Finding Semantic Orientation of Reviews Using Unsupervised PMI Algorithm

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Abstract: Recent years have shown quick expansion of the social web over the Internet, where individuals can express their opinion on various things, for example, products, persons, subjects, and discussion etc. As e-commerce is quickly developing, item audits on the Web have turned into a critical data hotspot for clients’ choice making when they want to purchase items on the web. Sentiment classification of such reviews of individuals generally requires a lot amount of training data but availability of labeled data for different domains is generally a time consuming and tedious task. This paper presents simple unsupervised learning algorithm called Pointwise Mutual Information (PMI) followed by Semantic Orientation (SO). Averaging the semantic orientation of phrase does the classification of user reviews. Phrase with positive semantic orientation is associated with positive sentiment and negative semantic orientation is associated with negative sentiment. If the average semantic orientation of phrases is positive then the review is classified as Positive otherwise Negative.

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1. Introduction

If we want to take a decision, we first prefer to seek others opinion, we evaluate opinions and take decision. Same thing is applied to organizations when they introduce new product or on the way to introduce it; organizations take opinions of its customers in the form of reviews of product on official websites of organization, social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Blogs or online shopping sites. Customer also wants to know opinions of existing users before they use service or purchase a product. These reviews help organizations and its customers to evaluate the response or love among people about product or service.

Sentiment analysis, also called opinion mining, is the field of study that analyzes people’s opinions, sentiments, evaluations, appraisals, attitudes, and emotions towards entities such as products, services, organizations, individuals, issues, events, topics, and their attributes. It represents a large problem space. There are also many names and slightly different tasks, e.g., sentiment analysis, opinion mining, opinion extraction, sentiment mining, subjectivity analysis, affect analysis, emotion analysis, review mining, etc. [1].

Conventional ways to deal with content order require a lot of training data. Procurement of such data can be exorbitant and tedious. Because of the exceedingly space particular nature of the conclusion grouping assignment, moving starting with one area then onto the next normally requires the securing of another labeled data. For this reason, unsupervised or very weakly supervised methods for sentiment classification are especially desirable [2].

This paper presents an unsupervised learning algorithm for classifying reviews. This algorithm takes text review as input and gives output as whether the review is positive or negative. Firstly it assigns POS tagging to each term of review for identifying the adverbs and adjectives. As adverbs and adjectives are descriptors of another word and modify the meaning of word. These extracted words are called phrases. The second step is to assign semantic orientation of the extracted phrases. The phrase with positive semantic orientation has good association and the phrase with negative semantic orientation has bad association. Third step is to find whether the review is positive or negative. If the average semantic orientation of phrases is positive then the review is classified as positive review and if the average semantic orientation of the phrases is negative then the review is classified as negative review [3].

2. Related Work

In [11], author presents a basic calculation using unsupervised learning of semantic orientation from great degree huge corpora. A positive semantic orientation suggests attractive quality (e.g., “legit”, “fearless”) and a negative semantic orientation infers undesirability (e.g., “aggravating”, “unnecessary”). The strategy includes issuing inquiries to a web crawler and utilizing pointwise mutual information data to dissect the outcomes. The calculation is exactly assessed utilizing a preparation corpus of around one hundred billion words the subset of the Web that is filed by the picked web crawler. Tried with 3,596 words (1,614 positive and 1,982 negative), the calculation accomplishes an exactness of 80%. The 3,596 test words incorporate descriptive words, intensifiers, things, and verbs.

In [12], author shows a basic unsupervised learning calculation for perceiving equivalent words, in view of measurable information obtained by questioning a web index. The calculation, called PMI-IR, utilizes Pointwise Mutual Information (PMI) and Information Retrieval (IR) to
The Pointwise Mutual Information measure of extracted phrase with seed words is calculated by (1) given as follows.

\[ \text{PMI}(\text{term}_1, \text{term}_2) = \log \frac{P(\text{term}_1, \text{term}_2)}{P(\text{term}_1)P(\text{term}_2)} \]  

(1)

Here, \( P(\text{term}_1, \text{term}_2) \) is the co-occurrence probability of \( \text{term}_1 \) and \( \text{term}_2 \), and \( P(\text{term}_1)P(\text{term}_2) \) gives the probability that the two terms co-occur if they are statistically independent. The ratio between \( P(\text{term}_1, \text{term}_2) \) and \( P(\text{term}_1)P(\text{term}_2) \) is thus a measure of the degree of statistical dependence between them [8]. The log of this ratio is the amount of information that we acquire about the presence of one of the word when we observe other [9]. Here the \( \text{term}_1 \) means extracted two-word phrase from Table 2 and \( \text{term}_2 \) means the seed words form Table 3, there is no special reason to choose these words only. We calculate PMI of phrase with respect to both categories of seed words.

After calculation of PMI of phrase we calculate the Semantic Orientation of two-word phrase as given in (2). To find the Semantic Orientation measure of a phrase is calculated as follows:

\[ \text{SO}(\text{phrase}) = \text{PMI}(\text{phrase}, \{\text{Positive Seed Word}\}) - \text{PMI}(\text{phrase}, \{\text{Negative Seed Word}\}) \]  

(2)

If the phrase is associated with any of the Positive Seed Word then Semantic Orientation is Positive, if phrase is associated with any of the negative word then the Semantic Orientation is negative.

3.4 Classification of Reviews

The third step of analyzing the orientation of review is to take average of Semantic Orientation of each phrase of review. If the average Semantic Orientation is Positive then review is classified as positive and if the average semantic orientation is negative then the review is classified as negative.

4. Experiments

Experiments are done on 667 reviews from Multidomain Dataset [10]. There are 381 negative reviews and 286 positive reviews. Table IV shows number of reviews from different domains such as Book, DVDs, Kitchen Appliances, and Electronics Appliances. There is variation among the accuracy of reviews among domain. The classification accuracy checked against the five star ratings given by the author of reviews.
5. Discussion on Results

If we look at result, DVDs i.e. movie review accuracy is comparatively less than other domains. The question is why movie review domain is having less accuracy. The movie review consists of many factors such as Camera Direction, Story, Acting, and Sound Quality etc. The reviewer reviews about many things of movie. Movie a good movie may have unpleasant things like wise bad movies may have some pleasant things. Table 5 shows some misclassified example form DVDs (Movie Review) domain.

| Domain                  | No. of Reviews | Accuracy |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
| DVDs(Movie Review)      | 245            | 64.08%   |
| Electronics             | 101            | 81%      |
| Books                   | 139            | 73.38%   |
| Kitchen Appliances      | 182            | 79.12%   |
| All                     | 667            | 74.39%   |

Table 5: Accuracy of Proposed Algorithm

Following Table 6 summarizes comparative analysis of proposed algorithm and work done by Peter D. Turney [9].

| Feature                  | Proposed Algorithm | PMI-IR Algorithm (Turney 2002) |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Accuracy                 | 74%                | 74%                             |
| Seed Words               | Positive: Excellent, Good Negative: Poor, Bad, Hate, Suck, Terrible, Horrible | Positive: Excellent Negative: Poor |
| No. of Reviews to be classify | 667              | 410                             |
| Size of Corpus           | 8000 Reviews       | 350 Million Webpages            |
| Time Required To process | 1 Hour            | 30 Hours                        |
| Movie Review Domain Results | 64% accuracy      | 66% accuracy                    |
|                          | The accuracy is less because the reviewer reviews about many things of a movie. | The accuracy is less because the reviewer reviews about many things of a movie. |
|                          | 81%                | 84%                             |
|                          | The accuracy is higher because parts are good then it add up good product. | The accuracy is higher because good automotive parts usually do add up to a good automobile. |

6. Future Work

The PMI-IR algorithm gives phrases with semantic orientation values, which can be further used as bag-of-words fashion for classification of reviews. Bag-of-words fashion is the domain specific model. For this reason we need to firstly create bag-of-words using the unsupervised PMI algorithm which can be further used as classification of more reviews.

The semantic orientation of phrases can also be used for summarizing the review. The sentence with highest phrase value can be used as summarization of the review. The extension of this work can also be used for opinion holder extraction and feature extraction of review. This further can be used for comparative analysis of two products and summarization of its features.

7. Conclusion

This paper implements a simple unsupervised PMI algorithm for sentiment classification of product review. The PMI algorithm has three simple steps: first is to extracts two-word phrase containing adjective and adverbs. Second is to find Semantic Orientation of phrases and third is to take average of all SO and assign sentiment as positive or negative. The experiments are done on 667 reviews, gives the accuracy of
74%. Experiments done on 4 domain and DVD i.e. movie reviews has less accuracy of 64%. As the movies are mixture of many things and reviewer reviews on each of them whereas electronics review has more accuracy of 81%. The limitation of algorithm is that it can’t classify the reviews containing review about many things. To overcome this we need to deep drive features of review and opinion holder of that feature.

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