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ABSTRACT

Data mining is widely applied in business applications including market segmentation, customer profiling, fraud detection, evaluation of retail promotions, credit risk analysis insurance policy, and in some military operations. The authors make use of the various concepts for analyzing and deriving the data with regard to the occurrence of accidents, death rate, injuries in relevance to transport of Kerala by both objective and subjective methods. Analysis is performed using LISp-Miner which is an academic project for support research and teaching of knowledge discovery in databases.

KEYWORDS

Data mining, transport, Knowledge discovery.

INTRODUCTION

ata mining can be defined as the non-trivial extraction of implicit, previously unknown, yet potentially useful information from data, and may be defined as the science of extracting useful information from large data sets or databases. Data-mining has the ability to discover patterns stored within historical data and is now considered a catalyst for enhancing business process by avoiding failure patterns and exploiting success patterns. With the help of data mining, derived knowledge, relationships and conclusions are often represented as models or patterns. The process is known as knowledge discovery in databases (KDD). Properly analyzing data and detecting these patterns is therefore of great importance to businesses. State Transportation Agencies (STAs) maintain their own project databases in many places. Data mining can provide a great tool for discovering the wealth of information contained in transport data. The term "KDD" is generally employed to describe the whole process of extraction of knowledge from data and the term "data mining" is often used exclusively for the discovery stage of the KDD process.

Data mining does not replace traditional statistical techniques. But, it is an extension of statistical methods. Statistical methods alone cannot automatically reveal all the possible hidden relationships within the database. A complex relationship indicating a job overhead increases proportionally with the number of change orders during a season of high productivity projects can be hidden within the projects database and can be detected using data mining techniques.

This paper describes a research effort undertaken to explore the applicability of data mining to a potential application in the transport industry. The goal was to discover any hidden rules of patterns stored within the data. Data mining was used to reveal unknown patterns and trends in the database of paving projects. Several data mining techniques have been developed over the last decade. Generally, the data mining techniques can be categorized in four categories, depending on their functionality: classification, clustering, numeric prediction, and association rules. The main difference between the different techniques is in the way they extract information (algorithms and methods used) and how results (knowledge discovery/rules) are expressed.

Classification is a data mining function that assigns items in a collection to target categories or classes. The goal of classification is to accurately predict the target class for each case in the data. For example, a classification model could be used to identify loan applicants as low, medium, or high credit risks. A classification task begins with a data set in which the class assignments are known. Clustering is a data mining (machine learning) technique used to place data elements into related groups without advance knowledge of the group definitions. Popular clustering techniques include k-means clustering and expectation maximization (EM) clustering. The ultimate goal of data mining is prediction - and predictive data mining is the most common type of data mining and one that has the most direct business applications. The process of data mining consists of three stages: (1) the initial exploration, (2) model building or pattern identification with validation/verification, and (3) deployment. In data mining, association rule learning is a popular and well researched method for discovering interesting relations between variables in large databases. Piatetsky-Shapiro [1] describes analyzing and presenting strong rules discovered in databases using different measures of interestingness.

ANALYTIC METHODS

The core of all KDD processes is the use of analytic methods. The input to the analytic procedures is the prepared data, and the output is discovered knowledge. Analytic methods include regression analysis, discriminatory analysis, cluster analysis, decision trees and association rules. The data mining technique used in this research is association learning. In association learning, the goal is to discover any interesting patterns in the data by discovering association rules. Association rules differ from classification rules in two ways: they can predict any attribute (not just the group or class), and they can predict more than one attribute's value at a time. A typical association rule is represented in the following way:

Cause_1, Cause_2 => Result (or consequence)

That is, if Cause_1 and Cause_2 hold then Result (the association rule) applies, for n% of cases with x% confidence.

Each rule extracted is usually provided with a confidence level and a support. The confidence is the statistical value presenting the probability of a certain rule and the support is the number of cases/projects in which the rule is found. A pattern is defined as several identical or similar rules indicating a trend. Most of the data mining techniques use statistical tests when constructing rules or patterns and also for correcting models that depend too strongly on particular records in producing the rules and patterns (Feldens 2002). Since the goal when analyzing the dataset collected here was to detect any potentially useful patterns, association learning was he data mining technique selected to analyze the dataset collected in this paper.

The goal of the techniques in association rule is to detect relationships or associations between specific values of categorical variables in large data sets. LISp-Miner is an academic project for support research and teaching of knowledge discovery in databases. It is suitable namely for students, pilot and mid-size KDD projects. The core of the system is several KDD procedures capable to give answers to various both standard and non-standard analytical questions. There are also modules to solve some additional tasks.

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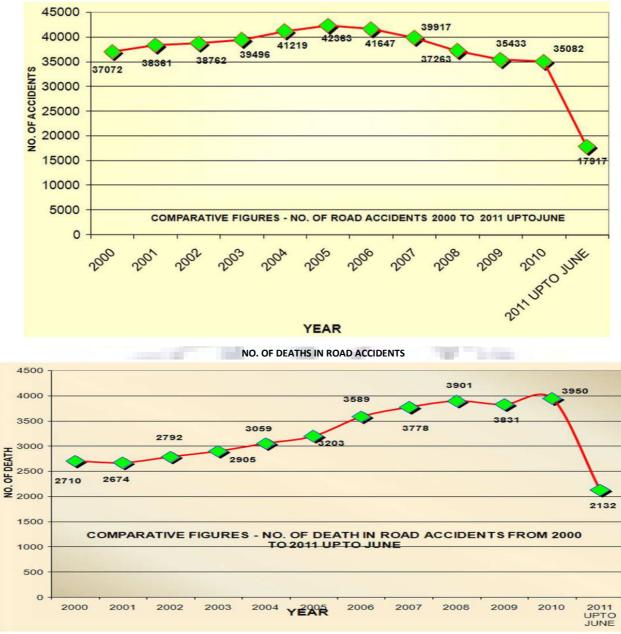
Buses are one of the most important public transport services prevailing in India. It is the main source of linkage with Urban and Rural areas. In areas where railways have not reached, the main connectivity of remote area with towns and cities are made possible only because of public transport systems. These public transport systems are predominantly owned and operated by public agencies and by the state government. The state Road Transport Corporation introduced in 60s and 70s has paved the way in connecting villages and towns across the country.

India has a network of National Highways connecting all major cities and state capitals. As of 2005 India has a total of 66590 Km of national highway. Under National Highways Development project (NHDP) work is progressing to equip some of the important national highways into four lane. This authority opines that about 65% of the freight and 80% of the passenger traffic is carried by roads. The national highways carry about 40% of total road traffic even though only 2% of the road network is covered by highways. Vehicles grow at an average rate of 10.16% per annum. About 40% of the villages in India lack access to all weather road and remain isolated during monsoon. As per 2009 estimate the total road length in India is 3320410 Kms which makes Indian road network the third largest road network in the world.

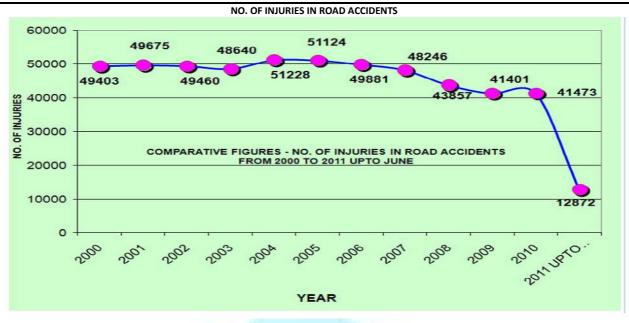
As per the road accident data published by the National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC), Kerala has become the second most accidentprone State in the country. Almost an average of 12 persons die per day due to road accidents. In a square kilometer of area, the road accidents in Kerala is three times more than the national average. Considering the density of population and the area of the state, the occurrence of road accidents in Kerala is the highest in the country.

YEAR-WISE ACCIDENT OCCURRENCE TABLE				
Field	Data type	Meaning		
Rec-ID	Text	Primary Key		
Year	Numeric	The Calendar Year		
NOA	Numeric	No.of Accidents		
NOD	Numeric	No.of Deaths		
NOI	Numeric	No.of Injured		

Association rules are generated and hypotheses are created with attributes, and must therefore be collected in a simple data table.



NO. OF ROAD ACCIDENTS IN KERALA



CONCLUSION

The "long term" Pattern has a higher deposed value, and can be used for modifying timetables for adjusting the driving time between bus schedules. The statistics of accidents divulge much interesting statistical information. About 35082 accidents were recorded in the database in the year 2010. The greatest number of accidents during the day may be assumed to have occurred during the rush hour. The greatest number of accidents occurred in early morning hours On the other hand, the total number of accidents in the evening, and at night, is below twenty per hour, appreciably fewer than in other hours of the day.

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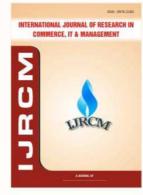
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