# Classification of Multilingual Mathematical Papers in DML-CZ

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# Goals, motivation

#### DML-CZ project

- Finding similar articles
  - based on metadata (citations, fixed taxonomy MSC)
  - based on fulltext similarity
- Automated MSC classification
  - what is MSC?
  - why automated?
- Plus incorporating tools into DML workflow
  - The less research, the better

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# Similarity search

- Requirement to offer similar articles to the user
  - based on same MSC, fulltext
- Issues with MSC
  - one article may belong to more categories: use of secondary MSCs
  - certain level of arbitrariness wrt. person classifying
  - plus MSC is evolving: versions incompatibility, topic drift
  - test on compactness (we used only primary MSC codes)
- Fulltext issues
  - with OCR, errors already at the character level; deep, fine analysis problematic
  - $\blacksquare \rightarrow$  simple (even stupid, but robust) IR techniques
- We used Vector Space Model with TFIDF and LSI

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# **TFIDF vs LSI**

LSI purely statistical method of topic extraction

- topic = linear combination of terms
- Results of both look ok to layman's eye
  - but a real user would evaluate this better!
- Advantage of LSI
  - smaller, more compact matrices, simpler to work with
- Disadvantages of LSI
  - concepts not interpretable
    - hard to assign "labels" in natural language to concepts
  - resource demanding for extra large matrices
    - extra large=doesn't fit in RAM, order of 10<sup>8</sup> non-zero elements in TFIDF matrix

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# MSC classification

- Assignment of one or more MSC codes to a math article
- Questions
  - what is input?
    - possibilities abstract—fulltext—citations
    - what combination gives best performance/cost ratio?
  - internal parameters of the system
    - use of GVP know-how and code
  - what is output?
    - top MSC (first two MSC digits)
    - for example category 18-xx definition:
      - Category theory; homological algebra (For commutative rings see 13Dxx, for associative rings 16Exx, for groups 20Jxx, for topological groups and related structures 57Txx; see also 55Nxx and 55Uxx for algebraic topology)

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### Experiments

- From CMJ fulltext.txt files
- From Archivum source files
- Use of GVP results to constrain internal parameter space
  - feature selection, term weighting, classifiers, ...
- Also use of GVP code to do the actual work
  - Java code, from tokenizing to evaluation to visualization

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### **Classifier comparison**

- 10-fold crossvalidation
- kNN best, but does not scale well
- SVM also good
- Naive Bayes worst out of the three

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# Top configurations

- atc best term weighter
- Mutual Information better than  $\chi^2$
- micro accuracy around 97%
  - baseline around  $\frac{1}{8} = 12.5\%$
- More results in the paper

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### What next

#### So far good results, but

- theoretical questions
  - how will the system cope with the whole MSC taxonomy?
  - MSC 2000: 65 classes (theoretically)
  - but only 8 classes with more than 60 examples used so far
  - these experiments deferred until more data
- practical issues
  - more data
  - incorporating automated system into DML workflow

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#### Thank you for your attention

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