

# TEXT PROCESSING IN INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM USING VECTOR SPACE MODEL

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**Abstract**— Intelligent information retrieval is an important area in computer application in the 21st century. In Tamil documents, Morphology (separating noun and verb) concept is used to retrieve the text. In this paper we use new approach on text processing in the information retrieval system. So we can widen our search criteria namely, Vowel – Kuril (Short), Nedil (Long); Consonant - Vallinam (Hard), Mellinam (Soft) and Idaiyinam (Medium). So it would not wait for the entire word to enter; perhaps the searching process starts immediately after the first letter is entered, because the Database table is segregated into 5 components rather than a single Database table. So to minimise the time constraint, memory space and to do a smart search a new IR system is introduced. In the proposed system, searches can be divided into three categories, namely (i) Main topic search (ii) Subtitle search and (iii) Keyword search. So the system would search quickly and retrieve required information only. In addition to that, every poem is displayed with related pictures. So users will show more interest and desire to read those poems. In the classical system, the user should give the exact word to retrieve the information. But in the proposed system the misspelled word could be corrected and the information can be retrieved, because internally the system has its own spell checker. This would be useful for Tamil literates, Tamil students, Tamil scholars, etc.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

For thousands of years people have realized the importance of archiving and finding information. With the advent of computers, it became possible to store large amount of information and finding useful information from such collections which became a necessity. The field of IR was born in the 1950s out of this necessity. Several IR Systems are used on an everyday basis by a wide variety of users. Need of information retrieval arises in Tamil literary documents from the ancient era to the latest, which helps in sharing the data through the internet. This paper proposes a new approach for text processing in information retrieval of Tamil literary document.

In the Existing system, the system [4] read the whole word and it identifies whether the word is a noun or a verb.

Finally it finds the word from the database. In the past it took a lot of time for retrieval. Because, it performs the searching process after the entire word is entered. But in the proposed system, the system would not wait for the entire word to enter; perhaps the searching process starts immediately after the first letter is entered. Because the system performs the search processes for every letter of a word. This approach considerably increases the speed of the retrieval process.

Tamil language:

Tamil has a large and extremely rich body of ancient literature. It is one of the primary independent sources of modern Indian culture and tradition. Tamil is the official language of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu and one of the 22 languages under schedule 8 of the constitution of India. It is also one of the official languages of the Sri Lanka and Singapore and union territories of Pondicherry and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

## II. RELATED WORK

Language occupies an important position in the history of Indian cultural traditions. Tamil became the first legally recognized Classical language of India. Information retrieval [2] of Tamil literature is a difficult work to do because it was used in olden period Tamil format and it was on poetry format as well. Generally morphology approaches [3] are used for information retrieval of Tamil documents from the likes of Rajendran, 2001 Anand kumar M, 2009, etc., . An IR system returns a list of long documents to a user query. The construction and use of exploration models and search indices consumes processing time, memory, and disk space. Furthermore, in real systems any search and exploration methods must be computationally efficient. In particular, the delay perceived by the users is critical. It is therefore important to develop methods that can speed up the search process while maintaining high perceived quality, particularly in the range of high precision and low recall which is most crucial in actual user settings. The proposed system is a new approach of text processing in information retrieval using vector space model that were organized for exploration of Tamil document collections.

### III. TAMIL SCRIPTS

It is inherited from brahmi script. Native grammarians classify [1] Tamil phonemes into vowels, consonants, and a secondary character (āytam). It has 12 vowels and 18 consonants. These combined with each other to yield 216 characters and 1 special character (Aayitha Ezhuthu) counting to a total of (12+18+216+1) 247 characters.

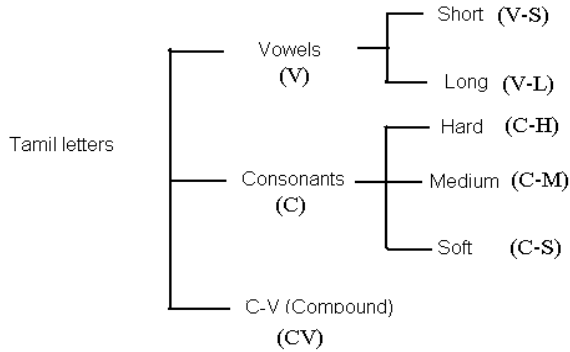


Fig. 1 Classification of Tamil Letters

#### A. Vowels

Vowels are also called as uyirezhuttu (uyir – life, ezhuttu – letter) in Tamil. These vowels are classified into Short (kuril) and Long (Nedil), five of each type and two diphthongs, /ai/ and /au/. The long vowels are about twice as long as the short vowels. The diphthongs are usually pronounced about 1.5 times as long as the short vowels.

#### B. Consonants

Consonants are known as Meyyehuttu (mey—body, ezhuttu—letters) in Tamil. It is classified into three categories Hard (Vallinam), Medium (Idaiyinam) and Soft ( Mellinam) and six in each category. The classification is based on the place of articulation

TABLE I  
VOWEL CONSONANT TABLE

Tamil letters	Vowels (V)	Short (V-S)	அ	இ	உ	எ	ஒ	ஐ
		Long (V-L)	ஆ	ஈ	ஊ	ஏ	ஓ	ஔ
	Consonants (C)	Hard (C-H)	க	ச	ட	த	ப	ற்
		Medium (C-M)	ய	ர	ள	வ	ழ	ல்
		Soft (C-S)	ங	ஞ	ண	ந	ம்	ன்

### IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

In this system, 3 phases are used. They are (i) Classification and Indexing (ii) Text Processor and (iii) Retrieval Unit. The system architecture as shown in figure 2.

#### A. Classification and Indexing:

Most of the ancient Tamil literatures are rendered in the form of poetries. The critical edition of ancient Tamil works include 41 works namely 1) Thirukkural 2) Pura naanooru 3) Aga naanooru 4) Silapathigaram 5) Seevaga chinathamani 6) Manimegalai 7) Kundalakesi 8) Valayapathi 9) Padhinen Mel kanakku (18 Upper Classics) 10) Padhinen Keezh kanakku (18 Lower Classics) etc. Since most of the Ancient Tamil works are in poetry and in anthology forms, a Main class is derived with 41 categories [10] and each category has various sub divisions.

The following tasks are performed in this module.

1. Major groups in ancient tamil literature are identified.
2. Identified groups are classified into various categories.
3. Main topics are identified as headings of the categories.
4. Topics are hierarchically arranged along with the sub titles and
5. All the key words are arranged along with the topics and sub titles.

Database table is segregated into 5 components namely Vowel–Short (V-S), Vowel-Long (V-L), Consonant–Hard(C-H), Consonant–Medium(C-M), Consonant–Soft(C-S). Database Table segregation can be done by the following steps:

1. Select the Number of documents as search data.
2. Read every document term by term
3. Apply the CV test to check if the first letter of the term is a Vowel (V) or a Consonant (C). If it is vowel, then check whether it is Short or Long. After identifying the type, update the term to the corresponding database table.
4. Similarly, check whether the first letter of the term is a Consonant. Then check if it is Hard or Medium or Soft. After identifying the type update the term to the corresponding database table.

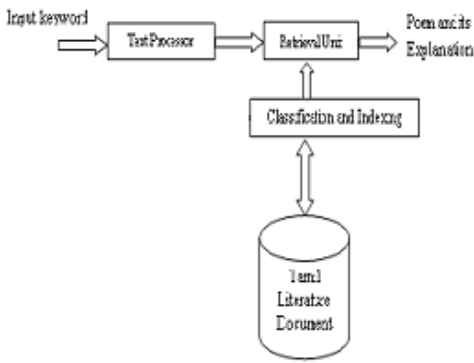


Fig. 2 System Architecture

### B. Text Processor:

Every letter has been processed and evaluated by the Text processor based on Tamil phonemes [2]. If a key is pressed through the Tamil virtual keyboard, the processor would identify the letter through any one of the following – Vowel (V) or Consonant(C). Vowels are again classified into two types, Short(S) and Long (L). Similarly consonants are classified into three classes with 6 in each class and are called Hard (H), Medium (M) and Soft(S).

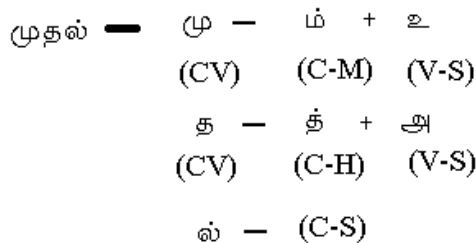


Fig. 3 Input keyword 1

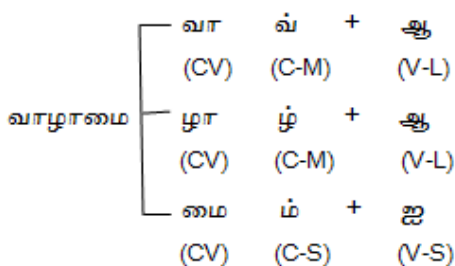



Fig. 4 Input keyword 2

Once the letter is identified, it locates the letter from the Database. The cycle would continue until all the letters in the word are processed. The index position should change for every additional letter until the complete word is entered.

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Fig. 5.  Database Table

### C. Retrieval Unit:

In the retrieval module [12], once the word is found in indices, it retrieves the poem and its explanations from the documents using vector space model [3].

Fig. 6 Screenshot of Input keyword 1

Fig. 7 Screenshot of Input keyword 2

The performance of the search can be increased by splitting up the category by 3 ways namely (1) Main topics searches (2) Subtitles searches and (3) Keyword searches. For example, if the input is given from “Main topics”, then the subtitle and keyword would be skipped. Examples are shown in Figure 8 and 9.

Main Category : சீவகசிந்தாமணி  
Main Topic : நாமகள் இலம்பகம்  
Subtitle : நாட்டு வளம்  
Keyword : திசை

Fig. 8 Example 1

Main Category : திருக்குறள்  
Main Topic : பாயிர இயல்  
Subtitle : கடவுள் வாழ்த்து  
Keyword : இறைவன்

Fig. 9 Example 2



Fig. 10 Sample pictures for Main Topics

#### D. Spell Checker:

The spell checker detects the mistakes and prompts the user with a set of suggestions, which will aid the correction of the misspelled word. Generally the user would not enter the first letter wrongly, but he might do in the middle of the word for the letters like

1) ர ற 2) ல ள 3) ன ண ந

So the spell checker is designed in such a way that the first letter would be skipped and the rest of the letters in the word should undergo the spell-check. Ideally it skips the first letter of the word and does a spell check for the rest of the letters of the word. There are two cases involved in spell checker.

*Case 1:* If there is single combination available for the input in the DB, it gets the word from the DB and replaces it.

*Case 2:* If there is more than one combination, it would list all possible combinations to select. Look at these examples below:

Case: 1 கள்வி → கல்வி புகல், புகள் → புகழ்  
அரிதல் → அறிதல்

Case: 2 பளம் → பலம், பழம்

Fig. 8 Examples for Case 1 and Case 2

## V. VECTOR SPACE MODEL

There are three classic models in the information retrieval given by: (1) Boolean model in which the document and query are represented as sets of index terms; this model is a set theoretic. (2) Probabilistic model in which the framed work for modelling document and query representation is based on probability theory; this model is probabilistic (3) Vector space model in which the documents and query are represented as vectors in t-dimensional space. Thus, this model is algebraic and it is of main concern of our study.

In the vector space model, we represent documents as vectors. The success of the vector space method is based on term weighting. There has been much research on term weighting techniques but little consensus on which method is best.

### A. Term Weighting:

Term weighting is an important aspect of modern text retrieval systems. Terms are words, phrases, or any other indexing units used to identify the contents of a text. Since different terms have different importance in a text, an important indicator – the Term Weight – is associated with every term.

$$\begin{pmatrix} & T_1 & T_2 & \dots & T_t \\ D_1 & w_{11} & w_{21} & \dots & w_{t1} \\ D_2 & w_{12} & w_{22} & \dots & w_{t2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ D_n & w_{1n} & w_{2n} & \dots & w_{tn} \end{pmatrix}$$

1) *Term Frequency:* It is defined in the simplest case as the number of occurrences of the term in the document. We would like to compute a score between a query term t and a document d, based on the weight of t in d. The simplest approach is to assign the weight to be equal to the number of occurrences of term t in document d. This weighting scheme is referred to as term frequency and is denoted  $tf_{t,d}$ , with the subscripts denoting the term and the document in order.



2) *Document Frequency*: It is defined to be the number of documents in the collection that contain a term  $t$  and is denoted  $df_t$ .

3) *Inverse document frequency*: It is a measure of the general importance of the term (obtained by dividing the total number of documents by the number of documents containing the term, and then taking the logarithm of that quotient).

$$idf_t = \log \frac{N}{df_t}$$

Where,  $N$  : total number of documents in a collection  
 $df_t$ : Document frequency

#### B. Tf-idf Weighting:

We now combine the definitions of term frequency and inverse document frequency, to produce a composite weight for each term in each document. The tf-idf weighting scheme assigns to term  $t$  a weight in document  $d$  given by

$$tf-idf_{t,d} = tf_{t,d} \times idf_t$$

In other words,  $tf-idf_{t,d}$  assigns to term  $t$  a weight in document  $d$  that is

1. highest when  $t$  occurs many times within a small number of documents (thus lending high discriminating power to those documents).
2. Lower when the term occurs fewer times in a document, or occurs in many documents (thus offering a less pronounced relevance signal);
3. Lowest when the term occurs in virtually all documents.

#### VI. EVALUATION

The objective evaluation of search effectiveness has been a cornerstone of IR. Progress in the field critically depends upon experimenting with new ideas and evaluating the effects of these ideas, especially given the experimental nature of the field. From the early years, it was evident to researchers in the community that objective evaluation of search techniques would play a key role in the field. The two desired properties that have been accepted by the research community for measurements of search effectiveness are *recall*[3]: the proportion of relevant documents retrieved by the system; and *precision*: the proportion of retrieved documents those are relevant.

##### Experiment Results:

Information retrieval systems Comparison:

- ❖ Recall improvement:
  - Input String 1: + 0.14.
  - Input String 2: + 0.50.
- ❖ Precision improvement:
  - Input String 1: + 0.51.
  - Input String 2: + 0.44.

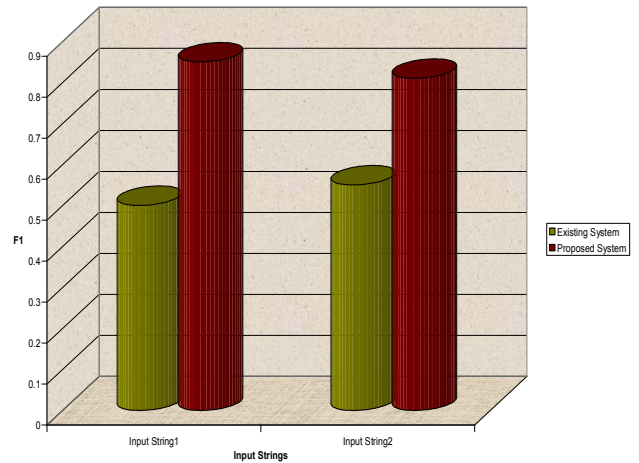


Figure 4-PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

#### VII. CONCLUSION

The proposed system is focuses on information retrieval for Tamil literary document. As the pictures are included along with the poems it would be easier and interactive for the learners to remember and understand easily. The proposed system would be pretty much helpful for all Tamil literates and students to search and learn.. Also performance tuning has also been done in the system. This system currently supports 41 categories only. In addition to this we can further add more documents in future. However this concept will be designed more useful to the users in future.

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