Correlation Between Model Scale and Performance Degradation in Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Semantic Versus Syntactic Parsing

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Abstract

The availability of corpora to train semantic parsers in English has lead to significant advances in the field. Unfortunately, for languages other than English, annotation is scarce and so are developed parsers. We then ask: could a parser trained in English be applied to language that it hasn't been trained on? To answer this question we explore zero-shot cross-lingual semantic parsing where we train an available coarse-to-fine semantic parser (Liu et al., 2018) using cross-lingual word embeddings and universal dependencies in English and test it on Italian, German and Dutch. Results on the P

1 Introduction

This paper examines: A survey of cross-lingual features for zero-shot cross-lingual semantic parsing. Research question: What is the correlation between model scale and performance degradation in zero-shot cross-lingual semantic parsing compared to syntactic parsing across diverse language families?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 11 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 7.6/10.

3 Results

11 papers retrieved. 17 claims extracted; 13 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.6/10.

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
Universal Dependency features significantly boost performance when used in conjunction with other lexical features.	✓	0.33
Modeling the UD structure directly when encoding the input does not improve performance.	✓	0.19
Dependency relation features are beneficial even when they are the only feature used during encoding.	×	0.12
Modeling the dependency structure directly via tree encoders does not outperform a sequential BiLSTM.	✓	0.17
Counter is used to evaluate the performance of the models by computing precision, recall, and F1.	×	0.13
The work does not deal with presupposition, unlike other work on the PMB.	✓	0.17
Presupposed variables are extracted from a main box and included in a separate one in the PMB.	✓	0.18
The process of extracting presupposed variables is reverted to ignore presupposed boxes in this work.	×	0.10
Sense tags are not dealt with in this work but are aimed to be included in future work.	×	0.09
Dependency features are crucial for zero-shot cross-lingual semantic parsing.	✓	0.21
Adding dependency features dramatically improves performance in German, Italian, and Dutch.	✓	0.16
Models using embeddings for dependency relations alone outperform those using multilingual word-embeddings and universal	✓	0.23
TreeLSTMs slightly improve performance only for German.	✓	0.16
TreeLSTMs do not outperform a baseline BiLSTM for Italian and Dutch.	✓	0.16
The approach focuses on parameter-shared models trained on English using language-independent features and tested in a t	✓	0.20
The Parallel Meaning Bank (PMB) is a multilingual semantic bank with annotations based on Discourse Representation Theor	✓	0.19
The DRT parser of Liu et al. (2018) reconstructs the meaning representation in three stages: building the DRS skeleton a	✓	0.23

References

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