





Efficient Graph-based Document Similarity

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Common task: Related-document Search



Query document

Apple breaks laptop sales record

Document Collection

He drinks apple juice during half-time break

All-time high in MacBooks sold

U2 record pre-installed on iPhones

Matching words do not always indicate similarity





Word co-occurrence can be misleading, too





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Related Work





Bridging the gap





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- > Bag-of-entities document model & similarity
 - > Document similarity as combination of pairwise entity similarities
 - > Exploits hierarchical & transversal knowledge graph relations

In our experiments, we achieve higher correlation with human notion of document similarity than the competition

Related-document Search using Graph-based Similarity



• Enrich query document with relational knowledge

2) Inclusion in corpus

- Store & index *expanded* document
- 3) Pre-search
 - Use inverted index to generate candidate set
- 4) Full search
 - Entity-level, path-based similarities



Semantic Document Expansion





- Enrich document annotations
- Hierarchically
 - Categories & their ancestors + hierarchical depths
- Transversally
 - Weight neighboring entities based on
 - number of paths
 - length of paths

$$w(e) = \sum_{l=1}^{L} \beta^{l} * \left| paths_{a,e}^{(l)} \right|$$

Pre-Search: Generate Candidate Set





- Inverted index from entities to documents
 - Retrieve candidates efficiently
- Assumption: Entity overlap
 → contextual similarity
 - Coarse, document-level assessment

Full Search: Graph-based Document Similarity



• For each candidate document, reconstruct query-candidate annotation subgraph - hierarchical & transversal



- Compute all pairwise entity similarity scores
- > **Combine** into document score

Hierarchical entity similarity



• Using stored ancestors & depths to compute

$$hierSim_{dps}(x, y) = \frac{d(root, lca(x, y))}{d(root, lca(x, y)) + d(lca(x, y), x) + d(lca(x, y, y), y)}$$



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Transversal entity similarity



• Use stored neighbors & weights to compute:



Document similarity: bipartite graph of entity similarities



- 1. Annotation pair similarity: Combine transversal & hierarchical scores
- 2. Determine *maxGraph:* for each annotation, choose max. score edge (bold)



3. Compute document score based on max. edges $(a_{1i}, matched(a_{1i}))$ for each annotation a_{1i} of Doc A:

$$docSim(docA, docB) = \frac{\sum_{a_{1i} \in A_{1}} (entSim_{ent}(a_{1i}, matched(a_{1i})))}{|A_{1} + |A_{2}|}$$







$$docSim(docA, docB) = \frac{0.53 + 0.92 + 0.43 + 0.53 + 0.58 + 0.81}{3 + 3} \approx 0.63$$





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Evaluation



- Task: Measure correlation with human notion of similarity
- Datasets
 - **Document similarity**: Lee50^[1]
 - Sentence similarity: 2012-MSRvid-Test^[2], 2015-Images^[3]



[1] https://webfiles.uci.edu/mdlee/LeePincombeWelsh.zip

[2] http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/downloads/38cf15fd-b8df-477e-a4e4-a4680caa75af/

[3] http://ixa2.si.ehu.es/stswiki/index.php/

Document Similarity: Lee50 corpus



- 50 short news articles (51 to 126 words)
- Gold standard set of full pairwise document similarity scores
- Outperforming baselines
 & competition:
 - Statistical (LSA, ESA, SSA)
 - Knowledge-based (GED)

		Correlation		
		r	ho	μ
Baseline	TF - IDF	0.398	0.224	0.286
	AnnOv	0.59	0.46	0.517
Related	LSA	0.696	0.463	0.556
	SSA	0.684	0.488	0.569
	GED	0.63	-	-
	ESA	0.656	0.510	0.574
Ours	$GBSS_{r=2}$	0.712	0.513	0.596
	$\mathbf{GBSS}_{r=3}$	0.704	0.519	0.598

Sentence Similarity



Compared to related unsupervised approaches (on texts with one or more extracted entities)

- · 2012-MSRvid-Test: Video descriptions from MSR Video Paraphrase Corpus
- · 2015-Images: Flickr image descriptions
- Outperforming baselines & competition

Statistical (Polyglot)

 Knowledge-based (Tiantianzhu7, IRIT, WSL)

		Sentence Semantic Similarity		
		2012-MSRvid-Test	2015-Images	
Baseline	STS-12	0.299	-	
	STS-15	-	0.603	
Related	Polyglot [3]	0.052	0.194	
	Tiantianzhu7 [24]	0.594	-	
	IRIT [6]	0.672	-	
	WSL [22]	-	0.640	
Ours	$\operatorname{GBSS}_{r=2}$	0.666	0.707	
	$GBSS_{r=3}$	0.673	0.665	

Related-document Search: Pre-Search, Full Search & Efficiency



Ranking score (nDCG) improves from Pre-Search to Full Search

- > Computation time grows linearly with candidate set size
- Here: candidate set of size ~15 achieves high performance

Conclusion & Outlook



- Efficient Graph-based Document Similarity
 - ... combines hierarchical & transversal relational knowledge
 - ... outperforms related distributional & knowledge-based approaches, on both articles and sentences
 - ... is computationally **efficient**: related-document search
- Lessons learned
 - Value of DBpedia for semantic similarity
 - > The more entities (at least one) per document, the better:
 - > Few entities: disambiguation helps
 - > Many entities: *maxGraph* entity pairing emphasizes meaningful relations
- Resources (code, data, documents):

http://people.aifb.kit.edu/amo/eswc2016/

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