SENTIMENT ANALYSIS - THEORY

Introduction to Sentiment analysis

What is Sentiment analysis

Sentiment Analysis, also called Opinion Mining, is a technique used to identify and extract emotions, opinions, or attitudes expressed in a piece of text.

Purpose

To determine whether the sentiment is:

- Positive
- Negative
- Neutral

Examples

- "I love this phone." → Positive
- "This phone is bad." → Negative
- "This is a smartphone." → Neutral

Why Sentiment analysis is important

Key Reasons

- Helps businesses understand customer feedback
- Assists in decision-making based on public opinion
- Tracks brand reputation on social media
- Used in politics, finance, healthcare, etc.

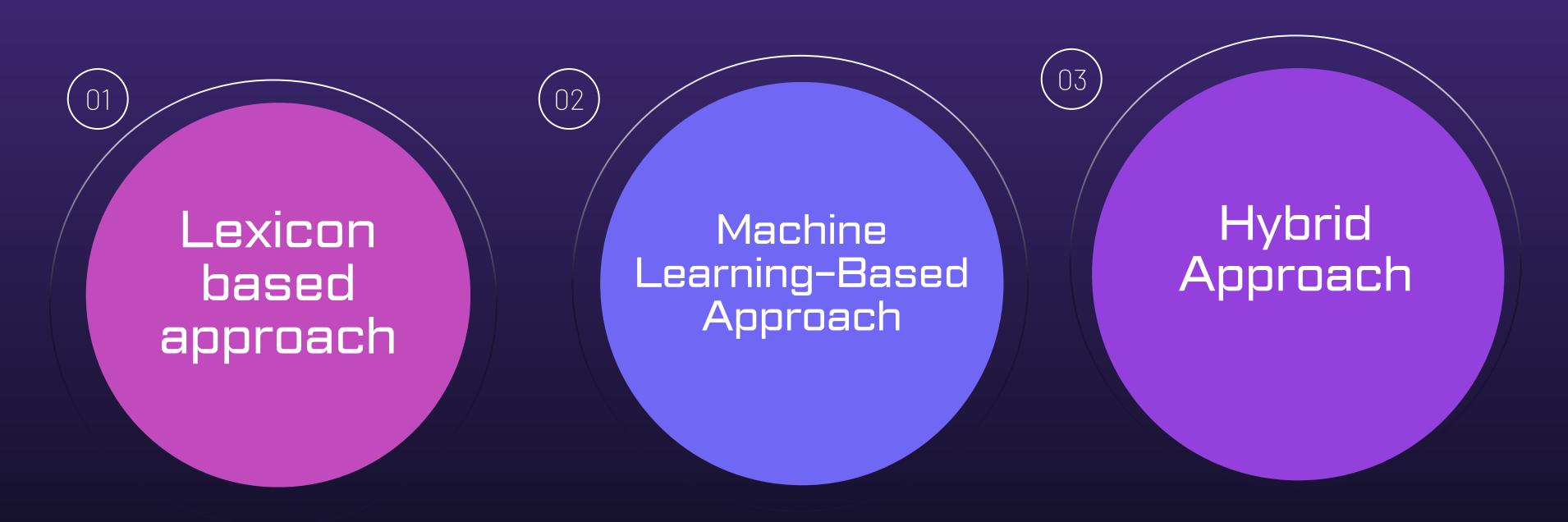
Real life examples

- Analyzing Twitter data to predict election trends
- Evaluating product reviews on Amazon or Flipkart
- Monitoring public reactions to a new policy or event

How Sentiment Analysis Works (Step-by-step)

02 03 03 Sentiment Text Text Collection Feature Extraction Classification Preprocessing Use rules or ML models Convert text to numerical form using: Gather text data from to classify text into: Clean the text (remove Bag of Words Positive sources like Twitter, punctuation, TF-IDF Negative reviews, emails, etc. stopwords, emojis). Word Embeddings Neutral (Word2Vec, GloVe)

Approaches to Sentiment Analysis



Lexicon based approach

What is it?

This approach uses a predefined dictionary of words (called a lexicon) where each word has a sentiment score—either positive, negative, or neutral.

How is it works?

- Each word is given a score:
- "Happy" = +1
- "Bad" = -1
- The sentiment of the sentence is calculated by adding the scores of all words.

Example

Sentence: "The camera is good but the battery is bad."

- "Good" = +1
- "Bad" = -1
- \rightarrow Total Score = 0 \rightarrow Neutral sentiment

Pros

- Simple and easy to implement
- Doesn't require training data

Cons

- Cannot understand context or sarcasm
- Limited by the quality of the dictionary

Machine Learning-Based Approach

What is it?

In this method, the computer is trained using example texts (with known sentiments) to learn patterns and predict the sentiment of new texts.

How is it works?

- Provide a large dataset with labeled examples (positive/negative)
- Convert text into features (like word counts or embeddings)
- Train a model (like Naive Bayes, SVM, or deep learning)
- Predict sentiment on new text based on learned patterns

Example

If the model has seen:

- "I love this phone." → Positive
- "I hate this app." → Negative

Then when it sees:

• "This phone is amazing." → It predicts: Positive

Pros

- Understands context better
- More accurate with large
- datasets

Cons

- Needs a lot of labeled data
- Takes time and computational resources to train

Hybrid Approach

What is it?

This approach combines both Lexicon-based and Machine Learning methods to get the advantages of both.

How is it works?

- Use a sentiment dictionary to assign initial scores to words
- Then apply a machine learning model for better interpretation
- Often used in real-world applications for improved accuracy

Example

- The word "great" may get a positive score from the lexicon
- The ML model checks sentence structure, context, and decides if overall sentiment is positive or mixed

Pros

- More accurate than using either approach alone
- Works well in complex or real-world data

Cons

More complex to design and implement

Application of Sentiment analysis



Benefits

- Automates large-scale opinion analysis
- Supports data-driven decisions
- Improves customer satisfaction

Challenges

- Difficult to detect sarcasm or humor
- Words may have multiple meanings
- (e.g., "This movie is sick!" = good or bad?)
- Slang and multilingual text can reduce accuracy

Conclusion

- Sentiment Analysis is a powerful tool to understand opinions from text.
- It combines NLP techniques with smart algorithms.
- Widely used in many industries to improve decisions and services.
- Future trends include:
 - Emotion detection
 - Multilingual sentiment analysis
 - Real-time feedback systems

Thank you for your attention!!!