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Abstract:

Sentiment analysis in a movie review is the needs of today lifestyle. Sentiment analysis for movie reviews is an increasingly important tool. Unfortunately, the enormous massive number of features involved often make causes the sentiment of analysis to become slow and less sensitive lose sensitivity. Finding the optimum Optimal feature selection and classification is still a significant challenge. In order to handle an enormous large number of features and provide better sentiment classification, an information-based feature selection and classification method are is proposed. The proposed method reduces removes -more than 90% of unnecessary features, unnecessary features while and whereas the proposed classification scheme achieves 96% accuracy of for sentiment classification, whereas previous works have typically reached only 70–88% accuracy. From the experimental results, it can be concluded that the combination of proposed combined feature selection and classification method achieves the best performance so far better performance than other methods of this type.

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1. Introduction

One of the interesting challenges notable challenge in text categorization is sentiment analysis, a study process that analyzes the subjective information of specific object objects [1]. Sentiment analysis can be applied on-at various levels, that is, the document level, sentence level, and feature level.

Sentiment-based categorization in the movie review movie reviews involves is a document-level sentiment analysis. It-This method treats the-a review as a set of independent words by ignoring the sequence of words on-in the text. Every single-unique word and phrase can be used as the document features a document feature. As a result, it this type of sentiment analysis constructs a massive numbers-number of features. In addition, it-This abundance of features also-slows down the process and makes-can introduce bias in the classification task bias

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Actually-However, not all features are necessary. Most-most of the-features are irrelevant to the class label. On-the-other hand, Thus, a good feature for classification is the one that has maximum-high relevance with-to the output class.

As feature selection is a crucial component of-in sentiment analysis-is a crucial part, in this paper, we proposed-propose an information gain-based-gain (IG)-based feature selection method. In addition, we also-proposed-propose classification schemes based on the dictionary that is constructed by the selected features.

1. Previous Work

There are two common approaches to sentiment analysis: machine learning methods and knowledge-based methods. Cambria [3] suggested the-a combination of both methods, using machine learning to provide the limitations of the-sentiment knowledge. On-the-other hand-However, it-this technique cannot be applied in-to movie review-reviews. The-sentiment-Sentiment knowledge, such as that provided by SenticNet, is highly dependent on domain and context. For example, the word "funny" means-has a positive connotation for a comedy movie, but a negative connotation for a horror movie [4].

Machine learning-based sentiment analysis on-of movie review-reviews was initialized-first performed by Pang et al. [5]. Their work performed-achieved 70%-80% accuracy, while the human baselines-baseline sentiment analysis method only reaches-reached 70% accuracy at most. In 2014, Dos Santos and Gatti [6] used a deep learning method for sentence-level sentiment analysis, reaching that-reached 70%-85% accuracy. Words and characters are-were used as sentiment features. Unfortunately, the massive number of constructed features resulted in a-a long time computation-long computation time.

In-order-to provide robust machine learning classification, a feature selection technique is required [7]. Some researchers focus-have focused on reducing the number of features [8]. Manurung [9] proposed a feature selection scheme named feature-count (FC). FC selects the n-top subfeatures with the highest frequency count, an operation which-it only costs-has a time complexity of O(n)-to select the subfeatures. O-then-contrary-However, it-this method may select a feature which-that has no relevance to the

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output class, since a high frequency of occurrence does not necessarily indicate high relevance to the output class.

The works of Nicholls and Song [8] research and O'Keefe and Koprinska [10] research proposed a similar idea to select features based on the difference between document frequency (DF) in class positive and DF in class negative. ~~This method~~ was named Document Frequency Difference (DFD). DFD selects the feature that has the highest proportion between the positive DF vs. negative DF difference and the total number of documents. ~~Their research may~~ This approach may select feature features which that has have high differences in DF but are less relevant to the output class.

Information theory-based feature selection, using factors such as information gain or mutual information, was has also been proposed in-for sentiment analysis [11, 12]. In advance, Abbasi et al. proposed a heuristic search procedure, named the entropy weighted genetic algorithm (EWGA), to search optimum subfeature for optimal subfeatures based on its their information gain (IG) values named Entropy Weighted Genetic Algorithm (EWGA)-[13]. EWGA search searches for optimal subfeatures using a Genetic Algorithm genetic algorithm (GA) which with its an initial population is selected by using information gain (IG) thresholding schemes. Compared to the other options in this field, EWGA is the most powerful feature selection method so far to date. ~~This approach~~ selected features that achieved with 88% accuracy of classification classification accuracy. However, it took high cost computation has a high computational cost.

~~This study uses polarity v.2.0 from Cornell review datasets, a benchmark dataset for document level sentiment analysis, that consists of 1000 positive and 1000 negative processed reviews [14]. This dataset split into tenfold cross validation.~~

2. Information Gain on Movie Review Materials and Methods

2.1. Information Gain in Movie Reviews

Information gain is a quantity that measures how mixed up well-organized the features are [15]. In the sentiment analysis domain, information gain (IG) is used to measure the relevance of attribute A in-to class C . The higher the value of mutual information between classes class C and attribute A , the higher the relevance between classes them C and attribute A .

$$I(C, A) = H(C) - H(C | A), \quad (1)$$

where ~~Where~~ $I(C, A)$ is the information gain, $-H(C) = -\sum_{c \in C} p(C) \log p(C)$ is, the entropy of the class, and $H(C | A)$ is the conditional entropy of the class given an attribute, $H(C | A) = -\sum_{c \in C} p(C | A) \log p(C | A)$. Since the Cornell movie review dataset has balanced class classes, the probability of class C for both positive and negative results is equal to 0.5. As a result, the entropy of classes each class, $H(C)$, is equal to 1. Then, the information gain can be formulated as

$$I(C, A) = 1 - H(C | A). \quad (2)$$

The minimum value of $I(C, A)$ occurs if and only if $H(C | A) = 1$, that is, which means attribute A and classes class C are not related at all. On the contrary, we We tend attempt to choose an attribute A that mostly appears in one class C as either positive or negative. On-For the other words, the best features are the set of attributes that only appear in one class. ~~This means that~~ the maximum $I(C | A)$ is reached when $P(A)$ is equal to $P(A | C_1)$, resulting in $P(C_1 | A)$ and $H(C_1 | A)$ being equal to 0.5. When $P(A) = P(A | C_1)$, then the value of $P(A | C_2)$ results in $P(C_2 | A) = 0$ and $H(C_2 | A) = 0$. The value of $I(C, A)$ is varied varies from 0 to 0.5.

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2.2. Sentiment Analysis Framework

This study uses the polarity dataset v-2.0 from Cornell's review datasets. This is a benchmark dataset for document-level sentiment analysis, that consists of 1000 positive and 1000 negative processed reviews [14]. This dataset was split into tenfold cross-validation.

Figure 1 shows the process of proposed sentiment analysis process. The process was categorized into a dictionary construction phase and a classification phase. The dictionary construction phase constructs a dictionary that can be used to classify the review as positive or negative. The steps of the dictionary construction phase in this study are as follows: (1) reading the dataset, (2) nonalphanumeric removal, (3) tokenization, (4) stopwords removal, (5) stemming (optional), (6) initial vocabulary construction, (7) initial feature matrix construction, (8) DF thresholding, (9) information gain and DF thresholding feature selection (IGDFFS), and (10) dictionary construction.

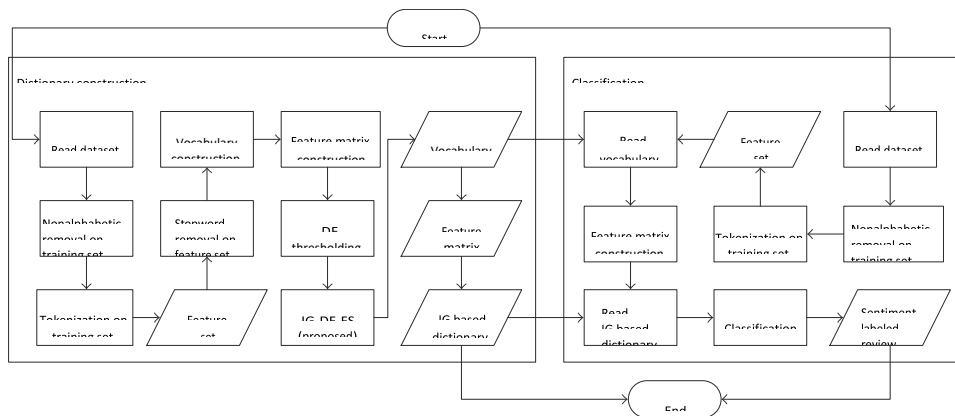


Figure 1: Classification flowchart of the proposed method.

Similar to the dictionary construction phase, the classification phase also consists of preprocessing and feature construction. On the contrary, in contrast to the dictionary construction phase, it uses the constructed dictionary instead of selecting feature features and constructs another dictionary. The result of this phase is sentiment labeled. This phase yields sentiment labeling of movie review reviews.

4.1.2.3. IGDF Feature Selection

Previous work on information gain [16] selected feature features that has having high relevance with to the output class. These features commonly appear in positive class classes only or in negative class classes only. Unfortunately, such features may appear only a few times, since as the a sentiment can be expressed in a various way various ways. As a result, overfitting occurs since because those features do not appear frequently.

On the other hand, in contrast, DF thresholding [8, 12] selects feature the features that appears appear most frequently in the training set. However, this method may select feature features that always appears appear in both classes. These Such features are unnecessary, as the method since it cannot differentiate determine the class classes to which it these features belongs belong.

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In this study, we propose a combination of information gain and DF thresholding feature selection, named IGDFFS. IGDFFS selects a feature/features that has/have IG score equal to 0.5. It means indicating those features highly related to one class only. These schemes/This scheme succeed/succeeds in reducing/removing about approximately 90% of unnecessary features (Algorithm 1).

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(1) procedure IGDF-Feature-Selection(input: {array of attributes
    A and its class C}, output: {positive and negative feature set})
(2) for each features in featureset do (3) calculate  $I(C | A)$ 
(4)     end for
(5)     for each IGscore in  $I(C | A)$  do
(6)         if  $I(C | A) == 0.5$  then
(7)             Vocabulary: Vocabulary ← Vocabulary + A
(8)             if  $P(A) == P(A | C_{positive})$  then
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(12)            end if
(13)        end if
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Algorithm 1: Information gain-document frequency (IGDF) feature selection.

4.2.2.4. Classification

As it is known that entropy/Entropy and information gain are commonly used in decision trees/trees. The selected feature/features with the highest information gain determines/determine the class of the review. Based on this intuition, we categorize our vocabulary into the positive/positive feature and negative feature/features. A review will be/is classified into/as a positive review if most of the features are positive and vice versa (Algorithm 2).

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(1) procedure IG-based-Classifier(input: {Sentiment Feature
    Vector: Vocabulary × Number of Document}, output:
    {Sentiment Label: positive or negative})
(2) for each document in featurevector do
(3)     for each vocab in Vocabulary do
(4)         if Vocab: vocab is positive – features then
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(6)         else
(7)             negative negative ← negative negative + 1
(8)         end if
(9)     end for
(10)    if positive positive > negative negative then
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3. Results and Analysis

Figure 2 shows the performance of an existing previous feature selection method, that is, the forward feature selection algorithm (FFSA) [16], and that of the proposed feature selection method, (IGDFFS). The results show that IGDFFS selects better features.

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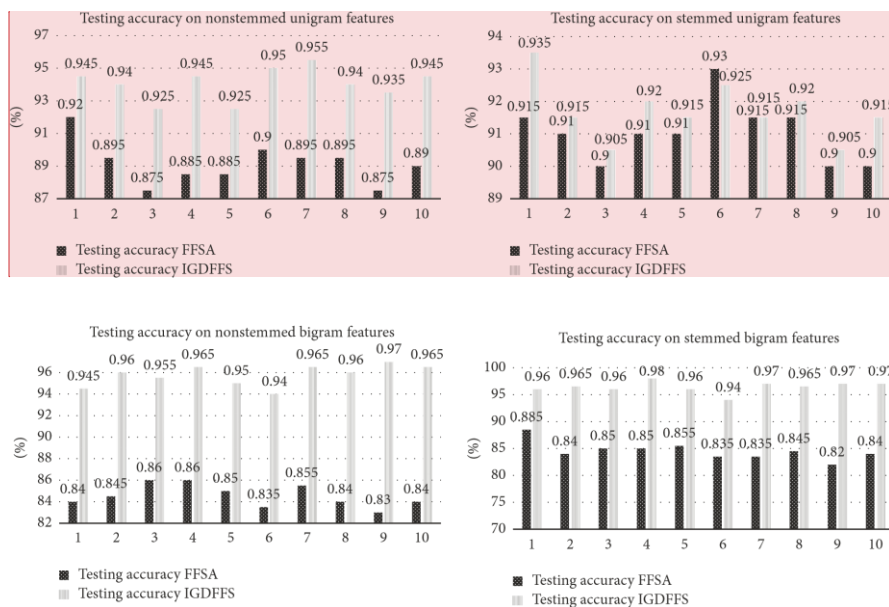


Figure 2: Feature selection performance comparison.

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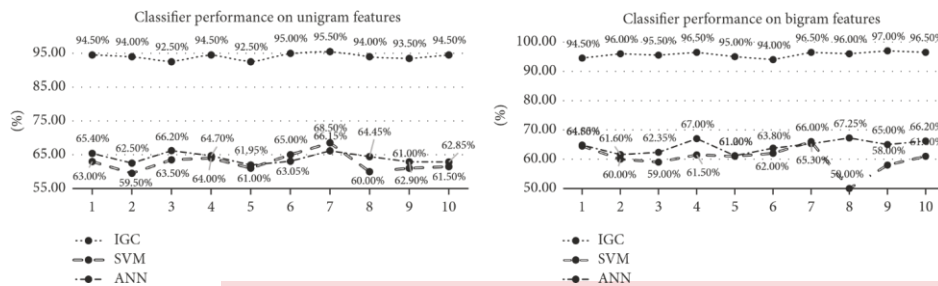
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Proposed The proposed method selects feature that has features that have both high relevance to the output class and also has the highest occurrence high occurrence rates. As a result, the generated feature matrix has less zero value. On the contrary, in contrast, the previous method may succeed in selecting high highly relevant features, but the selected features are likely to be rare but probably takes rare features. The A rare feature does not appear in another movie review document in the training set and may not appear in the testing set. As a result, the generated feature matrix consists of a lot of includes many zero value values. A lot of Many documents which have not any without features are hard difficult to be classified classify.

One of the feature selection objectives objective is to avoid overfitting, which often results from. Actually, in this case, common machine learning techniques may result in overfitting. The reason is This is because the feature matrix in the testing set consists of a lot of has many more zero values more than the feature matrix in the training set does. Since Because the these features affect machine learning model models, then it is hard difficult for machine learning to fit the model to the feature matrix in the testing set.

Figure 3 summarizes the performance of the SVM, ANN, and IG classifier classifiers. Unfortunately, SVM and ANN suffer from overfitting problems. Their testing accuracy fails and thus fail in achieving to achieve 70% accuracy. Different to Unlike ANN and SVM, the information gain classifier (IGC) is quite stable in any condition all conditions. IGC succeed succeeds in avoiding overfitting problems. It it can be concluded that using the



proposed IGC as proposed classifier performs better offers performance better than that of the current classifier.

Figure 3: Sentiment classifier performance comparison.

Information gain value tells how mixed a feature to indicates the extent to which a feature is well-organized in a class the class is. IG value reaches the highest value (0.5 in this case) when the feature belongs to one class only. It This means that when the feature appears, we make sure that the label must be positive or negative. In this case, the IG value of selected feature features achieves the maximum value (0.5) on average, thus, (0.5) so, it can be used for automatic classification. The specialty uniqueness of the proposed classification scheme is the lies in its independence from mathematical model models. Since the proposed classification method succeeds in avoiding overfitting, we can say conclude that our method is better more effective than the those of previous work works.

4. Conclusion and Future Work Discussion

In order to To provide a better sentiment analysis system, an a improvement method of information gain-based feature selection and classification was proposed. The proposed feature selection method selects feature that has features with high information

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