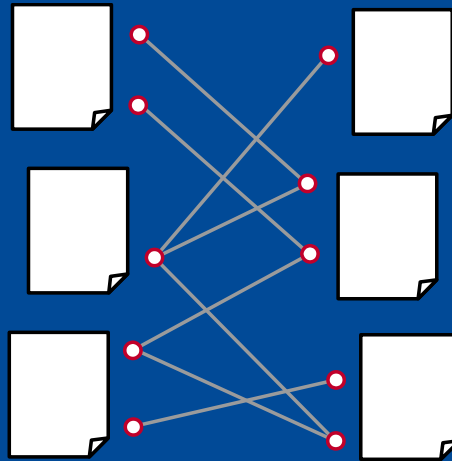


Semantic Approaches to Citation Recommendation



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- Task

“Word embeddings have been studied in information retrieval contexts such as term reweighting [x], cross-lingual retrieval [y] and short-text similarity [z].”

Find a fitting publication for [y].

Citation Recommendation



- Why?
- How?

Citation Recommendation



- Why?
- How?
 - A Data Set
 - Two Models
 - Entity based
 - Claim based
 - Evaluation
 - Discussion

Background



Why?





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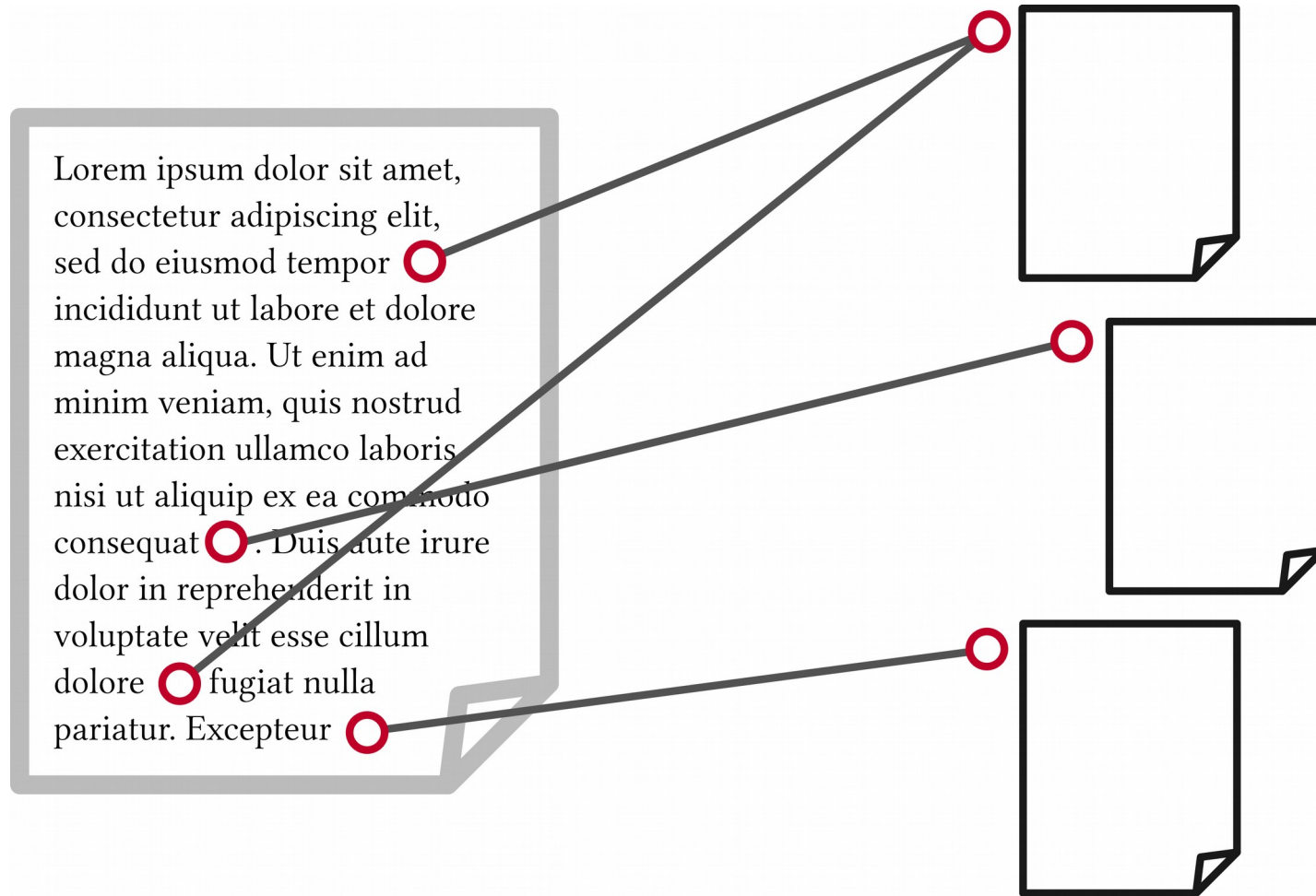
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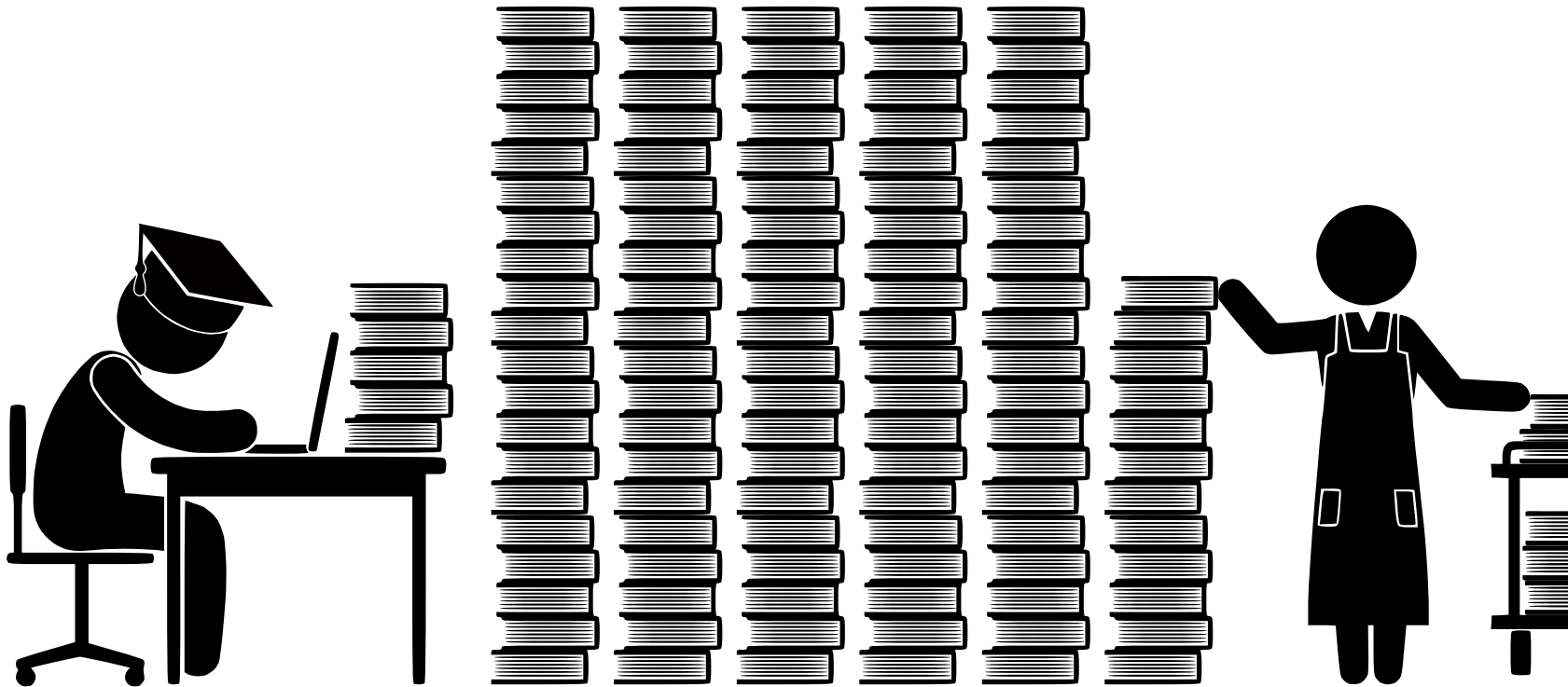
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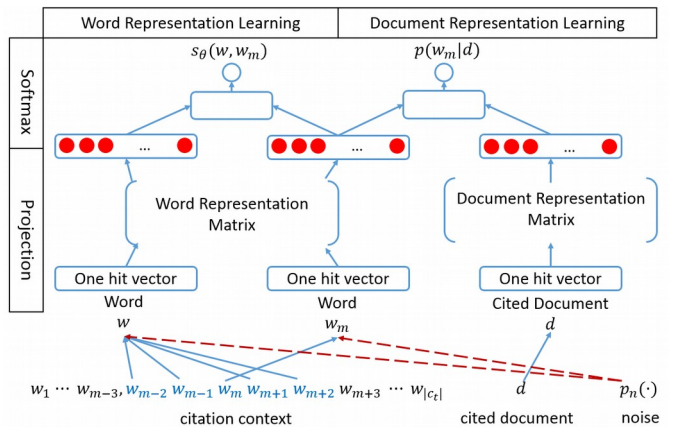
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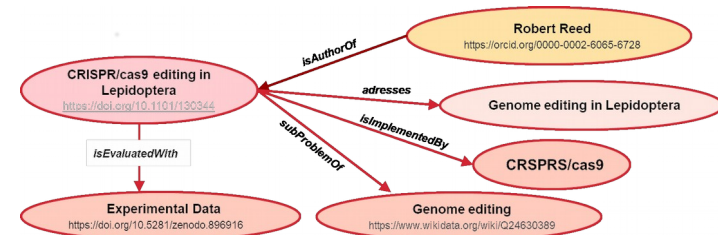
- Automatic processing

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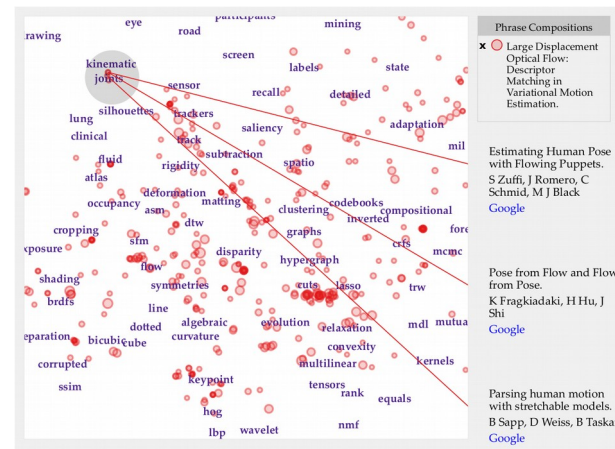
- Automatic processing
- Many approaches



(Huang et al., 2015)



(Jaradeh et al., 2019)



(Berger et al., 2016)

Background



- Automatic processing

- Many approaches

- Development of ontologies (Peroni et al., 2012)
- Document exploration (Berger et al., 2016)
- Recommendation for reading (Beel et al., 2016)
- Recommendation for citing
 - Global (Galke et al., 2018)
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Human
↑
Machine
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Background



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Find a fitting publication for [y].

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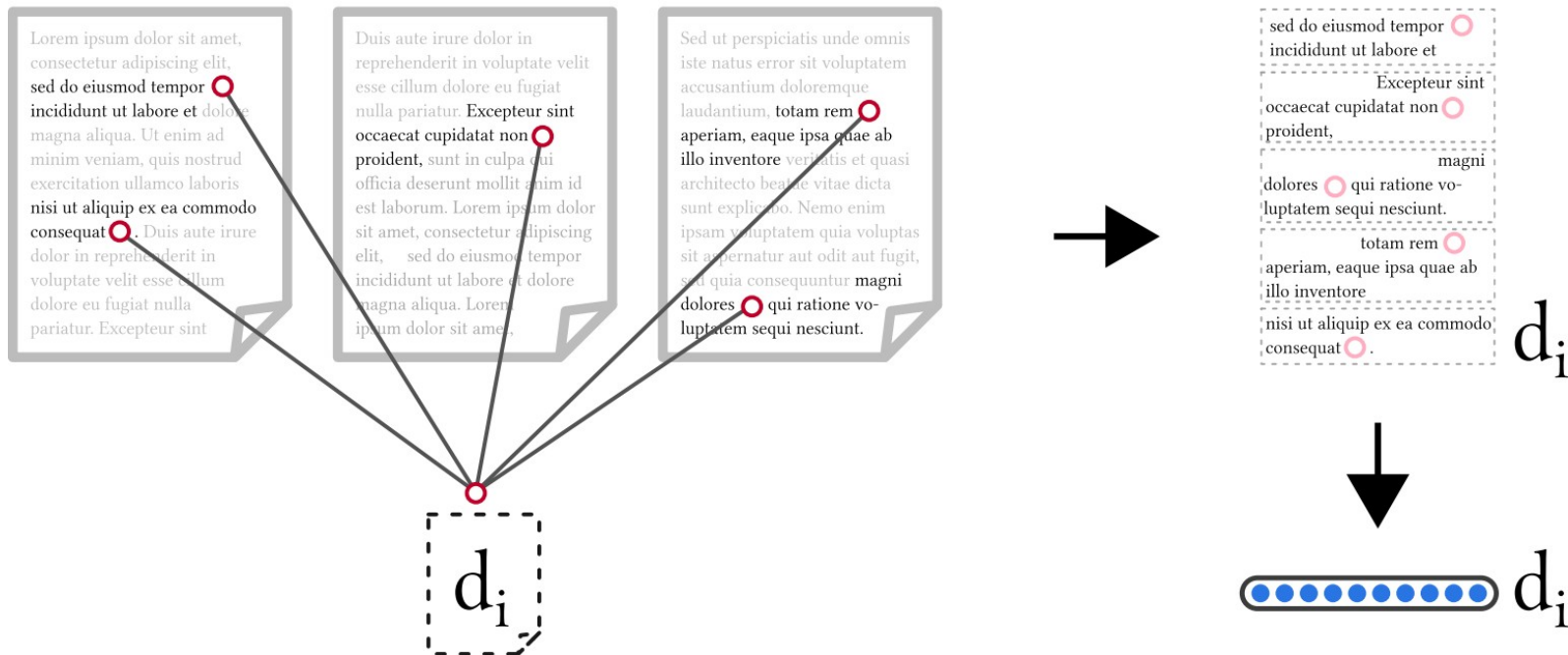


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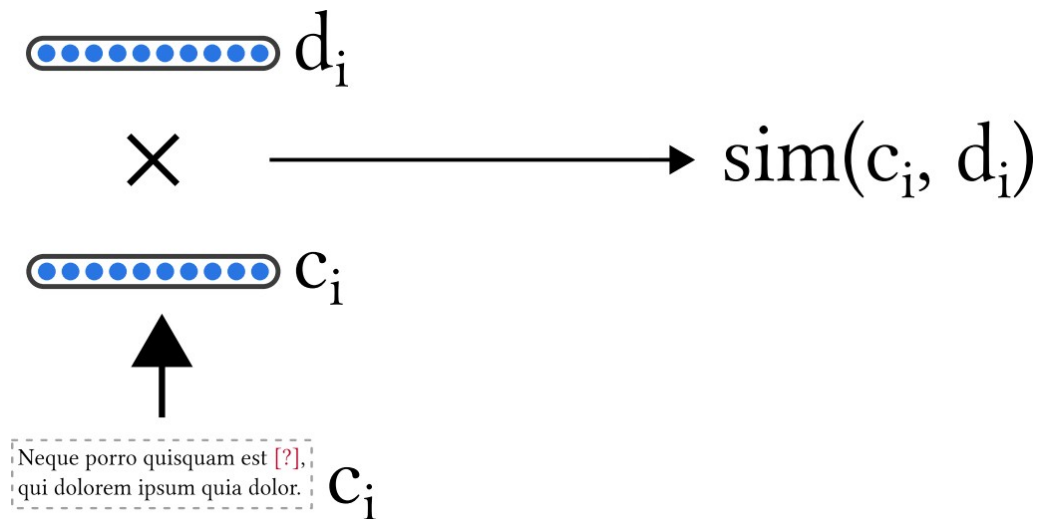
- How is a paper being referred to



Background



- Find document, described similar to input

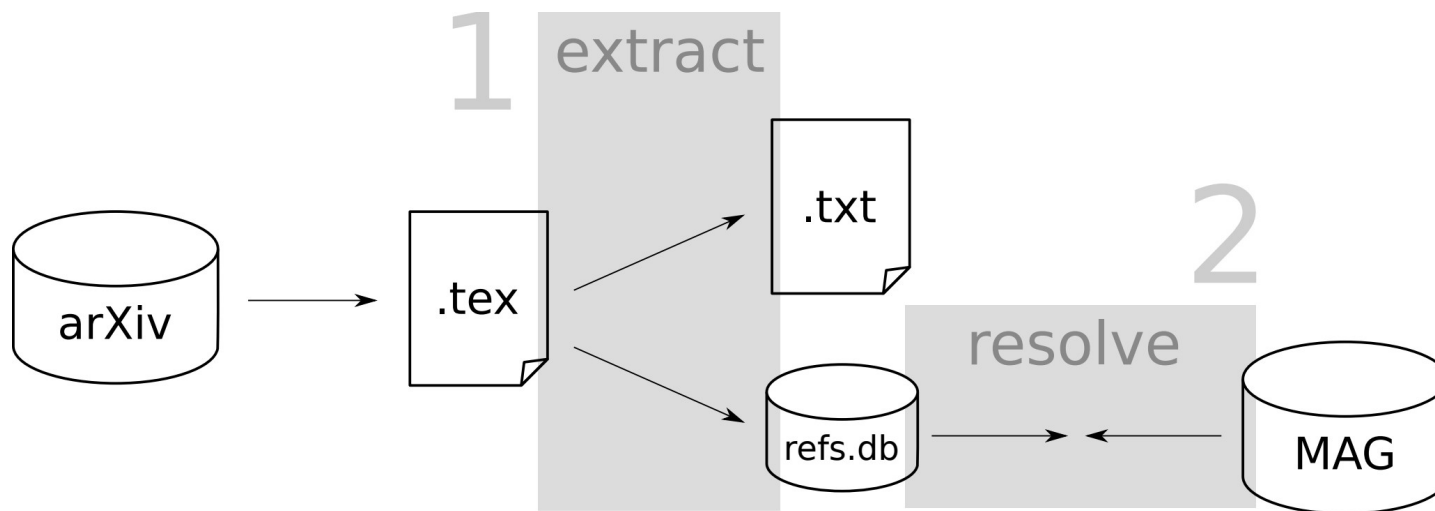


- Existing data sets
 - CiteSeer^x
 - PMC-OAS
 - arXiv CS
 - Scholarly
 - ACL-AAN
 - ACL-ARC

- Existing data sets
 - Quality issues
 - No precise citation information (marker)
 - No citation interlinking (reference resolution)

- Create new data set

- Data sources
 - arXiv.org (LaTeX sources)
 - Microsoft Academic Graph (large)



- arXiv data set (1991-2017)
 - large
 - 2.3M cited papers
 - 0.9M citing papers
 - 13M references
 - 25M citation contexts
 - accurate citation markers, interlinking
 - spanning multiple disciplines
 - flexible data format

Approaches



- Semantically model citation contexts

Approaches



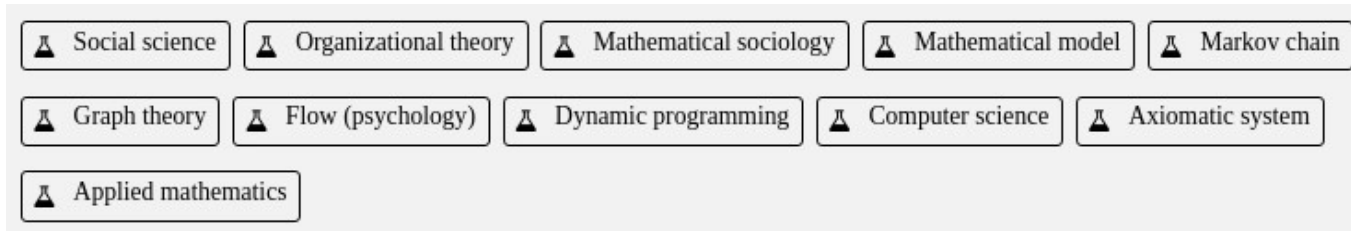
- Entities
 - Reference publications
 - Exemplifications
- Claims
 - Claims backed by citations

- Entities
 - “CiteSeer^x [18]” / “Neural ParsCit [53]”
 - “... approaches to citation recommendation [19–26]”
- Claims
 - “It has been shown, that ... [27].”
 - “A common argument for X is, that ... [3-7].”

Entity Based Approach



- Fields of Study in the MAG (230k)



- Noun phrases (2.8M)

- “*example*”
- “noun *phrase*”
- “context-based co-citation *recommendation*”

Entity Based Approach



- NP model
All NPs within a citation context.
- NPmarker model
NP directly preceding citation marker

Entity Based Approach



- NP model

“We implement our M-CNN in the Caffe framework [1], with the proposed label prediction step as a new layer.”

- NPmarker model

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Claim Based Approach



- Identify claims with PredPatt
- Traverse parse trees
- Build predicate-argument tuples

Claim Based Approach



- Claim model
 - “The paper shows that context-based methods can outperform global approaches.”

Claim Based Approach



- Claim model

“The paper shows that context-based methods can outperform global approaches.”

?a shows ?b

?a : The paper

?b : SOMETHING := context-based methods
can outperform global approaches

?a can outperform ?b

?a : context-based methods

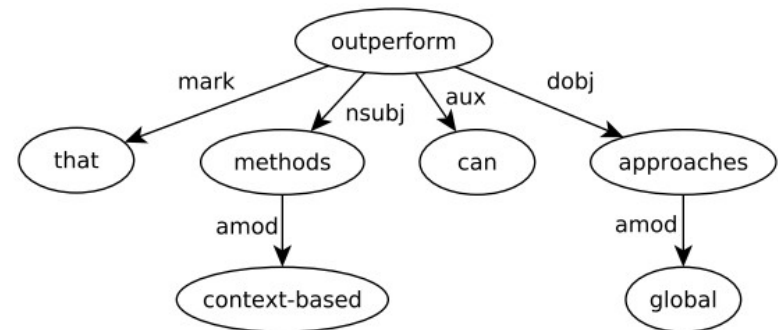
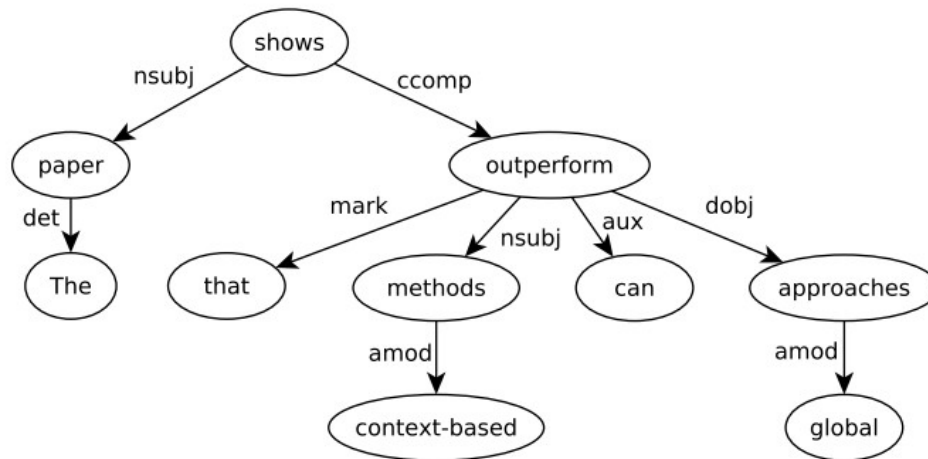
?b : global approaches

Claim Based Approach



- Claim model

“The paper shows that context-based methods can outperform global approaches.”

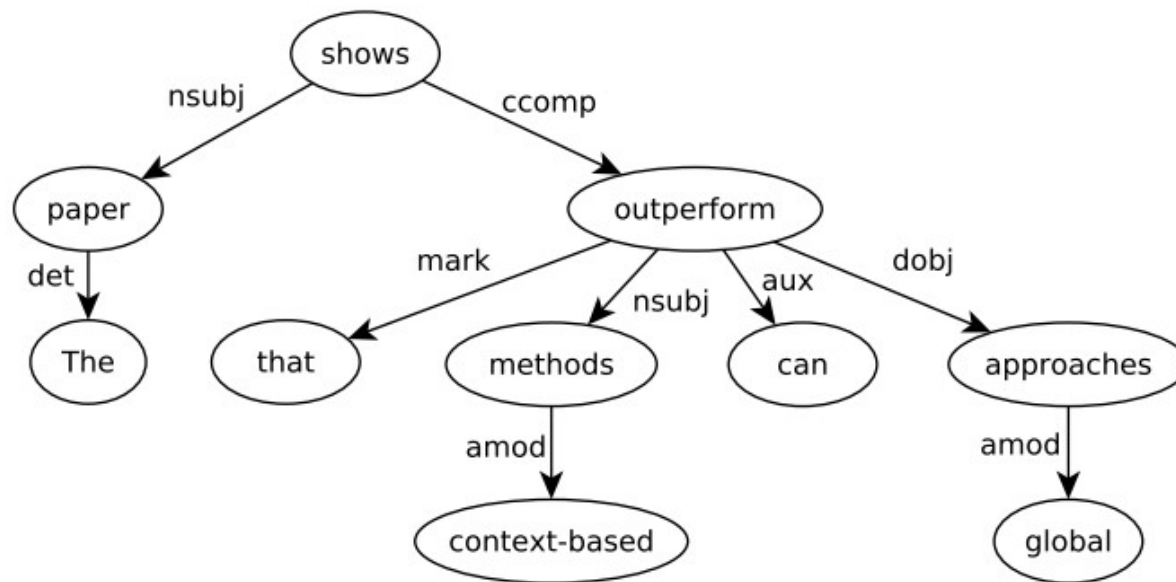


Claim Based Approach



- Claim model

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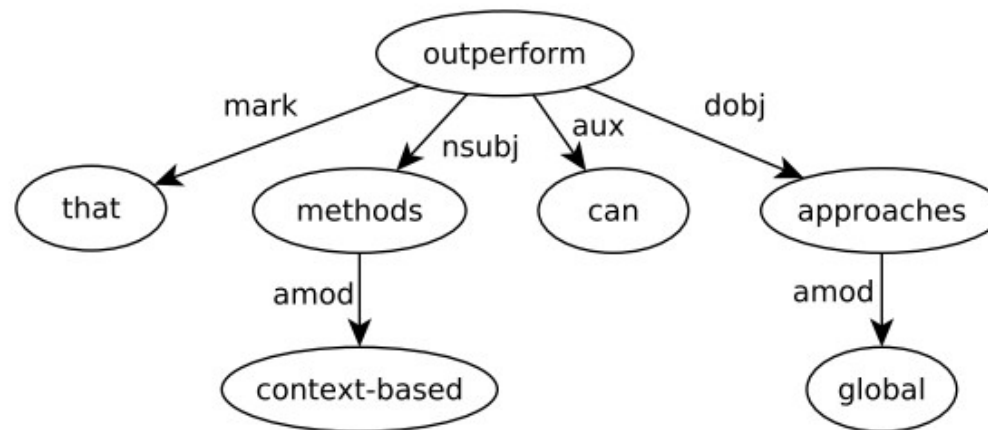


Claim Based Approach



- Claim model

“The paper shows that **context-based methods** can **outperform global approaches**.”



Claim Based Approach



- Claim model

“The paper shows that context-based methods can outperform global approaches.”

show:paper

show:context based methods

show:global approaches

outperform:context based methods

outperform:global approaches

→ sequential invariance

Approaches - Recommendation



- Similarity measure
 - Entities: cosine similarity
 - Claims: cosine similarity of TFIDF weighted vectors

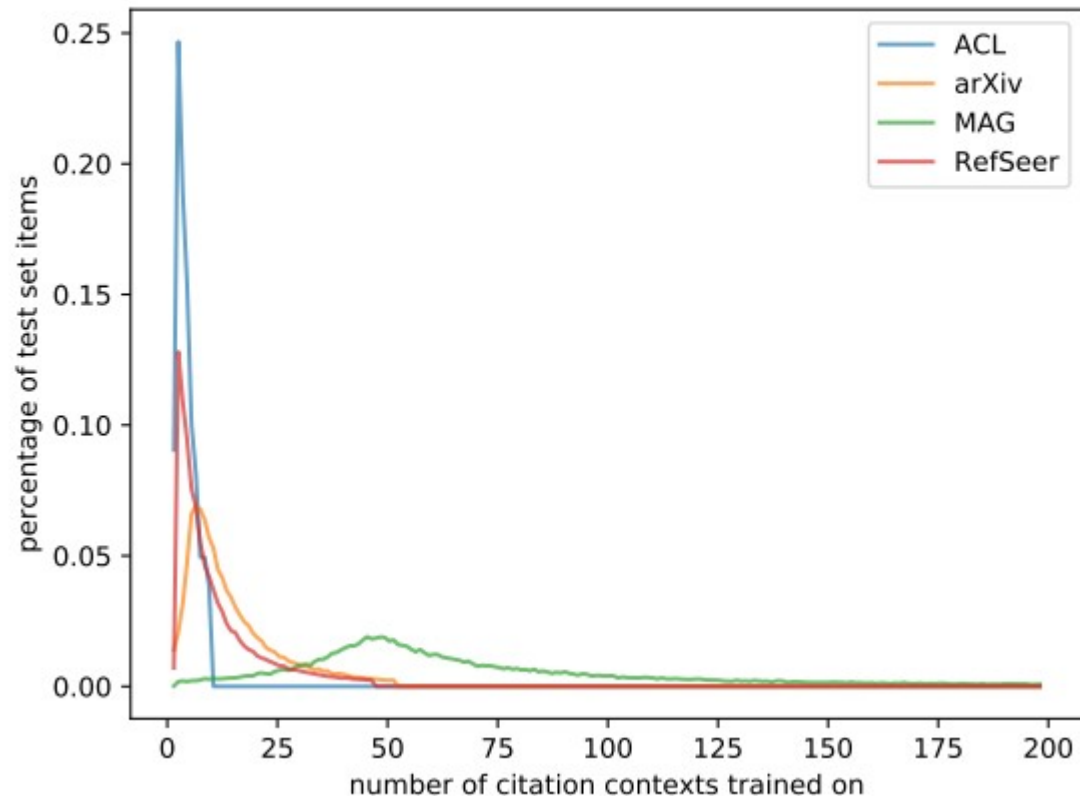
- In both cases
 - Candidates: aggregated contexts of cited docs
 - Input: single citation context

- Offline evaluation
 - Large scale
 - Limited assessment of relevance
- User study
 - Thorough assessment of relevance
 - Limited in scale

Offline Evaluation



- Data sets
 - arXiv
 - MAG
 - RefSeer
 - ACL-ARC

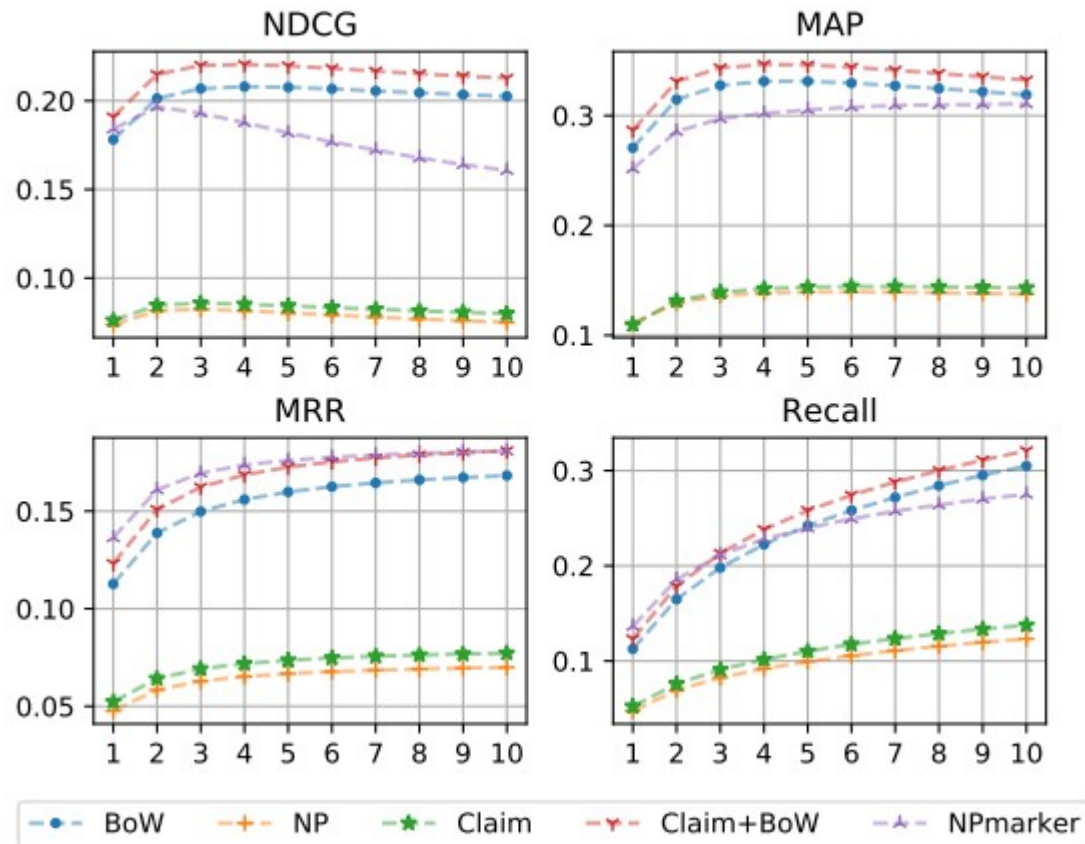


- Models
 - Bag-of-Words baseline
(punctuation, stop words, TFIDF)
 - NP
 - NPmarker
 - Claim
 - Claim+BoW
(combination of similarity scores)

Offline Evaluation



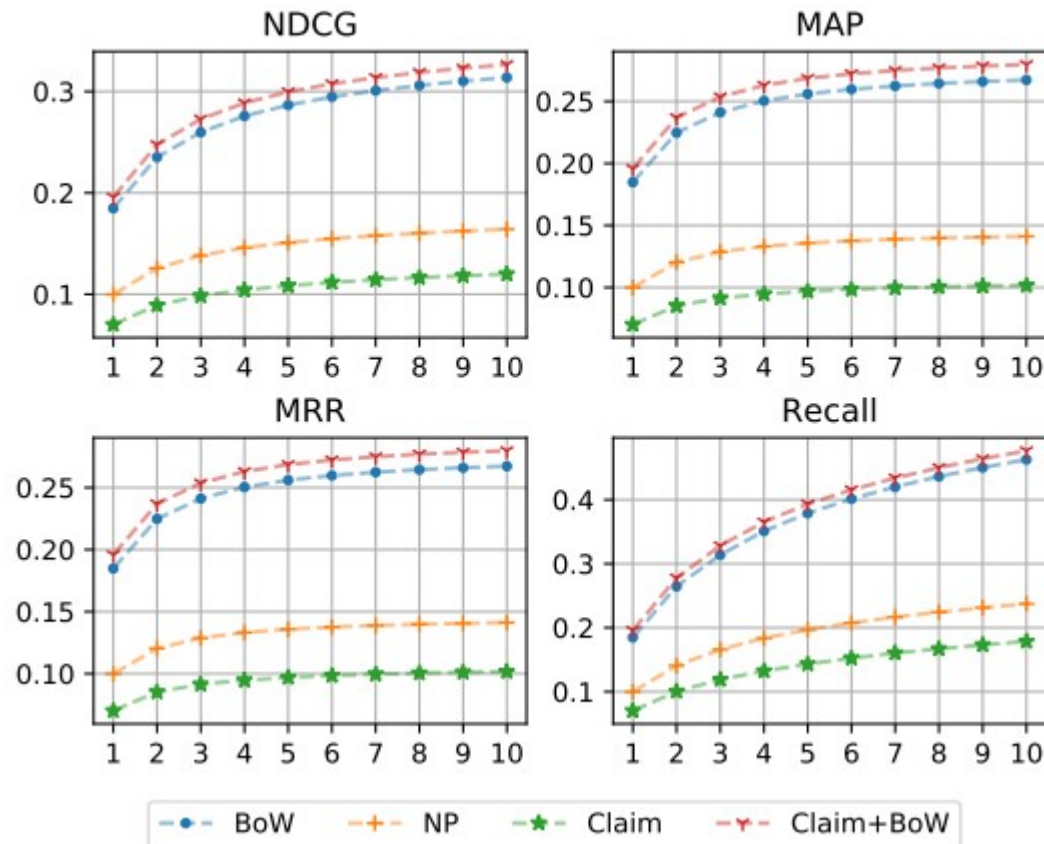
- arXiv data



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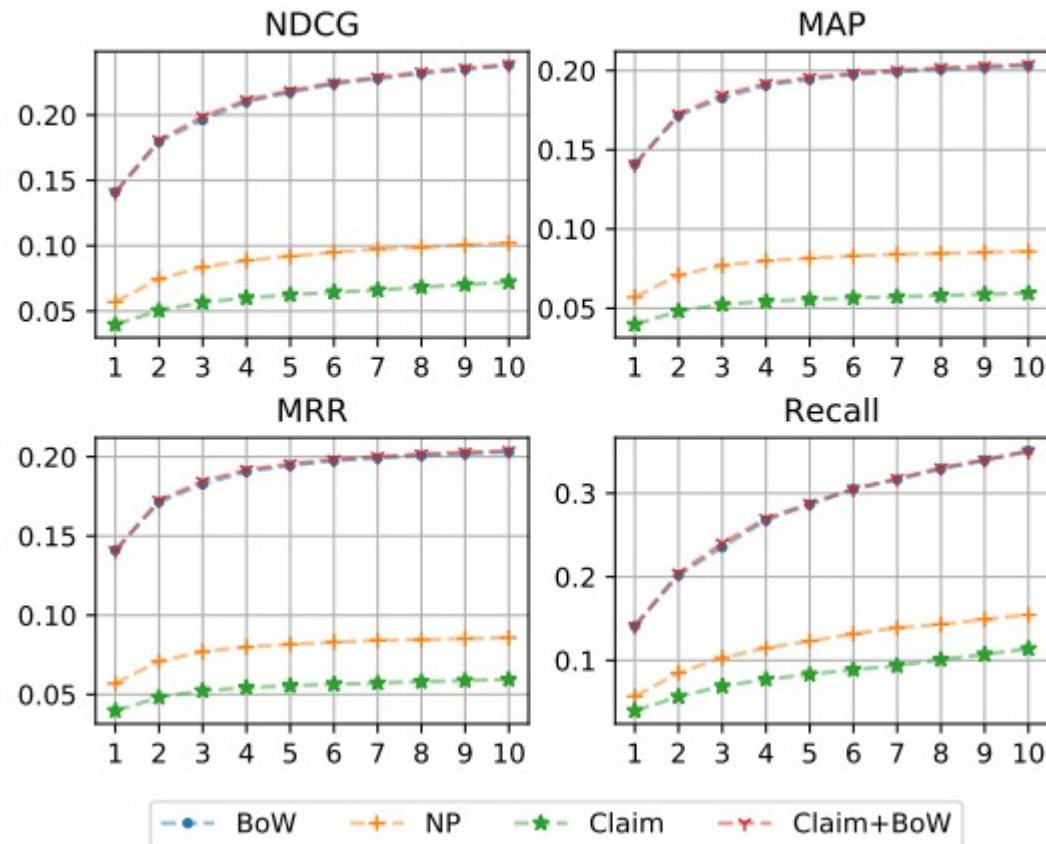
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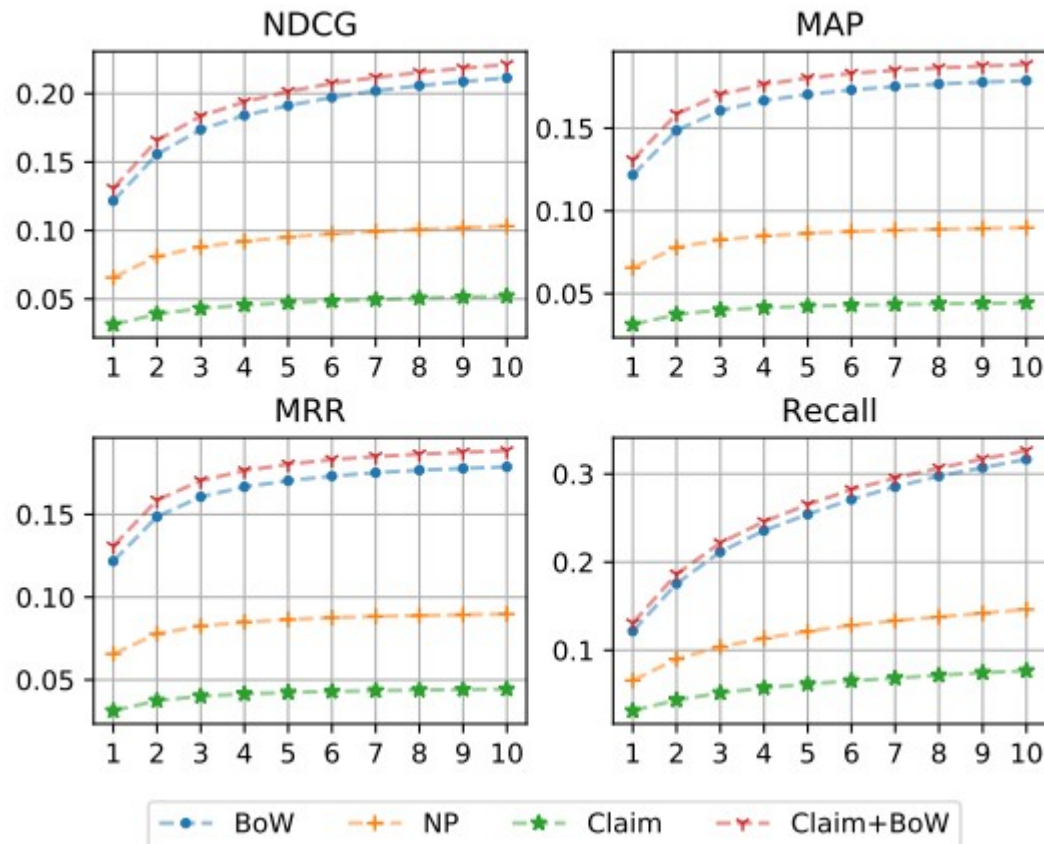
- ACL data



Offline Evaluation



- RefSeer data



Offline Evaluation



- Claim+BoW outperforms BoW consistently
- NPmarker outperforms BoW in some settings

- Motivation
 - Insight into offline evaluation data
 - Human judgement of recommendations
- Setting
 - 2 raters
 - 100 citation contexts
 - Top 5 recommendations of models
BoW, Claim+BoW, NPmarker
 - Citation characteristics (type / author's name / ...)

User Study



"To get an idea of the state space, it is not hard to see that there are FORMULA ways to partition and order FORMULA where FORMULA is the number of possible ways to divide a set of FORMULA objects into FORMULA partitions, otherwise known as Stirling numbers of second kind **MAINCIT**."

not enough information / pass (I can't judge the relevance)

☐ author name inc. ☐ marker has gramm. func. | citation type: NE/concept ▾

check all relevant:

model 1

- ☒ [Concrete Mathematics: A Foundation for Computer Science](#)
- ☐ [Deciding DPDA Equivalence Is Primitive Recursive](#)
- ☒ [Introductory Combinatorics](#)
- ☐ [Asymptotic estimates of Stirling numbers](#)
- ☐ [A Bayesian View of the Poisson-Dirichlet Process](#)

model 2

- ☒ [Introductory Combinatorics](#)
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model 3

- ☒ [Introductory Combinatorics](#)
- ☒ [A Course in Combinatorics](#)
- ☐ [On the Product of Independent Complex Gaussians](#)
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- ☒ [Combinatorics: Topics, Techniques, Algorithms](#)

Rate

■ Inter rater agreement

- Overall: 87%
- Author's name: 100%
- Non-/syntactic: 100%
- Relevance: 86%
- Citation type: 78%

		Rater 1			
Rater 2		Claim	NE/concept	Exemplific.	Other
	Claim	12	0	1	0
	NE/concept	1	15	2	0
	Exemplific.	2	1	9	1
	Other	2	0	0	3

User Study



■ Results

Model	Recall@5	MRR@5	MAP@5	NDCG@5
<i>all contexts (138)</i>				
Claim+BoW	0.53	0.44	0.41	0.46
BoW	0.51	0.46	0.44	0.48
NPmarker	0.35	0.35	0.33	0.34
<i>only contexts of type “claim” (38)</i>				
Claim+BoW	0.63	0.46	0.42	0.49
BoW	0.58	0.48	0.46	0.51
NPmarker	0.20	0.13	0.13	0.15
<i>only contexts of type “NE/concept” (45)</i>				
Claim+BoW	0.46	0.44	0.41	0.44
BoW	0.47	0.45	0.41	0.35
NPmarker	0.52	0.53	0.48	0.51
<i>only contexts of type “exemplification” (38)</i>				
Claim+BoW	0.56	0.52	0.47	0.52
BoW	0.54	0.53	0.49	0.54
NPmarker	0.21	0.24	0.24	0.24
<i>only contexts of type “other” (17)</i>				
Claim+BoW	0.44	0.29	0.29	0.33
BoW	0.41	0.33	0.33	0.36
NPmarker	0.50	0.50	0.44	0.47

- Contexts
 - 7/100 author's name
 - 5/100 syntactic
- Models
 - Claim+BoW only outperforms BoW in Recall metric
 - NPmarker best for NE/concept type
 - Claim+BoW best for claim type

Discussion



- Data Set
- Semantic models
- Semantic citation recommendation

- Data Set
 - Exact position of marker → especially useful for semantic models
 - Several disciplines → comparative analysis
 - Flexible format → experiments w/ e.g. context length
- From hereon
 - Update w/ recent papers (Saier & Färber, 2019)
 - Formulas (Aizawa et al., 2014; Zanibbi et al., 2016)

- Semantic models
 - First step towards semantic citation recommendation
 - Citations in general
 - Can enhance recommendation
 - Applied to specific citation types
 - Suitable for conceptualized type
 - From hereon
 - Lemm. predicates → relation types (Gabor et al., 2018)
 - Marker aware claim model (solve non-syntactic citations)
 - Test on more data (NPmarker)

- Semantic citation recommendation
 - First step, first specialized models
 - Possible immediate application apart from recomm.

Semantic search:

`is:NP-hard`

`improve:local citation recommendation`

- From hereon
 - Thorough & systematic examination of cit. types
 - Specialized models
 - Closer to LD modelling
 - Credibility of claims, argumentative structures, ...

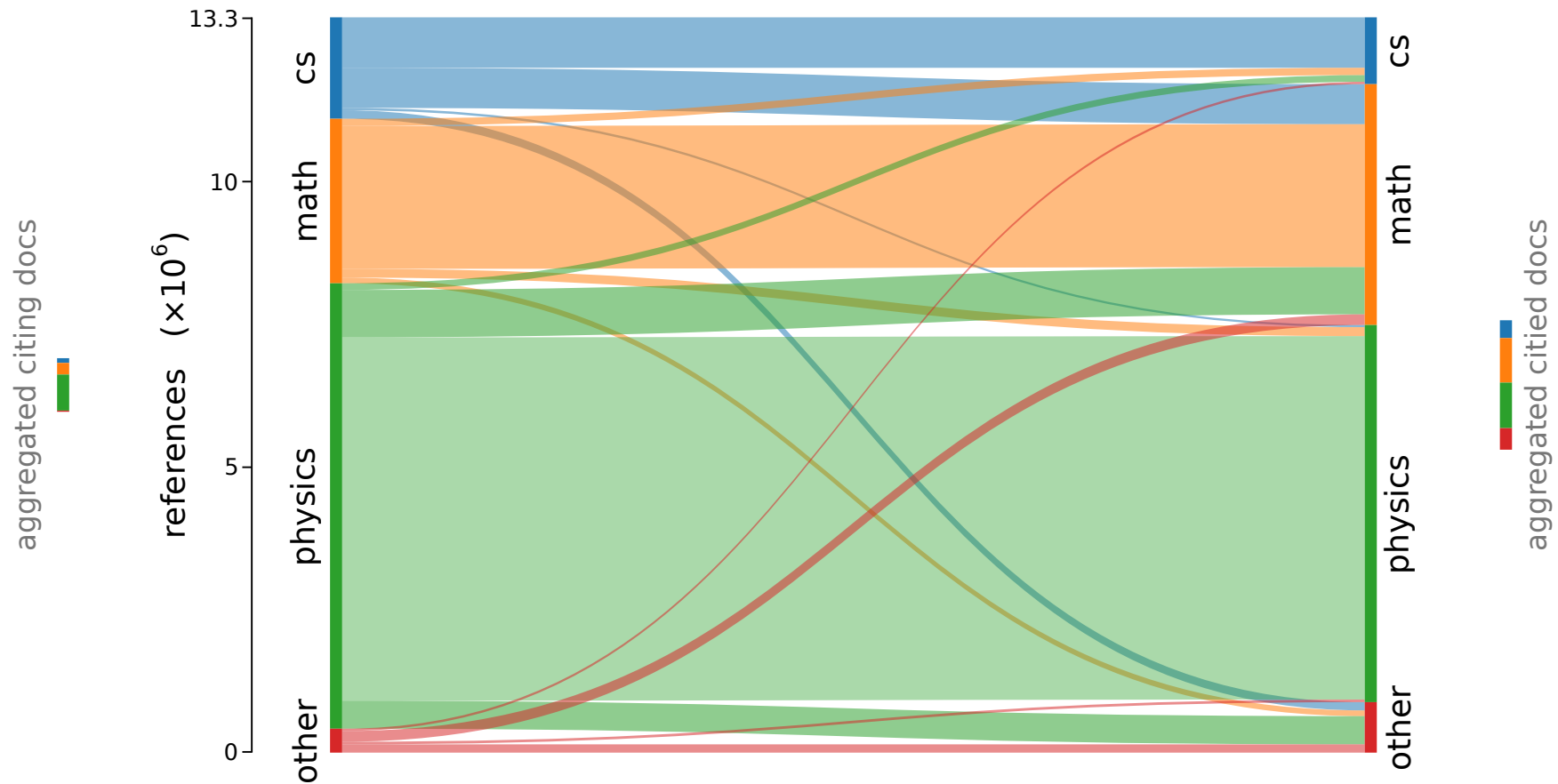
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Thank you.

Data Set Citation Flow



Citation Types



Function	Construct	Examples (semantic construct <i>highlighted</i>)
Attribution	claim	“Berners-Lee et al. [57] argue that <i>structured collections of information and sets of inference rules are prerequisites for the semantic web to function.</i> ”
	NE	“A variation of this task is ‘ <i>context-based co-citation recommendation</i> ’ [25].”
	-	“In [22] Duma et al. test the effectiveness of using a variety of document internal and external text inputs with a TFIDF model.”
Exemplification	NE	“We looked into approaches to <i>local citation recommendation</i> such as [19–26] for our investigation.”
Further reference	-	“See [58] for a comprehensive overview.”
Statement of use	NE	“We use <i>CiteSeer</i> ^x [18] for our evaluation.”
Application	NE	“Using this mechanism we perform ‘ <i>context-based co-citation recommendation</i> ’ [25].”
Evaluation	-	“The use of DBLP in [40] restricts their data set to the field of computer science.”
Establishing links between sources	claim	“A common motivation brought forward for research on citation recommendation is that <i>finding proper citations is a time consuming task</i> [11, 19, 24, 25].”
	-	“Lamers et al. [32] base their definition on the author’s name whereas Thompson [30] focusses on the grammatical role of the citation marker.”
Comparison of own work with sources	claim	“Like [40] we find that, albeit written in a structured language, <i>parsing L^AT_EX sources is a non trivial task.</i> ”