# Categorization of 'Holy Quran-Tafseer' using K-Nearest Neighbor Algorithm

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## ABSTRACT

Text categorization, TC, is a process of labeling natural language texts with one or several categories from a predefined set. TC is a supervised learning where the set of categories and examples of documents belonging to those categories is given. The task of automatic TC is assigned an electronic document to several categories, based on a training set of labeled documents. The research objectives are, to formulate a K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) algorithm for the automatic and suitable classification of any Holy Quran Tafseer segment; to identify relevant categories of Holy Quran Tafseer in the form of number classes; and to retrieve, Tafseer of verses of the Holy Quran in Malay language. Hence, this research aims to automatically categorize the Tafseer of verses of Holy Quran using the KNN algorithm as a technique to solve text categorization. This research has been designed to classify different verses in the Holy Quran. The first phase is to pre-process the Arabic text and then change the word in Arabic to Malay word. After that, categorize classes based on the cosine similarity between a test document and specific training documents. The majority of the same kind of nearest neighbors decides the category of the test sample and calculates precision and recall for a collection of documents. The result shows the outperform of TC using the KNN algorithm is one of the best algorithm for categorization Tafseer of Holy Quran. Furthermore, this study contributes in building a classifier to Tafseer Al-Quran in Malay language.

#### Keywords

Text categorization, K-Nearest Neighbor algorithm

### 1. INTRODUCTION

TC is a process of labeling natural language texts with one or several categories from a predefined set. TC is a supervised learning where the set of categories and examples of documents belonging to those categories is given. As a research area, TC appeared in the 1960s, but became a major field of information science only 15 years ago. The fast development is due to the increased interest in the diverse applications of TC which includes document indexing with controlled vocabulary, filtering of irrelevant information, web page categorization, email management, and detection of text genre among others. Text categorization techniques are necessary nowadays when most information is produced and stored digitally.

Business and personal correspondence, scientific and entertaining articles, conference proceedings, and patient data are a few examples of electronic text collections. The advent of the World Wide Web (WWW) a massive repository of text information which required automatic means of efficient and effective storage and retrieval system that can be provided through TC [16]. Such a system comprises different types of approaches that help solve many real world problems such as K-Nearest Neighbor, Rocchio?s algorithm, Decision Trees, Nave Bayes algorithm, Back propagation Network, and Support Vector Machines. Each approach implements text categorization techniques to achieve its goal [3].

#### 2. BACKGROUND

Categorization is classifying data to improve effectiveness and efficiency. TC is one of the most widely used and significant methods of supervised learning in data mining.

Let $(d_j, c_j) \in D \times C$ , where D set of documents and  $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{|c|}\}$  is a predefined set of categories. The main mission of TC is to allocate a Boolean value to every pair in D [11]. Figure 1 shows that, various categories are found in the document domain D and set C. D includes three different types of documents, namely '#', '\$' and '@,'after categorization. Every document is categorized in its own category. The following observations are worth considering:

- The categories are only symbolic labels. They are supposedly obtainable to assist in building the classifier. This observation implies that "text" forms the category label.
- (2) The predication of documents to categories, is generally, achieved on the basis of the meaning of words in documents, and not on metadata. Document categorization should underlie

Domain of documents D

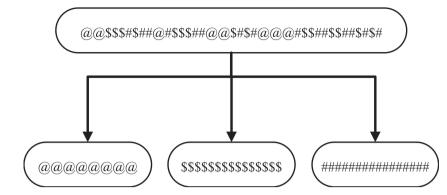


Fig. 1. Pictorial representation of categorization.

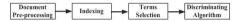


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only on subjective knowledge and not on exogenous knowledge [3].

Figure 2 shows the general structure of a categorization system. The first stage is preprocessing and provides the document for the classification process. Text are normalized the text with tags, and stop words are removed. Words in the documents are then listed and indexed. The vocabulary is extracted, and phrases and terms may be recognized. Word stemming is optionally performed. Finally, a discriminating algorithm is invoked to distinguish between categories [9].

# 3. METHODOLOGY

The schema of the methodology for this study comprises three phases show in figure 3. The first phase is pre-processing and modeling involves normalization, term extraction, stemming, and using the dictionary to convert Arabic words to Malay words after using inverted index, dimensionality reduction and weighing terms (TF\*IDF). The second phase addresses how to K-Nearest Neighbor algorithm to derive the solution applied to the Tafseer Holy Quran. The third phase evaluates the performance of the categorization model by using the precision and recall values.

#### 3.1 Classifier Learning Algorithm

A text classifier for  $c_i \in C$  is generated automatically by a general inductive process. This process is conducted by monitoring the properties of the document sets before classification according to  $c_i$  or  $\dot{c}_i$  which obtain the properties of a new hidden document wherein  $c_i$  must belong. With the goal of building classifiers for C, a document set S is needed such that the value of  $\Phi(d_i, c_i)$  is well known for every  $(d_i, c_i) \in \Omega \times C$  the experimental results of the TC show that S is generally divided into two separate sets, namely,  $T_r$  (training set) and  $T_e$  (test set) [17]. The training data set  $(T_r)$  is used for building the categorization model and is applied to the testing data set.

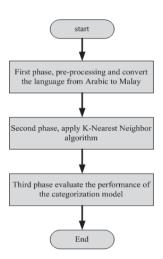


Fig. 3. The schema of the proposed work.

The test data set  $(T_e)$  indicates the record collection known in class labels. However, when given as an input to build categorization models, accurate class labels should be returned to the records.  $T_e$ would help identify the accuracy of the model [6]. Figure 4 explains how to build a categorization model to solve categorization problems. Different learner methods are implemented in TC. Several of these methods create binary-valued classifiers in the form of  $\hat{\Phi}: D \times C \longrightarrow \{T, F\}$  By contrast, other learner methods create real-valued functions in the form  $CSV : D \times C \longrightarrow [0, 1]$ , where CSV is stands for categorization status value. When dealing with categorization problems, a set of thresholds  $\tau_i$  need to be determined to allow the conversion of real- valued CSVs into final binary decisions [17]. In different applications, the methods noticeably perform a real-valued function that can be useful when thresholds are not required. The training efficiency (viz, the average time required to build a classifier  $\hat{\Phi}_i$  from a corpus  $\Omega$ ), classification efficiency (viz, average time required to classify a document through  $\hat{\Phi}_i$ ) and effectiveness (viz, the correctness of the average of  $\hat{\Phi}_i$  s behavior of classification) are all legitimate procedures of learner success.

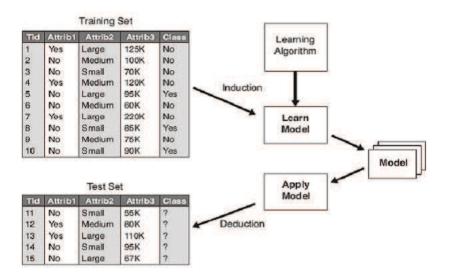


Fig. 4. General approach for building a categorization model.

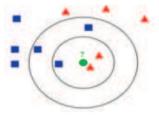


Fig. 5. The method of the KNN.

#### 3.2 K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) Algorithm

The KNN algorithm [1], is the simplest and most user-friendly technique in the area of statistical discrimination. This method is a nonparametric process, wherein a new observation is developed in the class of observations from the learning group closest to the new observation (figure 5) with regard to using the covariates. The similarity is determined by using distance measures. Figure 5 Shows the test sample (green circle) should be classified either to the first class of blue squares or to the second class of red triangles. If k = 3, it is assigned to the second class because there are 2 triangles and only 1 square inside the inner circle. If k = 5, it is assigned to the first class (3 squares vs.2 triangles inside the outer circle). Thereafter, a new observation (x, y) to the nearest neighbor (x(1), y(1))in the learning set is selected by  $d(x, x(1)) = min(d(x, x_i))$  and y=y(1). The class of the nearest neighbor, can be determined while y is being predicted. One can find similarities between the two documents by measuring the cosine value between samples [2] defined as

$$\cos(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i^2}}$$
(1)

This distance is an instance-based learning or memory-based learning and is often known as the lazy learning algorithm because hypotheses are created locally. Moreover, computation is postponed until the test dataset is obtained [12]. There are many researches

have reviewed the use of KNN with regard to classification tasks. Jiang et al. [10] summarized the various enhancements of KNN algorithm classifier. Bhatia [5] compared the nearest neighbor techniques. Some of them are structure less and some are structured base. [13] refined weighted KNN algorithm needs a little more running time than traditional KNN. Duwairi [7] also has a number of publications in this topic. She debated a survey of numerous papers published in text categorization and evaluated the use of classifications wherein distance depends on KNN. Among all supervised learning techniques, this algorithm is the easiest and classifies the objects based on closest training examples in the feature space. The KNN classifier uses the cosine value distance between a test sample and specified training samples. When an unknown document  $\vec{x}$ comes, rank the training documents by the similarity of each one with the document  $\vec{x}$ . Then we get the k most similarity documents of  $\vec{x}$ . The similarity is calculated with cosine distance as in Equation (1) [13]. After loading the corpus, all the preprocessing techniques are applied. TF\*IDF, calculations helps us create document vectors in the feature space. This observation concludes the training phase for KNN algorithm.

The KNN algorithm finds the document's k-nearest neighbors from the training documents. By using the class labels of these k-nearest neighbors, the document class can be predicted. The formal KNN algorithm is described in the following: All training documents are stored in  $\bar{d}_i = (\bar{d}_1, \bar{d}_2, \dots, \bar{d}_m)$ , where  $\bar{d}_i$  indicates one training document.

Whenever an unknown document  $\vec{x}$  appears, the training documents are ranked on the basis of the similarity of each document to document. Thereafter the k most similar documents of  $\vec{x}$  is obtained. The similarity is calculated in Equation ([?]) by using the cosine value distance, where N is the total number of feature items. The k most be similar documents of  $\vec{x}$  the class weight of  $\vec{x}$  for each class  $c_i$  can be calculated as follows:

$$p(\vec{x}, C_j) = \sum_{\bar{d}_j \in KNN(\vec{x})} sim(\vec{x}, \bar{d}_i) y(\bar{d}_i, C_j)$$
(2)

Table 1. Categories in this research for Holy Quran

Ally-KININ(C, D)
$\mathbb{D}' \leftarrow PREPROCESS(\mathbb{D})$
$k \leftarrow \text{Select-k}(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{D}')$
return $D', k$
PLY-KNN( $\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{D}', k, d$ )
$S_k \leftarrow \text{COMPUTENEARESTNEIGHBORS}(\mathbb{D}', k, d)$
for each $c_i \in \mathbb{C}$
do $p_i \leftarrow  S_k \cap c_i /k$
return arg max, p

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Fig. 6. The pseudo code of the KNN algorithm.

KNN( $\vec{x}$ ) denotes the set of K most similar documents of  $\vec{x}$ , whereas  $y(\vec{d}_i, C_i)$  indicates the classification of document  $\vec{d}_i$  for class  $C_i$ .

$$y(\bar{d}_i, C_j) = \begin{cases} 1, \ \bar{d}_i \in C_j \\ 0, \ \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$
(3)

Lastly, the class weight of  $\vec{x}$  is compared for all classes, and  $\vec{x}$  is classified in the class with the maximum class weight  $p(\vec{x}, C_j)$  [13].

$$C = \arg\max_{cj} \left( p(\vec{x}, C_j) \right) \tag{4}$$

Figure 6 shows the pseudo code interpretation of the KNN algorithm. KNN is used in this paper because of the following reasons:

- (1) In Rocchio classification, parameter estimation (centroids) is performed. Naive Bayes are employed (prior probabilities). However, KNN simply memorizes all objects in the training documents. Moreover, KNN compares the testing document and training document. Therefore, KNN is generally known as a memory-based learning or instance-based learning method [14].
- (2) Training data in the KNN algorithm is extremely fast and effective if the training data size is large [5]. However, in Naive Bayes, the classifier requires a small quantity of training data to assess the necessary parameters for classification [4].
- (3) KNN also possible to compute the decision boundary itself explicitly, and to do so in an efficient manner so that the computational complexity is a function of the boundary complexity [15].
- (4) The K parameter is very important and the optimal choice for its value depends upon many factors, and the most influencing one is the nature of the data. Although larger values make boundaries between labels less distinct, they reduce the effect of noise on the classification process [8].
- (5) The k-nearest neighbor algorithm is sensitive to the local structure of the data. Nearest neighbor rules in effect compute the decision boundary in an implicit manner.

#### 3.3 Implementation

The implementation detail of the proposed method using the KNN algorithm containing three phases. First phase: Database that included Document Pre-processing containing several methods; Second phase: KNN algorithm implementation; and Third phase: Precision and Recall values evaluate the performance of the categorization model.

*3.3.0.1 Database:*. The database of this research consisting of 1000 Ayat (verses) of the Holy Quran and data was divided into two text document sets (training and testing). The training set is (800) Ayat (verses) and for testing set (200) Ayat (verses). We choose only seven categories of Tafseer texts shown in the table 1.

Tafseer					
Arabic Main	Malay	English			
Categories	Translation	Translation			
الزواج	Perkahwinan	Marriage			
الارث	Warisan	Inheritance			
الصلاة	Sembahyang	Pray			
الزكاة	akat	Almsgiving			
بر الوالدين	Menghormati ibu bapa	Honouring parents			
الحلال	Halal	Halal			
الجهاد	Jihad	Jihad			

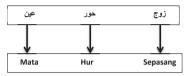


Fig. 7. The example for stemming Ayat (verses) and dictionary.

Table 2. Training data set collection

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Category	Total Documents				
Perkahwinan	139				
Warisan	100				
Sembahyang	129				
Zakat	114				
Menghormati ibu bapa	90				
Halal	110				
Jihad	118				

3.3.0.2 Training Data Phase:. The all training data in this phase in Arabic language and containing the label (Ayat (verses) text, label). The process of preprocessing data includes tokenization, stop word list, normalization, stemming and dictionary. After the pre-processing phase all stemming words will be matched with the dictionary and convert words from the Arabic language to the Malay language. Figure 7 shows the example for stemming algorithm and dictionary. The next step is to generate the weighting terms by using (TF\*IDF). (TF\*IDF) method put document vector in the feature space this end step in the training phase of KNN algorithm. Table 2 shows the training data set collected in this study. There is a certain number of documents, which located in this class.

3.3.0.3 Testing Data Phase:. A new document given the categorization model must predict the correct category label based on previous training. In this paper, counting on the cosine similarity for a given document to its 30 nearest neighbors. Thus, k=30. Later all the pre-processing techniques are used, significant terms are obtained. TF\*IDF calculations helps to create document vectors in feature space. Then the cosine similarity between the test document and specific training documents are calculated. The majority of the same kind of nearest neighbors decides the category of the test sample.

Category	Precision	Recall	Fallout	Error rate
Perkahwinan	0.83	0.9	0	0.02
Warisan	0.79	0.74	0.02	0.05
Sembahyang	0.74	0.8	0.14	0.15
Zakat	0.84	0.78	0.01	0.05
Menghormati ibu bapa	0.8	0.75	0.04	0.07
Halal	0.83	0.83	0	0.08
Jihad	0.87	0.82	0.16	0.15

Table 3. Precision and recall value of KNN

# 4. RESULTS

The effectiveness of the categorization depends on the KNN algorithm or the accuracy of the results obtained after the implementation of KNN algorithm and calculating the precision and recall are computed based on the following equation:

$$precision = \frac{a}{a+b} \tag{5}$$

$$Recall = \frac{a}{a+c} \tag{6}$$

$$Fallout = \frac{b}{b+d} \tag{7}$$

$$Error rate = \frac{b+c}{a+b+c+d} \tag{8}$$

where a is number of documents that both the human and the computer classify as positive examples, b is number of documents that the human classifies as negative examples but the computer classifies as positive examples, c is number of documents that the human classifies as positive example but the computer classifies as negative examples, d is number of documents that both the human and the computer classify as negative documents, and (a+b+c+d) represent total number of test documents (n). Table 3 shows precision, recall, fallout, and error rate for every category. As can be seen from Table 3, recall reaches its highest value (0.90) from Perkahwinan (Marriage) category, and the lowest value (0.74) for the Warisan (Inheritance) category. The second lowest value (0.75) for recall was for the Menghormati ibu bapa(Honouring parents) category. When the classifier's output was re-examined, a large percentage of the misclassified documents in the Inheritance categorye were categorized under the Honouring parents category, and vice versa. The reason for this misclassification is that documents that belong to the Inheritance category and those that belong to the Honoring parents category share many common words. Figure 8, depict the recall, precision, fallout, and error rate over the 7 categories.

#### 5. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

In this study, we described the design and successful implementation of a new text classification suitable for classifying different Ayah (verses) of the Holy Quran using the KNN algorithm has been implemented using Matlab. This research deals a limited number of text files in the training set and test set. Increase the number of these files in both sets to extend conclusions it has schemes in the future. On the other hand, the number of classes (characters) it will be increased. The training data set used, and the value of k can enormously affect the accuracy of classification.

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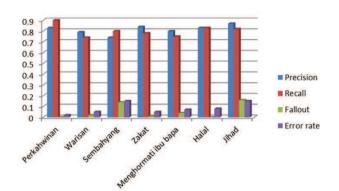


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