GroRef: Rule-Based Coreference Resolution for Dutch

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Introduction

Stanford's Multi-Pass Sieve Coreference Resolution System (Lee et al. [2011], Lee et al. [2013])

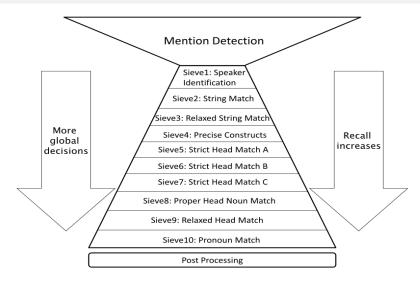
- Sieve-based architecture.
- Deterministic coreference models, stacked on top of each other.
- Each model builds on the previous model's clustering output.

Mention Detection

Alpino [Van Noord, 2006]

- Noun Phrases
- Names
- Subjects
- Pronouns

Sieves



Taken from Lee et al. [2013]

Results (Blanc)

Corpus	Mention detection			Coreference		
	R	Р	F1	R	Р	F1
Apple (dev)	65	57	61	37	28	31
Boeing	60	58	60	32	31	31
GM	64	58	61	35	29	32
Stock	62	48	53	35	20	26

Mention Detection Errors

- Errors in approach: [Hooggeplaatst manager bij [Apple]] ...
- Annotation inconsistencies
 ... de fabrikant van de iPhone ([die] op woensdag voor het eerst ...
 [de [iTunes Apps Store]] vs. [de iPhone]
- Mistakes of Alpino

Example Output

Hooggeplaatst manager bij [Apple] verlaat [bedrijf] na antenneproblemen [iPhone 4]

[Mark Papermaster], [de manager bij [Apple Inc.]] [die] toezicht houdt op [hardware engineering van [de iPhone]] , is weg bij [het bedrijf] . Dit volgde op de kritiek [die Apple vorige maand kreeg vanwege de positie van de antenne op het meest recente model van de [iPhone], [de [iPhone 4]] . [Apple] bevestigde dat [Papermaster] (49) [het bedrijf] had verlaten maar wilde niet zeggen of [hij] uit eigen beweging wegging of was ontslagen . [Papermaster] wilde geen commentaar geven op de situatie .

Conclusion

- Stanford's coreference resolution system can easily be adapted to other languages
- This system is robust across different domains
- Unsupervised: no training data needed

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