

Using bitext mining to identify translated material:

practical assessment and new applications

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Introduction

Bilingual text mining

- Traditional
 - Sentence length-based algorithm
 - Bilingual cross-reference resources
 - Monotonic can't locate scattered sentences
- Conventional
 - Sentence-embedding
 - Pre-trained model LASER; LaBSE
 - Non-monotonic



CCMatrix (Joulin & Schwenk, 2020)

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- A variety of big data applications have now been created using bitext mining technology.
- The paper investigates the use of bitext mining within a small-scale dataset setting as an example of how they might be exploited in other practical scenarios

Objectives Example

• Translation largely remains Wikipedia's "dark matter"; this has led to discrepancies and changes in points of view (Shuttleworth, 2017).

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Objectives

Hypothesis

 Aligning materials manually affected the efficiency of the research and the possibility of enlarging the study scale

 Bitext mining can help reduce the researcher's workload while opening up the possibility of analyzing more data



Methodology

Our tool

 WikiAligner: A Browser/Server Wikipedia bitext mining solution integrating back-end pipeline and front-end re-presentation of the data.

Methodology

Demo - Minghao Wang

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| Steven Paul Jobs (February 24, 1955 – October 5, 2011) was an America n entrepreneur, industrial designer, business magnate, media proprietor, and investor.He was the co-founder, chairman, and CEO of Apple; the ch airman and majority shareholder of Pixar; a member of The Walt Disney Company's board of directors following its acquisition of Pixar; and the f ounder, chairman, and CEO of NeXT.He is widely recognized as a pionee r of the personal computer revolution of the 1970s and 1980s, along wit h his early business partner and fellow Apple co-founder Steve Woznia k.Jobs was born in San Francisco to a Syrian father and German-Americ an mother.He was adopted shortly after his birth.Jobs attended Reed Co llege in 1972 before withdrawing that same year.In 1974, he traveled thr ough India seeking enlightenment before later studying Zen Buddhism. He and Wozniak co-founded Apple in 1976 to sell Wozniak's Apple I per sonal computer.Together the duo gained fame and wealth a year later w ith production and sale of the Apple II, one of the first highly successful mass-produced microcomputers.Jobs saw the commercial potential of t he Xerox Alto in 1979, which was mouse-driven and had a graphical use r interface (GUI).This led to the development of the unsuccessful Apple Lisa in 1983, followed by the breakthrough Macintosh in 1984, the first mass-produced computer with a GUI.The Macintosh introduced the des ktop publishing industry in 1985 with the addition of the Apple LaserWr iter, the first laser printer to feature vector graphics.In 1985, Jobs was fo | 史蒂夫·保罗·賈伯斯(英語: Steven Paul Jobs, 1955年2月24日 - 2011年10 月5日),通称史蒂夫賈伯斯(英語: Steve Jobs),是一名美國發明家、企 业家、营销家,蘋果公司联合创始人之一,曾任董事長、行政總裁职位,NeX T创办人及首席执行官,也是彼思動畫創辦人并曾任行政總裁,2006年为华特 迪士尼公司董事会成员。2017年9月12日蘋果發佈會永遠舉行的地方,以他命 名為史蒂夫賈伯斯劇院。賈伯斯在大學期間,專注於課外的藝術與禪學,他因 故休學後,在1970年代末個人電腦的熱潮中創業,與蘋果公司另一始創人史蒂 夫·沃茲尼克及首任投資者迈克·马库拉協同其他人設計、開發及銷售Apple II系 列。在1980年代初,賈伯斯是最早看到全錄帕洛奧圖中心(Xerox PARC)的 滑鼠驅動圖形用戶介面的商業潛力的人,并将其应用于Apple Lisa及一年後的 麦金塔电脑,蘋果引入這項技術後大大加強了電腦的易用性和普及。1985年, 在董事會的鬥爭失勢後,賈伯斯離開蘋果公司及成立了NeXT公司(一間電腦平 台開發公司,專門從事高等教育及商業市場)在1986年,他收購了卢卡斯影业 的電腦繪圖部門,成立了皮克斯(Pixar)。他被譽為《玩具總動員》(1995 年)的執行製片人。他一直担任彼思動畫的行政總裁並持有50.1%的股份,直 到公司在2006年被華特迪士尼公司收購,此项收购使賈伯斯成為迪士尼公司最 大個人股東(有7.4%股份)及董事會成員。在1996年,蘋果公司董事会决议 賈下NeXT公司,把賈伯斯帶回他参与創立,却正在垂死边缘的蘋果公司擔任 臨時CEO。他在2000年起成為正式CEO,領導苹果開創了輝煌的iPod、iPhon e、iPad时代。從2003年10月起,賈伯斯與胰腺神經內分泌腫瘤奮戰了8年, 最終於2011年8月辭任行政總裁一職,在他第3次病假期间,賈伯斯當選為蘋果 公司的董事長。在他生活的年代裡,賈伯斯被認為是電腦業界與娛樂業界的標 |

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Methodology

WikiAligner workflow

- 1. Front-end UI input
 - Keywords for the articles
 - SL title & TL title
- 2. Back-end data pipeline
 - Segmented sentences
 - LaBSE(Feng et al., 2022) embedding
 - Similarity search
- 3. Front-end display
 - Highlight
 - Tags & Threshold
 - Right-click translation

Discussion

Assessments



Performance

 All the alignments that have been extensively analyzed by Shuttleworth (2018) are also located by using our tool.

Accessibility

 As with other webbased services, potential users do not need to attend the coding of the bitext tool before using

Manifestations

 Researchers will be able to scrutinize every translation pair and their distribution by using the highlight feature





Conclusion

- Standing on the shoulders of giants from NLP, we present a method to utilize bitext mining in the context of a small-scale dataset.
- WikiAligner can be an entry point for applying bitext mining to more realworld scenarios with new features.

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Q&A

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