

Hybrid semantic model based on machine learning for sentiment classification of consumer reviews

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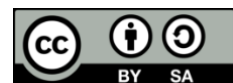
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ABSTRACT

Digital information is regularly produced from a variety of sources, including social media and customer service reviews. For the purpose of increasing customer happiness, this written data must be processed to extract user comments. Consumers typically share comments and thoughts about consumable items, technological goods, and services supplied for payment in the modern period of consumerism with simple access to social networking globe. Each object has a plethora of remarks or thoughts that demand special attention due to their sentimental worth, especially in the written portions. The goal of the current project is to do sentiment prediction on the Amazon Electronics, Kindle, and Gift Card datasets. In order to predict sentiment and evaluate utilizing many executions evaluates admitting accuracy, recall, and F1-score, a hybrid soft voting ensemble method that combines lexical and ensemble methodologies is proposed in this study. In addition to calculating a subjectivity score and sentiment score, this study also suggests a non-interpretive sentiment class label that may be used to assess the sign of the evaluations applying suggested method for sentiment categorization. The effectiveness of our suggested ensemble model is examined using datasets from Amazon customer product reviews, and we found an improvement of 2-5% in accuracy compared to the current state-of-the-art ensemble method.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Numerous sectors for data analysis have emerged as a result of the enormous amount of details created by popular social media platforms. The goal of sentiment analysis (SA), in particular, is to glean user thoughts about a good or service from the relevant text. The raw text must be analyzed using machine learning (ML) algorithms along with natural language processing (NLP) techniques due to the enormous amount of information generated [1]. Sentiment examination made possible through the detail that social media is a necessary device for people and that they regularly distribute their notions. Expressions of

sentiment in texts are predicted by SA studies. People's texts are evaluated for their positivity, negativity, or neutrality. Businesses can do a preliminary analysis of new goods, and films thanks to SA [2]. On the other hand, in order to achieve a significant increase in accuracy, this methodology is costly, time-utilizing, and may need advanced technology [3].

SA and NLP are becoming increasingly popular as a result. SA uses tools and methods from NLP, ML, and statistics to determine the contextual polarity of text content [4]. The internet is one of the information sources for SA that contains an ever-growing amount of data in a variety of multimedia formats that can be useful to governmental bodies, commercial organizations, and individual decision-makers [5]. Initially, a quick study was conducted to identify a generalized consumer review pattern on textual customer comments shared for the products they bought online [6]. These online reviews are posted on social media platforms or on the websites of reputable companies. As indicated in Figure 1, consumer reviews pattern can be divided into two distinct categories based on the inclinations of the reviewers' points of view: polar reviews and non-polar reviews.

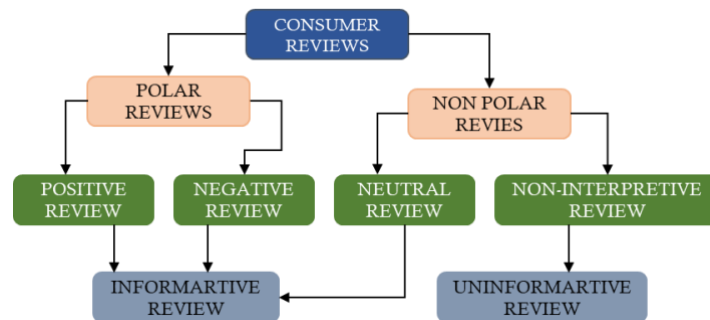


Figure 1. Illustration of consumer reviews pattern

Due to their attitudinal viewpoint slant, polar evaluations include both positive and negative reviews, even if both of them are interpretative and useful from the perspective of the text material. Although they are in the non-polar review class, neutral evaluations contain educational language. Therefore, a category of reviews known as informative reviews includes all three types of evaluations: positive, negative, and neutral. After discovering a lack of interpretive components in the review text, non-polar reviews were finally given a separate entity for the first time known as non-interpretive reviews. Additionally, they are labelled as "uninformative reviews". Sentence-level analysis seeks to decide if a specific sentence represents positive, unfavorable (negative) or neutral opinions. However, further in-depth examination at an entity or aspect level might completely expose attitudes or opinions about many characteristics or aspects of a specific entity. Some of the newly determined non-interpretive reviews are also given separately with customer comments on Amazon Kindle and Electronics. Table 1 provides a brief summary of text content trends for widely accepted sentiment groups, namely positive, negative, and neutral. Examples of recently discovered non-interpretive reviews are also provided in isolation with consumer comments from the Amazon Kindle dataset and the electronic product dataset [7] respectively. Product reviews should always rationally relate to a product's quality or utility value from the perspective of the consumer. It might also represent his ranking of merits and demerits. In addition, the extreme polar review remarks are likewise deserving of a high subjectivity rating.

Table 1. Example of informative consumer review taken from Amazon kindle dataset

Consumer reviews and comments	Sentiment classification
Great results. I loved it.	Positive
Nice stuff all around fantastic tablet for the money. The navigation is simple.	Positive
Poor visuals, unstable wireless connection, and overall dissatisfaction made me regret purchasing this product.	Negative
I won't ever suggest this to anyone.	Negative
Sometimes it simply remains in sleep mode, requiring a restart.	Non-Interpretive
Nothing to say about the product	Non-Interpretive
Could not understand it	Non-Interpretive
Very lagging and suitable for kids only	Neutral
Consider an Android tablet if you require more than basic model.	Neutral

As a result, it is suggested in this research that the reviews are added to a new category of "non-interpretive" reviews. Reviews that fall into the "non-interpretive" category are "non-polar" and devoid of information. As a result, they are also categorized as "uninformative" reviews. The following is a list of this study's main contributions: i) to determine how subjectively the unstructured consumer review words are expressed; ii) to develop a new sentiment category called "non-interpretive sentiment" based on the subjective expression score obtained from reviews; and iii) by merging Lexicon-based as well as ensemble learning with soft voting for sentiment categorization, propose a unique hybrid model for sentiment prediction.

2. RELATED WORK

Nowadays, sentiment evaluation is increasingly popular with businesses, governments, and organizations [8]. ML methods reach superior accuracy, sentiment categorization [9]. Balaji *et al.* [10] used powerful ML techniques to thoroughly examine the various social media analysis and algorithms. Ohana and Tierney [11] evaluated how well the senti-wordnet opinion lexicon classified the sentiment in movie reviews. Jain *et al.* [12] describes the generation of several classifiers through training with various feature sets, followed by the selection and combination of component classifiers using a number of preset combination criteria. A useful classification method for many domains is the ensemble methodology, which integrates the results of various base classification models to provide an integrated output [13]. A combination of various classification algorithms (K-nearest neighbor (KNN) and Bayesian classifiers) yields superior results than any single type of classifier in the early work [14]. Turkish SA techniques for customer reviews of hotels were developed by Erşahin *et al.* [15] using a combination of sentiment dictionaries and ML algorithms. Coban *et al.* [16] recently did a SA study using the innovative extreme learning machine (ELM) to extract opinions from Turkish tweets [16].

To increase the precision of the opinion mining process, Alfrjani *et al.* [17] suggests a hybrid semantic knowledge-based ML technique. Bhoir and Kolte [18] presents a rule-based approach employing two techniques: a lexicon applied to internet movie database (IMDb) movie reviews and a naïve Bayes classifier on ML. The naïve Bayes classifier is defended in the study [19]. A reinforcement learning technique basis of document level aspect-based sentiment categorization (DASC), Hasan *et al.* [20] suggests a hierarchical reinforcement learning strategy. The accuracy of the ensemble learning models [21] can be significantly improved by using the right ensemble learning algorithm [22], [23]. For the purpose of classifying tweet sentiment, Rehioui and Idrissi [24] suggests a brand-new clustering technique that makes use of K-means and Denclue. Al-Saqqa *et al.* [25] offers cutting-edge methodology using a group of classifiers to ascertain the polarity of the Arabic text's opinions.

Behera *et al.* [26] talks on numerous ensemble learning techniques used to enhance a model's performance in terms of classification, function approximation, prediction, and performance. In order to improve the accuracy, performance, and speed at which the algorithm is executed, Sadhasivam and Kalivaradhan [27] suggests a majority voting-based ensemble technique that combines support vector machine (SVM) [28] with naïve Bayes. In order to address the binary classification problem based on tweets, movie reviews, and product reviews, Rajeswari *et al.* [29] proposed a hybrid strategy employing lexical and ML methods. To ascertain the sentiment of TripAdvisor user reviews, Maheswari *et al.* [30] use homogeneous ensemble classifiers including bagging decision tree, bagged multilayer perceptrons (MLP), random forests (RF), and logistic model trees. The research claims that the hybrid technique is more efficient and gets over the drawbacks of each of the original lexicon method and ensemble method-based methods. A hybrid bidirectional long short-term memory (Bi-LSTM)-artificial neural network (ANN) model based on both temporal and hypernym characteristics is implemented by Sridhar and Sanagavarapu [31]. The previous research employs a hybrid approach to SA, combining the sentiment lexicon with ML algorithms like SVM [32] and KNN, and finds that SVM executes better on news comments than KNN [33], [34]. In this work, a hybrid model based on ensemble and lexicon models using soft voting method is developed for sentiment classification trained on Amazon Kindle and Electronics dataset. Cloud computing allows the proposed seizure prediction mechanism is more accessible and scalable [35]. SVM's classification algorithm to categorizes patients' risks and forecast therapy. Recurrent neural networks algorithm to recognizes trends in patient symptoms and drug [36]. Cloud-based decision-support system [37] applying KNN algorithm with IoT structure system integrates IoT devices to collect and transmit the data [38].

3. PROPOSED METHOD

This paper proposes a hybrid model based soft voting model by combining lexicon approach and an ensembling technique as shown in Figure 2. The lexicon and ML to create predictions by weighted average.

The open-source library named NumPy, SCIKIT learn [39] senti-wordnet, and natural language toolkit (NLTK) are also installed to perform this simulation.

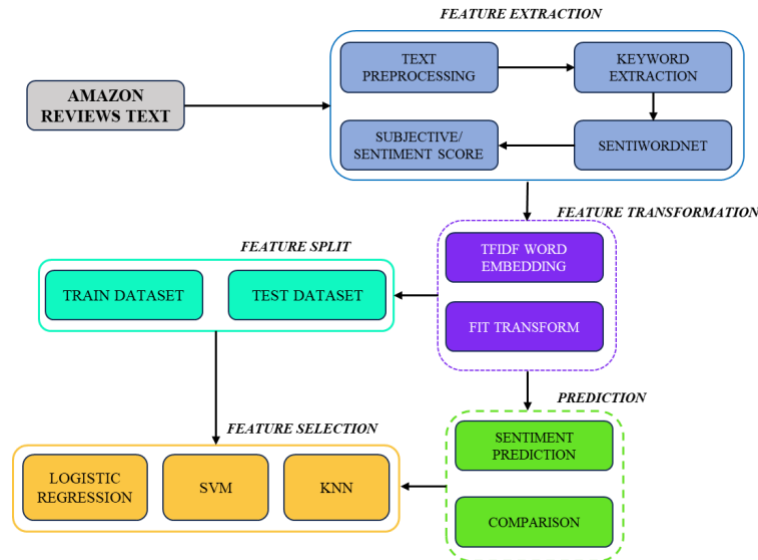


Figure 2. Hybrid ensemble method architecture

3.1. Datasets

This work is done by consumer electronic product review (CEPR) from Kaggle website. The CEPR dataset consist of the list of 34,661 Amazon Electronic consumer products reviews specifically Kindle and Fire TV in .csv format. It admits the product details, comments text review, and rate. Likewise, the electronic products and Gift Cards datasets include 2,972 as well as 2,375 reviews correspondingly.

3.2. Proposed model

Senti-wordnet and ensemble-based ML techniques are used to create a suggested hybrid ensemble model. The introduced method reaches improved functioning and increased precision are generally explicated by the following two stages:

3.2.1. Lexicon-based technique

This stage involves pre-processing the provided datasets to remove the keywords utilizing tokenization as well as lemmatization for keyword recognition and removal of extraneous stop words, determinants, and prepositions. Using the NLTK package, which is based on NLP, the part-of-speech (POS) tagging is calculated. Finally, using the semantic information gleaned from the senti-wordnet dictionary, the sentiment (SS) and subjectivity (ST) score is being calculated. The computational methods required to calculate the entire SS score as well as ST score, correspondingly, by the content of Amazon review comments are described in (1). The initial split of the dataset is 90:10 to the train and 80:20 for the test dataset. The senti-wordnet dictionary's internal keywords' semantic properties are used to forecast each person's sentiment score. In order to determine the polarity of opinions, such train dataset is utilized to calculate sentiment as well as ST scores as well as to identify subjective statements that have a significant impact on the SS score as a whole. To calculate the SS score and establish the SS polarity of these review condemnations, the training data is employed. In (1) is used to calculate each review sentence's overall sentiment score (SS).

$$SS = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\sum_{w=1}^n (p_w)^3 - \sum_{w=1}^n (n_w)^3}{n}} \quad (1)$$

Where p_w is the positive SS score as computed from the senti-wordnet dictionary; n_w is the negative SS score as computed from the senti-wordnet dictionary. The overall ST per review sentence can be computed using in (2).

$$ST = \sum_{words=1}^n \frac{1-(objective_score)_{words}}{n} \quad (2)$$

Similar to the objective score, senti-wordnet dictionary's semantic properties are used to calculate the subjective score based on the objective score. In order to determine if the SS connected to each review sentence are good, neutral, or negative, the individual scores are combined to provide an overall sentence SS score.

3.2.2. Ensemble learning technique

In this module, it applies an ensemble learning to build a SS predictions. This method decides the SS forecasting on comments employing the Amazon reviews dataset of customer electronic products via calculating the weighted average voting of individual classifier. In the introduced weights are allotted to relevant five classifiers and the weighted average of possibility voting is being calculated as in (3).

$$W = \frac{w1pc1+w2pc2+w3pc3}{w1+w2+w3} \quad (3)$$

Where, pc1 represents the predicted possibility decided by SVM classifier (supervised learning), pc2 represents the predicted possibility decided by logistic regression (LR), classifier (supervised learning), pc3 is predicted possibility decided by KNN classifier (unsupervised learning), w1 indicates the weight allotted for LR classifier, w2 denotes the weight allotted for SVM classifier, w3 indicates the weight allotted for KNN classifier.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed mechanism is employed to calculate SS study for Amazon's customer products approximating Gift Cards, Magazines, Fire TV, and Kindle. The ST and SS scores are calculated in the proposed method and the result received equated with TextBlob library that also offers native API to compute the SS and ST score. TextBlob is accepted python library intended on lexicon-based method and is habitually applied for text mining and treating of the textual data. The experiment is carried out in Google Colab Pro+ which is completely cloud-based platform with NVIDIA Tesla T4 GPUs and 8 GB of high-RAM. The comparison of SS and ST scores are shown in Table 2. The proposed mechanism executes the ensemble learning through compounding three classifiers explicitly LR, SVM, and KNN correspondingly.

Table 2. Comparison of SS/ST score calculated utilizing proposed ensemble model and TextBlob

Review comments	SS score	ST score	SS score TextBlob	ST score TextBlob
Great product for such price	0.3012	0.6531	0.6	0.4475
I strongly suggest to others	0.4472	0.7343	0.7	0.81
The tab quitted functioning after functioning for two weeks.	0.0521	0.452	0.1853	0.3317
Absolute waste of money. It did not join to Wi-Fi at my home. Junk!	-0.0026	0.5124	0.1853	0.3802

The weights are currently allotted to the classifiers derived from how well each individual classifier performed, with the best performing classifier receiving more weights. The training dataset's review comments serve as the basis for calculating opinion polarity, which is then used to train the suggested model. Several current common execution measures to evaluate the information recovery method include precision, recall, and F1-score. The computation formulations for these evaluation indices are listed in (3) to (7).

$$Accuracy (Acc) = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \quad (4)$$

$$Precision (PR) = \frac{TP}{TP+FP} \quad (5)$$

$$Recall (RE) = \frac{TP}{TP+FN} \quad (6)$$

$$F1 - measure = \frac{2 \times PR \times RE}{PR + RE} \quad (7)$$

Where TP is true positives, TN is true negatives, FP is false positives, and FN is false negatives.

Table 3 shows that the F1-score of proposed models, which is based on soft voting, outperforms the current state-of-the-art ensemble model. The "non-interpretative sentiment" is used in the proposed approach to categorize review comments that lack any substantive opinions. For our suggested model to perform better and attain greater accuracy in sentiment classification, a large number of datasets must be used for training. In order to give the sluggish and underachieving learners less weight, we must use ensemble learning with weighted voting. The class label with the highest average possibilities from the group of classifiers is returned by the weighted average.

Table 3. Relative analysis use precision, recall, and F1-score for proposed model

Dataset	Algorithm	Precision	Recal	F1-score
Kindle	Bagging ensemble	0.63	0.51	0.5636
	Boosting ensemble	0.65	0.52	0.5777
	Proposed ensemble model	0.81	0.52	0.6333
Gift-Cards	Bagging ensemble	0.87	0.67	0.7570
	Boosting ensemble	0.74	0.59	0.6565
	Proposed ensemble model	0.98	0.61	0.7519
Electronic products	Bagging ensemble	0.76	0.62	0.6828
	Boosting ensemble	0.79	0.61	0.6884
	Proposed ensemble model	0.81	0.61	0.6959

4.1. Performance evaluation

The accuracy score shows a slight increase throughout the evaluation of the suggested model's performance in comparison to the current ensemble-based mode. The suggested ensemble model has the best accuracy score of more than 80% across diverse datasets, as shown in the Figure 3. The currently employed ensemble classifier is established on majority voting, and it typically forecasts target class labels based on the mode of anticipated individual class labels.

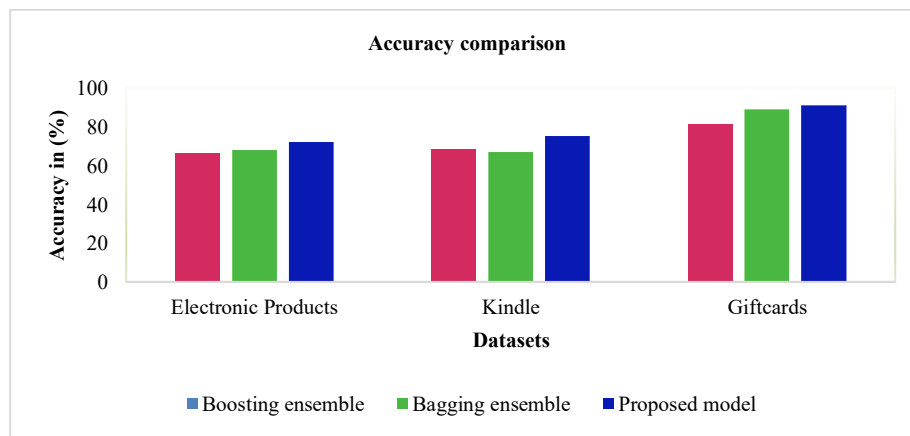


Figure 3. Accuracy of proposed ensemble method for SA trained on Amazon Kindle dataset

As illustrated in Figure 4, the proposed hybrid ensemble method is assessed utilizing the receiving operating characteristic (ROC) curve on many class labels, including positive, neutral, and negative SS as well as non-interpretative sentiment. A possibility-based curve among true positive rate (TPR) and false positive rate (FPR) at different thresholds is known as the ROC curve. The classification system's efficacy is explained by the sharper slope between TPR and FPR.

According to Figure 4, the area under the curve (AUC) values for positive, neutral, negative, and non-interpretative sentiment for the Kindle dataset respectively. The TPR and FPR values between 0.0 to 1.0. Better performance outcomes can be explained by AUC's higher value. Compare to all curve micro average ROC curve has 0.92.

According to Figure 5, the AUC values for positive, neutral, negative, and non-interpretative sentiment for the Gift Cards dataset are 0.92, 0.89, 0.89, and 0.91, respectively. Better performance outcomes can be explained by AUC's higher value. The micro average ROC curve has 0.97 value than all other curves.

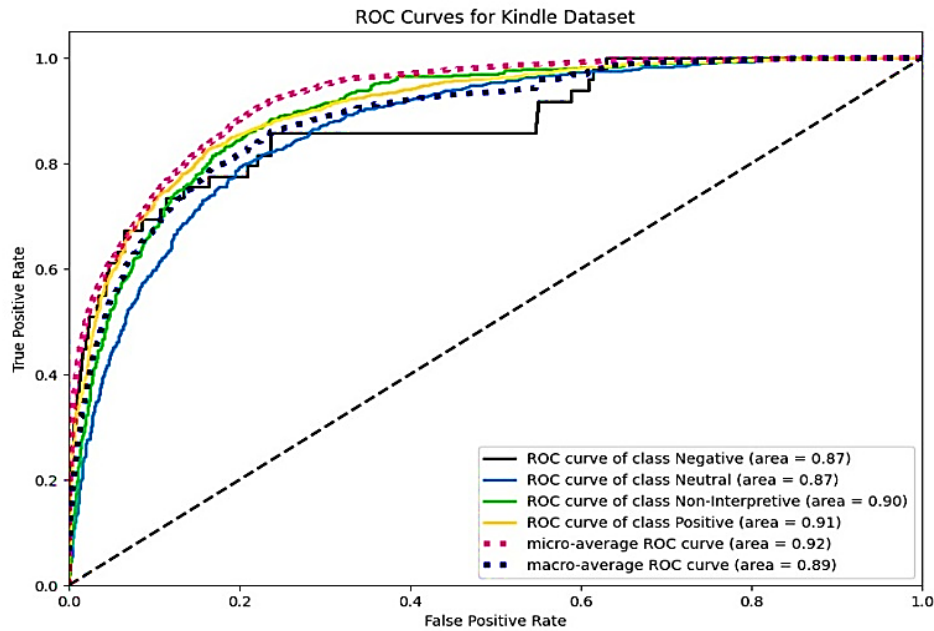


Figure 4. ROC curve of proposed ensembling approach using Kindle dataset and Gift Card dataset

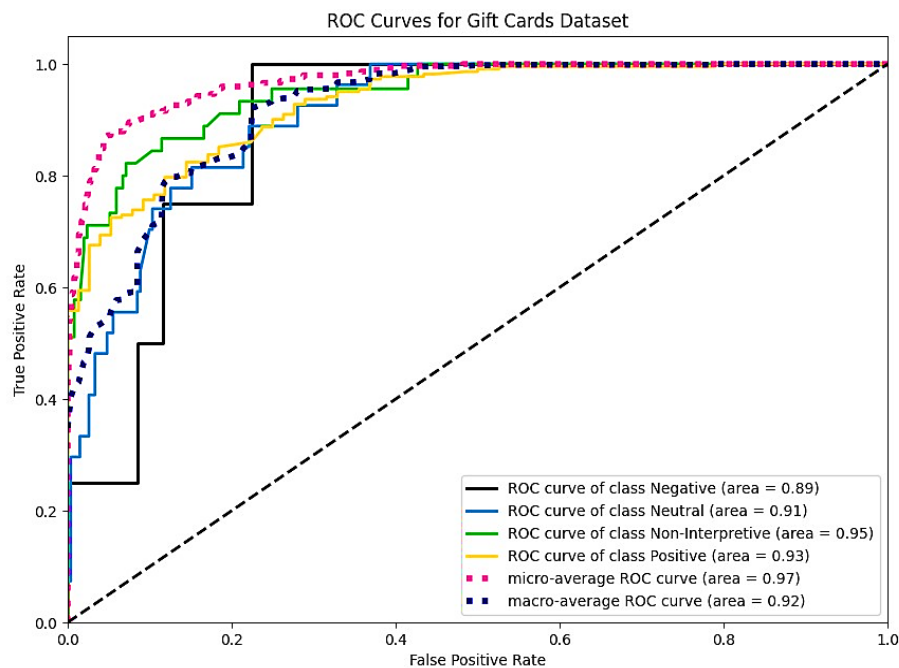


Figure 5. ROC curve of proposed ensemble approach using Gift Card dataset

5. CONCLUSION

The purpose of this study is called a hybrid ensemble that combines lexicon and ensemble learning with the use of soft voting and an appropriate distribution of weights to the classifiers. The features are then removed from the review text utilizing term frequency-inverse document frequency vectorizer word embeddings utilizing a mixture of unigram as well as bigram text features, following the initial pre-processing. The subjectivity score, which has been utilized as an additional measure to predict the subjective expressions to identify opinionated material, has been computed using a novel approach that has been proposed in this research. A separate class label called "non-interpretive sentiment" is applied to review comments that lack substantive opinions based on the subjectivity score. The key difficulty in the proposed

hybrid ensemble model is figuring out an effective method for giving the best-performing classifier the right weights during the ensemble learning process. We also point out that syntactic relations are important characteristics for sentiment categorization, but they also present a high computational complexity issue. Future research will broaden its focus as we seek to advance enhance the intend of the existing method and develop deep neural networks for handling spam, duplicate content, and fraudulent reviews.

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