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Presenting a quick solution to system failures

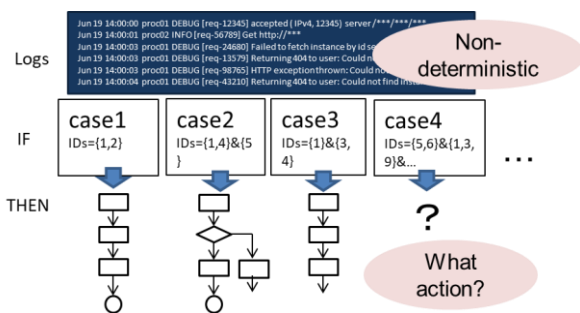
Generating recovery-command sequences by neural networks

Abstract

We propose a method for **automatically generating recovery-command sequences**, which is intended to support quick recovery actions by system operators and to achieve **automatic recovery** from ICT (information and communication technology)-system failures. Our method is based on **Seq2Seq** (sequence-to-sequence), a neural network model usually used to solve translation tasks in the field of natural language processing. This model can learn complex relationships between **logs** obtained from equipment and **recovery commands** that operators executed in the past. When a new failure occurs, our method estimates plausible commands that recover from the failure on the basis of collected logs. Our method also evaluates **the confidence score** of the estimated recovery-command sequences. Operators can use this confidence score as a criterion to determine whether the estimated recovery-command sequence should be executed.

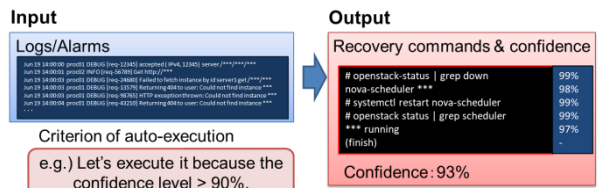
Problem: Construction of Recovery rules

- Automated recovery requires **predefined rules** associating logs/alarms with recovery actions.
- Operators **spend a lot of time** making rules and action sequences



Technology: Automatic generation of recovery commands

- Input: Logs/Alarms, Output: Recovery commands**
→ Reducing operation cost
- Confidence score** of estimated commands
→ Supporting operators' judgement of command execution



Method: Log-Command transformation by Seq2Seq

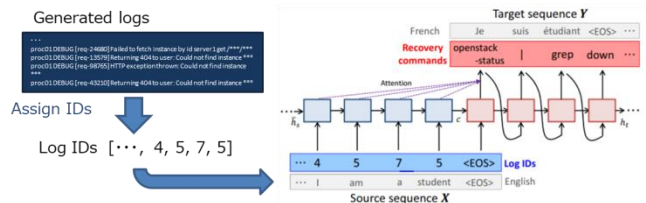
We constructed a neural network model that converts **log/alarm sequences into the corresponding recovery-command sequences** on the basis of historical data by using **Seq2Seq**, which can learn the relationship between multiple sequences.

Input: Log IDs

- Using a log templater [2] to assign IDs to logs

Output: Words included in recovery commands

- Considering an action such as "Pressing Enter key" as a word
- Evaluating the likelihood of the output sequence as the confidence score of estimation



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