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Warren Weaver to Norbert Wiener 4 March 1947

One thing I wanted to ask you about is this. A most serious problem, for UNESCO and for the constructive and peaceful future of the planet, is the problem of translation, as it unavoidably affects the communication between peoples. Huxley has recently told me that they are appalled by the magnitude and the importance of the translation job.

Recognizing fully, even though necessarily vaguely, the semantic difficulties because of multiple meanings, etc., I have wondered if it were unthinkable to design a computer which would translate. Even if it would translate only scientific material (where the semantic difficulties are very notably less), and even if it did produce an inelegant (but intelligible) result, it would seem to me worth while.

Also knowing nothing official about, but having guessed and inferred considerable about, powerful new mechanized methods in cryptography—methods which I believe succeed even when one does not know what language has been coded one naturally wonders if the problem of translation could conceivably be treated as a problem in cryptography. When I look at an article in Russian, I say: "This is really written in English, but it has been coded in some strange symbols. I will now proceed to decode."



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PAUL KIPARSKY

TENSE AND MOOD IN INDO-EUROPEAN SYNTAX*

1. THE HISTORICAL PRESENT

The 'historical' or 'dramatic' present tense used in narrating past events, which is common in many Indo-European languages, has always been interpreted in essentially semantic terms. A typical traditional formulation is

it is quite mistaken to transfer it to the earlier stages of Indo-European. In Greek, Old Irish, and Old Norse, for example, the historical present has quite different syntactic and semantic properties, to which the traditional idea, or any of its variants², must utterly fail to do justice.

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Witness: I don't think you're serious. By a winter's day one means a typical winter's day, rather than a special one like Christmas.





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Modularity

Linguistic Modules

- Phonetics and phonology
- Morphology
- Syntax
- Semantics
- Pragmatics
- Discourse
- With lots of crossings between levels!

Phonetics and Phonology

- Phonetics: language sounds & their physiology
- Phonology: systems of discrete sounds in languages
 - E.g.: devoicing of it is to it's
 - E.g.: syllable structure: sign, signify

Morphology

- Inflectional (in some languages):
 - love \rightarrow loved
- Derivational:
 - tea-cup, un-helpful, with-stand, craisin
- Turkish: uygarlastiramadiklarimizdanmissinizcasina
 - uygar las tir ama dik lar imiz dan mis siniz casina
 - (behaving) as if you are among those whom we could not civilize

Morphological Tagging



c. Klimatizovaná jídelna, světlá místnost pro snídaně.

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Pragmatics

- Context affects meaning
- Conversational implicature
 - May I speak to your mother? Yes.
- Speech acts: "how to do things with words"
 - I grant you permission to speak.

Discourse

- Study of units larger than a single utterance
 - Turn taking
 - Coreference
 - Organized exposition

It All Hangs Together



Le langage est un système où tout se tient. – Meillet

Applications







GEOMET. ELEMENT. EVCLIDIS

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EM	30.2	30.8	25.6	24.9
Hard proj.	66.2	64.8	59.1	60.1
Hard proj. w/EM	58.6	59.8	53.0	52.8
QG w/EM	68.5	66.9	64.8	64.8

Table 2: Unlabeled dependency accuracy for German and Spanish with different training conditions and training set sizes.

sand sentence pairs, each a prefix of the next. Since the target-language-only baseline converged much more slowly, we created a version of the corpora with sentences 15 target-language words or fewer (but still with 1000, 10,000, etc., sentences).

5.2 Unsupervised Learning

to find sentences where enough links were projected to completely determine a target language tree. Of course, we needed to filter more than 1000 sentences of bitext to output 1000 training sentences in this way. With this subset, we can simply perform supervised training. As discussed in §2, these links are still quite noisy. Performance in fact suffers when we add more of this noisy training data. Still, this method is a substantial improvement over the baselines and unsupervised EM.

Instead of finding fully projected trees, we can simply take the one-to-one projected links are given, impute expected counts for the remaining structures with EM, and update our models. This approach ("hard projection with EM"), however, performed worse than using only the fully projected trees. In fact, only the first iteration of EM with this method made any improvement. Afterwards, EM degraded accuracy further from the numbers in table 2.

5.4 QG Projection

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Janie Adkins	[JHSPAM-ALERT-IP] Ficken wie ein Weltmeister ? - Meinung von unserem Kunden: Ich glaube, ich hab
Cary Phelps	No Hassle Business Loans - If you have your own business and need IMMEDIATE money to spend ANY v
Elias Moran	[JHSPAM-ALERT-IP] Loans - Small Business - If you have your own business and require IMMEDIATE (
Dr John Avery	[JHSPAM-ALERT-IP] Something interesting for you - XMAILOE %XMIMEOE X-Antivirus: avast! (VPS 08
Roland Reid	Business Loans - If you have your own business and need IMMEDIATE ready money to spend ANY way y
Doctor Max Stokes	[JHSPAM-ALERT-IP] It's important for you - XMAILOE %XMIMEOE Make your lady-love contented! You
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discussion

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history

In computer science and linguistics, parsing (more formally: syntactic analysis) respect to a given formal grammar. A parser is the component of a compiler that

Parsing transforms input text into a data structure, usually a tree, which is suitab creates tokens from a sequence of input characters and it is these tokens that a Parsing is also an earlier term for the diagramming of sentences of natural lang languages or Latin.

Parser generators are tools that can automatically generate a parser (in some p compiler compiler).

Parsers can also be constructed as executable specifications of grammars in fu others to construct a set of higher-order functions (called parser combinators) w executable specifications of ambiguous grammars containing left-recursive pro-

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evantheus : Preparing for another crop of Baby linguinis... THIS. IS. LINGUISTICS. I mean... THIS. IS. SPARTAAAAAAAAAAAA. (don't beat me teacher) sc(2008-01-23 11:40:09)

laurak : @ FrF_Kmeron - Did I also forget to mention that I was a Linguistics major in college



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Er wird in den Strassen wandern

Er wird in den Strassen wandern He will in the streets walk

Er wird in den Strassen wandern He will in the streets walk He will walk in the streets



Er wird in den Strassen wandern He will in the streets walk He will walk in the streets

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Er wird in den kleinen Strassen wandern He will in the small streets walk He is in the small streets hike



Question Answering



Who is the leader of France ?





Multilingual "Topics" European Parliament Corpus

- DA børn familie udnyttelse børns børnene seksuel
- DE kinder kindern familie ausbeutung familien eltern
- EL παιδιά παιδιών οικογένεια οικογένειας γονείς παιδικής
- EN children family child sexual families exploitation
- ES niños familia hijos sexual infantil menores
- FI lasten lapsia lapset perheen lapsen lapsiin
- FR enfants famille enfant parents exploitation familles
- IT bambini famiglia figli minori sessuale sfruttamento
- NL kinderen kind gezin seksuele ouders familie
- PT crianças família filhos sexual criança infantil
- SV barn barnen familjen sexuellt familj utnyttjande
- DA mål nå målsætninger målet målsætning opnå
- DE ziel ziele erreichen zielen erreicht zielsetzungen
- EL στόχους στόχο στόχος στόχων στόχοι επίτευξη
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- ES objetivo objetivos alcanzar conseguir lograr estos
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- FR objectif objectifs atteindre but cet ambitieux
- IT obiettivo obiettivi raggiungere degli scopo quello
- NL doelstellingen doel doelstelling bereiken bereikt doelen
- PT objectivo objectivos alcançar atingir ambicioso conseguir
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- DE anderen andere einen wie andererseits anderer
- EL άλλες άλλα άλλη άλλων άλλους όπως
- EN other one hand others another there
- ES otros otras otro otra parte demás
- FI muiden toisaalta muita muut muihin muun
- FR autres autre part côté ailleurs même
- IT altri altre altro altra dall parte
- NL andere anderzijds anderen ander als kant
- PT outros outras outro lado outra noutros
- SV andra sidan å annat ena annan

Multilingual "Topics" Wikipedia comparable articles

- CY sbaen madrid el la josé sbaeneg
- DE de spanischer spanischen spanien madrid la
- EL ισπανίας ισπανία de ισπανός ντε μαδρίτη
- EN de spanish spain la madrid y
- ترین de اسپانیا اسپانیایی کوبا مادرید FA
- FI espanja de espanjan madrid la real
- FR espagnol espagne madrid espagnole juan y
- HE ספרד ספרדית דה מדריד הספרדית קובה
- IT de spagna spagnolo spagnola madrid el
- PL de hiszpański hiszpanii la juan y
- RU де мадрид испании испания испанский de
- TR ispanya ispanyol madrid la küba real
- CY bardd gerddi iaith beirdd fardd gymraeg
- DE dichter schriftsteller literatur gedichte gedicht werk
- EL ποιητής ποίηση ποιητή έργο ποιητές ποιήματα
- EN poet poetry literature literary poems poem
- شاعر شعر ادبیات فارسی ادبی آثار FA
- FI runoilija kirjailija kirjallisuuden kirjoitti runo julkaisi
- FR poète écrivain littérature poésie littéraire ses
- HE משורר ספרות שירה סופר שירים המשורר
- IT poeta letteratura poesia opere versi poema
- PL poeta literatury poezji pisarz in jego
- RU поэт его писатель литературы поэзии драматург
- TR şair edebiyat şiir yazar edebiyatı adlı



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actor role television actress




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Projecting Hidden Structure



Induced Annotations for Chinese

NLP Tasks

- Analog to digital
 - OCR, Speech Recognition
- Individual language modules
 - Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, and Discourse
- Language to data
 - Information extraction and retrieval
- Language to language
 - Translation, summarization, dialogue systems

Monolingual & Multilingual

- Analysis technologies for languages
 - Morphology, syntax, semantics
- Translation technologies
 - Dictionaries, cross-lingual IR, MT
- Multilingual exploratory data analysis
 - Clustering, classification→model building

A Few Problems

Morphological Ambiguity



c. Klimatizovaná jídelna, světlá místnost pro snídaně.

Adj {Neu Pl Acc Pos Aff}/klimatizovaný Adj {Neu Pl Pos Aff}/svetlý Adj {Neu Pl Voc Pos Aff}/klimatizovaný Adj {Fem Si Voc Pos Aff}/svetlý Adj {Fem Si Voc Pos Aff}/klimatizovaný Noun {Fem Si Nom Aff}/jídelna Adj {Fem Si Nom Pos Aff}/klimatizovaný Noun {Fem Si Nom Aff}/jídelna Adj {Neu Pl Nom Pos Aff}/klimatizovaný Noun {Fem Si Nom Aff}/jídelna Adj {Neu Pl Nom Pos Aff}/klimatizovaný Noun {Fem Si Nom Aff}/svetlý Adj {Neu Pl Nom Pos Aff}/klimatizovaný Adj {Fem Si Nom Pos Aff}/svetlý Adj {Neu Pl Nom Pos Aff}/klimatizovaný Adj {Fem Si Nom Pos Aff}/svetlý

Air-conditioned dining room,

Syntactic Ambiguity







More Ambiguity

- Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- Teacher Strikes Idle Kids
- Stolen Painting Found by Tree
- Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
- Local HS Dropouts Cut in Half
- British Left Waffles on Falkland Islands
- Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
- Clinton Wins on Budget, but More Lies Ahead
- Ban on Nude Dancing on Governor's Desk

Why is NLP Hard?

- The rules are ambiguous
- We don't know the rules
- We need to combine lots of weak evidence
- It's AI complete
- Language is nearly co-extensive with humanity
- To the rescue: probability, machine learning

Why is NLP in CS?

- How about...
 - Linguistics
 - Statistics
 - Psychology and Cognitive Science
 - The Lang/Lit Humanities
- All of the above!
 - Focus on algorithms, data analysis, engineering

What You'll Learn in NLP

- Looking at data
 - Phenomena and problems
- Modeling data
 - Linguistic and statistical tools
- Algorithms and implementation
 - Efficient computation, practical systems

No Really, What'll I Learn?

- Models of language
 - n-grams, grammars, generative, discriminative
- Algorithms to tame complexity
 - Finite-state models, regular expressions
 - Context-free grammars and parsers
 - Backpropagation and learning
- Problem solving: classification, structured prediction, generation

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- Thursdays 6-9, Behrakis 325
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What

- Upper undergrad & grad course in NLP
 - Learning to read papers in NLP
- Presentation and participation (20%)
- Homework assignments (3/4 for 30%)
- Final project (50%)
 - Application of a model to different data
 - Report analyzing implementation, results

More on Grading

- All code and written words must be your own
- OK: Discussing problems with others, as long as you acknowledge it
- Not OK: Copying other text or homework, divide-and-conquer coding

What

- Lectures introduce algorithms, models, learning methods
- Background reading in two books:
 - Speech and Language Processing. Jurafsky & Martin
 - Linguistic Structure Prediction. Noah Smith (no relation, but sometime coauthor)

Thanks