



Natural Language Processing

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People

Associated faculty: 3 CSE + 1 HSS Students: PhD : Graduated-22; Ongoing-13 MTech (so far): 120+ BTech (so far): 60+

Linguists & staff: ~13

Research & outreach

Publications in top NLP & AI conferences: ACL, NAACL, AAAI, EMNLP, COLING,WWW, ECML

Organizing major international conferences (COLING 2012)

Collaboration

Sponsorship: Ministry of IT, DST, Yahoo, IBM, Microsoft, Xerox, AOL, United Nations, Elsevier, Accenture, TCS Associations with universities (Copenhagen, Grenoble, Kyoto etc.) Collaborations with many Indian universities

Natural Language Processing (NLP)

NLP is a way for computers to analyze, understand, and derive meaning from human language in a smart and useful way.

By utilizing NLP, developers can organize and structure knowledge to perform tasks such as automatic summarization, translation, named entity recognition, relationship extraction, sentiment analysis, speech recognition, and topic segmentation.

It lies under the purview of Artificial Intelligence (AI) which is an area of study in Computer Science.

Al is so 'everywhere'!



How does it relate to "Data Science" ?

NLP is at the crux of data science and they are related because both of them utilize Machine/Deep Learning algorithms for specific purposes.

NLP = building systems that can understand language \subsetneq AI ML/DL = building systems that can learn from experience \subsetneq AI NLP \cap ML/DL = building systems that can learn how to understand language.

How can it be used ?

NLP algorithms are typically based on machine learning algorithms.

Instead of hand-coding large sets of rules, NLP can rely on machine learning to automatically learn these rules by analyzing a set of examples (i.e. a large corpus, like a book, down to a collection of sentences), and making a statical inference.

As a general rule, the more data analyzed, the more accurate the model will be.

But, "Overfitting be bad!"

NLP Applications and Related Sub-Areas

Machine Translation Information Retrieval Sentiment Analysis Fighting Spam Information Extraction Text Summarization **Question Answering**

Noun Compound Interpretation

Cognitive NLP

Sarcasm Detection

Natural Language Generation

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NLP: At the confluence of linguistics & computer science



Linguistics is the EYE, and computation the BODY

Multilinguality is a key theme

- 5+1 language families
 - Indo-Aryan (74% population)
 - Dravidian (24%)
 - Austro-Asiatic (1.2%)
 - Tibeto-Burman (0.6%)
 - Andaman languages (2 families?)
 - + English (West-Germanic)
- 22 scheduled languages
- 11 languages with more than 25 million speakers
 - 29 languages with more than 1 million speakers
 - Only India has 2 languages (+English) in the world's 10 most spoken languages
 - 7-8 Indian languages in the top 20 most spoken language



Key features of Indian languages

• Word order: Subject-Object-Verb

हम ओसाका से क्योटो तक ट्रैन मे आये (Hindi)

we osaka+from kyoto+to train+in came

We came from Osaka to Kyoto in a train

• Morphologically rich

आम्ही ओसाकापासून क्योटोपर्यंत ट्रैनमध्ये आलो (Marathi) we osaka+from kyoto+to train+in came

Key Research Areas

Machine Translation

Information Retrieval

Sentiment Analysis

Lexical Semantics

Information Extraction

Cognitive NLP

Machine Translation

Machine Translation : An Overview

- Machine Translation (MT) among Indian languages
 - $\circ \quad \text{English} \rightarrow \text{Indian Languages}$
 - $\circ \quad \text{Indian Languages} \rightarrow \text{English}$
 - Between Indian Languages
- Paradigms
 - Statistical & Neural MT
 - Interlingua-based MT
 - Transfer-based MT



Statistical and Neural MT

- Translation & Transliteration among related languages:
 Scaling Statistical MT systems to a large number of languages with high accuracy and less resources
 - Relatedness of languages and its utility to SMT (NAACL 2016 Tutorial)
 - Investigation of subword units of translation: Orthographic Syllable and BPE (EMNLP 2016, VarDial 2016, IJCNLP 2017, SCLeM 2017/2018)
 - Comparative study of pan-Indian translation (LREC'14)
 - Reuse of resources, leveraging similarities (LREC'14, ICON'14, NAACL'15)
 - Unsupervised transliteration using phonetic & contextual information (CoNLL 2016)

Statistical and Neural MT: a bit more

- Exploring Multilingual learning in Neural MT paradigm
 - Multilingual transliteration and translation between related languages
 - Pivot Translation (IJCNLP 2017, ICON'14)
- Phrase-based SMT: Incorporating linguistic knowledge
 - Source Reordering: En-IL, IL-En, various representations (IJCNLP'08)
 - Factor-based: Dependency parse information for generating case markers correctly (ACL'09)
 - Handling morphologically rich languages: unsupervised segmentation (ICON'14)
 - Post-ordering: Mainly for IL-En translation (ICON'15)
 - Role of Morphology Injection in SMT: A case study for Indian Languages (TALLIP 2017)

Statistical and Neural MT: a 'byte' more

- Pivot-based SMT: Addressing language divergence issues
 - Multiple assisting languages (NAACL'15)
 - Addressing word order & morphological richness (ICON'15)
- MT Evaluation: Incorporate semantics and address rich morphology
 - Analysis of BLEU (ICON'07)
 - METEOR for Indic languages (LREC'14)
 - Textual entailment for evaluation (WMT'14)
- Crowdsourcing: Exploring quality control issues
 - Translation & transliteration resources with crowdsourcing (LREC'14)
 - Translation crowdsourcing pipeline (ACL'13)

Spoken Language Translation

- Imagine Donald Trump calling Kim Jong Un, Trump speaks in English and Kim Jong Un speaks in Korean
- Uses two broad areas :
 - **ASR** Automatic Speech recognition
 - **MT** Machine Translation

• **Aim** :

ASR techniques - speech to text MT techniques - text to text TTS technique - text to speech





Encoding

Diagram Credit: Anoop Kunchukuttan

Lexical Semantics

IndoWordNet

(LREC 2010, GWC 2002, GWC 2010)

- Linked lexical knowledge base of wordnets of various Indian languages
- Each wordnet is composed of synsets and semantic relations
- It covers 17 Indian languages linked to English WordNet
- Built using expansion approach
- Upto 40k synsets per language



IndoWordNet: http://www.cfilt.iitb.ac.in/indowordnet/ Hindi: http://www.cfilt.iitb.ac.in/wordnet/webhwn/wn.php Marathi: http://www.cfilt.iitb.ac.in/wordnet/webmwn/wn.php Sanskrit: http://www.cfilt.iitb.ac.in/wordnet/webswn/wn.php

Activities related to IndoWordNet

Data Creation

- Hindi -English synset mapping
- Sense-annotated corpus creation
- Bilingual dictionary creation
- Synset Linking
- Synset Ranking
- Mapping images with synsets

Tools

- Developing WordNet related tools
- Semi-automatic expansion of wordnets
- Developing mobile applications and browser extensions

Word Sense Disambiguation

- Unsupervised approaches (IJCNLP 2011, ACL 2013)
 - Bilingual WSD using EM algorithm
 - Resource deprived languages help each other (ACL 2011)

- WSD using Word Embeddings (NAACL 2015, GWC 2018)
 - Word embedding of a word is compared with sense embeddings to get the predominant sense of word
 - One can use the deep neural networks based embeddings to come up with the predominant sense.
 - Automatic synset ranking can be done by using the same approach

Enriching & creating NLP resources using Deep Learning

Enriching existing resources

- Automatic linking of synsets
 - Within a language specific wordnet
 - Cross-lingual
- Refining pretrained vector repositories
 - Detection and removal of non-specific vectors
 - Estimating task specific approximate representation for out-of-vocabulary words

Creating new resources

- Creating vector representations of complex lexical entities such as
 - Synsets
 - Phrases
 - Sentences
 - Question/Answer pairs
- Investigating compositional and non-compositional methods of creating vectors

Lower Bounds on Dimensions of Word Embeddings

- Usual range for number of word embedding dimensions : 50 300
- Many smartphone companies want to build an app which can internally use word embeddings
- Memory limit for apps often in MBs
- Natural thought process: decrease dimensions
 - To what value? 100? 50? 20?
- Depends on the entities we want to place in the space and the corpus

Sentiment Analysis

Sentiment Analysis: An Overview

Lexicon Generation

- Augment polarity to Wordnet adjectives
- Creation of the earliest Wordnet based sentiment lexicon for Indian language
- A lexicon that rates words with a synset differently

Statistical Approaches

- Classifiers that use word senses as features instead of words
- Using word senses to bridge cross-lingual gap
- Hybrid approaches for cross-domain SA

Special challenges

- Thwarting is when a part of sentence reverses the polarity of majority of preceding portion
- Sarcasm is the use of words of one polarity to imply another

Computational Sarcasm

Definition: Computational approaches to sarcasm

'This phone is awesome. Use it as a paperweight.' OR 'I loooovvvee Nicki Minaj!'







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http://www.cfilt.iitb.ac.in/sarcasm-suite/

An Automatic Emoji Recommendation System

• The objective of our automatic recommendation system is to predict one or more relevant emojis for a given input tweet



Cognitive NLP

Cognitive NLP

Linguistic tasks: Translation, SA, Sarcasm Detection, WSD



Translating the insights into better NLP/NLU algorithms/systems. Labeling data with cognitive information for supervised learning

Better feature-engineering for NLP systems

Investigated Problems in Cognitive NLP

Labeling data with cognitive information for supervised learning

Collecting cognitive information during text Annotation Cognitive Information Used for Feature Engineering

Predicting Translation Complexity (ACL 2013)

Measuring Sentiment Annotation Complexity (ACL 2014)

Scanpath Complexity: Personalizing Reading/Annotation Effort (AAAI 2017) Subjectivity Extraction for Sentiment Analysis (WASSA 2014)

Predicting Readers' Sarcasm Understandability (AAAI 2016)

Leveraging Cognitive Features for Sentiment Analysis and Sarcasm Detection (ACL-CONLL 2016)



Information Extraction

Coreference Resolution for Noisy Text



Feature Engineering

- Explore features specific to noisy text
- Dependency parse based features found more useful for noisy text

Noun Compound Interpretation

- Noun compound: "sequence of two or more nouns that act as a single noun"
 - Example: apple pie, student protest, colon cancer, colon cancer symptoms, etc.
- Interpretation: "identifying relations between nouns in a noun compound."
 - Labeling "apple pie" Made-Of
 - Paraphrasing "apple pie" : "a pie made of apple", or "a pie with apple flavor"
- **Motivation**: (Translation)
 - ENG: "Honey Singh became the latest victim of celebrity death hoax."
 - HIN: "हनी सिंह प्रसिद्ध व्यक्ति की मौत के बारे में अफवाह के ताजा शिकार बने।"

• Problem:

- "Given a noun+noun compound, assign an abstract label (relationship between two nouns)"
- \circ Set of abstract relations are defined by Tratz and Hovy (2010).
- **Challenges**: Highly productive, no clue from the context, and pragmatic influence

Computational Phylogenetics

- Find evolutionary ties between old manuscripts
 - Analyze the underlying challenges
 - Study word etymology, and relate to the available versions of the manuscripts
- Find (understand) relationships between an ancestral sequence and its descendants
 - Evolution of family of sequences
- Estimate time of divergence between a group of manuscripts

Introduction to Phylogenetics

- The Computational purview of our research problem complies of developing new methods for phylogeny estimation, and analysis.
 - or using the currently available methods to analyze the 'text' data and prepare a critical edition of the said text.
- The phylogenetic tree construction can be done via various methods viz. Distance method, Bayesian Inference, Maximum likelihood etc.; eventual aim is to be able to construct a phylogenetic tree depicting the hierarchy and the timeline of the evolution of the text.
- Despite of the availability of various methods, there is no guarantee to be able to do so with high probability under reasonable conditions, some which do, they vary considerably in their requirements (Warnow et al., 2001).

The problem is...



- Multiple versions of the same 'text' are available due to manual copying and modification in due time.
- Different versions are prone to various errors such as typographical errors / missing portions / additional comments.

Image Source: http://sanskrit.lib.cam.ac.uk/category/saiva-literature

The possible solutions are...

- Despite multiple variants, many can be clubbed into a 'clade' or a 'family' of variants from a common ancestor.
- Bayesian inferencing using the probabilities of 'parenthood' or 'descendance' associated with variants and the families of variants.
- Heuristic search and optimization methods are used in combination with tree-scoring functions to identify a reasonably good tree that fits the data.
- Advanced methods use the optimality criterion of maximum likelihood, often within a Bayesian Framework.

Cognate Identification

Cognate Identification is the problem of finding sets of words or word pairs which are related to each other etymologically. They have a history with each other.

• They may or may not carry the same meaning. Given that with time, the same word may change the meaning slightly.

Languages tend to change with time, and derive a lot from each other.

- English French -- father père
- Bengali Hindi
 - हाजार हज़ार (haajaar hazaar) meaning thousand
 - जीबन जीवन (jeeban jeevan) meaning life

Cognate Identification: False Friends

- Bengali Hindi
 - ओभिमान अभिमान (Obhimaan Abhimaan) meaning holding a grudge and pride respectively.
- English Spanish -- Vase Vaso meaning holder for flowers and drinking glass respectively.
- English French -- Pretend prétendre where the french word means claim instead of the English sense which means to present something which is not true.
- False Friends have the same origin but do not have the same meaning. They are still cognate words.

Cognate Identification: False Cognates

- English Greek -- ache akhos; both mean pain
- English Hindi/Sanskrit saint sant; both mean a person who has an exceptional degree of holiness
- English English (Same Language) -- Marshal Martial; Orthographically similar but different origin, and different meaning.

The Cognate Matrix

Meaning	jin Same		Different					
	True Cognates		False Cognates					
	Father — Père	(En — Fr)	ache — ákhos	(En <mark>–</mark> El)				
Same	हज़ार — हाजार (hazaar — hajaar) (both meaning "thousand")	(Hi <mark>– B</mark> n)	(both meaning "pain") Saint — Sant (both meaning "a holy person")	(En — Sa)				
	जीवन – जीबन (Jeevan – jeeban) (both meaning "life")	(Hi <mark>– B</mark> n)	feu - Feuer (both meaning "fire")	(Fr – De)				
	Celebrate – Celebrar (both meaning the "action of celebrating")	(En — Es)	ciao – chào (both meaning "hello/goodbye")	(It — Vi)				
	False Friends		Non Cognates					
	friend - frände (meaning "friend" and "Relative" respectively)	(En — Sv)	sentences – palabras	(En <mark>–</mark> Es)				
Different	Friend – frænde (meaning "friend" and "Relative" respectively)	(En - Da)	enemy – bạn	(En — Vi)				
Diricicii	Vase – Vaso ("flowers holder" and "alass of water")	(En - Es)	comma — kochać	(En - PI)				
	अभिमान – ओभिमान (obhimaan – abhimaan) (both meaning the "action of celebrating")	<mark>(</mark> Hi - Bn)	Bank – bank (When both mean differently – context wise)	(En - En)				

False Friends' Detection

Definition - False friends are word pairs which pose a challenge to NLP tasks of Cognate Detection and Machine Translation since they share similar spelling but mean completely different (For e.g., "gift" in German means "Poison" in English).

Please note that True Cognates spell and mean the same across languages.

Previous studies use lexical similarity and corpus-based measures.

But no notion of Semantic Similarity, which is essential in determining a false friend word pair!

Approaches

Baseline - Combine lexical similarity computation approaches like Normalized Edit Distance, Cosine Similarity, and Jaccard Index.

Our Approach - Use Cross-lingual Word Embeddings (CLWE)

How!?

Build a common space which projects the embeddings of two different monolingual embeddings. Use a simple linear projection for that matter - but a common space is necessary.

Similarity from CLWE

One can easily compute cosine similarity between two vectors.

Is a better measure available? - Angular Cosine Similarity / Distance.

Compute the similarities between each pair.

Done? Really?

Context Plays an important role

You can build your dataset from either a knowledge graph like a Linked Wordnet discussed earlier.

OR

You can use corpus to find lexically similar words (in-domain)

But in both the cases, if you have the context of the word - that should essentially help you determine what 'sense' is a word used in.

Create a Bag-of-words of the context available from either dataset.

Two Scores Problem!

Score 1 - similarity between the word-pair (from neural embeddings)

Score 2 - similarity between the contexts (from neural embeddings)

Can you suggest a method which can learn on both the scores and classify a pair to be a false friend, or for that matter a cognate pair?

This is where you use your neural models - to learn the threshold to be applied on a score.

Some Results

				Ba	selines	s		Our Approach							
	LP	OSA			Cast	ro et.	al.(2018)	WEA	A (100	dim.)	WEA (50 dim.)				
		Ρ	R	F	P	R	F	P	R	F	P	\mathbf{R}	F		
WNData (Dataset 1)	Hi-Bn	0.86	0.34	0.49	0.61	0.55	0.58	0.95	0.89	0.92	0.92	0.87	0.90		
	Hi-Gu	0.36	0.51	0.42	0.64	0.58	0.61	0.91	0.69	0.79	0.93	0.95	0.94		
	Hi-Mr	0.39	0.3	0.34	0.32	0.42	0.36	0.9	0.68	0.77	0.92	0.93	0.92		
	Hi-Pa	0.28	0.65	0.39	0.58	0.49	0.53	0.98	0.77	0.86	0.99	0.97	0.98		
	Hi-Sa	0.12	0.35	0.18	0.59	0.33	0.42	0.63	0.84	0.72	0.63	0.99	0.77		
	Hi-Ml	0.10	0.63	0.18	0.41	0.34	0.37	0.66	0.63	0.65	0.71	0.86	0.78		
	Hi-Ta	0.04	0.79	0.07	0.17	0.28	0.21	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.36	0.66	0.47		
	Hi-Te	0.07	0.66	0.14	0.39	0.52	0.45	0.43	0.55	0.48	0.47	0.84	0.61		
	Hi-Ne	0.35	0.42	0.38	0.55	0.49	0.52	0.88	0.64	0.74	0.90	0.96	0.93		
	Hi-Bn	0.66	0.29	0.40	0.55	0.35	0.43	0.85	0.6	0.70	0.84	0.53	0.65		
	Hi-Gu	0.32	0.48	0.38	0.49	0.65	0.56	0.71	0.62	0.66	0.73	0.65	0.69		
	Hi-Mr	0.29	0.22	0.25	0.29	0.38	0.33	0.69	0.61	0.65	0.76	0.62	0.68		
CData (Dataset 2)	Hi-Pa	0.22	0.57	0.32	0.61	0.55	0.58	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.74	0.69	0.71		
	Hi-Sa	0.09	0.28	0.14	0.52	0.41	0.46	0.55	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.6	0.57		
	Hi-Ml	0.10	0.54	0.17	0.31	0.39	0.35	0.65	0.52	0.58	0.65	0.59	0.62		
	Hi-Ta	0.07	0.69	0.13	0.27	0.18	0.22	0.28	0.21	0.24	0.26	0.39	0.31		
	Hi-Te	0.09	0.58	0.16	0.49	0.32	0.39	0.61	0.54	0.57	0.63	0.58	0.60		
	Hi-Ne	0.31	0.38	0.34	0.52	0.59	0.55	0.75	0.56	0.64	0.79	0.59	0.68		

Table 4: Results: Precision (P), Recall (R) and F-Scores (F) for all language pairs (LP) when Orthographic Similarity based baseline Approach (OSA), Word Embeddings based (WEA) Approaches, and Castro, Bonanata, and Rosá (2018)'s approach are evaluated against Gold data.

Cognate Detection Problem - slightly different approach!

When trying to detect lexically similar words, use the baseline measures.

When getting into semantics - use cross-lingual word embeddings like we did for the last problem.

But can we learn the threshold using a classification model?

Various Neural Models

CNNs - Convolutional neural networks have been used for various NLP tasks where a character sequence is in play. But is the character sequence only thing we are interested in? On top of that CNNs penalize heavily when the order of characters changes.

BiLSTMs - Bidirectional Long Short Term Memory(s) have been used in important sequence to sequence learning tasks like machine translation.

Feed Forward - sounds too simple?

Proposed Architecture



Some more results!

		Baselin	e	Cross-lingual embeddings						Neural Networks w/ Cross-lingual embeddings								
LP	OSA			WEA100			WEA50			CNN			Bi-LSTM			FFNN		
	Р	R	F	Р	R	F	Р	R	F	Р	R	F	Р	R	F	Р	R	F
Hi-Bn	0.39	0.33	0.36	0.91	0.48	0.63	0.67	0.74	0.68	0.58	0.76	0.66	0.63	0.74	0.67	0.69	0.73	0.71
Hi-Gu	0.41	0.16	0.23	0.93	0.57	0.71	0.75	0.79	0.76	0.76	0.81	0.77	0.74	0.79	0.76	0.80	0.79	0.80
Hi-Mr	0.47	0.21	0.29	0.96	0.46	0.62	0.71	0.76	0.72	0.60	0.77	0.68	0.60	0.76	0.67	0.72	0.76	0.73
Hi-Pa	0.29	0.07	0.11	0.98	0.48	0.64	0.74	0.79	0.73	0.62	0.78	0.70	0.67	0.78	0.67	0.75	0.79	0.76
Hi-Sa	0.41	0.17	0.24	0.71	0.70	0.70	0.71	0.77	0.72	0.66	0.77	0.70	0.68	0.77	0.70	0.74	0.78	0.75
Hi-Ml	0.26	0.30	0.28	0.61	0.54	0.57	0.61	0.65	0.60	0.61	0.65	0.60	0.58	0.64	0.57	0.64	0.67	0.65
Hi-Ta	0.24	0.17	0.20	0.49	0.50	0.49	0.54	0.51	0.50	0.52	0.48	0.45	0.54	0.50	0.47	0.57	0.55	0.55
Hi-Te	0.20	0.14	0.16	0.64	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.70	0.63	0.60	0.71	0.59	0.62	0.70	0.61	0.66	0.69	0.67
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Table 3: WNData Precision (P), Recall (R) and F-Scores (F) when baseline (OSA), word embeddings (WEA50, WEA100), neural networks (FFNN, RNN) based classification approaches are evaluated against gold data.

Cognate Identification: Future!

Work published at GWC 2019. Ongoing work and submissions to ACL 2020 underway.

We have already identified the possible corpus we could work with and the experiments are already underway.

Some of the initial experiments have also been submitted for review in a conference. Fingers crossed!

Final Slide: No More!

Boring!

Boring!

Boring!

But, I really do hope you enjoyed some parts of it, if not all!

Thank you!

Questions?

I would be happy to answer any and all.

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