Reflected Text Analysis beyond Linguistics DGfS-CL fall school

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Outline

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- Past STs
 - Chunking
 Clause identification
 Sang and Buchholz (2000)
 Sang and Déjean (2001)
 - ► Language-independent named entity recognition Tjong Kim Sang and De Meulder (2003)
 - Syntactic parsing either multilingually or for specific languages
 Buchholz and Marsi (2006), Kübler (2008), and Nivre et al. (2007)
 - ► semantic representation/role labeling Bos (2008), Carreras and Màrquez (2004), and Carreras and Màrquez (2005)
 - **.**..

Shared Tasks

Workflow

- Organizers define a task and provide a data set with annotations
- Participants develop (automatic) systems to solve the task
- ▶ t 2: Previously unknown test data is published (without annotations), participants apply their systems to this data set
- ▶ t 1: Participants upload/send the results of their systems to the organizers
- t: Organizers evaluate each system's results against a (secret) gold standard, results are published
- \triangleright t+1: Gold standard is published, papers written, workshops held

Section 2

Data and Annotations

Corpus

| Title | Language | Description |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Werther | German | Goethe's Sorrows of the Young Werther; pistolary novel, published 1774/1787 |
| Bundestags- debatten | German | Debates from the German federal parliament; stenographic minutes |
| Parzival | Middle High German | Arthurian Romance; written 12th/13th century CE; verse |
| Grimm | English | Grimm's folk tales, annotated with coreferences in phrase detectives online game (not in Stuttgart) |

Table: Corpus overview

- Heterogeneous with respect to content and form
- ► German/Middle High German/English

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- Parzival
 - ▶ 16 volumes, many characters and places
 - Social relations between characters and/or places

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Common interest

CRETA works on methods/concepts/workflows that are relevant for multiple disciplines/research questions In this case: Entities!

- Werther: Characters and locations
- ► Parliamentary debates: Persons, organizations, locations, dates
- ► Parzival: Characters and locations

Conceptual Overview



Text

Figure: Entity references and entities

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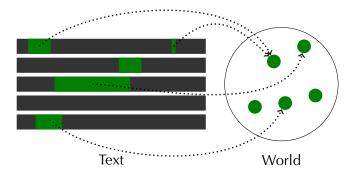


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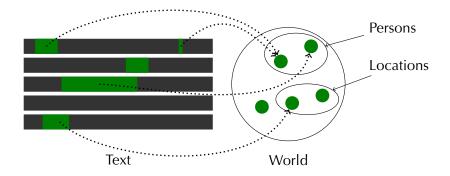


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Guidelines

Entity references

- ✓ Proper names ('Werther')
- ✓ Appellative noun phrases ('the knight') if they refer
 - ✓ Groups: 'the two knights'
 - ✓ Addresses: 'My dear friend'
 - × Generic expressions: 'the chancellor is elected by the parliament'
- × Pronouns are not annotated

Guidelines

How did we annotate?

- Maximal noun phrases, including
 - relative clauses: 'the chancellor, who has in Berlin at this time'
 - ► appositions: 'Wilhelm, my friend'
- If determiner and preposition are contracted, the contracted form is included
 - 'in [dem Land]', '[im Land]'
- Embedded phrases are annotated
 - '[Wolfram von [Eschenbach]_{LOC}]_{PER}'
 - ST data: Only the longest annotation matters
- Entity type is annotated in context
 - 'I always wanted to go to [Europe]_{LOC}.'
 - ► '[Europe]_{ORG} is forcing Greece to take a hard austerity course.'

Examples

| Text | Classes | Examples |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Werther | Person Location Work | Werther, liebster Wilhelm, die Kinder aus dem Dorfe Die Schweiz, dem Dorfe Emilia Galotti |
| Bundestags- debatten | Person Location Organization | Angela Merkel, die Abgeordneten Großbritannien, das Land, Europa SPD, die Union, Europa |
| Parzival | Person Location | Parzival, der ritter, die tafelrunde Nantes, der wald Brazilian, der palas |

Text-specific properties

- Werther
 - ▶ 1878: old language
 - Epistolary novel: First-person narrator
 - Emotional style: Long sentences, interjections, ...
- Bundestagsdebatten
 - Non-narrative text, logged direct speech
 - Contemporary text: Style and content
- Parzival
 - ► Middle High German
 - Proper nouns are upper cased
 - Almost all other words are lower cased
 - Segmentation in 30 verses: Each first row upper case

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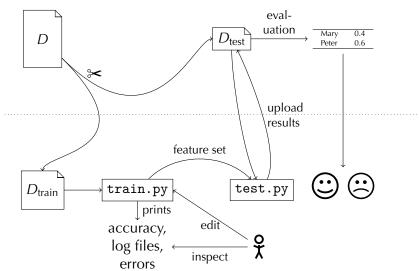
BIO scheme

- Entity references span multiple tokens (incl. unitising task)
- ► Hack: Turn it into token-wise classification task
- ► BIO
 - B: Begin of an annotation
 - ► I: Inside of an annotation
 - O: Outside of an annotation
- Embedded annotations are not represented (only the longest)

Section 3

Hackatorial Setup

Overview

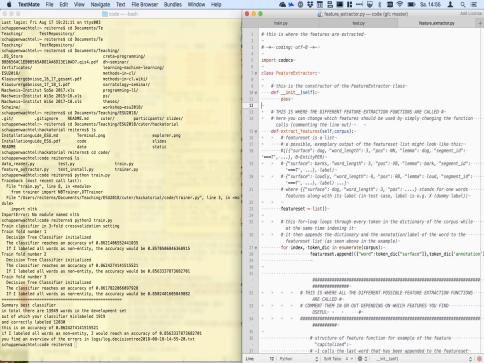


Playground options

- Choose a data set
 - ▶ Werther, Parzival, Bundestagsdebatten, Grimm folktales
- Choose a classifier
 - Decision tree, naive bayes
- ► Edit the feature set
 - ► Turn features on/off, add additional features

Navigate to the correct folder

- Where did you save the hackatorial folder?
- Open a Terminal/Eingabeaufforderung
- ▶ Use cd path/to/hackatorial/code to navigate into the folder



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- You just trained your first machine learning model!
- Now improve its performance by
 - Changing the data set
 - Changing the algorithm
 - Changing the feature set

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- Available corpora:
 - Grimm_train.tsv
 - Parzival_train.tsv
 - ► Werther_train.tsv
 - Bundestag_train.tsv

How to change the features

- Step 1 Open feature_extractor.py with a text editor
- Step 2 Comment or uncomment the features
 - Commenting out (disable): Putting a # in front of the line
 - Uncomment (enable the feature): Removing the #

The full feature list is available as a PDF (with examples).

What do features mean?

Available features and their meaning are listed in the table that you got on paper and further below in feature_extractor.py

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- Step 2 Comment out one of the lines starting with trainer =

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# THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN CHANGE THE MI. ALGORITHM#
# change this line for another ML algorithm (remove the # infront of a line to uncomment)
# DTTrainer is the trainer for a Decision Tree classifier
# NBTrainer is the trainer for a Naive Bayes classifier
trainer = DTTrainer(traincy)
#trainer = NBTrainer(traincy)
```

Enjoy Training!