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- IPC-related IT systems
- Computer-assisted classification
- AI-based IPC classification



IPC-related IT systems

• SINPI (INPI internal system)

• We have a system that support IPC annual update, it generates database scripts to update our internal system;

IPC classification

• We don't have any automated system for IPC classification

IPC reclassification

• We use a Python script to evaluate IPC reclassification needs and generate corresponding database update script using Results XML as source information



Classification-related IT systems

- IPCPUB
 - Portuguese version of IPC since 2018
 - Helps specialists on classifying patent applications
- CPC Scheme Updater
 - Automatically monitor new versions and update our systems to make new CPC available to use for our personnel



- Before 2018 | E-Distribuidor (NN)
 - About 30% mean accuracy @ 2018
 - Proprietary technology (matlab) compiled to executable on a non-repeatable process
 - Retrain not possible by INPI alone



- After March 2018 | Application Router
 - Based on Python open source implementation of scikitlearn (sklearn)
 - Using Title and Abstract text combined
 - Using TF-IDF and LSA (1,000 dims) to extract features
 - Trained a Multilayer Perceptron NN on a +360k examples dataset
 - To suggest 1 out of 19 exam area



Train dataset examples per class





Train dataset examples per year



- Application Router benefits
 - From April/2018 to June/2019 Application Router routed correctly about 3.000 patent applications more than e-Distribuidor (former solution), it performed 90% better. e-Distribuirdor would routed correctly 3,342 applications and Application Router routed correctly 6,381 application
 - Mean Accuracy 56,85% @ 2019
 - Repeatable training process



- Future developments
 - Update classifier training
 - Research new algorithms
 - Investigate new features techniques



Thank you!



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