1 NLP Project Preproposal

1.1 Research Problem

The research problem our group wants to investigate is detection of authors of texts. To do so we want to analyze texts from various authors and classify these texts according to their style of writing (vocabulary, grammar, etc.)

1.2 Approach + Evaluation

In order to obtain a data set we are planning to apply a web crawler (prototype from internet) to crawl blogs on the internet. The set is then split into training and test data sets. Before a classifier (e.g. Naive-Bayes, Neural Networks, etc.) is trained on the training data set and evaluated (Precision, Recall, etc.) using the test data set we need to engineer proper features that are useful for classification the texts.

1.3 Resources + Frameworks

Possible frameworks that are conceivable for solving the task: Weka, DeepLearning4J, ...

Some references:

News Authorship Identification with Deep Learning

https://cs224d.stanford.edu/reports/ZhouWang.pdf

ILSP Focued Crawler

http://nlp.ilsp.gr/redmine/projects/ilsp-fc/wiki/Getting_Started

Crawler4J:

https://github.com/yasserg/crawler4j/

Reuters corpus (instead of crawling)

1.4 Organization (Responsibilities + Timeline)

- Data provisioning (crawler, corpus, ...) ⇒ Philipp Kapelle
- Data preprocessing (format of data, feature engineering, ...) ⇒ Fabian Otto
- Analysis (train and choose classifiers, ...) \Rightarrow Clemens Biehl, Daniel Wehner
- Evaluation \Rightarrow Clemens Biehl, Daniel Wehner

Coarse Timeline:

Calendar Week 2: Provision of crawled data or corpus

Calendar Week 4: First trained machine learning models

Calendar Week 5: Comparison of trained models

Calendar Week 6 (08.02.): Final presentation