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# Does Optical Character Recognition and Caption Generation Improve Emotion Detection in Microblog Posts?

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# Motivation



Ivanka Trump

@IvankaTrump

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Happy Birthday to my incredible father  
[@realDonaldTrump](#). I hope that the year to come  
 is your best yet!

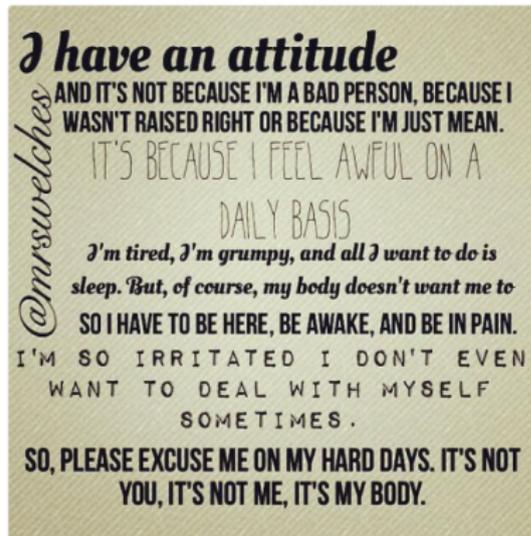


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My wife says to let my **#anger** toward my  
**#Lupus #FuelMyFight**. It works.



# Outline

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# What is Emotion Analysis?

## Sentiment analysis

positive vs. negative  
(neutral, mixed)

## Subjectivity analysis

subjective vs. objective

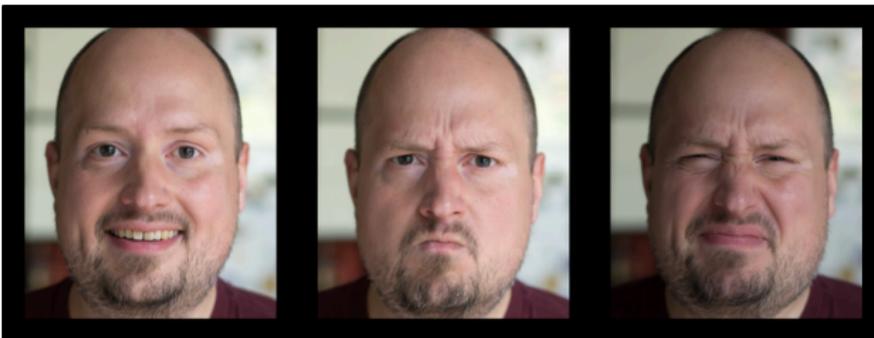
## Emotion analysis discrete (Ekman/Plutchik)

discrete emotion classes

## Emotion analysis continuous (Posner/Russell/Peterson)

valence and arousal

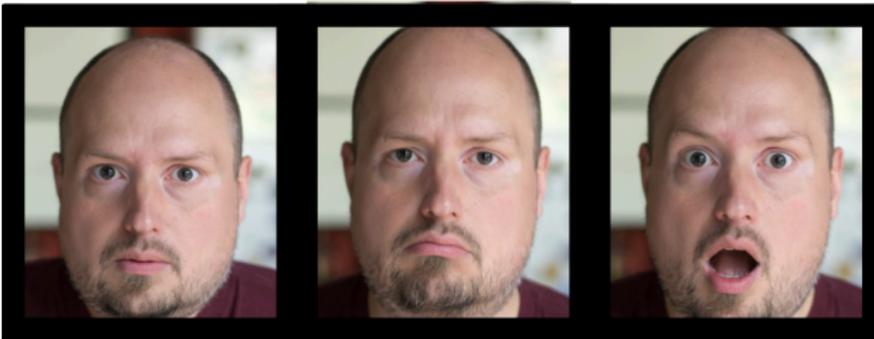
# Emotion Models: Ekman



Joy

Anger

Disgust



Fear

Sadness

Surprise

# Task Description and Research Question

## Task

Given a Tweet, assign an emotion from the set:

*anger, fear, joy, sadness, surprise, disgust, love, shame, trust*

## Research Questions

- Which feature sets contribute to the task?
  - Tweet Text
  - Text extracted from attached image
  - Automatically generated caption for attached image
- Can we operationalize this with off-the-shelf tools?

# Feature Extraction & Classifier

## Tweet Text

- Bag of words, keep [^A-Za-z0-9# ]
- Username blinding, emotion hashtags are ignored

## Optical Character Recognition

- Tesseract 3.04.01
- Ignore output with less than 6 bytes

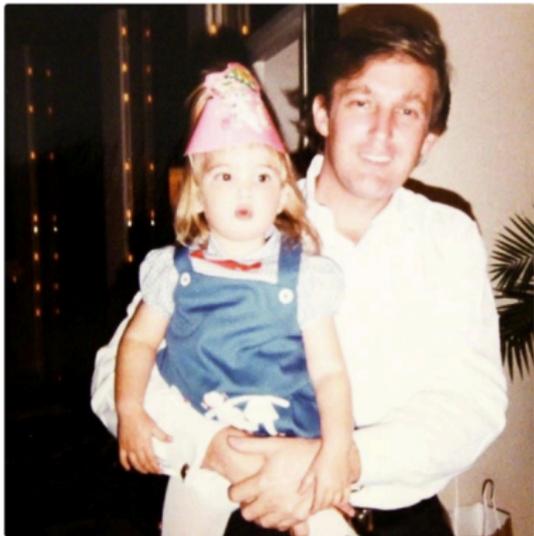
## Caption Generation

- NeuralTalk 2
- Pretrained COCO data set model
- Classifier:  
linear maximum entropy classifier with L2 regularization

# Example for Caption Generation

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“a man and a woman  
standing next to each other”

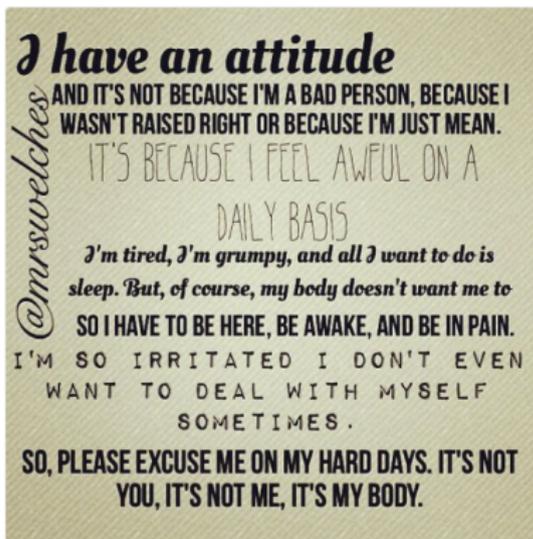
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I have an attitude

AND IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M A BAD PERSON, BECAUSE I WASN'T RAISED RIGHT OR BECAUSE I'M JUST MEAN.

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I'm tired, I'm grumpy, and all I want to do is

sleep. Well, of course, my body doesn't want me to SO I HAVE TO BE HERE, BE AWAKE, AND BE IN PAIN.

I'M SO IRRITATED I DON'T EVEN

WANT TO DEAL WITH MYSELF

SOMETIMES.

SO, PLEASE EXCUSE ME ON MY HARD DAYS. IT'S NOT YOU, IT'S NOT ME, IT'S MY BODY.

“a picture of a man in a suit”

# Corpus Generation

## Data collection: self labeling

Crawl corpus from Twitter with hashtags for emotions

## Sample three corpora of 200,000 Tweets

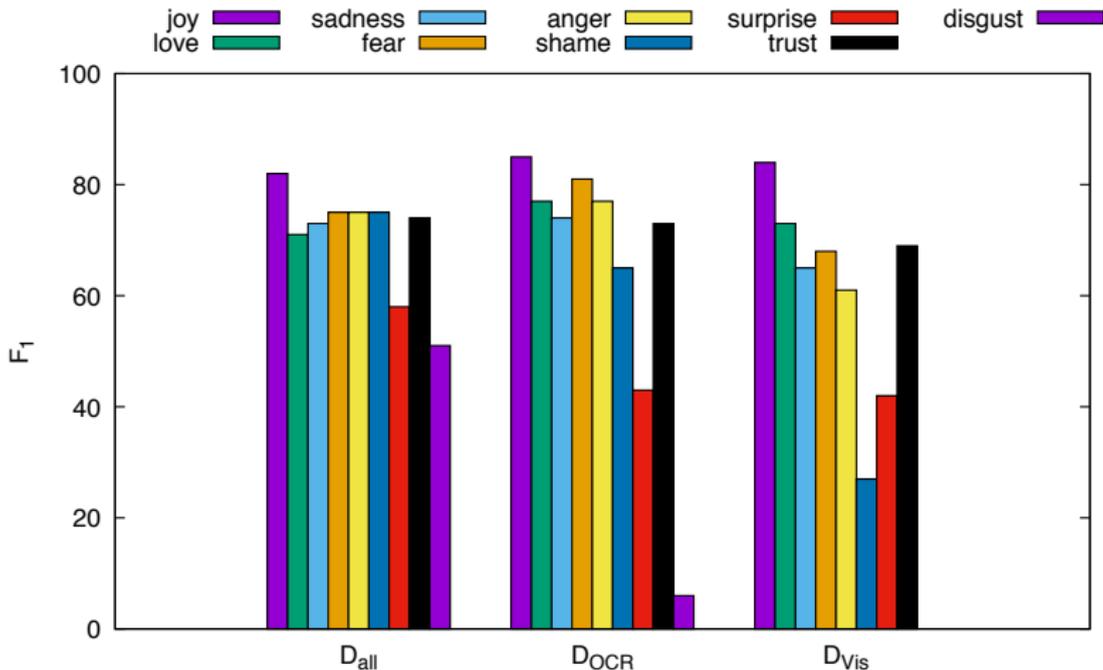
- $D_{\text{all}}$  without constraints
- $D_{\text{OCR}}$  from all instances **with image** and with OCR output  
⇒ Tweets with images with text
- $D_{\text{Vis}}$  from all instances **with image** and without OCR output  
⇒ Tweets with images without text  
(captions are generated on all images)

# Corpus Statistics

Emotion	$D_{\text{all}}$	w/ $\phi_{\text{OCR}}^d$	w/ $\phi_{\text{Vis}}^d$	$D_{\text{OCR}}$	$D_{\text{Vis}}$
joy	91,836	6,927 (8%)	18,672 (20%)	92,066	111,604
love	41,470	3,477 (8%)	8,963 (22%)	46,290	50,974
sadness	26,521	1,495 (6%)	2,952 (11%)	19,707	14,370
fear	12,721	1,490 (12%)	2,299 (18%)	19,400	7,925
anger	11,902	831 (7%)	1,384 (12%)	10,379	5,317
surprise	5,492	195 (4%)	792 (14%)	2,790	5,681
trust	5,170	561 (11%)	886 (17%)	7,274	3,151
shame	4,562	138 (3%)	193 (4%)	1,988	862
disgust	326	8 (2%)	22 (7%)	106	116
All	200,000	15,122 (8%)	36,163 (18%)	200,000	200,000

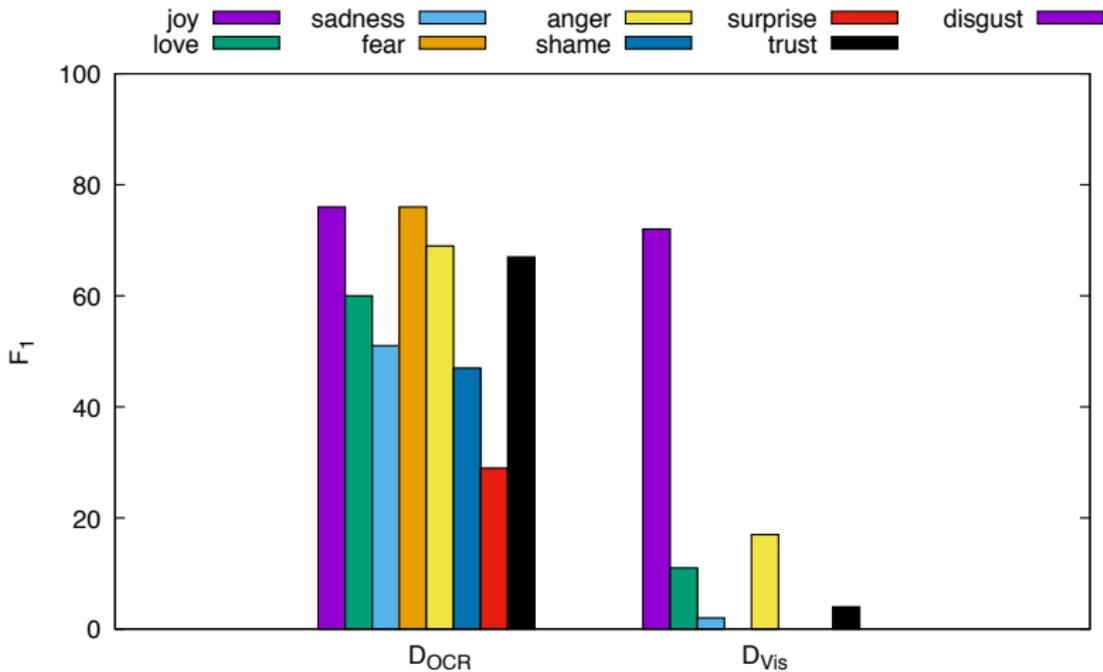
# Experiment 1:

## Tweet text features only on $D_{all}$ , $D_{OCR}$ , $D_{Vis}$



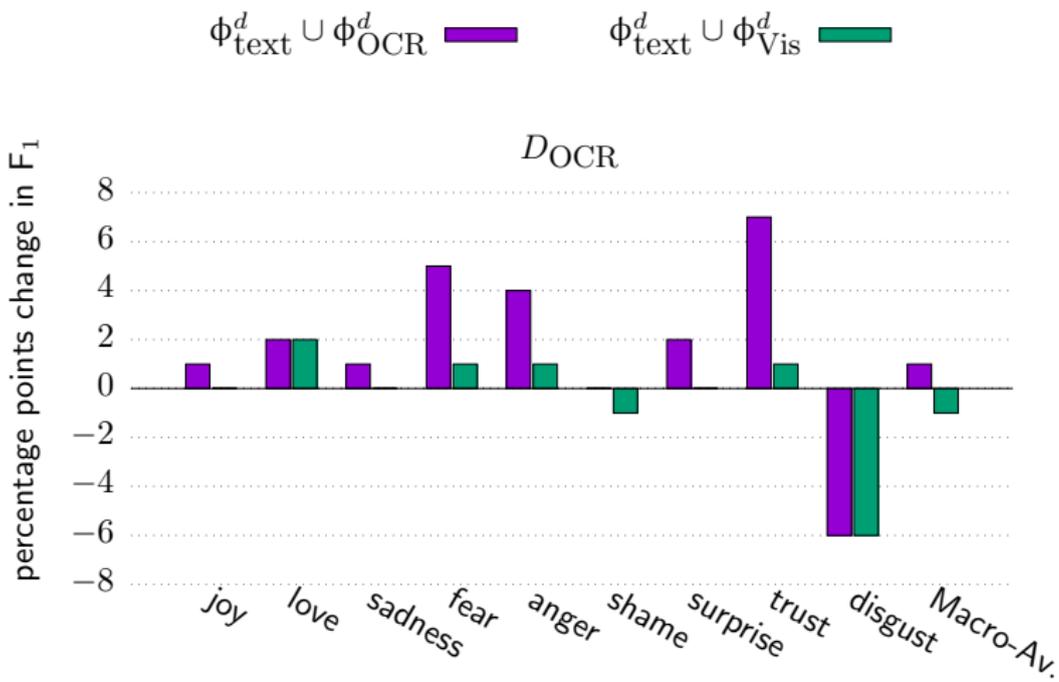
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## Experiment 2: OCR Features on $D_{OCR}$ , Caption Features on $D_{Vis}$

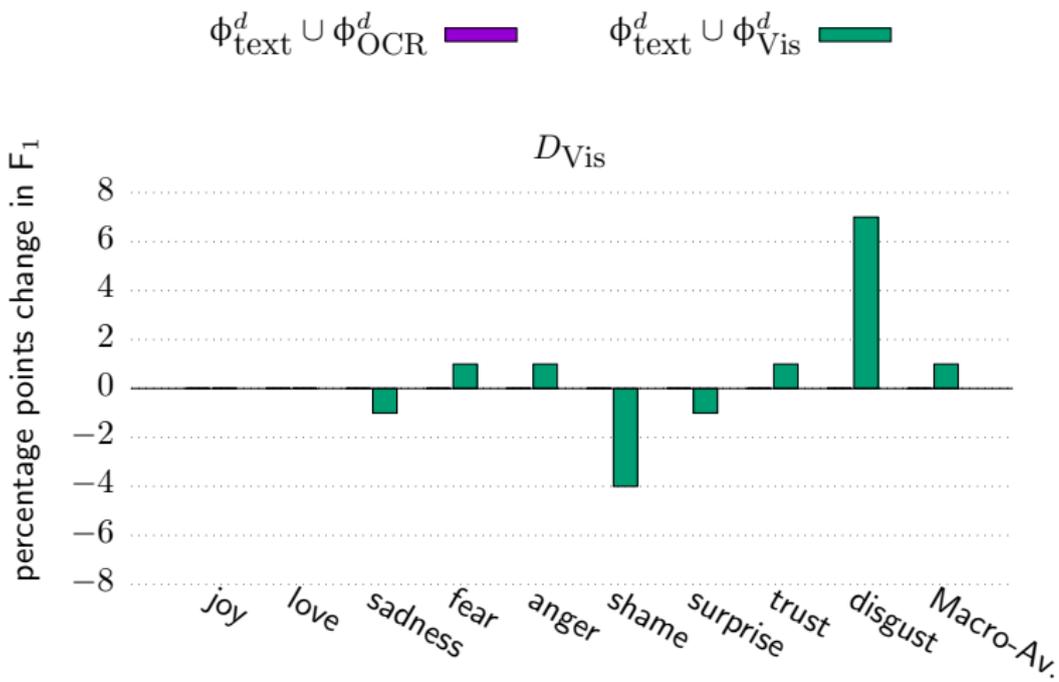


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# Feature Impact of OCR and Captions on $D_{OCR}$



# Feature Impact of OCR and Captions on $D_{Vis}$



# Conclusion & Discussion

- **Optical character recognition** improves emotion recognition
- **Caption generation** does not help
- Classification with images works surprisingly well based on Tweet text only  
(at least on frequent emotion classes)

# Future Work

- Multiple classifiers for different object types (e.g. Caffe2 model zoo)
  - Facial emotion recognition
  - Age, gender
  - Landmarks
- Include deep learning emotion classifier taking the image as input directly
- Tweet generator instead of caption generator?

