

# Evolutionary Timeline Summarization

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*Abstract— Faced with thousands of news articles, people usually try to ask the general aspects such as the beginning, the evolutionary pattern and the end. General search engines simply return the top ranking articles according to query relevance and fail to trace how a specific event goes. General search engines simply return the top ranking articles according to query relevance and fail to trace how a specific event goes. Infomediarities such as Google and Yahoo are available to search across multiple newswires to retrieve news stories of any ongoing incidents. Techniques that are capable of extracting the underlying structure of the news events are desired. They are helpful for users to understand the evolution of events on the same topic. Timeline summarization, which aims at generating a series of concise summaries for news collection published at different epochs, can give readers a faster and better access to understand the evolution of news. The key of timeline summarization is how to select sentences which can tell readers the evolutionary pattern of topics in the event. It is very common that the themes of a corpus evolve over time, and topics of adjacent epochs usually exhibit strong correlations. Thus, it is important to model topics across different documents and over different time periods to detect how the events evolve. We develop a novel model called Evolutionary Hierarchical Dirichlet Process (EHDP) to capture the topic evolution pattern in timeline summarization. In EHDP, time varying information is formulated as a series of HDPs by considering time-dependent information. Then we construct an event evolution graph. An Event evolution graph is constructed to present the underlying structure of events for efficient browsing and extracting of information. Case study and experiments are presented to illustrate and show the performance of our proposed technique. It is found that our proposed technique outperforms the baseline technique and other comparable techniques in previous work.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

Due to the popularity of the Internet, most news stories have electronic versions published on newswires such as CNN, BBC, CBS, etc. Infomediarities such as Google and Yahoo are available to search across multiple newswires to retrieve news stories of any ongoing incidents. Retrieving news of the same topic from multiple sources and keeping information updates becomes more convenient and easier. However, it also generates tremendous volume of news streams. Managing, interpreting and analyzing such a huge volume of information is a difficult task. General search engines simply return the top ranking articles according to query relevance and fail to trace how a specific event goes. Timeline summarization, which aims at generating a series of concise summaries for news collection published at different epochs can give readers a faster and better access to understand the evolution of news. In this paper, we propose EHDP: evolutionary hierarchical Dirichlet process (HDP) model for timeline summarization. In

EHDP, each HDP is built for multiple corpora at each time epoch, and the time dependencies are incorporated into epochs under the Monrovia assumptions. Then we construct the event evolution graph. The objective of this paper is to develop a technique that to capture the topic evolution pattern in timeline summarization and then construct the event evolution graph that identify the relationship between the news of the event. These relationships denote how events evolve or develop from the beginning to the end of the specific news affair. The events together with their relationships are then used to build a well-defined structure, *event evolution graph* which presents the blueprint of a news topic. Such event evolution graphs show the sophisticated event interrelationships in a graphical structure for easy navigation and browsing. Accordingly, users are able to capture the major events and understand the flow of the stories within the incident.

## II. RELATED WORK

### A. TIMELINE SUMMARIZATION

#### 1. Allan et al. (2001)

The task of time line summarization is firstly proposed by Allan et al.(2001) by extracting clusters of noun phrases and name entities.

#### **Drawbacks:**

Noun phrases and name entity not sufficient to summarize data

#### 2. Chieu et

Chieu et al.(2004) built a similar system in unit of sentences with interest and burstiness.

#### **Drawbacks:**

However, these methods seldom explored the evolutionary characteristics of news.

#### 3. Yan et al.(2011)

Yan et al.(2011) extended the graph based sentence ranking algorithm used in traditional multi-document summarization (MDS) to timeline generation by projecting sentences from different time into one plane. They further explored the timeline task from the optimization of a function considering the combination of different respects such as relevance, coverage, coherence and diversity (Yan et al., 2011b). However, their approaches just treat timeline generation as a sentence ranking or optimization problem and seldom explore the topic information lied in the corpus.

### B. CONSTRUCTION OF EVENT EVOLUTION GRAPH

#### 1. Topic Detection and Tracking

For event tracking mostly TDT technique is used. The aim of TDT is to organize news documents given a stream new

stories coming from different news channels. There have been several techniques on detecting news topics and tracking new stories for a news topic.

**1. James Allan et. Al [1]** in on line News event detection, Clustering and Trackin. Considered each incoming news document as a query that was made on the previous clustered documents to determine if the incoming news document is similar to any of the clustered documents.

**Drawbacks:**

This technique only concentrated on the clustering of related document, it was failed to define the temporal relation between the events.

**2. Yang et al. [2]** employed the group average clustering and the single-pass cluster for topic detection. Yang in automated tracking of events from chronologically ordered document streams is a new challenge for statistical text classification.

**Drawbacks:**

For event detection and event tracking they used clustering of similar events, but did not defined event evolution.

**3. Carthy [3], Allan [1], and Yang [2]** used the natural language processing approach by combining lexical chains with keywords for topic tracking and extracted seven types of name entities. For finding similar keywords is not sufficient to decide it's similarity between documents.

**Drawbacks:**

This approach gives approximate result. To find event content similarity between two events and decaying factors required temporal proximity and document proximity.

**II. Event Evolution Graph**

Makkonen[4] and Nallapati[5] conduct investigation on event evolution as a subtopic of TDT.

**4. Makkonen [4]** was the first investigate event evolution. The news documents within a topic are temporally linearly ordered. A narrative begins when the first story of the topic is detected. A seminal event may lead to several other events. The events at the beginning may have more influence on the events coming immediately after than the events at the later time. The events and the event evolution relationship can be represented as a graph structure.

**Drawbacks:**

This approach did not define the concept of event evolution clearly and elaborate the structure of event evolution. It is lack of details in the event evolution model and fails to present any experimental evaluation results.

**5. Nallapati [5]** (Event threading within news topics) was defined the concept of event threading, given a small number of documents and events in a news topic. Their definition of event threading is close to event evolution except that they consider event threading as a tree structure rather than a graph.

**Drawbacks:**

Their dependence modeling methods only consider the average document similarity between events. Such methods are not effective and sufficient to identifying the event evolution relationships.

**6. Wei and Y. Chang [6]** proposed an event evolution pattern discovery technique that identifies event episodes together with their temporal relationships that occur frequently in a collection of events of the same type. Their study focuses on segmenting a sequence of news stories of specific event episode and their relationship. However, relationships among event episodes discussed only consist of temporal ones.

**Drawbacks:**

This approach define relationship among event episode only consists of temporal ones, which gives approximate results.

**7. Wei and Chang [7]** proposed an event evolution pattern discovery technique that identifies event episodes together with their temporal relationships that occur frequently in a collection of events of the same type. Their work differs from prior studies in that they focus on segmenting a sequence of news stories of a specific event into event episodes and generalizing event episodes across different events of similar topics. However, relationships among event episodes discussed only consist of temporal ones. In this work, formally define the event evolution by three logical rules. Besides, introduce the temporal relationship, event similarity, temporal proximity and document distributional proximity to identify the event evolution relationships to construct the event evolution graphs. Given such graphical representation of the underlying structure of events in a terror any incident, users can easily navigate the development of the incident and extract specific information for their needs.

**Drawbacks:**

This approach use classic clustering methods, but there is some remarkable characteristics when the news document are divided into diversified cluster along the time.

**III. PROBLEM FORMULATION**

Given a general query Q, we firstly obtain a set of query related documents news from news channel. We notate different corpus as C according to their published time where  $C_t$  denotes the document collection published at epoch t. Document  $D_{ij}$  is formulated as a collection of sentences. Each sentence is presented with a series of words  $w_{ij}$  and associated with a topic  $\Theta_{ij}^t$ . V denotes the vocabulary size. The output of the algorithm is a series of timelines summarization I. Then we construct the event evolution graph. In our system first we cluster news according to user query. Timeline summarization, which aims at generating a series of concise summaries for news collection published at different epochs can give readers a faster and better access to understand the evolution of news. Then we represent each news in event evolution

graph which presents the blueprint of a news topic. Such event evolution graphs show the sophisticated event interrelationships in a graphical structure for easy navigation and browsing. Accordingly, users are able to capture the major events and understand the flow of the stories within the incident.

**System Architecture**

System works in four modules:

- Evolutionary Hierarchical Dirichlet Process (EHDP)
- Sentence selection strategy Module
- Preprocessing Module
- Event Evolution graph module.

As shown in figure, input to the system is user query in the form. The system retrieves relevant news from any news channel here we use Indian Express of search engine. Preprocessing of user query. Then according to the query it extracts related news documents. From this document we select particular sentence by using topic scoring algorithm. It gives summarized news. Then we find relation between news. This relation we represent into graph format. Event evolution graph represent relationship between two news.

**Flow of System**

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| According to user query Extract News From Indian Express Channel                         |
| Evolutionary Hierarchical Dirichlet Process: Find local and global measure               |
| Sentence Selection Strategy – produce a summary for each time epoch                      |
| Preprocessing on News Document : Stop Word Removing, Stemming                            |
| Cluster all related documents by using K-means Algorithm                                 |
| Event Content Similarity: Calculate similarity between events by using cosine similarity |
| Find time Proximity and Document Proximity   |
| Construct event evolution graph: Represent event relation in graph form                  |

**Fig. 1. Flow of System**

**A. Evolutionary Hierarchical Dirichlet Process (EHDP) [9]**

We focus solely on the news summarization and construction of event evolution graph using manually generated and annotated news events. It should also be noted that there are some online sources of well-generated news events (either manually or automatically by undisclosed techniques), Google News aggregates news from multiple sources such as CNN, ABC, BBC, etc. It also traces related news for each news article. These sources, after necessary preprocessing, can serve as inputs to our proposed event evolution identification technique .We only used the related news extracted from Indian Express to avoid duplicated news from multiple sources. Extracted news we stored in temporary database. EHDP to capture the topic evolution pattern in timeline

summarization. In EHDP module each corpus  $C_t$  is modeled as a HDP. These HDP shares an identical base measure  $G_0$ , which serves as an overall bookkeeping of overall measures. We use  $G_0^t$  to denote the base measure at each epoch and draw the local measure  $G_i^t$  for each document at time  $t$  from  $G_0^t$ . In EHDP, each sentence is assigned to an aspect  $\Theta_{ij}^t$  with the consideration of words within current sentence. To consider time dependency information in EHDP, we link all time specific base measures  $G_0^t$  with a temporal Dirichlet mixture model as follows:

$$G_0^t \sim DP(\alpha, \frac{1}{K}G_0 + \sum_{\delta=0}^{\Delta} F(v, \delta)G_0^{t-\delta})$$

where  $F(y, \delta) = \exp(-\delta/\gamma)$  denotes the exponential kernel function that controls the influence of neighboring corpus.  $K$  denotes the normalization factor where  $K = 1 + \sum_{\delta=0}^{\Delta} F(y, \delta)$   $\Delta$  is the time width and  $\lambda$  is the decay factor.

**B. Sentence Selection Strategy**

The task of timeline summarization aims to produce a summary for each time and the generated summary should meet criteria such as relevance, coverage and coherence. To care for these three criteria, we propose a topic scoring algorithm.

**C. Preprocessing**

Event evolution graph represent relation between news .After summarization we have construct graph for that we preprocessed all news documents. In Preprocessing remove stop words, stemming is used . These sources, after necessary preprocessing, can serve as inputs to our proposed event evolution identification technique. We only used the related news extracted from Indian Express to avoid duplicated news from multiple sources. Extracted news we stored in temporary database.

**D. Constructing Event Evolution Graph**

In this section, we present our proposed technique for constructing an event evolution graph for a given news corpus of the same topic. Our technique can be decomposed into three steps:

- Generating representations of events from news stories.
- Modeling event evolution relationships between these events.
- Pruning edges that correspond to invalid or weak even evolution relationships.

**1. Generation of Events**

Manually generated events can eliminate the biases that may be created by different event detection and tracking techniques and, hence, provide a best platform on which we can fairly compare different event evolution identification techniques. It should also be noted that there are some online sources of well-generated news events.

**a. Feature Extraction:**

In feature extraction technique parses the documents in each document sequence to produce a list of nouns and noun phrases that exclude a set of pre-specified stop words.

**b. Feature Selection:**

For each document sequence, the feature selection phase select the top k-feature with the highest feature selection metric score to represent the documents in the document sequence. S

**c. Document Representation:**

In the document representation phase, each document is then representing using the representative feature selected for the document sequence to which that document belongs.

**d. Document Clustering:**

The documents clustering phase generates episode as cluster of documents. Specifically, we obtained the K-means algorithm.

**2. Modeling Event Evolution Relationships**

If an event evolution relationship exists from one event to another, the two events should share some common information in their content. Accordingly, we adopt the vector space model to measure the relatedness of events. A k-term vector for S is denoted as  $\omega_i = \omega_{i1}, \omega_{i2}, \dots, \omega_{ik}$ . Let a story i be represented as a weighted term vector  $\omega_i = \omega_{i1}, \omega_{i2}, \dots, \omega_{ik}$ . On the basis of the traditional TF-IDF function  $\omega_{ik}$  is defined as

$$\omega_{ik} = \frac{tf_{ik}}{\max tf_{i1}} \log \frac{N}{dfk}$$

where  $tf_{ik}$  is the frequency of term k in the news document i, N is the total number of news documents in that topic,  $dfk$  is the number of news documents in that topic containing term k, and  $\max tf_{i1}$  is the maximum term frequency for all terms in document i.

The content similarity between two events is the cosine similarity of their event term vectors.

$$\cos\_sim(e_i, e_j) = \frac{\sum_{x=1}^k \omega'_{ix} \omega'_{jx}}{\sqrt{\sum_{x=1}^k (\omega'_{ix})^2 + \sum_{x=1}^k (\omega'_{jx})^2}}$$

**3. Temporal proximity:[7] and Document Distributional Proximity**

Temporal proximity measure their relative distance between two events. It defines as follows:

Where T is the event horizon defined as the temporal distance between the start time of the earliest event timestamp

$$tp(e_1, e_2) = e^{-\alpha \left[ \frac{d(\tau(e_1), \tau(e_2))}{T} \right]}$$

**Document Distributional Proximity:[7]**

$$df(e_1, e_2) = e^{-\beta \frac{m}{n}}$$

This algorithm represents total flow of our project.

**Algorithm:**

Input:

For a given user query

$$q = (term)^*(verb)^{\frac{1}{2}}(term)^*$$

Let  $C = C_{t=1}^{t=T}$  be the different corpus according to their published time

Where  $C^t = D_{i=1}^{i=N_t}$  denotes document collection published at epoch t.

Let  $D = D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n$  be the set of news documents

Let  $S_{ij}^{j=1}^{j=N_i}$  be the collection of sentences

Let  $S_{ij}^t = \omega_{ij}^{t=1}^{t=N_i}$  is presented with series of words

1 Let  $\theta_{ij}$  each sentence assigned to an aspect with consideration of words within current sentence.

Processing:

1. Extract news documents from IndianExpress according to user query
2. Compute the time dependency information in EHDP
- 2.1 For each epoch  $t \in [1, T]$   
 $G_0^t \sim DP(\alpha, \frac{1}{K} G_0 + \sum_{\delta=0}^{\Delta} F(v, \delta) G_0^{t-\delta})$
- 2.2 For each documents  $D_i^t$  at epoch t,  
 2.2.1 Draw local measure  $G_i^t \sim DP(\gamma, G_0^t)$   
 2.2.2 For each sentence  $S_{ij}^t$  in  $D_i^t$  draw aspect  $\theta_{ij}^t \sim G_i^t$  for  $\omega \in S_{ij}^t$  draw  $\omega \sim f(\omega) | \theta_{ij}^t$
3. Summarization of news using topic scoring algorithm
4. For event evolution graph cluster all documents using k-means algorithm and preprocessing on all clustered documents
5. Compute similarity between news using TF-IDF  
 $\omega_{ik} = \frac{tf_{ik}}{\max tf_{it}} \log \frac{N}{dfk}$
6. The Event content similarity is defined as follows  

$$cossim(e_i, e_j) = \frac{\sum_{x=1}^k \omega_{ix} \omega_{jx}}{\sqrt{(\sum_{x=1}^k (\omega_{ix})^2) (\sum_{x=1}^k (\omega_{jx})^2)}}$$



## V. CONCLUSION

In this system we present an evolutionary HDP model for timeline summarization. Our EHDP extends original HDP by incorporating time dependencies and background information. We also develop an effective sentence selection strategy for candidate in the summaries. In this work, to capture the development of the events in these incidents efficiently and effectively, we develop the event evolution identification technique to automatically identify event evolution relationships and represent the underlying structure as an event evolution graph. We developed a novel model to capture the topic evolution pattern in timeline summarization. Users are able to capture the major events and understand the flow of the stories within the incident.

## VI. FUTURE SCOPE

In our future work, we plan to develop information visualization tools that support users in conducting interactive browsing, extracting the main story line from the event evolution graph and extracting summary automatically for a specific path in the evolution graph.

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