Textual paraphrase dataset for deep language modelling

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Project goals

- Building a large dataset of 100,000 lexically diverse paraphrases for Finnish
- Building a small test dataset for Swedish
- Developing deep learning models for paraphrase identification and generation
- Data and models will be made available for everyone with CC-BY-SA license

Paraphrase dataset – current status

- 25,000 Finnish paraphrases collected from news titles and movie subtitles (25% of projected total)
- Annotation process:
 - Dedicated tool for picking paraphrase candidates from various text samples
 - Dedicated tool for labeling candidates according to the detailed annotation scheme
 - Option to rewrite candidates to be full paraphrases

Deep learning models

 Finetuning deep language models (e.g. BERT) for paraphrase identification

Other possible directions:

- Models for paraphrase generation
- Models for machine translation evaluation

Applications

- Semantic search Search engine returning hits based on semantic meaning rather than surface words
- Identify repeated arguments from literature
- Plagiarism detection Detect shallow surface modifications
- Text rephrasing Create variability by rephrasing the text
- Training machine translation system Evaluate the meaning of a translated sentence, not just its words







