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# TRAINING SPACY'S NER MODEL TO IDENTIFY FOOD ENTITIES

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#### Abstract -

Food Computing is currently a fast-growing field of research. Natural language processing (NLP) is also increasingly essential in this field, especially for recognising food entities. However, there are still only a few well-defined tasks that serve as benchmarks for solutions in this area. We introduce a new dataset - called FoodData central - to bridge this gap. In this dataset, Named Entity Recognition (NER) models are expected to find or infer various types of entities helpful in processing recipes, e.g. food products, quantities and their units, names of cooking processes, physical quality of ingredients, their purpose, taste. The dataset consists of more than 30,000 entities to extract. It is comprised of a small number of rules based on computational linguistics and semantic information that describe the food entities. Experimental results from the evaluation performed using two different datasets showed that very promising results can be achieved. The proposed method achieved 97% precision, 94% recall, and 96% F1 score. We share the dataset and the task to encourage progress on more in-depth and complex information extraction from recipes.

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#### I. Introduction

In the field of natural language processing there is the Information Extraction task, which consists in elicitation of data relevant to a particular topic from non-structured texts. One of the subtasks of Information Extraction is the recognition and extraction of named entities (Named Entity Recognition, NER). The results of recognition and classification of proper nouns in a text document are widely used in information retrieval, machine translation, question answering automatic and summarization. In this paper, we focus on IE of food entities. To the best of our knowledge, not a large amount of re- search focusing on food entities has been done. How- ever, nowadays, the knowledge about extracted food entities and their relations with other biomedical entities (like genes, drugs, diseases, etc.) is important for improving public health? The main contributions of this paper are:

- A rule-based NER method for IE of food entities.
- Evaluation of the proposed method, which provides promising results on unstructured data, without a need for an annotated corpus.

**About dataset:** We'll be using food data from the USDA's Branded

Food's dataset we will import two csv files:

- 1. food.csv
- 2. npr.csv

## II. CASE STUDY

**Title:** Training spaCy's NER Model to Identify Food Entities

Tools used: Jupyter Notebook, python

# III. THEORY:

Python: Python is a general-purpose interpreted, interactive, object-oriented, and high-level programming language. Python is a high-level, interpreted, interactive and object-oriented scripting language. Python is designed to be highly readable. It uses English keywords frequently whereas other languages use punctuation, and it has fewer syntactical constructions than other languages.

Pandas: Pandas is an open-source Python package that is most widely used for data science/data analysis and machine learning tasks. It is built on top of another package named NumPy, which provides support for multi-dimensional arrays. As one of the most popular data wrangling packages, Pandas works well with many other data science modules inside the Python ecosystem, and is typically included in every Python distribution.

Matplotlib: Matplotlib is an amazing visualization library in Python for 2D plots of arrays. Matplotlib is a multi-platform data visualization library built on NumPy arrays and designed to work with the broader SciPy stack. It was introduced by John Hunter in the year 2002. One of the greatest benefits of visualization is that it allows us visual access to huge amounts of data in easily digestible visuals. Matplotlib consists of several plots like line, bar, scatter, histogram etc.

spaCy: spaCy is an open-source software library for advanced natural language processing, written in the programming languages Python and Cython. spaCy is designed specifically for production use and helps you build applications that process and "understand" large volumes of text. It can be used to build information extraction or natural language understanding systems, or to pre-process text for deep learning SpaCy can be installed using a simple pip install. Using pip, spaCy releases are available as source packages and binary wheels. Before you install spaCy and its dependencies make sure that your pip, setuptools and wheel are up to date.

**NER:** Named-entity recognition (NER) is the method or system of extracting information which allows us to properly understand the subject or topic of the raw text. It is a process of automatically identifying the named entities present in a given text of any documents and classifying them into predefined categories such as 'person', 'organization', and 'location' and so on.

The goal of named entity recognition (NER) system is to identify all textual mentions of the named entities and also classify them. It helps to solve many real world problems in Natural Language Processing (NLP). Commonly Used Types of Named Entity are:

ORGANIZATION: Georgia-Pacific Corp., WHO

PERSON: Eddy Bonte, President Obama LOCATION: Murray River, Mount Everest

DATE: June, 2008–06–29

TIME: two fifty a m, 1:30 p.m.

MONEY: 175 million Canadian Dollars, GBP

10.40

PERCENT: twenty pct, 18.75 %

FACILITY: Washington Monument, Stonehenge

GPE: South East Asia, Midlothian

# **Food-related Text Pre-processing:**

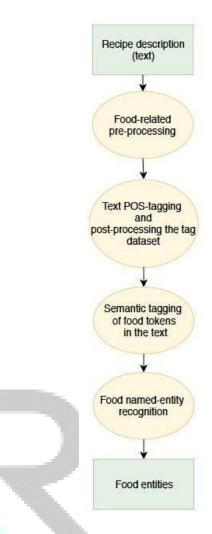
To enable food-named entity recognition, in this paper, we propose a rule-based approach, called FoodIE. It works with unstructured data (more specifically, with a recipe that includes textual data in form of in- structions on how to prepare the dish) and consists of four steps: • Food-related text pre-processing • Text POS-tagging and post-processing of the tag dataset .Semantic tagging of food tokens in the text • Food-named entity recognition The flowchart of the methodology is presented in Further, we are going to explain each part in more detail.

# **Food-named Entity Recognition**

To obtain food chunks, we used the modified tag set from the USAS semantic tagger obtained in Subsection 3.2 in combination with the food tokens obtained in Subsection 3.3. The process of food-named entity recognition consists of three steps.

Then, to determine if it truly is a food entity chunk or just a chunk related to food but not a food entity in and of itself, we check the last token of the chunk. The whole chunk is discarded if the last token is:

- A noun (starts with NN) and a general nonfood object, or
- in the disallowed category as defined by the rule engine, or
- in the disallowed category as defined by the resources



Text POS-tagging and Post-processing:

To obtain the morphological information from a textual data, we use UCREL Semantic Analysis System (USAS) and coreNLP. The USAS semantic tagger provides word tokens associated with their POS tags, lemmas, and semantic tags. The semantic tags show semantic fields that group together word senses that are related at some level of generality with the same contextual concept. The groups include not only synonyms and antonyms Furthermore; the same is done using the coreNLP library, which includes all of the above except semantic tags.

#### **IV.** Evaluation Metrics

There are different approaches for the evaluation of **NER** systems [1]. Performance evaluation characterizes the ability of a tool to find the boundaries of a named entity and correctly determine its type. The score can be computed for exact and partial matching. The exact matching assumes the exact coincidence of the boundaries of the predicted and true named entity. Under such conditions the systems of the participants in the competition held as part of the CoNLL2003 conference [2] were evaluated. However, in some cases the exact matching of boundaries is not as important as the identification of a major part of a named entity. For example, the phrases "The United States" and "United States" are almost similar and differ only in the presence of the article. At the MUC (Message Understanding Conference) [19], metrics were used to evaluate the systems, taking into account the partial overlap of the predicted and true named entities.

In this paper systems are evaluated under two conditions:

- 1) Exact matching of boundaries and types of predicted and true entities.
- 2) Partial matching of the predicted and true entities when the types coincide and the boundaries of the predicted entity are inside the boundaries of the true one, or vice versa.

To evaluate the performance of NER the following metrics are used, calculated with respect to type i:

 precision – the proportion of correctly classified entities (True Positives) among all entities assigned by the classifier to type i (True Positives and False Positives)

$$P_i = \frac{TP_i}{TP_i + FP_i};\tag{1}$$

 recall – the proportion of correctly classified entities (True Positives) among all entities belonging to type i (True Positives and False Negatives)

$$R_i = \frac{TP_i}{TP_i + FN_i}; (2)$$

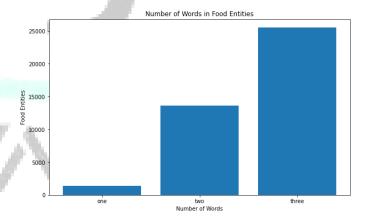
• F1-score - harmonic mean of precision and recall

# V. Analysis and Results:

	fdc_id	data_type	description	food_category_id	publication_date
0	1105904	branded_food	WESSON Vegetable Oil 1 GAL	NaN	2020-11-13
1	1105905	branded_food	SWANSON BROTH BEEF	NaN	2020-11-13
2	1105906	branded_food	CAMPBELL'S SLOW KETTLE SOUP CLAM CHOWDER	NaN	2020-11-13
3	1105907	branded_food	CAMPBELL'S SLOW KETTLE SOUP CHEESE BROCCOLI	NaN	2020-11-13
4	1105908	branded_food	SWANSON BROTH CHICKEN	NaN	2020-11-13

Now, we need to think about how we want our data to be distributed. By reducing to 3-worded food items, we effectively have food entities that look like this:

hamburger | 1-worded grilled cheese | 2-worded chocolate ice cream | 3-worded



**Split train and test food data:** We'll break up our food sentences (which contain our entities) into a training set and a test set. We also need the data to be in a specific format for training:

```
""Tracts distilluration to store the generated food combinations, to note that one food = "superded food. one_food == "Barbecue sascs", ones, worked food == "Sarbecue sascs", ones, worked food sarbecue sascs == sa
```

# **Generating Revision Data:**

As mentioned in the overview, we also need to generate sentences that contain spaCy entities. This helps us avoid the situation where the NER model is able to identify the FOOD entities, but forgets how to classify entities like ORG or PERSON.

While ORG or PERSON isn't important for nutrition-tracking, other entities like QUANTITY and CARDINAL will help us associate foods with their quantities later on: I ate two slices of toast.

## **Preparing the revision data:**

```
npr_df - pd.read_csv("/content/drive/MyDrive/INTERNSHIPS/TCR Internship (AI)/First Project/npr.csv")
# print row and column information
npr_df.head()

Article

Under Washington of 2016, even when the polic...
Donald Trump has used Twitter — his prefe...
Donald Trump is unabashedly praising Russian...
Updated at 2:50 p. m. ET, Russian President VL...
From photography, illustration and video, to d...
```

**Split train and test revision data:** When splitting the train and test data, we'll ensure that the revision training data has at least 100 examples of the different entity types.

**Training the NER Model:** For every food sentence, I have revision sentences. I haven't actually seen guidance on what this should be, so this is one of those "stir until good enough" moments.

```
# add NER to the pipeline and the new label
ner = nlp.get_pipe("ner")
ner.add_label("F000")

# get the names of the components we want to disable during training
pipe_exceptions = ["ner", "trf_wordpiecer", "trf_tok2vec"]
other_pipes = [pipe for pipe in nlp.pipe_names if pipe not in pipe_exceptions]

# start the training loop, only training NER
epochs = 30
optimizer = nlp.resume_training()
with nlp.disable_pipes("other_pipes), warnings.catch_warnings():
    warnings.filterwarnings("once", category-UserWarning, module-'spacy')
    sizes = compounding(1.0, 4.0, 1.001)

# batch up the examples using spacy's minibate
for epoch in range(epochs):
    examples = TRAIN_DATA
    random.shuffle(examples)
    batches = minibatch(examples, size-sizes)
    losses = {}
    for batch in batches:
        texts, annotations = zip("batch)
        nlp.update(texts, annotations, sgd-optimizer, drop=0.35, losses-losses
    print("Losses ({}/{}))".format(epoch + 1, epochs), losses)
```

# **Evaluating the Model:**



**Evaluating Food Entities:** These results are really positive. We're stumbling with 1\_worded\_foods accuracy, though that's potentially because we had more testing data for 1\_worded\_foods. Perhaps with more test examples for 2\_worded\_foods and three\_worded\_foods, we'd also see that accuracy trend to ~93%.

```
or key in word_evaluation:
    correct = word_evaluation[key]["correct"]
    total - word_evaluation[key]["total"]
    print(f"{key}: {correct / total * 188:.2f}%")
food_total_sum = 0
food_correct_sum = 0
print("---")
for key in food_evaluation:
    correct = food_evaluation[key]["correct"]
    total - food_evaluation[key]["total"]
    food_total_sum += total
    food_correct_sum += correct
    print(f"{key}: {correct / total * 100:.2f}%")
print(f"\nTotal: {food_correct_sum/food_total_sum * 100:.2f}%")
1_worded_foods: 98.91%
2_worded_foods: 95.33%
3_worded_foods: 92.66%
one food: 90.58%
two_foods: 94.69%
three_foods: 94.74%
```

# **Evaluating Existing Entities:**

These results are a little harder to interpret. After all, we're testing entities that the original spaCy model predicited for us. Those predicted entities may well be wrong since spaCy's accuracy is at around 86%. If 14% of the entities we're using to verify the accuracy of our new model are wrong, then where does that leave us.

A better comparison would be to load in spaCy's original model and use that to predict against this test set and compare that accuracy % to this one of 73.72%. We could then use that as a benchmark for measuring how introducing FOOD entities deteriorates our model.

```
sum_total = 0
sum correct = 8
for entity in entity_evaluation:
     total = entity_evaluation[entity]["total"]
     correct - entity evaluation[entity]["correct"]
     sum total +- total
     sum_correct += correct
     print("{} | {:.2f}%".format(entity, correct / total * 100))
print("Overall accuracy: {:.2f}%".format(sum_correct / sum_total * 188))
PERSON | 79.39%
ORG | 59.51%
DATE | 64.28%
GPE | 82.12%
ORDINAL | 97.22%
TIME | 62.69%
CARDINAL | 82.22%
MONEY | 85.36%
NORP | 83.74%
LOC | 66.87%
 MORK_OF_ART | 61.25%
EVENT | 56.73%
 ERCENT | 90.23%
AC | 66.89%
    NTITY | 70.18%
GUAGE | 92.31%
    DUCT | 49.58%
 Overall accuracy: 73.72%
```

**Result :** The results we arrived at is the following for our FOOD entities:

1\_worded\_foods: 90.91%
2\_worded\_foods: 95.33%
3\_worded\_foods: 92.66%
--one\_food: 90.50%
two\_foods: 94.69%
three\_foods: 94.74%

Total: 92.66%

The results for existing entities:

PERSON | 79.39% ORG | 59.51% DATE | 64.28% GPE | 82.12% ORDINAL | 97.22% TIME | 62.69% CARDINAL | 82.22% MONEY | 85.36% NORP | 83.74% LOC | 66.07% WORK\_OF\_ART | 61.25% **EVENT** | 56.73% PERCENT | 90.23% FAC | 66.89% QUANTITY | 70.18% LANGUAGE | 92.31% PRODUCT | 49.58% LAW | 75.00% Overall accuracy: 73.72%

#### **CONCLUSION:**

So, In this project Branded Food's dataset. was analysed In this notebook, we have trained spaCy to identify FOOD entities from a body of text - a task known as named-entity recognition (NER). I decided to have chocolate ice cream as a little treat for myself. I had a hamburger and chips for lunch today. I ordered basmati rice, leaf spinach and cheese from Tesco yesterday. spaCy has a NER accuracy of 85.85%, so something in that range would be nice for our FOOD entities. Overall accuracy came to be 73.72%.



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