

# Product Aspect Ranking on the Consumers Reviews and Its Applications

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**Abstract:** Consumers normally search large amount of information from online reviews before buying any product, while many business firms use online customer reviews as significant feedbacks in developing, marketing and promoting their product. The objective of our work is proposing a product aspect ranking framework, which automatically identifies the important aspects of products from online consumer reviews, which makes it easier for the consumers for buying the product by using the numerous online consumer reviews. System classifies the reviews on the basis of aspects. And then the aspects are ranked with probability ranking algorithm. Millions of reviews from various websites are grouped and made available within each website by means of graphical representations of each aspect of different products.

**Keywords:** Aspect Ranking, Aspect Identification, Consumer Reviews, Opinions, Product Aspects, Sentiment Classification, Graphical Representation.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In Our work reveals the growing importance of online reviews before making a buying decision. More consumers are using reviews when researching, which product is having highest ranking. So eventually, consumers get familiar and comfortable with reviews. Recently e-commerce is growing rapidly millions and billion s of products are offered online by the merchants for example Amazon.com, Snapdeal.com. The various websites encourages consumers to provide their opinions

over the specific aspects of the products. Aspects are the features of the products or an attribute of a product. Besides the retail websites there are the forum websites that provides the platform for the consumers to provide their opinions on the various products. For example CNet.com and Reevo.com, viewpoints.com which has millions of reviews on various products. These numerous reviews contain valuable knowledge. This is very important for consumers and firms. Fig.1

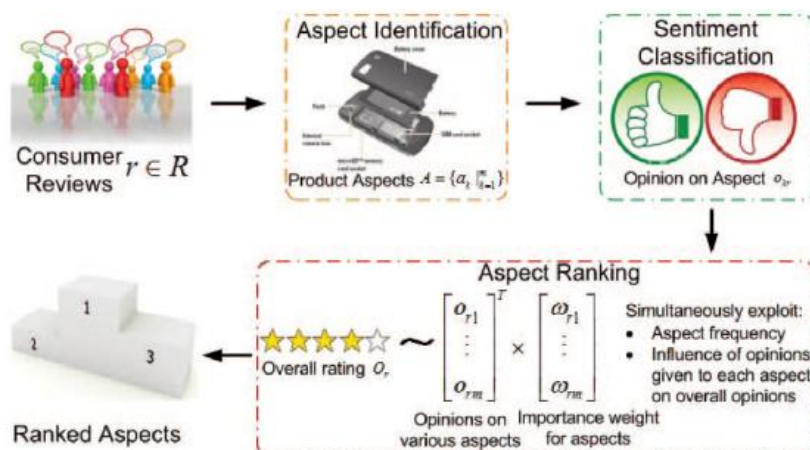


Fig. 1. Architecture diagram of Product Aspect Ranking Using Sentiment Classification

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

In the area of Opinion Mining following systems are already available

- Y. Wu, Q. Zhang, X. Huang, and L. Wu, [9] have considered for the categorization of the documents in the categories like positive and negative. They has

experimented topic based categorization using standard algorithms machine learning techniques like Naive Baye's classification and Maximum Entropy classification and Support Vector machines.

- A.Ghose and P. G. Ipeirotis [11] have explored multiple aspects of review text, subjectivity, readability levels and spelling errors are identified and obtains the text based features. And this approach also identifies

the helpfulness of the reviews using Random forest based classifiers.

- M. Hu and B. Liu [4] in this system it summarizes the customer reviews with the help of the product feature that is mentioned in the review and the category of that review.
- B. Ohana and B. Tierney [12] Sentiwordnet is a lexical resource which identifies the polarity of the review with the positive term score and negative terms scores.

### III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

#### A. System Overview

Product aspect ranking frame work is the proposed procedure we will be using in our approach. Beginning with an overview of the three major components that we will be 1) Product Aspect Identification 2) Sentiment Classification on Aspects 3) Probabilistic Aspect Ranking.

When consumer reviews are given, we, first of all, recognize the aspects in the opinions and then examine consumer reviews on the aspects by making use of the sentiment classifier.

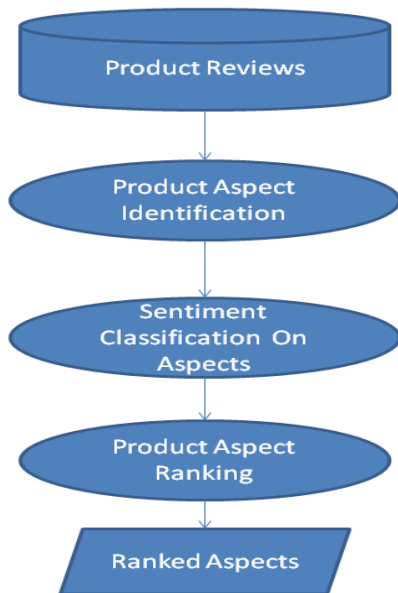


Fig. 2 System Workflow

#### • Product Aspect Identification

A review generally comprises of pros and cons reviews, free text reviews, ratings, over all reviews and so on. In our approach, we will be working with all kinds of reviews. In the case of free text reviews, we first split the reviews into sentences and split each sentence using Stanford parser into words. Then the frequent noun terms are refined and grouped together. In the case of pros and cons reviews, the aspects are represented in a vocabulary for identification of product aspects from free text reviews, and utilize every aspect to determine the Support Vector Machine (SVM). The SVM is used to identify the noun terms. The clustered synonyms are collected from the synonym dictionary website.

#### • Sentiment Classification on Product Aspects

Here, the product aspects are examined by sentiment classification. Existing techniques are the supervised learning and lexicon based approaches. Once the product aspects are identified, we collect the true values which can be used as the features of the product, after the identification of the product aspects from the reviews the reviews are classified on the basis of the product aspects. And also the reviews are classified into their polarities like positive and negative. The supervised learning methods train a sentiment classifier based on training corpus. The classifier is then used to predict the sentiment on each aspect. Many learning-based classification models are applicable, for example, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Naive Bayes, and Maximum Entropy (ME) model etc.

#### • Product Aspect Ranking Algorithm

Finally, we will be proposing a Product Aspect Ranking Algorithm in order to detect the significant aspects of a product from number of reviews. The opinion in a review is a collection of expressions given to specific aspects in the review. To compute the importance score of the product aspect. The aspects that are frequently commented and are very important to take purchase decisions by the consumers. Consumers opinions on the specific product aspects influences the overall opinions of the product. There are the various aspects that are commented and the importance score is computed with the Probabilistic Aspect Ranking Algorithm. The reviews on the important aspects have strong effect on the overall opinion. To obtain this overall opinion, We can compute the Overall rating  $O_r$  in every review  $r$  is generated from the weighted sum of opinions on particular aspect as  $\sum_{k=1}^m \omega_{rk} o_{rk}$ .  $O_{rk}$  is the opinion on the aspect  $a_k$  and the importance weight  $\omega_{rk}$  of aspect  $a_k$ . Larger  $\omega_{rk}$  means  $a_k$  is more important and vice versa.  $\omega_r$  is vector of weights and  $O_r$  is a vector of opinion on specific aspect. Overall ratings are generated by the Gaussian Distribution and probabilities are generated.

$\{\omega_r\}_{r=1}^{|R|}$  and  $\{\mu, \Sigma, \sigma^2\}$  are model parameters. While  $\{\mu, \Sigma, \sigma^2\}$  can be calculated from review corpus  $R = \{r_1, \dots, r_{|R|}\}$  using maximum likelihood.  $\omega_r$  in review  $r$  can be optimized through Maximum posteriori (MAP) estimation.  $\omega_r$  and  $\{\mu, \Sigma, \sigma^2\}$  are optimized by EMstyle algorithm.

Optimizing  $\omega_r$  given  $\{\mu, \Sigma, \sigma^2\}$

$$\hat{\omega}_r = \left( \frac{O_r O_r^T}{\sigma^2} + \Sigma^{-1} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{O_r \cdot o_r}{\sigma^2} + \Sigma^{-1} \mu \right). \quad (1)$$

Optimizing  $\{\mu, \Sigma, \sigma^2\}$  given  $\omega_r$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{|R|} \sum_{r \in R} (O_r - \omega_r^T)^2. \quad (2)$$

**Algorithm Probability aspect ranking algorithm**

**Input:** Consumer review corpus R, each review  $r \in R$  is associated with an overall rating  $O_r$  and a vector of opinions  $O_r$  on specific aspects.

**Output:** Importance scores  $\omega_k |_{k=1}^m$  for all m aspects.

**while** not converged **do**

Update  $\{\omega_r\}_{r=1}^{|R|}$  according to Eq. (1);

Update  $\{\mu, \Sigma, \sigma^2\}$  according to Eq. (2);

**End While**

Compute aspect importance scores  $\omega_k |_{k=1}^m = 1$ .

**B. Mathematical Model**

Let S be the set of Itemsets, Processes, Output,  $S=I, P, O$  where I represents the set of reviews which are input to the

Product aspect ranking system, P represents the set of processes that are used for the sentiment classification and aspect ranking, IO represents intermediate Output, O represents the set of output for review processing.

$I=I1, I2$

$P=P1, P2, P3$

$IO=IO1, IO2$

$O=O$

Where,

$I1 =$  Pros & Cons Review,

$I2 =$  Free Text Review,

$P1 =$  Process for identifying the Product Aspects,

$P2 =$  Sentiment Classification,

$P3 =$  Ranking the Aspects,

$IO1 =$  Identified Product Aspects,

$IO2 =$  Classification Sentiments,

$O =$  Ranked Aspects.

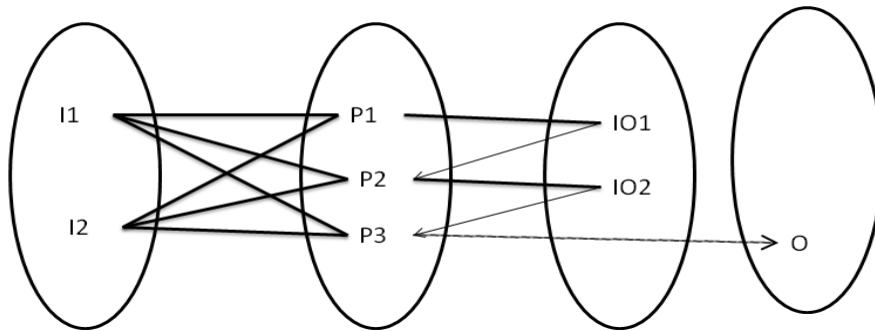


Fig. 3. Ven diagram

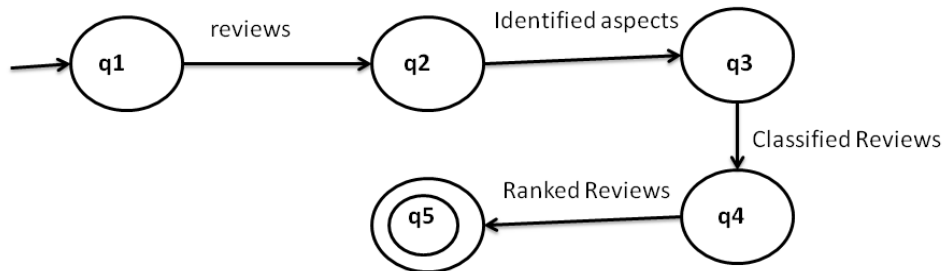


Fig. 4 Process State Diagram

Where,

q1 = Product Reviews

q2 = Product Aspect Identification

q3 = Sentiment Classification by Aspects

q4 = Product Aspect Ranking

q5 = Ranked Aspects

**VI. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS**

This system is basically divided into three main modules. As we have studied, in which three modules are successfully completed and gives desired output. Fig5 Shows sequence diagram of product aspect ranking system. First module of the system is Product aspect identification in which consumer's free text reviews are input to this module and output of the system is identified aspects. Second module is Sentiment classification on the

basis of aspects in which reviews are classified under its aspects. Third module is product aspect ranking in which the aspects that are identified from the reviews those aspects are ranked.

**A. Product Aspect Identification**

Consumer reviews are of in different formats on various types of Websites. The Websites such as CNet.com require consumers to give an overall rating on the product, describe concise positive and negative opinions (i.e. Pros and Cons) on some product aspects, and write a paragraph of detailed review in free text. Some websites, e.g., Viewpoints.com, only ask for an overall rating and a paragraph of free-text review. The others such as Reevo.com just require an overall rating and some concise positive and negative opinions on certain aspects.

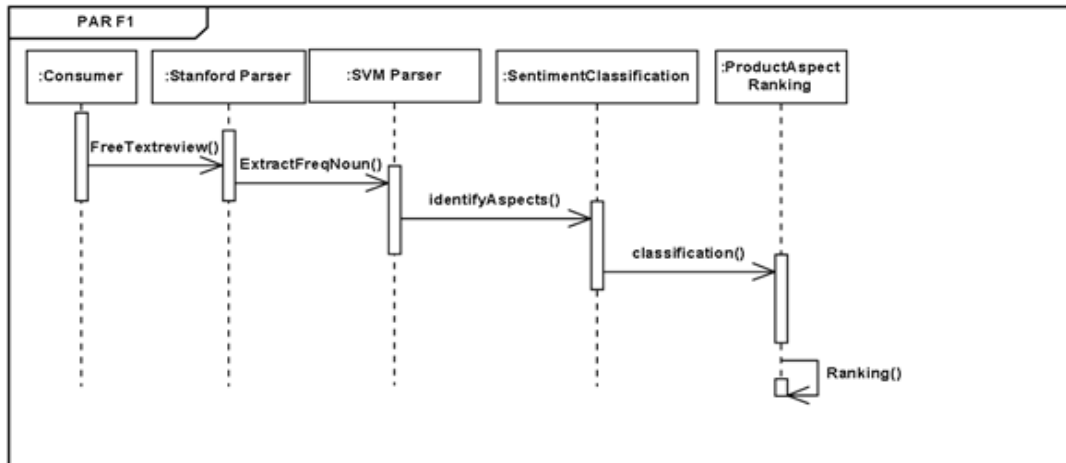


Fig. 5. Sequence diagram of Product Aspect Ranking System

In summary, besides an overall rating, a consumer review consists of Pros and Cons reviews, free text review, or both.

A.1 The Pros and Cons reviews

The Pros and Cons reviews, I identify the aspects by extracting the frequent noun terms in the reviews. Previous studies have shown that aspects are usually nouns or noun phrases, and System can obtain highly accurate aspects by extracting frequent noun terms from the Pros and Cons reviews. And which obtains the vocabulary for the identification of product aspects.

A.2 The Free Text Review

For identifying aspects in the free text reviews, free text review is used as an input to the system. Then Pros & cons reviews are used to generate the vocabulary of the product aspects and that vocabulary is used for the identification of the product aspects. First free text reviews are split in to the sentences and then each word of the sentence is parsed for the identification of the aspects of product.

A.3 Stanford Parser

In order to obtain more precise identification of aspects, system here proposes to exploit the Pros and Cons reviews as auxiliary knowledge to assist identify aspects in the free text reviews. In particular, a system first splits the free text reviews into sentences, and parses each sentence using Stanford parser. The frequent noun phrases are then extracted from the sentence parsing trees as candidate aspects. Since these candidates may contain noises, System further leverage the Pros and Cons reviews helps to identify aspects from the words. System collects all the frequent noun terms extracted from the Pros and Cons reviews to form a vocabulary then represent each aspect in the Pros and Cons reviews. This vocabulary is used in the SVM classifier for identification of product aspects.

A.4 SVM Classifier

The resultant classifier is in turn used to identify aspects in the words extracted from the free text reviews. It removes the noises from the reviews. The stop words are neglected from the free text reviews. It uses vocabulary of product aspects. Product aspect vocabulary is generated from the pros and cons reviews.

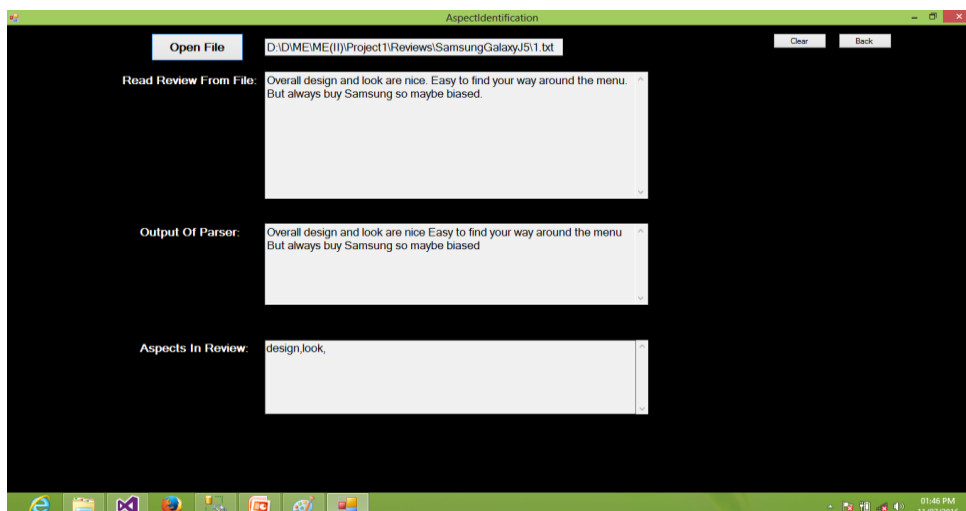


Fig 6. Snapshot of Product Aspects Identification

B .Sentiment Classification on the basis of Aspects  
Reviews are classified on the basis of the aspects of the product aspects. Reviews are collected from www.reevoo.com websites and domain is mobile. Lexicon based approach is used to classify those aspects.

There are 15 mobile products are considered and each product's 30 reviews are parsed by the system. Aspects are identified from these reviews and then classified under its aspects.

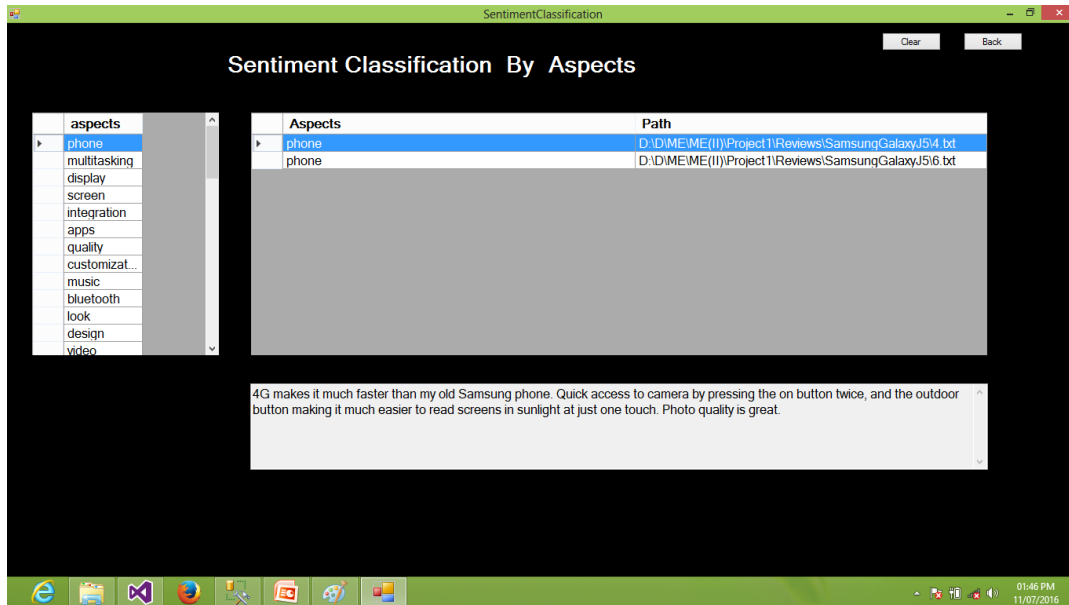


Fig. 7.Snapshot of Sentiment Classification on the basis of Aspects

C. Product Aspect Ranking  
Frequency of each aspect is computed by the system and on the basis of the frequency of aspects the aspects are ranked. Frequency means how many times the particular aspect is reviewed. So the popularity of a specific aspect

among the number of aspects can be determined and the graphical representation of its result is shown by the system.

To observe the system performance I have considered 15 different mobile products. Each product has 30 reviews.

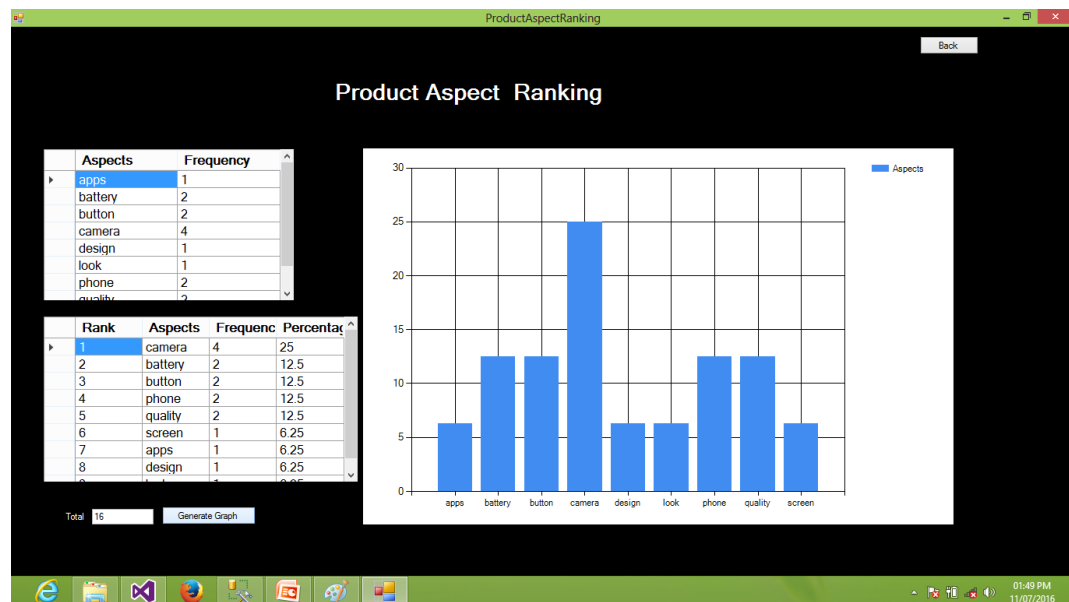


Fig 8 Snapshot of Product Aspect Ranking

VII. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

The system is being built using C#.Net framework on Windows platform.

The Visual Studio 2013 is alternatively used as a development tool. The system doesn't require any specific hardware to run; any standard machine is capable of running the application.

I have considered 15 mobile products and for each product from www.reevoo.com websites. From these reviews I got I have considered 25 reviews I have collected all reviews the following results.

| PRODUCTS               | NUMBER OF REVIEWS | WEBSITE        |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| SAMSUNG GALAXY J5      | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| NOKIA N95              | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| IPHONE 5S              | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| SONY EXPERIA J         | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| IPHONE6S               | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| IPHONE SE              | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| DORO PHONE EASY6 12GB  | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| GOOGLE NEXUS 5 16 GB   | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| LG G4                  | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| MICROSOFT LUMIA 640    | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| MOTOROLA G 3RD GEN     | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| MOTOROLA MOTO G4       | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| SAMSUNG GALAXY A3      | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| SAMSUNG GALAXY S7      | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |
| SONY XPERIA Z5 COMPACT | 25                | WWW.REEVOO.COM |

To measure the performance of the Product aspect ranking system I have used F1 measure so I have used above reviews and then performance of the system is measured. Results of the system are computed by the following formulas.

$$precision = \frac{\text{Number of relevant documents retrieved}}{\text{Total number of documents retrieved}}$$

$$recall = \frac{\text{Number of relevant documents retrieved}}{\text{Total number of relevant documents}}$$

$$f1measure = \frac{2 \times Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall}$$

| PRODUCTS          | A  | B  | C  | P    | R    | F1   |
|-------------------|----|----|----|------|------|------|
| SAMSUNG GALAXY J5 | 19 | 25 | 25 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.75 |
| NOKIA N95         | 18 | 25 | 25 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.71 |
| IPHONE 5S         | 17 | 25 | 25 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.67 |
| SONY EXPERIA J    | 21 | 25 | 25 | 0.84 | 0.84 | 0.85 |
| IPHONE6S          | 17 | 25 | 25 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.67 |

|                        |    |    |    |      |      |      |
|------------------------|----|----|----|------|------|------|
| IPHONE SE              | 17 | 25 | 25 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.67 |
| DORO PHONE EASY6 12GB  | 18 | 25 | 25 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.71 |
| GOOGLE NEXUS 5 16 GB   | 20 | 25 | 25 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.80 |
| LG G4                  | 21 | 25 | 25 | 0.84 | 0.84 | 0.83 |
| MICROSOFT LUMIA 640    | 22 | 25 | 25 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.87 |
| MOTOROLA G 3RD GEN     | 21 | 25 | 25 | 0.84 | 0.84 | 0.83 |
| MOTOROLA MOTO G4       | 21 | 25 | 25 | 0.84 | 0.84 | 0.83 |
| SAMSUNG GALAXY A3      | 19 | 25 | 25 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.75 |
| SAMSUNG GALAXY S7      | 19 | 25 | 25 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.75 |
| SONY XPERIA Z5 COMPACT | 21 | 25 | 25 | 0.84 | 0.84 | 0.83 |

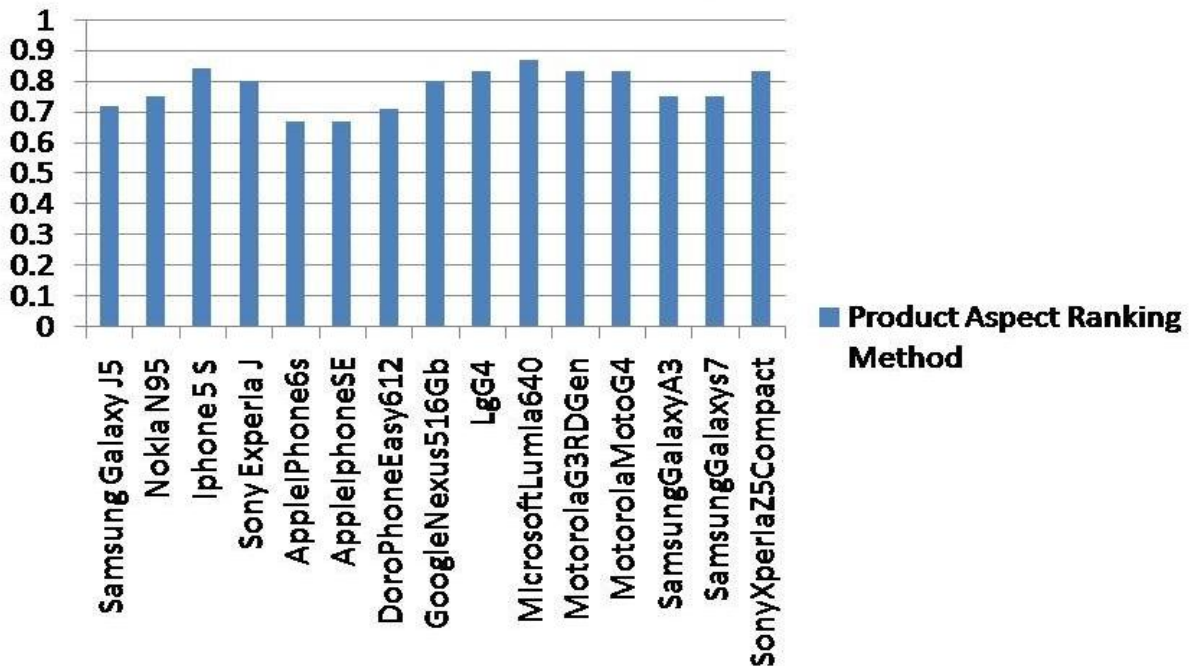


Fig. 9. Performance of Product Aspect Ranking System

VIII. APPLICATIONS

1) Document Sentiment Classification

Documents are considered as reviews and the orientation of these reviews can be determined by this system. It can be used to get the popularity of the particular product which is very important for the product firms to get the popularity of their product.

2) Extractive Review Summarization

The reviews are disorganized. It is impractical for user to grasp the overview of consumer reviews and opinions on various aspects of a product from such enormous reviews. So summary can be generated for the lengthy and disorganized reviews by only storing the opinion terms and aspects from the reviews.

IX. CONCLUSION

A product aspect ranking framework to identify the important aspects of products from numerous consumer reviews. The framework contains three main components that are, product aspect identification, aspect sentiment classification, and aspect ranking. System first identifies the product aspects then the identified aspects are classified on the basis of the aspects and then the product aspects are ranked.

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