

Language nerds – Comma placement in sentences

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Motivation:

Comma placement is notoriously difficult, especially in the danish language. For publishers (and potentially others) it would be a significant help to have an automatic way to check that the commas are placed correctly, as well as placing them automatically.

Background:

In danish there are multiple rules for the correct comma placement, and quite a few exceptions to the general rules. That makes the problem very hard for any automatic hardcoded solver. The problem however seems to fall naturally into a category, that can be solved by machine learning methods, particularly Recurrent-neural networks.

The problem can be stated as a classification problem (is the comma placed at the right position in the sentence?). We expect to utilize this idea and model it using a recurrent neural network, as this will allow the model to learn from the temporal dimensions of the sentence.

Milestones:

30. oktober:	Data is ready and pruned so it can be used. Encoding is chosen
6. november:	First model is ready to be trained and data is encoded.
13. november	Evaluate on first model – figure out what changes needs be made
20. november	Second and improved model is ready to be trained
4. december:	Primary development ends. (training could still continue)
18. december:	project presentation.
22. december:	Final report is handed in.

References:

At the time of writing we plan on using the RNN specified in the lab3 exercises. We then plan to adjust the model to our needs during the project.

<https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~graves/preprint.pdf>

<http://www.deeplearningbook.org/contents/rnn.html>