Thematic Context Derivator Algorithm for Enhanced Context Vector Machine: eCVM

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Abstract: Natural Language Processing uses word embeddings to map words into vectors. Context vector is one of the techniques to map words into vectors. The context vector gives importance of terms in the document corpus. The derivation of context vector is done using various methods such as neural networks, latent semantic analysis, knowledge base methods etc. This paper proposes a novel system to devise an enhanced context vector machine called eCVM. eCVM is able to determine the context phrases and its importance. eCVM uses latent semantic analysis, existing context vector machine, dependency parsing, named entities, topics from latent dirichlet allocation and various forms of words like nouns, adjectives and verbs for building the context. eCVM uses context vector and PageRank algorithm to find the importance of the term in document and is tested on BBC news dataset. Results of eCVM are compared with compared with the state of the art for context deriviation. The proposed system shows improved performance over existing systems for standard evaluation parameters.

Keywords: Context Vector Machine, Natural Language Processing, PageRank, Named Entities.

I. INTRODUCTION

Typically word embeddings involve various language modelling and feature learning techniques in Natural Language Processing (NLP) to map words into vectors. The mapping of words include neural networks, dimensionality reduction of term matrix, probabilistic models, knowledge base methods and context vectors. The general tasks in NLP like POS tagging, semantic relatedness has proved to have good performance if word embeddings are used. But tasks like named entity recognition do not benefit from word embeddings [1]. Many attempts are made to derive context of word using Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA), vector space model etc. There is lack of use of named entities in deriving context. When a context is defined using word embeddings there might be loss in information about a named entity. So a modified context vector machine (eCVM) is designed which will find context by combining both word embeddings and named entities.

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The context derived in context vector machine [5] and LSA [2] give context as various terms which define a single context using single document or paragraph. We combine them along with named entities to improve the performance of the system.

The aim of the proposed work is as follows:

1. To design a Context Vector Machine (CVM) such that it make use of word embeddings and named entities to generate desired global context.

2. To compare the results of Context Vector Machine with existing techniques.

The arrangement of paper is as follows: Section I is an introduction and motivation of work. Section II explains the literature review of the work followed by proposed method in section III. Section IV gives experimentation and results of proposed work. Section V concludes the paper.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Various attempts have been made in deriving the context of a document. Some of them are Vector Space Model, word embeddings using Latent Semantic Analysis. Well established method for voluminous document corpus is Latent Semantic Analysis. These approaches are explored by different researchers and are covered in the following subsections.

Latent Semantic Analysis- The context of a document can be a theme of a document. Typically, Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA) is used for theme generation. Khatavkar V and Kulkarni P in [2], devised an algorithm to get the context of a document that gave context terms from the document and their weights. Khatavkar V and Kulkarni P in [3], compared SVM with LSA and without LSA. LSA proved to be effective with SVM when the corpus is large. The LSA is performed using Singular Value Decomposition (SVD). The matrix M can be derived using the equation: 

\[ M = U*S*V \]

where \( U \) = Reduced rank term matrix ; \( S \) = Singular Value Diagonal Matrix ; \( V \) = Document Matrix.

Named entity analysis- In text documents, Named Entities play a vital role in the identification of context. Many attempts are made to extract named entities from the document and then either classify them or derive context from them [4,5]. Shu L et. al. in [6] resolved entities and modeled the topics from the document.

Forms of words- Many times Noun and Verb phrases play an important role in the same. Forms of words like Nouns, Adjectives, Verbs are used in the identification of document context [7].

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**Context Vector Machine:** Researchers in [2, 5] derived using context using Term Frequency Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF). The work presented in this paper is an extension of the work mentioned in [8]. In this work a system is developed, a modified Context Vector Machine (eCVM), which applies dependency parser to resolve the word dependencies in the paragraph. The dependency parser is an English Language Parser which parses the paragraph and resolves the dependencies present in the sentences. Stanford’s Dependency Parser serves the purpose [9]. The context frequency form term t document d from document corpus D and context vectors are formulated as shown in equation 1, 2 and 3:

\[ cf(t, d) = \frac{\text{Number of context term } t \text{ in document } d}{\text{Total number of context terms in document } d} \quad (2) \]

\[ icf(t, D) = \frac{\log |D|}{|D|} \quad \ldots \quad (3) \]

\[ CV(t, d, D) = cf(t, d) \times icf(t, D) \quad \ldots \quad (4) \]

**Topic Analysis:** Blei D M et al. in [10] researched that LDA is a very powerful tool to find out the structure that is not known in a large set of text. The reason for the development of LDA was to solve the issues of the previous model known as PLSA proposed by Hofmann in [11]. PLSA was a probabilistic version of Latent semantic analysis done by Deerwester et. al. in [12]. Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) is performed on the documents in order to get the topics from the documents.

![Figure 1. Plate Notation for LDA](image)

\[ \alpha \quad \theta \quad Z \quad W \quad N \quad K \]

The plate notation of LDA with its standard notations is shown as in Figure 1. The parameter Z will be the topics for document with words W where \(\alpha\), \(\beta\), \(\theta\) and \(\phi\) are prior topic dirichlet, post topic dirichlet, topic and word distributions respectively.

**III. PROPOSED SYSTEM**

Figure 2 depicts the proposed system. The overall working of the system is stated as below:

1. Take input document,
2. Build vector \(v_0\) using LDA,
3. Build vector \(v_1\) for all named entities from document,
4. Build vector \(v_f\) such that it contains terms from \(v_0\), \(v_1\) and all nouns, verbs and adjectives related to terms in \(v_0\) and \(v_1\).
5. Build vector $v_2$ using LSA SVD,
6. Build vector $v_3$ by building context vector using CVM,
7. Build $v_d$ for thematic context derivation by integrating vectors $v_f, v_2$ and $v_3$.
8. Perform thematic context derivation algorithm in order to get context phrases.

The system will derive the context of the document by using thematic context derivator algorithm. Thematic context derivation algorithm is given below:

1. Identify subjects, verbs and objects from $v_f, v_2$ and $v_3$, and save the identity in ‘id’ for document $i$.
2. Select term $t$ from $v_f, v_2$ and $v_3$.
3. If $t$ is in ‘id’:
4. Add $t$ in $v_d$ along with ‘id’.
5. Perform step 2 till $v_f, v_2$ and $v_3$ are covered.
6. For all terms in $v_d$, add $t$ as nodes in graph G and id as relationship.
7. Change $i$ to $i+1$ (consider next document from the corpus) go to step 1 if document $i+1$ is in corpus.
8. Calculate pagerank for all nodes in G to get the modified context vector and importance of terms in $v_d$.
9. Return context vector in $v_d$ along with importance of each term.

The thematic context derivator algorithm gives the context based on pagerank. It gives us modified context vector of the term in the document.

The page rank of context term $t$ in document $d$ is derived when all the context terms are in graph $G$ [13]. The terms $t$ and $j$ are connected by an edge $e$ in $G$ are connected such that the weight $w$ of $e$, $w = \max (w_{up}(t,j))$ and :

$$PR(t,d) = \sum_{j \in B_t} \frac{PR(j)}{L(j)} \ldots (5)$$

where, $t$ and $j$ are context terms;
$B_t$ is set containing all nodes linking to term $t$;
$L(t)$ is the number of nodes from node $t$;

The Wu-Palmer similarity is used to find the relation score between two terms, [14], given as:

$$w_{up}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{(1 + \text{depth}(\text{lc}(t_1, t_2)))}{(\text{depth}(\text{lc}(t_1, t_2)) + 2 \times \text{depth}(\text{lc}(t_1, t_2)))} \ldots (6)$$

where, depth(lc($t_1, t_2$)) is the depth of the lowest node in the thesaurus hierarchy of terms $t_1$ and $t_2$.

The context vectors and page ranks of the terms are derived using Equations 3 and 14. The page rank will give the importance of the term from the set of terms in the graph G. In a graph G, nodes representing terms may have the same page rank. Also, the Context Vectors may come out to be the same. So it is necessary to modify the context vector. The modified context vector $mcv(t,d)$ for term $t$ in document $d$ is given in Equation 7.

$$mcv(t,d) = cv(t,d) \times PR(t,d) \ldots (7)$$

The importance ($i_t$) of the context term $t$ can be given as:

$$i_t = \frac{mcv(t,d)}{\dim(t_d)} \ldots (8)$$
IV. EXPERIMENTATION AND RESULTS

The system is tested on BBC news dataset [15]. The dataset consists of five categories of news articles namely, business, entertainment, politics, sports and tech. The total news articles in the dataset are 2225. The sample text of 043.txt and 0.42.txt documents from sports category is taken for explanation.

**Sample text from document 1:** “Flintoff fit to bowl at Wanderers Fourth Test, Wanderers: Captain Michael Vaughan said: “He’s had a bowl and came out fine so he is fully fit to play as an all-rounder.”

**Sample text from document 2:** “England’s main concern continues to be the fitness of Andrew Flintoff, who is recovering from a torn side muscle and may not be able to bowl in the Test.”

The various context vector terms for document 1 with document 2 in consideration are:

- Topic according to LDA = $v_0 = \text{Flintoff, fit, bowl, play}$
- Named Entities = $v_i = \text{Andrew Flintoff, Captain Michael Vaughan, test match, England}$
- LSA with SVD = $v_j = \text{fit, bowl, play, rib, muscle}$
- Terms from CVM = $v_k = \text{flintoff, fit, play, vaughan, bowl, concern, batsman, special}$
- eCVM = $v_l = \text{flintoff, fit, bowl, play, all-rounder, wanderers, Captain Michael Vaughan, test match, rib muscles, restricted.}$

For deriving F-measure, recall and precision the system is tested on BBC news dataset.

Table 2 gives F-measure, recall and precision of various systems when compared to LDA. The CVM is more effective than Named entity vector, Forms of word vector and LSA with SVD. But when used combined with others the performance is increased in F-measure and recall. The precision is the same for CVM and eCVM.

Table 2. Context vectors terms compared to LDA term vectors

| Technique          | F-measure | Recall | Precision |
|--------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Named Entity Vector| 0.5       | 0.4    | 0.68      |
| Forms of word vector| 0.48     | 0.37   | 0.68      |
| LSA with SVD       | 0.52      | 0.42   | 0.75      |
| CVM                | 0.61      | 0.48   | 0.83      |
| eCVM               | 0.63      | 0.5    | 0.83      |

Table 3 shows F-measure, recall and precision of various methods used to derive context of document when compared with eCVM. The precision of the system when compared with eCVM is same for Named Entity, LSA with SVD and LDA but the F-measure and recall are varying.

Table 3. Context vector terms compared to eCVM

| Technique          | F-measure | Recall | Precision |
|--------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Named Entity Vector| 0.59      | 0.46   | 0.83      |
| Forms of word vector| 0.56     | 0.45   | 0.75      |
| LSA with SVD       | 0.58      | 0.47   | 0.83      |
| CVM                | 0.62      | 0.47   | 0.86      |
| LDA                | 0.63      | 0.5    | 0.83      |
The F-measure of the eCVM can be compared to that of existing system in [2,16]. The comparison of the proposed system with other methods of context derivation is done in Table 4. eCVM performs better than [16] and uses named entities along with other NLP tasks. Also it performs better than CVM presented in [2].

Table 4. F-measure of proposed system with existing systems

| Context Derivation Technique | F-measure |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Existing method in [16]      | 60.5%     |
| CVM in [2]                   | 62.5%     |
| Proposed method using eCVM   | 63.5%     |

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V. CONCLUSION

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