

Extractive Summarization: MMR

- ▶ Given some articles and a length budget of k words, pick some sentences of total length $\leq k$ and make a summary
- ▶ Pick important yet diverse content: maximum marginal relevance (MMR)

While summary is $< k$ words

Calculate $\text{MMR} = \operatorname{argmax}_{D_i \in R \setminus S} \left[\lambda(\operatorname{Sim}_1(D_i, Q) - (1 - \lambda) \max_{D_j \in S} \operatorname{Sim}_2(D_i, D_j)) \right]$

“max over all sentences not yet in the summary” “make this sentence similar to a query” “make this sentence maximally different from all others added so far”

Add highest MMR sentence that doesn't overflow length

Centroid

- ▶ Represent the documents and each sentences as bag-of-words with TF-IDF weighting

While summary is $< k$ words

Calculate $\text{score}(\text{sentence}) = \text{cosine}(\text{sent-vec}, \text{doc-vec})$

Discard all sentences whose similarity with some sentence already in the summary is too high

Add the best remaining sentence that won't overflow the summary

Summarization

- ▶ Count number of *documents* each bigram occurs in to measure importance

$\text{score}(\text{massive earthquake}) = 3$

$\text{score}(\text{magnitude 7.3}) = 2$

$\text{score}(\text{six killed}) = 2$

$\text{score}(\text{Iraqi capital}) = 1$

- ▶ Find summary that maximizes the score of bigrams it covers
- ▶ ILP formulation: c and s are indicator variables indexed over bigrams (“concepts”) and sentences, respectively

Maximize: $\sum_i w_i c_i$

$s_j \text{Occ}_{ij} \leq c_i, \quad \forall i, j$

“set c_i to 1 iff some sentence that contains it is included”

Subject to: $\sum_j l_j s_j \leq L$

$\sum_j s_j \text{Occ}_{ij} \geq c_i \quad \forall i$

sum of included sentences’ lengths can’t exceed L

Evaluation: ROUGE

- ▶ ROUGE-n: n-gram precision/recall/F1 of summary w.r.t. gold standard
- ▶ ROUGE-2 correlates somewhat well with human judgments for multi-document summarization tasks

~~A massive earthquake of magnitude 7.3 struck Iraq on Sunday~~

prediction

~~An earthquake was detected in Iraq on Sunday~~

reference

ROUGE 2 recall = 1 correct bigram (Iraq, Sunday) / 4 reference bigrams

ROUGE 2 precision = 1 correct bigram (Iraq, Sunday) / 6 predicted bigrams

- ▶ Many hyperparameters: stemming, remove stopwords, etc.
- ▶ Historically: ROUGE recall @ k {words, characters}. Now: ROUGE F1

Results

Model	R-1	R-2	R-4
Centroid	36.03	7.89	1.20
LexRank	35.49	7.42	0.81
KLSum	37.63	8.50	1.26
CLASSY04	37.23	8.89	1.46
ICSI	38.02	9.72	1.72
Submodular	38.62	9.19	1.34
DPP	39.41	9.57	1.56
RegSum	38.23	9.71	1.59

Gillick and Favre / bigram recall

Better centroid: 38.58 **9.73** 1.53

- Caveat: these techniques all work better for multi-document than single-document!

Multi-document vs. Single-document

- ▶ *“a massive earthquake hit Iraq” “a massive earthquake struck Iraq”* — lots of redundancy to help select content in multi-document case
- ▶ When you have a lot of documents, there are more possible sentences to extract:

But eight villages were damaged in Iran and at least six people were killed and many others injured in the border town of Qasr-e Shirin in Iran, Iranian state TV said.

The quake has been felt in several Iranian cities and eight villages have been damaged.

- ▶ Multi-document summarization is easier?