New Resources and Ideas for Semantic Parsing

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R.F. Simmons. 1965, Answering English Question by Computer: A Survey. Communications of the ACM

Classical Natural Language Understanding (NLU)

 Conventional pipeline model: focus on capturing deep inference and entailment.



Lunar QA system of Woods (1973)

Why and How? Analogy with Compiler Design



 NLU model is a kind of compiler, involves a transduction from NL to a formal (usually logical) language.

Data-driven Semantic Parsing and NLU



Data-driven NLU: Asks an empirical question: Can we learn NLU models from examples? Building a NL compiler by hand is hard....

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 Semantic Parser Induction: Learn semantic parser (weighted transduction) from parallel text/meaning data, constrained SMT task.

Training









<Challenge 1>



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 Underlying Challenge: Finding parallel data tends to require considerable hand engineering effort (cf. Wang et al. (2015)).

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- Idea: Treat as a parallel corpus (Allamanis et al., 2015; Gu et al., 2016; lyer et al., 2016), or synthetic semantic parsing dataset.

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Function signatures: Header-like representations, containing function name, arguments, return value, namespace.



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zipline	753	1,122	8,184	1,517
biopython	2,496	2,224	20,532	2,586
renpy	912	889	10,183	1,540
pyglet	1,400	1,354	12,218	2,181
kivy	820	861	7,621	1,456
pip	1,292	1,359	13,011	2,201
twisted	5,137	3,129	49,457	4,830
vispy	1,094	1,026	9,744	1,740
orange	1,392	1,125	11,596	1,761
tensorflow	5,724	4,321	45,006	4,672
pandas	1,969	1,517	17,816	2,371
sqlalchemy	1,737	1,374	15,606	2,039
pyspark	1,851	1,276	18,775	2,200
nupic	1,663	1,533	16,750	2,135
astropy	2,325	2,054	24,567	3,007
sympy	5,523	3,201	52,236	4,777
ipython	1,034	1,115	9,114	1,771
orator	817	499	6,511	670
obspy	1,577	1,861	14,847	2,169
rdkit	1,006	1,380	9,758	1,739
django	2,790	2,026	31,531	3,484
ansible	2,124	1,884	20,677	2,593
statsmodels	2,357	2,352	21,716	2,733
theano	1,223	1,364	12,018	2,152
nltk	2,383	2,324	25,823	3,151
sklearn	1,532	1,519	13,897	2,115
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- Code Retrieval Analogy: train/test split, at test time, retrieve function signature that matches input specification (Deng and Chrupała, 2014):



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- code case: make assumptions about what constitutes a valid function in a given API.









 Our Approach: Lexical translation model (standard estimation), discriminative reranker, hard constraints on p(z).



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What do these results mean? Code Retrieval Again

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Dataset(Avg.)	Accuracy @1 (average)	Accuracy @10 (average)
Stdlib	31.1	71.0
Py27	32.3	73.5

so far: Semantic parsing as constrained translation, API as parallel corpus.

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Challenge 2: Insufficient and Missing Data



- Traditional approaches to semantic parsing train individual models for each available parallel dataset.
- Underlying Challenge: Datasets tend to be small, hard and unlikely to get certain types of parallel data, e.g., (de,Haskell).

Code Domain: Projects often Lack Documentation



- Ideally, we want each dataset to have tens of thousands of documented functions.
- Most projects have 500 or less documented functions.

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 - 1. Multiple Datasets: Does this help learn better translators?
 - 2. **Zero-Short Translation** (Johnson et al., 2016): Can we translate between different APIs and unobserved language pairs?

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- **Decoding** (test time): Reduces to finding a path given an input **x**:

x : The ceiling of a number

We formulate search in terms of single source shortest shortest-path (SSSP) search (Cormen et al., 2009) on DAGs.

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- constrained decoding: ensure that output is well-formed, related efforts: (Krishnamurthy et al., 2017; Yin and Neubig, 2017).

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Mixed Language Decoding: translating from input with NPs from multiple languages, introduced a new mixed GeoQuery test set.

Mixed Lang. Input: Wie hoch liegt der höchstgelegene punkt in Αλαμπάμα? LF: answer(elevation_1(highest(place(loc_2(stateid('alabama'))))))

	Method	Accuracy (averaged)	
Mixed Best Monolingual Seq2Seq		4.2	
	Polyglot Seq2Seq	75.2	

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Entailment as a Unit Test: For a set of target sentences, check that our semantic model (via some analysis for each sentence, e.g., an *LF*) accounts for particular entailment patterns observed between pairs of sentences; modify our model when such tests fail.

	sentence	analysis
t	All samples that contain a major element	LFt
h	Some sample that contains a major element	LF _h
	inference t $ ightarrow$ h	Entailment (RTE ¹)
	inference $\mathtt{h} ightarrow \mathtt{t}$	Unknown (RTE)

¹Would a person reading *t* ordinarily infer *h*? (Dagan et al., 2005)

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Inference Model	Accuracy
Majority Baseline	33.1%
RTE Classifier	52.4%
LF Matching	59.6%

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Paradigm and Supervision	Dataset $D =$	Learning Goal
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Learning Entailment Rules

- Integrates a symbolic reasoner directly into the semantic parser, allows for joint training using a single generative model.
- ► Learning: Grammatical inference problem as before, maximum (marginal) likelihood with beam search (𝒴_x ≈ KBEST(x)).



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Entailments prove to be a good learning signal for learning improved representations (joint models also achieve SOTA on original semantic parsing task).

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- Looking ahead: more work on end-to-end NLU, neural learning from entailment?, structured decoding frameworks, code retrieval.

Source Code and NLU: Beyond Text-to-Code Translation

Returns the greater of two long values

Signature (informal)	lang Math long max(long a,long b)
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- What do signature actually mean? Signatures can be given a formal semantics (Richardson, 2018).
- Might prove to a good resource for investigating end-to-end NLU and symbolic reasoning, APIs contain loads of declarative knowledge.
 - see Neubig and Allamnis NAACL18 tutorial Modeling NL, Programs and their Intersection. and Allamanis et al. (2018).

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