The Design and Implementation of Subjective Questions Automatic Scoring Algorithm in Intelligent Turtoring System

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Abstract—Automatic subjective question of marking is a key technology in the network test system. In order to solve this problem, this paper analyzes the grading teachers thinking reviewers subjective questions. Then introduce the concept of a one-way approach degree based on the nearness theory of fuzzy mathematics. Finally design a subjective question automatic scoring algorithm and give a specific algorithm achievement. It provide certain reference value of automatic scoring of subjective questions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

With the development and popularization of computer and network technology, many courses examination have been able to on the computer. Network Exam has not only convenient organization but also can work anytime, anywhere and can quickly and objectively given test scores. It reduces the test cost. Thus it will be the future trend of the development in large-scale examination. The ideal exam system not only include objective questions(multiple-choice question, determine the question, fill in the blank), but also include subjective questions(short answer, prove, computing, programming questions). The automatic scoring algorithm of objective questions use the student’s answer and standard answer to compare. The results of this comparison are consistent, and then the answer is correct or wrong answers. It implemet easy. There is not an examination system which is good to complete its scoring of subjective questions.

Subjective questions in the answer are generally described by the language, but everyone has different levels of understanding of the knowledge and the expression is also inconsistent. Even if the student answer is accurate, it is difficult to fully consistent with the standard answer. Accurate ratings of subjective questions are almost impossible just as objective questions. Analyze scoring teachers in the review the subjective questions, design algorithms and simulate scoring teachers this thinking activity. Then to analyze the students’ answer and the standard answer, it can given the student’s actual score.

II. ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHM

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answer and standard answer close, close high the high score. Finally, consider the students answer whether the language fluent, clarity and other factors appropriate to adjust the score.

Can be drawn from the above analysis, one of the main factors affect the scoring score points, and the other is close degree students answer and standard answer. Candidates answer subjective questions may require candidates to answer knowledge, the main argument of the candidates answer as the scoring basis. The standard answer to the need to take into account the diversity of the candidates answer, the standard answer is divided into a number of elements-keywords. The rating rules give the corresponding score which is based on correct answers key words requirements corresponding to the keywords and score as much as possible. The main task of marking system is to approach degree of keywords in the candidate’s answer [5]. In accordance with the proportion of the standard key words in the entire exam score, assess the small point, the last cumulative score of the keywords in the answer, and the appropriate text organization when considering candidates to answer the questions of the final grade. [6]

C. Implementation of Algorithm

According to the above algorithm, design function near based on VBScript [7]. The function is calculated a way close degree close to the b. The code of function as follows:

Function near(a,b)
    m = 0
    ml = 0
    a=Trim(a)
    do while(len(a)>0)
        a asc=asc(a)
        if(a asc>255)
            k=2
        else
            k=1
        end if
        a char=left(a,k)
        a=mid(a,k,len(a)-k)
        l=strcomp(b,a char)
        if (l>0)
            m=m+1
        else
            m1=m1+1
        end if
    loop
    i=m/(m+m1)
    near=i
End Function

D. Subjective Questions Score

Consider the two factors that are degree of knowledge points and close come to the subjective question of marking as shown in Equation 1:

\[ S = (P \times \delta (A, A)) + (1 - P) \times \frac{\sum E(K, A)}{n} \times S_0 \]  

Each symbol is the following meaning:

- **S**: The student’s actual score. Calculated based on the student respondents saved to the library.
- **S_0**: Exam scores. The generated test paper when read from the papers in the library.
- **A**: The student’s actual answer. Students turned in their poems saved in student respondents’ library.
- **A_0**: Standard answer of the questions. Generated when the topic, read form the questions.
- **P**: The proportion of share of key words in the subject scores, 0 ≤ P ≤ 1. The test paper generated also be rated modify, read form the papers in the library.
- **1-P**: The proportion occupied score of the factors other than the keywords in the subject.

Calculated by the program:

- **K_i**: The keywords no i, 0 ≤ i ≤ n. By the program split based on the keywords in the exam.
- **E(K_i,A)**: A one-way approach degree of keywords student answers the i, 0 ≤ i ≤ n. Calculated by the program.
- **E(K,A)**: A one-way approach degree of keywords with students answer the threshold.
- **δ(A_0,A)**: A one-way approach degree of the standard answer and student answer.

IV. DESIGN OF SYSTEM

A. Process of System

It is easy to realize the comparison between the results of its operation with the standard answers determination score. However, when the result of the program and the standard answer does not match or unable to compile and run, then how to detect its program ideas are the main points of the automatic scoring system. The design process of the system is shown in Figure 1.

![Figure 1. The process of system](image-url)
B. Design of System

Server-side environment of system is Windows Server 2003 and Internet Information Server, database of system is SQL Server 2000. Based on above ideas we develop a system which is based on the Microsoft Visual Studio.NET Platform, using Visual Basic.NET as development language and database is SQL Server 2005. This system is shown in Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4 and Figure 5.

Figure 2. Main interface of system

Figure 3. Compiling interface

Figure 4. Key words interface

Figure 5. Assessing standards

V. CONCLUSIONS

The automatic scoring rating is the basic function and inevitable choice of the network test system. Automatic scoring of subjective questions is a key technology in the network test system. In the development process, it should answer the characteristics of different kinds of questions. Design and select the most appropriate scoring policy in order to achieve fast, accurate automatic scoring and reduce the adverse effects of human factors. Thus it can promote the standardized and scientific examination. In this paper, we discuss a one-way approach degree in detail and automatic scoring algorithm of subjective question. Then design algorithm. Preliminary it achieve the goal of the system, however, for accurate ratings of subjective questions also need to solve many technical problems in the future.

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