Unit 7: Data Annotation

Confirming annotation quality

Lesson 51

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Overview of unit

Objectives:

- Understand how to approach data annotation (whether automated or manual)
- Know how to run a small human annotation task

1. Typologies
2. Building a typology
3. Applying a typology – human coding
4. Confirming an annotation
5. Applying a typology – classifier

Lesson overview

Objectives

- Understand ways to compute coder agreement
- How to handle disagreements

Outline

- The problem
- Cohen's kappa
- Handling disagreements

Score: 4/6

① bad agreement
② disagreement kind
③ random agreement

The problem

2 coders

Tweet	Type of weather	
It's pouring outside.	R	R
Just came inside soaking wet.	R	A (ambiguous meaning)
Blizzard conditions out there! #hotchocolatetime	S	A
Going to get wet catching the bus today!	A	A
Sunglasses weather. Can't wait to take a walk.	SUN	SUN
Pouring myself some cereal this morning.	X	X

✓ ✓ ✗ ✓ ✓ ✓

2 codings
some agreements

Cohen's kappa

A way of scoring how good the agreement between two coders' annotations are.

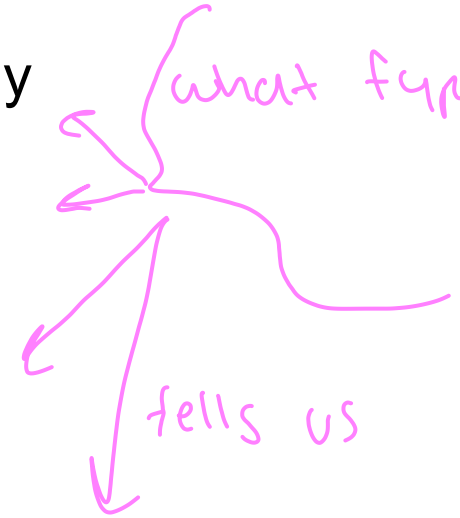
$$\kappa \equiv \frac{p_o - p_e}{1 - p_e}$$

→ negative result just means your typology is really bad

eg if $k = 0.25$ you are 25% better than random

Interpreting annotator agreement

- Confusing typology
- Bad coder
- Tricky cases
- Human error



Lesson wrap-up

Takeaways

- Just like everything else in annotation… verifying quality involves work
- Must follow up with annotators and spend time with annotations

Up next

- Automated annotation