



A Survey Detecting Fake Reviews Using machine Learning Algorithms

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ABSTRACT

As the trend to shop online is growing day by day and lot of people are interested in purchasing the products of their need from the online stores. This way of shopping does not take a lot of time of a customer. In this case reviews on online websites play a important role in sales of the product because people try to get all the pros and cons of any product before they buy it. Most of the people needs genuine information about the product while online shopping. Before spending their money on particular product can analyse the various comments in the website. In this scenario, they did not recognize whether it may be fake or genuine. Customer place the order for particular product only by considering the reviews of that product. Here, it might be possible that reviews are fake. Now here query is which are fake reviews? Fake reviews may be good or bad compliment on the products. To detect such type of reviews we have developed the system. In this research, the dataset of different fake reviews provided by flipkart are considered where reviews sentiments are included and using the LOGISTIC REGRESSION CLASSIFIER the reviews are classified into two categories i.e. fake and genuine. So user can save his/her time only by reading genuine reviews and gives accuracy about the product.

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Introduction:

Now a days because of pandemic situation, it is observed that there is very fast increase in e-commerce. Society prefers e-banking, online shopping, etc. for their convenience. E-commerce allows customer to give feedback about the service. And the presence of these feedback can become source of information to another new customer. In case of online shopping user buys the product only by reading the reviews of the particular product. That means reviews are playing very important role in online shopping. But in this scenario, if the reviews about the product are fake then it will definitely give wrong conclusion about the product. We know that reviews are of two categories i.e. genuine and fake. Fake reviews can be good or bad. There are different types of fake reviews like if seller post any product for selling he himself ask to his social members to comment on that product or sometimes user himself/herself did not buy the product just comment on it .[1] so these type of reviews are fake. To detect such type of reviews the system is designed. The System can detect the fake reviews of the product by using the text properties of the review. The reviews dataset from the legal website flipkart is collected for the implementation which includes multiple attributes and number of rows. The logistic regression classifier is used to develop this system. [2] Different techniques like pre-processing, feature selection, tokenization, web scrapping, etc. are used while developing this system. Using this system user can differentiate the reviews of product in two categories i.e. fake or genuine. And only by reading genuine reviews list user first saves his/her time then get the accurate judgement about the product. And finally we proved the effectiveness of the system.

Purpose of planned system:

Emerging a user-friendly scheme for detection of spam reviews. The aim is to provide the user with the capacity to accurate judgement about the product.

Literature Review:

“A method for detecting of fake reviews based on temporal features of reviews and comments”: In this paper, author studied the review records of online shopping sites and proposed a novel approach to detect fake reviews of products. This review detection method detects the type of products by analysing the temporal trends of reviews and comments. Such perspective makes method more advantageous than some existing methods.

“A Framework for Fake Reviews Detection: Issues and Challenges”, [3] This paper puts Forward an abnormal scoring behaviour analysis-based fake comment commodity recognition. On the basis of analysing fake comment behaviour, it adopts combination detection between static and dynamic feature to realize fake comment discovery. The experimental results show that this method can effectively detect fake comment target for online commodities.

“Fake product review monitoring system”: Here the author studied the dataset provided by legal sites and after that performing different techniques like feature selection, data mining, data cleaning, web scrapping, etc. are used to develop the system which can differentiate fake and genuine reviews of the product.

Proposed System:

We projected this system which helps for detecting fake or spam reviews of the product. To put this into action, a variety of machine learning techniques should be used. A suitable dataset of reviews is used to build the model. The most accurate model i.e. the best model is utilized to categorize the reviews as genuine and fake. The model is trained and the different algorithms are used for classification. The algorithms includes Logistic Regression, Naïve Bayes. [4] The features are extracted from pre-processed dataset. The best performing models after fitting all classifiers were chosen.

Finally the chosen model was use in the identification of spam reviews with high accuracy and reliability. The following Architecture depicts the proposed system (Fig 1).

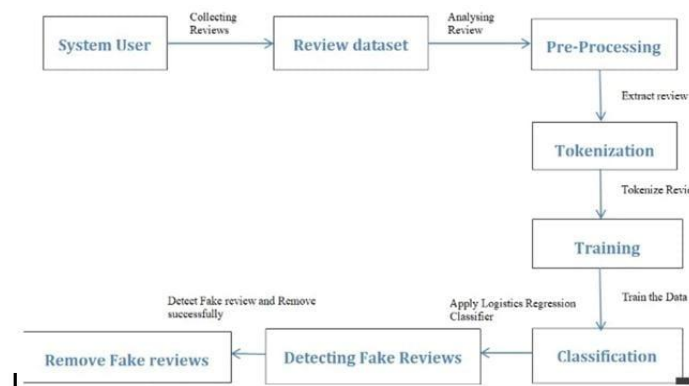


Fig.1 System Architecture

Methodology:

System User:

System will register admin by default. Admin has to login the system and perform works he/she wants to do. Normal user should has to register first and then have to login the system to use it.

Dataset:

User need to collect dataset of reviews from flipkart. The dataset contains near about 14 attributes and thousands of rows. This kind of dataset is used to train the model. The attributes of dataset are:

URL: Scraped Url

Review bold: Title of the reviews

Ratings: Star ratings given by the review

Review: Review in paragraph format

Verified: reviewer is verified buyer or not.

Date: Date review was made

By: Name of user

Profile_id: Id number of profile

Most_rev: Max reviews made in day by profile

Blink: URL to profile

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3) Pre-processing:

Once dataset is collected, the pre-processing of the data is performed. Simply pre-processing is the process of converting raw data into suitable format which is understandable to machine and can be used for machine learning model.

Feature Extraction:

Feature extraction is nothing but the process of selection relevant data and get rid from the noise. The features which are important and effective are taken under consideration only. Here, we have considered only two attributes i.e. reviews and reviews sentiment. The review attribute is consists of reviews about the product and sentiment attribute contains its sentiment in the form of float value. All other columns are removed.

Data cleaning:

Data cleaning is the process of fixing or removing incorrect, corrupted, incorrectly formatted, duplicate, or incomplete data within a dataset. Using the different NLTK libraries like stop words, punkt, word net data is cleaned. The repeatable words like a, an, the, etc. are removed from reviews ,different punctuation marks are removed, lemmatization is done onreviews i.e words with same meaning are considered only at once. So we will get proper organized data.

4) Tokenization:

In Python tokenization basically refers to splitting up a larger body of text into smaller lines, words or even creating words for a non-English language. NLTK contains a module called tokenize () which further classifies into two sub-categories:

Word tokenize: We use the word tokenize () method to split a sentence into tokens or words.

Sentence tokenize: We use the sent tokenize () method to split a document or paragraph into sentences.

Here, the tokenization of features is performed i.e. reviews are splitted into small meaningful parts.

5) Training:

Now the properly organized and cleaned data which is used to train the model is available. Training is the process of creating model (brain) based on the known information. The different algorithms like Logistic regression, Naïve Bayes Can be used for training the model.

6) Classification:

Now the model is trained using the algorithms. The trained model means it has capacity to take the decisions. It is like human brain which considers the previous knowledge and experience and make decision. Now model is able to distinguish the reviews into twocategories i.e. fake and genuine along with its truth probability.

7) Web Scrapping:

Web Scrapping is the technique to obtain large amounts of data from websites. Most of this data is not in structured format in an HTML which is then converted into structured data in a spreadsheet or a database so that it can be used in various applications. There are various different ways to work on web scraping to obtain data from websites. Here, the web scraping is performed using beautiful soap in python.

7) Detecting Fake Reviews:

Now the reviews from websites are fetched and are properly cleaned by removing punctuations, html parsers, etc. The system will detect the reviews provided by user to check whether genuine or fake. Using the different functions the prediction is made.

8) Removing the fake reviews:

Here, the system has detected the fake reviews and further the system should remove them. That means the only genuine reviews are displayed in one list and remaining fake reviews are put into other side. So this is the removal of fake reviews from the list of genuine.

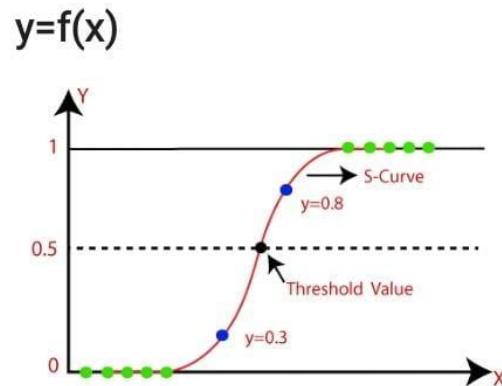
Algorithms:

1) Logistic Regression:

Logistic Regression is the classification technique follows under the unsupervised learning. Logistic regression is the binary.classification model which predicts the result into two values like true or false OR 1 or 0. It is used for predicting the categorical dependent variable using a given set of independent variables. When the system which results into two categories is developed the logistic regression is the best approach. It is mainly used for classification problems. The logistic regression contains two variables one is dependent variable and can call as x and another is dependent variable can call as y. x is input variable to algorithm and y is the output.

In mathematical way,

$$y=f(x)$$



Conclusion:

In this study, we focused on the task of identifying spam reviews. After analysing the reviews in the datasets, we propose a hypothesis that fine-grained aspect information can be used as a new scheme for fake review detection and reconstructed the representation of reviews from four perspectives: users, products, reviews text, and fine-grained aspects. We proposed a multilevel interactive attention neural network model with aspect plan; to optimize the model's objective function, we transformed the implicit relationship between users, reviews and products into a regularization term. To verify the effectiveness of the MIANA, we conducted extensive experiments on three public datasets. Our experiments showed that the classification effect has been significantly improved, that the MIANA outperforms the state-of-the-art methods for fake review detection tasks, and proved the effectiveness and feasibility of our proposed scheme. In this paper, the fine-grained aspect terms are for restaurants and hotels. When it comes to cross-domain issues, you only need to further obtain fine-grained aspects in the relevant domain. This is the current limitation of our proposed method, and it is also the content of our future research. Our future work includes: (a) validate the performance of our proposed method on cross-domain datasets, (b) build a joint model that can automatically extract fine-grained aspects and identify fake reviews.

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