TOWARDS MACHINE LEARNING APPROACHES TO IDENTIFY SHRIMP DISEASES BASED ON DESCRIPTION

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ABSTRACT: Shrimp farming is a key sector in economic development in Mekong Delta provinces. Unfortunately, there are many problems in shrimp farming, especially shrimp diseases which cause a considerable loss. Shrimp diseases are expressed through symptoms and manifestations of shrimp. Recognizing the importance of shrimp symptoms to help raise an early warning, in this study the authors apply several state-of-the-art text classification algorithms such as Logistic Regression, Random Forest, Naïve Bayes, Support Vector Machines, and Multilayer Perceptron on a collection of 1098 observations categorizing into 14 distinct classes. Several thorough evaluation scenarios have been conducted including a process tokenization and models' comparison on the obtained data set with different ratios. The results show that Support Vector Machines achieves the highest classification accuracy (81.27%), followed by Multilayer Perceptron, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, and Naïve Bayes. Through the results of the study, it is feasible to apply machine learning algorithms to diagnose shrimp diseases entirely based on textual symptom descriptions.

Keywords: Diagnosis of shrimp diseases, text classification, comparison of machine learning algorithms.

I. INTRODUCTION

Aquaculture occupies an important position in Vietnam, of which shrimp farming is considered a major component. The Mekong Delta has great potential and benefits in developing shrimp farming. However, the development of shrimp farming is still difficult. The first reason is natural problems such as drought and saline intrusion. Another cause comes from spontaneous shrimp farming. Poor irrigation development, undeveloped infrastructure, and indiscriminate use of fertilizers might lead to water pollution and uncontrolled effects. This is the cause of shrimp diseases and consequently shrimp deaths.

In order to effectively prevent shrimp diseases, it is common for shrimp farmers to perform daily monitoring and understanding of signs of shrimp diseases in order to effectively detect and prevent them. In particular, the detection can be investigated through the states on shrimp (Figure 1) or through disease symptoms. For example shrimp eats a lot of abnormality for a few days, then stops eating. A few days later, shrimps are death [1].

Figure 1. White Spot Syndrome virus [2]

Recognizing the problem of shrimp manifestation is a necessary issue. The study proposes text-based classification solutions to predict shrimp diseases. Text classification is an important technique in data mining and natural language processing. It involves building a text classification system to predict categories based on textual descriptions. Descriptive text classification has been applied in many research fields including emotional analysis [3], understanding user intent [4] and especially health issues. An intelligent heart disease prediction system is based on information about medical records using data mining algorithms [5]. Many effective techniques for predicting heart disease based on the description have been investigated in [6]. However, no research has been conducted to predict shrimp diseases based on text descriptions.

In this study, the authors propose a practical pipeline to identify and label shrimp diseases by applying state of the art machine learning algorithms on textual sources. Some text samples are described in Table 1.
Table 1. Exemplification of shrimp’s disease description

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Vietnamese description</th>
<th>English description</th>
<th>Label</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tôm có màu xỉn, vỏ bị mềm có khi rất mềm, vỏ rời thịt, thường yếu, kém hoạt động, dễ bị con khác ăn thịt.</td>
<td>Shrimp’s color is faded. Shells are very soft, shell-meat separation, Shrimps are weak, inactive and easily be eaten by others.</td>
<td>Chronic soft-shell syndrome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mang tôm bị đổi sang màu nâu hay đen, phụ bộ và vỏ bị mờ đục, nếu vỏ có màu xanh.</td>
<td>The shrimp plaque changes to brown or black. Some parts are opaque and green.</td>
<td>Plaque disease in shrimp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tôm thường nổi đầu, dạt bờ và chết rải rác, không lột xác được.</td>
<td>Shrimps are weak, inactive and easily be eaten by others.</td>
<td>Filamentous bacteria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bơi lội nhanh nhẹn, thân tôm trắng mờ đục.</td>
<td>Shrimp swims fast without orientation. Shrimp’s body turns opaque and white.</td>
<td>White faeces disease</td>
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In this study, we perform the following steps:

- **Step 1:** Collect shrimp manifestations and label corresponding diseases. However, for Vietnamese text, there will exist compound words. So in order to make a complete evaluation, the research team has obtained data with and without compound words. Then 2 sets of data have independently experimented. The procedure of training models and making a prediction is shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3 respectively.

- **Step 2:** Perform machine learning algorithms, e.g. linear regression, decision trees, random forest, multilayer perceptron and support vector machines, to classify text sources.

- **Step 3:** Compare prediction accuracy.

![Figure 2. Training model for disease identification system on shrimp](image)

![Figure 3. Shrimp disease prediction model](image)

The main contribution of the study is as follows. Firstly, the authors propose a practical procedure in developing an effective shrimp disease prediction system based on textual sources. Secondly, the experiment results help assess effective classification algorithms in similar circumstances. And lastly, the authors compare the accuracy of algorithms based on separated and non-separated compound words in Vietnamese.

II. DATA DESCRIPTION AND PRE-PROCESSING

According to OIE - World Organization for Animal Health statistics [7], there are 22 types of viruses causing shrimp diseases in the world, including White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV), Yellow Head Virus (YHV), Infectious Myonecrosis Virus (IMNV). Therefore, to accurately get the description of disease symptoms of shrimp, the authors...
take samples description from experts in the fisheries sector (especially shrimp) at the Department of Fisheries, Can Tho University. We obtain 1098 symptoms of 14 diseases equivalent to 14 classes. After tokenizing by VnTokenizer tool [8], the final text source contains 13,646 words. Several descriptions are listed in Table 1, e.g. the Vietnamese description column.

**Table 2. Statistical data describing shrimp disease manifestations**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>#</th>
<th>Scientific name</th>
<th>Vietnamese description</th>
<th>Pathogen</th>
<th>Number of samples</th>
<th>Reference</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Infection with Vibrio</td>
<td>Bệnh do Vibriosis</td>
<td>Vibrio bacteria.</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>[9]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Filamentous bacteria</td>
<td>Bệnh do vi khuẩn dạng sợi</td>
<td>The disease symptom concentrates in a shell.</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>[10]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Plaque disease in shrimp</td>
<td>Bệnh đồng rong hay mạng bấm</td>
<td>Clinging shells, gills and parts of shrimps make stress. If serious, shrimps will not be able to peel and be weak resistance to other diseases.</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>[11]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Chronic soft-shell syndrome</td>
<td>Bệnh mềm vỏ sò tôm</td>
<td>Shrimp is deficient in vitamins and minerals, especially lack of calcium and phosphor.</td>
<td>121</td>
<td>[12]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Vitamin C deficiency in shrimp</td>
<td>Bệnh thiếu vitamin C ở tôm</td>
<td>Inadequate supply of vitamin C in food.</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>[13]</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Black gill disease</td>
<td>Bệnh đen mảng</td>
<td>Infertility factors from Fusarium SPP.</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>[14]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Taura syndrome</td>
<td>Hội chứng taura</td>
<td>Taura syndrome virus.</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>[15]</td>
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<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>White spot disease</td>
<td>Bệnh đốm trắng</td>
<td>White spot syndrome virus.</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>[16]</td>
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<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Necrotizing hepatopancreatitis</td>
<td>Bệnh Hội chứng tổ đỉa</td>
<td>Proteobacteria.</td>
<td>107</td>
<td>[17]</td>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>White feces syndrome</td>
<td>Hội chứng phân trắng</td>
<td>Infected with V.vulnificus, V.fluvialis, V.alginolyticus.</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>[18]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Nuclear polyhedrosis baculovirus</td>
<td>Bệnh còi do vi rút có nhân đa diện</td>
<td>Baculoviridae virus: Baculovirus penaei, Monodon baculovirus.</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>[19]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Yellow dead disease</td>
<td>Bệnh đầu vàng</td>
<td>Yellowhead complex virus.</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>[20]</td>
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<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Infectious myonecrosis</td>
<td>Bệnh hoại tử cơ, bệnh đục cơ, bệnh cong thân</td>
<td>Infectious myonecrosis virus.</td>
<td>73</td>
<td>[21]</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>Luminous bacteria disease</td>
<td>Bệnh phát sáng</td>
<td>Luminescent vibrio group bacteria: Vibrio Harveyi.</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>[22]</td>
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### III. LEARNING SOLUTIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

**A. Logistic Regression**

Logistic regression is a simple and useful machine learning algorithm that frequently apply in a wide range of practices [23]. Logistic regression algorithm is used a lot in classifying email, images, especially in the field of natural language processing. It uses linear equations with independent predictors to predict a value in the area between the negative infinity and the infinity.

**B. Random Forest**

Random forest is a popular supervised machine learning algorithm because of its flexibility, simplicity, and ease of use. It is used in both classification and regression tasks [24]. The general idea of the random forest algorithm is that it combines multiple machine learning models, e.g. decision trees, to increase the prediction accuracy of the algorithm. A random forest consists of multiple random decision trees. Two types of randomness are built into the trees. First, each tree is built on a random sample from the original data. Second, at each tree node, a subset of features are randomly selected to generate the best split. In our implementation, we carried out a random forest with 200 random trees and using entropy information gain (Equation 1).

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entropy(S) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \log_2 p_i
$$
C. Naïve Bayes

Naïve Bayes algorithm is a simple supervised machine learning algorithm that applies the Bayes theorem [25]. In particular, the Bayes probability theorem performs the list of relationships between variables $y$ and the dependent characteristic vector $x$ (Equation 2). The different versions of Naïve Bayes algorithms are done by applying multiple assumptions regarding probability distribution must include Gaussian Naïve Bayes [26], Complement Naïve Bayes [27], and Bernoulli Naïve Bayes [28].

$$P(y|x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = \frac{P(y)P(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n|y)}{P(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)}$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

The Gaussian Naïve Bayes method used in the study with each class is distributed according to the Gaussian distribution. The application of the normal distribution is expected by $\mu_y$ and the variance $\sigma_y^2$ with $i$ is the dimension of the instance and the corresponding $y$. See Equation (3) as follows:

$$P(x_i|y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_y^2}} \exp \left( -\frac{(x_i - \mu_y)^2}{2\sigma_y^2} \right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

Maximum likelihood is used to calculate $\sigma_y^2$ and $\mu_y$ as follows:

$$(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2) = \text{argmax} \sum_{n=1}^{N} p(x_i^{(n)}|\mu_y, \sigma_y^2)$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

D. Support vector machines

Support vector machines (SVM) is a supervised machine learning method, used for classification, regression and exception detection [29]. SVM is considered an effective approach to solve classification problems with large dimension data. The basic SVM algorithm solves the problem of linear classification, however, if we combine SVM with kernels, it will allow solving some nonlinear problems by data mapping which result in a space with a higher dimension. Without any necessary technical changes, the only thing to do is to replace the scalar products of two vectors $u.v$ by a kernel function $K(u,v)$ (Table 3). In this study, we use SVM with a linear kernel function [30], with the error parameter $c = 2.0$.

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<th>Type of function</th>
<th>Kernel</th>
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<td>Linear</td>
<td>$K(u,v) = u.v$</td>
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<tr>
<td>Polynomial with degree $d$</td>
<td>$K(u,v) = (u.v + c)^d$</td>
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<tr>
<td>Radial basis function</td>
<td>$K(u,v) = \exp(-</td>
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E. Multi-layer Perceptron

The artificial neural network model is a supervised machine learning method, based on simple mathematical models of the human brain [31]. The artificial neural network consists of a set of units dealing with the activation or output states of the processing unit (Figure 4). In neural networks, there are 3 types of units: input units, output units and hidden units.

![One computing unit in a neural network](image)

Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP) is a class of feedforward artificial neural networks with 3 layers: an input layer, an output layer, and a hidden layer. Each node exists a nonlinear activation function (Figure 5).
In this study, we use multi-layer perceptron with the number of nodes in the hidden layer is 42, the maximum number of iterations is 1000, the error parameter is 0.001, the learning rate is 0.1.

**F. VnTokenizer tool**

The VnTokenizer tool [8] was developed in the VLSP project done by a research group lead by Prof. Ho Tu Bao. This tool is based on the method of maximum matching with the data set used is the Vietnamese syllabary and Vietnamese vocabulary dictionary. It is also built on the Java language that can be easily integrated into other Vietnamese analysis systems. The process of performing word separation according to the maximum matching method is shown in Figure 6.

The word units generated from this tool include words in the dictionary, numeric strings, foreign character strings, punctuation, other mixed characters in the text, new words, words that are generated, or a string of symbols not listed in the dictionary. This tool separates words for the accuracy of 96%-98% [8], used in document [31,32].

**IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS**

The study of shrimp disease classification based on symptom description has been carried out on 1098 observations associated with 14 classes. The authors tokenize words by spaces resulting in Dataset 1 and Dataset 2. The difference between these two datasets is that the training-test split ratio is 70-30 and 80-20 in case of Dataset 1 and 2 respectively. We also apply VnTokenizer tool [8] to form Dataset 3 and 4. The difference between them is similar to the previous explanation. Within each dataset’s investigation, we randomly shuffle data into training and test sets, execute the machine learning models, and take average in the end. Results are shown in Tables 4, 5 and comparison graphs (Figure 7). In this study, the highest accuracy of 81.27% is achieved by SVM.

- For Dataset 1: The highest accuracy is 78.55% achieving by SVM, and the lowest accuracy is 72.30% achieving by logistic regression.
- For Dataset 2: When the training and test ratio is 80-20, the highest accuracy is 81.27%, and the lowest accuracy is 73.64% obtaining by Naive Bayes model. The overall results are higher than those of Dataset 1.
- For Dataset 3 and 4: Tokenization done by VnTokenizer tool does not provide any improvements in all cases.

The accuracy of the SVM algorithm is the highest (81.27%); however, it has an approximate accuracy of MLP. The reason is that the MLP algorithm uses only 3-layer model (including 1 hidden layer) and the prediction is basically the multiplication of two weight matrices. Whereas, the SVM algorithm performs a boundary determination via support vectors that classifies a given data point. SVM clearly defined the boundary directly from the training data. This minimizes the distance between points and support vectors. However, this accuracy compared with that of MLP is not significantly different. The next high precision is done by random forest algorithm (79.73%) which is the building of
decision trees and performing random removal of properties. Finally, the accuracy of logistic regression (73.73%) and naïve Bayes (73.64%) are the next. Both models use mathematical basics. Logistic regression is based on logic functions, while naïve Bayes is based on probability. It overcomes the disadvantages of the qualitative models, expressing objectiveness and consistency.

Regarding the processing time of all experimental algorithms on 4 datasets, SVM gains the highest accuracy, despite the fact that the processing time of SVM is rather slower than that of the remaining algorithms. This is explained by the natural behaviour of SVM that the determination of support vectors takes a lot of time. Meanwhile, Logistic Regression and Naïve Bayes algorithms are purely based on linear combination and probability respectively. As a result, their execution time is faster and Logistic Regression’s execution time is the fastest. The execution time difference on datasets splitting with VnTokenizer and on datasets that have not been tokenized by VnTokenizer is not significantly different. In some cases, tokenizing datasets via VnTokenizer does not provide much help.

### Table 4. Comparison results on data sets tokenized by black spaces

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<tr>
<th>Models</th>
<th>Dataset 1 (Accuracy (%) / execution time (s))</th>
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<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Logistic</td>
<td>70.91</td>
<td>73.64</td>
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<td>Regression</td>
<td>0.10</td>
<td>0.10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Random Forest</td>
<td>74.55</td>
<td>73.64</td>
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<tr>
<td>Naïve Bayes</td>
<td>68.79</td>
<td>72.12</td>
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<td>SVM</td>
<td>77.88</td>
<td>78.79</td>
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<td>MLP</td>
<td>8.55</td>
<td>8.24</td>
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### Table 5. Compare results on the dataset tokenized by VnTokenizer tool

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<th>Models</th>
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<tr>
<td>Logistic</td>
<td>71.52</td>
<td>75.15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Regression</td>
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## V. CONCLUSION

The shrimp diagnosis system based on the description gains the highest classification accuracy (81.27%) using the SVM model. One important thing to note is that the accuracy of MLP is slightly lower than SVM although it uses 1 hidden player. This opens a research direction in the application of deep learning algorithms to improve the classification accuracy. The intensive comparison of 5 machine learning algorithms on 4 different datasets of tokenization and ratios leads to the following conclusions:

- Tokenizing Vietnamese without separation of compound words does not improve the prediction accuracy. However, it helps reduce the number of words (22,761 words compared with 25,815 words in case of separation of compound words). The reason is that the dataset is not large enough. Hence, the amount of separated words is not much which leads to incomparable processing time.
- Among 5 models used, SVM still gains a certain advantage when obtaining the highest accuracy. The accuracy of SVM model, e.g. 81.27%, shows that the application of the system is practically feasible.

The results of the study open up a research direction in applying deep learning algorithms in shrimp disease diagnosis study based on descriptions. The future of research can be built on the images and the combination of images with symptom description for higher accuracy.

Based on the results of an intensive comparison of the time and accuracy of the five machine learning algorithms, the study can provide guidance on the development of a diagnostic system based on textual data sources. Depending on the characteristics of datasets, it is possible to select a reasonable algorithm for high accuracy and low waiting time to fulfill expected results.
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Figure 7. Comparison among experimented learning algorithms across different datasets

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