

# A Dependency Graph-Based Keyphrase Extraction Method Using Anti-patterns

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## Abstract

Keyphrase extraction is one of fundamental natural language processing (NLP) tools to improve many text-mining applications such as document summarization and clustering. In this paper, we propose to use two novel techniques on the top of the state-of-the-art keyphrase extraction methods. First is the anti-patterns that aim to recognize non-keyphrase candidates. The state-of-the-art methods often used the rich feature set to identify keyphrases while those rich feature set cover only some of all keyphrases because keyphrases share very few similar patterns and stylistic features while non-keyphrase candidates often share many similar patterns and stylistic features. Second one is to use the dependency graph instead of the word co-occurrence graph that could not connect two words that are syntactically related and placed far from each other in a sentence while the dependency graph can do so. In experiments, we have compared the performances with different settings of the graphs (co-occurrence and dependency), and with the existing method results. Finally, we discovered that the combination method of dependency graph and anti-patterns outperform the state-of-the-art performances.

## Keywords

Dependency Graph, Keyphrase Extraction

## 1. Introduction

An overwhelming amount of textual document has been published on semantic web, with numbers increasing each year exponentially. This huge growth has brought on needs to improve the document processing applications including document understanding, text summarization, and information retrieval. In those applications, keywords are considered as a brief summary of a text document so that readers and machines can easily analyze and decide whether a document is relevant for their purposes or not. However, there are many documents that have been publishing without any keywords and topics over the world. Consequently, automatic keyword extraction from a textual document has been very important task to many applications.

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The purpose of the task of keyword extraction is to automatically identify a set of keyphrases that appear in the document. Despite of the fact that keyphrase extraction has been extensively studied and discussed in a number of literatures, the performances of them are not perfect as other tasks in natural language processing (NLP) like the POS Tagger, Named Entity Recognition (NER). NER is a crucial component of biomedical NLP [1-3], enabling keyword extraction and ultimately reasoning over and knowledge discovery from textual document. There has been a surge of interest of applying machine learning [4], deep learning [5] techniques in common biomedical keyword and information extraction. Therefore, the task of keyphrase extraction is still very crucial to be improved.

The state-of-the-art methods can be generally categorized into two groups: supervised and unsupervised methods. Both groups of methods have same first step that is to generate all possible noun phrases from a document as a candidate set of keyphrases.

Supervised methods [6-10] extract syntactic, stylistic and statistic features for each candidate phrase, and then the famous machine learning algorithms (e.g., Naive Bayes, bagged decision tree, and neural network) have been employed to train a model on the extracted features. Finally, the models classify each candidate noun phrase whether it is a keyphrase or not.

The state-of-the-art unsupervised methods construct a graph between words of a document by exploiting the co-occurrence data of the words, and then PageRank algorithm run on the word co-occurrence graph to extract the importance weight of each term in the document. By using this important weights, the candidate set of keyphrases are ranked and top 5 or 10 candidates are chosen as keyphrases. This method has been first introduced by Mihalcea and Tarau [11] and called TextRank. Many other unsupervised methods extended its core idea, and developed different variations of TextRank.

According to the report of SemEval-2010 task [12] that is the world-wide competition on the task, the 19 teams participated this contest, and most of these systems used same syntactic, stylistic, and statistic features, and similar candidate ranking techniques while the two leading teams, HUMB and KP-Miner, removed the candidates with English stop words from the candidate set. Probably, it could be their secret to win the contest, and maybe it is due to the fact that just two percentages of all possible candidate phrases of the dataset are keyphrases. In this result, it raises the research question whether there are words as stop word that appear frequently in non-keyphrase candidates and are not included in any keyphrase. The reason why it should be necessarily studied is that many non-keyphrase candidates share such words. For instance, suppose that the keyphrases are being extracted from the scientific article documents, and then in this domain all candidates with “paper” term can be easily recognized as non-keyphrases while the unsupervised state-of-the-art methods could prioritize the candidates with “paper” term as keyphrase just because the “paper” term appear more frequently than other important terms in the documents. In this paper, we call these types of stop words as “anti-pattern”.

By being motivated from it, we propose a graph-based keyphrase extraction method using anti-patterns. For candidate ranking technique, we select the state-of-the-art graph-based ranking algorithm on TextRank [11]. Other novel idea is to use a dependency graph, introduced in [13], instead of using a word co-occurrence relation-based graph. We also modify this graph and construct the modified dependency graph that embed its syntactic features with properties of some statistic and stylistic features of the document.

The method we put forward has a number of desirable advantages:

- (1) It generates anti-patterns which aim to filter out non-keyphrase candidates from the candidate set, and are thus able to be significantly useful in any keyphrase extraction method.
- (2) It is robust to non-keyphrase candidates which share commonly stylistic and syntactical features.
- (3) It uses an efficient and scalable graph that is based on dependency graph and adopts statistical and syntactical features of terms.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we will review some related works. Section 3 contains more details about the novel ideas, proposed in this method: dependency graph and anti-pattern. In Section 4, the dependency graph-based keyphrase extraction method using anti-patterns is explained. Section 5 provides the experimental analysis, evaluation and the related results followed by the discussion of our results. Finally, Section 6 concludes our paper.

## 2. Related Work

The keyphrase extraction methods are grouped into two categories: unsupervised or supervised keyphrase extractions. The state-of-the-art methods in both groups have two common steps: first is to generate all possible candidate phrases, and the second step is either to rank or to classify candidates.

### *Unsupervised Method*

The unsupervised state-of-art method is the graph-based ranking methods. Mihalcea and Tarau [11] first applied a graph-based ranking algorithm (TextRank) for keyword extraction. TextRank was inspired by PageRank by using the ranking algorithm for a text and builds a graph representing a text. Every node  $V_i$  corresponds to a lexical unit. The goal is to calculate the score of each node  $WS(V_i)$  which reflects its importance, and then adopt the words types that correspond to the highest-scored vertices to form keyphrases for a given text.  $WS(V_i)$  is initialized with a default value and computed in an iterative manner as follows a recursive formula.

$$WS(V_i) = (1 - d) + d \sum_{V_j \in in(V_i)} \frac{w_{ij}}{\sum_{V_k \in out(V_j)} w_{jk}} * WS(V_j) \quad (1)$$

where  $w_{ij}$  is the weight of direct edge  $(V_j, V_i)$ ,  $In(V_i)$  is the set of vertices that point to vertex  $V_i$ , and  $Out(V_j)$  is the set of vertices that vertex  $V_j$  points.  $d$  is the damping factor usually set to 0.85, as in the PageRank algorithm.

The core idea of TextRank has been extensively exploited in many unsupervised systems. For instance, ExpandRank [14] is a combination of TextRank, k-nearest neighbors (KNN), and TfIdf. This method first uses a small number of nearest neighbor documents to provide more knowledge to improve keyphrase extraction. After finding KNN of the document using TfIdf and cosine similarity, the graph for the document is built using their similarities and co-occurrence statistics. The rest of the procedure can be similarly performed as TextRank.

A topic decomposition framework was proposed by Liu et al. [15]. It first recognize a topic distribution from the dataset using Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) model [16]. Extracted topic distribution has a number of topics, each of which related to a group of words. In their work, multiple

random walks are performed for the topics instead of the traditional single random walk through the graph. Later on, other topical keyphrase extraction methods [17,18] have been applied to Twitter dataset.

The graph-based unsupervised methods give the less importance for words that are placed far away from each other in a document while the words are syntactically related in the sentence. To solve this issue, the modified dependency graph has been proposed in this paper. This graph has a number of desirable advantages:

- it contains the well-known term frequency features.
- in this graph, verb nodes only vote to noun and adjective nodes as important, and noun and adjective nodes vote to each other because keyphrases are composed of adjective and noun words.
- it can connect related words, placed far away from each other.

### ***Supervised Method***

A number of supervised methods in keyphrase extraction have been proposed for different types of classification methods. For instance, the Bayesian classifier, called KEA, is used by the system by Witten et al. [9]. Then, this system was improved as KEA++ by Medelyan and Witten [10] by using semantic information on terms and phrases gleaned from a domain specific thesaurus. The neural network based approaches [7,8] have also been studied widely.

Before training a model of all above supervised methods, the features are extracted from the training data set. Moreover, the most important features are the frequency and location of the phrase in the document. More linguistic knowledge has been explored by Hulth [19]. Nguyen and Kan [20] presented keyphrase extraction in scientific articles by using features that capture the logical position and additional morphological characteristics of scientific keywords. Naïve-Bayes based method has been applied to the medical domain, which has been tested on a small set of 25 documents. These studies have been utilized in many different domains such as medical domain, computer science articles, web pages, and news.

Given the fact that at least ninety percentages of all possible candidates are non-keyphrases in different datasets including medical domain, scientific article, and news, all supervised state-of-the-art methods try to find a rich feature set to recognize keyphrases while the features are not even able to cover many keyphrases of the training data due to fact that many keyphrases often share no common pattern or feature with each other while non-keyphrase candidates share common words and features. Therefore, the proposed method exploits this idea and removes non-keyphrases accurately from the candidate set by using anti-patterns.

By combining the two solutions for each group, we propose a dependency graph-based keyphrase extraction using anti-patterns.

## **3. Dependency Graph and Anti-pattern**

In this section we describe the dependency graph and the anti-patterns that our proposed method is based on. We first define what the basic dependency graph is and how it can be modified for keyphrase extraction task. Then we explain what the anti-patterns are, categorize the different types of the anti-patterns, and how it can be measured.







words can only connect noun words in a dependency tree. After this modification, the importance values of the noun and adjective nodes would increase and the importance values of other types would decrease. The example of the modified dependency graph is shown in Fig. 2.

### 3.3 Anti-pattern

Many candidates with English stop-words are found after generating the candidate phrases from the dataset [12]. The candidates are not keyphrases, and could be easily filtered out with English stop-words. However, there are many terms, not included in English stop-word list, can also be used to remove non-keyphrase candidates from the candidate set. We call those terms as anti-pattern.

**Definition:** Anti-pattern is a word that often appears in non-keyphrase candidates.

Let us consider the following sample of the training dataset in Table 1 that lists the 10 candidate phrases with their keyphrase class labels and two types of candidates where the candidate phrases that are composed of two or more words are called compound while the candidates with only one word is called a single word.

**Table 1.** Training dataset for anti-pattern extraction

ID	Candidate phrase	Type	Keyphrase label
1	Corresponding keyphrase	Compound	No
2	Keyphrase extraction	Compound	Yes
3	Linear constraints	Compound	Yes
4	Set	Single word	No
5	New systems	Compound	No
6	New keyphrase extraction	Compound	No
7	Set	Single word	No
8	Linear corresponding algorithms	Compound	No
9	Experimental study	Compound	No
10	Important study	Compound	No

As described in Table 1, same word often has different meanings on different location of compound candidate phrase. For example, the candidates in Table 1 with the ending word, “keyphrase”, should be removed, but other candidates with the starting word, “keyphrase”, should be kept. Therefore, to handle those situations (e.g., compound vs single word, and same word in different locations), we create the four types of anti-patterns: head word, tail word, single word, and anti-word. More detailed information of these types is shown in Table 2.

**Table 2.** Anti-pattern

Type	Description	Support count	Example
Head word	First word of candidate phrase	5	New
Tail word	Last word of candidate phrase	5	Study
Single word	Candidate phrase with one length	2	Set
Anti-word	Any word of candidate phrase	8	Corresponding

Head word, tail word, and anti-word anti-patterns are depending on where those anti-patterns appear in candidate. However, single word anti-pattern is relevant in candidates with one length. Many words which are candidate with one length are recommended as keyphrases, but most of those words are non-keyphrase candidates.

There is one key issue that needs to be addressed when anti-patterns are being extracted from the training dataset. Some of these discovered patterns are potentially spurious because they may happen simply by chance. The strength of anti-pattern can be measured in its support count and confidence which are used in association analysis. We follow the definition of these two metrics in [21]. First metric support count,  $\sigma(X)$ , is a number of candidates that match anti-pattern  $X$ . The formal definition of confidence metric is as follows:

$$Confidence(X) = \frac{\sigma(Keyphrase\ label = "Yes" \cap X)}{\sigma(X)} \tag{2}$$

where  $X$  is a pattern,  $\sigma(X)$  is representing a number of candidate noun phrases which matches  $X$ . And  $c$  is a threshold. If  $Confidence(X)$  is closer to a zero, it is a strong pattern. Of course, a larger training dataset is required to extract the anti-patterns with higher confidences. Although the anti-patterns are only covering a training domain, some strongest patterns can help to prune non-keyphrases of other domains.

### 4. Proposed Method

The purpose of our study is to improve the state-of-art graph-based keyphrase extraction by using anti-patterns. Our proposed method consists of three primary components: anti-pattern generation, a candidate phrase filtering, and a graph-based keyphrase extraction. Fig. 3 shows the overview of our method. A goal of each component is explained shortly as follows:

1. All the generated candidates for document dataset I are utilized to extract anti-patterns.
2. All the generated candidates for document dataset II are filtered by using anti-patterns. Candidates which match anti-patterns are eliminated from the candidate set.
3. To get importance score of each term for a document, TextRank is run on a dependency graph, representing a document. Finally, keywords are extracted by combining survived candidates and importance score of each term for a document.

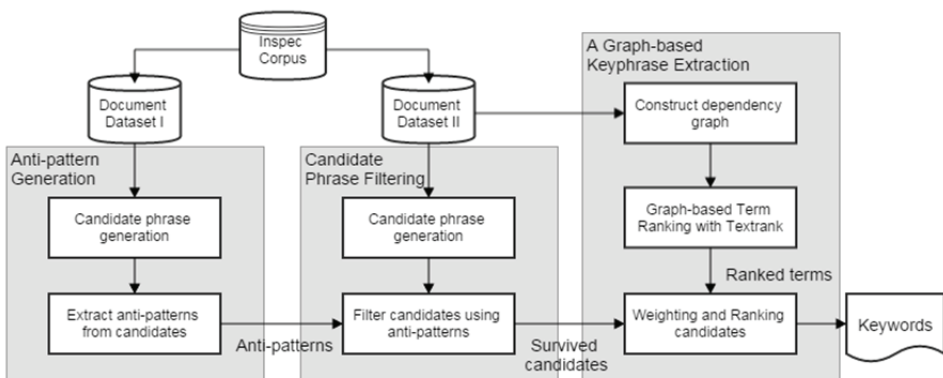


Fig. 3. The overview of our proposed method.



## 4.1 Anti-pattern Generation

For this component, most important work is the candidate phrase generation. We used Stanford log-linear POS tagger to obtain the part-of-speech tags of all documents. First step, candidate noun phrases are generated by matching sequential words with the pattern (adjective)\*(noun)+, which represents zero or more adjectives followed by one or more nouns. After all possible candidate phrases are generated for document dataset I, each candidate phrase for every document is assigned by a label that is representing whether a candidate phrase is a keyphrase or not. Then, anti-pattern which satisfies minimum support count and maximum confidence are extracted from candidates for the training data set. In order to avoid overfitting, the max confidence is chosen as 0.09, and minimum support count for each kind of anti-patterns is shown in Table 2. Extracted anti-patterns are moved into next component to be used.

## 4.2 Candidate Phrase Filtering

All possible candidates for document dataset II are generated by matching a sequence of words with the pattern (adjective)\*(noun)+ as same as mentioned in the first component. The generated candidates are filtered by using anti-patterns which are generated in first component. If a candidate matched any anti-pattern during the filtering, this candidate is directly eliminated from the candidate list. In this process, every candidate is checked by each anti-pattern whether it matches a candidate or not. Finally, all survived candidates in document dataset II are moved into next component.

## 4.3 Graph-Based Keyphrase Extraction

For a preprocessing of this component, the LingPipe sentence extractor are first used to detect sentences from a text document. Then SDP is used to extract the dependency relations from each sentence separately in a document. Even though the SDP has its own library to tokenize sentences of a text, this tool is an unsupervised traditional approach, so we preferred to use LingPipe. Moreover, the LingPipe sentence extractor is a supervised method based on the large training corpus. Before extracting relations, a sentence structure and proper grammar of a document are very important. Therefore, some preprocessing techniques such as tokenization, stemming, and removing stop words must not be used in a document. After extracting dependency relations, the dependency graphs are constructed as described in the dependency graph section. Then, the score associated with each node is set to an initial value of 1, and graph-based term ranking algorithm as described in Eq. (1) is run on the dependency graph until convergences. After all the final scores of nodes are converged, the method runs post-processing component.

Remember that just before post-processing phase, all candidate phrases are processed by anti-pattern filters, and the matched candidates are removed from the pool of all candidates. Then, only the survived candidate phrases are ranked by Eq. (3). The score of a candidate phrase  $p_i$  is computed by summing importance scores of words contained in the phrase.

$$PhraseScore(x) = \sum_{v_j \in Words(x)} WordScore(v_j) \quad (3)$$

All survived candidate phrases in the document are ranked in decreasing order of the phrases scores and top ranked  $k$  phrases are selected as the keywords. This parameter  $k$  ranges from 1 to 25.

## 5. Experimental Results and Evaluations

### 5.1 Dataset and Evaluation Metrics

In this experiment we have used the Inspec corpus that is a collection of 2,000 abstract documents with titles, extracted from journal papers published in Computer Science and Information Technology. Each abstract has two different sets of keyphrases assigned by the indexers: the first set is the controlled keyphrases which appear in the Inspec thesaurus, and the second set is the uncontrolled keyphrases which do not necessarily appear in the thesaurus. The corpus is one of very popular datasets for automatic keyphrase extraction task, as the usage of several famous researchers as first used by Hulth [19], and later by Mihalcea and Tarau [11] and Rafiqul Islam and Rakibu Islam [22]. In their experiments, the 2,000 abstracts were divided into 1,000 for training, 500 for development, and 500 for the test. Since our system is a supervised method that needs to train a model to extract the anti-patterns, we used 1,000 abstracts for training and 500 for test to compare with previous existing systems. In the evaluation, we chose the standard metrics of the precision (p), recall (r) and the f-measure (F) as follows:

$$Precision = \frac{c_{correct}}{c_{extract}} \quad (4)$$

$$Recall = \frac{c_{correct}}{c_{normal}} \quad (5)$$

$$F - measure = \frac{2 * precision * recall}{precision + recall} \quad (6)$$

where  $c_{correct}$  is a number of correct keyphrases detected by a method,  $c_{extract}$  is a number of all keyphrases detected by a method, and  $c_{normal}$  is a number of human-labeled keyphrases provided from the corpus.

In a rest of this section, we discuss the experimental results. First, we investigate whether the types of anti-patterns are efficient to be used for this task. Second, we evaluate the two types of dependency graph with the word co-occurrence graph. Finally, we compare the results of our method with the best results of previous works.

### 5.2 Results of Candidate Phrase Generation

The generated candidate set for training documents contains 28,228 candidate phrases while the method should find the 9,788 keyphrases from the set. As mentioned before, only some keyphrases assigned by indexers appear in documents. Therefore, 5,081 of total 9,788 keyphrases are only included in the training candidate set. Also some keyphrases that even appear in the documents could be lost due to a misclassification error of the POS tagger we used in the method. Fig. 4 shows histograms by a number of words in the candidates for the training set. As can be seen clearly, the percentage of keyphrases is relatively smaller by comparing with total number of the generated candidates for each histogram.

### 5.3 Results for Anti-patterns

In this part of experiments, we wanted to investigate which type of the anti-pattern is efficient in the

certain conditions, so that we compared the performances of the baseline method with each type separately. As the baseline method, we chose the modified dependency graph unsupervised method. Fig. 5 shows the results as well as the combined performance with all four types. As shown in the figure, until a number of keyphrases increases to 12, the f-measures of all methods increase where the anti-word pattern beat other three types. However, when the number is greater than 12, all method performances are dropping where the single-word anti-pattern has the best performance because the one-length candidates have been often ranked as later cases in the priority. Otherwise, a number of candidate phrase with only one word increases dramatically.

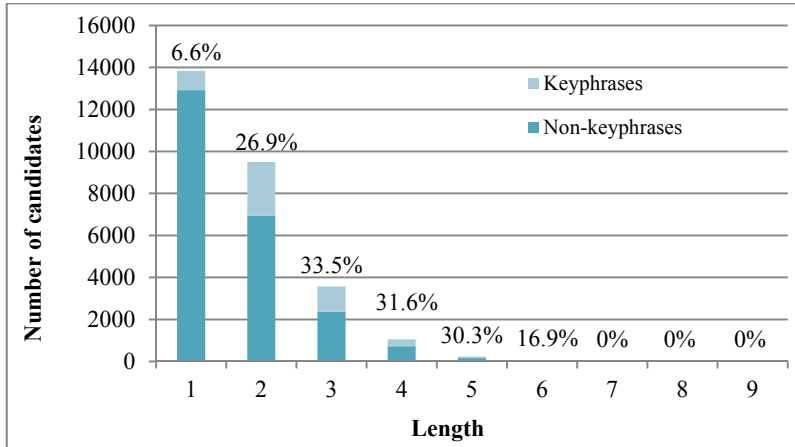


Fig. 4. The histograms of generated candidate phrases for training dataset.

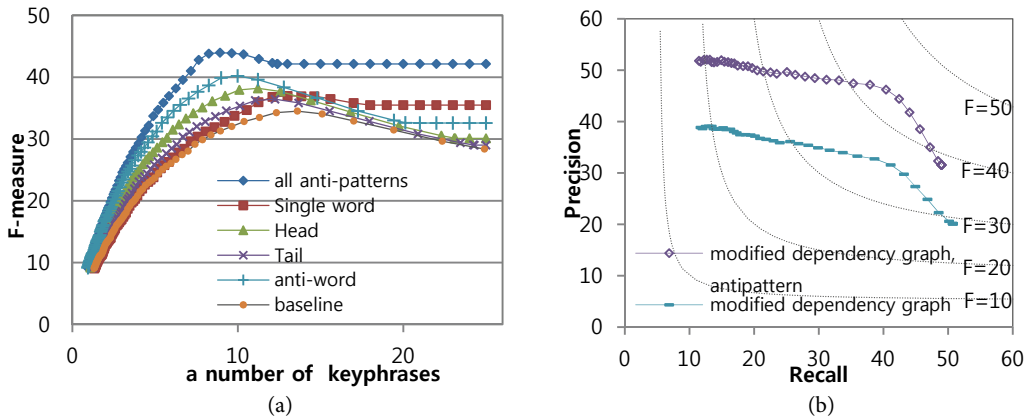


Fig. 5. Results of anti-patterns. (a) F-measures of four types of anti-patterns. (b) Influences of anti-patterns.

By applying the anti-patterns, the precisions increased highly while the f-measures were slightly dropped as can be seen from Fig. 5(b).

When the support counts for the anti-patterns are set lower than the default values, the precision and recall of our method drop with together from the best result. Thus, when threshold parameters are set higher than the default values, the recall of our method increases while precision and f-measure drop than the best result.

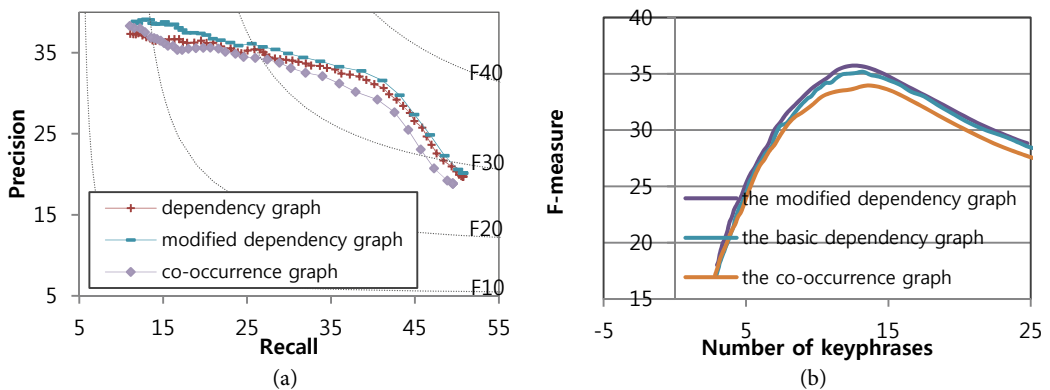
Table 3 lists ten examples for each type of anti-patterns with numbers representing how many times the corresponding term appear in both training and testing candidate sets. For instance, the anti-word “results” eliminated 3 keyphrases and 84 non-keyphrases from the candidate set for training dataset while it filtered out 1 keyphrases and 64 non-keyphrases from the testing candidate set.

**Table 3.** Ten samples for four kinds of anti-patterns

Anti-word			Single word			Head word			Tail word		
Term	Train	Test	Term	Train	Test	Term	Train	Test	Term	Train	Test
paper	0/157	0/103	method	0/35	0/47	various	0/26	0/24	types	0/12	0/13
results	3/84	1/64	system	0/45	0/46	important	0/12	0/23	ways	0/13	0/12
article	0/19	0/47	model	0/27	0/34	more	0/27	0/19	range	1/15	0/12
different	0/56	0/53	use	0/33	0/33	good	0/11	0/19	use	0/8	0/10
number	0/49	0/51	problem	0/34	0/32	major	1/11	0/18	example	0/6	0/10
important	0/29	0/35	time	0/29	0/30	additional	0/8	0/17	one	0/8	0/9
study	0/53	0/33	systems	0/21	0/29	novel	0/13	0/17	years	0/11	0/9
experimental	1/32	1/39	data	0/21	0/29	previous	0/12	0/16	due	0/8	0/9
application	0/58	1/34	approach	0/25	0/29	recent	0/14	0/16	power	1/12	0/8
available	0/15	1/33	order	0/24	0/25	certain	0/11	0/15	role	0/8	0/8

### 5.4 Graph Comparison

In this evaluation, we aimed to demonstrate the performance differences between all three kinds of graphs: co-occurrence graph, the basic and modified dependency graphs. In Fig. 6, the curves of the graphs are plotted to express the performances of precision, recall, and f-measure.



**Fig. 6.** Comparison between the dependency graph and the word co-occurrence graph. (a) Precision and recall curves. (b) F-measure curves.

In general, the modified dependency graph is the best performing graph for all performances. However, the word co-occurrence graph beats the modified dependency graph when a number of

candidate keyphrases is smaller than 5 for supervised method. As can be seen from Fig. 6(a), the modified version of the dependency graph clearly outperformed other graphs for unsupervised method. According to the results of Tfidf and TextRank on previous several studies in [23,24], these works proved that Tfidf is the best performing unsupervised method although Tfidf is the simplest method. From so far what we understood, the modified dependency graph exploits the main characteristics of Tfidf. Therefore, as shown in Fig. 6(b), the modified dependency graph is the graph with the best performances.

## 5.5 Results Compared with Previous Methods

In order to verify the efficiency of a novel-graph based keyword extraction using anti-pattern, in Table 4, we compared its performances with several previous works on the Inspec corpus. For each method, Table 4 lists the total number of keywords assigned, the mean number of keywords per abstracts, total number of correct keywords, as evaluated against the set of keywords assigned by professional indexers, and the mean number of correct keywords.

**Table 4.** Comparing proposed method with previous methods

Method	Assigned		Correct		Precision	Recall	F-measure
	Total	Mean	Total	Mean			
TextRank [11]	6,784	13.7	2,116	4.2	31.2	43.1	36.2
Hulth [19]	7,815	15.6	1,973	3.9	25.2	51.7	33.9
Rafiqul Islam and Rakibu Islam [22]	6,114	12.23	2,386	4.8	39.1	48.7	43.4
Our method	5,984	12.0	1,946	3.9	32.5	39.6	35.7
Our method + anti-pattern	4,446	8.9	2,095	4.2	47.0	42.5	44.7

The table also lists precision, recall, and f-measure metrics.

## 5.6 Discussions

As described above, the system we developed for keyword extraction is based on the dependency graph-based TextRank and anti-patterns. The anti-patterns filtered out some unwanted candidate phrases from the candidate phrase set, and then a novel graph-based TextRank ranks candidate phrases. We evaluated the proposed method on the Inspec dataset. While constructing the dependency graphs, various models [25-27] of SDP, i.e., the PCFG model, the factored model, the PCFG caseless model were used for the experiments. By comparing the performances of those models, we chose the PCFG model that has the best result than others. If we use the other dependency parser except Stanford, it is possible to outperform the current best result of our system. We also evaluated the effects of four types of anti-patterns: anti-word, head word, tail word and single word. As shown in Fig. 6(a), when a number of keyphrase is smaller than 12, except for a single word, each kind of anti-pattern had a significant effect. While a number of keyphrase increases than 12, only single-word anti-pattern had a significant effect. This conundrum is related to Inspec dataset that contains relatively a small number of candidate phrases than other datasets. The overall time in the Inspec dataset to train the anti-patterns and extract keyphrases from the test dataset was about 2 hours.

In order to reach the current best result of our system, we developed some additional works that aren't described above. After the score of each candidate, phrase is calculated by using Eq. (3). We filtered out some candidate phrases, the score of which is smaller than a value of its length. Even though this work is not mentioned in our experimental work, we think it has a significant effect.

A models are trained for a specific dataset using machine learning techniques, i.e., SVM, neural network, decision tree, and it is only used to recognize whether a candidate phrase is a keyphrase or not. Moreover, if these models are utilized for another domain to identify correctly keyphrase, it reaches a very poor result. Because the trained model only depends on the domain it is trained on. Therefore, it can't identify keyphrases for another domain. However, some rules and parts of those models can be used to recognize correctly some non-keyphrases for another domain although those rules and part could recognize keyphrases for another domain.

## 6. Conclusions

Due to the fact that a volume of text data on Internet has been increasing dramatically for past decades, the keyphrase extraction has been a leveraging method of text-mining applications such as document summarization and understanding, and information retrieval. Previous studies for supervised keyphrase extraction are mostly focused on extracting a rich feature set to identify only keyphrases. However, in regarding to aspects of keyphrases on documents, it shared no similar patterns and relations as other NLP tasks such as NER. Therefore, those rich feature set often is unable to cover all keyphrases. Nevertheless, non-keyphrase candidates often share similar patterns and relations.

In this paper, we proposed a dependency graph-based keyphrase extraction method using anti-patterns. The widely used word co-occurrence graph of a graph-based keyphrase extraction has relations, limited by a window size and its words in a window are fully connected. However, it has no syntactic relation, and does not adopt enough statistical and stylistic features of words. Instead of traditional co-occurrence graph, a novel graph that is based on dependency graph is proposed to solve such problems. However, there are still no studies about comparison between dependency and co-occurrence graphs in keyphrase extraction. This paper proposed to use anti-patterns in order to filter out some unwanted phrases from the candidate phrase set. The contribution is that we have proved anti-patterns can be efficiently used to filter the candidate set and it had very significant effects.

The experimental results showed that our proposed method outperformed the state-of-the-art methods on Inspect dataset. While using the anti-patterns, the one interesting evidence we found is that the precision is increased significantly while the recall is reduced slightly. Also, the experiments showed that the modified dependency graph provided clearly the best performances by comparing with other traditional graphs including co-occurrence graph and basic dependency graph. Therefore, the modifications on the basic dependency graph has a significant effect.

As a future work, we will try to collect the anti-patterns for various domains. If we have many powerful anti-patterns, we can prove that the combination of anti-pattern and the graph-based term ranking model is the state-of-art method for keyphrase extraction area. Thus, we plan to investigate precisely the performances of the dependency graph and the co-occurrence graph for applying it to the classification task as [28].

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