



## Relation Extraction for the Food Domain without Labeled Training Data – Is Distant Supervision the Best Solution?

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- Methods and Experiments of Producing Training Data
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## Introduction

- Classify (food) relations, using a Distant Supervision approach (DS).
- Optimize training data selection/representation.
- Investigate degrees of freedom in classifier design:
  - -knowledge used,
  - -processing levels.
- Compare DS against simplistic, rule-based approach.



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## The Relation Types (I)

- SuitsTo(<foodItem>, <foodItem>)
- Definition:
  - Describes food items that are typically consumed together.
- Example: <hamburger, fries>





## The Relation Types (II)

- SubstitutedBy(<foodItem>, <foodItem>)
- Definition:

Lists food items that are fairly similar and can be used in similar situations.

• Example: <*butter, margarine*>





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- The same holds for the relation type
   SubstitutedBy.



## Virtual Customer Advice

- Assist a customer in a supermarket.
- Support with knowledge not available via other available modes of information (e.g. packaging).





## **Domain-Specific Corpus**







Torten – fertig in max. 30 Minuten



Pasta: leichte Soße für Spaghetti & Co



 Türkische Rezepte: mehr als nur Döner



Ohne Kohlenhydrate kochen & backen

antipasti apfelkuchen aubergine blechkuchen blumenkohl brownies bruschetta chili con carne couscous couscous salat crepe cupcake eierkuchen erdbeerkuchen flammkuchen gefüllte paprika gulasch gurkensalat hackfleisch johannisbeeren isbesprichestkusben





## **Domain-Specific Corpus**

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## Using:

- Distant Supervision Assumption
- Relation database





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DB • SubstitutedBy • SuitsTo Distant Supervision labeling SuitsTo Substituted By

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## Gold Standard Testset:

- 2240 sentences, randomly chosen from corpus.
- Manually labeled with food relations (SuitsTo, SubstitutedBy, or None).







## **Distribution of Classes**

#### • In the gold standard:

Relation	Example	class ratio in %
SuitsTo	My kids love the simple combination of <u>fish fingers</u> with <u>mashed potatoes</u> .	60
SubstitutedBy	We usually buy <u>margarine</u> instead of <u>butter</u> .	9
None	On my shopping list, I've got <u>bread</u> , <u>cauliflower</u> ,	31

#### • In the unlabeled food corpus:

Relation	Argument pairs matched	Sentences matched
SuitsTo	1,374	44,692
SubstitutedBy	789	34,771
None	62,191	1,187,101



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## Setup for Relation Extraction

- 10K training sentences in each configuration.
- Train on distantly-labeled data.
- Enforce estimated class distribution.
- Train Support Vector Machines.
- Binary classifier for each of the target relation types (i.e., SuitsTo, SubstitutedBy).
- Starting with standard feature set (bag-of-words, POS, n-grams, etc.)





## Degrees of Freedom in Building Classifiers







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## Knowledge: Patterns

#### <foodItem\_1> . . . <foodItem\_2>

Relation	Pattern	Example
SuitsTo	FOOD <b>and</b> FOOD, FOOD <b>with</b> FOOD, FOOD <b>fit to</b> FOOD	My kids love the simple combination of <u>fish fingers</u> with mashed potatoes.
SubstitutedBy	FOOD <b>or</b> FOOD, FOOD <b>instead of</b> FOOD, 	We usually buy <u>margarine</u> instead of <u>butter</u> .













- Groups food items into 11 common categories.
  - Items within the same category share similar (nutritional) properties.
- semi-automatic mapping
   (Wiegand et al. 2014)

















#### Pattern <foodItem\_1> and <foodItem\_2>:

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- $\rightarrow$  SuitsTo
- For these types of dishes you can offer both, Burgundy wine and Champagne.
- $\rightarrow$  SubstitutedBy





Pattern <foodItem\_1> and <foodItem\_2>:

- I very often eat fish[MEAT] and fries[STARCH].
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How can food categories help resolve this ambiguity?





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## **Argument-Level Data Selection**

Idea: Use **typical** positive (negative) relation instances for training.

- $\rightarrow$  Create ranking of argument pairs.
- High ranks: positive instances.
- Low ranks: negative instances.
- $\rightarrow$  Select argument pairs from these rankings.




## **Argument-Level Data Selection**

Except from a random selection of argument pairs, consider:

external knowledge	statistical association
patterns	frequency
food types	PMI
ontology-based similarity (WordNet)	

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#### Using the standard feature set:

		SuitsTo					SubstitutedBy					
		positive					positive					
negative	rand.	freq	pmi	ontol.	patt	type	rand.	freq	pmi	ontol.	patt	type
random												
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Results reported in F-score





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random	41.8						61.8					
freq												
pmi												
ontol.												
patt			60.4								66.8	
type												

 $\rightarrow$  Overall, data selection *does* make a difference.





Best methods for choosing positive instances:

		SuitsTo					SubstitutedBy					
		positive					positive					
negative	rand.	freq	pmi	ontol.	patt	type	rand.	freq	pmi	ontol.	patt type	
random	41.8		49.2				61.8				65.1	
freq			50.1								64.0	
pmi			50.7								64.8	
ontol.			50.3								64.7	
patt			60.4								66.8	
type			49.2								64.6	

→ Effectiveness of methods differs between relation types.





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 $\rightarrow$  SuitsTo: PMI as measure of argument association.  $\rightarrow$  SubstitutedBy: high-precision patterns.





## Sentence-Level Data Selection

#### Idea:

# Use relation-specific knowledge to filter training instances:



Select sentences that:

- $\rightarrow$  Match any pattern of the target relation.
- $\rightarrow$  Satisfy the type assumption.





# Using the standard feature set, and the best configuration from argument-level filtering:

	Suit	sTo		SubstitutedBy				
		positive		positive				
negative	no filter	pattern	type	negative	no filter	pattern	type	
no filter				no filter				
pattern				pattern				
type				type				





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no filter	60.40			no filter	66.80			
pattern				pattern				
type				type				





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no filter	60.40	43.22	60.66	no filter	66.80	64.52	66.05
pattern	47.44	49.19	47.51	pattern	28.34	63.66	27.05
type	60.70	43.15	60.90	type	67.53	64.50	66.15

 $\rightarrow$  Sentence-level filtering does not help.





#### Idea: Use relation-specific knowledge as features.

external knowledge:

patterns

food types

Additional features encode:

- $\rightarrow$  Whether a sentence matches a pattern.
- $\rightarrow$  Type of relation arguments.





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- $\rightarrow$  Impact of knowledge depends on processing level.

argument-level

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Substitute	edBy	X or Y, X	instead of Y,	
	Relation		Type-Assumption	
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	SubstitutedBy		<x, x=""></x,>	





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 $\rightarrow$  SuitsTo: RB achieves competitive (better) results.  $\rightarrow$  Type information seems highly informative.





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 $\rightarrow$  SubstitutedBy: DS learner outperforms RB.  $\rightarrow$  DS learner profits from multiple information sources.



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- Sentence-level filtering is not beneficial.
- Effectiveness of external knowledge varies, depending on
  - the relation type,
  - the processing level.
- Patterns beneficial on argument-level.
- Food types beneficial on feature-level.





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• Simple rule-based decision achieves competitive performance in some cases.





# **Thank You!**



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### **BACK-UP SLIDES**





#### **Standard Feature Set**

Feature	Description
word-left-window	a window of 2 words to the left of arg1
word-right-window	a window of 2 words to the right of $arg2$
word-window	the word sequence between $arg1$ and $arg2$
left-lemma-window	a window of 2 words to the left of $arg1$ as lemmas
right-lemma-window	a window of 2 words to the right of $arg2$ as lemmas
lemma-window	the word sequence between $arg1$ and $arg2$ as lemmas
bow	all words in the sentence
lemma-bow	lemmas of $w_{i-1}, w_{i+1}$ where $w_i \in \{arg1, arg2\}$
lemma-bigrams	all bigrams $\langle w_i, w_j \rangle$ between arg1 and arg2 as lemmas
pos-left-window	part-of-speech tags of words in a window of 2 words to the left
	of arg1
pos-right-window	part-of-speech tags of words in a window of 2 words to the right
	of arg2
pos-window	part-of-speech sequence between $arg1$ and $arg2$
pos-unigrams	part-of-speech tags of $w_{i-1}, w_{i+1}$ where $w_i \in \{arg1, arg2\}$
pos-bigrams	all part-of-speech bigrams $\langle t_i, t_j \rangle$ between arg1 and arg2
	using lemmas







- 2240 manually-labeled sentences.
- "Natural" class distribution estimated from a labeled random sample of 100 sentences.
- Annotation schema from (Wiegand et al., 2012b).
- Inter-annotator agreement
  - on a subset of 400 sentences
  - 2 annotators
  - Kappa 0.78 (Cohen's Kappa (Cohen, 1960)
  - $\rightarrow$  substantial agreement (Landis and Koch, 1977).





#### **Data Selection Methods**

Level	Method	Description	
argument	random	select argument pairs from relation database at random	
	frequency	sort argument pairs according to frequency (of co-occurring in	
		the text corpus)	
	pmi	sort argument pairs according to pointwise mutual information	
		(pmi)	
	$patt^+$	sort argument pairs according to pmi of food items and the	
		surface patterns pertaining to the target relation in descending	
		order	
	patt <sup>-</sup> (a)	sort argument pairs according to pmi of food items and the	
		surface patterns pertaining to the target relation in ascending	
		order	
	$patt^{-}(b)$	sort argument pairs according to pmi of food items and the sur-	
		face patterns pertaining to the contrast relation in descending	
		order	
	type	sort type pairs (e.g. <meat,starch>) according to pmi and</meat,starch>	
		consider their actual food instantiations as arguments	
	wup	sort argument pairs according to Wu-&-Palmer [8] similarity in	
		GermaNet [9]	
sentence	pattern	only include sentences in which target food items co-occur with	
		surface pattern from target relation	
	type	only include sentences in which type rule for the pertaining	
		relation (Table 5) is fulfilled	
feature	pattern	include all surface patterns as additional features	
	type	include features indicating the types of the target food items,	
		e.g. <meat,starch> for &lt;<i>fish</i>, <i>chips</i>&gt;</meat,starch>	
	standard	standard features directly extracted from training data without	
		external knowledge resources (see Table 7)	/3




## Argument-Level Data Selection

### Using the standard feature set:

	SuitsTo						SubstitutedBy					
	positive						positive					
negative	rand.	freq	pmi	wup	$\mathbf{patt}^+$	type	rand.	freq	pmi	wup	$\mathbf{patt}^+$	type
random	41.8	45.0	49.2	46.0	45.3	42.1	61.8	59.0	63.0	59.8	65.1	60.0
freq	40.1	44.1	50.1	41.4	44.8	40.4	61.0	58.1	61.7	59.0	64.0	59.0
pmi	42.3	45.1	50.7	43.5	47.8	43.0	62.8	58.9	64.2	61.0	64.8	59.3
wup	42.4	45.8	50.3	44.4	45.8	42.0	59.3	57.4	60.8	57.6	64.7	55.3
patt <sup>-</sup> (a)	43.7	47.2	52.2	45.4	47.7	42.0	64.8	62.6	67.0	62.9	66.8	63.5
patt (b)	55.0	56.6	60.4	56.7	54.9	54.5	52.5	53.1	57.8	54.7	62.2	50.3
type	42.4	43.8	49.2	44.3	45.9	41.0	61.5	59.3	63.3	59.0	64.6	61.1

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### **Feature-Level Processing**

### Comparing classifiers:

(training on best feature configuration)

		Major	$\mathbf{DS}_{random}$	$\mathbf{DS}_{best}$	$\mathbf{RB}_{pattern}$	$\mathbf{RB}_{type}$	$\mathbf{RB}_{comb}$	super
	Acc	60.00	60.84	68.05	45.49	68.03	44.73	77.58
SuiteTo	$\mathbf{Prec}$	30.00	53.74	67.45	55.40	66.91	59.03	81.32
Sults10	$\mathbf{Rec}$	50.00	50.59	62.18	53.13	62.69	53.66	72.49
	$\mathbf{F}$	37.50	41.78	61.89	42.60	62.65	40.00	73.48
	Acc	91.00	86.39	86.86	91.47	79.28	91.56	92.54
SubstitutedDu	$\mathbf{Prec}$	45.50	61.28	67.29	77.72	60.55	81.72	78.87
Substitutedby	$\mathbf{Rec}$	50.00	62.33	77.59	60.28	72.13	57.99	77.31
	$\mathbf{F}$	47.64	61.75	70.51	63.97	62.02	61.26	77.77

→ SuitsTo: type information seems highly informative.
→ SubstitutedBy: profits from multiple information sources.



# Why is RB sometimes better than RB?

In general:

- RB classifiers are high-precision classifiers.
- Learners are high-recall classifiers.
- SuitsTo is a majority class → a good classifier should aim for high precision.
- SubstitutedBy is a minority class → a good classifier should aim for high recall.
- $\rightarrow$  For SuitsTo, the RB classifier is a suitable match.