Data Analytics with R

Project – 01 - Web Crawling and data extraction.

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Project - Journal no- 1

Journal Name – Abstract and Applied Analysis

Project - Implementation description.

Libraries used

library(bitops)

library(RCurl)

library(XML)

library(stringr)

- 1. extract is the function, which gets the year as the parameter.
- 2. This function has the code, which crawls the journal page, fetches the article links and crawls each article link to extract the required fields.
- 3. The site.url is the base url, from where the actual crawling starts.
- 4. The received parameter year is checked for the right range of years. The chosen article has the publication from 1996 2020. The code prints a warning message to enter the right year and exists, for any year which are not falling within this range.

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> print (extract(1889))
[1] "Please enter a valid year...the articles are available from 1996 to 2020."
[1] "Kinldy run the code with right year as the input ... !"
[1] 0
> print (extract(2021))
[1] "Please enter a valid year...the articles are available from 1996 to 2020."
[1] "Kinldy run the code with right year as the input ... !"
[1] 0
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- 5. The readLines function and httmlParse functions are used to get the html content of the URL.
- 6. From the base URL, the list of article IDs are greped and a vector with all the article IDs is created.
- 7. This article ID list is used to loop through each and every article.
- 8. Here, we have used XPaths, regular expressions, stringR functions to find the required parameters from the article.
- 9. For the corresponding Authors Emails, there is not any email in the website for that.
- 10. Viewer can contact the Corresponding Author by clicking on the href of the webpage; it will open a separate goggle form/mailing application to send mail to him. So, regarding this we are adding NA in the corresponding Authors email column.

- 11. There is no keywords for the articles in our journal. Hence, the Keywords field is not included in the output file.
- 12. For the articles in 1990's the corresponding authors are not mentioned. Hence the code returns NULL for the corresponding authors from those years.
- 13. The extracted fields (DOI, Article Title, Published Date, Author, Abstract, Author Affiliation, Corresponding author and Full Text Link) are made into a matrix and are written into a CSV file output_data.csv
- 14. This project and code is developed based on the reference from the sample project Project1_ParseHTMLExample, from the canvas.