. One of the key parameter in order to chip away Sentiment Analysis is dataset. (Farra et al. 2015) presented the weight of crowdsourcing as an extremely fruitful technique for commenting on dataset. Another essential parameter being the vocabulary, as of late (Gilbert et al. 2015) gained 67.3% exactness on classification of sentiment with ArSenL vocabulary. Shoukry and Rafea (2012) worked on 1000 tweets, achieved 72.6% precision with the use of Vector Machine classifier.

(Alaa , 2011) chipped away at archive level sentiment analysis with the use of mixed method comprising of vocabulary and Machine Learning approach reaching an F-measure of 80.29%. An expression based supposition examination introduced by (Muhammad and Mona 2012) accomplished an accuracy of 60.32% utilizing design coordinating methodology on web discussions, Penn Arabic Treebank and WIKI talk pages.

Sentence and record level sentiment analysis was performed by (Neura et al. 2010) using a semantic and syntactic approach wherein (Shoukry and Refea 2012) used a method called corpus-based and successfully grabbed an accuracy of 72.6%. (Ahmed et al. 2013) deeply investigated negative, neutral and positive polarities with the use of n-gram and stemming with good to better results but with a restriction on dataset gathered which was very less.

Vocabulary termed as lexicon and a system based on lexicon methodology, Nawaf et al. (2014) worked on tweeter and yahoo maktoob dataset achieved 70.05% and 63.75% on Twitter and Yahoo Maktoob dataset respectively.

A cross-breed approach was followed by (Abdayel and Nazmi 2015) with the use of Machine and SVM outputted 84.01% accuracy. 79.90% precision was achieved by El-Halees(2011) with entropy, lexical and K-closest neighbour. (Shoukry and Rafea 2012) autonomously passed on two procedures, one being Support Vector Machine achieved 78.80% accuracy and other one being Lexical with 75.5% accuracy.

### 3.6 Chapter Summary

This chapter furnished the key significance of Sentiment Analysis. This chapter as well depicted the difference between an objective and subjective sentence. This chapter as well traces the key highlights of a sentence being subjective so as to decide on sentiment polarity. This chapter includes the benefits and underlying challenges of Arabic Sentiment Analysis. This likewise put forward the different fields where Sentiment Analysis has found to have huge impact including government, legislative issues, social networking, internet shopping, and so forth., because of the ascent in online remarks and surveys on different items or administration.

Individuals today depend on others conclusions before purchasing an item or administration. Arrangement levels including stage, record and sentence are additionally delineated in subtle

element. Writing survey in Arabic Sentiment Analysis secured in this part yielded the requirement for a novel way to deal with perform estimation investigation in Arabic.

## Sentiment Analysis Types and Approaches

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### 4.1 Sentiment Analysis Types

Word, sentence and document level analysis examination are the three levels at which sentiments are concentrated on (Xiowen et al. 2008).

#### 4.1.1 Word Level

When a word is analysed to determine the polarity as negative or positive is termed to be as word sentiment analysis. (Ahmad 2006; Almas & Ahmad 2007) worked on word level sentiment analysis.

#### 4.1.2 Sentence Level

When a sentence is examined to display the projected Sentiment that is either positive or negative is termed to be as sentence level Sentiment Analysis. Sentence level was very explored by (Abdul-Mageed and Korayem 2010; Siddiqui et al. 2016; Abdul-Mageed et al. 2011; Li and Tsai 2013; Lui et al. 2012; Aldayel & Azmi 2015; Ding and Peng 2001; Shoukry A and Rafea 2012; Abdul-Mageed and Diab 2012; Safavian and Landgrebe 1991; Farra et al. 2010; Abdul-Mageed and Diab 2011).

#### 4.1.3 Document Level

When a document is analysed to determine the sentiment as positive or negative is termed to be as Document Level Sentiment Analysis. Sentiment Analysis at Document level was worked upon by (Moraes et al. 2013) with support vector machines and Neural networks classifiers, wherein Neural Network out performed. They showed that NN achieves better performance than SVM on balanced datasets. (Li 2013; Wang 2014; Tang 2014; Xiang 2014; Tang 2014; Huang 2015; Al-kabi 2013; Kiritchen 2014; Ortigosa 2014; Al-kabi 2015; Abdul-mageed and Diab 2012; Ahmed 2013; Badaro 2014; Deng L and Dong 2014; Sarah 2015) worked on document level Sentiment Analysis.



## 4.2 Sentiment Analysis Approaches

Supervised, Semi Supervised and Unsupervised methodologies are generally used to perform Sentiment Analysis. Managed approach called corpus based(supervised) and unsupervised called as lexicon based methodology incorporates algorithms to perform Sentiment Analysis.

### 4.2.1 Supervised Approach

Machine Learning is supervised approach, incorporates numerous calculations yet the fundamental test is to find proper list of capabilities.

Two sorts of methodologies are ordinarily seen in directed procedure. The managed approaches when sentiment analysis is considered shows exceptional performance than content based (Taboada 2011)

The method entailed in directed methodology depends on how the dataset is divided and what is the test dataset. Machine Learning calculations include a chose set of components removed from preparing dataset commented on with extremity keeping in mind the end goal to produce measurable models for feeling grouping forecast. Enormous dataset clarified by local speakers are the key accomplishment to directed approach yet by the by the comment gets thwarted because of mockery, time utilization and immoderate.

With the use of Support Vector Machine, Naïve Bayes and Maximum Entropy (Bo et al. 2002) experimented on Internet Movie reviews to check on the polarity. In the preparation records, K is the number which speaks to the quantity of closest neighbors which arranges an unannotated archive with the assistance of k neighbors (Duwari and Islam 2014). Here the estimation between similitudes of unlabeled records and the left out reports in the preparation dataset is finished. As an aftereffect of this exclusive the K comparable archives are taken a gander at and in particular lion's share voting or weighted normal are taken into another report. Japanese feelings were characterized utilizing K-closest neighbor (Tokuhisa et al. 2008).

(McCallam and Nigam 1988; Rish 2001) utilized Naives Bayes classifier delivered great results, which arranges in light of the theory that the forecast variable is self-governing.

(Fung and Mangasarian 2002) represented bolster vector machines as an instrument to discover a hyperplane this hyperplane is exceptionally very much delineated as a vector that is found to all the more separated record vector having a place with one class from report vectors found in

different classes. SVMlight was the characterization calculation observed to be utilized by (Abdulmageed et al. 2012), in order to perform Arabic Sentiment Analysis. (Wan 2009) created great results as for Chinese sentiment investigation with the utilization of SVM classifier. Survey classifier was utilized by (Elhawary and Elfeky 2010), in their endeavor to perform Arabic Sentiment Analysis on business audits.

#### 4.2.2 Semi – Supervised Approach

The Semi-supervised method is one of the approaches attracting researchers in the field of SA. To judge different types of emotional sentiments shared through twitter, Tang et al. (2014) used a semi-supervised approach which was a correlated model.

A FDB network was used as semi-supervised by Zhou et al. (2014) on SA. With the use of two layer, one as supervised and other as unsupervised layer(hidden), FDBN was built (Zhou et al. 014). A hybrid study was performed by Ortigosa et al. (2014) performed a hybrid investigation which involved lexicon based with limited data and machine learning with enough labelled data.

#### 4.2.3 Unsupervised Approach or Lexicon-Based Approach

Not at all like administered methodology, unsupervised methodology includes depiction of positive and negative dictionaries taking into account the most elevated tally. The word with most astounding tally in a report is assigned to be certain or negative.

An exceptionally well known changed method for unsupervised drew nearer was evident with the use of thumbs signalling as up or down. (Turney 2002).

“1” indicates positive polarity and “0” indicates neutral with -1 as negative in unsupervised methodology. A scale from 1 to 5 could also be used to indicate the polarity with 1 being negative and 5 being positive.

The vocabulary or lexicon based methodology is not applicable to all the areas (Korayem et al. 2012).

Many languages have been explored with unsupervised method. Xianghua and Guo (2013) worked on Chinese-social reviews to detach them into aspect using LDA and classify sentiment using an unsupervised approach.

Other set of studies included the use of symbols alongside word and sentences in Chinese where they illustrated single and multi-character words (Huang et al. 2015).

One of the other attempt by Pablos et al. (2014) includes the use of seed-list which was build based on the raw texts collected from specific areas following a rules.

#### 4.3 Chapter Summary

K-Nearest neighbor, Maximum Entropy, Naives Bayes classifiers and so forth are utilized as a part of supervised methodologies. A portion of the unsupervised methodologies utilized by numerous scientists incorporates thumbs up and thumbs down, polarities like - 1 showing negative, +1 demonstrating positive and 0 demonstrating impartial.

## Data Collection

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The most important and the most time consuming part of sentiment analysis is Data accumulation. Sentiment Analysis incorporates includes two key stages one is the dictionary(lexicon) and the other is collection of comments/tweets.

This chapter demonstrate the overview on lexicon and collection of dataset or reviews. The data collection is the crucial part of this thesis as we have introduced a newly developed dataset and the method followed is covered in this chapter.

### 5.1 Lexicon and Datasets

#### 5.1.1 Lexicon

A word which communicates personal feeling or emotion on an entity or anything ought to join a list termed to be as lexicon. The word that describes helps a lot in descreation of a sentence to be positive or negative (Benamara et al. 2007).

#### 5.1.2 Datasets

For Arabic datasets developments, few efforts were seen, wherein (Ahmad 2006 ; Almas and Ahmad 2007) developed a data set for finance wherein Web Reviews corpus by (Rushdi et al. 2011).

(El-Halees 2011; Elsahar and El-Beltagy 2015) developed a Multi Domain dataset when compared to Twitter dataset by (Aldayel and Azmi 2015; Abdul- Mageed et al. 2014).

### 5.2 Data Methodology

This paper exhibits News Corpus (Elarnaoty et al. 2012 ; Farra et al.2010);

The approach outlining the activities performed to get the dataset in place, in order to support the research community. Preeminent the dataset is introduced. Key stages of the framework takes three dimensions. The dimensions include - Data Acquisition stage, Filtering Stage and Annotation Stage. Figure 1 depicts the framework followed.

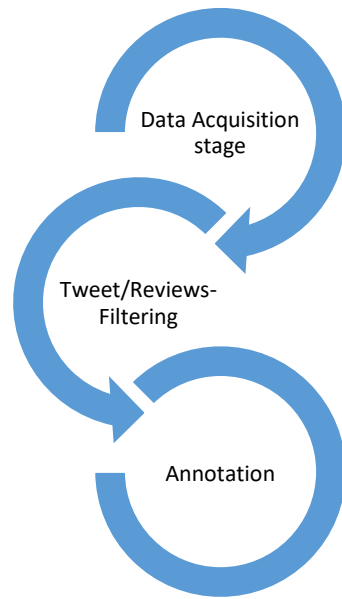


Figure1: Framework followed

Algorithm is a three step algorithm which is as a resultant of the above framework depicted below.

1. Accumulate data by crawling the facebook, youtube, twitter, keek and Instaram web pages
2. Filter the data accumulated in step-1
  - a. Remove re-tweets/reviews
  - b. Remove copied tweets/reviews
  - c. Remove spam tweets/reviews
  - d. Remove tweets which doesn't communicate any sentiment
3. Manually annotate the filtered data as negative and positive and segregate them.

#### 5.2.1 Data Acquisition Stage:

In the Data Acquisition stage, we gathered tweets/ reviews from Facebook, Instagram, Keek and Twitter identified with particular subjects.

Example Reviews/Tweets
النهاية تخليك تتحسف انك تابعت الفلم

عندما ترى إمرأه محترمه تقف مع فاسدة : توصف المحترمة أنها فسدت !! ولا توصف الفاسدة أنها أصبحت محترمة !! متى سنرتقي ونحسن الظن بالآخرين #واقع_مؤلم
ياريت لو عندج رساله هادفة تقدمينها بس انتي تبين شهرة والسلام انتي قاعدة تمصخرين نفس صديقيني مصدقة عمرج انج تنشرين الفرحة اجتهدتي صح بس اشلون مصخرتي نفسج
كل واحد يتابعها يعرف مدى ثقافته ! وصار كل واحد ينشهر علشي تافهه! وانتم الي دعمتم حسابها بالفلو والنشر بس لو تتسفهه ماطلعت للعالم فتحو شوي يا عالم وبطلو تدعمون حسابات ناس كذا
كل حد يابعه
حلو مكياج احلام وملبسها المغربي
الله على الصوت العذب والاحساس الجميل
شعب السعودية دمهم خفيف وظريف عشان كذا الكل يحب يراقبهم
#شعب السعودية دمهم خفيف وظريف عشان كذا الكل يحب يراقبهم

Table 1: Data accumulated

### 5.2.2 Filtering Stage:

This stage comprised of removal of four types of sentences: re-tweets/ reviews expulsion, copy tweets/reviews expulsion, non-Arabic content evacuation and comparable tweets expulsion. Re-tweets/reviews will be tweets/reviews that rehash or repost other individuals' tweets (a typical hone in Twitter). Figure 2 depicts the expulsions in the filtering stage.

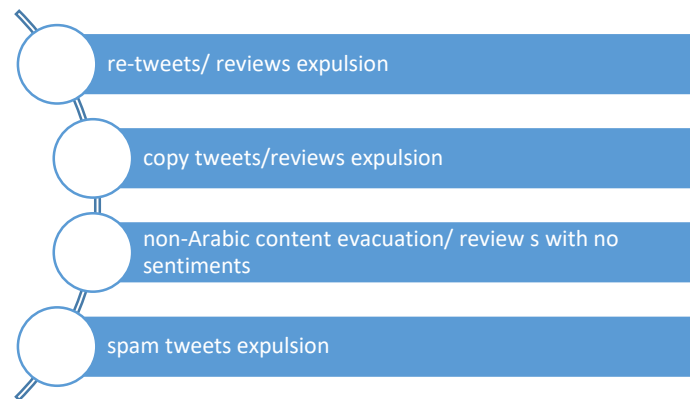


Figure 2: Expulsions

The key reasons behind of exclusion tweets or reviews includes -you concur with the tweet/reviews content, you can't help contradicting its substance and you need to bring your devotees' consideration to it, your companions are re-tweeting a particular tweet/reviews since they think it is essential on the other hand clever and you need to "accept circumstances for what they are" (associate weight) without truly preferring or disdaining this tweet/review and you are a spammer and you need to advance your spam tweet/review.

From the above purposes behind re-tweeting, we can see that there are three more reasons to re-tweet another person tweet other than concurring with its substance yet in estimation investigation frameworks, we are truly inspired by the primary reason as it were. Along these lines, a sentiment examination framework that doesn't expel re-tweets will just see tremendous number of tweets from various clients that spoke about the subject emphatically/contrarily. Consequently, we chosen to evacuate them. The data duplicate as a rule returns copy tweets that have the very same content; consequently, we evacuated every copy tweet/ reviews.

Table 2 depicts the tweets which were filtered, the ones highlighted were filtered and others were removed.

Example Reviews/Tweets	Comments
<p>النهاية تخليك تتحسف انك تابعت الفلم</p> <p>عندما ترى إمرأه محترمه تقف مع فاسدة : توصف المحترمة أنها فسدت !! ولا توصف الفاسدة أنها أصبحت محترمة !! متى سنرتقي ونحسن الظن بالآخرين واقع مؤلم</p> <p>ياريت لو عندج رساله هادفة تقدمينها بس انتي تبين شهرة والسلام انتي قاعدة تمصخرين نفس صدقيني مصدقة عمرج انج تنشرين الفرحة اجتهدتي صح بس اشلون مصخرتي نفسج</p> <p>كل واحد يتابعها يعرف مدى تفاهته ! وصار كل واحد ينشر علشي تفاهه! وانتم الي دعمتم حسابها بالقولو والنشر بس لو تنسفه ماطلعت للعالم فتحو شوي يا عالم وبطلو تدعمون حسابات ناس كذا</p>	<p>Filtered to be used for next stage</p>

كل حد يابعه	Exempted- as it doesn't convey any meaning
حلو مكياج احلام وملبسها المغربي	Filtered to be used for next stage
الله على الصوت العذب والاحساس الجميل	
شعب السعودية دمهم خفيف وظريف عشان كدا الكل يحب يراقبهم	
#شعب السعودية دمهم خفيف وظريف عشان كدا الكل يحب يراقبهم	Exempted- as it contains #

Table 2: Filtering

### 5.2.3 Annotation Stage

The gathered filtered tweets /reviews where used in the Annotation stage, wherein the filtered reviews/tweets where annotated as Positive or Negative. There is no publically accessible tweets/review system for assessing Tweet/Reviews State of Art for Arabic Sentiment Analysis. Along these lines, I being an Arabic dialect speaker, classified the data gathered i.e., physically characterize every tweet/review as positive, or negative. Table 3 shares example of the collected reviews/tweets.

Example Reviews/Tweets	Annotation
النهاية تخليك تتحسف انك تابعت الفلم عندما ترى إمرأه محترمه تقف مع فاسدة : توصف المحترمة أنها فسدت !! ولا توصف الفاسدة أنها أصبحت محترمة !! متى سنرتقي ونحسن الظن بالآخرين واقع مؤلم ياريت لو عندج رساله هادفة تقدمينها بس انتي تبين شهرة والسلام انتي قاعدة تمصخرين نفس	Annotated as negative



صدقيني مصدقة عمرج انج تنشرين الفرحة اجتهدتني صح بس اشلون مصخرتي نفسج	
كل واحد يتابعها يعرف مدى تفاهته ! وصار كل واحد ينشهر علشي تافهه! وانتم الي دعمتم حسابها بالقولو والنشر بس لو تتسفهمه ماطلعت للعالم فتحو شوي ياعالم وبطلو تدعمون حسابات ناس كذا	
حلو مكياج احلام وملبسها المغربي	Annotated as positive
الله على الصوت العذب والاحساس الجميل	
شعب السعودية دمهم خفيف وظريف عشان كذا الكل يحب يراقبهم	

Table 3: Annotation Stage

### 5.3 Chapter Summary

This chapter revealed the data collection methodology illustrating the steps involved to build a dataset for the researchers. Three stages comprising data accumulation, filtering and data annotation were depicted illustrating the method followed to get the dataset in place.

## Result and Evaluation

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### 6.1 Result

The resultant dataset underwent many phases including stage1, stage2 and stage3. During stage1 the bulk data in terms of reviews or tweets was collected from facebook, twitter, keek and youtube. Table 4 depicts the total number of reviews/Tweets collected.

During stage2 the bulk data underwent changes wherein the bulk data was processed and re-tweets/reviews, copy tweets/reviews, tweets/reviews which doesn't communicate any meaning were removed. Table 5 depicts the number of reviews or tweets after filtering stage.

During stage 3, the tweets /reviews were further segregated and placed in two different files as positive and negative. Table6 portrays the distribution in positive and negative collection.

S.No	Collection	Total
1	Facebook	988
2	Instagram	1233
3	Keek	134
4	Twitter	112
5	You Tube	645
		3112

Table 4: Bulk Data Collection

Collection	Total
Facebook	742
Instagram	64
Keek	40
Twitter	4
You Tube	1159
	2009

Table 5: After filtering

Collection	Positive	Negative	Total
Facebook	326	416	742
Instagram	43	21	64
Keek	20	20	40
Twitter	1	3	4
You Tube	614	545	1159
	1004	1005	2009

Table 6: Annotations

Figure 3 depicts the graphical representation of annotated tweets/ reviews. The final collection of reviews is high in terms of facebook and youtube when compared to keek, Instagram and Twitter. Youtube review collection is the highest wherein Twitter collection is the least. Overall 58% reviews thus collected are from Youtube with 37% from Facebook.

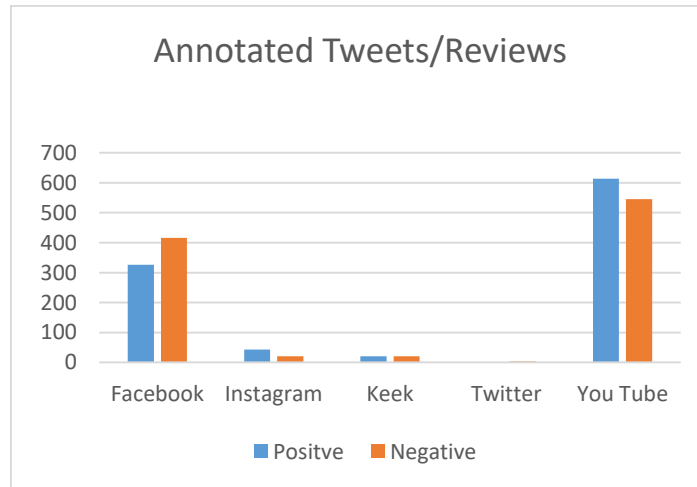


Figure 3: Depicts the graphical representation – annotated tweets/reviews

## 6.2 Evaluation

Evaluation of a system is very important. Known evaluation metrics includes- Precision, Recall and Accuracy to compare the results. We are using Precision, Recall and Accuracy following (Al-Kabi et al. 2013; Nawaf et al. 2014; Mohammad et al. 2013; Shoukry and Rafea 2012; Rushdi et al. 2013) who have used these metrics to evaluate their systems. So as to evaluate our dataset, we

have used (Siddiqui et al. 2016) system2 due to non-existence of any state of art system for Arabic Sentiment Analysis. Further to this evaluation through (Siddiqui et al. 2016), this dataset was authenticated by 3 native speakers.

The metrics is depicted below.

$$\text{Precision} = \text{TP} / (\text{TP} + \text{FP})$$

$$\text{Recall} = \text{TP} / (\text{TP} + \text{FN})$$

$$\text{Accuracy} = (\text{TP} + \text{TN}) / (\text{TP} + \text{TN} + \text{FP} + \text{FN})$$

TP – True Positive, All the tweets/ reviews which were identified correctly as positive

TN – True negative, All the tweets/ reviews which were identified correctly as negative

FP – False Positive, All the tweets/ reviews which were identified incorrectly as positive

FN – False Negative, All the tweets/ reviews which were identified incorrectly as negative

Table 7 depicts the result of testing our dataset on system2 of (Siddiqui et al. 2016). With an accuracy of 77.75%, our dataset projected good results. Comparison of our results with other available dataset is not viable due to the nature of dataset we have collected and the one collected by other researchers.

<b>Evaluation Metric</b>	<b>Test on System2 _ (Siddiqui et al. 2016)</b>
<b>Precision</b>	75.95527
<b>Recall</b>	79.80769
<b>Accuracy</b>	77.75012

Table 7: Evaluation results

Figure 4 depicts graphical layout of the results achieved with a clear showcase in recall performing better than precision, signifying the outer performance of negative dataset over positive.

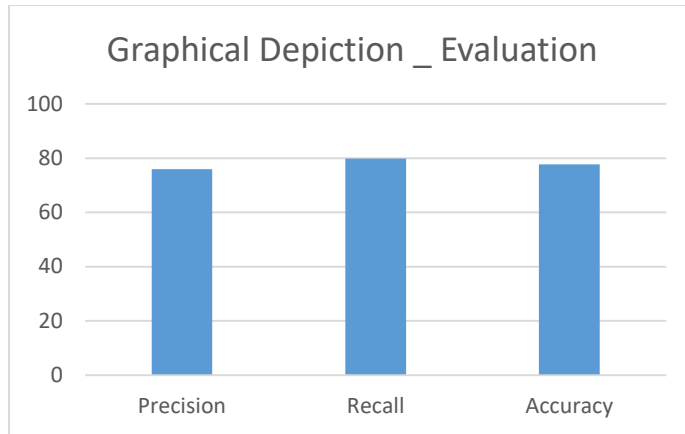


Figure 4: Graphical depiction - Evaluation

### 6.3 Research Questions Answered

#### **RQ1: Is it possible to build a dataset manually from scratch?**

Yes, it is possible to build a dataset manually from scratch. The evidence is the dataset and this thesis where the full procedure is shared.

RQ2: Does the three-dimension step procedure is the appropriate procedure followed to build the datasets?

Yes, the three - dimension step procedure involving data accumulation, filtering and annotation was very appropriate with the results obtained in chapter 6.2.

RQ3: Does the elimination of reviews or tweets which are re-tweets/reviews or are copied or are spam or convey no sentiment impact the over collection of data?

Yes, step2 that is the elimination of reviews or tweets which are re-tweets/reviews or are copied or are spam or convey no sentiment impacted the overall collection for Good. This was very well seen with the dataset trim down to 2009 from 3112 with the removal of repeated reviews/tweets and the ones which doesn't communicate any sentiment. 1109 reviews/tweets out to be false and wouldn't have helped researchers with correct results when tested on their systems. Hence this was the needed step.

RQ4: Does the dataset built gives good results when tested on (Siddiqui et al. 2016)?

The result obtained are good when tested (Siddiqui et al. 2016) but are not 100% due to the very fact that (Siddiqui et al. 2016) followed an end-end rule chaining mechanism with error analysis for their system projecting a barrier with the rules unable to satisfy sentiments with positive reviews which included a positive word within and same positive word as within the negative reviews.

RQ5: Does the further evaluation of the dataset with the help of 3 native speakers authenticate the dataset to be used for future references?

However further evaluation of the dataset with the help of 3 native speakers authenticated our dataset to be the best as the comments from the native speakers reveals that the dataset was error free.

#### 6.4 Chapter Summary

This chapter presented the results and the evaluation. This chapter as well answered all the research questions which we have satisfied with our three step Algorithm.

This paper enlightened the researchers with not only the field of Sentiment Analysis but also introduce a newly build dataset. The main intensifying constraint is the impact of online comments or compliments have on customers as well as organisation. Arabic being mostly used language and extensively used by online users, calls for a need to the researchers to enhance their work in Sentiment Analysis.

The commitment to research with the dataset introduced could be used by scientists to perform Sentiment Analysis. This dataset will add to the exploration period, which analysts can use to test their frameworks and would be useful to new Arabic Researchers who should fall behind and neglect to endeavour on new programming's because of restricted assets accessible and the greater part of which are not shared on the web. We mean to make this asset accessible to research group with open access, consequently upgrading the use of this dataset for testing on recently created Sentiment Analysis System or ad lobbing existing frameworks.

Hence our framework out to be secured with 3 native speakers giving a green signal to our dataset as well 77.75% accuracy measured when tested on (Siddiqui et al. 2016) system<sup>3</sup>. The three key stages involving data accumulation wherein the data was collected in bulk, processed during filtering stage wherein the Tweet/Reviews, we diminished the ones which ought to convey no sentiment, re-tweets, copy tweets or spam tweets. Lastly, the annotation was done to further segregate the filtered data into positive or negative.

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