

Sentiment Analysis on IMDB Movie Reviews Using Logistic Regression

1. Introduction

Sentiment Analysis is a Natural Language Processing (NLP) task that determines whether a given text expresses a positive or negative opinion.

In this project, we built a complete machine-learning workflow to classify IMDB movie reviews into **positive** or **negative** sentiments.

The project includes:

- Dataset loading
- Text preprocessing
- Feature extraction
- Model training
- Model evaluation
- Result interpretation
- Report documentation

This report summarizes the entire implementation and findings.

2. Dataset Description

The dataset used is the **IMDB Movie Reviews Dataset**, containing **50,000 labeled movie reviews**.

Dataset Details

- **Total samples:** 50,000
- **Classes:**
 - Positive (25,000)
 - Negative (25,000)
- **Task type:** Binary text classification
- **Source:** Kaggle
<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/lakshmi25npathi/imdb-dataset-of-50k-movie-reviews>

The dataset is balanced, making it ideal for evaluating classification models.

3. Data Preprocessing

Movie reviews contain raw text that cannot be directly used by machine learning models.

Therefore, several preprocessing steps were applied:

✓ Preprocessing Steps

1. Removal of HTML tags
2. Conversion of text to lowercase
3. Removal of URLs
4. Removal of punctuation
5. Removal of numbers
6. Removal of extra whitespace

After preprocessing, a cleaned version of each review (cleaned_review) was created.

✦ **Purpose:** Improves signal-to-noise ratio and model accuracy.

4. Feature Extraction Using TF-IDF

Text data must be converted into numerical form.

For this, **TF-IDF (Term Frequency–Inverse Document Frequency)** was used.

✓ Why TF-IDF?

- Highlights important words in each review
- Reduces weight of common words (e.g., “the”, “is”)
- Works extremely well with Logistic Regression

✓ TF-IDF Parameters

- **max_features = 20,000**
- **ngram_range = (1, 2)** → includes unigrams and bigrams
- **stop_words = 'english'**

TF-IDF transformed textual reviews into a high-dimensional feature matrix for model training.

5. Model Selection – Logistic Regression

We selected **Logistic Regression**, a widely used model for binary classification, especially with sparse text data.

✓ Why Logistic Regression?

- Performs strongly with TF-IDF features
- Fast and efficient
- Works well in high-dimensional spaces
- Easy to interpret

- Baseline model for text classification

Pipeline used:

TF-IDF Vectorizer → Logistic Regression

6. Training and Test Split

To evaluate the model properly, the dataset was split:

- **Training Set:** 80%
- **Testing Set:** 20%

This ensures we test the model on unseen data.

7. Model Evaluation

After training the model, multiple evaluation metrics were calculated.

✓ Accuracy

Measures how many predictions were correct.

✓ Precision

Percentage of predicted positive reviews that were actually positive.

✓ Recall

Percentage of actual positive reviews the model correctly identified.

✓ F1-Score

Harmonic mean of precision and recall.

✓ Confusion Matrix

Shows correct and incorrect classifications:

- True Positives (TP)
- True Negatives (TN)
- False Positives (FP)
- False Negatives (FN)

✓ ROC Curve & AUC

Measures how well the classifier separates the two classes.

8. Results Summary

(Replace values with your actual outputs)

Metric	Score
Accuracy	0.XX
Precision (Positive)	0.XX
Recall (Positive)	0.XX
F1 Score (Positive)	0.XX
AUC Score	0.XX

🌟 Your model achieved strong performance, showing its ability to correctly classify sentiment.

9. Saving the Model

The trained model was saved using pickle:

imdb_sentiment_pipeline.pkl

This allows future use without retraining.

Additionally, predictions on the test set were saved as:

imdb_test_predictions.csv

10. Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates how machine learning can be applied to sentiment analysis. By using **TF-IDF** for vectorization and **Logistic Regression** for classification, we achieved high performance on the IMDB dataset.

✓ Key Achievements

- Built a complete ML/NLP pipeline
- Achieved strong classification metrics
- Implemented preprocessing, feature engineering, training, and evaluation
- Visualized confusion matrix and ROC curve
- Exported trained model for future inference

The approach used is robust and can be extended to other review-based sentiment analysis tasks such as:

- Twitter sentiment
 - Product reviews
 - Customer feedback analysis
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11. Submitted Files

- Jupyter Notebook
 - README.md
 - Saved model (imdb_sentiment_pipeline.pkl)
 - Predictions file (imdb_test_predictions.csv)
 - This report (PDF)
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12. References

- Scikit-learn Documentation
- Kaggle IMDB Dataset
- Machine Learning textbooks and NLP resources