

Graph based Extractive Multi-document Summarizer for Malayalam-an Experiment

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Abstract—Multidocument summarization is an automatic process to generate summary extract from multiple documents written about the same topic. Of the many summarization systems developed for English language, the graph based system is found to be more effective. This paper mainly focuses on a multidocument summarizing system for Malayalam Language which follows a graph based approach. The proposed model uses a weighted undirected graph to represent the documents. The significant sentences for the summary are selected by applying the Page Rank algorithm. Experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed system.

Index Terms—Multi-document, summarization, extractive, graph, pagerank.

I. INTRODUCTION

AUTOMATIC multidocument summarizer extracts information from multiple documents and provides it in a condensed form. In this digital age there is an inundation of information related to any topic. This necessitates the need for development of a system which can get information from multiple documents and provide it in a summarised form. Malayalam is an important regional language in India, predominantly spoken by the people of Kerala. The amount of digitised information available in Malayalam is also increasing rapidly with time. The source inputs for the summarization system can be news articles related to a specific topic from different Malayalam news paper dailies. This work helps to get important information from different Malayalam newspapers without redundancy. Automatic text summarization is an extremely active research field having connection with other research areas such as natural language processing, information retrieval and machine learning.

Two methods are widely followed in text summarization- Extractive and Abstractive. Extractive summarization system extracts the important sentences from the source documents without information loss while Abstractive summarization system generates summary by re-producing new sentences by taking the semantic meaning of sentences. Summary generation can be query relevant or generic. In query relevant system, summary generation will be based on the search term where as generic system provides an overall summary of the information contained in a document.

This work aims to develop an automatic summarization system that takes multiple Malayalam documents as input and generates a generic extractive summary as output. There are different methods to perform extractive summarization,

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of which graph based system gives a good result. Literature review of work conducted in this domain shows that no notable work has happened in Malayalam language for multidocument summarization. We can find some works in Hindi[9] and Bengali[10] related to single document summarization. The work presented in this paper intends to generate an extractive summary from multiple Malayalam documents, following a graph based ranking algorithm.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section 2 reviews the previous work on document summarization that applies graph-based ranking algorithms. Section 3 discusses the methodology used, Section 4 discusses the experimental results and finally Section 5 concludes the paper.

II. RELATED WORK

Graph based methods like LexRank[1] and TextRank[2] model document or set of documents as a text similarity graph constructed by taking sentences as vertices and the similarity between sentences as edge weight. They calculated the sentence significance from the entire graph using approaches which are inspired from Page Rank[7] and HITS[8] that were successfully applied to rank Web Page.

In work[3] a weighted bipartite graph was built on the document considering terms and sentences. An edge existed between terms and sentence if the term appeared in the sentence. This work applied the mutual reinforcement principle to find the saliency score of the sentences and the sentences were ranked in accordance with the saliency score.

The document-sensitive graph model[4] that emphasizes the influence of intra document relation on inter document relation. This model uses an extended form of page ranking algorithm to rank the sentences.

In work[5] the author treats extractive summarization by modelling documents by means of similarity graph and selecting sentences by Archetypal Analysis (AA).

III. METHODOLOGY

The proposed approach is a graph based multi-document extractive summarization method for Malayalam Language similar to LexPageRank. This system generates summary of a collection of articles taken from different newspapers on a specific topic. The process flow is as follows.

- Preprocessing: The plain text sources of the news articles require significant preprocessing because of the complexity associated with Malayalam Language.
- Graph Representation: Representing the documents as a graph in which each sentence will be a node and the edges will be the similarity between nodes.
- Sentence scoring: Scoring the sentence using Page Rank Algorithm.

- Summary Generation. Sort the sentences on the score and generate summary in accordance with the compression ratio.

A. Preprocessing

1) *Sentence Extraction*: This module identifies sentence boundaries which can be a period(.), a question mark(?) or an exclamation mark(!). The period(.) symbol before recognizing as a sentence delimiter the module checks whether its part of abbreviation or part of a name or a decimal number or time. This is done by a set of rules represented using regular expression by considering the contexts where it appears. After extracting sentences from the documents, the stop words are removed.

2) *Stopword Removal*: Stop words are a set of commonly used words in any language. Removing stop words contribute to summarization scores. Most frequent words with no semantic content relative to the domain selected is the procedure for stop word selection. Here we have identified a list of stop words with respect to the data set considered for summarization. Sentences are scanned and the stop words are removed and the resulting sentences are obtained.

'അതെ', 'ഓട', 'ഓടെ', 'ആയ', 'തുടങ്ങിയവർ', 'ഇ', 'ആണ്', 'ഇനി', 'ചില', 'പേർ', 'എറുവു', 'പുതിയ', 'എന്നാൽ', 'ഇന്നലെ', 'ആയി', 'എന്നിവരെ', 'എന്നി', 'ലെ', 'അന്ന്', etc.]

Fig. 1. Stop word list.

3) *Stemming*: This module converts a word into its root form. Even though literatures related to stemming in Malayalam language is available, there is no full fledged tool which can be used in our work. We have made some modifications on the Silpa Stemmer[11] which uses a suffix stripping algorithm[6]. The stemmer removes longest matching suffix from each word to get the base word.

For example the words "vanathiloode" and "vanathil" gets transformed to the root form "vanam".

The stemming algorithm does this by using a set of rules called stem rules. The stem rules are created by considering the different inflectional forms in Malayalam.

The stem rule used in the above example is "thiloode" and "thil" changes to "m". The list of stem rules are given as stem rule file. While processing, the rule file is compiled and the values are moved to a dictionary like structure. The module also contains an exception pool where the exceptional words are directly mapped.

Example: The word "makal" is an exception, here "kal" is not a plural suffix.

Each sentence will be passed through the stemming module and the inflected words in them will be changed to its root form.

B. Document set as Graph

The document collection D is modeled as an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ where V is the set of vertices and each vertex v_i in V is a preprocessed sentence of the document set. Here each vertex v_i in V will be represented in the form *doc.no._sent.pos* as 2_3 which means sentence 3 of document 2. E is the set of edges. Each edge e_i in E will be having a weight $f(v_i, v_j)$, showing the similarity between v_i and v_j

($i \neq j$). The weight is calculated using the standard cosine measure between two sentences.

Cosine similarity between two sentences is the dot product of their vector representations. Here we have used the $Tf - Idf$ vector to represent the sentences.

$Tf - Idf$ Score: The goodness of a sentence is usually represented by the importance of the words present in it. $Tf - Idf$ is a simple but powerful heuristic for determining the importance of a sentence. A Vector Space model is built at the sentence level by grouping all the sentences of the documents. Now for scoring the sentences, we determine the $Tf - Idf$ of each sentence in a document.

$$Tf - Idf(S_i) = Tf_{t,i} * Idf_t \quad (1)$$

where $Tf_{t,i}$ is the number of times the term t occurs in the sentence S_i and Idf_t gives the information about the number of sentences in which the term t appears.

$$Idf_t = \log \frac{N}{N_t} \quad (2)$$

where N is the total sentences in a document D and N_t is the number of sentences in a document D in which the term t occurs. Taking the sum of $Tf - Idf$ of each term t in the sentence, we get the $Tf - Idf$ score of each sentence in the document. Since longer sentences will be having more no.of terms, we optimize the score by applying L2 Normalization.

Using the $Tf - Idf$ Vector we are computing the cosine measure between sentences.

$$f(v_i, v_j) = Sim(S_i, S_j) = \frac{S_i * S_j}{\sqrt{S_i^2} * \sqrt{S_j^2}} \quad (3)$$

If the similarity measure is larger than 0 then there is an edge between the vertices.

We use adjacency matrix A to describe G with each entry corresponding to the weight of an edge in the graph.

$$A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} f(v_i, v_j), & \text{if } v_i, v_j \text{ is connected} \\ & \text{and } i \text{ not equal to } j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

A is normalized to A' where sum of each row is 1.

$$A'_{i,j} = \begin{cases} A_{i,j} / \sum_{j=1}^{|v|} A_{i,j}, & \text{if } \sum_{j=1}^{|v|} A_{i,j} \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

C. Scoring Sentences

Based on the matrix A' , the score of each sentence can be obtained by running the page ranking algorithm on the graph.

Page Rank[7] is a popular ranking algorithm developed by Google as a method for web link analysis. Even though traditionally Page Rank is applied on directed graph, this can also be applied to undirected graph, where the outdegree of the vertex is same as the indegree.

$$PR(V_i) = (1-d) + d * \sum_{V_j \in In(V_i)} w_{ji} \frac{PR(V_j)}{\sum_{V_k \in Out(V_j)} w_{kj}} \quad (6)$$

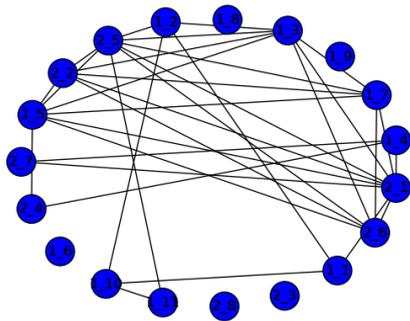


Fig. 4. Similarity Graph.

initial iteration. After convergence of the algorithm the page rank scores are sorted. The result is as in Fig:5. Each entry is a combination of sentence-id and page rank score. The sentence-id denotes the document and the position of the sentence in the document.

[(u'2_1', 0.11023205923958423), (u'2_5', 0.097510202823440556),
(u'1_3', 0.095092082018057647), (u'1_5', 0.088242151114225773),
(u'1_7', 0.074606509611447852), (u'2_2', 0.073302691096338371),
(u'2_6', 0.061219594426259134), (u'1_2', 0.059807155587159738),
(u'1_10', 0.055914807719541548), (u'1_4', 0.055657533793612643),
(u'1_1', 0.052924677532629472), (u'2_4', 0.044880755717147246),
(u'1_11', 0.040881586697191816), (u'2_7', 0.038880734996245538),
(u'2_8', 0.010169491525423733), (u'2_3', 0.010169491525423733),
(u'1_6', 0.010169491525423733), (u'1_9', 0.010169491525423733),
(u'1_8', 0.010169491525423733)]

Fig. 5. Page Rank score of each sentence in sorted order.

With 50% compression ratio the summary generated from the system will have 6 sentences as in Fig:6.

പടിഞ്ഞാറൻ ഡൽഹിക്ക് സമീപം ഓരുകയിൽ ബിഎസ്എഫ് വിമാനം തകർന്നു വീണു പത്തുപേർ മരിച്ചു.(2_1)
ഡൽഹിയിൽ നിന്നും രാജമയിലേക്ക് പുറപ്പെട്ട വിമാനമാണ് തകർന്നു വീണത്.(2_5) സെക്രൂർ എട്ട് ഓരുകയിലെ
ബഗ്ഗേഡാള ഗ്രാമത്തിലാണ് വിമാനം തകർന്നുവീണത്.(1_3) 9:45 നാണ് വിമാനം ഭടക്ക് ഓഫ് ചെയ്തത്.(1_5)
വിമാനത്താവളത്തിൽ നിന്ന് പറന്നുയരവേ ഒരു മതിലിൽ തട്ടിയാണ് വിമാനം തകർന്നുവീണത്.(1_7) ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി
കമാൻഡർമാർ ഉൾപ്പെടെ പത്തുപേരായിരുന്നു വിമാനത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നത്.(2_2)

Fig. 6. System generated summary.

The human generated summary in six sentences taken as the standard for evaluation is shown in Fig:7.

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ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നത്.

Fig. 7. Human generated summary.

V. CONCLUSION

An extractive multi-document system for Malayalam Language based on a graph representation for the text is developed. This paper shows that graph based methods for MDS of texts in Malayalam produces a relevant summary from multiple documents. It was observed that as the generated summary had sentences selected from different articles, there is a possibility of cross document co-reference. Since there is no existing system for multi-document Malayalam summarization, this serves as an introduction.

As graph based analysis does not require detailed linguistic knowledge, nor domain, it is highly portable to other domains and languages.

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