Automated Annotation System (AAS) Based on Probabilistic Clustering Algorithms

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Abstract: External remarks such as comments, notes, explanations, tags etc. are called annotation. Information can be extracted easily from a document or a portion of a document or a webpage if annotation are added to the artifacts. Metadata is defined as the data related to a webpage and it is in machine readable format which normal humans can’t understand. A common approach to annotation is collaborative annotation. In collaborative annotation user creates tags to annotate a document or webpage. These labels enables to organize and index the document or webpage. Adding keywords to a document or webpage is called Tagging, which requires significant amount of work as the resources varies from webpages, images and videos. This research papers suggests and propose a new system called Automated Annotation System (AAS), which uses K-Means and Distributed Hash Table (DHT) algorithms related to probabilistic clustering to automatically create the attribute or annotation documents or webpages using metadata. This is an efficient approach to instead of processing the metadata manually or analyzing the document text to come up with annotation.

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1. Introduction

In the age of information overflow it has been a prime requirement of the users to get a summarized output on searching a particular document or webpage. It requires a smarter and efficient approach during document / webpage processing to arrive at summarized search output, and for which data in webpage or text in documents has to be maintained properly. Then comes annotation technique, which is the leading industry standard and best featured technique to manage documents and webpages and resulting best search results. Annotation makes the information retrieval process easy and effective. There are many improvised methods to make the annotation process more efficient like collaborative annotation [1], which still requires significant manual efforts. But an automatic system to produce summarized view of the outputs from documents and webpage metadata are still missing. Various types of probabilistic clustering algorithms are available today which helps clustering the information available, such as K-Means, Distributed Hash Table etc. This research paper proposed a new innovative system called Automation Annotation System (AAS), which combines the automation methodology with clustering algorithms available today to arrive at an automation annotation method. This automated system creates a summarized view form the text of documents and metadata of webpages.

2. Literature Survey

In this section, similar studies in the areas of annotation processing are used to conduct literature survey are listed; P. Heymann, D. Ramage, and H. Garcia-Molina published a paper “Social Tag Prediction”. [7]

This paper talks about predicting tags for social media content. Concepts outlined in this paper are used as a general guideline in our proposed system this lacks the processing logic for document and webpage metadata annotation.

3. Problem Definition

Efforts to keep a decent maintenance of annotate documents user has spent significant amount of efforts. A scenario is cumbersome, complicated and tedious where there are large amount of fields data to be entered at the time of uploading document. Such difficulties finally tend to very basic annotations, if at all, that there are often limited to simple keywords. Such simple annotation makes the analysis and querying of the data cumbersome. This motivated us to work on Automated Annotation System (AAS), which is a framework that facilitates creating automated annotation [9] from text or webpages. The aim is to create annotation [5] in webpage and documents. For faster and quick searching of results from documents/webpages, there are algorithms used for processing the data [1]. The algorithms are K-Means and Distributed Hash Table. This helps for clustering the documents based on the content present in it. The comparison is done against only for relevant clusters applicable hence time is saved. Here annotation in both webpage and documents is done by creating a summarized view. The contribution of our system is the direct use of checking the content of document/webpage. AAS provides cost effective
and good solution to help efficient search results. The goal of AAS is to support a process that creates nicely annotated documents/webpages that can be immediately useful for summarization of end users.

4. Methodology /Approach

Architecture of the proposed system is outline in the below figure. The host address will provide the metadata. By collecting the website address or the web link the metadata is accessed from the website. Metadata may not be readable to human being. By using the domain name and access view source system can read the metadata. For some cases metadata is not accessible. If accessible, apply Stopword algorithm for filtering the unwanted words. It removes special characters and digits present in metadata. Then apply stemming to get the corresponding attributes. Applying the probabilistic clustering algorithm to find out the probable attribute. The most probable attributes is saved to the database which will help to efficient search in future. This attributes will explain the underlying information in the metadata. These attributes are stored as annotated values for the metadata. Another provision is also there to search with those attributes. Searching for the attributes which are present in the metadata. Index of each attribute is used for searching. Frequency of each term is calculated. Hence we can understand the user preferences by checking the index. Processing of documents can be done here. The system automatically finds out the most frequently used attributes from the document. A sample dataset is used for this process. A folder has to upload first and then select a file for annotation processing. After selection, applying pre-processing. Then stemming algorithm is carried out to remove special characters and unwanted words. The next step is clustering for that an algorithm is used called Probabilistic Clustering for P2P (PCP2P). This approach will reduce the number of required comparisons by an order of magnitude. This technique helps to reduce the network traffic by reducing the number of required comparisons between documents and their respective clusters. Instead of identifying all clusters for comparison processing with each document; only a few most relevant ones are taken into account. Searching is effectively done within the help of this algorithm. While searching for an attribute presented in the document the results are displayed that contain all the attributes from all the files. Also frequency of the particular attribute is also displayed.

Figure 1: Architecture for metadata processing

Figure 2: Architecture for document processing

The proposed system achieves effective searching within the text or webpage using K-Means and Distributed Hash Table (DTH) algorithms. In the Automated Annotation System (AAS), user has an option to choose between Webpage or Text annotation. The processing flow of the system can be explained in different modules below,

A. Metadata processing Module:

In this module the system uses webpage metadata as input. As mentioned earlier, webpage metadata contains information related to the website under consideration. Typically metadata of a webpage is not easily understandable to humans. So the proposed system, takes metadata of webpage as input, process it, and create annotation about the webpage after summarizing the data extracted from metadata. Website address is keyed in to get the metadata of the corresponding website. During the annotation process, first stop words are eliminated from the metadata. Repeated words in the metadata are identified. A brief description about the webpage is created, which helps users to get a summarized view of the webpage.

B. Document processing Module:

Identify the document which needs to be processed and upload to the document processing session of the system. Highly repeated words and contents from the document are identified as attribute information. Clustering of these
information are analyzed, and assigned to existing cluster if not new cluster is created. Cluster algorithm helps in keyword searching faster by searching the keyword in all clusters instead of searching in all files. This makes the search much faster and efficient. For processing multiple documents, folder uploading is another feature available the system. By combining the output of clustered search words, the system creates a summary of the content present within the document.

5. Results And Discussion

The proposed system shows several benefits over existing systems. The system is validated with more than 100 webpages and more than 250 documents. During testing, precision and recall are calculated to accurately test the system against webpages and documents. Both metadata processing and document processing are tested extensively to match the final annotation provides a meaningful information about the document or webpage used as an input.

6. Conclusion

In this proposed system, automated annotation is done for webpages and documents using the system. For document processing, clustering algorithms are used to increase the efficiency of the searching. A summarized view the contents from documents and webpages are created by the system. The results of the system are analyzed for precision and recall by plotting charts against both metadata processing and document processing. There is an inverse relationship between the results of precision and recall. Conclusion can be arrived at by analyzing the results that document processing stands out in accuracy compared to metadata processing, due the usage of clustering algorithms for efficient searching for document processing.

7. Future Scope

Future enhancements can be done in the direction of including image and multimedia to the annotation process along with annotation of webpages and documents. This will complete the 360 view of the annotation processing without limiting the medium of annotation processing.

Latest trends in Big Data technology can be leveraged to process annotation of large documents and list of webpages in a multiple node approach. Future works in the areas of combining automated annotation with Big Data technologies are expected.

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