# The Use of Data Mining Techniques in Analysing Traffic Accidents (An application on Khartoum State)

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## Abstract

This paper presents a sample of mining algorithms in data represented in "One R, J48, Naïve Bayesian" to know its optimal which pertains to analysis of traffic accidents in Khartoum State occurring through years 2007 – 2016. It is important to note that 389931 record was analysed by the statistical reports structure to reach the mining stage in data in order to creating a mechanism that is capable of studying the elements which smartly play a significant part in traffic accidents for connection. The range of relation designation between them, and its significance in traffic accidents percentage is implemented on Weka program to apply algorithms ,accordingly, the presentation in data and of the results together with analysis since the results showed that the performance of J48 algorithm generally is of more qualifications and surpasses than the other algorithms in accidents data group. It spent 0.02 seconds and the rate of error in the sample was 0.02 through its implementation and assisted in the prediction of data.

The paper concludes with the implementation of J48 classification algorithms for the production of the decision tree through Weka to the point of the existence of classification of cars' accidents which occurred according to time and harm. It also shows that the harm damage rate is of the highest reaching 301394 at the rate of 77.3%, and that 2012 and 2011 accidents were the highest of all years at the rate of 11.3%, and the rate of the lowest accidents in 2007 was 7.4%.

**Keywords** — *Traffic Accidents, Data Mining, Khartoum State, Data Mining Algorithms, classification.* 

# I. INTRODUCTION

Since the inception of Sudan, it has witnessed a civilized uprising that was comprehensive and fast and hasn't been restricted to one field only. This resulted in the increase and expansion of the urban centers. The comprehensive development through which the society passed, basically the economic one, assisted in the creation of a net of roads connecting all urban and rural regions.

This development has also participated in the increase of the citizens' incomes which helped them to own a car or more. The transference movement caused by vehicles, the most utilized one in the Sudanese society, resulted in the up rise of traffic accidents which greatly harms the society socially and economically.

In accordance with World Health Organization (WHO), the world annually witnesses an estimation of 1.25 million of death due to traffic accident. As the report shows the youth represents 48% of traffic accidents death, and that the male gender is the most dominant victims of traffic accidents, representing 73% of total death of road accidents. Approximately 50 million of others are exposed to non-fatal wounds. As a result, many of them are disabled, which gives road safety hazard a priority to war, AIDS, Malaria and the other violence incidences as a global health problem. Besides, traffic accidents wounds cause grate economic losses of personnel, their families and the whole country. These losses result in medication costs, minimization of personnel production who die or are exposed to disability due to wounds, and the family members who are obligated to be absent from work or school for the care of the injured ones. In most countries traffic accidents cost 3% of the total local production.[1],[2]

## **II. LITERATURE SURVEY**

Globally, the developing countries record the highest rate of traffic accidents which cover all kinds of vehicles and expose man's life to death and wounds caused by negligence of traffic rules and regulations. Data mining techniques of the latest technology could be used to resolve this issue. Many professional researchers from different places in the world have made their contribution with regard to this field. Where as in Sudan, such researches are rare and hardly observed.

Sachin Kumar et.al. [3], suggested the application of k-means algorithm and ARM technique to resolve traffic accident complicated problems. The researcher divided the different accidental prone location in three different categories that were high, moderate and low frequency, to extract the hidden information behind the data set and adopt some preventive procedures according to accident location.

Ehab [4], Using exploration algorithms to analyse traffic accidents in Syria that aimed, relatively, to utilize updated techniques in databases field for the

analysis of traffic accidents and supply decision makers with indicators. In data mining field, the researcher discovered that ,according to the tests , the best method of CART algorithm is the values classification of traffic accident statistics, with the presence of better results for GRI algorithm than the previous one and thus revealing additional essential rules of high reliability .The study recommended the establishment of a national center for the support of the decision.

Sachin et.al. [5], proposed setting a framework to control traffic accident in India where its scored(11,574) during 2009 - 2014 by the use of K-modes clustering technique and association rule mining. The analysis of the results, using a combination of this technique, concluded with his concept that the result will be more efficient if no segmentation is performed.

M. Sowmya [6], showed the work on traffic accident data produced by Hong Kong government transport department in 2008. That study applied Naive Bayes, J48, AdaBoostM1, PART and Random Forest classifiers for predicting classification accuracy to analyse the performance. The classification accuracy on the test results revealed the three cases as accidents, vehicles and casualties.

Shanti et.al. [7], used classification algorithm for vehicle's collision patterns.

The classification algorithms applied to this data set were C4.5, C-RT, CS-MC4, Decision List, ID3, Naïve Bayes and RndTree. The results achieved proved that RndTree techniques were more better and accurate than the other algorithms in collision cases whose fatality rate increased in road accidents.

# III. METHODS

# A. Data Mining

This rapid growth, huge data capacity gathered and the great saved various databases are an efficient tool to assist in benefiting of data collected through identification of objective and useful information. Data mining is considered to be one of the solutions to analyse a huge capacity of data and change it in to positive information and knowledge. Data mining is defined as the extraction or mining knowledge from a huge capacity of data. Some other terms might have a typical or slightly different meaning, like data knowledge mining from data, knowledge extraction, data or pattern analysis. The use of data mining functions is to specify the type of patterns found in data mining tasks. Generally, it is classified into two classes: descriptive and predictive. The descriptive data mining tasks characterizes data general feature in the database, where the predictive one practices based on the current data to make predictions. Data mining or generally known as knowledge discovery in database means extracting or "mining" knowledge from huge capacity of data. [8]

## **B.** Algorithms Used in the Study

There are three basic techniques in which algorithms for data mining is based:

- Classification: Assigning entities to one or more of the classification categories such as classification of spam messages by message title and content.

- Clustering: Dividing data into clusters with a meaning, such as classifying a set of traffic accidents by the temporal or spatial time of the incident.

- Rules of association: The discovery of an important relationship hidden in a large data set and represented by intensive relationships in the form of coupling rules.

The work in this paper is deal with, through three different types of bisection algorithms. We will try to review the advantages of each one separately and as follows:

## 1) Naive Bayesian Classifier

A Naive Bayesian classifier is a simple probabilistic classifier based on applying Bayesian theorem (from Bayesian statistics) with strong (Naive) independence assumptions.

# **Benefits**

- It is fast, highly scalable model in structure and scoring.
- Scales linearly with the number of predictors and rows.
- Establishment of the process for Naive Bayes as parallelized.
- Induced classifiers are easy to interpret and robust to irrelevant attributes.
- Uses evidence from many attributes. The Naïve Bayes can be used for both binary and multiclass classification problems.

# 2) J48 Decision Tree Classifier

The J48 workbook is a simple C4.5 decision tree. Working on creating a tree-bi-tree approach to decision-making is the most useful classification of the problem. This technique is established as a model tree for the classification process. Once the tree is established, it is applied to all rows () in the database and displays the results in the classifier for them.

# Benefits

- Gains a balance of flexibility and accuracy.
- Limits the number of possible decision points.
- Distinguished by high accuracy.

# 3) One R

A classification algorithm that generates a single rule for each indicator in the data, and then chooses a smaller error base than the sum of the

errors used to create a prediction base, and to construct a repeating table for each prediction, based on the target.

It has also been shown that it produces less precise rules among the algorithms and is classified in the production of rules that are simple to interpret.

## **Benefits**

- Finds the most common layer.
- Sets the category to this value for prediction.
- Calculates the total error of the rules of each prediction.
- Chooses a prediction with the minimum overall error.

## **IV. DATASET COLLECTION**

This study used datasets which are produced by Khartoum state traffic police [9]. They are also intended to be a nationally representative probability sample from the annual estimation of 1.6 million accident reports in Khartoum state. The dataset for the study includes traffic accident records for 2007 -2016, a total number of 389931 record.. According to the variable definitions for dataset, this dataset contains only the records of accidents programs, and doesn't include the passengers' information. It also covers labels which are referred to in table (1).

| Variable      | Description                  |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| Accident type | Death, wounds, serious harm, |
|               | damage                       |
| Die_class     | Risk(yes ,no)                |
| Killed        | Number of killed persons     |
| Injured       | Number of injured persons    |
| Month         | Month of accident            |
| Year          | Year of accident             |

### A. Data Preparation and Process

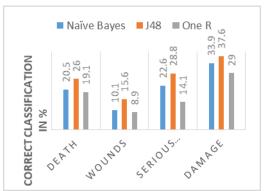
This work deals with the performance of three classification algorithms, which are "Naive Bayesian, J48 and One R ". Khartoum Province traffic department conducted the production of datasets for 2007 - 2016, which is recorded in two different scenarios:

- Accident damage.
  - Accident time.

# 1) Accidents Damage

The total records set used is 389931recod, which includes severe death, wounds, serious harm and damage. By the use of these algorithms, it can be classified correctly or incorrectly for all attributes. These attributes are described in table (2).

| Classifier | Correctly | Death  |               | Wounds |               | Serious harm |               | Damage |               |
|------------|-----------|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------|---------------|
|            |           | Record | Accuracy<br>% | record | Accuracy<br>% | Record       | Accuracy<br>% | record | Accuracy<br>% |
| Naïve      | Cc        | 1574   | 20.5          | 3250   | 10.1          | 11000        | 22.6          | 102145 | 33.9          |
| Bayes      | Icc       | 6120   | 79.5          | 28846  | 89.9          | 37747        | 77.4          | 199249 | 66.1          |
| J48        | Cc        | 2000   | 26.01         | 5000   | 15.6          | 13075        | 28.8          | 113457 | 37.6          |
|            | Icc       | 5694   | 74.09         | 27096  | 84.4          | 35672        | 73.2          | 187937 | 62.7          |
| One R      | Cc        | 1470   | 19.1          | 2856   | 8.9           | 6875         | 14.1          | 87457  | 29.0          |
|            | Icc       | 6224   | 80.9          | 29240  | 91.1          | 41872        | 85.9          | 213937 | 71.0          |



#### Figure 1. Comparison of Classifiers Naive Bayes, J48, One R Accidents Datasets

Figure (1) shows accidents datasets graph which represents 20.5% of death for Naïve Bayes, 20.83% for J48, 11.95% for One R, wounds 10.1% for Naïve Bayes, 15.6% for J48, 8.9% for One R, serious harm 22.6% for Naïve Bayes, 28.8% for J48, 14.1% for One R and damage 33.9% for Naïve Bayes, 37.6% for J48, 29% for One R.

It is noted that J48 classification algorithm represents the highest percentage compared with the other classification algorithms. Based on that, J48 algorithm surpasses all the other algorithms performance in the accident dataset.

# 2) Accident Time

The total records set used is 389931recod which includes the attributes year and month. These attributes are described in table (3).

| Classifier | Correctly | 3      | <i>čear</i> | Month  |           |  |
|------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|--|
|            |           | record | Accuracy%   | record | Accuracy% |  |
| Naive      | Cc        | 8422   | 26.2        | 128121 | 32.9      |  |
| Bayes      | Icc       | 23674  | 73.8        | 261810 | 67.1      |  |
| J48        | Cc        | 10901  | 34.0        | 129517 | 33.3      |  |
|            | Icc       | 29240  | 66.0        | 260114 | 66.7      |  |
| One R      | Cc        | 7845   | 24.4        | 131993 | 33.9      |  |
|            | Icc       | 24251  | 75.6        | 257938 | 66.1      |  |

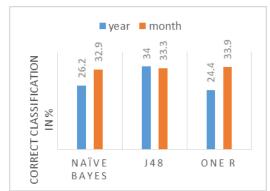


Figure 2. Comparison of Classifiers Naive Bayes, J48, One R Accident Time Datasets

Figure (2) shows accident time dataset graph which represents 26.2% for Naïve Bayes, 34% for J48, 24.4% for One R per year, based on this J48 algorithm reflects the highest percentage when compared with the other classification algorithms. Pertaining to the month, it represents 32.9% for Naïve Bayes, 33.3% for J48, 33.9% for One R, thus there isn't any significant difference between Naive Bayes, J48 and One R.

The analysis process above shows that the performance of J48, generally surpasses the other algorithms in classification of dataset rapidly, makes its implementation necessary as it will be shown later.

#### V. APPLICATION OF ALGORITHM J48

Implementation process of the algorithm will be conducted through classification and prediction as follows:

# A. Classification

#### 1) Classification According to Damage Caused by Accidents:

Traffic accidents which causes damage recorded the highest percentage at 77.3%, while 12.5% was due to serious harm, 8.2% results from wounds, and 2% of total accidents was death.

| Selected attribute  |        |    |
|---|--------|----|
| Name: die_class Type: Nominal<br>Missing: 0 (0%) Distinct: 2 Unique: 0 (0%) |        |    |
| Effect  | count  | 9  |
| Death   | 7694   | 2  |
| wounds  | 32096  | 8  |
| Serious harm  | 48747  | 12 |
| Damage  | 301394 | 71 |

# 2) Classification by year:

The highest percentage of accidents in 2012 and 2011 was 11.3%, while the lowest percentage of accidents was 7.4% in 2007. Table (5) clarifies this:

| Year | Count | %    |
|------|-------|------|
| 2007 | 28734 | 7.4  |
| 2008 | 34289 | 8.8  |
| 2009 | 37712 | 9.7  |
| 2010 | 39046 | 10.0 |
| 2011 | 44115 | 11.3 |
| 2012 | 44254 | 11.3 |
| 2013 | 41686 | 10.7 |
| 2014 | 41155 | 10.6 |
| 2015 | 40202 | 10.3 |
| 2016 | 38738 | 9.9  |

#### B. The Prediction

After entering the data that was specified as factors influencing the prediction of the J48 algorithm, it was predicted by a percentage of 92.7% (due to the huge capacity of data), and was wrongly predicted at 7.3%. The number of nodes in the tree was 31, and the total size was 37. The implementation of this process took 0.02 seconds, while the error rate in the model was 0.02. Figure (3) clarifies this:

| 0   | Weka Explorer  |  | -                 |     |
|---|--|--|-------------------|-----|
| Preprocess Classify Cluster Ass   | sociate Select attributes Visualize  |  |                   |     |
| Classifier  |  |  |                   |     |
| Choose J48 -C 0.25 -M 2   |  |  |                   |     |
| Test options  | Classifier output  |  |                   |     |
| O Use training set Supplied test set  | Number of Leaves : 31<br>Size of the tree : 37   |  |                   | ŕ   |
| Cross-validation Folds 10  Percentage split % 66  More options.   | Time taken to build model: 0.02 seco   | onda   |                   |     |
| More options  | Evaluation on test split   |  |                   | - 1 |
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| Start Stop  | Sunmary  |  |                   |     |
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Figure 3. The Implementation of J48 Algorithm to Specify Accident Damage

The results of the implementation of algorithm show that it recorded the best result by studying the linear correlation between the expected values and the observed ones. Figure (4) clarifies this:

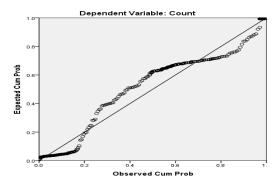


Figure 4. Linear Correlation Between Expected & Observed Values

#### VI. CONCLUSIONS

This paper reflected one of the most essential issues that is related to man's life, and it represented the traffic accidents, through implementation of the study, in Khartoum State for the period 2007-2016, with 389931 record that covers analysis and sampling. However, confirmation of the conduct of "one R, J48, Naïve Bayesian" algorithms was done for prediction of classification precision and its discovery in the test of both ( the harm that results of the accident and its time).

Implementation process showed the surpass of J48 algorithm compared with the others while algorithm proved its qualification much faster in data classification, in addition to the fact that it assisted in data prediction to support decision makers in order to limit traffic accident and maintain the human life.

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