

InteractiveMediaMINE at the NTCIR-11 IMine Search Task

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Background

- TaskMine aims to explore the methods of automatically finding subtasks of a given task
- For instance

For a given task “lose weight,” the possible outputs can be “do physical exercise,” “take calories intake,” “take diet pills” and so on

Outline

- Our method consists of four steps
 - Extending Query
 - Retrieving
 - Extracting Tasks
 - Ranking
- We use Yahoo! Chiebukuro(web-based Q&A service) as our system resource
 - In general, Q&A services aim to collect answers that solve the user's problems
 - We expect Yahoo! Chiebukuro to be useful as our system resource for mining tasks

Framework of Our Method

1. Extending Query

- We extend the query entered by the user in order to optimize the search engine

2. Retrieving

- We use Yahoo! Chiebukuro for the extended query and retrieving the top 10 pages of the search results

3. Extracting Tasks

- We extract candidates of tasks from “Yahoo! Chiebukuro”

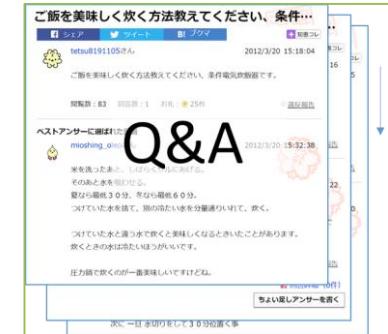
4. Ranking

- We calculate the score of the extracted tasks by the words frequency of each sentence

(Extracted tasks are in the descending order of the score)

Query: “ご飯を炊く”

ご 飯 炊 ク 方 法



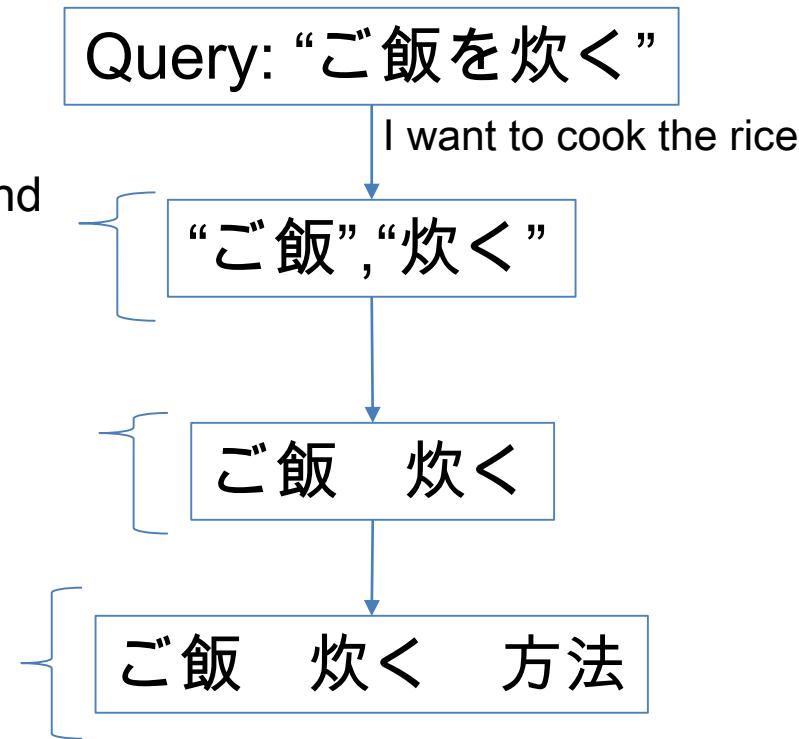
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Rank	Candidate tasks	NounFreq	VerbFreq	Score
1	鍋を中火にかけて沸騰すれば1～2分間キープして直ぐに火を最低限まで絞って1.5分間、最後に一瞬強火にして火を止める	17	1	18
2	炊き方は、洗った米を“ざるにあげて水を切って”30分したら、分量の水を加える	14	2	16
3	言われるよう、鍋に米を入れて指の第一関節や手首までお水を入れるお米2合を普通にといで鍋に入れて水を2カッププラス大さじ2杯入れる	14	2	16
4	水を2カッププラス大さじ2杯入れる	12	2	14
5	米を炊く時は、基本的に吸水させたあとに、最大火力になるんですが、火を止める	8	2	10

Extending Query

1. Our system executes a morphological analysis for the inputted query by user, and extracts nouns and verbs from the query
2. Our system joins the extracted nouns, a single-byte blank, and verbs to make a sentence
3. We add “方法(hoho)” at the end of the query



※方法 is a word that means “method” or “way” in Japanese,
And it is effective in retrieving pages that include questions about
methods used for solving certain problems

→Next we search this query

Retrieving

1. Our system uses Yahoo! Chiebukuro with the extended search query
2. Our system retrieves the top 10 pages of the search results



Extracting Tasks

1. Our system performs dependency parsing for all the extracted sentences in order to extract a pattern

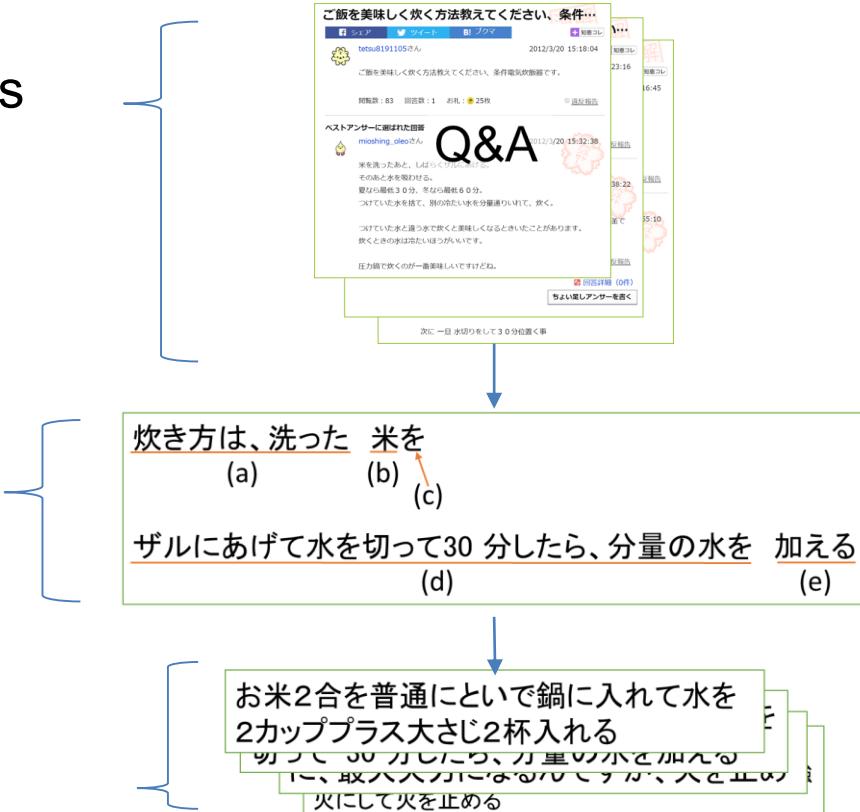
Extracted verb end of the sentence are converted into its dictionary form

2. We extract chunks that contain the following pattern:

Chunks that depend on noun(a) + noun(b)
+ “を(wo)”(c) + the chunk that includes certain verb(d) + chunks that depend on the verb(e)

3. Our system extracts sentences as tasks

※Considering “を(wo)” is a Japanese particle pointing to a direct object, it is useful to extract tasks that can solve the user's problem



Ranking(1)

- We consider the words that appeared frequently are important in solving problems
- We define the evaluation scores as follows:
- This score consists of NounFreq and VerbFreq

$$\begin{aligned} Score(t_i) = & \sum_{noun \subseteq nouns_{t_i}} \sum_{ans \subseteq A} NounFreq(noun, ans) \\ & + \sum_{task \subseteq T} VerbFreq(verb_{t_i}, task) \end{aligned}$$

→ Next I will explain this expression of NounFreq

Rankings(2)

$$\text{“米”(4)+ “ザル”(1)+ “水”(4)+ “分量”(1)+ “水”(4) = 14}$$

Candidate tasks

炊き方は、洗った米を“ザルにあげて水を切って”30分したら、分量の水を加える

鍋を中火にかけて沸騰すれば1~2分間キープして直ぐに火を最低限まで絞って15分間、最後に一瞬強火にして火を止める

お米2合を普通にといで鍋に入れて水を2カッププラス大さじ2杯入れる

言われるように、鍋に米を入れて指の第一関節や手首までお水を入れる

米を炊く時は、基本的に吸水させたあとに、最大火力になるんですが、火を止める

Frequency SCORE

nouns	frequency
14	4
17	3
12	1
14	1
8	1
...	1

$$\sum_{noun \subseteq nouns_{t_i}} \sum_{ans \subseteq A} NounFreq(noun, ans)$$

→Next I will explain this expression of VerbFreq

Ranking(3): VerbFrequency score

Candidate tasks	verbs	frequency
炊き方は、洗った米を“ザルにあげて水を切って”30分したら、分量の水を加える	“加える”(1) = 1	1
鍋を中火にかけて沸騰すれば1~2分間キーノして直ぐに火を最低限まで絞って15分間、最後に一瞬強火にして火を止める	2	2
お米2合を普通にといで鍋に入れて水を2カッププラス大さじ2杯入れる	2	2
言われるように、鍋に米を入れて指の第一関節や手首までお水を入れる	2	2
米を炊く時は、基本的に吸水させたあとに、最大火力になるんですが、火を止める	2	2

$$\sum_{task \subseteq T} VerbFreq(verb_{t_i}, task)$$

Ranking(4):Consists

Candidate tasks	NounFreq	VerbFreq	Score
炊き方は、洗った米を“ザルにあげて水を切って”30分したら、分量の水を加える	14	1	
鍋を中火にかけて沸騰すれば1~2分間キープして直ぐに火を最低限まで絞って15分間、最後に一瞬強火にして火を止める	17	2	
お米2合を普通にといで鍋に入れて水を2カッププラス大さじ2杯入れる	12	2	
言われるように、鍋に米を入れて指の第一関節や手首までお水を入れる	14	2	
米を炊く時は、基本的に吸水させたあとに、最大火力になるんですが、火を止める	8	2	

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Ranking(4):Consists

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鍋を中火にかけて沸騰すれば1~2分間キープして直ぐに火を最低限まで絞って15分間、最後に一瞬強火にして火を止める	17	2	19
お米2合を普通にといで鍋に入れて水を2カッププラス大さじ2杯入れる	12	2	14
言われるように、鍋に米を入れて指の第一関節や手首までお水を入れる	14	2	16
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Ranking(5):Score

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2	言われるように、鍋に米を入れて指の第一関節や手首までお水を入れる	14	2	16
1	炊き方は、洗った米を“ザルにあげて水を切って”30分したら、分量の水を加える	14	1	15
4	お米2合を普通にといで鍋に入れて水を2カッププラス大さじ2杯入れる	12	2	14
5	米を炊く時は、基本的に吸水させたあとに、最大火力になるんですが、火を止める	8	2	10

Our system outputs tasks in the descending order of the score
→The top task includes some frequently appearing words such as “火” and “分”

Experiment

- We mined tasks for the query set of the TaskMine subtask
- Dataset is 50 tasks

Results

- nDCG is computed for a variety of cutoff thresholds k(=1,5,10,50)
 - InteractiveMediaMINE performs better than the organizer's baseline method among all the runs

	nDCG@1	nDCG@5	nDCG@10	nDCG@50
InteractiveMediaMINE	0.323	0.330	0.320	0.289
Organizer	0.013	0.040	0.053	0.096

Results(2)

- Our system makes it easy to collect answers accurately for ordinary questions
 - TM-019, 齒周病を治療する(※), has one of the highest scores for all metrics, but extracted task is long sentence as table below
※ “I want to treat periodontal disease”, in English

Extracted Task	Matched gold standard task
歯周病治療は、歯周病の原因となる汚れを除去した後、毎日の歯磨きを妨げる歯周ポケットを除去する	炎症を引き起こす細菌を徹底的に除去する

- The accuracy of the extracted tasks decreases for queries that are not the type of questions that ordinary users ask
 - TM-023, レーザーカッターを使う(※), has one of the lowest scores for all metrics
※ “I want to use the laser cutter”, in English
- Yahoo! Chiebukuro is a general Q & A service that is not specialized in any specific field

Conclusion

- We used Yahoo! Chiebukuro as our system resource because we believe that a Q&A service has many answers that can solve a user's problems
- We experimentally confirmed that a Q&A service is an effective resource for extracting tasks

Future work

- We will add some Q&A services and Internet bulletin boards that are specialized in some specific fields to the proposed system's information resource.
- We plan to improve the ranking method and the precision of the extracting task