

CS Departmental Seminar Series
Tuesday, September 25, 2018, EC 205 at 3:30p.m. – 4:30p.m.

Title: Geospatial Visualization of Twitter Data

This research began by analyzing the sentiment of tweets in order to find a correspondence to health issues and to gain a new perspective in analyzing health data. Twitter social media is a large source of information that can augment data about health in particular geographic locations. For this project, analyzing tweets is an attempt to find some relation between the sentiment of tweets and Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) in the counties along Interstate 20 (I-20) in Texas. After all the tweets are classified as positive or negative, then the results are used to calculate the following for each county: Positive-to-Negative ratio, Positive-to-Population ratio, and Negative-to-Population ratio. This data is then separated into quintiles and compared to the Cardiovascular Disease map of I-20 in order to determine if a relationship may exist between CVD and the tweets. The preliminary results show that a correspondence exists between the low CVD rate in a county to the Positive-to-Negative ratio of that same county. The research has expanded into the development of a custom tool to support multidisciplinary research with Twitter.



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