# **Topic Modeling of Indonesian Children's Literature Using Latent Semantic Analysis**

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Abstract. The Covid-19 pandemic resulted a significant reduction in the number of publications of literary works, especially works of children's literature, which once dominated the first ranking of the most popular subjects at the Indonesian Publishers Association. So that efforts are needed to raise the enthusiasm of Indonesian children's literature. In addition, data on children's literature is scattered across various portals that compile metadata/bibliography and synopsis summaries of children's literature stories from various sources or online portals. A portal that collects data on all Indonesian children's literature that is grouped automatically according to the most dominant topics reflecting the context of each literary work is urgently needed to facilitate search, develop teaching materials, and inspire the creation of new literary works. This study uses qualitative methods and experiments with several stages of research including metadata analysis of models of children's literature, secondary data collection, topic modeling of children's literature with Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA). The results of the study showed that the topic clustering was most often raised by children's authors published on the Mizan.

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## **1** Introduction

Since the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic, smartphone and any kind of digital devices have been introduced and massively used even by early school children. This kind of digital exposure has changed the way children experience in learning, playing, and entertaining which all the interaction are done in digital environment. As a media, digital devices could bring benefits if it is used in appropriate way, yet several studies mentioned that it could bring side effects to children as well. The roles of parents and teachers are important to guide the children determining which allowed apps, content, and portal only to be accessed.

Digital material content is valuable resources that could be provided as a source of information delivered to children. The creation of this digital material content requires high quality of children literature or literary works as references. Children's literature is a medium or means of character education for children/students [1] which should be used in developing teaching materials for students starting from the Early Childhood Education level to High School [2]. The creation of many works of children's literature shows an improvement in the

quality of literary literacy among Indonesian children. Furthermore, many children's literary works can be accessed in electronic and audio formats. This has become one of the strategic issues to reach a larger market.

Children's literary works have begun to receive appreciation and great attention from Indonesian society since the emergence of "Kecil-Kecil Punya Karya" (KKPK) by publisher Mizan which published works by a 7-year-old child in December 2003[3]. This section is a fresh start in the world of children literature in Indonesia, where it provides room for children to express their intellectual, creation, and imagination to be embodied into a literary work. This move deserves to be appreciated and acknowledged in society. However, the enthusiasm of connoisseurs of children's literature has decreased dramatically during the Covid-19 pandemic. Based on data from the Indonesian Publishers Association (IKAPI), the publication of children's books with subjects, namely Children's Books 1001, used to be ranked first with an increase from 22.31% (2013) to 22.64%. During the Covid-19 pandemic, there was a decline in book sales for all subjects where as many as 58.2% of publishers experienced a decline in sales exceeding 50% from normal times. Therefore, efforts are needed to increase productivity and production in children's literary works. A portal that collects data on all Indonesian children's literature that is grouped automatically according to the most dominant topic reflecting the context of each literary work is urgently needed to facilitate search, make it easier for users to explore the meaning contained in Indonesian children's literature, provide recommendations to stakeholders for develop teaching materials for students from a wide selection of existing Indonesian children's literature and inspire the creation of new literary works.

In the current Big Data phenomenon, the explosion of information makes it difficult to understand events or concepts in a document. For humans it is easy to read and understand the text of a document, but not with machines that are only given text without any context/subject to the text. Therefore, the method of understanding the context of the text is called topic modeling. This study aims to model the Indonesian children's literary works topic using latent semantic analysis.

### 2 Literature Study 2.1 Topic Modeling

Topic modeling is a data mining approach used to analyze the hidden themes and thematic structures from large amounts of text such as documents or corpus using mathematical algorithms [4, 5]. Topic modeling can identify themes related to letter patterns in big data. When data containing words and text are found, the topic model maps words in terms of word similarities and occurrences, with the aim of obtaining closeness between words in the corpus [6, 7].

#### 2.2 Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)

LSA is a theory and method for extracting meaning from text based on statistical computations from document collections [8]. LSA is part of the most widely used topic modeling [9]. Several studies have used several different algorithms in text extraction, categorization, and analysis, where the use of LSA shows that the results of the categorization

of LSA obtain high ratings [10, 11]. The initial stage, the words per paragraph are made into a matrix or called document-term matrix (DTM). Furthermore, mathematical methods are used to reduce the matrix known as singular value decomposition (SVD). The SDV estimates the vector for each word and evaluates the proximity of the words in multidimensional vectors [12].

**Pre-processing.** Pre-processing is the stage of preparing the text in the dataset by separating sentences into individual words based on spaces (tokenizing), removing punctuation and symbols (filtering), converting all words to lowercase (case folding), changing words affixes become basic words (stemming) and remove common words (stopwords) [13]. The result of the initial processing is a bag-of-words model for each children's literature text.

**Word Weighting.** At this stage, the process of changing data in bag-of-words from text to numeric is carried out using the TF and IDF weighting methods [14]. There are several variations of TF weighting and several variations of IDF weighting. Several experiments will be carried out to determine which combination of weighting schemes is the most appropriate.

$$q(w) = fd(w) + log(|D|/fD(w))$$
 (1)

fd(w) is the repeated term of the word w in history d, FD(w) is the number of files containing the words w and |D| number of domes in collection D [15].

**Singular Value Decomposition (SVD).** is a method for identifying patterns of relationships between words and concepts contained in a document, or patterns of relationships between documents and these concepts. SVD will describe a matrix as shown in Figure 1,  $A \in \Re m \times n$  where m is the number of different terms and n is the number of sentences determined from within the text. Usually terms (terms) differ greater than the number of sentences (m  $\ge$  n).

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} \\ a_{2,2} \\ \dots \\ a_{m,1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,2} \\ \dots \\ a_{m,2} \end{bmatrix} \dots \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,n} \\ \dots \\ a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,1} \\ \dots \\ u_{m,1} \end{bmatrix} \dots \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,k} \\ \dots \\ u_{m,k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,1} \\ \dots \\ v_{1,k} \end{bmatrix} \dots \begin{bmatrix} v_{n,1} \\ \dots \\ v_{n,k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2} \\ \dots \\ a_{m,1} \end{bmatrix} \dots \begin{bmatrix} v_{n,1} \\ \dots \\ v_{n,k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,1} \\ \dots \\ v_{1,k} \end{bmatrix} \dots \begin{bmatrix} v_{n,1} \\ \dots \\ v_{n,k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \sigma_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,1} \\ \dots \\ v_{n,k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{n,1} \\ \dots \\ v_{n,k} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

SVD of matrix  $A \in \Re m \times n$  is defined as follows (Mashechkin et al., 2011).

$$A = U\Sigma V^{T} = \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sigma_{i} u_{i} v_{i}^{T}$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

 $U \in \Re m \times n$  is a matrix formed from columns of orthonormal matrices called left singular vectors (ui);  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma 1, \sigma 2, ..., \sigma n) \in \Re m \times n$  is a diagonal matrix such that  $\sigma 1 \ge \sigma 2 \ge ... \ge \sigma r > 0 = \sigma r + 1 = ... = \sigma n$ ,  $r = \text{rank}(A) \le \min(m, n)$  is the power of matrix A and  $\sigma i$  is the singular value of matrix A; and  $V \in \Re m \times n$  are orthonormal matrices called right singular vectors (vi).

# 3 Methodology3.1 Experiment Design

This study use data from various portals that collect metadata/bibliography and synopsis summaries of children's literature stories. There are approximately 2386 titles in the Mizan collection (KKPK), 194,477 titles for children's stories on Wikipedia/DBpedia. To specify the searching, the keyword used is "karya anak". As depicted in Fig 2, metadata (e.g., title and author) is gathered as a dataset to be analyzed further. Web crawling techniques was used by using python script.

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Figure 2. Dataset

### 4 Results

The data obtained is then pre-processed in the form of data cleaning by removing unnecessary characters such as punctuation marks, changing titles to lowercase letters, and removing common words that are not related to the topic (stopwords).

```
# Load the regular expression library
import re
# Remove punctuation
df['Title_processed'] = \
df['Title'<u>].map(lambda x: re.sub('[,\.!?:]', '', x))</u>
# Convert the titles to lowercase
df['Title_processed'] = \
df['Title_processed'<u>l.map(lambda x: x,lower())</u>
df['Title_processed'] =
df['Title_processed'].str.replace('-new','')
df['Title_processed'] =
df['Title_processed'].str.replace('kkpk','')
# Print out the first rows of papers
df['Title_processed'<u>l.head(</u>)
# Stopword removal
stopword_en = stopwords.words('english')
stopword list = stopwords.words('indonesian')
new_stopwords = ['kkpk', 'kkpkmy', 'next', 'komik',
'kkpknext', 'g', 'nomik', 'reg', 'new', 'full', 'class',
'colour', 'luks', 'si', 'vol', 'paket']

stopword list.extend(stopword en)
stopword list.extend(new_stopwords)
df['Title_without_stopwords'] =
df['Title_processed'].apply(lambda x: ' '.join([word for
word in x.split() if word not in (stopword_list)]))
reindexed_data = df['Title_without_stopwords']
stopword list
for row in reindexed_data:
     if row.find('new')>0:
          print(row)
```

At this stage the Vectorizer is carried out, namely the process of changing or transforming text into a vector based on the frequency (count) of each word that appears throughout the text. Vectorizer data will be displayed in the form of a bar chart.

```
count_vectorizer = CountVectorizer()
words, word_values = get_top_n_words(n_top_words=15,
count_vectorizer=count_vectorizer,
text_data=reindexed_data)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(16,8))
ax.bar(range(len(words)), word_values);
ax.set_xticks(range(len(words)));
ax.set_xticklabels(words, rotation='vertical');
ax.set_title('Top_words_in_headlines_dataset_(excluding
stop_words)');
ax.set_xlabel('Word');
ax.set_ylabel('Number_of_occurences');
plt.show()"
```

The results of the vectorizer as depicted in Fig 3. show that some of the words that appear most often from the dataset include "mystery", "mysterious", "secret", "school", "home", "adventure", and so on.



Figure 2. Chart of Vectonizer of Indonesian Children's Literary Works

The results of the vectorizer then look for patterns of relationships between words in the document by implementing SVD.

```
small_count_vectorizer
CountVectorizer(max_features=40000)
small text sample
                       =
                             reindexed_data.sample(n=800,
random_state=0).values
print
         ('Headline
                        before
                                   vectorization:
                                                      {}'.
format(small_text_sample[123]))
small document term matrix
small count vectorizer.fit transform(small text sample)
top n words lsa
                         get top n words(10,
                                                 lsa keys,
                   -
small document term matrix, small count vectorizer)
for i in range(len(top n words lsa)):
   print ("Topic {}: ". format(i+1), top n words_lsa[i])
top n words lsa
                         get top n words(10,
                                                 lsa keys,
small document term matrix, small count vectorizer)
for i in range(len(top n words lsa)):
   print ("Topic {}: ". format(i+1), top n words lsa[i])
```



Figure 3. Clustering LSA Results

LSA clustering displays the 8 most/biggest topics from the dataset in the form of:

Topic 1: misteri detektif sekolah tersembunyi peri malam festival kucing malas tua

Topic 2: misterius perpustakaan foto congklak hati kupu kecil suara palsu buku

Topic 3: school rahasia best day ghost rpl beautiful sepatu days friend

Topic 4: cilik little persahabatan girl seri diary story cooking star pesta

Topic 5: princess academy republishes anak deluxe teman jeritan smart lovely kepo

Topic 6: mama secret love vs happy sister mom fun false korea

Topic 7: bunda pop gara girls ajaib party lets semangat horor nenek

Topic 8: adventure rumah sahabat hantu petualangan world fantasteen magic edisi cookies

### 5 Conclusion

Topic modeling using latent semantic analysis groups the titles of children's writers' work on the Mizan Kecil-Kecil Punya Karya (KKPK) portal into 8 topics. This topic describes the themes most often used in writing by children's writers. Topic modeling using LSA can be visualized in the form of clustering, making it easier to find and understand topics from big data. The experimental results show that the LSA algorithm can map topics from the KKPK title well, but the evaluation process cannot be fully automated, where it still involves humans to determine the accuracy of the modeled topics. Future research can compare LSA results with other topic modeling techniques in text summarization to find the best algorithm.

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