

Artifact Facet Ranking and It's Applications

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Abstract—As the e-commerce is gaining popularity various customer surveys of objects are currently accessible on the Internet. These surveys are frequently disordered, prompting challenges in knowledge discovery and object assessment. This article proposes an object feature positioning skeleton, which consequently recognizes the critical features of an object from online customer surveys. The critical object features are recognized focused around two perceptions: 1) they are normally commented extensively by customers and 2) customer suppositions on the critical feature significantly impact their general assessments on the object. Specifically, given the customer surveys of an item, we first extract the object feature by a shallow reliance parser and focus customer suppositions on these features through an opinion characterizer. We then create a probabilistic object feature positioning calculation to identify the criticalness of perspectives by at the same time considering feature recurrence and the impact of customer opinion given to every feature over their general opinion. The experimental results on 3 popular products demonstrate the effectiveness of our approach.

Keywords—probabilistic feature positioning; customer survey; opinion characterizer;

I. INTRODUCTION

The Internet has become a platform for expressing opinions about almost everything. Thus, the number of Web portals containing such opinions is huge and it is constantly growing. The customer survey web sites are a free form of advertisement in which satisfied customers tell others their opinion about a product, service, or event. It has become in one of the most credible forms of advertising because people do not stand to profit personally by advertising something on the line every time they make a review. Therefore, in the recent years the computational treatment of sentiment and opinions has been viewed as a challenging area of research that can serve to different purposes. Object feature based ranking usually is composed of three main tasks: object facet extraction, opinion characterization, and probabilistic angle positioning. Object facet extraction is focused on extracting the set of features concerning the product from the reviews. For example, given the sentence, "The applications in this mobile phone are excellent", the comment is about the "application" feature and the customer conclusion about the feature is positive. The opinion characterization task consists of determining the opinions about the object features and their polarities, whereas feature rating leverages the relevance of features to properly present them to the users. The task of generating feature-based summaries is clearly different from traditional text summarization [9] because it does not summarise the reviews by selecting or rewriting a subset of original sentences from the reviews. The goal here is to obtain structured summaries formed by all the features of the products that customers have opinions about and also whether the opinions are mainly positive or negative. This paper focuses on the object feature extraction task. Specifically, given a set of user reviews about a

specific product we address the problem of identifying features on which customers have expressed their opinions. In order to help users and analysts to better summarise opinions about products, we propose an object facet ranking framework.

II. ALLIED WORKS

There are two major existing object feature extraction methods: supervised and unsupervised ones. Supervised method requires a set of pre-labelled review sentences as training samples. A supervised learning method is then applied to construct an extraction model, which is capable of identifying object features from new customer reviews. Various models such as Hidden Markov Models and Conditional Random Fields [13, 14], Maximum Entropy [10], Class Association Rules and Naive Bayes Classifier [15] and other ML approaches have been employed for this task. Even though the supervised techniques can achieve reasonable performance, collecting training samples is an overhead and greatly depends on the representativeness of the training examples. On the other hand, unsupervised approaches automatically extract object features from customer reviews without involving training samples. Moreover, the unsupervised approaches seem to be more efficient than the supervised where various and frequently expanding products get discussed in customer reviews. Association rule mining based on the Apriori algorithm [1] is applied in Hu and Liu's works [7, 6] (PFE technique) to extract frequent noun phrases as explicit product aspects. In association rule mining, the algorithm does not consider the position of the words in the sentence. In order to remove wrong frequent feature, two types of pruning criteria were used: compactness and redundancy pruning. The technique is efficient and does not require the use of training samples or predefined sets of domain-independent extraction patterns. However, it has from three main disadvantages. First, frequent noun phrases discovered by the mining algorithm might not necessarily be object features. The compactness and redundancy pruning rules are unable to eliminate these noises. Second, even if a frequent noun phrase is an object feature, customers may not be expressing any subjective opinion about it in their reviews. This frequent, yet opinion-irrelevant object feature is not the candidate feature. Third, the approach treats adjacent adjectives of frequent noun as opinion words, although many of them do not have subjective assignment. If an adjective along with its subjective association appears adjacent to frequent nouns in some review sentences, this approach will by false consider this adjective as an opinion word, and use it to discover infrequent object features in other review sentences [12]. To address these limitations, Wei et al. [12] proposed a semantic-based product aspect extraction technique (SPE) that exploits a list of positive and negative adjectives defined in the General lexicon [11] in order to recognise opinion words, and subsequently to extract product

aspects expressed in customer reviews. Even when this technique attains better results than previous works [7, 6], both rely on mining frequent noun phrases. As previously mentioned, this algorithm is not appropriate because it disregards the sequence of words [8]. According to our review of existing object feature extraction techniques, the unsupervised approaches seem to be more out performing than the supervised ones for scenarios in which various and frequently scaling objects get discussed in consumer reviews.

III. PROPOSED WORK DESCRIPTION

An overview of our object feature extraction method is shown in fig. 1. The input is a set of customer reviews about a particular object and the output is a ranked list of object features. The idea is to locate that portion of texts that can be potentially considered as object features. From these text portions, we extract as object feature those that are associated by some opinion words. Finally, the selected object features are ranked according to their relevance.

A. Object facet extraction

The proposed approach aims to find what customers like and dislike about a given object. But, due to the difficulty of natural language processing, some types of sentences are confusing to deal with. Consider three sample sentences taken from the reviews of a laptop: 1). "It has a great processing speed." 2). "It has a 360 degree flexible monitor." 3). "When you put this laptop in your bag you forget it is there; it is too small and light weighted." The first and second sentences can be considered direct as the object features are explicitly mentioned and the last sentence a hard one to handle with as some features are implicit and hard to find. Semantic analysis is required to find these implicit features. This work is focused on finding explicit aspects. In general, most object features indicating words are nouns or noun phrases. The next step is to identify noun phrases as potential candidate object features. For this purpose, we use the language extraction patterns shown in Table 1. Each pattern is expressed in terms of an extended regular expressions and tagged using Stanford parser: AJ (adjective), CN (common noun), PN (proper noun), GV (gerund verb), PPV (past participle verb), and GD (general determiner). These regular expressions allow the extraction of both simple and complex noun phrases as potential candidate features. Therefore, we here normalise the evaluations from number of Websites independently, as against to performing an even normalisation on them. This approach relies upon to express the impact of the rating variations among several Websites. This method is implemented using a Stanford parser. We consider that the data set had not been homogeneously tagged and this affects significantly to the evaluation results.

Table 1: Extraction patterns for identifying potential aspects

Label	Pattern	Examples
LP1	(AJ CN PN)+	Battery life
LP2	LP1(GV PPV)LP1	Battery charging system
LP3	(LP1 LP2)	
LP4	LP3(of from in)(GD)? LP3	quality of photos

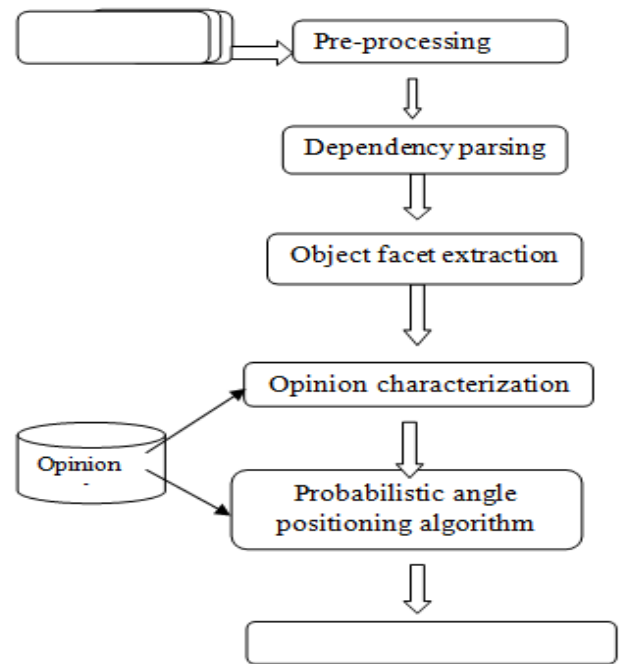


Fig. 1. Flow chart of proposed artefact facet ranking

B. Opinion Characterization on Artefact Facets

Once the candidate features are extracted, the next step is to identify those for which customers have expressed their opinions. For this purpose, from the set of candidate features we extract those which have been associated by opinion words according to dependency relations. We call this method as object feature extraction based on opinion characterization (OFE-OC). We consider that a candidate feature has been associated with an opinion word if either of the followings relations occurs: 1). A word of the candidate feature is directly associated to an opinion word. 2). A word of the candidate feature is related to a word that is associated to an opinion word. 3). A word of the candidate feature is related to a word that is related to other word that is related to an opinion word. The opinion on each feature will impact the overall rating. Here we consider, the general rating is created taking into account a weight factor of the opinion on each feature, where each weight w_{rk} will measures the criticality of each feature a_k in review r .

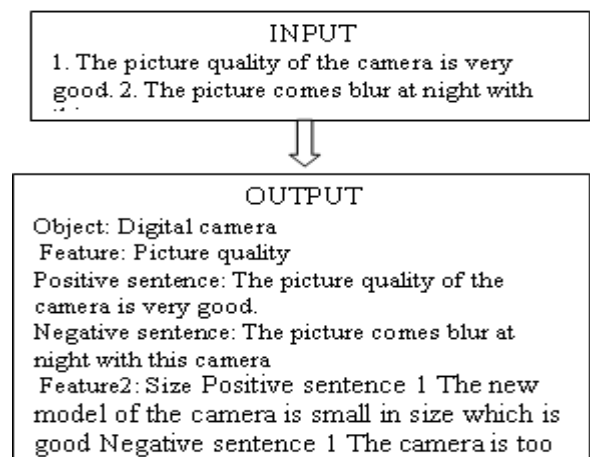


Fig. 2. Feature wise summary generated by the system

C. Probabilistic Angle Positioning Algorithm

Once the set of object features are opinion characterised, we rank them according to their relevance. For this purpose, we use a methodology for modelling object features from a collection of customer reviews. The proposal relies on a linguistic modelling framework which is domain independent. Let $R = \{r_1, \dots, r_{|R|}\}$ be a set of customer surveys of a certain object. In each review $r \in R$, customers express their opinion on various features of an object. Eventually considers a overall general rating O_r . Then again $O_r \in [O_{\min}, O_{\max}]$, where O_{\min} and O_{\max} are the minimum and maximum appraisals individually. Then again is normalised to $[0, 1]$. The customer surveys from many websites may contain different opinion polarity of appraisals. The values on few Websites may be a little high or low than those on others. Additionally, several websites may offer different rating for reach, for example, the rating is from 1 to 5 on Cnet.com and from 1 to 10 on Reevo.com. Consider there are m features $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$ in the review set, R absolutely, where a_k is the k -th feature. Customer opinion on feature a_k in review r is mentioned as o_{rk} . We aim to mitigate these weight factors and distinguish the candidate features correspondingly. Higher the value of weight factor, o_{rk} demonstrate a_k is more critical to be candidate feature, further o_{rk} demonstrate a vector of the weights and also is the opinion vector with each one measurement signifying the customer conclusion on a specific feature. In general the overall ratings are assumed to be obtained from a Gaussian distribution, with mean ω_r and variance σ^2 as:

$$p(O_r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2} \exp\left\{-\frac{(O_r - W_r^t)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}. \quad (1)$$

However to consider the variations in the value of ω_r , we assume that ω_r to be a sample derived from a Multivariate Gaussian Distribution as:

$$p(w_r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{m}{2}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(w_r - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (w_r - \mu)\right\}. \quad (2)$$

Where μ and Σ is the mean vector and covariance matrix Respectively, which are both unknown and need to be calculated.

IV. EVALUATIONS

In order to evaluate the performance of the artefact facet ranking method proposed, we compare our results to the results presented in [12]. The relevance ranking for features is evaluated by calculating the precision at different cut-off ranks. In the following subsections, we detail the design of our experiments, including the data collection and the evaluation criteria.

A. Data Collection

We have conducted our experiments using the customer reviews of three products: Nokia Lumina, Micromax Canvas doodle, Samsung galaxy y. The reviews were collected from Amazon.com and CNET.com. Table 2 shows the number of manually tagged aspects and the number of review sentences for each product in the data set.

Table 2. Comparative Evaluation results

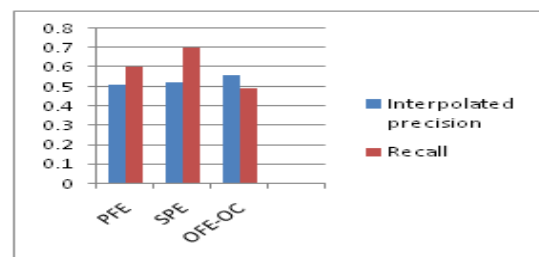
	Nokia Lumina	Micromax canvas doodle	Samsung galaxy y
Precision			
PFE	0.510	0.511	0.370
SPE	0.524	0.487	0.440
OFE-OC	0.560	0.550	0.448
PFE	0.510	0.511	0.370
Recall			
PFE	0.600	0.630	0.561
SPE	0.700	0.750	0.650
OFE-OC	0.491	0.699	0.630
F1			
PFE	0.551	0.564	0.446
SPE	0.599	0.591	0.525
OFE-OC	0.523	0.616	0.524

Table 3. Summary of customer review data set

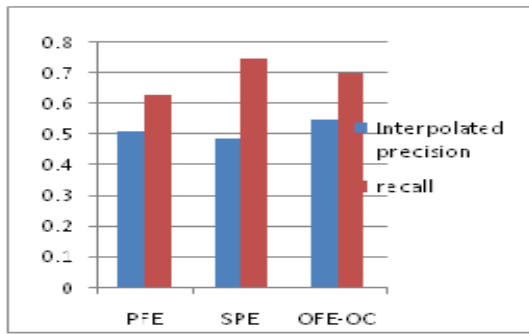
	Nokia Lumina	Micromax canvas doodle	Samsung galaxy y
Number of review sentence	738	600	1705
Number of manually tagged review features	114	103	184

B. Evaluation of the Proposed Method and Comparison with Existing Techniques

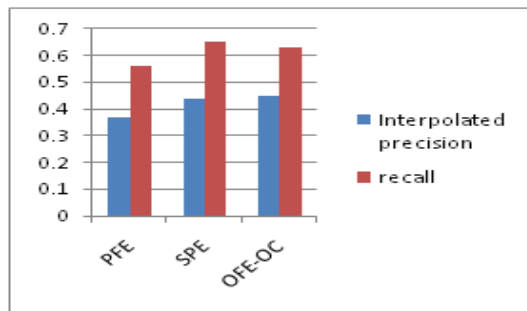
The purpose of this evaluation is to measure the performance of our object feature extraction method. The complete set of object feature extracted using the proposed method is compared with the set of manually labelled object features for each product in the customer review data set. We use precision, recall and F1 to measure the effectiveness of the object feature extraction method. When dealing with multiple objects. The same definitions of the measures proposed by Wei et al. [12] are used. Table 3 shows the comparative evaluations results. The results of PFE [7,6] and SPE techniques were taken from [12]. Notice that our proposed method (OFE-OC) obtains better precision results, but achieves lower recall values than those ones obtained by SPE. In Figure 3, we show the interpolated average precision and recall obtained for each of the products. It can be seen that our ranking based on the unigram language model of features (OFE-OC) clearly outperforms the two frequency-based baselines proposed (SPE, PFE).



(a). Nokia Lumina



(b). Micromax canvas doodle



(c). Samsung Galaxy

Fig. 3. Interpolated Average Precision

V. CONCLUSION

This article summarizes about an artefact facet ranking structure to recognize the important object features various purchaser surveys. The framework contains three principle segments, i.e. object facet extraction; opinion characterization; and probabilistic angle positioning. Probabilistic perspective positioning calculates the criticality of different features of an object from several surveys. The calculation all the while investigates feature recurrence and the impact of consumer opinion given to every feature against the overall opinion. Finally, the results obtained for the ranking of features are also encouraging as it exploits both feature frequency and influence of customer opinion on them. The proposed approach can be applied to two real world application, i.e., archive level estimation arrangement and extractive survey synopsis. In future we will extend our proposed approach to consider implicit object features.

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