



# Deep Joint Entity Disambiguation with Local Neural Attention

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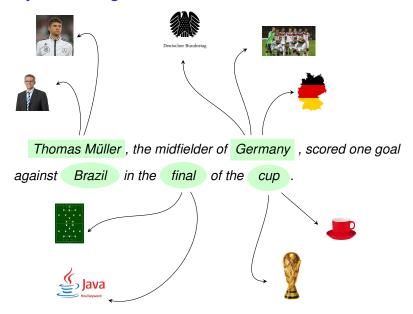
#### Today's Menu

Text disambiguation system based on:

- entity embeddings (cheaply trained)
- a neural attention mechanism over local context windows
- a CRF equipped with a differentiable inference procedure

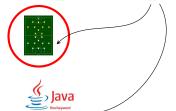
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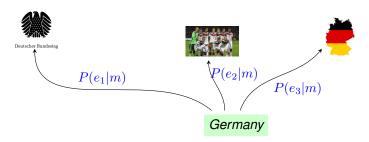
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#### Key Component: Mention - Entity Compatibility



- ▶ Mention entity prior p(e|m)
- Estimated from statistics of Wikipedia hyperlinks

$$P(e|m) \approx \frac{\text{\# links with } m \text{ that point to } e}{\text{\# links with anchor } m}$$

- ▶ Trivial baseline:  $e_i^* = \underset{e \in \mathcal{E}}{\arg \max} P(e_i|m_i)$
- Used for: i) scoring, ii) candidate selection

#### Key Component: Entity Embeddings (1)

- Same space as pre-trained word vectors (Word2Vec)
- ▶ Positive word distribution:  $w^+ \sim \hat{p}(w|e)$ 
  - estimated from context windows around occurrences of e
- ▶ Negative word distribution:  $w^- \sim q(w) = \hat{p}(w)^{\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in (0,1)$
- Loss function:

$$J(\mathbf{z}; e) = \mathbb{E}_{w^+|e} \mathbb{E}_{w^-} \left[ \max \left( 0, \gamma - \langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_{w^+} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_{w^-} \rangle \right) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_e = \underset{\mathbf{z}: ||\mathbf{z}|| = 1}{\min} J(\mathbf{z}; e)$$

#### Key Component: Entity Embeddings (2)

#### Advantages:

- Avoids entity co-occurrence sparse counts (as opposed to prior work)
- Only a subset of entities can be trained
- Rare entities
- Works well in practice

Method Metric	NDCG@1	NDCG@5	NDCG@10	MAP
WikiLinkMeasure [MW08]	0.54	0.52	0.55	0.48
(Yamada et al. 2016): d = 500	0.59	0.56	0.59	0.52
our (canonical pages): d = 300	0.624	0.589	0.615	0.549
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Table: Entity relatedness results on the test set of (Ceccarelli et al. 2013).

#### Entity Embeddings - Examples

Entity	Closest words sorted by cosine similarity
	Japan player Shizuoka Yokohama played Asian USISL Saitama
Japan national football team	Okada Nakamura Tokyo Pele matches Japanese Korea players
	Tanaka soccer Chunnam game Suwon Takuya Kawaguchi
	Mizuno match Qatar team Eto Eiji football playing
	Confederations tournament Kagawa Chiba
	apple fruit berry grape varieties apples crop pear potato
A	blueberry strawberry growers peach orchards pears Prunus
Apple	grower Rubus citrus spinosa tomato berries Blueberry peaches grapes almond juice melon bean apricot insect vegetable
	strawberries olive pomegranate Vaccinium cherries potatoes
	Apple software computer Microsoft Adobe hardware company
	iPod PC product Dell laptop Mac computers Macintosh Flash
Apple Inc.	video desktop iPhone Digital Windows app PCs Intel technology
	device iTunes Motorola Sony digital Multimedia iPad HP
	U2 band singer Avenged Rockers Coldplay concert Lynyrd Kiss
Queen (band)	Metallica Killers rerecorded song Beatles rock Stones recording
, ,	Slash Singer touring musician music CD Dirty Moby rockers
	curacy town Yeomanry Buckinghamshire Leicestershire
Leicestershire	Bedfordshire Lichfield Wiltshire Shropshire almshouses
	Lancashire Stonyhurst
	Warwickshire batsman England Hampshire Leicestershire Trott
Leicestershire County Cricket Club	Glamorgan Nottinghamshire Northants Lancashire Middlesex
	Essex Giles fielding Porterfield Test Surrey cricketer centurion
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	Tests Martyn Croft Derbyshire Clarke overs bowler Lancastrian
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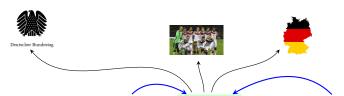
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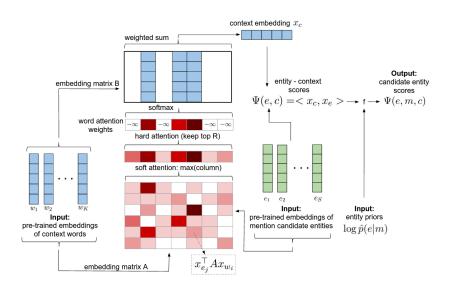
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- Context = text window around mention (of size K)
- Bag-of-words context model.
- Idea: only few words are informative



- Final model:
  - neural network w/ 100 hidden units and ReLU
  - norm bound regularization

$$\Psi(e,m,c) = f(\Psi(e,c), \log \hat{p}(e|m))$$

Max-margin loss:

$$\theta^* = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\theta} \sum_{m} \sum_{e \in \Gamma(m)} [\gamma - \Psi(e^*, m, c) + \Psi(e, m, c)]_+$$

#### Local Disambiguation - Attended Words

Mention	Gold entity	$\hat{p}(e m)$ of gold entity	Attended contextual words
Scotland	Scotland national rugby union team	0.034	England Rugby team squad Murrayfield Twickenham national play Cup Saturday World game George following Italy week Friday selection dropped row month
Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C.	0.103	matches League Oxford Hull league Charlton Oldham Cambridge Sunderland Blackburn Sheffield Southampton Huddersfield Leeds Middlesbrough Reading Coventry Darlington Bradford Birmingham Enfield Barnsley
Montreal	Montreal Canadiens	0.021	League team Hockey Toronto Ottawa games Anaheim Edmonton Rangers Philadelphia Caps Buffalo Pittsburgh Chicago Louis National home Friday York Dallas Washington Ice
Santander	Santander Group	0.192	Carlos Telmex Mexico Mexican group firm market week Ponce debt shares buying Televisa earlier pesos share stepped Friday analysts ended
World Cup	FIS Alpine Ski World Cup	0.063	Alpine ski national slalom World Skiing Whistler downhill Cup events race consecutive weekend Mountain Canadian racing

# Effects of Hyperparemeters

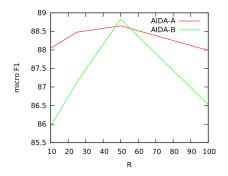
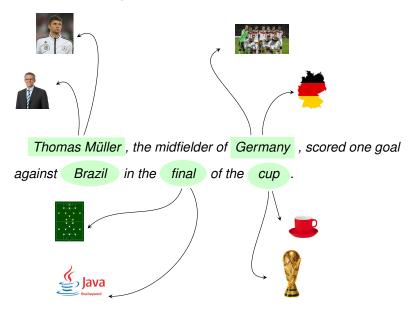
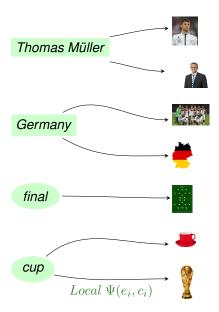
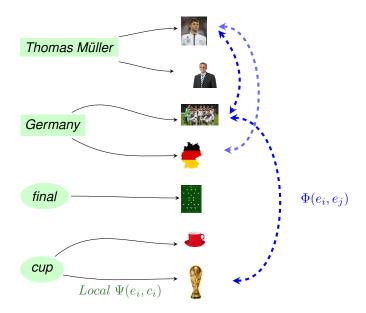
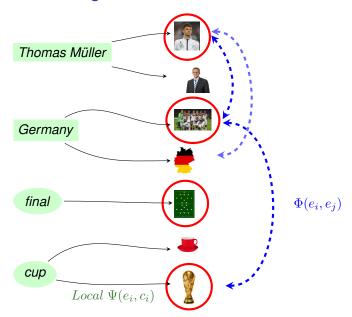


Table: Hard attention improves accuracy of a local model with K=100.









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- Mention prior gets combined with the approximate marginals.
- ▶ Jointly solve:  $\mathbf{e} \in \Gamma(m_1) \times \cdots \times \Gamma(m_n)$

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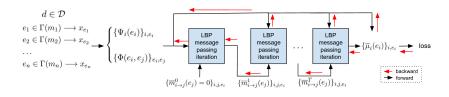
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  - model mis-specification (too strong assumptions, thus no true parameters)

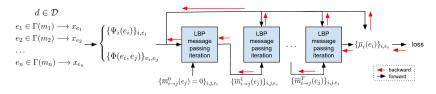
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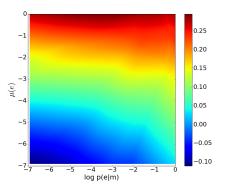
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- same model for learning and prediction
- much faster compared to double-loop likelihood training
- ▶ one of the first to investigate differentiable message passing in NLP
- ► (Domke, 2013): marginal-based loss functions are more resistant to model mis-specification

#### Global Disambiguation - Adding Mention Prior

- ▶ Approximate marginals:  $\rho_i(e) := f(\overline{\mu}_i(e), \log \hat{p}(e|m_i))$
- ▶ Same max-margin loss as for the local model.



#### **Experiments**

Dataset	Number mentions	Number docs	Mentions per doc	Gold recall
AIDA-train	18448	946	19.5	-
AIDA-A (valid)	4791	216	22.1	96.9%
AIDA-B (test)	4485	231	19.4	98.2%
MSNBC	656	20	32.8	98.5%
AQUAINT	727	50	14.5	94.2%
ACE2004	257	36	7.1	90.6%
WNED-CWEB	11154	320	34.8	91.1%
WNED-WIKI	6821	320	21.3	92%

Table: ED datasets. *Gold recall* is the percentage of mentions for which the entity candidate set contains the ground truth entity.

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Methods	AIDA-B
Local models	
prior $\hat{p}(e m)$	71.9
(Lazic et al., 2015)	86.4
(Yamada et al. 2016)	87.2
(Globerson et al. 2016)	87.9
our (local, K=100, R=50)	88.8
Global models	
Huang et al. 2015)	86.6
(Ganea et al. 2016)	87.6
(Chisholm et al. 2015)	88.7
(Guo and Barbosa, 2016)	89.0
(Globerson et al. 2016)	91.0
(Yamada et al. 2016)	91.5
our (global)	$\textbf{92.22} \pm \textbf{0.14}$

Table: In-KB accuracy for AIDA-B test set. All baselines use KB+YAGO mention-entity index.

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Global methods	MSB	AQ	ACE	CWEB	WW
prior $\hat{p}(e m)$	89.3	83.2	84.4	69.8	64.2
(Fang et al. 2016)	81.2	88.8	85.3	-	-
(Ganea et al. 2016)	91	89.2	88.7	-	-
(Milne et al. 2008)	78	85	81	64.1	81.7
(Hoffart et al. 2011)	79	56	80	58.6	63
(Ratinov et al. 2011)	75	83	82	56.2	67.2
(Cheng et al. 2013)	90	90	86	67.5	73.4
(Guo and Barbosa, 2016)	92	87	88	77	84.5
our (alabal)	93.7	88.5	88.5	77.9	77.5
our (global)	$\pm$ 0.1	± 0.4	$\pm$ 0.3	$\pm$ 0.1	± 0.1

Table: Micro F1 results for other datasets.

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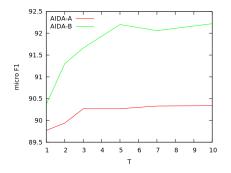


Table: A low T (e.g.5) is already sufficient for accurate approximate marginals.

# Infrequent / Low Prior Entities

Freq gold entity	Number mentions	Solved correctly	$\hat{p}(e m)$ gold entity	Number mentions	Solved correctly
0	5	80.0 %	$\leq 0.01$	36	89.19%
1-10	0	-	0.01 - 0.03	249	88.76%
11-20	4	100.0%	0.03 - 0.1	306	82.03%
21-50	50	90.0%	0.1 - 0.3	381	86.61%
> 50	4345	94.2%	> 0.3	3431	96.53%

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