Any Domain Parsing

Automatic Domain Adaptation for Natural Language Parsing

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Robots will need to understand language

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[Lucas et al., 1977, Lucas et al., 1980, Lucas et al. 1983]



Keeping up to date with Twitter



Reading the news



Studying the latest medical journals



Casual reading



Imperial Senate left waffles on Death Star.















Applications of Parsing

Parsing is often part of larger NLP pipelines.

- Some examples:
 - Machine translation [Charniak et al., 2003]
 - Bioinformatics [Miyao et al., 2008]
 - Forensics (author identification) [Luyckx and Daelemans, 2008]
 - Discourse analysis [Barzilay and Lapata, 2008]
 - Summarization [Turner and Charniak, 2005]
 - Language modeling [Roark, 2001], [Charniak, 2001]
 - Speech repairs [Johnson and Charniak, 2004]
 - ► Coreference [Luo and Zitouni, 2005], [Charniak and Elsner, 2009]
 - etc.

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- Data consists of human-annotated corpora with labeled examples of correct parse structures ("gold trees").





Parsers are trained on these corpora to produce models.



The parsing model is used to parse unlabeled text.



Many model parameters may hurt portability/generality



What's in a domain?









Pub

from newspaper article parser



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from newspaper article parser











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Train

Test



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Description

supervised parsing





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Description

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semi-supervised parsing







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parser portability

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parser adaptation

Thesis statement

Self-training is an effective semi-supervised learning technique for parsing, capable of improving both in-domain and cross-domain parsing scenarios.

Incorporating unlabeled data

How can we leverage unlabeled data in our models?



1. Train a model from the labeled data.



2. Parse the unlabeled text.



3. Combine gold trees with automatically parsed trees.



4. Train a new model from the combination.



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- ► [McClosky, Charniak, and Johnson, NAACL 2006] → reranking parser

The Parsing Model

[Charniak and Johnson, 2005]

Lexicalized PCFG parser gives most probable parse



"first stage parser" or "parser"

The Parsing Model

[Charniak and Johnson, 2005]

Use n most probable parses instead just top parse



The Parsing Model

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Discriminative reranker picks "best" parse from list



Parsing training scenarios



Self-training for parsing



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Self-training for parsing is effective

[McClosky, Charniak, and Johnson, NAACL 2006]

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Baseline (WSJ)	91.3
Self-trained (WSJ + NANC)	92.1

f-scores on WSJ evaluation section

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Varying unlabeled data for self-training

[McClosky and Charniak, ACL 2008]



f-score on GENIA development section

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source domain models



Crossdomain Accuracy Prediction


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Similar to [Ravi *et al.*, 2008]









Regression features

predict(_____, (?)) =

Domain Divergence Measures



Divide mixture weight by divergence:



Cosine Similarity



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= vocabulary







WSJ









WSJ









Source domain features









Anatomy of a data point



* numbers on this slide are cooked

Training data



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Round-robin evaluation



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Evaluation for GENIA

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targets



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Standard baselines

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Evaluation results



Moral of the story

- What's the best way to parse new text?
 - Self-training on similar text improves performance
 - Any Domain Parsing provides additional benefits by selecting relevant corpora
- Self-training helps in many different parsing scenarios
 - Allows us to use unlabeled data to improve performance
 - State-of-the-art performance on WSJ, BROWN, and GENIA
- Relevant publications:
 - ▶ [McClosky, Charniak, and Johnson, NAACL 2006]
 - ▶ [McClosky, Charniak, and Johnson, ACL 2006]
 - [McClosky and Charniak, ACL 2008]
 - ▶ [McClosky, Charniak, and Johnson, COLING 2008]
May The Force Be With You

Questions?



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Dedicated to my grandparents

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Extra slides

What is...the matrix?

	Test				
Train	Literature	BioMed	Phone	ETT	News
Literature	86.7	73.5	77.6	80.8	79.9
BioMed	65.7	84.6	50.5	67.1	64.6
Phone	75.8	63.6	88.2	76.2	69.8
ETT	76.2	65.7	74.5	82.4	72.6
News	84.1	76.2	76.7	82.2	89.7

(f-scores on all sentences in test sets)

The Four Hypotheses

[McClosky, Charniak, and Johnson, COLING 2008]

Four hypotheses:

- 1. Self-training works after a phase transition.
- 2. Self-trained parser makes fewer search errors.
- 3. Certain classes of reranker features benefit self-training.
- 4. Self-training teaches the parser about bilexical dependencies.

In-domain evaluation train sources targets targets targets

Pub



NANC



target

BNC

ETT



In-domain evaluation results



[McClosky, Charniak, and Johnson, NAACL 2006, ACL 2006, COLING 2008]

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 - # of bigrams in NANC not seen in WSJ

Why does self-training help?

- Hypothesis:
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What does self-training teach the parser?

[McClosky, Charniak, and Johnson, COLING 2008]

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Outline

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Any Domain Parsing: Automatic Domain Adaptation

Any Domain Parsing Estimation and training data Evaluation

Results

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Extra slides

In-domain evaluation Analysis