TRR: TRUST-BASED MOBILE APPS SELECTION AND ORDERING OVER TRADITIONAL FEEDBACK MECHANISM

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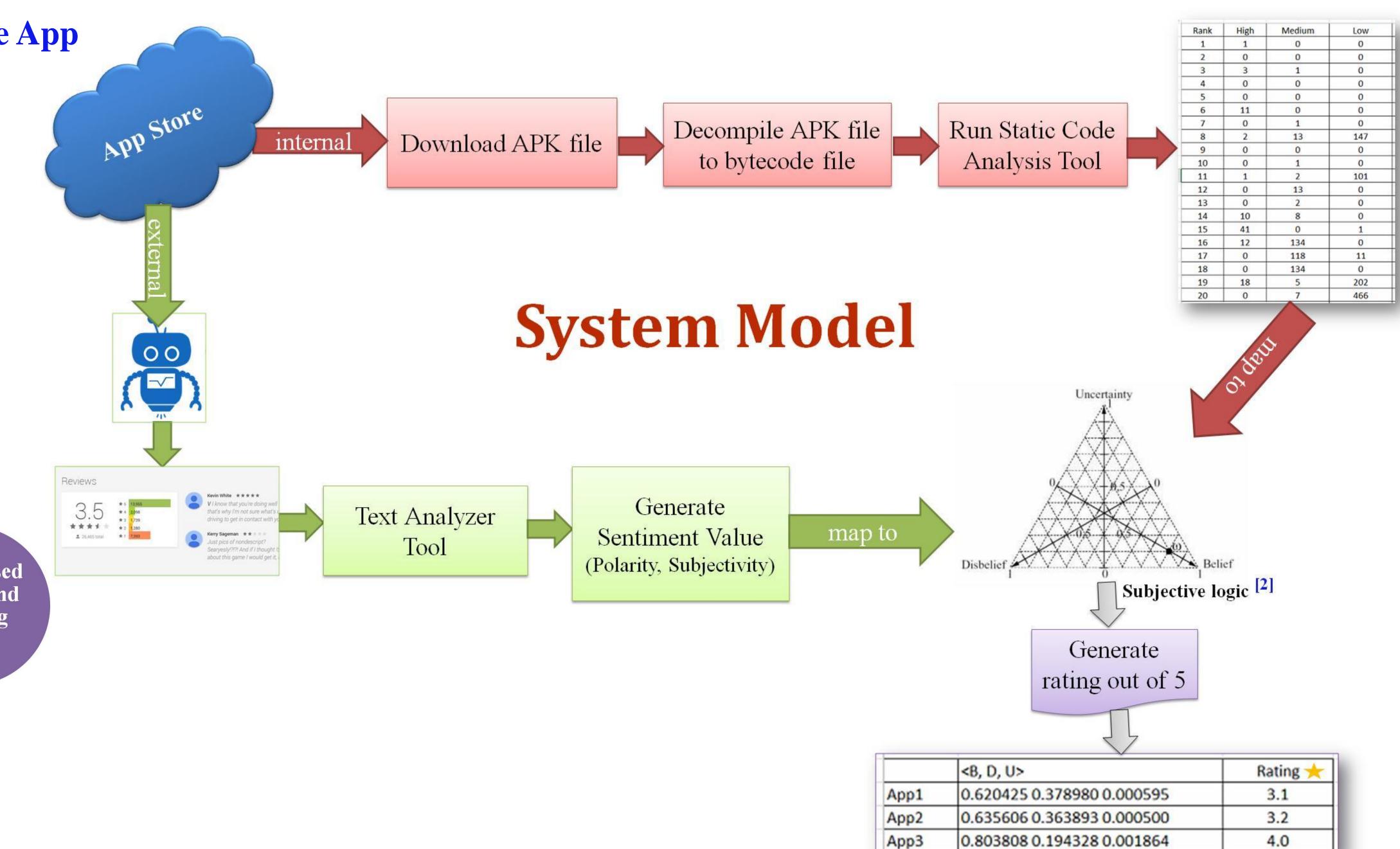
MOTIVATION

Traditional Feedback Mechanism of Mobile App

- Number of downloads
- Number of installs/updates
- Number of ratings
- Average rating score, content
- Presence of user reviews

GOAL





Traditional Feedbacks are not suitable!!!

- Self-selection bias
- Poorly written reviews
- Flood app stores with positive reviews before even launching their apps.
- Developers urge users and friends to downgrade competing Apps.
- Changes to an App Store can kill the review scores.

RESULTS [1]

Traditional Approach

App category	Kendall tau distance
Education	100%
Entertainment	33%
Business	33%
Books & References	33%
LifeStyle	33%
Music & audio	66%
Personalization	100%
Puzzles	66%
Tools	66%
Travel & local	0%

Heterogeneous Apps

App category	Kendall tau distance
Education	100%
Entertainment	33%
Business	66%
Books & References	33%
LifeStyle	33%
Music & audio	33%
Personalization	100%
Puzzles	0%
Tools	0%
Travel & local	100%

Homogeneous Apps

App category	Kendall tau distance
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Entertainment	66%
Business	66%
Books & References	66%
LifeStyle	66%
Music & audio	33%
Personalization	66%
Puzzles	66%
Tools	33%
Travel & local	66%

Closer investigation reveals that-

- ❖ There are many similarities between the rankings, if the user is focused on the promised functional features of the app.
- As many users are not focused on the functional aspects only but give importance to other aspects (e.g., additional feature or look and feel).

FUTURE INVESTIGATIONS

- ❖ To extend this trust based ordering by including evidences that will be collected during runtime; computed ranking can be considered as **dynamic ranking**.
- To apply the TRR approach to larger and diverse datasets.

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