# Ensemble Classifier based Approach for Code-Mixed Cross-Script Question Classification

#### Team : IINTU

#### Debjyoti Bhattacharjee

School of Computer Science and Engineering Nanyang Technological University Singapore

#### Paheli Bhattacharya

Deptartment of Computer Science and Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur India







## OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- Mixed Script Information Retrieval (MSIR)
- Question Classification in Code-Mixed data
- Proposed Approach
- Experimental Setup
- Results
- Conclusion and Future Work

# MIXED-SCRIPT/ CODE-MIXED D&T&



## MIXED-SCRIPT/CODE-MIXED D&T&

- Both documents and queries are in more than one scripts
- Transliterated from native script (Devnagari for Hindi) to foreign script (Roman)
- Define MSIR formally <sup>1</sup>:
  - Natural languages L= {I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>,..., I<sub>n</sub>}
  - Scripts S = {s<sub>1</sub>,s<sub>2</sub>,...,s<sub>n</sub>} such that s<sub>i</sub> is the native script for language l<sub>i</sub>
  - Word w<sub>i</sub> = < l<sub>i</sub>, s<sub>j</sub> >
  - **i** = **j**, **native script**, else transliterated

<sup>1</sup>Gupta et. al., Query Expansion for Mixed-Script Information Retrieval, SIGIR 2014



- Users now opt to write in their native language rather than English
- Shortcoming : Font-encoding issues, English keyboard
- Write in the Roman Script by transliteration

## QUESTION CLASSIFICATION

- Question Answering
  - Find concise and accurate answer to a given question
- Question Classification
  - Subtask of Question Answering
  - Determine the type of answer for a question
- Categorize a question in to a set of classes and deal with each class for answering

## CODE-MIXED CROSS-SCRIPT QUESTION CL&SSIFIC&TION

- Mixing of the languages English and Bengali
- Set of questions  $Q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n\}$
- Each question q = <w<sub>1</sub> w<sub>2</sub> ... w<sub>n</sub>>
   w<sub>i</sub> = English word or transliterated Bengali
- Set of classes  $C = \{c_1, c_2, ..., c_m\}$
- Classify question q<sub>i</sub> to a class c<sub>i</sub>

### QUESTION CLASSIFICATION IN MIXED-SCRIPT



## PROPOSED & PPRO&CH

- Each question is represented as a 2000 dimensional binary vector
  - $i^{th} \, component \Leftrightarrow the \, i^{th} \, most \, frequent \, word$
- Train classifiers
  - Random Forests (RF)
  - One-Vs-Rest (OvR)
  - k-Nearest Neighbours (kNN)
- Ensemble of the classifiers
  - Majority Vote
  - Else, a random label
- Retraining
  - From the test set, pick up 90% of the samples (by replacement) which had the same label for all the 4 classifiers
  - New training = Original Training Set + Sampled Test Set

## RANDOM FOREST (RF)



- Ensemble learning method
- Fits a number of decision tress on various sub-samples of the dataset
- Use averaging to improve the predictive accuracy and control overfitting

ONE-VS-REST (OVR)



- Fits one classifier per class *i* to predict p( class=i | x,θ )
- Test sample, pick the class *i* that has the maximum probability
- Each classifier is trained with the entire dataset
- Most commonly used strategy for multiclass classification

## K-NE&REST NEIGHBOURS (KNN)



- Majority class vote of its neighbours
- Being a non-parametric method, it is often successful in classification situations where the decision boundary is very irregular
- Simple classifier

#### ENSEMBLE CLASSIFIER



#### ENSEMBLE CLASSIFIER



#### RETRAINING



#### DATASET

CLASS	NO. OF QUESTIONS		
Person (PER)	55		
Location (LOC)	26		
Organization (ORG)	67		
Temporal (TEMP)	61		
Numerical (NUM)	45		
Distance (DIST)	24		
Money (MNY)	26		
Object (OBJ)	21		
Miscellaneous (MISC)	5		

## EXPERIMENTS

- scikit-learn toolkit of Python 3
- Training-Validation Split = 9:1
- No. of trees in RF = 100
- Classifier for OvR = Linear SVC
- No. of neighbours in kNN = 30

#### RESULTS



### RESULTS

	1	IC	Р	R	F-1	
PER	24	20	0.833333	0.740741	0.784314	EC
	25	21	0.84	0.777778	0.807692	RF
	23	19	0.826087	0.703704	0.76	OvR
LOC	26	21	0.807692	0.913043	0.857143	EC
	26	22	0.846154	0.956522	0.897959	RF
	26	21	0.807692	0.913043	0.857143	OvR
ORG	36	19	0.527778	0.791667	0.633333	EC
	34	19	0.558824	0.791667	0.655172	RF
	40	19	0.475	0.791667	0.59375	OvR
NUM	30	26	0.866667	1	0.928571	EC
	29	26	0.896552	1	0.945455	RF
	29	26	0.896552	1	0.945455	OvR
TEMP	25	25	1	1	1	EC
	25	25	1	1	1	RF
	25	25	1	1	1	OvR
MONEY	16	13	0.8125	0.8125	0.8125	EC
	16	13	0.8125	0.8125	0.8125	RF
	12	12	1	0.75	0.857143	OvR
DIST	20	20	1	0.952381	0.97561	EC
	20	20	1	0.952381	0.97561	RF
	22	21	0.954545	1	0.976744	OvR
OBJ	3	3	1	0.3	0.461538	EC
	5	4	0.8	0.4	0.533333	RF
	3	3	1	0.3	0.461538	OvR
MSC	0	0	NA	NA	NA	EC
	0	0	NA	NA	NA	RF
	0	0	NA	NA	NA	OvR

# CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

- Machine learning algorithms for code-mixed Bengali-English data
- Scalable to other code-mixed questions since it is not language dependent
- Incorporate feature engineering syntactic and semantic features
- Apply other ML algorithms
- Experiment with multi-script data

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

This work is supported by the project

"To Develop a Scientific Rationale of IELS (Indo-European Language Systems)
Applying A) Computational Linguistics &
B) Cognitive Geo-Spatial Mapping Approaches"

funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), India



ထိုလွို ဆက္ခတ္ များများ ကို အနားများ က तेहरूर आभार ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳು നന്ദി နನ್ಯವಾದಾಲು நன்றி रान्यवाद ధన్యವాదాలు நன்றி आभार्श्वनात्राम धन्मनाद or ಗಾತ್ರ and a stand a standard यवाद र्यु क्र क्र क्र कि स्थ ला सी धन्म भाषा प्रतार में धन्यवा အာထာಲು धन्यवाद २मामा२ धनार्वाम ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳು ന ವಾದಗಳು നന്ദി ଧନ୍ୟବାଦ मंत्रहार ಧನ್ಯವಾದಾಲು આભાર நன்றின