Coupled Semi-Supervised Learning for Information Extraction

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OBJECTIVE

Extract instances and predicates from Webpages.

Examples of instances for class Creature: Dragon, Gnome, Troll, Giant squid

Example of predicate

"arg1 throws fire" "arg1 and arg2 live in the forest" "arg1 lives in the pond"

Propose a methodology to circumvent semantic drift problem: Predictions get more imprecise each iteration.

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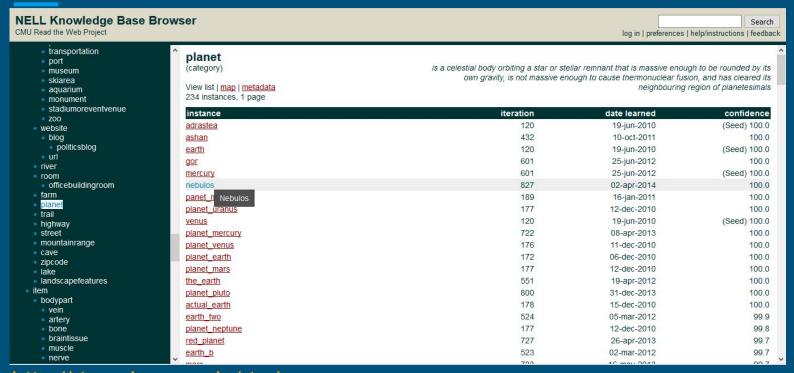
NELL: Never-Ending Language Learning

Can computers learn to read? We think so. "Read the Web" is a research project that attempts to create a computer system that learns over time to read the web. Since January 2010, our computer system called NELL (Never-Ending Language Learner) has been running continuously, attempting to perform two tasks each day:

 First, it attempts to "read," or extract facts from text found in hundreds of millions of web pages (e.g., playsInstrument (George_Harrison, guitar)).



Consult Knowledge Base (Categories)



Consult Knowledge Base (Instances)



Consult Knowledge Base (Relations)



Consult knowledge base(instance of a relation)

relations

- animalistypeofanimal
 - rays (mollusk) (100.0%)
 - CPL @673 (75.0%) on 22-dec-2012 ["arg1 and spotted eagle arg2" "arg1 and eagle arg2"] using (manta_rays, rays)
 - o Seed
 - o OE @830 (96.5%) on 13-apr-2014 [] using (manta_rays, rays)

Facts recently learned

instance	iteration	date learned	confidence
paulo costanzo is a director	1024	30-oct-2016	97.7 🖒 🕏
sabi sands game reserve is a zoo	1027	22-nov-2016	93.9 🟖 🕏
radio tv is an item often found in a bedroom	1025	04-nov-2016	97.5 🟖 🕏
n1840 1864 is a <u>year</u>	1024	30-oct-2016	100.0 🟖 🕏
wyman park savings and loan association is a bank	1024	30-oct-2016	96.1 🟖 🕏
icelandic police was dameged in the event bus	1028	28-nov-2016	100.0 🟖 🕏
chicago is the home city of the sports team northwestern university	1029	03-dec-2016	100.0 2
patsi kensit got married in n1997	1029	03-dec-2016	100.0 🟖 🕏
katrina is a person who has residence in the city washington d c	1028	28-nov-2016	98.4 2 5
merck has acquired medco	1024	30-oct-2016	96.9 🏖 🕏

APPROACH

Semi-supervised learning: Use only a few labeled examples to train the model

Why not supervised learning?

Machine learning methods have been shown to be useful to extract information from structured and unstructured text.

Training of accurate extractors is costly. (Substantial number of labeled examples for training)

What's new for this paper?

Semi-supervised learning of category and relation extractors.

Training of multiple wrapper inducers by using mutual exclusion and type checking relationships.

Coupling of the inducers and extractors by assuming they make independent errors. (Mutual exclusion, Relation Argument Type Checking, Unstructured and semi-structured text features)

Related work

Bootstrapping methods: Start with a small number of labeled "seed" examples and iteratively grow the set of labeled examples using high-confidence labels from the current model.

Coupling the learning of category extractors

Corpus



The ClueWeb09 Dataset

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The ClueWeb09 dataset was created to support research on information retrieval and related human language technologies. It consists of about 1 billion web pages in ten languages that were collected in January and February 2009. The dataset is used by several tracks of the TREC conference.

Dataset Specifications

Web Pages:

- 1,040,809,705 web pages, in 10 languages
- 5 TB, compressed. (25 TB, uncompressed.)

See the Record Counts Section on the Dataset Information and Sample Files page for detailed information on the distribution of records and languages.

Web Graph:

- Entire Dataset:
 - Unique URLs: 4,780,950,903 (325 GB uncompressed, 105 GB compressed)
 - Total Outlinks: 7,944,351,835 (71 GB uncompressed, 24 GB compressed)
- TREC Category B (first 50 million English pages)
 - Unique URLs: 428,136,613 (30 GB uncompressed, 10 GB compressed)
 - Total Outlinks: 454,075,638 (3 GB uncompressed, 1 GB compressed)

The web graph for both the entire dataset and for the TREC Category B dataset (first 50 million English pages) is complete. We are in the process of retrieving the data and performing the final formatting of the web graph.

Information on how the crawl progressed is also available.

Corpus

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WARC-Type: response
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       WARC-Warcinfo-ID: f8ea7d54-e7a3-4d33-9ff4-45d99aa7864c
       WARC-Date: 2009-03-67T14:59:49-0700
     WARC-Record-ID: <urn:uuid:eeac9cc6-f630-410f-9a2d-8dc65f59a23d>
       WARC-TREC-ID: clueweb09-en0039-05-00016
       Content-Type: application/http:msqtype=response
       WARC-Identified-Payload-Type:
        Content-Length: 13586
       Accept-Ranges: bytes
        Content-Type: text/html
        Server: Apache
       Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2009 11:10:23 GMT
        Connection: close
        Content-Length: 13431
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           <meta name="htdiq-keywords" content="mojo perfecto bandito perfecto running run shoes sell training marathon runners jogging jogger joggers runner run per</pre>
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           if (document.images)
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               rslt = new Image();
2143
               rslt.src = arg;
2144
               return rslt;
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     = function changeImages() {
2149
           if (document.images && (preloadFlag == true)) {
2151
               for (var i=0; i<changeImages.arguments.length; i+=2) {</pre>
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Input Ontology

Classes

- Celestial_body
 - o Star
 - Planet
- Creature
 - Mytologycal
 - Mytological_creature
- Group
 - Organization
- Element

Relations

- PlanetOrbitsStar(Planet,Star)
- CreatureLivesIn(Creature,Planet)
- IsRuledBy(Planet,Organization)
- IsComposedOf(Celestial_body,Element)

Predicates

p1: planet known as arg1

p2: star known as arg1

p3: planet arg1 is ruled by

arg2

Mutual Exclusion

p1 and p2 are mutually exclusive arguments

Relation Argument Type Checking

planetIsRuledBy(Planet,Organization)

starKnownAs(Star)

planetKnownAs(Planet)

Instances

Mysteryous_creature : Creature (Seed)

Sirio: Star (Seed)

Daneb:Star (Seed)

Polux :: Star (Seed)

Mercury:Planet (Seed)

Venus:Planet (Seed)

<html>

.... I saw the beautiful rings of Saturn.

There was once an isolated planet known as nebulos. ...

In the solar system there is a star known as sun but in the world of microblogging there is a star known as tumbler. ...

There is a type of planet known as Ice giants. ...

Many people think planet Earth is ruled by intelligent dinosaurs or that planet Earth is ruled by a mysterious creature but apparently it is very likely that planet Earth is ruled by a single government, nobody knows for sure.

Extract candidate instances (Categories)

- p1: planet known as arg1
 - {lce_giants, earth, nebulos, earth, earth, nebulos, HD 20782,earth,nebulos.}
- p2: star known as arg1
 - {Sun,Nemesis, Tumblr, HD 20782}
- p3: planet arg1 is ruled by arg2
 - {<Earth,Misterious_creature>,<Nebulos, Nebulans>,<Earth,single government>,<Nebulos,
 Nebulans> ,<Earth, Intelligent_dinosaurs>,<Nebulos, Nebulans>}

<html>

.... I saw the beautiful rings of Saturn.

Men are from Mars and Women from Venus broke the sales record for new bestsellers.

Extract candidate instances (Predicates)

- p4?: beautiful rings of arg1
- p5?: arg1 broke the sales record
 - {Sun,Nemesis, Tumblr, HD 20782}

Filter candidates that violate coupling (Mutual exclusion)

- p1: planet known as arg1
 - {Ice_giants, earth, nebulos, earth, nebulos, earth, nebulos.}- HD 20782
- p2: star known as arg1
 - {Sun,Nemesis, Tumblr,nebulos}- HD 20782
- p3: planet arg1 is ruled by arg2
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 Nebulans> ,<Earth, Intelligent_dinosaurs>,<Nebulos, Nebulans>}

Filter candidates that violate coupling (Relation Argument Type Checking)

- p1: planet known as arg1
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- p2: star known as arg1
 - {Sun,Nemesis, Tumblr,nebulos}
- p3: planet arg1 is ruled by arg2

Filter candidates that violate coupling (Co-ocurrence)

- p1: planet known as arg1
 - { earth, nebulos, earth, earth, nebulos, earth, nebulos.}-lce_giants
- p2: star known as arg1
 - {Sun}-Nemesis,Tumblr,nebulos
- p3: planet arg1 is ruled by arg2
 - {<Nebulos, Nebulans>,<Nebulans>,<Nebulans>,<Rebulans>,<Rebulans>,<Rebulans>,<Rebulans>,<Rearth, Intelligent_dinosaurs>

Rank

- p1: planet known as arg1
 - { earth, nebulos, earth, earth, nebulos, earth, nebulos.}
- p2: star known as arg1
 - Sun}
- p3: planet arg1 is ruled by arg2
 - <</p>

Calculate Precisions

- p1
 - o earth 4/9
 - o nebulos 3/9
- p2
 - o sun 1/4
- p3:
 - <Nebulos, Nebulans> 3/6

Rank

- 1. <Nebulos, Nebulans> 50%
- 2. earth 44.4%
- 3. nebulos 33.3%
- 4. sun 2<u>5</u>%

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- 4. sun 25%

Promote at most 100 instances. In this particular example restriction will be set to at most two.

Instances Mercury:Planet (Seed)

Mysteryous_creature : Creature (Seed) Venus:Planet (Seed)

Sirio: Star (Seed)

Nebulus:Planet

Daneb:Star (Seed) earth:Planet

Polux : Star (Seed) Nebulans:Organization

Predicates

p1: planet known as arg1

p2: star known as arg1

p3: planet arg1 is ruled by

arg2

Mutual Exclusion

p1 and p2 are mutually exclusive arguments

Relation Argument Type Checking

planetIsRuledBy(Planet,Organization)

starKnownAs(Star)

planetKnownAs(Planet)

SEAL

URL: http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/List_of_planets

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<b><a href="/wiki/Aargonar" title="Aargonar">A
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Seeds

Aargonar:Planet

Agamar:Planet

Solan:Planet

SEAL

Wrapper constructed by SEAL: <a href="/wiki/arg1"

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<b><a href="/wiki/Aargonar" title="Aargonar">A
```

Content

Aargonar, Abafar, Abednedo, Abhean/Canon, Absanz, Affa, Agamar...

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...Zhadalene, Solan, Zygerria

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Relation

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CSEAL

Wrapper <a href="/planet/arg1" Wrapper <td><a href="/planet/arg1"

Aargonar, Nebulus, Earth, Solan Aargonar, Nebulus, Earth,
Solan,isRuledBy(Earth,trade)

URL4: some url Domain: celestial_bodies URL2: some url Domain: celestial_bodies

Mars,Sun,Orbits(Mars,Sun)
Mars.Polux

CSEAL filtering

Wrapper <a href="/planet/arg1" Wrapper <td><a href="/planet/arg1"

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Solan, is Ruled By (Earth, trade)

URL4: some url Domain: celestial_bodies

Mars,Sun,Orbits(Mars,Sun)

Meta Bootstrap Learner MBL

- CPL and CSEAL are the subordinate algorithms
- 1. For each predicate Planet known as arg1, Star known as....
- 2. Get promoted instances from CSEAL and CPL. They both skip promotion
- 3. MBL promotes candidates.

Experimental evaluation

- Input ontology contained categories and relations from two domains.
- Categories were initialized with 15 instances and 5 seed patterns
- Relations were initialized with 15 instances 5 negative instances and no seed patterns
- Corpus 200 Million web pages, 514 million sentences.

Experimental evaluation

- 10 iterations of bootstrapping for each algorithm.
- Sample 30 instances from set of promoted instances
- Submit instances to mechanical turk for labeling
- Calculate recall
- All instances presented in lowercase

Results

Predicate	Precision (%)				Promoted Instances (#)					
	CPL	UPL	CSEAL	SEAL	MBL	CPL	UPL	CSEAL	SEAL	MBL
AcademicField	70	83	90	97	100	46	903	203	1000	181
Actor	100	33	100	97	100	199	1000	1000	1000	380
Animal	80	50	90	70	97	741	1000	144	974	307
Athlete	87	17	100	87	100	132	930	276	1000	555
AwardTrophyTournament	57	7	53	7	77	86	902	146	1000	79
BoardGame	80	13	70	77	90	10	907	126	1000	31
BodyPart	77	17	97	63	93	176	922	80	1000	61
Building	33	50	30	0	93	597	1000	57	1000	14
Celebrity	100	90	100	100	97	347	1000	72	747	514
CEO	33	30	100	77	100	3	902	322	1000	30
City	97	100	97	87	97	1000	1000	368	1000	603
Clothing	97	20	43	27	97	83	973	167	1000	102
Coach	93	63	100	83	100	188	838	619	1000	242
Company	97	83	100	100	97	1000	1000	245	1000	784
Conference	93	53	97	90	100	95	990	437	928	92
Country	57	33	97	37	93	1000	1000	130	1000	207
EconomicSector	60	23	100	10	77	1000	1000	34	1000	138
Emotion	77	53	87	60	83	483	992	183	1000	211
Food	90	70	97	80	100	811	1000	89	1000	272
Furniture	100	0	57	57	90	55	963	215	1000	95
Hobby	77	33	77	50	90	357	936	77	1000	127
KitchenItem	73	3	88	13	100	11	900	8	960	2
Mammal	83	50	93	50	90	224	1000	154	1000	169
Movie	97	57	97	100	100	718	1000	566	1000	183
NewspaperCompany	90	60	60	97	100	179	1000	1000	1000	241
Politician	80	60	97	37	100	178	990	30	1000	101
Product	90	83	-	77	70	1000	1000	0	999	127
ProductType	73	63	27	63	50	712	1000	31	1000	159
Profession	73	53	-	57	93	916	973	0	1000	171
ProfessionalOrganization	93	63	100	77	87	104	943	58	1000	163
Reptile	95	3	90	27	100	19	912	149	1000	54
Room	64	0	33	7	100	25	913	12	643	3
Scientist	97	30	100	17	100	83	971	928	1000	130
Shape	77	7	7	7	85	43	985	28	733	26
Sport	77	13	63	83	73	283	1000	225	1000	284
SportsEquipment	20	10	57	23	23	58	902	52	1000	174

Results

- Mechanical turk:
 - 96 out of 100 correctly labeled
 - Labels biased toward false negatives
- CPL obtains better precision than UPL
- CSEAL obtains better precision than SEAL
- Coupling yields better accuracies

Conclusion

Coupling circumvents the problem of semantic drift associated with bootstrap learning methods.

Large scale coupled training is a strategy to significantly improve accuracy in semi supervised learning.