

ARGUMENTATIVE ANALYSIS OF CLINICAL TRIALS FOR EVIDENCE- BASED MEDICINE

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Outline

- NLP
- Argument Mining
- Classification
- Hands-on

NLP

- Natural Language Processing
- Starts with:
 - Tokenise
 - Normalise
 - Remove stop words
 - Count vectorise
 - Tf-idf representation

Bag-of-Words

- Tokenise
 - Split text into tokens
- Normalise
 - Transform a token into its root form
 - e.g., "sharing", "shared" → "share"
- Remove stop words
 - "and", "or", "but", "while", ...
- Count vectorise
 - Tokens to matrix of counts

TF-IDF

- Term frequency Inverse Document Frequency
- More importance to less frequent words
- Idf is the "weight"
- BoW "improved"

A word on normalisation

- Stemming refers to a heuristic process that chops off the ends of words
- Lemmatization refers to doing things properly with the use of a vocabulary
- [Christopher D. Manning, Prabhakar Raghavan and Hinrich Schütze: Introduction to Information Retrieval, 2008]
- Stemming uses predefined rules to transform the word into a stem whereas lemmatisation uses context and lexical library to derive lemma. Stem doesn't always have to be a valid word whereas lemma will always be a valid word because lemma is a dictionary form of a word.

Argument Mining

- Extracting natural language arguments and their relations from text, with the final goal of providing machine-processable structured data for computational models of argument
- Classic pipeline:
 - **Identification of arguments**
 - Definition of boundaries
 - Definition of intra-argument relations

Argument Mining

- Identification of arguments
- Classification task
 - Argumentative vs non-argumentative
 - Premise vs Claim
 - Claim vs Major Claim

Hands-on

- <https://github.com/marcomilanesio/ai4health.git>
- Python3 (3.7+)
 - jupyter
 - colab
- If jupyter (use pip):
 - nltk
 - `nltk.download("book")`
 - glove
 - `wget http://nlp.stanford.edu/data/glove.6B.zip`
 - sklearn
 - keras
 - tensorflow

Hands-on

- Dataset:
 - <https://gitlab.com/tomaye/abstrct.git>
- What we will do:
 - Setup/Installation
 - Preprocessing
 - Classification Argumentative vs Non Argumentative
 - Classification Premise vs Claim (with Glove)
 - PubMed
- Difficulty: entry-level (sometimes intermediate)

Live Coding

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