Automating Systematic Reviews



Background

- SEBI Supporting Evidence Based Interventions, staffed out of the Royal Dick and funded by BMGF. Collating animal health data from Google Scholar and other online databases and providing data visualisations
- Using PhD students from Informatics a machine learning tool was developed that could automate queries, reducing a three month manual task toward an end goal of three days, for a systematic review of literature
- The tool could be taught to automate other forms of systematic review



Background

- As a successful test case the tool was adapted to a small part of a literature review for the Microfluidics department in Engineering
- Engineering have 200 PhD and 100 Postdoc researchers who are expected to run ~2 reviews every three years, each review taking ~150 hours. Automation could reduce this to ~15 hours, a total time saving of 40 person-years in researcher time per year for Engineering alone.
- This could revolutionise research globally, saving hundreds of days of researcher time in nearly every university subject

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Current State

- Continuing to work with SEBI to provide a full workflow that supports annotation, explainability, accuracy and features such as geolocation
- Working with Engineering to expand the proof of concept into a visual-based annotation tool that can generate training data
- Law: training a classifier to recognise and annotate a public database of Canadian refugee applications
- Medicine: Looking at the historical record of Cochrane reviews to provide a large set of training data



How Does the Tool Work?

- The tool uses Named Entity Recognition to recognise and infer terms that will be relevant to a given search criteria
- A subject matter expert will proceed with a manual review until sufficient annotations have been made for a classifier to be trained
- The classifier will classify papers for a given search into relevant, not relevant, and "low confidence" edge cases
- Low confidence results will be returned to the SME for annotation, creating a continuous improvement feedback loop



Signal – Confidence and Explainability

- The tool builds a "score" for each abstract it looks at, comparing it with the query
- Scores will fall into one of three categories : Include, Exclude, Low Confidence
- Low Confidence are borderline cases where the tool suspects a paper may relevant, but needs feedback to confirm
- "Signal" refers to the feedback from the tool on its confidence it understands the concept of accuracy or "truth"
- The tool is able to explain its scoring for every paper
- The tool's training data is available to show how the scoring was determined
- Feedback from marking of Low Confidence papers allows the tool become more accurate



Status Settings Low Confidence Documents Locations

10 documents have low confidence scores

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| Population structure, molecular characterization, and phylogenetic analysis of Fasciola gigantica from two locations in Uganda. | Fasciola gigantica is a major pathogen that causes fasciolosis in Africa. A recent study in Uganda demonstrated that Fasciola flukes were present in 65.7% of slaughtered cattle. However, molecular identification of Fasciola species has not yet been performed in the country. In the present study, 229 Fasciola flukes were collected from Kampala and Gulu, Uganda. The samples were identified as F. gigantica using a multiplex polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay for phospheenolpyruvate carboxykinase (pepck) and a PCR-restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) assay for DNA polymerase delta (pold). A significant genetic difference between F. gigantica obtained from cattle slaughtered at Kampala and Gulu was observed by analyzing the mitochondrial markers NADH dehydrogenase subunit 1 (nart) acticated ta Kampala and Gulu was observed by analyzing the mitochondrial markers NADH dehydrogenase subunit 1 (nart) har collected from Kampala, probably because of differences in livestock management systems. One of the possible reasons for this observation is that cattle slaughtered in Gulu were reared under an extensive communal grazing system, which is suitable for maintaining parasite diversity, whoreas cattle slaughtered in Kampala mainly originated from fonce/Glosed farms, which limits parasite diversity. However, the cause of the difference between these two locations was not clearly defined by the results of this study. The F. gigantica population from Uganda was related to that obtained from Zambia. A star-like phylogeny was detected in a median-joining network analysis, which indicated rapid population expansion and suggested that the F. gigantica population from both countries are maintained by domestic ruminants in eastern Africa. Interestingly, the F. gigantica population from both countries are maintained by domestic ruminants in eastern Africa. Interestingly, the F. gigantica population from both countries are maintained by domestic ruminants in eastern Africa. Interestingly, the F. gigantica | https://doi.org/10.1016/j.meegid.2022.105359 | -2.20453421106738 | Uganda | Excluded | | | | | |
| Extended-Spectrum 8- Lactamase-Producing | Beef cattle, one of the food-producing animals, are linked to humans through a shared environment and the food chain as a major source of animal protein. Antimicrobial drugs are readily accessible for use in food animal production in Nigeria. Beef cattle and abattoir environments harbor pathogenic bacteria such as We conducted a cross-sectional study among abattoir workers, beef cattle, and abattoir environments in Abuja and Lagos. Stool, cecal, and environmental samples were collected from apparently healthy workers, slaughtered cattle, and abattoir environments from May to December 2020. Data were collected electronically using open data kit app installed on a mobile phone. Antimicrobial susceptibility patterns were determined using the Kirby-Bauer disk diffusion method against a panel of 16 antimicrobial agents. Phenotypic and genotypic characterizations of the isolates were conducted. Data were analyzed with descriptive statistics. From 21.7% (This is the first report of | https://doi.org/10.3389/fcimb.2022.869314 | -2.023897790864813 | Nigeria | Excluded | | | | | |
| Detection of | Cystic echinococcosis (CE) is a zoonotic disease of great importance worldwide. This study was conducted to determine the prevalence and antigenic profile of | https://doi.org/10.1007/s12639-022-01508-z | -1.8212082669788907 | | Excluded | | | | | |
| Africa-wide meta- analysis on the prevalence and distribution of human cystic echinococcosis and canine | Echinococcosis is a neglected zoonosis of increasing public health concern worldwide. According to the World Health Organization, 19,300 lives and 871,000 disability-adjusted life-years are lost globally each year because of cystic echinococcosis. Annual costs associated with cystic echinococcosis were estimated at US\$ 3 billion because of treatment of cases and heisetock industry. We performed the random-effects model of meta-analysis using 51-year (1970-2021) data available from AJOL, Google Scholar, PubMed, Science Direct, Scopus and Web of Science. We also applied the Joanna Briggs Institute critical appraisal instrument for studies reporting prevalence data, the Cochran's Q-test, Encode paragene test and the clande attivit delation teatment was antivity available and within a thus their betarement. | https://doi.org/10.1186/s13071-022-05474-6 | -0.5335094026222406 | Sudan | Excluded | | | | | |

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Named Entities in SEBI

| 8 | https://doi.org/10.1016/j.meegid.2022.105359 | Population structure, molecular characterization, and phylogenetic analysis of Fasciola gigantica from two locations in Uganda. | Patrick Vudriko, Richard Echodu, Michiyo Tashiro, Nozomi Oka, Kei Hayashi, Madoka Ichikawa-Seki | 2022 | Abstract Fasciola [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.942]) (gigantica [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 1.000) is a major pathogen that causes fasciol [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.904) (##osis [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.993) in Africa. A recent study in Uganda [Entity: REGION, Score: 0.487] demonstrated that [Fasciola [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.973] (flukes [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.993] were present in 65.7% of slaughtered cattle [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.979] species has not yet been performed in the country. In the present study, (29 [Entity: SAMPLE SIZE, Score: 0.999] ##2 [Fasciola [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.999] (flukes [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.994] were collected from Kampal [Entity: REGION, Score: 0.880] ##4 [Entity: REGION, Score: 0.983] and Gulu [Entity: REGION, Score: 0.778] ##, Uganda [Entity: REGION, Score: 0.880] ##4. The samples were identified as [F. [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.943] gigantica [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.994] (##) Entity: DISEASE, Score: 1.000] using a (multiplex polymerase chain reaction (PCR [Entity: DIAGNOSTIC TEST, Score: 0.943] gigantica [Entity: DIAGNOSTIC TEST, Score: 0.997] assay for phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (pepck) and a PCR-restriction fragment length polymorphism (RF [Entity: DIAGNOSTIC TEST, Score: 0.998]) (##LP [Entity: DIAGNOSTIC TEST, Score: 0.940] ##W ## assay for DNA polymerase delta [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 1.000 | -0.414487155158403 | Uganda: 5, Zambia: 1, Egypt: 1, Nigeria: 1, United States of America: 1, Australia: 1, Indonesia: 1 | Uganda |
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Status

Classifier training is complete

Classification Report 🛃

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| Include | 0.69 | 0.73 | 0.71 | 48 |
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| Macro avg | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 97 |
| Weighted avg | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 97 |

Confusion Matrix 🛃





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Geolocation

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openstree Title Included Africa-wide meta-analysis on the prevalence and distribution of human cystic Low Confi echinococcosis and canine Echinococcus granulosus infections. Authors Solomon Ngutor Karshima, Musa Isiyaku Ahmed, Nuhu Bala Adamu, Abdullahi Alhaj Magaji, Musa Zakariah, Konto Mohammed Country Mentions Sudan: 1, Libya: 1, United States of America: 1, Indonesia: 1 DOI ら働え 10.1186/s13071-022-05474-6 Abstract Echinococc [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.999] ##osis [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.490] a neglected zoonosis of increasing public health concern worldwide. According to the World Health Organization, 19,300 lives and 871,000 disability-adjusted life-years are lost globally each year because of cystic echinococc [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.978] ##osis [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.734] ##. Annual costs associated with cystic 重压木 Algérie / 毕节市 铜位 echinococc [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.940] ##osis [Entity: DISEASE, Score: 0.916] were estimated at US\$ 3 billion because of treatment of cases and losses in the 昆明市、贵阳市 livestock [Entity: SPECIES, Score: 0.997] industry. We performed the m-effects [Entity: STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, Score: 0.988]



Microfluidics

 $n_i(r, t_+)$ and $n_i(r+c_i, t_+)$, corresponding to velocities c_i and $c_i(c_{i'} = -c_i)$ parallel to the link connecting r and $r+c_i$ the notation $n_i(r, t_+) = n_i(r, t_-) + \Delta_i(r, t_-)$ is used to indicate the post-collision distribution, (2.7). The velocity of the boundary node u_b is determined by the solid-particle velocity U, angular velocity Ω , and centre of mass R,

$$\boldsymbol{u}_{h} = \boldsymbol{U} + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{r} + \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{c}_{i} - \boldsymbol{R}).$$
(2.8)

By exchanging population density between n_i and $n_{i'}$ the local momentum density can be modified to match the velocity of the solid-particle surface at the boundary node, without affecting either the mass density or the stress, which depend only on the sum $n_i + n_{i'}$. The precise form for the boundary-node collision operator is

$$n_i(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{c}_i, t+|\mathbf{l}) = n_i(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{c}_i, t_\perp) + 2a_1^{c_i}\rho \mathbf{u}_b \cdot \mathbf{c}_i,$$

$$n_i(\mathbf{r}, t+1) = n_i(\mathbf{r} | \mathbf{I}_+) - 2a_1^{c_i}\rho \mathbf{u}_b \cdot \mathbf{c}_i$$
(2.9)

As a result of the boundary-node interactions (2.9), forces are exerted on the solid particles,

 $f(r + \frac{1}{2}c_i, l + \frac{1}{2}) = 2[n_i(r, t_+) - n_i(r + c_i, t_+) - 2a_1^{c_i}\rho u_b \cdot c_i]c_i;$ (2.10)

thus momentum is exchanged locally between the fluid and the solid particle, but the combined momentum of solid and fluid is conserved. The forces and torques on the solid particle, obtained by summing $f(r+\frac{1}{2}c_i)$ and $(r+\frac{1}{2}c_i) \times f(r+\frac{1}{2}c_i)$ over all the boundary nodes associated with a particular particle, are then used to update the particle velocity and angular velocity, according to the laws of Newtonian mechanics. The mass and moment of inertia of the particle are preassigned, depending on the



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Cochrane

- Gold standard for medical literature reviews
- Every two years a review must be updated with the latest literature in other words the review must be repeated
- 4-5x time consuming as ordinary research paper

But:

- Data on historical reviews is meticulous, machine-readable and can be ingested automatically
- Repetition every two years is key motivator for automation
- Key determinant for acceptance is data quality e.g. double blind trials which are terms a classifier can select for

