

Effects of Global Warming of ICT Products in the Philippines

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Abstract: Technology as a spectrum in the economy plays a vital role in the understanding and adaptation of a changing world vis a vis climate change and its effects. This study explores the inclination of ICT in the Philippines about climate change and its effects. The Data mining was utilized in the exploration of information and knowledge, specifically the use of association rule. Findings revealed that there was a rise of export services of ICT in the Philippines despite being a front line of natural disasters in the world. Finally, a theory was developed by the researcher about ICT and climate change.

Key words: Climate change, ICT, association rule, data mining, exports, imports, trends, Philippines.

1. Introduction

Information Technology is a factor of economic growth of a state. Many of these countries produce technological machines that significantly contribute to others who are in need of its services. This study would like to explore through data mining information of ICT (information, and communication technology) products produce for exports and imports, its economic impact, and services rendered in the Philippines by climate change. In the Philippines, the NEDA (National Economic and Development Agency) through the former Philippine President initiated the National Framework Strategy on Climate Change [1] stated its impacts and vulnerability. As mentioned in the said framework that “climate change in the country triggered the rise in temperature and the increases in variability and pattern of rainfall and super typhoon events, as well.” Anent to this, Forbes reported as “Climate Change Threatens Economic Growth—UN Report. How Investors React?” the UN’s IPCC (intergovernmental panel on climate

change) could not be clearer — climate change is a risk to economic growth. It is in this statement that the study is conducted if there is an effect of climate change in economic growth of the state about ICT import and export services [2]. In this study, data mining technique was used to determine if there is a relationship between ICT products being imported and exported and other services and the climate change that the Philippines experienced.

2. Conceptual Framework

This study adopted the IPO (input-process-output) framework where variables are obtainable and were carefully selected by the researcher to develop a theory.

3. Methodology

3.1 Research Design

The research design employed by the research was quantitative using exploratory research design; this was used to test the data obtained from the source using data mining specifically using the association rule technique.

3.2 Research Methods

The researcher gathers information from the PAGASA

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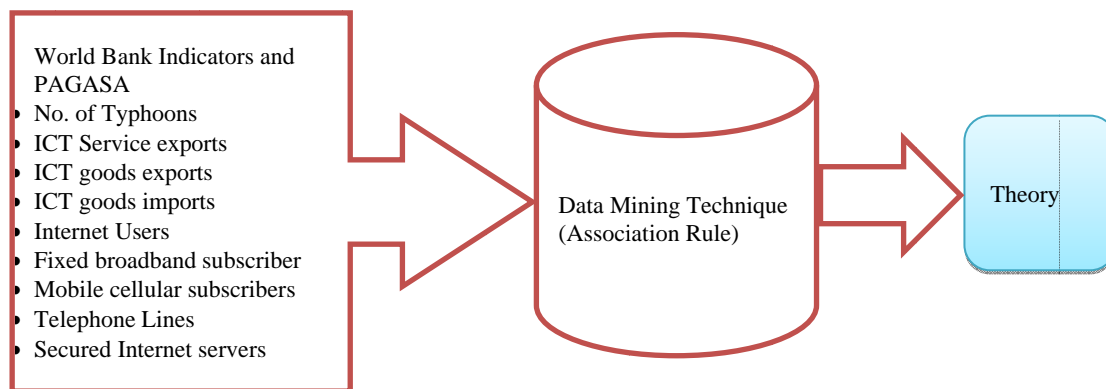


Fig. 1 A conceptual framework on ICT trends in the Philippines relative to climate change.

(Philippine atmospheric, geophysical and astronomical services administration)—the number of typhoons that enter the PAR (Philippine area of responsibility) and from World Bank Organization website using the indicators about ICT for the past eight years. Data mining, specifically an association rule technique was used to generate new information. Data Mining is a logical process designed to explore data [3, 4]. Moreover, data mining, also called knowledge discovery in databases [5].

Itemset — a collection of one or more items.

Support Count (σ)— frequency of occurrence of an itemset.

Support—fraction of transactions that contains an itemset.

Frequent itemset—an itemset whose support is greater than or equal to a minsup threshold.

Association Rule—an implication of the form $X \rightarrow Y$, where X and Y are itemsets.

Rule Evaluation Metrics

Support (s)—Fraction of transaction that contains both X and Y .

Confidence—Measures how often itemsets in Y appear in transactions that contain X .

Minimum Support (Minsup) —is one more than half the number of cases. In this research, since the number of the item is eight then the minsup is five.

In reducing the number candidates, the researcher employs apriori principle which means “If an itemset is frequent, then all of its subsets must also be

frequent” [6]. Apriori principle holds due to the following property of the support measure:

$$\forall X, Y : (X \subseteq Y) \Rightarrow s(X) \geq s(Y)$$

where support of an itemset never exceeds the supports of its subsets and is known as the anti-monotone property of support.

4. Presentation of Data and Results

Table 1 shows the eight years of datasets from 2005 to 2012 taken from the PAGASA and the World Bank organization website [7, 8].

Table 2 shows above where the coding technique and its descriptions employed by the researcher to quickly identify and analyzed the variables utilized in the research.

Table 3 illustrates the use of association rule by comparing the values of variables to the mean (please see Table 1) per year and denoting it by 1's if it is greater than or equal to the mean and 0's if it is less than the mean.

Table 4 shows the transcription of values denoted by 1's to its variable codes.

Table 5 exemplifies the distribution of item 1 set using the frequent item set generation rule and rule generation in association rule. In itemset 1 the variable B, denoted as ICT service exports (% of service exports—BoP) is accepted since it is equal to the minsup which is five, and the rest of the variables are disregarded since it did not meet the minsup.

Table 1 Distribution of values of the variables by year.

Years	No. of Typhoons	ICT service exports (% of service exports - exports)	ICT goods exports (% of total goods exports)	ICT goods imports (% total goods imports)	Internet users (per 100 people)	Fixed broadband Internet subscribers	Mobile cellular subscriptions	Telephone Lines	Secured Internet servers
2005	17	15.92	47.67	45.81	5.4	123000	34778995	3367252	210
2006	20	17.70	47.76	44.18	5.74	265030	42868911	3633188	283
2007	13	27.51	33.71	42.68	5.97	496151	57344815	3940082	350
2008	22	50.71	30.59	33.70	6.22	1045716	68117167	4076140	413
2009	23	61.47	36.42	33.20	9.00	1722407	75586646	4100000	484
2010	12	63.47	26.77	31.63	25.00	1722400	83150138	3335398	622
2011	21	71.69	22.74	13.16	29.00	1791000	94189795	3555951	716
2012	17	67.28	29.47	24.75	36.24	2146600	101978345	3493164	834
SUM	145	375.76	275.13	269.11	122.57	9312304	558014812	29501175	3912
MEAN	19	48	35	35	16	1164039	69751853	3687648	490

Table 2 Distribution of coding values of the variables.

Code	The World Development Indicators	Description
A	Number of typhoons	Number of Typhoons, Tropical Storm, and Tropical Depression entered the Philippines Area of Responsibility (PAR)
B	ICT service exports (% of service exports - BoP)	Information and communication technology service exports include computer and communications services (telecommunications and postal and courier services) and information services (computer data and news-related service transactions).
C	ICT goods exports (% of total goods exports)	Information and communication technology goods exports include telecommunications, audio and video, computer and related equipment; electronic components; and other information and communication technology goods.
D	ICT goods imports (% total goods imports)	Information and communication technology goods imports include telecommunications, audio and video, computer and related equipment; electronic components; and other information and communication technology goods.
E	Internet users (per 100 people)	Internet users are people with access to the worldwide network.
F	Fixed broadband Internet subscribers	Fixed broadband Internet subscribers are the number of broadband subscribers with a digital subscriber line, cable modem, or other high-speed technology.
G	Mobile cellular subscriptions	Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions are subscriptions to a public mobile telephone service using cellular technology, which provide access to the public switched telephone network. Postpaid and prepaid subscriptions are included.
H	Telephone Line	Telephone lines are fixed telephone lines that connect a subscriber's terminal equipment to the public switched telephone network and that have a port on a telephone exchange. Integrated services, digital network channels, and fixed wireless subscribers are included.
I	Secured Internet servers	Secure servers are servers using encryption technology in Internet transactions.

Table 3 Distribution of values of variables using association rules.

NO	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
5	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
6	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
7	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
8	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1

Table 4 Transcription of values using codes.

NO	ITEM
1	C,D
2	A,C,D
3	D,H
4	A,B,H
5	A,B,C,F,G,H
6	B,E,F,G,I
7	A,B,E,F,G,I
8	B,E,F,G,I

Table 5 Distribution of items and it's supports.

ITEM 1 SET	Support
A	4
B	5
C	3
D	3
E	3
F	4
G	4
H	3
I	3

5. Hypotheses

Established in the data presented and analyzed above, it is speculated that there is an increase of ICT service exports relative to climate change.

6. Conclusion/Theory

Meteorological condition is associated with the growth of technology service trades.

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