

Opinion Mining of Online Reviews about Certain Islamabad Hotels: A Business Intelligence Study

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Abstract: Online reviews exert significant influence on the sale and purchase of any product. They not only play a prominent role in the selection of hotels but are also eye openers for the hotel managers because they expose problem areas which need dire attention for the upgradation of quality. Browsing big data from multiple online platforms to find reviews is a time-consuming task. Consequently, Business intelligence is a field which collects and analyses data for customers and managers. This study analyses reviews of 7 hotels in Islamabad through the Social mention tool which gives a visual representation of the strength, sentiment, passion, and reach of each. Multimodal Sentiment Analysis theory has been applied to identify the nature of the reviews. The major findings reveal sentiment analysis of the hotels' reviews from social media. The research helps individuals in decision making and selection of hotels; and guides the management staff for rectification.

Key Words: Business Intelligence, Social Mention Tool, Hotel Reviews, Sentiment Analysis, Opinion Mining

Introduction

This study is about the sentiment review analysis and opinion mining on the reviews of hotels in Islamabad. The current business situation is understood by business intelligence. In any organization customer needs are understood by business intelligence and also suitable decisions are made with its help. Hidden concepts regarding making any decision have been identified in Business Intelligence. It gathers information from various sources and gives a view of the benign interface. Positive and negative reviews of customers can be

identified by opinion mining. It also deals with the influence of those reviews on hotels. With the help of opinion mining, better products have been made and processes improved in order to survive and compete in the market. Opinion mining also plays an important role in decision making on the purchase of products. Restrictions of the products are analysed and then refined products are made using this information. Personal emotions of customers for products are exposed by sentiment analysis. The study in hand has shown the influence of reviews of customers on the rating and management of

a specific hotel. The study in hand has taken the reviews of seven hotels in Islamabad and evaluated their ratings with the help of the Social Mention tool. Social reviews about the products can be evaluated with the aid of the Social Mention Tool in a single stream of information. The reviews of customers regarding any product or hotel are analysed by the Social Mention tool. The study has used the Multimodal Sentiment Analysis theory. Multimodal Sentiment Analysis theory detects and analyses emotions and expressions of reviews.

Problem Statement

There are works done on the review analysis and the impact of that analysis on the purchase and sale of products, but in the hotels of Islamabad, this work is missing. One cannot read all the reviews of all the hotels. Previous reviews are significant for the selection of any product and for management in improving the quality of that product.

Significance of the Study

The study has the following significant aspects: The first aspect is to evaluate how the rating of any hotel will help tourists to make decisions in making the choice of hotel. Managers will be able to make improvements in their services to customers by comparing the rating of their hotel with other competitors. Previous reviews of any hotel will help tourists in making or changing their decision of booking the hotel.

Research Objectives

The current approach will fulfil the following objectives

- i. To help the customers to get an overview of the quality of hotels without reading all the reviews.
- ii. To check the strength of the population talking about any particular product.

- iii. To check the sentiment, the ratio of negative to positive ratio.
- iv. To check the passion of the public about the product.
- v. To check the reach, which is a measure of the range of influence.

Research Question

The current study addresses the following research question:

- i. How does Social Mention Tool reveal sentiment analysis of hotel reviews from various social media websites?

Literature Review

[Chung and Tseng \(2012\)](#) suggested that for the production of new products, online product reviews were of great importance in Business intelligence. Companies which provided online product review services proved to be highly significant and created a great impact on their reputation of the company. Tools make it easy for the managers to evaluate the real feelings of the customers about the product. Ratings of the product can be evaluated by companies or managers through online reviews. The relationship between the reviews of the customers and ratings of users could be examined by the managers through the analysis of reviews. Qualitative and quantitative experiments could be conducted by Business Intelligence founded on rough set theory. The use of tools helped to get clear-cut, fixed, consistent and effective results. The outcomes were of great value for controlling the administration and running the company. The companies which were deficient in the analyses of online comments were not able to get significant profit from the reviews of the customers.

[Sharad, Ashok and Dattatray \(2018\)](#) proposed that on social media, many people give their reviews and opinions. For the promotion of goods, the data present on social media was always of great significance.

Examiners directed assessment of opinions that was an unconscious procedure because all the opinions could not be read by customers. The text and reviews were allowed into various sections by researchers for example, joyful, annoyed, abhorrence, fondness etc. All the mistakes were removed by pre-processing technique. Accurate results were given by NLP procedures and there were benign effects for the users of products and supervisors of the companies. The more genuine and realistic data led to more precision in outcomes.

[Kasper and Vela \(2012\)](#) described that the reservation of hotels and scheduling for the tourism reviews and commentaries played a great role. To improve the excellence of hotel review, inquiry was extremely important. The technique of mining opinions of virtual reviews was used by researchers to get information easily. Hotels were being rated by the clients from 1 to 5. This score was not advantageous for the hotel administrator as the numeric value did not provide evidence of the purchaser's genuine apprehension. These values did not discriminate between the ratings of the hotel on the other side while word-based analyses could be advantageous for managers. They discriminate among three dissimilar sections of opinions which can be optimistic reviews, adverse reviews and impersonal. The impersonal segment didn't give any assessment of the reviews. The quality of the hotel was controlled by a tool named BSAHOT. With the aid of this tool, a general idea about what the people have stated or commented about their hotel on social media can be gained.

Most of the time, it was difficult to analyse the reviews because of the way people expressed them. Text mining and exploration of amorphous data were difficult to be analysed which made it difficult to label information automatically. In this research paper, they examined the reactions of customers to hotels which were related to

their sentimentality about the worth of hotels. Passions, assertiveness, and behaviours were described through figurative language which is why it was challenging to assess the dataset of sentiments. The impartial spontaneous examination of thoughts and feelings was given by the outline of sentiment polarization which was suggested by researchers. An appropriate machine learning procedure was revealed by relative exploration for the arrangement of constituents of structure ([Zvarevashe & Olugbara, 2018](#)).

[Shi and Li \(2011\)](#) stated that the products which were widespread and had a great number of comments. E-commerce has turned out to be a part of the public's life for the reason that people make too much use of social media. The excessive comments on the internet make it difficult for the customers to take a stance on buying a product and it also becomes tuff for the supervisor of the company to manage the reviews of customers. The polarization of online reviews was comprehended by researchers with the assistance of an approach of supervised machine learning. In this way, they worked on the reviews of hotels. Two types of data were compared and contrasted with each other, which were the frequency and TF-IDF. The second data was more precise than the data related to frequency.

It was explored by the study that purchaser response was necessary to be taken by the hotel industry. That response was highly persuasive, powerful and benign to expanding the facilities. The hotel industry had to undergo many procedures to complete their aim of getting accurate responses from the clients. In this research paper, they have explored and analysed the 57 hotels in Moscow and their reviews were 5,830. There was more destructive criticism than constructive criticism. Positive comments had a lesser impact on the public as compared to negative comments. More variations were depicted by adverse reviews

as compared to favourable reviews. The administration of hotels was refined by these significant things (Mankad, Han, Goh, & Gavirneni, 2016).

Research Methodology

Theoretical Framework

The study in hand used the Multimodal Sentiment Analysis (MSA) theory. Sentiment Analysis corresponds to a process where any idea, whether written or oral, is understood; in other words, it is called Natural Language Processing (NLP). Three kinds of modality that is, deontic, epidemic and dynamic are there in English. The first type is associated with letting people do and acquire things such as consent and compulsion. The finding, inference, and comprehension of the reality of a proposition are conveyed through the second type of modality, that is, the epidemic modality. Aptitude, free will, freedom, or preference is conveyed by the third type of modality. Auditory and pictorial information, as well as text, is included in this theory. The text and sequence of words are assessed when word-based structures are analysed. Phonetic and prosodic features are analysed in aural features which exert an influence on the feelings of the public. The

pictures and facial expressions are considered graphic features as they are essential in the analysis of sentiments. Deceitful images as well as the reputation and status of image tweets can be recognized through visual features (Liu, 2015, p. 123).

Research Design

The study was based on a quantitative based study review analysis of hotels.

Data Generation Tools

Social Mention tool was used to analyse hotel reviews. Mention organization made Social Mention Tool in April 2012 in Paris, France. Mention is a company that observes media. Information could be shared by this tool on the internet and also reviews of people about the organizations and their products could be checked. More than 80 online networking sites such as Google search, Facebook pages, Friend Feed, Twitter, YouTube, Google, Instagram, Google search and so on are being analysed by this tool. Forty-two different languages can be searched with the assistance of this tool. A free version is allowed to people by this tool like many other tools.

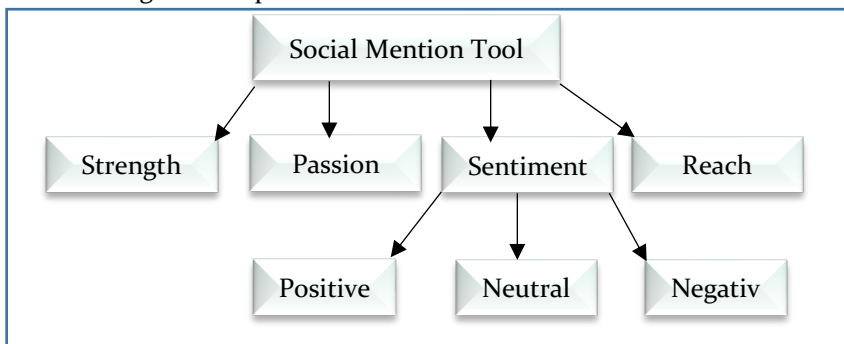


Figure 1: Social Mention Tool

Social Mention Tool shows the analysis of the strength, passion, reach and sentiments of the people about the specific product. Sentiments can be positive, neutral and negative. This can be measured with the help

of the Social Mention tool.

Data Analysis Method

This study is being conducted in the city of

Islamabad. This research is about the review analysis of seven hotels in Islamabad. These hotels include

- i. Serena Hotel.
- ii. PC Hotel.
- iii. Shalimar Hotel Islamabad.
- iv. Islamabad Marriott Hotel.
- v. Islamabad Margala Hotel.
- vi. Rose Palace Hotel.
- vii. Islamabad Inn.

This study used Social Mention Tool. Data is being collected with the help of the Social Mention tool. This tool analysed the score for excellence, estimation, eagerness and variety.

In this research paper, MSA theory is used also identified as Natural Language Processing (NLP). Characteristics of expressions as well as opinion identification are also extracted through these systems. For example

- i. Polarity: it describes opinions whether they are positive or negative.
- ii. Subject: a specific trait of the merchandise being discussed by people.

- iii. Opinion holder: it refers to a person who gives his opinion.

The unorganized data could be automatically changed into structured information with the help of sentiment analysis (Liu, 2015).

Results

The current approach showed that the majority of the customers gave positive reviews. Sentiment analysis was the ratio of negative reviews to the ratio of positive reviews. The major comparison was between the positive and negative reviews of the customers. People tend to give positive reviews more than negative ones. This was the evaluation of the emotions of people related to the services of hotels. The results were being conducted with the help of the Social Mention Tool and the Multimodal Sentiment Analysis theory was applied. Social Mention Tool covered all the positive, neutral and negative reviews from all the social media sites. The neutral reviews were absolutely clear and expressive and did not need any analysis. In this study for sentiment analysis, only positive and negative reviews were evaluated with the help of the Social Mention tool.

Table 1. Percentage of Strength, Passion, Reach and Sentiment with Social Mention Tool

Names of Hotels of Islamabad	Strength	Passion	Reach	Sentiment Positive: Negative
Serena Hotel	0%	52%	17%	19:1
PC Hotel	0%	68%	8%	9:1
Shalimar Hotel	0%	0%	1%	6:0
Islamabad Marriott Hotel	0%	51%	17%	23:1
Islamabad Margala Hotel	0%	82%	3%	2:1
Rose Palace Hotel	1%	88%	1%	6:1
Islamabad Inn	0%	78%	8%	24:1

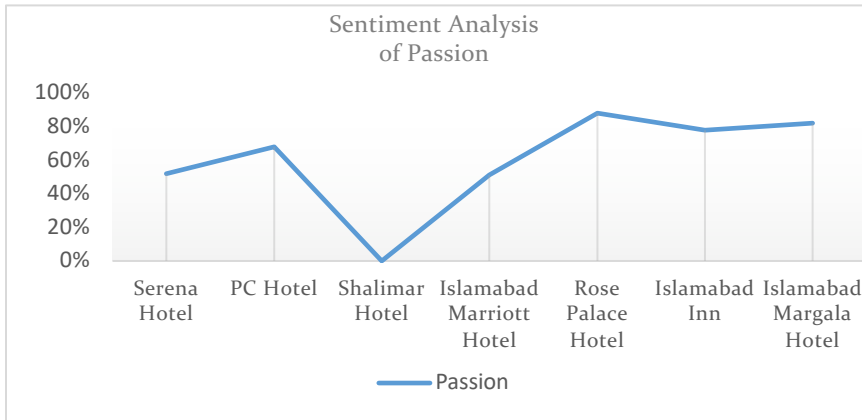


Figure 2: Analysis of Sentiments of the Hotels of Islamabad

In terms of sentiments, the study evaluated that for Serena Hotel, there were 19 positive reviews, 44 neutral and 1 negative review. The customer's opinions for PC Hotel Islamabad were with the ratio of 9:1. The ratio of customers' sentiment for Shalimar Hotel Islamabad was 6:0. For Islamabad Marriott Hotel, the ratio of sentiment was 23:1. The customer reviews for the Margala Hotel are

2:1. The Sentiment for Rose Palace Hotel is 6:1. The ratio of sentiments of customers from positive to negative was 24:2. In terms of sentiment analysis, this research had shown that Islamabad Inn hotel had the highest ratio of positive reviews by the customers while Islamabad Margala hotel had the least sentiments.

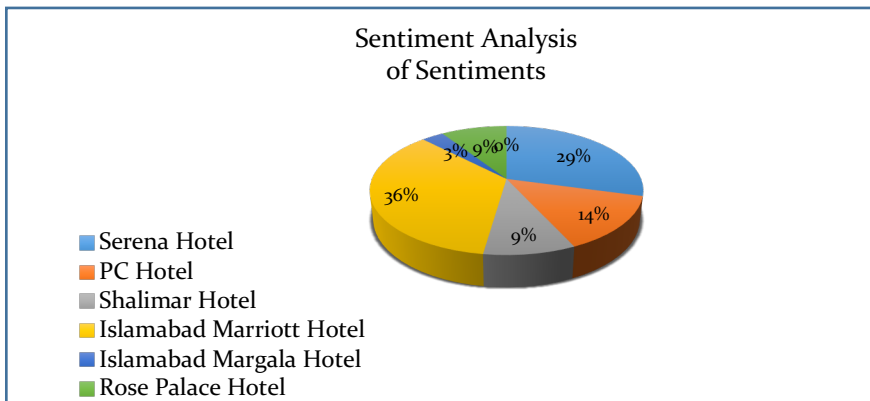


Figure 3: Sentiment Analysis of Passion

In this research paper, Passion was calculated with the help of the Social Mention tool. In terms of Passion, the current study analysed that Rose Palace Hotel had the highest percentage which was about 88%. Passion described how many people were talking about the particular hotel repeatedly. If they

were talking about the same hotel repetitively, then it showed the passion of the people for that hotel. Rose Palace Hotel had the highest rate of people who were talking about it again and again. The Passion of Shalimar Hotel is 0% which showed that customers had no passion for that hotel. For

Serena Hotel, passion is about 52%. For PC Hotel, the Passion is calculated as 68%. For Islamabad Marriott Hotel, passion was about 51%. For Islamabad Margala Hotel, it is about

82%. This study calculated that Islamabad Inn Hotel had about 78% of the passion of people who were repeatedly talking about the hotel as mentioned in figure 2.

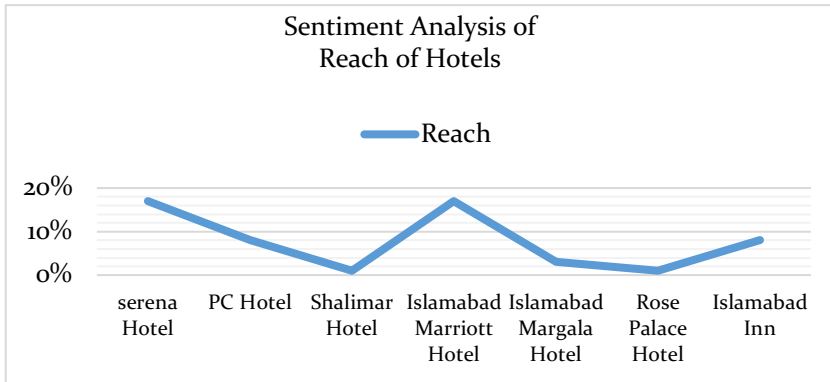


Figure 4: Sentiment Analysis of Reach of the hotels in Islamabad

In sentiment analysis, the reach of hotels described the impact of influence on the people. Shalimar Hotel and Rose Palace Hotel had a 1% reach of people. PC Hotel and Islamabad Inn had an 8% reach the hotel.

Islamabad Marriott Hotel and Serena Hotel had 17% of the reach of people. Islamabad Margala Hotel had a 3% of reach of people as mentioned in figure 3.

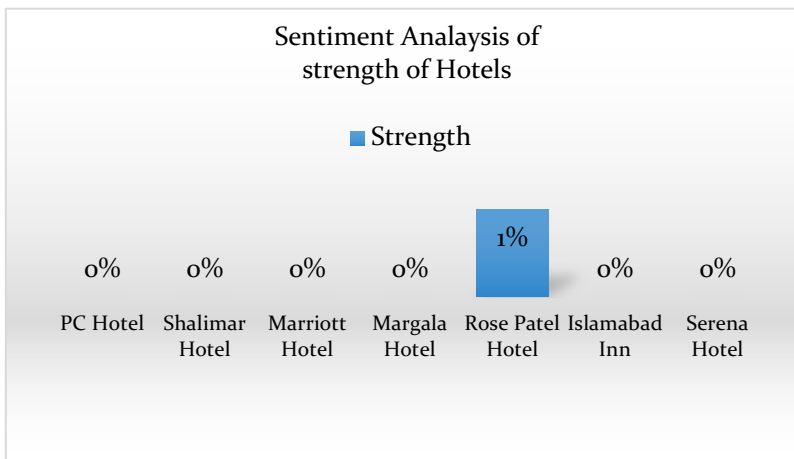


Figure 5: Sentiment Analysis of the Strength of Hotels

Strength was the possibility of how many people were talking on social media about one particular hotel. The strength of the hotel was calculated with Social Mention Tool. It is calculated by taking the number of

phrases divided by the total probability of mentions. Strength is calculated within the mention of 24 hours. Rose Palace Hotel had 1% of the strength. All the other hotels including Serena Hotel, Islamabad Marriott

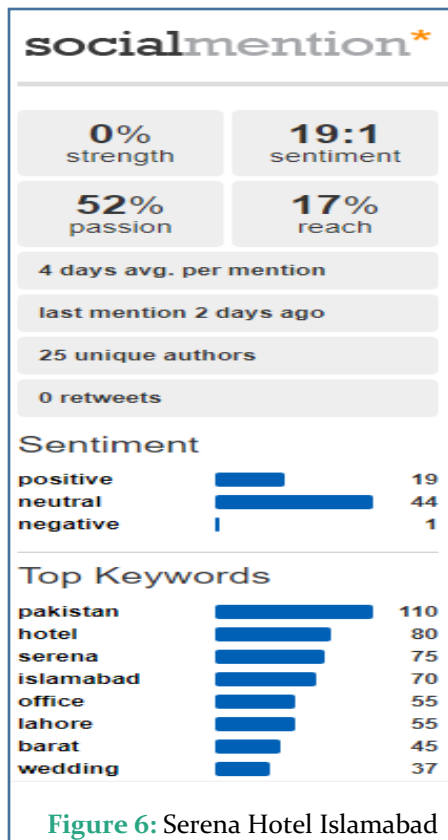
Hotel, PC Hotel, Shalimar Hotel, Islamabad Margala Hotel, and Islamabad Inn had 0% strength as mentioned in figure 4. Social Mention Tool helped customers to get an overview without reading all the reviews of people. This study showed how Social Mention Tool was used to get quick access to the ratings of hotels without reading all the reviews. Customers gave their opinions over social media which helped managers to improve their services. The study has analysed how calculations of all the hotels vary in terms of sentiment, reach, passion and strength.

Discussion

Online reviews have a great impact on the sale and purchase of a product. A lot of work is done on opinion mining and review analysis, but in the hotels of Islamabad, this work of review analysis is missing. One cannot read and analysed all the reviews from all the social media sites. Previous reviews are significant for the sale and purchase of the product. With the help of online reviews, managers can evaluate the relationship between the customers' reviews and users' ratings. They can evaluate the market demand of their hotel and can compare it with their opponent's success. Online reviews provide us with information about the customer's needs and demands. Opinion mining and sentiment review analysis can give us information about the positive and negative reviews of the hotel. People on social media express their opinions in a very complex manner which is difficult to analyse. But these reviews are significant for improving the quality of hotels. [Kasper and Vela \(2012\)](#) stated that people usually rate the hotel from 1 to 5 which is not enough because the numeric value does not rate the reviews into positive and negative ones. Customers' concerns cannot be analysed through numerical values. Reviews are being analysed in different segments which are positive,

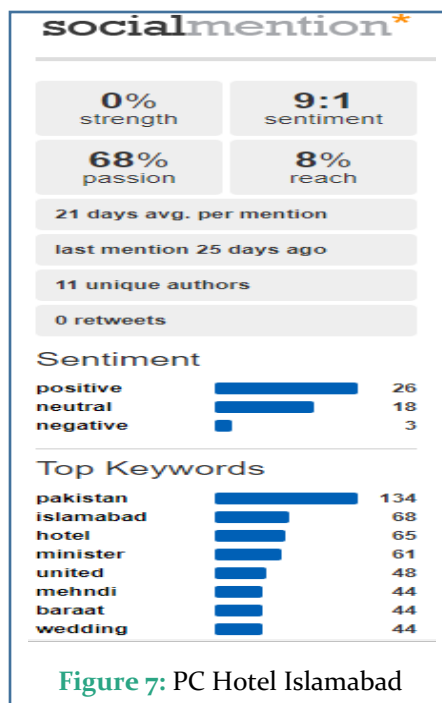
negative and neutral. Negative reviews make damage the image of the hotel and also give a chance to the management to make improvements in their services. Mostly, the comparison is between positive and negative reviews and neutral reviews are being ignored. This is a very challenging task for the hotel to analyse accurate reviews from the customers. With the help of the social mention tool, we can evaluate the quality of the hotels without reading all the comments. This gives us a clear percentage of the reviews which shows the sentiment, reach, strength and passion of the particular hotel. Strength is the number of people talking about a particular product. Reach signifies the range of influence of a product on the customers. The passion of the customers for the product can also be checked through the Social Mention tool. Social Mention Tool reveals sentiment analysis of hotel reviews through social media websites. The collection of information in real time data is a difficult task. With Social Mention Tool and Multimodal Sentiment Analysis theory, we can get real-time data and can evaluate the real passion and emotions of customers. Multimodal Sentiment Analysis theory expresses the possibility and the real meaning of the reviews which are subjective in nature. Through Sentiment Analysis Theory, we can evaluate the nature of the reviews of customers which can be concerned with free will, permission or judgment or any other concern. The fake visual images on social media sites can also be identified through Sentiment Analysis Theory.

This research has taken calculations of seven hotels in Islamabad through Social Mention Tool. First, for Serena Hotel, Social Mention Tool shows the result from all the social media sites on which Serena Hotel is being discussed. It shows the strength, sentiment, passion, reach, top key words and hashtags related to the specific hotel.



For Serena Hotel, Social Mention Tool shows the result which evaluates it has 0% strength. Serena Hotel has 0% strength which shows that people are not discussing Serena Hotel. Strength is being calculated in a way that within the last 24 hours the phrase Serena Hotel is being mentioned is divided by the total mentions of Serena Hotel. The strength for Serena Hotel is 0% which shows people are not discussing Serena hotel because it shows the probability of the people talking about the term on social media sites. The last mention of Serena hotel was 2 days before. Passion calculated for Serena hotel through Social Mention Tool is 52%. Passion shows the number of people who are talking about Serena Hotel repeatedly. Same people discussing Serena Hotel repeatedly will give a higher score of passion to the Serena Hotel but different people talking about Serena hotel will not be included in the passion of

people about Serena Hotel. Serena Hotel has 17% of the reach of people. As reach is the measure of the range of influence of people on social media sites, so reach is calculated by dividing the number of reviewers by the total number of mentions of Serena Hotel on social media sites. For Serena Hotel there are 25 unique viewers who are talking about Serena hotel and it gives 17% of the reach for this hotel. The sentiment for Serena hotel is 19:1. Sentiment shows the positive reviews to the negative ones. For Serena hotel, there are 19 positive reviews and 1 is the ratio of negative reviews. The ratio of neutral reviews for Serena Hotel is 44. Top keywords are being mentioned through Social Mention Tool. Keywords show the nature and idea of the term. The top Keywords for Serena Hotel are 'Pakistan, hotel, Serena, Islamabad, office, Lahore, BARAT and wedding'. The picture above is taken by the snipping tool from the Social Mention Tool which shows the detailed evaluation of the Serena Hotel.



The 2nd hotel taken in this study is Pc Hotel Islamabad. The strength for PC Hotel

Islamabad is 0% which shows that people have not discussed PC Hotel Islamabad for the last 24 hours. 0% strength shows the 0% probability of people talking about PC Hotel Islamabad. The ratio of sentiment for PC Hotel Islamabad is 9:1. While the neutral reviews have a ratio of 18 for PC Hotel Islamabad. Passion calculated by Social Mention Tool for PC Hotel is 68% which shows the percentage of people talking about PC Hotel repeatedly. The last mention for PC Hotel Islamabad is 25 days before. 8% is the reach for PC Hotel Islamabad. PC Hotel Islamabad has 11 unique reviewers. The top Keywords are Pakistan, Islamabad, hotel etc. The picture below shows the detailed analyses of the reviews from all the social media sites taken from the Social Mention tool.

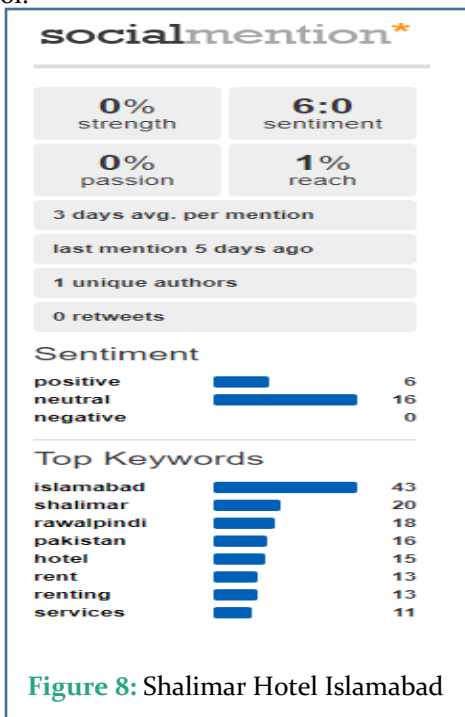


Figure 8: Shalimar Hotel Islamabad

The third hotel which was under study is Shalimar Hotel Islamabad. The strength for Shalimar Hotel Islamabad is 0%. The ratio of Sentiment is 6:0 which shows that people are only talking positively about this hotel. 16 is the ratio of neutral reviews about the hotel.

Passion calculated for Shalimar Hotel is 0% which shows people are not discussing this term repeatedly. There is one unique reviewer for this hotel which evaluates the Reach of 1% for Shalimar Hotel Islamabad. The last mention of this hotel is 5 days before. The top keywords for Shalimar Hotel are Islamabad, Shalimar, Rawalpindi, Pakistan etc as shown in the picture given below.

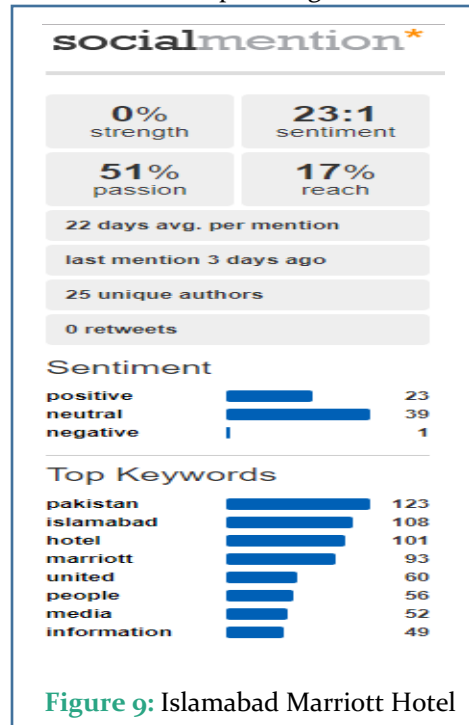


Figure 9: Islamabad Marriott Hotel

Fourth is Islamabad Marriott Hotel. The strength of the Islamabad Marriott Hotel is 0%. 0% strength shows that the hotel is not being discussed for the last 24 hours. The last mention for this hotel is before 3 days. The ratio of sentiment is 23:1. The ratio of positive reviews is more than the negative ones. The ratio of neutral reviews is 39. 51% of passion is being calculated which shows the number of people talking about the hotel repeatedly. This hotel has 25 unique reviews which turn out to be 17% reach of people for Islamabad Marriott Hotel. The top keywords for Islamabad Marriott Hotel are Pakistan, Islamabad, hotel, Marriott, united etc. The

picture is taken from Social Mention Tool which is about Islamabad Marriott Hotel.

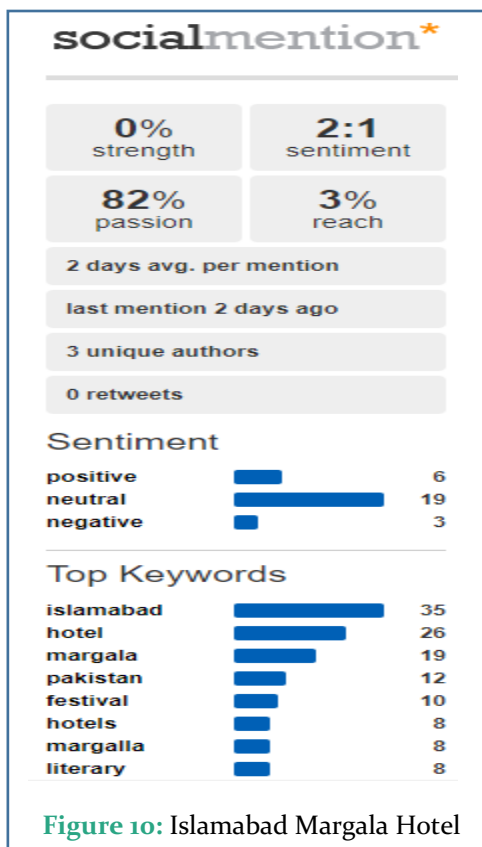


Figure 10: Islamabad Margala Hotel

Islamabad Margala Hotel is the fifth one which is taken for this study. The passion of people for this hotel is 82% which shows 82% of people are talking about this hostel repeatedly. 0% is the strength of people for this hotel. The last mention of this hotel on social media sites is 2 days before. This shows that people have not mentioned this hotel for the last 24 hours. There are three reviewers talking about this hotel which shows that this hotel has a 3% of reach of people. The ratio of the sentiment of people for this hotel is 2:1. 19 is the ratio of neutral reviews for Islamabad Margala Hotel. The top keywords are Islamabad, hotel, Margala, Pakistan, festival, hotels etc. The picture shows the result of the analysis of reviews for Margala hotel taken from the Social Mention tool.

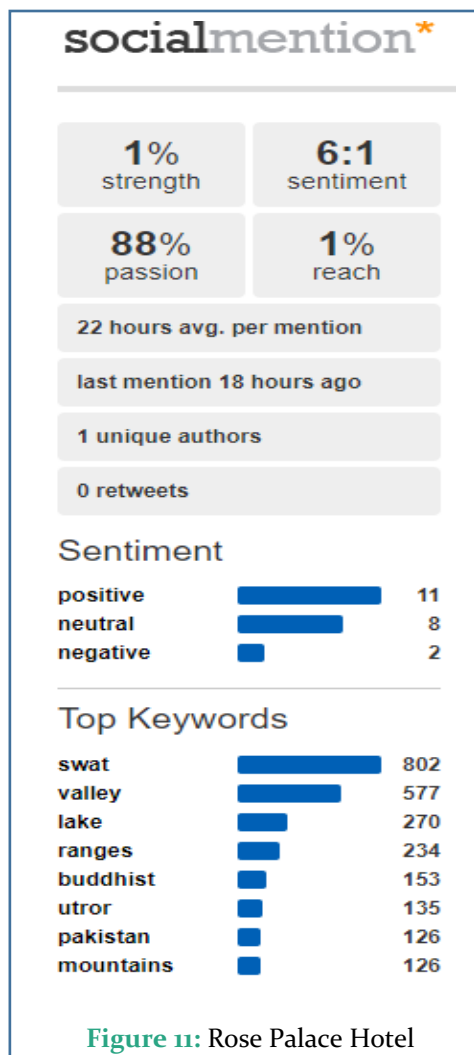
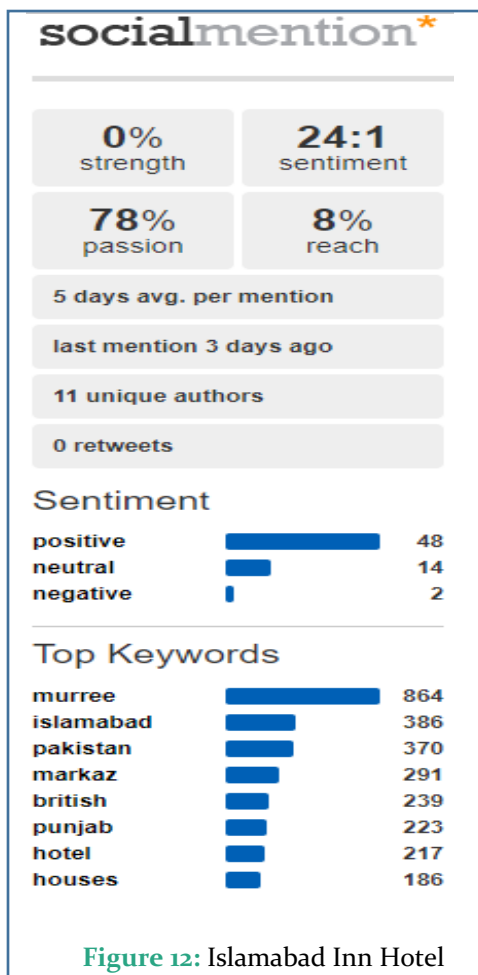


Figure 11: Rose Palace Hotel

Sixth one is the Rose Palace Hotel. The strength of this hotel is 1%. This shows that there is a 1% probability of the people who are talking about this hotel in the last 24 hours. The last mention of this Rose Palace Hotel is 18 hours before. Passion for this hotel is 88%. This hotel has only 1 unique reviewer which means only 1% of the reach of people for Rose Palace Hotel. The ratio of sentiment is 6:1 and the ratio of neutral reviews is 8. The top keywords are swat, valley, lake and ranges etc. The picture below illustrates the data collected by Social Mention Tool for Rose Palace Hotel.



The last one is the Islamabad Inn hotel. The strength calculated by Social Mention Tool for this hotel is 0%. The last mention of this hotel is 3 days before. The ratio of sentiment is 24:1 and the ratio of neutral reviews is 14 which shows people give positive reviews more than negative ones. The reach of people for this hotel is 8% because this hotel has 11 unique reviewers talking about the hotel. Passion for Islamabad Inn Hotel is 78%. The top keywords are Murree, Islamabad, Pakistan and Markaz etc. The picture below shows the evaluation of reviews taken from

the Social Mention tool for the Islamabad Inn Hotel.

For customers, it is a big hurdle to read all the reviews of all the hotels. To read and analyse all the reviews is a time-consuming task. For one individual it is impossible to analyse all the reviews from all social media sites. This study shows how the Social Mention tool helps the customers to make their decisions for choosing a hotel. This tool helps the managers to make improvements to fulfil the demands and desires of the customers.

Conclusion

In this research work, the method to analyse all the reviews by the Social Mention tool is being proposed. This study in hand described that previous reviews are important for the decision making and reviews help the managers to improve their services. Through the social mention tool, this study found that customers can get an overview of the quality of the hotel without reading and analysing all the reviews. The current study evaluated the strength, passion, sentiment and reach of the people towards the particular hotel. A number of key issues related to online review analysis are being discussed in this study. First, this study analysed the real-time data of the 7 hotels in Islamabad. Second, this research work has told how Social Mention tool is effective in analysing online reviews. Third, it analysed the passion, reach sentiment and strength of the online reviews of the hotels in Islamabad. This approach has a number of advantages. First, it has made it easier for customers in making decisions about booking hotels and saves their time. Second, this study has helped managers to improve their services and can compare their services with other competitors.

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