

Improved Subsequence Discovery Algorithm For Sequence Matching

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Abstract— This article describes an comparative analysis of natural language sequence matching techniques for matching user text input in natural language processing against an existing knowledge base, consisting of semantically described words or phrases. Most common methods & techniques of natural language processing are overviewed and their main problems are outlined. A sequence matching with subsequence analysis algorithm is analyzed and improvements are done which deals with the problems of exact matching, change in custom spelling errors as well as the improvement in the performance metric of the similarity matching. Popular approaches that solve this problem include stemming, lemmatization and various distance functions, sequence matching techniques are analysed to get the better possible technique for solving the problems with higher accuracy. Then the major components of the similarity measure are defined and the computation of concurrence and dispersion measure is presented. Results of the algorithms performance on a test set are then analysed.

Keywords— *sequence matching, subsequence analysis, similarity measure.*

Introduction

In recent years Information retrieval becomes most essential task of retrieving the data, i.e. extracting the data from existing knowledge base. In natural language processing information can be stored in any form and in any language format, the user and researchers are always in hunt of searching and extracting the data or information, which can be used as a resource for enhancing and predicting the future work. For such task researchers and users can use Question-answering systems. In Question-Answering system the information to be extracted is provide in the form of query & is searched against the existing knowledge base. For extracting the related knowledge information search algorithms are used in such systems. These algorithms employ different techniques and methodologies to match the users

input query against the knowledge base. The techniques may vary according to the applications and the nature of task. The query can be a set finite or infinite collection word or text. The term to searched in the form of query can be in various morphological variation. Popular approaches that are used and are most successful are stemming, lemmatization and various distance functions. In this article we have proposed some improvements in the existing sub sequence discovery algorithm suggested by Marko Freme and Milan Ojstersk. In first phase we have analyzed the popular approaches used in natural language processing for the similarity matching, then the problems are outlined, then improvements are done for overcoming those problems and lastly its performance is analyzed and compared with the existing approaches.

I. STEMMING

Stemming is a preprocessing step in information retrieval system before indexing and searching. It basically converts morphed words into its root word i.e. stemming gets converted into its root word stem. For reducing the word form from its morphed form it uses the set of rules without considering parts of speech tagging and context of word. The queries fired are segmented and each segment of word is then stemmed and used for searching the document.

II. SUB SEQUENCE DISCOVERY

As suggested by Marko Freme & Milan Ojstersk, Sub sequence discovery algorithm is used to find the text matching from the knowledge base based on

similarity matching. This algorithm does not require set of rules for preprocessing of words. This algorithm uses sub sequence from the word or phrase from the query to find out the most similar matching from the knowledge base.

III. ANALYSIS OF THE SUB SEQUENCE DISCOVERY ALGORITHM

For analyzing the performance of this algorithm we have implemented this algorithm and checked its performance on the data set of English words. As per given by Marko Freme & Milan Ojstersk the average similarity matching for this algorithm is 86.4 % and since this algorithm is error tolerable and does not require additional rules it is better for the question answering system for semantic analysis. But they have also suggested some enhancements in the working of this algorithm

Such as if lemma is missed then the degree of similarity of this algorithm degrades , if there is change in order of spelling then also its similarity matching degrades as well as the algorithm is not implemented on phrases.

IV. GOAL

As mentioned above the limitations of the sub sequence discovery algorithm we plan to improve the similarity matching by improving and removing the limitations of the sub sequence discovery algorithm. Our approach basically concentrates on the implementation of the algorithm on phrases and change in the order of words of characters.

V. OUR APPROACH

In this approach we have first done same thing as it is already done in sub sequence discovery algorithm. Firstly we have also used the Longest common subsequence i.e. LCS algorithm for finding out the sub sequences, while finding the sequence we also checked the sequence of order of characters. after getting the sequences of proper order, we then

applied the threshold value to filtered out the only those sequences those satisfies the threshold criteria. so at last we get only that output which is most relevant with query , with this also have maintained sequence order in words as well as phrases.

- As the sequence value < or equal to the threshold value then we remove that sequence form the candidate list and go for the next sequence.
- As the sequence value becomes equal to the threshold value then that sequence is extracted for the similarity matching.

VI. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

We made the collection of more than three thousand words and five hundred phrases of English language of average length of 20 letters in word set and average of three words in each phrase i.e. atleast of 25 characters and it is then used as the source file as a base for finding out the text to be searched.

We have done the analysis of the algorithm on two criteria

- Occurrence
- Order

We have listed out some example for query to get the analysis of algorithm

NO	Query	Expected output	Actual output	Similarity	Avg %
1	Abomi	Abominable Abominably Abominations	Abominable Abominably Abominations	3/3	100%
2	Evaluation of	Evaluation of- components of system Programming- Evaluation of OS	Evaluation of- components of system Programming- Evaluation of OS	2/2	100%

As mentioned in the above table we have taken two samples one for word and the other for the phrase and in both the example the lemmas are missed but their similarity matching is up to the 100 % as well as the ordering measuring is also 100%. As in the question answering system we fire the query. We have done the

same type of analysis atleast on more than 50 examples and we found that in some places where n some words if the part of lemma in the query is present then our similarity matching varies between 50% to 75%, but their also our ordering measure is of 100%. So on the basis of those 50 examples our degree of similarity matching goes up to 93.09 % and in phrases we have done the analysis on the varying factor of threshold as mentioned below.

Length(%)	Concurrence %	Ordering measure
100	82.30769231	100
83	68.89416677	100
70	60.65833333	100
50	37.23333333	100
28	10.95833333	100
21	10.08333333	100

We have implemented all the three algorithms for matching user text input with datasets ,sub sequence discovery algorithm is not implemented on data set of phrase, the aim of our project is to find out the better approach for sequence matching technique .

We have tested the algorithm on word set of 23000 and on 512 phrases so we found that in case of improved SSD algorithm our performance metric gets increased by 7.35 %. Both the algorithms i.e. Sub sequence discovery algorithm & Improved sub sequence discovery algorithm are error tolerable & does not require the support additional rules and dictionary, as well as the algorithm provides the support for flexible sequence order.

VII. TABLE 1

Parameter	Sub Sequence Discovery	Improved SSD	Stemmer
Concurrence measure on words	86.40 %	93.09%	96.274%
Ordering measure	80.5 %	100%	100%
	Does not require additional rules	Does not require additional rules	Requires additional rules

	Does not require support of dictionary	Does not require support of dictionary	Requires support of Dictionary
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Comparison with standard Algorithm

VIII. CONCLUSIONS:

In this work we present a set of algorithms that aim to integrate information derived from different knowledge sources in order to enhance the results obtained by Question Answering system. The experiments are promising, showing that the Improved Sub sequence discovery algorithm can exploit the increasing amount of collectively authored, highly heterogeneous, online semantic data, in order to obtain more accurate answers to questions, with respect to a scenario.

As per shown in table we have shown the results of 10 data sets containing of words & phrases. So for Improved sub sequence discovery algorithm the average similarity is increased up to 93.09% & ordering measure is achieved up to 100%, which is better as compared to the previous sub sequence discovery algorithm.

The enhancements suggested by Marko Freme & Milan Ojsteršeko are covered in the improved algorithm. We have tested our algorithm with custom spelling errors. We have also tested our algorithm by changing the order of phrases & it performed well we have also tested our algorithm with various length & order. we have also tested our algorithm on different parameter.

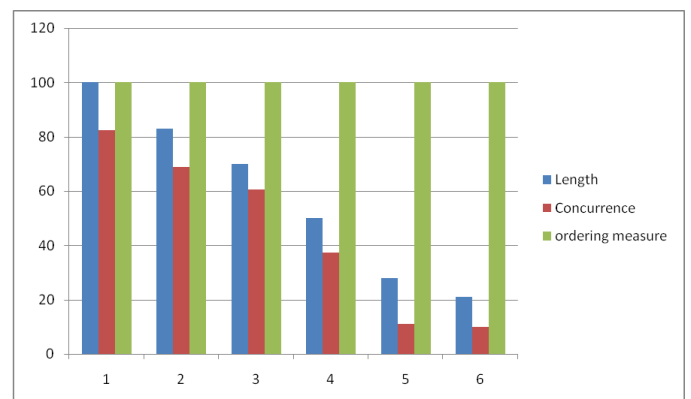
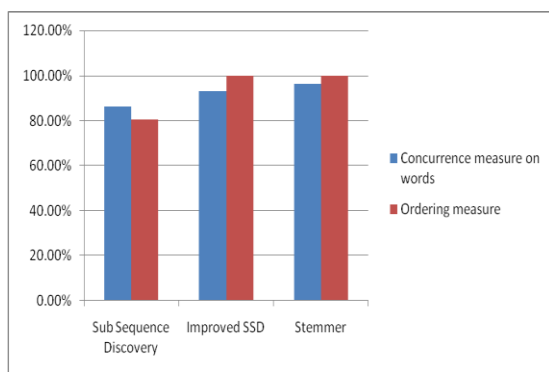


Fig 1 performance of Improved algorithm

As per the analysis of all the three algorithm i.e. Sub sequence discovery ,Improved sub sequence discovery & stemmer algorithm we found that our Improved algorithm is performing better which is better for the semantic web & search engines.

In the Improved version if the similarity matching is greater than the threshold value then it provides synsets from Wordnet and the user should select one sense of the synsets offered.



IX. FUTURE SCOPES:

The success of a query evaluation depends on a good mapping between the names of relations used in the user's query and names of relations used in the knowledge base. The success of a query evaluation depends on a good mapping between the names of relations used in the user's query and names of relations used in the knowledge base. we propose building a special case of suffix trees best suited for subsequence discovery. Such trees would reduce the time complexity of single sequence comparison against a sequence collection and would allow the development of special algorithm designed to find the most similar match. In course of this work we also plan to evaluate most commonly found subsequences and equip them with statistics and semantics. We plan to extract phrases out of openly available thesauruses such as EuroVoc[6] and add them to our test set. We also plan to insert custom spelling errors and change the word order in phrases to make the test set more

representative. With the help of such a test set we plan to improve our algorithms effectiveness by trying out different algorithm parameter values. We also want to test different ways of determining the best sequence match. In our work we simply chose the sequence with the highest similarity measure, but we think that other factors can have a large effect on the most relevant sequence found[1].

The algorithm that we have enhanced is better for the question Answering system. Finally, as future work we will explore that how automatically this improved algorithm will generate accurate answers according to the users need. We have also decide to implement this algorithm for Question Answering system.

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