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CA – Assignment 2: Argument Mining

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Structure

Scripts

essay_corpus.json: Data corpus created in Data Acquisition assignment.

convert_to_bio.py: provided along with the assignment to convert json corpus to BIO format.

convert_to_train_test_bio.py: Our implementation of converting essay_corpus.json to bio
format.

• We call convert_to_bio function from convert_to_bio.py script in our implementation to create train_BIO.txt and test_BIO.txt based on train-test-split-csv scheme. The files are placed in data/ folder and will be later used to train and test the ML model.

model.py: The ML model that we use for generating predictions. evaluation.py: Script to evaluation the F1 score of the ML model.

How to run the scripts

On a venv install the requirements specified in requirements.txt

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• Make sure you have the same directory structure as above otherwise adjust the paths in the scripts accordingly.

- Run convert_to_train_test_bio.py, that will create train_BIO.txt and test_BIO.txt in data/.
- Run model. py to generate the predictions in data/ directory with name pred.txt
- Run evaluation script with preds.txt as predictions and test_BIO.txt as ground truth.

Model Explanation

We choose Naive Bayes (NB) for its simplicity and used Bag of words as our feature representation to train the model. NB achieves Macro F1-Score: 0.235 and Weighted F1-Score: 0.501.

Feature Selection

We used n-grams to capture the maximum context around each token in the training dataset. To implement the model we used Pipeline from Sklearn and passed it CountVectorizer() that calculates word embeddings (bow) for each token. Our n-gram logic is following.

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For each token:
   if there exists 2 preceding and succeeding tokens in a sentence`:
        n-gram_token = [preceedingToken1, preceedingToken2, targeToken,
succeedingToken1, succeedingToken2]
   else:
        add `empty` string for corresponding slot.
```

The motivation is to capture as much context as possible around a token.