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Introduction

Nowadays, the amount of educational resources spread at Internet is huge and diverse . Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) such us Coursera, Udacity, EdX, to name a few, are gaining momentum[3] . It is possible to find courses from almost every knowledge domain[1]. This vast offer overwhelm any user willing to find courses according his/her background. This task can be tedious because it involves access to each platform, search available courses, select some courses, read carefully each course syllabus, and choose appropriate content. This process can be unmanageable if we extend our search beyond online courses to educational content.

In this work we propose a system for online courses recommendation, although MOOCs courses are primarily focused. To do so, we rely on course reviews , NLP [4] and we use a set of tools for using sentiments and classify courses based on them . Accordingly each course is assigned to a set of users who get a particular scores based on correlation[2] .

Each document is a combination of topics and each topic is a probability distribution over words . Topic models are a type of graphical model based on Bayesian networks or SVM Classifiers [1].

The generative process described by a topic model does not make any assumptions about the order of words as they appear in documents. The only information relevant to the model is the number of times words are produced, this is known as the “bag-of- words” assumption [1].

Problem Statement

Nowadays, the amount of educational resources spread at Internet is huge and diverse . Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) such us Coursera , Udacity, EdX, to name a few, are gaining momentum. It is easy for a sophomore or even some senior year students to get lost in choosing the right course . The recommendation system we propose is trying to solve the issue where the course is recommended based on users general rating score based on their answers and academic record.

Need For the project

The proposed project suggests an optimum course for each student separately . This gives each user the flexibility to try new course which they will be able to complete within stipulated time and gain knowledge without having to worry if the suggested course would be too easy or too difficult for them . This system also saves the time of user which could have been lost due to sheer number of online courses available on the internet .

Survey

Recommendation system [1] are of 3 types content based collaborative and hybrid recommendation system . These are governed by some rules which come under fuzzy logic [8] . The further analysis of review can be done

using sentiment analysis .In the proposed project the accuracy of recommendation can be adjusted so as to give probabilistic recommendation to a certain degree and rest based on user item matrix.

Work Done

The current progress has been the data collection and labelling of reviews from websites . The algorithms used to make a classifier for the reviews and get its sentiment has been able to differentiate and give scores to reviews with a classifier.score of 70% but it is a work in progress for multi class classification for differential scoring of reviews . The training of the classifier was done for only english reviews and nltk library was used to get the features from the classifier.

Future Work

Our Next step would be to implement a recommendation algorithm for the labeled courses and also to optimise the obtained features such that only the necessary information is extracted from each review and the training takes lesser time to implement . But before training appropriate training data (User , Item matrix etc. ) has to be extracted. Once goes as planned the recommendation system might be able to work in real word cases .

System analysis and design

software requirement specification

hardware

any device that can access web

software

any browser

Kmeans

***k*-means clustering** is a method of [vector quantization](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vector_quantization), originally from [signal processing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Signal_processing), that is popular for [cluster analysis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cluster_analysis) in [data mining](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data_mining). *k*-means clustering aims to [partition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partition_of_a_set) *n* observations into *k* clusters in which each observation belongs to the [cluster](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cluster_(statistics)) with the nearest [mean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mean), serving as a prototype of the cluster. This results in a partitioning of the data space into [Voronoi cells](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voronoi_cell).

The problem is computationally difficult ([NP-hard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NP-hardness)); however, there are efficient [heuristic algorithms](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heuristic_algorithm) that are commonly employed and converge quickly to a [local optimum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Local_optimum). These are usually similar to the [expectation-maximization algorithm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expectation-maximization_algorithm) for [mixtures](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixture_model) of [Gaussian distributions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian_distribution) via an iterative refinement approach employed by both *k-means* and *Gaussian mixture modeling*. Additionally, they both use cluster centers to model the data; however, *k*-means clustering tends to find clusters of comparable spatial extent, while the expectation-maximization mechanism allows clusters to have different shapes.

The algorithm has a loose relationship to the *[k](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-nearest_neighbor)*[-nearest neighbor classifier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-nearest_neighbor), a popular [machine learning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Machine_learning) technique for classification that is often confused with *k*-means due to the *k* in the name. One can apply the 1-nearest neighbor classifier on the cluster centers obtained by *k*-means to classify new data into the existing clusters. This is known as [nearest centroid classifier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nearest_centroid_classifier) or [Rocchio algorithm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rocchio_algorithm).

Implementation

the course recommender is one of the most powerful tool a student can get his hands on its one of the tools that is a game changer in terms of being effective and providing results to the student . One of the best thing a student can do in his life is to use his time effectively and given proper guidance any student can shoot to the moon . Course recommendation is a special project taken in consideration the problems a student goes throw his daily life by fixing it and can be used by any student with a keen interest to learn and grow . As a student we know how big the web really is and in this ocean of information finding the one we need is too tough going throw numerous pages to get what we need is not that effective approach so we tackled our this daily approach and created this product course recommendation system . So you want to learn somethings okay anyone can name to so many websites udemy ,coursera ,etc etc where you can search the course you want thats fine but how to know this one is the best you do’t know every website that is there you have not gone throw all the courses present at that website . Ratings can be deceiving and so many courses have so many ratings which among them is for you so we created this project who provides you with the best course for you in whole of the internet which will give you the best result there is .

Being a smart worker is always better than being a hard worker . Our algorithm also consider how well versed you are with the subject and also keeps in consideration your older courses taken to recommend the best course their is . The recommended courses can be paid or free.

Conclusion

our 4 months of work bear fruits and our course recommending system is working correctly and our algorithm is being effective and providing good results to the queries provided their is still a lot of room for improvement . We are happy with the results provided by the system .performance of the algorithm can be improved due to our lack of knowledge and time we will leave this project for further improvement afterwards .

Future work

the project can be expanded by adding blogs and websites that can be added and can be helpful to the students we can also add books to the recommendation system newsletter can be added the one that student can subscribe to for being up to date to the current things and youtube channels that are helpful can also added with the system a forum or discussion feature can also be added to the product for making the product much better and being all round recommending system .