Abstract

This paper presents a novel system for Incremental Association Rules Mining from Medical Documents (IARMMD). The system concerns with maintenance of the discovered association rules and avoids redoing the mining process on whole documents during the updating process. The design of the system is based on concepts representation. It designed to develop our previous D-EART system. The IARMMD improves the updating process, and will lead to decrease the number of scanning and the execution time. The system consists of three phases that are Text Preprocessing, Incremental Association Rule Mining, and Visualization phase. Hash-based Incremental Association Rule Mining Algorithm (HIARM) is introduced in the mining phase. The algorithm employs the power of data structure called Hash Table. The performance of the algorithm is compared with both Apriori and FUP algorithms for the execution time and the evaluation of the extracted association rules. The results reveal that the number of extracted association rules in the IARMMD system is always less than that in Apriori-based and FUP-based systems. Furthermore, the execution time of HIARM algorithm is much better than Apriori and FUP algorithms in the updating process in all experimental cases.

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