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Abstract

The paper demonstrate the popular method in recent years to construct the semantic embedding, and use classification to verify the accuracy of these models on Chinese.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Abstract

How to make the sentence embedding with its own semantics more precisely is study of interest, since it's beneficial for several NLP tasks like machine translation, sentiment analysis. Since the internet text volume grows so enormously and rapidly, how to make the information can be extracted more efficiently and precisely become more critical for many application. Chinese forums, blogs or microblog expand especially rapidly, and the articles and the posts are produced.

Recently word2vec[6] is considered to work for evaluating word semantics in general cases. Additionally, the character is invariant to the language. Nevertheless, the embedding in sentence level is more complicated, it's related to the sentence structure, intention or context. There are several methods raised in recent years, like Siamese-CBOW, FastText ...etc. Most of them is able to train batch of text and construct the vectors.

1.2 Purpose

So far, most the studies are conducted in English, we are also interested if the feature also works in Chinese or other languages, and if the algorithm is invariant to the language grammar.

Chapter 2

Related Work

Chapter 3

Methods

The data set we chose is Open WeiboScope, which is collected WeiBo randomly by researchers at the Journalism and Media Center of the University of Hong Kong in 2012. It contains 226 millions posts distributing over the year. We used the tags in post as the indicators of sentiment, and removed some duplicated posts or some posts without any tags, or too many tags. We evaluated the accuracy of the classification for different algorithms. We used the TF-IDF and SVM (Joachims, 1998). as baseline.

For the data preprocessing and cleansing, it's a Weibo feature to allow the user to use emoticon, and the emoticon in raw data expressed as [笑](smile),[淚](tear).

we removed the posts that contains too many tags, or without any tags. We also removed the duplicated posts by their post id roughly because it is a property of Chinese microblog [2] for Chinese netizens to post repeatedly, but most algorithms can't resist the duplicated posts. Besides, we only chose the post that over certain length .

The posts meets the criteria is about 7.4 millions. And we removed the tags in the original post, and there are so many tags , we use most-used 6 categories to categorize them as below.

Table 3.1: Tag Category

JOY	呵呵 酷 贊 鼓掌 耶
DISGUST	黑 汗
SAD	可憐 淚 衰 失望 心 生病 囧 鄙 可憐 淚 衰 失望 心 生病 囧 鄙
FEAR	委屈 可憐
SURPRISE	吃驚 吃驚
ANGER	怒 抓狂

We used jieba and dictionary to segment to post.

3.1 The model introduction

1. TF-IDF + SVM

The conventional way to evaluate the semantics based on the occurrence of words and term, and it also takes the occurrence of word in global context into consideration. It's simple and effective, but it still suffers from some disadvantages like data sparsity and high dimension.

2. FastText [3]

The structure of FastText is similar to CBOW of Mikolov et al. (2013), and it uses the softmax to compute the probabilities for predefined classes. The word representation is looked up through a table and finally averaged into the text representation. Finally it uses the linear classification.

3. Paragraph vector [5]

This is method is purposed in [5]. The idea is obtain the summary of paragraphs, sentences or documents. There are 2 different algorithms we tested, which are dm (distributed memory) and dbow(distributed bag of words).

We use the implementation of Gensim and use SVM with linear kernel to classify.

4. Siamese-Cbow[4]

The method computes a sentence embedding is to average the embeddings of its constituent words, instead of using pre-trained word embedding.

We used the implementation (<https://bitbucket.org/TomKenter/siamese-cbow/overview>) from the author, and made it compatible with python3 for better compatibility with unicode.

Chapter 4

Conclusion

4.1 Experiment Settings

We used baseline TD-IDF plus SVM with linear kernel as baseline. We compared it with other models with different settings.

For PVDB, we use 3 different models dm/c and dm/m and dbow. All of them, we choose most commonly-used parameters, dm : dimension:100, window size:10, negative:5, hs:0 and we tested both dm with concatenation of context vectors (dm/c) and average of context vectors(dm/m). The other model dbow, we chose the same parameters.

In FastText experiment, we iterated through the parameters like window size from 8 to 100, loss function ns,hs,softmax. Since the result didn't indicate significant difference between these parameters, we only display 1 of them as reference.

Additionally, we also tried to convert data set to pinyin to evaluate if the pinyin improve the semantic recognition for FastText ,which support vocabulary expansion with subword information [1].

Table 4.1: Results

Tf-IDF	0.44+-0.04
PVDM(dbow)	0.40
FastText	0.51
FastText(Pinyin)	0.51
Simaese-CBOW	0.41 (+/- 0.04)

Table 4.2: FastText

	8	12	16	32	64
no segmentation	0.369	0.375	0.389	0.372	0.368
segmentation	0.515	0.515	0.514	0.516	0.513
segmentation + pinyin	0.513	0.518	0.516	0.517	0.51

Table 4.3: ResultsDoc2Vec

	Test set	Training Set
dm/c	0.384	0.384
dbow	0.404	0.457
dm/m	0.38	0.436

Chapter 5

Discussion

The result shows that FastText can archive better accuracy in general way.

5.1 Discussion

For the baseline, though TF-IDF it can archive the accuracy about 0.44(+/-0.04). The most distinguishable features they use are some rarely used terminology. Since we only removed the duplicated post roughly, it may still suffer from the duplicated post from different sources with certain rarely-used words. In general, the model is not generalized enough, it may not be applicable when the data set changed.

Generally, FastText can get the better accuracy , even converting the posts to pinyin, it also achieves the same accuracy. Though, we tried the different settings for FastText, the accuracy didn't differ so much. In the comparison set, segmented data set outperforms the one without segmentation. It suggested that the term itself is more meaningful than a single character. And it also took much less time than other algorithms to complete.

The Siamese-CBOW, the performance is below the baseline. We tried evaluate the model it trained, it seemed it is not converged enough. The word embedding is not converted correctly. In the original paper, the dataset they used is Toronto Books, which contains novels, so the sentences may be more coherent with previous sentence and next one.

We demonstrated the various modern methods on the Chinese corpus, and it indicated that some models like FastText are invariant to language property. In general, most models improve the sematic analysis

Most methods are developed with English property, so segmentation plays a cru-

cial role to make the Chinese posts look like English. But the segmentation may also contribute something wrong.

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