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8. Summarization

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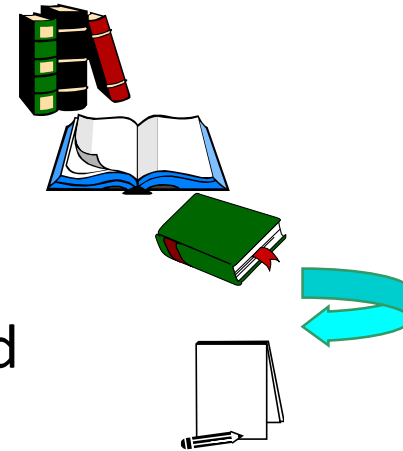
Course Content

- Collection of three main topics of high recent interest.
 - Search engines (Crawling, Indexing, Ranking)
 - Language Modeling
 - Text Indexing and Crawling
 - Relevance Ranking
 - Link Analysis Algorithms
 - Text Processing (NLP, NER, Sentiments)
 - Natural Language Processing
 - Named Entity Recognition
 - Sentiment Analysis
 - **Summarization**
 - Social networks (Properties, Influence Propagation)
 - Social Network Analysis
 - Influence Propagation in Social Networks

What is summarization?

...put a book on the scanner, turn the dial to '2 pages', and read the result...

...download 1000 documents from the web, send them to the summarizer, and select the best ones by reading the summaries of the clusters...



Summarization System:

An information access technology that given a document or sets of *related* documents, extracts the most important content from the source(s) taking into account the user or task at hand, and presents this content in a well formed and concise text

Agenda

- **Applications of text summarization**
- Genres and types of summaries
- Extraction based Summarization methods
- Evaluating summaries

Headline news — informing



Washington Post

See realtime coverage

NC governor declares state of emergency after another night of violence in Charlotte

Washington Post - 2 hours ago



CHARLOTTE - After a second night of violent demonstrations here that left one man clinging to life and several businesses damaged, North Carolina Gov.

One person critically wounded during Keith Scott protests New York Daily News

OpEd: Charlotte Is Burning: Waking up From the American Dream... Finally? NBCNews.com

Highly Cited: Charlotte faces aftermath of protests ignited by fatal police shooting; 16 officers injured Charlotte Observer

Local Source: Charlotte police shooting: State of emergency declared during 2nd night of violent protests WSOC Charlotte

Featured: Who is Keith Lamont Scott? Fusion

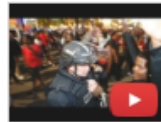
Trending: NC Gov. declares state of emergency following violent Charlotte protests USA TODAY



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TODAYonline



CNN



Newsweek

Trump calls for nationwide 'stop-and-frisk' policy

Politico - 12 hours ago

KING'S SPEECH: DONALD TRUMP's coalition assembled in Cleveland today to push back on the idea that his campaign espouses racist ideas - and that effort included boxing promoter Don King.



CNN

US fighter jet crashes off Japanese island of Okinawa

CNN - 1 hour ago

Tokyo (CNN) A US Marine Corps pilot ejected safely when his fighter jet crashed into the waters east of the Japanese island of Okinawa, officials said.

TV-GUIDES — decision making

2:30am

VC2 – 76

The Jackal

Movie: Bruce Willis excels as "The Jackal," a cunning assassin who uses many disguises in this 1997 thriller. Richard Gere and Sidney Poitier costar as players from different sides of the law who unite to stop him.

3:00am

KCOP – 13

The Untouchables

Movie: Eliot Ness (Kevin Costner) and "The Untouchables" take on Robert De Niro's flamboyant Al Capone in the pulse-pounding 1987 adaptation of the popular TV series. Sean Connery won an Oscar as the Irish beat cop who shows Ness "the Chicago way." Brian De Palma directed the feature; David Mamet wrote the script. And yes, film majors, the scene at Union Station was lifted directly from the

3:05am

STARZ – 25

Grosse Pointe Blank

Movie: A razor-sharp script and a fine turn by John Cusack as a troubled hit man mark 1997's "Grosse Pointe Blank," a dark comedy in which the assassin encounters his old flame (Minnie Driver of "Good Will Hunting") at a high-school reunion. Cusack's sister Joan ("In and Out") is hilarious as the killer's devoted assistant, and Alan Arkin makes the most of his small role as Cusack's terrified the

Examples of summaries – sports results

New Zealand tour of India, 1st Test: India v New Zealand at Kanpur, Sep 22-26, 2016

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| Summary | Full scorecard | Commentary | Statistics |   |
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India **318**
New Zealand **89/1 (27.0 ov)**
New Zealand trail by 229 runs with 9 wickets remaining in the 1st innings

New Zealand RR 3.29
Last 10 ovs 33/0 RR 3.30
Min overs remaining 54

| Day 2 | Current time 12:37 local, 07:07 GMT | | | | | | | Test Career | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|-------------|----|-------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Batsmen | R | B | 4s | 6s | SR | This bowler | | Mat | Runs | HS | Ave | |
| Kane Williamson (rhb) | 31 | 45 | 4 | 0 | 68.88 | 8 (20b) | | 53 | 4424 | 242* | 51.44 | |
| Tom Latham (lhb) | 33 | 86 | 4 | 0 | 38.37 | 13 (28b) | | 23 | 1587 | 137 | 39.67 | |
| Bowlers | O | M | R | W | Econ | 0s | 4s | 6s | Mat | Wkts | BBI | Ave |
| Ravindra Jadeja (sla) | 11.0 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 2.90 | 48 | 4 | 0 | 18 | 71 | 6/138 | 23.87 |
| Mohammed Shami (rfm) | 7.0 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 3.14 | 33 | 4 | 0 | 17 | 58 | 5/47 | 34.56 |
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Current partnership 54 runs, 17.3 overs, RR: 3.08

Last bat MJ Guptill lbw b Yadav 21 (31b 3x4 0x6) SR: 67.74

Fall of wicket 35/1 (9.3 ov); Partnership: 35 runs, 9.3 overs, RR: 3.68

| End of over 27 (4 runs) New Zealand 89/1 | | | |
|--|------------------|----------------|-----------|
| TWM Latham | 33 (86b 4x4 0x6) | Mohammed Shami | 7-1-22-0 |
| KS Williamson | 31 (45b 4x4 0x6) | RA Jadeja | 11-0-32-0 |

Abhishek Jain: "You guys are going way over board to describe KANE. Just relax. Never saw you describing Indian batsmen in such a manner."

26.6 Mohammed Shami to Latham, no run, shortish on middle and off, Latham wanted to nudge it through square leg but the ball held on the pitch and forces the ball to pop up towards midwicket

26.5 Mohammed Shami to Latham, no run, back of a length on off stump, defended



Abstracts of papers — time saving

An Incremental Interpreter for High-Level Programs with Sensing

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Abstract

Like classical planning, the execution of high-level agent programs requires a reasoner to look all the way to a final goal state before even a single action can be taken in the world. This deferral is a serious problem in practice for large programs. Furthermore, the problem is compounded in the presence of sensing actions which provide necessary information, but only after they are executed in the world. To deal with this, we propose (characterize formally in the situation calculus, and implement in Prolog) a new incremental way of interpreting such high-level programs and a new high-level language construct, which together, and without loss of generality, allow much more control to be exercised over when actions can be executed. We argue that such a scheme is the only practical way to deal with large agent programs containing both nondeterminism and sensing.

Introduction

In [4] it was argued that when it comes to providing high level control to autonomous agents or robots, the notion of *high-level program execution* offers an alternative to classical planning that may be more practical in many applications. Briefly, instead of looking for a sequence of actions \vec{a} such that

$$\text{Axioms} \models \text{Legal}(\text{do}(\vec{a}, S_0)) \wedge \phi(\text{do}(\vec{a}, S_0))$$

where ϕ is the goal being planned for, we look for a sequence \vec{a} such that

$$\text{Axioms} \models \text{Do}(\delta, S_0, \text{do}(\vec{a}, S_0))$$

to find a sequence with the right properties. This can involve considerable search when δ is very nondeterministic, but much less search when δ is more deterministic. The feasibility of this approach for AI purposes clearly depends on the expressive power of the programming language in question. In [4], a language called **CONGOLOG** is presented, which in addition to nondeterminism, contains facilities for sequence, iteration, conditionals, concurrency, and prioritized interrupts. In this paper, we extend the expressive power of this language by providing much finer control over the nondeterminism, and by making provisions for sensing actions. To do so in a way that will be practical even for very large programs requires introducing a different style of on-line program execution.

In the rest of this section, we discuss on-line and off-line execution informally, and show why sensing actions and nondeterminism to gether can be problematic. In the following section, we formally characterize program execution in the language of the situation calculus. Next, we describe an incremental interpreter in Prolog that is correct with respect to this specification. The final section contains discussion and conclusions.

Off-line and On-line execution

To be compatible with planning, the **CONGOLOG** interpreter presented in [4] executes in an *off-line* manner, in the sense that it must find a sequence of actions constituting an entire legal execution of a program *before* actually executing any of them in the world.¹ Consider, for example, the following program:

Summly News summarization

Yahoo Paid \$30 Million in Cash for 18 Months of Young Summly Entrepreneur's Time

MARCH 25, 2013 AT 8:35 AM PT



Earlier today, Yahoo said it had acquired the trendy and decidedly stylish news reading app Summly, along with its telegenic and very young entrepreneur Nick D'Aloisio.

Yahoo said it plans to close down the actual app and use the algorithmic summation technology that the 17-year-old D'Aloisio built with a small team of five, along with a major assist from Silicon Valley research institute SRI International, throughout its products.



Summarization Startups

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Content Summarization Startups



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'Genres' of Summary?

- extract vs abstract
 - fragments from the document
 - newly re-written text
 - generic vs query-based vs user-focused
 - all major topics equal coverage
 - based on a question “what are the causes of the war?”
 - users interested in chemistry
 - for novice vs for expert
 - background
 - Just the new information
- single-document vs multi-document
 - research paper
 - proceedings of a conference
 - in textual form vs items vs tabular vs structured
 - paragraph
 - list of main points
 - numeric information in a table
 - in the language of the document vs in other language
 - monolingual
 - cross-lingual

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Overview of Extraction Methods

- Position in the text
 - lead method; optimal position policy
 - title/heading method
- Cue phrases in sentences
- Word frequencies throughout the text
- Cohesion: links among words
 - word co-occurrence
 - coreference
 - lexical chains

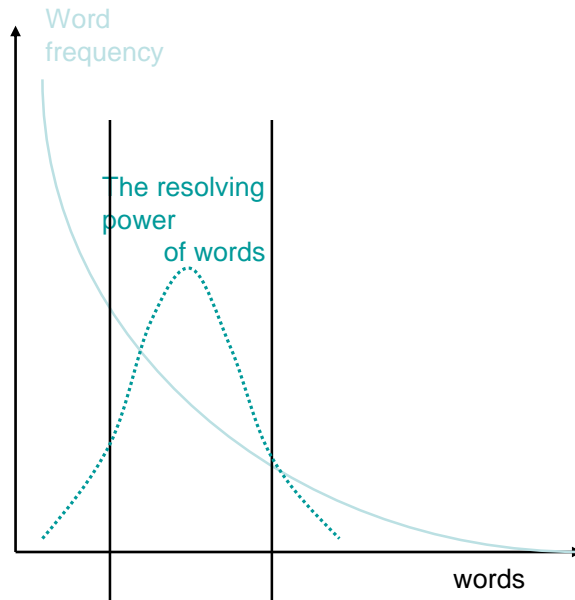
Position-based method

- Claim: Important sentences occur at the beginning (and/or end) of texts.
 - paragraph#: 1,2, ..., 10, last, last-1, ..., last-4
 - in paragraph: initial, middle, final
 - First sentence of document, first sentence of paragraph, last sentence of document, etc.
- Lead method: just take first sentence(s)!
- Optimum Position Policy (OPP)
 - Important sentences are located at positions that are genre-dependent; these positions can be determined automatically through training (Lin and Hovy, 97).
 - Corpus: 13000 newspaper articles (ZIFF corpus).
 - Step 1: For each article, determine overlap between sentences and the index terms for the article.
 - Step 2: Determine a partial ordering over the locations where sentences containing important words occur
 - OPP for ZIFF corpus: $(T) > (P2,S1) > (P3,S1) > (P2,S2) > \{(P4,S1),(P5,S1),(P3,S2)\} > \dots$ (where T=title; P=paragraph; S=sentence)
 - 10%-extracts cover 91% of the salient words.
- Title-based method
 - Words in titles and headings are positively relevant to summarization.

Cue-Phrase method

- **Claim 1:** Important sentences contain ‘bonus phrases’, such as *significantly*, *In this paper we show*, and *In conclusion*, while non-important sentences contain ‘stigma phrases’ such as *hardly* and *impossible*.
- Cue = a predefined list of words with associated weights
- **Method:** Add to sentence score if it contains a bonus phrase, penalize if it contains a stigma phrase.

Word-frequency-based method



(Luhn, 59)

- **Claim:** Important sentences contain words that occur “somewhat” frequently.
- **Method:** Increase sentence score for each frequent word.
- Stemming should be used
- “stop words” (i.e. “the”, “a”, “for”, “is”) are ignored

LexRank

- LexRank does document summarization by estimating sentence importance using random walks and eigenvector centrality.
- A graph is constructed by creating a vertex for each sentence in the document.
- The edges between sentences are based on some form of semantic similarity or content overlap. While LexRank uses cosine similarity of TF-IDF vectors, TextRank uses a very similar measure based on the number of words two sentences have in common (normalized by the sentences' lengths).
- Sentences are ranked by applying PageRank to the resulting graph. A summary is formed by combining the top ranking sentences, using a threshold or length cutoff to limit the size of the summary.
- LexRank was used as part of a larger summarization system (MEAD) that combines the LexRank score (stationary probability) with other features like sentence position and length using a linear combination with either user-specified or automatically tuned weights.
- For multi-document summarization, to avoid duplicate sentences, LexRank applies a heuristic post-processing step that builds up a summary by adding sentences in rank order, but discards any sentences that are too similar to ones already placed in the summary. The method used is called Cross-Sentence Information Subsumption (CSIS).

Problems with extracts

- Lack of cohesion

source

A single-engine airplane crashed Tuesday into a ditch beside a dirt road on the outskirts of Albuquerque, killing all five people aboard, authorities said.

Four adults and one child died in the crash, which witnesses said occurred about 5 p.m., when it was raining, Albuquerque police Sgt. R.C. Porter said.

The airplane was attempting to land at nearby Coronado Airport, Porter said. It aborted its first attempt and was coming in for a second try when it crashed, he said...

extract

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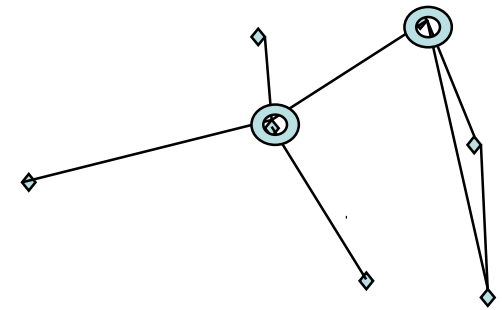
Supermarket A announced a big profit for the third quarter of the year. The directory studies the creation of new jobs. Meanwhile, B's supermarket sales drop by 10% last month. The company is studying closing down some of its stores.

extract

Supermarket A announced a big profit for the third quarter of the year. The company is studying closing down some of its stores.

Cohesion-based methods

- **Claim:** Important sentences/paragraphs are the highest connected entities in more or less elaborate semantic structures.
- Classes of approaches
 - word co-occurrences;
 - co-reference;
 - lexical similarity (WordNet, lexical chains);
 - combinations of the above.



Cohesion: Lexical chains method

But Mr. Kenny's move speeded up work on a **machine** which uses **micro-computers** to control the rate at which an *anaesthetic* is pumped into the blood of *patients* undergoing *surgery*. Such **machines** are nothing new. But Mr. Kenny's **device** uses two **personal-computers** to achieve much closer monitoring of the **pump** feeding the *anaesthetic* into the *patient*. Extensive testing of the **equipment** has sufficiently impressed the authorities which regulate *medical equipment* in Britain, and, so far, four other countries, to make this the first such **machine** to be licensed for commercial sale to *hospitals*.

- Lexical chain: word sequence in a text where the words are related by repetition, synonymy, class/superclass (hypernymy), paraphrase
- A chain C represents a “concept” in WordNet
 - *Financial institution* “bank”
 - *Side of the river* “bank”

- **Method for creating chain:**

- Select a set of **candidate words** from the text.
- For each of the candidate words, **find an appropriate chain**, relying on a **relatedness criterion** among members of the chains and the candidate words.
- If such a chain is found, insert the word in this chain and **update** it accordingly; **else create a new chain**.

Cohesion: Lexical chains method

- Scoring the chains
 - Length of chain
 - the kind of relation between their words (same word, antonym, synonym, meronym, hyper/hyponyms)
 - their starting position within the text
- Strong chain must be selected
- Sentence selection for summary
 - H1: select the first sentence that contains a member of a strong chain
 - H2: select the first sentence that contains a “representative” (frequency) member of the chain
 - H3: identify a text segment where the chain is highly dense (density is the proportion of words in the segment that belong to the chain)

Take-aways

- We discussed various applications where text summarization is useful.
- We looked at various genres and types of summaries
- We talked about three types of summarization methods: Topic extraction, Interpretation, Multi-document summarization
- Finally, we discussed various metrics for summarization evaluation.

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A list of text summarization projects

http://web.science.mq.edu.au/~swan/summarization/projects_full.htm

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