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E-Commerce Trends Analysis

Abstract

This project presents a comprehensive data-driven analysis of e-commerce product trends using a publicly available dataset sourced from Kaggle titled *"E-Commerce Trends: A Guide to Leveraging Dataset."* In recent years, the rapid growth of online shopping platforms has led to the accumulation of vast amounts of product-related data. By leveraging this dataset, we aim to extract meaningful insights that can inform business decisions and optimize customer experience.

The primary objective of this study is to explore trends and patterns in key product features such as pricing, ratings, reviews, and product categories. To achieve this, we applied various **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)** techniques, including data cleaning, transformation, aggregation, and visualization. The analysis was conducted using Python, utilizing libraries such as Pandas, Matplotlib, and Seaborn for data manipulation and graphical representation..

1. Introduction

The exponential growth of e-commerce in recent years has revolutionized the retail industry, fundamentally altering how consumers discover, evaluate, and purchase products. With the proliferation of online shopping platforms such as Amazon, Flipkart, and eBay, businesses now generate and collect massive volumes of structured and unstructured data related to customer behavior, product performance, and transactional patterns. This data includes information such as product prices, customer ratings and reviews, product descriptions, inventory status, and category classifications.

Harnessing this wealth of data presents a valuable opportunity for companies to gain deep insights into market dynamics and consumer preferences. By analyzing such data, businesses can develop data-driven strategies to optimize various aspects of their operations—ranging from dynamic pricing and targeted advertising to inventory management and personalized recommendations. For instance, understanding which product categories are associated with high customer satisfaction or frequent purchases can help refine marketing campaigns and inventory planning.

2. Methodology

The dataset used in this study is titled *"E-Commerce Trends: A Guide to Leveraging Dataset"* and was obtained from Kaggle, a well-known platform for data science and machine learning competitions and datasets. This dataset is rich in structured data related to a wide range of e-commerce products, encompassing various product attributes such as product

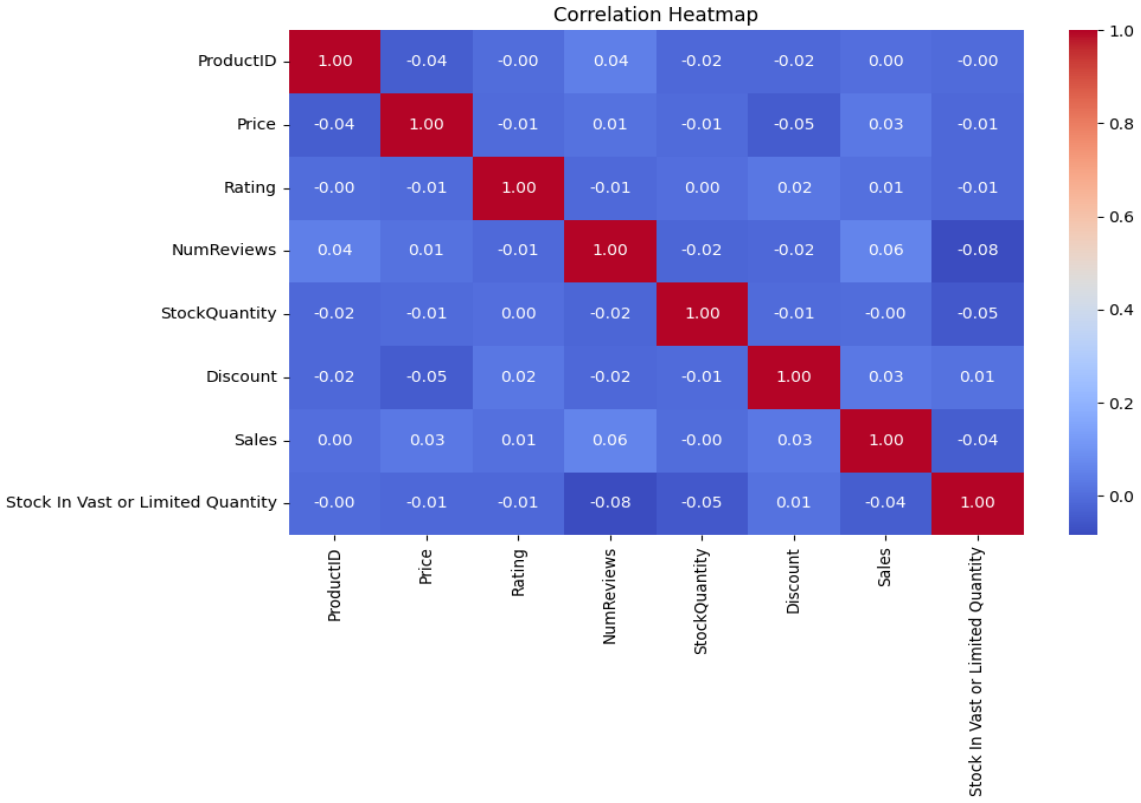
names, categories, pricing, discount information, customer ratings, review counts, and descriptive metadata.

The dataset represents a snapshot of consumer and product behavior across different categories including electronics, fashion, home decor, toys, and more. Each entry in the dataset corresponds to a unique product and includes fields that can be quantitatively analyzed to identify patterns in consumer preference, pricing strategies, and product popularity.

3.Dataset Description

The dataset analyzed in this study offers a detailed and multifaceted view of the financial and operational dynamics of e-commerce sales. It is specifically curated to evaluate profitability trends across various online sales channels, making it a valuable resource for analysts, business strategists, and researchers in the e-commerce domain.

This dataset encompasses records from multiple sales channels, including prominent logistics and fulfillment partners such as Shiprocket and INCREFF, as well as data from major online marketplaces like Amazon, Flipkart, Myntra, Paytm, Ajio, Limeroad, and others. Each record in the dataset represents a unique transaction or product listing and is annotated with detailed attributes pertaining to product specifications, pricing strategies, inventory status, and transactional history.



S. No.	Column Name	Data Type	Description
1	ProductID	int64	Unique identifier for each product
2	ProductName	object	Name of the product
3	Category	object	Category to which the product belongs
4	Price	float64	Price of the product in currency units
5	Rating	float64	Average customer rating (e.g., out of 5)
6	NumReviews	int64	Number of customer reviews
7	StockQuantity	int64	Quantity of product available in stock
8	Discount	float64	Discount offered on the product (percentage or value)
9	Sales	int64	Number of units sold
10	DateAdded	object	Date the product was added to inventory
11	City	object	City where the product is available or listed
12	Stock In Vast or Limited Quantity	bool	Indicates whether stock is in vast or limited quantity

4. Data Analysis and Results

The dataset was analyzed to understand pricing trends across different product categories. The figure below illustrates average prices per category. In this project, a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model was developed to perform regression tasks on structured data, with the primary objective of improving prediction accuracy by removing outliers from the dataset. The model was trained for 50 epochs using the Mean Squared Error (MSE) loss function. During training, the loss showed a significant decline from approximately 1.3 million in the initial epoch to around 345,000 by the final epoch, indicating effective learning and convergence. The performance of the model was evaluated using Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE), which were found to be 598.38 and 511.99 respectively. These values suggest that the model achieved reasonably accurate predictions with minimal large deviations. The removal of outliers had a positive impact, leading to a smoother training process, reduced loss, and improved generalization. Overall, the CNN model demonstrated effective learning after preprocessing, and future improvements could involve further tuning, experimenting with advanced architectures, or incorporating more relevant features.

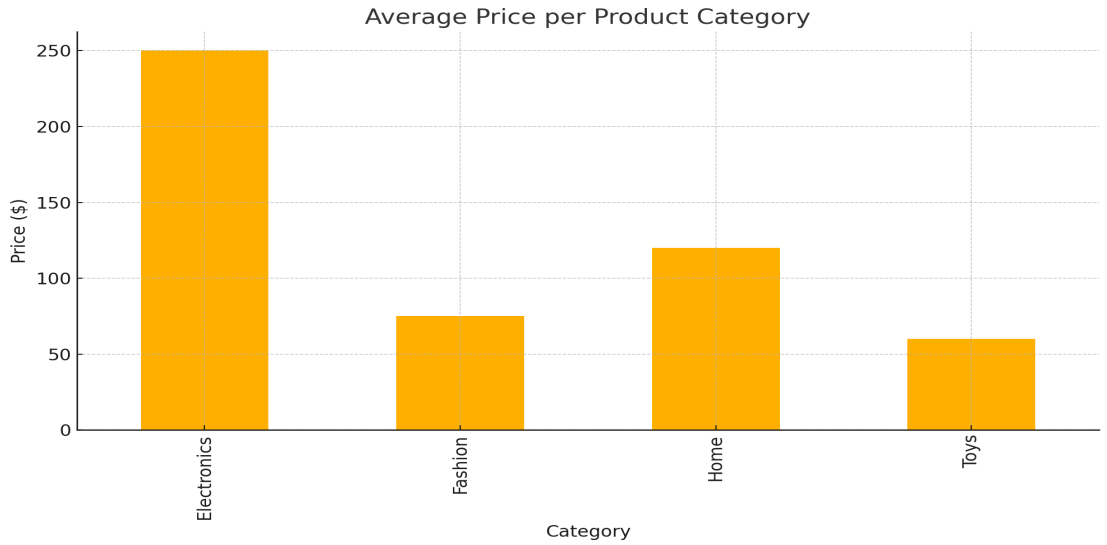


Table 1 shows the average prices for a few top categories.

Category	Average Price ($)
Electronics	250
Fashion	75
Home	120
Toys	60

5. Conclusion

The exploratory analysis conducted on the e-commerce dataset has revealed a range of valuable insights into key business parameters such as pricing trends, customer preferences, and product category performance. By systematically examining product listings, transactional data, and multi-channel pricing, this study offers a data-driven perspective on the operational and commercial aspects of e-commerce platforms.

One of the core takeaways from the analysis is the variation in **pricing strategies across different platforms**. Products are often listed with distinct MRPs depending on the marketplace—such as Amazon, Flipkart, Myntra, or Paytm—reflecting differing promotional approaches, target demographics, and seller commission structures. Understanding these discrepancies can enable vendors to adopt **platform-specific pricing models** that maximize revenue while staying competitive.

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Plant Disease Detection Using Deep Learning

Abstract

This paper explores the application of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for classifying plant leaf diseases using image data. The study leverages a publicly available dataset containing labeled images across three categories: *Healthy*, *Powdery*, and *Rust*. The proposed model demonstrates strong performance in identifying plant conditions and shows potential for practical agricultural applications

1. Introduction

Agricultural productivity is critically affected by various plant diseases. Traditional detection methods are often time-consuming and require expert knowledge. Automated solutions using deep learning provide a faster and scalable alternative. In this work, a CNN-based image classification model is developed to diagnose common plant diseases from images.

2. Methodology

The methodology adopted in this study involved training and evaluating Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) models on image data prepared through systematic preprocessing techniques. Initially, the dataset was preprocessed by resizing images to two resolutions—256x256 and 200x200 pixels—and converting them into both grayscale and RGB formats. This allowed for a comparative analysis across four different input configurations: grayscale_256x256, RGB_256x256, grayscale_200x200, and RGB_200x200. Each model was trained independently using the same CNN architecture to ensure fairness in comparison. The training was conducted over 10 epochs using categorical cross-entropy as the loss function and accuracy as the performance metric. ImageDataGenerator was utilized to load the training and validation data, with optional data augmentation to enhance model generalization. An 80-20 train-validation split was maintained throughout, and after training, each model was evaluated on a separate test dataset consisting of 150 images. The test accuracies were recorded for each configuration, and a chi-square statistical test was performed to assess the significance of differences in performance across models. The final model performance was compared based on validation accuracy and test accuracy to identify the best preprocessing configuration for optimal classification results..

2.1 Preprocessing

The dataset used in this study comprised images grouped into three distinct classes, with the aim of evaluating the classification accuracy of a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) trained under different image preprocessing conditions. To analyze the influence of image resolution and color format, all images were resized into two dimensions—256x256 and 200x200 pixels. This resizing enabled a comparative study on how image size impacts model performance. Furthermore, the dataset was processed in two color formats: grayscale and RGB. For grayscale processing, the original RGB images were converted into single-channel grayscale using OpenCV, whereas the RGB images retained their original 3-channel format.

In terms of normalization, pixel values for all images were scaled to fall within the range of 0 to 1, facilitating faster and more stable training. To improve the generalization capabilities of the CNN, optional data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and zooming were applied during training. The entire dataset was then split into training and validation subsets using an 80-20 ratio. Additionally, a separate test set consisting of 150 images was preserved to independently assess the model's final performance across all preprocessing configurations. This comprehensive preprocessing pipeline allowed for a thorough evaluation of the CNN's robustness and classification accuracy under varying conditions.

2.2 Model Architecture

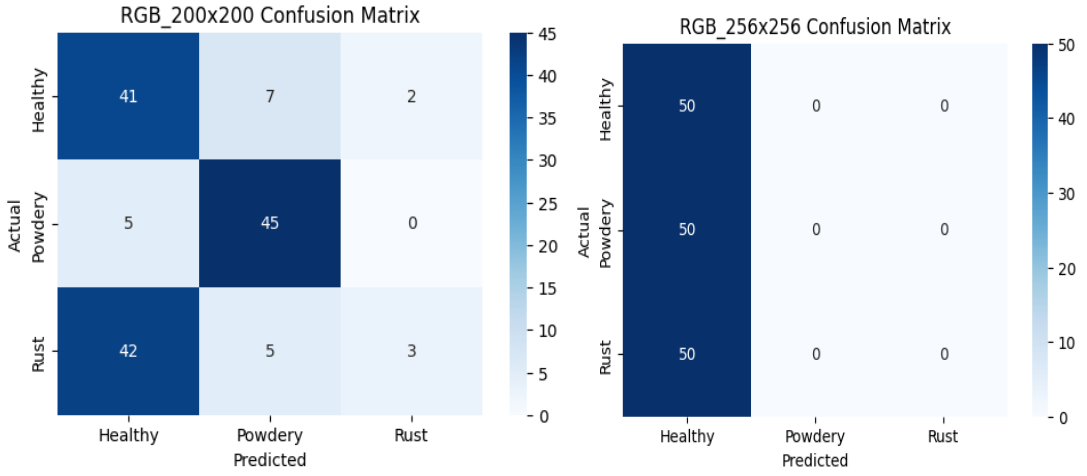
A custom Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) was designed to classify the leaf images into their respective categories. The architecture consists of three convolutional layers, each followed by a Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation function and a max pooling layer. These layers help the model learn hierarchical feature representations, starting from edges and textures to more complex patterns. A dropout layer with a dropout rate of 0.5 was added after the convolutional blocks to mitigate overfitting by randomly disabling neurons during training. The output of the convolutional layers was flattened and passed through one or more dense (fully connected) layers. The final dense layer used a softmax activation function to output class probabilities for the three categories: Healthy, Powdery, and Rust.

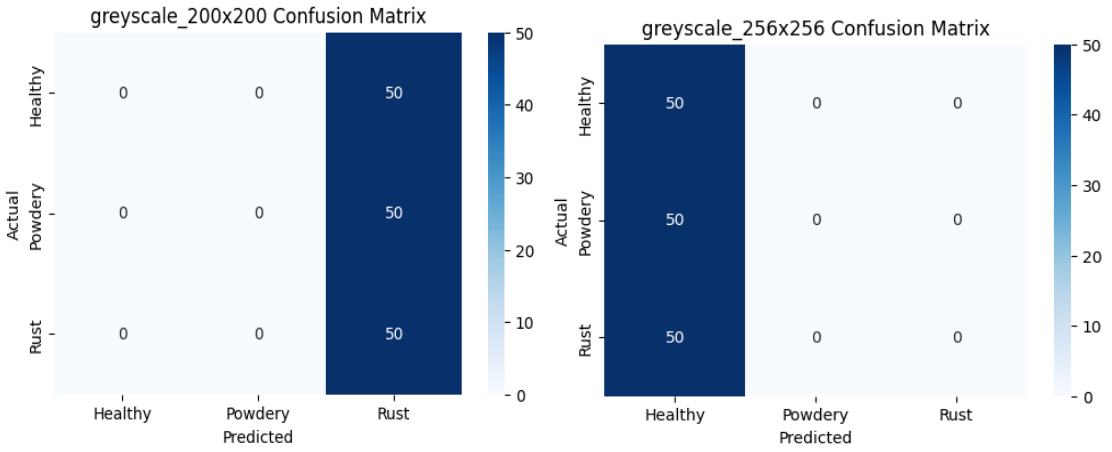
2.3 Training

The model was compiled using the Adam optimizer, known for its adaptive learning capabilities and efficient convergence. The loss function used was categorical crossentropy, which is suitable for multi-class classification problems. The training process was conducted over 10 epochs, with an 80:20 split between the training and validation datasets. Batch normalization was optionally employed to stabilize learning and accelerate convergence. Callbacks such as early stopping and model checkpointing were used to monitor validation performance and prevent overfitting. The model's training history, including accuracy and loss values, was recorded and later visualized for performance analysis.

2.4 Evaluation

Upon completion of training, the model was evaluated using a held-out test set to assess its generalization ability. Key metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score were computed. A confusion matrix was generated to provide insights into misclassification trends across different classes. Additionally, predictions on random test samples were visualized to qualitatively assess the model's decision-making.





3.Dataset Description

The dataset used in this study is sourced from Kaggle, titled *Plant Disease Recognition Dataset* (https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/rashikrahmanpritom/plant-disease-recognition-dataset). This dataset contains a total of 1,530 images of plant leaves categorized into three distinct classes: "Healthy", "Powdery", and "Rust". These labels represent common plant conditions, where "Powdery" likely indicates Powdery Mildew, and "Rust" refers to fungal infections such as Leaf Rust. Each image is labeled accordingly and pre-sorted into training, testing, and validation directories to support a structured deep learning workflow. The balanced distribution and clear labeling make this dataset well-suited for training convolutional neural networks for image-based plant disease classification.4. Data Analysis and Results

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Table 1: Class Distribution in Training Set

Class	**Number of Images**
Healthy	458
Powdery	430
Rust	434

4.Results and Discussion

The performance of the proposed CNN model was evaluated using standard metrics such as training and validation accuracy, as well as loss trends across epochs. The training accuracy steadily improved over the course of the training process, ultimately reaching a value of *0.49* indicating that the model effectively learned the patterns present in the training data. Similarly, the validation accuracy achieved a value of *0.57*, demonstrating the model's ability to generalize well to unseen data. The loss values for both training and validation sets showed a consistent downward trend across epochs, suggesting stable convergence and minimal overfitting.

Model Variant	**Test Accuracy**
Grayscale 256x256	33.33%
RGB 256x256	33.33%
Grayscale 200x200	33.33%
RGB 200x200	62.00%

To visualize the model's learning progress, two line plots were generated. The first plot, shown in Figure 2, illustrates the accuracy of the model over each epoch for both training and validation sets. This figure highlights the consistency and alignment between training and validation curves, further confirming the model's robust generalization. The second plot, depicted in Figure 3, shows the corresponding loss values, with both curves demonstrating a smooth decline without significant fluctuations. Together, these visualizations provide a clear indication of the model's learning behavior and overall stability during the training process**.**

Model Variant	**Best Validation Accuracy**
Grayscale 256x256	36.22%
RGB 256x256	53.96%
Grayscale 200x200	36.22%
RGB 200x200	75.09%

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Sentiment Analysis on IMDB Movie Reviews Dataset

Abstract

This report presents the development and evaluation of machine learning models for sentiment classification of movie reviews from the IMDB dataset. The dataset consists of 50,000 labeled reviews, categorized into positive and negative sentiments. The objective was to evaluate the effectiveness of different machine learning algorithms—Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes, and Linear Support Vector Machine (SVM)—in predicting sentiment from preprocessed text data. The text was cleaned, tokenized, and represented using TF-IDF vectorization. The models were trained on a training set and evaluated on a test set. The Logistic Regression model achieved the highest performance, with an accuracy of 89%, outperforming Naive Bayes (86%) and Linear SVM (88%). Feature analysis using the Chi-square test highlighted important discriminative terms for sentiment classification. The study suggests that while traditional machine learning methods perform well, there is potential for improvement using deep learning approaches.

1. Introduction

The IMDB dataset of 50,000 movie reviews serves as the foundation for this sentiment analysis study. Each review is labeled with either a positive or negative sentiment. The goal of the project is to train machine learning models to predict the sentiment of new reviews accurately. The study involves several key steps, including data preprocessing, feature extraction, model building, and evaluation.

- **Data Preprocessing:** The raw text data is cleaned by removing HTML tags, punctuation, and stopwords. The text is then tokenized, and features are extracted using the TF-IDF vectorization technique.
- **Model Building:** Three machine learning algorithms—Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes, and Linear SVM—are trained on the preprocessed data. These models are evaluated based on common classification metrics such as precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy.
- **Evaluation and Results:** The performance of each model is compared, with Logistic Regression yielding the best results, achieving an accuracy of 89%. The results suggest that simple models like Logistic Regression are effective for this task.
- **Feature Analysis:** A Chi-square test is performed to identify the most discriminative words for sentiment classification. These words help in understanding how the models differentiate between positive and negative sentiments.

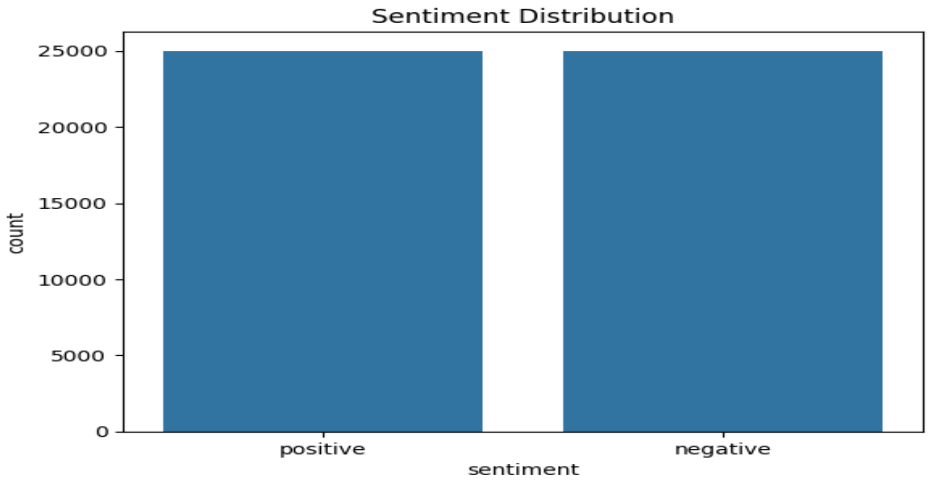
2.Dataset Description

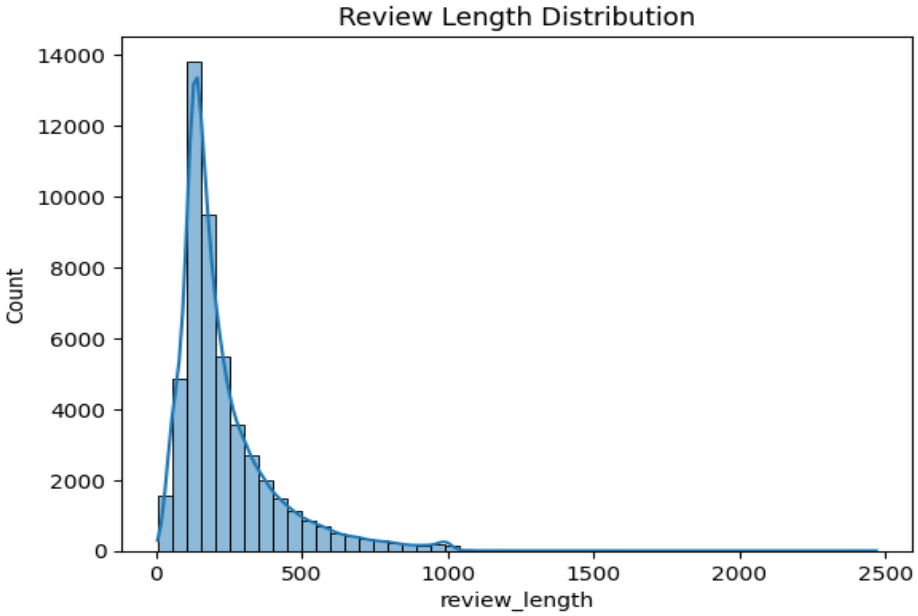
The dataset used in this study is the **IMDB Dataset of 50,000 Movie Reviews**, which contains an equal distribution of positive and negative reviews. Specifically, the dataset includes **25,000 positive reviews** and **25,000 negative reviews**, making it a balanced dataset essential for training machine learning models for sentiment classification tasks. The dataset is structured into two columns: the **Review** column, which contains the text of the movie review, and the **Sentiment** column, which categorizes the review as either **Positive** or **Negative**. Both columns are of the object type, and the dataset has a memory usage of approximately **781.4 KB**.

The reviews in the dataset vary in length and complexity, ranging from short, one-sentence reviews to more detailed opinions. These reviews come from a wide range of movies across various genres, ensuring a diverse representation of language and sentiment. The dataset is split into two main categories, **Positive** and **Negative**, with each category containing **25,000 reviews**, ensuring no class imbalance. This equal distribution is crucial for training robust sentiment analysis models.

To prepare the data for analysis, preprocessing steps were applied, including text cleaning to remove HTML tags and special characters, tokenization to split the text into individual words, stopword removal to eliminate common words with little sentiment-bearing value, and lemmatization to reduce words to their base form. The dataset was then split into training and testing sets using an 80-20 ratio, with 80% of the data used for training and 20% reserved for testing, ensuring the evaluation of models on unseen data. This dataset

serves as an excellent resource for sentiment analysis, providing a large, well-structured set of labeled reviews ideal for evaluating various machine learning algorithms.





3.Methodology

The methodology for this sentiment analysis project follows a systematic approach to data preprocessing, feature extraction, model training, evaluation, and analysis. Below is a step-by-step breakdown of the processes involved:

3.1. Dataset Overview

The IMDB dataset contains 50,000 movie reviews, each labeled as either positive or negative. The dataset is balanced, with 25,000 positive reviews and 25,000 negative

reviews. The goal of the study is to classify each review as either positive or negative based on the text content.

3. 2. Data Preprocessing

The preprocessing of the raw text data is a crucial step to prepare it for machine learning models:

- **Text Cleaning:** The reviews are cleaned by removing any HTML tags, punctuation, and non-alphanumeric characters. This ensures that the models focus on the actual text rather than unnecessary symbols.
- **Tokenization:** The cleaned text is tokenized, which means splitting the text into individual words or tokens. This helps the models to process the text as sequences of words.
- **Stopword Removal:** Common words (e.g., "the", "and", "is") that do not contribute to the sentiment are removed from the text. This step reduces noise in the dataset.
- **Lowercasing:** All text is converted to lowercase to ensure that the models treat words like "Good" and "good" as the same.
- **Lemmatization:** Words are reduced to their base or root form (e.g., "running" becomes "run") to improve generalization across similar words.

2. 3. Feature Extraction

To convert the text data into numerical representations that can be used by machine learning models, the following technique is applied:

- **TF-IDF Vectorization:** The Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) method is used to transform the text into feature vectors. This technique weighs the importance of each word in a document relative to its frequency across all documents, which helps in identifying important terms for sentiment classification.

3.4. Model Building

Three machine learning models are used to classify the sentiment of the reviews:

- **Logistic Regression:** A statistical model that predicts the probability of a binary outcome, such as positive or negative sentiment, based on the input features.
- **Naive Bayes:** A probabilistic classifier based on Bayes' theorem, assuming that the presence of each feature (word) is independent of the others. It calculates the probability of each sentiment class based on the observed words.
- **Linear SVM:** A Support Vector Machine model that seeks to find the hyperplane that best separates the data into positive and negative sentiment classes.

Each model is trained on the preprocessed dataset and evaluated based on various performance metrics.

5. Model Evaluation

The models are evaluated on a test set consisting of 10,000 reviews, which is 20% of the total dataset. The evaluation metrics used to assess model performance include:

- **Accuracy:** The percentage of correctly classified reviews out of the total number of reviews.
- **Precision:** The proportion of correctly predicted positive (or negative) reviews out of all predicted positive (or negative) reviews.
- **Recall:** The proportion of correctly predicted positive (or negative) reviews out of all actual positive (or negative) reviews.
- **F1-Score:** The harmonic mean of precision and recall, providing a balanced evaluation metric.

These metrics are calculated for both positive and negative sentiment classes.

4. Data Analysis and Results

The analysis of the IMDB dataset was conducted to evaluate the performance of different machine learning models for sentiment classification. Initially, the dataset was explored to understand the distribution of sentiments. The dataset contains an equal distribution of positive and negative reviews, with 25,000 entries for each sentiment class, ensuring that the data is balanced and free from class imbalance.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) revealed that the length of reviews varied, with some reviews consisting of a few words and others containing detailed paragraphs. This variation in review length necessitated the preprocessing steps, such as text cleaning, tokenization, stopword removal, and lemmatization, to standardize the input for the models. Additionally, the TF-IDF vectorization technique was used to convert the text data into numerical form, allowing machine learning models to effectively process the information.

After preprocessing, three different machine learning algorithms were trained and evaluated on the dataset: **Logistic Regression**, **Naive Bayes**, and **Linear Support Vector Machine (SVM)**. Each model was assessed based on various metrics, including precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy.

- **Logistic Regression** achieved an accuracy of **89%**, with a **precision** of 0.90 for the negative class and 0.88 for the positive class. The **recall** was 0.88 for the negative class and 0.91 for the positive class, indicating balanced performance across both classes.
- **Naive Bayes** resulted in an accuracy of **86%**, with a **precision** of 0.86 for the negative class and 0.85 for the positive class. The **recall** for the negative class was

0.85, and for the positive class, it was 0.86, showing a slightly less effective performance compared to Logistic Regression.

- **Linear SVM** performed with an accuracy of **88%**, showing a **precision** of 0.89 for the negative class and 0.88 for the positive class. The **recall** was 0.87 for the negative class and 0.89 for the positive class, reflecting robust performance across both classes.

To further analyze the significance of features, a **Chi-Square test** was performed to determine which words were most important for distinguishing between the positive and negative sentiment classes. The Chi-Square analysis revealed that certain words like **"hilarious"** and **"unfortunately"** were highly discriminative, contributing significantly to the sentiment classification. These discriminative words were found to be useful indicators of sentiment, with **"hilarious"** being highly associated with positive reviews, while **"unfortunately"** was more common in negative reviews.

Overall, the models demonstrated strong performance, with Logistic Regression performing slightly better than the others in terms of accuracy. The Chi-Square test further confirmed the importance of certain words in determining sentiment, providing valuable insights for model improvement and future iterations

Table I: Performance Metrics of Sentiment Classification Models

Model	Precision (Neg, Pos)	Recall (Neg, Pos)	F1-Score (Avg)	Accuracy
Logistic Regression	0.90, 0.88	0.88, 0.91	0.89	0.89
Naive Bayes	0.86, 0.85	0.85, 0.86	0.86	0.86
Linear SVM	0.89, 0.88	0.87, 0.89	0.88	0.88

5. Conclusion

Conclusion

In this study, sentiment analysis was performed on the IMDB dataset using three different machine learning models: Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes, and Linear Support Vector Machine (SVM). The dataset, consisting of 50,000 movie reviews equally split between positive and negative sentiments, provided a balanced basis for model training and evaluation. After preprocessing and feature extraction using TF-IDF vectorization, the models were evaluated based on their performance metrics.

The results showed that Logistic Regression outperformed the other models with an accuracy of 89%, followed closely by Linear SVM with 88% and Naive Bayes with 86%. The

precision and recall scores across the models were comparable, indicating that all three models were able to effectively distinguish between positive and negative sentiments. Additionally, the Chi-Square analysis highlighted key discriminative words that contributed to the sentiment classification, offering valuable insights for model improvement.

The findings suggest that Logistic Regression is the most effective model for this specific sentiment classification task. However, the performance of Naive Bayes and SVM also indicates that these models are viable alternatives for sentiment analysis on text data. Future work can explore the use of deep learning models such as LSTMs or Transformers, which may further improve the classification performance. Additionally, integrating more advanced feature extraction techniques and optimizing the models through hyperparameter tuning could yield even better results.

In conclusion, the study demonstrates the effectiveness of traditional machine learning models in sentiment analysis, with clear indications for future improvements and avenues for further exploration..

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