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# **List of Abbreviations**

**SVM** Support Vector Machine

LR Logistic RegressionNB Naive Bayes classifier

RF Random Forest

RNN Recurrent Neural Networks for Language Models

**RF** Random Forest

CRF Conditional Random ForestML Maximum LikelihoodTES Textual Entailment Suites

P Parsing Using a Context-Free Grammar

LSTM Long Short-term Memory

POS Part Of Speech

## Introduction

#### 1.1 Definition

Argument mining is a relatively new research field in natural language processing. The aim of this research is the auto detection and identification of argumentative structures expressed in text. In order to perform extraction and evaluation of arguments, computer science and artificial intelligence is used.

An argument is a group of premises conducted to support a claim (Palau and Moens, 2009). When it comes to real world, arguments are hardly identified even by experts (Lippi and Torroni, 2015). The ambiguity of natural language, the implicit content, the different ways of expressing and the complex structure of arguments are the main reasons why argument mining is a challenging research field. Labeled corpora are scarce which is a fact that slows down field's potential growth (Lippi and Torroni, 2015).

The purpose of argument mining is to understand what kind of views have been expressed in the examined text and why they are held. Argument mining has derived from opinion mining and sentiment analysis research area, in which the only goal is to understand the opinions about a certain topic (Lawrence and Reed, 2015).

#### 1.2 Research Goal

My research goal is to identify argumentative statements by using two different approaches; the structural approach which is based on hand coded rules and the statistical approach, which based on supervised and deep learning algorithms.

The structural approach uses lexical cues that have been identified by linguists as signs of argumentative speech. As an example, words such as "because", "therefore", "in order to" are common cues of arguments. However, these argumentative patterns are rarely used in practice, since human discourse involves a lot of information which is being implied rather than being explicitly stated.

On the other hand, the statistical approach relies on examples of pieces of text that have been manually labeled as argumentative or non-argumentative. These are used for training models in order to automatically identify arguments in free text without the use of predefined lexical cues and rules. The challenging part is the construction of a manually annotated data-set, given the fact that a large amount of data are required for training such models.

The fundamental research questions that will be addressed in this assignment are the following:

- To what extent are the lexical rules drafted by a structural approach capable of successfully identifying arguments in existing resources of labeled data?
- Do the statistical approaches outperform these results?

## 1.3 Assignment's Structure

This paper of research is organized into 6 chapters. Chapter 2 presents the state of the art in argument mining, and introduces the two different approaches; the structural and the machine learning approach. Chapters 3 and 4 describe in detail the methods and results of both approaches implemented in the scope of this study. Chapter 5 contains the corpora created for the supervised algorithm, while chapter 6 concludes with a look to future work.

## State-of-the-Art

Arguments do not have a universally accepted definition; though there are plenty of well-described proposals. According to (Walton, 2009), an argument is a group of statements which splits into three portions, which are conclusion, set of premises, and an inference leading from premises to conclusion. These concepts have been widely accepted in literature, but they are defined in slightly different ways. Conclusions are also referred to as claims, premises as evidence or reasons, while the link between claims and evidence is the argument (Lippi and Torroni, 2015).

A claim is supported or argued by one or more premises and it is the main part of an argumentative text. Claims are controversial in terms of validity and need premises to endorse readers' acceptance (Stab and Gurevych, 2014). Argumentation schemes and their common patterns provide a way to both identify and determine arguments (Lawrence and Reed, 2015).

The term of argumentation used to be connected with the process of argument construction (Lippi and Torroni, 2016). After the emergence of text mining procedures, this term defines the process of argument identification in text (Lippi and Torroni, 2016). The research field of argument mining is about the automatic recognition of argumentative structures expressed in natural language texts. Argument mining utilizes methods and techniques used in natural language processing, such as machine learning and sentiment analysis (Lippi and Torroni, 2015).

In general, argument mining procedure is separated into linguistic and computational part, as described in figure 2.1. Regarding the linguistic part, large corpora of manually annotated argument data are being created based on a common agreement among annotators about argument's structure. On the other hand, the computational part is separated into two main styles of automation, the structural and the statistical approach. (Budzynska and Villata, 2015)

In **structural or grammar approach**, linguists aim to retrieve lexical patterns, rules or categories while annotating a training corpus. For example, it might be noticed that words like "because", "since", "however" are signs of arguments inside a specific corpus (Budzynska and Villata, 2015). These signs are called indicators, and point out the connection between claims and premises inside a text (Lawrence and Reed, 2015). Indicators are declared as linguistic expressions that connect statements and provide an unambiguous recognition of argumentative structure (Webber, Egg, and Kordoni, 2012).

A lot of research has been applied in order to be found words and expressions revealing argumentative structure (Van Eemeren, Houtlosser, and Henkemans, 2007, Knott and Dale, 1994). Apart from indicators, other structural techniques have been applied for argument mining. Such techniques are argumentation schemes (Feng and Hirst, 2011), dialogical context (Budzynska et al., 2014), and semantic context (Cabrio and Villata, 2012) or a combination of them.

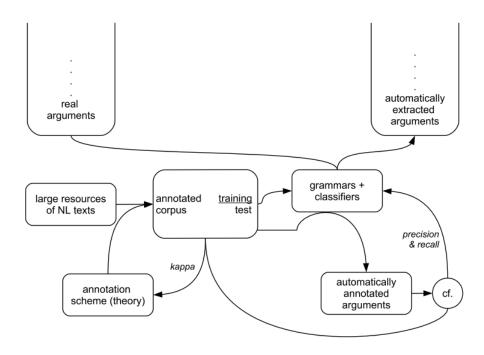


FIGURE 2.1: Natural language processing techniques **Source:** Budzynska and Villata, 2015

In statistical approach, linguists are replaced by algorithms. These algorithms are basically classifiers developed for automating the argument annotation procedure (Budzynska and Villata, 2015). The first attempts for the before mentioned automation were made in (Moens et al., 2007), in which text is separated into sentences, and then each sentence is classified as argumentative or non-argumentative based on its lexical or syntactic features. As a result, (Palau and Moens, 2009) presented an additional separation of argumentative sentences as premises or conclusions. As regards the automatic recognition of argumentative schemes, it was introduced in (Walton, 2011) and it was based on the idea of connecting each scheme with a group of indicators. The paper's proposal is first indicating the arguments included in text, and then matching them to a given list of argument schemes. (Feng and Hirst, 2011) classifies annotated argumentation structures into a list of five common argumentation schemes. In (Lippi and Torroni, 2015), the authors describe a framework for claim detection in unstructured data-sets without any contextual information. Because arguments are often expressed through rhetorical structures, the previously mentioned framework was built based on an SVM classifier which captures similarities among parse trees via Tree Kernels. This method is used for measuring likeliness of two trees regarding their common substructures. Furthermore, Habernal and Gurevych (Habernalt and Gurevych, 2016) try to evaluate argument convincingness by assessing their qualitative properties. Using an annotated corpus of 26,000 sentences, their purpose is to predict which argument is more convincing between a pair of arguments and to rank arguments regarding the topic and their convincingness, through the usage of SVM and LSTM algorithms.

Various traditional machine learning algorithms have been employed in the context of argument mining (Figure 2.2). More specifically, most of the algorithms that have been implemented are Support Vector Machines (Mochales and Moens, 2011; Park and Cardie,

2015; Stab and Gurevych, 2014; Eckle-Kohler, Kluge, and Gurevych, 2015), Logistic Regression (Levy et al., 2014; Rinott et al., 2015), Naive Bayes classifiers (Mochales and Moens, 2011; Biran and Rambow, 2011; Park and Cardie, 2015; Eckle-Kohler, Kluge, and Gurevych, 2015), Maximum Entropy classifiers (Mochales and Moens, 2011), and Decision Trees and Random Forests (Stab and Gurevych, 2014; Eckle-Kohler, Kluge, and Gurevych, 2015). All mentioned classifiers are trained in labeled corpora. Thus, some parts of the annotated text are given, alongside with the associated label, and during training stage a model is being produced. This model is used to perform predictions on new unlabeled text. (Lippi and Torroni, 2016)

				SC				E	BD		Ę	SP	
System	SVM	$_{ m LR}$	NB	ME	DT	RF	RNN	CRF	ML	TES	P	SVM	NB
Eckle-Kohler et al. [2015]	X		X			X							
Lippi and Torroni [2015]	X												
Rinott et al. [2015]		X											
Sardianos et al. [2015]	X						X	X					
Boltuzic and Snajder [2014]										X		X	
Goudas et al. [2014]	X							X					
Levy et al. [2014]		X							X				
Stab and Gurevych [2014b]	X		X		X	X						X	
Cabrio and Villata [2012a]										X			
Rooney et al. [2012]	X												
Biran and Rambow [2011]			X								X		X
Mochales Palau and Moens [2011]	X		X	X							X		

FIGURE 2.2: Machine learning algorithms that have been used for argument mining

Source: Lippi and Torroni, 2016

Despite the fact that researchers have tried to make a comparison between these algorithms, there is no clear proof of which classifier is more appropriate for argumentation mining. In fact, most of the research efforts have been settled down on finding appropriate features for improving performance instead of implementing new specifically designed models and algorithms for solving argument identification problem (Lippi and Torroni, 2016).

To sum up, a number of different approaches have been applied to argument identification problem. The research community solutions are ranging from linguistic techniques (Garcia Villalba and Saint-Dizier, 2012) and topic modeling (John Lawrence, Chris Reed, Colin Allen, Simon McAlister, Andrew Ravenscroft, 2014), to supervised machine learning algorithms (firstly implemented by Moens et al., 2007).

## **Methods**

In this research paper, we attempt to apply two different approaches for recognizing argumentative sentences. These approaches cover both a structured methodology, which is related to the selection of hand-coded linguistic rules, and a statistical one, that includes the implementation of supervised algorithms; namely, Random Forest classifier and sequence classification with LSTM.

#### 3.1 Structural Approach

The structural approach is based on lexical cues, rules or patterns for identifying arguments inside a given text. These cues are also referred to as argument indicators, since they are connecting claims and premises, signaling argumentative relations.

Argumentative Indicators based on (Knott and Dale, 1994)							
Indicator	POS	Indicator	POS	Indicator	POS	Indicator	POS
even though	none	first	adv	against	none	last	adv
naturally	none	most	{"[a-z]*ly": "adv"}	if	none	(T   t)(he more).+?(the more)	none
once more	none	more	{"[a-z]*ly": "adv"}	once again	none	(T t)(he more).+?(the less)	none
surely	none	second	adv	so	mark	third	adv
should say	none	too	(too)(\$ [\\.])	might say	none	may say	none
could say	none	while	mark	as a start	none	in order to	none
still	adv	that is	none	since	mark	vet	(Y   v)(et)[ \̂ \.].
that	mark	above all	none	actually	none	after all	none
afterwards	none	all in all	none	also	none	although	none
anyway	none	as a consequence	none	as a result	none	at any rate	none
at first blush	none	at first view	none	at the outset	none	because	none
by comparison	none	by the same token	none	certainly	none	consequently	none
correspondingly	none	despite the fact that	none	either	none	equally	none
even then	none	every time	none	except insofar as	none	firstly	none
for a start	none	for instance	none	further	none	for the simple reason	none
accordingly	none	admittedly	none	after that	none	all the same	none
alternatively	none	always assuming that	none	as	none	as a corollary	none
at first	none	at first sight	none	at the moment when	none	at the same time	none
but	none	by contrast	none	by the way	none	clearly	none
conversely	none	despite that	none	essentially	none	even so	none
eventually	none	except	none	finally	none	first of all	none
for example	none	for one thing	none	for this reason	none	furthermore	none
hence	none	in actual fact	none	in any case	none	in conclusion	none
in fact	none	in other words	none	in short	none	in sum	none
incidentally	none	instead	none	merely because	none	just as	none
meanwhile	none	it might appear that	none	as long as	none	as well	none
notably	none	moreover	none	of course	none	nevertheless	none
on one hand	none	not only	none	now that	none	no doubt	none
on the grounds that	none	on the assumption that	none	on the one side	none	on the other side	none
plainly	none	otherwise	none	so that	none	providing that	none
such that	none	secondly	none	sure enough	none	simply because	none
thereafter	none	summing up	none	therefore	none	suppose that	none
thirdly	none	the fact is that	none	to be sure	none	though	none
to sum up	none	to conclude	none	undoubtedly	none	to take an example	none
whenever	none	to the extent that	none	whereas	none	what is more	none
wherever	none	for the reason that	none	besides	none	(E e)(ither).+?(or)	none
in one hand	none	(N n)(either).+?(nor)	none	on one side	none	in this case	none
in point of fact	none	as a matter of fact	non	provided that	none	presumably	none
rather than	none	regardless	none	as an example	none	simply	none
in order that	none	_				• •	

A list of indicators were extracted from the corpus created by (Knott and Dale, 1994). This corpus includes often-used words or phrases in arguments according to paper's authors. Based on these words, a dictionary was developed containing as keys the extracted words, and as values, their specific part of speech in argumentative sentences. It needs to

be mentioned that words, considered by us as usual or non-usual in argumentative structures, were added or removed respectively from the dictionary. For this purpose, there were created five methods in Python for paper's extraction, modification, as well as dictionary's creation (Appendix 6). The indicators that demonstrate the previously referred dictionary is presented in the table above.

Apart from dictionary's development, a way to handle and encapsulate corpora into the same format was necessary, and the code developed for this purpose is shown in Appendix 7. Each data-set was differently displayed, from unstructured text to sentence labeled data. This is the reason why there was created a *datasets.ini* file containing information about data, for example the number of column indicating the sentence or/and the label, which sheet includes the desired data, or which is the data-set's path. The key of each record was the name of every corpora as it was saved in local file. So, depending on the data-set's type (excel, csv or txt file) and its configurations, other actions were applied in order to returned a list of sentences and their labels in case corpora was annotated.

By using the previously created dictionary and corpora handler, argument identification had to take place (Appendix 8). For this reason, part of speech tagging was necessary, so as a sentence's words and their POS to be compared to those words included in the dictionary. Statements tokenization was achieved through the usage of a library called *spaCy*, which is an open-source NLP library written in Python and Cython, and it was selected due to its performance and efficiency comparing to other libraries. If any of matches between the dictionary and a given sentence occur, the sentence is characterized as argumentative, otherwise as non-argumentative. As regards the labeled corpora, the algorithm's outcomes and the given labels, which is considered to be the truth, are correlated so as four counters to be calculated; False Positives, False Negatives, True Positives and True Negatives. These counters are used for measuring accuracy that is a metric for reviewing algorithm's results, which will be used and described at Chapter 5.

#### 3.2 Statistical Approach

The statistical approach is relying on algorithms developed for automating the argument annotation process. These algorithms receive as input, a representation of data that can be understood by computers. For this reason, textual data of our corpora need to be transformed into numeric tensors. (Chollet, 2017)

Text is considered as a form of sequence data, and tokens are the different units into which a text can be split. These units can be either words, characters or n-grams (Chollet, 2017). After text tokenization, the next step is connecting numeric vectors with the occurred tokens. Then, the sequences of vectors instead of words is fed into the selected algorithm.

There are a variety of ways for vector and token association. Two and the most known ones for forms of sequence data are the one-hot encodingText and word-embedding methods (Chollet, 2017), which will be used in the implemented algorithms later on.

As regards one-hot encoding Text is a basic way to transform tokens into vectors. Every word is connected with a unique integer index, which is turned into a binary vector of vocabulary's size. Another version of this method is the one-hot hashing trick, which is used when vocabulary's unique tokens are too much that is difficult to be handled. This approach hashes words into a fixed-sized vector through a hashing function, rather than allocating an index to each word, and then creating a dictionary for these indexes. The disadvantages of this method is the hash collisions, and in general the inability of word's correlation that leads to high dimentionality. (Chollet, 2017)

Word embedding, or dense word vectors, is another popular way to associate vectors with words. In contrast with one-hot encoding Text, this technique has low-dimensionality

and float vectors. Furthermore, dense word vectors are trained by the data provided, and thus packing more and more data into the same dimensions. This is achieved by minimizing the geometric distance between related words, like synonyms, while maximizing it when words have different semantic (Chollet, 2017).

The implemented algorithms for argument mining problem are the Random Forest classification algorithm, using one-hot encodingText, and the LSTM-RNN algorithm, using word embedding method. The annotation of argumentative and non-argumentative sentences can be considered as a binary classification in Random Forest (Stab and Gurevych, 2014) or a statistical structure mapping of written language in LSTM (Chollet, 2017).

#### 3.2.1 Random Forest Classification Algorithm

The Random Forest algorithm is a collection of decision trees, where each one of them are slightly different from the others either by selecting the data-points or by selecting different features (Müller and Guido, 2016). Every decision tree, built during the training period, predicts to which class a specific input is more suitable (argument or non-argument). After this process is completed, the chosen prediction for each sentence is the one that has the majority of votes across the decision trees. Chollet, 2017

By using the sklearn.ensemble library, a Random Forest classification algorithm was implemented (Appendix 9). First of all, an annotated corpora containing both argumentative and non-argumentative sentences is loaded and features regarding how many words, punctuation characters and uppercase characters were created (see Chapter 5). Afterwords, the sentences were tokenized in order to be transformed into a format that computer can understand, as mentioned before. For the tokenization OneHotEncoder of sklearn.preprocessing library was used. The corpora was seperated into a training and a test set of data, and then model was defined and trained using the train data. Finally, the model is tested and a matrix showing the real and the predicted data was presented in a heatmap plot.

The model is applied by using two different methods for training. The one method is using the features created, like in (Lawrence and Reed, 2016), while the other is by using the tokenized sentences.

#### 3.2.2 LSTM-RNN Algorithm

Deep learning in natural-language processing problems is aiming to identify patterns of words or sentences (Chollet, 2017). The most appropriate deep learning model for sequence data processing, like sequences of words in our case, is the Recurrent Neural Network algorithm. RNN is a neural network algorithm that is implementing internal iterations. The RNN resets its state every time a new independent process occurs, which means that each sequence is a different data input to the network. However, network include loops over each sequence's elements. RNN includes the so-called LSTM layer. The Long Short-Term Memory algorithm was developed by Hochreiter and Schmidhuber in 1997, and the purpose of creation was to solve the "vanishing-gradient problem" of SimpleRNN algorithm. LSTM is basically allowing previous information to be re-injected across different timesteps. (Chollet, 2017)

By using the tensorFlow keras API, an LSTM algorithm was conducted and implemented (Appendix 10). First of all, the corpora created in Chapter 4 is loaded, and data applied to one list of sentences and one list of labels. Following, the corpora is split into a training and a testing data-set. Furthermore, the lists of trained sentences were tokenized, taking into account only the first ten-thousand most frequent words. The lists of the occurred trained sequences, which are basically lists of integers after the tokenization process, are transformed into a two-dimensions numpy array that has a shape of (number of

sequences, number of timesteps). The number of timesteps is basically the length of the longest sequence. It has to be mentioned that shorter sequences are padded with values at the end, so every sequence has the same shape.

As regards word embedding, Global Vectors for Word Representation (*Glove*) was used, which is a file containing 100-dimensional pre-computed embedding vectors for 400,000 of English words. This file helped in building an index that associates words with number vectors, and through which an embedding matrix of shape (max\_words= 10000, embedding\_dim = 100) was created and loaded in Embedding layer later on. The Embedding layer is a dictionary-like that maps integer indexes for certain words to dense vectors, and it is the first layer of our model. The second layer applies to LSTM method, while the third layer of Dense was added to end our stack of layers with an equal number of units and classes created. After constructing our model, we are freezing the Embedding layer to avoid deleting what has already been learned.

Finally, the model was trained based on the training data, which are explicitly separated into training and validation samples used for learning word embedding based on our corpora. The last step is testing the model on the test data by firstly tokenizing the sentences, and then evaluating the results occurred.

## **Data Curation**

In order to successfully apply the statistical learning approach, a well-structured training data-set is needed. In this section, the process of data curation is elaborated so as both argumentative and non-argumentative sentences to be found.

Most of the argumentative sentences included in our corpora were found on two IBM data-sets created for this purpose (Table 4.1), and are about three main topics; Video Games, Democracy and Multiculturalism. It has to be mentioned that some of the data were duplicated, and thus Python code of Appendix 2 was created so as to be removed.

Source Data	file	Total Data	Duplicated	Arguments	Non-
					Arguments
Aharoni	CDEdata.xls	1292	967	325	-
et al., 2014a					
Bar-Haim et	claim_stance_dataset_v1	2394	56	2366	-
al., 2017					

TABLE 4.1: Argumentative Data Used

However, the exploitation of the existing annotated data-sets regarding argument detection has the obstacle of lacking non-argumentative instances. The previously mentioned IBM corpora contain only phrases that have been manually annotated as positive instances of arguments. This means that it is impossible to train a supervised algorithm in classifying non-arguments without any negative examples.

So, our purpose was to gather an equal number of argumentative and non-argumentative sentences that have the same context with the curated data of IBM. Therefore, plain text referring to Video Games was found in additional IBM data-sets. These raw data files were split into sentences, and each of these sentences was labeled as argument or non-argument by authors of this research paper, and the Table 4.2 depicts the results. The data referred as "Not used" were blank or incomplete lines.

The non-arguments collected were not enough, thus it was decided to scrap data from Wikipedia articles. The topics of these articles were similar to the previously gathered data, and more specifically about Video games, Democracy and Multiculturalism. The code used for the scraping process, as weel as the scraped pages, are aligned at Appendix 1.

Source	file	Total Data	Not Used	Arguments	Non-
Data					Arguments
Mirkin	asr/DJ_1_ban-video-	9	3	5	1
et al., 2017	games_pro.wav.asr.txt				
Mirkin	asr/EH_1_ban-video-	20	3	12	5
et al., 2017	games_pro.wav.asr.txt				
Mirkin	asr/HE_1_ban-video-	21	1	12	8
et al., 2017	games_pro.wav.asr.txt				
Mirkin	asr/SN_1_video-	28	10	15	3
et al., 2017	games_pro.wav.asr.txt				
Mirkin	asr/TL_1_ban-video-	19	6	8	5
et al., 2017	games_pro.wav.asr.txt				
Mirkin	asr/YB_1_ban-video-	19	4	7	8
et al., 2017	games_pro.wav.asr.txt				
Aharoni et	wiki12_articles/Gender	39	4	5	30
al., 2014a	_representa-				
	tion_in_video_games				

TABLE 4.2: Argumentative and Non-Argumentative Data Used

Assuming that Wikipedia articles' authors are objective and do not express their point of view, most of the data scraped were included as non-arguments in the data-set. It has to be mentioned that the data collected from this procedure were previously checked from the python code-described in the Chapter 3 (Appendix 6). The sentences classified as non-arguments were added to the created data-set, while the others were considered as ambiguous (Table 4.3).

Topic of Wikipedia	Total Data	Not Used	Controversial	Non-
1 1			sentences	Arguments
Early Hstory of video games	143	19	59	65
Fourth generation of video game consoles	65	6	32	27
Game Boy	84	22	23	39
Game design	223	32	71	120
Game	191	28	89	74
Gaming Computer '	129	8	62	59
Gaming disorder	12	6	-	6
History of video games	604	70	224	310
Home computer	359	236	54	69
Nintendo	393	70	133	190
PC game	248	60	87	101
Video game	434	82	154	198
Video game addiction in China	58	4	9	45
Video game addiction	257	138	70	49
Video game console	337	261	41	35
Video game culture	292	74	104	114
Video game development	446	229	102	115
Video game industry	275	49	91	135
Video game music	460	176	146	138
Video game programmer	164	19	72	82
Video game-related health problems	52	7	22	23
Video gaming in Japan	300	102	82	116
Video gaming in the United States	119	31	27	61
The Game Awards	36	2	18	16
Multicultural transruption	45	3	20	22
Multicultural and diversity management	41	7	17	17
Multicultural education	248	28	104	116
Multiculturalism in Australia	156	37	55	54
Criticism of multiculturalis	237	56	96	85
Cultural pluralism	28	7	12	9
Multiculturalism in Canada	205	28	84	93
Multiculturalism	449	62	160	227
Democracy Index	59	18	17	24
Direct democracy	162	22	59	81
Types of democracy	25	7	9	9
Representative democracy	56	7	26	23
Criticism of democracy	191	102	55	34
Athenian democracy	335	41	147	147
History of democracy	394	81	126	187
Democracy	452	71	193	188

TABLE 4.3: Non-Argumentative Data Used & Controversial Sentences

The previously described data were concatenated (Appendix 3), so as to be used in the statistical approach algorithms. The corpora is composed by both arguments and non-arguments (Table 4.3).

Argumentative and No-Argumentative Data Used							
File	File Total Data Arguments Non- False-Positive						
			Arguments	Arguments			
dataset.csv	6318	2755	3563	-			
found_fp.csv	2952	-	-	2952			

TABLE 4.4: Data included in our corpora

As regards the ambiguous sentences of Wikipedia articles that was mentioned before, they were all saved in a file named found\_ambiguous.csv (Appendix 4). This file indicates all the keywords responsible for these controversial results. The indicators- described in the previous Chapter and found in Wikipedia articles- were counted using code of Appendix 5, and the following table was the outcome of that enumeration.

Indicator Found	Numbe	rIndicator Found	Numbe
	of		of
	Sen-		Sen-
	tences		tences
as	968	that	542
also	440	because	121
as well	101	for example	92
(E e)(ither).+?(or)	44	as a result	23
because	121	notably	13
for instance	17	but	326
that is	40	while	197
actually	26	against	3
still	85	so that	12
though	87	besides	4
furthermore	13	eventually	41
more +	40	either	53
clearly	5	if	107
since	34	on the grounds that	3
	85	third	6
although	4		2
consequently rather than	66	as a consequence	$\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 42 \end{vmatrix}$
	9	instead	
nevertheless otherwise	12	except	$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$
		in fact	22
too	3	not only	
on one side	1	simply	26
moreover	9	hence	4
therefore	25	every time	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$
in other words	4	despite the fact that	I — I
in order to	43	as	9
at the same time	7	of course	2
finally	13	as an example	2
first	29	even though	14
lastly	3	equally	7
whereas	13	(T   t)(he more).+?(the more)	2
regardless	7	for this reason	2
simply because	1	by contrast	3
naturally	4	at any rate	1
in short	2	in this case	3
such that	5	essentially	5
(N   n)(either).+?(nor)	4	whenever	4
second	5	as long as	2
even then	3	as a matter of fact	1
accordingly	3	provided that	1
conversely	3	alternatively	3
afterwards	6	thereafter	1
meanwhile	10	once again	3
once more	1	above all	1
by comparison	1	surely	2
undoubtedly	2	on the one side	1
at first	1	presumably	2
after all	1	what is more	1
certainly	1	anyway	1
so	16	most	22
further	53		

TABLE 4.5: Indicators found in Wikipedia articles

The goal of this process was to test in Wikipedia articles the argumentative indicators included in the Chapter 3's dictionary, and upon cross-examination to remove indicators that do not usually reveal argumentative sentences. Based on the Table 4.5, the indicators marked as bold are the ones found in the majority of Wikipedia sentences. More than 10% of each indicator's sentences was examined by the authors of this research papers, and the keywords, that did not usually pointed out argumentative statements and removed from the dictionary, are represented in the following. The annotations are described in detail inside the file Results/found\_ambiguous\_results\_annotated.xlsx.

Indicator	Total Number of	Number of Sen-	Arguments	Non-Argument	Depending on	Removed from
	Sentences	tences Examined			the context	the dictionary
as	968	131	22	98	11	Yes
that	542	91	20	54	17	Yes
also	440	64	8	46	10	Yes
but	326	50	7	36	7	Yes
while	197	35	6	24	5	Yes
because	121	33	20	10	3	No
if	107	20	6	12	2	No
as well	101	20	5	14	1	No
for example	92	8	5	3	0	No
further	53	20	4	15	1	Yes
against	51	21	3	16	2	Yes
more +a dverb in 'ly'	40	16	4	12	0	No

TABLE 4.6: Indicators found in Wikipedia articles

It was also observed that the following indicators were used in combination with punctuation, and that's why they were modified into the formats of the table 4.7.

Indicator	Modified to
while	, while
that is	, that is,
still	, still
as a result	as a result,

TABLE 4.7: Indicators found in Wikipedia articles

## **Results**

Results for both structured and statistical implementations presented in Chapter 3, are applied to a set of corpora in order to be evaluated.

#### 5.1 Structural Approach

The structural approach described in previous chapters is being assessed into this section. For this purpose, the code of Appendix 8 alongside with two IBM corpora was applied. It has to be mentioned that these two IBM corpora include only argumentative sentences, and we aim to check how many of those arguments will be identified correctly by our algorithm.

The metric of accuracy was used in order to evaluate the indicators selected for recognizing argumentative sentences. For measuring accuracy, four counters were used; **true positives** (tp) is counting the times both algorithm and analyst labeled a sentence as argumentative, **true negatives** (tn) how often both algorithm and analyst labeled as non-argumentative, **false positive** (fp) the times the algorithm assigned as argumentative a sentence that expert recognized as non-argumentative, **false negative** (fn) how many times human identified a sentence as argumentative while algorithm did not.

• Accuracy represents the percentage of correctly classified sentences:

$$A = \frac{tp + tn}{tp + tn + fp + fn}$$

Source	file	Accuracy
Data		
Bar-Haim et al., 2017	claim_stance_dataset_v1	17.50%
Aharoni et al., 2014b	CDEdata.xls1.00.1480.25	14.81%

TABLE 5.1: Results of Structural Approach

#### 5.2 Statistical Approach

#### 5.2.1 Random Forest Algorithm

Supervised machine learning algorithms need a number of labeled data in order to be trained. That was the reason corpora of Chapter 4 was created, and used in the implantation of Random Forest classifier algorithm (Appendix 9). A number of 33% of the data used to train the model, while the rest of them to evaluate the results.

It has to be mentioned that two methods were used for argument's classification. The first one was by tokenizing the sentences, so as to be in a format that a computer can understand, and then training the model based on the tokenized sentences. This method had an accuracy of 56.83%, and the results are displayed in the heatmap of figure 5.1 (A). The other technique is by determining some features of each sentence and then feed the algorithm with these features instead of the sentences. In this way the accuracy increased to 79.42%, and it deprecates to the heatmap of figure 5.1 (B). The results of the first approach are not that high, and that is probably because of the unique words.

The features used for classification are the following based on the paper (Lawrence and Reed, 2016):

- Word Counter: the number of words in a sentence
- Uppercase Characters Counter: the number of uppercase characters found
- **Punctuation or Special Characters Counter**: the number of presence punctuation characters like ""

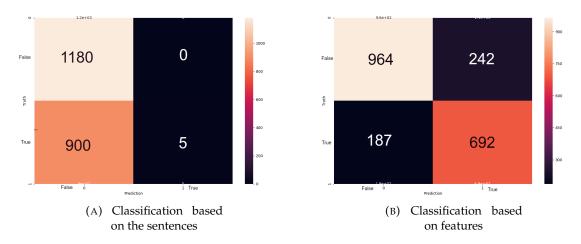


FIGURE 5.1: Predicted and Real results of Random Forest classification algorithm

#### 5.2.2 LSTM-RNN Algorithm

The LSTM-RNN algorithm described in previous chapters is being assessed into this section. For this purpose, the code of Appendix 10 alongside with the data-set described in Chapter 4 was executed.

The data-set used contains an equal number of argumentative and non-argumentative sentences, as well as their labels. The twenty percent of the data were used for training the model, while the rest of them for evaluating it. The model's performance over time is represented in the following plots by using the metrics of accuracy and loss.

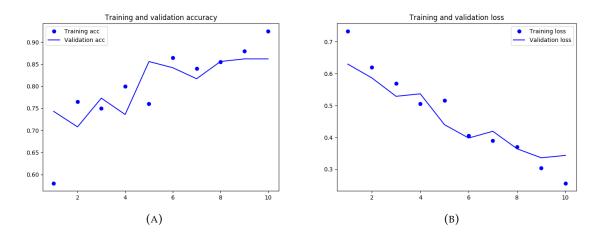


FIGURE 5.2: Training and validation accuracy and loss when using pretrained word embeddings

After testing the algorithm in test data, the following results occurred with an accuracy of **85.44**%.

```
Found 10859 unique tokens.
Shape of data tensor: (5054, 235)
Shape of label tensor: (5054,)
Found 400000 word vectors.
Model: "sequential"
                                           Param #
Layer (type)
                      Output Shape
                      _____
                                           -=======
embedding (Embedding)
                       (None, None, 100)
                                           1000000
                                           80400
1stm (LSTM)
                       (None, 100)
dense (Dense)
                       (None, 1)
Total params: 1,080,501
Trainable params: 1,080,501
Non-trainable params: 0
Train on 200 samples, validate on 1000 samples
Epoch 1/10
200/200 [====================] - 2s 10ms/sample - loss: 0.7334 - acc: 0.5800 - acc
   {\tt val\_loss:} \ 0.6299 - {\tt val\_acc:} \ 0.7430
Epoch 2/10
200/200 [=====================] - 1s 7ms/sample - loss: 0.6195 - acc: 0.7650 -
   val_loss: 0.5864 - val_acc: 0.7080
Epoch 3/10
{\tt val\_loss:} \ 0.5288 - {\tt val\_acc:} \ 0.7730
Epoch 4/10
{\tt val\_loss:} \ 0.5366 - {\tt val\_acc:} \ 0.7360
Epoch 5/10
\mathtt{val\_loss}: \ 0.4399 - \mathtt{val\_acc}: \ 0.8560
Epoch 6/10
{\tt val\_loss:} \ 0.3978 - {\tt val\_acc:} \ 0.8420
Epoch 7/10
{\tt val\_loss:} \ 0.4191 - {\tt val\_acc:} \ 0.8170
Epoch 8/10
200/200 [====================] - 1s 7ms/sample - loss: 0.3700 - acc: 0.8550 -
   {\tt val\_loss:} \ \ 0.3642 \ - \ {\tt val\_acc:} \ \ 0.8560
Epoch 9/10
```

## Conclusion

I have implemented three separate argument mining techniques, applicable to both structural and statistical approach. For the structural approach, there was created a dictionary of lexical cues that usually characterize argumentative structures based on (Knott and Dale, 1994). The algorithm created was tested in two IBM corpora containing only argumentative sentences, the accuracy seems to be around 15 to 17 %. As regards the statistical approach, a corpora has to be curated in order to include both argumentative and non-argumentative instances. That is why Wikipedia articles were scrapped assuming that there are no arguments included, and the sentences gathered were cross-checked by the algorithm created for the structural approach. Every sentence that did not have argumentative cues, based on the algorithm, was added to the corpora as non-argumentative, while the others considered as ambiguous and were checked by two annotators so as to remove misleading indicators of dictionary. Afterwards, two algorithms were built by using as training data a part of this corpora. Random forest classification algorithm was approached by two different methods of training. The first technique was by using the tokenized sentences which leads to an accuracy of 56.83%, while the second was by using features like counter of words, uppercase and punctuation characters that have an accuracy of 79.42%. Finally, the other algorithm of statistical approach that was built is the LSTM-RNN that concludes to an accuracy of 85.44%.

As the results of both structural and statistical algorithms reveal, linguistic rules are not capable of successfully identifying arguments. On the other hand, learning algorithms are a better fit to argument mining, with the most accurate one to be the LSTM-RNN algorithm. One of the main goals as regarding future work is to apply the algorithms built in a fully annotated data-set found in GitHub's issues.

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# Scrap Data from Wikipedia

```
1 import urllib.request
2 import re
3 from inscriptis import get_text
  def wiki(theme):
    url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/" + theme
    html = urllib.request.urlopen(url).read().decode('utf-8')
9
    text = get_text(html)
    with open('.../datasets/wiki_' + theme + '.txt', 'w') as out:
12
13
      for row in text.split('\n'):
        if len(row) >= 80 and not row[0].isdigit() and not row[1].isdigit() and not row[2] ==
14
          row = re.sub(r'\[\d+]', '', row)
          row = row.rstrip('\n')
          out.write(row)
18
          out.write('\n')
21 if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Video games topic
   wiki('Video_game-related_health_problems')
24
    wiki('Video_game_addiction_in_China')
    wiki('Video_game_addiction')
27
    wiki('Gaming_disorder')
    wiki('2017_in_video_gaming')
    wiki('2019_in_video_gaming')
30
   wiki('History_of_video_games')
    wiki('PC_game')
31
    wiki('Video_game_culture')
32
33
   wiki('Gaming_computer')
    wiki(''Video_game_console')
34
    wiki('Video_game')
35
    wiki('Video_gaming_in_the_United_States')
    wiki('Video_game_music')
37
    wiki('Video_game_industry')
38
    wiki('Video_game_development')
    wiki('Game_design')
40
41
    wiki('Video_game_programmer')
    wiki('Early_history_of_video_games')
    wiki('Video_gaming_in_Japan')
43
    wiki('Video_game_crash_of_1983')
    wiki('Sixth_generation_of_video_game_consoles')
45
    wiki('Video_gaming_in_China')
    wiki('1980s_in_video_gaming')
    wiki('Home_computer')
48
    wiki('Nintendo')
    wiki('Game_Boy')
    wiki('Fourth_generation_of_video_game_consoles')
51
    wiki('Game')
53
    wiki('The_Game_Awards')
54
55
    # Democracy topic
   wiki('Democracy')
```

```
wiki('History_of_democracy')
     wiki('Athenian_democracy')
   wiki('Representative democracy')
59
   wiki('Direct_democracy')
wiki('Types_of_democracy')
60
61
   wiki('Democracy_Index')
63
     wiki('Criticism_of_democracy')
64
65
     # Multiculturalism
     wiki('Multiculturalism')
wiki('Criticism_of_multiculturalism')
66
67
     wiki('Cultural_pluralism')
68
     wiki('Multiculturalism_in_Canada')
69
     wiki('Multicultural_education')
     wiki('Multicultural_and_diversity_management')
71
     wiki('Multiculturalism_in_Australia')
72
73
     wiki('Multicultural_transruption')
74
```

# **Remove Duplicate Sentences**

```
3 FILE_PATH = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))
6 def remove_duplicate_rows(file_name):
    sentences = []
    with open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, '../Results/' + file_name), mode='r') as txt_file:
       reader = txt_file.read()
10
11
      for sentence in reader.split("\n"):
         sentences.append(sentence)
13
   with open ( os.path.join ( FILE_PATH, '../Results/new_' + file_name ), mode='w' ) as
15
      txt_file_new:
for i in range(len(sentences)):
        if i == 0:
17
18
           txt_file_new.write(sentences[i])
            txt_file_new.write("\n")
        elif i < len(sentences) and sentences[i] != sentences[i-1]:</pre>
           txt_file_new.write(sentences[i])
           txt_file_new.write("\n")
25 if __name__ == '__main__':
26  remove_duplicate_rows('CDEdata.csv')
27
```

## **Concat Results of checked Data**

```
1 import os
2 import glob
3 import csv
5 FILE_PATH = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))
8 def combine_results():
    csvfiles = glob.glob(FILE_PATH + '/../Results/checked/*.csv')
10
   dataset = csv.writer(open(FILE_PATH + '/../Results/dataset.csv', 'w'), delimiter=',')
12
   for files in csvfiles:
13
     rd = csv.reader(open(files, 'r'))
15
     for row in rd:
       if 'wiki' in files:
17
          if "False" in row:
18
            dataset.writerow(row)
          if "True" or "False" in row:
21
            dataset.writerow(row)
25 def find_ambiguous():
27
    csvfiles = glob.glob(FILE_PATH + '/../Results/checked/*.csv')
28
   found_ambiguous = csv.writer(open(FILE_PATH + '/../Results/found_ambiguous.csv', 'w'),
       delimiter=',')
   for files in csvfiles:
30
     rd = csv.reader(open(files, 'r'))
31
     for row in rd:
33
34
       if 'wiki' in files:
         if "True" in row:
35
            {\tt found\_ambiguous.writerow(row)}
39 if __name__ == '__main__':
    combine_results()
41
    find_ambiguous()
```

# Gather Ambiguous Sentences found in Wiki articles

#### 4.1 ../Results/found\_ambiguous\_results.csv

In the **terminal** type:

```
$python3 getAmbiguousSentences.py > ../Results/found_ambiguous_results.csv
```

#### 4.2 getAmbiguousSentences.py

```
1 import json
2 from configParser import choose_function
3 from getArguments import spaCy, pos_tagged, check_regex
6 Description: by using a dictionary that includes words often used
   in arguments, it is identified if given sentences are
  arguments or not. Part of speech tagging from spaCy is used
  for this purpose as well and it is imported by getArguments.py file.
13 def check_dictionary(doc, dictionary):
    This function checks if any of the words in the sentence exists
15
    in the dictionary given. If it does, then it is checked if
      this word's part of speech match with its value given in
     dictionary. If they match, then the word is added in a
18
19
     list named keyword_found.
20
    :param doc: pos tagged sentence from spacy function
21
    :param dictionary: dictionary that has as keywords words
23
      and as value their part of speech
24
    :return: keywords found in the given sentence
25
26
27
     keyword_found = []
29
    for key, value in dictionary.items():
     if check_regex(doc, key) is not None:
        if len(value) == 1:
31
32
           for key2 in value:
             if checz_regex(doc, key + ' ' + key2) is not None
33
              and check_regex(doc, key2) is not None and
34
              pos_tagged(doc, check_regex(doc, key2).text) is not 'None':
               if value[key2] == pos_tagged(doc, check_regex(doc, key2).text)[1] or \
                value[key2] == pos_tagged(doc, check_regex(doc, key2).text)[2]:
                 keyword_found.append(key + " + " + key2)
39
         elif value == 'none':
40
          keyword_found.append(key)
         elif len(value) != 1 and check_regex(doc, value)
        is not None:
```

```
keyword_found.append(key)
        elif pos_tagged(doc, key)[1] == value or \
pos_tagged(doc, key)[2] == value:
44
45
46
            keyword_found.append(key)
47
   return keyword_found
49
50
51 if __name__ == '__main__':
52
     with open('../dict/dictionary.json', 'r') as dict:
53
54
       dictionary = json.load(dict)
55
     sentences = choose_function("found_ambiguous.csv")
56
57
     if sentences != 'No dataset found':
58
59
      for sentence in sentences:
60
          print('"' + str(sentence[0]).strip('b') + '",' +
61
            str(check_dictionary(spaCy(sentence[0]), dictionary))
62
63
64
     else:
      print(sentences)
65
```

# **Enumerate ambiguous sentences**

```
1 import os
2 import csv
3 import json
5 FILE_PATH = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))
  def enumerate_ambiguous(file_name):
   with open('../dict/dictionary.json', 'r') as dict:
      dictionary = json.load(dict)
      with open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, '../Results/' + file_name), mode='r', encoding='utf-8
        reader = csv.reader(file)
14
        counters = \{\}
       count = 0
16
       count_rows = 0
18
       for row in reader:
19
         firstArgumentWordFlag = False
21
          count_rows += 1
         # first cell includes sentences, not keywords
          for column in row[1:]:
24
            if firstArgumentWordFlag == False:
               testStr = "['
27
                if column.startswith(testStr):
                 firstArgumentWordFlag = True
30
               else:
                 continue
33
             column = column.strip("['] ")
             column = column.strip('"')
35
            if column in dictionary:
              count += 1
37
               if column in counters:
38
                counters[column] += 1
               else:
40
                counters[column] = 1
               if ' + ' in column:
43
                 count += 1
                firstPart = column.split(" + ")[0]
45
                 if firstPart in counters:
                  counters[firstPart] += 1
48
                 else:
                   counters[firstPart] = 0
51
               else:
                 print(row)
53
                 print('Not found: ', column)
54
55
     save_array_to_csv(counters)
```

```
def save_array_to_csv(my_dict):
with open(FILE_PATH + '/../Results/found_Ambiguous_keywords.csv', 'w', newline='') as f:
w = csv.writer(f)
w.writerows(my_dict.items())

if __name__ == '__main__':
enumerate_ambiguous('found_ambiguous_results.csv')
```

# Extract keywords from pdf

```
2 Description: extract words which are often used in arguments
3 (based on a paper), and create a dictionary based on these words
4 (key of the dict) and their specific, if they have one, part
5 of speech (value of the dict) in arguments
8 import json
9 import textract
   import os
11 import csv
   FILE_PATH = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__)) # path of this file
   def extract_data():
17
    By using textract library, this function extracts the whole pdf file
19
    pdf: paper called 'Using Linguistic Phenomena to Motivate a Set
20
    of Coherence Relations'
21
23
    text = textract.process(os.path.join(FILE_PATH,
25
     "../Reading/cues-UsingLinguisticPhenomenaMotivateCoherenceRelations_Knott93.pdf"))
26
     save(text)
28
29
   def save(text):
30
31
     This function saves extracted text to a csv file
32
    if not os.path.exists("../dict" ):
33
34
       os.makedirs("../dict")
35
    with open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, "../dict/data.csv"),
36
    mode='wb') as csv_file:
38
       csv_file.write(text)
39
     modify_csv_file("../dict/data.csv") # modify extracted text
41
  def modify_csv_file(data):
44
45
     This function modifies csv file in order to keep those words
46
     we are interested in
47
48
     flag = 0
49
50
     with open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, data)) as inp:
51
52
       reader = csv.reader(inp)
53
       with open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, "../dict/data2.csv"),
54
       mode='w') as out:
55
         for row in reader:
57
        if len(row) > 0 and row[0] == "Phrase":
```

```
flag = 1
59
                 continue
              if len(row) == 0 or row[0].isdigit():
60
61
                 flag = 0
               if flag == 1 and len(row) > 0:
62
                 \mathtt{out.write}(\mathtt{row} [\, 0 \, ])
                 out.write("\n")
64
      check_words("../dict/data2.csv", "../dict/data.csv")
65
66
67
68
    def check_words(data2, data):
69
 70
       This function adds or removes words that considered as useful
 71
 72
 74
       exclude_words = ['after', 'and', 'as soon as', 'before',
75
                  'at first', 'at first sight', 'earlier',
                 'fisrt of all', 'for', 'inasmuch as', 'later', 'much sooner', 'not because',
 76
 77
                 'now', 'if not', 'if so',
 78
 79
                 'in the beginning', 'in the end', 'in the meantime', 'in turn',
80
                 'much later', 'not', 'notwithstanding that',
81
                 'suppose', 'the more often', 'this time',
'presumably because', 'when', 'where',
'previously', 'regardless of that', 'rather',
83
84
                 'after that', 'as', 'simply because', 'then',
 85
                 'true', 'until', 'again', 'and/or', 'or', 'else', 'even']
 86
87
88
      include_words = ['for the reason that', 'besides',
89
90
                  '(E|e)(ither).+?(or)','(N|n)(either).+?(nor)'
                 'in one hand', 'in this case', 'on one side',
'as a matter of fact', 'in point of fact',
91
92
                 'presumably', 'provided that',
'regardless', 'rather than', 'simply',
93
94
                 'as an example', 'in addition']
95
96
      test_words = {'even though': 'none', 'first': 'adv',
97
               'against': 'none', 'last': 'adv',
               'more': {'[a-z]*ly': 'adv'},
99
               'most': {'[a-z]*ly': 'adv'}, 'if': 'none',
100
               '(T|t)(he more).+?(the more)': 'none',
101
               '(T|t)(he more).+?(the less)': 'none',
102
               'naturally': 'none', 'once again': 'none',
               'once more': 'none', 'surely': 'none',
104
               'second': 'adv', 'so': 'mark', 'third': 'adv', 'too': '(too)($|[\.])', 'should say': 'none',
105
106
              'might say': 'none', 'may say': 'none',
'could say': 'none', 'while': 'mark',
107
108
109
               'as a start': 'none', 'in order to': 'none',
               'in order that': 'none', 'still': 'adv',
110
               'that is': 'none', 'since': 'mark',
111
               'yet': '(Y|y)(et)[^\.].', 'that': 'mark'}
       with open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, data2), 'r') as inp, \
114
115
         open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, data), 'w') as out:
116
          for row in csv.reader(inp):
            if row[0] in exclude_words:
118
119
              continue
120
            else:
              out.write(row[0])
               out.write("\n")
122
123
124
         for word in include_words:
            out.write(word)
125
            out.write("\n")
126
128
       create_dictionary("../dict/data.csv", test_words)
129
```

```
131 def create_dictionary(data, test_words):
132
133
      This function creates a .json file that includes a dictionary of
      the words from the csv file created before and some additional
134
135
      words for testing
136
137
138
      dictionary = test_words
139
      with open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, data), 'r') as inp:
140
141
       for row in csv.reader(inp):
   if "\x05" in row[0]:
142
143
            row[0] = row[0].replace('\x05', 'fi') # correct words from pdf extraction
144
145
146
           if row[0] in test_words.keys():
147
            continue
           else:
148
149
            dictionary.update({row[0]: 'none'})
150
151
    with open('../dict/dictionary.json', 'w') as dict:
       json.dump(dictionary, dict)
152
154
155 if __name__ == '__main__':
156 extract_data()
```

# Load Data-sets based on their configurations

```
1 from xlrd import open_workbook
   import configparser
3 import os
4 import re
  import csv
  FILE_PATH = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))
10 def py23_str(value):
11
12
    This function tries to convert a string to unicode. Because
    of the fact that this conversion differ from python 3
    to python 2, here are checked both possibilities so as
14
    the program to run in both python 3 and 2.
16
17
    :param value: sentence to be converted from string to unicode
18
    :return: converted input
19
20
21
    try: # Python 2
      return unicode(value, errors='ignore', encoding='utf-8')
22
    except NameError: # Python 3
24
        return str(value, errors='ignore', encoding='utf-8')
25
      except TypeError: # Wasn't a bytes object, no need to decode
27
        return str(value)
28
30
   def get_sentences_csv(dataset_number):
31
    This function reads files with .csv extension
32
33
34
    :dataset_number: number that refers to order (starts from 0)
    of a dataset in datasets.ini
35
36
37
    :return: a list of sentences
38
39
    sentences = []
40
     path, _, column, is_argument = get_parameters_dataset(dataset_number)
41
42
43
    with open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, path), mode='r') as dataset:
44
      reader = csv.reader(dataset)
      for sentence in reader:
        if is_argument is not None:
46
           sentences.append([str(sentence[int(column)]), str(sentence[int(is_argument)])])
47
49
           sentences.append([str(sentence[int(column)]), 'True'])
50
51
    sentences.pop(0)
52
    return sentences
53
```

```
def get_sentences_xls(dataset_number):
55
56
57
      This function reads files with .xls extension
58
      :dataset_number: number that refers to order (starts from 0)
59
      of a dataset in datasets.ini
60
61
      :return: a list of sentences
62
63
      sentences = []
64
65
      path, sheet, column, is_argument = get_parameters_dataset(dataset_number)
66
67
      reader = open_workbook(path, on_demand=True)
     sheet = reader.sheet_by_name(sheet)
68
69
      if is_argument is not None:
       for cell, cell2 in zip(sheet.col(int(column)), sheet.col(int(is_argument))):
70
         sentences.append([cell.value.encode("utf-8"), cell2.value.encode("utf-8")])
71
72
     else:
73
       for cell in sheet.col(int(column)):
          sentences.append([cell.value.encode("utf-8"), 'True'])
74
75
76
      sentences.pop(0)
77
      return sentences
78
79
80
    def get_sentences_txt(dataset_number):
81
82
      This function reads files with .txt or none extension
83
84
     :dataset_number: number that refers to order (starts from 0)
85
               of a dataset in datasets.ini
86
     :return: a list of sentences
87
88
89
      sentences = []
90
91
      path, _, _, _ = get_parameters_dataset(dataset_number)
92
      with open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, path), mode='r') as txt_file:
93
       reader = txt_file.read()
94
95
       for sentence in reader.split('.'):
96
          sentences.append([sentence])
98
99
      return sentences
100
    def get_parameters_dataset(dataset):
103
      This function gets the arguments of a specific dataset from datasets.ini
104
105
     :dataset: number that refers to order (starts from 0)
106
            of a dataset or the name of dataset in datasets.ini
108
      :return: section['path'] + file_name: path of dataset
     sheet: sheet that data are in it if it is an .xls file
109
     column: column of sentences to be identified as arguments or not
110
     is_argument: column which reveals if a specific sentence is
             an argument or not
114
      dataset_number, config = check_validity_of_dataset(dataset)
115
116
      section = config.sections()[dataset_number] # each section is a name of a file with data
      section = config[section]
      file_name = re.match(r".*: (.*)>", str(section), re.MULTILINE)
118
     file_name = file_name.group(1)
119
120
     try:
      sheet = section['sheet']
122
     except KeyError:
124
       sheet = None
125
```

```
try:
      is_argument = section['is_argument']
127
128
      except KeyError:
129
      is_argument = None
130
131
       column = section['column']
132
     except KeyError:
       column = None
134
135
      return section['path'] + file_name, sheet, column, is_argument
136
137
138
139
    def check_validity_of_dataset(dataset):
140
      This function checks of a dataset exists in dataset.ini or not
141
142
     :dataset: number that refers to order (starts from 0) of
143
144
     a dataset or the name of dataset in datasets.ini
145
      :return: dataset_number: returns the order of given
      dataset in datasets.ini config: returns object config
146
147
     from datasets.ini
148
      config = configParser()
149
150
      config.read('../datasets/datasets.ini')
151
      if dataset in config:
       dataset_number = config.sections().index(dataset)
153
      elif dataset < len(config.sections()):</pre>
154
155
        dataset_number = dataset
156
      return dataset_number, config
158
159
160
   def choose_function(dataset):
161
      This function checks the extension of a datasets and chooses
162
163
      an appropriate method to read the file
164
      :dataset: number that refers to order (starts from 0)
165
      of a dataset or the name of dataset in datasets.ini
166
      :return: a list of sentences if dataset exits
167
      otherwise 'No dataset found'
168
169
170
171
172
       dataset_number = int(check_validity_of_dataset(dataset)[0])
174
        try:
         _, extension = dataset.rsplit('.', 1)
175
176
        except ValueError:
177
          extension = None
178
179
        if extension == 'xls':
180
         return get_sentences_xls(dataset_number)
        elif extension == 'csv':
181
          return get_sentences_csv(dataset_number)
182
183
        elif extension == 'txt' or extension is None:
          return get_sentences_txt(dataset_number)
184
185
186
      except TypeError:
187
        return 'No dataset found'
```

### Find Argumentative Sentences

```
1 import json
2 import spacy
3 from __future__ import division
_{\rm 4} from configParser import choose_function, os, py23_str, re
   Description: by using a dictionary that includes words often used
8 in arguments, this file identifies if given sentences are
   arguments or not. Part of speech tagging from spaCy is used
   for this purpose as well.
12
   FILE_PATH = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))
15 tp = 0
17 fp = 0
18 fn = 0
21
   def spaCy(sentence):
22
     By using spaCy, this function gets a sentence and returns every
23
    word's part of speech
25
     :param sentence: input to be tokenized
     :return: tokenized sentence
28
29
    nlp = spacy.load('en')
30
31
    doc = nlp(py23_str(sentence))
33
    return doc
34
35
   def pos_tagged(doc, word):
36
37
38
     This function gets a tagged sentence from spaCy and a specific
39
     word and return its part of speech and its dependency
     :param doc: pos tagged sentence from spacy function
41
     :param word: a word that we are interested to learn its part of
42
      speech
     :return: word, its part of speech(pos) and its dependence in the
44
     given sentence or None
45
46
47
     word = word.lower()
49
50
     for token in doc:
     if token.text.lower() == word:
51
52
         return [token.text, token.pos_.lower(), token.dep_.lower()]
53
54
     return 'None'
55
57 def check_regex(doc_regex, regex):
```

```
By using spaCy's function called match, this function is
59
     checking if a specific regular expression is represented
61
     by a given sentence
62
     :param doc_regex: pos tagged sentence from spacy function
      :param regex: a regular expression
64
      :return: the part of the sentence that is indicated in the given
65
66
       regex otherwise None
67
68
69
      regex = re.compile(r''+regex)
70
71
      for match in re.finditer(regex, doc_regex.text.lower()):
72
       start, end = match.span() # get matched indices
73
        word_found = doc_regex.char_span(start, end) # create Span from indices
74
75
       return word found
76
77
      return None
78
   def check_dictionary(doc, dictionary):
80
81
      This function checks if any of the words in the sentence exists
82
       in the dictionary given. If it does, then it is checked if
83
84
       this word's part of speech match with its value given in
       dictionary. If they match, then the word is added in a
85
86
      list named keyword_found.
87
88
      :param doc: pos tagged sentence from spacy function
     :param dictionary: dictionary that has as keywords words
89
90
        and as value their part of speech
      :return: True if the list keyword_found is not empty or False
91
92
           if it is empty
93
94
95
      keyword_found = []
96
      for key, value in dictionary.items():
97
       if check_regex(doc, key) is not None:
98
          if len(value) == 1:
99
100
            for key2 in value:
              if checz_regex(doc, key + ' ' + key2) is not None
101
               and check_regex(doc, key2) is not None and
102
               pos_tagged(doc, check_regex(doc, key2).text) is not 'None':
104
                if value[key2] == pos_tagged(doc, check_regex(doc, key2).text)[1] or \
                 {\tt value[key2] == pos\_tagged(doc, check\_regex(doc, key2).text)[2]:}
105
                  keyword_found.append(key + " + " + key2)
106
          elif value == 'none':
107
            {\tt keyword\_found.append(key)}
108
109
          elif len(value) != 1 and check_regex(doc, value)
           is not None:
110
111
            keyword_found.append(key)
          elif pos_tagged(doc, key)[1] == value or \
           pos_tagged(doc, key)[2] == value:
            keyword_found.append(key)
114
115
      if len(keyword_found) != 0:
116
       return 'True'
118
      else:
        return 'False'
119
120
    def check_validity(real_value, given_value):
122
123
      This function checks if two given values match
124
125
      :param real_value: real value is the result of check_dictionary
126
       function
128
     :param given_value: given value is the value given by analysts
       into dataset
129
```

```
:return: Correct results if they match or Wrong results if they
     do not match
131
132
133
     global tn, tp, fn, fp
134
135
     if real_value in given_value:
       if real_value == 'True':
136
         tp = tp + 1
138
        else:
139
         tn = tn + 1
140
       return "Correct results"
141
     else:
       if real_value == 'False':
142
143
         fp = fp + 1
144
        else:
        fn = fn + 1
145
        return "Wrong results"
146
147
148
149 def precision():
    if (tp + fp) != 0:
150
151
       return tp/(tp + fp)
152
      else:
       return "Integer division by zero"
154
155
   def recall():
156
    if (tp + fn) != 0:
157
158
       return tp/(tp + fn)
159
      else:
160
       return "Integer division by zero"
161
162
163 def f1_score(precision, recall):
164
     if (precision + recall) != 0:
       return 2 * (precision * recall) / (precision + recall)
165
      else:
166
167
       return "Integer division by zero"
168
169
170 if __name__ == '__main__':
      with open('../dict/dictionary.json', 'r') as dict:
172
173
        dictionary = json.load(dict)
174
175
      sentences = choose_function("found_fp.csv")
176
     labeled_data = False
177
178
      if sentences != 'No dataset found':
            for sentence in sentences:
179
180
181
          if len(sentence) == 2:
            print('"' + str(sentence[0]).strip('b') + '",' + 'True') # for csv
182
            # print ( str ( sentence[0] ).strip ( 'b' ) + ',' + 'True' )
183
            labeled_data = True
184
185
          else:
            print('"' + str(sentence[0]).strip('b') + '",' +
187
             check_dictionary(spaCy(sentence[0]), dictionary)) # for csv
188
189
190
     else:
191
       print(sentences)
```

### Statistical Approach: Random Forest algorithm

```
1 import pandas as pd
   import seaborn as sn
3 from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
4 from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
  from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
6 from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
7 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  import string
  import csv
10 import os
11 import numpy as np
13
14
  Description: implementing Random Forest classifier model
  to an annotated corpora that contains
17 both argumentative and none sentences
18
20 FILE_PATH = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__)) # path of this file
  def load_dataset(path):
24
     Loading dataset of a given path, and creating features based on the sentences given.
25
    The first feature is a counter of words included in each sentence,
27
     the second feature is a counter of uppercase characters, while
     the third feature is a counter of special characters (punction)
     :param path: full path of dataset
     :return: a list of sentences and their labels, and a set of features
30
31
     # load & prepare data
33
34
     with open(path, 'r') as file:
      dataset = csv.reader(file, delimiter=",")
35
36
      df = pd.DataFrame(dataset)
     del df[2] # column full of non labels = df[1]
38
39
     df[1] = [len(sentences.split()) for sentences in df[0]] # Word Count'
     df[2] = [sum(char.isupper() for char in sentence) \
    for sentence in df[0]] # 'Uppercase Char Count'
40
41
43
     df[3] = [sum(char in string.punctuation for char in sentence) \
          for sentence in df[0]] # 'Special Char Count'
     df[4] = pd.factorize(labels)[0] # switch False to 0 and True to 1
46
     return df
   def tokenize_sentences(df):
51
52
     Tokenizing raw sentences by using One-hot encoding
   into a format that a computer can understand
```

```
:param df: the dataframe that includes 4 columns
55
            [sentences, word Counter, uppercase counter,
            special char counter, label]
 57
58
      :return: tokenized sentences, labels
 59
     vectorizer = OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore')
60
61
      vectorizer.fit([[line.strip()] for line in df[0]])
     sentences = vectorizer.transform([[line.strip()] for line in df[0]]).toarray()
 62
63
 64
     # sentences = vectorizer.fit_transform(df[0])
     labels = df[4]
65
 66
     return sentences, labels
 67
68
    def define_model(x_train, y_train):
69
 70
71
      This function defines and trains the Random Forest model
 72
 73
     :param x_train: the training sentences
      :param y_train: the sentences' labels
 74
 75
     :return: trained model
 76
 77
     model = RandomForestClassifier()
     model.fit(x_train, y_train)
 78
 79
     return model
 80
81
 82
    def testing_model(model, x_test, y_test):
 83
84
     This function evaluates the model on the test set
85
 86
     :param model: trained model
     :param x_test: the testing set of sentences
87
 88
     :param y_test: the sentences' labels
 89
     :return: a matrix of the predicted and real values
90
91
     score = model.score(x_test, y_test)
     print("Accuracy: %.2f%%" % (score * 100))
 92
93
     y_predicted = model.predict(x_test)
     cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_predicted)
95
96
      print(cm)
97
     return cm
98
99
100 def plot_results(cm):
      This function is showing a heatmap plot based on
     the values of the confusion matrix that contains
103
104
     the real an predicted values.
105
     :param cm: matrix of both real and predicted values
106
     plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
108
     sn.heatmap(cm, annot=True)
     plt.xlabel('Prediction')
109
     plt.ylabel('Truth')
110
     plt.show()
114 if __name__ == '__main__':
115
     df = load_dataset('../Results/dataset.csv')
     sentences, labels = tokenize_sentences(df)
116
     # using features instead of the sentences
118
119
120
     features = np.asarray(df[df.columns[1:4]].values)
     # split dataset into test and train data
122
      x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = \
        train_test_split(features, labels, test_size=0.33)
124
   model = define_model(x_train, y_train)
125
```

```
cm = testing_model(model, x_test, y_test)
    plot_results(cm)
127
128
129
     # using sentences without their features
130
    # split dataset into test and train data
131
132
    x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(sentences, labels, test_size=0.33)
133
134
     model = define_model(x_train, y_train)
     cm = testing_model(model, x_test, y_test)
135
     plot_results(cm)
136
```

## Statistical Approach: LSTM-RNN algorithm

```
1 import csv
   import os
3 import pandas as pd
4 import numpy as np
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
6 from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
7 from tensorflow.python.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
_{8} from tensorflow.python.keras.preprocessing.sequence \setminus
    import pad_sequences
10 from tensorflow.python.keras.layers import Dense, LSTM, Embedding
11 from tensorflow.python.keras.models import Sequential
14 Description: implement 1stm model to an annotated corpora
   that contains both argumentative and none sentences
  # path of this file
19 FILE_PATH = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))
22 def load_dataset(path):
23
24
    Loading dataset of a given path
    :param path: full path of dataset
    :return: a list of sentences and their labels
27
28
    # load & prepare data
    with open(path, 'r') as file:
30
31
       dataset = csv.reader(file, delimiter=",")
32
      df = pd.DataFrame(dataset)
33
34
     del df[2] # column full of none
35
     df[1] = pd.factorize(df[1])[0] # False switched to 0 and True to 1
     texts = list(df[0].values)
    labels = list(df[1])
38
40
    return texts, labels
41
  def get_tokenized_text(max_words, texts_train):
43
44
   Tokenizing raw sentences.
    :param max_words: considering only the top max_words of dataset
46
              (most frequent ones)
   :param texts_train: sentences to for tokenization
    :return: tokenizer, sequences, word_index
49
50
    tokenizer = Tokenizer(num_words=max_words)
51
    tokenizer.fit_on_texts(texts_train)
  sequences = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(texts_train)
```

```
word_index = tokenizer.word_index
55
      print('Found %s unique tokens.' % len(word_index))
 57
      return tokenizer, sequences, word_index
58
 59
60
   def pad_sentences(sequences, labels_train):
61
      This function transforms a list of num_sentences sequences
62
63
      (lists of integers) into a 2D Numpy array of shape
 64
      (num_sentnece, num_timesteps).
65
      The num_timesteps is either the maxlen argument if provided,
      or the length of the longest sequence otherwise.
 66
 67
      Sequences that are shorter than num_timesteps are padded
      with value at the end.
68
 69
      :param sequences: list of tokenized sentences
 70
      :param labels_train: list of sequences' labels
 71
 72
      :return: a 2D Numpy array of sentences and labels
 73
 74
      data = pad_sequences(sequences)
 75
      labels_train = np.asarray(labels_train)
      print('Shape of data tensor:', data.shape)
print('Shape of label tensor:', labels_train.shape)
 76
 77
 78
      # Splits the data into a training set and a validation set,
 79
 80
      # but first shuffles the data
 81
      indices = np.arange(data.shape[0])
 82
      np.random.shuffle(indices)
 83
      data = data[indices]
84
      labels_train = labels_train[indices]
 85
 86
      return data, labels_train
87
 88
    def word_embedding(glove_file, max_words, word_index):
 89
90
 91
      Parsing the GloVe's word-embeddings file in order
 92
      to build an index that maps words (as strings)
      to their vector representation (as number vectors),
93
      and then build an embedding matrix that will
 94
      be loaded into an Embedding layer later on.
95
96
      :param glove_file: path of Glove's word-embedding
97
98
      :param max_words: considering only the top max_words
99
                of dataset (most frequent ones)
100
      :param word_index: index of words after tokenization
      :return: embedding_dim, embedding_matrix
           of shape (max_words, embedding_dim)
103
104
105
      embeddings_index = {}
      f = open(os.path.join(FILE_PATH, glove_file))
106
      for line in f:
108
        values = line.split()
        word = values[0]
109
       coefs = np.asarray(values[1:], dtype='float32')
110
        embeddings_index[word] = coefs
      f.close()
      print('Found %s word vectors.' % len(embeddings_index))
114
115
      embedding_dim = 100
116
      embedding_matrix = np.zeros((max_words, embedding_dim))
      for word, i in word_index.items():
        if i < max_words:</pre>
118
          embedding_vector = embeddings_index.get(word)
119
120
          if embedding_vector is not None:
             # Words not found in the embedding
             # index will be all zeros.
122
             embedding_matrix[i] = embedding_vector
124
   return embedding_dim, embedding_matrix
125
```

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127
    def lstm_model(max_words, embedding_dim, embedding_matrix):
128
129
      This function defines the model and
130
      loads pretrained word embedding into the Embedding layer
131
132
      :param max_words: considering only the top max_words
134
                of dataset (most frequent ones)
135
      :param embedding_dim: number of embedding dimensions used
136
      :param embedding_matrix: a matrix of shape shape
137
                   (max_words, embedding_dim)
138
      :return: the defined model
139
140
      # define model
141
142
      model = Sequential()
      model.add(Embedding(max_words, embedding_dim))
143
144
      model.add(LSTM(100))
145
      model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))
      print(model.summary())
146
147
      # Loading pretrained word embeddings into the Embedding layer
148
      model.layers[0].set_weights([embedding_matrix])
149
      model.layers[0].trainable = False
150
151
      return model
153
154
155
    def training_model(x_train, y_train, x_val, y_val, model):
156
      This function is responsible for compiling and
157
158
      training the model
159
160
      :param x_train: sentences for training model (200 sentences)
      :param y_train: labels of training sentences
161
      :param x_val: sentences for validating trained model
162
163
               (1000 sentences)
      :param y_val: labels of validation sentences
164
      :param model: defined model
165
      :return: historing of training, trained model
166
167
168
      model.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy', optimizer='rmsprop',
169
170
               metrics=['accuracy'])
171
      history = model.fit(x_train, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=128,
172
                 validation_data=(x_val, y_val))
      model.save_weights('pre_trained_glove_model.h5')
173
174
175
      return history, model
176
177
    def plotting_results(history):
178
179
180
      This function is showing plots of the training and
      validation results based on accuracy and loss metrics.
181
182
183
      :param history: history of training procedure
184
      acc = history.history['acc']
185
186
      val_acc = history.history['val_acc']
187
      loss = history.history['loss']
188
      val_loss = history.history['val_loss']
189
      epochs = range(1, len(acc) + 1)
190
      plt.plot(epochs, acc, 'bo', label='Training acc')
plt.plot(epochs, val_acc, 'b', label='Validation acc')
191
192
193
      plt.title('Training and validation accuracy')
194
      plt.legend()
195
      plt.figure()
196
      plt.plot(epochs, loss, 'bo', label='Training loss')
197
```

```
plt.plot(epochs, val_loss, 'b', label='Validation loss')
      plt.title('Training and validation loss')
199
200
      plt.legend()
201
      plt.show()
202
203
204
   def testing_model(texts_test, labels_test, tokenizer, model):
205
206
      This function tokenizes the data of test set,
      and evaluates the model on the test set
207
208
209
      :param texts_test: sentences for testing model
210
      :param labels_test: labels of the testing sentences
      :param tokenizer: tokenizer
      :param model: trained model
213
      :return: accuracy of the created model
214
215
216
      # Tokenizing the data of the test set
217
      sequences = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(texts_test)
      x_test = pad_sequences(sequences)
218
      y_test = np.asarray(labels_test)
219
220
      # Evaluating the model on the test set
      model.load_weights('pre_trained_glove_model.h5')
      scores = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test)
223
      print("Accuracy: %.2f%%" % (scores[1] * 100))
224
225
226
227
    def main():
228
      texts, labels = load_dataset('../Results/dataset.csv')
      texts_train, texts_test, labels_train, labels_test = \
229
230
        train_test_split(texts, labels, test_size=0.2)
231
232
      max\_words = 10000 # Considers only the top 10,000 words
                  # in the dataset
234
      {\tt training\_samples} \ = \ 200
235
      validation_samples = 1000\usepackage{xcolor}
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245
      tokenizer, sequences, word_index = \
246
        get_tokenized_text(max_words, texts_train)
247
      data, labels_train = pad_sentences(sequences, labels_train)
248
249
      x_train = data[:training_samples]
      y_train = labels_train[:training_samples]
250
      x_val = 
251
        data[training_samples: training_samples + validation_samples]
252
253
      y_val = \
254
        labels_train[training_samples: training_samples + validation_samples]
255
      embedding_dim, embedding_matrix \
256
      = word_embedding('../Reading/glove.6B/glove.6B.100d.txt', \
257
258
                max_words, word_index)
259
260
      model = lstm_model(max_words, embedding_dim, embedding_matrix)
      history, model = training_model(x_train, y_train, \
261
                       x_val, y_val, model)
262
      plotting_results(history)
263
264
      testing_model(texts_test, labels_test, tokenizer, model)
265
266
267
    if __name__ == '__main__':
268
      main()
```