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# Entity Summarization with User Feedback

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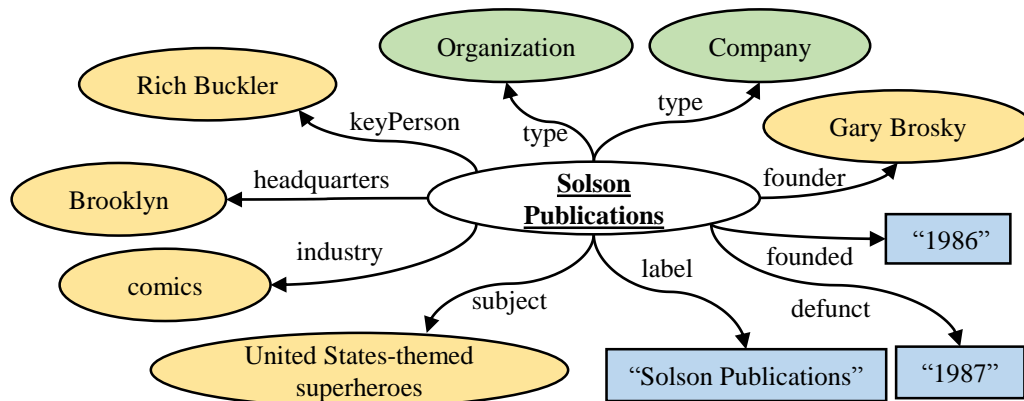
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# Entity Summarization

- **RDF Dataset: T**
  - triple  $t \in T$ :  $\langle \text{subj}, \text{pred}, \text{obj} \rangle$
- **Entity Description: Desc(e)**
  - $\text{Desc}(e) = \{t \in T: \text{subj}(t)=e \text{ or } \text{obj}(t)=e\}$
  - $t \in \text{Desc}(e)$ :  $\langle e, \text{prop}, \text{value} \rangle$
- **Entity Summarization: S(e, k)**
  - $S \subseteq \text{Desc}(e)$ ,  $|S| \leq k$





## Solson Publications

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# Entity Summarization Methods

## ■ Goal

- to satisfy users' information needs

## ■ Limitations

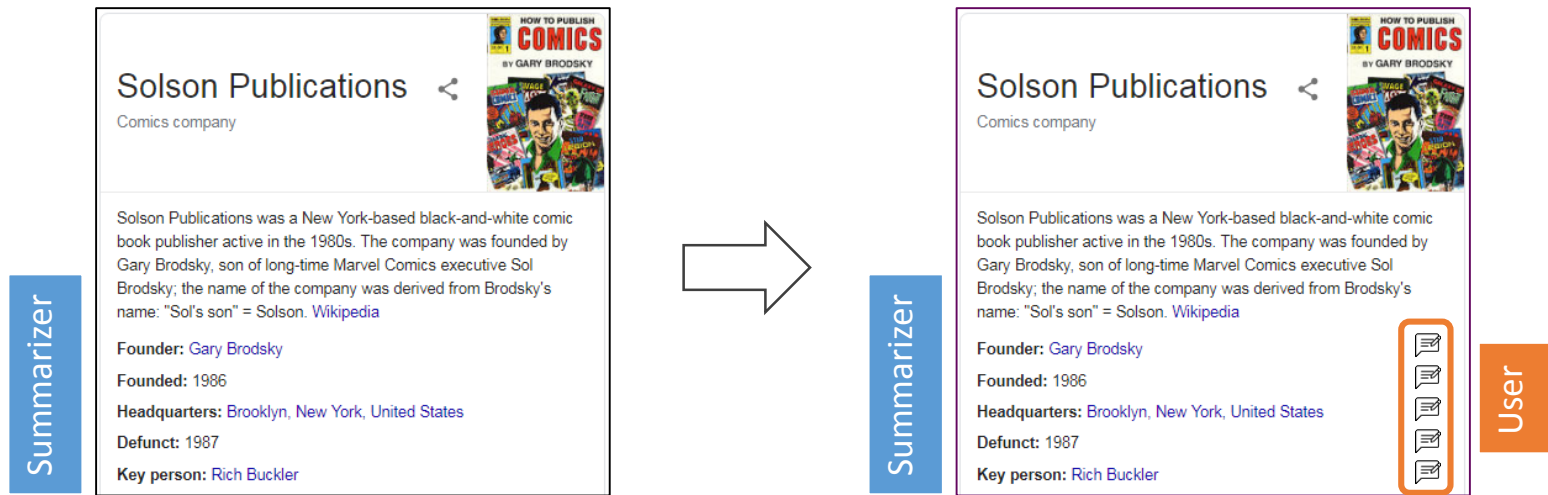
- have large diff from user-created ( $F1 < 0.6$ )  
=> do not meet users' expectations
- summaries are static  
=> cannot adjust to users

A lack of mechanisms for improving an entity summary when its quality could not satisfy users' information needs.

F-measure of Entity Summarizers on ESBM Benchmark

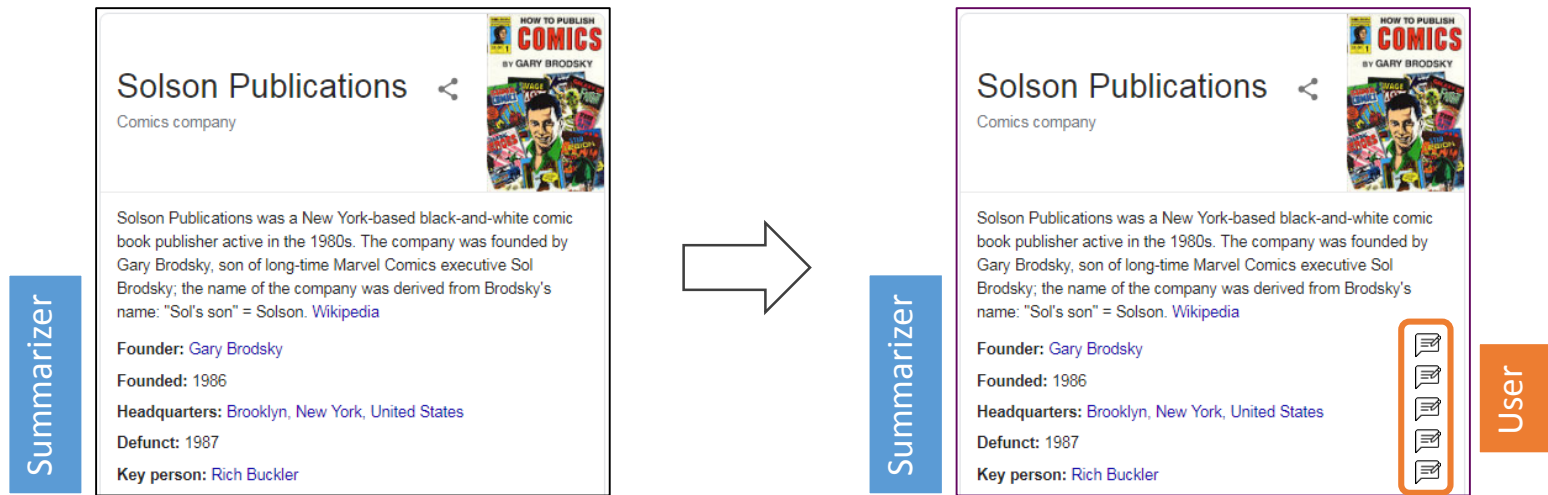
	DBpedia		LinkedMDB	
	$k = 5$	$k = 10$	$k = 5$	$k = 10$
RELIN	0.242	0.455	0.203	0.258
DIVERSUM	0.249	0.507	0.207	0.358
FACES	0.270	0.428	0.169	0.263
FACES-E	0.280	0.488	0.313	0.393
CD	0.283	0.513	0.217	0.331
LinkSUM	0.287	0.486	0.140	0.279
ORACLE	0.595	0.713	0.619	0.678

# Adding User in the Loop



- Our proposal: cooperation between summarizer and user
  - involve users in the summarization process
  - ask users for feedback
  - utilize user's feedback when computing summaries

# Adding User in the Loop



## ■ Research Challenges

**[C1]** Cooperative process of 2 agents

- How to represent the process?

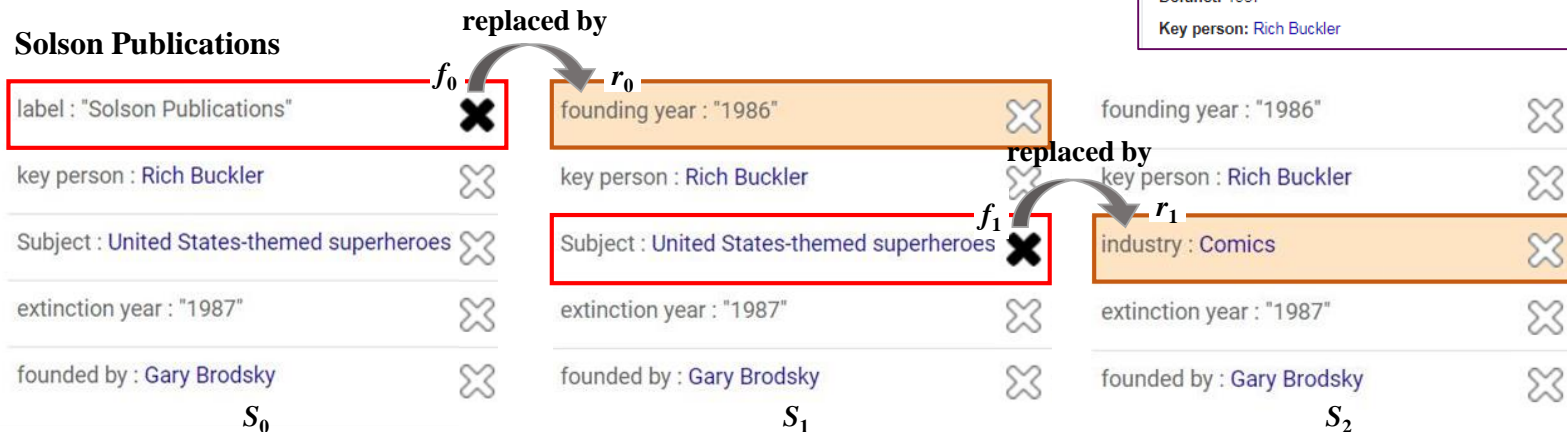
**[C2]** Combining results of actions of 2 agents

- How to represent interdependence between summary and feedback?

# Cross-Replace Scenario

## ■ Cooperation Process

- Summarizer: presents (current) summary  $S_i$
- User: crosses off an irrelevant triple as negative feedback  $f_i$
- Summarizer: replaces it with a new triple  $r_i$ ,  
presents an improved summary  $S_{i+1}$
- User: ... (repeated)





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# Our Approach: DRESSED

## ■ [C1] Representation of the Cross-Replace Scenario

- Markov Decision Process (MDP) based modeling
- Summarizer = reinforcement learning agent

Setting:

- agent: summarizer
- environment: Desc(e), user

state:  $Z_i = \langle S_i, F_i, C_i, f_i \rangle$ ,

action:  $A_i = r_i$ ,






policy:  $\pi_{\theta}(t|Z_i) = \frac{\exp(\text{score}(t|Z_i, \theta))}{\sum_{t' \in C_i} \exp(\text{score}(t'|Z_i, \theta))}$ ,

reward:  $R_{i+1} = \rho(Z_i, A_i) = \frac{\text{rel}(r_i)}{\log(i+2)}$ ,

transition:  $Z_{i+1} = \tau(Z_i, A_i) = \langle S_{i+1}, F_{i+1}, C_{i+1}, f_{i+1} \rangle$ ,




initialization:  $Z_0 = \langle S_0, \emptyset, (\text{Desc}(e) \setminus S_0), f_0 \rangle$ .

### Solson Publications

- Label: "Solson Publications" 
- Key person: Rich Bucker 
- Subject: United State-themed superheroes 
- Extinction year: "1987" 
- Founded by: Gary Brodsky 

### Current Summary

### Candidate Facts

- Industry: Comics 
- Name: "Solson Publications" 
- Founding year: "1986" 

...

Feedback  $f_i$

Replace  $r_i$

$S_i$

$C_i$

# Our Approach: DRESSED

## ■ [C2] Representation of Triple Interdependence

### ● Policy Network

- Encoding triples
- Encoding sets of triples
- Encoding triple interdependence and scoring candidates
- Selecting replacement triple

$$\text{policy: } \pi_{\theta}(t|Z_i) = \frac{\exp(\text{score}(t|Z_i, \theta))}{\sum_{t' \in C_i} \exp(\text{score}(t'|Z_i, \theta))}$$

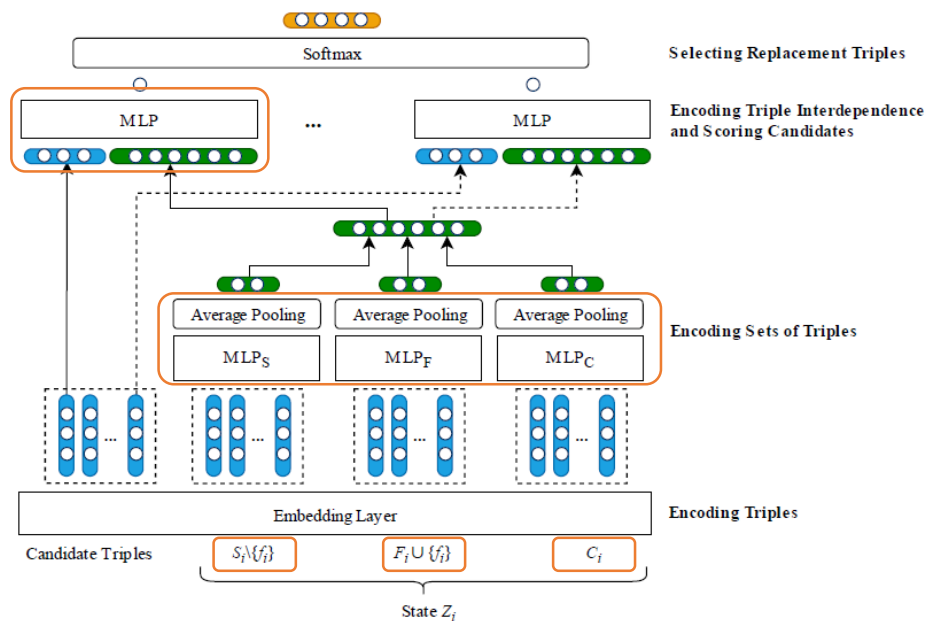


Fig. 2. Policy network.



# Our Approach: DRESSED

## ■ Policy Learning

- Learning task: to find a policy that maximize the expected reward

$$J(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \pi_{\theta}} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^I \gamma^{i-1} R_i \right],$$

- REINFORCE: a standard policy gradient method in reinforcement learning
  - to maximize the expected reward

$$\nabla_{\theta} J(\theta) = \gamma^i G_i \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi_{\theta}(A_i | Z_i), \quad \text{where } G_i = \sum_{j=i+1}^I \gamma^{j-i-1} R_j.$$

# Baselines Adapted for Evaluation

## ■ Entity Summarization

(not utilize user feedback)

- **FACES-E**: rank triples and select top-k as summary

## ■ Interactive Document Summarization

(Re-compute doc summaries utilizing user feedback)

- **IPS**

- positive feedback

## ■ Interactive Document Retrieval

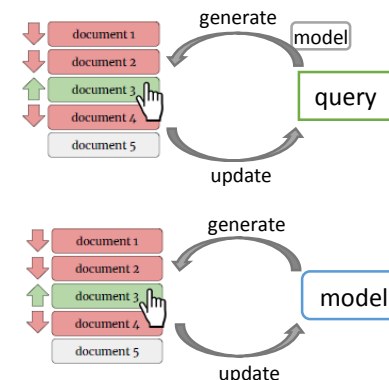
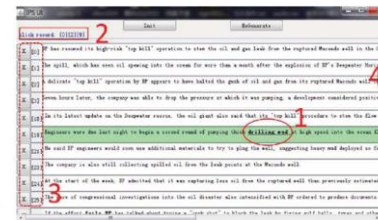
(Re-rank retrieved documents based on user feedback)

- **NRF**

- negative relevance feedback
- query-based

- **PDGD** -L, -N

- positive feedback
- SOTA online learning to rank
- utilize user feedback for model selection  
(not as input of the model)



# Experiment 1: User Study

## ■ Setting

- 24 participants
- train: Entity Summarization Benchmark (ESBM)
- test: re-sampled entities from DBpedia and LinkedMDB

Metrics:

- $I$  = number of iterations
- $Q_{\text{rplc}}$  = user rating of suggested replacements (1-5)
- $Q_{\text{stop}}$  = user rating of the final summary after all iterations (1-5)

## ■ Results

- DRESSED: in general best-performing
- with FACES-E and DRESSED
  - users stop quickly:  $I < 4$
  - obtain reasonably good results:  $Q_{\text{stop}} > 4$
  - replacement triples selected by DRESSED significantly better than the ones of FACES-E



	$I$	$Q_{\text{stop}}$	$Q_{\text{rplc}}$
FACES-E	$3.26 \pm 2.83$ $\neg \blacktriangle \circ$	$4.25 \pm 0.85$ $\neg \blacktriangle \circ$	$3.51 \pm 1.05$ $\neg \blacktriangle \nabla$
IPS	$4.18 \pm 4.99$ $\nabla - \nabla$	$3.95 \pm 1.05$ $\nabla - \nabla$	$3.09 \pm 1.22$ $\nabla - \nabla$
DRESSED	$3.05 \pm 2.70$ $\circ \blacktriangle -$	$4.25 \pm 0.87$ $\circ \blacktriangle -$	$3.65 \pm 1.04$ $\blacktriangle \blacktriangle -$

# Experiment 2: Offline Evaluation

## ■ Benchmarks

- ESBM (ESBM-D, ESBM-L), FED

## ■ Metrics

- **NDCF**: for summary sequence
  - Normalized Discounted Cumulative F1
- **NDCG**: for replacement sequence
  - Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain


## ■ Results

DRESSED outperforms

- all baselines
- on all datasets

DRESSED significantly outperforms

- in most cases

	ESBM-D		ESBM-L		FED	
	NDCF@I	NDCG@I	NDCF@I	NDCG@I	NDCF@I	NDCG@I
FACES-E	.435 $\pm$ .022 -▲▲▼▼▼	.620 $\pm$ .017 -▲▲▼▼▼	.373 $\pm$ .028 -▲▲▼▼▼	.585 $\pm$ .027 -▲▲▼▼▼	.263 $\pm$ .067 -▲▲▼▼▼	.573 $\pm$ .063 -▲▲▼▼▼
IPS	.405 $\pm$ .026 ▼-○▼▼▼	.553 $\pm$ .023 ▼-○▼▼▼	.278 $\pm$ .030 ▼-▼▼▼▼	.410 $\pm$ .042 ▼-▼▼▼▼	.212 $\pm$ .027 ▼-○▼▼▼	.497 $\pm$ .009 ▼-▼▼▼▼
NRF	.407 $\pm$ .021 ▼-○-▼▼▼	.554 $\pm$ .016 ▼-○-▼▼▼	.325 $\pm$ .029 ▼▲-▼▼▼	.503 $\pm$ .034 ▼▲-▼▼▼	.218 $\pm$ .033 ▼-○-▼▼▼	.510 $\pm$ .019 ▼▲-▼▼▼
PDGD-L	.445 $\pm$ .037 ▲▲▲-○▼	.632 $\pm$ .029 ▲▲▲-○▼	.446 $\pm$ .027 ▲▲▲-○▼	.699 $\pm$ .030 ▲▲▲-○▼	.300 $\pm$ .031 ▲▲▲-○▼	.628 $\pm$ .025 ▲▲▲-○▼
PDGD-N	.447 $\pm$ .037 ▲▲▲○-○	.636 $\pm$ .030 ▲▲▲○-▼	.446 $\pm$ .025 ▲▲▲○-▼	.698 $\pm$ .034 ▲▲▲○-▼	.303 $\pm$ .033 ▲▲▲○-▼	.630 $\pm$ .030 ▲▲▲○-▼
 DRESSED	.455 $\pm$ .032 ▲▲▲△-○	.645 $\pm$ .028 ▲▲▲▲△-	.481 $\pm$ .030 ▲▲▲▲-	.760 $\pm$ .029 ▲▲▲▲-	.316 $\pm$ .038 ▲▲▲▲-	.644 $\pm$ .042 ▲▲▲▲-

# Experiment 2: Offline Evaluation

## Iterations

- DRESSED is consistently above all the baselines
- DRESSED better exploits early feedback to quickly improve computed summaries

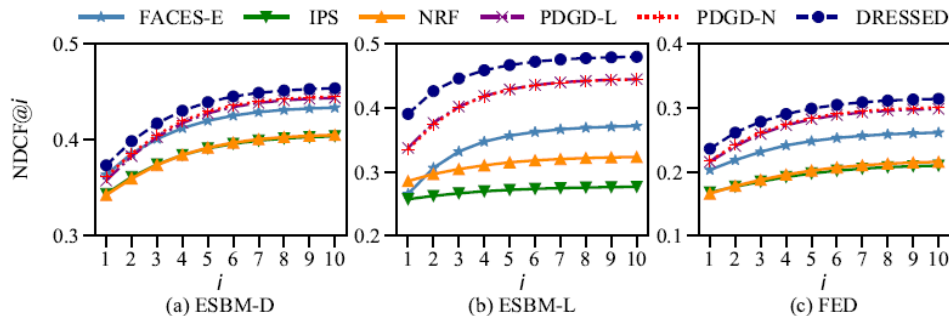


Fig. 3. Results of offline evaluation over varying numbers of iterations (NDCF@i).

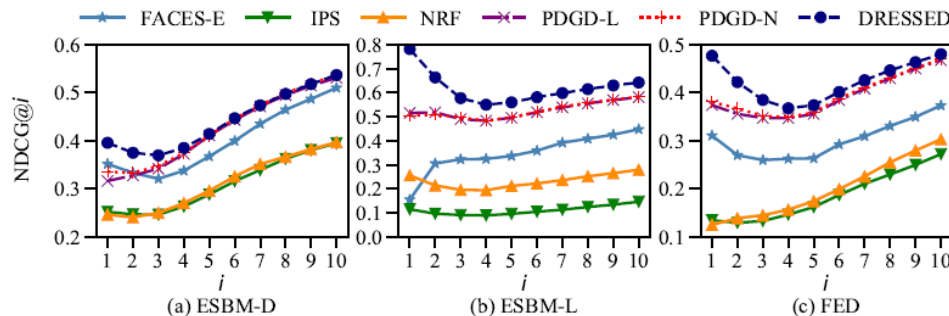


Fig. 4. Results of offline evaluation over varying numbers of iterations (NDCG@i).

# Conclusion and Future Work

## ■ Our Approach: DRESSED

- showed better performance than baselines
- has the potential to replace static entity cards

## ■ Future Work

- cross-replace scenario
  - can be extended to support other scenarios:
    - » multi-feedback, without replacement, positive feedback
- extend the scope of entity summary
  - deal with paths, more complex structures, RDF sentence

# Take-home Message

## ■ Contributions

- The first research effort to improve entity summarization with user feedback.
- A representation of entity summarization with iterative userfeedback.
  - cross-replace scenario, MDP
- A representation of set of triples and their interdependence as a novel DNN.
  - DRESSED, solve by RL
- The first empirical study of entity summarization with user feedback.
  - based on real users and simulated users

## ■ DRESSED

- **Deep Reinforced Entity Summarization with uSer fEedback**
- GitHub Repository: [nju-websoft/DRESSED](https://github.com/nju-websoft/DRESSED)



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## Questions ?