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**Title**

Detecting and predicting the topic change of Knowledge-based Systems: A topic-based bibliometric analysis from 1991 to 2016

**Venue**

Knowledge-Based Systems

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**Topic labeling**

Manual

**Focus**

Secondary

**Type of contribution**

Established approach

**Underlying technique**

Manual labeling

**Topic labeling parameters**

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## Label generation

We labeled topics according to expert knowledge by manually screening the detailed content of topics and selecting a representative word or word combination. A short label was used for the convenience of presentation, and its number was randomly assigned in the raw results of topic modeling.

**Table 3**  
Top 25 hotspots in KnoSys.

Rank	Short labels	Topics	Detailed content
1	T10-clas	classification	classifier, machine learning, decision tree
2	T21-fuzz	fuzzy	intuitionistic fuzzy set, fuzzy logic
3	T12-gran	granulation	rough set, multi-granulation, formal concept
4	T09-eSys	expert system	architecture, real time, multimedia
5	T08-kMan	knowledge management	modeling, organization, enterprise
6	T03-kRep	knowledge representation	graphical, text mining, wordnet
7	T20-KBS	knowledge based system	collaboration, decision support, reusability
8	T22-dMin	data mining	association rule mining, knowledge discovery, KDD
9	T05-optim	optimization	convergence, particle swarm, fly optimization
10	T15-Bayes	Bayesian analysis	probability, uncertainty, learner
11	T17-sNet	social network	relationship, propagation, bandwidth
12	T01-clust	clustering	fuzzy c means, k means, vector space model
13	T06-NN	neural network	forecasting, nonlinear, stock market
14	T11-onto	ontology	case based reasoning, heterogeneous, semantic web
15	T14-pred	prediction model	regression, outliers, bankruptcy
16	T19-dMak	decision making	group decision, MADM, fuzzy preference relations
17	T25-recom	recommendation	personalization, collaborative filtering, factorization
18	T16-SVM	support vector machine	k-nearest neighbor, dimensionality, tw svm
19	T23-MVL	multi view learning	tuple, pareto, comprehensibility
20	T02-lAlg	learning algorithm	semi supervised, unlabeled, scalability
21	T13-robust	robustness	hyper heuristic, genetic algorithm, descriptors
22	T04-prog	programming	expression, boolean, microarray
23	T07-pRec	pattern recognition	discriminant analysis, discriminative, dimensionality
24	T24-maSys	multi agent system	trajectory, quality of service, trustworthiness
25	T18-topsis	TOPSIS	dictionary, reputation, simulations

Note. Here, we removed short lines that were used to link all words of a term.

The rank indicates the popularity of topics (i.e., hotspots), which is calculated by the total proportion of a topic in all articles.

## Motivation

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## Topic modeling

LDA

## Topic modeling parameters

$\alpha$ : 0.5

$\beta$ : 0.01

Iterations of Gibbs sampling: 5000

Nr of topics (k): 25

## Nr. of topics

25

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## Label

Manually selected representative word or word combination

## Label selection

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## Label quality evaluation

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## Assessors

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## Domain

Paper: Bibliometrics

Dataset: Computer science and AI

## Problem statement

This paper conducts a topic-based bibliometric study to detect and predict the topic changes of KnoSys from 1991 to 2016.

A Latent Dirichlet Allocation model is used to profile the hotspots (research areas) of KnoSys and predict possible future trends from a probabilistic perspective.

A model of scientific evolutionary pathways applies a learning-based process to detect the topic changes of KnoSys in sequential time slices.

## Corpus

Origin: Knowledge-Based Systems (WoS database)

Nr. of documents: 2657

Details:

- KnoSys articles from the Web of Science database using the search strategy "Publication Name = Knowledge-based Systems" and a time span from January 1, 1991 to September 30, 2016.

## Document

Article extracted from the WoS DB and published in the Knowledge-Based Systems journal

## Pre-processing

**Table 1**  
Stepwise results of the term clumping process.

Step	Description	#Term
0	Natural language processing - to retrieve raw terms from abstract and title	49,780
1	Basic cleaning - to remove terms starting with non-alphabetic characters, e.g., "2 items"	46,148
2	Basic cleaning - to remove meaningless and common terms, e.g., pronouns, prepositions, and conjunctions	43,239
3	Basic cleaning - to remove common terms in scientific articles, e.g., "method" and "introduction"	42,593
4	Knowledge-based consolidation - to consolidate terms with the same stem, e.g., the singular and plural of a noun	37,788
5	Knowledge-based consolidation - to engage expert knowledge for de-duplicating <sup>a</sup> , e.g., "classification" and "classification analysis"	29,151
6	Rule-based cleaning - to remove single words <sup>b</sup> , e.g., "information" and "feasibility"	27,065
7	Rule-based cleaning - to remove terms appearing in only one article <sup>c</sup>	4265
8	Rule-based consolidation - to consolidate terms sharing more than 3 sequential words <sup>d</sup> , e.g., "Atanassov intuitionistic fuzzy set theory" and "intuitionistic fuzzy set"	3956

*Note.* (a) The authors and co-authors of this paper arranged certain meetings to browse the remaining terms, and identified certain patterns for such consolidation. (b) A thorough consolidation was given in Step 5, where almost all meaningful single words (e.g., "classification") had been associated with multi-word terms, and the remaining single words were very common and failed to represent exact meaning. Under this circumstance, we decided to remove all single words except those associated with multi-word terms despite possible over-cleaning. (c) A vector-based similarity measurement is one main approach for the model of SEP, and terms appearing in only one article will be useless then. (d) We have ever developed an algorithm of term cluster analysis, which is to group terms based on their sharing words [13]. Despite the fact that consolidating terms that share two sequential words is a default setting, KnoSys articles contain more specific terms, e.g., "fuzzy set," "intuitionistic fuzzy set," and "hesitant fuzzy set." At this stage, we increased the required number of sharing words to "three".

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