

Class 04: SemEval shared tasks

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What is SemEval ?

- International competition for semantic analysis systems
- 20-years old
- Started because evaluating semantics was hard and systems weren't really comparable

History

11 instances so far:

	Year	Location	Tasks
Senseval-1	1998	Sussex	–
Senseval-2	2001	Toulouse	–
Senseval-3	2004	Barcelona	–
SemEval-2007	2007	Prague	19
SemEval-2010	2010	Uppsala	18
SemEval-2012	2012	Montreal	8
SemEval-2013	2013	Atlanta	14
SemEval-2014	2014	Dublin	10
SemEval-2015	2015	Denver	18
SemEval-2016	2016	San Diego	14
SemEval-2017	2017	Vancouver	12
SemEval-2018	2018	TBA	12

This year

- Twelve tasks in five main areas
 - Affect and creative language in tweets
 - Coreference
 - Information extraction
 - Lexical semantics
 - Reading comprehension and reasoning
- SemEval-2018 will be the 12th workshop on semantic evaluation and will be located at [TBD].
- Languages represented:
 - English (12), Spanish (3), Italian (1), Arabic (1)

Timeline

25 September	Data ready, evaluation script and baseline system available.
08 January	Evaluation period starts
29 January	Evaluation period ends
26 February	System description paper deadline
2 April	Paper notifications
16 April	Camera-ready submissions due

Approximately 13 weeks to get a system up and running.

Why participate in a shared task ?

- Great learning experience
- All participants get to send a system description paper
 - Co-located with a high-level conference (NAACL, ACL, COLING, ...)
- Looks good on CV — both “participated” and “was best in x”
 - Especially if you’re planning on applying for PhD positions

What next ?

- Describe (most of) this year’s tasks
- See if any of them look interesting
- Check out some of the baseline systems

Affect and creative language in tweets

Task 1: Affect in Tweets

Previous datasets / tasks have focussed on simple binary classification of emotion. This task looks at how much of each emotion is felt.

For example, given a tweet:

- detect the emotional intensity of {anger, fear, joy, sadness} from 0..1



0.9	Joy
0.0	Fear
0.0	Sadness
0.1	Anger

Languages: English, Arabic, Spanish

Tweet ID, Tweet text, emotion, intensity

11615	I'm much to full of resentment	anger	0.688	
11570	Blood is boiling	anger	0.729	
11571	why aggravate me on purpose?	anger	0.604	
11572	@DonnyMurray I'm just no offended by stuff.	anger		0.479
11574	@Matt_Lat fuming ain't the word	anger	0.646	
...				

Task 2: Multilingual emoji prediction

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
USA	❤️	😍	😂	💕	🔥	😊	😎	✨	💙	😘	📷	🇺🇸	☀️	💜	😏	100	😄	🎄	📷	😜
ESP	❤️	😍	😂	💕	😊	😘	💪	😏	👉	🇪🇸	😎	💙	💜	😏	💕	✨	🎵	💕	😄	👉

Task, given a tweet,

- predict which emoji the tweet had beforehand.
- single emoji per tweet.

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Languages: US English, Spanish

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<https://github.com/fvancesco/Semeval2018-Task2-Emoji-Detection/>

Training data:

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0    A little throwback with my favourite person @ Water Wall
2    Who never... @ A Galaxy Far Far Away
9    Birthday Kisses @ Madison, Wisconsin
```

Labels:

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0    ♥    _red_heart_
1    😊    _smiling_face_with_hearteyes_
2    😊    _face_with_tears_of_joy_
...
9    😘    _face_blowing_a_kiss_
...
```

Task 3: Irony detection in English tweets

Irony: A trope or figurative language use whose actual meaning differs from what is literally enunciated.

Two tasks:

- Binary classification ironic/not ironic
- Four-way classification:
 - 0) Non-ironic: ...And it's payday. THIS IS A GOOD FRIDAY
 - 1) Polarity contrast: I love waking up with migraines #not :'(
 - 2) Situational: Event technology session is having Internet problems. #irony
 - 3) Other: @someuser Yeah keeping cricket clean, that's what he wants #Sarcasm

Languages: English

Task A: (Binary)

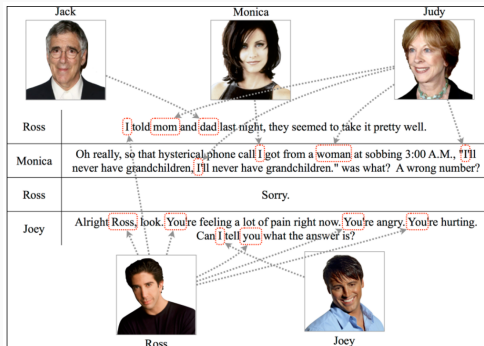
1907	0	It's #cute to be awake right now
2415	1	Wishing my relationship was that real
1454	1	Good thing y days not ruined....
2493	0	Not this room please I don't want this
2725	0	@ajb_16 shouldn't you's be in school??
1294	0	I'm so ready to get drunk tonight
2480	1	Dead supportive family I've got.

Task B: (4-way)

1907	0	It's #cute to be awake right now
2993	2	Spilled milk onto my boob. Oh the .
3527	2	I cant even watch anime in japan...
3504	3	On a small diet http://t.co/UsLZ0gYmEx
2198	3	@torrentfreak We should monitor them...
2480	1	Dead supportive family I've got.

Coreference

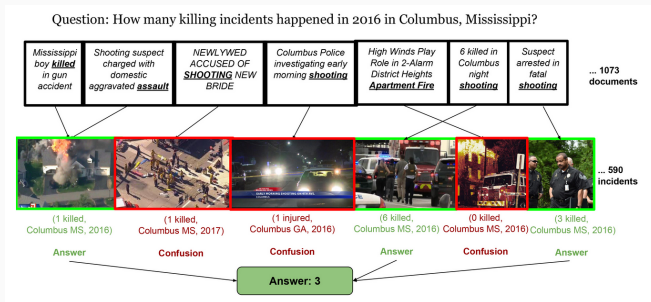
Task 4: Character identification on multiparty dialogues



Speaker									Entity ID	
0	0	He	PRP	(TOP(S(NP*	he	-	-	Monica_Geller	*	(284)
0	1	's	VBZ	(VP*	be	-	-	Monica_Geller	*	-
0	2	just	RB	(ADVP*	just	-	-	Monica_Geller	*	-
0	3	some	DT	(NP(NP*	some	-	-	Monica_Geller	*	-
0	4	guy	NN	*)	guy	-	-	Monica_Geller	*	(284)
0	5	I	PRP	(SBAR(S(NP*	I	-	-	Monica_Geller	*	(248)
0	6	work	VBP	(VP*	work	-	-	Monica_Geller	*	-
0	7	with	IN	(PP*))))))	with	-	-	Monica_Geller	*	-
0	8	!	.	*)	!	-	-	Monica_Geller	*	-

Task 5: Counting events and participants in the long tail

Given a question, find news articles that correspond to the question.



Difficulty:

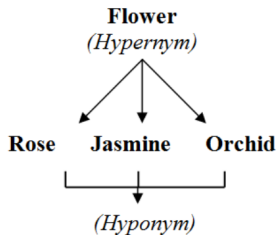
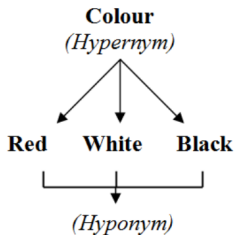
- For each correct article, there are 674 incorrect articles with overlapping context

Languages: English

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Lexical semantics

Task 9: Hypernym discovery



	Term	Hypernym(s)	Source
English (general)	dog	canine, mammal, animal	WordNet
Spanish (general)	guacamole	salsa para mojar, alimento, salsa	Wikidata
Italian (general)	Nina Simone	musicista, pianista, persona	MultiWiBi

Languages: English, Spanish, Italian

Input:

pollution Concept

Output:

dirtyiness

dirtying

environmental condition

impurity

sanitary condition

uncleanness

Task 10: Capturing discriminative attributes

- Current models are great at detecting similarity
- But do not predict semantic differences
- If you only know what something is like but can't tell the difference it is a problem for your model



The task:

- Given a triple (cappuccino, americano, milk), return
 - 1 is a semantic difference
 - 0 is not a semantic difference

Languages: English

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Reading comprehension and reasoning

Task 11: Machine comprehension using commonsense knowledge

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- to get enough sunshine
- the garden looks empty
- they were forced
- the soil was moist

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- a tablespoon
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Task 12: Argument reasoning comprehension task

Given an argument, with a reason and a claim, the goal is to choose the correct implicit reasoning from two options.

Topic: Should voting be mandatory?

Additional info: Or are there already too many people casting ballots?

Argument: It works for Australia. And since [...] voting should be mandatory.

- (a) Australians are nothing like Americans
- (b) Australians are like Americans

Languages: US English

<https://github.com/habernal/semEval2018-task12>

TSV file:

warrant0	Australians are nothing like Americans
warrant1	Australians are like Americans
correctLabel	1
reason	It works for Australia.
claim	Voting should be mandatory
debateTitle	Should Voting Be Mandatory?
debateInfo	Or are there already too many people casting ballots?

Practical

<http://alt.qcri.org/semeval2018/index.php?id=tasks>

- Choose a task
- Read the description
- Look at the provided data
- Run the baseline system (Irony detection, argument reasoning)
- Write your own simple baseline (Everything else)
- Run the evaluation script on the baseline
- Think of ways to improve the baseline