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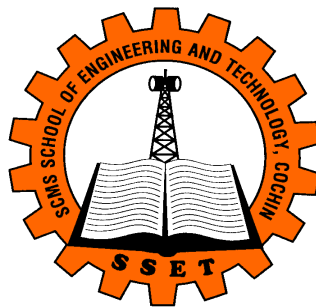
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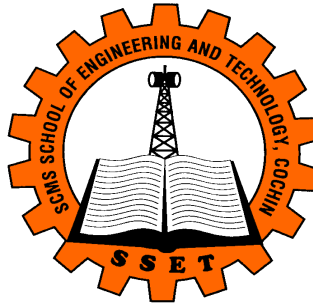
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ABSTRACT

Social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube make it easy for users to express their thoughts, due to this lot of inaccurate and unreliable audio-visual information is frequently produced and shared through these channels.

YouTube is one of the most popular video-sharing platforms, with billions of users accounting for about one-third of the internet population. As a result, it is rife with videos that do not accurately depict the situation that it refers to.

The titles and thumbnails of these videos are purposely designed to attract the user's attention and make them curious to follow the link and read, view, or listen to the attached content. Such videos are called Clickbait Videos.

The aim is to detect these clickbait YouTube Videos using multiple evidences that is selected from its metadata.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL BACKGROUND

In the internet era that we're living in, YouTube doesn't actually require a formal introduction. YouTube is so popular that it's almost impossible to find a person who doesn't know about it. It covers a wide range of applications from tutorials about millions of topics to entertainment. It's possible to say that YouTube can easily claim that no other app has attained such a high level of scope. It has such an influence on people that, it's not possible for a person to spend a day without it. The wide horizon of success is due to the fact that it doesn't inflict any financial cost to the viewers nor the content publishers. The platform provides freedom to the content creators without imposing any regulations to the legitimacy of the content. It also offers monetary profits to the content publishers or the channel admin, as we say in technical terms according to the viewership and the support a video gets. The support or viewership of a video can easily be boosted by sharing a link of the video further increasing the income earned by a video publisher. Thus, content creators started creating misleading but attractive contents to gain more viewership. The users use various parameters like thumbnail, description, title etc. to decide whether to watch the video or not. Content creators increase their view count by posting videos with thumbnails which do not match their content but potentially attract a wide range of audience. Clickbait videos are infecting the internet in a daily wide spread basis. Users get confused about the reality of facts and are misled into lies they're made to believe. This creates a toxic environment in the internet. A system is needed for the detection of such clickbait videos.

YouTube removed the public dislike count from all its videos in November 2021. While creators can still see the number of dislikes they received for their video,

viewers can only see the number of likes. This created a hole in the existing clickbait detection system with the number of dislikes being removed. Like to dislike ratio was the most promising parameter when it comes to detecting whether the video is a clickbait or not. This research thus focuses on finding the best and most accurate parameter from view-like ratio, comments, description and title. The research also focuses on the detection of clickbait with the absence of dislike count using conventional machine learning approaches like KNN, Decision Tree, LSTM, Sentimental Analysis and Logistic Regression. The dataset used for training and testing the algorithms was constructed from the scratch containing a list of 500 videos with all its necessary parameters.

1.2 OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this research are to

- a) Find out the accuracy, precision and recall of each parameter and determine the best replacement for dislike.
- b) Make a dataset containing 500 YouTube videos
- c) Use the most accurate parameters and dataset to train and test KNN, naïve bayes, decision tree, LSTM, Sentimental Analysis and Logistic Regression.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Clickbait detection

This paper proposes a new model for the detection of clickbait, i.e., short messages that lure readers to click a link. Clickbait is primarily used by online content publishers to increase their readership, whereas its automatic detection will give readers a way of filtering their news stream. The first clickbait corpus of 2992 Twitter tweets is compiled, 767 of which are clickbait, and, by developing a clickbait model based on 215 features that enables a random forest classifier to achieve 0.79 ROC-AUC at 0.76 precision and 0.76 recall.

2.2 Relationship between game theory and clickbait

Clickbait media is thought to be created through social media platforms' algorithmic curation. Despite the fact that clickbait can be risky, especially for heritage news organisations, it is widely used. The provision of clickbait is seen as a revised game with an arbitrary limit. It is observed that the behaviour of 37 German legacy news providers following algorithm changes using machine learning and analysis of Facebook posts and Twitter messages over 54 months. The findings show that clickbait is used infrequently, with few heavier-using sources, and that clickbait performance has a reversed U-shaped relationship, with the quantity of clickbait and the number of people engaging form a U-shaped relationship in reverse. News organisations as a whole adjust to an industry-wide clickbait standard. While it is not possible to prove that algorithmic curation generates clickbait, it can be shown that Facebook's regulatory involvement to reduce clickbait disperses uneven supply trends. It can contribute to a better

understanding of editorial decision making in competitive situations that are subject to platform regulation.

2.3 Stylized Headline Generation.

Clickbaits are enticing social media postings or spectacular headlines designed to entice readers to click on them. Clickbait is all over social media, and it can have serious consequences for both consumers and the media industry. To address this difficulty, we suggest using recent advances in deep generative models to build synthetic headlines with specified styles and investigate their use in improving clickbait identification. The authors suggest, in particular, using style transfer to generate styled headlines from original papers. Furthermore, because generating stylized headlines is difficult due to issues such as the discrete nature of texts and the need to preserve the document's semantic meaning while achieving style transfer, proposed a novel solution called Stylized Headline Generation (SHG) that can not only generate readable and realistic headlines to enlarge original training data, but also aids supervised learning's classification capacity. SHG's success in generating high-quality and high-utility headlines for clickbait detection is demonstrated by experimental findings on real-world datasets.

2.4 OVCP

Online video sharing services (such as YouTube and Vimeo) have become a popular way for individuals to view video content. On internet video sharing platforms, clickbait video, whose substance plainly deviates from its title/thumbnail, has developed as a major issue. Current clickbait detection systems that primarily rely on evaluating the title text, thumbnail image, or video content have been demonstrated to be ineffective in detecting online clickbait videos. In this research, the authors present Online Video Clickbait Protector (OVCP), and unique

content-agnostic approach for detecting clickbait films by examining the comments left by the audience that watched the video. OVCP, unlike other systems, does not directly evaluate the video's content and pre-click information but instead, goes through the different features that can be extracted from the different comments that are left by different users who have watched the video and, in the end, using these features we finally classify the video as Clickbait or not.

2.5 Identifying Clickbait Posts on social media with an Ensemble of Linear Models

Making a link so alluring that people click on it is the goal of clickbait. However, the content of such publications frequently has little to do with the title, exhibits poor quality, and ultimately dissatisfies the reader. The creators of the clickbait challenge (<http://www.clickbait-challenge.org/>) invited the participants to create a machine learning model for grading articles based on their "clickbaitness" in order to benefit the readers. The strategy was successfully evaluated in the challenge, where it demonstrated excellent performance of 0.036 MSE and placed third out of all the solutions to the challenge. In this research, they proposed to address the clickbait problem with an ensemble of Linear SVM models.

2.6 Machine Learning Based Detection of Clickbait Posts in Social Media

In this study, a dataset containing over 21,000 headlines and titles from the 2017 Clickbait Challenge (clickbait-challenge.com), each of which is annotated with at least five crowdsourced assessments of its clickbaitness. Develop a reliable computational clickbait detection model. For our final model, we chose the 60 most crucial features out of a total of 331 features after filtering out many features to prevent overfitting and speed up learning. On the clickbait class, Random Forest Regression produced the following findings using these features: MSE=0.035 MSE, Accuracy=0.82, and F1-score=0.61.

2.7 Clickbait Detection in Tweets Using Self-Attentive Network

A model which is capable of evaluating each tweet's level of click baiting. We first reformat the regression problem as a multi-classification problem, based on the annotation scheme. To perform multi-classification, we apply a token-level, self-attentive mechanism on the hidden states of bi-directional Gated Recurrent Units (biGRU), which enables the model to generate tweets' task-specific vector representations by attending to important tokens. The self-attentive neural network can be trained end-to-end, without involving any manual feature engineering.

2.8 Towards a Regression Model for Clickbait Strength

Malicious content publishers misuse social media to manipulate as many users as possible to visit their websites using clickbait messages. Machine learning technology may help to handle this problem, giving rise to automatic clickbait detection. To accelerate progress in this direction, they organized the Clickbait Challenge 2017, a shared task inviting the submission of clickbait detectors for a comparative evaluation. A total of 13 detectors have been submitted, achieving significant improvements over the previous state of the art in terms of detection performance. Also, many of the submitted approaches have been published open source, rendering them reproducible, and a good starting point for newcomers.

2.9 Detecting Clickbait in Online Social Media

This paper proposes a machine learning approach to detect clickbait posts published in social media. Clickbait posts are short, catchy phrases pointing into a longer online article. Users are encouraged to click on these posts to read the full article in many cases. The suggested approach differentiates between clickbait and legitimate posts based on training mainstream machine learning (ML) classifiers.

2.10 Detecting and preventing clickbaits in online news media

In this work, they attempt to automatically detect clickbait videos and then build a browser extension which warns the readers of different media sites about the possibility of being baited by such headlines. The extension also offers each reader an option to

block clickbaits she doesn't want to see. Then, using such reader choices, the extension automatically blocks similar clickbaits during her future visits.

CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

3.1. Data Collection

Our dataset consists of 500 videos (Clickbait, Non-Clickbait) gathered from YouTube. In this section, it is explained how clickbait videos are causing a problem for the audience on YouTube. Then, it is explained how the platform and publisher selection is made for the dataset, and the necessary details about these publishers are presented. Finally, it is explained how data is extracted from this platform and pre-processed for the analysis.

3.1.1. Platform Selection

YouTube is the leading platform that is plagued with videos that don't faithfully represent the situation that it refers to. The user has to add a title, a description, and a thumbnail before uploading a video. These data become crucial parameters on which the users can base their decision to watch a video or not. Many YouTube content creators use clickbait titles and thumbnails that might deviate from the actual content to increase viewership for a video, and generate more revenue. The freedom in creating content gives an incentive for people to post clickbait videos, in which the content might deviate significantly from the title, description, or thumbnail.

3.2. Dataset Construction

We built two datasets. Our first dataset consists of details of 500 videos (Clickbait, Non-Clickbait) gathered from YouTube. The data was collected using a program which extracts videos based on certain keywords. The Google Sheet programming environment was used to code the program that extracts this video details. The keywords we used were top clickbait words like '10 Reasons Why', 'Wow', 'Amazing', 'No Way' etc. The program uses YouTube Data API v3 as a Library and uses it to scrape and analyse videos relating to this query. We extracted 30 first hit videos of each clickbait keyword. The extracted video details include: Title, YouTube Link, Channel ID, Description, Tags, View Count, Like Count, Favourite Count and Comment Count. To get certain details like Video Length, Category ID and Channel Verification we used the website mattw.io which extracts every Metadata detail of the a given video.

The second database consists of all the comments of the videos which are present in the Metadata Dataset. The Comments of these YouTube Videos were extracted using the YouTube Data API v3 using the Google Sheet Programming platform. The program accepts the Video ID as input and it outputs all the Comments extracted from the video into the Google Sheet. The extracted details include: Video ID, Comment, number of likes, number of replies. Extracted comments of 500 Videos which consists of nearly 10 lakhs of rows of data.

3.2.1. Dataset Validation

In order to evaluate the accuracy of labelling the headlines in the dataset as clickbait and non-clickbait, we examined the video thumbnail and the video content. This information coming from humans is essential because it was used for validating the labels of the dataset and validating the results of the machine learning models. A column was constructed labelled as Clickbait/Non-Clickbait in the Metadata Dataset.

We also found new factors for classification View Like ratio, View Comment Ratio using the Like, View and Comment columns. We found that for majority of the videos if the View Like Ratio was above a value of 126 then the chance that the video is a clickbait was very high. This was used as another column of Clickbait/Non-Clickbait classification using Metadata details.

3.3. Data Analysis

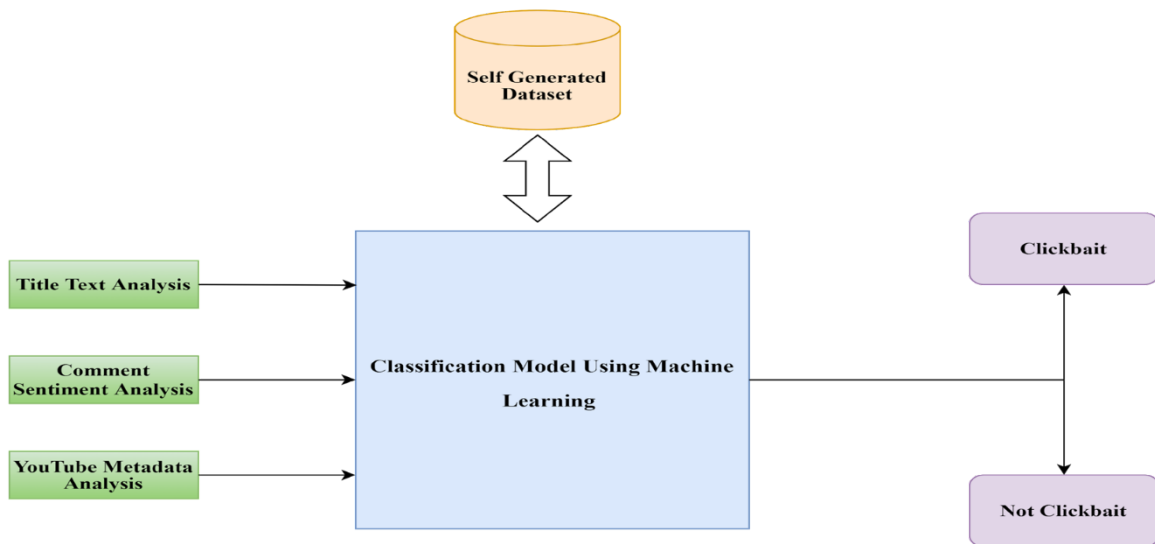


Fig. 3.1

The model we constructs uses three factors for classification of the video as either a Clickbait or a Non- Clickbait. The first factor is the Title Text Analysis which includes scanning and analysing the title text of the YouTube Video.

The second factor is Comment Sentiment Analysis. It includes Sentiment Analysis of every video comments and coming to a conclusion of whether a video comment is mostly positive negative or neutral.

The third factor is the Metadata Details. Metadata is a set of data that describes and gives information about other data. It includes values like View count, Like count and Comment Count. These were analysed and different conclusions were extracted.

3.3.1. Feature Selection

Due to the removal of Dislike count from YouTube videos, it is required to develop a model based on other features. Our aim is to find some of the other features which can effectively detect clickbait videos on YouTube.

3.3.1.1 Title Text Analysis

The title of the videos was subjected to text analysis and categorised based on misleading titles. Developed a classification model using Naive Bayes Algorithm and LSTM and Trained using self-built Dataset which classifies videos based on the title. In the pre-processing stage the title of the YouTube video was converted to tokens. The data is tokenized i.e., split into tokens which are the smallest or minimal meaningful units. The data is split into words. This is then converted into lowercase to avoid ambiguity between same words in different cases like 'NLP', 'nlp' or 'Nlp'. The punctuations are removed to increase the efficiency of the model. They are irrelevant because they provide no added information. Lemmatization in linguistics is the process of grouping together the inflected

forms of a word so they can be analysed as a single item, identified by the word's lemma, or dictionary form. It involves the morphological analysis of words. In lemmatization we find the root word or base form of the word rather than just clipping some characters from the end e.g., *is*, *are*, *am* are all converted to its base form *be* in Lemmatization. Here lemmatization is done using NLTK library. Term frequency-Inverse Data Frequency method is used to convert the text into features. The pre-processed data is then trained using Naive Bayes and LSTM and the accuracy measures were calculated.

3.3.1.2 YouTube Metadata Analysis

By using view count and like count we derived a parameter called like-view ratio and developed a hypothesis that a clickbait video should have a high like view ratio than a non-clickbait video. Using this hypothesis, we classified videos as clickbait/non-clickbait. We were able to assess its performance by calculating Accuracy, Precision, F1 Score and Recall using Naïve Bayes, K Nearest Neighbour and Decision Tree Algorithm. Different attributes used were Like Count, View Count, Category ID and Comment Count.

3.3.1.3 Comment Sentiment Analysis

Finally, comments of each and every single video in the dataset were extracted using YouTube Data API v3 and we developed an algorithm for Sentiment Analysis which evaluates each comment and classifies them into positive, negative and neutral comments. The algorithm uses the python library TextBlob. It has an inbuilt function that does sentiment analysis on a given input. The program accepts two datasets, one containing video and the other containing comments of the videos, and produces an excel sheet containing the number of positive, negative and neutral comment count of each video. We developed a hypothesis that a video with more positive comments than negative comments are more likely to be not clickbait.

3.3.2. Performance Analysis

In addition to developing machine learning models that can successfully distinguish clickbait sentences from non-clickbait sentences, it is also critical to understand how these models decide and their confidence in their decisions. The explainability of models is essential for understanding the mechanism of the clickbait strategy and its linguistic structure. Examining the results of the models by discretization does not provide an accurate assessment of the performance of the models. In this way, it is not possible to observe which sentences the models call clickbait or non-clickbait with what degree of Certainty.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

4.1. Title Text Analysis

4.1.1 Naïve Bayes

The Naïve Bayes was an algorithm used on the 500-video dataset in this study. We used 100 videos at first and got an accuracy of 80% and upon increasing the number of videos by 100, we saw a slight change in accuracy. This model performs with a mean accuracy of 69.28%.

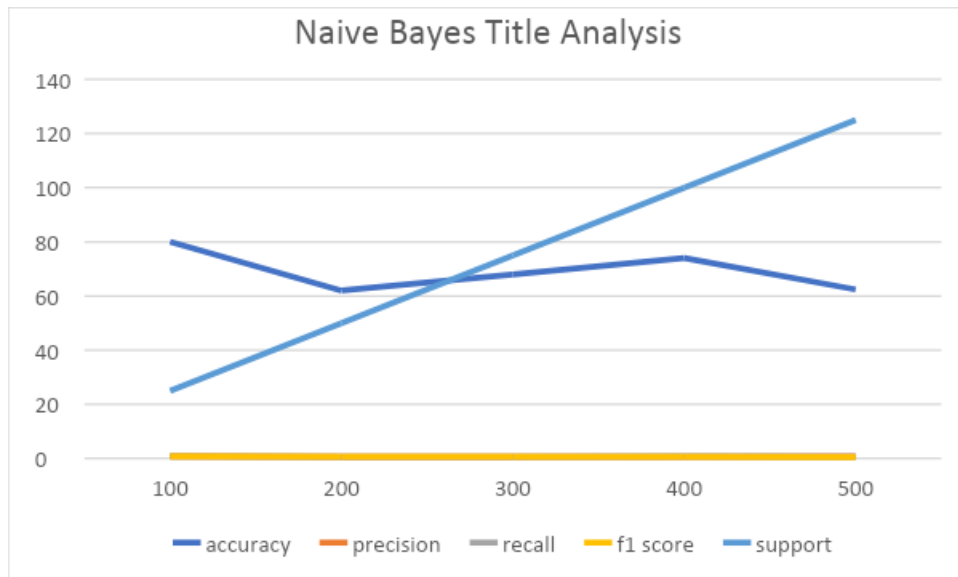


Fig. 4.1

4.1.2 Long Short-Term Memory

The LSTM was developed using a Deep Learning library, Keras. This model was trained with the 500-video dataset as in the previous algorithms, and it performs with a mean accuracy of 66.25%. The performance of the LSTM can be Found in Figure.

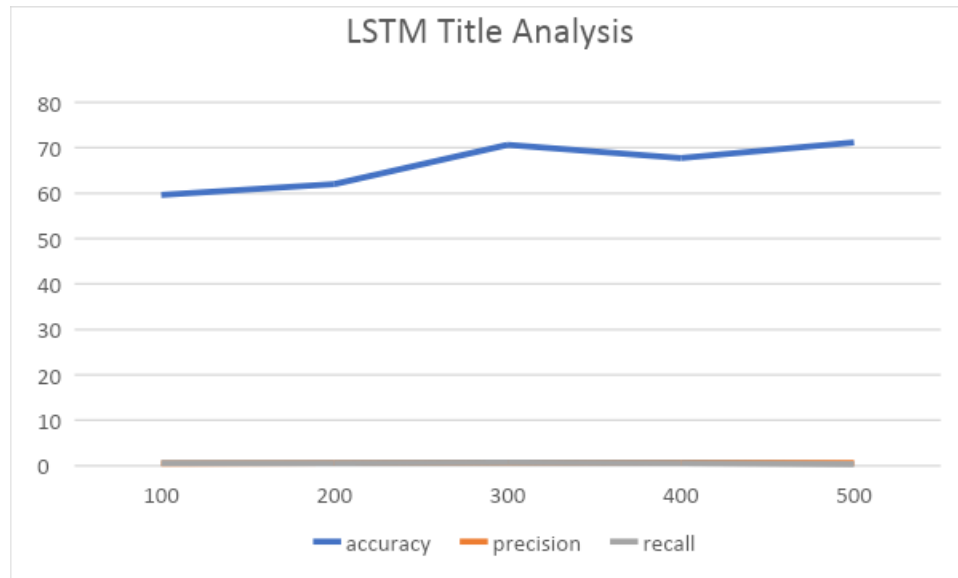


Fig. 4.2

4.2. YouTube Metadata Analysis

4.2.1 Naïve Bayes

The Naïve Bayes was an algorithm used on the 500-video dataset in this study. According to feature importance of this model (Figure 4.3), the number of views, the number of likes, number of comments and category id are distinctive for clickbait detection. We used 100 videos at first and used only the number of views and got an accuracy of 55% and when we combined view count with like count, we got an accuracy of 57.49%. Then we combined view, like and comment count and got an accuracy of 50% and finally combined all parameters and got an accuracy of 60%. Then we increased the number of videos by 100 and obtained the following results.

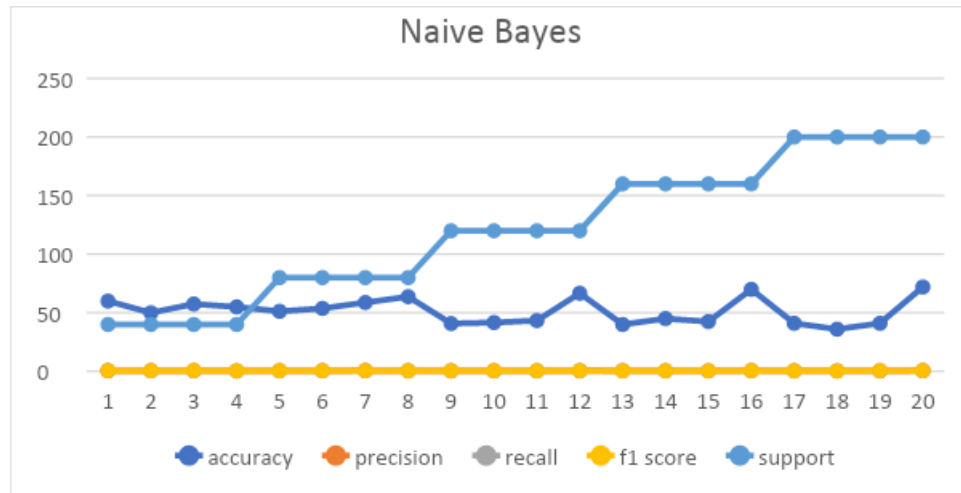


Fig 4.3

4.2.2 Decision Tree

The Decision Tree was an algorithm used on the 500-video dataset in this study. According to feature importance of this model (Figure 4.4), the number of views, the number of likes, number of comments and category id are distinctive for clickbait detection. We used 100 videos at first and used only the number of views and got an accuracy of 50% and when we combined view count with like count, we got an accuracy of 45%. Then we combined view, like and comment count and got an accuracy of 55% and finally combined all parameters and got an accuracy of 60%. Then we increased the number of videos by 100 and obtained the following results.

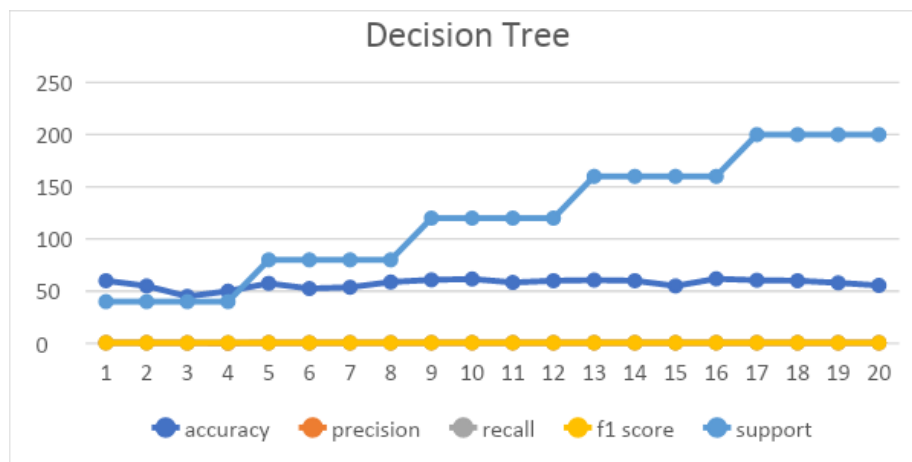


Fig. 4.4

4.2.3 K-Nearest Neighbour

The Naïve Bayes was an algorithm used on the 500-video dataset in this study. According to feature importance of this model (Figure 4.5), the number of views, the number of likes, number of comments and category id are distinctive for clickbait detection. We used 100 videos at first and used only the number of views and got an accuracy of 55% and when we combined view count with like count, we got an accuracy of 52.5%. Then we combined view, like and comment count and got an accuracy of 50% and finally combined all parameters and got an accuracy of 47.55%. Then we increased the number of videos by 100 and obtained the following results.

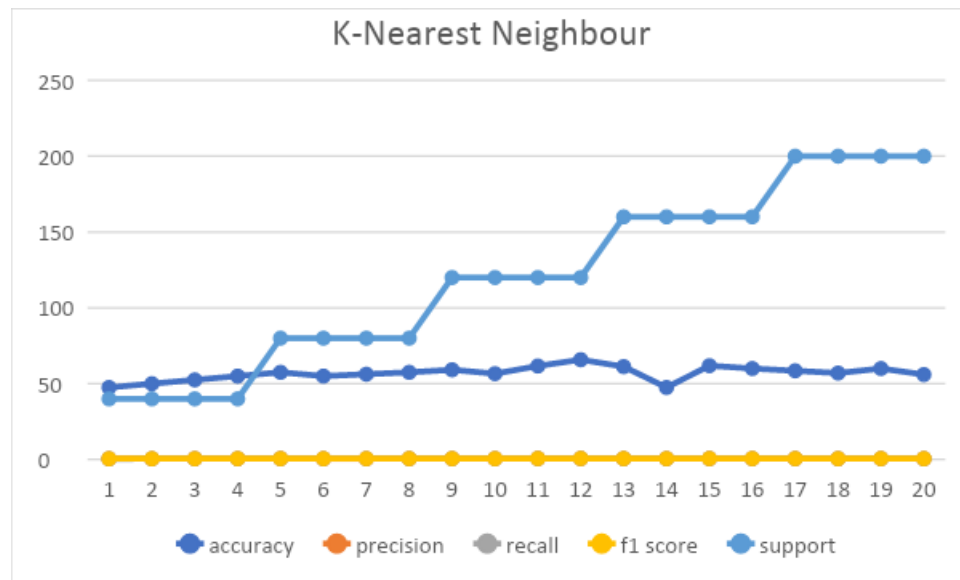


Fig. 4.5

Algorithm Used	Parameters Used	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	Accuracy
Naïve Bayes	View	0.48	0.69	0.57	69.37%
	View, Comment	0.49	0.70	0.58	70.0%
	View, Comment, Category	0.50	0.71	0.58	70.62%
	View, Like	0.57	0.68	0.60	65.17%
	View, Comment, Like, Category	0.42	0.65	0.51	65.0%
Decision Tree	View	0.62	0.62	0.62	62.03%
	View, Like	0.63	0.64	0.63	63.8%
	View, Comment, Category	0.64	0.66	0.65	65.74%
	View, Like, Comment, Category	0.60	0.61	0.60	61.11%

Algorithm Used	Parameters Used	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	Accuracy
K- Nearest Neighbour	View	0.49	0.51	0.47	50.92%
	View, Like	0.53	0.54	0.53	53.70%
	View, Comment, Category	0.60	0.62	0.61	62.03%
	View, Comment, Like, Category	0.64	0.66	0.65	53.70%

Table 4.1

4.3. Comment Sentiment Analysis

4.3.1. Naïve Bayes

Comment Sentiment Analysis, also known as opinion mining is a powerful tool that can easily be put to work on a large database to automatically understand the emotions behind the comments posted by users. We used Naïve Bayes to perform Comment Sentiment Analysis. Each comment of the videos is evaluated and are classified as negative, positive or neutral on the basis of the certain keywords to analyse the emotion of user behind the comment using an algorithm. The algorithm uses Python Library TextBlob. Two datasets are accepted by the algorithm, one containing video and the other

containing comments of the videos. The output will be an excel sheet containing the number of positive, negative and neutral videos. Classification of clickbait videos is carried out based on the assumption that, If the number of Negative comments is more than the number of Positive comments, the video is possibly a clickbait video. The performance of the algorithm is assessed by using the parameters Accuracy, Precision, Recall and F1 Score.

CHAPTER 5

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

5.1 DISCUSSION

With the increase in accessibility of internet, there was a boom in video streaming platforms like YouTube. With the increase in users all around the globe, the platform started flooding with videos, some of which do not faithfully represent what it is supposed to. The content creator has to add a title, a description, and a thumbnail before uploading a video. These data become crucial parameters on which the users can base their decision to watch a video or not. For assessing the performance of each of the algorithms, we chose Accuracy, F1 Score, Precision and Recall as the parameters. These parameters help in determining how much of the retrieved data is accurately predicted as Clickbait or not using features of a YouTube video like View Count, Like Count, Comment Count, Category ID and a combination of all those features. After training and testing various machine learning algorithms, it was found that the accuracy of View Count, Like Count and Category ID was higher than the other parameters in detecting clickbait. There was a steady increase in accuracy with the increase in the entries in database.

5.2 CONCLUSION

The emergence of YouTube as a platform for video streaming created a revolution in the internet era. Soon YouTube was crowned as the best Video Streaming Platform powered by Google. YouTube became so popular that each and every internet user trusted it. One of the reasons for its high demand of usage and its popularity is that it pays the content creators for the videos they create based on its insight, that is its view count and other video parameters. Since it's an easy source of income people started finding shortcuts without any effort of creating content, one of which is clickbaited videos.

The escalation of Clickbait videos in YouTube has created a sense of deceitfulness in public which might harm the honest contents. Clickbait Detection is imperative to maintain the reliability and quality of the platform. Like-Dislike ratio used to be the most effective feature in detecting clickbait in the past. But as dislike count got hidden, there came the necessity to rely on the other features of the video such as title, comments, like-view, category id etc. Research has been conducted to assess the performance of each feature and to determine the most effective one in detecting whether the video is a clickbait or not. This research thus defines a pathway to a reliable exploration of YouTube platform and thereby refining YouTube as a platform.

5.3 FUTURE WORK

Clickbait Detection is a project of infinite potential. With the content publishers finding new and creative ways of baiting viewers for income, we ought to find more ways and create stronger algorithm for its prevention. Some of the few planned future developments are :-

- Discovering new features to classify videos as clickbait or non-clickbait with an accuracy higher than the other features
- Increase the number of videos in the dataset.
- Use thumbnail for the detection of clickbait using image processing.
- Use comment depth analysis for better accuracy.
- Compare audio and text extracted from the video.

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APPENDIX A

Appendix A.1. The organization of the dataset. A view of the clickbait data from the Self-generated dataset.

	Clickbait	Channel ID	Description	Tags	View Count	Likes Count	Favorites	Comment Ratio	Video Length	Category	Definition	Channel Views	Positive %	Negative %	Neutral %	Views/Like	Likes/View	Likes/View	Similarity	Score Col	Score Col	Sum Score		
Not Clickbait	UC_gUjVE	China's Has	"hooket"		522094	11699	0	2578	5m9s	25 HD	Yes		552	268	610	44.6221	2.241042	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UC_gUjVE	Edithal b	"State of		30687	414	0	97	4m59s	25 HD	Yes		16	22	23	74.12319	1.349105	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCQeqaeE	India Chin	"Istated"		504886	0	0	1004	3m42s	25 HD	Yes		244	110	332	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	1	0.4	0.1	#DIV/0!
Not Clickbait	UCGnRfE	In July UK	"llec"		929797	5386	0	6024	7m5s	25 HD	Yes		1123	824	1238	172.6322	0.579266	Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Not Clickbait	UK7qptU	Newspape Jason			29598	226	0	20	4m26s	25 HD	Yes		12	4	3	130.9646	0.763565	Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Not Clickbait	UCdUggrl	Rep Thro "Fox"			405139	14309	0	2636	3m33s	25 HD	Yes		527	532	930	28.31388	3.531874	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCdUggrl	Kyle Ritter	"fole"		4874539	178600	0	26481	10m19s	25 HD	Yes		6923	3903	5355	27.29005	0.663996	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCdp_U8	WEM repa "news"			2152163	13700	0	10048	2m55s	25 HD	Yes		1687	1663	2464	157.0922	0.636569	Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Not Clickbait	UCgeVldor	While inw NBCNews			2040920	25444	0	7213	5m52s	25 HD	Yes		1400	1418	1692	80.21223	1.246893	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCdUggrl	Tucker Ga "Brian"			1838922	43888	0	15979	8m9s	25 HD	Yes		4053	3129	4950	41.90034	2.386616	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCdrLufed	Scientists "	"DWNNew		1588230	17649	0	8813	14m	25 HD	Yes		2023	970	2126	88.9888	1.111237	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCdUggrl	Thekarti "	"barlumi		1355603	42635	0	9984	5m35s	25 HD	Yes		2176	1782	3245	31.75554	3.145095	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCPFCBZ	Onionary "	"physio		1239639	40561	0	8207	13m32s	27 HD	Yes		2824	960	1491	30.56294	3.272001	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UC3plww	Ausput "	"schod		369428	1830	0	1793	3m55s	25 HD	Yes		2824	960	1491	201.3288	0.466705	Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Not Clickbait	UCo7a6ieF	This video "	"DNBC"		5248544	54714	0	14845	7m41s	25 HD	Yes		2917	1448	2414	95.94517	1.042262	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCHid8ip	What are "	"news		3659087	33779	0	2050	1m32s	25 SD	Yes		610	187	731	108.3248	0.923154	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCGR7ZR	Watch Ry "			8812758	91225	0	10870	5m50s	25 SD	Yes		2366	622	5727	10.23947	1.108236	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCGR7ZR	Subscribe "	"girls		7200411	1874	0	11454	1m58s	25 SD	Yes		2794	4738	3968	3842.268	0.026026	Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Not Clickbait	UCGR7ZR	Amy Che "	"Frankly		6816155	66039	0	10064	13m5s	25 SD	Yes		2794	4738	3968	103.2141	0.96886	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCqVbltE	Tension "	"Sky"		24217882	235960	0	56422	3m20s	25 HD	Yes		9756	6014	21014	102.6347	0.974829	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCqVbltE	Thesized "BBRU"			18618496	163447	0	16549	3m11s	25 HD	Yes		2571	2149	5710	113.9115	1.877874	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCqVbltE	Sky News "	"Sky		11548642	173930	0	4944	52s	25 SD	Yes		748	437	1742	66.61077	0.501293	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCqVbltE	WatchBa "SKY"			7365599	22325	0	9412	25s	25 SD	Yes		1891	740	2379	33.12974	3.018496	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCqVbltE	AUK teen "	"Game"		4170674	112475	0	9707	2m9s	25 HD	Yes		1640	730	3187	37.0889	2.696806	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Clickbait	UCN4AM	Top 10M "tqpl0"			24784474	196177	0	17018	6m56s	24 HD	Yes		7615	4983	15646	126.3357	0.791532	Clickbait		1	FALSE		0	0
Clickbait	UCPFS9N	BGMOST "lione"			3312775	11254	0	2259	5m35s	15 HD	Nb		502	892	80	312.1357	0.320378	Clickbait		1	FALSE		0	0
Clickbait	UCN4Ag	10 strange "Intersti			2187938	149559	0	11817	9m42s	26 HD	Yes		2854	1286	4523	145.6772	0.686449	Clickbait		1	FALSE		0.1	0.1
Clickbait	UCVLCR	Get your "hudson			14025920	350747	0	47448	8m26s	24 HD	Yes		11182	9043	13892	39.98871	2.900706	Not Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Clickbait	UCBW7Se	hehahurr "Mincraf			566	19	0	7	57s	20 SD	Nb		2	0	3	23.78947	3.35689	Not Clickbait		0	0	0	0	
Not Clickbait	UCp8TDV	Velhpel "try			5166394	155567	0	7082	49m30s	23 HD	Yes		2691	1130	1787	33.1879	3.013145	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCQ2T9G	Mincraf "Mincraf			5899946	458368	0	23852	23m25s	20 HD	Yes		5480	1566	11684	12.87142	7.763152	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCqwnbx	This is not "Emotion			1948989	61398	0	2696	20m35s	26 HD	Yes		1553	140	642	31.46677	3.177955	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCaVWML	In a reigh "bakersfi			5292976	52573	0	18427	2m23s	25 HD	Yes		5057	2488	5913	100.6786	0.99526	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UC3dWw	Steven A "K'fe"			2983466	77562	0	2067	13m21s	22 HD	Yes		944	391	538	38.46596	2.599728	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCGR8tM	8-11 Troll "Footbri"			1110105	26004	0	995	8m2s	20 HD	Yes		320	75	359	42.68978	2.342481	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Not Clickbait	UCpFFBd	Video gen "gannin			1800374	101014	0	4426	35m48s	27 HD	Yes		1705	750	1059	17.82301	5.610723	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0	0.4	
Not Clickbait	UCn6gff	Theory: "Spide-			948267	74129	0	2790	4m17s	24 HD	Yes		1056	296	1159	12.72467	7.85875	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0.1	0.5	
Clickbait	UCwL6AS	5 You Tube "S			7739774	494595	0	25332	10m2s	20 HD	Yes		5921	2953	14109	15.64871	6.39003	Not Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Clickbait	UCwL6AS	5 SECRETS "S			3669227	196813	0	N/A	10m8s	20 HD	Yes		0	0	1	18.13512	5.514163	Not Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Clickbait	UCdFM6c	DFEAMR "dream"			57521	996	0	245	2m21s	24 HD	Yes		49	19	99	57.38052	1.742752	Not Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Clickbait	UCqVWw	10 Farrou "celebrity			2779975	27269	0	1520	4m46s	24 HD	Yes		167	167	939	101.9248	0.98112	Not Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Clickbait	UCqVWw	New List c			609761	8899	0	188	4m47s	24 HD	Yes		46	8	113	68.52017	1.459424	Not Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Not Clickbait	UCGR6s4	This video "Indie"			2106148	219008	0	4117	1m58s	23 SD	Nb		885	358	1640	95.90483	1.0427	Not Clickbait		1	0.4	0	0.4	
Clickbait	UCGR6s4	Outline the "Animals			21849638	166483	0	6699	8m23s	22 HD	Nb		1525	1191	2158	131.2819	0.76172	Not Clickbait		1	FALSE		0	0
Clickbait	UCdED78	From aca "world			5916985	54177	0	2579	13m31s	27 HD	Nb		337	291	1477	109.2158	0.915618	Not Clickbait		0	0	0	0	
Not Clickbait	UCRdF06	I put toge "Funny			41353157	272860	0	20680	11m36s	24 HD	Nb		3447	1050	3717	151.5545	0.659829	Clickbait		0	0	0	0	
Not Clickbait	UCdREaz	Daliso co "Daliso			1.44E+08	926916	0	20309	9m32s	26 HD	Nb		6823	1776	5452	155.0444	0.644976	Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Clickbait	UC3d4Hc	3e-aif3e "Fast 15"			15155565	214053	0	2135	9m4s	24 HD	Yes		357	56	155	70.80286	1.412372	Not Clickbait		0	0	0.1	0.1	
Clickbait	UCdED78	From aca "world			1963396	15963	0	708	12m48s	27 HD	Nb		169	91	225	100.3627	0.996386	Clickbait		1	FALSE		0	0

Appendix A.2. The organization of the dataset. A view of the comment data from the comment dataset.

video_id	comment_text	likes	replies
vFKwhbBV	Nice video	0	0
vFKwhbBV	God loves	0	0
vFKwhbBV	The Scottis	0	0
vFKwhbBV	First time I	0	0
vFKwhbBV	First time I	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Good video	1	0
vFKwhbBV	Ur voice su	1	0
vFKwhbBV	Reported.	0	0
vFKwhbBV	That thum	0	0
vFKwhbBV	That thum	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Why is coll	0	0
vFKwhbBV	I am indon	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Not being	1	0
vFKwhbBV	Actually, th	0	0
vFKwhbBV	The hainar	2	0
vFKwhbBV	He forgot	0	0
vFKwhbBV	This inspire	1	0
vFKwhbBV	I never we	1	0
vFKwhbBV	I'm k	1	0
vFKwhbBV	So that is v	1	0
vFKwhbBV	The pika is	0	0
vFKwhbBV	UGHHH GI	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Last	0	0
vFKwhbBV	What kind	0	0
vFKwhbBV	My son tol	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Did you kn	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Expectatio	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Oo oo nice	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Couldâ€™v	7	4
vFKwhbBV	Thumbnail	0	0
vFKwhbBV	when I wa:	0	0
vFKwhbBV	red wolf?	0	0
vFKwhbBV	LMAO THE	0	0
vFKwhbBV	I read pika	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Where is G	0	0
vFKwhbBV	ðŸ˜ˆ! â€	0	0
vFKwhbBV	<a href="h	1	0
vFKwhbBV	nice to wa	3	0
vFKwhbBV	Vaquitas a	0	0
vFKwhbBV	So these a	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Disliked &a	0	0
vFKwhbBV	I am a rare	0	0
vFKwhbBV	ive seen th	1	0
vFKwhbBV	The white	0	0
vFKwhbBV	I was want	0	1
vFKwhbBV	Um once I	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Edited my	0	0
vFKwhbBV	No it is no	0	0
vFKwhbBV	Eu tenho u	6	1

Appendix A.3. The organization of the dataset. A view of the clickbait data from the sentiment analysis.

Clickbait/Not Clickbait	Positive Count	Negative Count	Neutral Count
Not Clickbait	552	552	268
Clickbait	16	16	22
Not Clickbait	244	244	110
Not Clickbait	1123	1123	824
Not Clickbait	12	12	4
Clickbait	527	527	532
Not Clickbait	6923	6923	3503
Not Clickbait	1687	1687	1663
Clickbait	1400	1400	1418
Not Clickbait	4053	4053	3129
Not Clickbait	2023	2023	970
Not Clickbait	2176	2176	1782
Not Clickbait	2824	2824	960
Not Clickbait	2824	2824	960
Not Clickbait	2917	2917	1448
Not Clickbait	610	610	187
Not Clickbait	2366	2366	622
Clickbait	2734	2734	4738
Clickbait	2734	2734	4738
Not Clickbait	9756	9756	6014
Not Clickbait	2571	2571	2149
Not Clickbait	748	748	437
Not Clickbait	1891	1891	740
Not Clickbait	1640	1640	730
Not Clickbait	7615	7615	4983
Clickbait	502	502	892
Not Clickbait	2854	2854	1286
Not Clickbait	11182	11182	9043
Not Clickbait	2	2	0
Not Clickbait	2691	2691	1130
Not Clickbait	5490	5490	1566
Not Clickbait	1553	1553	140
Not Clickbait	5057	5057	2468
Not Clickbait	944	944	391
Not Clickbait	320	320	75
Not Clickbait	1705	1705	750
Not Clickbait	1056	1056	296
Not Clickbait	5921	5921	2953
Clickbait	0	0	0
Not Clickbait	49	49	19
Clickbait	167	167	167
Not Clickbait	46	46	8
Not Clickbait	885	885	358
Not Clickbait	1525	1525	1191
Not Clickbait	337	337	291
Not Clickbait	3447	3447	1050
Not Clickbait	6823	6823	1776
Not Clickbait	357	357	56
Not Clickbait	169	169	91

APPENDIX B

THE PERFORMANCE-BASED FEATURES OF THE MODELS

Appendix B.1. performance based important features of the Naïve Bayes model using title of the video.

rows	accuracy	precision	recall	f1 score	support
100	80	0.82	0.8	0.8	25
200	62	0.68	0.62	0.58	50
300	68	0.67	0.68	0.62	75
400	74	0.71	0.74	0.68	100
500	62.4	0.77	0.62	0.5	125

Appendix B.2. performance based important features of the Long Short-Term Memory model using title of the video.

rows	accuracy	precision	recall
100	59.66	0.54	0.55
200	62	0.6	0.6
300	70.66	0.68	0.67
400	67.74	0.65	0.6
500	71.2	0.56	0.36

Appendix B.3. performance based important features of the Naïve Bayes model using video metadata.

rows	parameter	accuracy	precision	recall	f1 score	support
100	View,Like,Comment	60	0.62	0.6	0.61	40
	View,Like,Comment	50	0.51	0.5	0.5	40
	View,Like	57.49	0.59	0.57	0.58	40
	View	55	0.3	0.55	0.39	40
200	View,Like,Comment	51.24	0.53	0.51	0.51	80
	View,Like,Comment	53.75	0.58	0.54	0.53	80
	View,Like	58.75	0.65	0.59	0.58	80
	View	63.74	0.41	0.64	0.5	80
300	View,Like,Comment	40.83	0.52	0.41	0.38	120
	View,Like,Comment	41.66	0.6	0.42	0.45	120
	View,Like	43.33	0.52	0.43	0.45	120
	View	66.66	0.44	0.67	0.53	120
400	View,Like,Comment	40	0.5	0.6	0.4	160
	View,Like,Comment	45	0.54	0.45	0.45	160
	View,Like	42.5	0.51	0.42	0.42	160
	View	70	0.49	0.7	0.58	160
500	View,Like,Comment	41	0.55	0.41	0.38	200
	View,Like,Comment	36	0.46	0.36	0.32	200
	View,Like	41	0.46	0.41	0.55	200
	View	72	0.52	0.72	0.6	200

Appendix B.3. performance based important features of the Decision Tree model using video metadata.

rows	parameter	accuracy	precision	recall	f1 score	support
100	View,Like,Comment	60	0.6	0.6	0.6	40
	View,Like,Comment	55	0.6	0.55	0.56	40
	View,Like	45	0.44	0.45	0.44	40
	View	50	0.21	0.5	0.5	40
200	View,Like,Comment	57.49	0.61	0.57	0.58	80
	View,Like,Comment	52.5	0.47	0.47	0.47	80
	View,Like	53.75	0.54	0.54	0.54	80
	View	58.75	0.5	0.5	0.5	80
300	View,Like,Comment	60.83	0.6	0.61	0.61	120
	View,Like,Comment	61.66	0.61	0.62	0.61	120
	View,Like	58.33	0.57	0.58	0.57	120
	View	60	0.58	0.6	0.59	120
400	View,Like,Comment	60.624	0.61	0.61	0.61	160
	View,Like,Comment	60	0.58	0.6	0.59	160
	View,Like	55	0.55	0.55	0.55	160
	View	61.875	0.62	0.62	0.62	160
500	View,Like,Comment	60.5	0.59	0.59	0.6	200
	View,Like,Comment	60	0.6	0.6	0.6	200
	View,Like	57.99	0.54	0.58	0.55	200
	View	55.5	0.54	0.56	0.55	200

Appendix B.4. performance based important features of the K-nearest Neighbour model using video metadata.

rows	parameter	accuracy	precision	recall	f1 score	support
100	View,Like,Comment	47.5	0.52	0.47	0.49	40
	View,Like,Comment	50	0.5	0.5	0.5	40
	View,Like	52.5	0.55	0.53	0.53	40
	View	55	0.58	0.55	0.56	40
200	View,Like,Comment	57.49	0.61	0.57	0.58	80
	View,Like,Comment	55	0.56	0.55	0.55	80
	View,Like	56.25	0.56	0.56	0.56	80
	View	57.49	0.58	0.57	0.58	80
300	View,Like,Comment	59.16	0.59	0.59	0.59	120
	View,Like,Comment	56.6	0.57	0.57	0.56	120
	View,Like	61.66	0.66	0.62	0.63	120
	View	65.83	0.66	0.66	0.66	120
400	View,Like,Comment	61.25	0.6	0.61	0.61	160
	View,Like,Comment	47.49	0.58	0.57	0.58	160
	View,Like	61.87	0.61	0.62	0.62	160
	View	60	0.6	0.6	0.6	160
500	View,Like,Comment	58.5	0.58	0.58	0.58	200
	View,Like,Comment	56.99	0.55	0.56	0.55	200
	View,Like	60	0.59	0.6	0.59	200
	View	56	0.56	0.56	0.56	200