

DATA-DRIVEN INSIGHTS FOR ZOMATO BANGALORE: SENTIMENT ANALYSIS AND PREDICTIVE MODELING WITH XAI

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Abstract: The increasing reliance of customers on online reviews and ratings significantly influences purchasing decisions, particularly in the food industry through platforms like Zomato. This study proposes a method to enhance the understanding of the relationship between actual customer ratings and predicted values generated by machine learning algorithms. The research integrates sentiment analysis to assess the tone of customer reviews, utilizing the LIME explainer tool for interpretability and SHAP for explainable artificial intelligence (XAI) insights. Additionally, the confusion matrix is computed for both balanced and imbalanced datasets to evaluate the sentiment analysis model's performance. The findings provide valuable insights for restaurant owners and data analysts, enabling data-driven decision-making and improved customer satisfaction.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The customer community's reliance on product reviews and ratings while ordering and shopping online is significant. Every choice, from placing an order on an e-commerce website to selecting a mouthwatering dish on Zomato, is dependent on ratings and reviews

Considering this, the most noteworthy finding in this study is a proposed method by which the restaurant's owners and Zomato data analysts can comprehend the relationship between the actual ratings given by customers and the predicted values generated by the employed algorithms, which is further supported by the **LIME** explainer tool. The tone of the reviews is examined for **sentimental analysis** in addition to the **prediction model**, and the XAI tool **SHAP** is added to support the analysis performed by the model. The confusion matrix for balance and imbalance data is calculated for the sentiment analysis model.

This model also contains a **recommendation engine** to take into account the entirety of the review's world. The consumer can input the approximate cost for two people and the cuisine they would like to dine, and a recommendation is made based on the inputs provided.

II. RELATED STUDY

The referred research papers collectively delve into the domains of recommender systems, sentiment analysis, and data driven insights in the context of restaurant reviews and user preferences. Even though each article offers distinctive insights, similar aspects including dataset application, methodology, and potential future use become evident.

Utilization of Datasets:

Several publications utilize sizable datasets gathered from a variety of sources, including Yelp, Zomato, Kaggle, and user generated reviews, to support their analysis. Understanding user preferences and restaurant evaluations is based on these datasets.

Techniques:

A wide range of techniques, including machine learning algorithms like Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines, Random Forest, and more, are used across the publications. To glean useful insights from text data, methods including sentiment analysis, content-based filtering, collaborative filtering, and deep learning architectures like CNN-LSTM are used. A fuller knowledge of user opinions is also made possible by methods like Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) and aspect-based sentiment analysis.

Outcomes from existing models:

The accuracy rates of these researches show a wide range, with varying findings. When it comes to sentiment classification and recommendation tasks, some articles achieve great accuracy, while others investigate the possibilities of hybrid models. Notably, one article demonstrates the potential for accurate user sentiment interpretation by achieving a 97% accuracy rate in sentiment analysis. Additionally, user-specific recommendations are delivered via collaborative filtering and recommendation algorithms, proving their usefulness.

The future possibilities from these studies:

In their individual studies, the scholars have a strong emphasis on future developments and advancements. Extending datasets, investigating new features, and adapting models for different languages are all aspects of future efforts. Improvements are sought by using cutting-edge methods like rule-based sentiment analysis and adding user ratings and reviews as features. Additionally, recommendations for group dining scenarios, ingredient traceability using blockchain, and further hybrid strategies are being explored to enhance the precision of recommendations. Researchers hope to keep improving their models in order to increase client retention and satisfaction.

These research pieces demonstrate the enormous potential of data-driven techniques, machine learning, and sentiment analysis in improving restaurant suggestion and review interpretation processes, optimizing user experiences, and increasing satisfaction.

However, we cannot understand the reasoning behind the behavior of the model. XAI tools can aid us with it. In our model, we included the XAI tools for the same.

III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Zomato, having a big data set, makes exploratory data research on it challenging. We are developing a model for prediction, sentiment analysis, and recommendation engine, to the benefit of both restaurant/company owners and end consumers. The proposed techniques here are Naive Bayes Text Classifier, Support Vector Machine Algorithm, and Explainable AI LIME tools

IV. OBJECTIVES

- i. To carry out prediction on ratings, sentiment analysis on the ratings and reviews submitted by the users.
- ii. To create a recommendation system that allows consumers to choose a restaurant that suits their preferences.
- iii. To utilize the LIME and SHAP tool to deduce all of the parameters influencing the model's predictions for better analysis of the reviews on the results.

V. SCOPE

Zomato is an online resource that offers details about cafes, bars, and restaurants along with user reviews and ratings. Zomato's ratings prediction, sentiment analysis and recommendation engine can aid users and restaurant owners by offering insightful information. Here are a few potential application of the model.

1. *Sentiment Analysis*

The ability to analyse the tone of user evaluations for each restaurant using sentiment analysis can be adapted to the website/official app. This can assist users in determining the restaurant's advantages and disadvantages and assist them in choosing where to dine. In order to spot patterns in user evaluations and pinpoint areas where restaurants need to improve, Zomato can also employ sentiment analysis not just on the customer side of the operations but also for commission gauging with restaurants.

2. *Personalized Recommendations*

Zomato's recommendation engine enables it to offer consumers tailored recommendations based on their dining tastes and history. Zomato can recommend eateries that are likely to appeal to each user by examining user data. Although the current model includes this feature, it doesn't justify why the selection was made. That is where our model comes into the picture, which uses XAI tools to deduce the analysis behind the prediction.

VI. BASIC FLOW

3. *Model training and testing:* This stage divides the dataset into training and testing sets based on the columns "Reviews_List" and "Rate" from the Zomato dataset. The accuracy rate for the same is computed using the Naive Bayes Text Classifier Algorithm. This stage generates prediction ratings for restaurants, which is used to compare the actual rating to the forecast rating.

4. *Prediction Model:* The prediction of restaurant ratings using Naive Bayes text classification is a valuable task that leverages machine learning techniques to assess and categorize user reviews into different rating classes. Naive Bayes is a probabilistic algorithm that, in this case, analyzes the textual content of user reviews to predict the corresponding restaurant rating, typically on a scale such as 1 to 5 stars.

5. *Analysis Model:* Support Vector Machines (SVM) is a potent machine learning approach that may be used for sentiment analysis of the Zomato dataset to identify and classify the sentiments expressed in user evaluations. SVM, a powerful classification algorithm, excels at taking on sentiment analysis jobs. Since user-generated restaurant reviews are most likely included in this dataset, SVM is used to categorise them into 'positive,' 'negative,' or 'neutral' sentiment categories.

Data pre-processing, which includes text cleaning, tokenization, and feature extraction, usually starts the process. Utilising the method TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) vectorization, text reviews are frequently converted into numerical representations. Then, an SVM classifier is trained using these numerical features.

6. *LIME Tool:* LIME operates by changing the feature values of these instances and tracking changes in the predictions made by the model. LIME develops explanations by comparing the model's predictions with perturbed data to its predictions with the original data.

LIME offers justifications in the form of feature weights. It reveals which characteristics had the most impact on the rating predictions made by the model for the chosen instances. It might show, for instance, that elements such as restaurant ambiance, food style, or location had the most influence on the anticipated ratings.

7. *SHAP Tool:* The SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) tool can be a valuable resource for gaining insights into the factors that contribute to sentiment analysis of Zomato ratings. When applied to sentiment analysis of Zomato ratings, SHAP can help answer questions like, "What features or words in user reviews have the most significant influence on sentiment predictions?" and "How do different features contribute to the overall sentiment?"

To determine SHAP values for each instance in the dataset, we use the SHAP tool. The contribution of each feature to the model's prediction for a particular instance is shown by the SHAP values.

Examine the SHAP values to comprehend the significance and influence of many features in establishing sentiment. Visualisations like summary graphs or descriptions of each individual case might aid in understanding the findings.

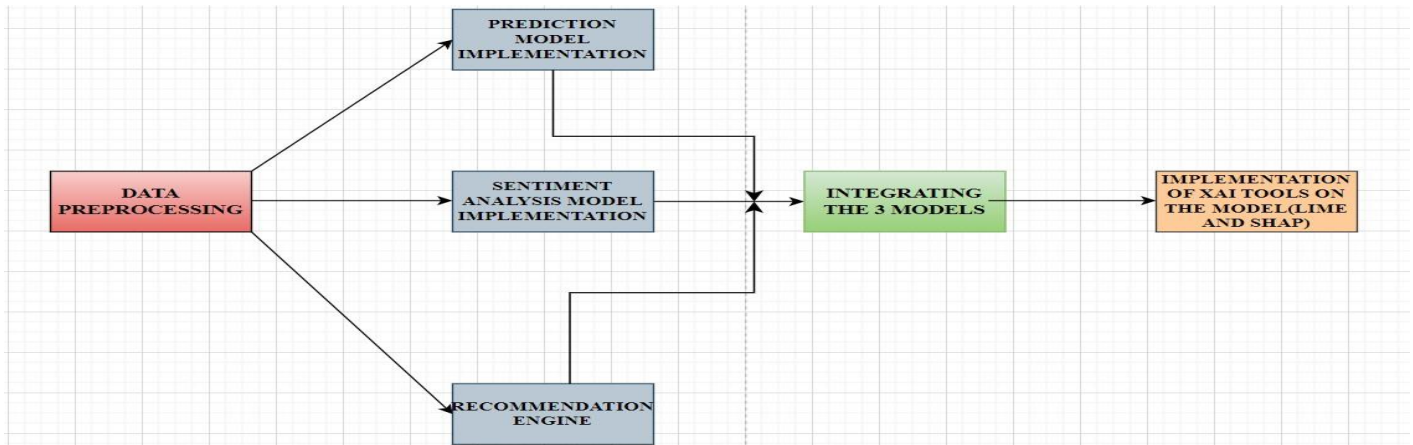


Fig vi. A flow of the hybrid model.

VII. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

1. Prediction model

This predicts the ratings for each restaurant as well as the elements that influence the prediction. Users of restaurants can use this to analyse the ratings, allowing them to make better decisions. The predicted and actual values are stored in a new CSV file called "Zomato_test_results.csv". Some snippets of the outputs obtained are shown below.

The validation accuracy and testing accuracy for prediction model is about 39% using Naïve Bayes text classification algorithm.

1.1 The graph predicts the actual and predicted ratings, showcasing the relativity between them for the first few instances of the dataset.

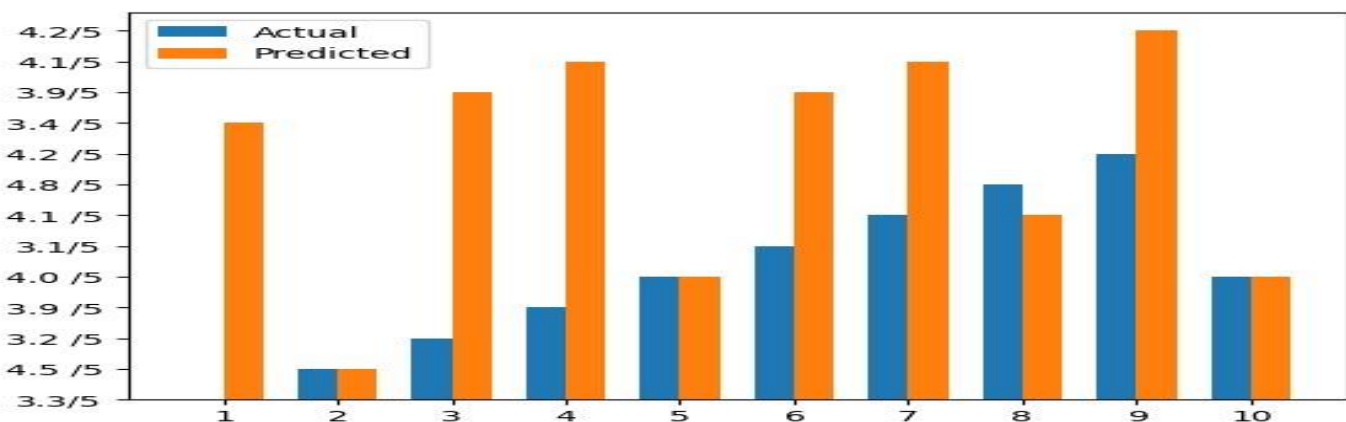


Fig 1.1: A plot of actual v/s predicted ratings

1.2 The prediction model's accuracy for validation is 38.84% and testing is 38.95% using Naïve Bayes Text Classification Algorithm.

Validation Accuracy: 38.84457857296832

Testing Accuracy: 38.95236042250485

1.3 Few instances from the result file of prediction. A csv file is generated with instance number, the predicted value and the actual value.

PREDICTED RATING	ACTUAL RATING
3.4 /5	3.3/5
4.5 /5	4.5 /5
3.9 /5	3.2 /5
4.3 /5	3.9 /5
3.9/5	4.0 /5

Fig 1.3: A table of actual v/s predicted ratings

1.4 LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations) explainer tool is used to analyze feature contributions for predicting ratings in the Zomato dataset. Within a loop that iterates over test instances, LIME is employed to generate explanations for the model's predictions. These explanations reveal how specific features influence the rating predictions. After predicting the ratings, the code displays interactive LIME explanations for each instance, highlighting the significant feature contributions. Subsequently, it extracts and visualizes these contributions using horizontal bar charts, where feature names are plotted against their respective contributions. This approach enables a clear and interpretable representation of the factors that most heavily impact the model's rating predictions, aiding in understanding the model's decision-making process in the context of the Zomato dataset.

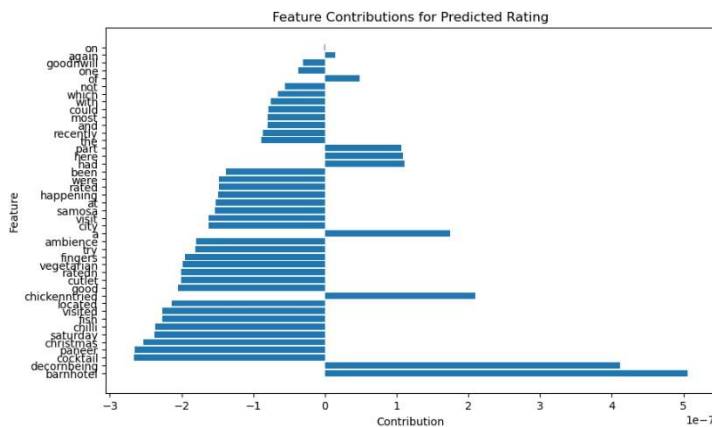


Fig 1.4: Feature contribution chart using LIME explainer

2. Sentiment analysis model

2.1 A bar graph is plotted which depicts number of instances under each of the sentiments (Positive, Neutral, Negative) for Zomato Bangalore dataset instances.

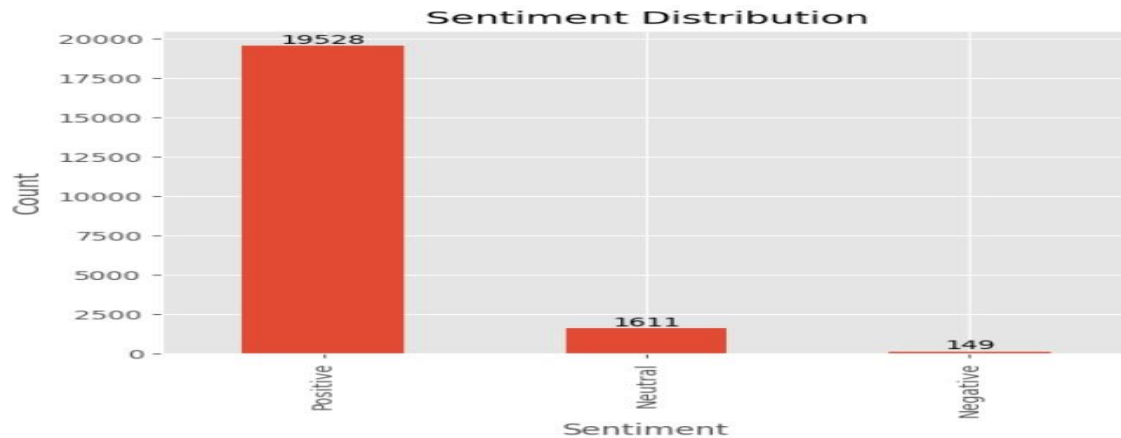


Fig 2.1 A bar graph depicting number of instances under each of the sentiments (Positive, Neutral, Negative) for the dataset

2.2 The confusion matrix for validation and testing of sentiment analysis is given in the table below. The imbalanced data is being considered as well.

TESTING SET REPORT (IN %)				
	PRECISION	RECALL	F1-SCORE	SUPPORT
NEGATIVE	91	77	83	13
NEUTRAL	98	66	79	152
POSITIVE	97	100	99	1964
ACCURACY			97	2129
MACRO AVG	95	81	87	2129
WEIGHTED AVG	97	97	97	2129
VALIDATION SET REPORT (IN %)				
	PRECISION	RECALL	F1-SCORE	SUPPORT
NEGATIVE	100	58	74	12
NEUTRAL	93	76	84	161
POSITIVE	98	100	99	1956
ACCURACY			98	2129
MACRO AVG	97	78	85	2129
WEIGHTED AVG	97	98	97	2129

Fig 2.2 Precision, Recall, F1-score table

2.3 SHAP (Shapley additive explanations) tool is used to generate SHAP values, which help explain the model's predictions. It aims to provide insights into how different features contribute to sentiment predictions for various classes (Negative, Neutral, and Positive). For each sentiment class, it creates a separate SHAP explainer tailored

to that class and calculates SHAP values for the filtered validation data. These SHAP values represent the impact of different features on sentiment predictions for that specific sentiment category.

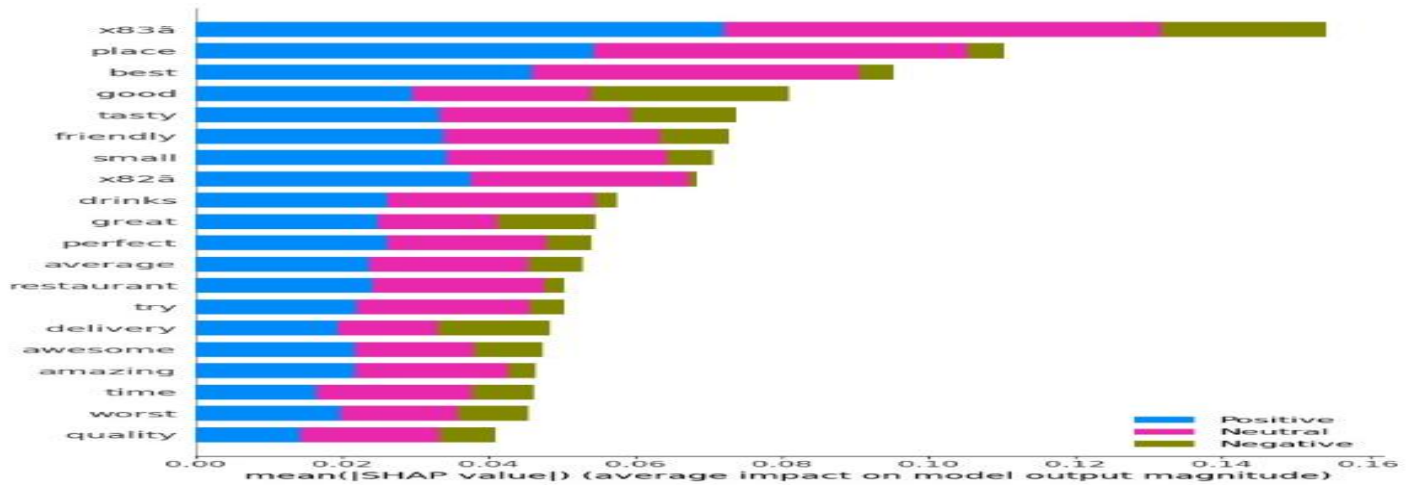


Fig 2.3 SHAP tool output for one of the reviews

3. Recommendation model

The input taken by the recommendation system is the type of cuisine, and the cost for two people that the user wishes to spend.

Based on this it recommends a restaurant that is in favour of user's input. 3.1 The below images show few examples of the same

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Enter your cuisine preference: Mexican
Enter your budget for two people: 700
Recommended Restaurant: Stajasia Ahara

Enter your cuisine preference: Cafe
Enter your budget for two people: 1500
Recommended Restaurant: Savera Cafe
    
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Fig 3.1 User input based recommendation

3.2 A graph is plotted to understand the approximate cost distribution for two people. The frequency of the distributed is charted out to understand the relationship between the two.

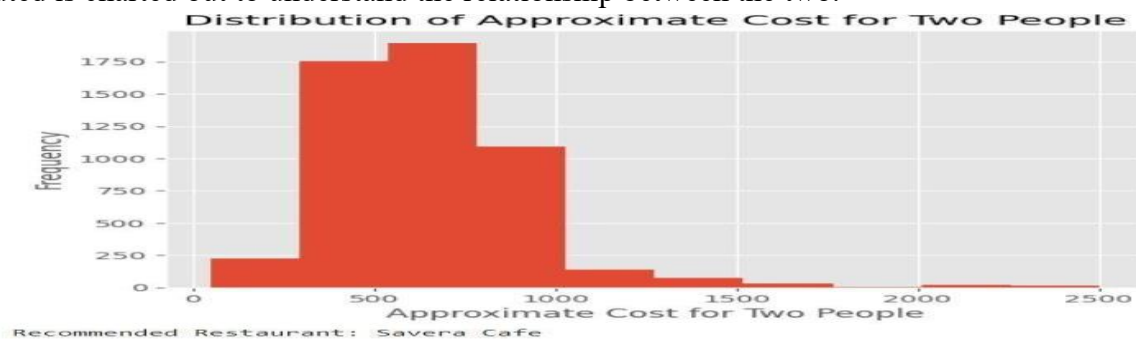


Fig 3.2 Plot of approximate cost in Recommendation System

3.3 The main purpose of this code is to create a pie chart to visualize the top 10 cuisine preferences among Zomato users based on the data in the dataset. It achieves this by first counting the occurrences of each cuisine type in the 'cuisines' column of the dataset and selecting the top 10 cuisines with the highest counts.

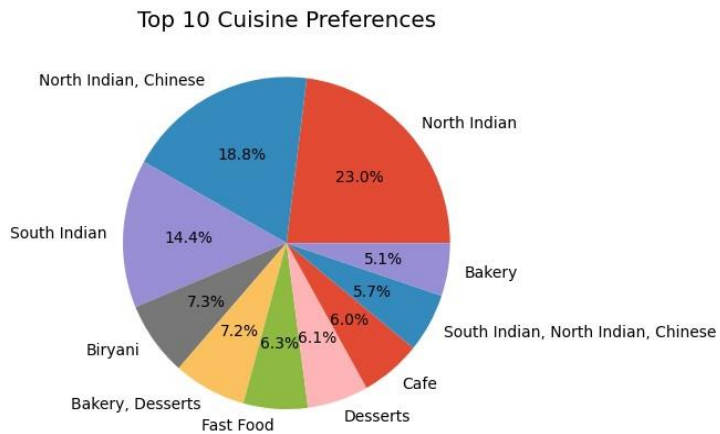


Fig 3.3 Pie chart plotting top 10 cuisine preferences

VIII. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Zomato prediction of ratings, sentiment analysis, and recommendation system is a helpful tool for users to make educated judgements about where to eat and for the business and tie-ups to analyse the performance. Users may identify restaurants that meet their interests for cuisine and price range thanks to the recommendation system and prediction model, which both employ machine learning to anticipate the sentiment of user reviews.

This research focuses primarily on using XAI tools to identify the variables influencing model behaviour. This can provide a deeper understanding of the model's functionality, which is the main goal of this implementation.

IX. FUTURE SCOPE

8. More XAI tools like Seldon Alibi, and interpretML can be used for the reasoning behind model's behavior.
9. Different ML algorithms can be implemented to enhance the accuracy and experience for the users.
10. These analysis models can be tried on other regions and can be expanded.

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