

A Novel Approach for E-Commerce System for Sale Prediction with De noised Auto Encoder and SVM Based Approach

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Abstract—E-commerce, or online shopping, has grown in prominence over the past few years thanks to the proliferation of the Internet. Yet, there are a lot of things that can affect an online store's success, and if the operators don't correctly assess their supply and marketing partnerships, they could lose a lot of money. Thus, it is crucial to create a model that can reliably produce high precision sales prediction in order to guarantee the long-term success of e-commerce businesses. The suggested method comprises three stages: preprocessing, Feature selection, and model training. This work uses zero-phase component analysis and normalization in the preprocessing phase to get rid of noise and inconsistent data. Finally, the model is trained with DAE-SVM after information gain is employed for feature selection. When compared to convolutional neural network and support vector machine models, the proposed model excels.

Keywords— E-Commerce, Sales Prediction, Denoising Auto Encoder (DAE), Information Gain (IG).

I. INTRODUCTION

E-commerce platforms collect a lot of data, which is stored securely in their data centers. If they don't put this information to good use, they'll lose out on a lot of money. Information such as a customer's searches, registration data, chat logs, and purchase history is being stored in their server and will only be accessed in the event of a data breach. The emphasis of this research is on online shopping. A company's culture can shift for the better or for the worse as a result of adopting a new approach to data collecting and analysis. They may be reluctant to share their data with an outside organization for fear of violating their privacy, but they might instead hire a team to undertake the analysis in-house and pocket the savings. In recent years, China's e-commerce industry has expanded rapidly, with most transactions taking place online. Thanks to the efforts of Jingdong Mall, Ali Group and other companies to improve the basic platform construction, the growth of e-commerce in our country has entered the stage of rapid development of small and medium-sized e-commerce enterprises relying on platform strength to compete and develop their own unique competitiveness. Small and medium-sized e-

commerce enterprises can launch tailored goods and services to better meet the needs of their customers, as well as to achieve market segmentation and service optimization. Yet, due to constraints in technology and resources, small and medium e-commerce enterprises have not paid enough attention to the vast amounts of transaction data resources they get [1]. Hence, internet product reviews can sway purchasers because they are typically telling of the product's quality. Reviews for Product A that are featured on product detail pages talk about the sellers' exaggerated claims about the product, helping the customer make a better educated purchase decision. Meanwhile, e-commerce's rise and rising popularity have contributed to a rise in sales volume. Furthermore, sales forecasting plays an important role in both traditional and online retail by significantly influencing stock-keeping and marketing strategies. E-commerce businesses and academics alike have shown a growing interest in sales forecasting in recent years. There are numerous approaches suggested for forecasting sales. For sales forecasting, the tried-and-true univariate time series model has been recommended. This proposed using fuzzy neural networks to forecast sales. A sales forecasting system using a fuzzy neural network and starting weights produced by a genetic algorithm was proposed by proposed a hybrid extreme learning machine and classic statistical model for sales forecasting. It has outlined a few issues that online retailers face, including customers' concerns about their personal information being misused and the awkwardness of making a purchase without first handling the item. Note every buyer will find your website interesting because of the content. Different clients have diverse preferences when it comes to apparel, for example. The same holds true for a web host who promotes particular goods on their site. Coming up with the proper results according to the customer's choice is a time-consuming process. A company's ability to enter new markets and increase revenue is greatly enhanced by accurate projections. Budgeting is based on accurate cost estimates and revenue projections, both of which can be

considerably improved with the use of data mining. A company's marketing, operations, finance, production, and sales departments, among others, rely heavily on accurate sales forecasts. To attract investment capital and optimize internal resources, businesses must have access to accurate and reliable sales forecasts. This proposed approach takes a novel approach by focusing on the most effective strategies for forecasting future sales.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

E-commerce platforms have designed and developed a wide range of artifacts, such as easy checkout process, quick product search, user-friendly design and convenient and ubiquitous access through various web and mobile platforms [2], to encourage a favorable purchase decision at each and every customer interaction. A web interface's level of interaction has been shown in multiple studies [3] to have a substantial impact on whether or not a shopper completes a transaction on a certain shopping platform. As making a purchase on the internet is different from making a purchase in a physical store, the platform also plays a significant role in the final choice to buy. These results have prompted a number of studies investigating the influence of persuasive design on digital platforms [4]. Research in the social and medical sciences focuses on a number of important questions, including how to predict influenza epidemics and how to get the public interested in these issues. After seeing a substantial association between the relative frequency of certain questions and the number of patients with influenza, [5] constructs a model for influenza surveillance using Google query data. By adding a calendar to the simple linear model, [6] creates a time series model; by adding Google query data, he creates a mixed model. As a result, this proposed can make more precise predictions. The benefits and drawbacks of utilizing Google search data to predict influenza are examined by [7]. They demonstrate the validity, stability, and timeliness gains from leveraging search data to establish an epidemic surveillance system. To determine how much people care about issues like terrorism, climate change, and access to healthcare. Information gleaned via web searches is the subject of [8]. In today's data mining world, decision trees (DT) are commonly used. It is common practice to employ information extraction for purposes such as classification and prediction [9]. Since it is insensitive to the size and dispersion of the underlying data, Decision trees (DT) are hierarchical data structures in which choices are made at each node. Existing issues, system construction, rural logistics modes, and other issues are the main concerns of China's academic community. For instance, [10] described a coordinated operation mode of rural logistics based on industry chain integration, common logistics, and supply chain integration, with rural e-commerce in Hunan Province as the research topic. From the vantage point of supply-side reform, analyzed the current state of rural logistics in China. The authors [11] investigated how the development of highways improved the efficiency of rural logistics companies. The phrase "farm digital logistics" was first used in the context of the German market by [12]. Traditional farm logistics were compared to agricultural digital logistics, and data ownership and

privacy problems were also discussed [12]. A successful business model is the outcome of a successful marketing strategy, say [13]. The simplest and most effective way to put this plan into action is to encourage customers to bargain for a lower price. As buyers are given the freedom to determine the selling price, "name your own price" (NYOP) has become the standard pricing structure. Most vendors would consider recent and past deals that went smoothly before opting to cut prices. When a certain number of a product are sold during a certain time period, the price is reduced. A clearance sale is another strategy for luring buyers than simply lowering prices. Large markdowns on unsold stock are a standard retail practice. Buyers may have passed on the item because they thought the asking price was too expensive, or they may have found a comparable product somewhere that better met their needs. Hence, prices will fall to match or even fall below sellers' expenses. Most retailers will have already calculated the loss on an item before slashing prices significantly [14]. Predicting how many of a certain product will sell is a significant and challenging subject in online retail and marketing. If stores knew how products were selling in advance, they could more effectively manage inventory. E-commerce platforms could also benefit from this insight by making more informed recommendations to clients. This is especially true for time-sensitive sales events, also known as "flash sales" [15], which try to rapidly liquidate inventory. Cold start problem [16] refers to the challenge of giving suggestions to consumers in the absence of any prior transaction. To get around this, it is usual practice to use existing contextual information linked with the item or the user. [17] used a modular neural network to anticipate Tokyo Stock Exchange stock prices, and the system was successful in a simulated trading environment, yielding a good return. [18] used a neural network model to accurately anticipate market fluctuations. Gold price variations were simulated and predicted using artificial neural network modeling by [19], and their RMSE and MAE were compared to those of the ARIMA model. The findings proved that the ANN model yielded more precise forecasts [19]. Using a BP neural network model, [20] forecasted the Chinese steel price index with a relative error of 0.315% between 2011 and 2013. This experiment shows that the BP network is superior in its ability to anticipate outcomes. Machine-learning algorithms are helpful for dealing with non-linearity in empirical time series since they are data-driven and need little a priori assertions about the data-generating process [21]. Due to this fundamental property, machine-learning methods, such as artificial neural networks (ANNs), have surpassed other methods as the gold standard for simulating real-world events [22]. To account for data-specific aspects including trend, autocorrelation, exogenous variables, and seasonality, forecasting models are often selected manually in practice and research [23]. Because of this, there have been contradictory findings on the effectiveness of statistical methods against the effectiveness of machine-learning methods for modeling and predicting retail sales. This proposal contributes to the existing literature by offering new, well-supported conclusions based on the most recent available information. The final set of work examines the factors that influence

consumers' purchasing intentions through surveys, with a focus on purchase prediction. One such study was undertaken by [24], who surveyed customers to determine the impact of various features on their propensity to buy jewelry, apparel and accessories. Being inspired by the above research article the proposed approach uses DAE-SVM to train the model.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Preprocessing, Feature Selection, and Model Training are the three stages that make up the proposed method. Through the process of feature extraction, the original feature space is shrunk and replaced with a new one. The new, smaller space keeps all the original components while replacing them with a more manageable subset. Input data is changed into a simplified version of the original features when the number of features is too large to handle in its current form. Just the selected features are used in the classifier's training and assessment processes during feature selection.

A. Preprocessing

In light of the fact that the crawling original data is prone to noise, incompleteness, and inconsistency, this paper normalizes and zero-phase components the data before running the experiment.

1) Normalization:

To lessen the impact of data polarization on the final prediction results, as demonstrated by the following formula, normalization should be performed as a part of the preprocessing phase for experimental data [25].

$$Z_m = \frac{X_m}{Y} \quad (1)$$

where Y is the total number of samples, Z_m denotes the weight of an attribute's total parameters over all samples, and X_m denotes a feature vector for a single sample with m attributes.

2) Zero Phase Component Analysis

Normalized data should undergo zero-phase component analysis. It takes P randomly chosen samples from the source data to create the matrix $Z_1 = W_1$. ZCA whitening processing on the dataset with a single sample dimension of 8. The following demonstrates the particular procedure:

In first step, make Z^s a numeric matrix containing the initial 8* p of data. First the matrix that results from normalizing, Z^s and the average of its F attributes is 0. In second step, Sample covariance matrix Σ^s can be calculated to obtain the eigen values and eigenvectors; then, they can be ranked from largest to smallest. $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_8$ is the set of all eigenvectors, and the corresponding eigen values are labeled $V = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_8]$

The rotation matrix is obtained by multiplying V^T by

$$W_{1rot}^{sg} = V^s W_1^s = \begin{bmatrix} v_1^s Z_1^s & \dots & v_8^s Z_1^s \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_1^s Z_8^s & \dots & v_8^s Z_8^s \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Create uniformly distributed values for the attributes of the rotation matrix:

$$W_{1rot}^{sg} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_1 + 0.1}} W_{1rot}^s \quad (3)$$

To calculate the unit variance per attribute in the rotation matrix, we multiply $1/\sqrt{\mu_k}$ ($k=1,2,\dots,8$) by each element of row k ($k=1,2,\dots,8$) in W_{1rot}^s and call the resulting matrix W_{1rot}^{sg} where $1/\sqrt{\mu_k}$ replaces $1/\sqrt{\mu_k}$ which addresses numerical fluctuations or overflows as r_k approaches 0. The following are the outcomes of ZCA bleaching:

$$Z^s = V Z_{1rot}^s \quad (4)$$

B. Feature Selection

In the fields of machine learning and data mining, feature selection has been a hotspot for investigation. The aim of feature selection is to narrow down the number of input variables by omitting those that provide little to no predictive value. The dimensionality of feature space is reduced by feature selection by eliminating superfluous, unnecessary, or noisy information. Immediate benefits for applications include faster algorithms, higher quality data, and better classification accuracy [26]. Information Gain (IG) based feature selection, a prominent filter model, is used in our study to address the computational complexity of ensemble approaches and the increased computational burden of wrapper model.

1) Information Gain

Entropy has a vital role in the definition of IG. Entropy is a popular metric in information theory that describes the quality of any given set of samples. The IG-based feature selection relies on this. The degree of randomness in a system can be quantified by looking at its entropy. For X is entropy, we have:

$$E(X) = -\sum_{x \in X} (x) \log_2 (r(x)) \quad (5)$$

To be more precise, let's say that Y has a marginal probability density function of $r(x)$. A relationship between features X and Z exists if, after partitioning the observed values of X in the training dataset U according to the values of a second feature Z, the entropy of Z with respect to the partitions generated by Z is less than the entropy of X before partitioning. Then, after seeing Z, the entropy of X is:

$$E\left(\frac{X}{Z}\right) = -\sum_{z \in Z} r(z) \sum_{x \in X} r\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) \log_2 \left(r\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)\right) \quad (6)$$

The conditional probability of x given z is denoted by $r\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)$. It may develop a metric that reflects the additional information about X provided by Z, which indicates the amount by which the entropy of Z reduces, using entropy as a criterion of impurity in a training data set U. IG is the name for this metric. It's a result of:

$$IG = E(X) - E\left(\frac{X}{Z}\right) = H(Z) - H\left(\frac{Z}{X}\right) \quad (7)$$

For proof, see Eq. (7); IG is a symmetric quantity. Observing Z provides the same amount of information about X as does the other way around.

C. Training the Model:

1) AE

When modeling high-dimensional data in an unsupervised setting, AE is an effective tool. The system includes an encoder, which converts the input data into a compressed code, and a decoder, which can read that code and reconstruct the original data. The encoding acts as a bottleneck for information, compelling the network to focus on extracting common patterns from high-dimensional data.

Equations (8) and (9) show that AE is a neural network method with the operational logic of training the input vector to be reconstructed as the output vector using unsupervised methods. In these equations, ω is the nonlinear transformation function, t_1, c_2 and t_2 are the bias and weight of the neural network, and δ is the nonlinear transformation.

$$x = h(z) = \omega(T_1 z + c_1) \tag{8}$$

$$b = (z) = (T_2 z + c_2) \tag{9}$$

The encoder compresses the data to extract the values that best represent the features of the input data; the decoder network reconstructs the input data from these values. The encoder is used to conduct a nonlinear mapping from the input layer to the hidden layer. The encoder applies a transformation to the hidden layer, while the decoder restores the original input space. The difference between the input vector and the reconstructed vector is the reconstruction error. In the AE, the reconstruction error is kept as small as possible by an unsupervised training procedure. In this study, we employ the equation where M is the number of observations and e is the root mean square error.

$$q = \|b - z\| \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m (b - z)^2} \tag{10}$$

The AE model's ability to detect anomalies is impacted by the threshold you choose. In this article, the model's cutoff value is determined using the kernel density estimation (KDE) technique [27]. Estimating the likelihood of a random variable using KDE is a nonparametric approach. The shape of the distribution function of the variables under examination should not be assumed. Compared to relying on subjective judgment to establish thresholds, this approach is more objective and rational. The Kernel Density Approximation of the Critical Value

$$\beta = \frac{1}{me} \sum_{k=1}^m F\left(\frac{q - q^{(k)}}{e}\right) \tag{11}$$

where $(.)$ is the Gaussian kernel function, h the estimated parameter, $e > 0$ and m the number of samples

for which his greater than zero. DAE introduces noise into the raw data in order to prevent the phenomenon of overfitting the AE during processing. Then, faulty data can be encoded and decoded to increase the model's relative robustness.

The original data are transformed into data contaminated by noise before being used as input for encoding and decoding. Here is how DAE is encoded and decoded:

$$x' = h(\bar{z}) = \omega(t_1 \bar{z} + c_1) \tag{12}$$

$$y' = (x) = \omega(t_2 z + c_2) \tag{13}$$

So, the following is the inaccuracy in its reconstruction:

$$q = \|f_{\theta}(h_{\theta}(\bar{z})) - z\| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M (f_{\theta}(h_{\theta}(\bar{z})))} \tag{14}$$

2) SVM

Statistical value machine learning, or SVM, is one such technique. The training time, training sample size, and classification accuracy are all significantly improved. Fast, rapid, and accurate fault diagnosis is crucial for complicated production equipment like ESPs. SVM is easy to implement and does not necessitate a huge amount of data in comparison to other classification learning methods.

Maximum intervals are crucial to how support vector machines classify data. The samples are divided using a hyperplane. The equation of the separation hyperplane for the sampled dataset $S = \{(z_1, x_2), \dots, (z_p, x_p)\}$, where $z_k \in R^A$ is the sample eigenvector, $x_k = \{-1, +1\}$, and $i = (1, 2, \dots, n)$ is as follows.

$$\vartheta^s z_k + C = 0 \tag{15}$$

Whereas C vector and represents a weight vector. The maximum interval separation hyperplane and a categorical decision function can be used to transform a constrained optimization problem into the following optimization issue:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \|\vartheta\|^2 + D \sum_{k=1}^m \\ (\vartheta^s z_k + C) \geq 1 - \epsilon_k \\ s.t \{ \epsilon_k \geq 0, \\ k = 1, 2, \dots, n \} \end{cases} \tag{16}$$

The penalty error in classification is denoted by the penalty factor D . If it's too big, the classifier won't be able to generalize well because of all the hyperplane limitations. If it's too tiny, the classifier might not do a good job of distinguishing between similar instances. The value you select should be contextual. Misclassifications in a limited number of samples are tolerated because they have little effect on the whole. Lack variables ϵ_k are introduced to simplify the criteria for implementing the model. The interval maximization problem is obtained by the

LaGrange function introduction and the radial basis function (RBF) (z_k) kernel function of the inner product algorithm.

$$\begin{cases} (z_k, z_i) = \exp(-\alpha \|z_k - z_i\|^2) \\ \beta = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k - \frac{1}{2} (\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_k \beta_i (z_k, z_i)) \\ \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k x_k = 0, 0 \leq \beta_k \leq D \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

The argument α in the kernel function. The LaGrange multipliers of x_k and x_i are denoted by β_k and β_i , respectively. As a result, the following expressions reveal the SVM's optimal classification function:

$$h(z) = (sgn \sum_{k=1}^p \beta_k x_k L(z_k, z_i) + C) \quad (18)$$

In conclusion, the major parameters that determine SVM performance are the penalty factor D and the kernel function parameters α .

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

All assessment matrices employed by the researchers' algorithms will be displayed alongside their respective results and discussions. The study's focus on sales forecasting necessitated the employment of three regression models: SVM, CNN, and DAE-SVM. There are numerous assessment matrices that can be used to assess the quality of a regression model. The researcher plans to evaluate the models using the Accuracy and RMSE metrics. Each model's output will be compared to the others to determine whether one is more accurate.

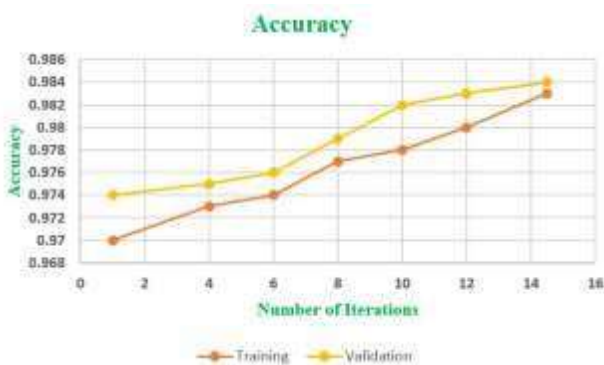


Fig.1. Accuracy Comparison of the DAE-SVM

In Figure 1, we see how training acc and validation acc correspond to the accuracy of the training set and the validation set, respectively, as a function of the number of iterations.



Fig.2. Loss of DAE-SVM Model

By comparing the two picture curves shown in Figures 1 and 2, we can see that the accuracy of both the training set and the validation set improves with time. During period 14, the model is considered to have converged to the optimal state since testing and verification accuracy tend to stabilize at a maximum of 0.984 and the loss curve gradually diminishes.

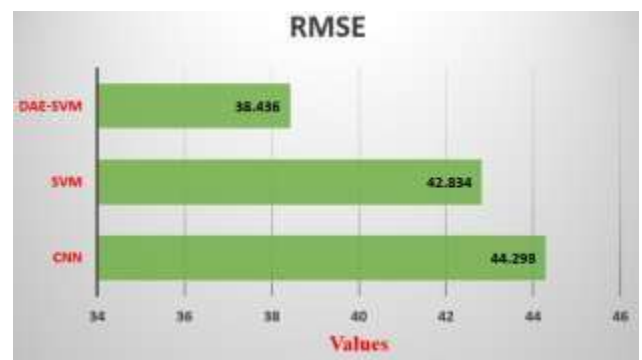


Fig.3. RMSE of DAE-SVM Model

DAE-SVM was shown to have the best performance of the three approaches. With an RMSE of 38.436 (the lowest of the three sales prediction models), this model performs best in terms of sales prediction accuracy which is shown in Figure 3.



Fig.4. Performance Evaluation of the Models

As compared to CNN (95.69% accuracy), SVM (96.75% accuracy), and DAE-SVM (98.44%), the suggested DAE-SVM based E-commerce sales prediction approach performs the best as shown in Figure 4. The

suggested DAE-SVM based prediction of E-Commerce sales strategy has been validated by a number of analyses.

V. CONCLUSION

Machine learning has become an important factor in many real-world contexts and is revolutionizing every industry. Education, medicine, and commerce are just a few of the many industries that have benefited from Machine Learning's groundbreaking applications. Companies are struggling to keep up with the fast-moving, competitive market thanks in large part to the fact that their sales and marketing efforts have traditionally been conducted without any knowledge of how their customers actually shop. Machine learning has led to profound changes in the field of marketing and advertising. As a result of these developments, the sales team is better able to evaluate crucial factors including consumers' purchasing behaviors, target audience, and sales projections for the coming years. The focus of this research was on developing deep learning algorithms that can accurately predict e-commerce platform sales. When an image is provided as input, preprocessing is performed to get rid of the background noise. Finally, the features extracted with IG are used to train the model with DAE-SVM. The suggested method achieves an accuracy of roughly 98.4%, which is higher than that of the CNN and SVM models.

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