RefSeer: A Citation Recommendation System

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Problem Definition

• What is automatic citation recommendation?
  • Assumption – have a document we want citations for

• Recommend Citations for a given document:
  • based on a partial list of citations in the document
    • Similar citations in other documents.
  • based on the content in the document
    • Similar documents
      • Topic based
      • Citation context based
Existing Systems

- Collaborative filtering (McNee, et al., 2002).
  - based on a partial list of references.
- Feature Based (Strohman, et al., 2007; Bethard and Jurafsky, 2010)
  - Citation network, citation count, recency, topic similarity ...
- Restricted Boltzmann Machine (Tang and Zhang, 2009)
  - Topic similarity
- Citation Context Based (He, et al. 2010; 2011)
  - Refseer Prototype
- TheAdvisor (http://theadvisor.osu.edu/)
  - based on a partial list of references. (Kucuktunc, et al. 2012)
- Refseer (http://refseer.ist.psu.edu/)
  - based on the content in the document
    - Topic based (Kataria, et al., 2010)
    - Citation context based (Huang, et al. 2012)
TheAdvisor

• Input: a partial list of references.

Refseer Prototype

• Input: the content of a manuscript
• Recommendation model (He, et al 2010; 2011).
  • Citation context similarity measure
• Built on a cluster of 8 nodes with each node has 8 2.57GHz CPUs and 32GB memory.
• The complexity of generating the candidate list is linear to the size of CiteSeer repository.
• The computation of ranking score and reranking are also time-consuming.
• Extremely slow! Not efficient for public services!

The New RefSeer

- Screenshot (http://refseer.ist.psu.edu/)

RefSeer

1 - 10 of 100 Results in each topics

**Related Topics:** Topic 1  Topic 2  Topic 3  Topic 4

topic latent topics model models dirichlet lda words semantic document mixture plsa multinomial allocation blei
distribution text generative word probabilistic

**Latent dirichlet allocation**
by David M. Blei, Andrew Y. Ng, Michael I. Jordan, John Lafferty,
Abstract - Cited by 1277 (44 self) - Like

**Probabilistic Latent Semantic Indexing**
by Thomas Hofmann, 1999.
Abstract - Cited by 521 (7 self) - Like

**Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis**
by Thomas Hofmann, *In Proc. of Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, UA/99 *
Abstract - Cited by 362 (5 self) - Like

Most of the models in this framework such as Dynamic topic models, Pachinko Allocation, Correlated Topic Model, etc.
model various aspects of document collections such as time,
hierarchy of topics, correlations between topics respectively. [1]

However, all the above mentioned models ignore a rich feature that contains valuable
information, namely, the citation or hyperlink structure. [2]

It is a known fact in information retrieval that a citation between two documents not only
indicates topical similarity of the two documents but also authoritativeness of the
cited document. [3]

This idea has been exploited by algorithms such as PageRank which are now de facto
techniques in search engine technology. [4]

**Pachinko allocation: DAG-structured mixture models of topic correlations**
Abstract - Cited by 72 (5 self) - Like

**Latent dirichlet allocation**
by David M. Blei, Andrew Y. Ng, Michael I. Jordan, John Lafferty.
Abstract - Cited by 1277 (44 self) - Like

**Dynamic topic models**
by David M. Blei, John D. Lafferty, *In ICML*, 2006
Abstract - Cited by 231 (15 self) - Like

**Hierarchically Classifying Documents Using Very Few Words**
by Daphne Koller, Mehran Sahami, 1997.
Refseer Approach

• Global Recommendation:
  • Recommend topical related documents with respect to the whole input query.

• Local Recommendation:
  • Recommend for document for each sentence that needs citations.
Metadata used (and shared)

- RefSeer uses all paper metadata provided by CiteSeer.

- Papers’ content are parsed and used for training topic based model.

- Citations and citation contexts are extracted for training local recommendation model.
  - 10,760,318 citation relations
  - 83,598,304 citation contexts
Global Recommendation

• Global Recommendation:
  • Recommend topical related documents with respect to the whole input query.

• Training:
  • RefSeer internally computes topical compositions for each paper using Cite-PLSA-LDA mode proposed by S. Kataria et al.
  • Word-topic \( \Pr(t|w) \) and topic-citation \( \Pr(d|t) \) distributions were inferred over all documents in CiteSeer repository.
  • Number of topics: 1000.

• Recommendation:
  • For a new query, RefSeer will infer the top 5 topics (at most) using the word-topic distribution.
  • For each top topic, a list of citations will be recommended using topic-citation distribution.

S. Kataria et al., “Utilizing context in generative Bayesian models for linked corpus,” in Proc. of the 24th AAAI Conf. on Artificial Intelligence, pp. 1340–1345.
Local Recommendation

• Local Recommendation:
  • Recommend for document for each sentence that needs citations.

• Training:
  • RefSeer uses Citation Translation Model to learn the “translation” probability of citing a document given a word $Pr(d|w)$.
  • We modify the GIZA++ toolkit to learn translation probabilities using IBM Model-1.

• Recommendation:
  • Ranking function:
    $$Pr(d|Q) = \sum_{j=1}^{l} Pr(d|w_j) Pr(w_j|Q)$$
  • We use term-frequency-inverse-context-frequency (TF-ICF) to measure $Pr(w|Q)$
  • Filtering: If the topic distribution of top recommended paper for a sentence has a very low similarity with the topic distribution of the query, we filter out the sentence.

Complexity Analysis

- **Training**
  - Global: $O(IKDN_w)$
  - Local: $O(IDN_{cc} \cdot N_c^2)$

- **Recommending**
  - Global: $O(KN_q)$
  - Local: $O(N_qR_q)$

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Table 2: Training and recommending time cost on CiteSeer(small), CiteULike dataset and whole CiteSeer database. The recommending time for CiteSeer(whole) is per query.
Dataset and Metrics

• Dataset:

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Table 1: D is the number of documents, C is the number of citation contexts, R is the number of unique references, and $\overline{N_c}$ is the number of average citations a paper has.

• Metrics:
  • Precision, Recall
  • Bpref (Binary Preference Measure):
    • the inversed fraction of irrelevant documents that are retrieved before relevant ones.
  • MRR (Mean Reciprocal Rank):
    • the harmonic mean of the ranks.
Recommendation Results

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Table 3: Bpref and MRR on CiteSeer(small) and CiteULike dataset with 20 recommended paper.

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Bpref = \frac{1}{|R|} \sum_{r \in R} 1 - \frac{|i \text{ ranked higher than } r|}{|S|}
\]

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MRR = \frac{1}{|Q|} \sum_{q \in Q} \frac{1}{\text{rank}_q}
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• The first correct recommendation will most likely appear among the top 2 for local recommendation.
• The first correct recommendation mostly appears around top 5 recommendations for global recommendation.
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Table 4: Precision and Recall on CiteSeer(small) and CiteULike dataset with 10 recommended paper.

- Within top 10 recommendations, local recommendation achieves a recall score around 50%.
- There will be at least 1 correct recommendation among top 10 global recommendations.
One more Example

• Title: Adaptive Methods for the Computation of PageRank

• Abstract (Input as query):

We observe that the convergence patterns of pages in the PageRank algorithm have a nonuniform distribution. Specifically, many pages converge to their true PageRank quickly, while relatively few pages take a much longer time to converge. Furthermore, we observe that these slow-converging pages are generally those pages with high PageRank. We use this observation to devise a simple algorithm to speed up the computation of PageRank, in which the PageRank of pages that have converged are not recomputed at each iteration after convergence. This algorithm, which we call Adaptive PageRank, speeds up the computation of PageRank by nearly 30%
## Example

### Topic Based Recommendation

2. Improved algorithms for topic distillation in a hyperlinked environment.
3. Automatic resource compilation by analyzing hyperlink structure and associated text.
5. Matrix Computations
6. Probability and Random Processes
7. Efficient computation of PageRank
8. Topic-sensitive PageRank
9. The second eigenvalue of the Google matrix
10. Scaling personalized web search
11. The PageRank citation ranking: Bringing order to the web.
12. Authoritative sources in a hyperlinked environment

### Context Based Recommendation

1. The PageRank Citation Ranking: Bringing Order to the Web
2. The Anatomy of a Large-Scale Hypertextual Web Search Engine
3. Authoritative Sources in a Hyperlinked Environment
4. Improved Algorithms for Topic Distillation in a Hyperlinked Environment
5. Optimizing Search Engines using Clickthrough Data
6. Less is more: Active learning with support vector machines
7. Scaling Personalized Web Search
8. Detecting Intrusions Using System Calls: Alternative Data Models
9. Eddies: Continuously Adaptive Query Processing
10. Rule Discovery From Time Series
11. Summarizing Text Documents: Sentence Selection and Evaluation Metrics
12. Hierarchical Reinforcement Learning with the MAXQ Value Function Decomposition
Conclusion

• RefSeer: a citation recommendation system which recommend citations based on the content of paper manuscript.

• RefSeer is very efficient and scalable. (both training and recommending)

• Future directions:
  • Automatic citation context generation
  • Automatic related work section generation
  • ...

Q&A

• Thank you!
• Try out RefSeer
  • [http://refseer.ist.psu.edu/](http://refseer.ist.psu.edu/)