Fuzzy Classification of Web Reports with Mining Text with Linguistic Annotations

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Abstract

In this paper we present a fuzzy system which provides a fuzzy classification of textual web reports. Our approach is based on usage of third party linguistic analyzers, our previous work on web information extraction and fuzzy inductive logic programming. Main contributions are: comparison of our classifier with other alternatives like decision trees, support vector machines, neural networks etc, extensive evaluation experiments and introduction of combined evaluation measures. Main conclusion is that, even under low precision of linguistic annotation, classification is satisfactory.

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1. Introduction

Big amount of information on the web increases the need of automated precessing. Especially textual information are hard for machine processing and understanding. Crisp methods have their limitations. In this paper we present a fuzzy system which provides a fuzzy classification of textual web reports.

Messages of accident reports on the web (Fig. 1) are our motivating examples. We would like to have a tool which is able to classify such message with degree of being it a serious accident.

Our solution is based first on information extraction (see emphasized information to be extracted in the Fig. 1) and second on processing this information to get fuzzy classification rules.

Main contributions of this paper can be stated as follows:

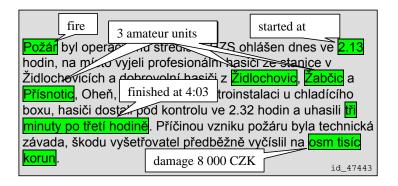


Figure 1: Example of analyzed web report.

- formal models for fuzzy classification of information form web reports
- prototype implementation of a fuzzy classification system
- experimental evaluation of the fuzzy classification system

2. Related Work

There is a plenty of systems dealing with text mining and text classification, let us mention at least some. In (Reformat et al., 2008) authors use ontology modeling to enhance text identification. In (Chong et al., 2005) authors use preprocessed data from National Automotive Sampling System and test various soft computing methods to modeling severity of injuries (some hybrid methods showed best performance). Methods of Information Retrieval (IR) are very numerous, with extraction mainly based on key word search and similarities. Connecting IR and text mining techniques with web information retrieval can be found in Chapter Opinion mining in the book of Bing Liu (Liu, 2007).

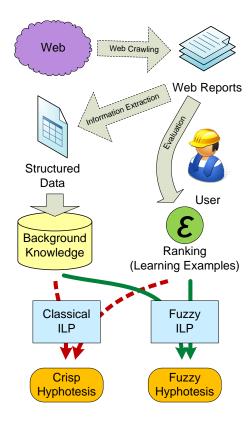


Figure 2: Schema of the whole system.

3. Models, methods, design of the system

General schema of our system is in Fig 2. We use our previously developed web information extraction tools based on third party linguistic analyzer (the upper two dashed arrows). The classification is based on fuzzy ILP and its translation to several crisp ILP tasks. We assume that a small amount of learning data are annotated by a human.

3.1. Linguistic Analysis

In this section we will briefly describe the linguistic tools that we have used to produce linguistic annotations of texts. These tools are being developed in the Institute of Formal and Applied Linguistics in Prague, Czech Republic. They are publicly available – they have been published on a CDROM under the title PDT 2.0 (Hajič et al. (2006) – first five tools) and in (Klimeš (2006) – Tectogrammatical analysis). These tools are used as a processing chain and at the end of the chain they produce tectogrammatical (Mikulová et al., 2006) dependency trees.

- **Tool 1.** Segmentation and tokenization consists of tokenization (dividing the input text into words and punctuation) and segmentation (dividing a sequences of tokens into sentences).
- **Tool 2.** Morphological analysis assigns all possible lemmas and morphological tags to particular word forms (word occurrences) in the text.
- **Tool 3.** Morphological tagging consists in selecting a single pair lemma-tag from all possible alternatives assigned by the morphological analyzer.
- **Tool 4.** Collins' parser Czech adaptation. Unlike the usual approaches to the description of English syntax, the Czech syntactic descriptions are dependency-based, which means, that every edge of a syntactic tree captures the relation of dependency between a governor and its dependent node. Collins' parser gives the most probable parse of a given input sentence.
- **Tool 5.** Analytical function assignment assigns a description (analytical function in linguistic sense) to every edge in the syntactic (dependency) tree.

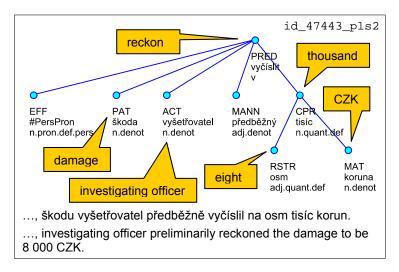


Figure 3: Example of a linguistic tree of one of analyzed sentences.

Tool 6. Tectogrammatical analysis produces linguistic annotation at the tectogrammatical level, sometimes called "layer of deep syntax". Such a tree can be seen on the Fig. 3. Annotation of a sentence at this layer is closer to meaning of the sentence than its syntactic annotation and thus information captured at the tectogrammatical layer is crucial for machine understanding of a natural language (Klimeš, 2006).

3.2. Web Information Extraction

Having web resource content analyzed by above linguistic tools, we have data stored in the form of tectogramatical trees. To achieve our objectives we have to extract information from this representation. Here we refer to our previous work (Dědek and Vojtáš, 2008a,b; Dědek et al., 2008). A long path of tools starting with web crawling and resulting with the extracted structured information is developed in our previous work. In Fig. 3 we can see nodes of a tree where a piece of information about damage (8000 CZK) is located. We have used Inductive Logic Programming to learn rules which are able to detect such nodes. The extraction process requires a human assistance when annotating a training data.

Note that our method is general and is not limited to Czech and can be used with any structured linguistic representation.

3.3. Classical ILP

In our application we are facing the challenge of induction and/or mining on several places. First we need an inductive procedure when extracting from web texts attributes of an accident.

Second (the subject of this paper) we need an inductive procedure when trying to explain degree of seriousness of an accident by attributes of this accident (also called background knowledge). Both places where induction has to be used have following requirements

- data are/can be fuzzy
- background knowledge is multirelational (representation of tectogramatical trees)
- classification is fuzzy

Having in mind these requirements we chose fuzzy inductive logic programming. To make the paper readable we present bellow short description of ILP techniques.

Given is a set of examples $E = P \cup N$, where P contains positive and N negative examples, and a background knowledge B. The task is to find a hypothesis H such that

$$(\forall e \in P)(B \cup H \models e)$$

and

$$(\forall e \in N)(B \cup H \not\models e).$$

Typically, E consists of ground instances of the target predicate which has to be classified - in our case accidents. B typically consists of several predicates (relational tables) which describe properties of object which have to be classified - in our case properties of accidents. Background knowledge can contain also some rules. Hypothesis H typically consists of logic programming rules, which when added to B, explain all positive examples and no negative examples. Main advantage of ILP is it's multirelational character, namely B can reside in several tables.

3.4. Fuzzy and GAP induction

In our presentation of Inductive Logic Programming (ILP) we follow Dzeroski and Lavrac (2001) and Muggleton and de Raedt (1994), for fuzzy Inductive Logic Programming (fILP) we follow the paper of T. Horváth and P. Vojtáš (Horváth and Vojtáš, 2007) about fuzzy inductive logic programming.

We use the approach of the fuzzy logic in narrow sense developed by J. Pavelka (Pavelka, 1979) and P. Hájek (Hájek, 1998). Formulas are of the form φ, x (φ is syntactically same as in the crisp case) are graded by a truth value $x \in [0,1]$. A structure \mathcal{M} consist of domain M and relations are interpreted fuzzy (we do not consider function symbols here). Evaluation $\|\varphi\|_{\mathcal{M}}$ of a formula φ uses truth functions of many valued connectives (our logic is extensional and/or truth functional). Satisfaction is defined by

$$\mathcal{M} \models_f (\varphi, x) iff \|\varphi\|_{\mathcal{M}} \ge x$$

Given is a fuzzy set of examples $\mathcal{E}: E \longrightarrow [0,1]$ and a fuzzy background knowledge $\mathcal{B}: B \longrightarrow [0,1]$. The task is to find a fuzzy hypothesis $\mathcal{H}: H \longrightarrow [0,1]$ such that

$$(\forall e, f \in E)(\forall \mathcal{M})(\mathcal{M} \models_f \mathcal{B} \cup \mathcal{H})$$

we have

$$\mathcal{E}(e) > \mathcal{E}(f) \Rightarrow ||e||_{\mathcal{M}} \ge ||f||_{\mathcal{M}}$$
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That is, it cannot happen that

$$\mathcal{E}(e) > \mathcal{E}(f) \wedge \|e\|_{\mathcal{M}} < \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}},$$

or rephrased, if \mathcal{E} is rating e higher than f, then it can not happen in a model of $\mathcal{B} \cup \mathcal{H}$ that e is rated worse than f.

Typically, \mathcal{E} consists of ground instances of the target predicate which are classified in truth degrees – in our case degree of seriousness of an accident. \mathcal{B} typically consists of several fuzzy predicates (fuzzy relational tables) which describe properties of object which have to be classified – in our case fuzzy properties of accidents – degree of injury, degree of damage, etc. Hypothesis \mathcal{H} typically consists of a fuzzy logic program, which when added to \mathcal{B} , prevents of misclassification (better can not be declared to be worse, nevertheless can be declared as having same degree (for more detailed discussion on this definition of fuzzy ILP we refer to the paper (Horváth and Vojtáš,

2007))). Moreover, in practice, we use GAP – Generalized Annotated Programs, so graded formulas will be sometimes understood as annotated (with crisp connectives and more complex annotation of head of rules). This is possible, because in (Krajci et al., 2004) we have shown that (some extension of) fuzzy logic programming is equivalent to (some restriction of) generalized annotated programs.

3.5. Translation of fuzzy ILP task to several classical ILP tasks

As far as there is no implementation of fuzzy (GAP) ILP, we have to use a classical ILP system. Fortunately a fuzzy ILP task can be translated to several crisp ILP tasks (subject to some rounding and using finite set of truth values).

Assume, our fuzzy sets take values for a finite set of truth values $\{0,1\} \subseteq T \subseteq [0,1]$. For each predicate p(x) in B we add an additional attribute for truth value p(x,t). We construct two crisp background knowledge sets \mathcal{B}_T^{raw} and \mathcal{B}_T^{mon} as follows:

First is a direct coding of the fuzzy value by an additional attribute:

If $\mathcal{B}(p(x)) = t \in T$, then for we add $p(x, t') \in B_T^{raw}$.

Second is obtained by a process called monotonization:

If $\mathcal{B}(p(x)) = t \in T$, then for all $t' \in T, t' \leq t$ we add $p(x, t') \in B_T^{mon}$.

Also example sets are constructed in two ways.

For all $t \in T$ we create a crisp example set $E_t = P_t \cup N_t$, where

$$e \in P_t \ iff \ \mathcal{E}(e) = t$$

and N_t is the rest of E.

For all $t \in T$ we create a crisp example set $E_{\geq t} = P_{\geq t} \cup N_{< t}$, where

$$e \in P_{\geq t} \ iff \ \mathcal{E}(e) \geq t$$

and N_t is the rest of E.

These two translation create two ILP tasks, first is purely crisp and second can be understood (and translated back to) fILP.

First raw ILP task is for each $t \in T$ given by E_t and B_T^{raw} , as a result we get a set of hypothesis H_t .

Second, for each $t \in T$ we create a crisp ILP task $E_{\geq t}, B_T^{mon}$ and get a hypothesis $H_{\geq t}$ guaranteeing examples of degree at least t. Note that variable boundings in B have no boundings on truth value attribute, which was added to each predicate, and hence there are no variable boundings in $H_{\geq t}$ on truth

value attribute. To predicates in E we did not add the additional truth value attribute

Now we sketch the translation of second ILP task to GAP (fILP) rules. Let us assume C is the target predicate in the domain of \mathcal{E} . We define \mathcal{H} with domain consisting of one GAP rule

$$C(y): u(x_1, \ldots, x_m) \leftarrow B_1: x_1 \& \ldots \& B_n: x_m,$$

here $B_1: x_1 \& \dots \& B_n: x_m$ is enumeration of all predicates in B.

Assume $B_1(y_1, t_1), \ldots, B_n(y_n, t_n)$ are some predicates in B (for simplicity enumerated from 1 to $n \leq m$). Then for each rule

$$R = C(y) \Leftarrow B_1(y_1, t_1), \dots, B_n(y_n, t_n)$$

in H_t we give a constraint in definition of u as follows

$$U_R = u(x_1, \dots, x_m) \ge t \text{ if } x_1 \ge t_1, \dots, x_n \ge t_n.$$

Note that x_{n+1}, \ldots, x_m have no restrictions.

We claim, that if all H_t were correctly learned by an crisp ILP system then for u the minimal solution of all constraints U_R for all $R \in H_t$, for all $t \in T$, the rule

$$C(y): u(x_1, \ldots, x_m) \leftarrow B_1: x_1 \& \ldots \& B_n: x_m,$$

is a correct solution to fuzzy ILP task given by \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{B} . Our presentation is here a little bit simplified and we freely switch between fuzzy and GAP programs, which are know to be equivalent, see (Krajci et al., 2004).

4. The system prototype and our experiment

The main experiment presented in this paper leads to the seriousness classification of an accident presented on a web report, which is one of possible utilizations of the extracted information. We use web reports of fire departments of several regions of the Czech Republic. These reports are written in Czech language and can be accessed through the web of General Directorate of the Fire and Rescue Service of the Czech Republic¹.

¹http://www.hzscr.cz

	distinct	missing		
attribute name	values	values	monotonic	
size (of file)	49 0		yes	
type (of accident)	3	0	no	
damage	18	30	yes	
dur_minutes	30	17	yes	
fatalities	4	0	yes	
injuries	5	0	yes	
cars	5	0	yes	
amateur_units	7	1	yes	
profesional_units	6 1		yes	
pipes	7	8	yes	
lather	3	3 2		
aqualung	3	3	yes	
fan	3	2	yes	
ranking	14	0	yes	

Table 1: Accident attributes.

For our experiment we have selected a collection of 50 web reports. We have identified several features presented in these reports and manually extracted corresponding values. This will be described in more detail in section 4.2. To each report we have also assigned a value of overall ranking of seriousness of presented accident, which is the target of the classification.

4.1. Experiment description

For the seriousness classification we have used two inductive logic approaches – Crisp ILP and Fuzzy ILP (as described above). Technically the difference between the approaches consist in different setting of *ILP task*. Both can be done with a classical ILP tool. We have used "A Learning Engine for Proposing Hypotheses" (Aleph v5²), which seems very practical to us. It uses quite effective method of inverse entailment (Muggleton, 1995) and keeps all handy features of Prolog system (supports YAP and SWI) in its background.

We have compared results of the crisp and fuzzy ILP approaches with other classification methods and we could see that the fuzzy approach made better results than the classical one and also than many other methods. See section 5 for details of the results.

²http://www.comlab.ox.ac.uk/activities/machinelearning/Aleph/

4.2. Features of accidents

Table 1 summarizes all features (or attributes) that we have obtained from accident reports. Except the attribute type (type of an accident – fire, car_accident and other) all the attributes are numerical and so monotonizable. In some cases value of some attribute is unknown. We have decided to make evidence of this and keep the values unknown in a knowledge base. Short explanation of each attribute follows.

- size is a file size of text part of a report.
- damage is an amount (in CZK Czech Crowns) of summarized damage arisen during an accident.
- dur_minutes is time taken to handle an accident.
- fatalities and injuries are numbers of fatalities (and injuries) taken by an accident.
- cars is number of cars damaged during an accident (especially during car accidents).
- professional_units and amateur_units are numbers of fireman units sent for an accident.
- pipes is number of used fire pipes.
- lather, aqualung and fan (ventilator) indicates whether these devices were used.

4.3. Seriousness ranking

Values of overall seriousness ranking attribute were stated from "general impression" from report's texts with respect to the particular attributes. Values of seriousness ranking have evolved to 14 distinct values in range form 0.5 to 8. Histogram with frequencies of all the values is on the Figure 4. We have divided the values into four approximately equipotent groups and logic rules were learned for each group separately³.

³We do not have a binary rule which would return an exact value of the rating, but we have one "true/false" rule for each of the four categories.

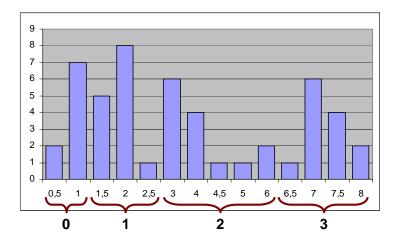


Figure 4: Frequencies of accident ranking.

Crisp learning examples

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serious_2(id_47443). *positive

serious_0(id_47443). *negative
serious_1(id_47443). *negative
serious_3(id_47443). *negative

Monotonized learning examples

damage → damage_atl

serious_atl_0(id_47443). *positive

damage_atl(ID_N):= *wellows*
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	serious_atl_0(id_47443).	%positive
١	serious_atl_1(id_47443).	%positive
	$serious_atl_2(id_47443).$	%positive

serious_atl_3(id_47443). %negative

Figure 5: Learning examples.

Figure 6: Monotonization of attributes.

4.4. Data transformation

As already described in previous section, we have two possibilities to organize crisp ILP tasks, one with raw data and second with monotonized data. For this we have to translate extracted data.

For the construction of the E_t example set in our application we encode it in the predicate **serious_t**, For the construction of the $E_{\geq t}$ example set in our application we encode it in the predicate **serious_atl_t**, see Fig 5.

For the construction of monotonized set of background knowledge B_T^{mon} we use rules, here illustrated on predicates damage and damage_atl, see Fig 6. Here, first rules deals with unknown values and the second constructs the translation.

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serious_0(A):-dur_minutes(A,8).
serious_0(A):-type(A,fire),pipes(A,0).
serious_0(A):-fatalities(A,0),pipes(A,1),lather(A,0).
serious_1(A):-amateur_units(A,1).
serious_1(A):-amateur_units(A,0),pipes(A,2),aqualung(A,1).
serious_1(A):-damage(A,300000).
serious_1(A):-damage(A,0,nknown),type(A,fire),prof_units(A,1).
serious_1(A):-dur_minutes(A,unknown), fatalities(A,0), cars(A,1).
serious_2(A):-lather(A,0), aqualung(A,1), fan(A,0).
serious_2(A):-lather(A,0), aqualung(A,1), fan(A,0).
serious_2(A):-dur_minutes(A,unknown),injuries(A,2).
serious_2(A):-dur_minutes(A,unknown),injuries(A,2).
serious_3(A):-fatalities(A,1).
serious_3(A):-fatalities(A,2).
serious_3(A):-injuries(A,2), cars(A,2).
serious_3(A):-injuries(A,2), cars(A,2).
serious_atl_1(A):-injuries_atl(A,1).
serious_atl_1(A):-bipes_atl(A,1).
serious_atl_1(A):-dur_minutes_atl(A,unknown),
serious_atl_1(A):-dur_minutes_atl(A,unknown),
serious_atl_1(A):-damage_atl(A,8000),amateur_units_atl(A,3).
serious_atl_1(A):-pipes_atl(A,0,3),agalung_atl(A,1).
serious_atl_1(A):-pipes_atl(A,0,3),aqualung_atl(A,1).
serious_atl_2(A):-pipes_atl(A,1),prof_units_atl(A,2),prof_units_atl(A,2).
serious_atl_2(A):-injuries_atl(A,1),prof_units_atl(A,2),prof_units_atl(A,2).
serious_atl_2(A):-injuries_atl(A,1),prof_units_atl(A,3),fan_atl(A,0).
serious_atl_2(A):-injuries_atl(A,1),prof_units_atl(A,2).
serious_atl_2(A):-injuries_atl(A,1),prof_units_atl(A,2).
serious_atl_2(A):-injuries_atl(A,1),prof_units_atl(A,2).
serious_atl_2(A):-injuries_atl(A,2),cars_atl(A,2).
serious_atl_2(A):-injuries_atl(A,2),cars_atl(A,2).
serious_atl_2(A):-injuries_atl(A,2),cars_atl(A,2).
serious_atl_2(A):-injuries_atl(A,2),cars_atl(A,2).
serious_atl_2(A):-injuries_atl(A,3).
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Figure 7: Crisp & monotonized hypothesis

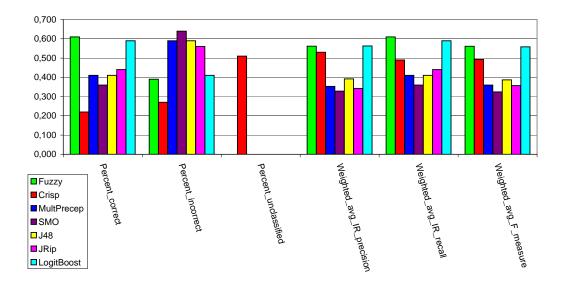


Figure 8: Evaluation of the methods – average values

Table 2: Evaluation of the methods in 2 times 10-fold cross validation

	Fuzzy	Crisp	MultPerc	SMO	J48	JRip	LBoost
Corr	$0.61 \pm .19$.22±.17 •	.41±.19 •	.36±.24 •	.41±.22 •	.44±.17 •	$.59 \pm .26$
Incor	$.39 \pm .19$	$.27 \pm .24$	$.59 {\pm} .19 \circ$	$.64 {\pm} .24 \circ$	$.59 {\pm} .22 \circ$	$.56 {\pm} .17 \circ$	$.41 \pm .26$
Uncl	$.00 \pm .00$	$.51 {\pm} .29 \circ$	$.00 \pm .00$	$.00 \pm .00$	$.00 \pm .00$	$.00 \pm .00$	$.00 \pm .00$
Prec	$.56 \pm .24$	$.53 \pm .37$.35±.20 •	$.33 \pm .26$	$.39 \pm .22$.34±.21 •	$.56 \pm .28$
Rec	$.61 \pm .19$	$.49 \pm .32$.41±.19 •	.36±.24 •	.41±.22 •	.44±.17 •	$.59 \pm .26$
F	$.56 \pm .20$	$.49 \pm .33$.36±.19 •	.32±.24 •	$.39 \pm .21$.36±.19 •	$.56 \pm .27$

o, • statistically significant improvement or degradation

Legend:

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        Fuzzy
        czsem.ILP.FuzzyILPClassifier "

        Crisp
        czsem.ILP.CrispILPClassifier "

        MultPerc
        functions.MultilayerPerceptron '-L 0.3 -M 0.2 -N 500 -V 0 -S 0 -E 20 -H a'

        SMO
        functions.SMO '-C 1.0 -L 0.0010 -P 1.0E-12 -N 0 -V -1 -W 1 -K

        \"functions.supportVector.PolyKernel -C 250007 -E 1.0\"'

        J48
        trees.J48 '-C 0.25 -M 2'

        JRip
        rules.JRip '-F 3 -N 2.0 -O 2 -S 1'

        LBoost
        meta.LogitBoost '-P 100 -F 0 -R 1 -L -1.7976931348623157E308 -H 0.1 -S 1 -I 10 -W trees.DecisionStump'

        Corr
        Percent correct

        Inor
        Percent incorrect

        Uncl
        Percent unclassified

        Prec
        Weighted avg IR precision

        Rec
        Weighted avg IR recall

        F
        Weighted avg F measure
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5. Results

The Fig 7 summarizes sets of obtained rules from two experiments:

- 1. experiments with E_t and B_T^{raw}
- 2. experiments with $E_{>t}$, B_T^{mon} .

In both experiments learning and testing examples and the background knowledge had their origin in the same data (the same accidents) but they differ in the form of the ILP task (crisp and monotonized).

We have evaluated these two methods and compared them with other possibilities used in data mining. To make the comparison clear and easy to perform, we have implemented an interface between the ILP methods and the Weka data mining software⁴. The interface makes it possible to use the ILP methods as an ordinary Weka classifier and use them for solving

⁴http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/

of any⁵ classification task inside the Weka software. So we used the Weka Experimenter and performed following experiment. We selected additional classifiers:

- Multilayer Perceptron (Bishop, 1996),
- Support Vector Machine classifier SMO (Keerthi et al., 2001),
- J48 decision tree (Quinlan, 1993),
- JRip rules (Cohen, 1995) and
- Additive logistic regression LogitBoost (Friedman et al., 2000),

and evaluated all the methods two times by 10-fold cross validation on our data about car and other accidents (section 4.1). The obtained results (average values) are described by the graph in the Fig 8 and in the Table 2 (with standard deviations and decorated statistically significant values).

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The Fig 9 shows the success of these rules on the test data (not used during learning). We have used standard performance measures⁶ often used in information retrieval. There are also exact numbers of *true positives* TP and *false positives* FP from which the performance measures were computed (with respect to the numbers of all testing examples⁷).

Naturally monotonized hypotheses $H_{\geq t}$ were tested on monotonized examples $E_{\geq t}$ (double-line frame in the Fig 7) and similarly for the crisp case H_t , E_t (dashed-line frame in the Fig 7).

We wanted to compare raw and monotonized learning tasks. As they run on different example sets we had to translate results of one learning (rules with head serious_t) to results of second learning (rules with head serious_atl_t). Logic programming translation rules are depicted on the Fig 10. Here the negation "not(serious_atl_3(ID))" means a standard Prolog negation as failure.

⁵For the fuzzy ILP method, there is a requirement on the target (class) attribute: it has to be monotonizable (e.g. numeric).

⁶http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Precision_and_recall

⁷These numbers are written in the Fig 9 in small frames under each test set label.

Then the comparison of both learnings is possible, see the numbers in white areas of Fig 9.

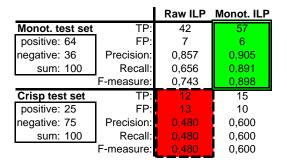


Figure 9: Evaluation results

Figure 10: Conversion of results

7. Conclusion

In this paper we have presented a fuzzy system which provides a fuzzy classification of textual web reports. Our approach was based on usage of third party linguistic analyzers, our previous work on web information extraction and fuzzy inductive logic programming.

Main contributions are formal models and prototype implementation of the system and evaluation experiments with the Fuzzy ILP classification method

Experiments have shown better results of fuzzy approach. We see the difference in the fact that monotonization leads to the extension of the learning domain.

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