
Algorithm 1: Extract thought phrases from the given sentences

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1 Function getThoughts(response):
2   subtrees = []
3   thoughts = []
4   types = clauses // Only include sentence segments of these types.
5   Trees = responseToTrees(response) // Split response into multiple sentences (Implemented in [1]).
6   for T ∈ Trees do
7     if T is a sentence fragment then
8       | add phrases to types // Sentence fragments are clauses, so include smaller sentence segments.
9     for t ∈ T.subtrees do
10      | ℓ = t.leaves // These are the words in the subtree.
11      | remove stop words and punctuation from ℓ
12      | // Exclude short sentence segments and sentence segments already added.
13      | if t ∈ types and t ∉ subtrees and |ℓ| ≥ 2 then
14      | | subtrees.append(t)
15      | | newThoughts = splitSubtree(t)
16      | | thoughts.extend(newThoughts)
17   if thoughts then
18   | return thoughts
19   else
20   | remove punctuation from response
21   | return response
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23 Function splitSubtree(subtree):
24   words = subtree.words
25   thoughts = []
26   currentThought = []
27   for i ∈ [0, |words|) do
28     | word = words[i]
29     | if word is an emoticon then
30     | | continue
31     | if shouldSplit(words, i, currentThought, subtree.root) then
32     | | thoughts.append(currentThought)
33     | | currentThought = []
34     | else if word is not punctuation then
35     | | currentThought.append(word)
36   if currentThought then
37   | thoughts.append(currentThought)
38   remove user-specified words from the beginning of each thought phrase
39   return thoughts
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REFERENCES

- [1] Christopher D. Manning, Mihai Surdeanu, John Bauer, Jenny Finkel, Steven J. Bethard, and David McClosky. 2014. The Stanford CoreNLP Natural Language Processing Toolkit. In *Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) System Demonstrations*. 55–60. <http://www.aclweb.org/anthology/P14/P14-5010>

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1 Function shouldSplit(words, i, thought, root):
2   if i ≥ |words| − 2 then return False
3   remove stop words from thought
4   word = words[i]
5   nextWord = words[i+1]
6   smallRoots = phrases
7   smallRootPhraseTypes = clauses and phrases
8   future = words[i + 1 : end]
9   nearFuture = future[0 : 3]
10  thoughtBreaks = Coordinating conjunctions and Pentreebank punctuation types :, , and .
11  futureNoPunctuation = future with punctuation removed
12  futureNoStopsNoPunctuation = future with punctuation and stop words removed
13  // Do not split if the beginning part of the sentence segment is dependent on the next part.
14  if word = ";" and thought.head() is a preposition/subordinating conjunction then
15    | return False
16  if [word ≠ ";" or |futureNoStopsNoPunctuation| < 2] and [root ∉ smallRoots and (word is a coordinating
17    conjunction or word = ";") and |thought| ≥ 2 and not (word is in a dependent clause xor nextWord is in a
18    dependent clause)] then
19    | // Check if the word separates a run on sentence.
20    | right = word.rightSibling
21    | left = word.leftSibling
22    | if word.parent ∈ smallRoots then
23      | remove stop words and punctuation from right.words and left.words
24      | return right and left and right ∈ smallRootPhraseTypes and left ∈ smallRootPhraseTypes and
25      | |left.words| ≥ 2 and |right.words| ≥ 2
26    | else
27      | return right and left and right ∈ smallRootPhraseTypes and left ∈ smallRootPhraseTypes
28  if word = ";" and nextWord is a coordinating conjunction then
29    | stopsInNearFuture = nearFuture[1 : end] ∩ thoughtBreaks
30  else
31    | stopsInNearFuture = nearFuture ∩ thoughtBreaks
32  return word ∈ thoughtBreaks and not stopsInNearFuture and |thought| ≥ 2 and
33  |futureNoStopsNoPunctuation| ≥ 2 and |futureNoPunctuation| > 3 and not (word is in a dependent
34  clause xor nextWord is in a dependent clause)

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