An Enhanced Text Mining Approach using Dynamic Programming

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ABSTRACT—Text mining is a pervasive area of research in Computer Science. This is the process of finding knowledgeable and useful information and patterns from very huge text. It is widely applied in several areas of applications such as information retrieval; computational biology etc. Keyword-based searching has been extensively applied in text dataset considering the keywords as strings. String matching is used in finding all the occurrences of a given pattern P of length m from a given text T of length n, where m ≤ n. An occurrence of a pattern inside the text can simply be characterized as “exact” or “approximate”. This paper proposes a framework for text mining using a fast bit-parallel algorithm for searching exact occurrences of a pattern inside a huge body of text. We evaluate the performance of three algorithms in the literature on different text files and discuss their suitability under different situations.

KEYWORDS— Algorithms; Bit-Parallelism; Data Mining; String Matching; Text Mining

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section II presents a study of related work. Section III and Section IV discuss the methods, procedures, and results discussion respectively. Finally, Section V is the conclusion and directions for future work.

1. INTRODUCTION

One of the fundamental problems in information retrieval is searching for key information within huge data sets. Since data on the web is doubling very quickly, this makes knowledge discovery increasingly more challenging and difficult to handle [1]. The act of extracting meaningful knowledge or patterns from a large data set is simply referred to as data mining. Data can be in the form of video, voice, image, document, or text [2, 3].

Data mining has different areas of applications such as text mining, image processing, and artificial intelligence [4]. Information available in the text data-sets can be structured, semi-structured, or unstructured such as in the form of research papers, and electronic mails [5, 42, 43]. Text mining is the technique of mining information from textual data [6].

Searching the text is required to extract knowledge. It is widely applied in numerous areas such as information retrievals, computational biology, text editor, image processing, data science, and search engines [7, 8]. Keywords based searching works by considering series of strings [9].

String matching is used in finding the occurrence of a given pattern P in the given text T [10, 11]. Pattern occurrence can simply be considered as “approximate” or “exact” [12]. Some examples are: exact pattern matching, approximate pattern matching, regular expression searching, and online string searching (used for casual searching) [13]. In order to speed up the searching, there is a high quest for better algorithms [14]. Recently, the bit-parallelism algorithm has been efficiently used to solve pattern matching problems [15]. This kind of algorithm takes advantage of high-speed processor.

This research proposes a framework for text mining using string matching and bit-parallelism with the goal of addressing the problem of polysemic and synonymy in keyword search on textual documents.
The authors in [25] proposed a two-way shift-OR (TSO) algorithm which is the enhancement of the traditional Shift-And algorithm, with a running time of $O(n/m)$.

Islam and Talukder in [26] proposed a pattern discovery algorithm framework; using the Index Based Shift (IBS) a word based pattern matching algorithm in the area of computational biology to analyze textual data either using the exact (error-free) or approximate (limited error) pattern matching.

Jangra & Nagpal in [28] proposed a searching algorithm for pattern matching based on sequence token. The advantages of the algorithm are that the time consumption is reduced. Secondly, patterns are represented in a sequential form which performs the matching using backtracking techniques. Gupta and Vasgi in [17] proposed an algorithm for relevant text document retrieval. The algorithm considered searching in a pattern that performed by passing through some major process techniques such as deploying patterns and evolving patterns (noisy removal). Analogously Anujna and Ushadevi in [29] proposed an algorithm using Porter D algorithm to remove stop words and stemming (tail part removal in the text) using regular expression algorithm.

3. METHODS AND PROCEDURES

One of the techniques used in machine learning and data mining for extracting information from text is called text mining. Text mining is the process of extracting meaningful knowledge from a text data; it is also known to be the act of discovering knowledge from the text [11]. Some major challenges researchers face in text mining knowledge extraction stems from the lack of frameworks that can efficiently extract knowledge in data with noise, word ambiguity, sensitive context, synonymy, and polysemy (automobile = vehicle = car = Honda). Application of text mining is not only limited to bioinformatics (DNA and RNA), but also in text searching, string matching, soft computing, machine learning, and artificial intelligence [30]. Text data is said to be in a string if it is in a raw format, which represents a sequence of characters. String searching and retrieval of information in text is done using text mining techniques based on string matching [31, 32].

A. Exact String Matching

The exact string matching problem (ESM) can be solved using a linear time algorithm when all patterns are completely identified [12, 19]. Exact string matching (without allowing errors) is to find the positions of a text where a given pattern occurs; it does not allow any number of “errors” in the matches [33]. Numerous algorithms have been developed for solving exact string matching problems such as Naïve Approach Algorithm, Knuth-Morris-Pratt Algorithm, and Boyer-Moore Algorithm etc [34]. The ESM problem in Computer Science is pervasive due to its different algorithm which searches over large DNA sequences of different pattern length. The IBS algorithm does a comparison based on the total number of character sets which makes it more accurate and more efficient especially as the pattern length increases. Peltola and Tarhio in [27] developed areas of applications such as: data compressions, image processing, computational biology, signal processing, and retrieval of information [19, 35, 36].

B. Backward Directed Acyclic Word Graph (DAWG) Matching

Backward DAWG matching (BDM) uses the suffix automaton techniques by constructing a Directed Acyclic Word Graph (DAWG) using the reversed patterns for finding all suffixes [17, 37]. The suffix of the reverse pattern is same as the prefix of the original pattern. The pattern is shifted when a mismatch occurs, while the automaton continues reading text from the previous shift position BDM Algorithm [38].

C. Shift-And Algorithm

The bit-parallel Shift-And algorithm was invented by [39]. Its original idea was to match a pattern inside a body of huge text. The algorithm becomes important as it speed up the operation by cutting the number of steps to $\lceil n/w \rceil$, where $n$ is the size of the text and $w$ is word length of the computer used. The algorithm encodes the pattern in the form of bit-sequence (G) and constructs a finite automaton (with state vector K) to process the character of the text. Here the length of G is $\geq m$ (m being the length of the pattern) and the state vector is updated by $K \leftarrow (K << 1) \mid G[T[i]]$, where T is text [40, 41].

D. Backward Non-deterministic Matching (BNDM)

Navarro & Raffinot, (1998) state reason behind bit-parallelism implementation. It is simply to speed up the searching operations, as this technique takes advantages of intrinsic parallelism of the bit operations inside a computer word. BNDM is implemented using the Shift–And Algorithm [35] and BDM, firstly by building a G table which for each and every character a bit mask $g_m...g_1$ is stored.

The mask in G [z] has the $i^{th}$ bit set if and only if $x_i = z$. The state of the search is kept in a machine word K=$k_0...k_i$, where $k_i$ is set whenever $x_0...x_i$ matches the end of the text read up to now (State $k_i$ is set if and only if it is active). Therefore, we report a match whenever $k_m$ is set. We set $K \leftarrow 0^m$ originally and, for each new character $s_j$ updates K using the formula [38].

$K \leftarrow ((K << 1) \mid 0^{m-1}) \mid G [s_j]$.

The beauty of this BNDM algorithm is that, it works only when m (pattern length) $\leq w$ (machine word size). The algorithm is as shown in Figure 1.
BNDM (P=p_1p_2…p_m, T=t_1t_2…t_n)

1. for c \in \Sigma \ do \ B[c] \leftarrow 0^m
2. for i \in 1…m \ do \ B[P_{m+1}] \leftarrow B[P_{m+1}] \oplus 0^{m-1} 0^{j-1}
3. pos \leftarrow 0
4. while \ pos \leq n - m 
   5. do \ j \leftarrow m, \ last \leftarrow m, \ D \leftarrow 1^m
   6. while \ D \neq 0^m 
   7. do \ D \leftarrow D \& B[t_{pos+1}]
   8. \ j \leftarrow j-1
   9. if \ D \& 10^{m-1} \neq 0^m 
      10. then if \ j > 0 \ then \ last \leftarrow j 
          11. else \ report \ an \ occurrence \ at \ pos+1 
   12. D \leftarrow D \ll 1
   13. pos \leftarrow pos + last

Figure 1: BNDM Algorithm [38]

E. Proposed Framework

The newly proposed framework consists of the following modules: text collection, preprocessing stages which include: removal of punctuations, extra-whitespaces removal, text stemming and lastly the stop words removal from the text,

exact string matching using the Bit-parallelism: Backward Non-deterministic DAWG Matching (BNDM) discovered patterns and analysis. Figure 2 shows the proposed framework used in this research.

4. RESULTS DISCUSSION

A. Presentation of Results

A framework for the text mining using string matching and bit-parallelism has been implemented using the R programming language version 3.4.3 and C development environment. R programming is used during the preprocessing phase which includes removal of all punctuations, all extra-whitespaces, stemming of the text, and lastly stop words. The C language is used in the string matching phase, fundamentally on the techniques of exact (without any error) string matching algorithm for finding all the occurrences of a pattern from a given text using the Naive, Shift-AND and Backward Non-deterministic DAWG Matching (BNDM) algorithms. Reason behind choosing above two languages is that the R provides very good tools for preprocessing and C is highly efficient for bit-parallel algorithms.

B. Presentation of Performance

Performance-based on execution time and speed was recorded using all the three algorithms (Naive, Shift-AND, and BNDM). For our preprocessing the compilation time and the running time for all the process (punctuation removal, extra-whitespaces removal, stemming of text, and lastly the stop words removal) was generally the same since we are using the R programming language for the preprocessing tasks. Search Time was recorded using the compilation + running time of the same text file after preprocessing using the Dev-C.
The textual data with file name testcrude.txt from (http://staff.utia.cas.cz/vomlcl/data/TEST_CRUDE_DAT.GZ) has been loaded on the R platform; the program is coded to read in all the text line by line and displays 4176 as the total number of characters in the entire text. Table I show that BNDM algorithm has the best performance in general with 1.01 sec. as compile time and 0.99 sec. running time, and cumulative time of 2.0 sec. Fig. 3 is the bar plot of the performance of all the three algorithms based on execution time.

On increasing the file size, we used the 16 bit size, pattern = “crude”. The results are shown in Table II. We noticed that the number of the pattern occurrences increases as soon as we increase the file size. From Table II, BNDM has the best performance in terms of speed with both compilation and running time. This table also shows that Naïve performs better on smaller text size but drops in performance behind the shift-and as text size increases. The study has been conducted on another data set which has been collected from the repository https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Car+Evaluation. Table III shows the results of running BNDM algorithm on this data set.

Data set on car evaluation has the same objectives on finding the rate on how many people that uses car based on all the attributes: unacc, med, small, low, high, vhigh, big, more. After preprocessing our textual data set on the same R programming language environment, we recorded a number of 53,516 character sets, and after running the program several time on Dev-C environment in searching based on the individual attributes, BNDM algorithms still gives best result as shown in Table 3 and Figure 4.

Our findings show that a total number of 2500 people buy cars based on the attribute “high”, which displayed a very simple and straightforward bar chart plotted from the R environment.

Table 1: Execution Time of the three Algorithms

| Execution Time (sec) | Naïve | Shift-AND | BNDM |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|------|
| Reading Text Files   | 0.00  | 0.00      | 0.00 |
| Punctuations Removal | 0.00  | 0.00      | 0.00 |
| Extra-whitespaces Removal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Stemming of Text     | 0.00  | 0.79      | 0.00 |
| Stop words Removal   | 0.00  | 0.05      | 0.00 |
| Search Time          | 1.47  | 1.92      | 1.01 |
| Total                | 1.47  | 1.92      | 1.01 |
|                      | 2.76  | 3.09      | 2.00 |

5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

We concluded our research findings by demonstrating a better performance in results and discussions. The study has been classified into two distinct aspects of preprocessing (removal of punctuations, extra-whitespace removal, stemming of the text, and removal of stop words) the textual data set and then performing the matching on the pattern from the given text after preprocessing. Naïve, Shift-And, and bit-parallel BNDM algorithm have been applied for the implementation of finding the number of occurrences of pattern from the textual data sets. Performance was measured using the execution time and speed, which all comprises of both compilation and running time in seconds.

Looking into another data set on car evaluation with same objectives on finding the rate on how much number of people that uses car based on all this attributes (unacc, med, small, low, high, vhigh, big, more). After preprocessing our textual data set on the same R programming language environment we recorded a number of 53,516 character sets, and after running the program several time on Dev-C environment in searching based on the individual attributes. Bit-parallel BNDM algorithms still give a much better results in recording both the compilation and running time in seconds.

A. Future Work

As future work, this research study can further be experimented on the approximate string matching algorithm as well as more classes of string matching. Huge data set can be considered for the study and C can be integrated into R / Python programming language. The technique can be used to convert unstructured data to structured data which can be more helpful in decision making.
Figure 3: Results showing the comparison of all the algorithms

Table 2: Comparison of the Speed of three Algorithms on Increasing the File Size

| Speed (sec) | Naive Average time (running + compilation) | Shift-and Average time (running + compilation) | BNDM Average time (running + compilation) | No. of occurrences |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| File Size: 10243 | 1.85                                      | 2.18                                          | 1.09                                     | 76                 |
| File Size: 25528 | 3.64                                      | 3.08                                          | 2.43                                     | 631                |
| File Size: 68508 | 4.58                                      | 3.36                                          | 2.89                                     | 645                |
| File Size: 99833 | 5.49                                      | 4.01                                          | 3.06                                     | 659                |

Table 3: Comparison of the Speed of the BNDM Algorithm on Car Evaluation

| Speed (sec) | BNDM Average time (running + compilation) | No. of people |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| unacc       | 2.9                                       | 1210          |
| Med         | 4.0                                       | 2016          |
| small       | 1.4                                       | 576           |
| Low         | 3.5                                       | 1440          |
| High        | 5.0                                       | 2304          |
| vhigh       | 2.1                                       | 864           |
| big         | 1.3                                       | 576           |
| more        | 2.3                                       | 1008          |

Figure 4: Results showing the comparison of the BNDM algorithm
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