

J Argument Clustering Algorithm

Below is the pseudocode of the clustering algorithm used to cluster arguments with the same value by similarity.

Algorithm 2 Clustering similar arguments

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1: procedure CREATECLUSTERS(arguments, group)
2:   synonym_list = create_synonym_list(arguments)
3:   value_list                                     ▷ list of parent-values
4:   arguments                                     ▷ stored with corresponding id and value
5:   normalise_arguments(arguments)                ▷ delete stopwords, punctuation, set caption to lower
6:   arg_nouns = []
7:   for arg in arguments do                       ▷ iterate through arguments
8:     arg = extract_nounphrases(arg)
9:     arg_nouns.append(arg.tokenize())             ▷ arguments now reduced to wordlists
10:  for arg in arg_nouns do                         ▷ iterate through argument wordlists
11:    replace_synonyms(arg)                        ▷ words looked up in synonym dictionary and replaced
12:    stem_args(arg_nouns)                         ▷ words in argument wordlists stemmed
13:    args_same_value                             ▷ done for each value in value_list
14:    arg_dic = []                                ▷ dictionary to store a list of similar arguments for each argument
15:    for i in range (args_same_value) do
16:      compare all arguments with each other using compare function below
17:      if TRUE then arg_dic[arg1].append(arg2)    ▷ if arguments similar, arg2 is added to the
list of similar argument for arg1
18:    clusters = arg_dic.values()
19:    delete_sublists(clusters)
20:  return clusters
21:
22: procedure COMPARE(arg1, arg2)
23:  if intersection of common words  $\geq 0.5$  then return TRUE

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