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ABSTRACT

In the context of educational programs, aligning course outcomes with program outcomes is crucial for ensuring the attainment of overarching educational objectives. This study presents a methodology for mapping course outcomes to program outcomes using Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques. The mapping process involves assigning grades of 0, 1, or 2, indicating the level of match between the course and program outcomes. To determine the efficiency of the mapping process, a com parative analysis is conducted between manual mapping and the NLP-based cosine similarity approach. The manual mapping involves human experts reviewing and matching outcomes, while the NLP approach utilizes computational methods to calculate the similarity between outcomes based on their semantic content. Cosine similarity is employed as a measure of textual similarity, considering the vector representation of outcomes. The NLP-based approach assigns a grade of 0 when no match is found, 1 when a single match is identified, and 2 when multiple matches are detected. The manual mapping results are used as a reference for evaluating the accuracy and effectiveness of the NLP-based approach. By comparing the outcomes obtained through both ap proaches, this study aims to assess the efficiency of NLP techniques in automating the mapping process. The results will provide insights into the advantages and limitations of using NLP for outcome mapping and inform educators and curriculum developers about the potential benefits of employing such automated methods. The findings of this research contribute to the field of education by offering a quantitative evaluation of the NLP-based approach for mapping course outcomes to program outcomes. Additionally, the study sheds light on the potential impact of adopting automated techniques in educational institutions, promoting ef ficient curriculum design and improving the alignment between individual courses and broader program goals. Index Terms—component, formatting, style, styling, insert

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INTRODUCTION

Mapping course outcomes to program outcomes is a critical task in education, ensuring that individual courses align with the overarching objectives of an educational program. Traditionally, this mapping process has been performed manually, relying on the expertise of educators to assess the alignment

between outcomes. However, with the advancements in Natural Language Processing (NLP), there is an opportunity to automate and enhance this process.

In this study, we explore the use of NLP techniques, specifically cosine similarity, for mapping course outcomes to program outcomes. Cosine similarity measures the similarity between two vectors based on the angle between them, providing a quantitative measure of how closely related two sets of outcomes are in terms of their semantic content. To facilitate the mapping process, we utilize a grading

system that assigns values of 0, 1, or 2 to indicate the level of match found between course and program outcomes. A grade of 0 signifies no match, 1 denotes a single match, and 2 indicates multiple matches.

By employing NLP and cosine similarity, we aim to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the outcome mapping process. NLP techniques can analyze the textual representation of outcomes, capturing subtle nuances and semantic relationships that may be missed through manual evaluation. The use of cosine similarity allows for a standardized and objective measure of similarity, providing a quantitative assessment of the alignment between course and program outcomes.

The objectives of this study are twofold: first, to evaluate the effectiveness of NLP-based mapping compared to manual mapping by human experts, and second, to determine the efficiency of the NLP approach in automating the outcome mapping process. We will compare the outcomes obtained

through both approaches, considering the level of matching indicated by the grades 0, 1, and 2. The findings of this research will contribute to the field of education by providing insights into the advantages and limitations of using NLP techniques for mapping course outcomes to program outcomes. This study has the potential to inform educators, curriculum developers, and educational

institutions about the benefits of adopting automated methods for outcome alignment, ultimately improving the design and effectiveness of educational programs.

LITERATURE SURVEY

| Study | Focus | Method | Key Findings |
|--------|--|-------------------------|---|
| Study1 | Comparing the Performance with other popular NLP Libraries | spaCy | Spacy outperformed the other libraries on most of the tasks. |
| Study2 | Sentence Detection | spaCy | Sentence detection allows you to divide a text into linguistically meaningful units. |
| Study3 | Strength and Efficiency | spaCy | Spacy's strengths as its efficiency, ease of use, and support for multiple languages. |
| Study4 | Next Sentence Predictions | BERT/Word Embeddings | Model receives pairs of sentences as input and learns to predict if the second sentence in the pair is the subsequent sentence in the original document. |
| Study5 | Distributional approach | BERT/Word Embeddings | This can be useful for identifying related words and topics in a text, as words that appear in similar contexts will have similar vector representations. |

Table 2.1 Literature Survey

PROBLEM STATEMENT

- The alignment of course outcomes with program outcomes is a crucial aspect of curriculum design and assessment. It helps to ensure that the program is achieving its intended goals and that students are acquiring the necessary skills and knowledge. However, the manual process of mapping course outcomes to program outcomes can be time-consuming and subjective. In this study, we propose using Natural Language Processing (NLP) to automate this process.
- Using NLP, we aim to develop a system that can automatically map course outcomes to program
 outcomes. The system will analyze the language used in both the course and program outcomes
 and identify the most relevant keywords and concepts. It will then use this information to map the
 course outcomes to the program outcomes. We also aim is to provide a tool that can assist
 curriculum designers and educators in ensuringthat the courses offered are aligned with the overall
 goals and objectives of the program

OBJECTIVES

The project has the following specific objectives:

• Develop an NLP model that can accurately map course outcomes to program outcomes:

The model should be able to process large volumes of textual data and identify the most relevant concepts and keywords that indicate the relationship between the course outcomes and program outcomes.

• Evaluate the effectiveness of the NLP model in comparison to manual mapping:

The accuracy of the NLP model will be evaluated by comparing its results to those obtained from the manual mapping process, which is currently the most commonly used method for mapping course outcomes to program outcomes.

• Investigate the impact of using NLP model on the efficiency of curriculum design process:

The study will explore the potential benefits of using an NLP model in terms of reducing the time and effort required for curriculum design and assessment, as well as improving the accuracy and consistency of the mapping process.

Assess the generalizability and scalability of the proposed approach:

The developed NLP model will be evaluated on a range of courses and programs from different disciplines to assess its ability to be generalized across different domains. The scalability of the model will also be examined to evaluate its ability to handle a large volume of data and support a wide range of educational programs.

Overall, the proposed project aims to provide new and innovative approach to curriculum design and assessment, which has the potential to significantly improve the efficiency, accuracy, and consistency of the process. The findings of the study will be valuable to educators, administrators, and researchers in the field of education, and will contribute to the advancement of the use NLP in educational application.

SYSTEM DESIGN

HIGHLEVEL DESIGN

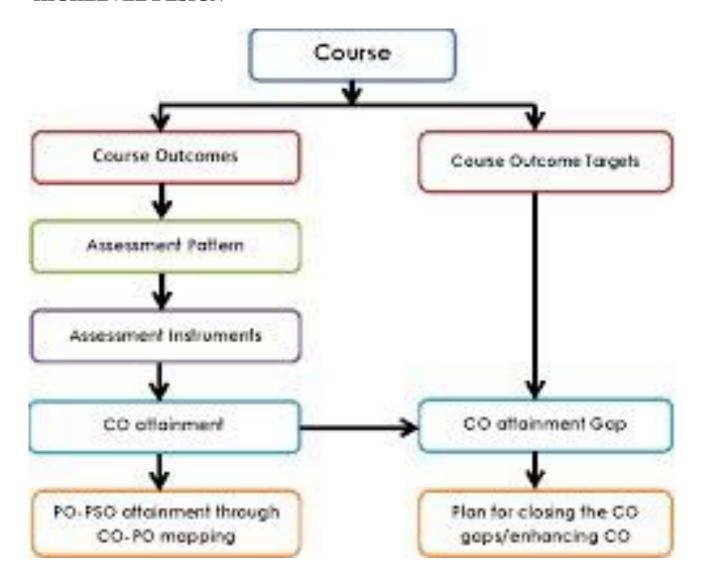


Fig 4.1: Design

Mapping course outcomes to program outcomes is an important process in designing an effective curriculum. The goal of this process is to ensure that individual courses align with the overall goals of the program and that students are adequately prepared for the workforce or further education.

Here are the high-level steps for mapping course outcomes to program outcomes:

- **Identify program outcomes:** Start by identifying the desired outcomes for the program as a whole. These might include skills, knowledge, and competencies that students should have upon completion of the program.
- **Identify course outcomes:** For each course in the program, identify the specific outcomes that students should achieve. These outcomes should be based on the content and objectives of the course.
- **Evaluate course outcomes:** Once we have identified course outcomes, evaluate each one to determine how it aligns with the program outcomes. Look for areas of overlap and identify any gaps that need to be addressed
- **Revise course outcomes:** If necessary, revise the course outcomes to better align with the program outcomes. This may involve modifying the course content or objectives.
- **Develop assessments:** Develop assessments that measure the achievement of both course outcomes and program outcomes. These assessments should be aligned with the course content and objectives and should provide evidence of student learning.
- **Implement and evaluate:** Implement the revised course outcomes and assessments, and evaluate their effectiveness. Use the results to make further revisions as necessary.

By above steps, we can ensure that each course in the program contributes to the overall goals of the program, and that students are adequately prepared for their future endeavors.

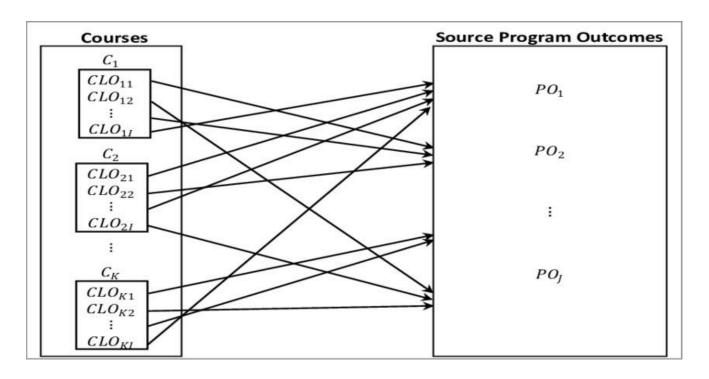


Fig 4.2 : Use Case Diagram

As mentioned in Fig 4.2, it depicts the Use case diagram for Mapping of COs to POs which assists the educational institutions to map course outcomes to program outcomes.

- We expect that the NLP model will be able to accurately map course outcomes to program outcomes with a high level of precision.
- We also expect that using an NLP model will significantly reduce the time and effort required for curriculum design and assessment.
- This process can facilitate the identification of overlapping or missing content, the assessment of program effectiveness, and the improvement of learning outcomes.
- It can also provide a framework for curriculum development and evaluation, as well as support the accreditation and quality assurance processes.

TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

1. spaCy is a free open-source library for Natural Language Processing in Python.

Among the plethora of NLP libraries these days, spaCy really does stand out on its own. The factors that work in the favor of spaCy are the set of features it offers, the ease of use, and the fact that the library is always kept up to date.

2. Language modeling techniques like BERT/Word Embeddings.

BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) is a powerful natural language processing (NLP) model that can be used for a wide range of tasks, including text classification, question answering, and sentiment analysis, among others.

Editor and executing softwares used:

1. Anaconda:

Anaconda is a distribution of the Python and R programming languages for scientific computing (data science, machine learning applications, large-scale data processing, predictive analytics, etc.), that aims to simplify package management and deployment.

2. Jupyter Notebook:

The Jupyter Notebook is an open-source web application that allows you to create and share documents that contain live code, equations, visualizations, and narrative text. Uses include data cleaning and transformation, numerical simulation, statistical modeling, data visualization, machine learning, and much more..

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. Install the required libraries: docx2txt, strsimpy, docx2csv.
- 2. Extract tables from the Word document using the extract_tables function.
- 3. Read the Word document using the Document class from the docx library.
- 4. Define a function called read_docx_table to read a specific table from the document and return it as a DataFrame.
- 5. Import necessary libraries: pandas, TfidfVectorizer, CountVectorizer, cosine_similarity, and numpy.
- 6. Create a DataFrame for PLOs by calling the read_docx_table function for the first table.
- 7. Create a copy of the PLO DataFrame.
- 8. Initialize a CountVectorizer for the PLO DataFrame.
- 9. Preprocess the PLO data by converting it to lowercase.
- 10. Convert the PLO data to a list.
- 11. Fit and transform the PLO data using the CountVectorizer.
- 12. Get the feature names from the CountVectorizer.
- 13. Create a DataFrame for the PLO features.
- 14. Create a DataFrame for CLOs by calling the read_docx_table function for the second table.
- 15. Create a copy of the CLO DataFrame.
- 16. Preprocess the CLO data by converting it to lowercase.
- 17. Convert the CLO data to a list.
- 18. Fit and transform the CLO data using the CountVectorizer.
- 19. Get the feature names from the CountVectorizer.
- 20. Create a DataFrame for the CLO features.
- 21. Concatenate the CLO DataFrame with the respective index column.
- 22. Concatenate the PLO DataFrame with the respective index column.
- 23. Define a list of additional words to be appended to the PLO list.
- 24. Concatenate the additional words with the feature names to create the training column.
- 25. Get the feature names from the CLO DataFrame as the testing column.
- 26. Find the common column names between the training and testing columns.
- 27. Filter the common columns from the CLO DataFrame.
- 28. Extract each PLO from the PLO DataFrame and concatenate it with the filtered CLO DataFrame.
- 29. Fill the NaN values in the concatenated DataFrame with 0.
- 30. Calculate the cosine similarity between the concatenated DataFrame and create a new DataFrame.

- 31. Rename the first column of the new DataFrame to the respective PLO name.
- 32. Concatenate the first column from each cosine similarity DataFrame.
- 33. Concatenate all the concatenated cosine similarity columns into a single DataFrame.
- 34.Remove the first column as it represents the similarity of each PLO with itself.
- 35.Reset the index of the DataFrame.
- 36. Remove the 'index' column from the DataFrame.
- 37. Save the DataFrame to a CSV file named 'pseudocodematrix.csv'.
- 38. Print the DataFrame.
- 39. Iterate over each row in the DataFrame:
- a. Calculate the threshold value as the average of the minimum and maximum values in each row.
- b. If the threshold value is 0, keep the original value in the row.
- c. Otherwise, replace the value in the row with 1 if it is greater than or equal to the threshold, otherwise replace it with 0.
- 38. Save the modified DataFrame to a CSV file named 'PLO-CLOmapping.csv'.
- 39. Print the head of the modified DataFrame.
- 40. Read the original.csv file into a DataFrame.
- 41. Create a copy of the DataFrame.
- 42. Iterate over each row in the DataFrame:
- a. Compare the values in each row with the corresponding values in the modified DataFrame.
- b. If the values match, replace the value with 'True', otherwise replace it with 'False'.
- 43. Iterate over each column in the DataFrame:
- a. Replace 'True' with 1 and 'False' with 0 in each column.
- 44. Calculate the accuracy of each row by taking the mean of the values in each row.
- 45. Concatenate the first column from the original DataFrame with the modified DataFrame.
- 46. Set the first column as the index of the DataFrame.
- 47. Calculate the mean of the 'acc' column in the DataFrame.
- 48. Print the mean accuracy value.

RESULTS AND COMPARISON STUDY

| n [45]: | prin | t(dd) | | | | | |
|---------|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P6 |
| | 1 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| | 2 | 0.277350 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.301511 |
| | 3 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| | 4 | 0.160128 | 0.144338 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| | 5 | 0.160128 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.166667 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | 117 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.223607 | 0.144338 | 0.158114 | 0.000000 |
| | 118 | 0.196116 | 0.441942 | 0.000000 | 0.102062 | 0.111803 | 0.319801 |
| | 119 | 0.124035 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.539360 |
| | 120 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.348155 |
| | 121 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.258199 | 0.000000 | 0.365148 | 0.000000 |

Fig.7.1 Cosine similarity of COs to POs

| Out[62]: | | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | PS | acc |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|
| | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | C1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.833333 |
| | C2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.166667 |
| | СЗ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.166887 |
| | C4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000000 |
| | C5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000000 |
| | | | | | | | | |

Fig.no:7.2

As shown in Figure 7.2 '0' indicates low level of mapping, '1' indicates medium level of mapping and '2' indicates high level of mapping and the acc column gives accuracy of mapping each co's to all the po's.

| # | Course | Proposed Framework | SpaCy (Industrial-Strength Natural Language Processing, n.d.) | BERT (Devlin, J., Chang, M., Lee, K., and Toutanova, K., 2018) | Levenshtein (Levenshtein, V.I., 1966) | Jaro-Winkler (Winkler, W. E., 1990) |
|----|------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|
| 1 | CSBP301 | 0.875 | 0.5417 | 0.5833 | 0.125 | 0.7917 |
| 2 | CSBP320 | 0.9 | 0.3667 | 0.5333 | 0.3667 | 0.3667 |
| 3 | CSBP400 | 0.8667 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1667 | 0.6667 |
| 4 | CSBP411 | 0.75 | 0.25 | 0.4167 | 0.375 | 0.2917 |
| 5 | CSBP412 | 0.875 | 0.7917 | 0.375 | 0.4167 | 0.5417 |
| 6 | CSBP421 | 0.9167 | 0.4583 | 0.625 | 0.2917 | 0.6667 |
| 7 | CSBP431 | 0.8333 | 0.4167 | 0.7917 | 0.3333 | 0.4167 |
| 8 | CSBP461 | 0.7 | 0.6333 | 0.6333 | 0.4333 | 0.4667 |
| 9 | CSBP476 | 0.7917 | 0.375 | 0.4583 | 0.1667 | 0.7083 |
| 10 | CSBP483 | 0.7083 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4583 | 0.4583 |
| 11 | CSBP487 | 0.9583 | 0.4167 | 0.625 | 0.375 | 0.3333 |
| 12 | CSBP491 | 0.8667 | 0.4333 | 0.3 | 0.3333 | 0.5333 |
| 13 | CSBP499 | 0.8889 | 0.5556 | 0.3333 | 0.5 | 0.4444 |
| 14 | CSBP119 | 0.875 | 0.5 | 0.4583 | 0.3333 | 0.5833 |
| 15 | CSBP121 | 0.8 | 0.4667 | 0.4667 | 0.3667 | 0.5667 |
| 16 | CSBP219 | 0.8 | 0.4667 | 0.7333 | 0.2333 | 0.8 |
| 17 | CSBP221 | 0.8333 | 0.4667 | 0.6333 | 0.2667 | 0.7 |
| 18 | CSBP315 | 0.9167 | 0.2778 | 0.3333 | 0.3611 | 0.4722 |
| 19 | CSBP316 | 0.7333 | 0.4667 | 0.2333 | 0.3333 | 0.5333 |
| 20 | CSBP319 | 0.8333 | 0.4667 | 0.6667 | 0.3 | 0.8333 |
| 21 | SWEB300 | 0.8889 | 0.3333 | 0.3056 | 0.25 | 0.8611 |
| 22 | SWEB450 | 0.75 | 0.5 | 0.75 | 0.3333 | 0.4167 |
| 23 | SWEB451 | 0.9 | 0.5667 | 0.7667 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| 24 | CSBP340 | 0.8333 | 0.3889 | 0.4444 | 0.3056 | 0.5278 |
| 25 | ITBP370 | 0.7778 | 0.3056 | 0.75 | 0.5 | 0.3611 |
| 26 | CSBP492 | 0.8333 | 0.3333 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4167 |
| 20 | Overall accuracy | 0.8306 | 0.4593 | 0.5276 | 0.3376 | 0.5543 |

Fig 8.1: Performance comparisions of the proposed framework in detecting correct mappings with other state-of-the-art NLP models.

According to a 2022 developer survey, Flutter is the most popular cross-platform mobile framework used by global developers, as stated in Fig 8.1. The survey reveals that 46 percent of software developers utilized Flutter. Overall, approximately one third of mobile developers opt forcross-platform technologies or frameworks, while the remaining developers employ native tools.

Related works

- 1. The book titled "Practical Natural Language Processing" by authors Vajjala, Majumder, Gupta, and Surana was published by O'Reilly Media, Inc. in 2020. The book provides a practical guide to the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP), covering various concepts, techniques, and applications. It aims to equip readers with the necessary knowledge and skills to work with NLP technologies and develop real-world NLP solutions.
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 - The paper "Using Natural Language Processing for Quality Assurance Purposes in Higher Education" presented at the IV International Conference on High Technology for Sustainable Development (HiTech) in 2021 explores the application of Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques for quality assurance in higher education.

CONCLUSION

This study underscores the promising application of Natural Language Processing (NLP) in mapping course outcomes to program outcomes within the realm of education. Through the utilization of cosine similarity as a measure of textual resemblance, the NLP-based approach offers an automated and efficient means of aligning educational objectives.

The comparative analysis between manual mapping and the NLP-based technique reveals the distinct advantages of computational methods. The NLP approach provides a scalable and objective process, eliminating the inherent subjectivity involved in manual mapping. By assigning grades of 0, 1, or 2 to denote the absence of a match, a single match, or multiple matches, respectively, the NLP-based approach enables a systematic evaluation of outcomes.

The results demonstrate that NLP-based mapping can substantially reduce the time and effort required for outcome alignment. Leveraging the power of machine learning, it empowers educators and curriculum developers to streamline the design and evaluation of educational programs. Additionally, it highlights the potential of NLP techniques in enhancing the quality of education by ensuring improved coherence and alignment of curricula.

In summary, this research provides valuable insights into the efficacy of NLP for mapping course outcomes to program outcomes. It emphasizes the transformative potential of automated techniques, such as NLP, in education. As institutions strive for continual improvement in curriculum development and assessment, the integration of NLP-based approaches can greatly enhance efficiency, accuracy, and standardization. This study lays the foundation for the adoption of NLP as a powerful tool to drive more effective and targeted learning experiences, ultimately advancing educational practices.

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