Learning to Label Documents

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Outline

- What do I mean by “labelling” documents?
  - classification
  - topic modelling + labelling of topic (mixtures)
  - summarisation
- Why should you care?
  - user-in-the-loop document filtering
  - document fusion/summarisation
  - document collection navigation/“gisting”
- Recurring themes:
  - where is current research at?
  - what issues have we swept under the carpet?
  - what is the true nature of the beast?
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• In practice, the semantics of the label set can be high-dimensional and highly multi-dimensional, e.g. MeSH [Lipscomb, 2000]:
  • anatomy, organisms, diseases, chemicals, techniques, ...
  • constantly evolving over time (4400 in 1960 → 27455 in 2015), with expectation of missing categories at any given time [Nam et al., 2016]
The role of coenzyme Q10 in heart failure
OBJECTIVE: To review the clinical data demonstrating the safety and efficacy of coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10) in heart failure (HF).
DATA SOURCES: Pertinent literature was identified ...
DATA SYNTHESIS: HF impairs the ability of the heart ...
CONCLUSIONS: Large, well-designed studies ...

MeSH Terms: (1) Antioxidants/therapeutic use; (2) Coenzymes; (3) Heart Failure/drug therapy; (4) Heart Failure/pathology; (5) Heart Failure/physiopathology; (6) Humans; (7) Oxidative Stress/drug effects; (8) Ubiquinone/analsogs & derivatives; (9) Ubiquinone/therapeutic use; (10) Ventricular Remodeling/drug effects
Topic Modelling

- Topic model = (unsupervised) latent variable model for capturing the semantics of a document collection, usually in the form of:
  - set of topics = multinomial distribution over vocab terms
  - topic allocations to documents = multinomial distribution over topics

Source(s): Deerwester et al. [1990], Hofmann [1999], Blei et al. [2003]
Full text of March 5 UK monetary minutes
The following is the complete text of the minutes of the March 5 monthly monetary policy meeting between Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke and Bank of England Governor Eddie George. The Chancellor of the Exchequer and Governor met, together with officials, ...

Topic allocation:
- 0.30 \(\langle\text{economic, people, country, years, economy, ...}\rangle\)
- 0.21 \(\langle\text{percent, unemployment, rate, year, growth, ...}\rangle\)
- 0.05 \(\langle\text{party, government, parliament, minister, opposition, ...}\rangle\)
- 0.00 \(\langle\text{peru, hostages, rebels, fujimori, residence, ...}\rangle\)
Topic Labelling

• While the topics and topic allocation for a given document provide a common “API” over the document collection, they are far from user friendly:
  • interpreting individual topics can be hard
  • making sense of the mixture of topics can be perplexing
• Ideal = automatic method for labelling topics with succinct labels, and documents with descriptions that capture the mixture of topics
Automatic Topic Labelling

stock, market, investor, fund, trading, investment, firm, exchange, company, share

STOCK
MARKET

MARKET

EXCHANGE-TRADED
FUND

vs.

vs.
Related Work

- A few methods have been proposed to automatically label topics, for example using:
  - textual labels from topic model documents (e.g. bigrams) [Mei et al., 2007]
  - textual labels from external knowledge bases (e.g. Wikipedia) [Lau et al., 2011]
  - image labels from external knowledge bases [Aletras and Stevenson, 2013]
Wikipedia Titles as Labels

- We propose using Wikipedia article titles to label topics
- That is, given a topic, we want to find the most relevant Wikipedia article, and use its title as the topic label
- Idea borrowed from our previous work [Lau et al., 2011]: search Wikipedia using topic terms and train a support vector regression model to rank top titles based on a number of lexical association features
- In this work, we propose using neural embeddings of words and documents to generate topic labels

Source(s): Bhatia et al. [2016]
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- Next, use doc2vec (or paragraph vectors) to learn embeddings for word sequences (e.g. paragraphs or documents) [Le and Mikolov, 2014]:
  - use dbow as an alternative means of generating embeddings for topic terms and Wikipedia titles
Context Representation for Operating System

doc2vec context:

Operating system

An operating system (OS) is system software that manages computer hardware and software resources and provides common services for computer programs. All computer programs, excluding firmware, require an operating system to function.

Time-sharing operating systems schedule tasks for efficient use of the system and may also include accounting software for cost allocation of processor time, mass storage, printing, and other resources.

For hardware functions such as input and output and memory allocation, the operating system acts as an intermediary between programs and the computer hardware, although the application code is usually executed directly by the hardware and frequently makes system calls to an OS function or is interrupted by it. Operating systems are found on many devices that contain a computer— from cellular phones and video game consoles to web servers and supercomputers.

The dominant desktop operating system is Microsoft Windows with a market share of around 82%. OS X by Apple Inc. is in second place (9.8%), and Linux is in third position (1.5%).[2][3] In the mobile (smartphone and tablet combined) sector, based on Strategy Analytics Q3 2016 data, Android by Google is dominant with 87.5 percent or growth by 10.3 percent in one year and iOS by Apple is placed second with 12.1 percent or decrease by 5.2 percent in one year, while other operating systems amount to just 0.3 percent.[6] Linux is dominant in the server and supercomputing sectors. Other specialized classes of operating systems, such as embedded and real-time systems, exist for many applications.

word2vec context:

- ... a multi-tasking operating system allows more ...
- ... Single-user operating systems have no ...
- ... while time-sharing operating systems switch tasks ...
Finding Relevant Articles

Given the embeddings, we find the most relevant title by computing the cosine similarity between topic terms and titles.

Formally, the relevance of a title $a$ and a topic $T$ is as follows:

$$rel_{d2v}(a, T) = \frac{1}{|T|} \sum_{v \in T} \cos \left( E_{d2v}^d(a), E_{d2v}^w(v) \right)$$

$$rel_{w2v}(a, T) = \frac{1}{|T|} \sum_{v \in T} \cos \left( E_{w2v}^w(a), E_{w2v}^w(v) \right)$$

$$rel_{d2v+w2v}(a, T) = rel_{d2v}(a, T) + rel_{w2v}(a, T)$$
relevance(stock_market, <stock, fund, trading, ...>) =

\[ \text{doc2vec\_relevance} + \text{word2vec\_relevance} \]
word2vec vs. doc2vec

**Topic terms**
- blogs, vmware, server, virtual, oracle, update, virtualization, application, desktop, infrastructure, management

**word2vec labels**
- software, desktop, operating system, virtualization, middleware

**doc2vec labels**
- microsoft visual studio, desktop virtualization, microsoft exchange server, cloud computing, windows server 2008

- word2vec labels tend to be general;
- doc2vec labels are more specific
Methodology Overview

• Our method consists of two steps:
  
  label generation: using \texttt{doc2vec} and \texttt{word2vec} embeddings to match related article titles with topics;
  
  label ranking: given a set of candidate titles for a topic, we train a support vector regression model to rank them to select the best label.

• The candidates generated from step 1 are technically ordered (by the combined relevance score).

• The idea of step 2 is to re-rank the candidates using additional features and with supervision to improve performance.
Label Ranking Features

**Letter Trigram** [Kou et al., 2015]
- Overlap of letter trigrams between a label and topic terms
- Also our unsupervised baseline

**PageRank**
- Uses directed links to estimate the significance of a document
- We construct a directed graph from Wikipedia based on hyperlinks within the article text
- Compute a PageRank value for each Wikipedia article/title

**Num Words**
- Number of words in the label

**Topic Overlap**
- Lexical overlap between a label and topic terms
Datasets

- **BLOGS**: 120K blog articles from Spinn3r dataset;
- **BOOKS**: 1K books from Internet Archive American libraries;
- **NEWS**: 29K New York Times articles from English Gigaword;
- **PUBMED**: 77K PubMed biomedical abstracts.

LDA is run on each domain to learn 100 topics; incoherent topics are automatically removed based on NPMI [Lau et al., 2014]
Gold Standard Judgements

• To evaluate our method and train the label ranking model, gold-standard ratings of the candidates are required
• We used CrowdFlower to collect human judgements
• We followed previous work in asking judges to rate a label given a topic on an ordinal scale of 0–3, where 0 = inappropriate label and 3 = perfect label
• Post-filtered (quality control), we have an average of 6.4 annotations per label
• We aggregate ratings of a label by taking its mean rating
• This produces a gold-standard ranking of labels for each topic
Evaluation Metric

Top 1 average rating

- mean rating of top-ranked label;
- provides an evaluation of the absolute utility of the top labels

Normalised discounted cumulative gain (nDCG)

- measures relative quality of the ranking, relative to gold standard
Benchmark System [Lau et al., 2011]

- Uses Wikipedia titles to label topics.
- Label generation:
  - Query Wikipedia using top topic terms using Google’s search API and Wikipedia’s native search API
  - Top articles from both sources are pooled
  - Create additional labels by generating component n-grams from the original labels
  - Filter labels using RACO (based on article category overlap)
- Label ranking:
  - Train a support vector regression model over a number of lexical association features, e.g. PMI, Dice, to rank the candidate labels
Findings

- Cross-domain performance similar to in-domain; unsurprising since it has more training data: 3 out-of-domain data vs. 9 folds of cross-validation single-domain data
- Our system achieves substantial improvements over PUBMED and BOOKS
- Upper bound of top-1 average rating is much higher compared to benchmark system; this indicates we are generating better label candidates
## Sample of Topics and Generated Labels

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<thead>
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<th>Domain</th>
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<th>Label Candidate</th>
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<td>vmware server virtual oracle update virtualization application</td>
<td>virtualization</td>
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<td>church archway building window gothic nave side value tower</td>
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<td>investigation fbi official department</td>
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<td>NEWS</td>
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Labelling by Summarisation

- We consider (single-document) summarisation in two primary forms:
  1. summarisation over unstructured text
  2. summarisation over a structured document representation
**Summarisation over Unstructured Text**

- Summarisation over unstructured text has focused on headline generation [Rush et al., 2015, Chopra et al., 2016] and machine reading tasks [Hermann et al., 2015]:

![Diagram of encoder and decoder models](image-url)
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Donald Trump threatens North Korea with ‘fire and fury’, prompting threat to attack Guam [abc.net.au]
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North Korea threatens missile strike on US Pacific territory dangerously close to Australia [news.com.au]
Or ... Summarising Proust
Proust Summaries

(1) **Harry:** Proust’s novel ostensibly tells of the irrevocability of time lost, the forfeiture of innocence through experience, the reinstallment of extra-temporal values of time regained ... In the first volume, Swann, the family friend visits...

(2) **Ronald:** Er, well, Swann, Swann, there’s this house, there’s this house, and er, it’s in the morning, it’s in the morning — no, it’s the evening, in the evening and er, there’s a garden and er, this bloke comes in — bloke comes in — what’s his name — what’s his name, er just said it — big bloke — Swann, Swann

(3) **Bolton Choral Society:** Proust, in his first book wrote about ... fa la la ... Proust in his first book wrote about ... He wrote about ...

**Source(s):** [http://www.montypython.net/scripts/proust.php](http://www.montypython.net/scripts/proust.php)
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Fact Correctness #madashell

Source(s): http://www.abc.net.au/tv/programs/shaun-micallefs-mad-as-hell/
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- In the case of summarisation from structured data, there is the assumption that there is a structured input (possibly in addition to source unstructured data), e.g.:
  - weather forecasts [Liang et al., 2009], movies [Gorinski and Lapata, 2015], basketball games [Wiseman et al., to appear]

- Promising new direction (esp. Wiseman et al. [to appear]), as importance/novelty ranking and (in-domain) world knowledge highly important, and chronology critical in terms of factual correctness
Example from Wiseman et al. [to appear]

The Atlanta Hawks defeated the Miami Heat, 103 - 95, at Philips Arena on Wednesday. Atlanta was in desperate need of a win and they were able to take care of a shorthanded Miami team here. Defense was key for the Hawks, as they held the Heat to 42 percent shooting and forced them to commit 16 turnovers. Atlanta also dominated in the paint, winning the rebounding battle, 47 - 34, and outscoring them in the paint 58 - 26. The Hawks shot 49 percent from the field and assisted on 27 of their 43 made baskets. This was a near win for the Hawks, as Miami held just one lead in the first five minutes. Miami (7 - 15) are as beat up as anyone right now and it’s taking a toll on the heavily used starters. Hassan Whiteside really struggled in this game, as he amassed eight points, 12 rebounds and one blocks on 4 - of - 12 shooting ...
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• Basic flavours of document label generation:
  • classification
  • topic modelling/labelling
  • summarisation (unstructured or structured)

• Long, long way to go on document summarisation front, with real need for *truly* challenge datasets and realistic evaluations
References I


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