

Difference between Communities Opinions Algorithm – Diffcomm

Repository Info

The source code is available at: <https://diffcomm.googlecode.com/svn>

Development Environment

1. **Install Eclipse IDE** and proper plugins that can be found at:
<http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>
2. **Install Subversive plugin and SVN Connectors:**
 - a. Follow: <http://www.polarion.com/products/svn/subversive.php?src=eclipseproject>
 - b. Install the latest:
 - i. Add update site <http://download.eclipse.org/technology/subversive/0.7/update-site/> and install the Team providers and the Integration plugins.
 - ii. Add update site <http://community.polarion.com/projects/subversive/download/eclipse/2.0/update-site/> and install the SVN connectors, the native JavaHL and the SVNKit implementations.
 - c. In the preferences of SVN for eclipse, select the SVN Kit as the connector (Window - Preferences - Team - SVN - SVN Connector)
3. **Install Apache-ant-1.8.1:** <http://ant.apache.org/>

Configuring the Project

Create a **New Project** in Eclipse:

- a. Select SVN – Project from SVN – selecting the SVN repository given above.
- b. Choose resource: *diffcomm*.
- c. Checkout as a Project in Workspace.

Data Files

An example of data files can be found in the *data* directory of the project.

1. **Create a folder** that will contains our data files
 2. Enter in the folder and **create the files:**
 - a. **Candidates.csv:** contains a list of candidates
 - i. The first line of the file must be:
"CANDIDATE","NAME" and type RETURN;
 - ii. The others lines:
candidate id, "**candidate name**" and type RETURN
- where
- candidate id: ascending numbers ≥ 1 , all different;
 - "candidate name": ex. "Mario Rossi"

Example:

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"CANDIDATE", "NAME"
1, "Mario Rossi"
2, "Roberto Bianchi"
```

b. *Communities.csv*: contains a list of communities

- i. The first line of the file must be:
"COMMUNITIES", "NAME" and type RETURN;
- ii. The others lines:
"community id", "community name" and type RETURN

where

- "community id": ex. "a", "b", ...
- "community name": ex. "[edoc]", "pippo", ...

Example:

```
"COMMUNITIES", "NAME"
"a", "[edoc]"
"b", "[sat]"
"c", "pippo"
```

c. *Voter.csv*: contains a list of voters

- i. The first line of the file must be:
"VOTER", "NAME" and type RETURN;
- ii. The others lines:
voter id, "voter name" and type RETURN

where

- voter id: ascending numbers ≥ 1 , all different;
- "voter name": ex. "Martina Verdi", ...

Example:

```
"VOTER", "NAME"
1, "Martina Verdi"
2, "Voter2"
3, "Voter3"
```

d. *VoterMembership.csv*: contains the list of voter-community relation

- i. The first line of the file must be:
"VOTER", "COMMUNITY", "NUMBERS_OF_PUBL" and type RETURN;
- ii. The others lines:
voter id, "community id", numbers of publications and type RETURN

where

- voter id: id of a voter;
- "community id": id of the community of the voter;
- number of publications: numbers ≥ 1 , 1 if not specified. This represents the number of publication of a voter in a community;

Example:

```
"VOTER", "COMMUNITY", "NUMBERS_OF_PUBL"
1, "a", 2
2, "a", 2
2, "b", 4
3, "c", 1
```

!!! IMPORTANT !!! A voter may belong to more communities. In this case, add a line for voter-community relation as showed in the example (see above).

e. Opinions.csv: contains the list of opinions

- The first line of the file must be:
"VOTER","CANDIDATE","VOTE" and type RETURN;
- The others lines:
voter id,candidate id,vote and type RETURN

where

- voter id: id of a voter;
- candidate id: id of a candidate;
- vote: numbers ≥ 0 , 0 if not specified. This represents the vote of a voter on a candidate;

Example:

```
"VOTER", "CANDIDATE", "VOTE"
1, 1, 2
1, 2, 4
2, 1, 0
2, 2, 1
3, 1, 2
3, 2, 3
```

!!! IMPORTANT !!! Insert an opinion **for each pair voter-candidate** that can be found. If the value an opinions is not specified insert 0 as vote.

For each of this files is **IMPORTANT**:

- Type RETURN **after all lines except the last** line;
- In each row **do not put spaces** before and/or after the commas.

Compile with Ant

1. Open a shell and **go to the project folder**.
2. Type:
 - **ant compile** to compile the project;
This command create the *target* folder and creates all .class files.
 - **ant dist** to generate the jar executable file.
This command create the *dist* folder and the *dist/Diffcomm.jar* executable file.

Another ant command is available(**ant clean**). If you type **ant** in the project folder, a list of available target is showed.

Run Diffcomm.jar

1. Open a shell and go to the folder where you have the **Diffcomm.jar file**.
2. Type:

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java -jar Diffcomm.jar arg1
```

where **arg1** is the path of data folder.
3. The **Result.csv** file is in data folder.

Example:

```
pippo@pippo: ~ $ ls
Documents      Diffcomm.jar

pippo@pippo: ~ $ cd Documents/diffcomm_data
pippo@pippo: ~/Documents/diffcomm_data $ ls
Candidates.csv Opinions.csv      Voter.csv
Communities.csv VoterMembership.csv

pippo@pippo: ~/Documents/diffcomm_data $ cd
pippo@pippo: ~ $ java -jar Diffcomm.jar
/home/pippo/Documents/diffcomm_data/
log4j:WARN No appenders could be found for logger
(dk.eobjects.metamodel.CsvDataContextStrategy).
log4j:WARN Please initialize the log4j system properly.

The document Result.csv has been created at
/home/pippo/Documents/diffcomm_data

pippo@pippo: ~ $ pippo@pippo: ~ $ cd
Documents/diffcomm_data
pippo@pippo: ~/Documents/diffcomm_data $ ls
Candidates.csv Opinions.csv      Voter.csv
Communities.csv VoterMembership.csv  Result.csv
```