Shared Task Evaluation Learning Machine Learning

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- Test corpora
 - Parzival: MHD
 - Werther: W
 - ▶ Bundestag: BTD

Section 2

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TSV/CSV vs. CoNLL

- It's actually not a real table
 - Sentence boundaries are marked with an empty line
 - Most CSV/TSV libraries will skip those!
- Commonly used in NLP

Entity References \rightarrow Entities

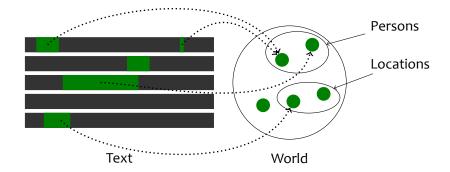


Figure: Entity references and entities

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- Can we make this a classification task?
 - What are the objects to classify?
 - What are the classes?
 - ▶ Where to we get features? What are potential features?

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- Direct answer to the problem
- Difficult to generalize
 - Can only be trained/applied within the same discourse!
 - Nothing to be gained from one text to the next
 - Unless they have the same set of entities
- Established task in BioNLP: Entity tagging

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- Generalization across texts
 - ► The computer can learn something about a general language phenomenon
- Needs post-processing: Naming the co-referent entities
- Established task in NLP: Coreference Resolution
 - Linguistically motivated, theory available

Modularization!

- NLP: Highly modularized pipelines
 - Each module can be/include a machine learning step
 - Specific, small tasks
- Dependencies between linguistic layers

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