

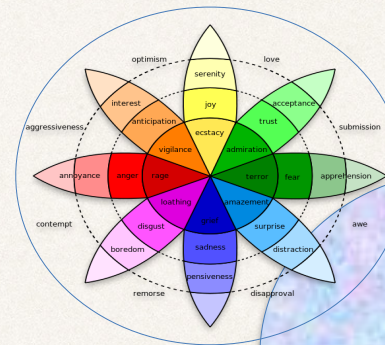
# Lexicons for Sentiment, Affect, and Connotation

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Sentiment-related features



Finer grained affective features



# Connotation in the lexicon

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- Words have connotation as well as sense
- Can we build lexical resources that represent these connotations?
- And use them in computational tasks on sentiment analysis et al.?
- Affective connotation



# Scherer Typology of Affective States

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**Emotion:** brief organically synchronized ... evaluation of a major event

❖ *angry, sad, joyful, fearful, ashamed, proud, elated*

**Mood:** diffuse non-caused low-intensity long-duration change in subjective feeling

❖ *cheerful, gloomy, irritable, listless, depressed, buoyant*

**Interpersonal stances:** affective stance toward another person in a specific interaction

❖ *friendly, flirtatious, distant, cold, warm, supportive, contemptuous*

**Attitudes:** enduring, affectively colored beliefs, dispositions towards objects or persons

❖ *liking, loving, hating, valuing, desiring*

**Personality traits:** stable personality dispositions and typical behavior tendencies

❖ *nervous, anxious, reckless, morose, hostile, jealous*

**Morality values:** ...



# NLP: Layers

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- ❖ Natural Language Processing (NLP) & Computational Linguistics (CL)
  - ❖ Morphology → how words are
  - ❖ Phonetics → how words sound
  - ❖ Syntax → how words relate
  - ❖ Semantics → what words means
  - ❖ Pragmatics → what is the intention of the speaker (context)



# Suggested readings (overview)

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- ❖ [Lexicons for Sentiment, Affect, and Connotation](#)  
[Speech and Language Processing](#). Chapter 22 in Daniel Jurafsky & James H. Martin. Draft of February, 2024.
  - ❖ <https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/22.pdf>
- ❖ M. Nissim, V. Patti. 2017. [Semantic Aspects in Sentiment Analysis](#). Chapter 3 in Sentiment Analysis in Social Networks. 31-48.

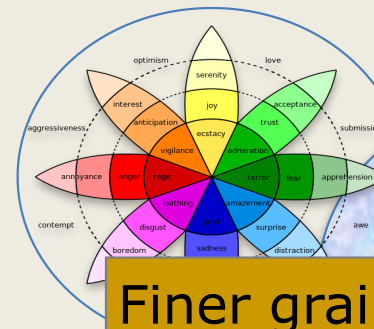


# Computational models and lexical resources for affect

- ❖ Different facets of the affective content
- ❖ Wide availability of lexical resources for English covering the various perspectives.
- ❖ Both sentiment and emotion lexicons, and psycholinguistic resources available for English, refer to various affective models and capture different facets of affect, including:
  - ❖ Sentiment polarity: aspects related to the polarity of words
  - ❖ Finer-grained aspects: which can be captured according to different categorical or dimensional models of emotions.



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# Semantic resources for SA

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- ❖ Classical resources on [sentiment polarity](#)
- ❖ [Beyond the polarity valence](#): emotion lexica, ontologies, and psycholinguistic resources
  - ❖ [Emotion lexica](#):
    - ❖ [Emotional categories](#): finer-grained affective lexica based on emotional categories
      - ❖ e.g., [Emolex \(NRC Emotion lexicon\)](#)
    - ❖ [Dimensional models](#): based on VAD (valence, arousal, dominance model).
      - ❖ e.g., [\(NRC VAD lexicon\)](#)
    - ❖ [Intensity! Best-worst Scaling](#)
  - ❖ [Psycholinguistic resources](#) and other accounts of affect:
    - ❖ e.g., LIWC, DAL
  - ❖ [Concept-based resources and ontologies](#): toward a knowledge-based approach to sentiment analysis
    - ❖ EmoSenticNet: lexicon + ontologies
- ❖ [Social media corpora annotated](#) for sentiment and emotion categories
  - ❖ Semeval corpora



# Affective lexical resources

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- ❖ Classic **sentiment lexicons**
  - ❖ **SentiWordNet** (Esuli and Sebastiani)
    - ❖ <https://github.com/aesuli/SentiWordNet>
  - ❖ **WordNet Affect** (Strapparava and Valitutti)
    - ❖ <http://wndomains.fbk.eu/wnaffect.html>
  - ❖ **General Inquirer** (Stone et al.)
    - ❖ <https://inquirer.sites.fas.harvard.edu/>
  - ❖ **AFINN** (Bradley and Lang)
    - ❖ [https://github.com/abromberg/sentiment\\_analysis/tree/master/AFINN](https://github.com/abromberg/sentiment_analysis/tree/master/AFINN) .
- ❖ Different aspects:
  - ❖ Providing a **scale** or an **intensity** of positivity/negativity;
  - ❖ Associate sentiment with **words** rather than with their **senses**
  - ❖ Some of them are based on **WordNet**:
    - ❖ sentiment annotation at the sense/**synset level**



# WordNet

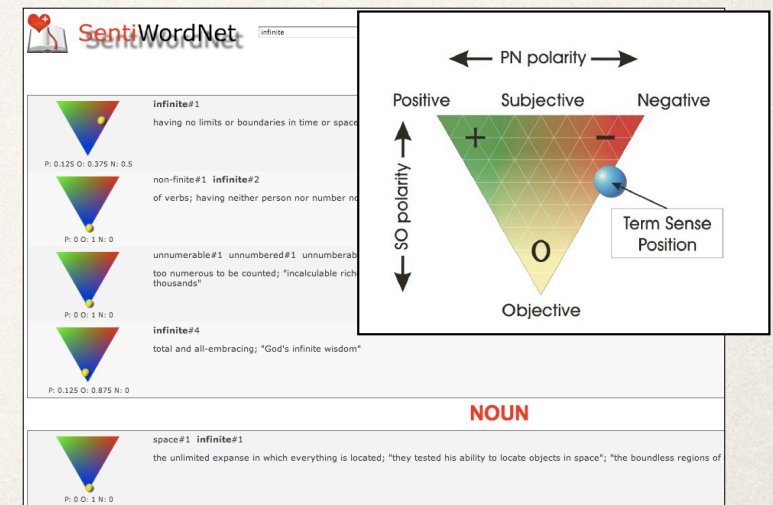
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- ❖ <https://wordnet.princeton.edu/>
- ❖ WordNet is an on-line lexical reference system whose design is inspired by psycholinguistic theories of human lexical memory
- ❖ English nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs are organized into synsets:
  - ❖ **synsets**: synonym sets, each representing one underlying lexical concept



# Sentiment lexicons: SentiWordNet

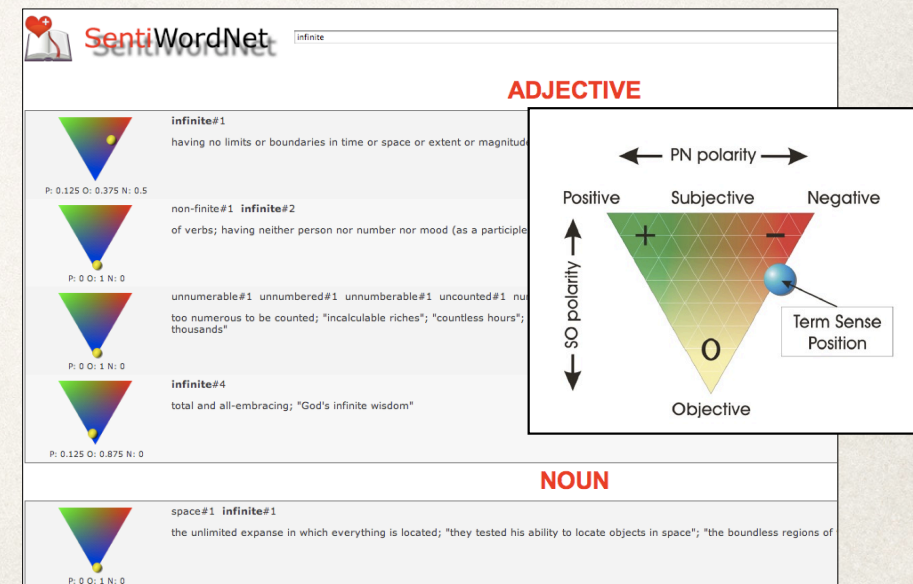
- ❖ **SentiWordNet**: synset of WordNet 3.0 are annotated according to their degree of **neutrality**, **positiveness** and **negativity**.
- ❖ <https://github.com/aesuli/SentiWordNet>
- ❖ Each synset  $s$  is associated the scores  $Pos(s)$ ,  $Neg(s)$  and  $Obj(s)$  indicating how neutral (Obj) or affective (Pos and Neg) the terms contained in the synset are.
- ❖ Each score ranges in  $[0.0, 1.0]$  and their sum is 1.0 for each synset.
- ❖ For a given sense, the values PosScore and NegScore are the positivity and negativity score assigned by SentiWordNet to the synset.
- ❖ The **objectivity score** can be calculated as:  $1 - (Pos(s) + Neg(s))$ .





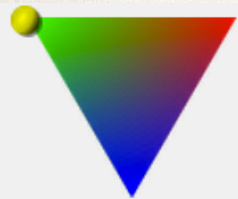
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- ❖ Word senses belong to a **syntactic category** (Name, Verb, Adjective, and **a word can be ambiguous w.r.t different categories**).
- ❖ Different senses of the same term may have **different opinion-related properties**.
- ❖ Intuition: 1 -> the term (sense) is objective;  
0 -> the term conveys some strong sentiment (positive or negative) meaning





# SentiWordNet: example



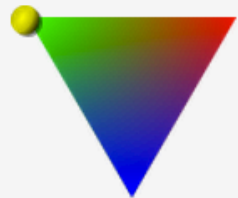
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**estimable#1**

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deserving of respect or high regard

Feedback on SentiWordNet values:



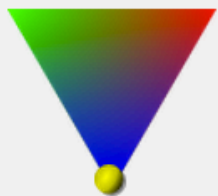
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respectable#2 honorable#4 good#4 **estimable#2**

01983162

deserving of esteem and respect; "all respectable companies give guarantees"; "ruined the family's good name"

Feedback on SentiWordNet values:



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**estimable#3** computable#1

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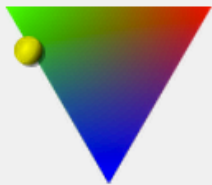
may be computed or estimated; "a calculable risk"; "computable odds"; "estimable assets"

Feedback on SentiWordNet values:



# SentiWordNet: example

## ADJECTIVE



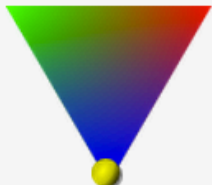
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**good#1**

01123148

having desirable or positive qualities especially those suitable for a thing specified; "good news from the hospital"; "a good report card"; "when she was good she was very very good"; "a good knife is one good for cutting"; "this stump will make a good picnic table"; "a good check"; "a good joke"; "a good exterior paint"; "a good secretary"; "a good dress for the office"

Feedback on SentiWordNet values: ☒ They are OK. ☐ Suggest your values.



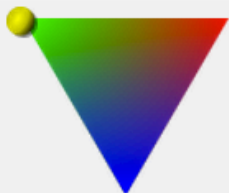
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**good#2 full#6**

00106020

having the normally expected amount; "gives full measure"; "gives good measure"; "a good mile from here"

Feedback on SentiWordNet values: ☒ They are OK. ☐ Suggest your values.



P: 1 O: 0 N: 0

**good#3**

01129977

morally admirable

Feedback on SentiWordNet values: ☒ They are OK. ☐ Suggest your values.



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1 # SentiWordNet v3.0.0 (1 June 2010)
2 # Copyright 2010 ISTI-CNR.
3 # All right reserved.
4 #
5 # For any information about SentiWordNet:
6 # Web: http://sentiwordnet.isti.cnr.it
7 # -----
8 #
9 # Data format.
10 #
11 # SentiWordNet v3.0 is based on WordNet version 3.0.
12 # WordNet website: http://wordnet.princeton.edu/
13 #
14 # The pair (POS,ID) uniquely identifies a WordNet (3.0) synset.
15 # The values PosScore and NegScore are the positivity and negativity
16 # score assigned by SentiWordNet to the synset.
17 # The objectivity score can be calculated as:
18 # ObjScore = 1 - (PosScore + NegScore)
19 # SynsetTerms column reports the terms, with sense number, belonging
20 # to the synset (separated by spaces).
21 #
22 # -----
23 #
24 # POS ID PosScore NegScore SynsetTerms Gloss
25 a 00001740 0.125 0 able#1 (usually followed by `to') having the necessary means or skill or know-how or authority to do something;
    "able to swim"; "she was able to program her computer"; "we were at last able to buy a car"; "able to get a grant for the project"

retina
584 a 00105746 0 0 ample#1 more than enough in size or scope or capacity; "had ample food for the party"; "an ample supply"
585 a 00106020 0 0 good#2 full#6 having the normally expected amount; "gives full measure"; "gives good measure"; "a good mile from
    here"
586 a 00106182 0.25 0 generous#3 more than adequate; "a generous portion"
587 a 00106277 0 0 wide-cut#1 wide#6 full#8 having ample fabric; "the current taste for wide trousers"; "a full skirt"
588 a 00106456 0 0.625 stingy#2 scrumpy#1 meagre#1 meagerly#1 meager#1 deficient in amount or quality or extent; "meager resources";
    "meager fare"
589 a 00106821 0 0.5 spare#5 scanty#1 bare#2 lacking in amplitude or quantity; "a bare livelihood"; "a scanty harvest"; "a spare diet"
590 a 00107017 0.125 0.625 exiguous#1 extremely scanty; "an exiguous budget"
591 a 00107128 0 0.5 hand-to-mouth#1 providing only bare essentials; "a hand-to-mouth existence"
592 a 00107250 0 0.375 hardscrabble#1 barely satisfying a lower standard; "the sharecropper's hardscrabble life"
593 a 00107384 0 0 paltry#2 miserable#6 measly#1 contemptibly small in amount; "a measly tip"; "the company donated a miserable $100
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# Sentix/TWITA

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❖ <http://valeribasile.github.io/twita/sentix.html>



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## Sentiment Analysis

As part of the TWITA project investigation, we developed a lexicon for [Sentiment Analysis](#) called **Sentix** (Sentiment Italian Lexicon). The lexicon is the result of the alignment of several resources:

- [WordNet](#) - a large lexical database of English
- [MultiWordNet](#) - a multilingual lexical database
- [BabelNet](#) - A very large multilingual ontology
- [SentiWordNet](#) - a lexical resource for opinion mining

Sentix is available for download from the [downloads](#) page.

An entry in our lexicon consists in an Italian lemma, part-of-speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb), WordNet synset ID, a positive and a negative score from SentiWordNet, a polarity score ranging from -1 to 1, and an intensity score ranging from 0 to 1. Here is an example entry:

lemma	POS	Wordnet	positive	negative	polarity	intensity
		synset ID	score	score		
naturale	A	00074346	0,75	0,125	0,789	0,76



# WN-Affect

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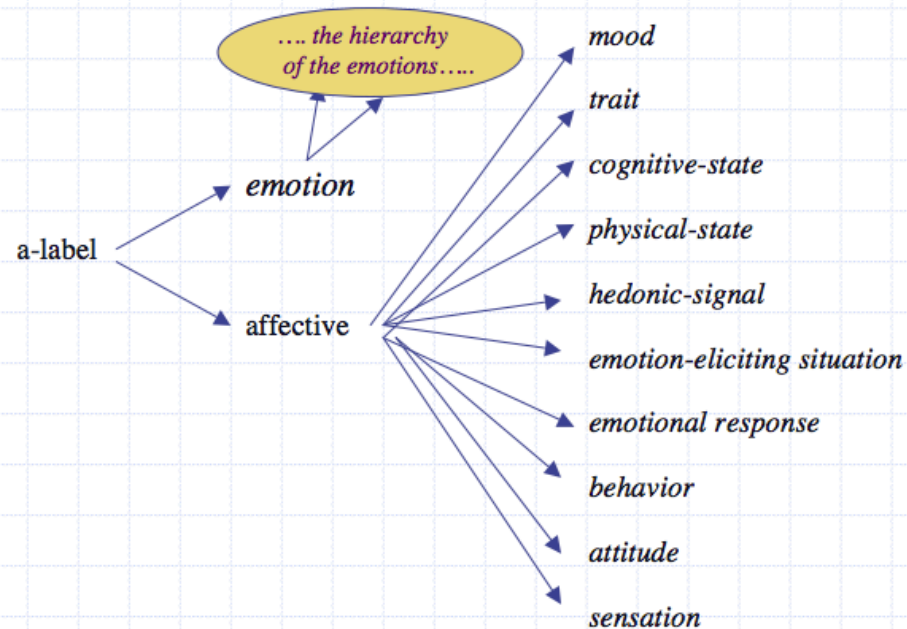
- ❖ <http://wndomains.fbk.eu/wnaffect.html>
- ❖ Affective lexical resource, built for affective computing, computational humor, text analysis, etc.
- ❖ It is a lexical repository of the **direct affective words: different perspective!**
- ❖ What about words conveying an indirect affective meaning:
  - ❖ **All words can potentially convey affective meaning**
  - ❖ Even those not directly related to emotions can evoke pleasant or painful experiences
  - ❖ Some of them are related to the individual story, but for many others the affective power is part of the collective imagination (e.g. mum, ghost, war, ...)
- ❖ The resource, named WordNet-Affect, started from WordNet, through **selection and labeling of synsets representing affective concepts.**



# WN-Affect

## Affective domain labels

- Ortony distinguishes between *emotional* and *affective-not-emotional* words
- Among affective-not-emotional words many categories from the literature (e.g. Johnson-Laird and Oatley, 1988 Ortony et al., 1988)





# MultiWN + WN-Affect Domain

The image displays three overlapping web browser windows. The top-left window shows the MultiWordNet homepage with a logo and a search bar. The top-right window shows the WordNet Domains page with the title 'WordNet Domains' and a search bar. The bottom window shows the MultiWordNet On-line interface with a search bar and a results table for the word 'panico'.

**MultiWordNet**

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**Noun**

Overview

The word "panico" has 3 senses: Italian WordNet created by [HLT group - FBK-irst \(Italy\)](#)

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1. panico	(Psychology) [sudden mass fear and anxiety over anticipated events; "panic in the stock market"; "a war scare"]
2. panico, terrore	(Psychological_Features) [an overwhelming feeling of fear and anxiety]
3. Setaria_italica, pabbio_coltivato, panico	(Biology, Plants) [coarse drought-resistant annual grass grown for grain, hay and forage in Europe and Asia and chiefly for forage and hay in United States]

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Visitors since 09-04-2008

**Sense:** panico/3  
**Pos:** Noun  
**Domain:** Biology, Plants  
**Affective:**

**Synset:** foxtail\_millet, Italian\_millet, Hungarian\_grass, Setaria\_italica  
**Phrasal:**  
**Gloss:** coarse drought-resistant annual grass grown for grain, hay and forage in Europe and Asia and chiefly for forage and hay in United States

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**Gloss:**



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MultiWordNet On-line

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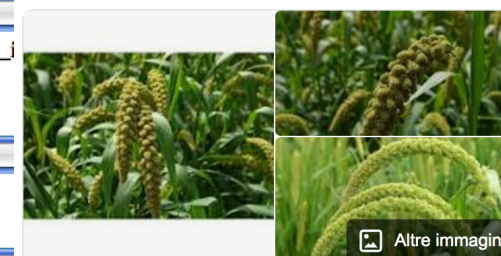
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Altre immagini

## Panico

Cereali

La Setaria italica è un cereale appartenente alla famiglia delle Poaceae, a grano nudo, comunemente chiamato panico per le sue pannocchie, molto simile al miglio. [Wikipedia](#)

**Nome scientifico:** Setaria italica

**Classificazione superiore:** [Setaria](#)

**Categoria tassonomica:** Specie

**Famiglia:** Poaceae



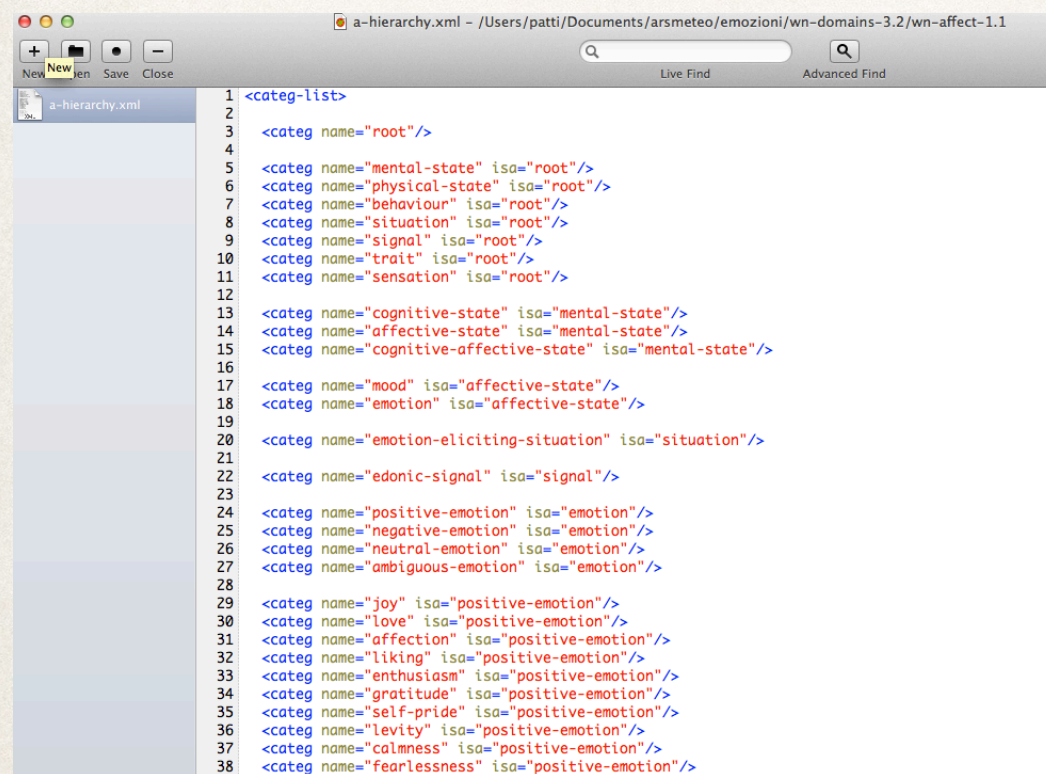
# Valence tagging in WN-Affect

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- ❖ Distinguishing synsets according to **emotional valence**
  - ❖ **Positive emotions** (e.g. joy#1, enthusiasm#1),
  - ❖ **Negative emotions** (e.g. fear#1, horror#1),
  - ❖ **Ambiguous**, when the valence depends on the context (e.g. surprise#1)
  - ❖ **Neutral**, when the synset is considered affective but not characterized by valence (e.g. indifference#1)



# WN-Affect Hierarchy

A screenshot of a text editor window titled 'a-hierarchy.xml - /Users/patti/Documents/arsmeteo/emozioni/wn-domains-3.2/wn-affect-1.1'. The editor shows an XML file with a list of categories. The categories are organized hierarchically using 'isa' attributes. The root category is 'root', which includes 'mental-state', 'physical-state', 'behaviour', 'situation', 'signal', 'trait', and 'sensation'. 'mental-state' includes 'cognitive-state', 'affective-state', and 'cognitive-affective-state'. 'affective-state' includes 'mood' and 'emotion'. 'situation' includes 'emotion-eliciting-situation'. 'signal' includes 'edonic-signal'. 'emotion' includes 'positive-emotion', 'negative-emotion', 'neutral-emotion', and 'ambiguous-emotion'. 'positive-emotion' includes 'joy', 'love', 'affection', 'liking', 'enthusiasm', 'gratitude', 'self-pride', 'levity', 'calmness', and 'fearlessness'.

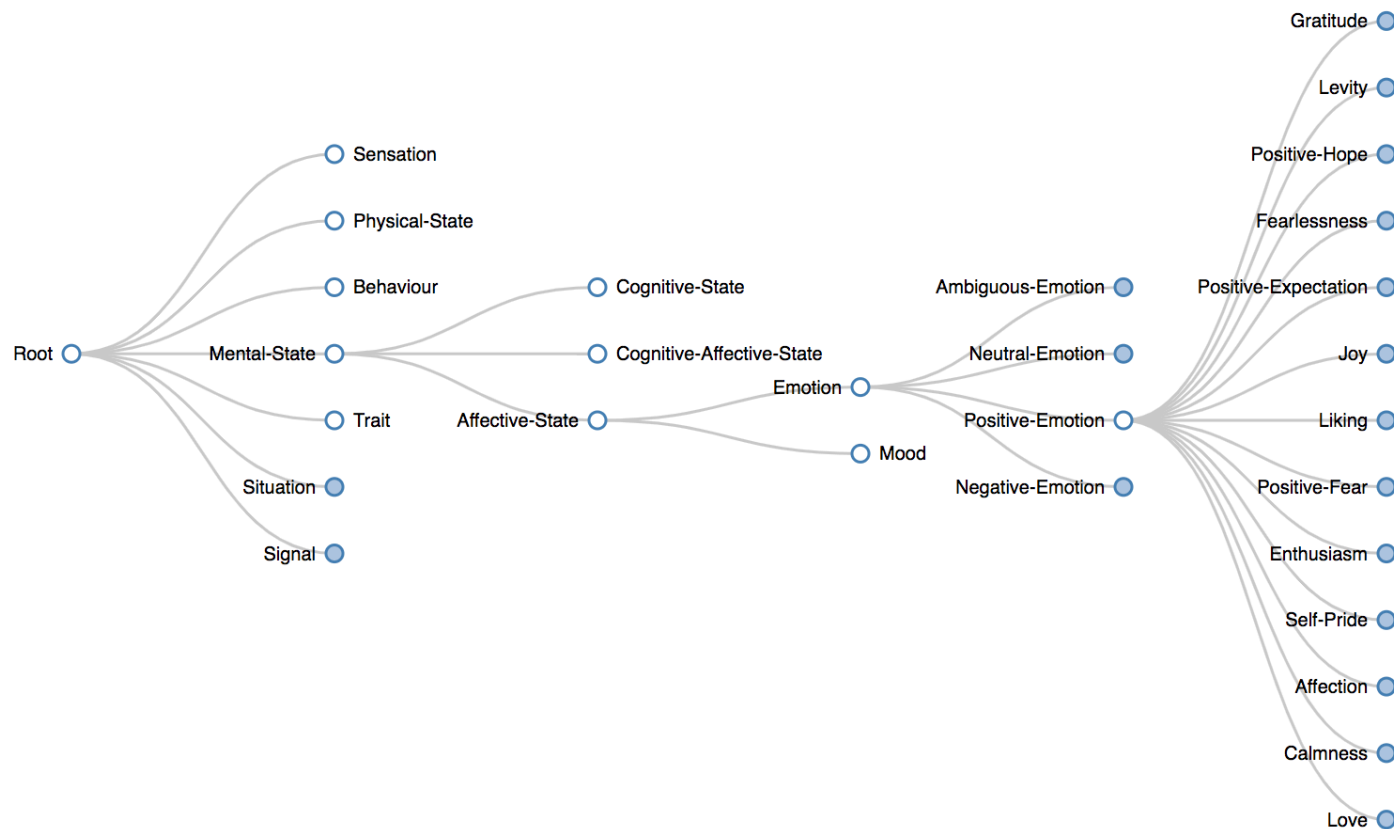
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<http://www.gsi.upm.es:9080/ontologies/wnaffect/>



# WN-Affect Hierarchy

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(EUROSENTIMENT EU project)





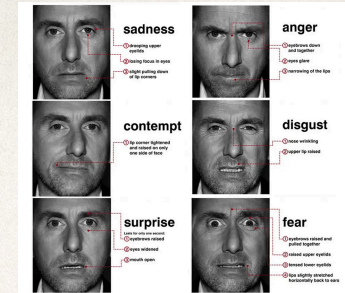
# WN-Affect Synset list:

## nouns, adjectives, verbs, adv

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# WN-Affect – Ekman Big 6



- ❖ SemEval-2007 Task 14: Affective Text
- ❖ <https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/S07-1013/>
- ❖ Starting from WordNet-Affect, for Task 14 at Semeval 2007, a new version of the resource has been provided.
- ❖ This resource only includes a portion of WordNet-Affect, as it was re-annotated at a finer-grained level using the six emotional category labels from Ekman:

joy, fear, anger, sadness, disgust, surprise



# EmoSenticNet

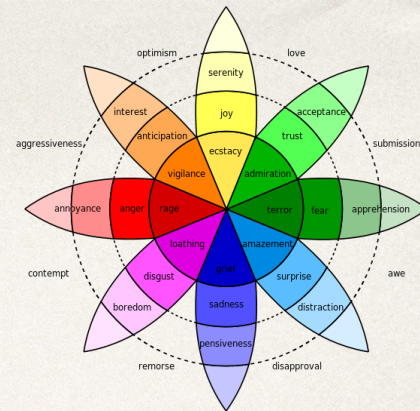
❖ SenticNet + WN-Affect (Ekman Big 6)

❖ <http://www.gelbukh.com/emosenticnet/>

A10											
happiness											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	Concepts	Anger	Disgust	Joy	Sad	Surprise	Fear				
2	weltschmerz	0	0	0	1	0	0				
3	detachment	0	0	0	0	1	0				
4	unrest	0	0	0	0	1	0				
5	unfriendliness	1	0	0	0	0	0				
6	unconcern	0	1	0	0	0	0				
7	offence	1	0	0	0	0	0				
8	tumult	1	0	0	0	0	0				
9	turmoil	1	0	0	0	0	0				
10	happiness	0	0	1	0	0	0				
11	tranquility	0	0	1	0	0	0				



# Affective lexical resources



## ❖ Emo-lex: NRC Canada

- ❖ <http://saifmohammad.com/WebPages/lexicons.html>
- ❖ NRC EMOTION LEXICON
- ❖ The NRC emotion lexicon is a **list of words and their associations with eight emotions from the Plutchik's model** (anger, fear, anticipation, trust, surprise, sadness, joy, and disgust) and two sentiments (negative and positive).
- ❖ The annotations were manually done through Amazon's Mechanical Turk. Refer to publications listed in the README for more details.



# Semantic resources for SA

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- ❖ Emotion lexica:

- ❖ Emotional categories: finer-grained affective lexica based on emotional categories

- ❖ e.g., Emolex (NRC Emotion lexicon)

- ❖ Dimensional models: based on VAD (valence, arousal, dominance Russell's model).

- ❖ *Valence* o Valenza edonica (da dispiacere a piacere), *Arousal* o Grado di attivazione (da disattivo ad attivo), *dominance* (da *submissiveness* a *dominance*)

- ❖ e.g., (NRC VAD lexicon)

- ❖ Intensity!

- ❖ Rating vs ranking

- ❖ G. N. Yannakakis, R. Cowie and C. Busso, "The Ordinal Nature of Emotions: An Emerging Approach," in IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing, doi: 10.1109/TAFFC.2018.2879512

- <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8521685>

- ❖ Best-worst scaling annotations



# NRC Emotion Intensity Lexicon

❖ <http://saifmohammad.com/WebPages/AffectIntensity.htm>

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## The NRC Emotion Intensity Lexicon (NRC-EIL)

The NRC Emotion Intensity Lexicon (version 1) is a list of English words with **real-valued scores of intensity for eight basic emotions** (anger, anticipation, disgust, fear, joy, sadness, surprise, and trust). (Note that an earlier version of the lexicon (v0.5) included intensity scores for four basic emotions: anger, fear, sadness, joy. The earlier version was called NRC Affect Intensity Lexicon (NRC-AIL). However, we now refer to it as the NRC Emotion Intensity Lexicon as that better conveys its relationship with the NRC Emotion Lexicon -- it provides intensity scores for many of the words in the NRC Emotion Lexicon.)

**Download the NRC Emotion Intensity Lexicon** (This includes translations in over 100 languages. See terms of use at the bottom of the page.)  
Version 1 released: March 2020

You may also be interested in these companion lexicons: [NRC Emotion Lexicon](#) and [NRC Valence, Arousal, and Dominance Lexicon](#). (The full list of word-emotion, word-sentiment, and word-colour lexicons is available [here](#).)

## Details

Words can be associated with different intensities (or degrees) of an emotion. For example, most people will agree that the word condemn is associated with a greater degree of anger (or more anger) than the word irritate. However, annotating instances for fine-grained degrees of affect is a substantially more difficult undertaking than categorical annotation: respondents are presented with greater cognitive load and it is particularly hard to ensure consistency (both across responses by different annotators and within the responses produced by the same annotator). We created an affect intensity lexicon with real-valued scores of association using **best--worst scaling**. We refer to this lexicon as the **NRC Emotion/Affect Intensity Lexicon**. You can access a copy for non-commercial use by clicking on the download button above. (See terms of use at the bottom of this page.)

For a given word  $w$  and emotion  $e$ , the scores range from 0 to 1.

- A score of 1 means that the  $w$  conveys the highest amount of emotion  $e$ .
- A score of 0 means that the  $w$  conveys the lowest amount of emotion  $e$ .

Details of the lexicon are in [this paper](#):

[Word Affect Intensities](#). Saif M. Mohammad. In *Proceedings of the 11th Edition of the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC-2018)*, May 2018, Miyazaki, Japan.  
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# NRC lexicon in other languages

**NRC Word-Emotion Association Lexicon (aka EmoLex)**

The NRC Emotion Lexicon is a list of English words and their associations with eight basic emotions (anger, fear, anticipation, trust, surprise, sadness, joy, and disgust) and two sentiments (negative and positive). The annotations were manually done by crowdsourcing.

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Association Lexicon	Version	# of Terms	Categories	Association Scores	Method of Creation	Papers
<i>Word-Emotion and Word-Sentiment Association Lexicon</i>						
NRC Word-Emotion Association Lexicon (also called EmoLex)  README	0.92  (2010)	14,182 unigrams (words)	<b>sentiments:</b> negative, positive <b>emotions:</b> anger, anticipation, disgust, fear, joy, sadness, surprise, trust	0 (not associated) or 1 (associated)	<b>Manual:</b> By crowdsourcing on Mechanical Turk.  <b>Domain:</b> General	<b>Crowdsourcing a Word-Emotion Association Lexicon</b> , Saif Mohammad and Peter Turney, <i>Computational Intelligence</i> , 29 (3), 436-465, 2013. <a href="#">Paper (pdf)</a> <a href="#">BibTeX</a>
		~25,000 senses*		not associated, weakly, moderately, or strongly associated		<b>Emotions Evoked by Common Words and Phrases: Using Mechanical Turk to Create an Emotion Lexicon</b> , Saif Mohammad and <a href="#">Peter Turney</a> , In <i>Proceedings of the NAACL-HLT 2010 Workshop on Computational Approaches to Analysis and Generation of Emotion in Text</i> , June 2010, L.A, California. <a href="#">Abstract</a> <a href="#">Paper (pdf)</a> <a href="#">Presentation</a>

\* The sense-level annotations provided by individual annotators for the eight emotions can be downloaded by clicking here. Access various other word-emotion, word-sentiment, and word-colour lexicons here.)

## NRC Emotion Lexicon in Other Languages

The NRC Emotion Lexicon has affect annotations for **English** words. Despite some cultural differences, it has been shown that a majority of affective norms are stable across languages. Thus we provide versions of the lexicon in over twenty languages by translating the English terms using Google Translate (July 2015). Go here to obtain it. We currently have translations into these languages: Arabic, Basque, Bengali, Catalan, Chinese, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, Esperanto, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Irish, Japanese, Latin, Marathi, Persian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Sardinian, Somali, Spanish, Sudanese, Swahili, Swedish, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Welsh, and Zulu. Email me if interested in a language not listed here.

See [README](#) of the NRC Emotion Lexicon for more details about the lexicon and the terms of use.

Note that some translations by Google Translate may be incorrect or they may simply be transliterations of the original English terms. If you have a list of corrections for any language, we will be happy to hear from you.

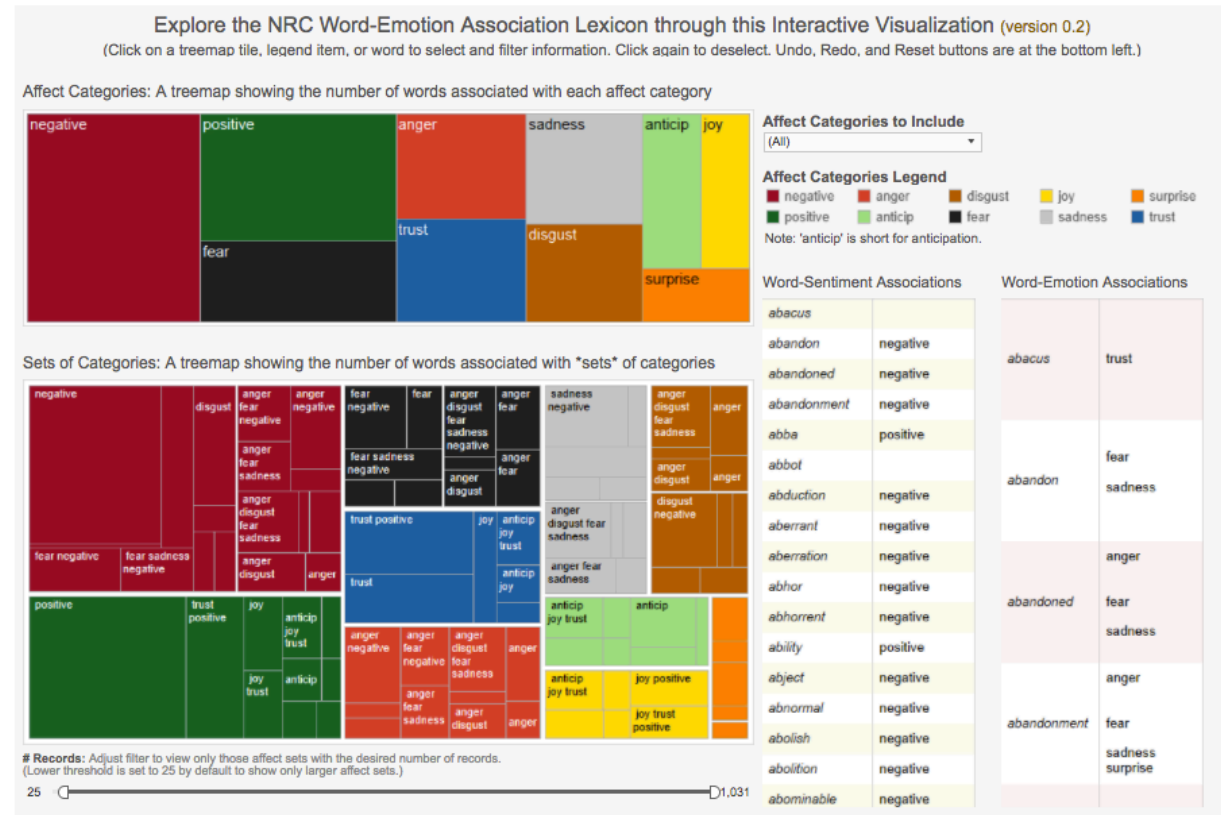




# Interactive visualizer

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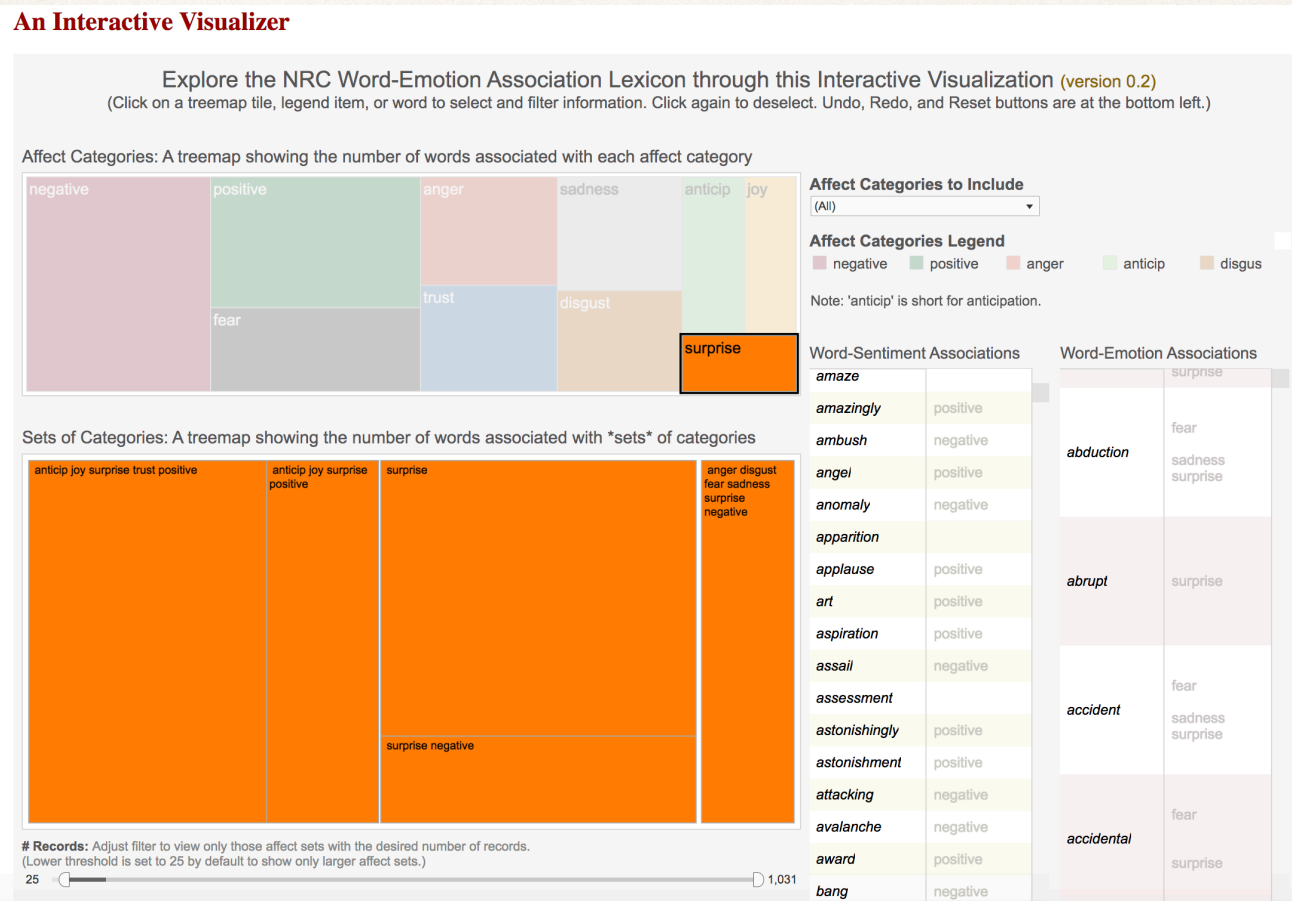
## An Interactive Visualizer





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# Affective lexical resources

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- ❖ **AFINN**: This dictionary is a list of 2,477 English manually labeled words collected by (Nielsen, 2011). Polarity varies from – 5 up to +5.
  - ❖ Intensity of the polarity
- ❖ **LIWC**: Linguistic Inquiry and Word Counts Dictionary: The 2007 version of LIWC comprises almost 4,500 words and word stems distributed in categories for analyzing **psycho-linguistic features in texts**.
- ❖ Categories for positive and negative emotions:
  - ❖ <http://www.liwc.net>  
(Pennebaker et al., 2001).



# Affective lexical resources

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- ❖ **DAL**: Dictionary of Affective Language developed by Whissell (Whissell, 2009)
  - ❖ includes 8,742 English words rated in a three-point scale along three dimensions:
  - ❖ **Activation** (degree of response that humans have under an emotional state);
  - ❖ **Imagery** (how difficult is to form a mental picture of a given word);
  - ❖ **Pleasantness** (degree of pleasure produced by words).



# NRC Valence, Arousal, Dominance (VAD) lexicon

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[https://saifmohammad.com/  
WebPages/nrc-vad.html](https://saifmohammad.com/WebPages/nrc-vad.html)

20,000 words, 3 emotional dimensions:

- ❖ **valence** (the pleasantness of the stimulus)
- ❖ **arousal** (the intensity of emotion provoked by the stimulus)
- ❖ **dominance** (the degree of control exerted by the stimulus)



# Best-worst scaling: valence

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Q1. Which of the four words below is associated with the MOST happiness / pleasure / positiveness / satisfaction / contentedness / hopefulness OR LEAST unhappiness / annoyance / negativeness / dissatisfaction / melancholy / despair?

vacation, consolation, whistle, torture

Q2. Which of the four words below is associated with the LEAST happiness / pleasure / positiveness / satisfaction / contentedness / hopefulness OR MOST unhappiness / annoyance / negativeness / dissatisfaction / melancholy / despair?



# Best-worst scaling: tools

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- ❖ <https://saifmohammad.com/WebPages/BestWorst.html>
- ❖ [Litescale: A Lightweight Tool for Best-worst Scaling Annotation](#) by Valerio Basile and Christian Cagnazzo
  - ❖ <https://github.com/valeriobasile/litescale>
  - ❖ <http://gingerbeard.alwaysdata.net/litescale-web/home>



# Hate Words Lexicons



## Hate Words Lexicon: 17 HurtLex Categories



1. Ethnic Slurs
2. Location and Demonyms
3. Profession and Occupation
4. Physical Disabilities and Diversity
5. Cognitive Disabilities and Diversity ✓
6. Moral Behavior and Defect
7. Words Related to Social and Economic Disadvantage
8. Words Related to Plants
9. Words Related to Animals
10. Words Related to Male Genitalia ✓
11. Words Related to Female Genitalia
12. Words Related Prostitution ✓
13. Words Related Homosexuality
14. Descriptive Words with Potential Negative Connotations
15. Derogatory Words
16. Felonies and Words Related to Crime and Immoral Behavior
17. Words Related to the Seven Deadly Sins of the Christian Tradition

- ❖ De Mauro e il lavoro della Commissione Jo Cox:

<http://www.camera.it/leg17/1264>

- ❖ Hurtlex: <https://github.com/valeriobasile/hurtlex>

- ❖ Parole per ferire: <https://www.internazionale.it/opinione/tullio-de-mauro/2016/09/27/razzismo-parole-ferire>

*Elisa Bassignana, Valerio Basile, Viviana Patti: Hurtlex: A Multilingual Lexicon of Words to Hurt. Proc. of CLiC-it 2018.*

## Lexical Clues

- Presence of Swear Words:  
→ [www.noswearing.com](http://www.noswearing.com)
- Presence of Sexist Slurs,
- Presence of “Woman” Words,  
→ wife, girl, her, mom, mother...
- Presence of Words from HurtLex  
→ Tullio De Mauro’s “Parole per Ferire”



#makemeasandwich  
#YesAllMen

## Structural Clues

- Presence of Hashtags,
- Presence of Emojis,
- Presence of links.





# Lexicons for detecting document affect:

## Simplest unsupervised method

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- ❖ Lexicons can be used in a **rule-based algorithm** for classification.
- ❖ The simplest version is just to use the **ratio of positive to negative words**:

### Sentiment:

- ❖ If a document has more positive than negative words (using the lexicon to decide the polarity of each word in the document), it is classified as **positive**.
- ❖ Often a **threshold**  $\lambda$  is used, in which a document is classified as positive only if the ratio is greater than  $\lambda$ .
- ❖ If the sentiment lexicon includes positive and negative **weights** for each word, these can be used as well.

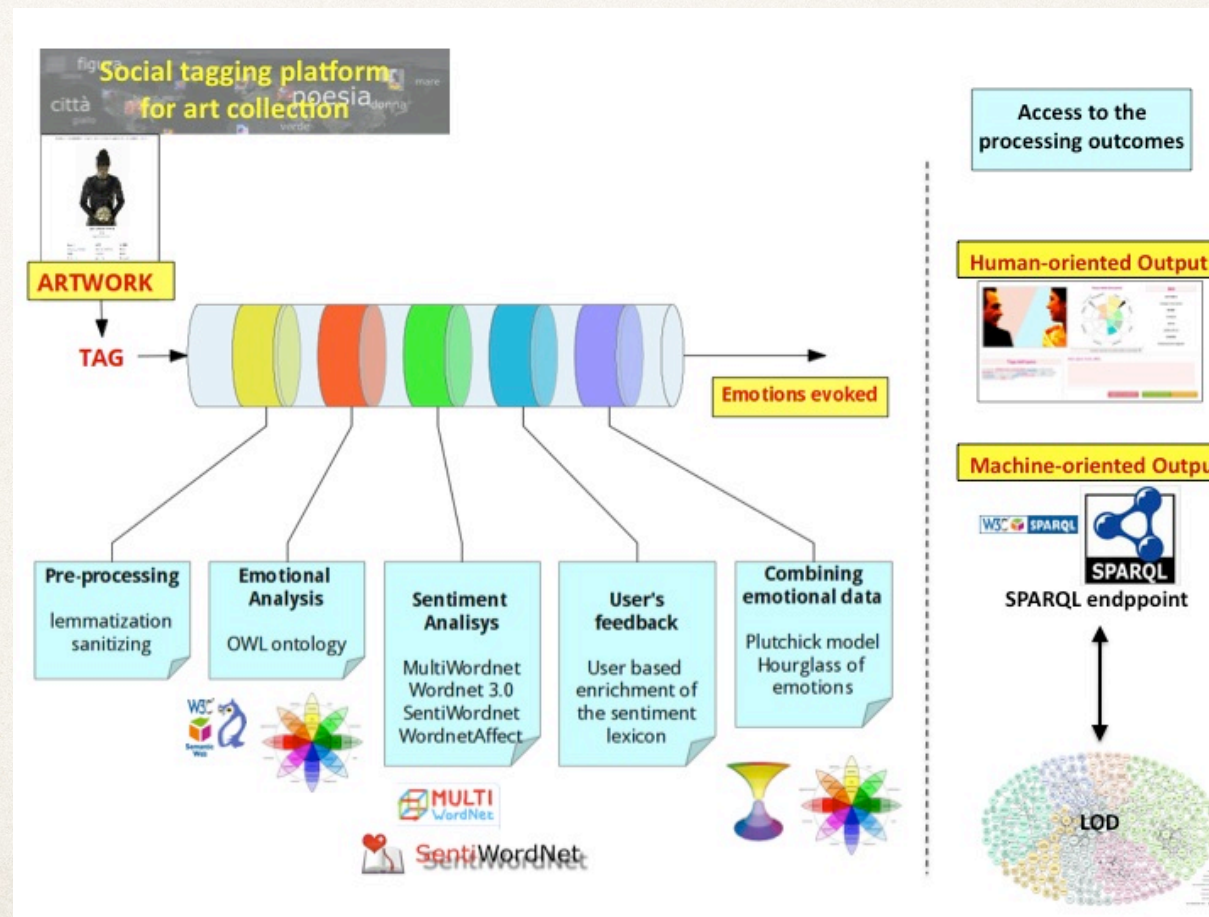
### Emotion:

- ❖ Do the same for each emotion lexicon



# Exploiting WN-Affect

## ❖ ArsEmotica

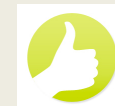
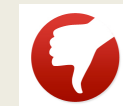




# Sentiment analysis et al.: how it works

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- ❖ **Feature sets:** capture the basic information about each input that should be used to classify / discriminate, e.g between positive and negative sentiment or between ironic and not ironic...
  - ❖ Bag-of-words (limits)
  - ❖ Punctuation, elongated words, url, expressive signals (emoji, emoticons)
  - ❖ Lexical resources for affect. These resources dictionaries can be used to derive features to be used in machine learning algorithms applied to SA.





# Exploiting affective resources

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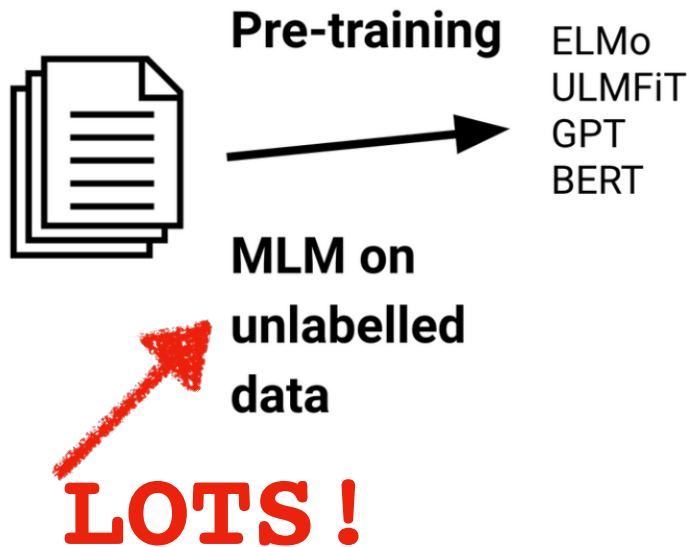
## ❖ Irony detection / Rumor detection





# Base Models + Further Training + Fine-Tuning

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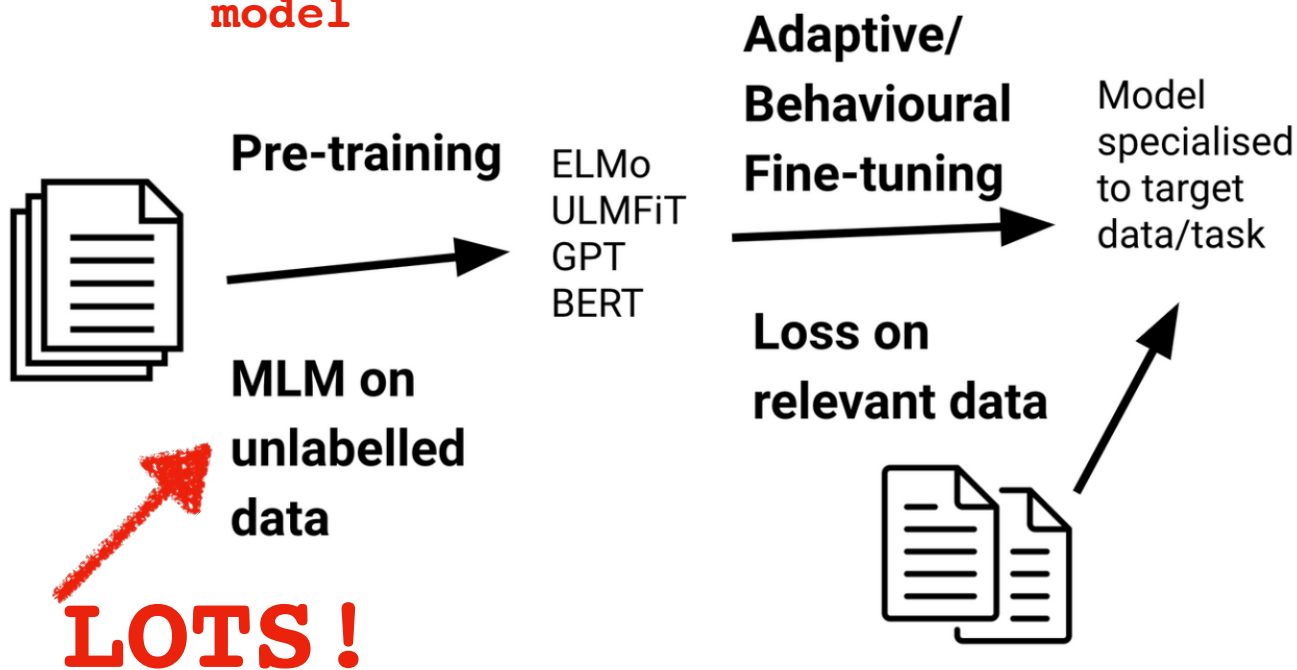


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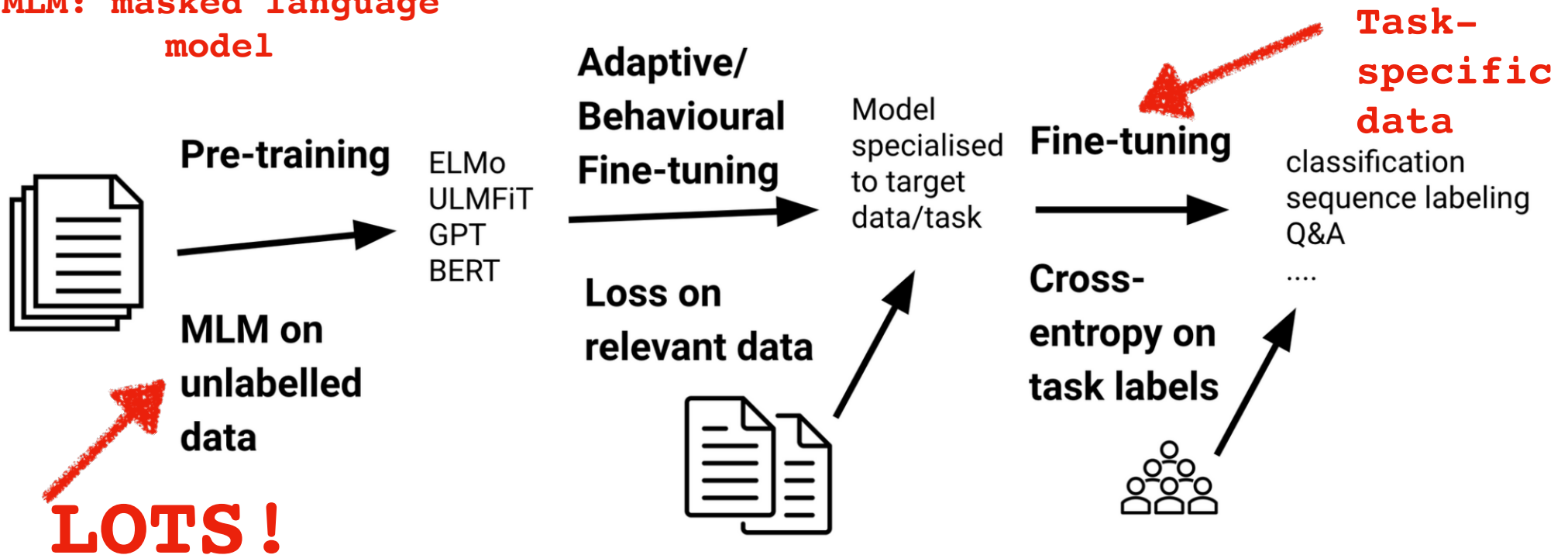


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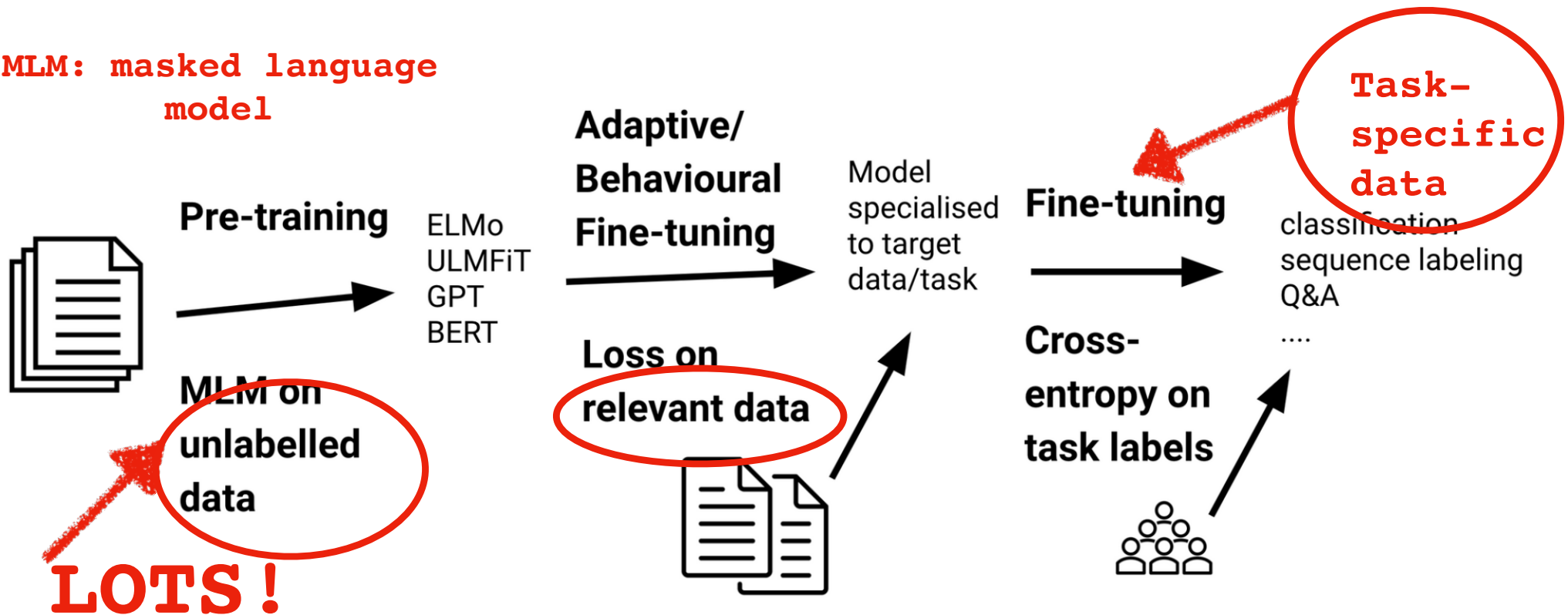


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