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# **Machine Learning**

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# Overview of the day

- Practical introduction to ML in GATE in the context of an entity recognition task (finding mentions in text, such as drug names)
  - Using the Batch Learning PR
  - How to train, apply and evaluate a machine learning model over GATE data
- Some theory and background about machine learning for natural language processing
- Practical session on text classification using the Learning Framework PR



### Why Machine Learning?

- Automating the process of inferring new data from existing data
- In GATE, that means creating annotations by learning how they relate to other annotations
- For example, we have "Token" annotations with "kind" and "value" features



 ML could learn that a "£" followed by a number is an amount of currency



- It is different to the rule-based approach
- Humans are better at writing rules for some things, and ML algorithms are better at finding some things
- With ML you don't have to create all the rules
- However, you have to manually annotate a training corpus (or get someone else to do it!)
- Rule-based approaches (e.g. JAPE) and ML work well together; JAPE is often used extensively to prepare data for ML



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- Instances are cases that may be learned
- Every instance is a decision for the ML algorithm to make
- To which class does this instance belong?
   "California" → Location



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- Attributes are pieces of information about instances
- They are sometimes called "features" in machine learning literature
- Examples
  - Token.string == "Arnold"
  - Token.orth == upperInitial
  - Token(-1).string == "Governor"



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#### Classes

- The class is what we want to learn
- Suppose we want to find persons' names: for every instance, the question is "is this a person name?" and the classes are "yes" and "no"
- Sometimes there are many classes, for example we may want to learn entity types
  - For every instance, the question is "which type from the list does this instance belong to?"
  - One answer is "none of them"



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#### Machine Learning in GATE



- GATE supports machine learning in several ways
- Some of the **standard PRs** are ML-based e.g.
  - ANNIE POS tagger
  - Stanford parser
- Machine Learning PR
  - Provides Weka integration, but is a little out of date and only supports token-based attributes though you can get around this using JAPE
- Third-party NLP components
  - e.g. the OpenNLP PR can be used with any models, trained externally to GATE
- Roll-your-own
  - It is relatively straightforward to write a PR that will create learning instances from your text, and export them in a format suitable for your favourite ML toolkit. Or even to integrate more fully.

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# Batch Learning PR



- We will not look at any of the above in this tutorial
- We will be looking at the Batch Learning PR initially, then the Learning Framework PR later in the day
- Advantages to the Batch Learning PR
  - Simple to use and configure
  - Good annotation to attribute mapping
  - Hides the mapping of NLP tasks to multiple binary classification problems
  - Provides its own evaluation framework
  - Support for common ML algorithms (SVM, Perceptron, some Weka algorithms)
  - Supports combined NER and classification in an easy and successful (published) way
- Disadvantages
  - Heavily biased to SVM
  - Inflexible: hard to dig in to the code
  - Hard to extend to more recent algorithms



# ML Tasks in the Batch Learning PR

- The Batch Learning PR supports 3 types of ML tasks:
- chunk recognition (named entity recognition, NP chunking) as in the previous example
- text classification (sentiment classification, POS tagging) as in the following example
- relation annotation (this requires special techniques that are not covered in this module, although materials are available)

#### Example: text classification



- instance: Sentence annotation
- attributes: Token and Product annotations and their features (suppose that the Product annotations have been created earlier with gazetteers and rules)
- class: polarity= "negative"
- ML could learn that a Product close to the Token "stinks" expresses a negative sentiment, then add a polarity="negative" feature to the Sentence.





- Training involves presenting data to the ML algorithm from which it creates a model
- The training data (instances) have been annotated with class annotations as well as attributes
- Models are representations of decision-making processes that allow the machine learner to decide what class the instance has based on the attributes of the instance



#### Application

- When the machine learner is applied, it creates new class annotations on data using the model
- The corpus it is applied to must contain the required attribute annotations
- The machine learner will work best if the application data is similar to the training data





- We want to know how good our machine learner is before we use it for a real task
- Therefore we apply it to some data for which we already have class annotations
  - The "right answers", sometimes called "gold standard"
- If the machine learner creates the same annotations as the gold standard, then we know it is performing well
- The test corpus must not be the same corpus as you trained on
  - This would give the machine learner an advantage, and would give a false idea of how good it is
- GATE's ML PR has a built-in evaluation mode that splits the corpus into training and test sets and cross-validates them

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# Setting up a Corpus



#### Load the corpus

- Create a corpus (any name is fine; you can even leave it blank)
- Populate it from ner/corpus/\*.xml in the hands-on materials
  - Set the encoding to UTF-8
- You should get 93 documents (numbered 0 to 92 in the corpus)
- Open a document and examine its annotations



### Examining the corpus

- The corpus contains an annotation set called "Key", which has been manually prepared
- Within this annotation set are annotations of types "Date", "Location", "Money", "Organization" and so forth
- There are also some annotations in the "Original markups" set (these represent HTML tags)



# What are we going to do with this corpus?

- We are going to train a machine learner to annotate corpora with these entity types
- We need a training corpus and a test corpus
- The training corpus will be used by the machine learner to deduce relationships between attributes and entity types (classes)
- The test corpus will be used to find out how well it is working, by comparing annotations created by the learner with the correct annotations that are already there
- In *Evaluation* mode, which we will try first, the ML PR automatically splits one corpus up into training and test sets



#### **Instances and Attributes**

- This corpus so far contains only the class annotations
- There is not much in this corpus to learn from
- What would our instances be?
- What would our attributes be?
- If we run parts of ANNIE over the corpus, then we can use:
  - Token annotations for instances
  - Token features for attributes
  - Gazetteer Lookups for attributes



#### **Instances and Attributes**

- Load ANNIE
- We only want
  - Tokens and some basic features
  - Gazetteer Lookups
- So remove the last two Prs from the pipeline
  - ANNIE NE Transducer
  - ANNE Orthomatcher
- Check that the document reset PR's setsToKeep parameter includes "Key"!
- Run this cut-down ANNIE over your corpus



# Running ANNIE on the corpus



 Having run ANNIE on the corpus, we have more annotations to work with



# Preparing the corpus: Classes

• What we have:



• What we need:





# Preparing the corpus: Classes

- Currently each class has its own annotation type (Date, Person, Percent etc.)
- But the ML PR expects the class (ML term) to be a feature value, not an annotation type
- So we need to make a new annotation type for the ML to learn from: "Mention" (it doesn't matter what it's called as long as we're consistent and configure the PR to match)

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# Making class annotations

- Load a JAPE transducer from the <u>ner/CreateMention.jape</u> grammar
- Look at the grammar in GATE



# The CreateMention.jape grammar

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This grammar makes a new annotation type called "Mention"

It makes the previous annotation type into a feature of the "Mention" annotation

Feature name is "type" because "class" is reserved for ontology use



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Add the JAPE transducer at the end of your application Set the inputASName to "Key" Leave the outputASName blank (default)



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Rerun the application Check that you have some "Mention" annotations Check that they have a feature "type" and that the values look right



### Check the "Mention" annotations

- Check that you have some "Mention" annotations
- Check that they have a feature "type" and that the values look right
- These Mention annotations are derived from the named entities in the "Key" AS, and will form our instances



# **The Configuration File**



# Looking at the configuration file

- In the configuration file, we tell the machine learning PR what we want it to do
- You will find a configuration file in your hands-on materials, called <u>ner/ner-config-file.xml</u>
- Open it using a text editor

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#### <SURROUND value="true"/>





- The class to be learned covers more than one instance (chunking problem)
- The PR has to learn the boundaries (chunking problem)
- So we tell the PR to use *surround mode*



# **Confidence Thresholds**

<PARAMETER name="thresholdProbabilityEntity" value="0.2"/> <PARAMETER name="thresholdProbabilityBoundary" value="0.4"/>

- Classifiers provide confidence ratings—how likely a result is to be correct
- We must determine how certain is good enough
- Depending on the application we might prefer to include or exclude annotations for which the learner is not too sure
- thresholdProbabilityBoundary is a threshold for the beginning and end instances
- thresholdProbabilityEntity is a threshold for beginning and end instances combined
#### University of Sheffield, NLP <multiClassification2Binary method="one-vsothers"/>



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Entity.type =Location

Entity.type=Person

- Many algorithms are binary classifiers (e.g. yes/no)
- We have several classes (Person, Location, Organization etc.)
- Therefore the problem must be converted to a set of binary problems, so we can use binary algorithms
- one-vs-others
  - LOC vs PERS+ORG / PERS vs LOC+ORG / ORG vs LOC+PERS
- one-vs-another
  - LOC vs PERS / LOC vs ORG / PERS vs ORG

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<multiClassification2Binary method="one-vs-others"/>

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- With more than 3 classes, one-vs-another becomes very computationally expensive!
- **one-vs-others**: N classes => N classifiers
  - A vs B+C+D, B vs A+C+D, C vs A+B+D, D vs A+B+C
- **one-vs-another**: N classes => N×(N-1)/2 classifiers
  - A vs B, A vs C, A vs D, B vs C, B vs D, C vs D



<EVALUATION method="holdout" ratio="0.66"/>

- We are going to evaluate our application in two ways today
  - The ML PR can automatically evaluate for us
  - We will also run our own evaluation
- This parameter dictates how the ML PR will work in evaluation mode
- The PR ignores this part of the config file in training and application modes



#### **Evaluation**

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<EVALUATION method="kfold" runs="4"/>
OR
<EVALUATION method="holdout" ratio="0.66"/>
```

- Holdout randomly picks *ratio* documents for training and uses the rest for testing; this is faster than k-fold because it only runs once
- k-fold cross-validation will give you more reliable results and lets you "stretch" your corpus



- In k-fold cross-validation, the corpus is split into k equal parts, and the learner is trained k times on k-1 parts and evaluated on 1; the results are averaged
- For example, if k=4, the documents are split into groups A, B, C, & D, then:
  - train on A+B+C, test on D;
  - train on A+B+D, test on C;
  - train on A+C+D, test on B;
  - train on B+C+D, test on A;
  - average these 4 results
- This maximises the use of the training data without losing testing accuracy, but takes 4 times as long



#### <ENGINE nickname="SVM" ..

- Next we specify what machine learning algorithm we wish to use
- Today we are using the SVM ("SVM")
- We will use the following options: options="-t 0 -m 100 -tau 0.4"
  - Challenge: find out what these options do! (Hint: user guide §19.2)



# <INSTANCE-TYPE>...

- Next, we tell the ML PR what our instance annotation is
- The goal of the ML PR is to try to learn how the attributes of every instance predict its class, so the instance is an important choice
- We have decided that the "Token" is our instance annotation type
  - We have run the tokenizer to ensure we have Token annotations in our corpus
  - The POS tagger adds category features to the Token annotations

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### **Specifying Attributes**

<ATTRIBUTELIST>
 <NAME>POS</NAME>
 <SEMTYPE>NOMINAL</SEMTYPE>
 <TYPE>Token</TYPE>
 <FEATURE>category</FEATURE>
 <RANGE from="-2" to="2"/>
</ATTRIBUTELIST>

- For every attribute, we create a specification like the one above
- This is the information from which the PR will learn, so it is important to give it some good data
- You can see in the configuration file that there are several attributes (including Lookup.majorType), providing a good range of information
- However, if you have too many attributes it can take a very long time to learn!



Breaking down the attribute specification

- <NAME>POS</NAME>
  - This is the name that we choose for this attribute. It can be anything we want, but it will help us later if we make it something sensible!
  - SEMTYPE>NOMINAL</SEMTYPE>
    - Is the value of this attribute a number or a name?



Breaking down the attribute specification

- <TYPE>Token</TYPE>
  - The value of the attribute will be taken from the "Token" annotation
- <FEATURE>category</FEATURE>
  - The value of the attribute will be taken from the "category" feature



Breaking down the attribute specification

<ATTRIBUTELIST> <RANGE from="-2" to="2"/> </ATTRIBUTELIST>

- Because this is an "ATTRIBUTELIST" specification, we can specify a "RANGE"
- In this case, we will gather attributes from the current instance and also the preceding and following two;
   i.e., a window of 5 Token annotations centred on the one in question



# **Specifying the Class Attribute**

<ATTRIBUTE>

<NAME>Class</NAME> <SEMTYPE>NOMINAL</SEMTYPE> <TYPE>Mention</TYPE> <FEATURE>type</FEATURE> <POSITION>0</POSITION> <CLASS/>

</ATTRIBUTE>

- You can call the class attribute whatever you want, but "Class" is a sensible choice
- Remember that our class attribute is the "type" feature of the "Mention" annotation
- This is an ATTRIBUTE, not an ATTRIBUTELIST, so we have "position", not "range"
- The <CLASS/> element tells the Batch Learning PR that this is the class attribute to learn.



## **Running the ML PR in evaluation mode**



# Loading the Learning plugin

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- Load the "Learning" plugin
- (We are **not** going to use the "Machine Learning" plugin, as explained earlier)

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# **Creating a learning application**

- Create a "Batch Learning PR" with <u>ner/ner-</u> <u>config.xml</u> as the the configFileURL parameter
- Make a new corpus pipeline and put this PR (only!) in it

#### University of Sheffield, NLP Running the application in evaluation mode



- Make sure the corpus is selected
  - The inputASName is blank because the attributes and classes are in the default annotation set
  - Select "EVALUATION" for the learningMode
- OutputASName should be the same as inputASName in evaluation mode
- Run the application!





### Inspecting the results

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- The application may take a few minutes to run
- When it is finished, switch to the "Messages" tab to examine the results



### How well did we do?

• Here is my previous result:

# (precision, recall, F1)= (0.89, 0.75, 0.82)

- These figures look pretty good, but what do they mean?
- Next we will discuss evaluation measures
- Then we will run the PR in different modes
- Then we will see if we can improve these numbers



#### **Evaluation in Machine Learning**



## **Recap of Evaluation in GATE**

- Evaluation is an important part of information extraction work
  - We need to find out how good our application is by comparing its annotations to the "right answers" (manually prepared or corrected annotations)
  - Sometimes we need to compare the work of different human annotators, to see how consistent they are
- We use similar functions for both types of evaluation tasks



### **Evaluation Mode**

- We ran the machine learning PR in evaluation mode earlier
- We specified how the PR should run evaluation in the configuration file
- Once we had run the application, we obtained evaluation statistics in the "Messages" tab



- Precision: what proportion of our automatic annotations were correct?
- Recall: what proportion of the correct annotations did our automatic tool create?
- P = correct / (correct + spurious) = tp / (tp + fp)
- R = correct / (correct + missing) = tp / (tp + fn)
- where tp = true positives, fp = false positives, fn = false negatives



- F-score is an amalgam of the two measures
  - $F_{\beta} = (1+\beta^2)PR / (\beta^2 P + R)$
  - The equally balanced F1 ( $\beta$  = 1) is the most common F-measure
  - -F1 = 2PR / (P + R)
- We can also run our own ML evaluation using the Corpus QA tool—let's do that now



- To tell how well a machine learner is performing, you need to train it and test it on different sets of data
- Evaluation mode does this automatically over "folds" of the corpus
- To see a detailed evaluation, we need to split our corpus into two parts: the training corpus and the test corpus; we will train and apply in separate runs



# Saving and splitting the corpus

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Corpus	93 items	folder
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training	4 items	folder
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- Create new "training" and "test" directories on your computer (somewhere easy to find)
- Right click on your corpus, select "Save as XML", and save the whole corpus in the "training" directory
- Use your file manager to move roughly half the documents from "training" into "test" (try to randomise them a little)



## Tidying up

- Do not close the Batch Learning PR and its corpus pipeline! (We are going to keep using them.)
- Close all your open documents and corpora in GATE Developer
- Close the modified ANNIE application recursively
- Create new GATE corpora called "training" and "test"
- Populate each corpus from the appropriate directory (as before, set the encoding to UTF-8!)



# Setting up the application

- Create a Document Reset PR
- Add it to the ML pipeline <u>before</u> the Batch Learning PR
- Edit the Document Reset PR's <u>setsToRemove</u> parameter to include just "ML"
- Edit the setsToKeep parameter to be an empty list

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# Running the ML PR in Training Mode

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- Set your pipeline to run on the training corpus
- Change the PR's learningMode to "TRAINING" (the outputASName doesn't matter)
- Run the pipeline
- Training may take a few minutes



# Finished Training!



- Because we saved the documents after running our modified ANNIE, they already have the instances and attributes for ML
- This time there are no evaluation results in the messages tab (because we are only training the model)
- Note the "savedFiles" directory beside the XML configuration file
  - Training mode saves the model there
  - Application mode reads it from there
  - The runProtocolDir parameter (in recent versions of GATE) can change the location



# Running the ML PR in Application Mode

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- Change corpus to "test"
  - Change learningMode to "APPLICATION"
  - Set outputASName to "ML": your new (automatic) annotations will go here so they don't get mixed up with the existing ones
  - Application mode is faster than training mode

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# Examining the results of application



- Examine a document from the test corpus
- You should have a new "ML" AS with Mention annotations
- The original Mention annotations (in the default AS) are similar but not always identical!
- The Annotations Stack is good for comparing them
- How similar do they appear to be? Do you think you will get a good result?



# Comparing the Sets with Corpus QA

Corpus editor

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Corpus Quality Assurance



#### Using Annotation Diff to examine performance

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- Switch to the "Document statistics" tab
- Choose a document
- Click on the Annotation Diff
- What kind of mistakes did your application make?



# Using Annotation Diff...

- "Correct": the response annotation has the right feature and span
- "Partially correct": response has the right feature and overlapping but not exactly matched span; this counts as correct in the "lenient" scoring
- "Missing": key annotation+feature is missing from the response (a.k.a. "false negative")
- "False positive": response annotation+feature shouldn't be there (a.k.a. "spurious")



# Varying the configuration file

- Now we are going to experiment with varying the configuration file to see if we can produce varied results
- You can edit the configuration file in your favourite text editor
- Make sure you save your changes then reinitialise the PR (this reads the file again and updates the configuration used inside GATE)



## **Confidence Thresholds**

#### <PARAMETER name="thresholdProbabilityEntity" value="0.2"/> <PARAMETER name="thresholdProbabilityBoundary" value="0.42"/> <PARAMETER name="thresholdProbabilityClassification" value="0.5"/>

- Each classifier will provide confidence ratings—how likely is a result to be correct; we must determine how certain is good enough
- Depending on the application we might prefer to include or exclude annotations for which the learner is not too sure
- thresholdProbabilityBoundary and thresholdProbabilityEntity are thresholds for chunk learning
- thresholdProbabilityClassification applies to classification tasks, such as sentiment or genre detection, author identification, language identification