

B.C.S.E. 4th Year 2nd Semester Examination, 2019

Natural Language Processing

Time – 3 hours

Full Marks - 100

Answer any five questions

1.
 - a. Compare Needleman-Wunsch algorithm and the Levenshtein Edit Distance algorithm. 3
 - b. Write a shell script to normalize case, tokenize and show the tokens ending with “ing” that could potentially be verbs in a corpus in decreasing order of frequency. Explain your answer. 5
 - c. Find out the edit distance and alignment between the two strings “imposter” and “protest” considering an equal cost (say, 1) for all the edit operations. 10
 - d. What are the best-case and worst-case time complexities of the Backtrace algorithm? Mention the cases where they occur. 2

2.
 - a. Derive the bigram language model using maximum likelihood estimation, chain rule and Markov assumption. 5
 - b. What is an interpolated language model? Explain with an interpolated trigram model. 3
 - c. Discuss the Good-Turing smoothing technique. 4
 - d. What is continuation probability of a word? How it is computed? 3
 - e. What is the simplification assumption that is often made to reduce the search space in real word spelling correction and how much it is able to reduce the search space? 2
 - f. Describe how the four confusion matrices are used in the *channel model* in the context of spelling correction. 3

3.
 - a. Discuss the Resnik’s information content based method for measuring similarity between two words. How Lin similarity is different from Resnik similarity. 4+2
 - b. Discuss the Viterbi decoding algorithm. 5
 - c. What is the fundamental difference between Markov Chain and HMM? 2
 - d. Discuss how the POS tagging problem can be modelled using HMM. Mention the simplification assumptions. 5+2

4.
 - a. What is a term-context matrix and how it is used to measure word similarity? 4
 - b. Compare thesaurus based semantic similarity with distributional semantic similarity. 2
 - c. “Pruning out partial hypotheses is risky”. Explain this. Discuss how pruning decisions can be improved using future cost estimates. 4

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- d. Compute the alignment probabilities and the translation probabilities obtained after the first 2 iterations of the EM algorithm assuming no NULL token and only 1-to-1 alignments for the following parallel training corpus. 8

Translation pair id	Source Language	Target Language
1	red house	rouge maison
2	the house	la maison

- e. Discuss the TER MT evaluation metric. 2

5.

- a. State Log-Likely hood Ratio(LLR), the unsupervised content selection techniques for text summarization. Why unsupervised content selection methods are good for summarization? The following are three reference summaries along with a system generated summary. What are the scores of ROUGE-3 evaluation scheme? 5+2+6

- Human 1: We are the great citizen who can devote for the country.
- Human 2: You are the Indian citizen who can identify the proper value for the country.
- Human 3: We are really proud to be the great Indian citizen who can devote for the nation.
- *System answer: We are the great Indian citizen who can sacrifice their lives for the country.*

- b. What are the differences between Natural Language Generation and Natural Language Understanding? What do you know about Cosine-Similarity? 3+4

6.

- a. What is relevance feedback query? State and explain Rocchio SMART algorithm for calculating a relevance feedback query using VSM. What is PMI? 2+6+2
- b. Consider the following two tables which show the results of two classes, A and B. What are the Macro-average and Micro-average Precision values? Is Micro-averaged score dominated by score on common classes? 8+2

Class A	Truth: yes	Truth: no
Classifier: yes	40	40
Classifier: no	20	80

Class B	Truth: yes	Truth: no
Classifier: yes	40	40
Classifier: no	40	120

7.

- a. State Naïve Bayes algorithm for text classification. 7
- b. Define Kappa measure and state its use with an example. 7
- c. Write down the basic architecture of a modern factoid based Question-Answering (QA) system. 6