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Abstract

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Keywords: N-gram algorithm; English Corpus, Pointwise Mutual Information

1 Introduction

With the promotion of the "New Silk Road Economic Belt" and "21st Century Maritime Silk Road", the Belt and Road (B&R) strategy covers 65 countries along the routes in Central Asia, South Asia, Central

30 and Eastern Europe, and 53 official languages are spoken in the countries along the routes. Communication
31 between countries, enterprises and people of different languages is becoming more and more frequent, and
32 the realization of language information retrieval services of different languages with the help of the new
33 generation of information technology is an essential aspect of the connectivity of the Belt and Road [1-2].

34 The existing cross-language information retrieval is mainly based on text. However, this document
35 retrieval method restricts the application and service of language information resources. With many
36 language and text barriers, it is challenging to meet the specific needs of language information retrieval
37 services using different language texts. With the rapid development of multimedia and mobile Internet
38 technology, millions of people are collecting massive pictures through mobile device terminals at any time
39 and place and then sharing them through social networks after attaching text content in different languages.
40 This information-sharing mode of mixed arrangement of pictures and texts makes language information on
41 the internet not only cross-language text as the carrier. In addition, it is combined with images to express
42 language information in rich media and multimodal ways. As one of the essential carriers of information
43 dissemination, the digital image has become an indispensable part of people's daily life communication,
44 which can provide a vivid and intuitive language environment and semantic expression of context for
45 language communication.

46 In addition, the first thing that Chinese English attracts people's attention is the performance at the
47 lexical level. Most researches on Chinese English neologisms mainly focus on their use [3], and the
48 investigation of actual data is primarily limited to examples [4-5]. At the same time, some studies try to
49 explain the linguistic features of Chinese English with the help of a small amount of data. However, most
50 of these studies lack systematization and objectivity [6]. The data on neologisms presented by these studies
51 are scarce. The Chinese English Neologism database is an essential tool, and neologism recognition is one
52 of the primary means to construct the neologisms database.

53 The internet has become the leading platform for language information resource sharing and language
54 service publishing. How to calculate and use images to understand semantic similarity with corpus
55 resources, intelligently and interactively recommend various corpus resources associated with image
56 semantics, and construct English neologism corpus. This paper aims to enable people to obtain language
57 information directly and accurately from the internet.

58 **2 Related works**

59 **2.1 Corpus construction technology**

60 Corpus is a large number of processed language materials. It has a given format and label. As a
61 warehouse for storing and managing language data, a corpus is an ordered collection of authentic large-
62 scale texts. Corpus has three distinct features: (1) language data in the corpus is the original resource of
63 language communication in human productive labor;(2) It is a kind of digital resource that takes digital
64 information as a carrier and carries human language knowledge;(3) It is a practical resource obtained
65 through the process of corpus analysis and collation. The primary purpose of building a parallel corpus is
66 to solve the problems of information collection, processing, sharing and communication between different
67 dialects or languages to realize the sustainable development of language resource construction [7]. The

68 construction of multilingual parallel corpora has attracted significant attention at home and abroad,
69 including in countries where English is the official language or the primary language and countries where
70 English is the mother tongue, or most of the population speaks English. The main parallel corpus is "The
71 International English Corpus", which consists of 20 parallel sub-corpora, and the United Nations Parallel
72 Corpus, which contains cross-reference corpora in six languages.

73 However, these commonly used bilingual parallel corpora are mainly aimed at news, law, philosophy,
74 religion and other specific fields, which are challenging to meet the needs of the description of life and
75 work scenes. They cannot directly serve the information association of different languages in cross-media
76 information retrieval. In addition, it is more difficult to now assist the public in solving daily language
77 communication difficulties. To achieve the goal of cross-language information retrieval, it is necessary to
78 crawl or collect multilingual corpus samples from the internet and other authoritative language learning
79 materials.

80 **2.2 Neologism recognition in corpus**

81 Currently, there are three research methods of neologism recognition: Based on statistics, rules, and
82 the combination of regulations and statistics. Based on the statistical method, the neologisms are filtered by
83 calculating various statistics. Su et al. ^[8-9] analyzed and compared the statistics suitable for microblog text
84 characteristics and improved the branch entropy algorithm by weighted calculation, improving neologism
85 extraction accuracy. This method has high flexibility, robust adaptability and sound portability, but it needs
86 to train large-scale corpus and has some problems, such as data sparseness.

87 The rule-based method is to identify neologisms by constructing rules and matching rules on the
88 morphology, meaning and part of speech of neologisms. Duan ^[10] selected data sets describing plant species
89 samples with more than 70,000 words as language materials and applied the N-Gram algorithm to explore
90 the automatic recognition of new words in professional fields. Based on Japanese word rules and
91 onomatopoeia patterns, Sasano et al. ^[11] proposed to add new nodes to the case framework of sentences to
92 find the optimal path and identify the unknown neologisms in Japanese. The method has high accuracy for
93 specific fields but shows poor portability, and the rule-building process requires a lot of human and material
94 resources. The combination of statistics and rules can give full play to their advantages to a certain extent
95 and effectively improve the recognition effect of neologisms. Yao et al. ^[12] proposed an MBN-gram
96 algorithm, which used statistical feature mutual information and branch entropy to expand and filter the
97 neologism string. Finally, the dictionary was used to filter the neologism set. However, the N-gram
98 algorithm produced a large number of word strings, which led to the reduction of experimental efficiency.
99 Mei et al. ^[13] proposed an unsupervised neologism recognition method. Their proposed method used the
100 formula formed by combining word frequency, cohesion, freedom and three user-defined parameters,
101 combined with a small number of filtering rules to identify neologisms from four large-scale corpora.
102 However, the self-adaptation of the parameter is not determined, which has certain limitations for automatic
103 extraction.

104 3 Construction of corpus with Chinese Neologisms

105 3.1 PMI

106 The cohesion of words can be used to judge whether a phrase can form a term with a full meaning.
 107 PMI is a commonly used and stable statistic to express the cohesion of words. The calculation formula of
 108 PMI is as follows:

$$PMI(x,y) = \text{lb} \frac{p(xy)}{p(x)p(y)} \quad (1)$$

109 Where $P(x)$ and $P(y)$ respectively represent the probability of word x and word y appearing alone in
 110 the corpus, $P(xy)$ represents the probability of word X and word Y co-occurring in the corpus. When
 111 $PMI(x,y) = 0$, it indicates that the occurrence of words X and y are unrelated. When $PMI(x,y) \neq 0$, the
 112 words x and y appear independently. When the value of $PMI(x,y)$ is more significant, it indicates that the
 113 possibility of the word x and word y co-occurring is higher, and the word is more likely to become a new
 114 word.

115 Mutual information is effective in judging the probability of word formation of binary words, but it is
 116 necessary to divide phrases into two parts when applied to multiple terms.

$$PMI(A,B) = \text{lb} \frac{p(AB)}{p(A)p(B)} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\text{lb} \frac{p(A/B)}{p(A)} + \text{lb} \frac{p(B/A)}{2p(A)} \right] \quad (2)$$

117 Formula (2) is the deformation formula of mutual information. Multivariate words can be divided into
 118 two parts, A and B . The division of A and B has various forms, such as "BRICs Leaders Xiamen
 119 declaration", which can be divided into "BRICs" and "leaders Xiamen declaration", "BRICs leaders" and
 120 "Xiamen declaration" and "BRICs leaders Xiamen" and "Declaration". Therefore, it is an effective method
 121 to take different forms of probability mean.

$$PMI(w_1 \cdots w_n) = \text{lb} \frac{p(w_1 \cdots w_n)}{\text{avg}(w_1 \cdots w_n)} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{avg}(w_1 \cdots w_n) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} p(w_1 \cdots w_i) p(w_1 \cdots w_n) \quad (4)$$

122 Where, $w_1 \cdots w_n$ is multiple word string, $p(w_1 \cdots w_n)$ is the probability of a word string $w_1 \cdots w_n$
 123 appearing in the corpus and $\text{avg}(w_1 \cdots w_n)$ is the average probability of different combinations of multiple-
 124 word strings.

125 In addition, when the frequency of words AB and words A was significantly higher than that of words
 126 B Frequency, The value of PMI will be smaller. When a single average threshold is set, the neologisms that
 127 meet this feature cannot be recognized; Set a single lower threshold, and invalid low-frequency words will
 128 appear in large numbers, reducing the accuracy of neologism recognition. Therefore, this algorithm uses
 129 the improved multi-PMI (Formula (3)) and sets a double threshold to filter neologisms.

130 3.2 Branch entropy

131 To judge whether two words can form a phrase with complete meaning, in addition to the degree of
 132 cohesion within the word, the degree of freedom outside the word is also a measure. Branch entropy is a

133 commonly used external statistic with high accuracy to express the probability of word formation. Its
134 calculation formula is as follows:

$$HL(w) = - \sum_{wl} p(wl|w) \lg p(wl|w) \quad (5)$$

$$HR(w) = - \sum_{wr} p(wr|w) \lg p(wr|w) \quad (6)$$

135 Where $p(wl|w)$ is the conditional probability of wl given the left adjacency, and $p(wr|w)$ is the
136 conditional probability of wr given the suitable adjacency. The larger $HL(w)$ and $HR(w)$ are, the more
137 kinds of adjacent words to the left of candidate phrase w , the more likely w is to become a new word. On
138 the contrary, the smaller $HL(w)$ and $HR(w)$ values are, the fewer the types of words adjacent to the left of
139 the candidate phrase W , and the smaller the possibility of w becoming a new word.

140 For example, in the corpus, "Xiongan New Area" is often connected with a variety of words such as
141 "from," "the," and "that." At the same time, "A fixed "Area follows Xiongan New." "New Area" is preceded
142 by "Xiongan." This proves that the probability of the three words "Xiongan New Area" being a new phrase
143 is far greater than that of other related combinations like "from Xiongan New Area" and "Xiongan New
144 Area."

145 3.3 Neologism recognition algorithm

146 The combination of statistics and rules is an effective method for recognizing neologisms. The flow
147 chart of the commonly used neologism recognition algorithm is shown in Figure 1.

148 The traditional combination method only focuses on the mutual information of two words. It does not
149 extend to multi-word judgment, so it has the problem of low cohesion within terms. In addition, mutual
150 information receives a reduction in accuracy. Given the above shortcomings, the traditional algorithm is
151 improved by adding judgment of multi-word mutual information and setting the double threshold to
152 recognize neologisms in the processed corpus.

153 Firstly, the N-gram algorithm is used to segment the preprocessed corpus, and a gram table of 1-gram
154 ~ 5-gram containing word frequency is obtained. Then it is used to filter the words less than the threshold
155 value, followed by the calculated value of mutual information in the threshold interval used to screen again.
156 In addition, words' left and right boundaries are determined and filtered using the value of adjacent entropy.
157 Finally, the candidate neologism set is selected using the PMI value. Because the neologisms are not
158 included in the existing dictionaries, they are filtered by corresponding dictionaries to get the neologism
159 set. The improved algorithm flow is shown in Figure 2.

160 A candidate word set is needed to judge a phrase's internal cohesion and external freedom. N-gram
161 algorithm can be used to segment corpus, which is independent. It does not require linguistic processing of
162 the research corpus and does not need dictionaries and rules. Taking the English corpus as an example, set
163 the sliding window size to N , slide one window at a time until the end of the text, and segment the text
164 corpus. After that, each string of size N is a gram. The frequency of all grams is counted and filtered
165 according to the preset threshold to form a qualified gram vocabulary. The N-gram algorithm is simple and
166 easy to implement, but its efficiency is very low for processing large-scale corpus without setting N size.
167 The analysis of the large-scale corpus in Reference [14-17] found that each entry in Chinese corresponds to
168 2.33 English words and each English entry corresponds to 2.25 Chinese characters. Some studies have

169 found that Chinese neologisms are mainly two to four Chinese characters. Therefore, this paper uses an n-
170 gram algorithm to process the text, setting $1 \leq N \leq 5$.

171 **3.4 web crawler**

172 Based on the neologisms recognition mentioned above, Chinese and English text data are obtained
173 through web crawler technology, and the Chinese English parallel corpus is further constructed. As a kind
174 of network program, a web crawler can crawl the website information iteratively on the internet according
175 to the established rules, and its basic execution process can be expressed circularly.

176 As shown in Figure 3, after the initial link of the website page waiting for downloading bilingual
177 corpus is given, the cycle execution process of the web crawler is entered. The web crawler first downloads
178 the web page extracts the data and links from the web page and returns to the download page to continue a
179 new cycle. The specific work contents are as follows:

180 (1) Download the site page

181 As a hypertext markup language, the web page has a fixed format. Web crawler sends commands GET
182 one by one to the web server and requests the page according to the keyword list extracted from the dataset.
183 After receiving the command GET, the web server returns the web page content to the web crawler client.

184 (2) Extract data

185 After downloading an HTML web page by the web crawler, the web page's content is analyzed, the
186 text data in the web page is retained, and sentence segmentation and word segmentation are carried out. By
187 querying the image scene vocabulary, the Chinese and English sentence pairs that meet the requirements
188 are retained, the irrelevant HTML script statements are deleted, and the extracted Chinese English sentence
189 pairs are stored in JSON text format.

190 (3) Extract links

191 When the network crawling task obtains data, it usually needs to get multiple pages. Because the
192 parallel corpus data on the web page is distributed in various web pages, these Web pages have a one-to-
193 one or one-to-many relationship with each other; that is, one Web page may contain one or more links to
194 other Web pages. The Web pages that these links also point to have the data needed for the task. So after
195 extracting data from a Web page, links can be extracted from that Web page and put in a queue waiting to
196 download the page again and extract data.

197 **4 Experiment**

198 **4.1 Corpus selection**

199 Constructing a corpus of Chinese English neologisms includes corpus selection and corpus processing.
200 The corpus selection mainly considers the following contents: the amount of data should be large enough;
201 It should be widely distributed; The source should not be single; The technical means to obtain a corpus are
202 practical and feasible. This paper mainly focuses on the vocabulary of the media's official language, so the
203 representativeness of the media should be considered in the corpus. The journals China Daily and Shanghai
204 Daily were selected to assess the circulation and influence, which were founded earlier and their news was
205 updated in time. It covers many fields, such as economy, culture, society, sports, history, etc. In the early

206 stage of constructing the China English corpus, all English corpora of the two websites from 2012 to 2021
207 were obtained by purchasing authentic news corpus and using Python crawler technology.

208 **4.2 Corpus processing**

209 The corpus processing work includes preprocessing the acquired corpus and recognizing neologisms
210 in the processed corpus. The garbage string is filtered, and rules are used to remove Chinese URL links and
211 invalid characters in the corpus. In addition, combined with the characteristics of English words, a space is
212 used as the separator between words, which is convenient for corpus storage and neologism recognition.

213 **4.3 Evaluation index**

214 The evaluation of semantic mapping results is based on @ k, that is, the proportion of the number of
215 related results retrieved in all related results in k retrieval results before output. This paper uses Accuracy,
216 Recall and F-measure to evaluate the experimental results.

$$Precision = \frac{CN}{DN} \times 100\% \quad (7)$$

$$Recall = \frac{CN}{M} \times 100\% \quad (8)$$

$$F - measure = \frac{2 \times P \times R}{DN} \times 100\% \quad (9)$$

217 Among them, CN is the number of phrases correctly recognized by the algorithm, DN is the number
218 of words recognized by the algorithm, and M is the total number of terms in the corpus.

219 **5 Results and discussion**

220 **5.1 Bidirectional retrieval**

221 In model training, the recall rate of English-Chinese bidirectional retrieval changes with the training
222 iteration, as shown in Figure 4. Among them, the thick line represents the English Chinese retrieval recall
223 rate, the thin line represents the Recall rate of Chinese English retrieval, and the dotted and solid lines
224 indicate the retrieval for R@1, R@5 and R@10, respectively. As can be seen from the figure 5, when the
225 Recall rate is taken as the evaluation index, the recall rate of English-Chinese bidirectional retrieval is
226 almost the same. It can converge when it is more than 1000 iterations.

227 Because the English-Chinese model is only cross-language, it has a high score in retrieval recall rate.
228 The forward retrieval of 1000 test data is 99.3, 99.9 and 99.9, respectively, in R@1, R@5 and R@10, while
229 the reverse retrieval is 99.6, 99.7 and 99.9, respectively. The performance of 5000 test data was slightly
230 lower than that of 1000 test data, with forward retrieval being 98.6, 99.6 and 99.7 in R@1, R@5 and R@10,
231 and reverse retrieval being 98.3, 99.5 and 99.7, respectively.

232 **5.2 Neologism extraction**

233 In this paper, single threshold PMI and branch entry algorithm (ST-PMI-BE), multi-word single
234 threshold PMI and branch entropy algorithm (MST-PMI-BE), dual-threshold PMI and branch entropy

235 algorithm (DT-PMI-BE), and Multi-word dual threshold point mutual information and branch entropy
236 algorithm (MDT-PMI-BE) were used to test the performance of neologism extraction. The results are
237 shown in Figure 6.

238 As seen from the experimental results in Figure 6, the proposed algorithm has a specific improvement
239 in accuracy, recall rate and F value. Among them, multi-word mutual information is conducive to filtering
240 multiple invalid phrases, and the setting of a double threshold can effectively retain low-frequency effective
241 phrases and remove invalid high-frequency phrases, which proves that adding multi-word mutual
242 information and setting a double threshold in the experiment is beneficial to the effect of neologism
243 extraction. Compared with the algorithm based on double threshold multi-word mutual information and
244 branch entropy, the algorithm proposed in this paper only has a higher Accuracy. This is because after the
245 corpus is segmented, there are a lot of invalid and partially overlapping phrases. Suppose the algorithm
246 based on double threshold multi-word PMI and branch entropy is used to extract neologisms. In that case,
247 it will not only waste the resources of the later experiment but also count these phrases, which contain some
248 of the same words as the neologisms, into the neologism queue. Therefore, we filter these invalid words are
249 filtered in the preprocessing stage, and the algorithm can reduce the number of invalid neologisms and
250 improve the accuracy.

251 The acquired corpus is preprocessed, and the processed corpus is recognized with new words. First,
252 the garbage string is filtered, and regular methods remove the Chinese characters, Url links and invalid
253 characters in the corpus. Secondly, combined with the characteristics of English words, a space is used as
254 the separator between words, which is convenient for corpus storage and new word recognition. In contrast,
255 the adaptability of parameter values is not determined, which has some limitations for automatic extraction
256 by computer. The portability of some methods is poor, and the rule construction process needs a lot of
257 manpower and material resources consumption. In this paper, we improve the traditional corpus
258 preprocessing process. We add filtering for partially overlapped word strings based on removing invalid
259 and somewhat repeated word strings. Based on conventional fusion statistics and rules method, we calculate
260 the multi-word mutual information of the candidate word set and set a double threshold and the size of n in
261 the n-gram algorithm to filter candidate words. The improved algorithm can not only obtain words with
262 higher cohesion and increase the number of neologisms correctly identified but also remove a large number
263 of meaningless word strings, reduce the number of invalid neologisms, and then recognize neologisms more
264 accurately.

265 **6 Conclusion**

266 This paper mainly introduces the neologism recognition technology in constructing China's English
267 neologisms database, which provides adequate technical support for making the corpus. This paper uses the
268 improved algorithm to recognize Chinese English neologisms, improving recognition accuracy. But on the
269 whole, there are still some improvements in this method. It solves a large number of invalid word strings
270 produced by traditional algorithm and improves the efficiency of calculation and matching. We should
271 consider the misidentified words, analyze and summarize their characteristics, find the general filtering
272 rules, and then improve the accuracy of neologism recognition. Finally, many aspects must be considered

273 in the database of Chinese English neologisms. For example, the diversity of corpus sources, the dynamic
274 updating of the corpus and the rationality of corpus design need further analysis and research.

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Figure 1

Figure 1. The traditional neologism recognition process

The traditional combination method only focuses on the mutual information of two words. It does not extend to multi-word judgment, so it has the problem of low cohesion within terms.

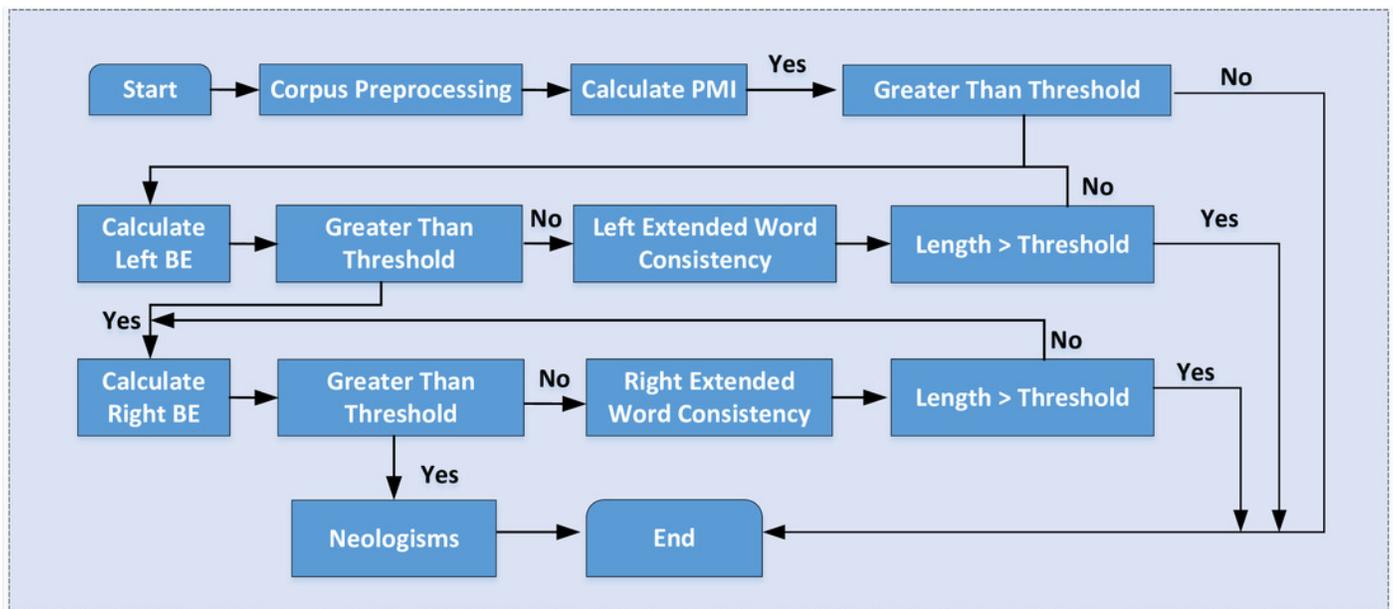


Figure 2

Figure 2. The improved neologism recognition algorithm

A candidate word set is needed to judge a phrase's internal cohesion and external freedom. N-gram algorithm can be used to segment corpus, which is independent. It does not require linguistic processing of the research corpus and does not need dictionaries and rules.

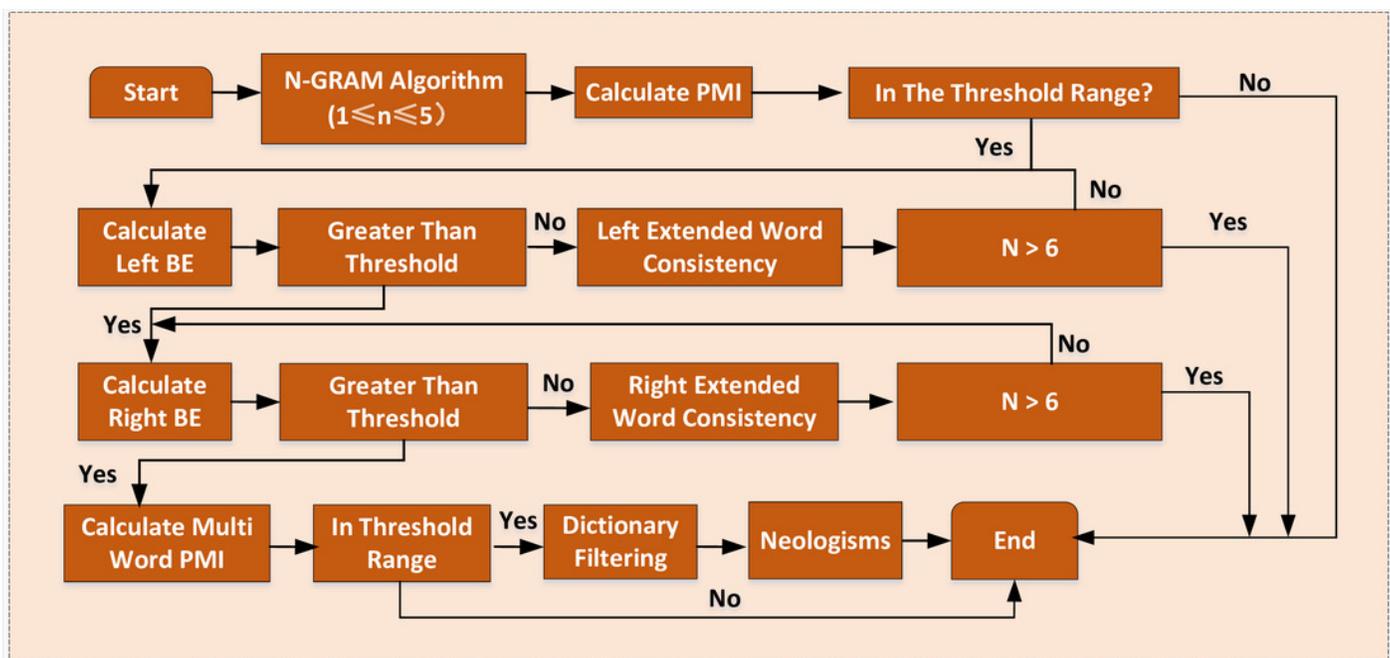


Figure 3

Figure 3. construction process of neologisms database

As shown in Figure 3, after the initial link of the website page waiting for downloading bilingual corpus is given, the cycle execution process of the web crawler is entered.

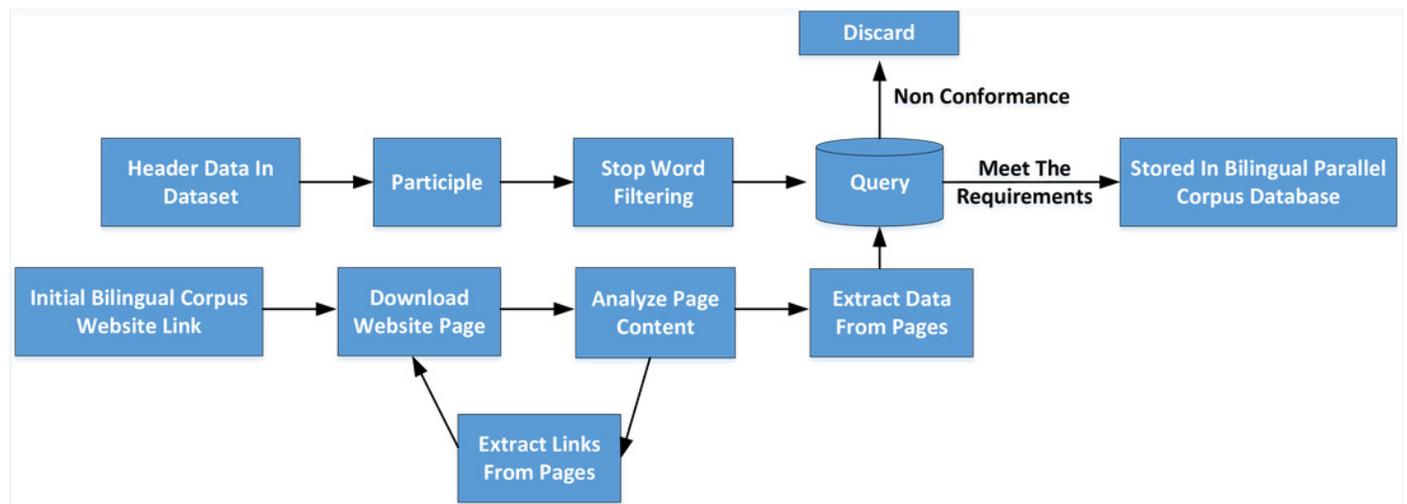


Figure 4

Figure 4. Iterations of bidirectional retrieval

In model training, the recall rate of English-Chinese bidirectional retrieval changes with the training iteration, as shown in Figure 4.

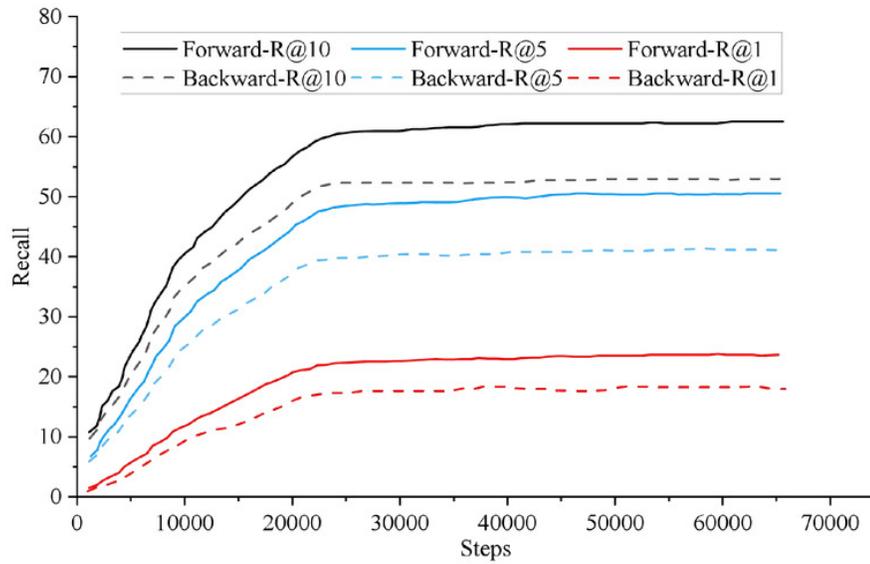


Figure 5

Figure 5 Comparison of bidirectional retrieval on different data scales

Because the English-Chinese model is only cross - language, it has a high score in retrieval recall rate. The forward retrieval of 1000 test data is 99.3, 99.9 and 99.9 .

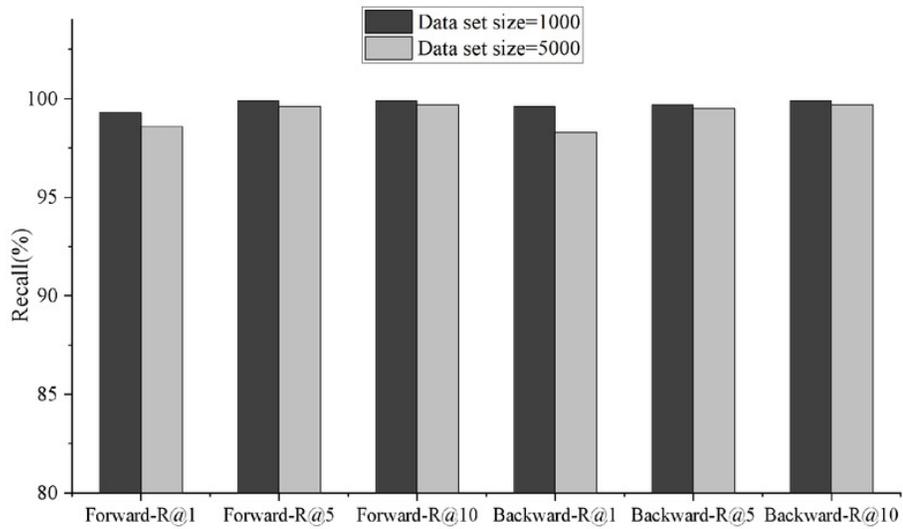


Figure 6

Figure 6. Comparison of neologisms extraction effect under different algorithms

Among them, multi-word mutual information is conducive to filtering multiple invalid phrases, and the setting of a double threshold can effectively retain low-frequency effective phrases and remove invalid high-frequency phrases, which proves that adding multi-word mutual information and setting a double threshold in the experiment is beneficial to the effect of neologism extraction.

