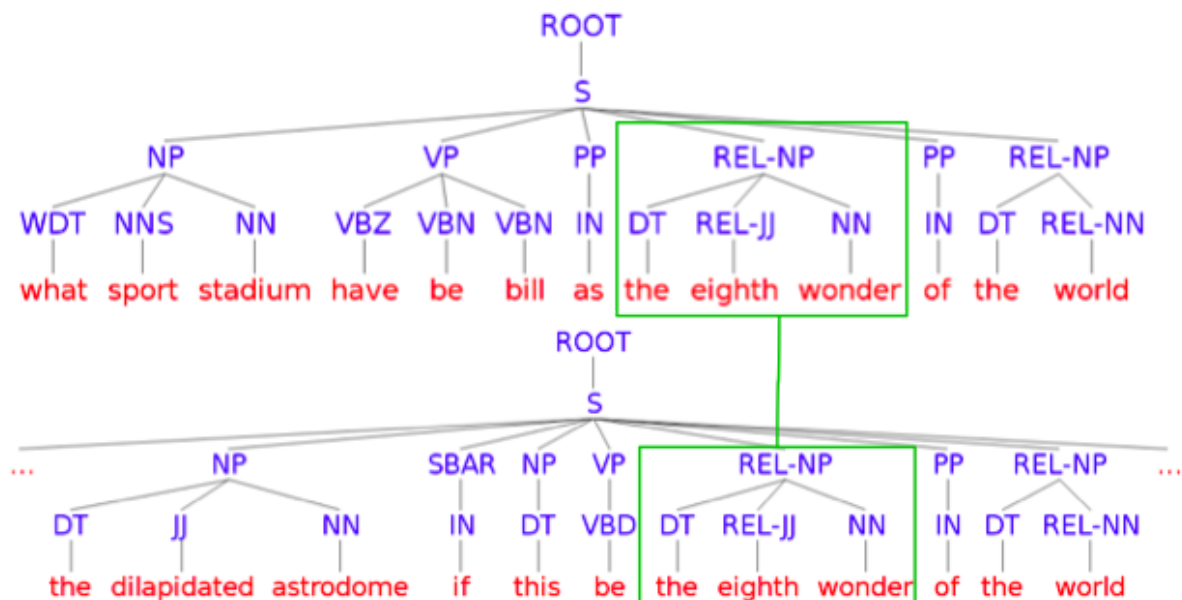


Project Proposal: Enhance question and answer passage structural representation for the Answer passage retrieval task

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Task: integrate additional knowledge into structural representations of the question and answer passages into the kernel-based question answering pipeline (<https://github.com/mnicosia/minimalpipeline> or another similar version)

Example of structures:



Examples of information currently integrated:

- Common lemmas between Q and AP
- Named entities in AP which match the question class
 - E.g. question class is "LOC" (i.e. question is asking a location), then all the named entities of type "Location" are marked in the answer structure with a REL-FOCUS tag
- (for more information: [Tymoshenko, Kateryna, and Alessandro Moschitti. "Assessing the Impact of Syntactic and Semantic Structures for Answer Passages Reranking." Proceedings of the 24th ACM International on Conference on Information and Knowledge Management. ACM, 2015.](#))

Possible ideas:

- Integrate coreference resolution
 - Q: What age did **Elvis** **die**?
 - AP: **Elvis** passed away at his home. The king is mourned by his family. **He died** when he was only 42.

- Here the fact that in the AP “**he**” corefers with “**Elvis**” might be a useful hint of answering the question and linking “He” from the AP to the “Elvis” from the question -> “REL died when REL was only NUM”
- Do error analysis on a subset of the development data and propose other modifications based on the results of the analysis