

Cross-Document Coreference Resolution for Entities and Events

Thesis Proposal

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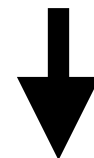
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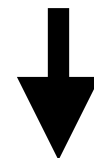
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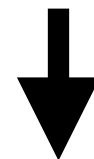
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benefits:

- Question Answering (Narayanan and Harabagui, 2004)
- Information Extraction (Humphreys, et. al., 1997)
- Document Summarization (Daniel, et. al., 2003)

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I research **Event Coreference** because it helps complete the picture.

Different axis of info from Entity Coreference

Event Coref is hard:

Wide-reading:

The attack **took place** yesterday.

The bombing **killed** four people.

Paraphrase:

She **gave** him the book.

He **was given** the book by her.


Two events co-refer if they share the same spatiotemporal properties and participants (Quine, 1985)

Common Systems

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Thesis Statement

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Event Coreference

- Shorter history (MUC/ACE ,1997)
- Events not as unique as Entities
 - Sony **announced** today
 - Friday, Obama **announced**
- Varying lexical representations:
 - The **casting** of Smith
 - Smith **stepped into** the role
 - Smith was **handed the keys** to play

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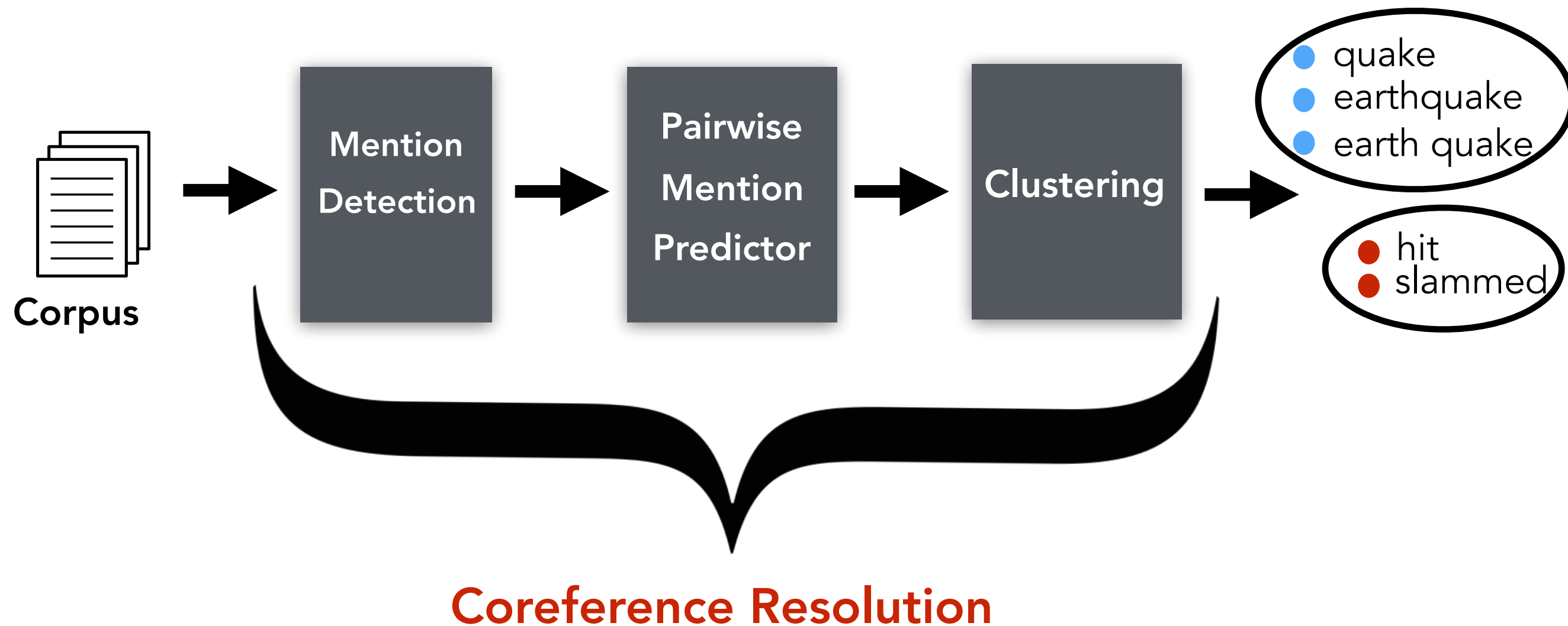
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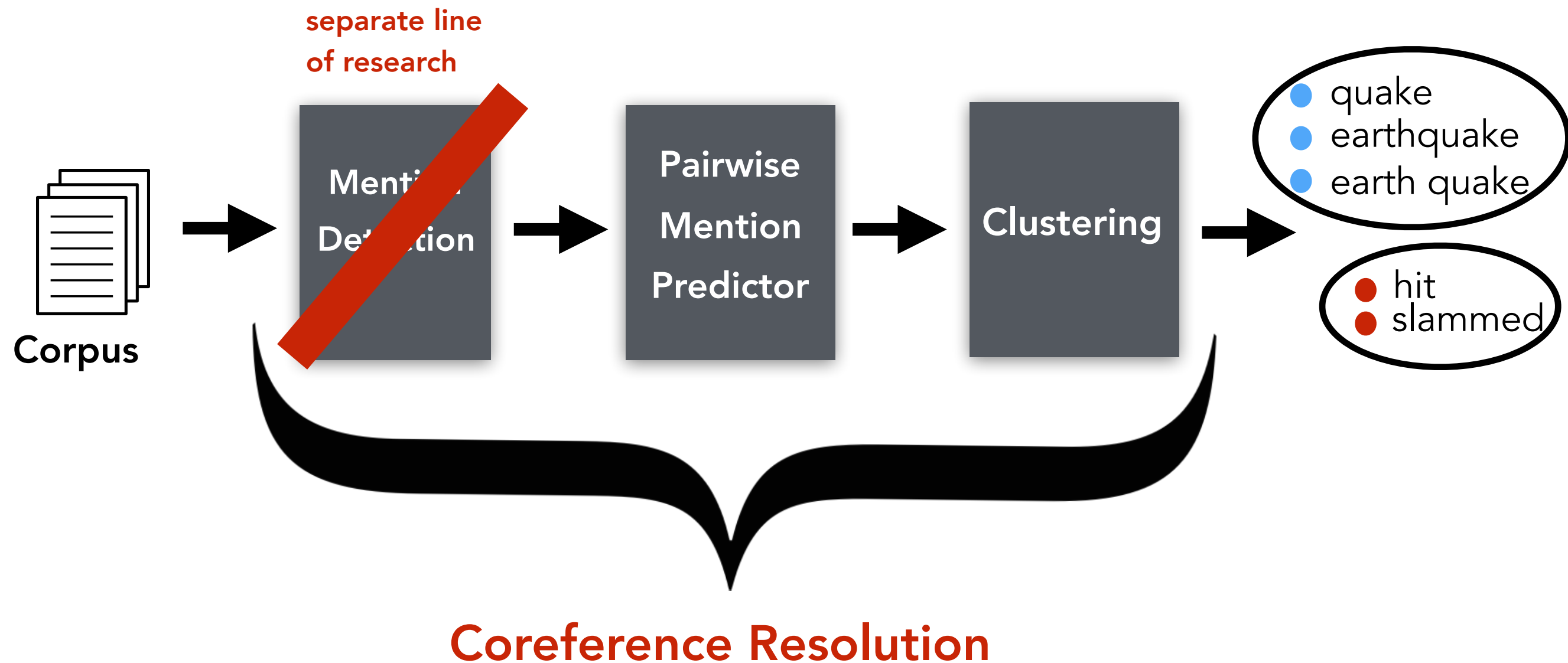
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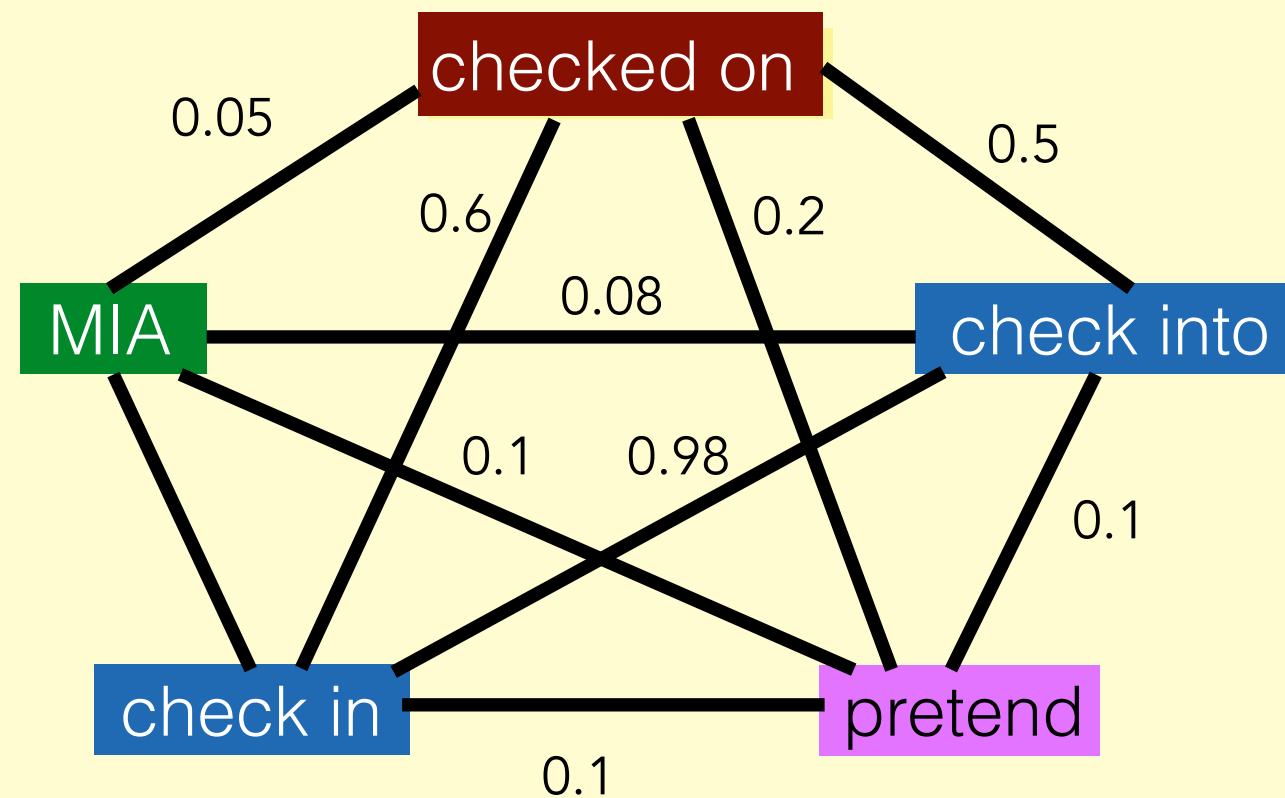
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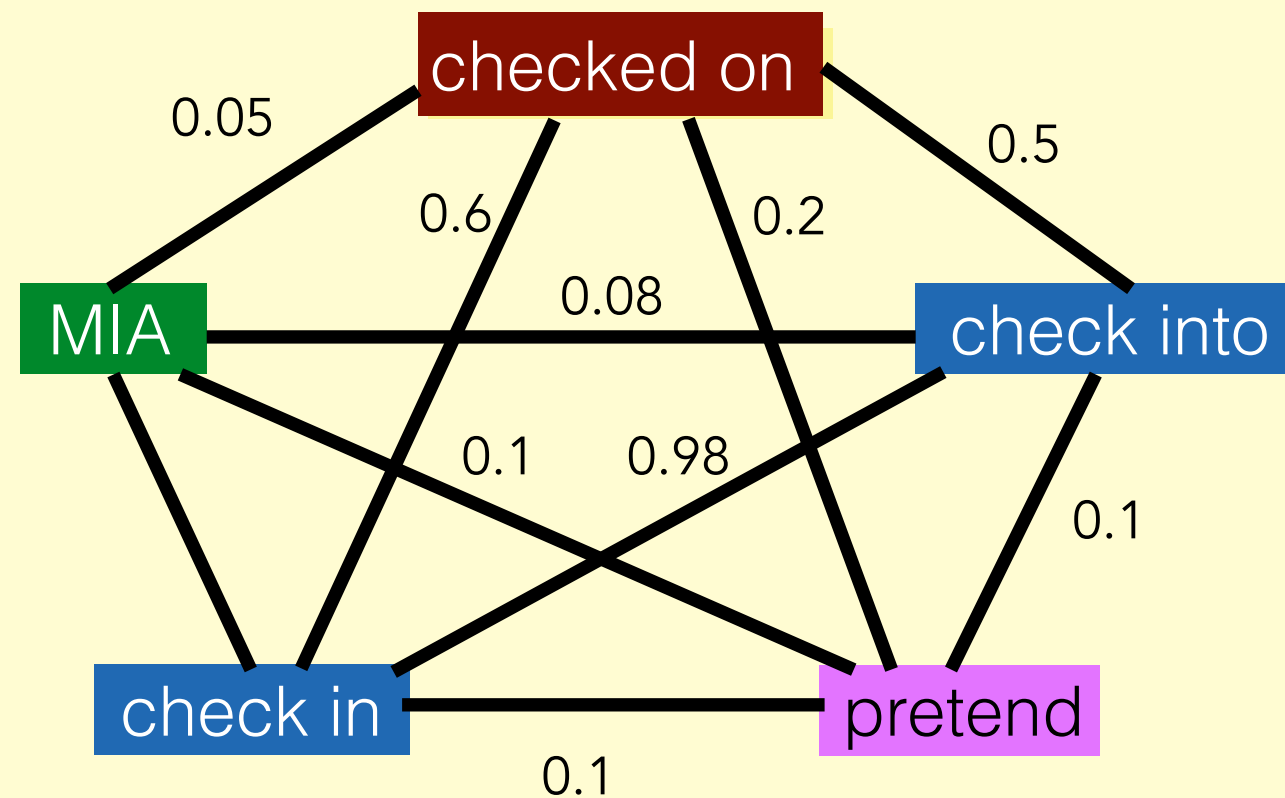
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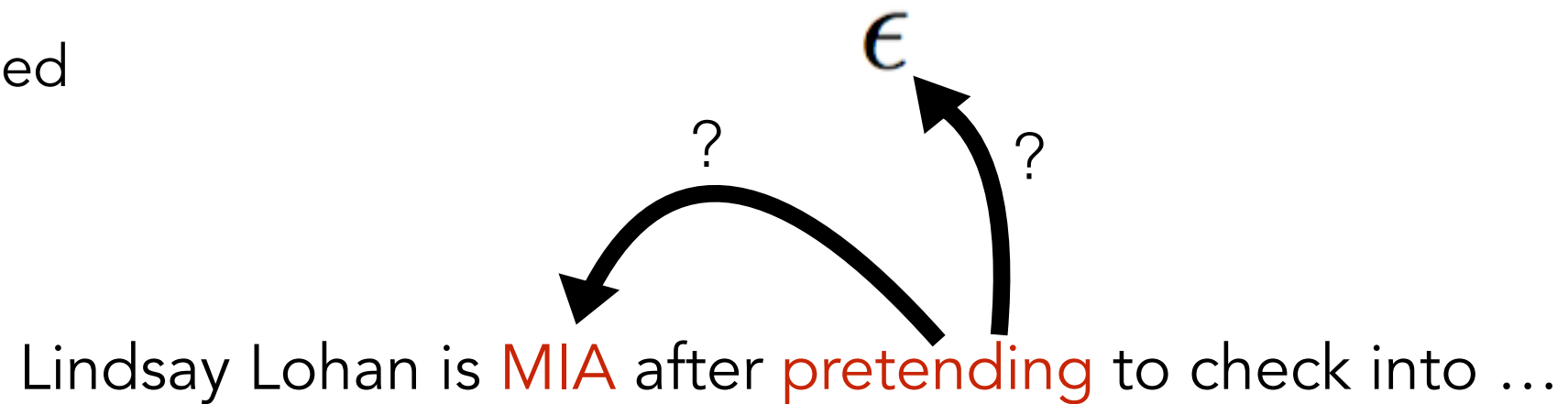
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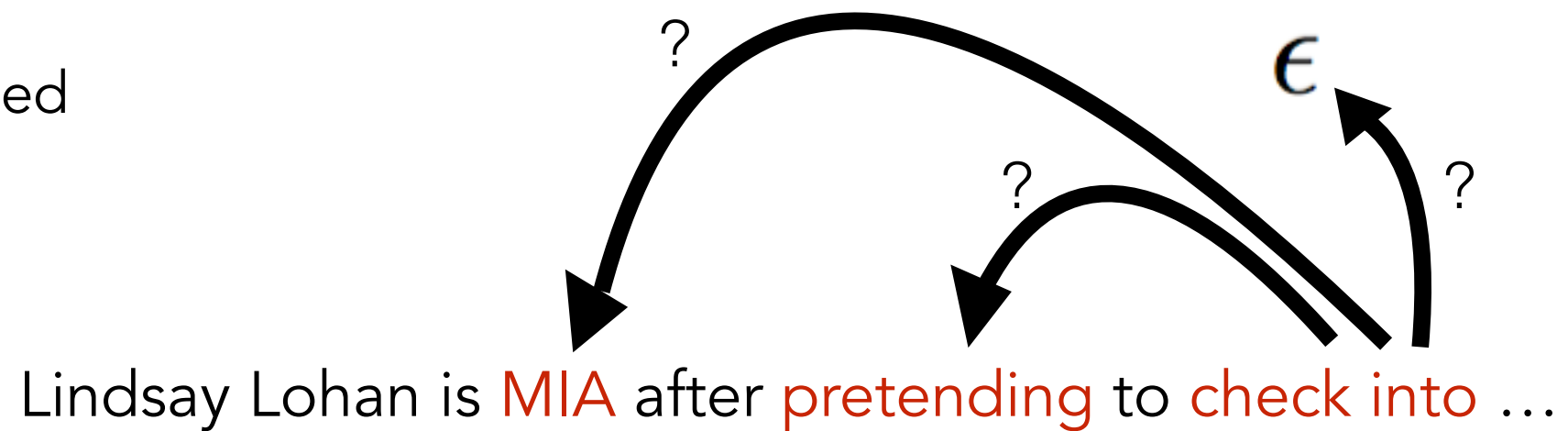
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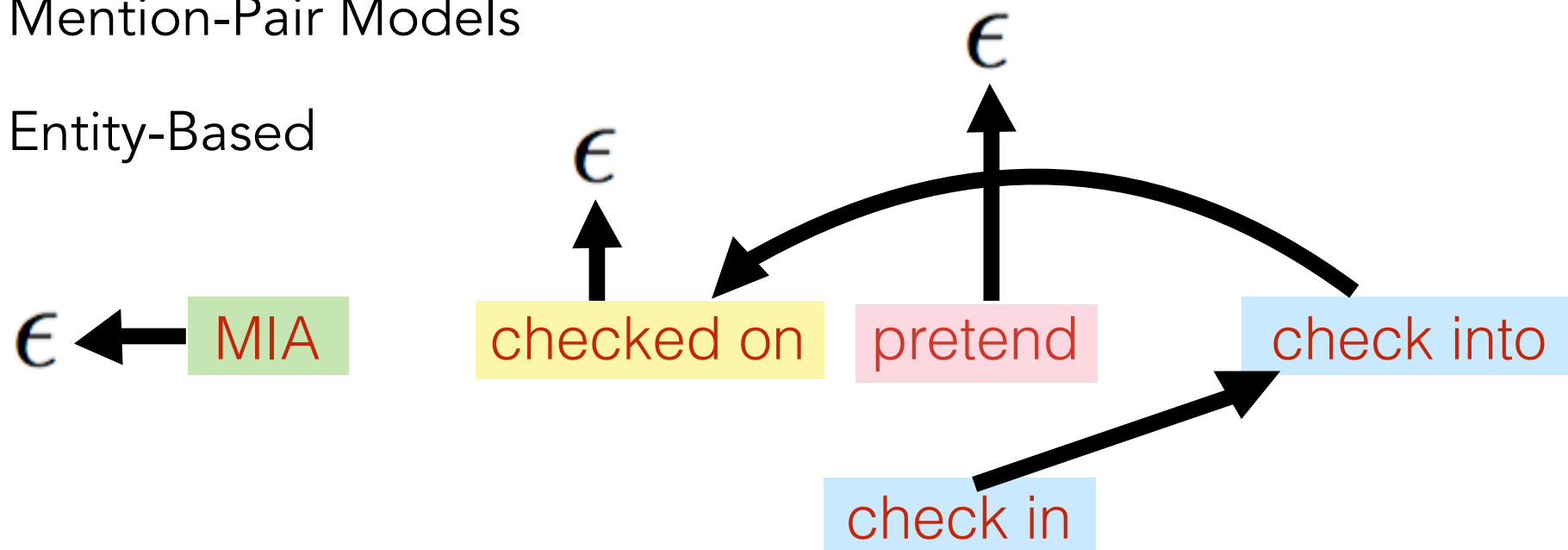
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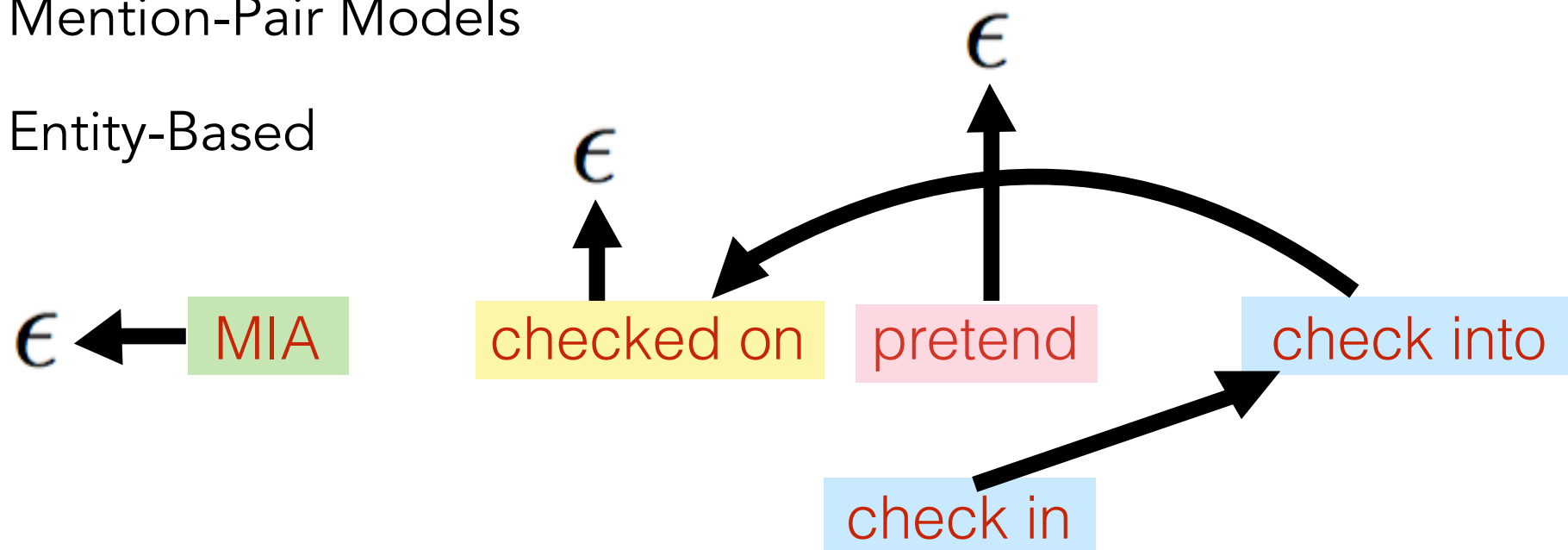
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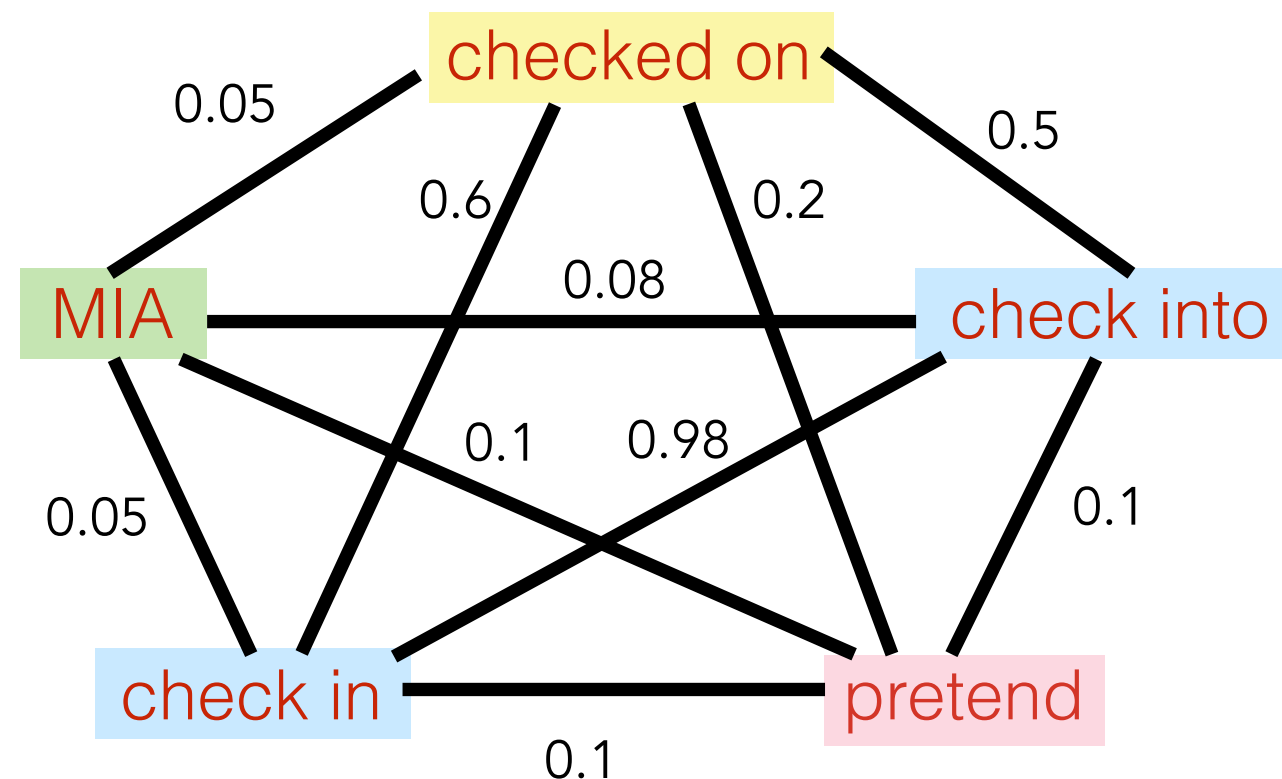
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 - undirected
 - conducive for cross-document

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features (coarse or sparse):

- all, most, none (e.g., 'all-female=true')
- common-noun + pronoun + pronoun

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 - Difficult to represent
 - How many entities to represent?
 - Doesn't make sense for events

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Weakness #2: Many features. Which are most useful?

Related Work

ENTITY COREF

Wiseman, et. al. (2015)

| Mention Features (ϕ_a) | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Feature | Value Set |
| Mention Head | \mathcal{V} |
| Mention First Word | \mathcal{V} |
| Mention Last Word | \mathcal{V} |
| Word Preceding Mention | \mathcal{V} |
| Word Following Mention | \mathcal{V} |
| # Words in Mention | $\{1, 2, \dots\}$ |
| Mention Synt. Ancestry | see BCS (2013) |
| Mention Type | \mathcal{T} |
| + Mention Governor | \mathcal{V} |
| + Mention Sentence Index | $\{1, 2, \dots\}$ |
| + Mention Entity Type | NER tags |
| + Mention Number | $\{\text{sing., plur., unk}\}$ |
| + Mention Animacy | $\{\text{an., inan., unk}\}$ |
| + Mention Gender | $\{\text{m, f, neut., unk}\}$ |
| + Mention Person | $\{1, 2, 3, \text{unk}\}$ |

| Pairwise Features (ϕ_p) | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Feature | Value Set |
| BASIC features on Mention | see above |
| BASIC features on Antecedent | see above |
| Mentions between Ment., Ante. | $\{0 \dots 10\}$ |
| Sentences between Ment., Ante. | $\{0 \dots 10\}$ |
| i-within-i | $\{\text{T, F}\}$ |
| Same Speaker | $\{\text{T, F}\}$ |
| Document Type | $\{\text{Conv., Art.}\}$ |
| Ante., Ment. String Match | $\{\text{T, F}\}$ |
| Ante. contains Ment. | $\{\text{T, F}\}$ |
| Ment. contains Ante. | $\{\text{T, F}\}$ |
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| Mention contains Ante. Head | $\{\text{T, F}\}$ |
| Ante., Ment. Head Match | $\{\text{T, F}\}$ |
| Ante., Ment. Synt. Ancestries | see above |
| + BASIC+ features on Ment. | see above |
| + BASIC+ features on Ante. | see above |
| + Ante., Ment. Numbers | see above |
| + Ante., Ment. Genders | see above |
| + Ante., Ment. Persons | see above |
| + Ante., Ment., Entity Types | see above |
| + Ante., Ment. Heads | see above |
| + Ante., Ment. Types | see above |

Related Work

ENTITY COREF

Wiseman, et. al. (2016)

Features We use the raw BASIC+ feature sets described by Wiseman et al. (2015), with the following modifications:

- We remove all features from ϕ_p that concatenate a feature of the antecedent with a feature of the current mention, such as bi-head features.
- We add true-cased head features, a current speaker indicator feature, and a 2-character genre (out of {bc,bn,mz,nw,pt,tc,wb}) indicator to ϕ_p and ϕ_a .
- We add features indicating if a mention has a substring overlap with the current speaker (ϕ_p and ϕ_a), and if an antecedent has a substring overlap with a speaker distinct from the current mention's speaker (ϕ_p).
- We add a single centered, rescaled document position feature to each mention when learning h_c . We calculate a mention x_n 's rescaled document position as $\frac{2n-N-1}{N-1}$.

Related Work

ENTITY COREF

Clark and Manning (2016)

Embedding Features: Word embeddings of the head word, dependency parent, first word, last word, two preceding words, and two following words of the mention. Averaged word embeddings of the five preceding words, five following words, all words in the mention, all words in the mention's sentence, and all words in the mention's document.

Additional Mention Features: The type of the mention (pronoun, nominal, proper, or list), the mention's position (index of the mention divided by the number of mentions in the document), whether the mentions is contained in another mention, and the length of the mention in words.

Document Genre: The genre of the mention's document (broadcast news, newswire, web data, etc.).

Distance Features: The distance between the mentions in sentences, the distance between the mentions in intervening mentions, and whether the mentions overlap.

Speaker Features: Whether the mentions have the same speaker and whether one mention is the other mention's speaker as determined by string matching rules from Raghunathan et al. (2010).

String Matching Features: Head match, exact string match, and partial string match.

The vectors for all of these features are concatenated to produce an I -dimensional vector h_0 , the input to the neural network. If $a = \text{NA}$, the features defined over mention pairs are not included. For this case, we train a separate network with an identical architecture to the pair network except for the input layer to produce anaphoricity scores.

Related Work

EVENT COREF

Yang, et. al. (2015)

where ψ is a feature vector, containing a rich set of features based on event mentions i and j : (1) head word string match, (2) head POS pair, (3) cosine similarity between the head word embeddings (we use the pre-trained 300-dimensional word embeddings from word2vec¹), (4) similarity between the words in the event mentions (based on term frequency (TF) vectors), (5) the Jaccard coefficient between the WordNet synonyms of the head words, and (6) similarity between the context words (a window of three words before and after each event mention). If both event mentions involve participants, we consider the similarity between the words in the participant mentions based on the TF vectors, similarly for the time mentions and the location mentions. If the SRL role information is available, we also consider the similarity between words in each SRL role, i.e. Arg0, Arg1, Arg2.

Related Work

EVENT COREF

Yang, et. al. (2015)

Weakness #3: Manually-defining relational features

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Current Work

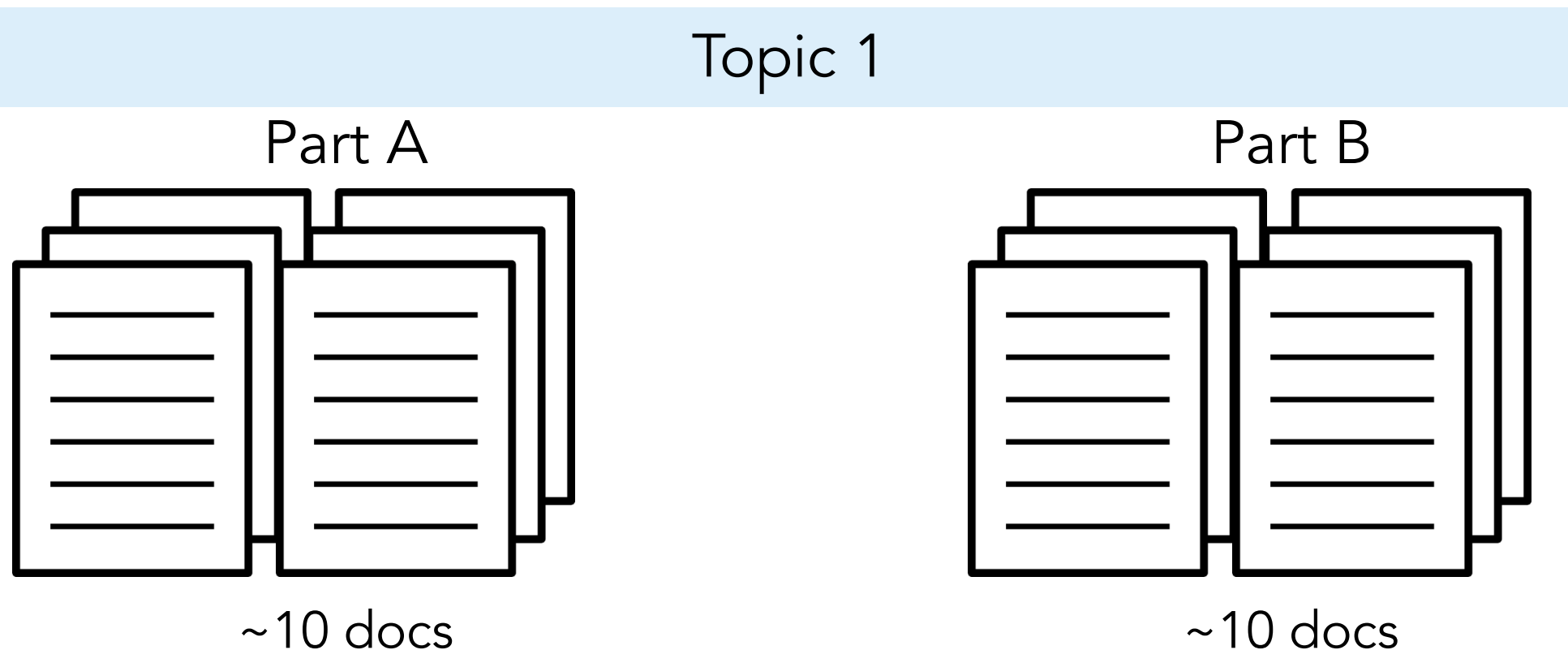
Event Coreference Corpora:

- ECB (482 docs)
- EECB (added entities to ECB)
- ECB+ (added entities to ECB plus doubled size)

Current Work

Event Coreference Corpora:

- ECB (482 docs)
- EECB (same but added entities)
- **ECB+ (982 docs; ECB plus another half)**
 - 43 distinct “topics”



Current Work

ECB+ (just the events)

- # docs: 982
- 1,840 annotated sentences (from 15,812)
- 1,826 unique entities/events (referents)
 - 399 singletons (22%) and 1,427 non-singletons (78%)
- # mentions: 11,957
 - train: 2,848 entities and 2,117 events
 - dev: 480 entities and 327 events
 - test: 3,571 entities and 2,614 events

Current Work

ECB+ (just the events)

4.6 Magnitude Quake Recorded in Sonoma County

~~Thursday, March 14, 2013~~

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.6 was recorded in the North Bay this morning, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The quake occurred at 2:09 a.m. about 14 miles north-northeast of Healdsburg and had a depth of 1.2 miles. ~~It was followed by a 2.9 aftershock at 2:12 a.m. and a 2.2 at 2:15 a.m... there are no reports of injuries or major damage.~~

Doc 1

4.6 Magnitude Quake Rattles Sonoma County Early Thursday

~~Posted: 03/14/2013 06:37:46 AM PDT~~

~~Updated: 03/14/2013 07:51:21 AM PDT~~

An earthquake measuring 4.6 rattled Sonoma and Lake counties early Thursday, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. ~~The quake occurred at 2:09 a.m., about 14 miles northeast of Healdsburg, on the Maacama Fault with a depth of 12 miles. A Sonoma County Sheriff's dispatcher said around 7 a.m. that there had been no reports of damage or injuries.~~

Doc 2

Current Work

Features

- Word Embeddings (300 dimensions)
- Lemma Embeddings (300 dimensions)
- Character Embeddings (20 dimensions * 20 max length)
- POS Tag Embeddings (100 dimensions)
- Dependency Parents'/Children's Lemma Embeddings (300 dim)
- WordNet Similarity
- Bag-of-Words (summed Lemma Embeddings)

Current Work

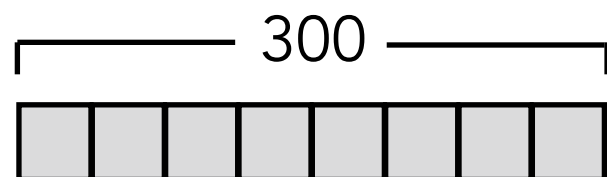
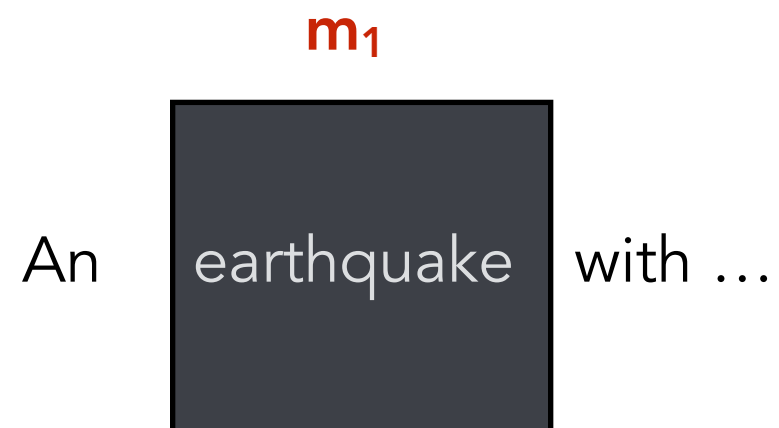
Features

m_1
An earthquake with ...

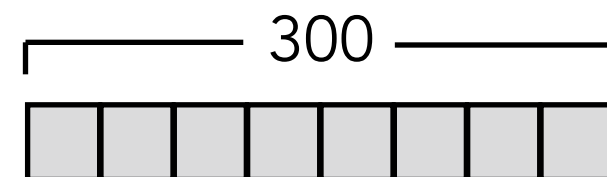
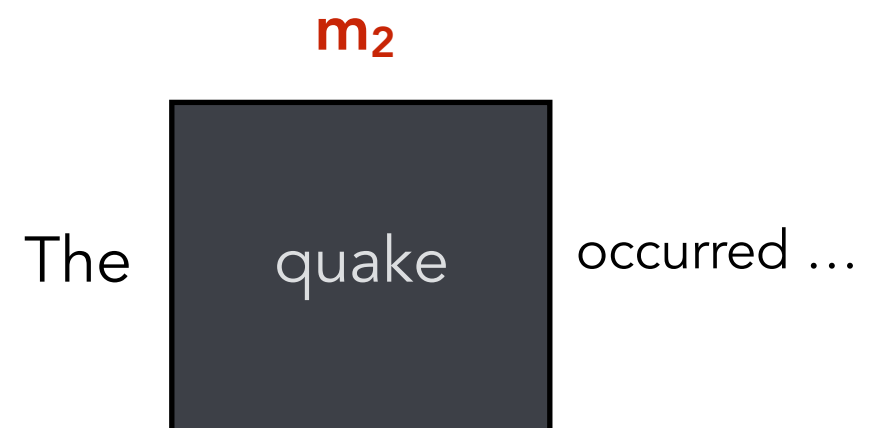
m_2
The quake occurred ...

Current Work

Feature: Word Embeddings



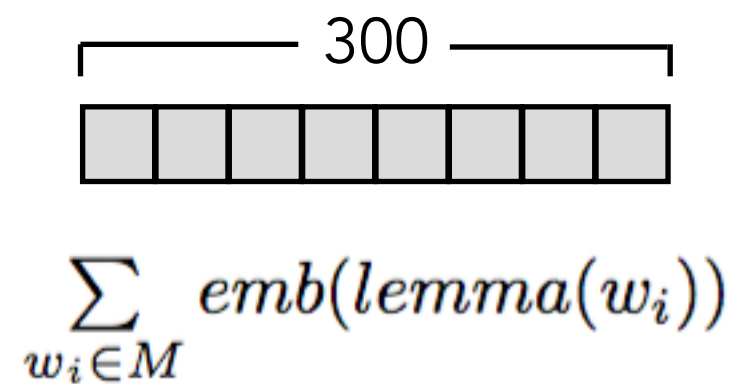
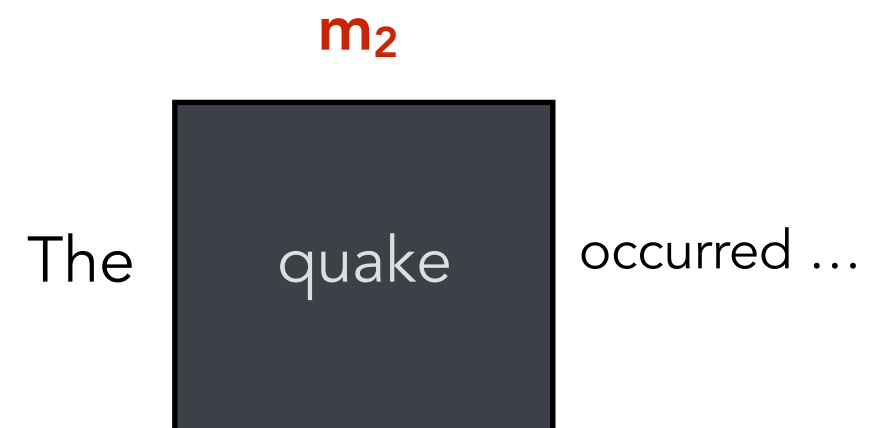
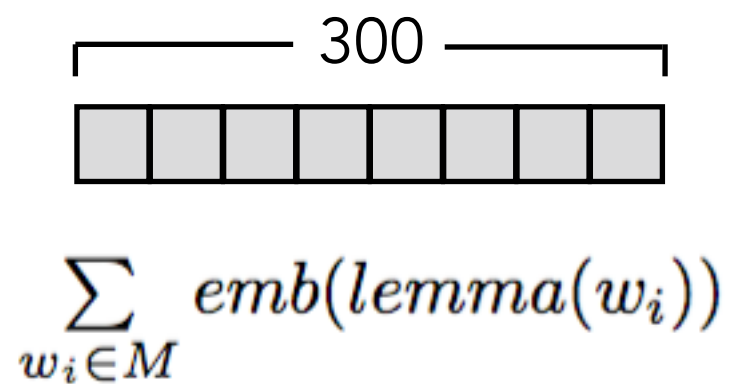
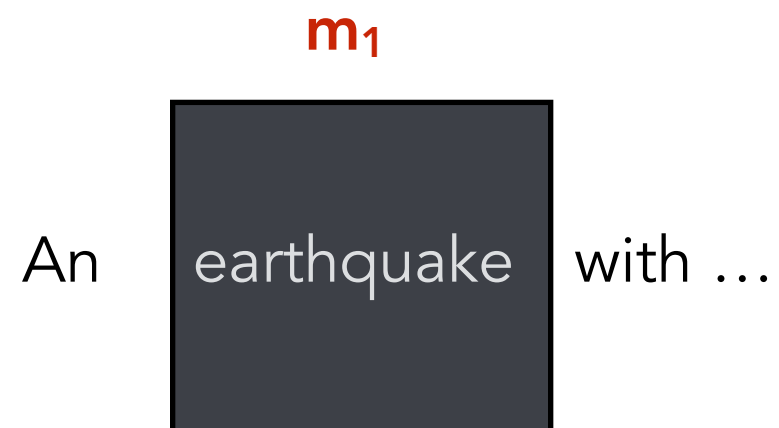
$$\sum_{w_i \in M} \text{emb}(w_i)$$



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Current Work

Feature: Lemma Embeddings

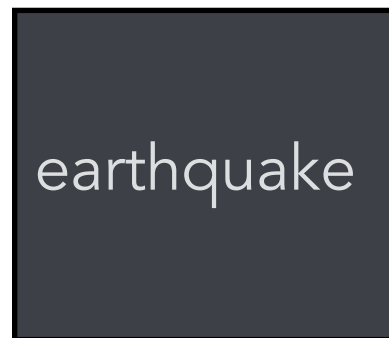


Current Work

Feature: Character Embeddings

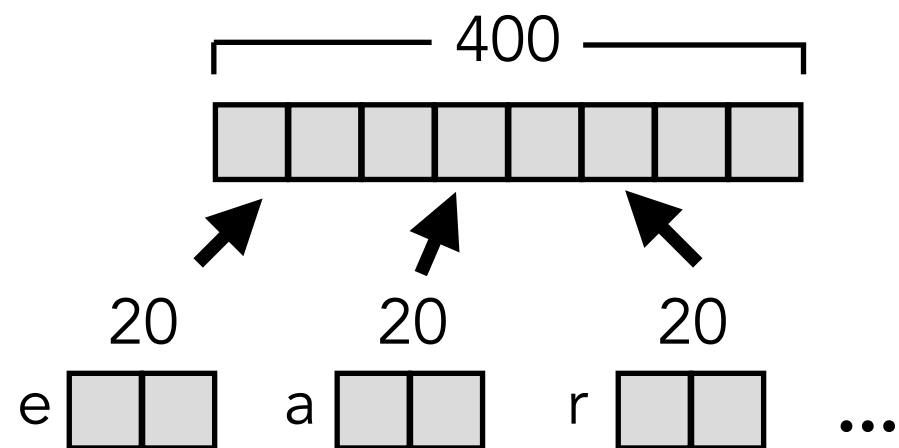
m_1

An earthquake with ...

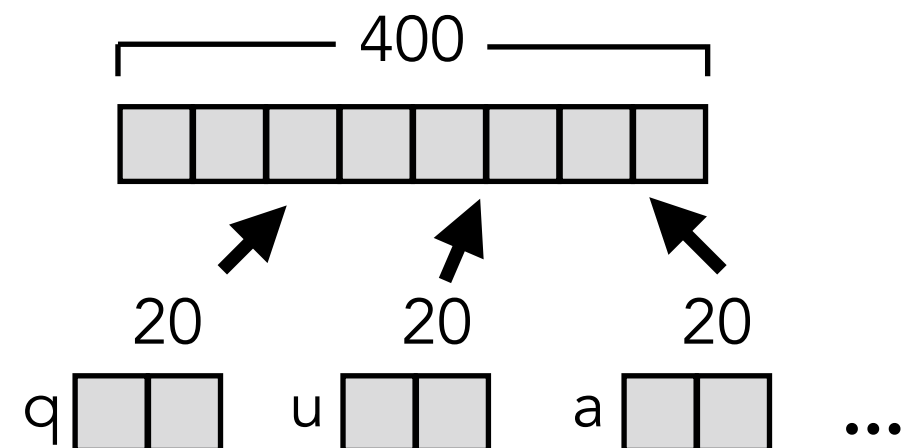


m_2

The quake occurred ...



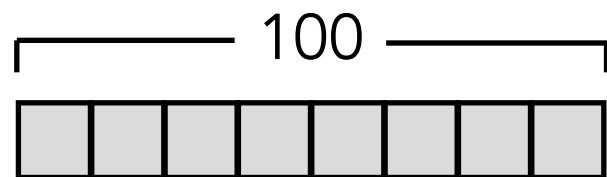
$$emb(m_{c_1}) \oplus emb(m_{c_2}) \oplus \dots \oplus emb(m_{c_n})$$



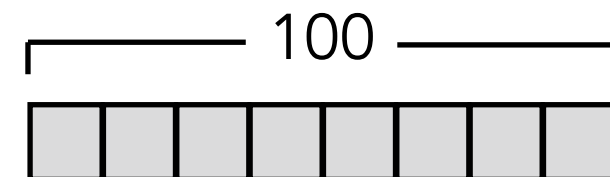
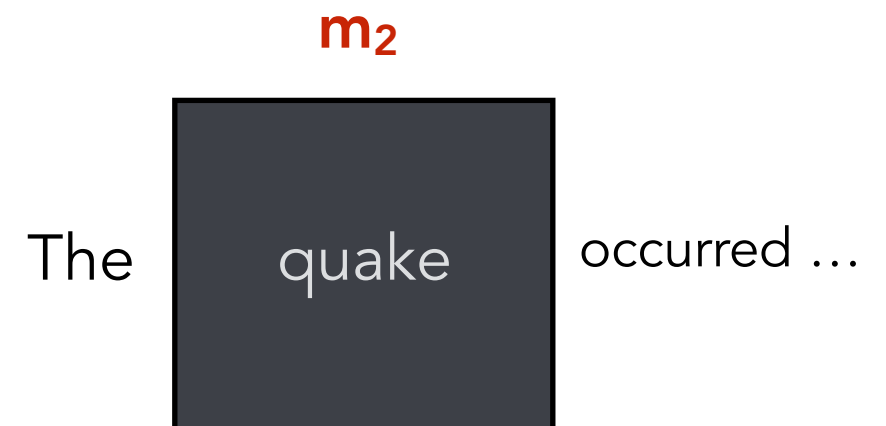
$$emb(m_{c_1}) \oplus emb(m_{c_2}) \oplus \dots \oplus emb(m_{c_n})$$

Current Work

Feature: POS Tag Embeddings



$$\sum_{w_i \in M} emb(POS(w_i))$$



$$\sum_{w_i \in M} emb(POS(w_i))$$

Current Work

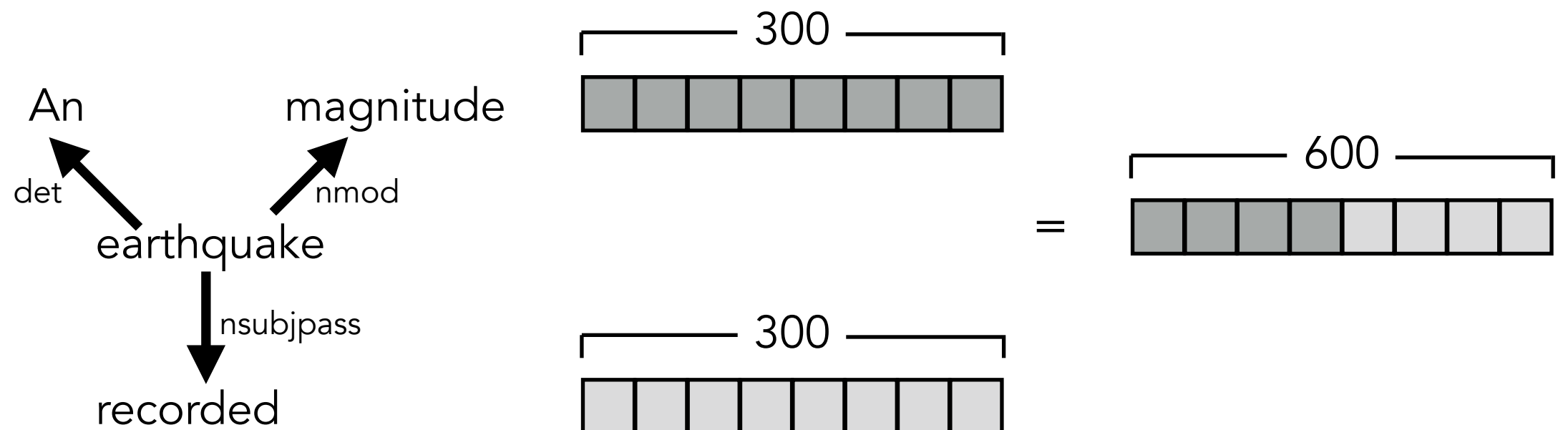
Feature: Dependency Parents'/Children's Lemma Embeddings

m_1

An earthquake with ...

m_2

The quake occurred ...

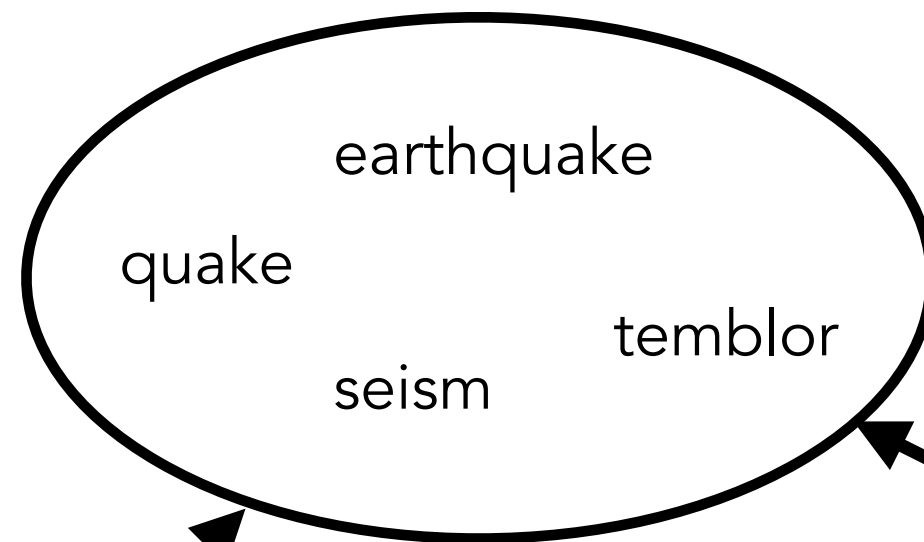


Current Work

Feature: WordNet Similarity



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Current Work

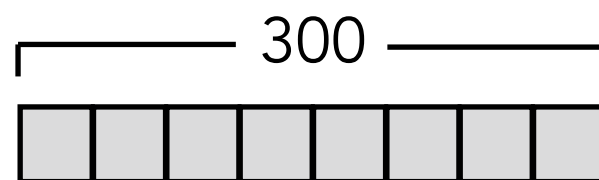
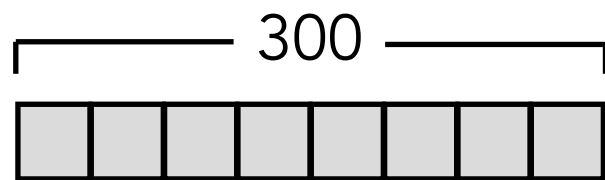
Feature: Bag-of-Words Embeddings

m_1

An earthquake with ...

m_2

The quake occurred ...



$$\sum_{w_i \in M_{pre}} emb(lemma(w_i)) \oplus \sum_{w_i \in M_{post}} emb(lemma(w_i))$$

Current Work

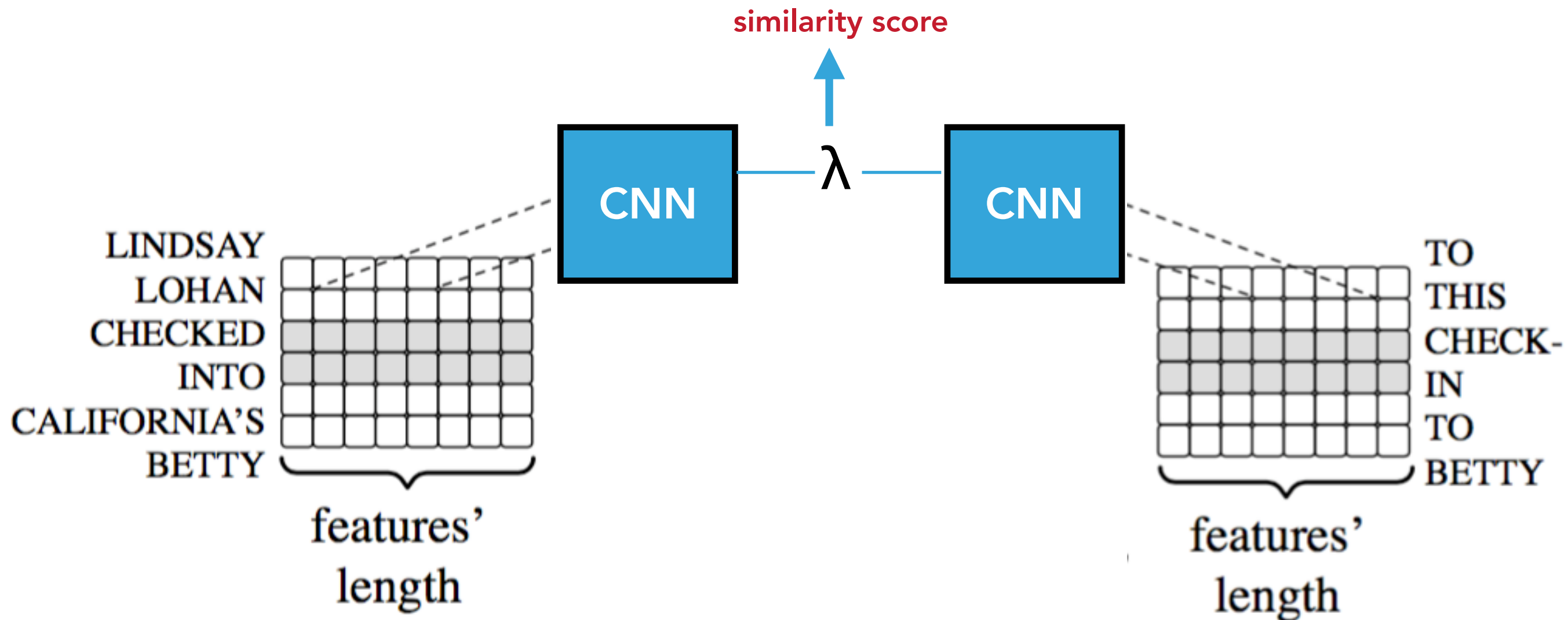
Model

We want

- mention-pair model
- automatically learns relational information
- is symmetric/agnostic w.r.t mention order
- fewest features as possible

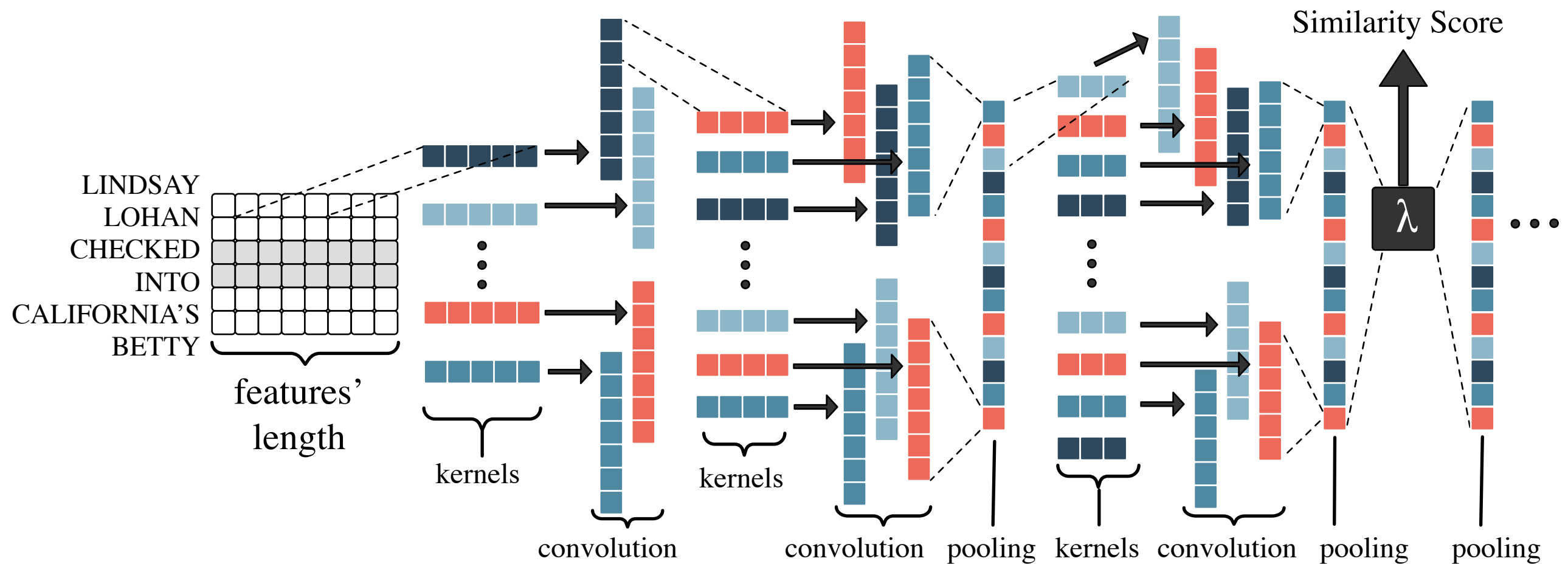
Current Work

Model: Conjoined Convolutional Neural Network



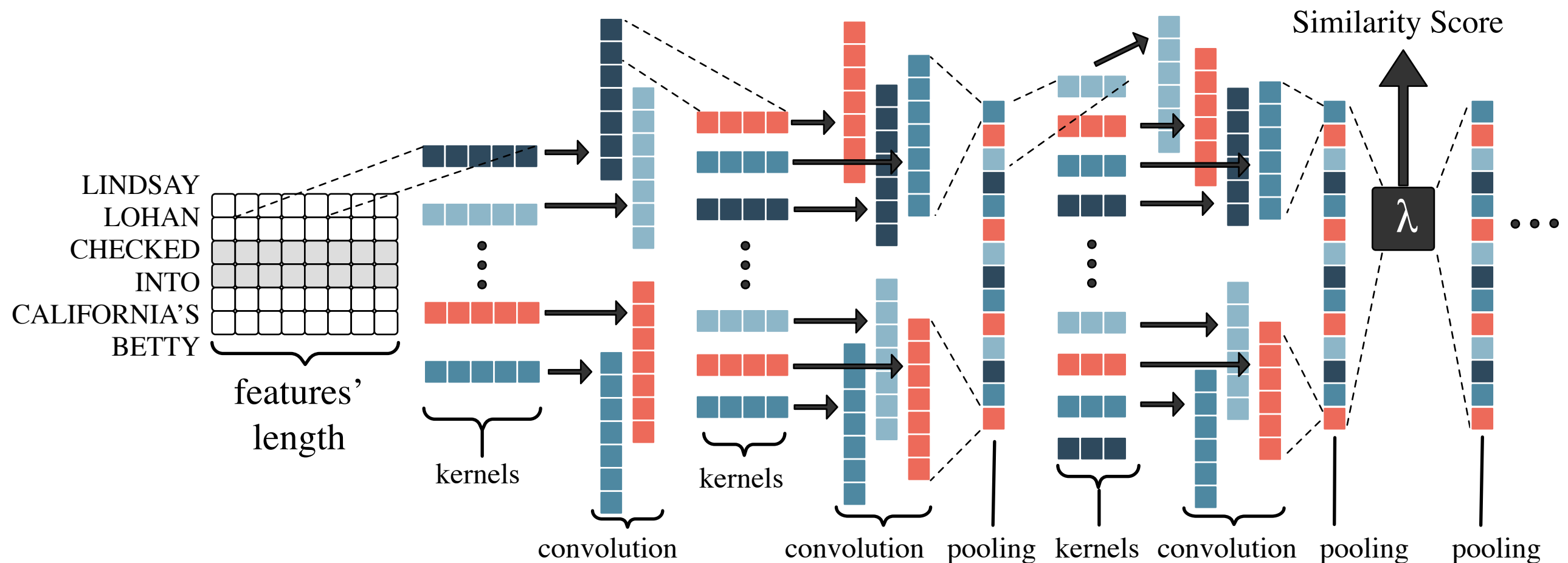
Current Work

Model: Conjoined Convolutional Neural Network



Current Work

Model: Conjoined Convolutional Neural Network



Distance Function: L^2 norm

Loss Function: Contrastive Loss

$$(1 - Y) \frac{1}{2} (D_W)^2 + (Y) \frac{1}{2} \{ \max(0, m - D_W) \}^2$$

Current Work

Pairwise Evaluation (Within-doc)

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|-------------|------------|---|
| m ₁₇ , m ₂ | 1.0 | erupted | erupted | accuracy: 92.4 precision: 64.0 recall: 67.9 f1: 65.9 |
| m ₁₇ , m ₄ | 1.0 | erupted | erupted | |
| m ₅ , m ₉₂₃ | 0.97 | announced | announce | |
| m ₇₈ , m ₅₇ | 0.95 | erupt | erupted | |
| ⋮ | | ⋮ | ⋮ | |
| m ₈₀₁ , m ₃₉ | 0.03 | revealed | broke into | |
| m ₂₆ , m ₄₈ | 0.02 | handed down | confirmed | |

Current Work

Pairwise Evaluation

| | | |
|-----------|------|------|
| SameLemma | - | - |
| LibSVM | 52.1 | 53.2 |
| FFNN | 62.1 | 64.8 |
| CCNN | 65.9 | 66.3 |

Within-DocCross-Doc

LibSVM and FFNN received same features as CCNN,
plus relational features (e.g., cosine sim., dot-product, WordNet)

Current Work

Pairwise Evaluation — Understanding CCNN Results vs Gold Truth

True-Positives:

False-Positives:

True-Negatives:

False-Negatives:

Current Work

Pairwise Evaluation — Understanding CCNN Results vs FFNN's

CCNN (true-positive), FFNN (false-negative) — count:

CCNN (true-negative), FFNN (false-positive) — count:

Current Work

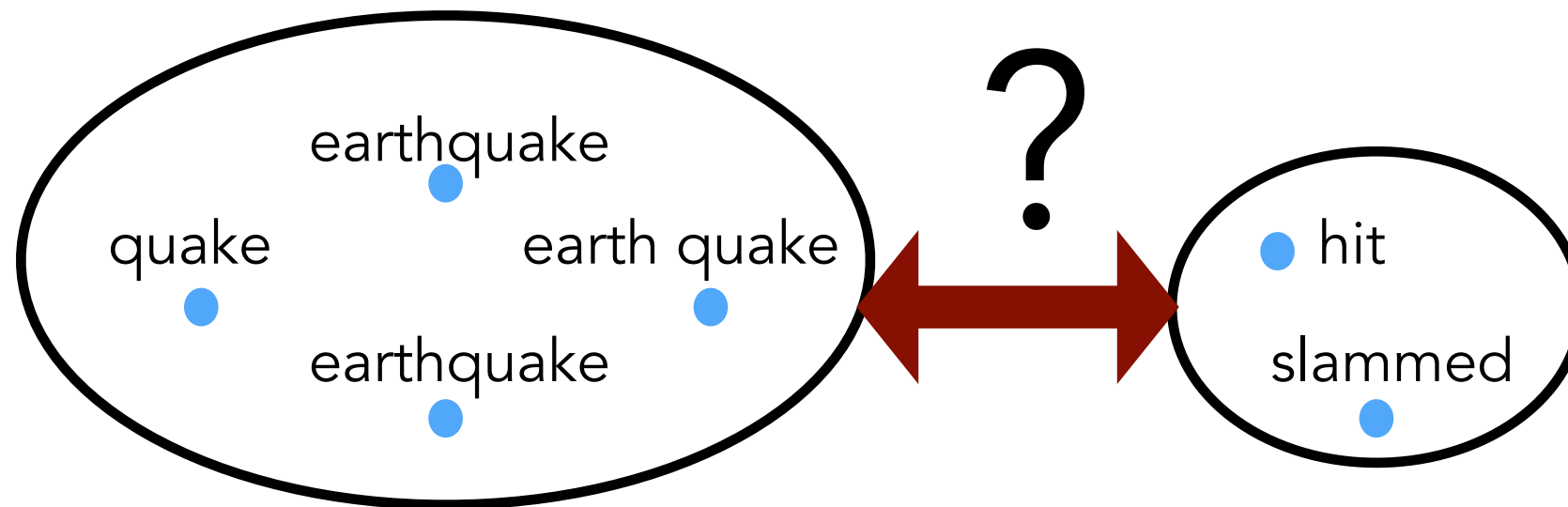
Clustering

We want

- not mention-to-mention based
- less susceptible to non-uniform predictions across topics
- no additional stopping parameter
- prevention against an all-subsuming cluster

Current Work

Neural Clustering



Simple Features:

- min-pair distance: $\min_{m_i, m_j} d(m_i, m_j)$
- avg-pair distance: $\frac{\sum_{m_i, m_j} d(m_i, m_j)}{\|C_x\| \|C_y\|}$
- max-pair distance: $\max_{m_i, m_j} d(m_i, m_j)$
- size of candidate cluster: $\frac{\|C_x\| + \|C_y\|}{\sum_z \|C_z\|}$

Construct Training Data:

- randomly sample a gold cluster
- positive: 2 random-sized subsets
- negative: 1 subset, 1 set from a *different* cluster

Current Work

Neural Clustering — Evaluation Metrics

- **MUC** (Vilain, et. al. 1995)
minimum # of link modifications required to make the predicted cluster equal gold cluster
- **B³** (Bagga and Baldwin, 1998)
accuracy of all individual mentions, w.r.t. mapping them to an event
- **CEAF** (Luo, 2005)
unlike B³, doesn't use any event more than once; uses best possible alignment b/w events (computationally expensive)
- **CoNLL F1**
the average F1 score of {MUC F1, B³ F1, CEAF F1}

Current Work

Neural Clustering

| | | ECB+ Development Performance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| POS Lemma Dependency Character Word | | <div></div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <div></div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Within-Doc | | 79.9 | 79.6 | 78.2 | 79.9 | 79.1 | 78.9 | 78.6 | 83.2 | 81.0 | 76.6 | 77.1 | 78.5 | 80.7 | 80.6 | 82.6 | 77.8 | 78.5 | 79.3 | 81.0 | 78.1 | 82.3 | 84.9 | 82.8 | 79.6 | 77.8 | 83.7 | 77.2 | 84.5 | 80.6 | 83.8 | 81.9 |
| Cross-Doc | | 72.0 | 73.8 | 73.5 | 77.5 | 73.2 | 73.7 | 73.2 | 78.0 | 76.6 | 72.0 | 73.2 | 76.5 | 72.6 | 75.5 | 78.5 | 71.5 | 75.7 | 73.4 | 78.4 | 76.6 | 74.2 | 79.5 | 75.0 | 74.1 | 71.4 | 78.4 | 74.7 | 79.0 | 63.2 | 75.6 | 74.9 |
| | | <div></div> = Feature Used <div></div> = Best Performances | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Lemma + Character Embeddings yield the best performance

Current Work

Neural Clustering — Evaluation on Gold Truth Mentions

| | Within-Document | | | | Cross-Document | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------|-------------|----------------|----------------|------|-------------|
| | MUC | B ³ | CEAF | CoNLL F1 | MUC | B ³ | CEAF | CoNLL F1 |
| Test Set: ECB+ Gold Mentions | | | | | | | | |
| SameLemma | 58.3 | 83.0 | 75.9 | 72.4 | 84.2 | 68.2 | 48.0 | 66.8 |
| FFNN+AGG | 59.9 | 85.6 | 78.4 | 74.6 | 77.7 | 69.9 | 50.1 | 65.9 |
| FFNN+NC | 60.7 | 86.7 | 79.4 | 75.6 | 74.9 | 67.8 | 56.3 | 67.0 |
| CCNN+AGG | 70.5 | 89.1 | 83.5 | 81.0 | 84.1 | 70.7 | 55.5 | 70.1 |
| CCNN+NC | 70.9 | 88.9 | 83.6 | 81.2 | 86.4 | 71.7 | 59.1 | 72.4 |

Current Work

Neural Clustering — Evaluation against state-of-the-art

Gold Test Mentions:

... as Peter Capaldi stepped into Matt Smith's soon to be vacant ...

HDDCRP's Predicted Test Mentions:

... as Peter Capaldi stepped into Matt Smith's soon to be vacant ...

token precision = 1.0

token recall = 0.5

Current Work

Neural Clustering — Evaluation against state-of-the-art

HDDCRP's Predicted Test Mentions:

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| events | 0.98 | 0.8 | 0.88 |
| entities | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| events + entities | 0.99 | 0.24 | 0.39 |
| | prec | recall | f1 |

measured against the gold test set:

3,571 entity mentions

2,614 event mentions

Current Work

Neural Clustering — Evaluation against state-of-the-art

| | Within-Document | | | | Cross-Document | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------|-------------|----------------|----------------|------|-------------|
| | MUC | B ³ | CEAF | CoNLL F1 | MUC | B ³ | CEAF | CoNLL F1 |
| Test Set: HDDCRP's Predicted Mentions | | | | | | | | |
| SameLemma | 40.4 | 66.4 | 66.2 | 57.7 | 66.7 | 51.4 | 46.2 | 54.8 |
| HDDCRP | 53.4 | 75.4 | 71.7 | 66.8 | 73.1 | 53.5 | 49.5 | 58.7 |
| CCNN+NC | 54.0 | 75.5 | 72.2 | 67.2 | 71.3 | 57.0 | 49.6 | 59.3 |

Current Work

Neural Clustering — Evaluation against state-of-the-art

So, we did an additional post-processing (i believe even Bishan did this, though I am not sure) in which we also removed those predicted clusters which don't have any event mention in annotated coreference clusters. I

On Sun, Oct 22, 2017 at 9:21 PM, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote=
:

> No, I am not sure about what she did. Are you able to run her code?
> Another guy was assisting me in running her code and he couldn't run the
> code after spending a month. Are you using the Perl scorer or mine one? I
> haven't tested my scorer on ECB+ corpus and I am not sure if that's corre=
ct
> :P.

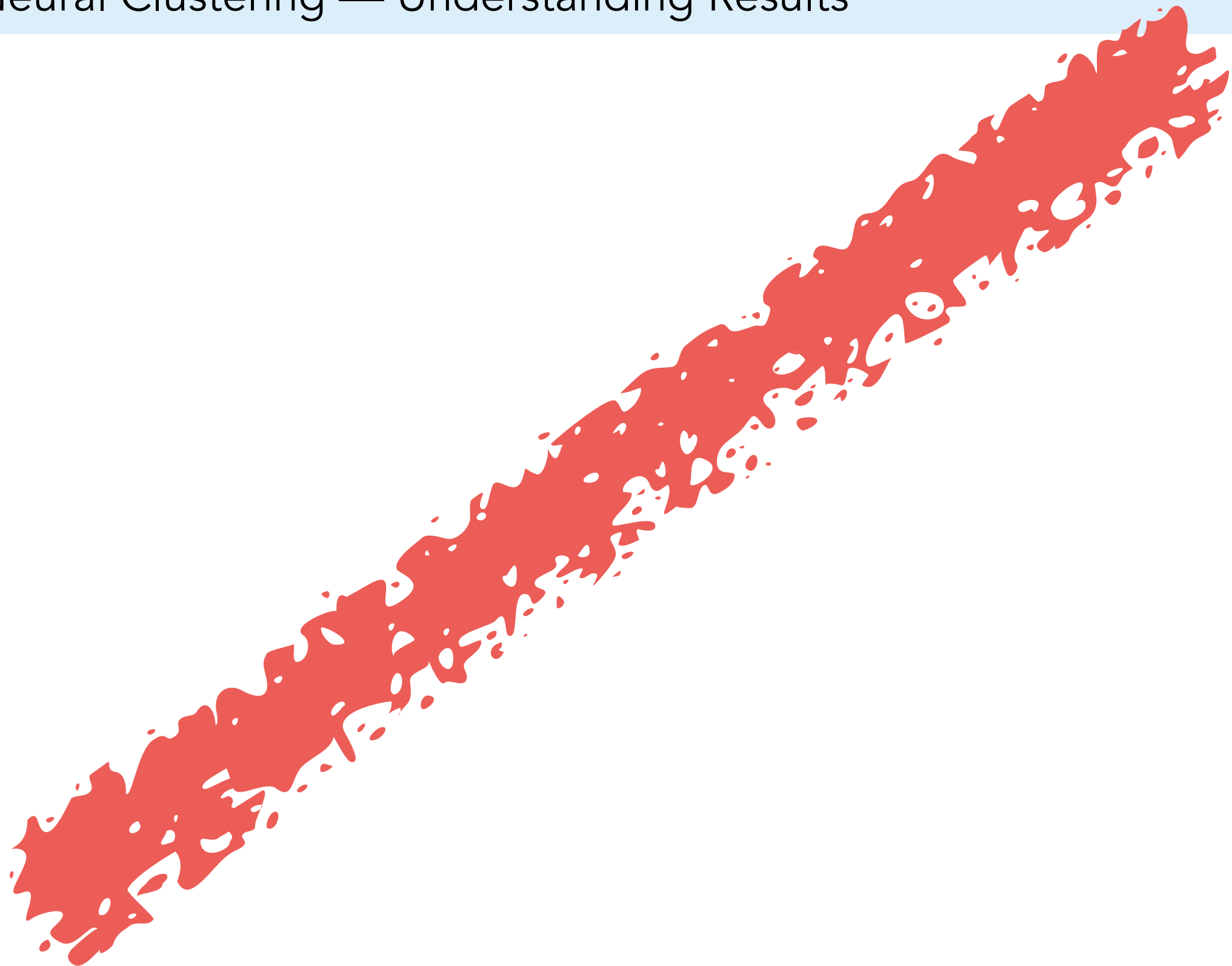
Current Work

Neural Clustering — Evaluation against state-of-the-art

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| Test Set: Choubey's et. al. Mentions | | | | | | | | |
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| Choubey | 62.6 | 72.4 | 71.8 | 68.9 | 73.4 | 80.4 | 56.5 | 63.6 |
| CCNN+NC | 67.3 | 73.0 | 69.5 | 69.9 | 77.0 | 56.3 | 60.2 | 64.5 |

Current Work

Neural Clustering — Understanding Results



Current Work

Event Coreference — Lessons Learned

- event corpora are challenging
 - size
 - comparisons to other systems
- vital to do WD then CD
- worth exploring smarter models for including semantics and relations:
 - entities
 - dependencies
 - paraphrases?

Proposed Work

Short Term (~2 weeks)

Possible Improvements

- EMNLP deadline in 6 days
- Ensemble Approach (FFNN average scores)
- Self-training

Proposed Work

Let's add entities!

1. How well do we do on Entities?

Mention Detection

- Stanford Core NLP
- NLTK
- Bi-LSTM trained on ECB+

Entity Coreference (with and without pronouns)

- Stanford Core NLP
- Our CCNN (try other features)

Corpora

- ECB+
- EECB
- CoNLL-2012
- NIST's TAC — Nov 13, 2018 (*Entity Discovery and Linking Workshop*)

Proposed Work

Joint Entities and Events

One of the key suspected Mafia bosses arrested yesterday
has hanged himself.

Police said **Lo Presti** had hanged himself.

His suicide appeared to be related to clan feuds.

Entities can help resolve Events

Proposed Work

Joint Entities and Events

The New Orleans Saints placed **Reggie Bush** on the injured list on Wednesday.

Saints put **Bush** on I.R.

Events can help resolve Entities

Proposed Work

Past Work on Joint Entities and Events

- Haghighi and Klein (2010) include a feature which concerns the governor of the head of the nominal mentions (which could be an event)
- Rahman and Ng (2011) use semantic roles of entity mentions, plus the actual verbs, as features
- Choubey and Huang (2017) uses hand-made relational rule to determine if two event clusters should be merged
- Lee, et. al. (2012) performs Entity Coref via StanfordCoreNLP then builds up Event clusters based on semantic role features.



entity coreference



event coreference

Proposed Work

Past Work on

- [Haghighi et al.](#)

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event)

- [Rahman et al.](#)

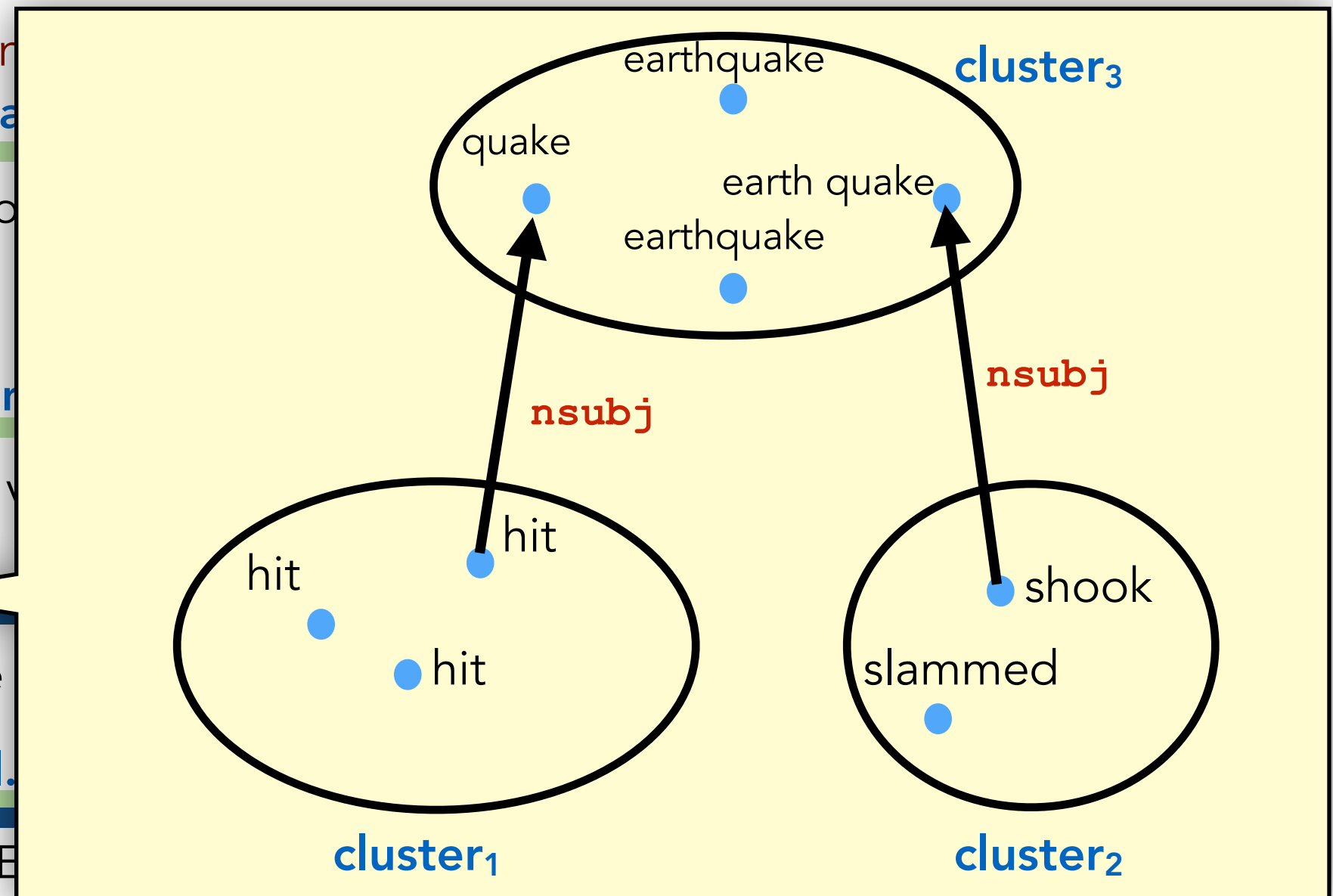
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Proposed Work

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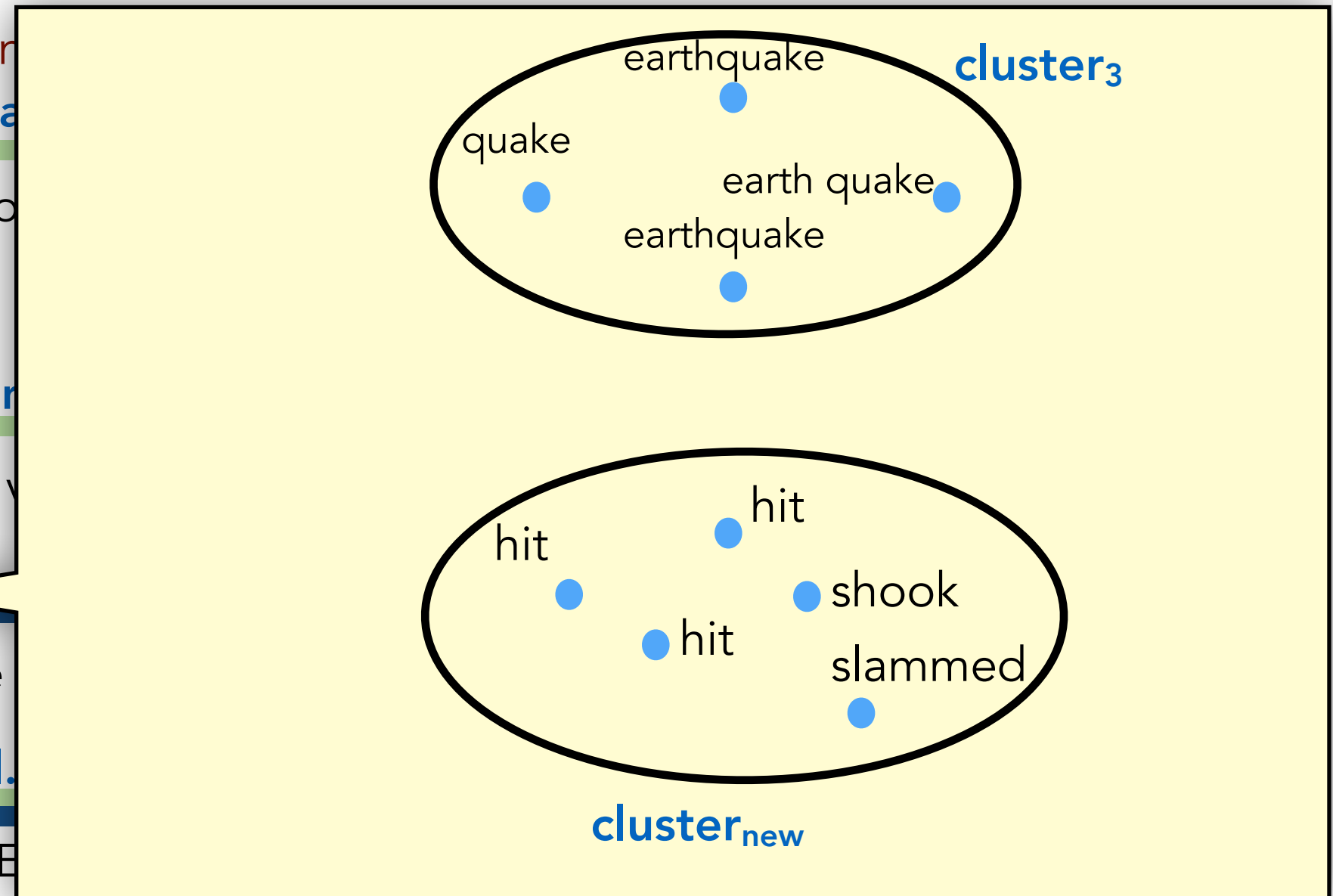
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- [Rahman et al.](#)

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- [Chouhary et al.](#)

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- [Lee, et. al.](#)

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Weaknesses:

- hand-defined, hard-threshold rule
- most events don't directly depend on other events
- doesn't use entities



entity coreference



event coreference

Proposed Work

Past Work on Joint Entities and Events

- Haghighi and Klein (2010) include a feature which concerns the governor of the head of the nominal mentions (which could be an event)
- Rahman and Ng (2011) use semantic roles of entity mentions, plus the actual verbs, as features
- Choubey and Huang (2017) uses hand-made relational rule to determine if two event clusters should be merged
- Lee, et. al. (2012) performs Entity Coref via StanfordCoreNLP then builds up Event clusters based on semantic role features.



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Confidence of Event Coreference influence Entity Coreference and vice versa

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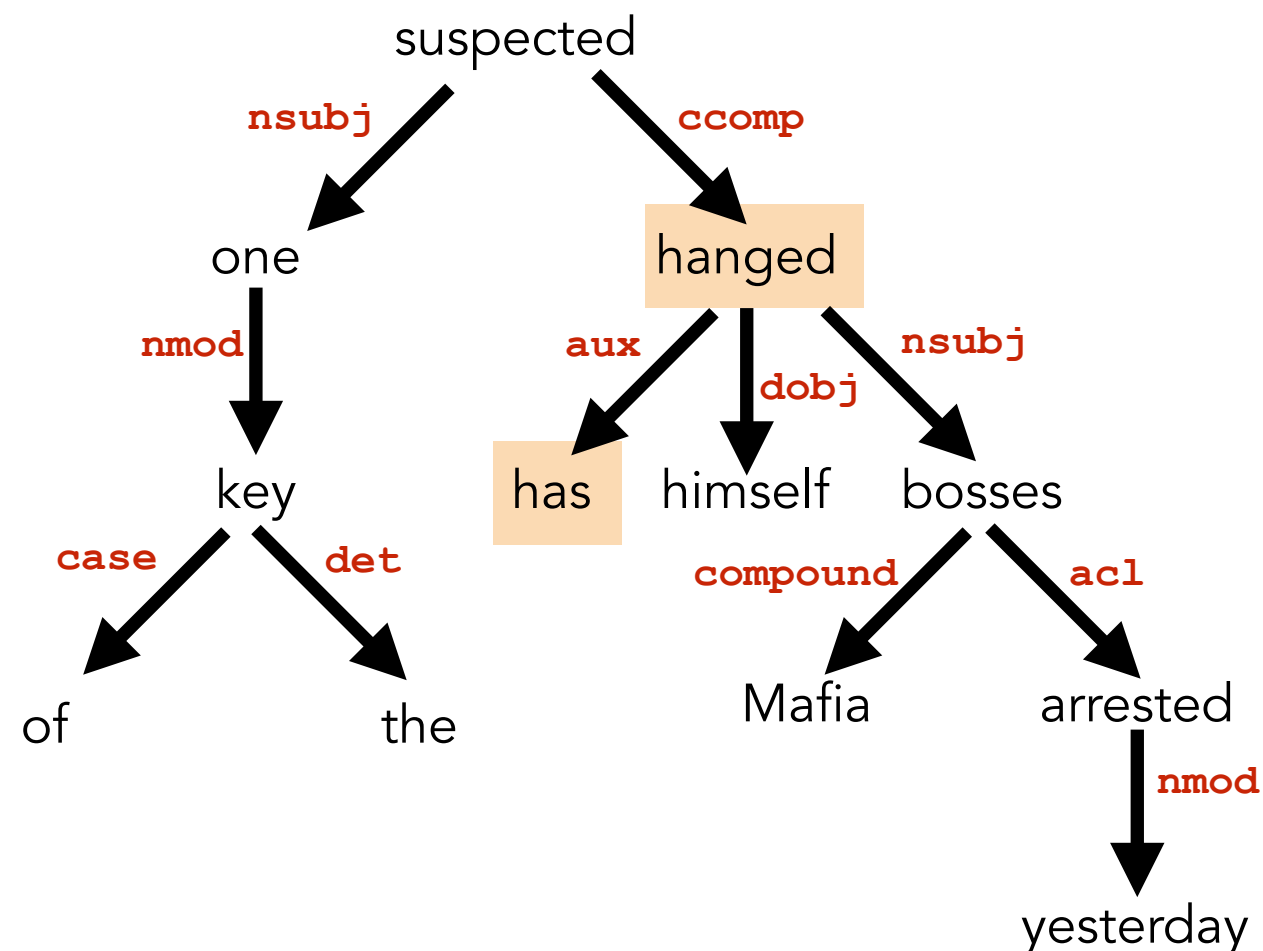
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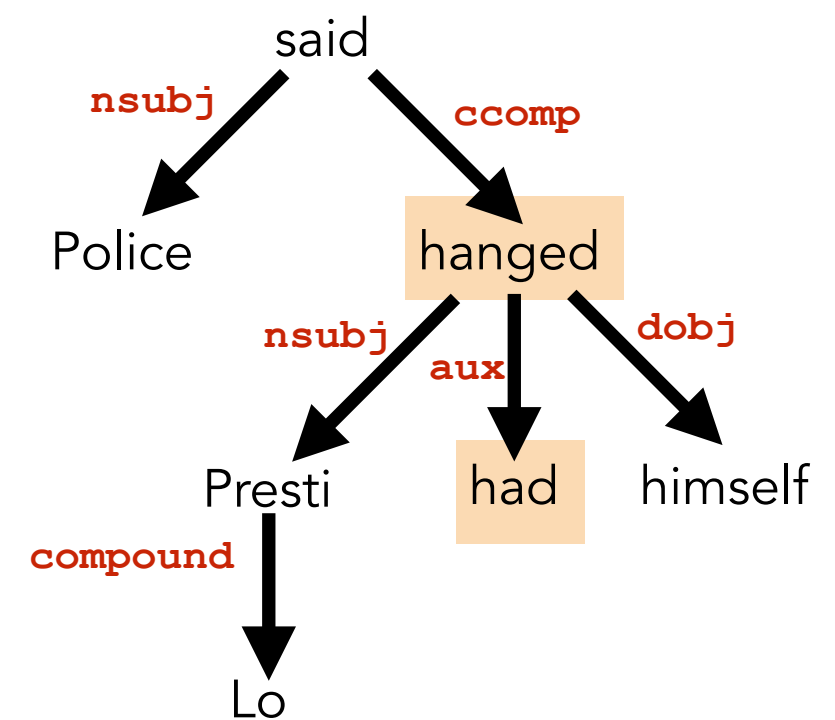
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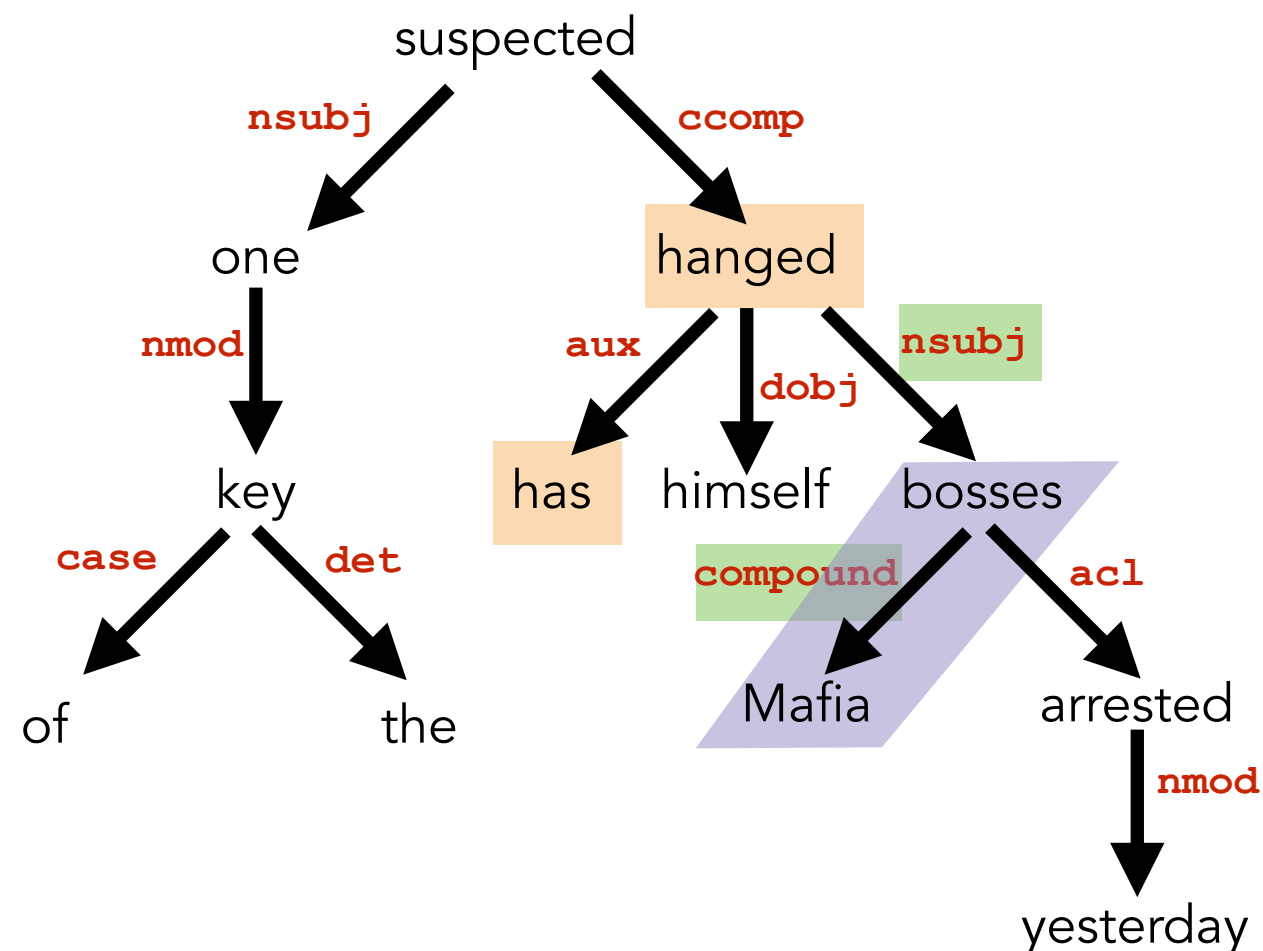


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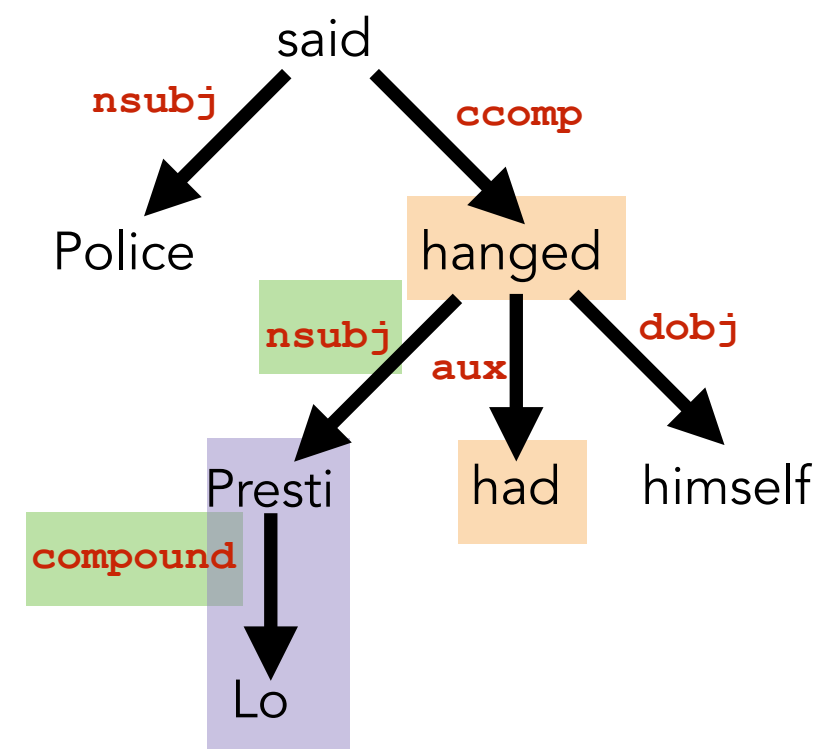
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End-to-End Neural Coreference Resolution (Lee, et. al., 2017)

CoNLL (entities)

Within-Doc

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Areas for Improvement:

- Include Events
- Cross-document (or subsuming meta-document)
- Joint Mention Detection and Coreference

Rough Ideas:

- Bi-LSTM input
- Sample pairs of mention spans to evaluate
 - target output serves as a weighted vote for each mention existing and a vote for the pair to co-occur
- final clusters gleaned by highest democratic votes

Completed Work

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Estimated Timeline

| | |
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| May 22 | submit to EMNLP |
| June | improve Event Coref via ensemble + self-training |
| July - August | baseline Entity Coref experiments |
| August - Nov | Joint Entity + Event Coref |
| Nov - March | continue above or if finished, mention detection |
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| May | defend |

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