

Paper Report

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Part I

Paper report

1 IBM models

2 Unsupervised Neural HMMs [4]

2.1 Main idea

This research show how to apply unsupervised hidden Markov model in neural network approach. In fact, they would like to prove that a simple nn models trained to maximize the marginal likelihood could outperform more complicated models in unsupervised learning.

3 What does Attention in NMT pay Attention to ? [2]

3.1 Main idea

This research compares between Attention Models (Non-recurrent attention model/ Global attention and Recurrent attention/ Input-feeding model) and known Word Alignment. The result is that their differences depends on the word type being generated.

3.2 How to compare ?

Higher consistency between Attention and Alignment leading to better translation.

- **Spearman's rank correlation between attention quality** (Attention loss compared known human alignment) **and translation quality** (Word prediction loss). Higher correlation means a closer relationship between translation quality and consistency of attention versus alignment.

– Attention loss

$$L_{At}(outToken) = - \sum_{inToken} Al(in, out) * \log(At(in, out)) \quad (1)$$

* $Al(in, out)$: Weight of alignment link between input token and output token

* $At(in, out)$: Weight of attention between input token and output token

– Word prediction loss: $\text{Softmax}()$

- Attention concentration: Entropy of attention distribution (Soft-hard attention problem)

$$E_{At}(outToken) = - \sum_{in} At(in, out) * \log(At(in, out)) \quad (2)$$

- At(in,out): Weight of attention between input token and output token

3.3 Analysis

The analysis is based on POS tags experiments.

- Impact of Attention between Non-recurrent (NR) and Recurrent attention (IF): IF has lower AER (Hard attention) and Attention loss (Soft attention).
- Translation quality: Consistency between attention and word alignment depends on POS tags. For example,
 - There is a higher consistency in the case of nouns. However, attention captures other information in the case of verbs.
 - Translation quality of Verbs is better than Nouns. It means attention does not follow alignment for translating Verbs.
- Attention concentration: Review the case of Verbs and Nouns.
 - Nouns have a lower attention entropy (Higher concentration), lower attention loss (Closer to Alignment), which is that attention entropy can be used as a measure of closeness of attention to alignment in the case of nouns
 - Verbs have a lower correlation between attention entropy and word prediction loss, which means that attention concentration is not necessary for translating verbs.
- Attention distribution: It shows how a POS tag of target sentence depends on other POS tags of source sentence.

4 Confidence through Attention [3]

4.1 Main idea

Auto-evaluation metric without reference. This research is that attention distribution becomes a confidence metric (Translation quality and Decoder confidence)

- Filtering out bad translation from a large back-translated corpus (Provide a better parallel corpus)

- Selecting the best translation in a hybrid setup of 2 translation systems

The result is that this metric could be consider as an human judgement (Not so true!, just about 50%) and leads to BLEU score improvement (in some cases).

4.2 How to calculate Confidence metric ?

Penalty measures: Coverage deviation and Absentmindedness

- Coverage Deviation Penalty: Lacking attention and Too much attention per input token, which mean penalizing the sum of attention per input token for going to far from 1.0 (Why 1.0: Replaced by token's expected fertility)

$$CDP = -\frac{1}{inSentLen} \sum_{inToken} \log(1 + (1 - \sum_{outToken} \alpha_{out-inToken})^2) \quad (3)$$

- Absentmindedness Penalty (Entropy): The attention of confident output tokens should concentrate on a small number of input tokens and vice versa (Assumption).

$$AP_{out} = -\frac{1}{inSentLen} \sum_{inToken} \sum_{outToken} \alpha_{out-inToken} * \log(\alpha_{out-inToken}) \quad (4)$$

- Combination:

$$Confidence = CDP + AP_{out} + AP_{in} \quad (5)$$

4.3 Analysis

4.3.1 Comparison with human evaluation

They use Kendall rank correlation coefficient for looking at the pairs where human scores differ. They recognize that their metric over-penalizes the translations which do not follow the source word-by-word.

4.3.2 Exp: Filtering Back-translated Data

They compare their confidence metric with language model method in filtering the best translated sentences. Both methods have the similar levels of overlapping the human evaluation. One point should be considered is that their metric does not require any additional model (LM).

For BLEU score, their method show a better performance on some cases, which is in general insignificant.

4.3.3 Exp: Hybrid Decisions

The difference between two baseline systems influences on the final BLEU score. A small difference leads to the small improvements, a large difference causes a score drop. It is well-reported that hybrid selection overlaps about 50% human selection.

5 Word Translation without Parallel data [1]

5.1 Main idea

The research is about **building a bilingual dictionary without parallel data** by aligning monolingual word embedding spaces in a unsupervised way (GAN) and proposing a similarity metric CSLS.

Its results show a strong performance of using Procrustes-CSLS. GAN in this case is a step necessary to overcome unsupervised learning.

5.2 How does it works ?

Input: Two large monolingual corpora.

Output: Linear mapping W between the source and target space. Two steps of training:

1. Training GAN:

- A discriminator distinguishes between n mapped source embeddings and m mapped target embeddings.

Objective function:

$$Loss_D(\theta_D|W) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_{\theta_D}(source = true|Wx_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log P_{\theta_D}(source = false|y_i) \quad (6)$$

- A generator creates these embeddings to fool discriminator.

Objective function:

$$Loss_W(W|\theta_D) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_{\theta_D}(source = false|Wx_i) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log P_{\theta_D}(source = true|y_i) \quad (7)$$

- Update parameter:

Orthogonality advantages: Reservation of monolingual quality of the embeddings (Dot product of vectors or distances, rotation \rightarrow An isometry of the Euclidean space); Stable training)

$$W \leftarrow (1 + \beta)W - \beta(WW^T)W \quad (8)$$

2. Refinement procedure (Solution for rare words that GAN does not well solve) repeats until reaching stopping condition.

- (a) Extracting a synthetic high-quality dictionary (Most frequent words) evaluated by CSLS
 - (b) Applying Procrustes solution for generating more accurate dictionary.
3. Stopping condition/Best hyper-parameters selection - Validation step: Similarity measure CSLS between mapped source and target words.
Why: It is based on K-NN and overcomes a problem of two spaces and "Hubs and Anti-hubs" (Some points are highly near many other points while there are some points are not nearest any point in high-dimensional spaces).
They proposed a bipartite neighbourhood graph. Each word of a language is connected to K words of an other language.

$$CSLS(Wx_s, y_t) = 2 \cos(Wx_s, y_t) - r_T(Wx_s) - r_S(y_t) \quad (9)$$

- $r_T(Wx_s) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{y_t \in N_T(Wx_s)} \cos(Wx_s, y_t)$
Mean similarity of a source embedding x_s to its target neighbours.
- $r_S(y_t) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{Wx_s \in N_S(y_t)} \cos(y_t, Wx_s)$
Mean similarity of a source embedding x_s to its target neighbours.
- $N_T(Wx_s)$: Neighbour of a source word Wx_s in target word space.

Part II

Report

6 Evaluation of a translation/alignment

1. Alignment error rate
2. Attention concentration: Entropy [2], Absentmindedness penalty [3]
3. Attention loss: Compared with known soft alignment
4. Confidence metric - Auto-evaluation: Coverage deviation penalty and Absentmindedness penalty [3]

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