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Computational Analysis of Quran Text using Machine Learning and Large Language Models

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Abstract— The Quran verses are foundational for Muslims worldwide. Significant research has been dedicated to information retrieval (IR) from Quran; however, multiple studies have focused on descriptive analysis and topic modelling of the Quran in Arabic and translated versions. This study presents a comprehensive framework for analysing large textual data using an English translation of the Quran. Initially, it conducts a descriptive analysis of the verses to uncover various features, including readability, word clouds, significant n-grams, and network graphs illustrating word associations. The framework then applies machine learning techniques, specifically clustering models based on numerical vectors from *text-embedding-3-large*, to identify effective groupings of verses. Additionally, *GPT-4-turbo* is used for topic modelling within each cluster through prompt engineering, aiming to enhance the understanding of these clusters. The results include statistical information graphs and concise knowledge summaries that are beneficial to both domain experts and wider populace.

Keywords— quran, data science, machine learning, large language models, natural language processing, text mining

I. INTRODUCTION

The Quran, regarded as the primary reference text for Muslims globally and originally composed in Arabic, holds significant value for scholars in religious studies and wider public. The analysis of Quranic verses provides substantial insights. Computational analysis, employing various statistical techniques and artificial intelligence (AI), facilitates the understanding of such data for different applications.

Information retrieval (IR) refers to the process of extracting pertinent information from an extensive repository. This process is crucial for accessing relevant data efficiently. Notably, significant research has been dedicated to information retrieval from the Quran [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], highlighting the importance of this field in understanding and utilising the Quran text.

Descriptive analysis, a branch of statistics that focuses on summarising and delineating the primary characteristics of a dataset, has been applied to the Quran's text. Research studies have conducted descriptive analysis of the Quran in Arabic [8], Malay [9], and Indonesian languages [10], [11], which enables the dissemination of knowledge for audience of respective language.

Topic modelling, a form of statistical analysis employed to discern abstract topics within a collection of documents. Research studies have employed the probabilistic topic modelling algorithm Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) to identify topics in the Quran, primarily using base Arabic language [12], [13], [14], with one study in Indonesian translation [15]. This highlights LDA's capacity to manage

extensive text collections and uncover latent thematic structures within the documents. However, LDA demonstrates several drawbacks: it is sensitive to the number of topics chosen, it can be challenging to interpret the resulting topics, and it assumes that documents are mixtures of topics, which may not always accurately represent the true structure of the text.

Machine learning, a subset of AI, utilises mathematical techniques to learn from data. Within this domain, unsupervised methods automatically identify patterns in the data to create groupings, process referred to as clustering. In related work, Ahmad and associates undertook a series of clustering algorithms experiments on Quran verses from single chapter, suggesting k-means algorithm was notably effective [16]. Subsequently, they proceeded to analyse various modifications to the k-means algorithm, aiming to improve its performance [17]. While these studies offer insights into optimal algorithms, the understanding of the clusters themselves remains unclear.

Large language models (LLMs) are sophisticated statistical systems that learn from extensive datasets, demonstrating robust linguistic processing capabilities and performing various cognitive tasks [18], [19], [20]. Yousef and colleagues fine-tuned AraQA, an open-source language model trained on Arabic Islamic question-and-answer pairs sourced from reliable web platforms. This model answers queries related to Islamic topics in Arabic with a perplexity score of 2.3 [21]. This evidence suggests that LLMs can be effectively tailored to specific linguistic and cultural contexts, enhancing their relevance and accuracy in specialised domains.

To the best of current knowledge, no previous research has conducted computational analysis of the English translation of the entire Quran. This paper aims to develop a method for analysing large textual data and subsequently offering statistical information and abridged knowledge that may benefit researchers in this domain. Additionally, it seeks to establish a framework for future computational investigations. The study employs the Quran as a case study to achieve these objectives. Initially, descriptive analysis and clustering are conducted using various Python packages such as *py-readability-metrics*, *wordcloud*, *NetworkX* and *sklearn*, followed by the application of LLMs to examine the clusters.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows: Section II elucidates the methodology employed in gathering verses of Quran and explores the analytical approaches applied therein. Section III presents the results obtained from the study. Finally, Section IV discusses results and Section V concludes the paper.

II. METHODOLOGY

The study utilises English translation of the Quran, authored by Talal Itani, scraped with the author's consent from clearquran website [22]. The study utilised the edition of the Quran in which the divine entity is referred to as 'God'. The research was conducted using the Python programming language due to the availability of open-source tools.



Fig. 1. Methodology

A. Data Pre-processing

The pre-processing procedure employed OpenAI's *text-embedding-3-large* model to generate numerical vectors for the verses [23]. Additionally, the research prepared an alternative version of the verses, wherein stopwords were removed according to the list provided by *nltk.corpus*, facilitating the frequency calculation of significant words.

B. Descriptive Analysis

The analysis utilised various visualisations with the help of open-source tools to disseminate the characteristics of the Quran verses.

1) Assessing Readability of Quranic Verses

The research employed the Flesch readability score from the *py-readability-metrics* library to assess the readability ease and grade level of the Quran verses [24].

2) Visualising Keywords in Quran with WordCloud

Word Cloud facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the most frequently occurring words. The research utilized the *wordcloud* library for visualization of word importance for entire Quran verses.

3) Analysing Word Frequency Pattern

The research employed the *TfidfVectorizer* from *sklearn* tools to calculate Unigram, Bi-gram, Trigram, and Four-gram analyses due to its ability to capture different levels of n-gram features, determining the frequency of the most commonly occurring words. The findings are presented using horizontal bar graphs.

4) Mapping Word Relationships with Network Graphs

The research entailed constructing network graphs to illustrate word associations within Quran verses. By analyzing bigram frequencies, a graph was devised to represent the relationships between frequently co-occurring words. The *NetworkX* library facilitated the creation of this graph from an edge list derived from the top 40 bigrams. The visualization, executed using a spring layout, elucidates the interconnectedness of key words. This approach underscores textual interrelations, thereby augmenting the interpretative analysis of the verses.

C. Grouping Similar Verses using Clustering Techniques

Clustering utilised embeddings created during the pre-processing phase. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was employed to reduce the dimensions of the 3072 embeddings into a 2-dimensional space for visualisation and clustering purposes. PCA was selected due to its efficiency in dimensionality reduction for large datasets. The clustering algorithms applied included Spectral Clustering, Gaussian Mixture Model, and Agglomerative Clustering, chosen for their varied approaches to handling data complexity and structure.

Various clustering configurations, ranging from 2 to 10 clusters, were created, and the Silhouette Score was calculated for evaluation. This score aided in assessing the cohesion and separation of the clusters. The concept of the elbow diagram was then used to identify the optimal number of clusters, balancing simplicity, and explanatory power. Visualisations of the clustering results from all algorithms were compared side by side, evaluating both the Silhouette scores and the distribution created by the algorithms.

D. Exploring Clustered Topics with AI Analysis

The research utilized *GPT-4-Turbo* through OpenAI's paid API access, employing prompt engineering to model topics within each cluster of verses.



Fig. 2. Cluster Analysis Methodology

Fig 2. highlights cluster verses were divided into two equal sections because of the excessive length of the combined cluster text. This approach ensured that even lengthy cluster texts could be effectively managed and analysed, maintaining the coherence and interpretability of the results.

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Fig. 3. Prompt A: Topic Modeller

Verses from both sections of the clusters were aggregated and presented to the model one by one using prompt A, as depicted in Figure 3. To enhance interpretability and organisation, the prompts instructed the language models to generate output in JSON format. This output consisted of a list of five topics, where each object included a topic, description, and significance.

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Fig. 4. Prompt B: Merged Modelled Topics

Finally, the modelled topics for both sections were merged with the help of *GPT-4-Turbo* using Prompt B, as depicted in Figure 4. Most instructions from Prompt A were incorporated into Prompt B to maintain consistency.

III. RESULTS

The dataset comprised 6,236 rows, corresponding to the number of verses in the Quran, and included 113 chapters.

A. Assessing Readability of Quranic Verses

TABLE I.	READABILITY	ANALYSIS
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Score	Ease	Grade Level
77.55	fairly_easy	7

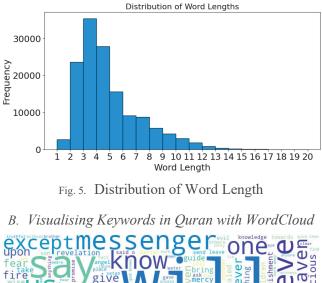




Fig. 6. Word Cloud for Quran Text

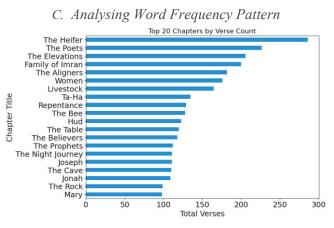
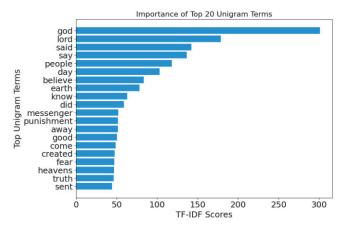


Fig. 7. Top 20 Chapters by Verse Count





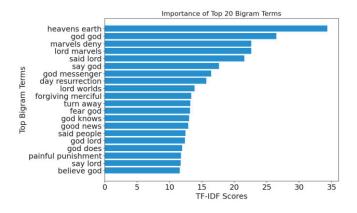


Fig. 9. Importance of Top 20 Bi-gram Terms

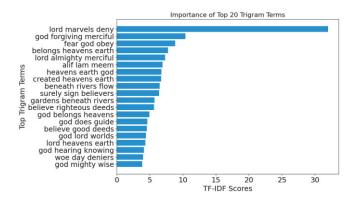


Fig. 10. Importance of Top 20 Tri-gram Terms

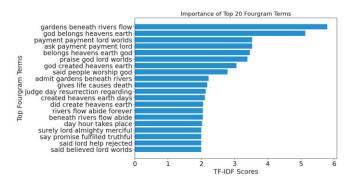


Fig. 11. Importance of Top 20 Four-gram Terms

D. Mapping Word Relationships with Network Graphs Network Graph of Word Associations

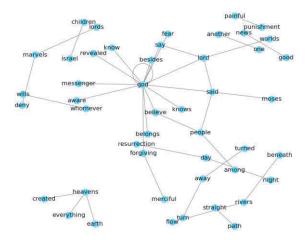


Fig. 12. Network graph of word associations

E. Grouping Similar Verses using Clustering Techniques

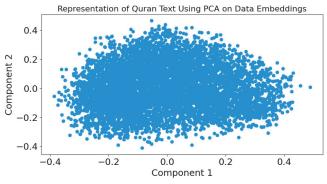


Fig. 13. PCA embeddings

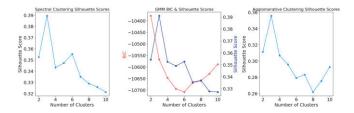


Fig. 14. Elbow digram with different cluster sizes and algorithms

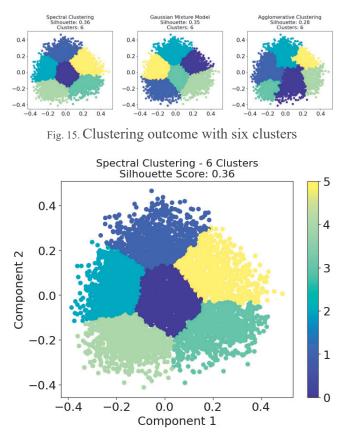


Fig. 16. Best clustering outcome with Spectral Clustering

Cluster	Number of
Name	Rows
First cluster	1366
Second	934
cluster	934
Third cluster	1158
Fourth cluster	912
Fifth cluster	960
Sixth cluster	906

F. Exploring Clustered Topics with AI Analysis

Each cluster was processed in chronological order, with the results presented exactly as generated by the language models, without any alterations.

1) First Cluster

Торіс	Description	Sig
	The text underscores the	
	certainty of resurrection,	
	divine judgment, and the	
	afterlife, emphasizing	
Divine	accountability for one's	
Judgment and	actions with corresponding	
Afterlife	rewards or punishments.	95
	Narratives of prophets like	
	Noah, Abraham, Moses,	
	and Jesus are presented,	
	illustrating moral and	
Prophetic	spiritual lessons and the	
Guidance and	importance of obedience to	
Revelations	divine directives.	90
	The text offers explicit	
	moral guidelines on justice,	
	charity, honesty, and	
Moral and	behaviour, aiming to shape	
Ethical	individual conduct and	
Directives	societal norms.	85
	References to God's	
	creation and control over	
	the universe highlight	
Divine	divine omnipotence and	
Omnipotence	sovereignty, reinforcing the	
and	purpose of human existence	
Sovereignty	and accountability.	80
	The narrative contrasts the	
	outcomes for piety versus	
	disbelief, detailing the	
	adverse consequences for	
Consequences	denial and disobedience,	
of Human	including divine	
Actions	retribution.	75

TABLE III. FIRST CLUSTER TOPICS

2) Second Cluster

TABLE IV.SECOND CLUSTER TOPICS

Topic	Description	Sig
	The text underscores the	
	severe repercussions for	
	disbelief and sin,	
Divine Judgment	including divine	
and	retribution and eternal	
Consequences	punishment in Hell.	95

	It provides	
	comprehensive guidance	
	on moral and spiritual	
	rectitude, advocating for	
Guidance and	adherence to divine	
Spiritual	revelations and righteous	
Conduct	living.	90
	The narrative discusses	
	the historical rejection of	
	prophets and the dire	
Prophetic	consequences for	
Messages and	communities that denied	
Rejection	their messages.	85
	Amidst warnings, the text	
	highlights God's mercy	
	and forgiveness for	
	believers, promising	
Divine Mercy	divine protection and	
and Protection	rewards in Paradise.	80
	The text distinguishes	
	between true believers	
	and hypocrites,	
	emphasizing the	
Faith Integrity	importance of sincere	
and	faith and individual	
Accountability	accountability.	75

3) Third Cluster

TABLE V. THIRD CLUSTER TOPICS

Topic	Description	Sig
	The text underscores the	
	role of divine guidance	
	through scriptures, stressing	
	the importance of adhering	
	to God's commands and the	
	consequences of human	
Divine	actions in the afterlife,	
Guidance and	including rewards and	
Accountability	punishments.	95
	It details moral and ethical	
	behaviors such as charity,	
	justice, and patience,	
	advocating for adherence to	
	these virtues as outlined in	
Moral and	religious texts to promote	
Ethical	societal harmony and	
Instructions	personal salvation.	90
	The significance of worship,	
	prayer, and remembrance of	
Principles of	God is emphasized as	
Worship and	central practices that foster	
Piety	spiritual growth and provide	88

	a moral compass in believers' lives.	
Social Justice and Community	Guidance is provided on maintaining justice and proper conduct within the community, including fair treatment of vulnerable groups, which is deemed essential for a righteous	
Conduct	society.	85
Prophets, Revelations,	The text highlights the importance of prophets and their revelations as divine guides for mankind, linking past prophets to the continuity of God's message and emphasizing spiritual	
and Spiritual	and moral conduct for	00
Growth	communal well-being.	88

4) Fourth Cluster

TABLE VI. FOURTH CLUSTER TOPICS

Topic	Description	Sig
	The text underscores a	
	structured cosmic order	
	and divine omnipotence,	
	detailing celestial	
	operations and the	
Cosmic and	meticulous design of the	
Divine Order	universe.	95
	It highlights divine	
	communication through	
	prophets and scriptures,	
Divine	which guide humanity	
Communication	with wisdom and	
and Prophetic	command obedience and	
Guidance	faith.	90
	Human beings are	
	portrayed as undergoing	
	moral and ethical tests,	
	with their choices having	
Human	significant consequences,	
Existence and	guided by divine	
Moral Testing	wisdom.	88
	The narrative focuses on	
	themes of judgment and	
	the afterlife, emphasizing	
Judgment and	accountability and	
Eternal	eternal outcomes based	
Afterlife	on earthly life.	90

	Miraculous events and	
	signs are depicted as	
	divine interventions that	
	affirm faith, challenge	
Miracles and	disbelief, and illustrate	
Divine Signs	divine power.	85

5) Fifth Cluster

TABLE VII. FIFTH CLUSTER TOPICS

Торіс	Description	Sig
	The text underscores God's	
	absolute sovereignty and	
	omnipotence, highlighting His	
Divine	role as the creator, sustainer,	
Sovereignty	and ultimate authority over all	
and Control	existence.	95
	God is characterized by	
	wisdom, mercy, and justice,	
	engaging actively in the	
Attributes	universe through guidance,	
and Actions	revelations, and interactions	
of God	with prophets.	90
	The narrative explores human	
	responsibilities like worship,	
Human	obedience, and seeking	
Obligations	forgiveness, emphasizing a	
and	reciprocal relationship of	
Relationships	guidance and submission with	
with God	God.	85
	The text discusses the Day of	
	Judgment and the afterlife,	
Concept of	stressing moral accountability	
Judgment and	and the consequences of one's	
Afterlife	actions on earth.	80
	Prayer and devotion are	
	portrayed as vital for spiritual	
Prayer,	growth, with an emphasis on	
Devotion,	the importance of moral	
and Moral	righteousness and the rejection	
Conduct	of idolatry.	75

6) Sixth Cluster

TABLE VIII. SIXTH CLUSTER TOPICS

Торіс	Description	Sig
	The text underscores themes	
Divine	of divine judgment and	
Judgment and	retribution, illustrating	
Retribution	punishment for disbelief and	95

	wrongdoing with significant	
	emphasis.	
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	Narratives focus on	
	prophetic warnings,	
Prophetic	historical examples, and	
Guidance and	miracles to convey lessons	
Historical	and the consequences of	
Lessons	ignoring divine messages.	90
	The text imparts moral and	
	ethical lessons through	
	parables and the actions of	
Moral and	past communities,	
Ethical	emphasizing righteousness	
Instructions	and divine obedience.	90
	Exploration of the afterlife,	
	detailing judgment day	
Concept of	events and eternal	
Afterlife and	consequences for	
Eternal	individuals based on their	
Repercussions	earthly actions.	88
	Discussions highlight	
	human skepticism towards	
Human	divine signs and the	
Disbelief and	omnipotence of the divine,	
Divine	stressing the folly of human	
Omnipotence	hubris.	85

IV. DISCUSSION

Table I indicates that the translation of the Quran employed in the study is comprehensible to a broader audience with limited English proficiency. Additionally, Figure 5 reveals that the most frequent word lengths range between three and five characters, while words exceeding ten characters are negligible. This information is useful for optimising text processing algorithms and enhancing computational efficiency in natural language processing tasks.

The word cloud of Quranic verses in Figure 6 facilitates the visual interpretation of frequently occurring words, aiding in the comprehension of themes within the text. Figure 7 presents the 20 longest chapters in the Quran, measured by the number of verses. This metric can potentially serve as a criterion for future research on specific chapters of Quran. The unigrams, bigrams, trigrams, and four-grams presented in Figures 8-11 demonstrate the most common n-grams in the Holy Quran. These terms and the word cloud are crucial for future research in semantic search because of insights provided into semantic structure and thematic elements of the verses. Their importance is underscored by the prior removal of stop words before extraction. Lemmatization and stemming techniques, often employed to reduce words to their base or root form for textual analysis, were deliberately not used to maintain the original context of the verses.

Figure 12, a network graph of word associations, visually illustrates the interconnectedness of key terms within the Quranic verses. Central to this graph is the word "God," which is directly linked to other significant concepts such as "believes," "knows," and "forgiving." This centrality suggests that these terms are crucial for understanding the thematic and semantic structure of the Quran. It is particularly useful for identifying core themes and relationships within the Quran, aiding researchers and readers in comprehending the complex interplay of concepts.

Figure 13 presents a two-dimensional representation of Quranic verses, utilising PCA on numerical embeddings. The scatter plot reveals a broad distribution with considerable overlap among data points, suggesting both diversity in the embeddings and significant commonality in their features. This visualisation underscores the complexity and rich, varied nature of the verses data.

Figure 14 displays the silhouette scores for Spectral Clustering, GMM, and Agglomerative Clustering across various cluster numbers. The figure suggests that the optimal number of clusters is 6, as this number results in the highest silhouette scores for both Spectral Clustering and GMM. In contrast, Agglomerative Clustering consistently yields lower silhouette scores compared to the other methods, indicating its reduced effectiveness in this context. Figures 15 and 16 further clarify these findings by presenting the silhouette scores and cluster distributions for the selected algorithms. Spectral Clustering achieves the highest silhouette score of 0.36, thus emerging as the most effective clustering method. The visual distribution of clusters supports this conclusion, showing distinct and well-separated clusters under Spectral Clustering.

Table II indicates low variation in the number of verses among clusters, suggesting homogeneity. However, it is anticipated that clusters should exhibit diverse topics with a substantial number of verses. Tables III-VIII identify key themes within each cluster identified by LLMs rather than using traditional methods like LDA to maximise interpretability and ensure consideration of contextual relevance of verses. Each topic offers a broad understanding, while the descriptions provide detailed insights. The significance (Sig) scores indicate the relative importance within each cluster. Although there are recurring themes across clusters, the descriptions highlight distinct nuances, enriching the overall analysis. The tables collectively underscore recurrent themes of divine judgment, moral and ethical guidance, prophetic teachings, and the significance of divine omnipotence. Each cluster offers a nuanced perspective, highlighting the depth and complexity of the themes within the verses.

V. LIMITATIONS

This study's limitations arise from its reliance on an English translation of the Quran, which may not fully convey the nuances inherent within the original Arabic. This risks losing critical meanings necessary for accurate interpretation, especially within religious contexts. Moreover, the study does not seek input from Islamic scholars to verify translation accuracy or methodology from a Sharia perspective, which raises questions regarding its scholarly rigour.

Moreover, the text-embedding model used for clustering was trained on general linguistic data, potentially lacking the domain-specific depth required for a thorough analysis of religious texts. This generalisation may produce clusters that inadequately capture the theological and contextual complexities of Quranic verses. Although machine learning models were employed for clustering, the interpretability of the resulting clusters could be improved. Furthermore, the study assumes statistic groupings of verses, thereby potentially overlooking fluid or overlapping themes across different clusters.

VI. FUTURE WORK

Future research could investigate the use of fine-tuned language models trained specifically on religious texts to enhance clustering accuracy and interpretability. Integrating the original Arabic text with multilingual models may yield deeper insights into thematic structures. Moreover, employing dynamic topic models and temporal analysis could provide a more nuanced understanding of evolving Quranic themes across various clusters or chapters. Expanding the dataset to encompass additional translations and interpretations might also facilitate cross-linguistic comparisons, thereby enriching the overall findings.

VII. CONCLUSION

This study presents a computational framework for future investigations that is related to the application of natural language processing, data mining and qualitative analysis. Initially, this paper employs descriptive analysis to summarise and delineate the characteristics of Quranic verses from all chapters, utilising readability analysis, word cloud, n-grams, and network graph visualisations. Subsequently, clustering techniques are applied using numerical embeddings to group verses from all chapters, and then utilising capabilities of LLMs to identify topics within each cluster rather than relying on traditional methods like LDA to maximise interpretability and ensure consideration of contextual relevance of verses.

By generating word clouds and network graphs and extracting key terms—following the removal of stop words—researchers obtain valuable insights into the text's semantic structure. These insights are crucial for developing effective semantic search methodologies. This process helps identify core themes

and relationships within the Quran, facilitating a deeper understanding of the intricate interplay of concepts for both researchers and readers.

Each identified cluster within the text provides a nuanced perspective, highlighting the depth and complexity of Quranic themes. Although this study encompasses the entire Quran, the methodologies and findings can be applied effectively to individual chapters, enabling detailed analysis at a granular level. This approach will be instrumental in future research endeavours, allowing for targeted exploration of specific thematic elements within the Quran's chapters.

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