

Algorithm

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foreach sentence  $s \in$  document do
  compute coreference score  $s(\text{mention}, \text{candidate})$  for all entities in the sentence;
  sort mentions in descending order of score (easy-first);
  foreach mentions  $m \in$  sorted mentions do
    link  $m$  to the cluster with highest score;
    foreach event  $v_m$  that takes  $m$  as participant/argument do
      compute relation scores between  $v_m$  and events related to the cluster;
      create relations that are greater than a threshold;
    end
  end
end
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Algorithm 1: Joint entity coreference resolution and event relation identification.

Scores are computed based on the neural network model of [Clark and Manning, 2016].

Consider this excerpt from CoNLL-2012 for example:

“The film is a copy of the film which was taken after [[his]₁ execution]₂ on **the morning of the blessed Eid** . [...] A new video recording depicting the corpse of the late Iraqi president [Saddam Hussein]₃ after [[his]₄ execution]₅ on **the morning of the first day of the Eidul Adha** was broadcasted ” (a2e_0010_part_000)

By the time the system starts processing the last sentence (“A new video...”), it already stores a cluster for Saddam Hussein and an event of his execution. The system proceeds on by:

1. Link [Saddam Hussein] to the Saddam Hussein cluster
2. Link [his] to Saddam Hussein
3. Since [execution] is an event related to [his], it is taken into consideration
4. Connect [execution] to Saddam Hussein’s execution with relation type Identity
5. Consider [the morning of the first day...], since it is the same morning of the same execution, it corefers to [the morning of the blessed Eid]

In this example, we see how entity coreference resolution and event relation identification work in tandem to uncover the semantic structure of a story. Without the help of event relation, it’s very hard to work out the coreferring relation between the two [mornings] – the overlapping content was small and broad while the two names appear different. On the other hand, considering pairs of events that have coreferring participants/arguments is a good way to narrow down the search space while maintaining good coverage.

References

- [Clark and Manning, 2016] Clark, K. and Manning, C. D. (2016). Improving Coreference Resolution by Learning Entity-Level Distributed Representations. *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics*, pages 643–653.

Consider not only Identity event relation but also weaker types: causation, subevent, before/after