Impact of Combined Vocabulary Augmentation and Script Transliteration on POS Tagging in Low-Resource Languages

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Abstract

We present experiments with part-of-speech tagging for Bulgarian, a Slavic language with rich inflectional and derivational morphology. Unlike most previous work, which has used a small number of grammatical categories, we work with 680 morpho-syntactic tags. We combine a large morphological lexicon with prior linguistic knowledge and guided learning from a POS-annotated corpus, achieving accuracy of 97.98%, which is a significant improvement over the state-of-the-art for Bulgarian.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Feature-Rich Part-of-speech Tagging for Morphologically Complex Languages: Application to Bulgarian. Research question: Does combining vocabulary augmentation with script transliteration improve Part-of-Speech tagging F1 scores on low-resource language benchmarks more than either method alone?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 8 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 6.5/10.

3 Results

8 papers retrieved. 19 claims extracted; 16 independently verified. Quality review score: 6.5/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
Bulgarian is a Slavic language with rich inflectional and derivational morphology.	✓	0.40
The study utilizes 680 morpho-syntactic tags for Bulgarian POS tagging.	✓	0.16
The proposed method combines a large morphological lexicon, prior linguistic knowledge, and guided learning from a POS-a	✓	0.36
The proposed method achieves an accuracy of 97.98% on Bulgarian POS tagging.	×	0.13
The achieved accuracy of 97.98% represents a significant improvement over the state-of-the-art for Bulgarian.	✓	0.31
State-of-the-art POS taggers for English typically build a lexicon containing all tags a word type has taken in the trai	✓	0.29
A verb in the training corpus can have up to 52 synthetic forms.	✓	0.18
The training dataset contained 552 observed tags, whereas the experiment allowed all 680 tags.	×	0.08
The study experimented with 70 contextual linguistic rules used as both soft and hard constraints.	✓	0.19
The 'MFT + unknowns are wrong' baseline achieved an accuracy of 78.10%.	✓	0.22
The 'MFT + unknowns are Ncmsi' baseline achieved an accuracy of 78.52%.	✓	0.21
The 'MFT + guesser for unknowns' baseline achieved an accuracy of 79.49%.	✓	0.20
The 'MFT + lexicon tag-classes' baseline achieved an accuracy of 94.40%.	✓	0.19
The most-frequent-tag (MFT) baseline assigns each word type the POS tag it was most frequently seen with in the training	✓	0.30
Tsuruoka et al. (2011) proposed a perceptron-based classifier with a lookahead mechanism yielding 97.3% accuracy.	✓	0.21
Habash and Rambow (2005) used support vector machines (SVM) for Arabic POS tagging, achieving 97.6% accuracy with 139 ta	✓	0.24
Haji et al. (2001) combined a hidden Markov model (HMM) with linguistic rules for Czech, yielding 95.2% accuracy using 4	✓	0.21
Dredze and Wallenberg (2008) reported 92.1% accuracy for Icelandic POS tagging using 639 tags.	✓	0.18
The Icelandic approach by Dredze and Wallenberg (2008) used guided learning and tag decomposition involving coarse POS c	×	0.14

References

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