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# Technical Sentiment Analysis

Measuring Advantages and Drawbacks of New Products Using Social Media

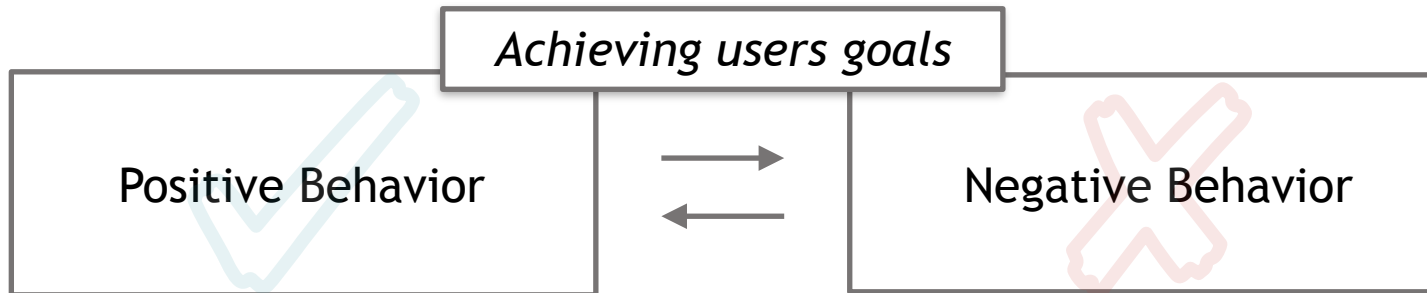
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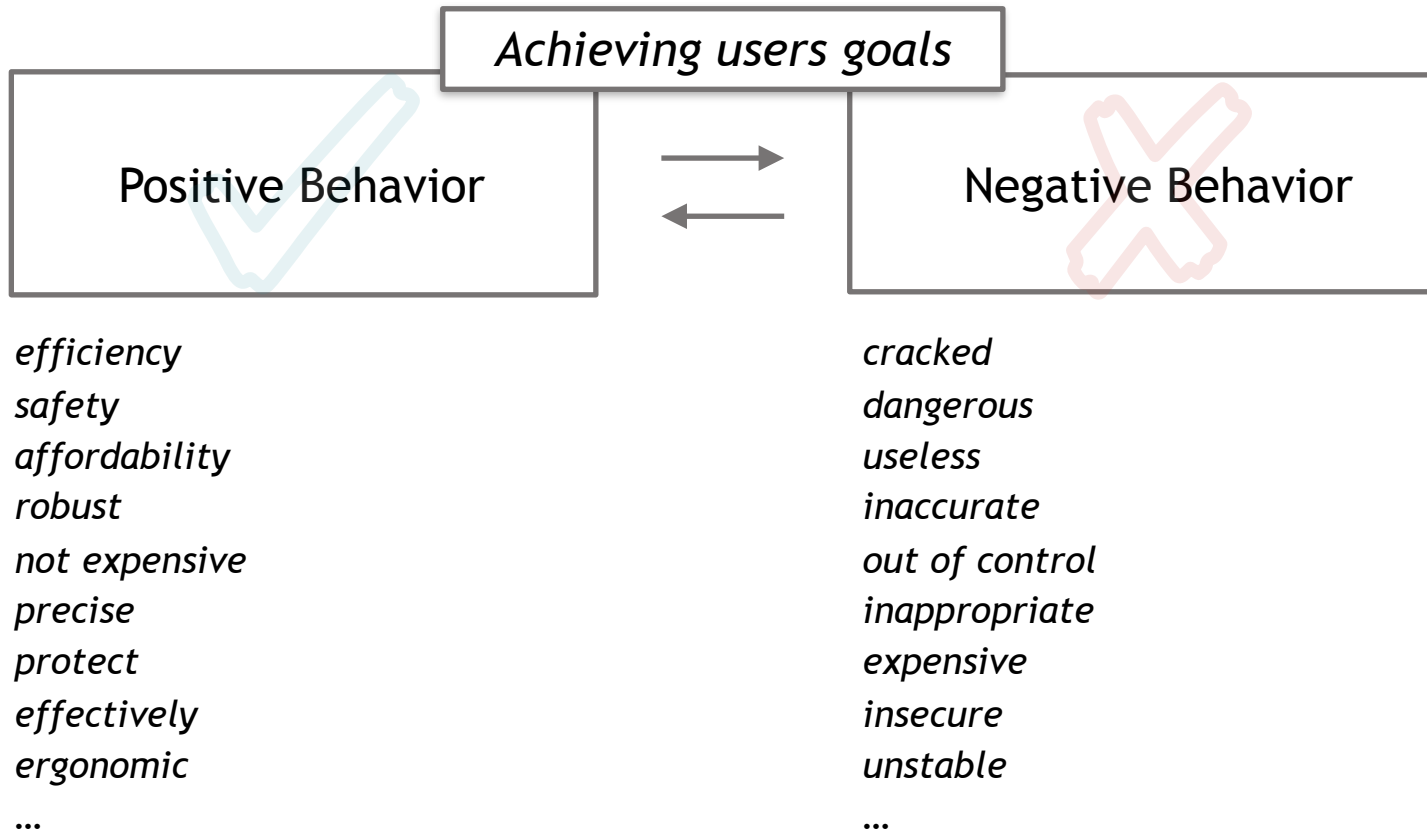
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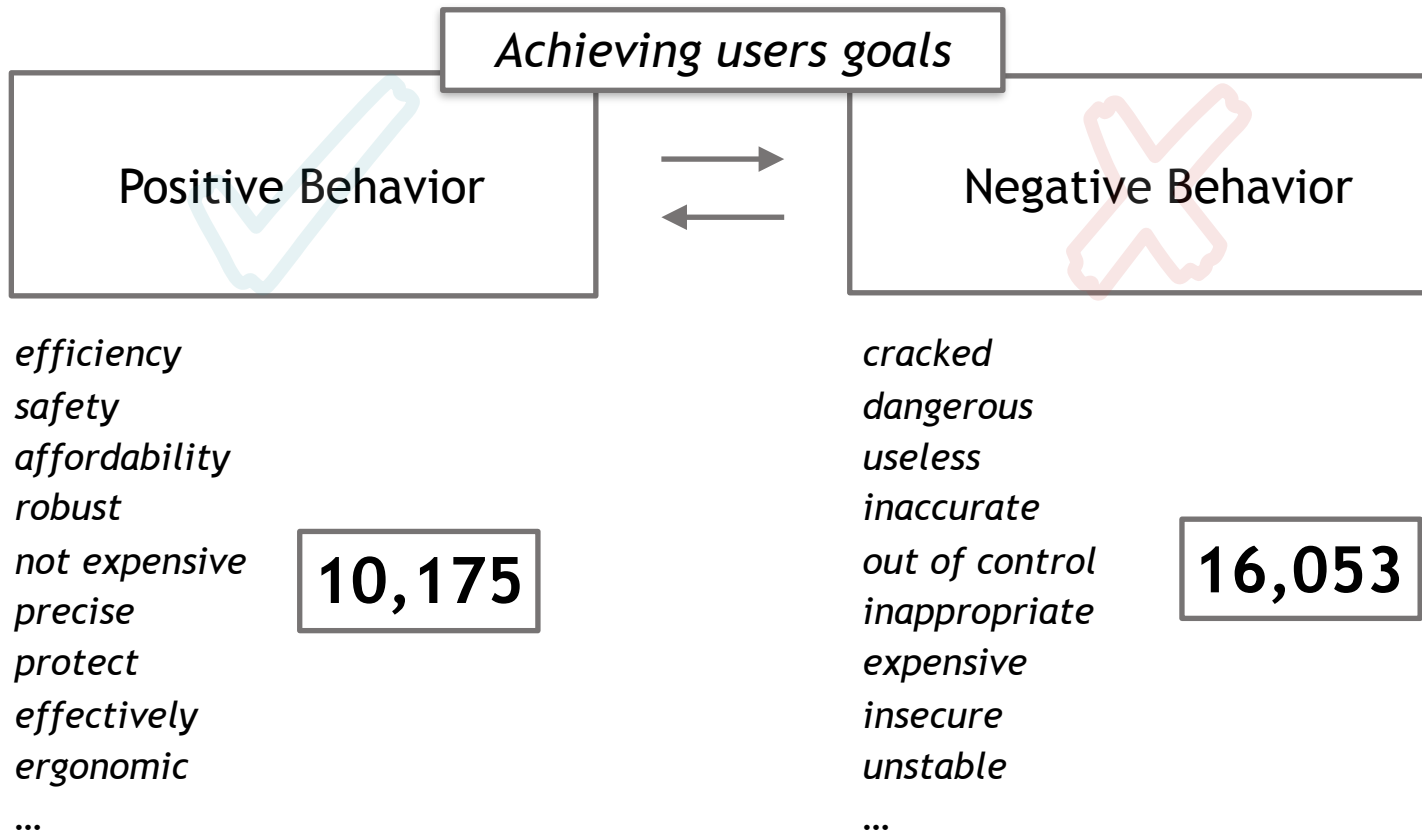
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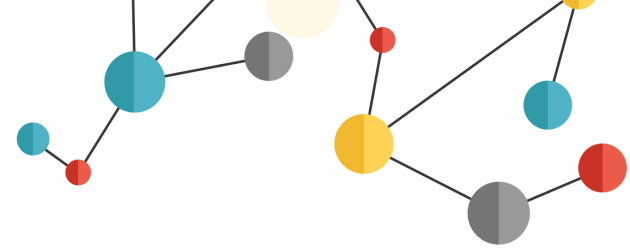
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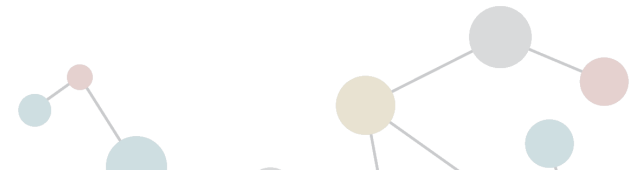


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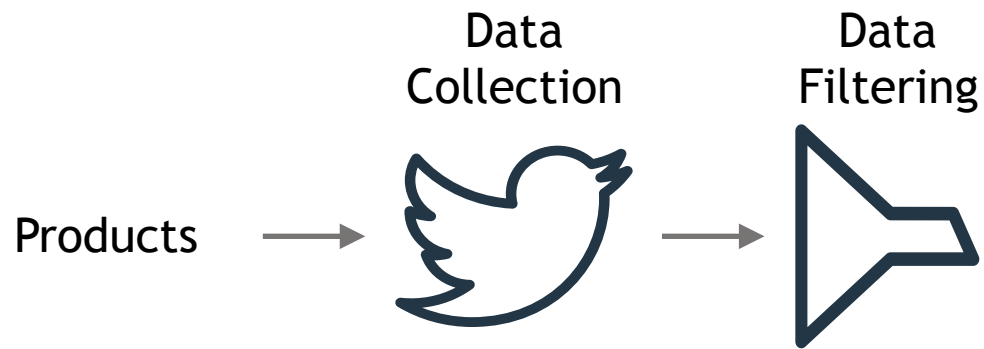
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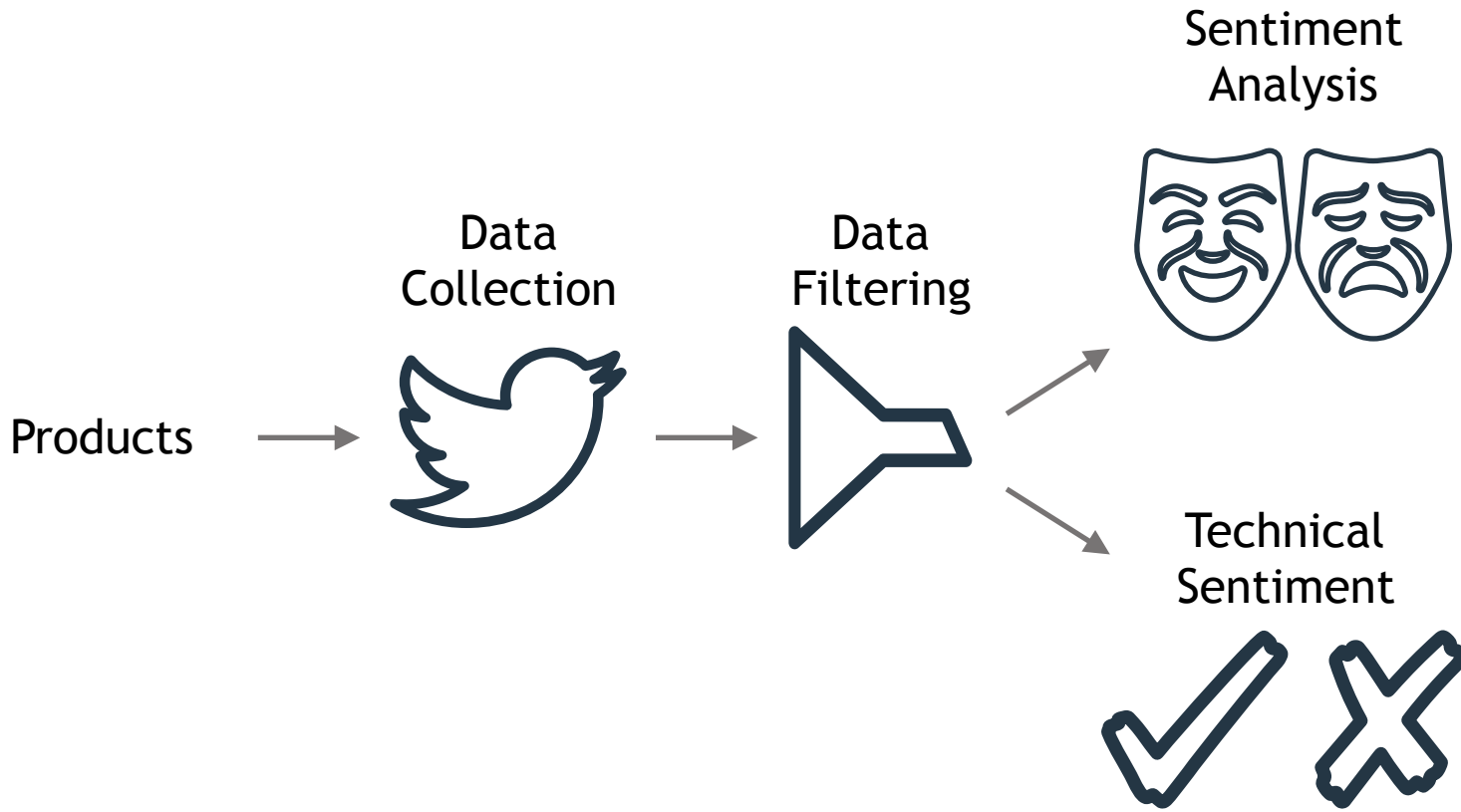
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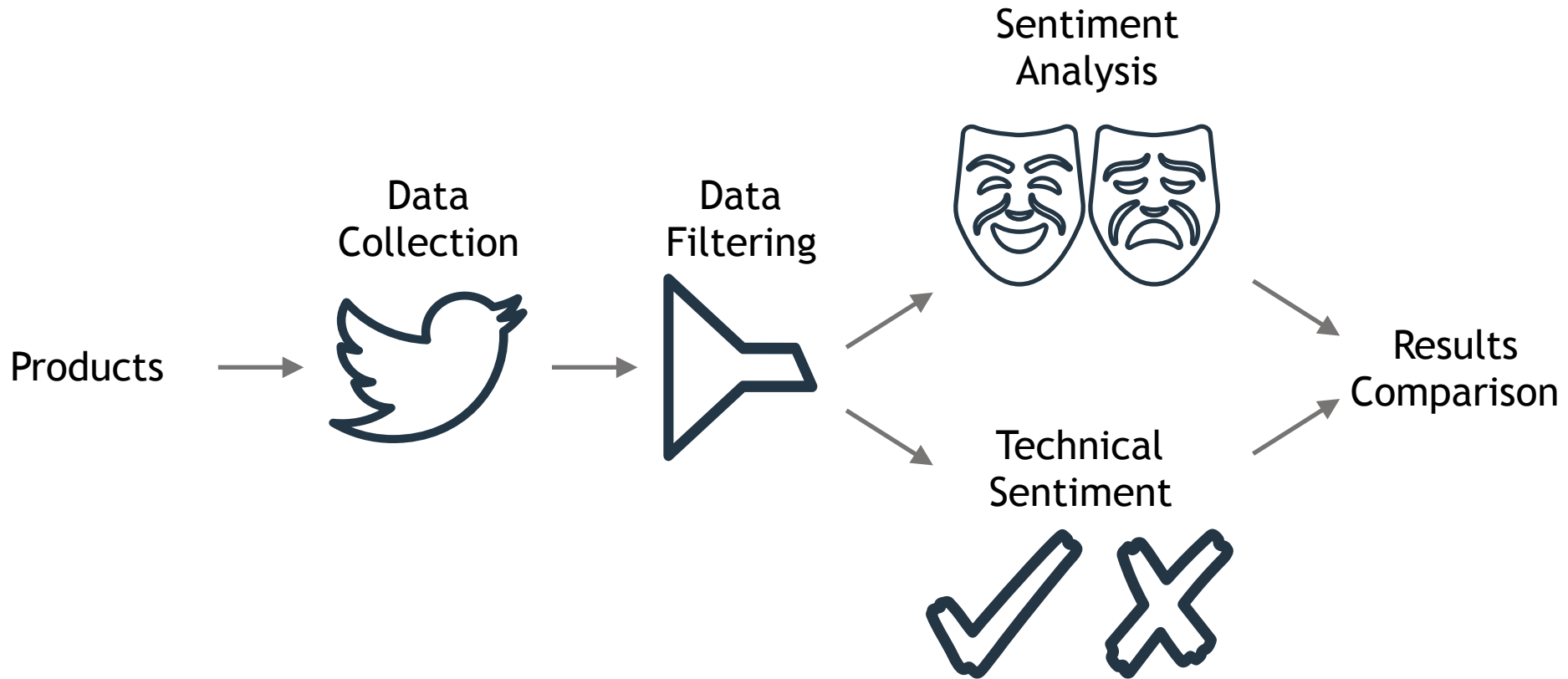
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Microsoft unveiled **Xbox One X**, a *high-end version of Xbox One* which has been released on 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2017.

First teased at E3 2016 under the codename "Project Scorpio", *Xbox One X features upgraded hardware that is designed primarily to play games at **4K resolution***, and "super sampling" to provide graphical improvements on **high-definition displays**.



# Products

The **New Nintendo 2DS XL** is a *handheld game console* and is the sixth system in the *Nintendo 3DS family* of handheld consoles.

It is a streamlined version of the New Nintendo 3DS XL, retaining most of the enhancements it carries over the original 2DS and 3DS models, including its **updated processor**, **additional controls**, and Amiibo support, but with no **autostereoscopic 3D display**, and a **thinner build**.



# Triggering event

*We selected an event able to **polarise** Twitter users' attention.*

The **Electronic Entertainment Expo**, commonly referred to as E3, is a premier trade event for the video game industry.

In 2017, the event was held since **13<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> June.**



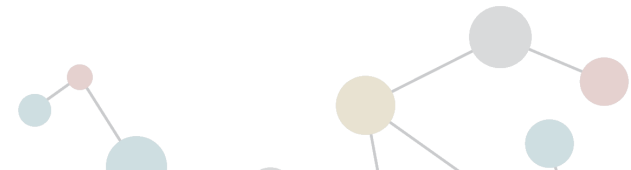
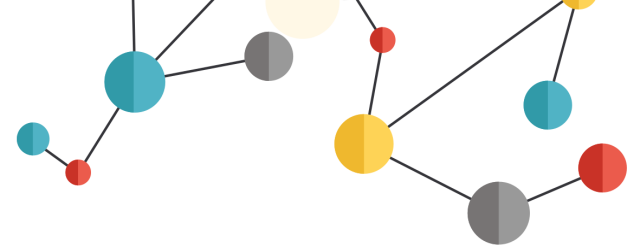
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- We collected more than **28 million** tweets
- We evaluated both timespan and data size to decide when to stop data collection process

# Data Collection

## Xbox One X

#Xbox

#XboxE3

#Scorpio

#ProjectScorpio

#XboxScorpio

#xboxnext

#xboxone

#XboxOneX

## New Nintendo 2DS XL

#Nintendo

#2DS

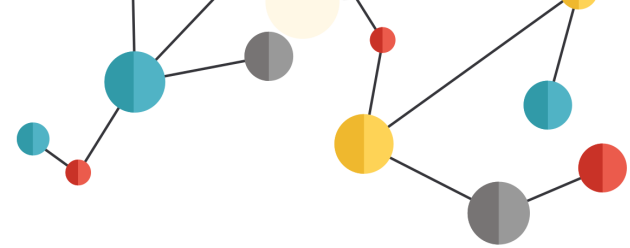
#2DSXL

#NewNintendo2DS

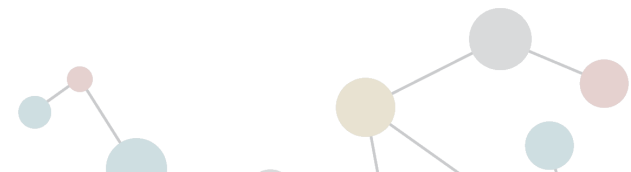
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Note: Microsoft's console were initially marketed as "Project Scorpio". The company disclosed the official name during the tradeshow

# Data Filtering



Problem	Solution	N. of Output Tweets
Tweets written in different languages	Language classifier to identify english tweets	7.165.216
Advertising	Supported Vector Machine classifier to identify relevant tweets	66.796



# SVM classifier for irrelevant tweets

We defined characteristics that make a tweet:

- **relevant:** posted by users or containing words or opinions related to our products of interests and their functionalities
- **irrelevant** tweets containing advertisings, links to e-commerce websites or messages related to other products or subjects

A researcher manually classified a subset made up of randomly extracted tweets, composed of 6.500 finding 105 relevant tweets and 6.395 irrelevant tweets.

# SVM classifier for irrelevant tweets

Text	Y/N
<i>Does Xbox really think we don't know the One X is a One with a stronger processor and 499 is a decent price for a modest hardware upgrade?</i>	Y
<i>@NintendoAmerica Please explain how my 2DS can play Mario Maker, but can't download Super Mario World. Why do I need to buy a 2DSXL?</i>	Y
<i>Trappin out the condo 30 shot extendo pop the cartridge in like we play Nintendo</i>	N
<i>Emotionally connecting with your friends enables you to stay i... More for Xbox <a href="https://t.co/7gZyxKHU02">https://t.co/7gZyxKHU02</a></i>	N
...	...

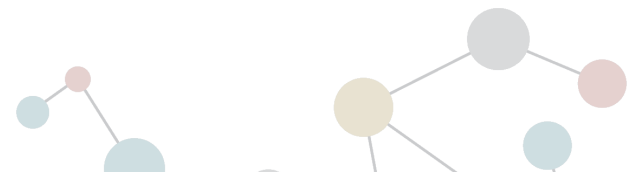
**SVM model was then trained using this dataset, and computed a probability for each tweet to be relevant or irrelevant.**

A threshold of 0.7 has been chosen to label a tweet as relevant or irrelevant.



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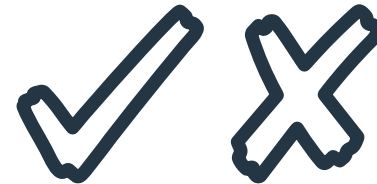
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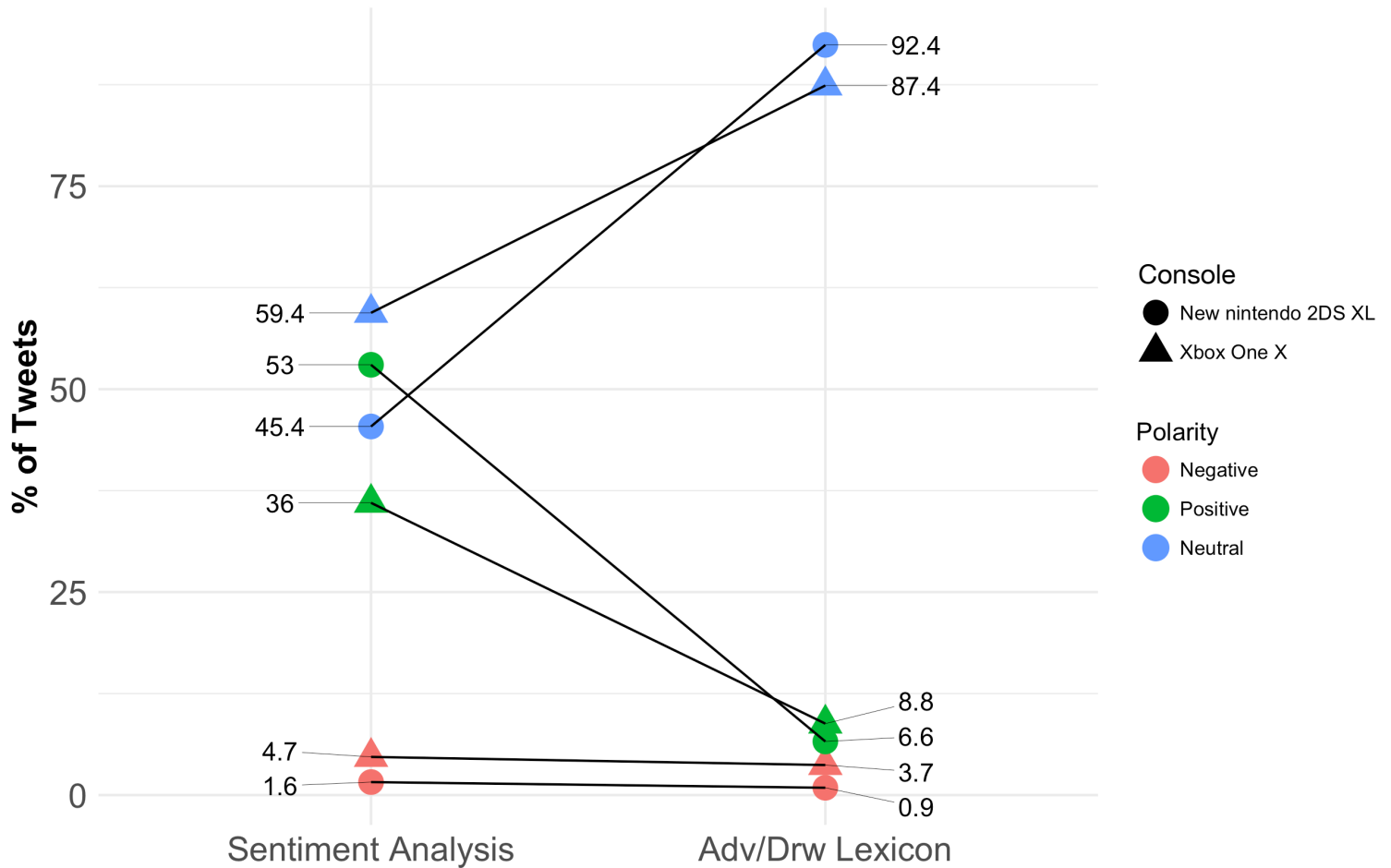
- We used the lexicon developed in Chiarello (2017)
- Tweets are classified using a simple word count



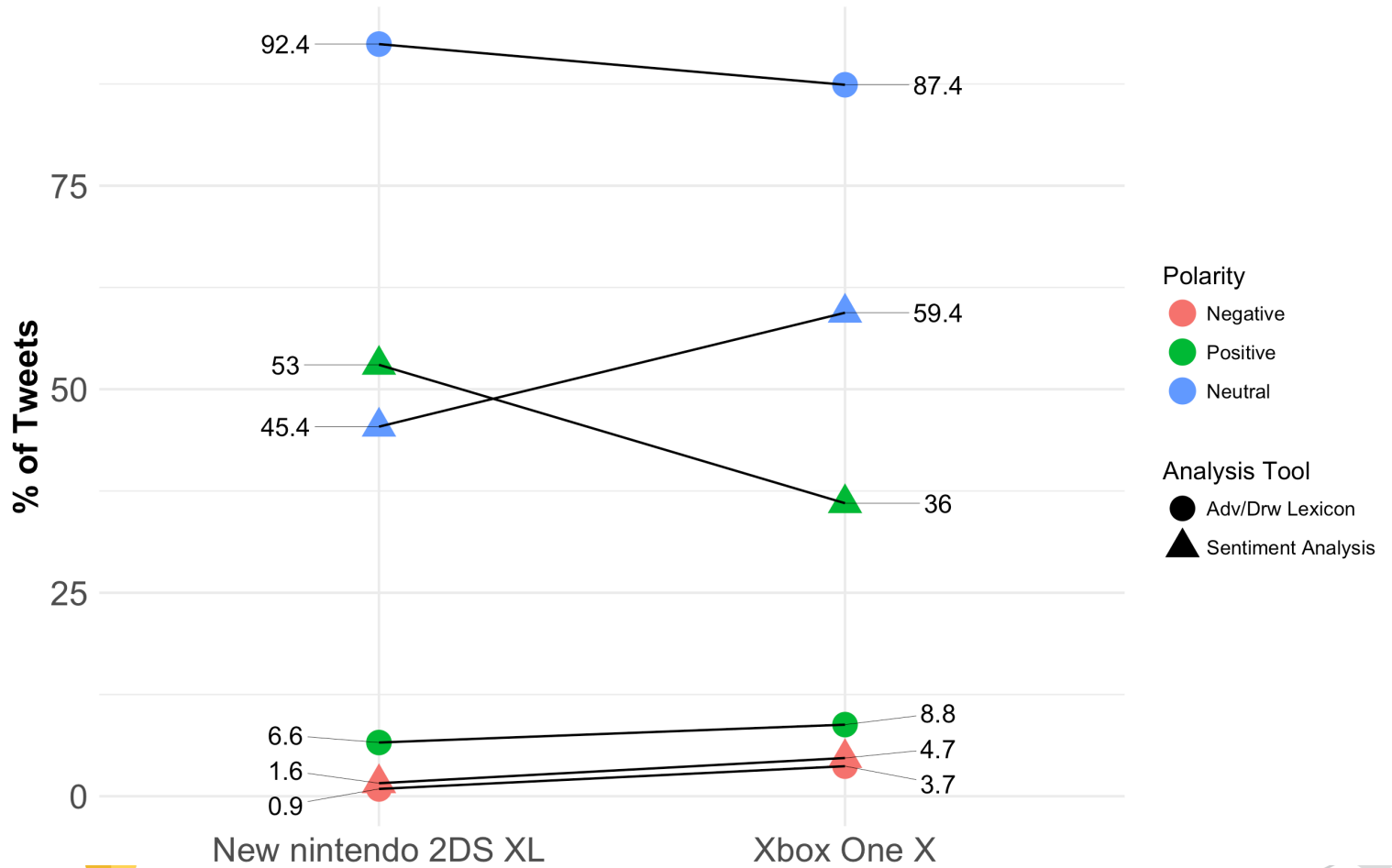
# RESULTS



# Sentiment Analysis VS Technical Sentiment



# Nintendo VS Xbox



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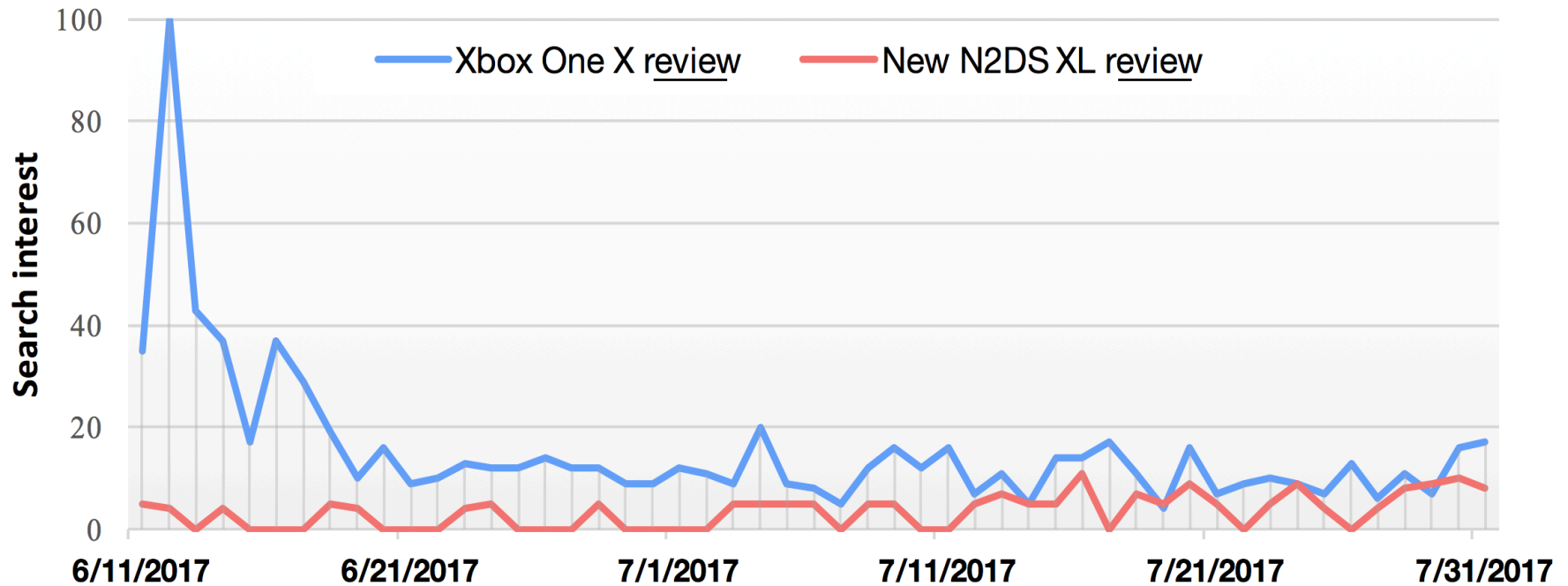
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We can use technical reviews as a proxy

# Google Trends

Queries entered into Google trends engine to search for technical reviews:



# Google Search

Queries entered into Google search engine to search for technical reviews:

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## Search queries

### Xbox One X

allintitle: (4k OR hdr OR hardware OR graphics OR review OR resolution OR fps OR fast OR comparison OR frame OR enhanced OR performance OR cpu OR gpu OR ram) AND ("xbox one x") site: ign.com

### New Nintendo 2DS XL

allintitle: (graphics OR review OR screen OR comparison OR enhanced OR performance OR cpu OR gpu OR ram OR battery OR weight) AND "new nintendo 2ds xl" site: ign.com

We obtained **1.117** articles about **Xbox** and only **52** about **Nintendo**



# Marketing Campaigns



**Xbox** @Xbox Segui

Fully spec'ed for 4K gaming. #XboxOneX  
[bit.ly/2t2zIGs](http://bit.ly/2t2zIGs)

- ✓ 6 Teraflop GPU
- ✓ 12GB GDDR5 graphic memory
- ✓ 326GB/s memory bandwidth
- ✓ 8GB flash memory
- ✓ 1TB HDD internal storage

XBOX ONE X

10:35 - 14 giu 2017

816 Retweet 3.112 Mi piace



**Nintendo of America** @NintendoAmerica Segui

Play the existing and upcoming library of 3DS games in style with the New Nintendo #2DSXL, available now! [bit.ly/2veqANZ](http://bit.ly/2veqANZ)



11:00 - 28 lug 2017

212 Retweet 1.202 Mi piace

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- Advantages and drawbacks analysis is more effective and efficient in giving technical-functional judgements about a product.
- It can give **complementary** results with respect to sentiment analysis when a product has a certain technological complexity and fuels a **more technical social media discourse**



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