

# A Continuously Growing Dataset of Sentential Paraphrases



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## Introduction

- Rich application usage of paraphrase
- A simple but powerful URL based data collection method
- Collecting >30k sentential paraphrases with ~70% precision per month
- Largest annotated paraphrase corpus to date

## Paraphrase Corpus

Comparison between our data and two existing corpus (MSRP[Dolan et.al 2005] and PIT-2015[Xu et.al 2015]).

Characteristics	MSRP	PIT-2015	Our work
corpora size	6k	14k	51k
+/- balance	✗	✓	✓
manual inspection	✓	✗	✓
over-identification	✗	✓	✓
high precision	✗	✗	✓
dynamic growing	✗	✗	✓

## Our Method

**Step 1: Collecting tweets that refer to the same URL.**

for account in {CNN, BBC, New York Times et al.}:

for tweet in {account.tweets\_of\_yesterday}:

if tweet contains URL:

search\_tweet = Twitter.search(key=URL)

search\_tweet.clean()

if NotOverlap(tweet, search\_tweet):

candidate.append(search\_tweet)

end

end

**Step 2: Labelling for gold standard corpus**

Sampling ~51k candidate sentence pairs

Labeled by Amazon Mechanical Turk

**Step 3: Training**

Splitting 42k for training and 9k for testing

Run various paraphrase identification models

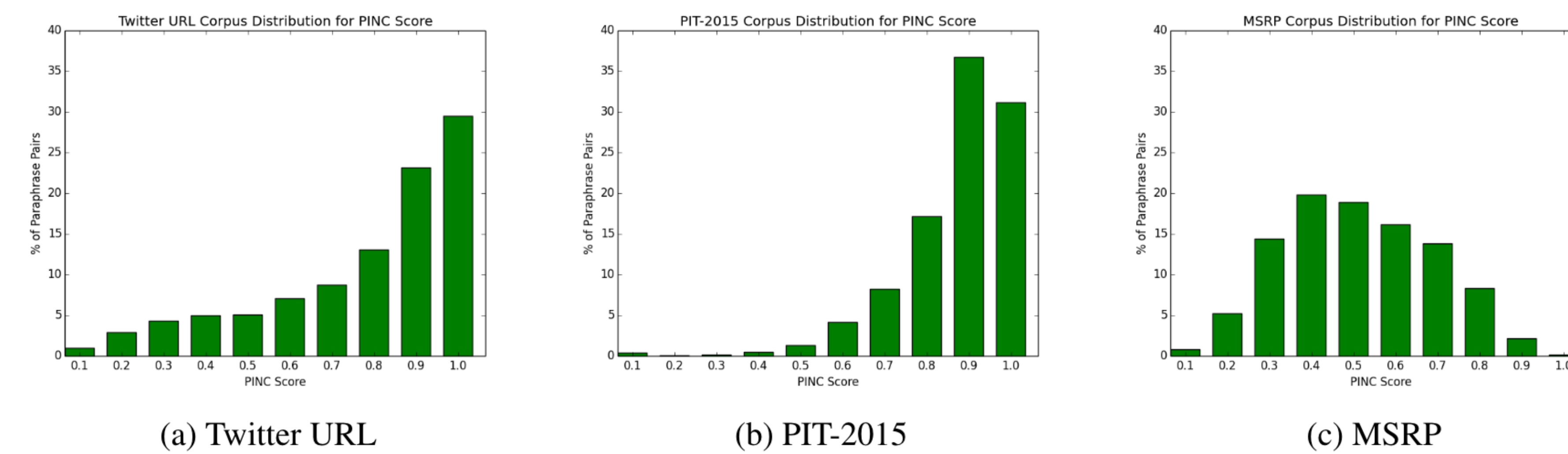
Get best classifier M

**Step 4: Predicting**

M.predict(unlabeled data)

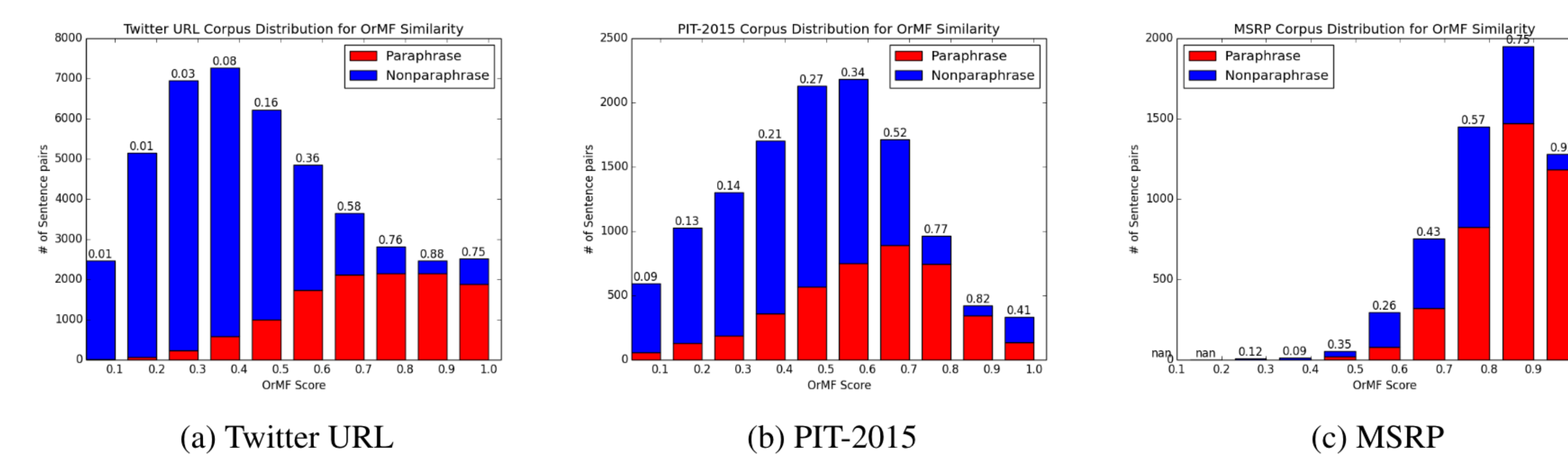
## Analysis

1) Distributional lexical dissimilarity (PINC[Chen et.al 2011])



*Lexically divergent in our URL dataset*

2) Distributional semantic similarity (OrMF [Guo et.al 2014])



*Semantically coherent in our URL dataset*

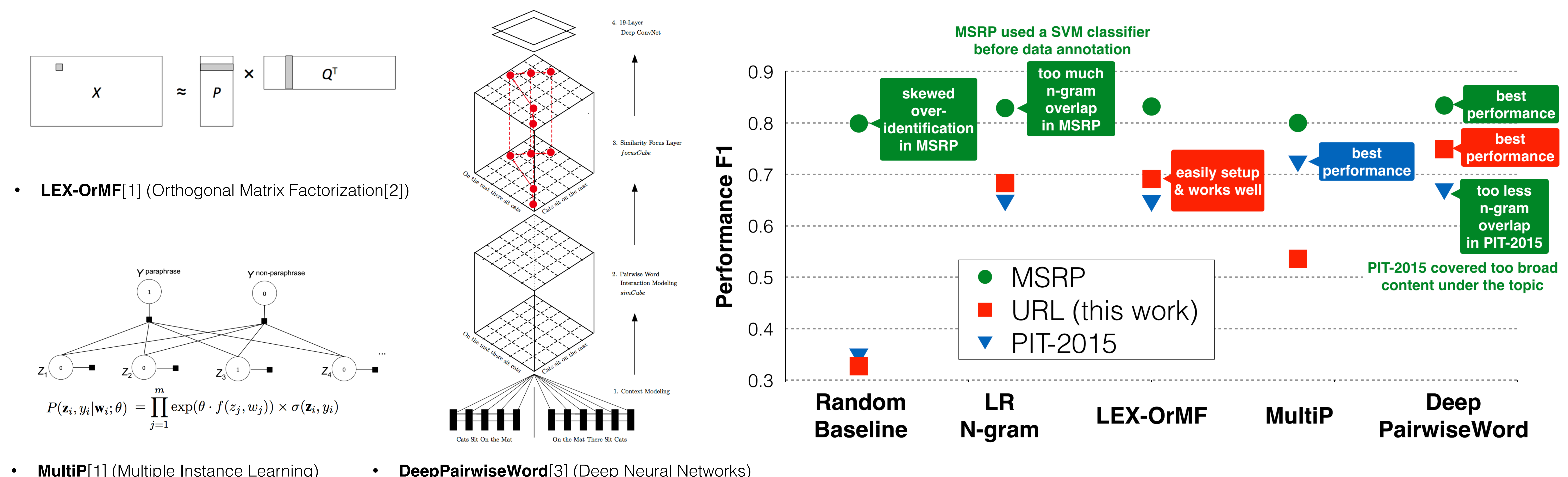
## Twitter URL Corpus

Original Tweet	Singer-songwriter Bob Dylan awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature
Paraphrase	The 2016 Nobel Prize for Literature goes to American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan Bob Dylan wins 2016 Nobel Prize for Literature. Bob Dylan awarded Nobel Prize for Literature The 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature has been awarded to American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan.
Non-Paraphrase	Don't ask me nothin about nothin . I just might tell you the truth Thank you Mr Dylan . The times are a changing . First time in 112 years prize has been awarded to a songwriter . Congrats and Respect to the " Artist's Artist " !

## Phrasal Paraphrase

a 15-year-old girl, a 15yr old, a 15 y/o girl
fetuses, fetal tissue, miscarried fetuses
responsible for, guilty of, held liable for, liable for
UVA administrator, UVa official, U-Va. dean, University of Virginia dean
Donald Trump, DJT, Drumpf, Mr Trump, Idiot Trump, Chump, Evil Donald, #OrangeHitler, Donald @realDonaldTrump, D*nald Tr*mp, Comrade Trump, Crooked Trump, CryBaby Trump, Daffy Trump, Donald KKKrump, Dumb Trump, GOPTrump, Incompetent Trump, He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named, Pres-elect Trump, President-Elect Trump, President-elect Donald J . Trump, PEOTUS Trump, Emperor Trump

## Model Comparison



Data and Code

<https://github.com/lanwuwei/paraphrase-dataset>

*Well balanced in our URL dataset*