Text Mining, Corpus Building, and Testing

Corpus

- "A corpus is a collection of text or speech material that has been brought together according to a certain set of predetermined criteria."
  - Testing hypotheses about natural lang.
  - Extracting statistical and linguistic information

Corpus (Plural Corpora)

- A **collection** of written text or recorded speech
- Useful for **statistical** knowledge acquisition techniques
- Chomsky, 1957, Syntactic Structures: "The corpus, if natural, will be so wildly skewed that the description [of language based on the corpus] would be no more than a mere list."

Corpus – Types

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Corpus consists of:
- text
- corpus database that contains the text
- concordancer as a front-end
Corpus – Hitory

- Non-digital
  - Käding – 1897 – 100 million words [5000 analysts] → shorthand/stenography
  - Palmer – 1933 → language pedagogy
  - Eaton – 1940 → comparative linguistics
  - Fries, 1952 → corpus-based grammar
  - Quirk, 1961 → survey of English usage

Corpus – properties

- Machine readable form (digital)
- Representative of the domain under study
- Balanced sample
  - Text with specific parameters
  - (BNC, ANC)
- Finite (monitor corpus: non-finite [grows to reflect languages changes])

Corpora Resources I

- Brown Corpora (1 million tagged words)
  - Sample of written American English
- Lancaster-Oslo-Bergen corpus
- Penn Treebank
- British National Corpus (BNC)
- Project Gutenberg
  - http://www.promo.net/pg/
  - 6267 books free available
- Mannheimer Corpus Collection
  - http://corpora.ids-mannheim.de/cosmas/
  - (Demonstration einer statistischen Kookurenzanalyse)

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Corpus Analysis

- **Corpus linguistics** is the study of language through analysis of natural-occurring data. It involves computational methods and tools and develops theories of linguistics and language use.
- Annotation is mostly required for analyzing linguistic pattern
- Information Retrieval based on annotated corpora

Text Mining – Process

1. **Information Extraction**
   - TM systems include an IE module
   - Locates significant vocabulary items in NL documents (linguistic knowledge!)
2. **Tokenization, stemming and tagging**
3. **Cluster a collection of documents (IR)**
4. **Categorize the clusters**
5. **Discover knowledge from the databases and visualization tools (DM)**

Text Mining or Text Data Mining

- **Computer – Internet**: Enormous growth in the volume of online text documents in multiple formats and languages
- **Goal**: discover knowledge from unstructured textual data
- **Text Mining vs. Data Mining**
  - Type of data under investigation
  - TM: unstructured natural-language documents
  - DM: highly structured data in data warehouses
- **Text Mining vs. Information Retrieval**
  - DM: derive new information from data
  - IR: extracts already existing information

Text Mining – Text Data Mining

- **Natural Language Processing**
- **Information Retrieval**
- **Data Mining**
- **Machine Learning (KI)**
Tokenization – pre-processing corpora I

- **Problem one**: Text can be enriched with markups (HTML, XML, ...), tables or other non-useful things...
- **Problem two**: We need a separated text to see word and sentence boundaries...

**Sentence Boundaries**

Are good choices, but how can we handle an abbreviation (like Dr.) or acronym (like I.B.M.)? What's with Numbers (112.211)?

**Haplogogy**: One Character has two simultaneous uses. [i.e. the period at the end could signal both a sentence break and an abbreviation]

90% of the periods in English are sentence boundary markers.

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Tokenization – pre-processing corpora II

**Sentence Boundaries**

**Solution**: Regular Expressions with a list of abbreviations

**Recent approaches**:
- Palmer and Hearst (1997): POS information used from a NN to predict sentence boundaries
- **Maximum entropy approach** (probabilistic distribution of sentence boundaries in a text)

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Tokenization – pre-processing corpora III

- **Word Segmentation**
  - Occurrence of whitespaces or punctuation
  - May work in English

- **Punctuation**: Apostrophes can be a part of a word (rock'n roll) or marking possessive nouns (cat's)
- **Contractions**: Spanish: del → de el
- **Hyphenation**: Compound word (e-mail) or joining words (25-year-old)
- **Whitespace**: New York
- **More**: Numbers, Encoding (→ Unicode)

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Corpus Annotation

**Annotated Corpora**

A corpus that has been enhanced with tags providing explicit linguistic information

- **How?**
  - GML (Generalized Markup Language)
  - SGML (→ HTML)
  - XML (subset of SGML)
  - XCES (XML Corpus Encoding Standard [XML-scheme])
  - RDF (Resource Description Framework)
### Tagset Design I

- Tagging is the foundation for further analysis
- Most common type is **part of speech (POS)** tagging
- Tagset: annotation tags used within the corpus
- Most widely used tags in:
  - Brown Corpus ([http://www.scs.leeds.ac.uk/ccalas/tagsets/brown.html](http://www.scs.leeds.ac.uk/ccalas/tagsets/brown.html))
  - Penn Treebank (see next slide)
  - British National Corpus (BNC5; distinguishes 61 categories; [http://www.natcorp.ox.ac.uk/what/c5spec.html](http://www.natcorp.ox.ac.uk/what/c5spec.html))

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**Corpus Annotation**

- **Annotation Coverage**
  - Part of speech annotation
  - One of the first types of annotation
  - Most common annotation today

- **Lemmatization (or stemming)**
  - Based on morphological analysis

- **Parsing**
  -_parsed corpora: treebanks (→ Penn Treebank)
  - Annotate the syntactic phrases (sentence, verb phrase, noun phrase, prepositional phrase)

- **Semantic annotation, discourse analysis (greetings, apologies [sorry], politeness [please]), speech annotation**

Corpus Annotation –
Tagging Methods

- Rule-based taggers (knowledge-based taggers)
  - Lexicon based
  - TAGGIT (Green and Rubin, 1971)
  - Unable to provide tags for construction that have not been recognized
- Probabilistic taggers
  - Need to be trained to build a probability matrix (word/grammatical class/probability)
  - Bigram analysis (probability: a word of a certain POS follow another word from another particular POS) (trigrams)
  - (hidden Markov model -> viterbi algorithm)
  - If an unknown word occurs the grammatical class can be found thought the distributional information
- Hybrid taggers (CLAWS)

Corpus Annotation

Corpus Annotation –
Tagging Methods: CLAWS

- BNC: 100,000,000 words
- Free WWW trail available at http://www.comp.lancs.ac.uk/ucrel/claws/trial.html
- Tagsets: C5 (British National Corpus) and C7
- Output: horizontal or vertical (with columns)
- If you would like to use our trial service, please complete the form below. From an academic site, you can enter up to 10,000 words of English running text. From a non-academic site, you can enter up to 300 words of English running text. If you enter more, it will be cut off at the appropriate word limit. Input format guidelines are available. To tag the text you have entered click the button below the form.
- With C5 horizontal it looks like this:
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Applications in Corpus Linguistics

- Extracting information
- Training purposes

Applications in Corpus Linguistics –
Lexicon Acquisition

- Lexicon contains
  - Morphological
  - Syntactic
  - Semantic
  - Pragmatic information
- Lexicon used in
  - Information extraction
  - Document summarization
  - Machine translation
- Computational lexicon for taggers consists of the lexemes or stem forms of words
- If the tagger is used for a part of machine translation we need also the translation
- If incorrect information is in the lexicon the tagger cannot to be good as we want
- Machine readable dictionaries (MRD) containing lexical information
  - Static
    - Not available for many languages especially for translation purposes
    - Lexicon acquisition
      - Gather lexical information from text corpora
      - Corpora are now widely available
      - Can reflect dynamic and changing nature of language

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Applications in Corpus Linguistics –
Discourse Analysis

- Research topic: determining the psychological point of view (POV) of the author or a character in the text
- Current approaches:
  - Creating annotated corpora
  - Train a statistical discourse tagger module
  - Then the discourse tagger marks a corpus with POV expressions
  - extremely difficult (no formal criteria)

Applications in Corpus Linguistics –
Word Sense Disambiguation

- Goal: select the *appropriate meaning* to a given word based on the linguistic context
- Importance
  - machine translation
  - information retrieval
  - parsing

Applications in Corpus Linguistics –
Machine Translation

- Several methods (full knowledge-based systems, interlingua methods, purely statistical approaches,..)
- MT includes
  - Multilingual lexicon
  - Tagger
  - Parser
  - Word sense disambiguation module
- All are based on corpora
- MT specific: *parallel corpora* (same text in several languages)
- Text alignment: create explicit link between the elements that are mutual translations (*aligned corpus*)
- Methods for aligning sentences
  - Comparing the lengths of textual units
  - Using Lexical content
  - Matching cognates (verwandte)

Corpus Processing Tools

- UNIX/POSIX Tools
- Word Counts
- Concordances
- Collocations
- Testing and Evaluation
Corpus Processing Tools – POSIX Tools

- POSIX: Portable Operating System Interface (...to be pronounced pah-zicks not poh-six)
- POSIX Part 3: Shell and Utilities
- Standardization of tools so that they are widely available on several OS's.
- A lot of utilities use regular expressions which are equivalent to regular language and equivalent to DFA (deterministic finite automata) and NFA (nondeterministic finite automata)
  - the word problem given from the expression can be solved efficiently
- Regular expressions are for instance:
  - A letter or a number
  - [...] := Class of characters – \[^\] := complement class
  - Regular expression followed by + := one or more
  - Regular expression followed by * := 0,1 or more (Kleene hull)
  - Regular expression | Regular expression := or
  - (Regular expression)
- Helmut Herold, Linux-Unix Kurzreferenz
- Regular expressions in C: man regex

Corpus Processing Tools – Word Counts

- Now we have some text on our POSIX-workstation
- We can use several utilities which are born to help us
  - wc -w (for word count)
  - tr (search and replace)
  - cut (to handle text with columns)
  - sort
- SED (stream editor) [sed 'script' file]
  - Script: [address1 [ address2]] function [args]
  - Addresses: number or /regex/
  - Functions: p (print), q (quit), s (replace)
  - sed '/Kommentar/hs/[^A-Za-z]/g' text.txt | wc -w
- AWK
  - Pattern (action)
  - Patterns: BEGIN, END, expression, regex, concatenated pattern, pattern1, pattern2 (all rows between pattern1 match and pattern2 match)
  - Builtin-variables: ARG, ARGV, FILENAME, NF (number of fields)

Corpus Processing Tools – Concordances

- Context of a word can be from interest
  - Especially for lexicographer
  - Intervening materials between verb and particle can be useful for developing language grammars
- KWIC concordancing program (Key Word in Context)
  - Extracts all occurrences of the word of interest and displays it with the word in the center and the surrounding context on the two sides.

IDS Copora „Kookkurrenzanalyse“ of „Curacao“
Corpus Processing Tools – Collocations

- Concordance analysis is not very efficient for real quantitative analysis.
  - Not ordered by frequency
  - Number of hits can be very high
- “A Collocation is an expression that consists of a number of words within a short distance of each other.”
- Collocation analysis
- Compositionality

Corpus Processing Tools – Testing and Evaluation

- Test corpora
  - Corpora created to be used for evaluating and testing statistical algorithms and the performance of NLP systems.
  - Typically annotated
- Truthfile = annotated test corpus?
- Split data set at the beginning into a training set and a test set
- Measurements:
  - Information Retrieval: Precision and Recall
  - Accuracy and coverage
- Criteria for a test set or truthfile
  - Consistency (reflect linguistic phenomena)
  - Size of Tagset (larger tagset → larger corpora to train)

Symbolic and Statistical Paradigms in Computational Linguistics

- Historically: conflict between symbolic and statistical approaches (Chomsky: Syntactic Structures (1957))
- Reasons
  - Role of quantitative measures
  - Type of data to be investigated
- Computational Approaches (in the 60s):
  - Generative theory; building linguistic models based on formal grammars
- 90s (computers faster; disk space cheaper):
  - Renewed interest in statistical models
- 1994: Workshop: The Balancing Act (New Mexico State University);
  - Goal: dialogue between researchers of both sides
  - Since then hybrid approaches growing

Summary

- Introduction to corpus linguistics
- Chomsky „Syntactic Structures“ (1957)
- Corpus types and corpora resources
- Applications influences corpus collection and processing
- Tools and programs to analyse corpora
Discussion please...