

**IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FOCUS CRAWLING USING  
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**Abstract** — As information has been increasing rapidly, it is very difficult to get information as per the user satisfaction. A focused crawler is a web crawler which gives relevant pages according to users query. Genetic Algorithms (GA) are optimization algorithms inspired by the Darwin's theory of natural evolution and survival of fittest. GA are robust, efficient and optimized methods that are used in getting solutions to number of search and optimization problems. In this paper, we use a genetic algorithm with focused crawling for improving the accuracy of similarity measure.

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

There is enormous amount of information available on the internet in the form of text, image, audio and video. As the major content available from the web world is in the form of text so to retrieve the relevant text is still a challenging job for any focus crawler. The user mostly types his query as text in the search engine. The search results of the entered keyword sometimes might not display the specific web pages which might be due to the lack of the search method. Thus, there were several researches tackling these problems that had an effect on the accuracy of the system in order to find the best solutions to increase the efficiency and accuracy of the system.

Focused crawlers look for a subject, usually a set of keywords dictated by search engine, as they traverse the web pages. Instead of extracting so many documents from the web without any priority, a focused crawler follows the most appropriate links, leading to retrieval of more relevant pages. In this study, results showed some improvements in focus crawler performance using genetic algorithm, through implementing some queries in order to obtain relevant information, sorting such queries depending on similarity function.

**II. RELATED WORKS TO FOCUSED CRAWLERS**

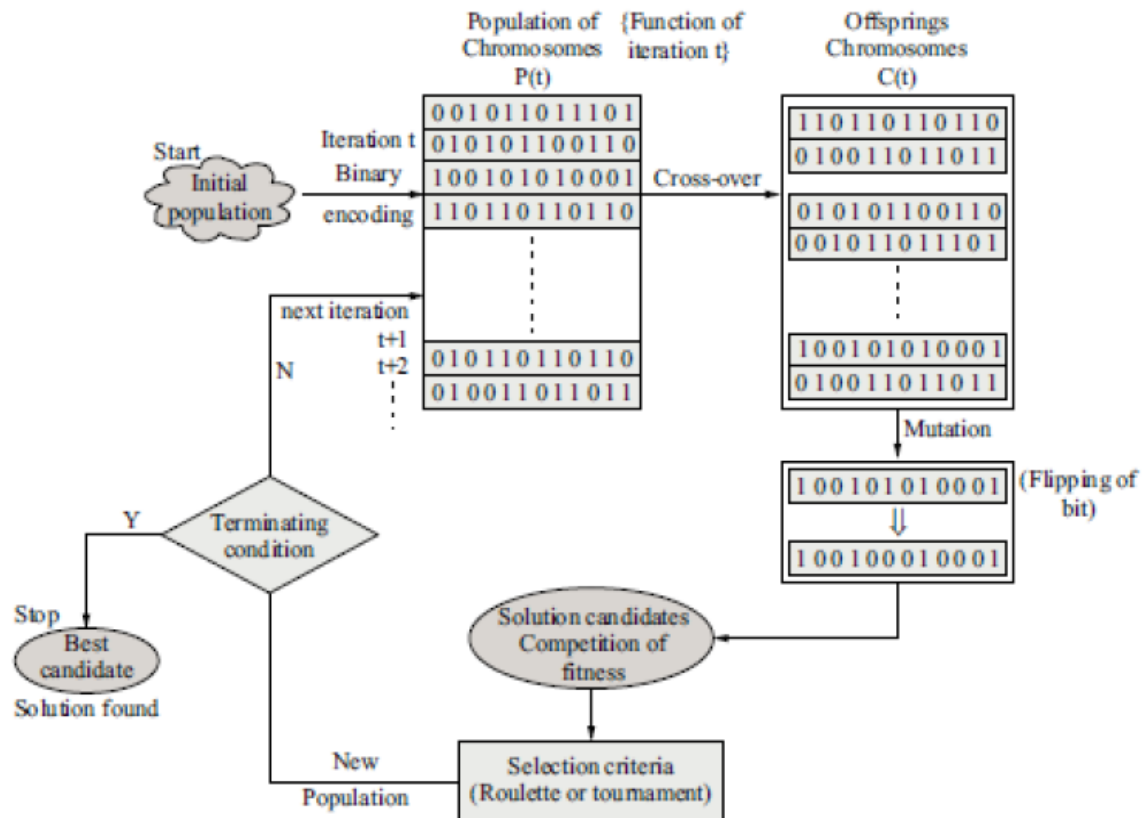
There are several researches that used genetic algorithm with focus crawler to optimize the user query. Chakrabarti et al. [1] introduced focused crawler for the first time. The crawler described in their article [2], the user picks a subject from a pool of hierarchically structured example documents. The program learns by studying the examples, and generates subject models. These models are used to classify web pages. The link structure is also considered by the crawler to discover hubs. Hubs are described by Kleinberg as high-quality lists that guide users to recommended authorities, and authorities are prominent sources of primary content on a topic. Links from hubs can be relevant even though the text on the hub page itself does not appear to be relevant. Semiautomatic web resource discovery using ontology-focused crawling [8]

Bangorn Klabbankoh and Ouen Pinnern [4] analyzed vector space model to boost information retrieval efficiency. In vector space model, IR is based on the similarity measurement between query and documents. Documents with high similarity to query are judged more relevant to the query and will be retrieved first. Testing result will show that information retrieval with 0.8 crossover probability and 0.01 mutation probability provide the maximum precision while 0.8 crossover probability and 0.3 mutation probability provide the maximum recall. The information retrieval efficiency measures from recall and precision. A tested database consisted of documents taken from student's projects. Beginning experiment indicated that precision and recall are inverted. To use which parameters depends on the appropriateness that what would user like to retrieve for. In the case of high precision documents preferred, the parameters may be high crossover probability and low mutation probability. While in the case of additional relevant documents preferred, the parameters may be high mutation probability and lower crossover probability in information retrieval.

**III. GENETIC ALGORITHM**

A genetic algorithm is a search procedure inspired by principles from natural selection and genetics. It is often used as an optimization method to solve problems where little is known about the objective function. The operation of the genetic algorithm is quite simple. It starts with a population of random individuals, each corresponding to a particular candidate solution to the problem to be solved. Then, the best individuals survive, mate, and create offspring, originating a new

population of individuals. This process is repeated a number of times, and typically leads to better and better individuals of current genetic algorithm theory. This theory is centered around the notion of a building block. We will be talking about deception, population sizing studies, the role of parameters and operators, building block mixing, and linkage learning. These studies are motivated by the desire of building better GAs, algorithms that can solve difficult problems quickly, accurately, and reliably. It is therefore a theory that is guided by practical matters.



*Figure 1. Flow of genetic algorithms[11]*

### 3.1 Genetic Algorithms in Information Retrieval

Genetic algorithms are adaptive heuristic search algorithm . Genetic algorithm is based on evolutionary ideas of natural selection and genetics. Genetic algorithm is often used to solve problems and looking for best solution. In genetic algorithm query entered by user and text documents of news articles stored in data repository represented as chromosome. Each chromosome has specific matching score. By deciding some threshold value we compare the threshold value with matching score and if matching score is greater than threshold value then that chromosomes will be fittest. And if matching score is less than threshold value then that chromosomes will be taken to generate the next generation. The next generation is generated by using genetic operators such as crossover, mutation Genetic algorithms are adaptive heuristic search algorithm. Genetic algorithm is based on evolutionary ideas of natural selection and genetics. Genetic algorithm is often used to solve problems and looking for best solution. In genetic algorithm query entered by user and text documents of news articles stored in data repository represented as chromosome. Each chromosome has specific matching score. By deciding some threshold value we compare the threshold value with matching score and if matching score is greater than threshold value then that chromosomes will be fittest. And if matching score is less than threshold value then that chromosomes will be taken to generate the next generation. The next generation is generated by using genetic operators such as crossover, mutation and reinsertion.

### 3.2 Fitness Measure

The score of a fitness function is a numerical value that indicates how well the particular solution solves the problem. The score is the fitness of the individual solution. It represents how well the individual adapts to the environment. The task of the GA is to discover solutions that have high fitness values among the set of all possible solutions. We use Tanimoto coefficient as fitness function for our genetic algorithm.

### 3.3 Chromosome Representation

Both documents and queries are represented by vector. A document vector with n keywords and a query vector with m

query terms can be represented as

Doc = (term1, term2 , term3,... termn)

Query = (qterm1, qterm2, qterm3 , ...qtermm)

For example, user enters a query into Google search engine that could retrieve 10 documents. Then user gets frequently used words form a tool called Text analyser. The length of chromosome depends on number of keywords of documents retrieved from user query.

### 3.4 Selection

Selection is the process in which chromosomes is selected for next step or generation in genetic algorithm based on fitness value of chromosomes. Poor chromosome or lowest fitness chromosome selected few or not at all.

### 3.5 Crossover

Crossover is the genetic operators that mix two chromosomes together to form new offspring. Crossover occurs only with some probability  $P_c$  (crossover probability). GA's construct a better solution by mixture good characteristic of chromosomes together. Higher fitness chromosomes have an opportunity to be selected more than the lower ones, so good solution always alive to the next generation.

For example, two chromosomes are crossover between position 9 and 14.

Doc1={0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0}

Doc2={0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0}

The resulting crossover yields two new chromosomes.

Doc1={0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0}

Doc2={0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0}

### 3.6 Mutation

Mutation involves the modification of the values of each gene of a solution with some probability  $P_m$  (mutation probability). In accordance with changing some bit values of chromosomes, give the different breeds. For example randomly at position 5 apply mutation.

Doc1={0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0}

Result {0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0}

## IV. EMPIRICAL RESULTS

Table 1. shows initial keywords and the terms added with the help of genetic algorithm. We entered the old and new keywords in addition to old keywords into Google, and calculated the average relevance based on the 10 documents returned. As shown in our experiment, after adding new set of keywords documents achieved a higher relevance score. For the first sample, the task is to search for news about vyapam scam. After downloading about 10 pages, Genetic algorithm added "madhya pradesh" to its initial set. This word was chosen because in most of the downloaded pages there was about vyapam scam in Madhya Pradesh. This experimentation tests for 10 queries with fitness functions Tanimoto.

## V. CONCLUSION

The paper discusses fundamentals of Web Information Retrieval. The paper has also deal with how GA can be used in the field of Web-IR and can efficiently help in finding relevant documents. Paper has also discussed plenty of research work done earlier in the field of Web-IR with GA. An experimental setup using Tanimoto coefficient for Web-IR and finding relevant documents has also been discussed. Although the initial results are encouraging, there is still a long way to achieve the greatest possible crawling efficiency.

**Table 1. A.R=Average Relevance by Tanimoto fitness function**

Old Keyword	New Added Term	Average Relevance With Old Keyword	Average relevance With add new Keyword	Percentage Improvement
Vyapam, scam	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	0.6255	0.7856	26
Aam admi party	<b>Arvind, kejriwal</b>	0.8135	0.9243	14
France, French, Revolution, History	<b>Napoleon</b>	0.5432	0.6489	19
Micheal Jackson music mp3	<b>Download</b>	0.6842	0.8329	22
Mouse Disney movie	<b>Walt, mickey</b>	0.3515	0.5400	54

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