Shallow Discourse Parser Comparison and Combination

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Introduction

lot of development in discourse parsing (short overview?)
  parsers have gotten better, but are still far from perfect
  many parsers available, maybe some better at some things than others
  goal: compare parsers, find a way to combine them to give better results

Dataset

CoNLL challenge [Xue et al., 2016]
  incomplete data (sense-only), generate dummy data (see below)
  used parsers (differences, some only guess a limited number of senses)

Approach

Preprocessing and Randomising
  Mapping the Relations (using CoNLL methods)
  Calculate Parameters for each Parser + Relation, some evaluation
  Create combined model by different voting approaches (best-wins, weighted...)

Evaluation

general overview
  agreement between three parsers
  compare performances of all parsers
  relationship between architecture and results?
  combination (different approaches)

Conclusion

parsers are(n't) good at different things
  combination (does not) improve results

References

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