

# Classification of Power Quality Considering Voltage Sags occurred in Feeders

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Abstract: In this paper we propose a methodology to classify Power Quality for feeders, based on sags and by the use of KDD technique, establishing a quality level printed in labels. To support the methodology, it was applied to feeders on a substation located in Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil, based on attributes such as sag length, duration and frequency (number of occurrences on a given period of time). In the search for feeders quality classification, on the Data Mining stage, the main stage on KDD process, three different techniques were used in a comparatively way for pattern recognition: Artificial Neural Networks, Support Vector Machines and Genetic Algorithms. Those techniques presented acceptable results in classification feeders with no possible classification using a simplified method based on maximum number of sags. Thus, by printing the label with information and Quality level, utilities companies can get better organized for mitigation procedures, by establishing clear targets.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Currently, is growing the consumer demand for quality in both products & services provided, because businesses in various industries have been using high-sensitivity computerized equipment that must rely on good Power Quality (PQ), and this has been fostering several studies about PQ.

Many disturbances occur in the electric system, usually called “events”, which can be either accidental (tree branch fall, atmospheric discharges) or programmed (preventive maintenance); such events have a direct influence on PQ.

These events generate some PQ indicators or continuity indicators (both individual and collective), currently presented by Brazilian concessionaires, who are related to Power outages, but not present indicators concerning voltage sag.

In this context, this paper proposes a methodology that could be considered an alternative to the requirement made by Aneel (2008) that does

not define performance standards for the voltage sag event but indicates that “concessionaires should follow up and make available, on an annual basis, the performance of monitored bus bars”. This information could be a benchmark for bar performance of consumer units serviced by the Medium and High Voltage Distribution System with sensitive loads and short-duration voltage variations.

The classification proposed hereby considers only three attributes: voltage sag magnitude, duration and frequency (number of events during a certain period); this classification led to the creation of a PQ label that classifies feeders according to a six-color scale, where each color stands for a quality level (from A to F, where A is the highest quality and F is the lowest quality). In this paper, we decided to present an illustration of the methodology applied to feeders of a substation in the municipality of Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil, which could be generalized and applied to other issues (Góes, 2012).

The inspiration to create a quality label for

voltage sags came after a literature review of the researches of Casteren et al., (2005) and Cobben and Casteren (2006), who outlined a PQ classification, however, without presenting a methodology or techniques to make the PQ effective for voltage sags.

Thus, as there seems to be no other studies addressing PQ (only PQ-related events) in literature, some topics in the studies by Casteren et al., (2005) and Cobben and Castaren (2006) are analyzed here:

1. How to use real data in order to create a quality label?
2. How to define what is “regular quality”, based on real data?
3. How to classify an element/pattern that fits none of the classification levels in the quality label?

The methodology present in this paper brings in its context the Knowledge Discovery in Data bases (KDD) to answer the questions above.

In the first question, we used a historical data base of an electric power company from a substation during a four-month period (February to May, 2008). The second question is answered by achieving the upper limit of the “C” range, presented throughout the paper. Finally, in order to answer the third question, we used three pattern recognition techniques: Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Genetic Algorithm (GA), at the Data Mining stage (main stage of the KDD process).

This paper is organized in five sections, including the introduction. The literature review indicating related studies to this theme. The problem is described in section 3; section 4 presents the methodology applied to a real problem addressed here and, finally, section 5 presents the conclusions.

## 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

The research studies related to power network disturbances (voltage sags, overvoltage, Total Harmonic Distortion, frequency, unbalanced circuits, among others) reunite many research studies that use Operational Research techniques aiming at their identification, location, classification and prediction. Some of these research studies were developed by Trindade (2005), Oleskovicz et al., (2006), Adepoju et al., (2007), Kaewarsa, Attakitmongkol and Kulworawanichpong (2008), Caciotta, Giarnetti and Leccese (2009), Gencer et al., (2010), Kappor and Saini (2011) and Dash et al., (2012). However, most of them do not directly

address PQ classification; instead, as mentioned above, they address disturbances affecting quality.

On the other hand, the literature has at least two studies outlining PQ classification. One of them was developed by Cobben and Castaren (2006) and it presents three methods for PQ classification based on: small voltage variations, voltage swings and voltage drops; however, without clarifying the methodology, thus leaving many gaps. These classification methods match transparency and simplicity once they use a classification system based on a quality label as illustrated in Figure 1. This illustration is from Casteren et al., (2005) – the other study, which seeks to classify voltage sags as to allow pointing the accountability (consumer, equipment manufacturer or concessionaire) for the cause of the event and its mitigation measures by examining the duration and remaining value of such sags.

<b>A</b>	Very high quality
<b>B</b>	High quality
<b>C</b>	Regular quality
<b>D</b>	Low quality
<b>E</b>	Very low quality
<b>F</b>	Extremely low quality

Figure 1: PQ label. Source: Casteren et al., (2005).

With this data in hand, Casteren et al., (2005) outline a quality label according to frequency (occurrences number), in order to classify sags according to a table divided into nine different levels, as shown in Figure 2, grouped into three regions, where each region represents an responsibility area.

	500 ms	10 s	5 min
100%	<b>K0</b>	<b>M0</b>	<b>L0</b>
90%			
80%			
70%	<b>K1</b>	<b>M1</b>	<b>L1</b>
60%			
50%	<b>K2</b>	<b>M2</b>	<b>L2</b>
40%			
30%			
20%			
10%			
1%			

Figure 2: Voltage sag responsibility (duration x remnant voltage). Source: Casteren et al., (2005).

The upper region (K0, M0, L0), with duration varying between 500 ms and 5 min and remnant voltage between 80% and 100%, is the manufacturer’s responsibility. The intermediate region (K1, M1, L1), with analogous interpretation,



### 3 PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

With the purpose of achieving the first objective of the research, which consists in using real data to indicate the PQ, data were collected from a power company for application of the methodology developed. This company supplies 399 municipalities and 1,114 localities (districts, small towns and villages) in the State of Paraná in Brazil. At the time of the survey, it had 378 substations (SS) in order to supply around four million consumers (households, industries and others); specifically in the capital city, there were 30 substations with around 300 feeders (approximately 10 feeders per SS).

In 14 of the 378 substations, a device is installed to detect PQ-events also measuring voltage sags. Of these 14 devices, six devices are installed in substations in the capital city and its metropolitan area.

The methodology proposed in the present study is applied to one of these substations, which is composed of 12 feeders. However, it should be noted that this methodology can be applied to any substation as long as it has a data collector to capture the information required.

The historical records of events (voltage sags) required to develop the proposal of this study are stored in the concessionaire's data bases. In the first data base, here called BD01, data are captured by the device installed in the bus bar of the substation. Each of these records contains 17 data (attributes), namely: "oscillographic identification", which consists in record numbering by the concessionaire software; "date and time of event start", which indicates the initial time of the PQ-related event record; "type of event", which indicates the PQ-related phenomenon: voltage sag or voltage swell, among others; and "remnant voltage or root mean square (RMS)", which indicates the remnant voltage, that is, the voltage "left" after the event occurrence at each of the voltage phases (Phase A, Phase B and Phase C).

The records in the second data base, BD02, are captured by the concessionaire's Distribution Operation System (DOS) and are related to the interruptions. These records, obtained through software developed by the concessionaire, supply 29 attributes, among which: "feeder identification" – feeder name of the power grid where the interruption was generated; "data and time of event onset" – moment when the interruption occurred; "duration" – interruption duration; "type" - description of interruption type (accidental, programmed or voluntary) and "component affected" – description

of the electrical component affected.

The data used in the study was collected during a four-month period, between February and May 2008; the BD01 was formed by 352 records and the BD02 was formed by 422 records. Thus, a procedure is necessary to analyze and explore this information, transforming it into knowledge. This will require the use of the KDD process aiming at data exploration that will ultimately produce the PQ label.

### 4 METHODOLOGY APPLICATION

The KDD process was used as the foundation of the methodology developed here to produce the PQ label. This process is composed for five steps: data selection; data preprocessing; data transformation; data mining and, finally, interpretation of the knowledge generated (Fayyad et al., 1996). But in this paper the KDD process that is basically composed of the following stages: data preprocessing (data cleaning and transformation); data association between data bases (BD01 and BD02) and, finally, the creation of the label itself. At the last stage, Data Mining techniques were used in order to achieve pattern recognition: ANN; AG and SVM, as already commented. (Góes, 2012)

#### 4.1 Data Pre-processing

At this stage of the KDD process, the attributes relevant to the study were analyzed; eight attributes were removed from BD01 and nine attributes were left (described in the section 3 above). With regard to the BD02 preprocessing, the number of attributes was reduced to six for the same reason (also described above).

Also, only the records where "Type" attributes were "Accidental" should be considered, for the others "Types" it is possible to monitor PQ disturbances. As this information is present exclusively in BD02, this data base was filtered again, after which only five attributes were left, thus also reducing the numbers of records from 422 to 181.

Transformation of attributes that indicate remnant voltage at each of the voltage phases was performed, called "aggregation of parameters", that is, the remnant voltage of the event was defined as the lowest value among the values achieved by the three voltage phases – an alternative indicated by Aneel (2008). Event duration, in turn, is defined as the maximum duration between the three



Table 1: Some BD01 records after data transformation.

Id. Osc.	Start Date	Start Time	Final Date	Final Time	Duration	Circuit	RMS
9	2008-02-06	07:28:35.034	2008-02-06	07:28:35.252	218	0	60.1
10	2008-02-06	20:04:14.805	2008-02-06	20:04:14.990	185	1	35.9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Table 2: Examples of BD03 records (association between BD01 and BD02).

Id. Osc.	Start Date	Start Time	Duration	RMS	Feeder	Component Affected	Start Date	Start Time	Duration
117	28/04/2008	14:28:43	185	46.3	AC	Fly tap	28/04/2008	14:30	135
117	28/04/2008	14:28:43	185	46.3	AF	AR actuation	28/04/2008	14:29	1
117	28/04/2008	14:28:43	185	46.3	AF	Fusible link act.	28/04/2008	14:42	41
121	28/04/2008	18:07:50	202	42.6	AC	Conductor - AT	28/04/2008	18:32	344
121	28/04/2008	18:07:50	202	42.6	AI	Conductor - BT	28/04/2008	18:16	403
136	02/05/2008	7:13:10	705	28.7	AF	Pole	02/05/2008	07:15	36
139	08/05/2008	11:13:04	168	42.4	AI	AR actuation	08/05/2008	11:14	0

phase/neutral events. These values were recorded in the new “Remnant voltage” attribute, and the “RMS voltage phase A”, “RMS voltage phase B” and “RMS voltage phase C” attributes were excluded from BD01.

The methodology proposed to create the PQ label of a feeder considers only three attributes: remnant voltage, duration and number of occurrences. The first two attributes are in BD01 (Table 1); the third attribute is the result of a simple occurrence count. However, BD01 does not indicate the feeder that was affected by the event as data relative to feeders are present in BD02.

Thus, it is necessary to associate BD01 records with BD02 records, according to a procedure presented in the next section.

#### 4.2 Data Association (BD01 and BD02)

In order to associate the data contained in BD01 and BD02, attributes related to time were used. More specifically, “Start Date” and “Start Time” attributes in BD01 and “Start Date” and “Start Time” attributes in BD02 were used.

This association generated a new data base, called BD03, containing 169 records. That is, of the 352 records in BD01 and the 181 records in BD02, there are 169 records associated according to the criterion above.

Table 2, with 10 columns, presents some examples/records of this association. The information in columns 1 to 5 is data from BD01 while columns 6 to 10 are their respective associations found in BD02. In addition, as a means of identifying the 12 feeders in this substation, they will be generically called AA, AB, AC, ..., AK, and

AL.

Table 2 shows that one record in BD01 may have more than one association with BD02, as in the case of the first three lines of the table, where the “Oscillography Identification” attribute is 117. This indicates that the event captured in the substation was also “captured” or was originated in two feeders, “AC” and “AF”, where “AF” has two records for different components affected: “Fly Tap”, “AR actuation”, or simply “AR” and “Fusible link actuation”.

#### 4.3 Creating the PQ Label for the Feeders

The classification of each BD03 record started with the construction of a classification table (Table 3) inspired by the proposal made by Casteren et al., (2005), as shown in section 2.1, with the following attributes: remnant voltage, duration and number of events. The division proposed in this paper for the table was made as follows: two duration ranges were considered for the event:  $\leq 500$  and  $> 500$  milliseconds and five remnant voltage intervals: 10% to 19%, 20% to 39%, 40% to 59%, 60% to 79% and 80% to 90%.

The connection between duration and remnant voltage can be better understood by observing Table 3, where 10 possible classes, called C1, C2, ... to C10, are presented. It becomes evident that, the shorter the duration, the higher the remnant voltage of the event, and the better the PQ of that event will be. Thus, the PQ of events has the following hierarchy:  $C1 \geq C2 \geq \dots \geq C10$ . In order to typify such classification, records in Table 2 are duly classified, according to Table 3 and Table 4.

Table 3: Classification considering duration and remnant voltage in the records.

RMS (%)	Duration	
	≤ 500 milliseconds	> 500 milliseconds
80 to 90%	C1	C2
60 to 79%	C3	C4
40 to 59%	C5	C6
20 to 39%	C7	C8
10 to 19%	C9	C10

Table 4: Classification of records in Table 2 according to Table 3.

Duration (milliseconds)	RMS (%)	Feeder	Record Classification
185	46.3	AC	C5
185	46.3	AF	C5
185	46.3	AF	C5
202	42.6	AC	C5
202	42.6	AI	C5
705	28.7	AF	C8

By defining this classification for the 169 BD03 records do BD03, the “AA” feeder record numbers, for example, are those presented in Table 5. Record classification is obtained similarly for the other feeders in the substation. Table 5 shows that the “AA” feeder has two events of the C5 type: one of the C7 type and one of the C8 type. Considering all the 169 records of all the 12 feeders in the substation, Table 6 shows that only three of those ranges have records: C5, C7 and C8.

Table 5: Classification of voltage sags of the “AA” feeder.

RMS (%)	Duration	
	≤ 500 milliseconds	> 500 milliseconds
80 to 90%	0	0
60 to 79%	0	0
40 to 59%	2	0
20 to 39%	1	1
10 to 19%	0	0

In order to obtain the “average quality” of the substation under analysis, the number of events in Table 6 was divided by 12 (total feeders), obtaining the data in Table 7, already duly rounded.

Therefore, in order to create the PQ label, the values of six ranges were established, where “Range A” is the best PQ and “Range F” is the worst one. For each range factors – defined in conjunction with the concessionaire’s engineers - were multiplied to determine the upper limit of each range. Thus, Table 7 above represents the feeder average, that is,

the upper limit of “Range C”. The upper bound of “Range A” (Table 8) was obtained by multiplying values in Table 7 by 0.25.

Table 6: Classification of voltage sags in the substation analyzed considering all the records.

RMS (%)	Duration	
	≤ 500 milliseconds	> 500 milliseconds
80 to 90%	0	0
60 to 79%	0	0
40 to 59%	149	0
20 to 39%	15	5
10 to 19%	0	0

The upper bound of “Range B” was obtained by multiplying the values in Table 7 by 0.50. By multiplying the values in Table 7 by 1.5, the upper bound of “Range D” was obtained. The upper bound of “Range E” was obtained by multiplying the values in Table 7 by a 2.0 factor. Finally, the upper bound of “Range F” was obtained by verifying the highest value presented for the feeders under analysis. These values are presented in the PQ classification label (Figure 7).

Table 7: Average classification of voltage sags in the substation analyzed.

RMS (%)	Duration	
	≤ 500 milliseconds	> 500 milliseconds
80 to 90%	0	0
60 to 79%	0	0
40 to 59%	13	0
20 to 39%	2	1
10 to 19%	0	0

Table 8: Upper bound of “Range A” in the PQ classification label of a feeder in a particular substation.

RMS (%)	Duration	
	≤ 500 milliseconds	> 500 milliseconds
80 to 90%	0	0
60 to 79%	0	0
40 to 59%	4	0
20 to 39%	1	1
10 to 19%	0	0

Once the label is created, the classification of each feeder only requires verifying which range interval presented in Figure 7 the feeder fits in.

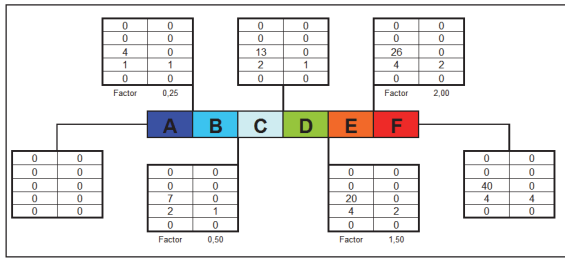


Figure 7: PQ classification label of feeders in a particular substation.

However, it becomes evident that such task is not so simple, as only five of the 12 feeders fit in these range of values, all of them with an “A” quality classification, namely: AA, AG, AJ, AK and AL. The five feeders present values for C5 pertaining to the [0, 4] interval and for C7 and C8, in the [0, 1] interval, as illustrated in Figure 8.

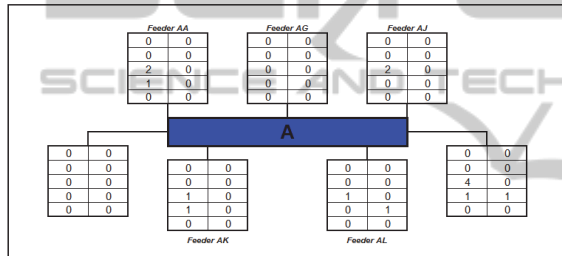


Figure 8: Feeders classified directly from the PQ label.

Other feeders could not be directly classified as, for example, for feeder AH the value of C5 equals 16, which indicates that its classification would be D. However, in this feeder, C7 and C8 are outside D class intervals. Thus, in order to classify the other feeders, we used three Data Mining techniques, comparatively.

#### 4.4 Data Mining Techniques

The DM stage is the most important stage in the KDD process, as it is the moment when pattern recognition techniques are applied, either through heuristic or through metaheuristic procedures. In this study, such procedures are applied aiming at the PQ classification of feeders in a substation.

In this paper we present the application three techniques used to classify feeders that could not be directly classified. Her particularities can be seeing in Góes (2012).

##### 4.4.1 Artificial Neural Networks

In the ANN (Haykin, 1999) application, the backpropagation learning algorithm was used, which

was implemented in Visual Basic 6.0. Each ANN trained had three inputs (C5, C7 and C8) for the input layer, hidden layer (with number of neurons varying between “1” and “20”) and one neuron in the output layer (to indicate the class). The sigmoid-logistic function is the activation function for all (hidden and output layers).

The network was trained five times; the initial weight set varied at random in the (-1,1) interval. There were 1,500 tests in total (3 stages x 5 initial weight sets x 20 quantities of neurons in the hidden layer x 5 classification ranges). The training was completed when one of the following conditions was met: 1,000 iterations; mean square error less than or equal to 10<sup>-4</sup>; or a number of records incorrectly classified as equal to zero. Regarding the problem approached here, the percentage of correctness in the training of this technique was 99.88%, considering the three stages of the three-fold method, and 99.67% in the test. Table 9 below presents the feeder classification results achieved with the application of this technique. In Table 9, as well as with the others to be presented, the “Voting Classification” column (last column) indicates the classification with highest occurrence in the former columns, that is, the statistical mode.

In spite of the fact that AA, AG, AJ, AK and AL feeders already have their classification defined, as they were directly classified in the quality label, they were also introduced to the networks, thus confirming classifications. Therefore, six feeders had “A” classification, one feeder had “B” classification, two feeders had “C” classification, one feeder had “D” classification, one feeder had “E” classification and one feeder had “F” classification.

Table 9: Feeder classification results – ANN.

Feeder	Stratified Three-fold Procedure			
	1 <sup>st</sup> stage	2 <sup>nd</sup> tage	3 <sup>rd</sup> stage	Voting Classificat.
AA	A	A	A	A
AB	C	C	C	C
AC	D	D	D	D
AD	C	C	B	C
AE	B	B	B	B
AF	F	F	F	F
AG	A	A	A	A
AH	A	A	A	A
AI	E	E	E	E
AJ	A	A	A	A
AK	A	A	A	A
AL	A	A	A	A

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Define  $P_1 = [X(1) X(2) X(3)]; P_2 = [X(4) X(5) X(6)]; P_3 = [X(7) X(8) X(9)].$ 
Determine the plane  $\alpha$  equation that contains  $P_1, P_2$  and  $P_3$ .
For each element  $k$ 
    Replace variables in plane  $\alpha$  equation with  $k$  values, obtaining the variable  $Value$ .
    Calculate the Euclidian distance between  $k$  and  $\alpha$ , obtaining the variable  $Dist$ .
    If  $k \in CL1$ , then
        If  $Value < 0$ , then  $correct = correct + 1$ ;
        If  $Dist01 > Dist$ , then  $Dist01 = Dist$ ;
    If  $k \in CL2$ , then
        If  $Value > 0$ , then  $correct = correct + 1$ ;
        If  $Dist02 > Dist$ , then  $Dist02 = Dist$ ;
 $z1 = correct / \text{number of examples } k$ ;
 $z2 = \text{module}(Dist01 - Dist02) * \text{penalty}$ ;
Fitness of  $X = z1 - z2$ .
    
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Figure 9: Pseudocode for fitness calculation.

### 4.4.2 Support Vector Machines

As to the SVM (Vapnik, 1995); (Burges, 1998) at first the svmtrain function of Matlab 7.9.0 was used with two matrices in the arguments: Examples and Answers, according to the equation (1).

$$\text{Training} = \text{svmtrain}(\text{Examples}, \text{Answer}) \quad (1)$$

The “Examples” matrix has in their columns the Ci values and the “Answers” matrix has only one column with the range value that each pattern (“Examples” matrix line) has as its answer. Subsequently, the test set was used, described here in the form of matrix, named “New”, and the result of “Training” with the svmclassify function, equation (2), with the purpose of verifying the percentage of correct classification of the new data.

$$\text{Classification} = \text{svmclassify}(\text{Training}, \text{New}) \quad (2)$$

It should be noted that the arguments used in the training for the svmtrain function are default for Matlab 7.9.0, as the range sets of the quality label are linearly separable by a plane. In this technique, 15 tests (3 training stages x 5 classification ranges) were carried out. The percentage of correctness in the training of this technique was 100%, considering the three stages of the three-fold procedure, and it was 99.55% in the test. Table 10 below presents the result of feeder classification achieved with the SVM application.

Table 10 indicates that the feeder voting classification is: seven with “A” classification, none with “B” classification, and three with “C” classification, none with “D” classification, one with “E” classification and one with “F” classification. This technique also correctly classified AA, AG, AJ, AK and AL feeders, which were directly classified in the quality label.

Table 10: Feeder classification results – SVM.

Feeder	Stratified Three-fold Procedure			
	1 <sup>st</sup> stage	2 <sup>nd</sup> stage	3 <sup>rd</sup> stage	Voting Classificat.
AA	A	A	A	A
AB	C	C	C	C
AC	D	C	C	C
AD	C	C	B	C
AE	A	A	A	A
AF	F	F	F	F
AG	A	A	A	A
AH	A	A	A	A
AI	D	E	E	E
AJ	A	A	A	A
AK	A	A	A	A
AL	A	A	A	A

### 4.4.3 Genetic Algorithm

The GA (GOLDBERG, 1989) was used with the purpose of determining a plane so that each one of the resulting half-spaces contained only one of the sets of each application stage, according to aspects highlighted in the beginning of section 4.4. The value of the fitness functions is established by an algorithm that determines three points defining such plane, where the coordinates of each point are individuals’ alleles.

Each individual is composed of nine alleles with values belonging to the set of real numbers. Thus, the first three alleles represent the coordinates of a P1 point, the next three alleles are coordinates of the P2 point, and the last three alleles are coordinates of the P3 point. There is also the fitness calculation that takes into account the difference of the distance between two points (in different sets) closer to the plane determined. The greater the difference between distances, the greater is the penalty in fitness. Therefore, Figure 9 presents this algorithm, where X is a vector in which each coordinate



represents an allele of the population’s individual; CL1 and CL2 are training sets and k is an element pertaining to  $CL1 \cup CL2$ .

In order to apply the GA, the 0.1 “penalty” and the Matlab 7.9.0 toolbox – gatool - were used. The arguments for the training were the default that achieved the best results. In one population type, the Double Vector - where each allele is a real number – was used.

Table 11: Feeder classification result – AG.

Feeder	Stratified Three-fold Procedure			
	1 <sup>st</sup> stage	2 <sup>nd</sup> stage	3 <sup>rd</sup> stage	Voting Classificat.
AA	A	A	A	A
AB	E	C	C	C
AC	E	C	C	C
AD	B	B	C	B
AE	A	A	A	A
AF	F	F	F	F
AG	A	A	A	A
AH	E	C	C	C
AI	E	C	C	C
AJ	A	A	A	A
AK	A	A	A	A
AL	A	A	A	A

The percentage of correctness in the training was 100%, considering the three stages of the three-fold method, and 99.11% in the test. Table 11 below presents the feeder classification result achieved through the application of this technique. Here, the AA, AG, AJ, AK and AL feeders also confirmed the classifications previously achieved. Thus, there are six feeders with “A” classification, one feeder with “B” classification, four feeders with “C” classification, no feeder with “D” classification, no feeder with “E” classification and one feeder with “F” classification.

## 5 RESULT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

The analysis of results is the last stage in the KDD process and is performed here by comparing classifications obtained with the three techniques applied. Table 12 presents the classification result achieved (“voting classification” column in Tables 9 to 11). In addition, in this table there is also a column named “voting classification” that indicates the result with the highest occurrence among the three techniques, which this analysis assumes as the most adequate to the problem.

An analysis of Table 12 indicates that, among

the 12 feeders, seven feeders (AA, AB, AF, AG, AJ, AK and AL) have the same classification under all the techniques.

Table 12: Comparison between classifications achieved through ANN, SVM and AG.

Feeder	Stratified Three-fold Procedure			
	ANN	SVM	AG	Voting
AA	A	A	A	A
AB	C	C	C	C
AC	D	C	C	C
AD	C	C	B	C
AE	B	A	A	A
AF	F	F	F	F
AG	A	A	A	A
AH	A	A	C	A
AI	E	E	C	E
AJ	A	A	A	A
AK	A	A	A	A
AL	A	A	A	A

After a comparison between each technique and the classification admitted as adequate (“voting classification” column), the GA technique presents three feeders (AD, AH and AI) with distinct classifications, in two non-neighbor ranges. According to this technique, the AD feeder has C classification and the adequate classification is A; the AI feeder was classified as C by AG, and E was adequate. For the latter, the result presented by AG is very distant from that of the other two techniques, which presented the same result as the adequate classification.

In the classification presented by the ANN technique there are two feeders (AC and AE) with a classification different from that presented in the “voting classification”, but in neighbor classification. For the AC feeder, the adequate classification is C and ANN classified it as D, and the AE feeder was classified by ANN as being B and the adequate classification indicates A. Finally, the SVM technique yields a result that is identical to the “voting classification” column, which makes it the most adequate technique for this case study.

Thus, the adequate feeder classification resulted in seven feeders with “A” classification, no feeder with “B” classification, three feeders with “C” classification, no feeder with “D” classification, one feeder with “E” classification and one feeder with “F” classification (Figure 10).

In Figure 10, the values presented for each feeder express event occurrence in each of the C5, C7 and C8, classes in this order.

The label presents non-explicit knowledge when

analyzing values such as, for example, classification of AI and AF feeders, as C5 and C7 values in AI area higher than in AF, which could indicate a lower quality in AI compared to AF but, as C8 has a lower value for AI, the techniques applied indicated that AF has lower quality than the AI feeder.

AL	1	0	1				
AK	1	1	0				
AJ	2	0	0				
AH	16	0	0				
AG	0	0	0				
AE	0	2	0				
AA	2	1	0				
AD		6	2	0			
AC		35	1	0			
AB		20	2	0			
AI		40	4	0			
AF		26	2	4			
A		B		C	D	E	F

Figure 10: Quality label with feeder classification.

Thus, the methodology developed and applied in this study revealed non-explicit knowledge in the concessionaire's data bases to an unprecedented real problem: the PQ considering voltage sags.

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