Clustering of Analogies for Inter-Language Similarities Software project - 6th presentation

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Summary of the project

Subject: Analogies between morphological rules

Main goal: find out about the closeness of languages and if they have common rules

Final product: Predict if two languages will transfer well, based on the rules they share

What was done before

- Listed possibly close and far pairs of languages
- Looked for new ways to simplify rule extraction
- Trained the multilingual model on old data and transferred to the new data

- Chose 6 languages to focus on
- Trained the model on these languages

Change of plan

Our corpus: 90 languages = too much to study

We chose 6 languages instead:

- they belong to 3 main language families
- some are expected to be very close, and others to be far
- we know someone who can speak these languages (except for one)

Meet our 6 languages

- English, German, Swedish (Germanic family)
- Finnish, Karelian (Uralic family)
- Mezquital Otomi (Oto-Manguean family)

English

- only verbs
- 5 types of inflections:
 - infinitive
 - singular 3rd person
 - past
 - past participle

German

- verbs and nouns
- 8 types of noun inflections:
 - 4 cases (nominative, accusative, dative, genitive)
 - 2 forms (singular, plural)
- 29 types of verb inflections:
 - 4 modes (indicative, subjunctive, imper, inf)
 - 2 forms (singular, plural)
 - 3 persons

Swedish

- Verbs, nouns and adjectives
- Types of noun inflections:
 - Genitive, nominative, plural, singular, definite, indefinite
- Types of verb inflections:
 - Present, past, participle, converb, active, passive, imperative, indicative, infinitive
- Types of adjective inflections:
 - Feminine, masculine, neuter, plural, singular, comparative, superlative, definite, indefinite

Finnish

- Verbs, nouns and adjectives
- Types of verb inflections:
 - Present, past, imperative, indicative, infinitive, active, passive, positive, conditional, potential, plural, singular
 - 3 persons
- Types of noun and adjective inflections:
 - 10 cases
 - 3 cases (genitive, nominative, accusative)
 - 2 forms (plural, singular)

Karelian

- Verbs, nouns and adjectives
- Types of verb inflections:
 - Present, past, imperative, indicative, perfect, infinitive, positive, negative, imperfective, conditional, potential, plural, singular
 - 3 persons
- Types of noun or adjective inflections:
 - 10 cases
 - 3 cases (genitive, nominative, accusative)
 - 2 forms (plural, singular)

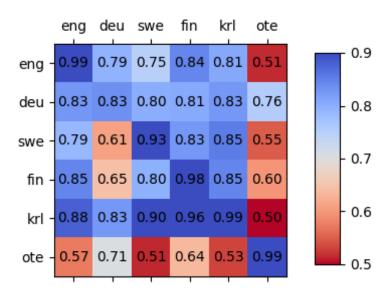
Mezquital Otomi

- only verbs
- only singular
- 18 types of inflections:
 - perfect, perfective, imperfective, irregular
 - past, present
 - 3 persons

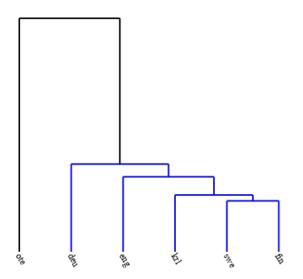
Transfer between the 6 languages

- Balanced training on:
 - English, German, Swedish Germanic group
 - Finnish, Karelian Uralic group
 - Mezquital Otomi Oto-Manguean group
- Partial transfer evaluation with $F_1 = 2 \cdot \frac{p \cdot n}{p+n}$, where:
 - p accuracy on positive analogies
 - *n* accuracy on negative analogies

Partial transfer: results



Partial transfer: dendrogram



Observations of the transfer

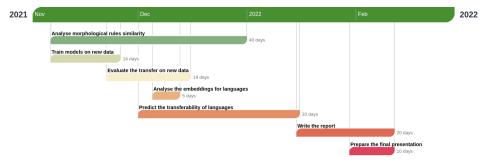
Non-surprising:

- Otomi is the furthest language.
- Finnish and Karelian are close.

Surprising:

- Swedish does not transfer well to German.
- German transfers well to everything.
- Karelian transfers well to everything except for Otomi.

Timeline



Thanks

Thank you for your attention!