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## Treating Information Update Tasks with Word Clusters and Ranking Models

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The task of updating information is a significant task in the context that many applications require documents to be updated quite often. In legal domain, it is an important task because of the massive number of legal updates and the cross-reference problem. Our research copes with a special case of the information update task, the information insertion task which aims to determine the most appropriate location to insert a piece of new information into an existing document.

In [6], the information insertion task was formulated as a hierarchical ranking problem. Each document is represented as a hierarchy of sections, paragraphs. Then, the insertion is operated over that hierarchical tree. To determine the best paragraph in the document to add a new sentence, all paragraphs of the document are ranked by a ranking function computed for each insertion sentence/paragraph pair and then, the paragraph with the highest score will be chosen. The ranking function for each insertion sentence/paragraph pair is computed based on a weight vector learned from training data. The training procedure was implemented in an online learning framework with the Perceptron algorithm [13, 8].

We investigated ranking models for the information insertion task on two datasets: Wikipedia insertion dataset obtained from [6] and Legal dataset built by ourselves. The Legal dataset was built from the United States Code which is a compilation and codification of general and permanent

federal law of the United States. The experiment results show that when the deep semantics analysis for texts is not performed, the ranking models with the supervised approach outperform the unsupervised methods for the information insertion task.

In Natural Language Processing, semantic relations between words can be exploited when measuring semantic text similarity of two text segments. In our research, we proposed a method of measuring topical overlap between two text segments, which incorporates word clusters [5, 21, 24], and used these similarity measures as additional semantic features in the learning model. In our method, first, word clusters are derived from unlabeled data. Then, extracted word clusters are used as intermediate representations of words to exploit the semantic similarity and semantic relatedness between words which are different in surface forms but semantically related. The semantic text similarity scores are computed with various kinds of similarity functions. Our results show that combining cluster-based features with baseline features can boost the performance of the information insertion task on two datasets. In the best setting, we obtained 40.4% accuracy of choosing paragraphs on Wikipedia dataset and 52.3% accuracy of choosing section on Legal dataset.

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