Relation Extraction

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Introduction

Reminder:

- Information extraction (IE) ≈ extracting structured information from unstructured documents
- Acquire knowledge from natural language text, and store it in a machine-readable format

We already learned how to do (cf. previous IE lectures):

Named entity recognition (NER)

Next: With named entities already annotated, how can we gather facts from text documents?

- Structured information that may be used to populate a knowledge base
- Such as (typed) relations between named entities

Relation extraction is an enabling technology for:

 Question answering (QA), spoken dialogue systems, recommender systems, text summarization, . . .

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RELATION EXTRACTION:
MOTIVATION

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 - Married_on(Elvis Presley, May 1, 1967)
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 - "Where did Priscilla Beaulieu get married?"
 - Analyze question and issue database query
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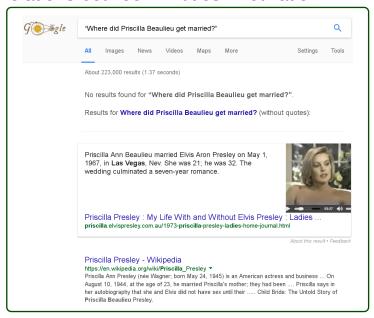
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[Google.co.uk query, 7 Dec. 2016]

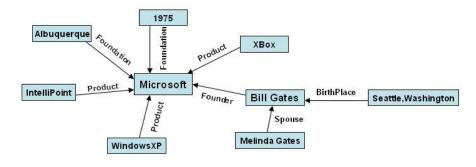
Automatically constructing knowledge bases (or further populating existing ones)



[Antoine Bordes and Evgeniy Gabrilovich. KDD 2014 Tutorial on Constructing and Mining Web-scale Knowledge Graphs, New York, August 24, 2014. Page 8.

http://www.cs.technion.ac.il/~gabr/publications/papers/KDD14-T2-Bordes-Gabrilovich.pdf] [Linking Open Data cloud diagram 2014, by Max Schmachtenberg, Christian Bizer, Anja Jentzsch and Richard Cyganiak. http://lod-cloud.net/. Available under a CC-BY-SA license.]

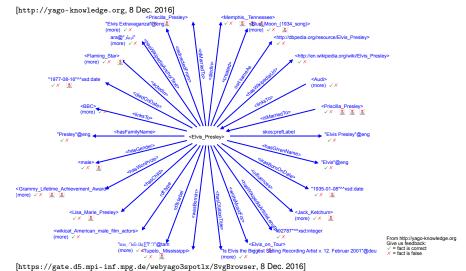
Knowledge representation as a directed graph: entities = nodes, relations = edges



[Dat P.T Nguyen, Yutaka Matsuo, and Mitsuru Ishizuka. Exploiting Syntactic and Semantic Information for Relation Extraction from Wikipedia, IJCAI Workshop on Text-Mining & Link-Analysis, Hyderabad, India, 2007. Page 11.]

Graph browsing the YAGO knowledge base

- > 10 million entities (like persons, organizations, cities, etc.)
- > 120 million facts about these entities



RELATION EXTRACTION: EXAMPLE TASKS

Example 1: Geographical Location

"Which German federal state is Bogenhausen located in?"

Bogenhausen

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Some basic structured information is sometimes provided along with unstructured text, e.g. Wikipedia Infoboxes. How to exploit it?



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Munich, 6 Dec. 2016]

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[[Boroughs of Munich|25 boroughs]]

Example 2: Food Domain

I usually have mashed potatoes with my fish fingers.

Entity types:

- FOOD-ITEM
- EVENT
- DISH
- DISPOSITION

Relations:

- Suits-to(FOOD-ITEM, EVENT)
- Can-be-Served-with(FOOD-ITEM, FOOD-ITEM)
- Can-be-Substituted-by(FOOD-ITEM, FOOD-ITEM)
- Ingredient-of(FOOD-ITEM, DISH)
- Recommended-for-People-with(FOOD-ITEM, DISPOSITION)
- Not-Recommended-for-People-with(FOOD-ITEM, DISPOSITION)

Example 2: Food Domain

Suits-to(??, picnic)

sandwiches, wraps, noodle salad, potato salad, fruit salad, meat balls, filet of pork, vegetables, apples, melons, strawberries, muffins, biscuits, antipasti, . . .

Can-be-Served-with(??, falafel)

lettuce, coleslaw, sauce, yoghurt, tomato salad, olives onions, sesame paste, pita, cucumbers, radish, fries, carrots

Can-be-Substituted-by(??, porridge)

millet gruel, muesli, semolina pudding, cornflakes, grits, oat meal, ...

Ingredient-of(??, apple pie)

apples, flour, eggs, sugar, cinnamon, yeast, baking powder, butter, milk, margarine, honey, almonds, almond paste, baking soda, sour cream, \dots

Recommended-for-People-with(??, diabetes)

dietary fibre, fish, vegetables, lettuce, fruits, potatoes, magnesium, low-fat yoghurt, low-fat cheese, mineral water, unsweetened tea, muesli, . . .

Not-Recommended-for-People-with(??, diabetes)

alcohol, pastries, butter, soft drinks, sugar, convenience products, fat, sweets, honey, rice pudding, fructose, lactose, fries, sweetened bread spread, . . .

Example 3: Biological Domain

SeeDev task at BioNLP-ST 2016:

 Event extraction of genetic and molecular mechanisms involved in plant seed development

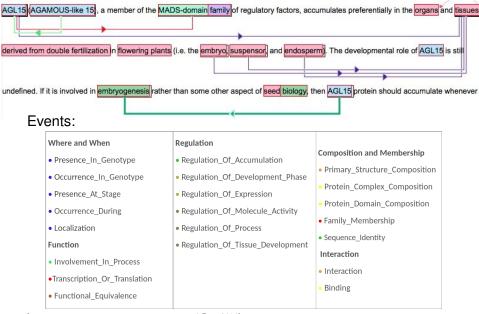
Entity types:

 Gene Gene_Family Box Promoter RNA Protein Protein_Family Protein_Complex Protein_Domain Hormone Regulatory_Network Pathway Genotype Tissue Development Phase Environmental Factor

Relations:

- Binds_To(Functional_Molecule: Functional_Molecule, Molecule: Molecule)
- Composes_Primary_Structure(DNA_Part: Box | Promoter, DNA:DNA)
- Composes_Protein_Complex(Amino_Acid_Sequence: Protein |
 Protein_Family | Protein_Complex | Protein_Domain, Protein_Complex:
 Protein_Complex)
- Exists_At_Stage(Functional_Molecule: Functional_Molecule, Development: Development Phase)
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Example 3: Biological Domain



[http://2016.bionlp-st.org/tasks/seedev, 6 Dec. 2016]

"The objective of the Automatic Content Extraction (ACE) series of evaluations has been to develop human language understanding technologies that provide automatic detection and recognition of key information about real-world entities, relations, and events in source language text, and to convert that information into a structured form, which can be used by follow-on processes, such as classification, filtering and selection, database update, relationship display, and many others."

ACE08 Evaluation Plan v1.2d, 7 April 2008 [http://www.itl.nist.gov/iad/mig/tests/ace/2008/doc/ace08-evalplan.v1.2d.pdf]

Data sources: broadcast conversations, broadcast news, meetings, newswire, telephone, usenet, weblogs

Entities (ACE08):

Туре	Subtypes	
FAC (Facility)	Airport, Building-Grounds, Path, Plant,	
	Subarea-Facility	
GPE (Geo-Political Entity)	Continent, County-or-District, GPE-Cluster,	
	Nation, Population-Center, Special, State-	
	or-Province	
LOC (Location)	Address, Boundary, Celestial, Land-	
	Region-Natural, Region-General, Region-	
	International, Water-Body	
ORG (Organization)	Commercial, Educational, Entertainment,	
	Government, Media, Medical-Science,	
	Non-Governmental, Religious, Sports	
PER (Person)	Group, Indeterminate, Individual	

Relations (ACE08):

Туре	Subtypes
ART (artifact)	User-Owner-Inventor-Manufacturer
GEN-AFF (General affiliation)	Citizen-Resident-Religion-Ethnicity,
	Org-Location
METONYMY	None
ORG-AFF (Org-affiliation)	Employment, Founder, Ownership,
	Student-Alum, Sports-Affiliation,
	Investor-Shareholder, Membership
PART-WHOLE (part-to-whole)	Artifact, Geographical, Subsidiary
PER-SOC (person-social)	Business, Family, Lasting-Personal
PHYS (physical)	Located, Near

Annotated corpus:

Sample of the Datasets for Generic Relation Extraction (LDC2011T08) in Edinburgh Regularized ACE (reACE) mark-up

[http://benhachey.info/data/gre/examples/ace.xml, 7 Dec. 2016]

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         <w id="w299">and</w>
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FOR RELATION EXTRACTION

HAND-CRAFTED RULES

Relation Extraction via Pattern Matching

- Manually identify a set of lexico-syntactic patterns
- Write rules to recognize the patterns in text

Example: hyponym relation $ls_a(x,y)$

The bow lute, such as the Bambara ndang, is plucked and has an individual curved neck for each string.

Pattern: $ENTITY_0$ such as $\{ENTITY_1, ENTITY_2..., (and | or)\} ENTITY_n$

implies: $\forall ENTITY_i$, $1 \le i \le n$, $Is_a(ENTITY_i, ENTITY_0)$

i.e.: *ls_a*(Bambara ndang, bow lute)

[Marti A. Hearst. Automatic Acquisition of Hyponyms from Large Text Corpora, Fourteenth International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Nantes, France, 1992.]

Hearst's Patterns for Hyponym Relations

Hyponym relation $ls_a(x,y)$

Pattern	Example occurrence
y such as x	The bow lute, such as the Bambara
	ndang,
such y as x	works by such authors as Herrick,
	Goldsmith, and Shakespeare.
X or other Y	Bruises, wounds, broken bones or other
	injuries
X and other Y	temples, treasuries, and other
	important civic buildings.
y including X	All common-law countries, including
	Canada and England
y, especially x	most European countries,
	especially France, England, and Spain.

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Harnessing Named Entity Tags

Intuition: relations often hold between specific entities

- Located_in (ORGANIZATION, LOCATION)
- Founded (PERSON, ORGANIZATION)
- Cures (DRUG, DISEASE)
- Serves_as (PERSON, POSITION)

Start with named entity tags to help extract relation.

Pattern	Example occurrence
PERSON, POSITION of ORG	George Marshall, Secretary
	of State of the United
	States
PERSON (named appointed)	Truman appointed Marshall
PERSON POSITION	Secretary of State
PERSON [be]?	George Marshall was named
(named appointed) ORG	US Secretary of State
POSITION	

Slide adapted from Dan Jurafsky [http://www.stanford.edu/class/cs124/lec/rel.pdf, 8 Dec. 2016. Pages 19 & 22.]

Hand-crafted Rules: Pros and Cons

Pros:

- Human patterns tend to be high-precision
- Can be tailored to specific domains

Cons:

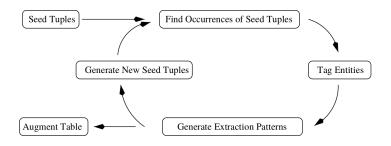
- Human patterns are often low-recall
- A lot of work to think of all possible patterns
- Don't want to have to do this for every relation type
- We'd like better accuracy

Rule Learning

FOR RELATION EXTRACTION

Learning New Patterns (Semi-Supervised)

Initialize with hand-crafted rules, iteratively find new ones (bootstrapping)



[Eugene Agichtein and Luis Gravano. Snowball: Extracting Relations from Large Plain-Text Collections, Fifth ACM Conference on Digital Libraries. San Antonio, TX, USA, 2000. Page 3.]

Learning New Patterns (Semi-Supervised)

- 1 Hand-crafted pattern for *Located_in* (ORGANIZATION, LOCATION): ORGANIZATION [be]? located in LOCATION
- 2 Apply existing patterns to data: LMU is located in Germany.

The University of Edinburgh is located in Scotland.

- 3 Extract seed tuples: (LMU, Germany) (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)
- 4 Find occurrences of known tuples in data:

LMU is among Germany's oldest universities.

The University of Edinburgh is one of Scotland's ancient universities.

Generate new patterns for relation Located_in: ORGANIZATION [be]? among LOCATION's ORGANIZATION [be]? one of LOCATION's

6 Apply updated set of patterns to data:
RWTH is among Germany's Top Universities.
Dundee University is one of Europe's most innovative universities.

Generate new tuples: (RWTH, Germany) (Dundee University, Europe)

Rule Learning: Pros and Cons

Pros:

- More relations can be discovered
- Less human effort (when using a small amount of hand-crafted, high-quality seed patterns for bootstrapping)
- (It might even work without any hand-crafted patterns if instead some seed relations are known from an external source)

Cons:

- The set of patterns becomes more error-prone with each iteration ("semantic drift")
- Need to find best practices for generalizing the context around tuple occurrences when generating new patterns
- Extending to new relation types requires additional seed patterns, these need to be created manually

SUPERVISED MACHINE LEARNING

FOR RELATION EXTRACTION

Supervised Machine Learning

How to build a statistical classifier for relation extraction:

- Manually annotate a corpus with relations between named entities (typically relations within individual sentences or paragraphs)
- 2 Divide corpus into training, development, and test sets
- Train statistical classifier on the training set
 - The overall task can be split into subtasks with separate classifiers for each:
 - (a) detecting related entity pairs, and
 - (b) deciding on the relation type of a related entity pair
- 4 Evaluate with precision/recall/F₁

Statistical Classification of Relations

How to apply a statistical classifier for relation extraction:

- 1 Preprocess raw document
- 2 Run NER
- 3 Run any other auxiliary tools, such as coreference resolution, or POS tagging, dependency parsing
- 4 For all pairs of entities (within each sentence or paragraph): decide whether they are related or not (binary classification)
- For related entity pairs: classify the relation type

Statistical Classification of Relations: Example

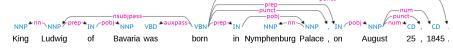
1 Preprocess

King Ludwig of Bavaria was born in Nymphenburg Palace , on August 25 , 1845 .

2 Run NER (here: PERSON / DATE / LOCATION)

King Ludwig of Bavaria was born in Nymphenburg Palace , on August 25 , 1845 .

3 Run auxiliary tools



4 For all pairs of entities: decide whether they are related

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(King Ludwig of Bavaria, Nymphenburg Palace)? Related. (King Ludwig of Bavaria, August 25, 1845)? Related. (Nymphenburg Palace, August 25, 1845)? Unrelated.
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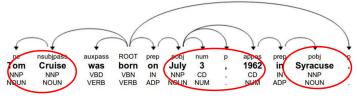
5 For related entity pairs: classify the relation type

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Born_in(King Ludwig of Bavaria, Nymphenburg Palace)
Born_on(King Ludwig of Bavaria, August 25, 1845)
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Supervised Machine Learning: Features

Typical features for the statistical classifier:

- context words + POS
- dependency path between entities
- named entity tags
- token/parse-path/entity distance



X was born on DDDD in Y

- DEP: X <nsubjpass / born prep> on pobj> DATE prep> in pobj> Y
- NER: X = PER. Y = LOC
- POS: X = NOUN, NNP: Y = NOUN, NNP
- Context: born, on, in , "born on"

[Antoine Bordes and Evgeniv Gabrilovich, KDD 2014 Tutorial on Constructing and Mining Web-scale Knowledge Graphs. New York, August 24, 2014, Pages 83-84.

http://www.cs.technion.ac.il/~gabr/publications/papers/KDD14-T2-Bordes-Gabrilovich.pdf]

Supervised Machine Learning: Pros and Cons

Pros:

 Can get high accuracies with enough hand-labeled training data, if test similar enough to training

Cons:

- Annotating a large corpus is expensive
- Supervised models are brittle, don't generalize well to different domains (topics and genres)

MACHINE LEARNING WITH DISTANT SUPERVISION FOR RELATION EXTRACTION

Machine Learning with Distant Supervision

If you want to build a statistical classifier but there is no manually annotated training corpus:

- Relations from an existing (hand-crafted) knowledge base can be employed for corpus annotation
- Automatically create corpus annotation by labeling all cooccurrences of entity pairs that are related according to the knowledge base
 - assuming that sentences that contain a related pair are expressing the type(s) of relationship(s) that these entities have in the knowledge base
- Train classifier
- Ideally, evaluate on a small amount of gold-standard data

Distant Supervision: Pros and Cons

Pros:

- Less manual effort
- Scalability: can use large amounts of unlabeled data

Cons:

- Noisy automatic annotation of the training corpus: sentences with entity cooccurrences might not express the seed relation
- No explicit negative samples for classifier training



Summary

- Relation extraction: find relations of entities in unstructured text
 - Relation types such as Is_a(entity_x, entity_y),
 Instance_of(entity_x, entity_y), Has(entity_x, entity_y),
 Happened_on(entity_x, entity_y), ...
- Relation extraction techniques: pattern matching vs. statistical classifiers
 - Hand-crafted rules
 - Rule learning (relation bootstrapping)
 - Supervised machine learning (annotated training data + feature engineering)
- Relations can be stored in a database/knowledge graph, which can be queried in use cases such as question answering, etc.

Beyond This Presentation

Here: (mostly) limited domains, closed sets of entities and relations, relation detection within individual documents.

- Confidence: With what probability is a relation extracted from text actually true?
- Open IE: Can new (emerging) types of entities and relations be discovered automatically?
- Commonsense knowledge often not explicitly expressed in text: Include external knowledge sources.
- Cross-document references

THE END! Questions?

Thank you for your attention

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