
Algorithms for context prediction in Ubiquitous Systems

Exact sequence Matching

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Overview and Structure

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- Basics of probability theory
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Aspects of prediction algorithms

In Ubiquitous Computing

- Prediction accuracy
- High prediction horizon
- Adaptability
- Memory and processing load
- Multi-dimensional time series
- Iterative prediction
- Prediction of context durations
- Relaxation of typical behaviour patterns
- Context data types
- Pre-processing of time series data

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Prediction accuracy

- Context prediction is an optimisation problem
 - Prediction errors have to be minimised
 - Low error probability desired

Aspects of prediction algorithms

High prediction horizon

- A prediction algorithm shall provide a high prediction horizon
- At the same time: low error probability
- Prediction accuracy decreases with increasing prediction horizon
 - Low degradation speed desired

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Adaptability

- Learning is essential in Ubiquitous Environments
 - Environment is subject to changes
 - typically slow changes
 - Behaviour patterns of persons might change due to external influences
 - Relocation
 - New Job
 - Vacancy
 - New semester and time schedule
- Without learning, prediction accuracy will decrease over time

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Memory and processing load



- Devices for ubiquitous computing typically small scale and mobile
 - Low processing power
 - Restricted memory and storage size



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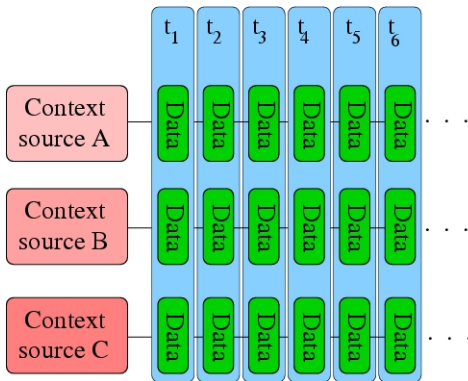
Multi-dimensional time series

- Typically several context sources attached to a device
- The time series observed is therefore multi-dimensional
- Algorithms that are only applicable to one-dimensional input unsuited in many scenarios
 - Solution: Model multi-dimensional TS by several one-dimensional TS
 - Problem: Inter-relation between time series not modelled

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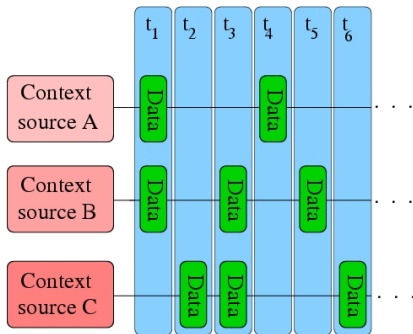
- Ideallised: Context data sources synchronised
 - Very unlikely



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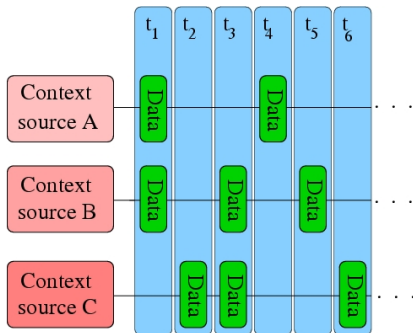
- Realistic scenario: No synchronisation between context sources
 - Context sources push information when specific events occur
 - Duty cycling (time differs between context sources)



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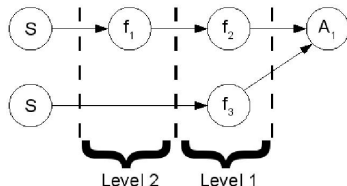
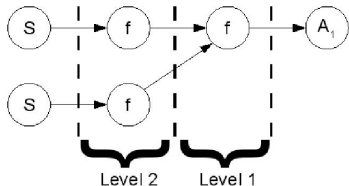
- Question: Which context values for a given time interval?
 - Interpolation of context values?
 - Last value measured?



Aspects of prediction algorithms

Multi-dimensional time series

- Proposal/Idea: Context reasoning by DAG¹
 - Design processing sequence that the algorithm shall follow/respect?
 - Designed for context reasoning – Also applicable for context prediction
 - Problems: How to design this processing graph on-line and autonomously?



¹Bernd Niklas Klein, Sian Lun Lau, Andreas Pirali, Tino Löffler, Klaus David. *DAGR-DAG based context reasoning: An architecture for context aware applications*. In Proceedings of the eighth international workshop on applications and services in wireless networks, Kassel, Germany, pp. 20-25, 2008.

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Iterative prediction

- Prediction horizon can be extended by iterative prediction
 - Utilise predicted contexts as input
- Problem: Less accurate
 - Predicted contexts more error prone than measured values

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Prediction of context durations

- Context durations make a difference
 - Different duration of contexts might also indicate other situations/Contexts
 - It is more difficult to predict a context together with its occurrence time instead of simply a context sequence
 - Duration can be modelled by repeatedly occurring contexts in a context sequence

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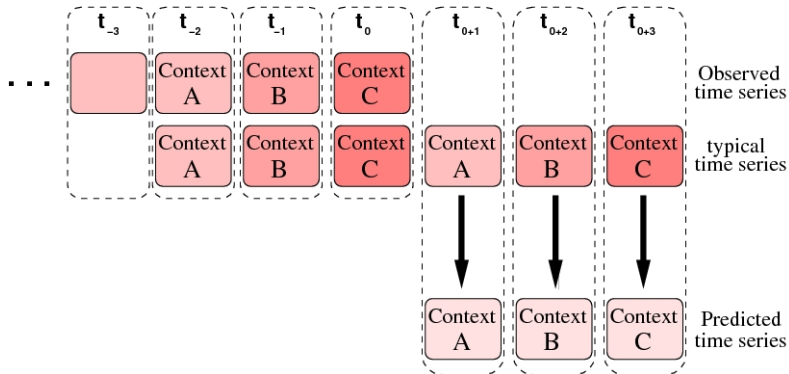
Relaxation of typical behaviour patterns

- Exact pattern matching not suited in most ubiquitous scenarios
 - Behaviour patterns do not reoccur 'exactly' but approximately
 - E.g. the route and time to some location will differ slightly for several times the route is taken.
- Approximate matching is more difficult:
 - Where to draw the line?
 - When are two time series considered as approximately matching and when not
 - Inherently dependent on given scenario
 - Typically solved by heuristic approach/metric

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Relaxation of typical behaviour patterns

- Exact sequence matching



Aspects of prediction algorithms

Context data types

- Context can have various data types
 - Nominal
 - Ordinal
 - Hierarchical
 - Numerical
- In multi-dimensional time series also multi-type contexts possible
- Most algorithms can only process some of these data types
 - Not applicable in scenarios where other data types are measured

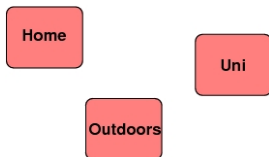
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Context data types

- Nominal contexts

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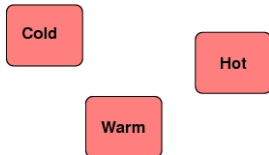


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Context data types

- Ordinal contexts

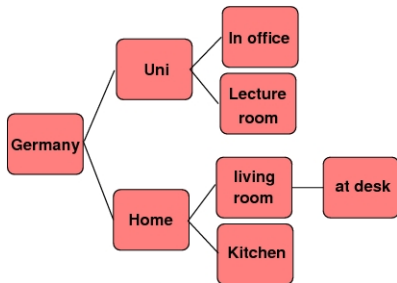
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Aspects of prediction algorithms

Context data types

- Hierarchical contexts
 - Sub-contexts and parent contexts
 - Contexts might be contained in others



Aspects of prediction algorithms

Context data types

- Numerical contexts
 - Real valued, integer valued contexts
 - Complex mathematical operations possible
 - Best suited for context processing

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Context data types

Algorithm	Ordinal contexts	Nominal contexts	Hierarchical contexts	Numerical contexts
BN	+	+	+	+
SVM	-	-	-	+
KM	-	-	-	+
MM	+	+	+	+
NN	+	+	+	+
NNS	-	(+) ⁷	(+)	+
SOM	-	(+) ⁷	(+) ⁷	+
PM	+	+	+	+
AP	(+) ⁷	(+) ⁷	(+) ⁷	+
ARMA	-	-	-	+
Kalman filters	-	-	-	+

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Pre-processing of time series data

- For context prediction, preprocessing of context data is often applied
 - Identify typical context patterns
 - Derive occurrence probability of contexts
 - Derive context transition probabilities
- Distinguish between on-line and off-line processing
- Problem: Increased processing load

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Summary

IPAM ONISI Markov CRF

Numeric Contexts

Non-numeric Contexts

Complexity

Learning ability

Approximate matching

Multi-dim. TS

Discrete data

Variable length patterns

Multi-type TS

Continuous data

Pre-processing

Context durations

Continuous time

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PCA SPM Align SOM

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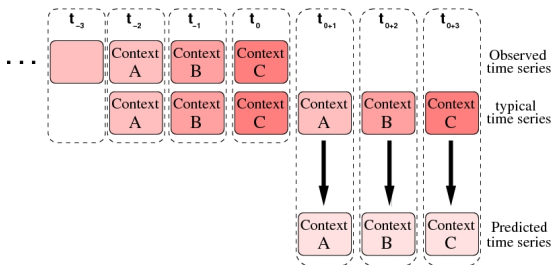
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Exact sequence matching

Introduction

- File a given sequence for the exact occurrence of a sub-sequence
- 'Pattern Matching' or 'String Matching'²
- Easily extended to context prediction:
 - Prediction \equiv continuation of matched sequence



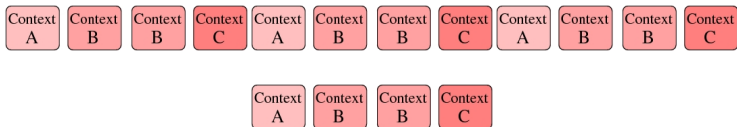
²Richard O. Duda, Peter E. Hard and David G. Stork, *Pattern Classification*, Wiley-Interscience, 2nd edition, 2001.

Exact sequence matching

Notation

Strings and patterns

A string is a sequence of letters such as 'AGCTTCGAATC'.
Context patterns can be represented as strings when each context is assigned a letter.



Substring

Any contiguous string that is part of another string is called a substring. For example, 'GCT' is a substring of 'AGCTTC'.

Exact sequence matching

Notation

String matching

Given two Strings x and y , string matching is the problem to determine whether x is a substring of y and, if so, where it appears.

Edit distance

Given two strings x and y , the edit distance describes the minimum number of basic operations – character insertions, deletions and exchanges – needed to transform x into y .

Exact sequence matching

Example

Suppose we have a large text such as Herman Melville's Moby Dick and want to classify it as relevant to the topic of fish or to the topic of hunting.

- Keywords for the fish topic
 - might include 'salmon', 'whale', 'fishing', 'ocean'
- Keywords for hunting
 - might include 'gun', 'bullet', 'shoot'.
- String matching would determine the number of occurrences of such keywords in the text.
- A simple count of keyword occurrences could then be used to classify the text according to topic

Exact sequence matching

String matching

Task

Determine whether a candidate string \mathbf{x} is a substring of \mathbf{y} .

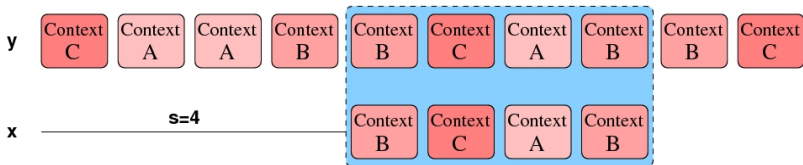
- Typically: $\mathbf{x} \ll \mathbf{y}$
- Each character in \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} is taken from an alphabet Σ
 - DNA bases,
 - Binary sequences ($\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$)
 - Alphanumeric sequences ($\Sigma = \{0, \dots, 9, a, \dots, z, A, \dots, Z\}$)
 - Context sequences – Each character represents a context

Exact sequence matching

String matching

Basic string matching problem

For two strings x and y , determine whether a shift s at which the string x is perfectly matching with each character of y beginning at position $s + 1$.



Exact sequence matching

String matching

Straightforward approach

Subsequently test each possible shift s

Example

```
1 begin initialise  $\Sigma$  x,y,n=length[y], m=length[x]
2   s  $\leftarrow$  0
3   while s  $\leq$  n - m
4     if x[1..m]=y[s + 1...s + m]
5       then print 'pattern occurs at shift' s
6         s  $\leftarrow$  s + 1
7   return
8 end
```

Exact sequence matching

String matching

- The straightforward algorithm is, however, far from optimal
- Worst case runtime:
 - $\Theta((n - m + 1)m)$
- Problem: Information known from one candidate shift s is not exploited for the subsequent candidate shift

Exact sequence matching

String matching

Boyer-Moore string matching

```
1 begin initialise  $\Sigma$  x,y,n=length[y], m=length[x]
2    $F(x) \leftarrow$  last-occurrence function
3    $G(x) \leftarrow$  good-suffic function
4    $s \leftarrow 0$ 
5   while  $s \leq n - m$ 
6     do  $j \leftarrow m$ 
7     while  $j > 0$  and  $x[j] = y[s + j]$ 
8       do  $j \leftarrow j - 1$ 
9     if  $j = 0$ 
10      then print 'pattern occurs at shift' s
11       $s \leftarrow s + G(0)$ 
12      else  $s \leftarrow s + \max[G(j), j - F(y[s + j])]$ 
13   return
14 end
```

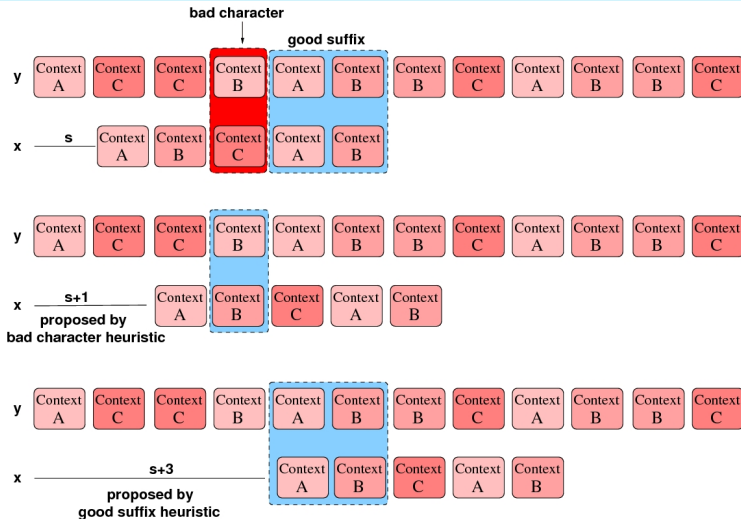
Exact sequence matching

Boyer-Moore string matching algorithm

- The Boyer-Moore algorithm utilises information known from recent candidate shifts
- Character comparisons are done in reverse order
- increment to a new shift need not be 1
- Benefits from two heuristics:
 - Good suffix heuristic
 - Bad character heuristic

Exact sequence matching

Bad character heuristic and good suffix heuristic



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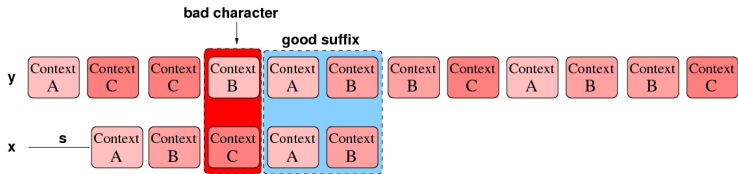
Bad character heuristic and good suffix heuristic

- Bad character heuristic
 - Since character comparisons proceed from right to left, bad character is found as efficiently as possible
 - Since current shift s is invalid, no additional character comparisons are required
 - Proposes incrementing the shift by an amount to align the rightmost occurrence of the bad character in \mathbf{x} with the bad character identified in \mathbf{y} .
 - No valid shifts have been dropped
- Good suffix heuristic
 - A suffix of \mathbf{x} is a substring of \mathbf{x} that contains the final character in \mathbf{x}
 - At shift s the rightmost contiguous characters in \mathbf{y} that match those in \mathbf{x} are called the good suffix
 - Character comparisons are made from right to left and are therefore optimal

Exact sequence matching

Last occurrence function

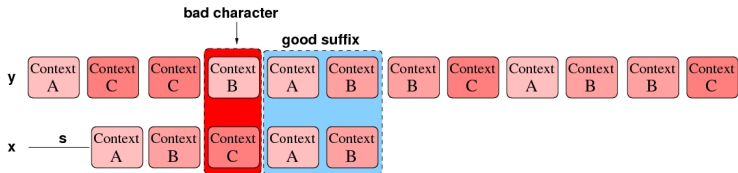
- Table containing every letter in the alphabet
- Plus position of its rightmost occurrence in x
- Example:
 - A, 4
 - B, 5
 - C, 3
- Computation only once
 - Does not significantly impact the runtime



Exact sequence matching

Good suffix function

- Creates table that for each suffix gives location of second right-most occurrence in x
- Example:
 - B, 2
 - AB, 1
 - CAB, -
 - BCAB, -
 - ABCAB, -
- Computation only once
 - Does not significantly impact the runtime



Exact sequence matching

Boyer-Moore algorithm

- Computational complexity
 - Homework / Exercise ;-)

Asymptotic computation time

$O(k)$ \mapsto computation time not larger than $c \cdot k$ for a suitable constant c and k large.

Exact sequence matching

Problems

Problems with exact string matching approaches in Ubiquitous Computing

- Data might be distorted by noise
 - In Ubicomp scenarios we even expect noisy input data
 - Exact pattern matching not feasible then

Exact sequence matching

Approximate matching approaches

- Edit distance
- Nearest neighbour approaches

Exact sequence matching

Approximate matching approaches

- Nearest neighbour approaches
 - Strings are identified as vectors in a coordinate system
 - Since these vectors are numerical, distance/similarity between vectors can be computed by common metrics
- We will consider these approaches later in the lecture

Exact sequence matching

Approximate matching approaches

- Edit distance
 - Task: Compute the difference
 - Problem: What is the similarity/distance between string sequences?
 - Example: is 'abbccc' closer to 'aabbcc' or to 'abbccb'?
- We will consider these approaches later in the lecture

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Algorithm: IPAM

Introduction and scenario

Scenario

Predict the next command in a series of command line inputs to a UNIX shell

Prediction of next command on a UNIX shell^a

^aB.D. Davison and H. Hirsh, *Predicting sequences of user actions*. In: AAAI/ICML Workshop on predicting the future: AI approaches to time-series analysis. 1998

```
...
96102513:34:49 cd
96102513:34:49 ls
96102513:34:49 emacs
96102513:34:49 exit
96102513:35:32 BLANK
96102513:35:32 cd
96102513:35:32 cd
96102513:35:32 rlogin
96102513:35:32 exit
96102514:25:46 BLANK
96102514:25:46 cd
96102514:25:46 telnet
96102514:25:46 ps
96102514:25:46 kill
96102514:25:46 emasc
96102514:25:46 emacs
96102514:25:46 cp
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...
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Algorithm: IPAM

Introduction and scenario

- It was observed that recently issued commands had the greatest impact on the follow-up command
- Idea: Standard learning algorithms ignore rare but possibly important events in a time series
 - IPAM was designed to improve this

Example

Predict hardware failures in routing networks. Typically every packet is routed as expected and no error occurs. In some, very rare cases, a hardware router might collapse. Likely result: packet losses, congestion, re-calculation of routing tables or a disconnected part of the network.

The event is rare but serious.

Algorithm: IPAM

Introduction and scenario

- Requirements of an optimal on-line learning algorithm
 - Have predictive accuracy at least as good as the best known resource-unlimited methods
 - Operate incrementally (Modifying existing model rather than building a new one as new data is obtained)
 - Be affected by all events (remembering uncommon, but useful, events regardless of how much time has passed)
 - Do not necessarily retain a copy of all events observed
 - Output a list of predictions sorted by confidence
 - Adapt to changes to the target concept
 - Be fast enough for interactive use
 - Learn by passive observation
 - Apply even by absence of domain knowledge

Algorithm: IPAM

Algorithmic approach

- IPAM (Incremental Probabilistic Action Modeling)
 - on-line learning algorithm
 - Utilises last few events issued in order to predict the next event in a sequence of events
 - Prediction horizon: 1
 - Iterative prediction possible
 - Impact of empiric factor: α

Algorithm: IPAM

Algorithmic approach

- Algorithmic operation
 - While observing sequence: matrix of prediction probabilities is maintained.
 - Columns: all possible events,
 - Rows: added and modified as events occur.
 - First event c_i : New row is added
 - Each column in this row holds probability that event observed after c_i was observed.
 - Row initialised with uniform probabilities $\frac{1}{n}$
 - Next event c_{i+1} : New row added and initialised with uniform probabilities.
 - Preceding row, every column multiplied with $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ and column c_i increased by $(1 - \alpha)$.
 - Probability to predict event sequences that have not been observed for some time diminishes

Algorithm: IPAM

Algorithmic approach - operation principle

Step 1:

	...	c_j	...	c_{j+1}	...

Step 2:

	...	c_j	...	c_{j+1}	...
c_j		$\frac{1}{n}$	$\frac{1}{n}$	$\frac{1}{n}$	

Step 3:

	...	c_j	...	c_{j+1}	...
c_j		$\frac{1}{n} \cdot \alpha + (1 - \alpha)$	$\frac{1}{n} \cdot \alpha$	$\frac{1}{n} \cdot \alpha$	
c_{j+1}		$\frac{1}{n}$	$\frac{1}{n}$	$\frac{1}{n}$	

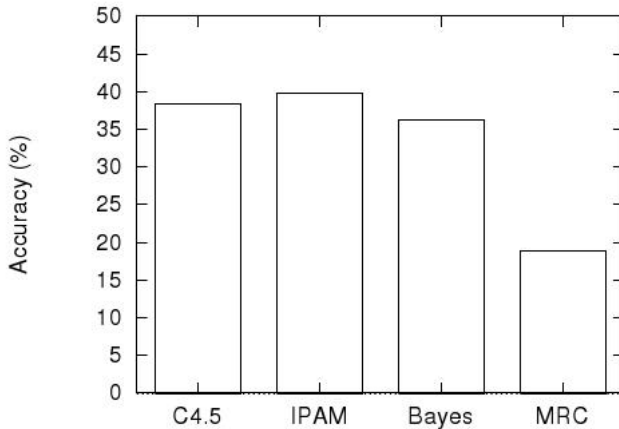
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Results and figures

- Collected command histories of 77 users (mostly undergraduate students)
- Over 168,000 commands executed
- During a period of 2-6 months
- Average user over 2000 command instances
- 77 distinct commands per user on average
- 8.4% of the commands were new and had not been logged previously
- Users repeated the last command 20% of the time

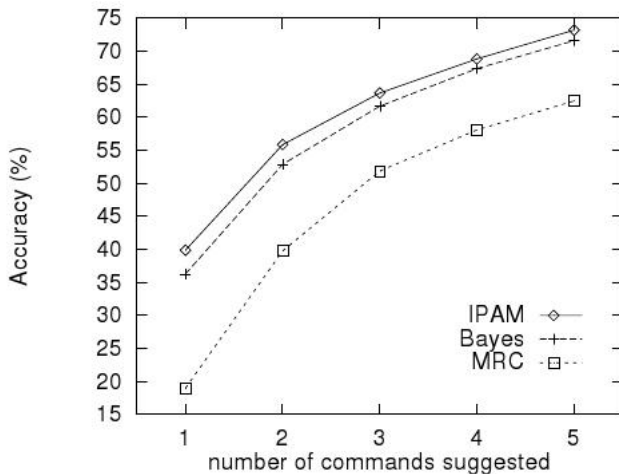
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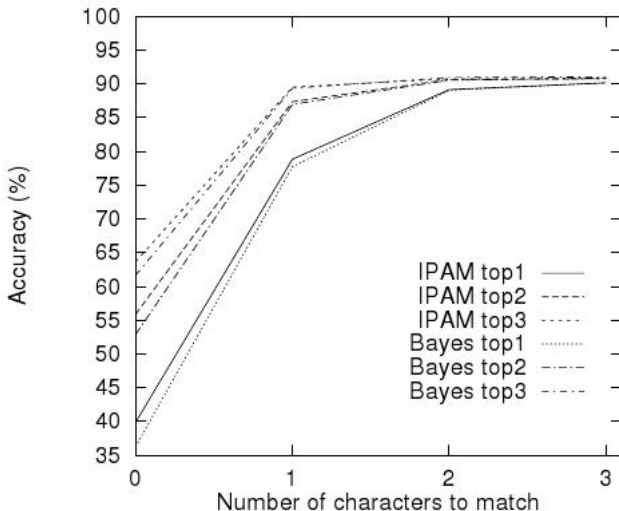
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Results and figures



Algorithm: IPAM

Prediction accuracy



Algorithm: IPAM

Adaptability

- The IPAM algorithm has only restricted ability to adapt to changing environments
 - It can learn new context sequences
 - The importance of the occurrence of context sequences can change
 - No support for newly observed contexts
 - When new contexts occur in an environment, the algorithm can not make use of this

Algorithm: IPAM

Memory and processing load

- Memory load
 - IPAM keeps a table in memory of size $O(k^2)$
 - k = number of distinct commands
- Processing load
 - Predictions performed in constant time
 - Updates require time $O(k)$

Algorithm: IPAM

Multi-dimensional time series

- The IPAM algorithm is not well suited for multi-dimensional time series
 - It was designed for one-dimensional command-line input
 - In scenarios with more than one context source the approach is not feasible
 - Possible: Aggregation of multi-dimensional time series to one-dimensional time series.

Algorithm: IPAM

Iterative prediction

- Iterative Prediction possible
 - Steep decrease in prediction accuracy expected since prediction horizon is only 1

Algorithm: IPAM

Prediction of context durations

- Prediction of context duration not possible
 - Algorithm was designed to predict the occurrence of the next event.
 - Event durations are not considered by the algorithm
 - Only simple sequence of occurring events possible

Algorithm: IPAM

Approximate matching of patterns

- Exact pattern matching
 - The IPAM algorithm utilises exact pattern matching
 - Approximate matching was not implemented
 - Theoretically it is possible to implement approximate matching for the IPAM algorithm.

Algorithm: IPAM

Context data types

- All data types supported by IPAM
 - Categorical data utilised for prediction
 - IPAM considers typical context patterns for prediction
 - Numerical, fluctuating data will, however blow up the memory requirement and decrease the prediction accuracy as exact pattern matching is applied.
 - Trends are not considered

Algorithm: IPAM

Pre-processing

- Pre-processing required but low computational complexity
- Algorithm designer has to specify all possible events/contexts
- Computational complexity to initialise the prediction matrix:
 $O(k)$

Algorithm: IPAM

Conclusion

- Low computational complexity
- Low memory requirements
- Categorical time series prediction
- Prediction of typical patterns – no trends considered
- Prediction history only of length 2 – Complex command sequences can thus not be distinguished
- All events known in advance: No adaptive operation when also occurring contexts might change.
- Not well suited for flexible, changing ubiquitous environments

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Summary

	IPAM	ONISI	Markov	CRF
Numeric Contexts	yes			
Non-numeric Contexts	yes			
Complexity	$O(k)$			
Learning ability	(no)			
Approximate matching	no			
Multi-dim. TS	(no)			
Discrete data	yes			
Variable length patterns	no			
Multi-type TS	yes			
Continuous data	no			
Pre-processing	$O(k)$			
Context durations	no			
Continuous time	no			

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Introduction and scenario

Scenario

The use of an unmodified application by a user shall be observed in order to build application and usage-models

- Observe user-interactions with the application interface³
- From these observations a state-space is build which the user navigates
- Stochastic properties of state transitions are also modelled
- Task: Observe a user and model its decision process

³Peter Gorniak and David Poole, *Predicting future user actions by observing unmodified applications*. In Proceedings of the Seventeenth National Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Twelfth Conference on Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence, pp. 217-222, 2000.

Algorithm: ONISI

Introduction and scenario

- Challenges when recent results are to be applied to new application
 - Results often do not transfer easily
 - Implementation used in research uses modified application
 - Non-trivial to repeat modification
 - Time-consuming to repeat modification
 - increases application complexity.
 - Hand-crafted application models required
 - time consuming

Algorithm: ONISI

Introduction and scenario

Approach

Extract knowledge from a user's interaction with the application

- No prior knowledge of the application
 - Purpose
 - Structure
- No modification to the application

- Predict future actions building on the usage-model extracted from an application

Algorithm: ONISI

Algorithmic approach

- ONISI (ON-line Implicit State Identification)
 - Assign probabilities to all possible actions in the currently observed interface state
 - Employs k nearest neighbours scheme
 - Metric: sequence match length
 - Java implementation
 - Wrapper to existing java applications
 - Able to record interfaces of java applications
 - No modification of application required

Algorithm: ONISI

Algorithmic approach

State of a user

A state of a user consists of a combination of the user's internal state and the application's interface state.

- Attempt: Try to determine the policy the user is employing from our observation of the user's interaction history.

Algorithm: ONISI

Algorithmic approach

- Prediction: Search interaction history for behavioural patterns similar to current pattern
- Required:
 - Observed pattern to extract from the interaction history
 - Method to determine occurrence of pattern in history
 - Function that ranks possible actions

Algorithm: ONISI

Algorithmic approach – Extraction of observed pattern

- Length of patterns automatically varied
 - Longer patterns are deemed more important
 - Patterns are chosen to be longest sequences in history that match immediate history

Measure 1: Length

Sequences that prediction action a are computed by $l_t(s, a)$

Average of lengths of k longest sequences that end with action a in state s and match history sequence immediately prior to time t

- Possible actions are ranked according to $l_t(s, a)$
- $\frac{l_t(s, a)}{\sum_j l_t(s, a_j)}$

Algorithm: ONISI

Algorithmic approach – Extraction of observed pattern

- Length of patterns automatically varied
 - More frequent patterns are deemed more important

Measure 2: Frequency

Sequences that prediction action a are computed by $f_t(s, a)$

Frequency at which a sequence is observed in history

- Possible actions are ranked according to $f_t(s, a)$
- $$\frac{l_t(s, a)}{\sum_i l_t(s, a_i)}$$

Algorithm: ONISI

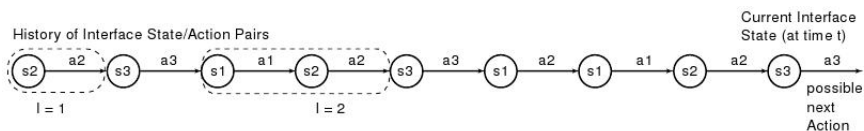
Algorithmic operation

- Compare immediate history with state-action pair (s, a)
 - Running backwards through recorded history
 - Find k longest sequences that match immediate history
- Average length of sequences: $l_t(s, a)$
- Count number of times a has occurred: $f_t(s, a)$
- Return ranking

$$R_t(s, a) = \alpha \frac{l_t(s, a)}{\sum_i l_t(s, a_i)} + (1 - \alpha) \frac{f(s, a)}{\sum_i f(s, a_i)} \quad (1)$$

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Algorithmic operation



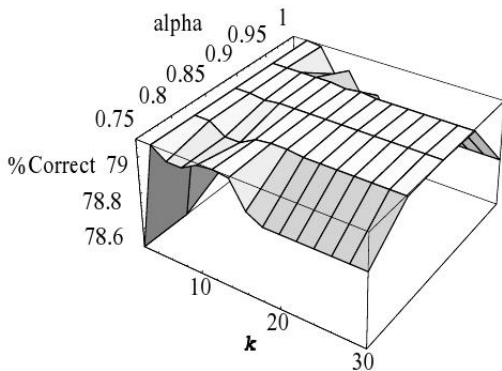
- Assume:
 - $\alpha = 0.9$
 - All actions provide a sum $\sum_i l_t(s, a) = 5$
 - a_3 has occurred 50 times, s_3 has been visited 100 times
- Set of maximum length sequences: $\{2,1,0\}$

$$l_t(s_3, a_3) = \frac{0 + 1 + 2}{3} = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$R_t(s_3, a_3) = 0.9 \frac{1}{5} + 0.1 \frac{50}{100} = 0.18 + 0.05 = 0.23 \quad (3)$$

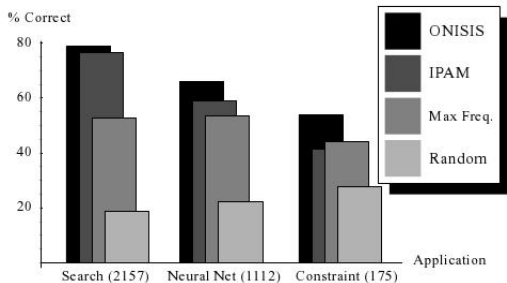
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Results and figures – Performance at various parameter settings



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Prediction accuracy – Performance



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Prediction horizon

- Prediction horizon can be extended by iterative prediction
 - Utilise predicted contexts as input
- Problem: Less accurate
 - Predicted contexts more error prone than measured values

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Adaptability

- The ONISI is well adaptable to arbitrary java applications
 - It can learn new context sequences
 - Also, new events can be observed

Algorithm: ONISI

Memory and processing load

- Exercise ;-)

Algorithm: ONISI

Multi-dimensional time series

- The ONISI algorithm is not suited for multi-dimensional time series
 - It was designed for one-dimensional input
 - In scenarios with more than one context source the approach is not feasible
 - Possible: Aggregation of multi-dimensional time series to one-dimensional time series.

Algorithm: ONISI

Iterative prediction

- Iterative Prediction possible
 - Steep decrease in prediction accuracy expected since prediction horizon is only 1

Algorithm: ONISI

Prediction of context durations

- Prediction of context duration not possible
 - Algorithm was designed to predict the occurrence of the next event.
 - Event durations are not considered by the algorithm
 - Only simple sequence of occurring events possible

Algorithm: ONISI

Approximate matching of patterns

- Exact pattern matching
 - The ONISI algorithm utilises exact pattern matching
 - Approximate matching was not implemented
 - Theoretically it is possible to implement approximate matching for the algorithm.

Algorithm: ONISI

Context data types

- Only categorical time series data supported by ONISI
 - ONISI considers typical context patterns for prediction

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Pre-processing

- No Pre-processing required
- On-line approach

Algorithm: ONISI

Conclusion

- Low computational complexity (?)
- Categorical time series prediction
- Prediction of typical patterns
- Prediction history or arbitrary length
- Frequency and length of patterns considered
- Not well suited for flexible, changing ubiquitous environments

Aspects of prediction algorithms

Summary

	IPAM	ONISI	Markov	CRF
Numeric Contexts	yes	no		
Non-numeric Contexts	yes	yes		
Complexity	$O(k)$	()		
Learning ability	(no)	yes		
Approximate matching	no	no		
Multi-dim. TS	(no)	(no)		
Discrete data	yes	yes		
Variable length patterns	no	yes		
Multi-type TS	yes	no		
Continuous data	no	no		
Pre-processing	$O(k)$	–		
Context durations	no	no		
Continuous time	no	no		
