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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

API	Application Programming Interface
BERT	Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers
BERTopic	BERT Topic Modeling
EDA	Exploratory Data Analysis
eWOM	electronic Word-of-Mouth
HDBSCAN	Hierarchical Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications
	with Noise
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
LDA	Latent Dirichlet Allocation
LSA	Latent Semantic Analysis
LSI	Latent Semantic Indexing
LSTM	Long Short-Term Memory
ME	Maximum Entropy
ML	Machine Learning
NLP	Natural Language Processing
NMF	Non-negative Matrix Factorization
NRC	National Research Council
OM	Opinion Mining
pLsa	Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis
SA	Sentiment Analysis
SVD	Singular Value Decomposition
SVM	Support Vector Machine
TF-IDF	Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency
Top2Vec	orm Resource
UGC	User-Generated Content
UMAP	Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
USB	Universal Serial Bus
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences

ABSTRACT

The growth of e-commerce has led to a shift in the way customers shop, making online shopping more convenient and accessible for consumers worldwide. With the increasing importance of providing excellent customer experiences, customer satisfaction has become a crucial factor for businesses to consider. Online reviews and feedback have become a major outlet for customers to express their opinions on certain products and services. This study investigated the determinants of customer satisfaction in the ecommerce industry through the application of text-mining techniques to online customer reviews. The study examined the factors that affect customer satisfaction, including customer interests, product availability, product quality, payment methods, shipping services, and partnerships. The study used a text-mining approach to analyze online customer reviews and extract relevant information from them. The data collected was analyzed using statistical methods to identify the key factors that influence customer satisfaction. The findings of this study provide valuable insights for businesses to improve their customer experience and increase customer satisfaction. By understanding the factors that influence customer satisfaction, businesses can fine-tune their strategies and improve their products and services to meet the needs and expectations of customers. This study contributes by focusing on the integration of Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis and Topic Modelling, aiming to enhance the analysis of customer satisfaction in e-commerce and improve sentiment identification.

Keywords: E-commerce, Customer Satisfaction, Text-mining, Online Reviews, Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis, Topic Modelling