Study on Big Data Based Decision Making Support System for Development of Software Education Model

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Abstract—The purpose of this paper is to study a big data–based decision making support system for Korean software education to analyze the performance of software education that has been carried out and to derive efficient software education model focusing on opinion mining visualization analysis technique based on big data collection data such as portal site news, SNS service, Internet cafe, other performance data related to software education collected from online media over the last 5 years.

Index Terms—Big data, opinion mining, software education, decision making support system.

I. INTRODUCTION

Until now, the Korean government has selected and implemented R&D project plans related to major core technology items in preparation for the forthcoming Fourth Industrial Revolution. One of them is Big Data related projects, and technologies are combined in various fields such as Smart City, Knowledge Information Technology (KIT), and Culture Technology (CT). In line with that, the government does not hesitate to provide human and material support by establishing related laws and departments at the government level. In contrast, the utilization of big data technology in the education sector is at a moderate level compared to OECD countries. Fortunately, Korea has world-class IT capabilities, so if systematic related research is conducted even now, it is expected that Korea will be able to stand side by side with major developed countries. The result of review of the software education related polices that the government has been promoting for five years still show various and complicated technical problems. The Ministry of Education has been promoting the convergence talent development program through the cultivation of computing thinking and learners’ creative solution ability for many years through software education, but it is true that there is a lack of systematic means of measuring the educational outcomes, resulting in inadequate analysis of visible unstructured data. In addition, there are not proper tools and systems that can specifically quantify this to enable mutual organic linkage and analysis.

In this paper, therefore, we are to present the big data based decision making system modeling technique that can develop a decision making support system that can quantitatively analyze the performance of software education which has been reorganized and implemented elementary and middle compulsory education courses since last year by developing a big data analysis-based decision making support system platform that can quantitatively measure the policy achievements of the software education that the government has been promoting, collect and reprocess all the online reputations that the people felt and experienced about education policies implemented by education-related government ministries into unstructured data to analyze big data centered on Opinion Mining, an unstructured data analysis technique based on this and quantitatively derive future prediction and software education model outcomes for the continuously changing Korean software education model.

II. RELATED WORKS

A. Application of Educational Big Data

According to previous studies related to large data utilization, the method of using big data for learning and the frequency of quality about educational big data were derived through the analysis of the relationship between various variables. However, this analysis model focuses only on the analysis of performance factors of creative education, and thus there is a limit to becoming a mid- to long-term development model [1]. Until now, the analysis method of education policy has enabled the related analysis only when the agenda was exposed in advance, so the policy has been implemented through subjective keywords to improve the educational environment. In addition, it is possible to derive the meaning of the education system when judging the importance of the education policy based on the inquiry about educational big data, but not inquired database is needed as a demand for reference data that can be applied or compared to educational policies [2]. An example of the actual use of big data in education is EDSS (Education Data Service System). Equipped with a system that collects, links, and processes education related data accumulated in the education office, metropolitan education office, education-related institutions, etc., this EDSS provides the researchers with the relevant data according to the designated censorship sequence for academic research purposes. The following Fig. 1 displays the basic concept of educational big data development by Google. As in the Fig. 1, the analysis of big data is handled by three steps. The steps are divided into three which are data, cloud based applications, and result.
Hadoop, which is a free, Java-based programming framework supports the processing of large sets of data in a distributed computing environment. It is a part of the Apache project sponsored by the Apache Software Foundation. Hadoop cluster uses a Master/Slave structure [12]. Using Hadoop, large data sets can be processed across a cluster of servers and applications can be run on systems with thousands of nodes involving thousands of terabytes. Distributed file system in Hadoop helps in rapid data transfer rates and allows the system to continue its normal operation even in the case of some node failures. This approach lowers the risk of an entire system failure, even in the case of a significant number of node failures. Hadoop enables a computing solution that is scalable, cost effective, flexible and fault tolerant. Hadoop Framework is used by popular companies like Google, Yahoo, Amazon and IBM etc., to support their applications involving huge amounts of data. Hadoop has two main sub projects – Map Reduce and Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS).

B. Unstructured Data Analysis Techniques

1) Text mining

Text mining is a data analysis technique aimed to extract and process useful information based on Natural Language Processing (NLP) technology. Through this technique, users can obtain results more than simple information search such as extraction of meaningful information from unstructured data, which is a massive text cluster, understanding of linkage with other information and discovery of categories of the text [3]. The main technical areas covered in text mining are as follows:

   a) Document classification

   In the past, librarians identified the contents of each book and categorized them manually according to a predetermined classification system. Nowadays, the development of digital technology and the activation of the Internet enabled the production and distribution of enormous information, and it is now almost impossible to classify and manage vast amounts of information inside and outside the organization [4].

   b) Document clustering

   This is a technology that identifies the characteristics of each knowledge content and clusters content which has similar contexts or forms or is highly correlated. In addition to being able to group documents of interest together in order of their relevance through document clustering to review them effectively, users can quickly and easily access information hidden in massive documents through example-based queries. Conventional clustering techniques are implemented in a way of extracting differentiated important characteristics through linguistic analysis of the target document, comparing them with the characteristics of other documents, and bonding the documents with high similarity to each other [5].

   c) Document summarization

   This is a technique for helping each user to understand and utilize information quickly by identifying short and simple summary sentences by effectively reducing the complexity and length while maintaining the key meaning of the document. The document summarization technology is based on the character extraction and information extraction technology, and can be classified into an extraction summary method that selects, extracts and re-processes sentences that can represent the document throughout the text, and a creation summary method that creates sentences using important information [6].

2) Data mining

Data mining is an analysis technique that systematically and automatically analyzes statistical rules and patterns in large-scale stored data and finds necessary information. Here, finding information refers to the process of finding useful patterns and relationships by applying advanced statistical analysis and modeling techniques, which is the core technology of database marketing [7]. The main technical areas covered in data mining are as follows:

   As in the Fig. 2, types of data mining technique are handled by two types: supervised learning and unsupervised learning. The supervised learning consists of two techniques – one is classification and regression. In addition, the unsupervised learning consists of two techniques – association rule and clustering.

   a) Classification analysis

   This is a technique that creates a model to find a value in the target field, generates a classification model by entering past data, and predicts the classification value for new data [8].

   b) Association rule

   This technique is called shopping cart analysis, and it is a technique to find out the rational products with a strong pattern of being sold together by analyzing the products purchased at once by customers at Internet shopping malls and offline stores. For example, it is possible to find a consumption pattern of “A person purchasing a product A purchases a product B together.” Based on this, it is possible to recommend purchasing a product B to the customer who purchases the product A.

   c) Continuous pattern

   This technique is similar to Relational Rule, and is a technique for analyzing sequential purchase patterns by adding time information to Relational Rule. For example, it is possible to find a consumption pattern of “A person purchasing a product A additionally purchases a product B after 1 month.” Based on this rule, it is possible to recommend related products to the customer [9].

3) Opinion mining

As a classification of original text mining technique. The opinion mining technique is called buzz monitoring. It discriminates positive, negative and neutral preferences of structure and unstructured text collected on SNS and is used for market size forecasts for specific services and products.
consumer response analysis, word of mouth, etc. [10]. This technique extracts vocabulary information expressing positive and negative, recognizes sentences composed of opinions on the object to measure and determine positive and negative degrees by the sum of patterns including opinions. The opinion mining analysis technique can discover more valuable data information from unstructured data composed of many unspecified users. In another aspect, it can be called sentiment analysis, which can be interpreted in the broad sense of natural language processing and computer linguistics analysis and text mining [11]. The Fig. 3 shows examples of opinion mining techniques. As this figure, size, color, and length are depends on the relationship between the words analyzed.

Fig. 2. Types of data mining technique (https://www.researchgate.net/).

Fig. 3. Examples of opinion mining techniques.

III. SOFTWARE EDUCATION PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

As part of attempts to derive reputations in and trends of public opinions regarding software education policies included in writings written on social media or portal news comments based on unstructured data, the opinion mining analysis process proposed in this paper randomly collects unstructured data including the words “making software education mandatory”, which are a core keyword in relation to the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning, and the Korea Foundation for the Advancement of Science and Creativity from the three items, blogs, Twitter, and portal news distributed on online media to classify the polarity of sentiment words according to affirmation and negation and select sentiment data. The configuration of the overall system for the development of the sentiment dictionary, which is one of the important stages of this study, is classified into three models, a storage server for data collection, storage, and pre-processing, a natural language processing learning model for natural language processing and sentiment word morpheme analysis, and a sentiment dictionary construction server conversion stage for opinion extraction.

In order to analyze the most effective software education performance, we constructed a decision making system platform development process composed of three steps in total.

Fig. 4. Opinion analysis model.

A. Collection and Storage Processing Technology of Unstructured Data

In this step, Python-based crawling technique was performed to lower the dependency of real-time data collection in this paper as much as possible and to collect raw data based on the accumulated unstructured data. To conduct opinion mining analysis, a sentiment dictionary must be constructed. In order to improve the accuracy and reliability of this sentiment dictionary, the collection of unstructured data is presented as an important element. First, the times and scales of the collected data should be clear and the larger the quantity of collected data, the higher the achievable accuracy
of the sentiment dictionary. The Fig. 6 displays storage structure, collection data and clustering model of unstructured data. In this process, unstructured data on software education policy related issues were collected randomly from Internet news portal articles, blogs, online communities, and SNS from 2012 to 2017.

![Storage structure based on HDFS](image)

![Collection of unstructured data](image)

![Clustering model](image)

Fig. 6. Unstructured data collection storage structure.

User applications access the file system using the HDFS client, a code library that exports the HDFS file system interface. Similar to most conventional file systems, HDFS supports operations to read, write and delete files, and operations to create and delete directories. The user references files and directories by paths in the namespace. The user application generally does not need to know that file system metadata and storage are on different servers, or that blocks have multiple replicas. When an application reads a file, the HDFS client first asks the NameNode for the list of DataNodes that host replicas of the blocks of the file. It then contacts a DataNode directly and requests the transfer of the desired block. When a client writes, it first asks the NameNode to choose DataNodes to host replicas of the first block of the file. The client organizes a pipeline from node-to-node and sends the data. When the first block is filled, the client requests new DataNodes to be chosen to host replicas of the next block. A new pipeline is organized, and the client sends the further bytes of the file. Each choice of DataNodes is likely to be different. The interactions among the client, the NameNode and the DataNodes are illustrated in Fig. 6(a). Fig. 6(b) and Fig. 6(c) show the collection of unstructured data crawling from the Web and the clustering model for processing the collection of unstructured data respectively.

B. Data Integration System of Unstructured Data

In this step, the data warehouse (DW) requires a stable and physically appropriate modeling system for effective decision making analysis. The Fig. 7 shows the build of data warehouse model for performance analysis of software education. As in the Fig. 7, we applied three types of construction methods to distribute, process and manage unstructured data collected on the Internet by appropriately using the storage server for big data analysis.

1) Based on the ETL tools of Extraction, Transformation, and Loading, we construct a disk sharing method to manage and refine past raw data

2) A relational database management system (RDBMS) is used to build big data based on Map Reduce and Stream

3) Using the Opinion Sentiment Dictionary through training for each unstructured text document, we extract the positive and negative reputation with high reliability in unstructured data related to software education and build the technique with improved accuracy.

![Build of data warehouse model for performance analysis of software education](image)

Fig. 7. Build of data warehouse model for performance analysis of software education.

C. Opinion Mining Analysis Platform of Unstructured Data

In this step, the interface only for a Korean grammar-based sentiment dictionary (API) was separately designed to perform more efficient Opinion Mining analysis and the data filtering technique was used to maximize the reliability and accuracy of the collected data. In addition, an Opinion Mining Automatic Analysis Platform was developed for the purpose of facilitating the derivation of software education agenda.

### TABLE I. WORD STEMMING FILTER PROCESS

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<th>Filtering rules applied for the construction of a sentiment dictionary</th>
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<td>4. Distinguish homonyms and synonyms from each other</td>
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In this paper, outliers, missing values, or wrong values are not shown in the data values because the preprocessing was performed based on the collected unstructured data. In particular, filtering was conducted to extract highly important
words in sentences or important words that could be sentiment words. Therefore, the proposed filtering process derive sentiment words from sentences in Korean grammar efficiently and this rules as shown in Table I were applied to perform word filtering.

The words derived through the preprocessing of meaningful words are classified into sentiment word candidate groups. In this paper, to improve the accuracy and reliability of the resultant values of opinion mining analysis, the top 20% of the words selected as the sentiment word candidate groups were extracted to finally select them as sentiment words. Although the data distributed in the lower groups are composed of the sets of words with high weighted values or meaningful words, most of them fall under neutral words and words close to other polarities in cases where they are tagged as positive, negative, neutral, and other polarities and polarity classification is carried out. Therefore, the word sets that are less useful as such were removed in advance. On the other hand, words that correspond to neutral and other polarities also exist among the top 20% words finally selected as sentiment words but they have very high weighted values or correspond to higher word groups with very high frequencies in documents.

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"Choose the best criteria based on data filtering criteria"

Fig. 8. Data filtering results for opinion analysis model.

Fig. 9. Visualization analysis of opinion mining sentiment dictionary for software education.

IV. EXPERIMENT RESULT AND ANALYSIS

In this paper, the Opinion Mining analysis based on Big Data was conducted from 2012 to 2017 focusing on the key keyword of "Mandatory Software Education", and the polarity classification part of reputation analysis was divided into 4 kinds of positive, negative, neutrality and others. The Fig. 9 and Fig. 10 display the analysis of opinion mining sentiment dictionary for software education. As this figure, the positive takes 67% of total words. On the other hand, the negative takes 20% of total words. This means that the effects of software education in Korea is a very positive change.

The Fig. 11 shows analyzed result of word frequencies on the internet for software education. In the case of the neutral part, the noun phrase and the analysis element were excluded from the sentiment word dictionary because they correspond to meaningless items. In the case of the others part, all of the words are unusual words with ambiguous meanings, which were classified into meaningless data without analysis value.
The result of the opening mining analysis on software education of Korea showed that positive reputation is measured to be more than 60%, showing relatively strong response to learners and the positive index was measured to indicate a high rate of growth each year as the software education in the Korean elementary and middle curriculum has been implemented as a regular curriculum since last year.

V. CONCLUSION

The use of the decision making support platform for the effective data analysis of Korean software education performance developed in this study enables stable predictions of variable factors in the ever-changing education environment, and it can not only be a way to develop the future national education and to find effective solutions, but it will be an opportunity to recognize the necessity of studying a Korean software education model suitable for the Korean situation, and it is expected that we will be able to lay the foundations for developing and fostering creative talents with international competitiveness in the era of the forthcoming Fourth Industrial Revolution. In addition, when comparing the unstructured data-based big data analysis decision making system such as Internet media, past year policy report with existing unstructured data-based analysis techniques such as brainstorming, Delphi, expert channel, it is expected to develop into a versatile platform that can be widely used in IT fields and other areas such as the field of culture technology (CT) as a highly reliable and accurate system in terms of technology.

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