

Fuzzy Clustering for Topic Analysis and Summarization of Document Collections

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Abstract	<p>Large document collections, such as those delivered by Internet search engines, are difficult and time-consuming for users to read and analyse. The detection of common and distinctive topics within a document set, together with the generation of multi-document summaries, can greatly ease the burden of information management. We show how this can be achieved with a clustering algorithm based on fuzzy set theory, which (i) is easy to implement and integrate into a personal information system, (ii) generates a highly flexible data structure for topic analysis and summarization, and (iii) also delivers excellent performance.</p>
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