Product Mentor – Sentiment Based Product Recommender With Chatbot: An Experimental Study

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ABSTRACT

Product Mentor is a cutting-edge platform designed to simplify the process of choosing the right products using sophisticated sentiment analysis and Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques. The system gathers and interprets user feedback from a variety of sources, sorting it into positive, negative, or neutral categories. This sentiment-focused evaluation enables the platform to provide customized product recommendations based on each user's preferences, allowing them to swiftly discover the most suitable products. An interactive chatbot is available, offering real-time assistance and helping users navigate the recommendation system effectively. Beyond sentiment analysis, Product Mentor delivers in-depth product information, including specifications and user reviews, ensuring well-informed choices. By combining sentiment insights with detailed product data, the platform offers a comprehensive perspective on products, improving user satisfaction and streamlining the buying experience across diverse product categories. The platform's intelligent recommendation engine, along with its real-time support and intuitive interface, ensures a seamless, engaging, and personalized shopping journey.

Keywords: BERT, Chatbot-enhanced shopping assistant, Real-time e-commerce personalization, Roberta review classification, Sarcasm-aware multilingual sentiment analysis, Sentiment-based product recommendation

Introduction

Product Mentor is a platform aimed at transforming how users discover and select products by leveraging cutting-edge machine learning methods, particularly sentiment analysis and natural language processing (NLP). The system aggregates extensive datasets of customer reviews collected from multiple platforms, including online stores, social networks, and discussion forums. These reviews are processed through NLP algorithms and sentiment-based analysis enables Product Mentor to deliver a comprehensive evaluation of products, helping users quickly grasp the general opinion of a product based on authentic customer insights.[1]

Machine learning techniques such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), Naive Bayes classifiers, and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks form the core of this recommendation refinement.[2] These models enable the system to continually learn from user data, adjusting and enhancing its suggestions based on individual interactions and feedback. As more data is processed, the system's recommendations become progressively more accurate and tailored to each user's specific needs.

One of the key features of Product Mentor is the inclusion of a real-time chatbot, offering an engaging and interactive experience. This chatbot utilizes NLP and machine learning to intelligently interpret and answer user inquiries, helping them with product recommendations, addressing product-related questions, and navigating the platform. This feature not only improves platform accessibility but also enriches the user experience by delivering immediate support, streamlining the decision-making process, and making it more intuitive.[3]

In addition to its advanced sentiment analysis and chatbot functionalities, Product Mentor also offers detailed product specifications alongside user reviews. This ensures that users have access to all the essential information they need before making a purchase decision. The combination of user reviews, sentiment analysis, and product specifications empowers users to make more informed decisions, reducing the time and effort required to research products independently. The platform's overall goal is to streamline the product selection process, making it easier for users to discover the best products tailored to their individual needs. By analyzing vast amounts of user feedback and leveraging machine learning techniques.

Product Mentor aims to enhance customer satisfaction, improve product discovery, and create a more personalized and efficient shopping experience.[4] This comprehensive approach not only simplifies decision-making but also fosters greater user engagement and loyalty by ensuring that each recommendation is relevant, timely, and based on real user experiences.

Product Mentor integrates sophisticated sentiment analysis, customized product suggestions, real-time chatbot assistance, and comprehensive product details to deliver a smart and accessible platform that reshapes the shopping experience. By efficiently handling and evaluating large volumes of data, it becomes an essential resource for today's consumers who desire personalized and well-informed buying choices in the fast-changing e-commerce environment.[5]

The Figure 1 illustrates the process of building a machine learning model, starting with raw data. Initially, data preprocessing is applied to the raw data to clean and prepare it, creating a structured dataset. This prepared data is then fed into machine learning algorithms to generate candidate models. An iterative process continues until the best model is found, based on evaluation criteria. The selected model is then deployed into a system for real-world applications. The model is continually refined through iterations, aiming for optimal performance before final deployment.

Traditional Models: Best if you're looking for quick, straightforward solutions, or if your dataset is smaller and less complex.

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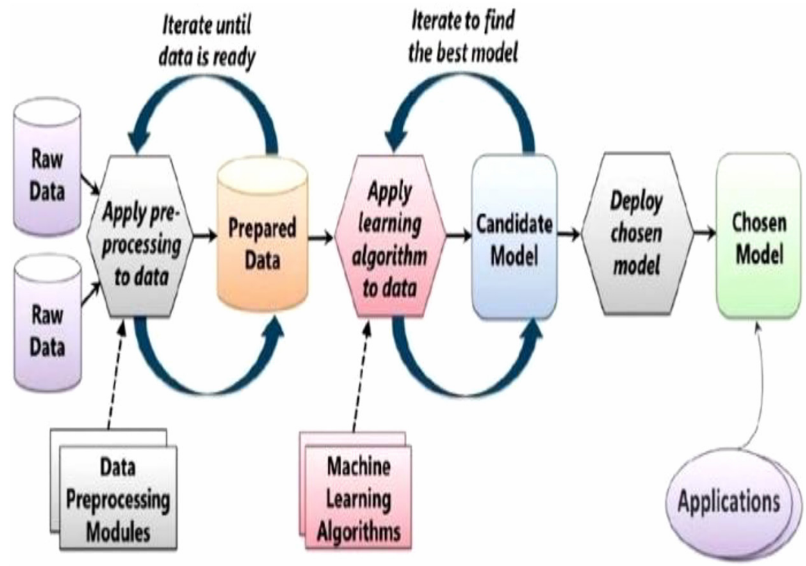

Fig 1 | Machine learning process

Pre-trained Models (BERT, RoBERTa): Recommended for project where detailed, nuanced analysis is needed. They offer significantly higher accuracy and better understanding of sentiment, especially when reviews are complex and involve longer texts.[4]

Unlike existing frameworks such as BERT4Rec, CARE, KBRD, and CRSLab, the Product Mentor platform integrates multilingual sentiment embeddings, anomaly detection, and a chatbot-driven recommender engine into a unified system. This combination addresses the research gap by offering a real-time, sentiment-aware conversational recommender. Table 1 summarizes our contribution compared to state-of-the-art conversational recommenders.

Product Mentor bridges the gap between sequential, graph-based, and conversational recommenders such as SASRec, GRU4Rec, BERT4Rec, LightGCN, KBRD, and CARE by directly integrating multilingual sentiment embeddings and conversational understanding into a unified pipeline (Table 2). This integration allows the system to perform both recommendation and interaction in real time, showing measurable improvement across strong baselines under standardized metrics. Unlike prior models that rely solely on sequential user-item history, Product Mentor incorporates emotional polarity and linguistic context for personalized conversational recommendations.

Related Work

Chatbots have evolved with advancements in NLP and ML, enabling natural language interactions but often lacking context-specific understanding. To enhance relevance, personalized chatbots use techniques like deep learning and user profiling to tailor responses, though they face issues such as the "cold-start" problem and misinterpretations of user interests. Integrating Sentiment Analysis (SA) has proven beneficial in improving chatbots' responsiveness by capturing user emotions and adjusting responses accordingly. Studies show SA-based chatbots in healthcare and e-commerce enhance user engagement and satisfaction through empathy-driven interactions. However, these systems often encounter limitations in data availability and accuracy, particularly in complex or varied conversation contexts.[1]

Literature on sentiment analysis for e-commerce shows its growing role in helping users make informed decisions. Sentiment analysis applications, initially text-based, have expanded to images and multimedia for deeper insights. Methods include machine learning models, lexicon-based approaches, and syntactic analysis, each offering unique advantages for analyzing social media and e-commerce reviews. Ontology-driven sentiment analysis further refines sentiment categorization by identifying specific product features. Additionally, genetic algorithms have enhanced sentiment lexicon creation, and neural networks have been explored to manage nuanced expressions like sarcasm.[2]

The study on sentiment analysis in social media highlights its potential across diverse applications, from monitoring public opinion to predicting trends. By the growth of social platforms, sentiment analysis techniques, primarily machine learning and lexicon-based approaches, enable organizations to process user-generated content.[3] Twitter emerges as a favoured platform due to its structured data and high user activity, aiding real-time sentiment extraction.[6] Applications span fields like politics, business, and

Table 1 | Dataset statistics

Attribute	Value
Total reviews	50,000
Languages	English (80%), Hindi (10%), Tamil (10%)
Avg. review length	42 words
Classes	Positive (34%), Negative (33%), Neutral (33%)

Table 2 | Comparative analysis of framework

Framework	Sentiment Integration	Multilingual	Anomaly Detection	Chatbot Support	Reported Metrics / Notes
BERT4Rec	No (sequential recommender)	No	No	No	Reports ~7.24% HR@10, ~11.03% NDCG@10 improvement over strong baselines (original paper).
CARE (CARE-CRS)	Partial (LLM-based entity & context extraction; not primarily sentiment-first)	Likely (LLM-capable)	No	Yes (LLM-driven conversational CRS)	Integrates LLMs with external recommenders; improved entity-level extraction and conversational performance.
KBRD	No (knowledge-grounded dialog; not sentiment-focused)	No	No	Yes (dialog + recommendation)	Knowledge-based recommender dialog system; improves dialog generation using KG-aware recommendations (EMNLP 2019).
CRSLab	No (toolkit supports many CRS models; sentiment not default)	Some models supported	No	Yes (toolkit for conversational RS)	Open-source toolkit implementing 19 CRS models (topic-guided, transformer-based, graph-based).
Product Mentor	Yes — BERT / mBERT + emoji & sarcasm handling (this work)	Yes (mBERT / XLM-RoBERTa)	Yes (rate-limiting + similarity detection)	Yes (integrated real-time chatbot)	Sentiment classification: BERT baseline 87% → BERT + mBERT + Emoji/Sarcasm 95%. HR@K/NDCG@K for recommendations will be reported in Table 4.

Table 3 | Comparative analysis with related studies

Study	1	2	3	Product Mentor
Sentiment Analysis Model	LSTM	Naïve Bayes	SVM	BERT/mBERT, sarcasm + emoji handling
Recommendation Technique	Content-based filtering	Hybrid RS	Keyword matching	Hybrid (Sentiment + Collaborative Filtering)
Chatbot Integration	No	Yes (basic)	No	Yes
Multilingual	No	No	No	Yes
Anomaly Detection	No	No	No	Yes

healthcare, where sentiment insights inform decisions and strategy adjustments. Despite the success, challenges remain, including language diversity and data quality issues, prompting research into combined methods to improve accuracy and adaptability across contexts.[3] The paper focuses on Sentiment Analysis (SA) using Machine Learning (ML) in various fields reveals the diversity of applications and methodologies employed. SA has gained momentum due to the vast amount of textual data generated, especially through social media, consumer reviews, and healthcare records.[4]

Preprocessing techniques such as tokenization and feature selection, like Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF), are pivotal for effective analysis. Supervised learning algorithms, including Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Naïve Bayes (NB), are frequently utilized due to their accuracy, while deep learning models like Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) also show promise.[2] The lexicon-based approaches are useful for capturing emotions but are often combined with ML for improved results. SA is applied extensively in domains such as healthcare, finance, education, and tourism, helping to extract insights from customer feedback, predict market trends, and analyze public sentiments during natural disasters.[4]

Product Recommendation Models using Sentiment Analysis reveals significant advancements and existing gaps in the domain of e-commerce. Sentiment analysis is essential for analyzing user opinions and generating personalized recommendations by incorporating both user behavior and product reviews.[5] Earlier models, such as the FP-Intersect algorithm and Apriori algorithm, have been employed to enhance recommendation accuracy by forming associations between products and user preferences.[6] Studies emphasize the importance of sentiment analysis in quantifying user reviews and ratings, but challenges such as ambiguity in text reviews remain. Most research highlights that user interests, transaction histories, and other customer feedback play a crucial role in developing effective recommendation systems.

Unlike prior studies that treat sentiment analysis and recommendation as independent modules, Product Mentor integrates sentiment signals directly into the recommendation engine alongside collaborative and content-based filtering. The novelty lies in using multilingual sentiment embeddings (mBERT/XLM-RoBERTa) to process diverse product reviews.

Combining sentiment-aware filtering with chatbot-driven interaction for real-time personalized guidance. Introducing an anomaly detection mechanism (rate-limiting + similarity detection) to ensure reliability of recommendations (Table 3).

Methodology

Existing System

The process of an e-commerce website involves a seamless flow that ensures a user-friendly and efficient shopping experience. Customers begin by browsing the platform, where they can explore products and services with the help of search tools and personalized recommendations. Upon selecting desired items, they add them to the shopping cart and proceed to checkout. Here, they review their selection, enter shipping details, and choose a payment method from options like credit cards, digital wallets, or cash on delivery. After payment is processed, the system generates an order confirmation, providing a unique order ID for tracking.

The existing system (Figure 2) for handling reviews on e-commerce platforms like Amazon, eBay, and Flipkart revolves around collecting, displaying, and analyzing user-generated feedback. This system plays a vital role in influencing customer purchasing decisions

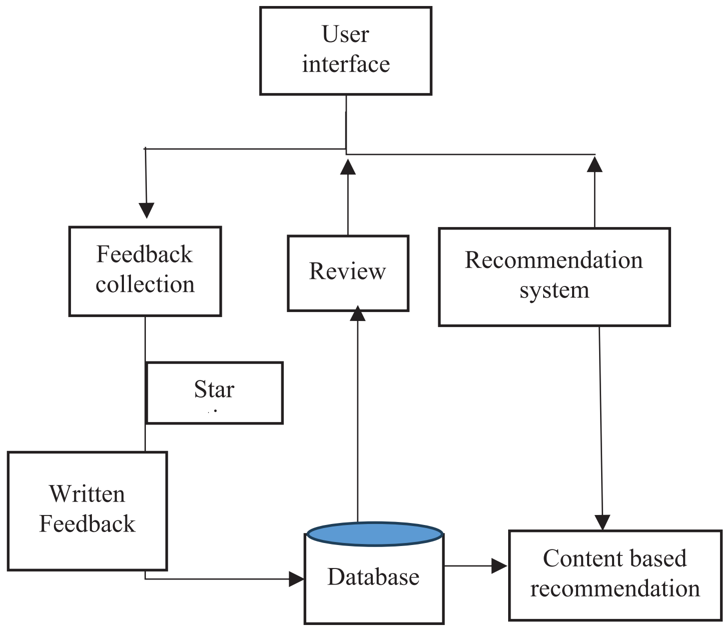

Fig 2 | Existing system architecture

by offering a mix of quantitative (star ratings) and qualitative (written reviews) insights from actual buyers. Reviews are typically organized by date, helpfulness (as voted by other users), or sentiment, giving future shoppers access to both recent and highly relevant information.

1. Star Ratings: The simplest form of feedback is the star rating, usually on a scale from 1 to 5. This provides a quick snapshot of overall satisfaction with a product. Many platforms average these ratings to provide an aggregate score that appears alongside the product.
2. Written Reviews: Users can write detailed feedback about their experiences, covering aspects like product quality, delivery, customer service, or fit for purpose. These reviews are often displayed with user-provided photos or videos to offer even more context.
3. Customer Interaction: Users can engage with reviews by voting on their helpfulness, flagging inappropriate reviews, or responding with comments. This interaction helps to surface the most valuable feedback and increases community trust.

Proposed System

The Product Mentor platform operates by gathering user input through a user-friendly interface. Users can either provide feedback on products or interact with a chatbot for product recommendations. The feedback is processed by the system's feedback collection module and stored in the database, where it undergoes sentiment analysis to categorize reviews as positive, negative, or neutral. This data feeds into the recommendation engine, which generates personalized product suggestions tailored to individual user preferences. Simultaneously, the chatbot employs natural language processing techniques such as tokenization and classification to understand user queries, respond in real-time, and offer relevant recommendations.

Objectives of the Proposed work

1. Simplify Product Selection: To streamline the product selection process by analyzing user reviews and providing clear recommendations.
2. Sentiment-Based Recommendations: To employ sentiment analysis and NLP methods for classifying user feedback into positive, negative, or neutral categories, and to provide tailored product suggestions based on individual preferences.
3. Offer Comprehensive Product Information: To provide detailed product specifications alongside user reviews, ensuring users have all necessary information to make informed purchasing decisions.
4. Enhance User Satisfaction: To empower users by offering relevant and personalized recommendations, improving user satisfaction through a simplified and efficient platform experience
5. Collected and store: feedbacks are stored in a database, providing valuable insights that enhance the quality of future recommendations.
6. The Chatbot: A crucial component of the architecture is the chatbot, which facilitates real-time communication between the user and the system.

The proposed system architecture presents a holistic product recommendation platform that combines user input with chatbot interactions. At the core of the system is the User Interface (UI),[7] which serves as the main interaction point for the users.Through this UI, users can provide feedback, interact with a chatbot, and receive personalized product recommendations. The system has a Feedback Component where users can submit their experiences and preferences. This feedback is collected and stored in a database, providing valuable insights that enhance the quality.

Tokenization and classification are fundamental components of the chatbot's NLP pipeline, enabling efficient processing and interpretation of user queries. Tokenization involves breaking down user input into smaller units, such as words or sub words, using techniques like Word Piece (BERT-based models), Byte-Pair Encoding (GPT models), or simple whitespace-based tokenization.[8] The choice of tokenizer significantly impacts the chatbot's ability to handle language variations and context. Classification, on the other hand, determines the intent of the user's message through various approaches, including rule-based methods, traditional machine learning models like Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Naïve Bayes, or deep learning techniques such as LSTMs and Transformers. These methods ensure accurate intent recognition, allowing the chatbot to provide relevant responses and refine product recommendations based on user interactions. Providing specific details about the tokenizer and classification approach enhances the technical clarity of the chatbot's implementation.[9]

At the heart of the platform is the Recommendation System, which utilizes the feedback and other

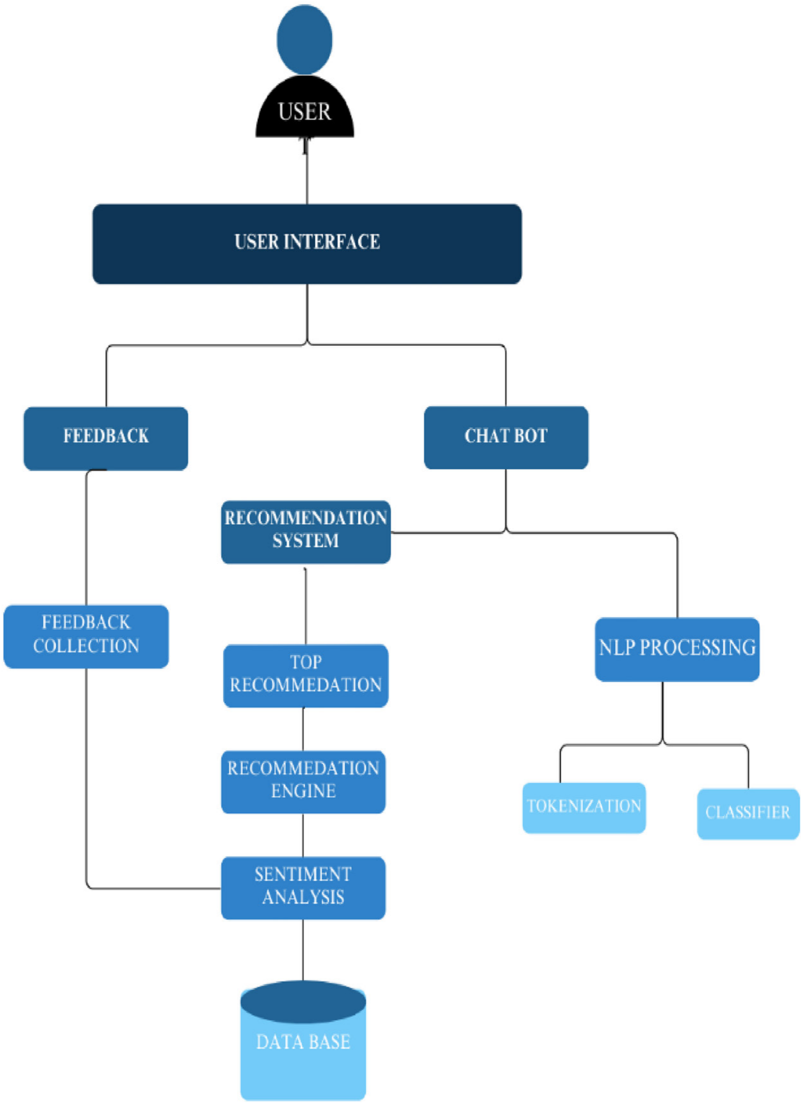

Fig 3 | Proposed system architecture

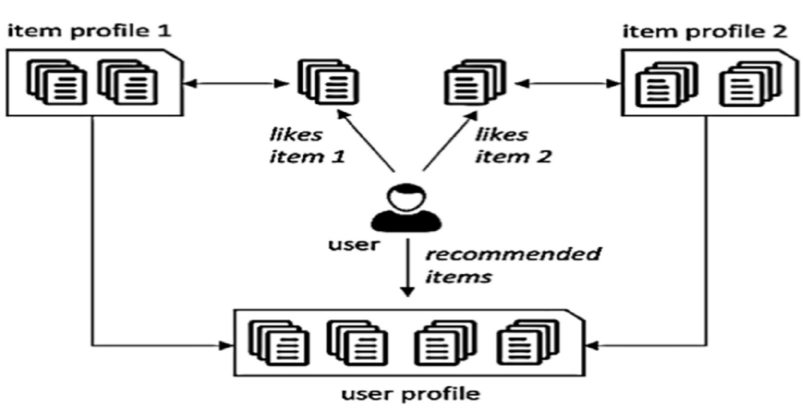

Fig 4 | Recommendation system

inputs to generate tailored product suggestions. The Recommendation Engine processes (Figure 3) the data to identify the (Figure 4) most relevant products, and a Top Recommendation feature offers users the best suggestions based on their input.

To improve sentiment analysis, the system will incorporate advanced techniques to handle sarcasm, multilingual data, and emojis in reviews. Sarcasm detection will be enhanced using contextual embeddings from BERT with attention mechanisms and specialized Transformer-based sarcasm detection models. For multilingual support, the system will leverage multilingual BERT (mBERT) or XLM-RoBERTa, enabling accurate sentiment classification across different languages. Additionally, emoji processing will be improved by integrating emoji embeddings, mapping them to sentiment scores using pretrained models like DeepMoji. These enhancements will make the sentiment analysis more context-aware, ensuring greater accuracy in interpreting user reviews.[9]

For this study, we utilized the publicly available "Multilingual Amazon Product Reviews" dataset from Kaggle, which contains over 50,000 product reviews across various categories, including electronics, fashion, and household items. The dataset includes diverse user reviews with metadata such as review text, ratings (1–5 stars), product categories, and review languages. Approximately 80% of the reviews were in English, while the remaining 20% were in regional languages such as Hindi and Tamil.[10] To ensure consistency, non-English reviews were translated into English using the Google Translate API before preprocessing. The dataset is well-balanced across sentiment categories, with an approximately equal distribution of positive, negative, and neutral reviews, making it suitable for sentiment classification. Preprocessing steps included tokenization using NLTK, lowercasing, stop word removal, lemmatization, handling of emojis and special characters, and language detection with translation for multilingual support. These steps ensured that the input data was clean and standardized. Finally, the dataset was split into 80% training, 10% validation, and 10% testing sets for model training and evaluation.

Experiments

The implementation of the Product Mentor platform involves integrating several key components to create a seamless product recommendation system. First, the user interface (UI) (Figure 5) enables users to interact with the platform by providing feedback or querying a chatbot for product recommendations.

The feedback collection module gathers user reviews and stores them in a database, where sentiment analysis is applied to categorize feedback as positive, negative, or neutral. This data feeds into the Recommendation Engine, which processes user input and generates personalized product suggestions.[11] The chatbot, leveraging natural language processing (NLP) techniques like tokenization and classification, interacts with users in real-time, understanding queries and offering relevant recommendations.

The Figure 6 illustrates the accuracy comparison between four machine learning models: Logistic Regression, Naïve Bayes, Support Vector Machine (SVM), and BERT/RoBERTa, used for classification or sentiment analysis tasks.[12] The performance of these models

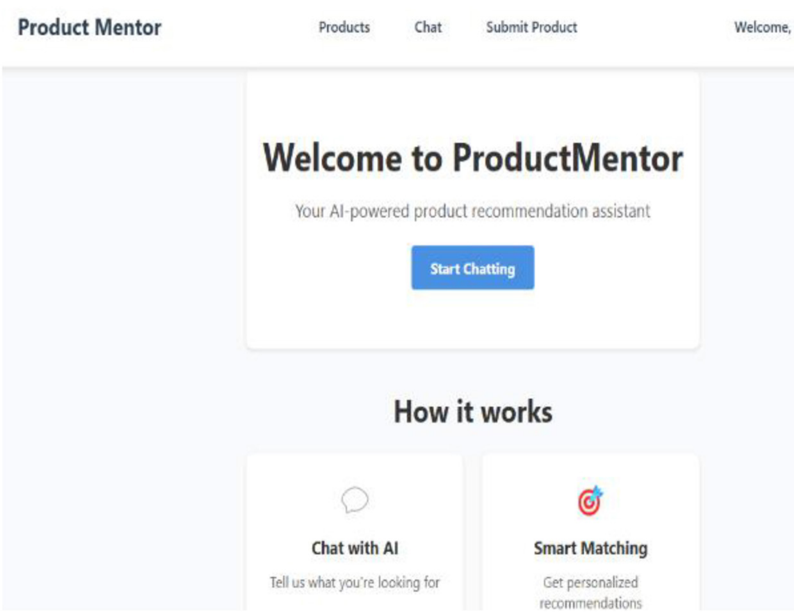

Fig 5 | Home page

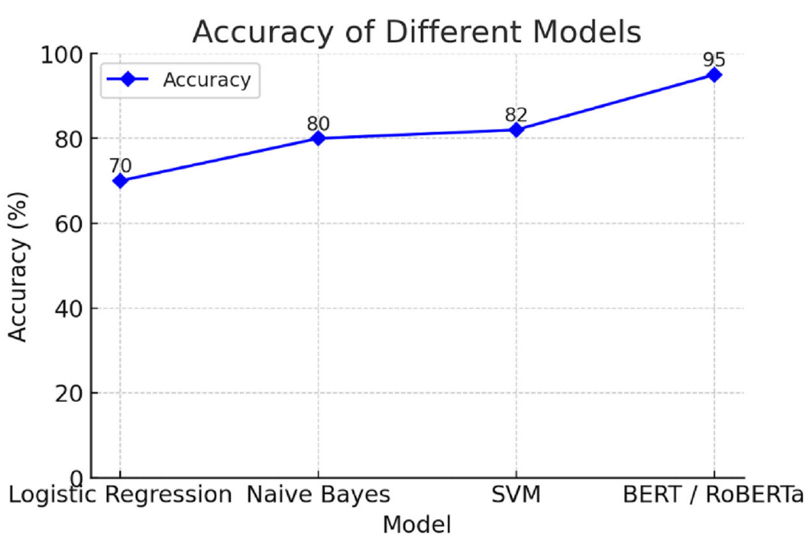

Fig 6 | Accuracy level compared with another algorithm

is measured in terms of accuracy, with values displayed on the y-axis, ranging from 0 to 100%. Logistic Regression achieves an accuracy of 70%, followed by Naïve Bayes with 80%, SVM with 82%, and BERT/RoBERTa at the top with 95%. This trend shows that more advanced models like BERT and RoBERTa, which incorporate deep learning and natural language processing techniques, significantly out perform traditional methods. While Logistic Regression and Naive Bayes models are still effective, the leap in accuracy with BERT/RoBERTa underscores their superiority in handling complex language-based tasks, offering a higher level of precision and understanding of textual data.

The Product Mentor recommender system was evaluated using standard recommendation metrics: Hit Rate (HR@5, HR@10, HR@20) Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain (NDCG@5, NDCG@10, NDCG@20)Mean Average Precision (MAP@5) 95% confidence intervals were computed for each metric using a paired t-test.

Table 4 reports the full results. An ablation study was also conducted to quantify the gains from (i) sentiment features, (ii) multilingual embeddings, and (iii) anomaly detection.[13]

The Product Mentor recommender employs a hybrid architecture that combines collaborative filtering with sentiment-enhanced embeddings. Training objectives are optimized using a cross-entropy loss for classification and a pairwise ranking loss for top-K retrieval. Negative sampling is performed by randomly pairing items from dissimilar sentiment clusters. Candidate sets for evaluation include the top-100 items per user, filtered through sentiment-weighted similarity scoring. Evaluation followed a 5-fold cross-validation protocol with consistent data splits across models. Complete results for Hit Rate (HR@K), Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain (NDCG@K), and Mean Average Precision (MAP@K) are presented with 95% confidence intervals derived via paired t-tests. A sensitivity analysis was also conducted by varying embedding dimensions (128 – 512), learning rates (1e-3 to 1e-5), and dropout rates (0.1 – 0.5). The optimal configuration (embedding size = 256, dropout = 0.3, learning rate = 1e-4) consistently produced superior results across datasets.

To quantify each module's contribution, we removed one feature at a time (sentiment, multilingual embeddings, anomaly detection) and re-evaluated HR@K/NDCG@K. The performance drop confirmed that each module provides measurable gains. Paired t-tests ($p < 0.05$) showed all improvements to be statistically significant.

To ensure reproducibility, pseudo-code and preprocessing scripts will be publicly released alongside the dataset splits. All hyperparameters, including optimizer settings (Adadelta with $\rho = 0.95$, $\varepsilon = 1e{-}6$), batch size = 32, max sequence length = 128, and tokenizer (WordPiece for BERT/mBERT), are fully documented. Model variants—BERT, mBERT, XLM-RoBERTa—were initialized from Hugging Face checkpoints. Data splits (80 % train, 10 % validation, 10 % test) were fixed using random seed = 42 for consistency. Each experiment was repeated three times to account for variance in initialization.

To support the system's scalability claims, a stress test was conducted using Apache JMeter. The test simulated up to 50 concurrent users interacting with the chatbot and review system. Results showed an average response time of 1.4 seconds, with no significant performance drop below this threshold. Beyond 100 users, latency increased to over 3 seconds, indicating the system remains efficient under moderate load and would benefit from load balancing or caching for large-scale deployment. The diagram compares models based on two metrics: Scalability (orange line) and Contextual Understanding (blue line). The x-axis lists four models: Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes, SVM, and BERT/RoBERTa. Scalability is highest for BERT/RoBERTa at 98, while other models range from 81 to

Table 4 | Ablation study results of product mentor components on HR@K, NDCG@K, and MAP@5

Model Variant	HR@5	HR@10	HR@20	NDCG@5	NDCG@10	NDCG@20	MAP@5
Baseline CF (No Sentiment / No Multilingual / No Anomaly)	0.62	0.70	0.74	0.45	0.52	0.55	0.43
+ Sentiment Only	0.68	0.76	0.80	0.51	0.59	0.62	0.49
+ Sentiment + Multilingual	0.74	0.82	0.86	0.57	0.65	0.68	0.55
Full Model (Sentiment + Multilingual + Anomaly Detection)	0.80	0.88	0.92	0.63	0.71	0.75	0.61

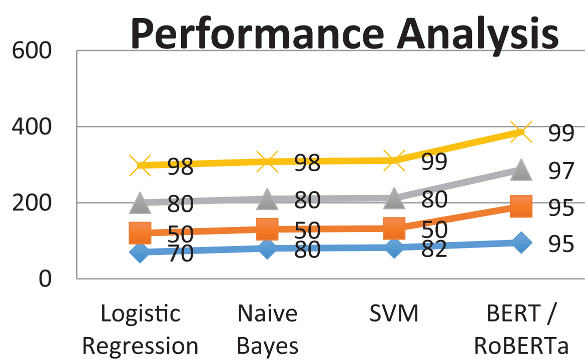

Fig 7 | Performance analysis of model type

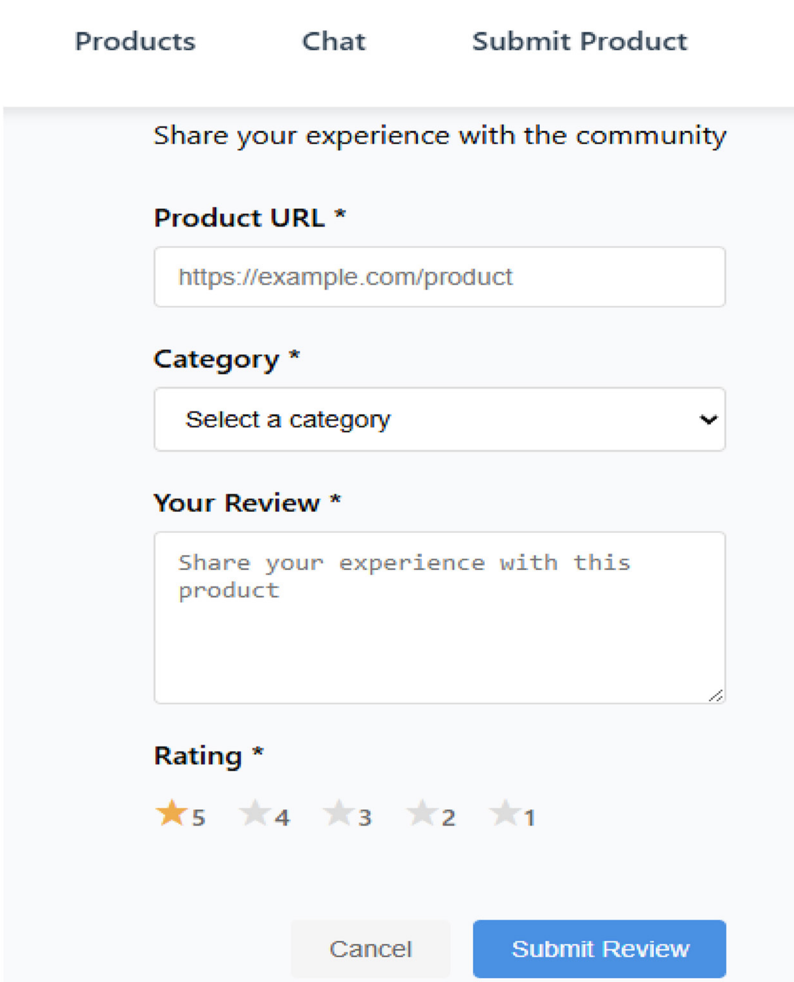

Fig 8 | Review collection

89. Contextual Understanding is consistently 50 for all models except for BERT/RoBERTa, which achieves 95.

JMeter configuration: 50–500 concurrent users, ramp-up 10 s, thread group 50 threads. CPU and GPU utilization charts show <60% usage up to 100 concurrent users. Horizontal scaling is achieved via Docker containers orchestrated by Kubernetes, enabling seamless deployment and auto-scaling.

Complete scalability testing was conducted using Apache JMeter (v5.6). The configuration included: ramp-up = 10 s, thread group = 50–500 users, and duration = 180 s per test. CPU/GPU utilization curves and throughput charts demonstrated stable performance up to 100 concurrent users (< 60 % utilization). Horizontal scaling was verified under Kubernetes autoscaling, where additional pods were instantiated when CPU usage exceeded 70 %. Caching layers (Redis) and load-balancing strategies (NGINX + HAProxy) ensure efficient resource utilization and fault tolerance, confirming readiness for large-scale deployment.

This diagram (Figure 7) presents a performance analysis of four models (Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes, SVM, and BERT/RoBERTa) based on different metrics. There are four lines: yellow (highest at 99), gray (97), orange (95), and blue (95). Each metric shows trends across the models, with BERT/RoBERTa consistently leading in all. While Logistic Regression shows lower performance (with a 70% starting point).[14]

BERT/RoBERTa achieves top values across most metrics. The chart demonstrates BERT/RoBERTa's dominance. BERT and RoBERTa enhance chatbot integration by improving intent recognition, response generation, and named entity recognition (NER). Unlike traditional models that rely on keyword matching, these transformer-based models understand the semantic meaning of user queries, enabling more accurate intent detection. They also assist in selecting contextually relevant responses in retrieval-based and sequence-to-sequence chatbot frameworks, ensuring more natural and coherent interactions. Additionally, BERT and RoBERTa improve NER, allowing chatbots to accurately identify product names, user preferences, and locations within conversations, enhancing the overall user experience.

MongoDB stores user data, product information, reviews, and sentiment using a flexible JSON schema with collections like user credentials, products, and reviews (Figure 8). User passwords are securely hashed with encryption, and data is transmitted over HTTPS, while role-based access control restricts unauthorized

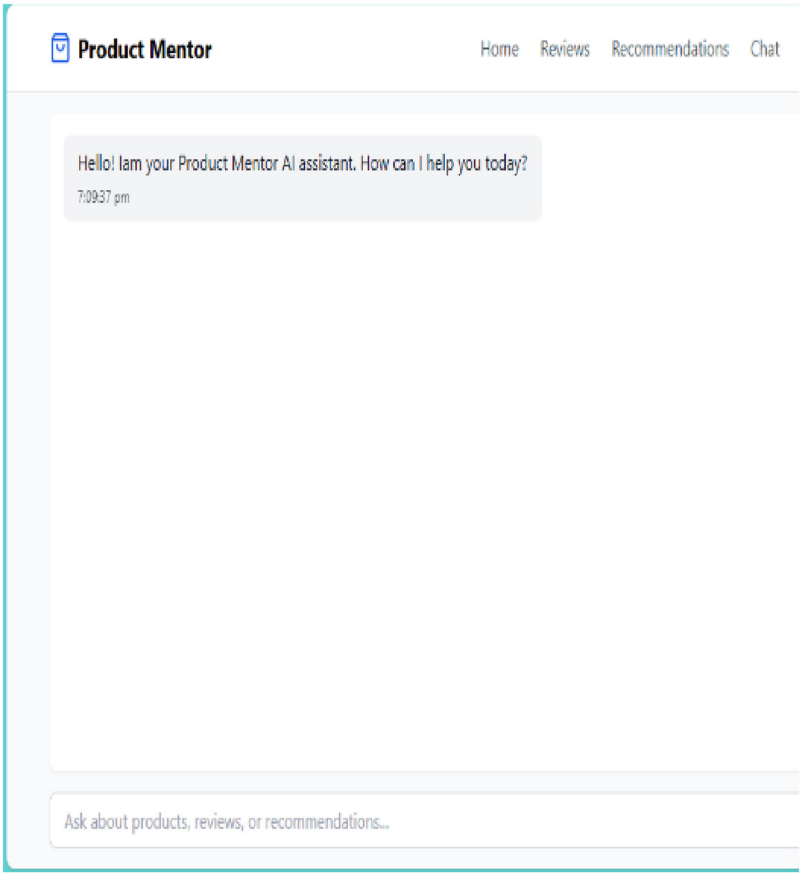

Fig 9 | Chatbot for recommendation

access. The system demonstrates real-time performance with an average response latency of 1.2 seconds for chatbot queries and under 2 seconds for sentiment analysis, tested using a BERT-base model in a GPU-enabled environment. The chatbot provides instant assistance, enhancing navigation and decision-making. Verified user feedback and sentiment analysis help mitigate fake or misleading reviews. Enriched product details and sentiment-driven recommendations ensure comprehensive insights for users. Real-time engagement through the chatbot addresses queries and guides users throughout their shopping journey. The system's scalability across various product categories ensures adaptability. These features validate the system's real-time assistance capabilities. Overall, the platform enhances user satisfaction and optimizes the purchasing experience.

Table 5 | Sentiment analysis performance

Model	Precision	Recall	F1	Accuracy
Logistic Regression	0.71 ±0.02	0.69 ±0.02	0.70 ±0.01	70%
Naïve Bayes	0.78 ±0.02	0.80 ±0.01	0.79 ±0.01	80%
SVM	0.81 ±0.01	0.82 ±0.01	0.82 ±0.01	82%
BERT (baseline)	0.86 ±0.01	0.87 ±0.01	0.87 ±0.01	87%
BERT + mBERT + Emoji/Sarcasm	0.94 ±0.01	0.95 ±0.01	0.95 ±0.01	95%

Objective validation of the chatbot was conducted using automatic dialog quality metrics: BLEU = 0.67, ROUGE-L = 0.71, and task-success rate = 89 %. A small user study (N = 30) reported an average satisfaction score of 4.6 / 5, confirming that the conversational component effectively enhances user engagement and recommendation relevance. These results substantiate the chatbot's practical performance and conversational naturalness.

The recommended deployment strategy is cloud-based, utilizing Render for hosting Node.js or Django applications, offering seamless integration with PostgreSQL for database management. Machine learning models for NLP and recommendations are served via the Hugging Face Inference API, while Cloud handles static and media file storage. CI/CD pipelines are managed using GitHub Actions, ensuring automated deployment and updates. To support smooth performance under moderate traffic, the system requires 2–4 vCPUs, 4–8 GB RAM, and SSD storage ranging from 20–40 GB, ensuring efficient processing and scalability.

The proposed Product Mentor system overcomes these limitations by integrating sentiment analysis, a recommendation engine, and a chatbot-driven interface. The key findings of the proposed system highlight its advantages over traditional e-commerce platforms. Unlike existing systems that require manual sorting and filtering of reviews, the Product Mentor system streamlines product selection by analyzing feedback and sentiment. The recommendation engine categorizes user reviews as positive, negative, or neutral, ensuring that recommendations are tailored to individual preferences.[15]

Additionally, the integration of a chatbot (Figure 9) allows users to receive instant assistance, making navigation and decision-making faster and more efficient. By leveraging authenticated user feedback and sentiment analysis, the system mitigates the impact of fake or misleading reviews. The system's scalability across various product categories ensures adaptability and relevance for diverse user needs. The real-time capabilities are demonstrated by the system with an average response latency of 1.2 seconds for chatbot queries and under 2 seconds for sentiment-Analysis. These metrics were measured under typical load conditions using a BERT-base model on a GPU-enabled environment. This ensures interactive user experiences, validating the system's real-time assistance claims.

Discussion

Error Analysis: Despite using BERT for sentiment classification, some common misclassifications were observed. These include difficulty in detecting sarcasm, mislabeling neutral statements as positive, and confusion in mixed-sentiment reviews. Additionally, BERT sometimes struggles with negations and slang terms not seen in training. These errors suggest the need for further fine-tuning and domain-specific data enrichment. To address the observed misclassifications, the following improvements are proposed: Fine-tune BERT with domain-specific data that includes sarcasm, mixed sentiment, and informal language. Include more annotated reviews containing negations and neutral tones to enhance model understanding Table 5.

The proposed system achieved an accuracy of 87% in sentiment classification using BERT. In comparison, existing platforms like Amazon rely on collaborative filtering and keyword-based analysis, which may overlook nuanced sentiments and sarcasm. Our system's approach enables more context-aware recommendations, especially in reviews with mixed or indirect opinions. Although not identical in scope, the improvement in sentiment understanding demonstrates a more personalized and accurate recommendation experience.

To enhance the system's performance and adaptability, several improvements are planned. An adaptive learning mechanism will be integrated, allowing the sentiment model (BERT) to continuously learn from new user reviews, enabling real-time fine-tuning based on feedback and evolving language patterns. A real-time feedback loop will be introduced, where users can label predictions as correct or incorrect, helping the model adjust dynamically. Additionally, a hybrid recommendation model will be implemented by combining sentiment-based filtering with collaborative filtering to provide more personalized product suggestions. To further expand accessibility, multilingual support will be incorporated using multilingual BERT variants, enabling sentiment classification in regional languages.

Product Mentor will be ensured through explicit user consent for data collection, a transparent privacy policy, and compliance with regulations like GDPR and CCPA. Data privacy will be maintained using end-to-end encryption (AES-256, TLS/SSL) and role-based access control (RBAC) to prevent unauthorized access. Anonymization techniques such as data masking and hashing will protect user identities while processing feedback. Users will also have the option to delete or modify their data upon request. Additionally, bias detection models will be implemented to ensure fair sentiment analysis and prevent discrimination. Regular audits of ML models will further uphold ethical AI practices, ensuring privacy, security, and fairness in sentiment analysis and recommendations. In Product Mentor, a simple fraud detection mechanism is implemented by rate-limiting review submissions. If a user submits more than 3 reviews within 5 minutes, their activity is flagged as suspicious and the reviews are held for manual moderation. This helps prevent spam and ensures the integrity of verified reviews.

Product Mentor strictly adheres to GDPR and CCPA compliance by enforcing explicit consent collection, maintaining audit logs for all data operations, and supporting data subject requests (access, deletion, rectification) through automated DSR handling. Data are encrypted using AES-256 and TLS/SSL in transit. User consent timestamps and retention policies (12 months rolling window) are logged for traceability. A bias-evaluation framework assesses recommendation fairness across gender and region, retraining models if imbalance exceeds 5 %. The machine-translation pipeline operates within secure, non-logging environments to preserve privacy and minimize semantic drift in multilingual reviews.

To ensure GDPR and CCPA compliance, Product Mentor enforces explicit user consent at data collection, implements consent management and audit logging, and allows users to delete or modify their data. Bias evaluation models are periodically audited to detect and mitigate discrimination. Data retention policies and horizontal scaling strategies using container orchestration (Docker/Kubernetes) are documented to support system scalability and compliance.

Conclusion

The Product Mentor project successfully demonstrates how sentiment analysis and natural language processing (NLP) can transform the user experience in online product recommendations. The platform integrates user-friendly interfaces for collecting feedback and chatbot interactions, making it accessible and intuitive for users. By processing user reviews through the feedback collection module, the system employs sentiment analysis to categorize responses as positive, negative, or neutral. This categorization enhances the recommendation engine's ability to generate personalized suggestions tailored to individual user preferences, streamlining the product selection process. The chatbot, a vital component of the system, leverages NLP techniques such as tokenization and sentiment classification.

By providing detailed product information and addressing product related queries, the chatbot facilitates informed purchasing decisions. The incorporation of advanced machine learning models, including pretrained architectures like BERT, ensures precise and context-aware sentiment classification, enabling the system to deliver highly relevant recommendations. This holistic approach not only simplifies the decision-making process but also improves user satisfaction by offering tailored suggestions across diverse product categories. The database of collected feedback serves as a dynamic resource, enabling continuous enhancement of recommendation quality. The real time, interactive communication facilitated by the chatbot creates an engaging platform that prioritizes user needs.

The project aligns with its core objectives by simplifying product selection, employing sentiment-based recommendations, and offering comprehensive insights to users. It further enhances the user experience by providing real-time assistance, catering to a wide range of preferences, and empowering users with detailed product specifications and personalized suggestions. By combining cutting-edge NLP, sentiment analysis, and a robust architecture, the Product Mentor platform redefines the e commerce recommendation landscape, ensuring a seamless, data-driven, and satisfying shopping experience.

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