
Advanced Natural Language Processing and Information Retrieval

Answer sentence reranking pipeline

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Overview

- Software
 - <https://github.com/iKernels/RelTextRank>
 - you may find the installation instructions there
 - We are going to run a simple end-to-end example
 - ◆ No need to try to install anything related to DKPRO
- We will build shallow structures with the relational links for the WikiQA corpus



WikiQA corpus

- Download the corpus from
 - <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=52419>
- In the root of ReTextRank do the following
 - The command below converts the corpus in a format employed by the pipeline

```
export wikiqa_location=<folder to which you unpacked the WikiQa distribution>
mkdir data/wikiQA
python scripts/converters/wikiqa_convert.py ${wikiqa_location}/WikiQA-train.tsv data/
wikiQA/WikiQA-train.questions.txt data/wikiQA/WikiQA-train.tsv.resultset
python scripts/converters/wikiqa_convert.py ${wikiqa_location}/WikiQA-test.tsv data/
wikiQA/WikiQA-test.questions.txt data/wikiQA/WikiQA-test.tsv.resultset
python scripts/converters/wikiqa_convert.py ${wikiqa_location}/WikiQA-dev.tsv data/
wikiQA/WikiQA-dev.questions.txt data/wikiQA/WikiQA-dev.tsv.resultset
```



Input data format

QID Text

Q1 how are glacier caves formed?
Q2 How are the directions of the velocity and force vectors related in a circular motion
Q5 how did apollo creed die
Q6 how long is the term for federal judges
Q7 how a beretta model 21 pistols magazines works
Q9 how a vul works

data/wikiQA/WikiQA-train.questions.txt

QID AnsID IR_rank IR_score label text

Q1 Q1-D1-0 0 0.00000 false A partly submerged glacier cave on Perito Moreno Glacier .
Q1 Q1-D1-1 0 0.00000 false The ice facade is approximately 60 m high
Q1 Q1-D1-2 0 0.00000 false Ice formations in the Titlis glacier cave
Q1 Q1-D1-3 0 1.00000 true A glacier cave is a cave formed within the ice of a glacier .

data/wikiQA/WikiQA-train.tsv.resultset



Generating training data

Complete data:

```
export CLASSPATH=bin/:target/dependency/*:target/classes
```

```
java -Xmx5G -Xss512m -Dlogback.configurationFile=resources/logback.xml  
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train.questions.txt -answersPath data/wikiQA/WikiQA-train.tsv.resultset -outputDir  
data/examples/wikiqa -filePersistence CASES/wikiQA -candidatesToKeep 10 -mode train -  
expClassName it.unitn.nlpir.experiment.fqa.CHExperiment -featureExtractorClass  
it.unitn.nlpir.features.presets.BaselineFeatures -expConfigPath config/original.config
```

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head -300 data/wikiQA/WikiQA-train.questions.txt > data/wikiQA/train300.questions.txt
```

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OUTPUT is in data/examples/wikiqa/svm.train,
data/examples/wikiqa/svm.train.relevancy



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If there is an exception: `rm target/dependency/google-collections-1.0.jar`

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Complete data:

Entry point

Candidate answers (APs)

Where to persist the CASEs

Questions

Do we TRAIN or TEST?

APs to keep per Q

Output folder

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To make

use a subset

(wors)

Defines the Experiment
(which structure to
generate)

Additional experiment
configuration (whether
to add FOCUs info and
do focus match)

Defines
which
features to
extract

```
exp...  
head -5  
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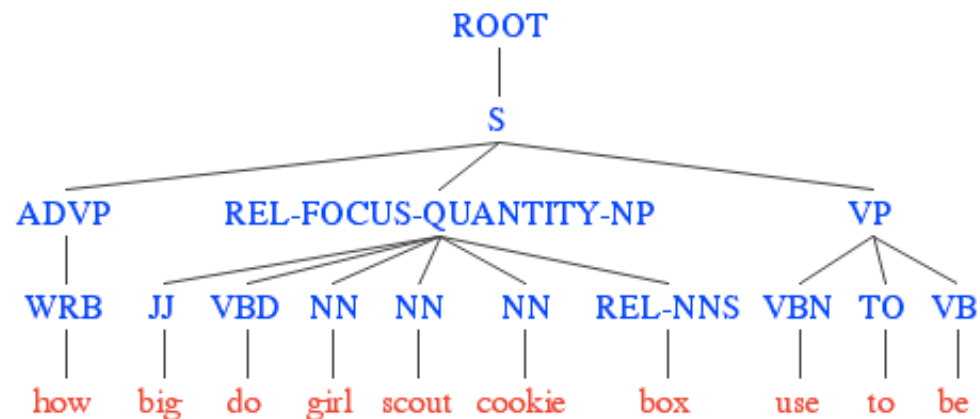


Structure visualization

You can use ironcreek.net/phpsyntaxtree/ to visualize the structures

how big did girl scout cookie boxes used to be

[ROOT [S [ADVP [WRB [how]]] [REL-FOCUS-QUANTITY-NP [JJ [big]] [VBD [do]] [NN [girl]] [NN [scout]] [NN [cookie]] [REL-NNS [box]]] [VP [VBN [use]] [TO [to]] [VB [be]]]]]



Other `—expClassName` options to try

- `it.unitn.nlpir.experiment.fqa.ConstExperiment`
- `it.unitn.nlpir.experiment.fqa.DT1Experiment`
- `it.unitn.nlpir.experiment.fqa.DT2Experiment`
- `it.unitn.nlpir.experiment.fqa.LCTqDT2aExperiment`



Generating Development data

Full dev set:

```
java -Xmx5G -Xss512m -Dlogback.configurationFile=resources/logback.xml
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dev.questions.txt -answersPath data/wikiQA/WikiQA-dev.tsv.resultset -outputDir data/
examples/wikiqa -filePersistence CASes/wikiQA -candidatesToKeep 1000 -mode test -
expClassName it.unitn.nlpir.experiment.fqa.CHExperiment -featureExtractorClass
it.unitn.nlpir.features.presets.BaselineFeatures -expConfigPath config/original.config
```

To test on a subset of dev set:

```
head -50 data/wikiQA/WikiQA-dev.questions.txt > data/wikiQA/dev50.questions.txt
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expClassName it.unitn.nlpir.experiment.fqa.CHExperiment -featureExtractorClass
it.unitn.nlpir.features.presets.BaselineFeatures -expConfigPath config/original.config
```

OUTPUT is in data/examples/wikiqa/svm.test,
data/examples/wikiqa/svm.test



If question classification does not work: backup

Train:

```
java -Xmx5G -Xss512m -Dlogback.configurationFile=resources/logback.xml
it.unitn.nlpir.system.core.ClassTextPairConversion -questionsPath data/wikiQA/
train300.questions.txt -answersPath data/wikiQA/WikiQA-train.tsv.resultset -outputDir
data/examples/wikiqa -filePersistence CASES/wikiQA -candidatesToKeep 10 -mode train -
expClassName it.unitn.nlpir.experiment.fqa.nofocqc.CHExperiment -featureExtractorClass
it.unitn.nlpir.features.presets.BaselineFeatures -expConfigPath config/nofrel.config
```

Test:

```
java -Xmx5G -Xss512m -Dlogback.configurationFile=resources/logback.xml
it.unitn.nlpir.system.core.ClassTextPairConversion -questionsPath data/wikiQA/
dev50.questions.txt -answersPath data/wikiQA/WikiQA-dev.tsv.resultset -outputDir data/
examples/wikiqa -filePersistence CASES/wikiQA -candidatesToKeep 1000 -mode test -
expClassName it.unitn.nlpir.experiment.fqa.nofocqc.CHExperiment -featureExtractorClass
it.unitn.nlpir.features.presets.BaselineFeatures -expConfigPath config/nofrel.config
```



Train and test

Build the tool:

```
cd tools/SVM-Light-1.5-rer  
make clean; make  
cd ../..
```

Train and test:

```
tools/SVM-Light-1.5-rer/svm_learn -t 5 -F 3 -C + -m 5000 data/examples/wikiqa/  
svm.train data/wikiQA/wikiqa-ch-baselinefeats.model
```

```
tools/SVM-Light-1.5-rer/svm_classify data/examples/wikiqa/svm.test data/wikiQA/wikiqa-  
ch-baselinefeats.model data/examples/wikiqa/wikiqa-ch-baselinefeats.pred
```

Evaluate:

```
python scripts/eval/ev.py --ignore_noanswer --ignore_allanswer -t 1000 data/examples/  
wikiQA/svm.relevancy data/examples/wikiqa/wikiqa-ch-baselinefeats.pred
```



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PTK kernel

Use both trees
and vectors.
Try also **-C T**
(trees) and **-C V**
(vectors)

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**All slides are in [https://github.com/
iKernels/RelTextRank](https://github.com/iKernels/RelTextRank)
In in the **ainlp** slides folder**

**Please use the instructions **on github for
installing**, and **instructions on these
slides for running the experiments****

