



## **“Rating Prediction Project”**



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# 1.INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Business Problem Framing:

Rating prediction is a well-known recommendation task aiming to predict a user's rating for those items which were not rated yet by her.

Predictions are computed from users' explicit feedback, i.e. their ratings provided on some items in the past. Another type of feedback are user reviews provided on items which implicitly express users' opinions on items. Recent studies indicate that opinions inferred from users' reviews on items are strong predictors of user's implicit feedback or even ratings and thus, should be utilized in computation.

The rise in E-commerce has brought a significant rise in the importance of customer reviews. There are hundreds of review sites online and massive amounts of reviews for every product. Customers have changed their way of shopping and according to a recent survey, 70 percent of customers say that they use rating filters to filter out low rated items in their searches. The ability to successfully decide whether a review will be helpful to other customers and thus give the product more exposure is vital to companies that support these reviews, companies like Google, Amazon and Yelp! There are two main methods to approach this problem. The first one is based on review text content analysis and uses the principles of natural language process (the NLP method). This method lacks the insights that can be drawn from the relationship between costumers and items. The second one is based on recommender systems, specifically on collaborative filtering, and focuses on the reviewer's point of view.

We have a client who has a website where people write different reviews for technical products. Now they are adding a new feature to their website i.e. the reviewer will have to add stars (rating) as well with the review. The rating is out 5 stars, and it only has 5 options available 1 star, 2 stars, 3 stars, 4 stars, 5 stars. Now they want to predict ratings for the reviews which were written in the past and they don't have rating. So we, we have to build an application which can predict the rating by seeing the review.

## 1.2 Conceptual Background of the Domain Problem

Recommendation systems are an important units in today's e-commerce applications, such as targeted advertising, personalized marketing and information retrieval. In recent years, the importance of contextual information has motivated generation of personalized recommendations according to the available contextual information of users. Compared to the traditional systems which mainly utilize user's rating history, review-based recommendation hopefully provide more relevant results to users. We introduce a review-based recommendation approach that obtains contextual information by mining user reviews. The proposed approach relate to features obtained by analyzing textual reviews using methods developed in Natural Language Processing (NLP) and information retrieval discipline to compute a utility function over a given item. An item utility is a measure that shows how much it is preferred according to user's current context. In our system, the context inference is modelled as similarity between the user's reviews history and the item reviews history. As an example, application, we used our method to mine contextual data from customer's reviews of technical products and use it to produce review-based rating prediction. The predicted ratings can generate recommendations that are item-based and should appear at the recommended items list in the product page. Our evaluations (surprisingly) suggest that our system can help produce better prediction rating scores in comparison to the standard prediction methods.

As far as we know, all the recent works on recommendation techniques utilizing opinions inferred from user's reviews are either focused on the item recommendation task or use only the opinion information, completely leaving user's ratings out of consideration. The approach proposed in this report is filling this gap, providing a simple, personalized and scalable rating prediction framework utilizing both ratings provided by users and opinions inferred from their reviews. Experimental results provided on dataset containing user ratings and reviews from the real-world Amazon and Flipkart Product Review Data show the effectiveness of the proposed framework.

## 1.3 Review of Literature

In real life, people's decision is often affected by friends action or recommendation. How to utilize social information has been extensively studied. Yang et al. propose the concept of "Trust Circles" in social

network based on probabilistic matrix factorization. Jiang et al. propose another important factor, the individual preference. Some websites do not always offer structured information, and all of these methods do not leverage user's unstructured information, i.e. reviews, explicit social networks information is not always available and it is difficult to provide a good prediction for each user. For this problem the sentiment factor term is used to improve social recommendation.

The rapid development of Web 2.0 and e-commerce has led to a proliferation in the number of online user reviews. Online reviews contain a wealth of sentiment information that is important for many decision-making processes, such as personal consumption decisions, commodity quality monitoring, and social opinion mining. Mining the sentiment and opinions that are contained in online reviews has become an important topic in natural language processing, machine learning, and Web mining.

## 1.4 Motivation for the Problem Undertaken

The project was first provided to me by FlipRobo as a part of the internship program. The exposure to real world data and the opportunity to deploy my skillset in solving a real time problem has been the primary objective. Many product reviews are not accompanied by a scale rating system, consisting only of a textual evaluation. In this case, it becomes daunting and time-consuming to compare different products in order to eventually make a choice between them. Therefore, models able to predict the user rating from the text review are critically important. Getting an overall sense of a textual review could in turn improve consumer experience. However, the motivation for taking this project was that it is relatively a new field of research. Here we have many options but less concrete solutions. The main motivation is to build a prototype of online hate and abuse review classifier which can be used to classify hate and good comments so that it can be controlled and corrected according to the reviewer's choice.

## 2. Analytical Problem Framing

### 2.1 Mathematical/ Analytical Modelling of the Problem

In this particular problem the Ratings can be 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, which represents the likely ness of the product to the customer. So clearly it is a multi-classification problem and I used all classification algorithms while building the model. We would perform one type of supervised learning algorithms: Classification. Here, we will only perform classification. Since there only 1 feature in the dataset, filtering the words is needed to prevent overfit. In order to determine the regularization parameter, throughout the project in classification part, we would first remove email, phone number, web address, spaces and stops words etc. In order to further improve our models, we also performed TFID in order to convert the tokens from the train documents into vectors so that machine can do further processing. I have used all the classification algorithms while building model then turned the best model and saved the best model.

### 2.2 Data Sources and their formats

The data set contains nearly 1,14,491 samples with 3 features. Since **Ratings** is my target column and it is a categorical column with 5 categories, so this problem is a **Multi Classification Problem**. The Ratings can be 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, which represents the likely ness of the product to the customer. The data set includes:

- Review Title: Title of the Review.
- Review Text: Text Content of the Review.
- Ratings: Ratings out of 5 stars.

This project is more about exploration, feature engineering and classification that can be done on this data. Since the data set is huge and includes multiclassification of ratings, we can do good amount of data exploration and derive some interesting features using the Review column available.

We need to build a model that can predict Ratings of the reviewer.

## 2.3 Data Pre-processing Done

Data pre-processing is the process of converting raw data into a well readable format to be used by Machine Learning model. Data pre-processing is an integral step in Machine Learning as the quality of data and the useful information that can be derived from it directly affects the ability of our model to learn; therefore, it is extremely important that we pre-process our data before feeding it into our model.

I have used following pre-processing steps:

- ✓ Importing necessary libraries and loading dataset as a data frame.
- ✓ Checked some statistical information like shape, number of unique values present, info, null values, value counts etc.
- ✓ Checked for null values and I replaced those null values using imputation method. And removed Unnamed: 0.
- ✓ Visualized each feature using seaborn and matplotlib libraries by plotting distribution plot and word cloud for each ratings.
- ✓ Done text pre-processing techniques like Removing Punctuations and other special characters, Splitting the comments into individual words, Removing Stop Words, Stemming and Lemmatization.
- ✓ After getting a cleaned data used TF-IDF vectorizer. It'll help to transform the text data to feature vector which can be used as input in our 6 modelling. It is a common algorithm to transform text into numbers. It measures the originality of a word by comparing the frequency of appearance of a word in a document with the number of documents the words appear in. Mathematically,  $TF-IDF = TF(t*d) * IDF(t,d)$
- ✓ Balanced the data using SMOTE method.

## 2.4 Data Inputs- Logic- Output Relationships

The dataset consists of 2 features with a label. The features are independent, and label is dependent as our label varies the values(text) of our independent variables changes.

- I checked the distribution of skewness using dist. plots and used count plots to check the counts available in each column as a part of univariate analysis.
- Got to know the frequently occurring and rare occurring word with the help of count plot.



- And was able to see the words in the Review text with reference to there ratings using word cloud.

## 2.5 Hardware & Software Requirements & Tools Used

While taking up the project we should be familiar with the Hardware and software required for the successful completion of the project. Here we need the following hardware and software.

Hardware required	Software/s required
Processor: core i5 RAM: 12 GB ROM/SSD: 512 GB	Distribution: Anaconda Navigator Programming language: Python Browser based language shell: Jupyter Notebook

### Libraries required: -

- ✓ To run the program and to build the model we need some basic

```
In [1]: # Preprocessing
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

# Visualization
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import os
import scipy as stats

# To remove outliers
from scipy.stats import zscore

# importing nltk libraries
import nltk
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
import re
import string
from nltk import FreqDist
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
from nltk.stem.wordnet import WordNetLemmatizer
from nltk.corpus import wordnet
from nltk import FreqDist

# Evaluation Metrics
from sklearn import metrics
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix
```

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from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, accuracy_score, roc_auc_score, hamming_loss, log_loss

# ML Algorithms
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
from sklearn.svm import LinearSVC
from lightgbm import LGBMClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingClassifier, AdaBoostClassifier
from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB, GaussianNB, BernoulliNB
from sklearn.linear_model import SGDClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

# Warning
import warnings
%matplotlib inline
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

```

libraries as follows:

- ✓ **import pandas as pd:** pandas are a popular Python-based data analysis toolkit which can be imported using `import pandas as pd`. It presents a diverse range of utilities, ranging from parsing multiple file formats to converting an entire data table into a NumPy matrix array. This makes pandas a trusted ally in data science and machine learning.
- ✓ **import NumPy as np:** NumPy is the fundamental package for scientific computing in Python. It is a Python library that provides a multidimensional array object, various derived objects (such as masked arrays and matrices), and an assortment of routines for fast operations on arrays, including mathematical, logical, shape manipulation, sorting, selecting, I/O, discrete Fourier transforms, basic linear algebra, basic statistical operations, random simulation and much more.
- ✓ **import seaborn as sns :** Seaborn is a data visualization library built on top of matplotlib and closely integrated with pandas data structures in Python. Visualization is the central part of Seaborn which helps in exploration and understanding of data.
- ✓ **Import matplotlib.pyplot as plt:** matplotlib.pyplot is a collection of functions that make matplotlib work like MATLAB. Each pyplot function makes some change to a figure: e.g., creates a figure,

creates a plotting area in a figure, plots some lines in a plotting area, decorates the plot with labels, etc.

With this sufficient libraries we can go ahead with our model building.

## **3.Data Analysis and Visualization**

### **3.1 Identification of possible problem-solving approaches (methods)**

I have converted text into feature vectors using TF-IDF vectorizer and separated our feature and labels. Also, before building the model, I made sure that the input data is cleaned and scaled before it was fed into the machine learning models. Just making the Reviews more appropriate so that we'll get less word to process and get more accuracy. Removed extra spaces, converted email address into email keyword, and phone number etc. Tried to make Reviews small and more appropriate as much as possible.

### **3.2 Testing of Identified Approaches (Algorithms)**

In this NLP based project we need to predict Ratings which is a multiclassification problem. I have converted the text into vectors using TFIDF vectorizer and separated our feature and labels then build the model using One Vs Rest Classifier. Among all the algorithms which I have used for this purpose I have chosen SGDClassifier as best suitable algorithm for our final model as it is performing well compared to other algorithms while evaluating with different metrics, I have used following algorithms and evaluated them

- Linear SVC
- Logistic regression
- SGDClassifier

From all these above models SGDClassifier was giving me good performance with less difference in accuracy score and cv score.

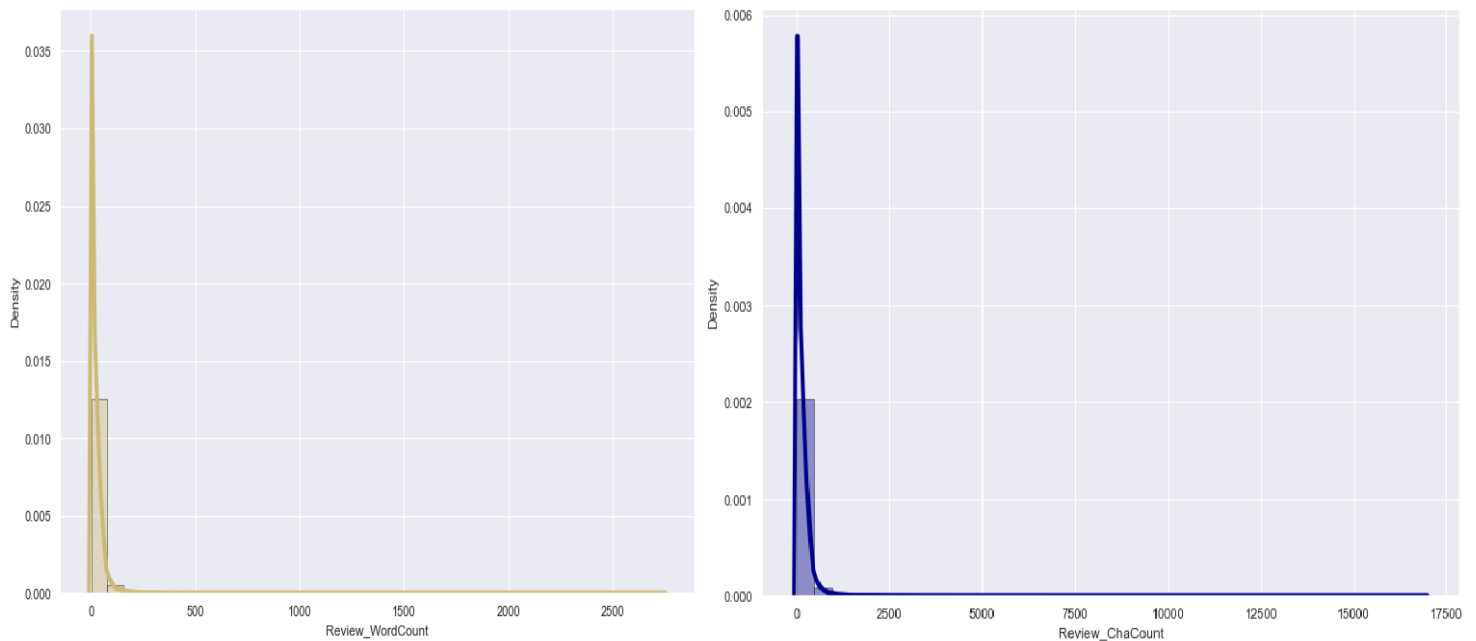
### 3.3 Key Metrics for success in solving problem under consideration

I have used the following metrics for evaluation:

- I have used `f1_score`, `precision_score`, `recall_score`, `multilabel_confusion_matrix` and `hamming loss` all these evaluation metrics to select best suitable algorithm for our final model.
- **Precision** can be seen as a measure of quality; higher precision means that an algorithm returns more relevant results than irrelevant ones.
- **Recall** is used as a measure of quantity and high recall means that an algorithm returns most of the relevant results.
- **Accuracy score** is used when the True Positives and True negatives are more important. Accuracy can be used when the class distribution is similar.
- **F1-score** is used when the False Negatives and False Positives are crucial. While F1-score is a better metric when there are imbalanced classes.

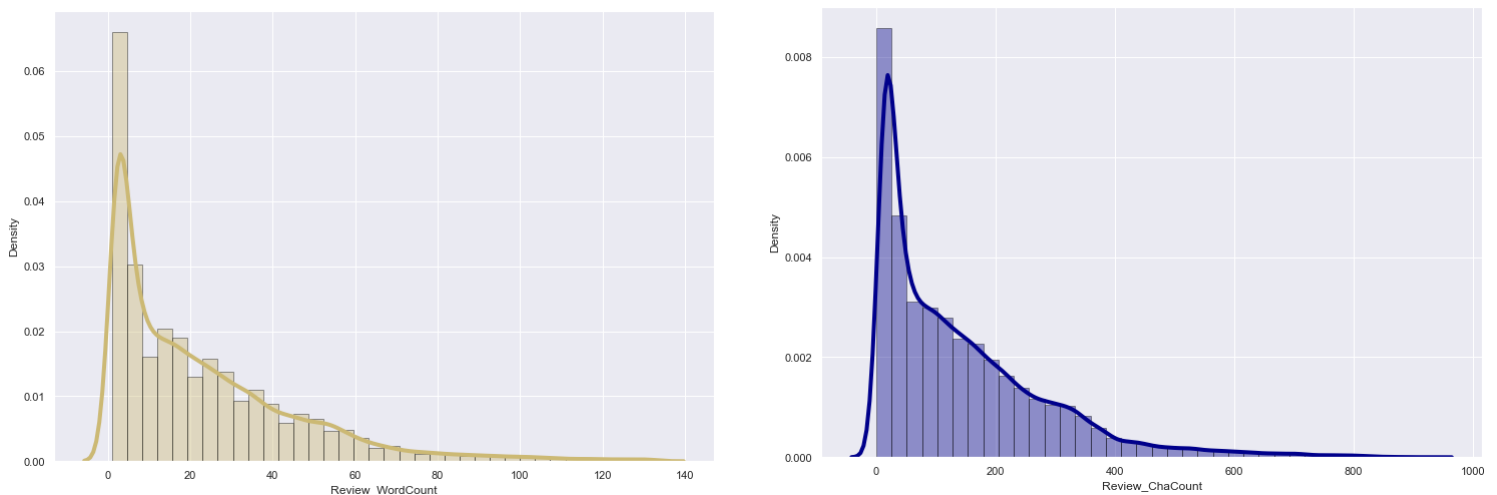
### 3.4 Visualizations

### i) Plotting word count and character count using hist plot:



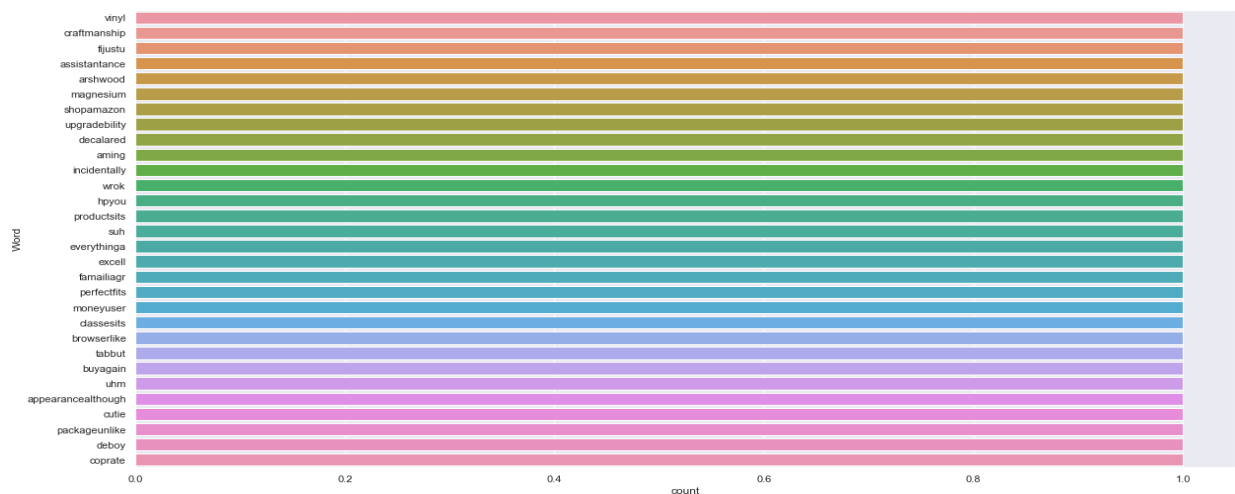
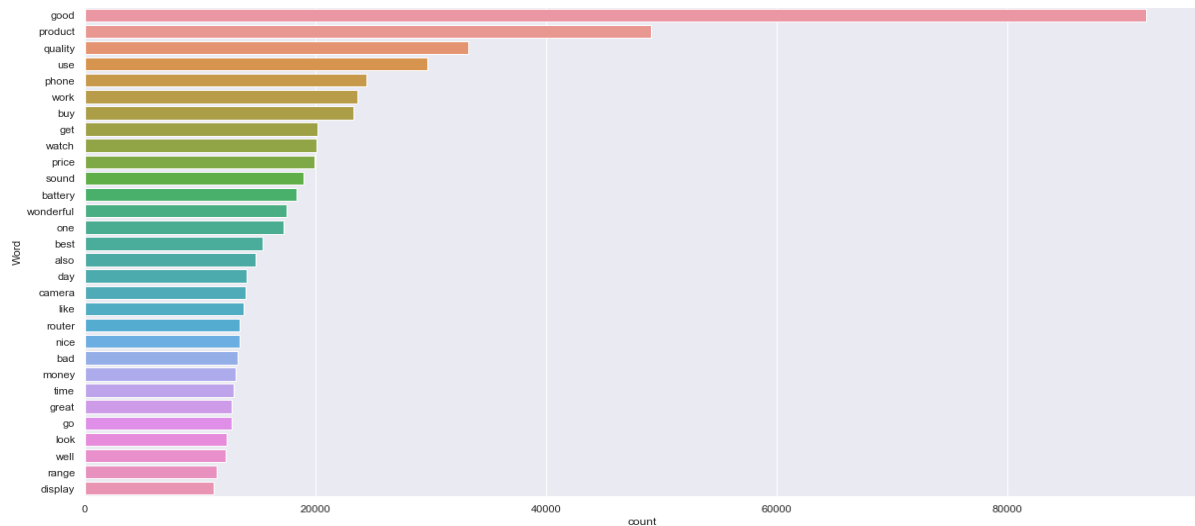
#### Observations:

- ✓ By observing the histogram, we can clearly see that most of our text is having the number of words in the range of 0 to 200, But some of the reviews are too lengthy which may act like outliers in our data.
- ✓ Above plot represents histogram for character count of Review text, which is quite like the histogram of word count.
- ✓ As we know that some of the reviews are too lengthy, so if have to treat them as outliers and remove them using z- score method. After removing the outliers, the word count and character count looks as below.



- ✓ After plotting histograms for word counts and character counts and after removing outliers we can see we are left out with good range of number of words and characters.

## ii) Top 30 most frequently occurring and rarely occurring words:



- ✓ By seeing the above plot we can see that Good, product, quality .....are occurring frequently. And the second plot shows rarely occurring words.



**Rating 1:**

[illegible]



[illegible]

- ### 3.5 Run and Evaluate selected models

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Followed by TFIDF vectorization and data balancing. Then, ran a for loop which contained the accuracy of the models along with different evaluation metrics.

```
In [69]: # defining the algorithms
rf = RandomForestClassifier()
DTC = DecisionTreeClassifier()
svc = LinearSVC()
lr = LogisticRegression(solver='lbfgs')
mnb = MultinomialNB()
bnb = BernoulliNB()
xgb = XGBClassifier(verbosity=0)
lgb = LGBMClassifier()
sgd = SGDClassifier()
```

```
In [70]: #creating a function to train and test the model with evaluation
def BuiltModel(model):
    print('*'*30+model.__class__.__name__+'**'*30)
    model.fit(x_train_ns,y_train_ns)
    y_pred = model.predict(x_train_ns)
    pred = model.predict(x_test)

    accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test,pred)*100

    print(f"Accuracy Score:", accuracy)
    print("-----")

    #confusion matrix & classification report

    print(f"CLASSIFICATION REPORT : \n {classification_report(y_test,pred)}")
    print(f"Confusion Matrix : \n {confusion_matrix(y_test,pred)}\n")
```

\*\*\*\*\*LogisticRegression\*\*\*\*\*  
 Accuracy Score: 73.07297383422441

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 CLASSIFICATION REPORT :  

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
1	0.70	0.77	0.73	4119
2	0.51	0.49	0.50	2869
3	0.54	0.54	0.54	3571
4	0.60	0.68	0.64	5074
5	0.92	0.85	0.88	12610
accuracy			0.73	28243
macro avg	0.65	0.67	0.66	28243
weighted avg	0.74	0.73	0.73	28243

Confusion Matrix :  
 [[ 3164 538 284 87 46]  
 [ 702 1403 511 208 45]  
 [ 385 493 1939 629 125]  
 [ 132 207 565 3438 732]  
 [ 134 127 285 1370 10694]]

\*\*\*\*\*LinearSVC\*\*\*\*\*  
 Accuracy Score: 76.30209255390716

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 CLASSIFICATION REPORT :  

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
1	0.73	0.77	0.75	4119
2	0.56	0.55	0.56	2869
3	0.60	0.59	0.59	3571
4	0.67	0.69	0.68	5074
5	0.91	0.88	0.90	12610
accuracy			0.76	28243
macro avg	0.69	0.70	0.70	28243
weighted avg	0.76	0.76	0.76	28243

Confusion Matrix :  
 [[ 3184 503 275 94 63]  
 [ 615 1587 409 168 90]  
 [ 329 454 2100 496 192]  
 [ 109 173 466 3520 806]  
 [ 96 113 273 969 11159]]

\*\*\*\*\*SGDClassifier\*\*\*\*\*

Accuracy Score: 72.75077010232624

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CLASSIFICATION REPORT :

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
1	0.63	0.85	0.72	4119
2	0.51	0.41	0.45	2869
3	0.61	0.44	0.51	3571
4	0.62	0.63	0.62	5074
5	0.88	0.88	0.88	12610
accuracy			0.73	28243
macro avg	0.65	0.64	0.64	28243
weighted avg	0.72	0.73	0.72	28243

Confusion Matrix :

```
[[ 3512   299   136    94    78]
 [ 1037  1169   341   226    96]
 [  600   528  1559   617   267]
 [  236   200   341  3177  1120]
 [  191    94   170  1025 11130]]
```

## 2. Cross Validation score:

```
▶ # Defining function cross_val to find cv score of models

def cross_val(model):
    print('*'*30+model.__class__.__name__+'*'*30)
    scores = cross_val_score(model,train_features,y, cv = 3).mean()*100
    print("Cross validation score :", scores)

▶ for model in [lr,svc,sgd]:
    cross_val(model)

*****LogisticRegression*****
Cross validation score : 58.50339250315994
*****LinearSVC*****
Cross validation score : 57.42968726637766
*****SGDClassifier*****
Cross validation score : 58.66536560525891
```

- ✓ Great all our algorithms are giving good cv scores. Among these algorithms I am selecting SGD Classifier as best fitting algorithm for our final model as it is giving least difference between accuracy and cv score.

### 3. Hyper Parameter Tunning:

I have did hyperparameter tuning for SGDClassifier for the parameters like 'estimator\_\_penalty', 'estimator\_\_loss', 'estimator\_\_jobs'.

- ✓ And after doing hyperparameter tuning I got above parameters as best suitable parameters for our final model.
- ✓ I have trained my final model using these parameters and it was unable to increase the accuracy of the model.

```
In [80]: # Training our final model with above best parameters
model = SGDClassifier(loss = 'squared_hinge', n_jobs = -1, penalty = 'l1')
model.fit(x_train_ns,y_train_ns) #fitting data to model
pred = model.predict(x_test)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test,pred)*100

# Printing accuracy score
print("Accuracy Score :", accuracy)

# Printing Confusion matrix
print(f"\nConfusion Matrix : \n {confusion_matrix(y_test,pred)}\n")

# Printing Classification report
print(f"\nCLASSIFICATION REPORT : \n {classification_report(y_test,pred)}")
```

After training and building our final model I saved this model into .pkl file.

### **3. Saving the model and Predictions:**

- I have saved my best model using .pkl as follows.

```
In [81]: import joblib  
         joblib.dump(model, "Ratings_RP.pkl")  
  
Out[81]: ['Ratings_RP.pkl']
```

## **4.CONCLUSION**

### **4.1 Key Findings and Conclusions of the Study**

- ✓ In this project I have collected data of reviews and ratings for different products from amazon.in and flipkart.com.

- ✓ We have tried to detect the Ratings in commercial websites on a scale of 1 to 5 on the basis of the reviews given by the users. We made use of natural language processing and machine learning algorithms in order to do so.
- ✓ Then I have done different text processing for reviews column and chose equal number of texts from each rating class to eliminate problem of imbalance. By doing different EDA steps I have analyzed the text.
- ✓ We have checked frequently occurring words in our data as well as rarely occurring words.
- ✓ After all these steps I have built function to train and test different algorithms and using various evaluation metrics I have selected SGD Classifier for our final model.
- ✓ Finally by doing hyperparameter tuning we got optimum parameters for our final model.

## 4.2 Learning Outcomes of the Study in respect of Data Science

I have scrapped the reviews and ratings of different technical products from flipkart.com and amazon.in websites. Improvement in computing technology has made it possible to examine social information that cannot previously be captured, processed and analyzed. New analytical techniques (NLP) of machine learning can be used in property research. The power of visualization has helped us in understanding the data by graphical representation it has made me to understand what data is trying to say. Data cleaning is one of the most important steps to remove unrealistic values, punctuations, URLs, email address and stop words. This study is an exploratory attempt to use 6 machine learning algorithms in estimating Rating, and then compare their results.

To conclude, the application of NLP in Rating classifications still at an early stage. We hope this study has moved a small step ahead in providing some methodological and empirical contributions to crediting institutes and presenting an alternative approach to the valuation of Ratings.

### 4.3 Limitations of this work and Scope for Future Work

As we know the content of text in reviews is totally depends on the reviewer and they may rate differently which is totally depends on that person. So, it is difficult to predict ratings based on the reviews with higher accuracies. Still, we can improve our accuracy by fetching more data and by doing extensive hyperparameter tuning.

While we couldn't reach out goal of maximum accuracy in Ratings prediction project, we did end up creating a system that can with some improvement and deep learning algorithms get very close to that goal. As with any project there is room for improvement here. The very nature of this project allows for multiple algorithms to be integrated together as modules and their results can be combined to increase the accuracy of the result. This model can further be improved with the addition of more algorithms into it. However, the output of these algorithms needs to be in the same format as the others. Once that condition is satisfied, the modules are easy to add as done in the code. This provides a great degree of modularity and versatility to the project.



*Thank you*