Ranking Product Aspects Based on Consumer Reviews

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Abstract: The Internet has become an excellent source for gathering consumer’s opinions or reviews. For product numerous consumer reviews of product are available on internet. Consumer reviews or opinions are useful for both firms & users as they contain rich & valuable knowledge about product. The business firm needs different reviews of customers for development of product. The user can make wise purchasing decision by looking at customer reviews. There are reviews on various aspects of the products. The reviews are numerous, diverse and not precise leading to difficulties in information gathering and knowledge acquisition. A product may have hundreds of aspects. Some of the aspects are important than the others. Therefore we are developing the system to mine those aspects and rank them which will help for better product development. This proposed method is named as “A product aspect ranking framework”. Among reviews of consumer for particular product, it first identifies aspects in the reviews by a shallow dependency parser and then analyzes consumer opinions on these aspects via a sentiment classifier. Then a probabilistic aspect ranking algorithm is used, which effectively exploits the aspect frequency as well as the influence of consumer’s opinions given to each aspect over their overall opinions on the product in a unified probabilistic model.

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, e-commerce is rapidly expanding. The trend of online shopping is increasing day by day. Many websites are available for online shopping. Before doing online purchase, a customer check out various reviews of products available online. Many websites also encourage customers to post reviews on various aspects of the products. The word aspect is similar with the word feature which refers to component or attribute of a certain product. A product may have hundreds of aspects, e.g. - iPhone 3GS has more than three hundred aspects such as usability, design, application, 3G network etc. For laptop the aspects are hard disk, RAM, Graphics card, Screen, Battery. The product aspects are greatly influenced on product quality. The reviews on product will be positive, negative or neutral; e.g. “the user interface of iPhone 6 is awesome” expresses positive opinion on the aspect user interface. “The battery life of micromax mad a94 is not very good” expresses a negative opinion on the aspect battery.

The reviews play important role not only for the customers but also for the manufacturing firms. The customers can make wise purchasing decisions by choosing a product which will satisfy their requirements by considering aspects of product. Manufacturing firms can use the reviews for development of product quality and thus enhance the reputation of product effectively. But there is difficulty in extracting the required information from the reviews. The reviews are numerous, diverse and not precise. Also some aspects of the product are more important than the others.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Zheng-Jun Zha et al. [1] proposed a product aspect ranking framework which first identifies product aspects by a shallow dependency parser and determine consumer opinions on these aspects via a sentiment classifier. They then developed a probabilistic aspect ranking algorithm to infer the importance of aspects by simultaneously considering aspect frequency and the influence of consumer opinions given to each aspect over their overall opinions.

Bo Pang et al. [2] considered the problem of classifying documents not by topic, but by overall sentiment, e.g., determining whether a review is positive or negative. Using movie reviews as data, they find that standard machine learning techniques definitively outperform human-produced baselines. However, the three machine learning methods they employed (Naive Bayes, maximum entropy classification, and SVM) do not perform as well on sentiment classification as on traditional topic-based categorization.

Wong and Lam [3] uses the HMM model and conditional random field to learn the extractor. They developed a two-phase framework which aims at mining and summarizing hot items from multiple auction web sites to assist decision making. The objective of the first phase is to automatically extract the product features and product feature values of the items from the descriptions provided by the sellers. The goal of the second phase is to discover and summarize the hot items based on the extracted information.

Anindya Ghose and Panagiotis G. Ipeirotis [4] paper is unique in looking at how subjectivity levels, readability, and
spelling errors in the text of reviews affect product sales and the perceived helpfulness of these reviews. Their approach explores multiple aspects of review text, such as subjectivity levels, various measures of readability and extent of spelling errors to identify important text-based features. In addition, they also examined multiple reviewer-level features such as average usefulness of past reviews and the self-disclosed identity measures of reviewers that are displayed next to a review.

O. Etzioni [5] describes KNOWITALL, an unsupervised, domain-independent system that extracts information from the Web. KNOWITALL takes as input a set of predicate names, but no hand-labeled training examples of any kind, and bootstraps its extraction process from a small set of generic extraction patterns. To achieve high precision, KNOWITALL utilizes a novel generate-and-test architecture, which relies on mutual-information statistics computed over the Web corpus.

F. Li [6] formulated the review mining task as a joint structure tagging problem. A new framework based on Conditional Random Fields is proposed. The framework can employ rich features to simultaneously extract object features, positive opinions and negative opinions. With this framework, they investigate the chain structure, conjunction structure and syntactic tree structure for review mining. A new unified model, called skip tree CRFs, is proposed for review mining.

V. Gupta and G. S. Lehal[7] concentrated on extractive summarization methods. An extractive summary is selection of important sentences from the original text. The importance of sentences is decided based on statistical and linguistic features of sentences.

Y. Wu, Q. Zhang, X. Huang, and L. Wu [8] presents a novel approach for mining opinions from product reviews, where it converts opinion mining task to identify product features, expressions of opinions and relations between them. By taking advantage of the observation that a lot of product features are phrases, a concept of phrase dependency parsing is introduced, which extends traditional dependency parsing to phrase level. This concept is then implemented for extracting relations between product features and expressions of opinions.

V. Sindhwani and P. Melville [9] proposed a novel semi-supervised sentiment prediction algorithm that utilizes lexical prior knowledge in conjunction with unlabeled examples. Their method is based on joint sentiment analysis of documents and words based on a bipartite graph representation of the data. They present an empirical study on a diverse collection of sentiment prediction problems which confirms that their semi-supervised lexical models significantly outperform purely supervised and competing semisupervised techniques.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

3.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The task of aspect selection becomes more challenging with the numerous of data. The reviews have different types, when reviews are in textual format in that case it requires identifying the aspects then sentimental classification and decide whether it is positive or negative type of review. So we are implementing such system which can do all the processing by using various algorithms for ranking of aspects.

3.2 PROPOSED ARCHITECTURE

For feature selection today mostly frequency-based solution is used. The aspects that are frequently commented in consumer reviews are important. However, consumers’ opinions on the frequent aspects may not influence their overall opinions on the product, and would not influence their purchasing decisions. Therefore, the frequency-based solution is not able to identify the truly important aspects. On the other hand, a basic method to exploit the influence of consumers’ opinions on specific aspects over their overall ratings on the product is to count the cases where their opinions on specific aspects and their overall ratings are consistent, and then ranks the aspects according to the number of the consistent cases. This method simply assumes that an overall rating was derived from the specific opinions on different aspects individually, and cannot precisely characterize the correlation between the specific opinions and the overall rating.

The drawbacks of the existing systems is that in case of frequency based aspect ranking, consumers’ opinions on the frequent aspects may not influence their overall opinions on the product, and would not influence their purchasing decisions. So is not able to identify the truly important aspects.

Proposed System

Among reviews of consumer for particular product, first identify aspects in the reviews by a shallow dependency parser and then analyze consumer opinions on these aspects via a sentiment classifier. Then develop a probabilistic aspect ranking algorithm, which effectively exploits the aspect frequency as well as the influence of consumer’s opinions given to each aspect over their overall opinions on
the product in a unified probabilistic model. In particular, assume the overall opinion in a review is generated based on a weighted aggregation of the opinions on specific aspects, where the weights essentially measure the degree of importance of these aspects.

In proposed system First step is Product Aspect Identification from reviews of consumers. Then second step is Sentiment Classification on Product Aspects and finally Probabilistic Aspect Ranking Algorithm is used to rank the aspect. The steps to be followed are shown in following system architecture diagram.

Figure: System Architecture for ranked product aspect

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Algorithm:

1. Probabilistic Aspect Ranking algorithm
   1. Input:
      We give input as dataset of reviews.
   2. Output/Results:
      We will get output as ranked aspect.

4.3 MODULES

1) Module 1: (GUI Framework and Product Aspect Identification)
   This module contains GUI framework where user give input as dataset and view results. Before that user can register on it and after he/she have to be login first. Product aspect identification is also done in this module by processing on reviews consumers. This module first split the free text reviews into sentences, and parses each sentence using Shallow Dependency Parser.

2) Module 2: (Sentiment Classification on Product Aspects)
   This module consists processing on reviews and does the sentiment classification on product aspects. This decides positive and negative aspects by performing analysis on review data. The idea of opinion or sentiment is very comprehensive and only focuses on opinion expressions that convey people’s positive or negative sentiments. By this work positive and negative opinions are classified and hence true opinions of product being identified.

3) Module 3: (Probabilistic Aspect Ranking Algorithm)
   Aspect ranking are used to achieve ratings to the particular product. The user reviews from multiple sites are collected and identified the aspects and classified the sentiments based on the opinions. This module contains Probabilistic Aspect Ranking algorithm whose output is product aspect set. These aspects are ranked as per the reviews of consumers on different aspect and importance or weight of that aspect. These aspects will help in product development.

IV. SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

Hardware Requirements:
- Pentium processor at 900 MHz or higher
- 1 GB RAM or higher
- 25 GB or more hard disk
- Key Board : Standard Windows
- Mouse : Two or Three Button Mouse
- Monitor : SVGA

Software Requirements:
- Operating System: Windows 7/8
- Developing language : Java (JDK 1.7)
- Database : MySQL 5.0
- IDE : Eclipse 3.0

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have proposed a product aspect ranking framework to identify the important product aspects from numerous consumer reviews. The framework contains three main components - product aspect identification, aspect sentiment classification and aspect ranking.

This framework helps to analyze features of each and every product and also shows about the positive opinions, negative opinions, ranking to the particular product clearly. It gives very useful way for both the
consumer and business firms. This method implemented for a particular product with a help of multiple comments related to that product. Therefore for each and every product the user is able to clearly know the strengths & weakness in the thoughts of consumers in terms of various product features.

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