

Efficient and Accurate Annotation of Large Text Corpora Using Representative Class Archetypes

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Evolution of Data Creation

- With data creation increasing exponentially, we expect to produce 150 zetabytes globally in 2024.
- However ~80% of that data will be unstructured!





The Value of Structured Data

- Structuring unstructured data is still human-dependent and resource-intense
- Automating that process will allow especially smaller organizations to...
 - extract valuable insights from their data
 - train new models
 - enhance current model performance





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Main Research Question:

How can current state-of-the-art NLP techniques be used to annotate large, domain-specific text corpora?

Supporting Research Questions:

- 1 What is the most efficient and accurate approach for partitioning a set of text documents into categories defined by specific context rules?
- 2 What NLP strategies are best suited for identifying the most representative sentences in a text document?
- 3 What is the best method to evaluate a system that annotates large, domain-specific text corpora?

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Extrapolation - A two stage process

- The rules will capture both the semantic and the syntactic core of their class
- Since we are dealing with big data (~3 million rows) we have to find an accurate yet efficient solution
- The idea is to first leverage the syntactic similarities of the rules to narrow down the search space
- Then in a second step, we want to use more advanced semantic based techniques to assign the final label
- We will use the following as a running example:

		class	description	rules
legal_name	purpose	н	Verkehr und Lagerung	['personenbeförderung', 'fuhrgeschäft', 'betrieb einer spedition']
Der Betrieb einerSpedition und einesWehle GmbH SpeditionTransportunternehmens.	м	Erbringung von wirtschaftlichen und technischen Dienstleistungen	['der betrieb' , 'verwaltung und geschäftsführung' 'kaufmännische beratung']	
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- So we want to find the top k classes (k << 21), according to the number of matches found through exact or fuzzy string matching

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- With a smaller search space we can use more resource-intensive methods which leverage the semantic similarity between rules and documents
- In a first step, we will use to boil down the document to the most meaningful parts using e.g textRank [3]
- In a second step, we will use state-of-the-art transformer models, e.g. S-BERT_[4] or setfit [5], to find the set of rules that best match our document's meaning and assign the corresponding class.



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• Disclaimer: We are currently still improving the process of creating the rules, so these results are very much preliminary.

Stage	Strategy	Computation Time per Document ²	Accuracy ¹
1	Exact String Matching	~0.1 seconds	~67%
1	Fuzzy String Matching ³	~0.5 seconds	~52%
2	S-BERT Embeddings	~0.2 seconds	~50%4

1. For Stage 1 we measure if the correct class is in the top 3 classes.

For Stage 2 we measure if the final class is correct.

Furthermore we used 33 documents with a balanced class distribution.

- 2. Measured on shared T4 GPU in Google Colab.
- 3. We used `partial_token_sort_ratio` from "thefuzz" [6]
- 4. Here we are limited by the accuracy of stage 1, so 0.5/0.67 = 74%

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[6] <u>https://github.com/seatgeek/thefuzz?tab=readme-ov-file</u>



- SetFit could be very useful for us because for our classification tasks sentences that are semantically similar in general, do not always belong to the same class.
- For example consider:
 - 1. "Der Handel mit gebrauchten Automobilen." \rightarrow G: Handel
 - 2. "Die Herstellung von Automobilen." \rightarrow C: Verarbeitendes Gewerbe
 - 3. "Import und Export von Getreide" \rightarrow G: Handel
- When comparing 1&2 and 1&3 this is the output of a sentence transformer not fine-tuned on our data:

Computation time on cpu: 0.140 s

Die Herstellung von Automobilen	0.668
Import und Export von Getreide	0.227

• SetFit allows us to efficiently fine-tune our sentence transformer, so that the produced embeddings are customized to our specific classification task.

SetFit



TextRank

- textRank is a graph-based ranking model for sentences and keywords
- The graph is constructed according to either the content overlap of two sentences or the frequency of two words following each other in the document
- Once constructed, the pageRank algorithm is run to find the most important sentences/words



CreateData4AI					
	Textkorpus	Ein Datensatz aus unstrukturierten Texten soll annotiert werden.	0		
	Keyword Extraction	Relevante Themen und Schlüsselbegriffe im Datensatz werden identifiziert und extrahiert.	1		
	Extraktion von Kontextfenstern	Mithilfe der Themen und Schlüsselbegriffe aus den Texten werden anschließend Kontextfenster extrahiert.	2		
	Ableitung der Kontextregeln	In Zusammenarbeit mit einem Domänenexperten werden anschließend Regeln aus den Kontextfenstern abgeleitet.	3		
	Extrapolation	Auf Basis der Regeln wird der unstrukturierte Datensatz vollständig annotiert.	4		
	Datensatz Das E Textd	rgebnis ist ein strukturierter und annotierter atensatz.	5		



Process Flow



Motivation for CreateData4AI (CD4AI)

328.77 million terabytes

The amount of data that is produced globally every day!

unlabeled

80%

80/20 Rule

This leaves ~263 million terabytes of data unlabeled! Highlights the fact that data scientists spend about 80% of their time preparing datasets.

Process Black Box





Personal Introduction



Curriculum Vitae

- Born in Hamburg, Germany
- Abitur in Hamburg at Gelehrtenschule des Johanneums (Grade: 1,4)
- B.Sc. in Computer Science at TUM
- Sport enthusiast, currently playing hockey at a professional level
- Interested in economics, productivity and AI

Relevant Experience

- Preisenergie (Working Student) 1.5 years: Fundamentals of software engineering and architecture
- Celonis (Internship) 3 months: Project management and efficient communication
- Jamie (Working Student) Current: Hands-on experience with advanced AI systems

Tasks & Timeline

Official Start Date: 15th of January 2024

Official Submission Date: 15th of May 2024

Tasks	Timeline
Data inspection & analysis	Week 1
Research into efficient semantic embeddings & seeded clustering + Implementation	Week 2 - 4
Research into text ranking + Implementation	Week 5 - 7
Research into active learning & ensemble models + Implementation	Week 8 - 10
Writing of thesis & creation of final presentation	Week 11 - 16

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