Aspect-based sentiment analysis of conference review forms

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Goals and motivation

The goals of this work are to:

- create a system for extracting opinions and sentiment from conference paper reviews
- categorize these opinions by the different criteria a paper is judged on
- provide an estimate for numerical scores of different criteria
- provide a rapid overview and comparison of different reviews of one paper
- allow unification of criteria scores across different conferences and reviewers

Studied conferences

This study focuses on conferences from the semantic technology field. The review structuring styles vary, while the sets of criteria are semantically similar across different conferences.

- European Semantic Web Conference: Numerical scores are assigned to 7 different criteria, the textual part is divided into the same categories.
- European Knowledge Acquisition Workshop: The reviewers comments are divided into three parts: Reasons to accept, Reasons to reject and Overall evaluation.

References


Methods

Development of a tool for sentiment analysis of conference reviews done in 3 major steps:

1. Extraction of criterion expressions
   - Taxonomy extraction based on identifying frequent noun phrases similar to terms in a manually created seed taxonomy
   - Extraction by review structure
2. Creation of sentiment lexicon
   - Experiments with existing sentiment lexica showed a need for a creation of a domain-specific lexicon
   - Created using a Naïve Bayes classifier
3. Aspect based sentiment analysis
   - The algorithm handles negations, but-words and other modifiers
   - Inspired by the holistic lexicon-based approach [1] and by the sentimentr method [2]
   - Additional fallback rules: adjectives as aspect expressions, intra sentence rules, neutral sentiment

Evaluation

Evaluation of the criterion identification
- Very diverse results across different criteria:
  - Criterion | Precision | Recall |
  - Relevance   | 50        | 35.3   |
  - Novelty     | 63.6      | 25.9   |
  - Technical quality | 36.4    | 14.3   |
  - State of the art | 33.3    | 31.3   |
  - Evaluation  | 57.9      | 52.4   |
  - Presentation| 74.3      | 49.1   |
- A substantial level of disagreement even between human annotators.

Evaluation of polarity detection
- Over 75.7% of comments with correctly identified criterion were also correctly classified.

Conclusion

- The result for the sentiment analysis represents an improvement over a previous study [3].
- The algorithm is capable of significant advancements given a larger training dataset.

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