Literary Review

Several researches have been performed for analyzing the insights of online consumers buying behavior. However, only a few have addressed the customers buying intention for products. Studies on identification of wishes from texts, specifically Ramanand et al. (Ramanand, Bhavsar, and Pedanekar 2010) consider the task of identifying ‘buy’ wishes from product reviews. These wishes include suggestions for a product or a desire to buy a product. They used linguistic rules to detect these two kinds of wishes. Although rule-based approaches for identifying the wishes are effective, but their coverage is not satisfactory, and they can’t be extended easily. Purchase Intention detection task is close to the task of identifying wishes in product reviews. Here we don’t use the rule-based approach, but we present a machine learning approach with generic features extracted from the tweets.

For our research we will be using twitter tweets to identify purchase intention. Past studies have shown that it is possible to apply Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Named Entity Recognition (NER) to tweets (Li et al., 2012) (Liu et al., 2011). However, applying NER to tweets is very difficult because people often use abbreviations or (deliberate) misspelled words and grammatical errors in tweets. Nonetheless, Finin et al. (2010) tried to annotate named entities in tweets using crowdsourcing. Other studies used these techniques to apply sentiment analysis to tweets. The first studies used product or movie reviews because these reviews are either positive or negative. Wang et al. (2011) and Anta et al. (2013) analyzed the sentiment of tweets filtered on a certain hashtag (keywords or phrases starting with the symbol that denote the main topic of a tweet). These studies merely analyze the sentiment of a tweet about a product after the author has bought it. We will however be extracting features from tweets to find whether the user has shown purchase intention towards the product or not.

More recently, research articles like *Identifying Purchase Intentions by Extracting Information from Tweets* ( February 8, 2017, RADBOUD U NIVERSITY NIJMEGEN) and *Tweetalyst: Using Twitter Data to Analyze Consumer Decision Process* (The Berkeley Institute of Design) investigate if an artificial intelligence approach can predict (from existing user created content on twitter) if someone is a potential customer for a specific company or product and identify users at different stages of the decision process of buying a given product. Further looking at research reports like *The Impact of Social Network Marketing on Consumer Purchase Intention in Pakistan: Consumer Engagement as a Mediator* (Asian Journal of Business and Accounting 10(1), 2017) give us an insight of the impact of social network marketing on consumer purchase intention and how it is affected by the mediating role of consumer engagement. Based on UGT theory (Uses and Gratification Theory).