

T-61.6060 Presentation

Tag and document relations

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Objectives

- Grouping of similar documents together
- Grouping of similar tags together

Outline of the methodology

1. Fetching of data and saving it to XML-files
2. Preprocessing + feature extraction with a Python script
3. (Dimension reduction)
4. Visualization with Self-Organizing Maps
5. Tag prediction with various methods

Data source: Newsvine.com

- Newsvine.com is a community news website
- Created in 2005
- Based in Seattle
- Owned by msnbc.com
- Articles can be written by anyone
- Any kind of topic can be covered
- Around 1000 articles per day

1. Data Fetching

- Retrieve all articles from December 2007
- Script to retrieve data written in Java
- Store data into XML files
- 1 XML file per article

Fetching algorithm

For each day

Go to page that lists all articles

Get the list of articles

For each article

Get meta information

Go to the article page

Get tags, category and text

If article not empty (to reduce spam)

Write information to XML file

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Leaderboard
The Greenhouse
Newsvine Tools
Recommended Articles
Wall of Vineness

Buy text links
on Newsvine

Feeds (?)

Use RSS for your
newsreader and JSS
(javascript) for an existing
blog:

RSS: [Wire & Vine](#)

Newsvine Article and Seed Listing for 12/1/2007

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11:04pm PST **Glennon Leads Hokies to ACC Title, 30-16**

Virginia Tech's two-quarterback system worked to perfection on one drive, just enough to get the Hokies to the Orange Bowl.

11:03pm PST **Quick Fixes for Windows-Part 1**

I am beginning a series starting today on Quick Fixes for Windows XP and Vista. Today we will start off with Part 1.

11:02pm PST **CNN: Corrupt News Network**

A self-serving agenda was set for the Republican presidential debates.

11:00pm PST **Wolf and lynx could be re-introduced to UK**

Bringing back animals which were hunted to extinction in Britain - including the wolf, lynx, beaver and wild boar - would not be difficult, according to a new report.

10:58pm PST **Student finds antibiotic resistant bacteria in chicken on store shelves**

Millar's findings of a range of resistant bacteria in chickens that could compromise antibiotic treatment in humans are expected to cause similar waves in medical circles.

10:55pm PST **YouTube - Apx Alarm Introductory Video**

Overview of Apx Alarm Security Solutions. Introduction to components of the Apx Alarm home security system.

10:54pm PST **LOTR - Lord of the Rings Aragorn and Arwen Speed Painting**

A speed painting of a kissing scene between Aragorn and Arwen from Lord of the Rings by J.T. Blevins.

10:49pm PST **Liz Taylor Performs Despite Strike**

Elizabeth Taylor returned to the stage Saturday night, after persuading striking TV and film writers to briefly put down their picket signs.

10:47pm PST **Frank Schaeffer and Crazy for God**

My wife and I just watched Frank Schaeffer on CSPAN doing a reading/review/question and answer time concerning his latest book Crazy for God. Schaeffer was very engaging as he read several passages in the book.

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Clinton: Obama Mailings Are Deceptive

Sat Feb 23, 2008 1:25 PM EST

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Beth Fouhy, AP Writer

CINCINNATI — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton said Saturday that a pair of mailings sent to voters by rival Barack Obama's campaign criticizing her health care plan and trade views are false, misleading and a betrayal of his pledge to practice a new style of politics.

"Shame on you, Barack Obama. It is time you ran a campaign consistent with your messages in public — that's what I expect from you," Clinton said angrily, waving the mailings in the air.

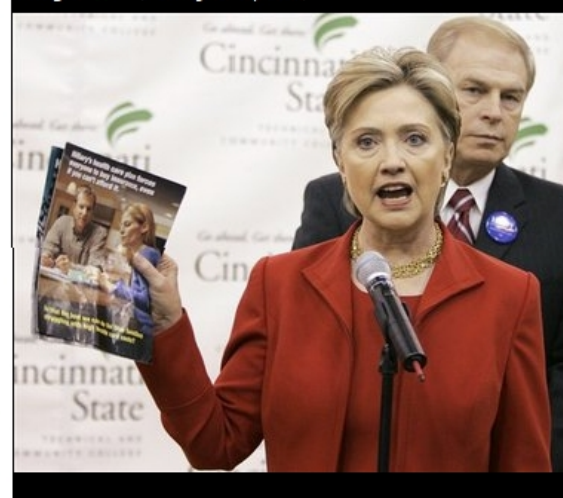
"Meet me in Ohio, and let's have a debate about your tactics," she added.

The two presidential candidates will meet in a televised debate in Cleveland Tuesday.

Obama responded that the mailers are accurate and said he's puzzled why Clinton was raising them now since they have been around for several days at least.

"It makes me think there is something tactical about her getting so exercised this morning," Obama said at a media

Images (showing 1 of 3 photos)



Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., lashes out at Democratic presidential rival, Sen. Barack Obama during a news conference after her rally at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College in Cincinnati, Ohio, Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008. Holding mailings, which she said are being sent by Obama's campaign, Clinton said, "Shame on you, Barack Obama. It is time you ran a campaign consistent with your messages in public — that's what I expect from you." At right, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

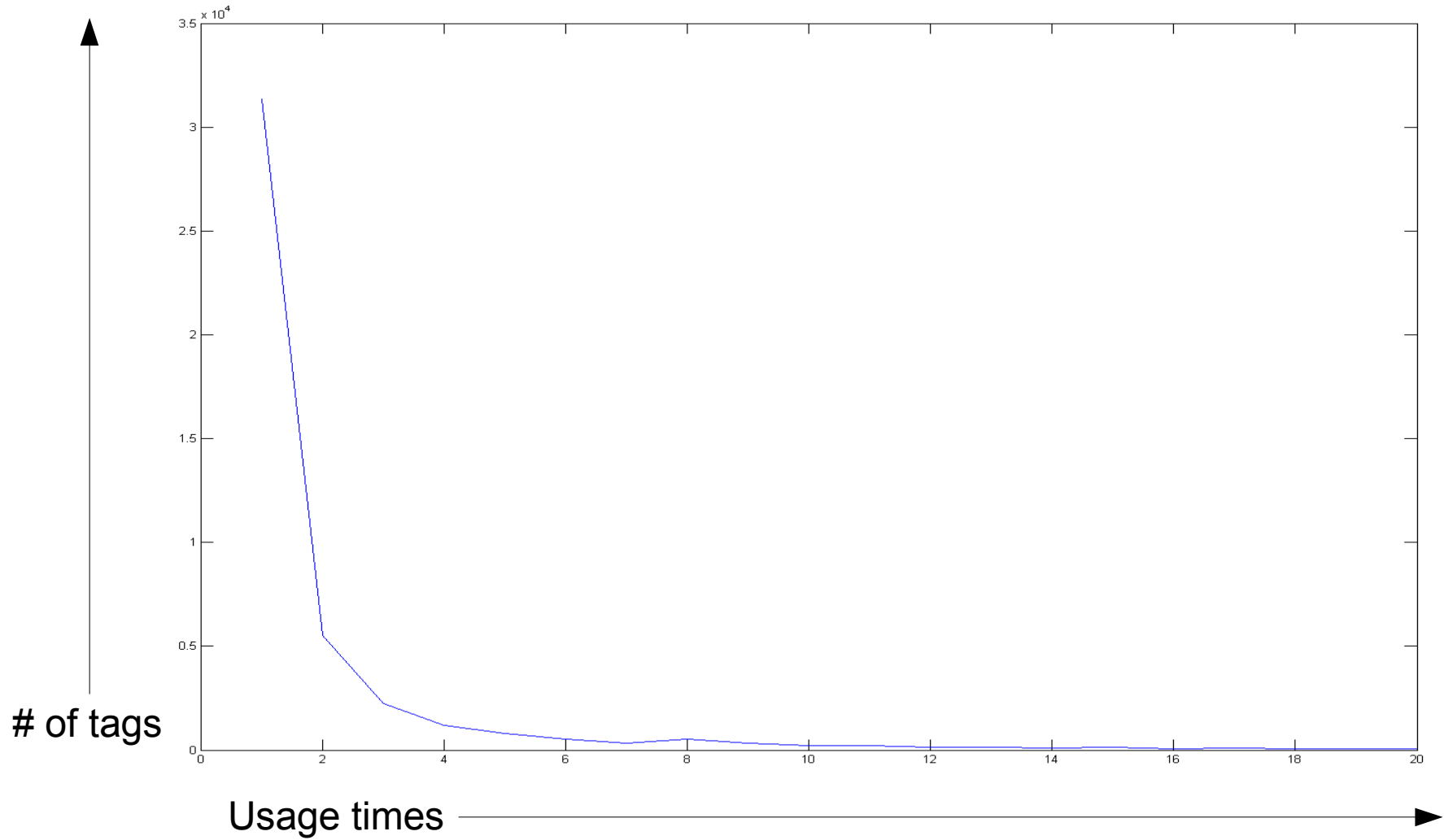
Information retrieved

- For each document, we retrieved:
 - Date and time
 - Title
 - Summary
 - Tags
 - Category
 - Text
- We basically only used the tags for analysis, other information could have been used too but we decided to leave it out because of a relatively tight schedule

Figures about the collected data

- **Newsvine.com**
 - 31 days: 2007 December 1st to 31st
 - 27 779 documents -> average 896 docs/day
 - 45 039 unique tags
 - 31 360 tags used only once

Tag histogram for Newsvine



Figures about the collected data

- As a curiosity, we also fetched data from Slashdot, even though most of the analysis was done for Newsvine
- **Slashdot.org**
 - 6 months (2007-07 to 2007-12)
 - 4017 documents -> average 22 docs / day
 - 5123 unique tags
 - 4052 tags used only once
- *Free tip: don't fetch ~1000 pages/day from a single machine or you will get banned :)*

2. Preprocessing and feature extraction

- Read data from XML-files
 - Drop tags which are used less than N times
 - Ignore option for the most general tags (categories)
- Generate 2 matrices to be processed with Matlab
 - Tags used in documents (docs=rows, tags=columns)
 - Tags occurring together (tags=rows, tags=columns)

Generated matrices

- Document-tag (=tags used in documents)

	Gw-bush	Elections	Cooking	Internet	Web2.0	...
20071201-1	1	1	0	0	0	
20071201-2	0	0	0	1	1	
...						

- Tag-tag (=tags occurring together)

	Gw-bush	Elections	Cooking	Internet	Web2.0	...
Gw-bush	600	100	1	2	0	
Elections	100	520	0	10	0	
Cooking	1	0	80	0	0	
Internet	2	10	0	400	200	
Web2.0	0	0	0	200	350	
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Normalization for tag-tag-matrix

- Original matrix

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- Each cell divided by total count of matching tag

	Gw-bush	Elections	Cooking	Internet	Web2.0	...
Gw-bush	600/600	100/600	1/600	2/600	0	
Elections	100/520	520/520	0	10/520	0	
Cooking	1/80	0	80/80	0	0	
Internet	2/400	10/400	0	400/400	200/400	
Web2.0	0	0	0	200/350	350/350	
...						

3. Dimension reduction

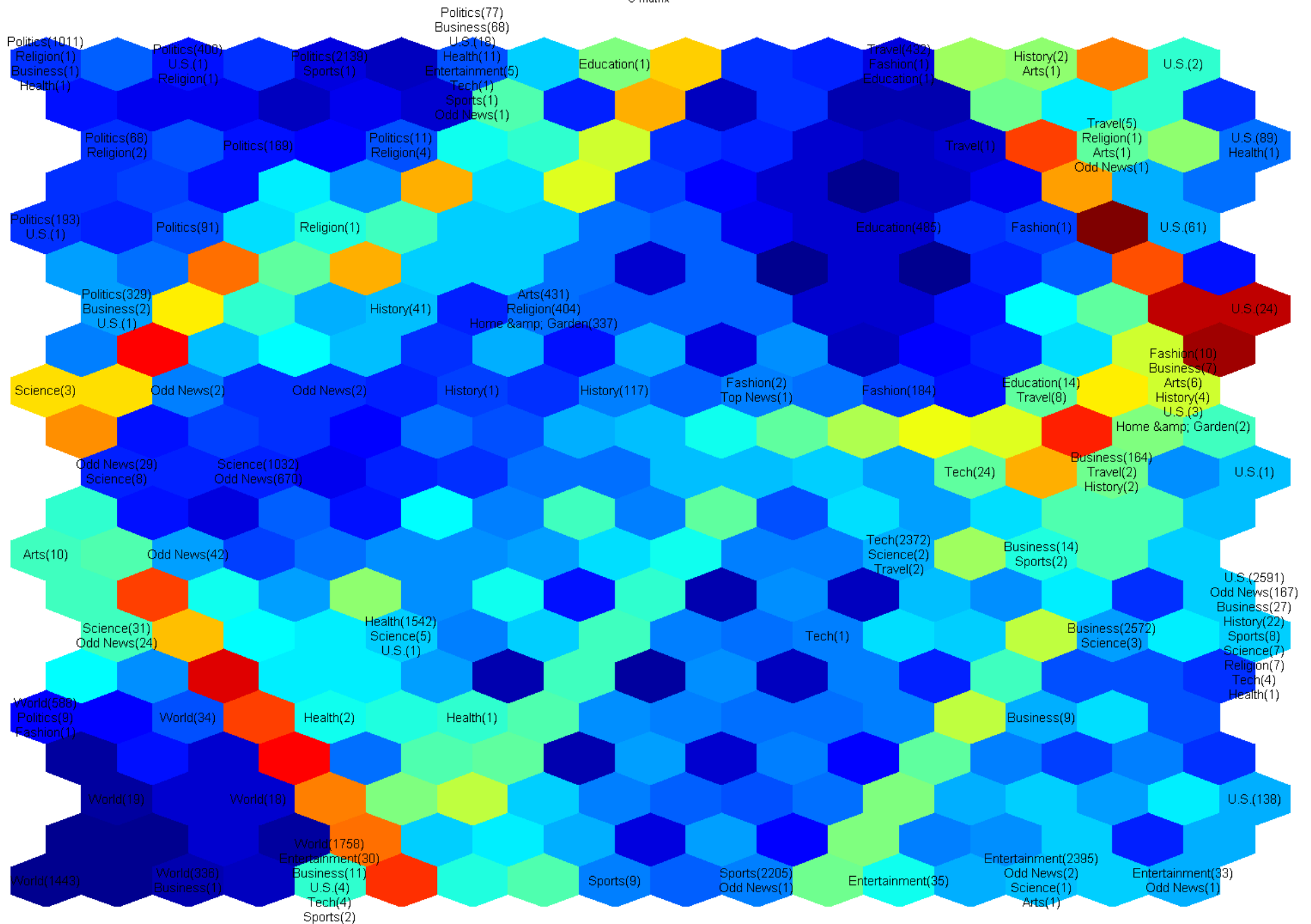
- Generated document-tag-matrices are quite big
 - Document-tag-matrix size for whole Dec 2007 is 27779 x 45039
 - Need for dimension reduction
- Achieved using Principle Component Analysis (PCA)
 - We used for example top-100 or top-200 components
 - SOM could do it too, but takes a very long time to process, PCA is convenient
 - Even PCA is not doable for the whole month, half a month used

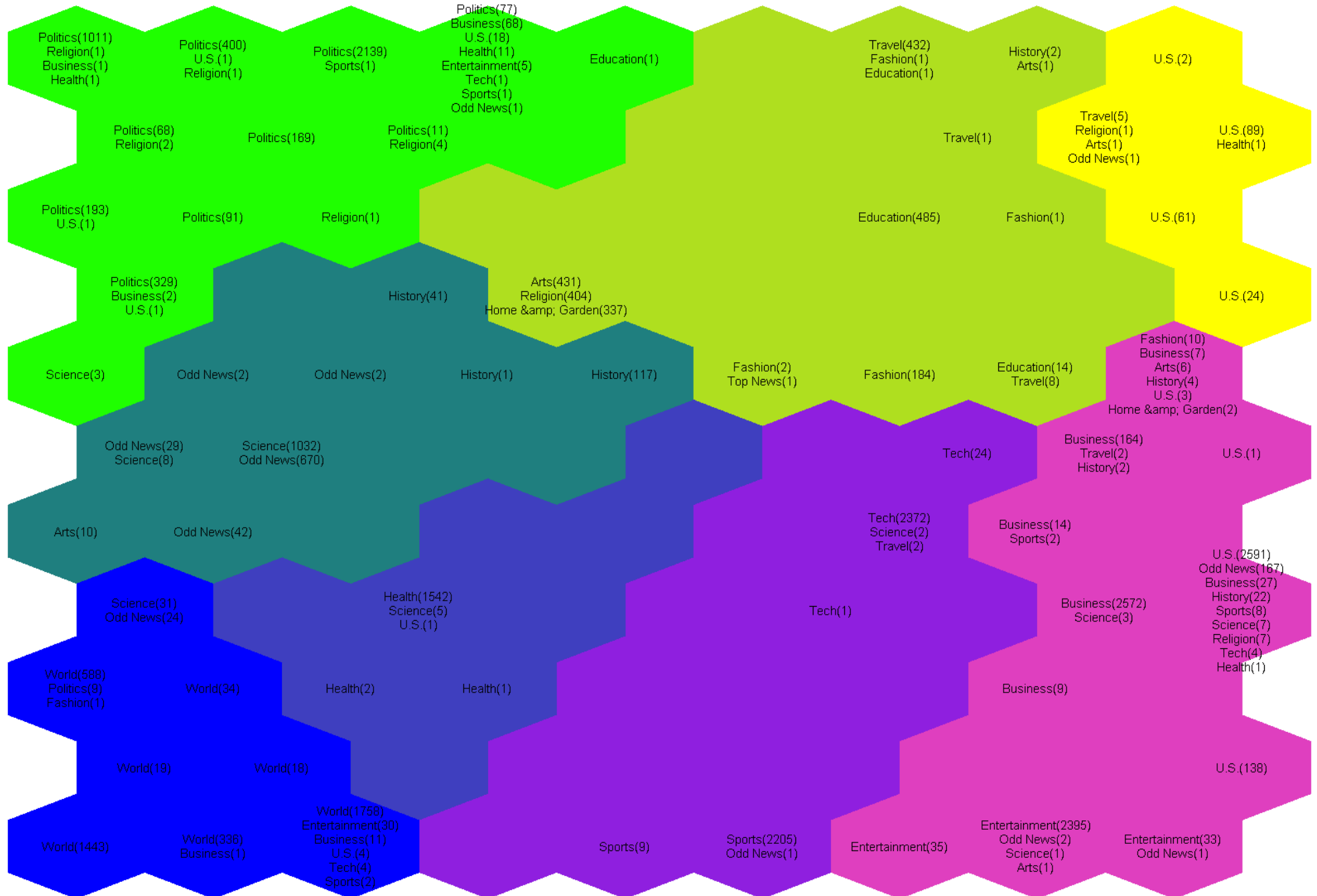
4. Visualization with SOMs

- Self-Organizing Maps
 - Artificial neural networks that can map multidimensional data to (usually) 2 dimensions
 - Map seeks to preserve topological properties of the input space
 - Results can be inspected visually
 - U-matrices and k-means clustering shown

SOM #1

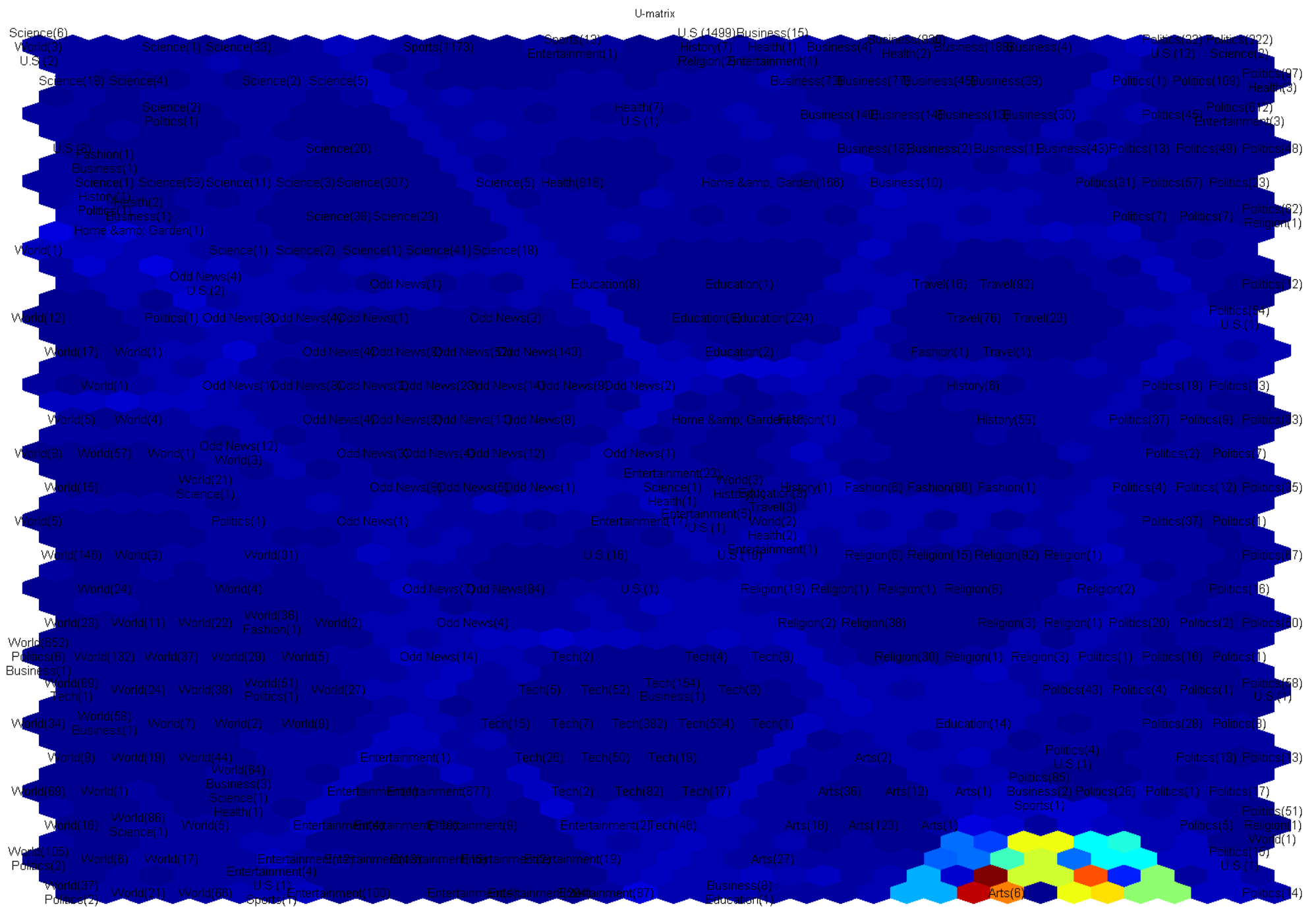
- Data from Newsvine.com
 - Whole December 2007
- Document-tag-matrix used as input to SOM
 - Only tags which occur ≥ 40 times are used
 - No ignore list (category tags are there, too)
 - 27779 documents, 423 tags
 - No need to do PCA (matrix size: 27779 x 423)
 - Labeled with categories from the site





SOM #2

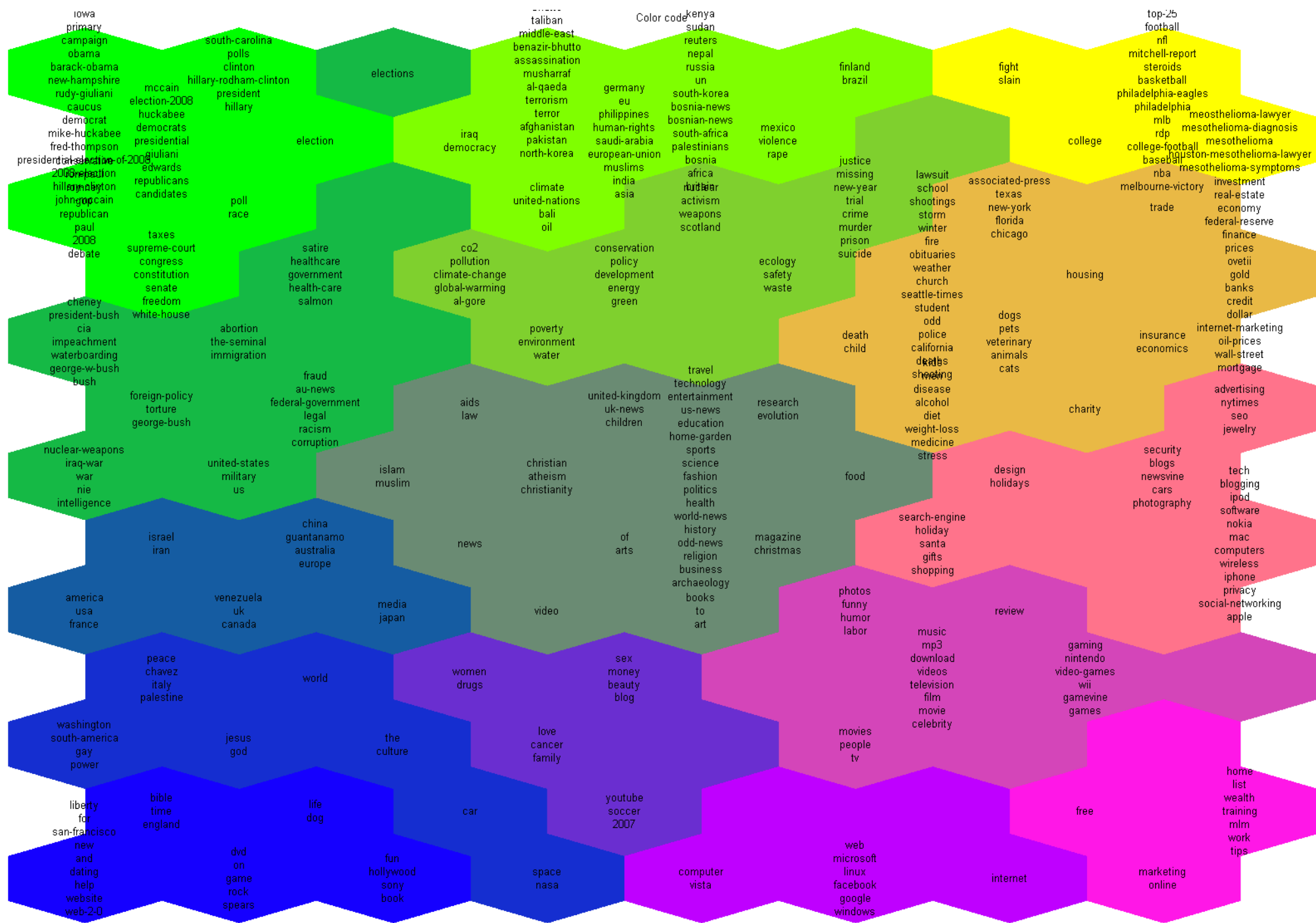
- Data from Newsvine.com
 - December 1st to December 15th
- Document-tag-matrix used as input to SOM
 - Only tags which occur more than 3 times are used
 - No ignore list (category tags are there, too)
 - 14679 documents, 4951 tags
 - Need to reduce with PCA, top-100 components used
 - Labeled with categories from the site





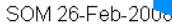
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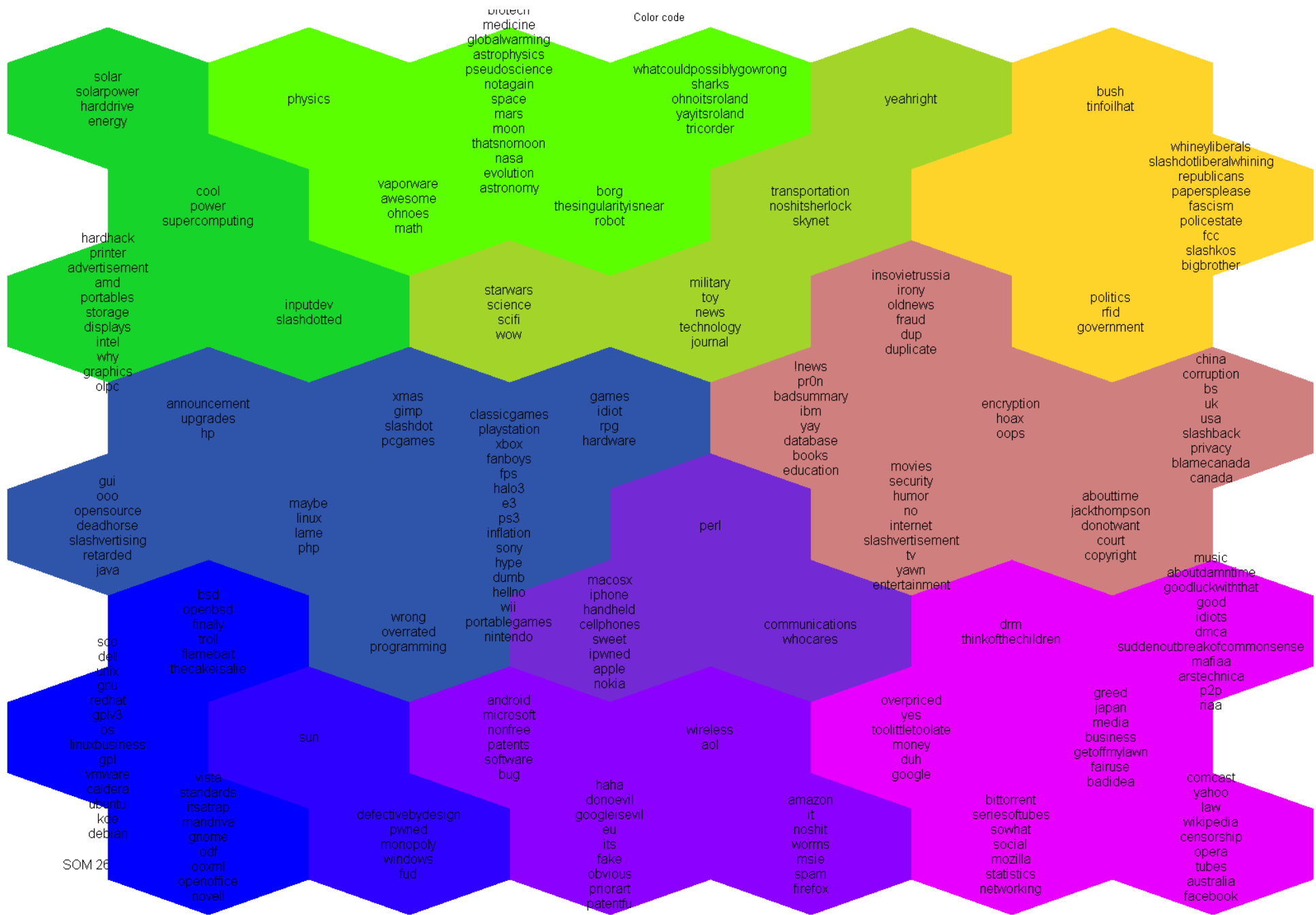
- Data from Newsvine.com
 - Whole December 2007
- Normalized tag-tag-matrix used as input to SOM
 - Only tags which occur ≥ 40 times are used
 - No ignore list (category tags are there, too)
 - 423 tags
 - No need to do PCA (matrix size: 423 x 423)



SOM #4

- Data from Slashdot.org
 - From July 2007 to December 2007
- Normalized tag-tag-matrix used as input to SOM
 - Only tags which occur ≥ 5 times are used
 - No ignores for categories
 - 268 tags
 - No need to do PCA





5. Tag prediction

- Tag-tag co-occurrence matrix revisited

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Tag-tag-matrix

- Very sparse, feasible to store for whole month as adjacency lists
- Original matrix symmetrical, normalized matrix not
- $M(\text{"obama"}, \text{"politics"}) = 0.99$
- $M(\text{"politics"}, \text{"obama"}) = 0.02$
- Possible to find partial orders between tags (see Mannila, et. al ...)
- General term > specific term

Tags frequently occurring together

- For each tag i find tag j for which $M(i, j)$ maximal (or higher than a threshold)
- If $M(j, i)$ not too high, then j probably more general
- If both are high, terms probably closely related
- Before processing remove diagonal elements
- Note: results can be just as good as the quality of tags

Example 1

- Co-occurrence high both for $f(B|A)$ and $f(A|B)$
- Best match for each term

term A	term B	$f(B A)$	$f(A B)$
free-premium-search-engine	search-engine	1	0,69
dogs	pets	0,52	0,51
united-kingdom	uk-news	0,59	0,52
aids	hiv	0,47	0,68
pkk	turkey	1	0,35
ron	paul	1	0,59
chavez	venezuela	0,81	0,39
energy	nuclear	0,34	0,34
au-news	australia	1	0,45
playstation	xbox	0,64	0,47
benazir-bhutto	pakistan	0,84	0,31
on	trial	0,32	0,37
wii	nintendo	0,64	0,68
based	home	1	0,38
bosnia-news	bosnia	1	0,84
pets	animals	0,59	0,47
slain	taylor	0,56	0,86
gay	lesbian	0,43	0,74
maryland	dcmetro	0,66	0,82
dcmetro	maryland	0,82	0,66
plane	crash	0,38	0,32
veterinary	animals	0,57	0,33
animals	pets	0,47	0,59
homosexual	gay	0,77	0,38
climate-change	global-warming	0,73	0,62

Example 2

- Co-occurrence high both for $f(B|A)$ and $f(A|B)$
- All matches for each term which are higher than specified threshold

term A	term B	$f(B A)$	$f(A B)$
mobile-phone	cell-phone	0,58	0,43
mobile-phone	at-t	0,58	0,56
mobile-phone	nokia	0,69	0,44
mobile-phone	verizon	0,62	0,59
free-premium-search-engine	search-engine	1	0,69
search-engine	engine	0,69	1
uranium	fuel-cycle	0,62	0,68
uranium	mining	0,65	0,63
mitt-romney	mike-huckabee	0,35	0,3
nuclear	energy	0,34	0,34
mp3	download	0,33	0,56
dogs	pets	0,52	0,51
dogs	animals	0,45	0,35
dogs	cats	0,39	0,61
climate	conference	0,31	0,41
nfc-east	philadelphia-eagles	0,7	0,67
nfc-east	philadelphia	0,72	0,63
college-basketball	top-25	0,88	0,84
board-of-trade	chicago-board	1	1
united-kingdom	uk-news	0,59	0,52
cell-phone	mobile-phone	0,43	0,58
cell-phone	at-t	0,43	0,56
cell-phone	nokia	0,46	0,39

Example 3

- (specific, general)-pairs
- $f(B|A)$ large
- $f(A|B)$ small

term A	term B	$f(B A)$	$f(A B)$
music	entertainment	0,7	0,11
tech	technology	0,81	0,02
mobile-phone	technology	0,77	0,01
john-edwards	politics	0,97	0,02
dennis-kucinich	politics	0,91	0,01
election-08	politics	0,95	0,01
cheney	politics	0,77	0,01
investment	business	0,78	0,01
company	marketing	0,72	0,22
company	business	0,86	0,01
uranium	nuclear	0,74	0,09
mitt-romney	politics	0,93	0,03
biology	science	0,82	0,03
mp3	music	0,76	0,17
mp3	entertainment	0,76	0,03
bill-clinton	politics	0,92	0,01
britney-spears	entertainment	0,87	0,01
college-basketball	sports	1	0,09
board-of-trade	business	1	0,01
cell-phone	technology	0,71	0,01
movies	entertainment	0,82	0,06
venezuela	world-news	0,8	0,02
bhutto	pakistan	0,75	0,22

Applications of generalization

- Build trees of terms, proceeding from specific to general
- Automatically finding categories
- Predicting new tags

Tag prediction, method #1

- For a set of tags, what are the most plausible next tags
 - Simple method: t_i in tags
 - Predict t_0 , such that $\sum_{i=1}^n M(t_0, t_i)$ is maximized
- Examples
 - ("john-mccain", "mitt-romney", "obama")
--> "bill-richardson", "mccain", "rudy-giuliani", "fred-thompson"
 - ("nokia", "mobile-phone")
--> "technology", "cell-phone", "verizon", "at-t"
 - ("gordon-brown", "george-w-bush")
--> "uk-news", "politics", "world-news"

Tag prediction, method #2

- Until now we relied on tag co-occurrence
 - But "george-w-bush" and "g-w-bush" probably don't occur together for the same document, one writer only uses one of these tags in one article.
- They probably still have similar co-occurrence patterns with other terms ("politics", "iraq-war", "united-states", ...)
- **Idea:** cross-correlation between rows of the tag-tag matrix
 - Matching terms will not necessarily be related

Examples for method #2

- **”finland”**

- reuters, britain, philippines, somalia, africa, germany, russia, mexico, algeria, lebanon, ireland, brazil, cuba, oil, violence

- **”president-bush”**

- republicans, constitution, democrats, white-house, budget, congress, george-w-bush, bush, taxes, senate, foreign-policy, election-2008, george-bush

- **”beer”**

- alcohol, coffee, party, food, children, charity, new-year, relationships, baby, odd, holidays, theft, ireland, medical, santa-claus, christmas

Questions?