

APPLYING SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE AND FEATURE SELECTION TO CHINESE PCB R&D
DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION AND RETRIEVAL

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Abstract

The operation of product research and development (R&D) is relatively essential for a technology company. R&D knowledge is typically presented as documents, either in paper or electronic forms. Handling knowledge generated from the R&D processes is difficult for its complexity and abundance. If the R&D documents can be managed effectively, it will be helpful to knowledge accumulation and utilization. Along with the knowledge advance rapidly, it is beneficial for enterprise to manage R&D knowledge with information technology.

The objective of this study is threefold: (1) Identifying problems encountered in the classification and retrieval of Chinese R&D documents in the printed circuit board (PCB) industry. (2) Developing a document classification process compliant with the properties of the management of Chinese PCB R&D documents. (3) Proposing an R&D document classification methodology and analyzing the accuracy of different models.

The results indicated that applying support vector machine (SVM) to document classification and retrieval in PCB R&D document is feasible and SVM with feature selection outperformed other algorithms, such as kNN and neural network.

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