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ABSTRACT

Digital information available on the Internet is increasing day by day. As a result of this, the demand for tools that help people in finding and analyzing all these resources are also growing in number. Text Classification, in particular, has been very useful in managing the information. Text Classification is the process of assigning natural language text to one or more categories based on the content. It has many important applications in the real world. For example, finding the sentiment of the reviews, posted by people on restaurants, movies and other such things are all applications of Text classification. In this project, focus has been laid on Sentiment Analysis, which identifies the opinions expressed in a piece of text. It involves categorizing opinions in text into categories like 'positive' or 'negative'. Existing works in Sentiment Analysis focused on determining the polarity (Positive or negative) of a sentence. This comes under binary classification, which means classifying the given set of elements into two groups. The purpose of this research is to address a different approach for Sentiment Analysis called Multi Class Sentiment Classification. In this approach the sentences are classified under multiple sentiment classes like positive, negative, neutral and so on. Classifiers are built on the Predictive Model, that consists of multiple phases. Analysis of different sets of features on the data set, like stemmers, n-grams, tf-idf and so on, will be considered for classification of the data. Different classification models like Bayesian Classifier, Random Forest and SGD classifier are taken into consideration for classifying the data and their results are compared. Frameworks like Weka, Apache Mahout and Scikit are used for building the classifiers.

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CHAPTER 1

Introduction

The digital information available on the internet is growing day by day. Human intervention is not at all sufficient to analyze all this data. Many techniques are required to extract all this data, analyze it and draw meaningful patterns. Text classification is a machine-learning technique, in which the text is classified into different categories by different classification algorithms. Every classifier has its own way of gathering the features and using them in order to classify the text. Text classification has wide range of applications like spam filtering, genre categorization, language identification, routing the emails, sentiment analysis and many such applications. All these applications use wide range of text classification techniques.

Now-a-days sentiment classification is widely used by the businesses to know their brand value and to gain business intelligence. Feedback given by the customers about businesses is of great importance to them. Using the text from the feedback(reviews), the data can be mined for various interesting facts which might be helpful in increasing the market for a particular business. Mining the text might be of high importance when compared to the star rating system, because sentiment of the customer can't be seen in the latter. A particular user might give a business 3 star rating, but the review written by that user might not match with the star rating given. In this manner, sentiment classification has gained huge importance in the business world.

In this Project, supervised learning is the learning approach that has been adapted by the classifiers. In supervised learning, the training dataset consists of the data instances along with the labels provided for them. Initially the classifiers learn the data in a supervised fashion and then the model is evaluated with the data instances(test set) that doesn't consist of labels. The classifier, during evaluation, outputs the labels for testing instances and then the accuracies are computed. Dataset for this project is a corpus of movie

reviews obtained from rotten tomatoes website. Some pre-processing tasks are performed to split the data into train and test sets.

Many features like stop-words, stemmers, n-grams, parts of speech tagging have been used on this dataset for the classification task. Models like Bayesian, Random Forest and Stochastic Gradient Descent have been tried on this dataset for classifying the reviews under different labels.

This paper is organized as follows. The background research work that has been done to explore various methods and models are described in Section 2. Problem and the dataset structure is discussed in Section 3. In Section 4, the proposed approach is explained and finally the paper is concluded in Section 5.

CHAPTER 2

Background

Extracting the sentiment or opinion from a message or blog post is the typical way of obtaining the valuable information. Machine Learning Technologies are mainly used in the domain of sentiment classification for learning the model and then for prediction. ML Libraries like Mahout internally comprises of many machine learning algorithms and the usage of such technologies doesn't give us the complete control on the underlying ML Algorithms.

The idea proposed on implementing a Naive Bayes Classifier on the top of Hadoop framework, for classification of sentiment in [1], gives the authors, a fine grained control on the algorithm to accommodate high scalable data. The idea proposed in [1], is evaluated against million review sentences and the throughput seems to be efficient.

Now-a-days spam is the major problem and spam categorization has got huge importance. There are many machine learning algorithms which distinguishes the spam mail from legitimate mail. The authors of [2], have tried several classifiers and classification approaches as well on the data set. Several measures and parameters which play a key role in spam categorization have also been specified in [2]. Analysis of different supervised classifiers using different data mining tools like Weka, Rapid Miner is shown; in [2].

Click Prediction plays a very major role in sponsored search system. Most of the research works on click prediction focused on the relevance information (similarity between ad and query) and the historical data of users click information. The authors in [3], proposed a new perspective of looking at click prediction. They mainly concentrated on the reasons behind a user clicking a particular ad. Tags like 'x% off', 'official site' increase the tendency of a user clicking a particular ad, is what the authors of [3] believed in. They proposed a system according to Maslow's desire theory, in which the users psychological desire is categorized under five levels. Clustering algorithm and Maximum Entropy

Modeling are used in this system. Evaluation is done for Rich history Ads Vs Rare history Ads and effects of desire level combinations over desire patterns.

Word Clouds are the most effective way of visualizing the text, as the words in the text are shown in a way as if their frequency is proportional to the font size. Usually this is done in a static way, meaning the summarization is done for static text. The authors of [4], have done research on the importance of word clouds for text analytics. A prototypical system called the word cloud explorer, into which the natural language processing techniques are integrated, have been developed in [4], and this completely relies on word clouds as the visualization method. Features like search, click based filter, part-of-speech filter, stop word editor and co-occurrence cloud have also been implemented in this system. They evaluated this system in such a way that is useful in qualitative study.

Data existing in social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter is very abundant and hence there is huge scope for extracting the emotional content from such data. The existing research works tend to identify the state of mind of users but are insufficient because of the ambiguity in the conveyed text. The authors of [5], have considered the Facebook posts during the 'Arabic Spring' era, for their research work. Their main idea is to extract the useful information from Tunisian users during this sensitive and significant period. A method that depends on Naive Bayes and SVM is proposed by them and several lexicons related to emoticons, interjections have been built to determine the sentiment of status updates.

Now-a-days illegitimate drug and cosmetic products are being developed in the market. Data mining might be helpful in this regard to eradicate such products. Hence there is a need for developing active surveillance system that reports the legitimacy of a drug or cosmetic product to the stake holders participating in anti-counterfeiting fight. The authors of [6], were involved in developing a framework for gathering and analyzing the user views using machine learning, text mining and sentiment analysis. The proposed framework was evaluated on Facebook comments and data from Twitter. Naive Bayes

Classification is used in [6], to develop a product safety lexicon and the model is trained with the facebook posts/ twitter tweets related to drug-cosmetic products.

Stock market is one among the key components of economy in most of the countries. In Stock market, there are various factors involved in making a decision. Lot of things like price trend, nature of the market, stability of the company, news related to a firm and rumors play a major role in making a decision. The idea of authors in [7], is to extract the fundamental information related to stocks from the news sources and use them in the analysis of stock market. They surveyed the existing business researches and proposed a framework which comprises of text parser and the analyzer as well. The system is evaluated, and this equipped framework is able to analyze and forecast the decisions from any data source.

Searching the existing research papers online is what most of the researchers do, in order to perform research on their areas of interest. Relevance really matters in this context, as the search results need to be really narrowed down in order to produce the specific results that are being expected. The authors of [8], proposed a classification system that uses the natural language processing techniques and k-means clustering algorithm for categorizing the research papers.

The model which determines the sentiment for a sentence in multiple stages is described in [16]. In this approach, the authors initially determine whether the sentence is polar or neutral. In the next level disambiguation is removed from polar sentences by classifying them into positive, negative or both. The authors in [17], followed three level hierarchical strategy for finding the sentiment of twitter data. In each and every level, the emotion is found and it is further fine-tuned in its lower level.

The approach of training the data in multiple layers with different set of features in every layer, is discussed by the authors in [18]. The performances at every layer are discussed and compared. The authors in [19], discusses a new strategy which finds the sentiment of text based on the results from multiple levels. Text is initially divided into small parts and

the sentiment is found for every part. Integrating the sentiment results of every part determines the sentiment of the actual text.

The above mentioned research from [16],[17],[18],[19] is the main motivation for proposing a multi-tier framework for sentiment classification. Some of the dictionary building techniques from [5], [6] have also been applied to the proposed model. The next section discusses about the data and classifiers that have been used for sentiment classification.

CHAPTER 3

Problem

Existing works in Sentiment analysis focused on determining the polarity (Positive or negative) of a sentence. This comes under binary classification, which means classifying the given set of elements into two groups, based on the sentiment they carry.

Multi-Class Sentiment Analysis or Multi-Labeled Sentiment Analysis is the data mining problem, that has been chosen for Text classification. This can be considered as a different problem under Sentiment Classification. In this problem the sentences are classified under multiple sentiment classes like positive, negative, neutral and so on.

Dataset is the collection of movie reviews from Rotten Tomatoes website. The main agenda of this problem is to label the reviews under five values: negative, fairly negative, neutral, fairly positive and positive.

Data not only consists of review sentences, but also consists of phrases obtained from those review sentences, which makes this problem more challenging. Negation in sentences, ambiguity in the language and sarcasm also makes this challenging. The structure of the dataset is presented in the following section.

3.1 Data:

Dataset:

- Dataset consists of 5 Sentiment Labels
 - Negative (or) '0'
 - Fairly Negative (or) '1'
 - Neutral (or) '2'
 - Fairly Positive (or) '3'
 - Positive (or) '4'

- Training Set consists of 156k instances
- Testing Set consists of 66k instances

The attributes present in each instance are shown below in detail.

PhraseId	SentenceId	Phrase	Sentiment
1	1	A series of escapades demonstrating the adage that what is good for the goose is also good for the gander	
2	1	A series of escapades demonstrating the adage that what is good for the goose	2
3	1	A series	2
4	1	A	2
5	1	series	2
6	1	of escapades demonstrating the adage that what is good for the goose	2
7	1	of	2
8	1	escapades demonstrating the adage that what is good for the goose	2
9	1	escapades	2
10	1	demonstrating the adage that what is good for the goose	2
11	1	demonstrating the adage	2
12	1	demonstrating	2
13	1	the adage	2
14	1	the	2
15	1	adage	2
16	1	that what is good for the goose	2
17	1	that	2
18	1	what is good for the goose	2
19	1	what	2
20	1	is good for the goose	2
21	1	is	2
22	1	good for the goose	3
23	1	good	3
24	1	for the goose	2
25	1	for	2

Figure 1: Structure of data

As shown above in the picture, each instance in the dataset is described by 4 attributes:

PhraseId - The unique identifier(key) for each phrase in the dataset

SentenceId - The unique identifier for each review in the dataset

Phrase - The review or a phrase obtained from that review

Sentiment - The emotion that a review or phrase carries

Basically, the dataset consists of both reviews and the phrases obtained from those reviews.

For example:

If there is a review, "The movie is not that interesting", and if this is the first review in the dataset, then this is how it is uniquely identified in the dataset.

PhraseId	SentenceId	Phrase	Sentiment
1	1	The movie is not that interesting	2
2	1	The movie	3
3	1	is	3
4	1	not that interesting	2

This is how, the dataset is organized with both the reviews and the phrases obtained from those reviews, using two identifiers, one which uniquely identifies the phrase and the other which uniquely identifies the review.

CHAPTER 4

Proposed Solution

4.1 Architecture for Proposed Solution:

The process flow that has been followed to solve this problem of multi class sentiment classification is shown in the below picture.

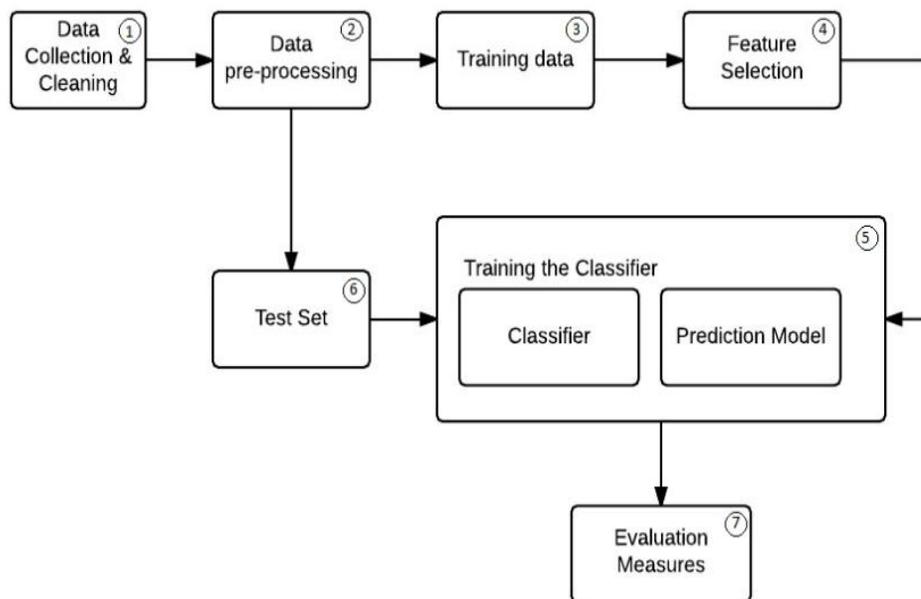


Figure 2: Architecture for Proposed Model

Initially data is collected in the first phase and it is verified for any data outliers. All such noise is removed during the initial phase. During the pre-processing phase the data is transformed in such a way, that the machine learning algorithms directly work on the processed data. In this project, train and test sets are split during this phase.

Once the train set is obtained, features are selected from it during the Feature Selection phase. Features for this dataset are words and several techniques like stop-word removal,

stemming, n-grams are applied during this phase. Once this is done, the classifier is implemented in such a way that it adapts the Predictive Model, that consists of multiple phases. Classifier is then trained with the train set and the test set is applied to the classifier for the purpose of evaluation. Each of these phases are described in detail in the following sections.

4.2 Data Pre-Processing:

This can be considered as one of the most important steps to be performed before selecting the features from the dataset. The main agenda of this particular phase is to remove the unwanted data and retain only the data that is required for feature selection. This phase can be sub-divided into many other steps like data validation, data cleansing, data sampling and so on. The actions performed in each of these steps is discussed below in detail.

4.2.1 Data Validation:

In this step, some checks are performed to determine the validity of the dataset.

The dataset is tested for:

NULL values: The dataset might consist of NULL values, which means for a particular instance, there might be a possibility of the review being empty. All such cases are tested using Hive queries after loading the dataset into Hive table. Some of those queries are shown below.

```
SELECT PhraseId, SentenceId, Phrase, Sentiment From Dataset Where Phrase IS NULL  
SELECT PhraseId, SentenceId, Phrase, Sentiment From Dataset Where Sentiment IS NULL
```

Validity of Sentiment labels: The valid range of sentiment labels for this dataset is [0,1,2,3,4]. There might be every possibility of a sentiment label being a value, not in the specified range. Hive queries are used to test this case, which is shown below.

```
SELECT * From Dataset Where Sentiment NOT BETWEEN 0 and 4
```

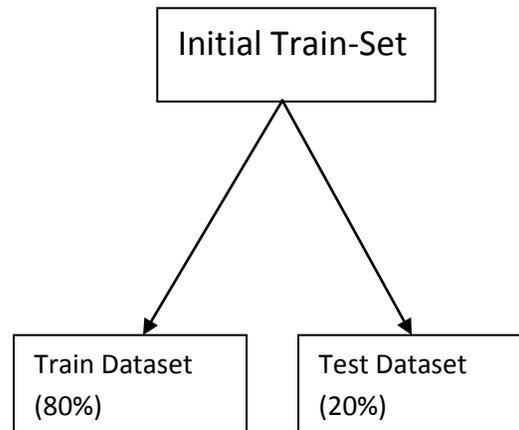
4.2.2 Data Cleansing:

Data Cleansing or Data Scrubbing is the process of checking the inappropriate attributes from the dataset and removing them. In this particular dataset PhraseId, uniquely identifies each review and the phrase as well. So, the existence of SentenceId, might not be that important and this particular column can be removed from the dataset.

4.2.3 Data Sampling:

As discussed earlier the dataset consists of both train-set and test-set. The train-set consists of a valid Sentiment label for each and every instance. The test-set doesn't consist of a Sentiment label and that is what, is to be determined for the test-set. As, the test-set doesn't consist of Sentiment labels, accuracy of the model can't be determined.

Therefore, the initial train-set is split into two parts with the split factor being 80:20, 80 for train-set and 20 for test-set.



Splitting should be done in such a way, that the Sentiment label distribution in the actual train-set should be properly maintained.

For example:

If the data is randomly split and train set consists of labels (0,1,2,3), test set consists of labels (0,1,2,4), there is no way for the model to determine the label for instances with Sentiment '4', as it is not present in the train-set.

If the train-set consists of half of the instances with label '2', then there is every chance of the model being more biased towards label '2', while determining the sentiment for the instances in the test set.

In order, to avoid these kind of scenarios, proper data sampling should always be maintained. 'Bucketing' feature in hive has been used to properly sample the data and maintain the label distribution ratio.

Using Hive Bucketing, the initial train dataset is split into five buckets.

Bucket 1 - carries all the instances with label '0'

Bucket 2 - carries all the instances with label '1'

Bucket 3 - carries all the instances with label '2'

Bucket 4 - carries all the instances with label '3'

Bucket 5 - carries all the instances with label '4'

Here is the Hive query used for performing the bucketing on initial data set.

```
CREATE TABLE data_sampling
(PhraseId int, SentenceId int, Phrase string, Sentiment string)
CLUSTERED BY (Sentiment) into 5 buckets
Row Format Delimited Fields terminated by '\t'
Stored as Textfile;
```

After creating 5 buckets, each bucket is considered and divided into two parts, one comprising 80% of the random instances (shown in blue) from the chosen bucket and the other comprising remaining 20%(shown in orange) of the random instances.

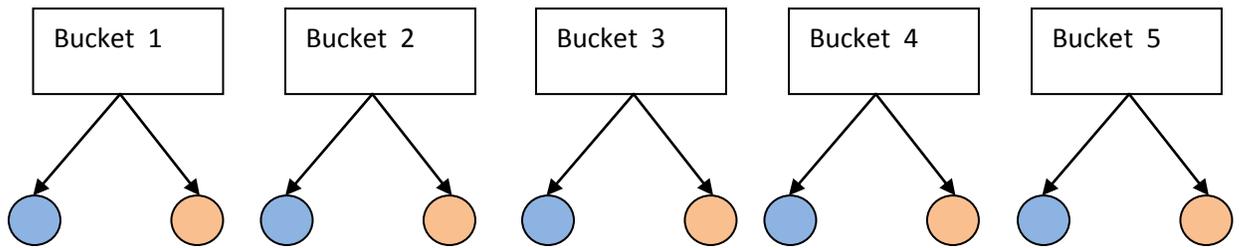


Figure 3: Data Buckets and Sampling

Here is the sampling query used to divide each bucket into two parts

```
from (  
    select *, (rand() * 100 <= 20) as test_flag  
    from data_sampling  
    tablesample (bucket 1 out of 5 on Sentiment)  
) t  
insert overwrite directory '/user/test/test_0'  
    select * where test_flag = true  
insert overwrite directory '/user/train/train_0'  
    select * where test_flag = false;
```

After executing this query on all the five buckets,

- All the blue colored parts (80% of instances from particular bucket) shown in the above diagram are merged to form the properly sampled train-set.
- All the orange colored parts (20% of instances from particular bucket) are merged to form the properly sampled test-set.

By the end of this step, train-set (125k) and test-set (30k) with proper label distributions are obtained.

4.3 Feature Selection:

Feature selection is the process of selecting the features that are most essential and that are more relevant to the machine learning problem, which is being considered. To further simplify, in the context of Text classification, only the features that help in determining the sentiment of a sentence are to be considered.

In Sentiment classification, words play a major role in determining the sentiment of a sentence. Hence, words are said to be the features in the context of Text classification.

There are many advantages in performing the feature selection before building the classifier and modeling the data.

- *Accuracy might improve:* When the relevant features are only selected for modeling, there is every chance for the accuracy to get improved.
- *Training time is reduced:* After removing all the unwanted features, it is very obvious that the training time is reduced.
- *Over-fitting gets reduced:* When the redundant data is less, there is very less probability for the model to make decisions based on noise.

In this project, for the dataset that is being considered, there are 14k unique words, that are being considered as the features for the machine learning model. Furthermore, features like stop-word removal, stemming, n-grams and so on, will also be considered for further fine tuning before modeling the data.

The set of such features used in this project will be discussed in detail in the following sections.

4.3.1 Bag of Words:

Bag of words model is widely used in many of the text classification applications such as spam filtering and document classification. In this model, text such as review or document is considered as a bag of words. The grammar is disregarded and even the order of words is ignored, but the multiplicity of the word is considered.

In this project, after considering each review as a bag of words, multiplicity(frequency) of each word is considered as a feature while training the classifier. The model shown below gives an overview of how this works.

For example, consider two reviews:

- 1) The movie is not that interesting
- 2) The movie is a thriller and its worth watching

Based on these two reviews, a dictionary is created as shown below

```
{  
    "The" : 1,  
    "movie" : 2,  
    "is" : 3,  
    "not": 4,  
    "that": 5,  
    "interesting": 6,  
    "a": 7,  
    "thriller": 8,  
    "and": 9,  
    "its": 10,  
    "worth" : 11,  
    "watching" : 12
```

}

These two reviews have 12 words altogether and by using the indexes from dictionary, these two reviews can be represented in the feature space as shown below

[1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0]

[1,1,1,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1]

In this way, all the reviews can be represented in the vector space and the classifier can use this feature for training the model.

4.3.2 Stop-words:

In the case of sentiment classification, after considering words as the features for training the classifier, there are still some words which don't play any role in deciding the sentiment of a particular sentence [9].

In the dataset used for this project, some of the words like

{in, the, anywhere, are, around, as, at, be, became, because, become, been, being, between, both,

but, by, can, could, detail, each, either, else, elsewhere, etc, even,..... }

and many more such words doesn't determine the sentiment of a particular review [10].

So, removing all such words will be advantageous in many ways like:

- Storage space of the feature vector decreases.
- Performance of the classifier increases, which means it's running time decreases.
- There is every chance for the accuracy to improve.

Here is the code snippet that is used for removing the stop-words from the dataset.

```
import nltk
from nltk.corpus import stopwords

reviews = open("train.tsv", "r")
stopword_list = set(stopwords.words('english'))
for line in reviews:
    for w in line.split():
        if w.lower() not in stopword_list:
            write w
```

Many API's provide stop words list, which can be used directly or customized stop-words can be added into the existing lists based on the context.

In this project, some words from the reviews like {'-LRB-', '-RRB-', '\$',.....} are added to the existing stop-word lists for better performance.

4.3.3 Stemming:

Stemming is the process of removing the suffix from a word. Stemming is widely used in search engines for expanding a query, indexing and natural language processing [11].

The algorithms which does stemming are called stemmers or stemming algorithms. There are many stemming algorithms like

- Porter's stemmer
- Lovins Stemmer
- Iterated Lovins Stemmer
- Null Stemmer

Each of these differs in the performance and the context to be used as well. Stemmers basically removes the 'ing' form, 'ly' form and 'ed' form from the words.

In the dataset used for this project, in many of the reviews there are words like 'lovely', 'badly' and so on. 'lovely' becomes 'love' and 'watching' becomes 'watch' after a stemmer is applied.

Stemming has been used in this project before the data is pipelined to the classifier.

For example, if there are two reviews

- Star cast performances are very bad and so it's better to skip the movie.
- Climax has badly affected this movie.

While the feature vectors are built for these two reviews, the words 'bad' and 'badly' will be treated as two separate words. Because of this, multiplicity(frequency) of these two words are calculated separately.

If stemming is applied on this corpus, 'badly' is treated as 'bad', and only 'bad' will have an entry in the dictionary of the classifier with word frequency 2.

Thus the advantages of this technique are:

- Storage space of the feature vector decreases
- The probability of a word falling into a particular sentiment dictionary gets increased

When stemming is applied on this dataset, there is a significant improvement in the accuracy, which will be discussed in the later sections.

4.3.4 N-grams:

N-grams are widely used in many areas of computer science. N-grams are 'n' contiguous words from a given sentence [12]. If the size of the n-gram is 1, then it is referred as 'unigram', similarly a 'bigram' if the size is 2, and a 'trigram' if the size is 3.

For example, if a review is considered

"The movie is worth watching"

Here is the unigrams, bigrams and trigrams list for this particular review.

Unigrams: {'The', 'movie', 'is', 'worth', 'watching'}

Bigrams: {'The movie', 'movie is', 'is worth', 'worth watching'}

Trigrams: {'The movie is', 'movie is worth', 'is worth watching'}

While predicting the sentiment for a review, n-grams might be very useful. For instance, in this example, the bigram 'worth watching' is clearly helpful for the classifier to predict this review as a positive one.

In the same manner, under different contexts, n-grams with different sizes will be very useful for the classifier to perform accurate predictions. Usage of n-grams might improve the accuracy as well.

In this project, n-grams with different sizes are applied to the dataset along with the previously mentioned features. For this particular dataset, bigrams worked effectively when compared relatively to unigrams and trigrams. This is because, generally most of the reviewers strongly express their opinion about a movie in two contiguous word combinations like 'very good', 'worth watching', 'utterly failed' and this might be the reason for bigrams working more effectively on this dataset.

The accuracies varied a bit upon applying n-grams with different sizes on this dataset. This will be shown in the later sections under a particular classifier, when n-grams is tried along with other features discussed above.

4.4 Predictive Model:

In section 4.1, the architecture for the proposed model has been discussed. The role of predictive model while building the classifier is discussed in detail here.

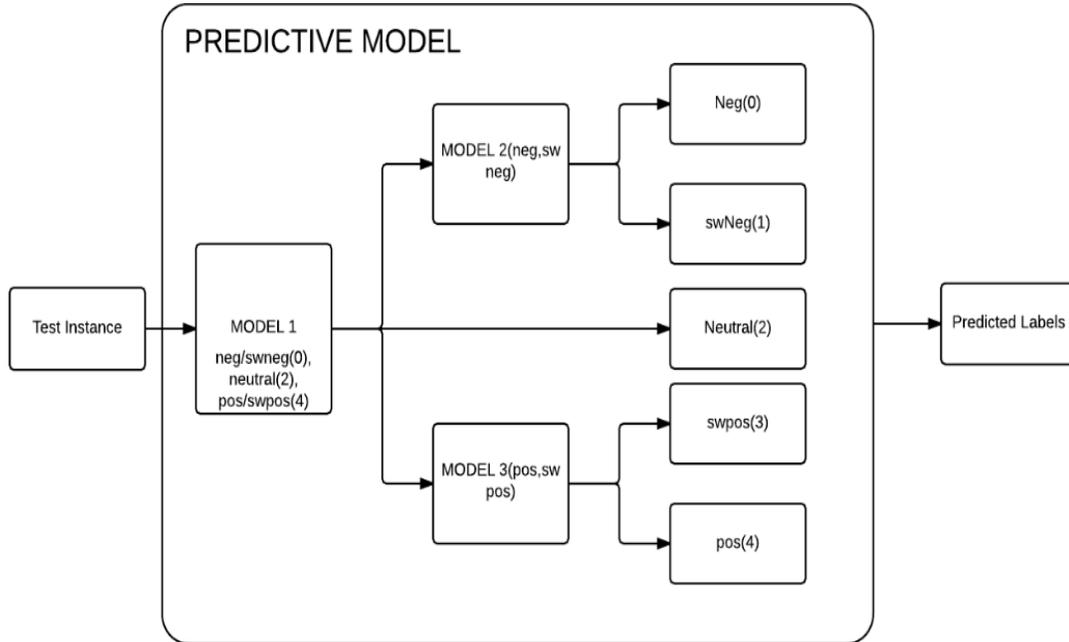


Figure 4: Architecture of Predictive Model

This Predictive Model consists of multiple phases. During each and every phase the classifier is trained with different instances. Each and every phase is explained below.

Phase I:

During this phase, the classifier is trained with the data that consists of three labels.

(Negative + Fairly Negative) instances are considered under label '0'

Neutral instances are considered under label '2'

(Positive + Fairly Positive) instances are considered under label '4'

Whenever a test instance is applied to this phase, the classifier outputs any of these labels [0,2,4]. Based on the label that is predicted by the classifier, the remaining steps in the process flow takes place.

If the label predicted by the classifier is '2', then both the phraseId and predicted label are printed in the result file.

If the label predicted by the classifier for test instance is '0', Phase II is executed and if the predicted label is '4', Phase III is executed.

Phase II:

During this phase, the classifier is trained with the data that consists of two labels.

Negative instances are considered under label '0'

Fairly Negative instances are considered under label '1'

The test instance applied during the Phase I, is predicted as either '0' or '1' during Phase II. Once the prediction is done, phraseId and predicted label are printed in the result file.

Phase III:

In phase III, the classifier is trained with the data that consists of two labels.

Fairly Positive instances are considered under label '3'

Positive instances are considered under label '4'

In this phase the test instance coming from Phase I, is predicted as either '3' or '4'. After this phase the label along with the phraseId is sent to the result file.

Generally, a classifier predicts better when there are less number of labels during the classification task. This advantage is utilized in this predictive model during the execution of each phase. In the next section the classifiers used for classifying the data are discussed.

4.5 Classifier Selection and Parameter Tuning:

In this project, various classifiers have been chosen for classifying the dataset and their parameters are tuned to improve the accuracy.

4.5.1 Naive Bayes Model:

Bayes theorem, is the building block of Naive Bayes classifier and this particular classifier has got many variants [13]. This is widely used in many of the machine learning models, particularly in the areas of document classification, spam filtering and many such areas.

Naive Bayes classifier is linear, which means all the data samples can be separated by a line on the vector model, where each vector represents a sample. The adjective 'Naive' here indicates that all the features within the dataset are mutually independent. Some of the terms like posterior probability, class-conditional probability, prior probability play a key role in predicting the result for a particular instance.

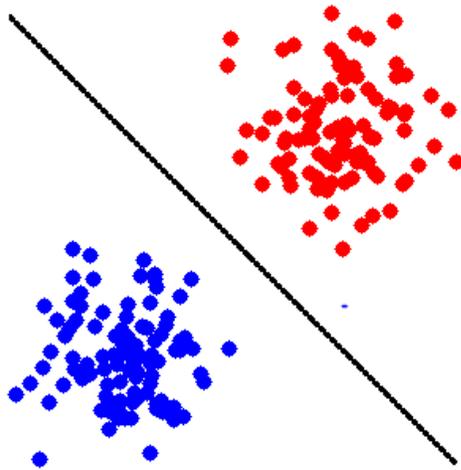


Figure 5: Linear Classifier

In the above figure, a linear classifier is separating two different samples.

Any classifier considers the features present within the dataset, which predicting the result. In this project as the reviews are being classified, the only features that any classifier considers during the training process are the words. As per the Bayes rule, all the words(features) are assumed to be mutually independent of each other. Words from all the reviews will be considered, their multiplicity will be maintained and a dictionary will be built before the classifier is trained with the train instances.

If we consider two reviews:

- The movie is not that good : negative
- Movie is good : positive

Here positive and negative are the sentiment labels(classes) for those two reviews.

Class-conditional probability is a probability that a particular word, for example the word 'good' belongs to a particular class (say positive) in the above example. 'good' occurred twice(one time in negative and the other time in positive) in the above reviews and hence the conditional probability of good occurring under 'positive' class is 0.5. Prior Probability is the probability that a particular class is encountered in the training samples. In this example, prior probability of 'negative' and 'positive' is 0.5.

To generalize, if $w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, \dots, w_i$ are considered to be the words in the dictionary(bag of words) collected from all the data samples and $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4, \dots, Y_j$ are the classes present in the dataset, then conditional probability of a word w_1 belonging to class Y_1 is denoted as $P(w_1 | Y_1)$. Prior probabilities of Y_1 is denoted by $P(Y_1)$ and likewise prior probability of a class Y_j is denoted by $P(Y_j)$.

The Naive Bayes model that has been used for the reviews dataset is shown below:

$$P(Y, w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, \dots, w_i) = P(Y) \prod_i P(w_i | Y)$$

Here $w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, \dots, w_i$ are the features(words) occurring within a particular data instance and 'Y' indicates the class. In this dataset, there are about 13k words and 5 different sentiment labels.

Hence $P(Y)$ indicates,

P(Y)

$$P(Y_1) = P(\text{negative})$$

$$P(Y_2) = P(\text{fairly negative})$$

$$P(Y_3) = P(\text{neutral})$$

$$P(Y_4) = P(\text{fairly positive})$$

$$P(Y_5) = P(\text{positive})$$

4.5.2 Random Forest Model:

Random Forest follows an 'ensemble' learning approach. Random Forest can be used for classification, regression and other such tasks [14]. 'Ensemble' here refers to the collective decision making. The name itself indicates that this classifier is a collection of multiple decision trees. This classifier tries to avoid falling into the trap of 'over-fitting' for training set'. As, Random Forest is a collection of many decision trees, and as each tree behaves differently, there is more probability for this model to avoid over-fitting of train data.

Growing the trees in Random Forest Algorithm:

In this algorithm trees are grown in a top-down manner and the algorithm is explained below [15]:

- Let 'N' be the total number of training samples used for training the classifier and 'M' be the total number of features available within the dataset that can be used by the classifier.
- Out of 'M' features available, the classifier considers only 'm' features at each node of the tree while making a decision. $m < M$, generally 'm' is considered to be the square root of 'M', $m = \sqrt{M}$.

- Consider each decision tree and choose a training set for every tree, in such a way that all the available 'N' training samples are considered by that tree in 'n' times, considering a part of samples for finding the error estimate of the tree.
- At every node in the tree, consider only the 'm' features from the available 'M', for making out a decision at that node. The best split at that node can be found based on these 'm' features.

Here are the tuning parameters for the Random Forest Model:

Trees being grown(n): The variable 'n' indicates the total number of trees taken into consideration for growing the Random Forest classifier. Now, as there are 'n' decision trees, the training samples are divided into 'n' training splits. Each training split will now be taken care by a decision tree and the rest of the samples can be used for finding the error estimate. In the case of test sample evaluation, the Random Forest Model follows 'Bagging approach', which means that the model takes the opinion of every decision tree and decides the majority vote as the value for test instance. In this project, trees ranging from 100-200 are considered for the Random Forest Classifier.

m-variables: This particular parameter indicates the random variables(features) chosen at every node in the tree while a decision is being made. If 'M' are considered to be the total features available, only 'm' random features are considered at every decision making point.

In this project, there are around 13k features available. This tuning parameter gives better results when $m \leq \sqrt{13k}$ (or) $m \leq 114$

Rules for Tree splitting:

A Random Forest Tree can be split using some rules like Gini, Twoing and Entropy.

Gini, does splitting by differentiating the instances with different labels. Gini rule, mainly concentrates on a particular label while separating all the instances related to that label. It is mainly biased towards the label with largest number of data instances.

Twoing, attempts to divide the labels into two separate groups, in such a way that each group accounts to half of the data. Further, this process takes place recursively until all the labels are separated. **Entropy** rule, also works somewhat similar to this. These tree splitting rules really makes difference in the case of large datasets. Gini has been used for this project.

4.5.3 Stochastic Gradient Model:

Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) is one more model that has been used in this project to predict the labels for reviews in the dataset. Scikit API provides this classifier under the category of linear models. This classifier has been successfully used to solve natural language processing problems. SGD classifier is used mainly to solve large scale text classification problems, as this model learns from every instance and immediately adjusts the objective function to minimize the error rate. This classifier can handle large number of features and as this problem of labeling the reviews, has many features involved, this has been chosen as one of the classifiers for solving this text classification problem. SGD is like an extension to Gradient Descent method.

Gradient Descent is usually a method which optimizes a function and finds the local minimum parameters for it. For example, if there is a linear function $f(X) = \Theta_0 + \Theta_1 X$, gradient descent method finds the local minimum values for Θ_0 and Θ_1 . In the context of machine learning, if 'X' is considered to be a data instance(a review) and 'Y' is supposed to be the label(Sentiment) for it, then function $f(X)$ which finds the label for data 'X' is treated as a hypothesis function. A loss function also called as cost function, maps a set of values to a value, which in the case of this dataset can be treated as the mapping between the review(words as features) and its sentiment. Gradient Descent minimizes the loss function and tries to reduce the deviation between the actual label and the predicted label. Batch Gradient Descent is one variant of Gradient Descent, in which the former is called 'Batch' as it has got the functionality of handling many data samples.

How Batch Gradient Descent is different from Stochastic Gradient Descent:

If we assume the loss function to be $L(\Theta_0, \Theta_1)$ and 'm' be the total number of instances(reviews) in the data set,

For Batch Gradient Descent, the pseudo code goes like this

Repeat

```
{  
     $\Theta_j := \Theta_j - \alpha (L(\Theta) \text{ for all the 'm' samples})$   
    (for every  $j = 0, \dots, n$ )  
}
```

Here for every value of 'j', the loss is computed for all the samples of 'm', which means the values of Θ_j change after all the 'm' samples are computed.

Pseudo-Code for Stochastic Gradient Descent:

1. Randomly shuffle the dataset.

2. Repeat

```
{  
    for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$   
    {  
        (for every  $j = 0, \dots, n$ )  
         $\Theta_j := \Theta_j - \alpha (L(\Theta) \text{ for the } i\text{th sample})$   
    }  
}
```

In this case, the value of Θ_j is changed for every sample(review), which means the deviation between the actual label and predicted label gets reduced from review to review. The number of iterations performed here are very high. 'One Versus All(OVA)', is the main approach, which SGD classifier follows in order to support multi label Text classification. In this dataset, there are 5 labels and using OVA, SGD classifier distinguishes a label from all the other 4 labels.

This classifier is fitted with 2 arrays. One array, 'X' holds all the data instances and their features, and array 'Y' holds the labels for all the data instances.

X: [instances, features], Y:[labels for X]

CHAPTER 5

Experiments and Results

5.1 Single tier results:

Some of the classifier models have been tried with single tier architecture and the following sections are the results obtained from those models.

5.1.1 Naive Bayes using Mahout:

Naive Bayes Classifier has been implemented using Apache Mahout. Mahout is a repository of Machine Learning libraries, and it is implemented on the top of Apache Hadoop. It adapts Map Reduce paradigm. Mahout cluster has been setup on the Amazon EC2 instances. In Mahout, the train dataset will be handled by a MapReduce program. Hence the data needs to be in sequence file format and this format should consist of only key-value pairs. Now, the train set should be transformed into a file, that contains every instance as a key-value item.

Regarding this dataset, as each instance has four attributes (PhraseId, SentenceId, Phrase, Sentiment), [PhraseId/Sentiment] can be considered as key and [Phrase] can be considered as value.

Key: [PhraseId/Sentiment] , Value: [Phrase]

A simple java program has been written to convert the train set into sequence file 'seq_file'. Now, vectors are created from the sequence file using the utility provided within Mahout seq2sparse.

```
mahout seq2sparse -i /reviews/seq_file -o /user/sparse_vectors
```

During the pre-processing phase, the original dataset is split into train(80%) and test(20%) sets, which can now be used here for training the model initially and then for testing it.

Training the Model:

The trainset is now used for training the Naive Bayes Classifier in Mahout, using the following command, 125k instances are used for training,

```
mahout trainnb  
-i /user/sparse_vectors  
-li /user/hduser/reviews/nblabelindex  
-o /user/hduser/reviews/nbmodel
```

After executing this command two files namely 'nbmodel' (the actual model) and 'nblabelindex' (indexing of labels) are created.

Testing the Model:

Once the Naive Bayes Model is trained, it can now be evaluated with the test set. In Mahout this command can be used for testing the model, 30k instances are used for testing,

```
mahout testnb  
-i /user/test_vectors  
-m /user/reviews/nbmodel  
-l /user/reviews/nblabelindex  
-o /user/test_result
```

Confusion matrix will be generated after testing the model and this is the one that is mentioned below.

Confusion Matrix:

```

Correctly Classified Instances      23520      76.15 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances    7366      23.85 %

=== Confusion Matrix ===

  a   b   c   d   e  <-- classified as
430 452 353   71  76 |    a = 0
225 4396 498  139 103 |    b = 1
109 1231 12920 1311 185 |    c = 2
  27   21  973 5337 151 |    d = 3
  62   89  569  721 437 |    e = 4

```

Figure 6: Confusion Matrix

Result Table:

Table 1: Experimental results for Naive Bayes classifier

with_Unigrams	with_Bigrams	with_Stop words	with_Stemmers	Accuracy
No	No	No	No	71.75
Yes	No	Yes	No	72.59
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	73.39
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	76.15

From this table, it can be observed that the accuracy is improving upon adding some features to the classifier. For this dataset, bigrams gave good result when compared to unigrams, as the reviewers usually express their opinion in two word combinations like 'very good', 'worth watching' and so on.

5.1.2 Random Forest using Scikit:

Scikit:

Scikit is an API which offers machine learning libraries in Python for problems like classification, regression and clustering. This is open source and can be used for commercial purposes as well. SciPy, NumPy and matplotlib are the Python language extensions on which Scikit is built. NumPy is like a multi-dimensional array support for Python language.

Random Forest Classifier is imported from the module

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
```

After importing this classifier, the main steps to be performed are

1. Fitting the model with the training dataset

```
fit(X, y, sample_weight=None)
```

2. Predicting the labels for test dataset

```
predict(X)
```

How the accuracy is determined:

After supplying the test set, to the model a result file will be generated. This result file consists of PhraseId's along with the predicted sentiment labels. The accuracy of this 'result file' should be determined now. This can be done by matching the PhraseId's and Sentiment labels of 'test file (consists of actual labels)' and 'result file (consists of predicted labels)'.

Here are the steps performed to complete this process:

- 1) Push the 'testfile(PhraseId SentenceId Phrase Sentiment)' into hdfs using -put command
hdfs -put absolute_path_of_testfile location_in_hdfs
hdfs -put testfile /user/test1
- 2) Push the 'resultfile(PhraseId Sentiment)' into hdfs using -put command
- 3) Create two external tables in hive, one which points to 'testfile' in hdfs and the other which points to 'resultfile' which is also in hdfs.
- 4) Run an inner join query on the two tables based on the condition that the PhraseId's and Sentiment labels of both the tables match.

Here are the list of queries used for performing the above mentioned steps.

- create external table actual_test(PhraseId string, SentenceId string, Phrase string, Sentiment string) row format delimited fields terminated by '\t' location '/user/test1';
- create external table predicted_test(PhraseId string, Sentiment string) row format delimited fields terminated by ',' location '/user/test2';
- select count(*) from (select a.PhraseId FROM actual_test a JOIN predicted_test b ON (a.PhraseId = b.PhraseId) where a.Sentiment=b.Sentiment) t;

```

ec2-user@ip-172-31-26-154:~
2015-03-31 05:07:56,760 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 0%, Cumulative CPU 0.51 se
c
2015-03-31 05:07:57,767 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 0%, Cumulative CPU 0.51 se
c
2015-03-31 05:07:58,773 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 0%, Cumulative CPU 0.51 se
c
2015-03-31 05:07:59,780 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 1.61
sec
2015-03-31 05:08:00,786 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 1.61
sec
2015-03-31 05:08:01,798 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 1.61
sec
MapReduce Total cumulative CPU time: 1 seconds 610 msec
Ended Job = job_201503300638_0017
MapReduce Jobs Launched:
Job 0: Map: 2 Reduce: 1 Cumulative CPU: 6.93 sec HDFS Read: 1932362 HDFS Wr
ite: 116 SUCCESS
Job 1: Map: 1 Reduce: 1 Cumulative CPU: 1.61 sec HDFS Read: 518 HDFS Write:
6 SUCCESS
Total MapReduce CPU Time Spent: 8 seconds 540 msec
OK
24223
Time taken: 32.966 seconds
hive>

```

Figure 7: Total number of matched instances

The total number of instances present in test file can be found with the help of query "select count(*) from actual_test"

```

2015-03-12 08:13:46,133 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 2.48 sec
2015-03-12 08:13:47,206 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 2.48 sec
2015-03-12 08:13:48,253 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 2.48 sec
2015-03-12 08:13:49,259 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 2.48 sec
MapReduce Total cumulative CPU time: 2 seconds 480 msec
Ended Job = job_201503120048_0024
MapReduce Jobs Launched:
Job 0: Map: 1 Reduce: 1 Cumulative CPU: 2.48 sec HDFS Read: 1676862 HDFS Write: 6 SUCCESS
Total MapReduce CPU Time Spent: 2 seconds 480 msec
OK
30886
Time taken: 43.539 seconds

```

Figure 8: Total number of instances

The accuracy is calculated using $\text{predicted_instances} / \text{actual_instances} = 24223/30886 = 78.42$

Result Table:

Table 2: Experimental results for Random Forest classifier

Number of Trees (n)	M Tries (m)	Out of bag error	Accuracy
100	118	26.31	77.80
150	118	25.11	78.39
200	118	23.59	78.42
250	118	23.03	78.55

From this table, it can be observed that the accuracy gets improved upon increasing the number of trees. But this improvement reaches a saturation point and doesn't increase further upon increasing the number of trees. The performance(running time) also gets degraded upon increasing the number of trees.

5.2 Multi tier results:

Some of the classifier models have been tried with multi tier architecture and the following sections are the results obtained from those models.

5.2.1 Stochastic Gradient Descent using Scikit:

Evaluating the accuracy:

Same evaluation procedure has been followed, as is discussed under Random Forest Model.

These are the number of instances that matched with actual instances

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-26-154:~
2015-03-31 09:45:00,949 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 0%, Cumulative CPU 0.49 se
c
2015-03-31 09:45:01,956 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 0%, Cumulative CPU 0.49 se
c
2015-03-31 09:45:02,961 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 0%, Cumulative CPU 0.49 se
c
2015-03-31 09:45:03,967 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 1.52
sec
2015-03-31 09:45:04,990 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 1.52
sec
2015-03-31 09:45:05,996 Stage-2 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 1.52
sec
MapReduce Total cumulative CPU time: 1 seconds 520 msec
Ended Job = job_201503300638_0030
MapReduce Jobs Launched:
Job 0: Map: 2 Reduce: 1 Cumulative CPU: 6.58 sec HDFS Read: 1933043 HDFS Wr
ite: 116 SUCCESS
Job 1: Map: 1 Reduce: 1 Cumulative CPU: 1.52 sec HDFS Read: 518 HDFS Write:
6 SUCCESS
Total MapReduce CPU Time Spent: 8 seconds 100 msec
OK
25388
Time taken: 34.235 seconds
hive>
```

Figure 9: Total number of matched instances

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-26-154:~
2015-03-31 09:36:49,976 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 0%, Cumulative CPU 1.06 se
c
2015-03-31 09:36:50,983 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 0%, Cumulative CPU 1.06 se
c
2015-03-31 09:36:51,990 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 0%, Cumulative CPU 1.06 se
c
2015-03-31 09:36:52,996 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 0%, Cumulative CPU 1.06 se
c
2015-03-31 09:36:54,003 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 2.2 s
ec
2015-03-31 09:36:55,014 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 2.2 s
ec
2015-03-31 09:36:56,021 Stage-1 map = 100%, reduce = 100%, Cumulative CPU 2.2 s
ec
MapReduce Total cumulative CPU time: 2 seconds 200 msec
Ended Job = job_201503300638_0026
MapReduce Jobs Launched:
Job 0: Map: 1 Reduce: 1 Cumulative CPU: 2.2 sec HDFS Read: 1676863 HDFS Wri
te: 6 SUCCESS
Total MapReduce CPU Time Spent: 2 seconds 200 msec
OK
30886
Time taken: 15.746 seconds
hive>
```

Figure 10: Total number of instances

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Accuracy} &= \text{predicted_instances}/\text{actual_instances} \\
 &= 25388/30886 \\
 &= 82.19\%
 \end{aligned}$$

Result Table:

Table 3: Experimental results for SGD classifier

SGD Model	Accuracy
SGD 1 = Stopwords + Stemmers + N grams	79.42%
SGD 2 = SGD 1+ Grid Search	81.73%
SGD 3 = SGD 2+ POS Tagging	82.19%

From this table, it can be observed that Grid search along with parts of speech tagging worked the best. In Parts Of Speech(POS) tagging each feature(word) is tagged with its respective parts of speech and adjectives are mainly considered as they indicate some sentiment. In grid search different combinations of the given parameters will be applied and the best combination will be retained.

Table 4: Experiments with custom dictionaries for SGD classifier

Feature	Accuracy (%)
Without custom Dictionaries	82.19 %
With custom Dictionaries	83.60 %
Revised Dictionaries from test instances	83.93 %
Dictionaries built from hive user defined functions	87.23 %

These are the results obtained by using custom dictionaries. Revised dictionary results are obtained by considering the wrongly classified instances, extracting the important sentiment bearing words and then the dictionary is modified. In the next step, hive user defined table functions are used to further improve the dictionary.

CHAPTER 6

Conclusion and Future Work

This research paper proposes a new approach for dealing with multi class sentiment classification problems. Generally a classification model works better when the number of labels in the dataset are less in number, usually two or three. This paper proposes a classification model that deals with multiple labels. This model works in multiple phases and the sentiment of the data instance is fine-tuned in every phase. For instance, phase 1 classifies the data instance under three labels and the other phases further fine tunes the sentiment and predicts the final sentiment for the data instance. In this way, as the classification model works in multiple phases, the accuracy doesn't get degraded even when there are multiple labels.

Different classifiers like Naive Bayes, Random Forest and Stochastic Gradient Descent have been applied to this model to find the behavior of these classifiers on the dataset and the parameters that can be tuned for further improving the result. Application of various feature reduction techniques for this classification model, further improved the results and this has been discussed in the earlier sections.

The architecture proposed in this paper, the classifiers used for classifying this dataset and the various feature reduction techniques applied can be used for other text classification problems, which involve categorizing the data into multiple classes. Integrating various lexicons to this classification model, makes this model classify the data that consists of hierarchical classes.

This work can be used for other domains that involve classification problems by making some adjustments to the multi-tier predictive model and by using of various context specific lexicons.

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