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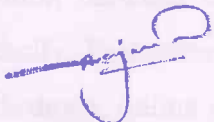
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Abstract

Due to the closing of all educational activities in institutions, faculty and students are not able to go to their institutions and visit libraries. The study of changing information-seeking patterns of faculty and students in this pandemic is essential and fundamental to find out the changes that happened in their information-seeking behavior and the obstacles they faced in searching and retrieving the information they required during this pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has provided us with an opportunity to pave the way for introducing digital learning. The internet ubiquity in education has overflowed the instruction and learning process with digital tools and profoundly changed numerous perspectives and facets of academic life, including students' reading habits.

Key Words: Information, Online Education, Teaching Technologies, Online Resources, Pandemic.

Introduction:

The coronavirus pandemic has created many changes in the teaching-learning process in higher education institutions and has influenced the collaboration between teachers and students. The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in vast changes globally. This outbreak has also brought many disturbances in the educational sector. During lock-down, online classes were conducted in all academic institutions in Goa. Though many institutions have made

Machine Learning Classifier Model for Prediction of COVID-19

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COVID-19 pandemic has become a major threat to the world. In this study a model is designed which can predict the likelihood of COVID-19 patients with maximum accuracy. Therefore three machine learning classification algorithms namely Decision Tree, Naive Bayes and Logistic Regression classifier are used in this experiment to detect Covid-19 disease at an early stage. The models are trained with 75% of the samples and tested with 25% of data. Since the dataset is imbalanced, the performances of all the three algorithms are evaluated on various measures like F-Measure, Accuracy and Matthews Correlation Coefficient. Accuracy is measured over correctly and incorrectly classified instances. All the analyses were performed with the use of Python, version 3.8.2. Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curves are used to verify the result in a proper and systematic manner. This framework can be used, among other considerations, to prioritize testing for COVID-19 when testing resources are limited.

Keywords: Covid-19, Classification, Machine learning, Outbreak, Prediction.

1. INTRODUCTION

The novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) presents most shocking and urgent threat to global health. It has already spread over 185 countries and territories around the world and nearly seven lakhs thirty eight thousands of people ¹ already died by this infectious disease. According to WHO (World Health Organization) reports ² COVID-19 is a severe acute respiratory syndrome which is transmitted through respiratory droplets and contact routes. Thus, analysis of this disease requires major attention by the Government and several autonomous bodies to take necessary steps in reducing the effect of this global pandemic. It is extremely critical to detect the positive cases specially asymptomatic as early as possible so as to prevent the further spread of this epidemic and to quickly treat affected patients. In this context, Machine Learning based classifier modeling J. D. Kelleher [2015] is emerging as a powerful weapon in humanity's fight against disease outbreaks. There exist a large number of research works where machine learning algorithms have been applied to give efficient predictions in healthcare M. A. Ahmad [2018], A. Callahan [2017], P. Chowriappa [2013].

When a new pandemic hits, diagnosing individuals is challenging. Moreover, there are many countries where testing on a large scale is difficult and tests are likely to be expensive, especially in the beginning. Anyone who has any symptoms of COVID-19 is likely to be very concerned that they have contracted the disease, even if the same symptoms are indicative of many other, potentially milder diseases too. Some people have extremely mild cases while others find themselves fighting for their lives. The symptoms of the disease resemble a typical viral, respiratory infection with an incubation time of 14 days. In this article we have shown how classification algorithm such as Decision Tree, Naive Bayes and Logistic Regression can accurately predict whether a person is infected with coronavirus based on a range of symptoms a person experiences. This will help to identify those with COVID-19 in populations that are experiencing limited clinical testing.

We established a machine learning approach that trained on records from 5618 tested individuals

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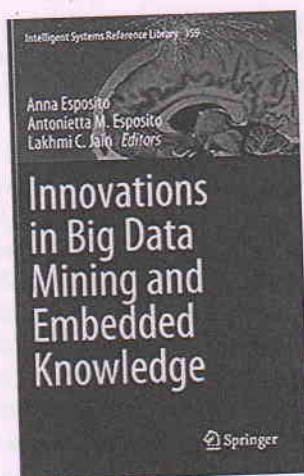
²World Health Organization, (2020), Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19): situation report, 98

Book Review

Abstract. This is a review of a book that discusses knowledge discovery using data mining and knowledge embedding through models. A number of scheme are reported in the book to explain how data mining and discovered embedded knowledge can be beneficial to social organizations, domestic sphere and ICT market. Each chapter of the book presents a unique problem of data mining philosophies from an embedded point of view. It will help researchers to understand the current status of big data mining and embedded knowledge, discover new research opportunities and gain more information about this field.

Keywords: Big data, data mining, embedded knowledge, machine learning

“Innovations in Big Data Mining and Embedded Knowledge” by Anna Esposito (Editor), Antonietta M. Esposito (Editor), Lakhmi C. Jain (Editor), 1st edition (16 July 2019), Pages 276, ISBN 978-3-030-15938-2, Vol. 159 in Springer Book Series *Intelligent Systems Reference Library* (<https://www.springer.com/series/8578>)



1. Introduction

Blackler [1] identifies five types of interrelated knowledge that play an important role in our life. These are, embodied, encultured, embedded, encoded and em-brained knowledge. Embedded knowledge refers to the knowledge that is locked in processes, products, cul-ture, routines, artifacts, or structures [2]. The challenges in managing embedded knowledge vary considerably as culture, principle, emotion, ethics and routines can be difficult to understand, hard to change and changing

with time. It is important to note, that while embedded knowledge can exist in explicit sources, the knowledge itself is not explicit. Due to the difficulty in effectively managing embedded knowledge, organizations that suc-ceed to do that might enjoy a significant competitive advantage.

In addition to that we are living in a big data era, as available data from various sources are growing at an explosive rate. With the availability of vast amounts of data, most organizations have started focusing on lever-aging valuable insights from it. Those insights can give businesses a competitive advantage in the market. On the one hand, big data mining has been demonstrated as the 21st century's most powerful tool; on the other hand, this high-level tool is too complicated to mine embedded knowledge. With many vivid real-world ex-amples, the authors fill the gap by sharing their exten-sive experience. The authors go into great detail to elab-orate as to what this new frontier upholds in the modern world.

The book titled “Innovations in Big Data Mining and Embedded Knowledge” edited by Anna Esposito, An-tonietta M. Esposito and Lakhmi C. Jain explores new directions in research area of embedded knowledge and big data mining techniques. This type of knowledge discovery is beneficial to support humans in resolv-ing various issues and problems. In recent year, few research articles are available which amalgamate big data mining and embedded knowledge. Thus, the book comes at right time when there is a great demand for big data mining and knowledge discovery is only increas-ing. The book focuses on several types of applications rather than concrete theory. This book updates students, researchers and teachers with the various research prob-lems and applications showing how data mining and discovering embedded knowledge can be beneficial in every sphere of our life. Presenting the problems as well as solutions in a lucid manner makes this book unique.

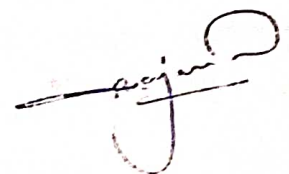
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Abstract:

Research may be applied or fundamental, quantitative or qualitative, whatever be the type of research, its purpose is to discover answers to question through the application of scientific procedures. The present study aims to citation analysis of the Ph.D. thesis submitted to Goa University in the Department of Economics for the period 1995 -2019. Total 27 theses submitted during this period are taken up for the study. The total citations generated is 5405. From this study, it is found that Books are the most preferred source of information used by research scholars in the field of economics. The citations pertained to journals, books, reports, working papers, newspapers, websites etc.

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Abstract:

The Social networking sites play a major role in promoting library services and products to its user community. In this Covid-19 Pandemic and lockdown period, physical communication was locked and online web communication technology proved a powerful tool to bridge the gap between the library and users. The users were unable to reach the libraries during this pandemic period. The librarians used social networking tools to provide information during this pandemic period. The libraries provided a variety of services to its user community. The purpose of this paper is to show how effectively the libraries used Social Networking Sites for marketing & promoting the library and information products & services to their users during this pandemic and lockdown period. A structured online questionnaire was used for data collection. The targeted population was academic librarians working in colleges in Goa, India. From the study, it was found that Social networking sites play a major role in marketing and promoting library and information products and services during this pandemic period. Maximum librarians are using the Library website, Facebook and WhatsApp tool for marketing and promoting the library services and products to reach their users.

Keywords: Social networking sites, pandemic, academic libraries, user community, library services, library products.

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Abstract:

Library websites are instrumental in the promotion and disseminating of information to all users. Academic and research activities are web-based services that play an important role. The present study was carried out to examine the extended library services over the internet by the college libraries in Goa (India) to their user community during the covid-19 Pandemic. The web pages of all the college libraries were analysed to see if the contents of the library meets the standards. Forty college libraries were chosen for the study but only Twenty nine college library websites were found to have their existence felt on the college web page and the Twenty nine college library websites were accessed and examined during this study. The websites were accessed from 27th July 2020 to 26th November 2020. In the study, it was found that the contents were not well-organized and well-structured to meet the user needs during this pandemic period. The study suggests there is a need to develop a unique type of library website which will develop well-organized content that will provide better quality services to satisfy the information needs of the academic user. It was also found out that eleven college libraries do not have their existence on the college website or on the internet. The findings in the study will further help the researchers to study the design concepts and various sections to be included in the library website which will extend better services for the user in future over the internet.

Keywords: Library website, Content analysis, college libraries, library webpage, Web accessibility, user community, Covid-19 Pandemic.

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ABSTRACT

Libraries play an important role as a reliable and beneficial information provider in the students academic success and performance. The aim of this study is to investigate the students satisfaction with library resources and services provided by the academic library. Random surveying was conducted to find out the problem and difficulties faced by the students in accessing the library resources and its impact on their academic success and performance. The finding in the study showed that there is a significant and remarkable relationship between the library usage and the students' academic performance and success. the major finding of the study is to conduct the information literacy programme for the students to promote awareness about the resources, services and facilities available in the library so that the students can take maximum advantage of the benefits provided by the library. One way to overcome this problem is to encourage the students to embrace using the library in their academic studies and explain its benefits.

KEY WORDS: Students Success, Library Services, Library Resources, student performance, Information literacy.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study was to examine the use of the academic library and whether it correlates to the performance and achievement of the student's roles in their studies. The library is considered as an integral component of any educational system. It plays a vital role in the

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Abstract

The publication journey is one of the researchers' most long and arduous. Generally, it takes more than 18 months for the manuscript to be published. The researchers are often faced with the threat of predatory journals. The threat of predatory journals is a real one. It is the job of the researcher to identify the predatory journals and avoid them. The purpose of this paper is to identify the predatory journals and avoid them. The purpose of this paper is to identify the predatory journals and avoid them. The purpose of this paper is to identify the predatory journals and avoid them.

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Abstract

The publication journey for most of the researchers starts from the Ph. D. onwards. University guidelines for the Ph. D. enable the researchers to publish one or two papers in peer-reviewed journals. The inexperienced or young researchers are in a hurry in the process of publishing their articles. They are unaware of the predatory journals and they publish their articles in these predatory journals. The focus of the present paper is to create awareness among the young researchers and offer some basic knowledge so that they can avoid publishing in predatory journals.

Keywords: Predatory Journals, Predatory publishers, Inexperienced authors, Publishing, Research credibility.

Introduction:

Predatory is the issue discussed from 2011 onwards. In the year 2008 Jeffrey Beall coined the term predatory journals and started awareness about these predatory journals by creating a Beall list. With the advent of the internet open access publishing concept came in to existence

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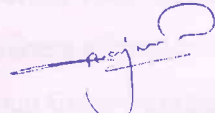
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Delivering Literacy Programmes for the Academic Excellence of the Under Graduate Students.

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Abstract: The expertise in providing library services and resources play an important role in students' academic success. The three factors library place, library resources and library services play an important role in student's outcomes. The libraries must focus on student's learning-centric. The orientation programme conducted by the librarians increases the usage of library resources. The smart and latest technologies should be used by the librarians for students learning process. The librarian needs to study the student's capabilities and with the help of the latest technologies to serve the user needs and must create a conducive environment for studies. The present paper focuses on promoting the various information literacy programmes for undergraduate students which will develop their academic excellence and final grades.

Keywords: Libraries, Undergraduate students, Information Literacy, Digital literacy, social media, Academic success.

Introduction: In the student's outcome, books and web-based services play an important role. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the schools and colleges were shut down before the completion of the academic year and during this time the libraries used social media tools such as WhatsApp, Google classroom etc. to reach the students to complete their curriculum and answer their queries. The libraries need to be proactive towards the users by adopting new technology and participating in the scholarly life of students. **LeMaistre and Thanki (2018)** suggest that small institutional libraries with limited resources can progress a significant relationship between the user and the student's success. in their study they found that 89% of the students in good academic standing used the library. Students especially visit the library for borrowing and returning of books, photocopying the material, reading newspaper & journals, reference service, project reports etc. The educational success of students depends on their strengths and weakness. **Stemmer & Mahan (2016)** found that library usage is positively