Reccomendations on Selecting The Topic of Student Thesis Concentration using Case Based Reasoning

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Abstract

Case Based Reasoning (CBR) is a method that aims to resolve a new case by adapting the solutions contained in previous cases that are similar to the new case. The system built in this study is the CBR system to make recommendations on the topic of student thesis concentration.

This study used data from undergraduate students of Informatics Engineering IST AKPRIND Yogyakarta with a total of 115 data consisting of 80 training data and 35 test data. This study aims to design and build a Case Based Reasoning system using the Nearest Neighbor and Manhattan Distance Similarity Methods, and to compare the results of the accuracy value using the Nearest Neighbor Similarity and Manhattan Distance Similarity methods.

The recommendation process is carried out by calculating the value of closeness or similarity between new cases and old cases stored on a case basis using the Nearest Neighbor Method and Manhattan Distance. The features used in this study consisted of GPA and course grades. The case taken is the case with the highest similarity value. If a case doesn’t get a topic recommendation or is less than the trashold value of 0.8, a case revision will be carried out by an expert. Successfully revised cases are stored in the system to be made new knowledge. The test results using the Nearest Neighbor Method get an accuracy value of 97.14% and Manhattan Distance Method 94.29%.

Keywords — Case Based Reasoning, Nearest Neighbor, Manhattan Distance, Thesis
1. INTRODUCTION

The field of thesis concentration is the concentration to be taken by students in determining the topic of thesis. IST AKPRIND Yogyakarta, has several courses, and one of them is the Program of informatics engineering S1 level, which offers a student thesis course of final grade with a weight of 6 (SKS). Courses of thesis taken by students must meet the specified requirements of the course, among others: have carried out the work of Practice (KP) with the real work lecture (KKN), and have completed the course with a total of 140 credits with the Komulative Achievement Index (GPA) ≥ 2. 2016 curriculum based on KKNI and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations are required to choose the concentration of interest that is owned by the Department of Informatics Engineering. The concentration areas are 3 (three), namely: systems and information technology, computer networks, and intelligent systems and computing. Students currently conduct registration of thesis and selection of thesis concentration topic by filling out form. Students collect the form to study Program to get approval from the Board of Study Program.

Research related to academics and provide solutions to the problems faced by some researchers namely [1], [2], [3] and[4]. The research conducted by [1] is to help provide the solution faced by the students when there are problems and the results of the accuracy value of 90%. Research by [2] conducts case-based learning for the teaching of therapy in a glance Advance and blended learning. Research by [3] gives students solutions at the time of Counseling and [4] conducts personalized recommendations on learning paths using examples of student learning activities.

The process of selecting a thesis topic is still manually so it takes a system to help make recommendations on the selection of thesis topics. Case Based Reasoning Implementation in academic case has been much done before. L.Mustofa research utilizes CBR's concept to recommend students to determine the most suitable majors in the university. [5]by implementing CBR to determine students who received a PPA scholarship (increased academic achievement) and a BBM scholarship (student learning assistance) resulted in a 100% accuracy. While [6]use CBR to recommend topics and lecturers of thesis guidance to students S1 Informatics Engineering Bumigora Mataram. Research on the academic field also conducted by [7]is CBR for the predictions of prospective students' graduation time.

Some stages of the CBR process or better known as CBR cycles are retrieve, reuse, revise, and retain. Retrieve process is the process of retrieving old problems relevant to new problems. According to E.Faizal research retrieval is the essence of CBR, the process of finding a solution from the old case in the case base to solve a new case. In the process retrieve the old cases compared with the new case then calculated the value of similarity from the comparison of the case. Similarity is the process of calculating similarities between old cases and new cases.

CBR has many methods of similarity that can be used, including Euclidean Distance, Manhattan, Minkowsky, Cosinus, Hamming Distance, Simple Matching Coefficient, Jaccard, Nearest Neighbor. The method of similarity used in this research is the method of Nearest Neighbor's similarity and the method of similarity of Manhattan Distance, which is further compared to obtaining the highest accuracy method of similarity. Research using Nearest Neighbor was also conducted Guessoum research, [8]. Research conducted by Guessoum Diagnosing chronic pulmonary disease with a result of 100% accuracy.

Research by [8] diagnosing psychiatric disorders. Test results of 250 cases, the system is able to properly diagnose as many as 240 cases (96%). The implementation of the use of more than one similarity method which is then compared by [9] using three methods of similarity namely Nearest Neighbor Similarity, Minkowski Distance Similarity and Eucliden distance Similarity for the domain cases of heart disease with the highest accuracy results, the method of similarity Minkowski Distance of 100%.

The Manhattan Distance Similarity method was chosen because it was based on previous research on CBR topic recommendations and thesis supervisors [6], namely by testing
280 student case data from 2005-2012 with features of general compulsory courses and compulsory concentration courses from semester 5 s / d 8 produces an accuracy value of 94.34%. [6] suggests using another retrieval method to improve system accuracy. This study uses the Nearest Neighbor Method because in [5] research on CBR to determine students who get PPA and BBM scholarships the accuracy value reaches 100%. The approach or similarity process in Nearest Neighbor by calculating the closeness between the new case and the old case is based on matching weights from a number of existing features [5]. In the search for similarity values, most of them use symbolic or continuous data, but in this study, numeric (discrete) data are used. Data that contains numeric and symbolic data is called mixed attribute [10]. Nearest Neighbor was chosen because it is one of the classification and pattern recognition techniques and is widely used in the CBR system [11]. Therefore, in this study, the researcher intends to compare the Nearest Neighbor and Manhattan Distance similarity methods in CBR to obtain a similarity method that has high accuracy.

2. METHODS

2.1 Thesis topic determination
1. Students can take the thesis, if it has completed the condition: Minimum has completed 135 credits, IPK ≥ 2.00.
2. Topics taken must be adapted to the development of IPTEK and areas of concentration. According to the curriculum 2016 based on KKNI, students at Institut Sains & Yogyakarta AKPRIND technology are required to choose the field of concentration.
3. Students who will apply for a thesis to fill the registration form consisting of Nim, student name, field of concentration, title of thesis, GPA and academic value, then collected in the administration of the course.
4. Head of Study Program as an expert will see the conditions that have been determined and students await the results of the decision. This, it takes a long time because that lists more than one thesis. For more details can be seen in Figure 1

![Figure 1 Plot Determination thesis Topic](image)

2.2 Case Based Reasoning
Case Based Reasoning (CBR) is a problem-solving method that uses knowledge of past experience to solve new problems [9]. Case Based Reasoning is a method aimed at completing a new case by adapting the solutions found in previous cases that are similar to the new case [8]. The knowledge side of Case Based Reasoning is dynamic because it often has added knowledge. The work of Case Based Reasoning is comparing new issues with the old case. The new problem has a resemblance to the old case that Case Based Reasoning will provide answers based on the old case to resolve the new problem. Case Based Reasoning will adapt if there is no match then insert the new case into the database of case storage (case base) so indirectly the knowledge of Case Based Reasoning will increase. CBR flows include:
- Retrieve, looking for an earlier case similar to the issue
- Reuse, copy or combine solutions from previous cases
- Revise, adapting the solution from a previous case to a new problem solution
- Retain, the new solution is validated
2.3. Case representation

The data of the case collection obtained from the Archive in the Administration section will be stored as case based. Case cases in this system will be represented in the form of feature sets making it easier to process the addition and deletion of case features. The features used in this study are GPA at the time of submission of a thesis, 40 the general mandatory value of the subjects, and 7 required concentration courses. Compulsory concentration courses are used as a feature because some topics of thesis usually refer to each area of concentration. In addition, the academic ability of a student is seen from the value of the courses that have been put, so that the value of the course can be used as a reference to determine the topic of the thesis concentration that will be examined by students. Expected with the use of academic values as a feature, the thesis process is faster due to the topic of concentration that will be researched according to academic ability and student interest. In this research cases will be represented in the form of flat feature.

Table 1 Example representation case

| Domain | Case Code: | Thesis concentration topic selection |
|--------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| GPA at the time of thesis | 3.6 | Programming Mobile A |
| Islamic religion | A | Programming SQL B+ |
| Calculus | B+ | Environmental Engineering A |
| A Database Concept | A- | Professional ethics A |
| Logic Informatics | B+ | Research Methodology A/B |
| Pancasila | B | Programming graphical Interface B+ |
| A Basic Programming | A | Web programming A/B |
| Introduction to Information technology | A/B | Information Systems A- |
| Linear algebra and Matrix | A- | Language theory and Automatic A/B |
| English | B | Indonesian language A |
| Basic physics | B+ | Entrepreneurship A |
| Probability and statistics | A- | Web Engineering A |
| Computer Organization and architecture | A | Theory of Language and Automata B |
| Structured programming | A | File system B |
| Data structure | A/B | Information System security B+ |
| Computer human Interactions | B | Testing & System implementation A/B |
| Computer network | A | Geographic Information System A- |
| Citizenship | B+ | Network programming A/B |
| Discrete mathematics | A | Business Information System A- |
| Object-Oriented Programming | A- | Real work Lectures B+ |
| Database management System | A/B | Practical Work A- |
| Operating system | A | Expert confidence level 100% |
| System Analysis and Design | A | Topic recommendations Thesis Concentration Information Systems |
| Computer system security | A- | |
| Quality Management | B+ | |
| Project management software | A/B | |

2.4. Process Retrieval

The Retrieval used in this study is looking for a case similar to calculating the closeness between new cases with old cases using the similarity function. Most of the search process is done by looking at the whole case based by comparing the features to the new case. The retrieve
stage in the study adopted the K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) method with \( k = 1 \) and Manhattan Distance. Measurement of similarity using Nearest Neighbor method is done two stages, namely local and global similarity. Local similarity is a measurement of similarity at the feature level, while global similarity is a measurement of similarity at the object level (case). The measurement of similarity using the Manhattan Distance method by searching for proximity between cases can be searched by calculating the distance between new cases and cases stored in the case base and the calculation of the similarity value. Each attribute has a different weight for each subject type whose value is determined by an expert, as shown in Table 2.

| Feature Code | Feature Code                  | Weight |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| TFP2505      | Information System Analysis   | 0.25   |
| TFT4403      | Data Mining                   | 0.5    |
| TFT4901      | Professional ethics           | 0.25   |
| TFP2206      | Physics                       | 0.25   |
| TFT2503      | Human and computer interactions| 0.25   |
| TFT1201      | Calculus                      | 0.25   |
| TFT2704      | Computer system security      | 0.25   |
| TFT3402      | Digital Image Processing      | 0.5    |
| TFT3401      | Knowledge-based Systems       | 0.5    |
| TFT4707      | Multimedia system             | 0.5    |

2.5 Nearest Neighbor

The similarity measurement will result in a decisive value on the presence or absence of similarities between the new cases and the cases in the case base. Similarity measurements include two things:

a. Local Similarity

Local similarity values are distinguished into two types, namely local numerically numeric and symbolic similarity. Equations (1) are equations used to perform local similarity value calculations for numeric features.[12]

\[
f(S_i, T_i) = 1 - \frac{|S_i - T_i|}{f_{\text{max}} - f_{\text{min}}}
\]

Description:

\( f_{\text{max}} \): the highest class used
\( f_{\text{min}} \): Lowest grade used
\( S_i \): The value of the old case attribute to-I
\( T_i \): value of new problem attribute to-I
\( f(S_i, T_i) \): attribute similarity function between old and new cases
For attributes with symbolic data feature values then the value of similarity corresponds to the similarity of the table or matrix.

b. Similarity Global
Used to calculate the similarity between new problems and cases stored in the case base. The method to calculate the weight of similarity in global similarity is to use Equation 2 as follows [13]:

$$\text{Sim}(S,T) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(S_i, T_i) \cdot W_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} W_i}$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

Description:
- T: New problem
- S: Cases found in the case base
- n: Number of attributes
- i: Individual attributes between 1 and N
- f(Si, Ti): Local similarity function of attribute I between case T and case S
- wi: The weight given to the to-I attribute

2.6. Manhattan Distance
The retrieval technique used in addition to K-Nearest Neighbor, is to use Manhattan Distance which is looking for a case similar to calculating the closeness between new problems with old cases using the similarity function. Proximity between cases can be searched by calculating the distance between new cases and cases stored in the base case. The smaller the distance between cases then the greater the level of similarity (similarity) of the case.

Calculation of distances using the Manhattan Distance method corresponds to Equation 3.

Manhattan distance is the proximity measure best suited for that project represents cases that are relevant to numbers or data that are of a nature quantitative [14]. As for calculating the value of similarity using equation 4. Manhattan or city block is used to take a suitable case from a case base by calculating the absolute weight amount of the difference between the current case and the first case in the case basis of equation 3.

$$d_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} W_k \cdot \left| T_{ik} - S_{jk} \right|$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

Description:
- n = number of variables
- K = Features
- W = weight of features
- T = new case
- S = history (case on base case)

Manhattan distance is the most suitable proximity measurement for projects that represent cases that are relevant to numbers or data that are quantifying. The calculation results the distance for each case with Manhattan Distance in Equation 3 equation formula to calculate the value of similarity between cases using equation 4 [12].

$$\text{Sim}(S,T) = \frac{1-d_{ij}}{n\cdot R}$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

Description:
- n = number of subject features
- R = Range is the minimum value of the feature with maximum feature value in a case.
2.7. **Confidence Level Measurement**

Pal and Shiu (2004) suggest to calculate the level of confidence. That a T issue is part of an S case class Outline, measurement of the level of confidence used in this study Includes two things:

1. Expert confidence level

An expert confidence level is an assurance of recommendations from experts based on student grades. Expert confidence levels are determined by experts. The higher the expert belief the higher the certainty of the recommendation result of a case.

2. Confidence level of new problems

Calculation of confidence on new issues using the equation below:

\[
\mu(T,S) = \frac{J(S,T)}{J(T)}
\]

(5)

Where \(\mu(T,S)\) is the level of confidence between the case T (target case) and S (source case), \(J(S,T)\) is the many features in the target case that appear in the source case feature whereas \(J(T)\) are the many features contained in the target case.

The importance of expert confidence in a case and the handling of new symptoms that may arise in the new case, then the formula in the equation (2) . [11] is done modifications as did [15] namely modifying the equation by adding an expert confidence factor and handling new symptoms into the calculation of the case similarity, as shown in the equation below.

\[
\text{Sim}(T,S) \cong \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(S,T) * (W_P(S)) * P(S) * J(S,T)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} W_P(S) * J(T)}
\]

(6)

where \(P(S)\) is the percentage of expert confidence in a case in the source case. Modifications made by [15] in the equation (6) with reference to the equation (5) will be used in this study and then will be performed on the equation (7) so that the formula of similarity to be used for the Manhattan Distance method is

\[
\text{Sim}(T,S) \cong \frac{1 - d(T)}{n + r} P(S) * J(S,T)
\]

(7)

2.8. **System Description**

The system to be built is a capable web-based intelligent system make recommendations on the selection of topics for the thesis concentration of students using the Case Based Reasoning (CBR) system. CBR is a method of finding solutions that uses past knowledge to solve new problems. The main processes carried out in the study are the process of recording data, the process of calculating similarity, and the testing process. The process of data recording includes the process of student data input, topic data input, concentration data input, user data input and course data input. In this study case data is divided into case bases as system knowledge and test cases as cases that will be used in system testing. The process of finding a solution is to calculate the similarity of new problems (new problems) with old cases (case basis). The method uses the calculation of the similarity value of Nearest Neighbor and Manhattan Distance. The revision process will be carried out if the recommended new problem has a value below the threshold (similarity equals 0). The threshold value used in this study to find solutions to new problems is 0.8. This value is also used as an indicator of whether the new problem will be retained on a case basis or not. Cases that have been revised by experts will be stored on a case basis, the system will directly gain new knowledge from new problems that have been revised.

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3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Data and Testing methods

The study uses 80 case-base data as system knowledge and 35 test case data as cases to be used in system testing. The topic Data of the thesis concentration has a total of 29 covering the concentration interests of the system and information technology, computer and system network and intelligent computing. These cases will be taken the solution and used as a solution for the new case. The study uses 115 data consisting of 80 base data and 35 test data with details of each topic can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3 Number of Data test and base Data table

| No | Topic                        | Amount of Data | Base Data (70%) | Test Data (30%) |
|----|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1  | Image                        | 1              | 1               | 0               |
| 2  | Fuzzy                        | 5              | 2               | 3               |
| 3  | Data Mining                  | 5              | 4               | 1               |
| 4  | Support System               | 9              | 9               | 0               |
| 5  | Decision                     | 6              | 4               | 2               |
| 6  | Expert system                | 2              | 1               | 1               |
| 7  | Recommendation system        | 2              | 1               | 1               |
| 8  | BackPropagation              | 2              | 1               | 1               |
| 9  | SVM                          | 3              | 2               | 1               |
| 10 | LDR Sensors                  | 2              | 1               | 1               |
| 11 | Artificial intelligence      | 1              | 1               | 0               |
| 12 | Private Cloud Storage        | 4              | 2               | 2               |
| 13 | Network implementation       | 3              | 2               | 1               |
| 14 | Network design               | 9              | 6               | 3               |
| 15 | Network security system      | 4              | 4               | 0               |
| 16 | Network analysis and comparison | 7         | 3               | 4               |
| 17 | Network performance analysis | 5              | 3               | 2               |
| 18 | Network optimization         | 1              | 1               | 0               |
| 19 | Virtual Private Network      | 10             | 8               | 2               |
| 20 | Information Systems          | 6              | 4               | 2               |
| 21 | Mobile Application           | 1              | 1               | 0               |
| 22 | Augmented Reality            | 5              | 3               | 2               |
| 23 | Geographic Information Systems | 3           | 2               | 1               |
| 24 | Web Quality Analysis         | 1              | 1               | 0               |
| 25 | Notification System          | 6              | 3               | 3               |
| 26 | Search Application           | 3              | 3               | 0               |
| 27 | Monitoring System            | 2              | 1               | 1               |
| 28 | Information Sharing System   | 2              | 1               | 1               |
| 29 | Testing and implementation   | 5              | 5               | 0               |

Amount: 115 (80 base data, 35 test data)

3.2. System Analysis Results

The result of system analysis of Nearest Neighbor method using case based is that there are 1 data that is not in accordance with the decision of the system or if it is a 2.86% data that is not suitable while the corresponding is 34 data or if it is to be charged 97.14% data according to the decision of head of study program. The results of system analysis of Manhattan Distance
method using case based are 2 data that does not comply with the decision of the system or if it is 5.71% unsuitable data. While that is 33 data or if it is 94.29%.

Table 4 of Accuracy Value results

| No | Method                  | Accuracy value Calculation |
|----|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1  | Nearest Neighbor        | $\frac{34}{35} \times 100\% = 97.14\%$ |
| 2  | Manhattan Distance     | $\frac{33}{35} \times 100\% = 94.29\%$ |

Figure 2 CBR Test Result chart

4. CONCLUSIONS

Based on research and test results, it can be conclusion that the results of the test value of the recommendation system of selection of the thesis concentration topic with the Nearest Neighbor method get an accuracy value of 97.14% and the Manhattan Distance method gets the accuracy value of 94.29%

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