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Problem Introduction

NASA programs have large numbers (and types) of problem reports.

- ISS PRACA: 3000+ records, 1-4 pages each;
- ISS SCR: 28,000+ records, 1-4 pages each;
- · Shuttle CARS: 7000+ records, 1-4 pages each;
- ASRS: 27000+ records, 1 paragraph each

These free text reports are written by a number of different people, thus the emphasis and wording vary considerably

With so much data to sift through, analysts (subject experts) need help identifying any possible safety issues or concerns and to help them confirm that they haven't missed important problems.

- Unsupervised clustering is the initial step to accomplish this;
- We think we can go much farther, specifically, identify possible recurring anomalies.
 - · Recurring anomalies may be indicators of larger systemic problems.



Recurring Anomaly "Fingerprints"

 Problems that cross traditional system boundaries so failure effects are not fully recognized

- Evidence of unconfirmed or random failures
- ✓ Problems that have been accepted by repeated waivers
- Discrepant conditions repeatedly accepted by routine analysis
- Problems that are the focus of alternative opinions within the engineering community









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•	In an attempt to quantify any improvements Natural Language Processing (NLP) & text normalization have on text classification using Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Naïve Bayes, we did a direct comparison of classification rates of documents that has been processed by:		
	(1) documents processed using a NLP tool & a text normalization tool, PLADS, and		1
	(2) the same documents with no preprocessing.		10100000
	Specifically, we:	1	
	 Measured the difference in Precision, Recall, and F-Measure 		-
	 Applied to 60 anomaly classification. 	4	
	 Not meant to be an optimum classifier technique. Precision and Recall results for the different preprocessing methods were compared. No work was done to improve either. 		
•	Dataset used:		
	 Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS) 		
	 ASRS is classified by anomalies. These reports are classified into over 100 anomalies. Each report may be classified in multiple anomaly classes. 		
	30% are in only one anomaly class		
-	 50% are in 3 anomaly classes 		
-	 Documents are short, approximately 6 sentences 	1	
	27,596 documents	1	
	 Training Dataset: 20,000 docs dedicated to training, 4000 selected 		
	 Test Dataset: 7,000 docs dedicated to testing, 2000 selected 		
•	Tools used:		
	 MATLAB used for preprocessing 		
L	Weka implemented for SVM and Naïve Bayes classification	1	













Text Mining

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Text Categorization - Applications

- Automated sorting of scientific articles according to predefined thesauri of technical words.
- Filing patents into patent directories
- Selective dissemination of information to consumers
- Automated population of hierarchical catalogues of web resources
- Spam filtering
- Identification of document genre
- Authorship attribution
- Automated Essay Grading

Applications – contd.

Detection of Recurring Anomalies:

- Complex Systems have significant amount of maintenance and problem databases.
- Clustering helps detect recurring anomalies and relations in problem reports that indicate larger systemic problems.

Tool Kit

 Involves the synergy of the Information Retrieval (IR) Technology and Machine Learning (ML) Technology

- Support Vector Machines
- Neural Networks
- Boosting Algorithms
- Latent Semantic Analysis:

Natural Language Processing (NLP) can be used to integrate morphological, syntactic and semantic analysis with the process of clustering documents,













More On Generative Models

 Effect is analogous to the use of Euclidean Distances from the discriminative perspective.

 Often involve an appropriate use of the Expectation Maximization Algorithm.





 The EM algorithm is also used on a mixture of VMF distributions.

■ VMF:

- Introduced by von Mises to study the deviations of measure atomic weights from integral values.

 Its importance in statistical inference on a circle is almost the same as that of the normal distribution on a line.







Why is the text data Directional?

- Preprocessing step before applying the
- algorithms to text data : The (tf-idf) document vectors are L_2 normalized to make them unit norm.
- Assumption : Direction of documents is sufficient to get good clusters.
- For Eg: Two documents one small, one lengthy

 on the same topic will have the same direction
 and hence put in the same cluster:
- This unit normalized data lives on a sphere in a R^(d-1) dimensional space.

Why is VMF an appropriate Model for Directional data ?





Analogies to Normal contd.

- Maximum Entropy Characterization: Given a fixed mean and variance the Gaussian is the distribution that maximizes the entropy.
- Likewise given a fixed circular variance ρ and mean direction μ_o, the VMF distribution maximizes the entropy.
- Proof:
 - Given in Handout

Analogy to the Normal Distributioncontd.

- Is there a Central limit theorem for Directional data ?
 - For data on a line, the CLT says that the Normal is the limiting distribution.
- Whereas for directional data, the limiting distribution of the sum of 'n' independent random variables is given by the Uniform Distribution.
- "In spite of this, the Uniform Distribution is hardly a contender for modelling directional data" – [4]

What is the Appropriate Distribution to model Directional Date

- Unfortunately there is no distribution for directional data which has all properties analogous to the linear normal distribution. The VMF has some but not all of these desirable properties.
- The wrapped normal distribution is a strong contender to VMF.
- But the VMF provides:
 - simpler ML estimates.
 - tractable distribution in

hypothesis testing.













Spectral Clustering Contd.

Kernel Matrix:

The (*i*,*j*) th entry corresponds to the similarity between documents i and j as measured by the kernel function.

Objectives:

 A streamlined and efficient method for analyzing problem reports.

 Enhance clustering of problem reports to discover recurring anomalies

System Architecture contd.

System Model:

- An engineering model that defines how
 - parts components and subsystems interact

Relational Database:

- Consists of tables for all the parts,
- subsystems and components.

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