



Article Emergency Decision Making for Electric Power Personal Accidents Based on Ontology and Case-Based Reasoning

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Abstract: Improvements in the emergency response efficiency and management level of power construction sites are conducive to reducing the construction safety risk of power infrastructure projects and then achieving the sustainability of construction site safety. Therefore, this paper proposes an emergency decision-making method for electric power personal accidents, which applies ontology and case-based reasoning to electric power emergency decision making. Firstly, ontology technology is used to structurally represent power accident case knowledge and clarify concepts and their relationships. Then, a power accident knowledge ontology hierarchy is designed, and a powerful personal accident case library is established. Secondly, by calculating cases' conceptual similarity, attribute similarity, and structural similarity, a global power accident case similarity calculation method is proposed, and case matching is performed based on the calculation results to achieve case knowledge retrieval and reuse. Finally, the results of the example-based study show that the method effectively achieves the accurate retrieval of electric power accident cases, improves the efficiency of the emergency decision making for electric power construction site accidents.

Keywords: electric power infrastructure; ontology; case-based reasoning; safety and sustainability; security risk knowledge base; emergency decision making

1. Introduction

As the most important basic energy industry in the development of the national economy, the electric power industry is a key and leading industry in the national economic development strategy. The stability of the power industry has a profound impact on the effectiveness and sustainability of economic and social development. For example, Shin et al. [1] believed that the operation mode of the power grid combined with distributed power generation could effectively improve energy efficiency and deal with environmental problems through research on the power demand of steel plants. Alabbasi et al. [2] combined the sustainable indicators of renewable energy power production in Bahrain with reality when considering the selection of sustainable indicators and provided effective advice for relevant government decisions. Hou et al. [3] developed a multi-objective congestion management method based on probability to improve the reliability and economic sustainability of power grid system operation.

Along with the rapid development of China's social economy and infrastructure construction, the electricity demand is rising day by day, and the scale of electricity production and construction is expanding. However, the heavy operational tasks in the process of power production and construction, the complexity of the construction site, and the variety of safety management scenarios have led to difficulties in safety management and the frequent occurrence of various types of power safety accidents. According to the statistical



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Copyright: © 2023 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). data of the National Energy Administration, there were 389 electric power accidents and electric power safety incidents in the country from 2012 to 2020, of which electric power personal accidents accounted for about 78%. The high proportion of electric power personal accidents indicates the urgent need to further improve the level of electric power safety management and take timely, effective control measures to reduce the impact and harm of electric power safety accidents on people's lives, health, and economic development. Furthermore, the sustainable construction safety of the power industry can be promoted, and the sustainable stability of the economy and society can be realized.

However, the accident itself is sudden in nature and is characterized by the randomness of its evolution process, which brings greater difficulties to on-site emergency decision making. For the power industry, accident emergency responses mainly rely on manual experience and emergency plans [4], which have strong subjectivity and poor operability. In addition, in the process of establishing an emergency system for electric power accidents, there are still problems, such as imperfect emergency mechanisms and imperfect emergency systems [5]. Thus, there is an urgent need for a more scientific and efficient method to provide support for the emergency management of power safety. Unlike research on safety risks and sustainability related to the technical parameters of power grids [6–8], this paper focuses on a large number of historical cases and empirical knowledge accumulated on emergency disposal in the field of power safety, analyzes and summarizes various accidents that occurred in the past, and draws and summarizes lessons from them to develop a more efficient early-warning mechanism. In turn, the safety management level of electric power construction sites and the response efficiency of on-site emergency decision making can be improved.

To enhance the emergency risk management of safety incidents, scholars have conducted a lot of research work around case-based reasoning (CBR), ontology techniques, and other methods. CBR, as one of the approaches to knowledge reuse, borrows the experience and solutions from similar cases to solve new problems; it includes four stages: retrieve, reuse, revise, and retain [9]. In recent years, domestic and foreign scholars have widely applied CBR methods to the field of emergency decision making for emergencies and have achieved some promising results. For example, Wang et al. [10] constructed a structured representation model for subway engineering safety accident cases and proposed case retrieval strategies and similarity calculation methods to provide support for accident emergency decision making. Aiming at the problem of incomplete emergency information and missing attribute data on case features, structural similarity was introduced to address the problem of missing attributes. Zhang [11] implemented CBR for urban fire emergencies, and Li et al. [12] constructed a risk emergency management model for the recycling and construction of old industrial buildings. In addition, some scholars have also divided the emergency occurrence process into several scenarios and implemented CBR by retrieving similar scenarios. Xia et al. [13] analyzed sudden disaster accident scenarios from the temporal and spatial dimensions, proposed the concept of scenario elements, and calculated the similarity based on scenario elements. The effectiveness and feasibility of this method were verified by accident examples. Ma and Wang [14] first analyzed the emergency case structure of environmental emergencies, constructed an emergency scenario ontology model, optimized scenario-matching algorithms, and implemented scenario-based emergency decision making. Then, Men and Liu [4] applied this method in the field of electric power and proposed a method for emergency decision making in electric power accidents. Moreover, Yu et al. [15] took grid operation accidents as the research object, sorted out the case characteristics and attributes, and designed the structure of an operation accident case database.

However, CBR reuses knowledge only at the case level, ignoring the macro-structural representation of the domain consensus. Therefore, its output often does not conform to the domain consensus. Ontologies are explicit formal specification descriptions of shared conceptual models, and the use of ontologies can effectively compensate for the deficiencies of CBR techniques. Ontology originates from the field of philosophy and is a specifica-

tion for modeling concepts [16]. It provides a clear, formal definition of the relationships between concepts, ensuring that these concepts and their relationships have a clear and unique meaning within the shared scope. With the gradual informatization of the field of construction engineering, ontology is also increasingly widely used in the safety risk management of construction sites. For instance, Wang and Boukamp [17] constructed a risk ontology for construction activities and steps and designed a set of ontology rules for the safety inspection of construction activities. Ding et al. [18] combined BIM, ontology, and semantic web technologies to develop a prototype system for construction risk knowledge management. He et al. [19] built an ontology knowledge base for subway foundation pit construction based on BIM and ontology technology, which is used for hazard source management in subway construction projects. Consequently, combined with the aforementioned research, the introduction of ontology concepts promotes the integration of semantic content into traditional information retrieval mechanisms, improving the efficiency and accuracy of knowledge retrieval.

Furthermore, to improve the efficiency of risk assessment, researchers have combined ontology techniques with CBR to establish a deep foundation pit construction safety risk assessment model, an emergency ontology knowledge base for urban rail transportation networks, and so on [20–22]. However, previous studies did not effectively address the need to improve the efficiency of emergency decision-making responses to power construction site accidents.

To this end, based on the above-mentioned research basis, this paper proposes an emergency decision-making method using a large number of existing historical cases and empirical knowledge to solve the existing problem of inefficient emergency decision-making responses to accidents at power construction sites. Firstly, this paper details the analysis of the accident case structure of electric power personal accident report records and the construction of an ontology knowledge base of electric power personal accidents by using ontology technology to structurally represent the knowledge of electric power accident cases. Secondly, a similarity calculation method for power accident cases is proposed, which integrates attribute similarity, conceptual similarity, and structural similarity. Finally, through an example analysis, it is illustrated that the method proposed in this paper can effectively solve the problem of matching the accuracy of electric power accident cases, provide decision-making intelligence support for decision makers, solve the difficult problem of accident emergency decision making caused by the complex field environment, and improve the electric power production and construction safety management level of electric power enterprises.

In general, the core contributions of this paper can be summarized into two aspects. On the one hand, an emergency decision-making method for electric power personal accidents is proposed, which provides support for emergency decision making on power construction sites. On the other hand, ontology and CBR are applied to electric power emergency decision making. The following chapters of this paper are arranged as follows: Section 2 introduces the emergency decision-making method flow of power personal accidents proposed in this paper. Section 3 introduces the representation method of electric personal accident cases in detail, which lays the foundation for the realization of the subsequent CBR. Section 4 shows the related concepts needed for the CBR of power personal accidents. Section 5 presents an empirical analysis of the existing data based on the above methods. Finally, the research in this paper is summarized. The flow chart of this paper's framework is shown in Figure 1.

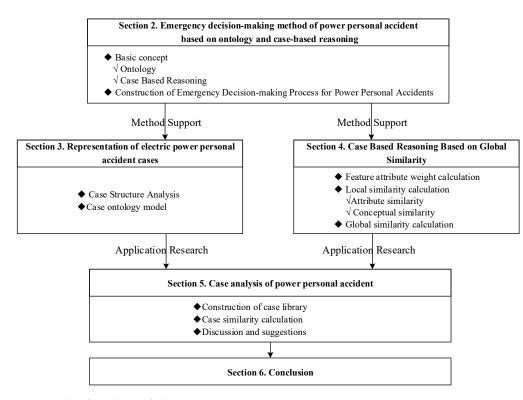


Figure 1. The flow chart of this research.

2. Emergency Decision-Making Method for Power Personal Accidents Based on Ontology and CBR

2.1. Basic Concept

2.1.1. Ontology

Ontology was originally a philosophical concept [23]. With the continuous development of understanding and research on ontology, the definition of ontology is constantly changing [24]. In the field of informatics, ontology was first defined as the basic terms and relations of related vocabulary [25] and the rules for defining lexical extension by using these terms and relations [26]. In addition, ontology is widely regarded as a clear specification of a conceptual model [27,28].

At present, ontology is widely used in the Semantic Web, intelligent information retrieval, information integration, digital library, and other fields [29]. It represents concepts and their relationships in an explicit and formal way and becomes a medium for people, machines, and applications to reach a common understanding of the semantics of concepts, enabling knowledge sharing and reuse among various applications [30].

The purpose of an ontology is to obtain knowledge about a field, provide a consensus on the knowledge in this field, and provide a clear definition for recognized vocabulary in this field [31]. In general, the ontology structure can realize knowledge sharing and reuse to a certain extent and improve the communication ability, interoperability, and reliability of the system [32,33]. With the reform of the power system and the continuous expansion of the power network, it is crucial to build a fully flexible information exchange system and a fully covered knowledge system to adapt to the rapidly changing business environment [34,35]. The use of ontology technology can improve the efficiency of the information extraction process and present the reasoning results of knowledge [36]. For the ubiquitous information silo problem in the same field, we can use ontology to create a domain knowledge model so that information in the same field can be shared and integrated [37]. Through automatic case identification, case information can be obtained so as to solve the case input problem [38]. Since an ontology provides a clear conceptual model, semantic conflicts caused by different expressions in the case library are resolved [39,40].

2.1.2. CBR

CBR is used to solve new problems by looking for similar historical cases and using specific knowledge from existing experience or results, that is, specific cases [41,42]. Also, it is a method of relying on past successful experiences to reason about the solution to the case. CBR can imitate the way that people think about problems to solve them, and it can continue to accumulate past successful experience from self-learning, so its coverage gradually increases with the use of the system [43–46]. Case retrieval is one of the key steps of CBR, and its purpose is to select a suitable retrieval strategy and matching algorithm to retrieve historical cases similar to the current case from the historical cases [47].

In recent years, unexpected events have occurred from time to time; we have faced a variety of unexpected events, and the methods used to handle them are also different [48]. However, for a specific emergency that is currently occurring, there have generally been situations in the past that are more or less similar to the current emergency [49]. Thus, we can use the experience of solving past cases to handle the current event. The problem-solving approach based on CBR is to quickly retrieve similar cases from history and provide the most similar case solution to emergency managers based on the similarity between the cases to assist emergency decision makers in making correct and reasonable decisions about current emergencies [50].

CBR originates from human psychological and cognitive activities. When faced with a new problem that needs to be solved, people tend to compare previously used cases that are similar to the problem and learn from past experiences and methods of solving cases in order to achieve the purpose of solving the current problem [51,52].

With the increasing attention paid to power grid emergencies, the advantages of ontology technology and CBR in solving this problem have been demonstrated [53,54]. The combination of ontology technology and CBR will be able to better and effectively solve emergency decision-making problems for grid incidents.

2.2. Construction of Emergency Decision-Making Process for Power Personal Accidents

The emergency decision-making method for electric power personal accidents proposed in this paper uses ontology technology to sort out the relevant concepts and relationships among cases, achieve the standardization of accident sample cases, and develop a structural representation of case knowledge. Then, the case data are stored to build a case library for electric power personal accidents. On this basis, the CBR method is used to achieve the rapid retrieval and matching of similar cases and generate auxiliary decision-making schemes. The specific process is shown in Figure 2.

The above-mentioned emergency decision-making framework constructed in this paper includes two modules, namely, the ontology model of the accident case knowledge base and CBR, to realize the standardized representation and knowledge sharing of risk management and control knowledge. By using ontology modeling technology, the risk management knowledge contained in the traditional accident report text file is mined, the risk management knowledge is standardized by using digital technology, and the ontology model of risk management knowledge is constructed. Among them, the ontology model construction module mainly includes three steps: knowledge acquisition, ontology design, and formal ontology representation. And the CBR module mainly includes two steps: similarity calculation and retrieval matching.

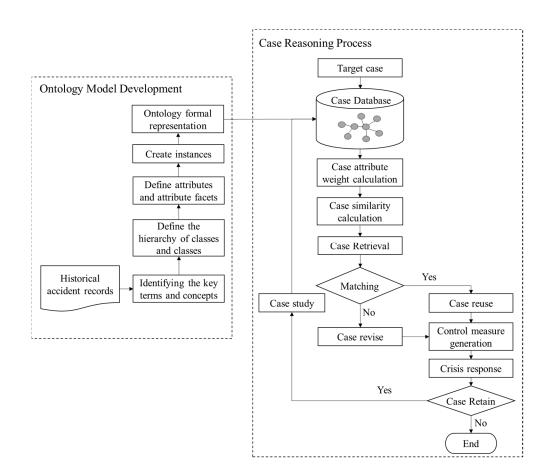


Figure 2. Emergency decision-making process for electric power personal accidents based on ontology and CBR.

3. Representation of Electric Power Personal Accident Cases

Case representation is the description of accident cases, which is the foundation and premise of CBR. A good case representation method can reflect the essential characteristics of events, facilitate the implementation of subsequent reasoning, and improve the utilization of case knowledge [55].

3.1. Case Structure Analysis

A case usually includes three aspects, namely, problem description, problem solving, and effect evaluation [56], which, respectively, correspond to the basic situation of the accident, the accident-handling process, and the evaluation of the handling effect of a specific accident case.

According to the electric power personal accident investigation report, the specific accident description includes basic accident information, accident process information, and accident analysis information. Among them, the basic accident information is the description of the accident profile, including the name of the accident, the time of occurrence, the incident unit, the type of accident, and the consequences of the accident. The accident process information is the detailed description of the accident. The accident analysis information is the cause of the accident and the lessons learned after an analysis by industry experts. In this paper, accident attributes are further summarized with reference to the existing industry standards and norms to form a multi-level structure of the characteristics of power personal accident cases, as shown in Figure 3.

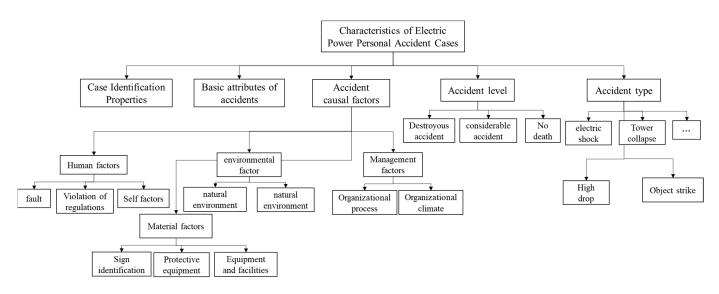


Figure 3. Multilayer structure of personal case characteristics in electric power.

3.2. Case Ontology Model

The basic elements of an ontology include concepts (or classes), relationships, functions, axioms, and instances [57]. In this paper, ontology technology is used to structurally represent case knowledge, and it is represented as a four-tuple form based on the characteristics of accident cases, which is formally defined as:

$$Onto_Case = \{C_Case, R_Case, I_Case, A_Case\}$$

 C_Case represents a collection of concepts in a case ontology model. The concepts involved in the case ontology model include "accident", "accident causal factors", "accident level", and "accident type". The basic attributes of the "accident" concept are shown in Table 1.

| Number | Attribute Name | Domain | Range |
|--------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | Accident number | Accident | String |
| 2 | Accident name | Accident | String |
| 3 | Time | Accident | Date Time |
| 4 | Location | Accident | String |
| 5 | Incident unit | Accident | String |
| 6 | Death toll | Accident | Integer |
| 7 | Number of injuries | Accident | Integer |
| 8 | Economic loss | Accident | Float |
| | | | |

Table 1. Definition of the concept of an accident.

 R_Case represents a collection of relationships between concepts. The basic relationship types include part of, kind of, instance of, and attribute of, respectively representing the relationship between parts and the whole, the inheritance relationship between concepts, the relationship between instances and concepts, and the relationship between attributes and concepts. On this basis, in the process of building the domain ontology, this paper defines other binary relations among concepts, as shown in Table 2.

| Number | Relation Name | Domain | Range |
|--------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Kind of | Human factors | Causal factors |
| 2 | Instance of | Electric shock | Accident type |
| 3 | Attribute of | Time | Accident |
| 4 | Accident type | Accident | Accident type |
| 5 | Accident cause | Accident | Causal factors |
| 6 | Accident handling | Accident | Control measures |

Table 2. Definition of basic conceptual relationships.

I_Case represents a collection of instances of concepts, and the instantiation objects for different concepts are different.

A_Case represents an axiom set, which is mainly used to define the relationships between attributes, including function relationships, inverse function relationships, transitive relations, etc.

4. CBR Based on Global Similarity

4.1. Feature Attribute Weight Calculation

The reflection of each characteristic attribute of an accident case is different, and it is necessary to evaluate the importance of each characteristic attribute to determine its weight. The entropy weight method is an objective weighting method that is performed by calculating the information entropy of indicators. The calculation steps are as follows.

(1) Assume that the case database contains a total of *n* cases and *m* feature attribute values, which constitute the affiliation evaluation matrix *R*.

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \cdots & r_{1m} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & \cdots & r_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ r_{n1} & r_{n2} & \cdots & r_{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$

Firstly, it is necessary to standardize the value of each indicator. The data in the case database cover case information from 2014 to 2020, spanning different time periods. The value of each indicator during different periods is represented by x_{ij} (the value of the *j*-th indicator at time *i*). And r_{ij} represents the indicator value obtained after the standardization of x_{ij} .

When the indicator value is as large as possible, it is a positive indicator, and its standardization formula is

$$r_{ij} = \frac{x_{ij} - \min x_{ij}}{\max x_{ij} - \min x_{ij}} \tag{1}$$

when the index value is as small as possible, it is an inverse index, and its standardization formula is

$$r_{ij} = \frac{\max x_{ij} - x_{ij}}{\max x_{ij} - \min x_{ij}}$$
(2)

The data in this paper are all inverse indicators, which are the degree of membership of evaluation indicators.

(2) Calculate the proportion of the *j*-th feature attribute value of case *i* to the total feature attribute value of this indicator in the case library p_{ii} .

$$p_{ij} = \frac{r_{ij}}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} r_{ij}}$$
(3)

(3) Calculate the entropy value e_i of the characteristic attribute value of the *j*-th indicator.

$$e_{j} = -\frac{1}{\ln(n)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{ij} \ln(p_{ij})$$
(4)

(4) Calculate the information entropy d_j of the characteristic attribute value of index *j*.

$$d_j = 1 - e_j \tag{5}$$

(5) Calculate the weight w_i of the feature attribute value of the *j*-th indicator.

$$w_j = d_j / \sum_{j=1}^m d_j \tag{6}$$

4.2. Local Similarity Calculation

Assuming that the case library contains *m* cases and *n* indicator characteristic attributes, case X^* is the target case, X_i is the *i*-th case in the case library, and x_{ij} is the *j*-th indicator characteristic attribute value of the *i*-th case (i = 1, 2, ..., m; j = 1, 2, ..., n).

4.2.1. Attribute Similarity

Attributes are characteristic representations of concepts and an important component of case knowledge, including numerical and symbolic types. The similarity calculation methods for different types of attributes are different. The similarity between the target case X^* and case X_i with respect to the conceptual attribute *j* is recorded as $Sim_j(X^*, X_i)$.

(1) Numerical attributes

$$Sim_j(X^*, X_i) = 1 - \frac{\left|x_j^* - x_{ij}\right|}{\max_j - \min_j}, i \in m, j \in n$$
 (7)

In the formula, \max_{j} represents the maximum value of the *j*-th feature attribute. \min_{j} represents the minimum value of the *j*-th feature attribute.

(2) Symbolic attributes

Symbolic attributes are enumeration-type variables and can be further divided into ordered and unordered types. Among the characteristic attributes of electric power personal accident cases, the accident type is an unordered enumeration-type variable, and the accident level is an ordered enumeration-type variable. The similarity calculation method for the above two types of attributes is as follows.

I. When the characteristic attribute is an unordered enumeration-type variable,

$$Sim_{j}(X^{*}, X_{i}) = \begin{cases} 1, x_{j} = x_{j}^{*} \\ 0, x_{j} \neq x_{j}^{*}, i \in m, j \in n \end{cases}$$
(8)

II. When the characteristic attribute is an ordered enumeration variable,

$$Sim_j(X^*, X_i) = 1 - \frac{\left|x_j^* - x_{ij}\right|}{count_i}, i \in m, j \in n$$
(9)

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4.2.2. Conceptual Similarity

In addition to containing case attributes, the case ontology model also includes several concepts. The conceptual similarity cannot be measured by the traditional attribute similarity calculation method. For this reason, some scholars have proposed a "concept tree" similarity calculation method based on semantic information, which uses the level of concepts and the distance between concepts as the calculation basis [58].

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(1) Tree similarity

In the concept tree, the tree similarity $Sim_t(c_1, c_2)$ of concepts c_1 and c_2 is calculated as follows:

$$Sim_t(c_1, c_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{a(f(c_1) + f(c_2))}{(d(c_1, c_2) + a) \times 2 \times m \times \max(|f(c_1)| - |f(c_2)|, 1)} & a > 0, c_1 \neq c_2 \\ 1 & c_1 = c_2 \end{cases}$$
(10)

In Equation (10), $f(c_1)$ and $f(c_2)$ represent the conceptual levels of c_1 and c_2 , respectively. $d(c_1, c_2)$ is the conceptual distance between c_1 and c_2 . a is an adjustment parameter, and $Sim_t(c_1, c_2) = 1$ indicates that there is an equivalence relation between c_1 and c_2 .

(2) Lineage similarity

Lineage similarity is the degree of similarity between upper-level concepts, reflecting the indirect similarity between concepts, denoted by $Sim_s(c_1, c_2)$, which denotes the similarity between c_1 and c_2 based on the upper attributes. It reveals the indirect similarity between c_1 and c_2 . In addition, the calculation formula is the same as in Equation (10).

(3) Conceptual similarity

In the concept tree, the similarity between two non-equivalent concepts c_1 and c_2 is denoted by $Sim_c(c_1, c_2)$, and the calculation is as follows:

$$Sim_{c}(c_{1}, c_{2}) = \frac{sim_{t}(c_{1}, c_{2}) + sim_{s}(c_{1}, c_{2})}{2}$$
(11)

The target case X^* is set to contain l object-type attributes $\{p_{11}, p_{12}, \ldots, p_{1l}\}$, and X^* is set to contain $g(g \le 4)$ categories; X_i contains h object-type attributes $\{p_{21}, p_{22}, \ldots, p_{2h}\}$, and X_i contains $k(k \le 4)$ categories. The conceptual similarity between cases X^* and X_i is denoted by $Sim_o(X^*, X_i)$. The calculation method is as follows:

$$Sim_{o}(X^{*}, X_{i}) = \sum_{j=1}^{\min(g, k)} w_{j} \max Sim_{c}^{j}(X^{*}, X_{i})$$
(12)

In the formula, $Sim_c^j(X^*, X_i)$ represents the similarity of the *j*-th concept in cases X^* and X_i , and w_j represents the concept weight.

4.3. Global Similarity Calculation

Based on the different weights of attribute indicators, the local similarity is weighted and summed [59], and the global similarity between the target case X^* and the *i*-th case X_i is recorded as $Sim(X^*, X_i)$. The characteristics and attributes of accident cases reflect different situations, and this paper uses the entropy weight method [60] to calculate and obtain indicator weights.

Due to missing information or improper recording in accident reports, directly weighting and summing case feature attributes can result in low global similarity. Before calculating global similarity, first, the case structural similarity is calculated to solve the problem of inaccurate global similarity caused by partially missing attributes. The structural similarity between the target case X^* and case X_i is recorded as $Sim_{stru}(X^*, X_i)$ and is calculated as follows.

$$Sim_{stru}(X^*, X_i) = \frac{W_{Q\cap C}}{W_{Q\cup C}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} w_i}{\sum_{k=1}^{l} w_k}$$
 (13)

Based on the structural similarity calculation results, the global similarity calculation between the accident sample case X_i and the target case X^* is as follows.

$$Sim(X^*, X_i) = Sim_{stru}(X^*, X_i) (\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} w_j Sim_j(X^*, X_i) + Sim_c(X^*, X_i))$$
(14)

 w_j represents the weight of the *j*-th attribute, $Sim_j(X^*, X_i)$ represents the local similarity between the sample case X_i and the target case X^* in the *j*-th attribute, $Sim_{stru}(X^*, X_i)$ represents the structural similarity of the case, and $Sim_o(X^*, X_i)$ represents the conceptual similarity between the sample case X_i and the target case X^* .

5. Case Analysis of Power Personal Accidents

Two different types of electrical infrastructure construction accident cases were selected for relevant experiments to verify that the combined ontology and CBR approach can effectively analyze and summarize various types of accidents that occurred in the past and achieve the effective retrieval of similar cases of unexpected accidents. Section 5.1 shows some of the constructed cases of electrical personal accidents. Sections 5.2 and 5.3 validate the effectiveness of the methodological model in this paper based on electrocution and fall-from-height accidents as target cases, respectively. Section 5.4 discusses the related modeling results and gives related suggestions. The related research framework is shown in Figure 4.

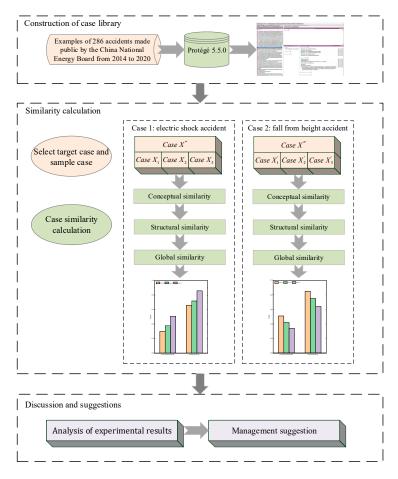


Figure 4. Framework diagram of emergency decision making for electric power personal accident research.

5.1. Construction of Case Library

According to the statistical data released by the National Energy Administration, during the period from 2014 to 2020, a total of 305 electric power personal injury and death accidents occurred nationwide, with a total of 286 accident examples, excluding some accident cases that lack records and cause analyses. Ontology technology was used to structure the representation of accident case knowledge and build a powerful personal accident case database. The individuals of the "Electric power personal accident" were developed using protégé 5.5.0, and the partially constructed case database is shown in Figure 5.

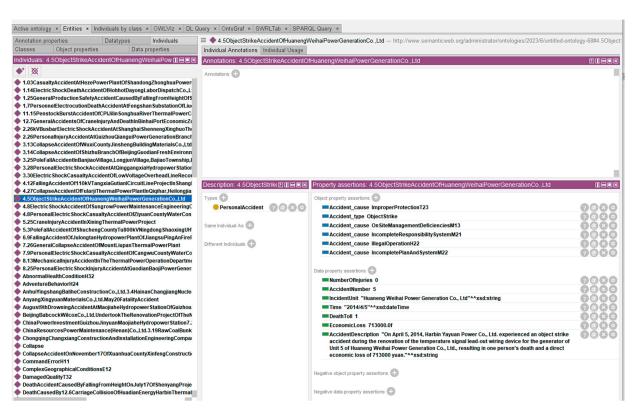


Figure 5. The screenshot of individuals of the "Electric power personal accident" and their properties.

5.2. Similarity Calculation of Case 1

In this section, an electric shock accident that occurred on 28 March 2015 is selected as the target case, with case number 49. In addition, three other electric shock accidents have been randomly selected as alternative cases. The corresponding accident descriptions of the above cases are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Brief introduction of Target Case 1 and alternative case accidents.

| Case | Number | Accident Description | |
|-----------------------|--------|--|--|
| <i>X</i> * | 49 | On 28 March 2015, an operator from the Yellow River Power Maintenance Company of the State Power Investment Corporation of China received an electric shock while repairing the outlet switch of the generator unit at the Qinggangxia Hydropower Station of the Qinghai Datonghe Hydropower Development Co., Ltd., of the China Power Investment Corporation, resulting in one person's death. | |
| <i>X</i> ₁ | 45 | On 7 January 2015, the Liucheng County Work Safety Supervision and Administration Bureau received a report from the accident enterprise that a fatal electric shock accident occurred in the Fengshan Substation of Liucheng Power Supply Company. | |
| <i>X</i> ₂ | 47 | On 23 March 2015, when Baoding Power Supply Company of the State Grid conducted a spring inspection test on the No. 1 main transformer unit of 110 kV Chaoyang Road Substation, an electric shock accident occurred, resulting in one death and a direct economic loss of CNY 1.55 million. | |
| <i>X</i> ₃ | 234 | At 10:50 on 15 August 2019, during the process of painting the exterior wall of the 10 kV high-voltage room of the 110 kV Jiding Substation of the State Grid Tibet Shigatse Power Supply Company, the construction personnel blindly moved the scaffold without taking any safety measures, resulting in insufficient safety distance between the scaffold and the 10 kV Jigang 145 line, causing an electric shock accident, resulting in one death and one injury. | |

Then, the entropy weight method is used to calculate the weights of each indicator in the case based on their varying degrees of variation. The specific calculation steps are detailed in Section 4.1. And the final calculation results are shown in Table 4.

| Table 4. Case feature attributes and their v | veights. |
|--|----------|
|--|----------|

| Index | Index Name | Weight | Index | Index Name | Weight |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| <i>x</i> ₁ | Death toll | 0.05 | <i>x</i> ₇ | Human factor | 0.19 |
| <i>x</i> ₂ | Number of injured persons | 0.08 | <i>x</i> ₈ | Material factor | 0.19 |
| <i>x</i> ₄ | Accident level | 0.23 | <i>x</i> 9 | Environmental factor | 0.09 |
| <i>x</i> ₅ | Economic loss | 0.04 | <i>x</i> ₁₀ | Management factor | 0.13 |
| <i>x</i> ₆ | Accident-causing factor | 0.6 | / | / | / |

The conceptual attribute types in the case ontology model include numerical attributes, symbolic attributes, and object attributes. The calculation of numerical and symbolic attributes is relatively simple and will not be explained here. For the accident causal factors in the accident case ontology model, the conceptual similarity calculation method mentioned above is used, and the calculation results are as follows.

 $\begin{aligned} Sim_o(X^*, X_1) &= 0.19 \times 1 + 0.19 \times 0.33 + 0.13 \times 0.33 \approx 0.30\\ Sim_o(X^*, X_2) &= 0.19 \times 1 + 0.13 \times 1 + 0.19 \times 0.33 \approx 0.38\\ Sim_o(X^*, X_3) &= 0.19 \times 1 + 0.19 \times 1 + 0.13 \times 1 = 0.51 \end{aligned}$

The structural similarity between the target case and the alternative case is calculated based on the completeness of the case attributes, and the calculation results are as follows:

$$Sim_{stru}(X^*, X_1) = 1, Sim_{stru}(X^*, X_2) = \frac{0.87}{0.91} \approx 0.96, Sim_{stru}(X^*, X_3) = 1$$

Taking into account local similarity, feature attribute weights, and structural similarity, the global similarity of the case can be calculated by referring to Equation (12). The final calculation result is as follows:

$$Sim(X^*, X_1) = 1 \times (0.05 \times 1 + 0.08 \times 1 + 0.23 \times 1 + 0.30) = 0.66$$

$$Sim(X^*, X_2) = 0.96 \times (0.05 \times 1 + 0.08 \times 1 + 0.23 \times 1 + 0.38) \approx 0.72$$

$$Sim(X^*, X_3) = 1 \times (0.05 \times 1 + 0.08 \times 0.92 + 0.23 \times 1 + 0.51) \approx 0.86$$

In order to show the calculation results more visually, the relevant results are plotted in Figure 6.

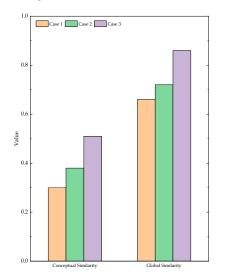


Figure 6. Similarity of Case 1.

5.3. Similarity Calculation of Case 2

In this section, an additional fall-from-height accident that occurred on 7 June 2017 is selected as the target case, and three other high-fall accidents are selected as sample cases in the case base with the accident numbers and brief descriptions shown in Table 5.

Table 5. Brief introduction of Target Case 2 and alternative case accidents.

| Case | Number | Accident Description |
|-----------------|--------|---|
| X*' | 173 | At about 15:30 on 7 June 2017, a fall accident occurred in the construction project of the EPC-A section of a coal transmission system of Liaoning Datang International Shenfu Connecting Belt Thermal Power Plant, located in the village of Guogongzhai, Shenjingzi Town, Hunnan District, Shenyang, resulting in the death of one person working on-site. |
| X'_1 | 73 | On 2 April 2015, Zhejiang Neng Wenzhou Power Generation Co., Ltd., located in Panshi Community, Beibaixiang Town, Yueqing City, was responsible for the expansion project of Zhejiang Neng Thermal Power Plant, which was built by Anhui Yingshang Balihe Construction and Installation Co., Ltd., and the wet electrostatic precipitator of Unit 8 fell from a height during the assembly and hoisting construction, resulting in two deaths and two injuries. |
| X' ₂ | 90 | At about 18:00 on 2 April 2016, a vehicle injury accident occurred during the DC oil pump control cabinet renovation project of Unit 3 of Shanxi Datang International Shentou Power Co. in the process of carrying cable boxes with a forklift on the east side of Unit 3's zero-meter rehydrator, resulting in one death and a direct economic loss of CNY 1,458,720,000. |
| X' ₃ | 181 | At 11:40 a.m. on 13 March 2018, a fall-from-height accident occurred in Shanxi Zhangze Power Co. "1 River Law Power Generation Branch" during a furnace inspection in the furnace chamber of boiler No. 2, resulting in one death, one serious injury, six minor injuries, and economic losses of CNY 1.192 million. |

For the accident causal factors in the accident case ontology model, the conceptual similarity calculation method is mentioned in Section 4.2, and the weights of each indicator in the case based on their varying degrees of variation are the same as in Table 4 for Case 1. Then, the calculation results are as follows:

 $\begin{array}{l} Sim_o(X^{*\prime}, X_1') = 0.19 \times 1 + 0.19 \times 1 + 0.13 \times 1 = 0.51 \\ Sim_o(X^{*\prime}, X_2') = 0.19 \times 1 + 0.13 \times 1 + 0.13 \times 0.75 \approx 0.42 \\ Sim_o(X^{*\prime}, X_3') = 0.13 \times 1 + 0.19 \times 0.75 + 0.19 \times 0.33 \approx 0.34 \end{array}$

Then, structural similarity calculation results between the target case $X^{*'}$ and cases X'_1, X'_2, X'_3 are as follows:

 $Sim_{stru}(X^{*'}, X_1') = 1, Sim_{stru}(X^{*'}, X_2') \approx 0.96, Sim_{stru}(X^{*'}, X_3') \approx 0.96$

The global similarity of the case can be calculated by referring to Equation (12). The final calculation results are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Sim(X^{*\prime}, X_1') &= 1 \times (0.05 \times 0.8 + 0.08 \times 0.85 + 0.23 \times 1 + 0.51) \approx 0.85 \\ Sim(X^{*\prime}, X_2') &= 0.96 \times (0.05 \times 1 + 0.08 \times 1 + 0.23 \times 1 + 0.42) \approx 0.75 \\ Sim(X^{*\prime}, X_3') &= 0.96 \times (0.05 \times 1 + 0.08 \times 0.54 + 0.23 \times 1 + 0.34) \approx 0.64 \end{aligned}$$

In order to show the calculation results more visually, the relevant results are plotted in Figure 7.

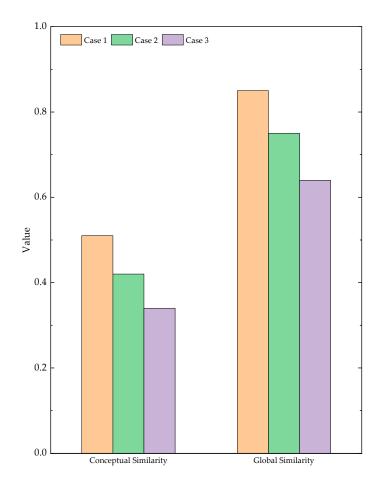


Figure 7. Similarity of Case 2.

5.4. Discussion and Suggestions

It can be seen in Case 1 that the similarity between the target case X^* and cases X_1 , X_2 , and X_3 , the three alternative cases, is 0.66, 0.72, and 0.86, respectively. In addition, the similarity calculation results of the three alternative cases are all greater than 0.5, and the above accident cases have all caused the serious consequence of one person's death, which is a major casualty accident. However, the target case lacks records for the economic loss caused by the accident, and there are missing attributes. Among the alternative cases, only case X_2 records the economic loss of the accident, which is CNY 1.55 million. And the economic loss indexes of the remaining two accident cases are missing. Therefore, the structural similarity between the target case and case X_2 is the lowest. From the global similarity calculation results, case X_3 has the highest similarity and the highest matching degree with the target case and can be used as a reference case.

From the experimental results of Case 2, the similarity between the target case $X^{*'}$ and cases X'_1 , X'_2 , and X'_3 are 0.85, 0.75, and 0.64, respectively. At the same time, the target case $X^{*'}$ also lacks a record of the economic loss caused by the accident, and there are missing attributes. Among the alternative cases, only case X'_1 is the same as the target case $X^{*'}$, and none of them recorded the economic loss of the accident. Therefore, the target case $X^{*'}$ and case X'_1 have the highest structural similarity. According to the global similarity calculation result, case X'_1 has the highest similarity to the target case $X^{*'}$ and can be used as the reference case.

In general, this study used CBR and ontology technology methods to focus on engineering to complete this manuscript. The case validation results in Section 5.2 show that the proposed approach can make full use of a large number of historical cases and empirical knowledge accumulated in emergency responses in the field of electric power safety, analyze and summarize various accidents that occurred in the past, and, when a new accident occurs, quickly draw on the methods used to handle similar cases in the past to improve the efficiency of the emergency response.

From the discussion of the above results, it is clear that the situation causing the low similarity between the target case and the alternative case structure stems from the partial absence of accident records. This mainly stems from the fact that there are many different requirements for the internal evaluation system and data construction standards when information power infrastructure is being built, resulting in non-uniform data standards and unsound systems, which in turn affect the sustainable storage and utilization of existing basic information. At the same time, it reduces the quality and data utilization effectiveness of electric power personal injury and death accident records in accident emergency decision making. Therefore, to further enhance the effectiveness of the emergency decision-making method in this paper, based on the deficiencies in the above-mentioned research process information, the following relevant information management suggestions are put forward to promote the effectiveness of electric power safety emergency decision making by improving the quality of data records and thus enhance the sustainability of electric power safety production.

- (1) Accident information standardization construction and system sustainability improvement. The standardization of accident information records should be improved to reduce the waste of resources by enabling the convenient extraction of important concepts and terms when using ontology technology, thus enhancing the effectiveness of existing information records in accident emergency decision making.
- (2) Sustainability of accident information association. Effective accident information linkage can improve the response efficiency in similar accidents, thus avoiding the expansion of the scope of accidents and reducing the spread of their impact. Then, continuous accident information linkage can promote the continuous improvement of the emergency decision-making management system.
- (3) Sustainability of effective communication between accident information recording and emergency management personnel. As the source and user of accident information, emergency management personnel and accident recorders should form a long-term communication and consultation mechanism to continuously improve the effectiveness of accident information utilization and emergency decision making.

6. Conclusions

From the aspect of case representation, this study first analyzed the case structure of electric power personal accidents, used ontology technology to structure case knowledge, and constructed a case library of electric power personal accidents. Secondly, in the CBR process, the global similarity calculation model was used to comprehensively consider the indicator attribute weight, case structural similarity, attribute similarity, and conceptual similarity, improving the accuracy of case matching. Finally, the case similarity calculation method proposed in this paper was validated through specific accident cases. The experimental results show that this method can effectively improve the accuracy of case matching and is suitable for emergency decision making for electric power construction site accidents, providing a reference for other types of accident emergency decision making. In general, this study used CBR and ontology technology methods to focus on engineering to complete this manuscript. Follow-up studies can focus on in-depth mathematical model research.

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