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摘要—Causality plays a critical role in people’s daily behavior and decision-making. It is of great interest in many domains, including finance, where understanding causal relationships can provide significant opportunities for economic benefits. Much interesting information appears as natural language text, which must be processed and analyzed to derive valuable knowledge. This project aims to build a financial causality knowledge base by analyzing a large online financial text trying to capture the causal strength of different finance-related events. The rules in this knowledge base can be used to predict financial events and generate alerts in financial trading.

Index Terms—rule, causality, Knowledge base

I. INTRODUCTION

This document is a model and instructions for L^AT_EX. Please observe the conference page limits. 举例 ConceptNet5 and WebBrain and WeChild 其中的关系

II. PROBLEM DEFINITION

In this section, we will present the definitions of all necessary concepts used through the paper, and

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formally state the focal problem to be solved. The list of major symbols and notations in this paper is summarized in the following table.

表 I
TABLE OF NOTATIONS

Notation	Definition
rule instance	structured causality proposition pair
concept constraint	concept of a argument
relation constraint	relation constraint of two arguments
RS_{ij}	relation saliency of $i - th$ Relation for $j - th$ Rule
E_{c_i}	the instances of $i - th$ concept
rule	generalized rule instance with concept constraints and relation

介绍 knoeledge base 的样子

We represent the structure of such a cause proposition with SPO approach, But which is coarse to refine the information in such noisy texts. For example, We often extract the SPO triples like(‘ 价格’, ‘ 上涨’,”). So we expand SPO to NSPNO with the form of quintuple (Compound Noun Of Subj, Subj, Predicate, Compound Noun Of Obj, Obj). Then we can get (‘ 玉米’, ‘ 价格’, ‘ 上涨’,”) which is much more

specific than before, meanwhile we also consider the neg relation of the predicate, we mark it with the same position of predicate when extraction. After designing the proposition representation scheme, hopefully, we wish extract the rule instances like (Compound Noun Of Subj, Subj, Predicate, Compound Noun Of Obj, Obj)->(Compound Noun Of Subj, Subj, Predicate, Compound Noun Of Obj, Obj).

Problem Statement. Mining the causality rule hidden in unstructured text.

III. APPROACH

A. Overview

图 1. Overview of the framework.

“Fig. 2” describes the whole picture of our framework. generally, It consists three modules: rule instances extraction, rules generalization and rules distilment. Rule instances extraction submodule mainly extracts the structured causality proposition pairs (also called rule instance) from liberal text via curated patterns. Rules generalization submodule generalizes the rule instances to capture more flex expression via the newly built knowledge base, based on current knowledge bases, such as Probase [1], ConceptNet5 [1], WebBrain [1] and WebChild [1]. Rules distilment submodule mainly focus on concept selection, relation selection, rule filtering, and rule ranking.

B. Rule Instances Extraction

Causality can be identified by the causal cues [1], Consider the following sentences:

- 1) 但由于国际石油价格一路攀高一直到现在创纪录的每桶五十几美元，导致目前合成橡胶价格快速上升，已经超过天然橡胶，像丁苯橡胶已从年初的每吨 11000 元上涨到现在的 14000 元。

- 2) 2005 年我国乙醇汽油消费玉米 1300 万吨，预计 2006 年消费玉米 1600 万吨，由于石油涨价，乙醇转化用粮需求将会快速增长，从而拉动玉米价格上涨。

Then we parse the sentence to extract the structured causality proposition pairs. Here, We use the Stanford CoreNLP’s [1] dependency parser. We input the whole sentence, then we join the tokens with padding spaces between each two tokens. for sentence (1), It would be “但由于国际石油价格一路攀高一直到现在创纪录的每桶五十几美元，导致目前合成橡胶价格快速上升，已经超过天然橡胶，像丁苯橡胶已从年初的每吨 11000 元上涨到现在的 14000 元。”, Then we exploit the designed pattern to match the cause span and effect span. The causal cues(casual patterns) are shown in Table 1. We assign each pattern a priority, the higher the earlier it matches. In sentence (1), we can match the cause span “国际石油价格一路攀高一直到现在创纪录的每桶五十几美元” and the effect span “目前合成橡胶价格快速上升，已经超过天然橡胶，像丁苯橡胶已从年初的每吨 11000 元上涨到现在的 14000 元。”. In sentence (2), we can match the cause span “石油涨价，乙醇转化用粮需求将会快速增长” and the effect span “拉动玉米价格上涨。” We firstly parse the sentence, not match with patterns, Because we want to alleviate the parsing error with more context information fed into the parser.

After the cause tokens span and effect tokens span, We further extract the causality proposition pairs. We regard every tokens with each tokens spans with verb pos-of-speech as predicates, but we can get subject or object beyond the spans, which is another advantage of parsing the whole sentence instead of parse the cause span and effect span respectively. We also get the Compound nouns of subject and object with the dependency relation ‘compound:nn’, and these nouns are write as the order appeared in the origin sentence. Sine maybe more than one predicates are in cause tokens span or effect tokens span, which means we can get more than one quintuple from cause tokens span or effect tokens span, we do cartesian product to get more

pairs, and later, we will filter the low frequency pair.

表 II

CAUSAL CUES. A IS A CAUSE TOKENS SPAN, AND B IS AN EFFECT TOKENS SPAN.

pattern	priority
A, 所以 B	0
由于 A, B	0
A 导致 B	3
因为 A, 所以 B	3
由于 A, 导致 B	3
由于 A, 从而 B	3

C. Rules Generalization

After we get many rule instances from rule instances extraction submodule, Then we need generalize these rule instances, Since we want to more general rule to capture more general information: for example we hopefully generalize (‘国际石油’, ‘价格’, ‘攀高 @ 攀高’, “,”) \rightarrow (‘橡胶’, ‘价格’, ‘上升 @ 升高’, “,”) to (‘X0’, ‘价格’, ‘攀高’, “,”) \rightarrow (‘X1’, ‘价格’, ‘升高’, “,”) where ‘X0’ IsA ‘化石燃料’ ‘X1’ IsA ‘产品’ also we want to know the relation between X0,X1 is X0 ‘madeof’ X1.

1) *Construct Knowledge Base:* Such a generalization operation mainly has two parts, one is finding Concept Constraint of Arguments and the other is finding Relation Constraint Between Arguments, So We need exploit external knowledge base.

Taxonomy Finding Concept Constraint of Arguments needs a taxonomy. Taxonomy is a IsA relation instance base. since chinese IsA relation items are too less, We have to enlarge it with english, and translate it. we exploit the items in Probase which are all IsA relation, the items with IsA relation in ConceptNet5, the items with IsA relation in Webbrain.

commonsense relation Finding Relation Constraint Between Arguments needs a facts base, intuitively, We find most the relation between two entities in cause and effect can be connected using commonsense. emitting the commonsense relation gap from cause to effect do not affect people’s mind, But If we wan’t to capture the general rule behind the rule

instance, We need dig it out. We inevitably need a large commonsense base. So we build a new commonsense based on ConceptNet5, Probase, WebBrain, WebChild.

one pair of entity may have more than one relation. fot example a pair of (sweet corn, corn) has the relations /r/RelatedTo and /r/PartOf, obviously, /r/RelatedTo is less informative than /r/PartOf, We design a algorithm to eliminate the relations which are semantically repeated.

Algorithm 1 Build Commonsense Relations

Require: all triples (arg1, rel, arg2) in CoceptNet5, WebBrain, WebChild

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1: standardise the relations, existed in ConceptNet5 and WebBrain and WeChild.
2: initialize      relationArguments=      defaultdict(set),
   argumentsRelations=defaultdict(set)
3: for all (arg1, rel, arg2) in trples do
4:   relationArguments[(arg1, arg2)].add(rel)
5:   argumentsRelaions[rel].add((arg1, arg2))
6: end for
7: relationSet=relationArguments.keys()
8: relationPriority=Set()
9: for all (rel1, rel2) in combination(relaionSet) do
10:  if IsRelavant(rel1, rel2) then
11:     $p(rel_1|rel_2) = \frac{|E_{rel_1} \cap E_{rel_2}|}{|E_{rel_1}|}$ 
12:     $p(rel_2|rel_1) = \frac{|E_{rel_1} \cap E_{rel_2}|}{|E_{rel_2}|}$ 
13:    if  $p(rel_1|rel_2) > p(rel_2|rel_1)$  then
14:      relationPriority.add((rel1, rel2))
15:    else
16:      relationPriority.add((rel2, rel1))
17:    end if
18:  end if
19: end for
20: for all (arg1, arg2, rels) in argumentsRelaions do
21:   Remove the low priority of each two relations existed in rels.R
22: end for
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2) *Concept Constraint of Arguments:* After getting the taxonomy, We can conceptualize the arguments of the predicates in cause proposition and effect proposition. Here we look up the taxonomy of each argument to give it a concept constraint. For one argument, We may find many concepts, But will choose a suitable one, later.

3) *Relation Constraint Between Arguments*: Conceptualizing one argument to a concept make the rule much more general, ('国际石油', '价格', '攀高 @ 攀高', ", ") \rightarrow ('橡胶', '价格', '上升 @ 升高', ", ") to ('X0', '价格', '攀高', ", ") \rightarrow ('X1', '价格', '升高', ", ") where 'X0' IsA '化石燃料' 'X1' IsA '产品', For instance, coal IsA '化石燃料', phone IsA '产品', We instance X0 and X1 respectively with coal and phone. Then the rule means raising the price of coal would lead to the rubber's rising, Which is obviously unreasonable. So we hopefully find the relation constraint between X0 and X1, and mostly the relations are commonsense, which is the intuition We build our knowledge base.

We find all the one hop relations between each two arguments existed in cause and effect proposition from our built knowledge base, which may consist many pair of argument, and many relations of one pair arguments, But we will choose suitable relation constraints later.

4) *Predicate Normalization*: Different literal predicate may expressive the same meaning. "raise, rise, soar, increase, gain, enhance" have the same meaning, So we use the Ciling [1] to canonicalize the predicates. Ciling is a the largest word-level chinese resource, which split the chinese words into group according to the distance and relevance of word meaning. for each meaning group, we choose most frequent one appeared in text to represent the whole words in its group.

D. Rules Distilment

Argument Concept Selection. For one argument It may have several concepts return back from the taxonomy, So we need choose a proper concept.

Given $IsA(X, c_1), IsA(X, c_2), IsA(X, c_3)$, Return $IsA(X, c) \in c_1, c_2, c_3$

1) **concept no-overlap.**

if $IsA(c_1, c_2)$ remove c_2 since c_2 is too general calculate:

$$Overlap(c_1, c_2) = \frac{|E_{c_1} \cap E_{c_2}|}{\min\{|E_{c_1}|, |E_{c_2}|\}} \quad (1)$$

if $Overlap(c_1, c_2) > \theta$ remove c_i where $i = \argmax |E_{c_i}|$

2) **concept Relevance.**

$$CR(v, c_j) = p(v, c_j) \log \frac{p(v, c_j)}{p(v)p(c_j)} \quad (2)$$

$$IsA(X, c_j) \text{ where } j = \argmax_j CR(v, c_j)$$

Argument Relation Selection.

$$RS_{ij} = \frac{Count(rel_i, R_j)}{Count(R_j)} \quad (3)$$

pick rel_i for R_j as relation constraint, where $i = \argmax_i RS_{ij}$

Rules Ranking.

IV. EXPERIMENT

In this section, we conduct extensive experiments to evaluate the effect of each submodule based on a real dataset crawled from financial news website, which contains 4,991,000 articles. Since most sentence has no casual cues and parsing a time-consuming process, We firstly filter out the sentences without casual patterns. all the algorithm in the following experiments are implemented in Python and run on a Intel Xeon 32 CPU(2.60GHz) and 173GB memory.

1) *Rule Instances Extraction: Pattern statistic*

The ?? casual cues we used can be grouped into ?? sets, each containing cues of the same meaning but different form. Causal evidence distribution over these pattern sets is shown in "Fig. 2"

图 2. Number of sentence matched by cues

2) *Rules Generalization: our newly built Knowledge Base.* consistency rate: our new built contains ??? pairs of arguments, is 3/4 times of pairs in ConceptNet5.

3) *Rules Distilment:* we evaluate the ranked rules and 50% is good.

V. ERROR ANALYSIS

A. Pattern Extraction

When use pattern, since the sentence is very noisy to extract the cause and effect which is hard to extract just depend on patterns. For Example, "f".

B. Rule Instance Extraction

The parser itself exist error for example "" The causality relation is

C. Rule Generalization

Concept error. Predicate error. Relation error.

D. Rule Distilment

VI. RELATED WORK

VII. CONCLUSION

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