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## **Understanding Procedural Text using Interactive Entity Networks**

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本文主要按照如下三个方面来叙述:

- 1 Target: Understanding procedural text
- 2 Method: By using Interactive Entity Network
- 3 Contributions:
  - introduce an novel module——IEN(by using attention)
  - · conduct intensive experiments

## **4 Experiments**

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## 1 Task

# 1.1 What's procedural text?

e.g., scientific articles, instruction books, or recipes

#### sentence 1:

The water breaks into oxygen, hydrogen, and electrons.

#### sentence 2:

Blood travels to the lungs.
Carbon dioxide is removed from the blood.
Oxygen is added to your blood.

## 1.2 Entity state tracking is the key task for procedural text comprehension.

本文的任务: Focus on scientific process understanding task(Dalvi et al., 2018), in which the tracking targets are action and location of entities.

## 1.3 Example

The state tracking task is to predict the states of each entity  $e_i$  after reading each sentence  $s_t$ , where an entity's state is a value of a property  $p_j$ .

CO2 enters leaf.

System: the existence $(p_j)$  of CO2  $(e_i)$  is true the location $(p_i)$  of CO2 is leaf

#### 1.4 Difficulties

- dynamic nature
- the involvement of multiple entities => [The water breaks into oxygen, hydrogen, and electrons.]
- · the complexity of tracking targets

## 1.5 Challenge

how to properly capture the relationship between entity interactions and their state changes.

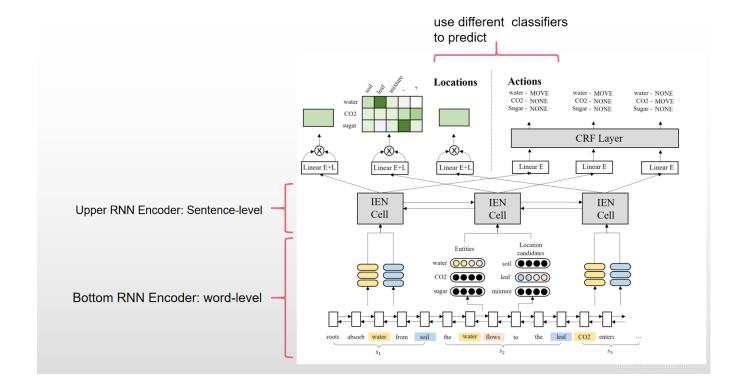
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# 2 IEN: Interactive Entity Network

本文的贡献就在于提出了这个IEN模型,因为它提高了任务的效果,所以它有用。

## 2.1 Characteristics



## 2.1.1 Bottom RNN Encoder: Word-Level Encoding

$$ec{\mathbf{w}}_i = [emb(w_i); v_i]$$

- 等式左边的 $w_i$  表示的是embedding vector,程式右边的 $w_i$  是单词i
- 实验中针对不同的 embedding function,如(fastText、ELMo),进行对比
- $v_i$  是一个标量,用于表示 $w_i$  这个词是否是动词
- 将得到的 $w_i$  送入到BiLSTM中得到最后的一个表示  $u_i = BiLSTM([w_i])$

## 2.1.2 Upper RNN Encoder: Sentence-Level Encoding and IEN cell

To track the state changes, we extract sentence features from word-level encodings by running another RNN at the sentence level.

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{t}^{e_{i}} = \begin{cases} [\boldsymbol{u}_{t}^{e_{i}}; \boldsymbol{u}_{t}^{v}], & \text{if } e_{i} \in s_{t} \\ \boldsymbol{0}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (1)

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{t}^{l_{j}} = \begin{cases} [\boldsymbol{u}_{t}^{l_{j}}; \boldsymbol{u}_{t}^{v}], & \text{if } l_{j} \in s_{t} \\ \boldsymbol{0}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(2)

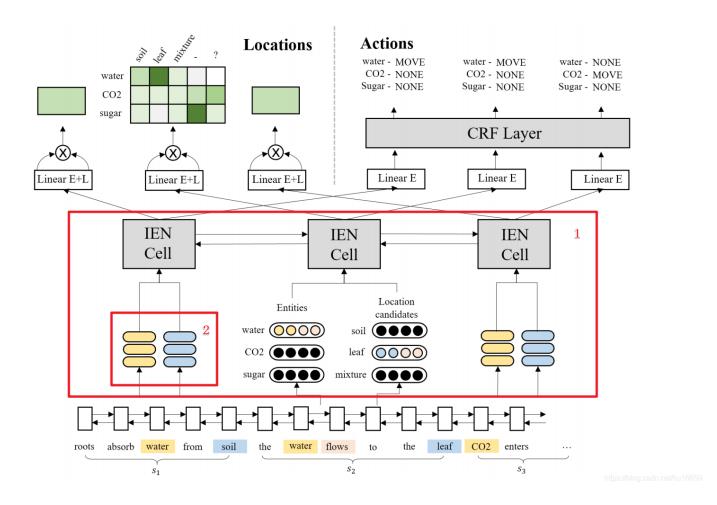
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 $x_t^{e_i}$ : 表示的就是在句子  $\mathbf{t}$  中的  $e_i$  实体;  $x_t^{l_j}$ : 表示的就是在句子  $\mathbf{t}$  中的  $l_j$  位置;  $u_t^v$ : 表示的是句子 $\mathbf{t}$ 中的谓语动词。

#### 补充:

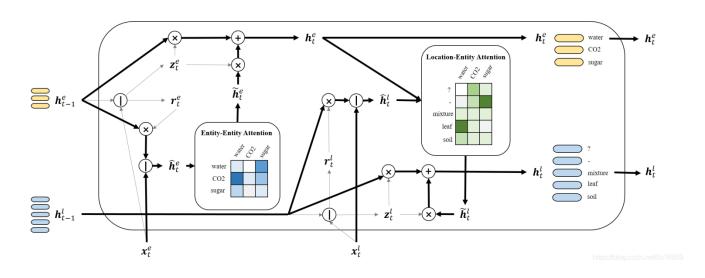
• 如果entity 或者 location 是由多个词构成的,那么就执行一个mean pooling 操作。

接着分别将所有的实体、位置表示拼接在一起得到  $x_t^e \in R^{n*d}$ ,  $x_t^l \in R^{m*d}$ 。  $x_t^e$  和  $x_t^l$  就是第 t 个IEN cell 的输入。下图中红框1就是IEN cell 部分,而其中的红框2就是IEN cell 的输入。



接着来看一下IEN cell 是如何设计的?

## 2.2 Structure of an IEN cell



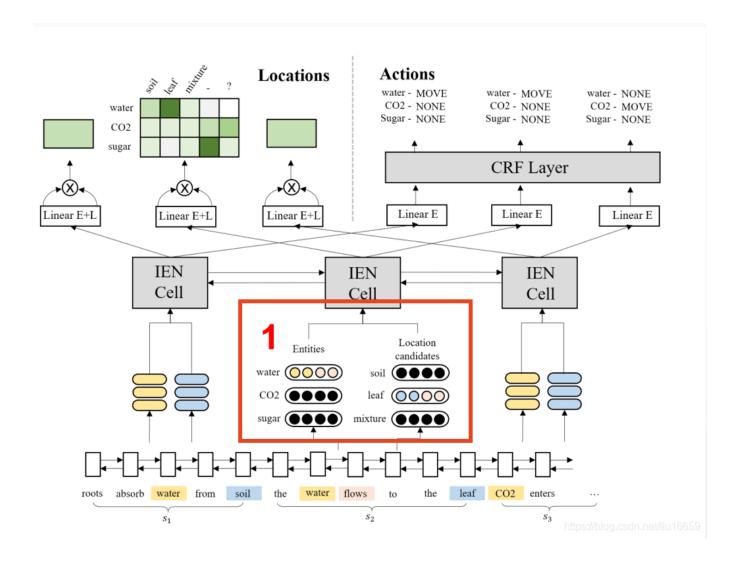
在每个 IEN cell中,都有 n 个实体 slots、 m个location slots,与上面的 $x_t^e$  和  $x_t^l$  相对应。

## 2.2.1 IEN cell Inputs

the representations of all entities and all location candidates in a signle sentence st, or a mask vector if the entity or location candidate is not in st.

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{t}^{e_{i}} = \begin{cases} [\boldsymbol{u}_{t}^{e_{i}}; \boldsymbol{u}_{t}^{v}], & \text{if } e_{i} \in s_{t} \\ \boldsymbol{0}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (1)

$$m{x}_t^{l_j} = egin{cases} [m{u}_t^{l_j}; m{u}_t^v], & ext{if} \quad l_j \in s_t \\ m{0}, & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (2)



#### memory slots 是什么?

• we place memory slots inside IEN cells and let them recurrently update as GRU;

· Each memory slot represents the state of a specific entity or a location candidate.

 $h^e_t \in R^{n*d}$  表示第t个IEN cell中所有实体的 memory slots;  $h^l_t \in R^{n*d}$  表示第t个IEN cell中所有location的 memory slots。更新过程如下:

## entity memory slots

$$\boldsymbol{z}_{t}^{e} = \sigma([\boldsymbol{h}_{t-1}^{e}; \boldsymbol{x}_{t}^{e}] \cdot \boldsymbol{W}_{z}^{e})$$
 (3)

$$\boldsymbol{r}_{t}^{e} = \sigma([\boldsymbol{h}_{t-1}^{e}; \boldsymbol{x}_{t}^{e}] \cdot \boldsymbol{W}_{r}^{e}) \tag{4}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{h}}_{t}^{e} = [\boldsymbol{r}_{t}^{e} \odot \boldsymbol{h}_{t-1}^{e}; \boldsymbol{x}_{t}^{e}] \tag{5}$$

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{t}^{e} = \tanh(\operatorname{Att}(\hat{\boldsymbol{h}}_{t}^{e}, \hat{\boldsymbol{h}}_{t}^{e}, \hat{\boldsymbol{h}}_{t}^{e}) \cdot \boldsymbol{W}^{e})$$
 (6)

$$\boldsymbol{h}_{t}^{e} = (1 - \boldsymbol{z}_{t}^{e}) \odot \boldsymbol{h}_{t-1}^{e} + \boldsymbol{z}_{t}^{e} \odot \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{t}^{e}$$
 (7)

这里的 Att 是一个 scaled key-value attention function. 定义公式如下:

are trainable parameters. Att is a scaled key-value attention function (Vaswani et al., 2017), defined as:

$$\underline{\text{Att}(\boldsymbol{q}, \boldsymbol{k}, \boldsymbol{v}) = \text{Softmax}(\frac{(\boldsymbol{q}\boldsymbol{W}^q)(\boldsymbol{k}\boldsymbol{W}^k)^T}{\sqrt{d_a}})(\boldsymbol{v}\boldsymbol{W}^v)}}$$
(8)

where  $\boldsymbol{W}^q \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d_a}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{W}^k \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d_a}$  and  $\boldsymbol{W}^v \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d_a}$  are trainable parameters.

模型的亮点就在于将 attention 引入到了GRU中,这样显式地模拟出 entity-entity 以及 entity-location 之间的交互。

## location memory slots

这个更新过程同 entity memory slots 很相似,不再叙述。

#### 2.2.3 输出

### 2.2.3.1 Entity Actions

Output 1: Entity Actions Following NCET (Gupta and Durrett, 2019), We use CRF to model the dependency of actions. We use  $h_t^{e_i}$ , which is the *i*th row of  $h_t^e$ , to generate emission potentials for each action tag  $y_t$  at each time step t with respect to entity  $e_i$ :

$$\phi(y_t, t, e_i) = \boldsymbol{h}_t^e \cdot \boldsymbol{H} \tag{14}$$

where  $H \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times 1}$  is a trainable matrix. Additionally, we train a transition matrix to get the transition potentials among the 4 action tags and two extra tags ("START" and "END") which we denote by  $\psi(y_{t-1}, y_t)$ . Finally for an action sequence y, we get the probability as:

$$P(m{y}|e_i) \propto \exp(\sum_{t=0}^T \phi(y_t,t,e_i) + \psi(y_{t-1},y_t))$$

## 2.2.3.2 Entity Locations

**Output 2: Entity Locations** To get the probability that entity  $e_i$  at location  $l_i$  at step t, we simply compute the probability matrix as follows:

$$\mathbf{M}_t = \operatorname{Softmax}((\mathbf{h}_t^e \mathbf{U}) \cdot (\mathbf{l}_t^e \mathbf{V})^T)$$
 (16)

where  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  are trainable parameter matrices. And the probability  $P(e_i, l_j)$  is the element at the *i*th row and *j*th column of  $M_t$ .

# 参考资料

• GRU 的结构图

图6.8给出了GRU网络的循环单元结构.

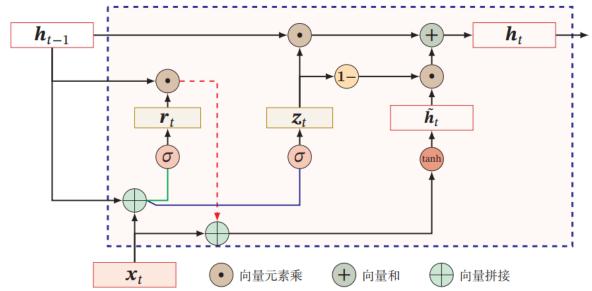


图 6.8 GRU 网络的循环单元结构