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Tourism recommendation system: Personalized travel experiences unveiled

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Abstract

The tourism industry has developed rapidly in the last few years and information technology has also had a huge impact on tourists. Analyzing the recent tourism behavior is another matter. This article provides a digital model of a lifestyle concept that is easy to develop and use as a travel guide. The digital lifestyle model defines the overall context of visitor behavior, connects the tourist to the digital world, and allows us to track changes in behavior over time. A literature review on the current state of research in the chosen field is conducted to identify current problems. Behavior analysis case studies based on distribution, covariance and time series event models are introduced. Ontological methods and neural networks are used in behavioural models, training, and evaluation processes. The collected results can be used by smart marketers and business stakeholders.

Keywords: Collaborative filtering, tourism web-portal, tourist profiling, recommendation system

Introduction

With billions of dollars in annual revenue, the tourism sector plays a critical role in the world economy. Travelers now have access to a wealth of information about a wide range of locations, lodging options, and activities thanks to the expansion of the internet and social media. On the other hand, travellers frequently find it difficult to make well-informed decisions about where to go and what to do due to the overwhelming amount of information available ^[1].

Tourism recommendation systems have emerged as a viable solution to tackle this problem. These systems create tailored recommendations for travellers based on their preferences, location, and past data using data analytics techniques and algorithms. In this study, we suggest a tourism recommendation system that makes use of using content-based and collaborative filtering methods, travellers can receive customized recommendations^[2].

Ease of Use

Exceptional UI: The user interface of our product is very user friendly and easy to use.

We have made the website with proper color textures and easy grading and layouts which is easy to operate and move to different pages accordingly. With very less amount of clicks, a user will be able to find what and where he wants to spend his holidays ^[4].

Customer Oriented: As mentioned earlier, the menu bar and the other options available on the website explains all about the different features one can avail and know about what different things and to do list he can fulfil. It gives user a full control to compare and evaluate his own interests and select the one they want.

Literature Review: With the emergence of virtual commerce, the importance of computers, internet, network technology and electronic commerce comes to the f ore in facilitating the purchase and sale of goods and services. Based on the role of the Internet and the impact of human-computer interaction, the virtual economy improves the results of businesses with their strategic ideas. Online shopping attracts tourists from all over the world ^[3]. It covers many service industries broadly and in depth, such as tourism, food and beverage, tourism and hospitality, and includes health tourism, health tourism, spa tourism, etc. There are many niche markets. Services in the tourism industry are booming as tourists seek health and. In this age of fast travel, internet and I CT, it's easier than ever to explore places ^[5].

Correspondence Dr. Manoj Kr. Jain Assistant Professor, Computer Science & Engineering, Lingaya's Vidyapeeth, Faridabad, Haryana, India Academics have stated that the integration of the Internet and ICT has contributed significantly to the development of international trade and hospitality

Online content on travel sites is very similar in concept to having travel information online. Researchers have stated that tourists appreciate easy access to online information about travel destinations. Thus, the concept of TDOC can be formed from the online information quality and ease of use of tourism information in the online environment ^[6].

Tourists' behavioral responses to destinations are determined by their perceptual.

TDOC uses tourist knowledge and beliefs and other measures of know ledge and attitude, purchases, and emotion measures such as actual tourism behavior. Leveraging the TDOC, this study uses tourist perception as the best lens to explore tourist responses to online tourism content.

Some problems were encountered during the development and implementation of the tourist behavior analysis model based on artificial neural network. The first problem was with the names entered in classification and combination.

Some features have a calibration factor that can reduce sample accuracy. TensorFlow and Keras frameworks can handle values and nominal values using hot encoding methods, but it's better to convert these values to dynamic values. Another problem is that the time series prediction model can use additional data series values to improve the overall accuracy of the model. Compared with Analysis methods and methods, the tourism behavior analysis method has the following advantages:

- The concept created by the digital life model has everything necessary for behavior analysis: tourist, region, POI, Route and behavior analysis tools, etc. The planning process can be used without reference to a specific area.
- The ontology representation of the digital life model includes all necessary behaviors and travel experiences.
- The proposed method can be used as a solution to analyze tourism behavior. The presented ontology can be viewed as a high-level ontology that allows additional elements to be added to modify the process to reflect the necessary changes in the workspace of the plan, if desired. For example, a researcher might add the class "Gastronomy" as a subclass of "Place" and define additional data representing additional guests.
- There are many types of data that can provide valuable information for behavioral analysis. By allowing data to be stored "as is", data lakes can facilitate behavioral analysis as researchers can transform the extracted data in to simple text format. Heterogeneous data a (sensor data, data from POI analysis, pictures/videos, etc.) can be used for different behavior measurement models.
- Digital Modeling of Life Concepts involves the collection of tourist information over time and provides an ontology-level representation of the concepts presented as well as a snapshot of the tourism situation at a given time. This approach allows researchers to find patterns of behavior that can be tracked over a period of time.
- Ontology methods are necessary to explain the concepts of tourist and place. Research can improve the accuracy of the ANN behavior model by extracting details from the data pool. Continuous data combined with sensorbased data allow researchers to gain additional insights into travel behavior.
- Several studies have been conducted in the field of

tourism recommendation systems. For example, Chen *et al.* (2019) proposed a hybrid recommendation system that combines content-based and collaborative filtering techniques to generate personalized recommendations for tourists. The plan was evaluated using real-world data, and the results showed that it outperformed other recommendation systems in terms of accuracy and diversity ^[7].

Another study by Liu *et al.* (2018) proposed a tourism recommendation system that utilizes a deep learning technique called long short-term memory (LSTM) to predict user preferences. The plan was evaluated using a dataset of user reviews, and the results showed that it outperformed other recommendation systems in terms of prediction accuracy ^[8].

Methodology

The methodology for a tourism recommendation system can vary depending on the specific requirements and goals of the system. However, here are some common steps and techniques that are often used in the development of a tourism recommendation system.

- **Data collection:** The first step is to gather relevant data that will be used to make recommendations. This data can include information on tourist preferences, travel history, destination features, and more ^[9].
- **Data preprocessing:** Once the data is collected, it needs to be cleaned and processed so that it can be used for recommendation purposes. This involves tasks like removing duplicates, filling in missing values, and normalizing data.
- **Feature engineering:** The next step is to extract relevant features from the data that can be used to make recommendations. This can include features like location, price, and user preferences ^[10].
- Recommendation algorithm selection: There are a variety of recommendation algorithms available, each with its own strengths and weaknesses. The most common types of recommendation algorithms used in tourism include collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and hybrid approaches ^[11].
- **Model training:** Once the recommendation algorithm is selected, the model needs to be trained on the preprocessed data. This involves feeding the algorithm the data and adjusting its parameters until it can make accurate recommendations.
- **Deployment:** Once the model is evaluated and refined, it can be deployed for use in the real world. This involves integrating the recommendation system into a tourism platform or application so that users can receive personalized recommendations ^[12].

Overall, the key to developing an effective tourism recommendation system is to gather high-quality data, select the right recommendation algorithm, and continuously evaluate and refine the system based on user feedback.

Intelligent tourism recommendation systems typically involve the use of machine learning algorithms and data mining techniques to analyze user preferences and historical data in order to make personalized recommendations for travel destinations, accommodations, and activities. There are some additional points to consider when developing a methodology for an intelligent tourism recommendation system.

- User profiling: Creating user profiles that capture users' preferences, interests, and travel history can help personalize recommendations and improve the overall user experience.
- **Contextual information:** Incorporating contextual information such as time of day, weather, and location can help provide more relevant and timely recommendations.
- **Diversity and novelty:** Incorporating diversity and novelty into recommendations can help users discover new destinations and experiences, and avoid being recommended the same things repeatedly.
- **Real-time updates:** Incorporating real-time updates can help ensure that recommendations are up-to-date and reflect the latest changes in availability and pricing.
- User feedback: Incorporating user feedback into the recommendation system can help improve the accuracy and relevance of recommendations over time, as well as provide valuable insights into user preferences and behaviors.
- Transparency and explainability: Providing transparency and explainability in the recommendation system can help build trust with users and increase their willingness to use the system.

In addition, it's important to consider ethical considerations such as user privacy and bias, as well as legal considerations such as compliance with data protection regulations. Finally, ongoing maintenance and updates are important to ensure that the recommendation system remains accurate and effective over time.

Here are some additional points to consider when developing a methodology for an intelligent tourism recommendation system

- Domain expertise: Working with domain experts such as travel industry professionals and tourism researchers to develop a recommendation system that is based on relevant industry knowledge and research.
- Content acquisition: Acquiring and curating relevant content such as hotel and restaurant descriptions, tour itineraries, and attraction information to provide a comprehensive database for the recommendation system.
- Contextual factors: Taking into account contextual factors such as time of year, weather, and traveller demographics when generating recommendations^[13].
- **Privacy and security:** Ensuring that the recommendation system collects and stores user data in a secure and responsible manner, and adheres to relevant privacy laws and regulations.
- **Interpretability:** Ensuring that the recommendation system is transparent and interpretable, so that users can understand how recommendations are generated and can provide feedback to improve the system ^[14].
- Scalability: Designing the recommendation system to be scalable, so that it can accommodate large amounts of data and can handle increased user traffic over time.
- **Collaboration:** Working collaboratively with tourism businesses and other stakeholders to gather feedback and insights that can be used to improve the recommendation system.



Fig 1: ^[9]

Applications: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems have a wide range of applications in the tourism industry, including.

- **Personalized recommendations:** Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can provide personalized recommendations to travelers based on their preferences, interests, and travel history. This can help travelers save time and effort in planning their trip, and also help them discover new and interesting destinations and experiences ^[15].
- **Destination marketing:** Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used by destination marketers to promote their destination and increase tourist arrivals. By providing personalized recommendations and highlighting unique features of the destination, marketers can attract more visitors and increase their revenue.
- Revenue management: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help hotels and other tourism businesses optimize their revenue by recommending pricing strategies and upsell opportunities based on traveler behavior and preferences ^[16].
- **Customer loyalty:** Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help tourism businesses build customer loyalty by providing personalized recommendations and experiences that meet their needs and preferences.
- **Travel planning:** Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can assist travelers in planning their trip by recommending accommodations, activities, and transportation options that match their preferences and budget ^[17].
- Tourist information centers: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used in tourist information centers to provide personalized recommendations and assistance to visitors, and also help staff better understand visitor needs and preferences ^[18].

Overall, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help improve the overall tourist experience, increase revenue for tourism businesses, and promote destinations to a wider audience.

- Cross-selling: Intelligentourism recommendation systems can be used to recommend additional products or services that complement a traveler's chosen destination, such as tours, activities, or restaurant recommendations.
- Dynamic packaging: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to create dynamic travel packages that are tailored to a traveler's preferences and budget, including accommodations, transportation, and activities.
- Sustainability: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to promote sustainable tourism by recommending eco-friendly destinations, accommodations, and activities that align with a traveler's values and preferences.
- Accessibility: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to promote accessible tourism by recommending destinations, accommodations, and activities that are accessible for travelers with disabilities.
- Crisis management: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to provide realtime recommendations and assistance to travelers in the event of a crisis or emergency, such as natural disasters or political unrest.
- Customer service: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to improve customer service by providing personalized recommendations and assistance to travelers before, during, and after their trip.

Overall, intelligent tourism recommendation systems have a wide range of applications that can benefit both travelers and tourism businesses. By providing personalized recommendations and experiences, these systems can help improve the overall quality of tourism services, increase customer satisfaction and loyalty, and ultimately drive revenue growth for the tourism industry.

- Learning purpose: This project can be used to teach the basic structure of code blocks and to teach how they are built using the source code of this project. This project itself gives a vast description of what is going on in each step because we have used comments in almost every line of this project so that anyone even with little to no knowledge can understand the workflow of the program.
- **Great alternative of other in the field:** This project can be seen as a change in market to build business strategies across the countries and places to analyze the crowd and how big the span of tourist is in a country.
- Behavioral analysis and prediction: The main application of this project is to understand the behavioral changes in tourism in different countries and in all the seasons to understand the trends and patterns and hence to use the model to predict various questions related to understand the crowd behavior in any particular region to which season the tourism is at its peak to understand the business trends as well.
- **Group travel:** Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to assist groups of travelers in planning their trip by recommending accommodations, activities, and transportation options that are suitable for

the group's size, budget, and interests.

- Multi-destination trips: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to recommend multi-destination trips that optimize travel time and itinerary based on the traveler's preferences and budget.
- Business travel: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to assist business travelers in planning their trip, recommending accommodations and transportation options that are convenient for their business meetings and events.
- **Cultural tourism:** Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to recommend cultural tourism experiences, such as museums, historical landmarks, and cultural events that match the traveler's interests and preferences.
- Adventure tourism: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to recommend adventure tourism experiences, such as hiking, rafting, and rock climbing that match the traveler's skill level and preferences.
- 18. Wellness tourism: Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used to recommend wellness tourism experiences, such as spa treatments, yoga retreats, and meditation classes that match the traveler's health and wellness goals.

Overall, intelligent tourism recommendation systems have many applications that can benefit different types of travelers and tourism businesses. By providing personalized recommendations and experiences that match the traveler's preferences and budget, these systems can help improve the overall quality of tourism services and drive growth in the tourism industry.

Objectives: The objectives of developing an intelligent tourism recommendation system may include:

- Enhancing the overall tourist experience: By providing personalized recommendations and experiences that match the traveler's preferences and budget, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help enhance the overall tourist experience, increasing satisfaction and loyalty.
- **Increasing revenue for tourism businesses:** By recommending pricing strategies and upsell opportunities based on traveler behavior and preferences, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help tourism businesses optimize their revenue.
- **Improving destination marketing:** By providing personalized recommendations and highlighting unique features of the destination, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help destination marketers attract more visitors and increase their revenue.
- **Improving operational efficiency:** By automating the process of recommending and booking travel products and services, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help improve operational efficiency for tourism businesses.
- **Increasing customer engagement:** By providing personalized recommendations and experiences that meet the traveler's needs and preferences, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help increase customer engagement and interaction with tourism businesses.
- **Supporting sustainable tourism:** By recommending eco-friendly destinations, accommodations, and activities that align with a traveler's values and preferences,

intelligent tourism recommendation systems can support sustainable tourism practices.

Overall, the objectives of an intelligent tourism recommendation system are to improve the overall quality of tourism services, increase revenue for tourism businesses, and promote sustainable tourism practices. By providing personalized recommendations and experiences, these systems can help meet the needs and preferences of travelers, increasing satisfaction and loyalty.

- **Supporting local tourism:** By recommending local experiences and activities, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can support local tourism businesses and help promote local culture and traditions.
- Promoting social responsibility: By recommending responsible tourism practices, such as respecting local customs and traditions, minimizing environmental impact, and supporting local communities, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can promote social responsibility among travelers.
- **Improving customer retention:** By providing personalized recommendations and experiences that meet the traveler's needs and preferences, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help increase customer retention, driving repeat business for tourism businesses.
- Enhancing data-driven decision-making: By analyzing traveler behavior and preferences, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can provide insights that support data-driven decision-making for tourism businesses.
- Improving brand reputation: By providing personalized recommendations and experiences that meet the traveler's needs and preferences, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help improve brand reputation for tourism businesses, increasing word-of-mouth recommendations and positive online reviews.
- **Improving competitiveness:** By providing personalized recommendations and experiences that match or exceed the traveler's expectations, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help tourism businesses remain competitive in a crowded market ^[19].

Overall, the objectives of developing an intelligent tourism recommendation system are to provide personalized recommendations and experiences, support sustainable and responsible tourism practices, improve operational efficiency and data-driven decision-making, and increase revenue and customer loyalty for tourism businesses. By achieving these objectives, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help drive growth and innovation in the tourism industry.

Conclusion

In conclusion, intelligent tourism recommendation systems have the potential to revolutionize the tourism industry by providing personalized recommendations and experiences that match the traveler's preferences and budget. These systems can help improve the overall quality of tourism services, increase revenue for tourism businesses, and promote sustainable tourism practices. They can also support local tourism, promote social responsibility, improve customer retention, enhance data- driven decision-making, improve brand reputation, and increase competitiveness. By achieving these objectives, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help drive growth and innovation in the tourism industry, while providing travelers with more enjoyable and memorable experiences. A variety of technologies, such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analytics, and natural language processing, are the foundation of intelligent tourism recommendation systems. Thanks to these technologies, the system can create individualized recommendations and experiences by analyzing large amounts of data, such as traveler behavior, preferences, and social media activity.

A number of variables, such as data quality, system design, user experience, privacy and security protocols, and system architecture, affect how well an intelligent tourism recommendation system performs. To guarantee that the system offers precise, dependable, and trustworthy recommendations that satisfy the traveler's needs and preferences, these factors must be carefully taken into account and addressed.

Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can be used across different tourism sectors, including accommodation, transportation, attractions, and activities. They can also be used by different types of travelers, including leisure and business travelers, solo and group travelers, and domestic and international travelers.

Intelligent tourism recommendation systems are not without challenges and limitations, including privacy concerns, ethical considerations, bias, and data quality issues. These challenges need to be addressed to ensure that the system operates in a fair and transparent manner and provides high-quality recommendations and experiences.

Overall, intelligent tourism recommendation systems have the potential to transform the tourism industry by providing personalized recommendations and experiences that enhance the traveler's experience and drive growth and innovation in the tourism industry.

Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help tourism businesses increase their revenue by providing recommendations for pricing strategies and upsell opportunities based on traveler behaviour and preferences.

By automating the process of recommending and booking travel products and services, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help improve operational efficiency for tourism businesses.

Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can support sustainable tourism practices by recommending eco- friendly destinations, accommodations, and activities that align with a traveler's values and preferences.

By providing personalized recommendations and experiences, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help increase customer engagement and interaction with tourism businesses.

Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help promote local culture and traditions by recommending local experiences and activities.

Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can encourage social responsibility among travelers by endorsing responsible tourism practices, such as honoring local customs and traditions, reducing environmental impact, and assisting local communities.

Overall, intelligent tourism recommendation systems have the potential to improve the overall quality of tourism services, promote sustainable and responsible tourism practices, increase revenue for tourism businesses, and enhance the overall tourist experience.

Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help tourism

businesses target specific segments of travelers, such as luxury or budget travelers, based on their behavior and preferences.

By analyzing data on traveler behavior and preferences, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can provide valuable insights for tourism businesses, such as identifying trends and patterns in travel preferences and identifying gaps in the market.

Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can provide travelers with real-time recommendations and experiences based on their location and context, such as recommending nearby attractions or activities.

By providing personalized recommendations and experiences, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help reduce decision-making time for travelers and improve their overall satisfaction with the tourism product.

Intelligent tourism recommendation systems can help tourism businesses increase their competitiveness by providing recommendations that match or exceed the traveler's expectations and preferences.

Overall, intelligent tourism recommendation systems can benefit both tourism businesses and travelers by providing personalized recommendations and experiences, improving operational efficiency, promoting sustainable and responsible tourism practices, and providing valuable insights and datadriven decision-making capabilities.

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