Search Engine Topics

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Cohort & Longitudinal Studies Enhancement Resources

CLOSER:

Maximise the use, value and impact of the UK's longitudinal studies, both at home and abroad

CLOSER Discovery

- Launched January 2017
- DDI-3.2
- Colectica
- 9 longitudinal studies



Searching

alcohol

- 🔲 Health behaviour (Health and lifestyle) (7,443)
 - Diet and nutrition (3,472)
 - Physical activity (888)
 - 🔲 Sleep (380)
 - 🔲 Smoking (445)
 - Alcohol consumption (764)
 - Substance abuse (665)
 - Risk taking (88)

Filtering

DDI Concepts









Scale



CLOSER Topics

51,000

Questions Constructs



Variables



Strands

- Collection of QuestionConstructs and Variables
- Joined via SourceQuestionReference
- Must have the same topic

Strand



Must have the same topic

Strand



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Clusters

- Collection of Strands
- Joined via SourceVariableReference
- Suggests the same topic





Savings



30,000

30,000

150,000

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Model

- Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)
- Trained using variable labels
- Vocabulary of 19,221 words
 - Weighted using term-frequency inverse-document-frequency
- Predicting level-1 CLOSER Topics



Entire Dataset

Study	No. of Variables Used
ALSPAC	46,787
BCS70	6,813
HCS	1,026
MCS	898
NCDS	4,431
NSHD	1,445
SWS	2,511
USoc	0
Total	63,911

Training

- 50,000 labels
- Batches of 200
- Single core i7-5775R Intel & 5GB RAM
- 23 iterations
- Approximately 7 hours

Evaluation

- 13,911 labels
- 93% predicted 'correctly'
- Accuracy greatly depends on topic
- Unweighted random allocation accuracy 6.3%

Evaluation

- Most accurate: Omics
- Least accurate: Expectations, attitudes and beliefs

Future work

- Apply model to entire Strands
- Train for level-1 and level-2 topics
- Use study as a weighted input
- Integrate with current metadata enhancement tools aaS

Thank you

Any questions?

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