MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Beta Presentation Amazon Review Confidence Tool

The Capstone Experience

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Project Overview

- Review Authenticity Tool
 - Analyze Amazon product reviews for authenticity to provide additional trust to the user experience
- Easily Accessible Data
 - Browser extension to quickly display a summary of adjusted review data
 - Web app to provide additional insights

System Architecture



Home Page



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Browser Extension



Product Page



FAQ Page



Frequently Asked Questions

Why was StarReport created?

StarReport's mission is to provide additional trust and security to Amazon product user experiences, preventing fake and misleading product reviews from deceiving customers and sellers alike. Too often the user review system is abused by sellers paying for reviews, competitors sabotaging their competition, and hyper-realistic text generation algorithms posing as real user experiences. A "fighting fire with fire" approach is taken to detect subtle patterns and filter out potentially suspicious/unreliable reviews that customers may overlook, with the goal of saving time and money regarding purchase decisions. StarReport can save users time and money by providing its opinion on the trustworthiness of product reviews, denoted by a percentage, as well as additional visualizations of review length distribution and review sentiment to assist in making an informed purchase decision with confidence.

How are Confidence Scores calculated?

Utilizing advancements in the field of machine learning and Amazon Web Services, individual models are trained for the highest-selling product categories on Amazon including but not limited to electronics, tools & home improvement, pet supplies, garden & outdoors, toys & games. Doing so encourages each model to pick up on language patterns specific to that isolated product category, resulting in a higher detection accuracy of fraudulent/suspicious reviews. The percent confidence displayed above each review on the product analysis dashboard translates to the machine learning model's learned probability that a text body is deemed authentic, where a low percentage suggests a low probability of being "real" and vise versa.

How is the Adjusted Rating calculated?

The adjusted rating section in the product analysis dashboard considers all ratings from reviewers that meet a threshold of at least 50% confidence and is the average product rating from these considered reviews.



What's left to do?

- Feature Complete
- Stretch Goals
 - Optimizing Product Category Models Accuracy
 - Larger Training Datasets (>40,000)
 - Hyperparameters
 - Sorting Filtered Reviews (least/most confident)
 - Insights into ML Confidence
- Other Tasks
 - Front-End Formatting
 - Expanding FAQ Page

Questions?

