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Challenges in Creating a Knowledge Base for Literacy Situations: Character Extraction and Analysis

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Abstract

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Introduction

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a subfield of Artificial Intelligence (AI) that focuses on enabling computers to understand and generate human language. One of the main challenges in NLP is to build systems that can reason about text in a way that mimics human cognitive abilities. To achieve this goal, researchers have developed a variety of models that capture different aspects of language understanding, such as syntax, semantics, and pragmatics. One such model is the Literacy Situation Model (LSM), which captures the knowledge and assumptions that people use to understand written text. The LSM is based on the idea that readers construct mental models of the situations described in texts, and that these models help them to interpret and remember the information conveyed. Creating a knowledge base for LSMs involves extracting and organizing the relevant information from texts, such as entities, events, and relationships, and encoding it in a structured format that can be used for reasoning and inference. This process involves a range of NLP techniques, such as named entity recognition, coreference resolution, and semantic role labeling. The resulting knowledge base can be used for a variety of applications, such as text understanding, question answering, and summarization.

Related work

In [1] a novel method for automatically extracting relationships between characters in a story using a hybrid approach that combines rule-based and machine learning techniques is proposed. The authors present a detailed analysis of their proposed method and evaluate its performance using a dataset of short stories. The results of their experiments show that their approach outperforms existing methods for relationship extraction from stories.

Another notable article [2] proposes a method for automatically extracting causal relationships from text using deep neural networks that are informed by linguistic features. The authors evaluate their method on a dataset of news articles and demonstrate its effectiveness in identifying causal relationships between events. This article showcases the potential of deep learning approaches for extracting meaningful information from unstructured text data and was presented at a conference on discourse and dialogue.

Methods

Coreference Resolution - CR
Reduce the ambiguity of text which serves as a great prepossessing pipeline for NER.

Named-Entity Recognition (NER)
Classify different detected entities in text into predefined categories.

- Stanza
- spaCy

Character sentiment analysis
- Afinn
- TextBlob
- Vader

Graph visualisation
Visualize the sentiment between characters.

Results

Discussion

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