Benchmarking Entity Linking for Question Answering over Knowledge Graphs

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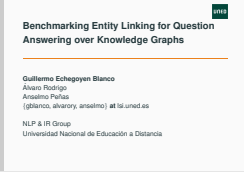

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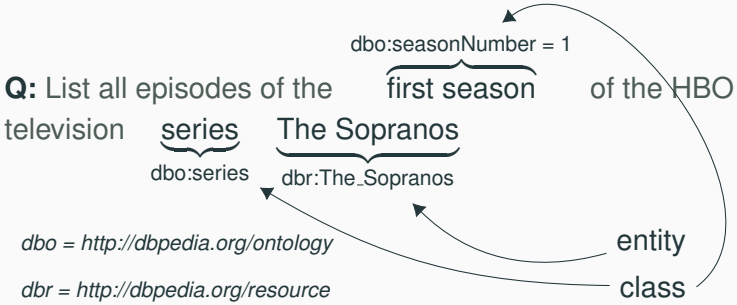
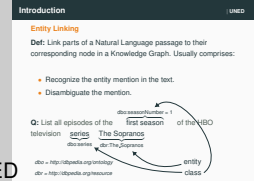
Introduction

Entity Linking

Def: Link parts of a Natural Language passage to their corresponding node in a Knowledge Graph. Usually comprises:

- Recognize the entity mention in the text.
- Disambiguate the mention.

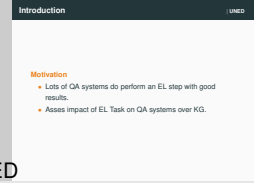




- We frame it under a QA Task over a KG, although can be done anywhere.

Motivation

- Lots of QA systems do perform an EL step with good results.
- Asses impact of EL Task on QA systems over KG.



- Lots of systems rely on other tools ToDo := Get some of those tools
- It is important because linking to a certain node will restrict the whole search process inside the KG. So it's impact can be decisive.
- More about the easyness of each dataset on the experiments section.

Characterization

Input Datasets

- QALD $\{1\text{-}4\}$ Unger et al. 2014) $\leq$ 200 QA pairs each
- LC-QuAD (Trivedi et al. 2017) 5K QA pairs

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- There are other mentions to link (series, sesason Number) but correspond to classes.

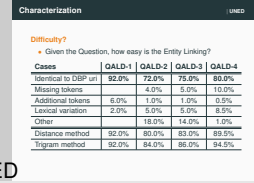
Example

```
{
  "id": "37",
  "query": { "sparql": "SELECT ?uri ... },
  "answers": {
    "answer": [{ ...
    }, ...]
  },
  "question": [
    {
      "string": "List all episodes of the first season of the
          HBO television series The Sopranos!",
      "language": "en"
    }
  ]
}
```


Difficulty?

- Given the Question, how easy is the Entity Linking?

Cases	QALD-1	QALD-2	QALD-3	QALD-4
Identical to DBP uri	**92.0%**	**72.0%**	**75.0%**	**80.0%**
Missing tokens		4.0%	5.0%	10.0%
Additional tokens	6.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.5%
Lexical variation	2.0%	5.0%	5.0%	8.5%
Other		18.0%	14.0%	1.0%
Distance method	92.0%	80.0%	83.0%	89.5%
Trigram method	92.0%	84.0%	86.0%	94.5%



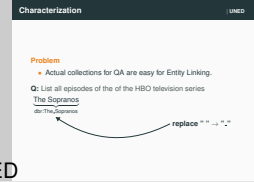
- Numbers are from Unique Entities

QALD-4 Tools: gAnswer (Zou), CASIA (Shizhu), POMELO (Hamon) Creation: Taken from QALD-3 and added more questions manually, QALD-3 was manually crafted. Use until QALD-4 beacuse 5 and 6th versions are more into multilang and were collected by prunning QALD-1-4. QALD-7 features only 214 questions. LC-QuAD Creation: Entity seed list -¿ subgraph generation -¿ sql and question template fill -¿ manual correction and review

Problem

- Actual collections for QA are easy for Entity Linking.

Q: List all episodes of the of the HBO television series
The Sopranos
dbr:The_Sopranos



Automatic Generation

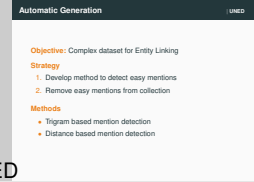
Objective: Complex dataset for Entity Linking

Strategy

1. Develop method to detect easy mentions
2. Remove easy mentions from collection

Methods

- Trigram based mention detection
- Distance based mention detection



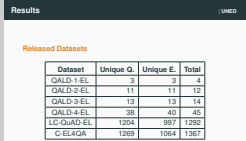
Distance metric: Levenstein

- Trigram: Trigram window slide minimizing distance.
- Distance: Maximum span of text minimizing distance, same number of tokens as the database entity.

Results

Released Datasets

Dataset	Unique Q.	Unique E.	Total
QALD-1-EL	3	3	4
QALD-2-EL	11	11	12
QALD-3-EL	13	13	14
QALD-4-EL	38	40	45
LC-QuAD-EL	1204	997	1292
C-EL4QA	1269	1064	1367



- QALD datasets shrink by a 50%.
- LCQUAD shrinks by a 70%

Obviously this happens because the questions are automatically generated.

Conclusions & Future Work

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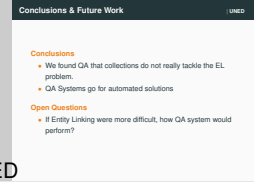
- We found QA that collections do not really tackle the EL problem.
- QA Systems go for automated solutions

Open Questions

- If Entity Linking were more difficult, how QA system would perform?



- Systems like the ones on LC-QuAD paper (Aqua QA ...) ToDo := Extract refs

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- Method serves also a baseline to test other systems

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Possible questions:

- Have you tried this with Class linking instead of Entity?

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