Practical NLP and Information Extraction with GATE

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What is text mining?

- Text Mining is the discovery of new, previously unknown information, by automatically extracting information from different textual resources.
- A key element is the linking together of the extracted information together to form new facts or new hypotheses to be explored further
- Text mining lets you investigate what's actually in a document or a collection of documents
- It lets us answer wh-questions: who, what, why, when, how, where, which?

Text Mining is not Data Mining

 Data mining is about using analytical techniques to find interesting patterns from large structured databases

Examples:

- using consumer purchasing patterns to predict which products to place close together on shelves in supermarkets
- analysing spending patterns on credit cards to detect fraudulent card use.



Text Mining is not Web Search

- Text mining is also different from traditional web search.
- In search, the user is typically looking for something that is already known and has been written by someone else.
- The problem lies in sifting through all the material that currently isn't relevant to your needs, in order to find the information that is.
- The solution often lies in better ways to ask the right question
- You can't ask Google to tell you:
 - How does the language used by Donald Trump differ from the language used by Hilary Clinton?
 - In which parts of the country did people talk more about the environment during the UK elections?
 - Which female MPs talked in the last 6 months about British hospitals with more than 100 deaths per month since 2010?

Basic text processing

His MMSE was 23/30 on 15 January 2008.

(MMSE = Mini Mental State Examination)

Character offsets



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Part of speech categories



Morphological Analysis



Knowledge engineering: finding patterns



Month





{number} {Month} {number}









{MMSE} {BE} {Score} {?} {Date}



MMSE with score and date

Typical Information Extraction pipeline

- Pre-processing (tokenisation, sentence splitting, morphological analysis, POS tagging)
- Entity finding (gazetteer lookup, NE grammars)
- Co-reference (alias finding, orthographic co-reference etc.)
- Export the results somewhere (database / XML / ontology)



Example of Information Extraction

John lives in London . He works there for Polar Bear Design .

Basic Named Entity Recognition





Relations







What is Event Recognition?

- An event is an action or situation relevant to the domain expressed by some relation between entities or terms.
- It is always grounded in time, e.g. the performance of a band, an election, the death of a person



Why are Entities and Events Useful?

- They can help answer the "Big 5" journalism questions (who, what, when, where, why)
- They can be used to categorise the texts in different ways
 - look at all texts about Donald Trump
 - They can be used as targets for opinion mining
 - find out what people think about Donald Trump
- When linked to an ontology and/or combined with other information, they can be used for reasoning about things not explicit in the text
 - seeing how opinions about different American presidents have changed over the years

GATE:

General Architecture for Text Engineering

Why GATE?

- GATE is the most widely used open source toolkit for NLP in the world
- We're using it because it's a great way to showcase all the core NLP components that are used for text analysis tasks
- You can play with all the tools in GATE and try out things for yourself to see how it works
- Experts
 - Developed at the University of Sheffield since 2000 (in its current form)
 - The person who has led the development of the NLP tools in GATE since 2000 is the one presenting to you now ⁽²⁾
- And by the way, just because it's old doesn't mean it's out of date. GATE is in constant development with new technologies being constantly added.

About this tutorial

- This tutorial will get you started with the GATE graphical user interface (GUI), also known as "GATE Developer"
- Everything you do in the GUI can be done via the API, but it's easier to see what's going on in the GUI
- It will be a hands-on session. You can try things out in GATE as the topics are presented.
- Things suggested for you to try yourself are in red.
- Download and install GATE 8.5.1 (if you haven't already) from http://gate.ac.uk/download
- Start GATE on your computer (if you haven't already) by double clicking the icon

GATE GUI



Resources

- Most things you use within GATE are "resources":
- Language resources (LRs) are documents, document collections, ontologies ...
 - A collection of documents is known as a **corpus**
- **Processing resources** (PRs) are programs that operate on text within the documents, and often create or modify annotations
- **Datastores** are for storing documents and corpora for later use
- Applications ("pipelines") are sequences of processing resources that run on one or more documents

Displaying Resources

- When you first open GATE, the display pane will show messages from the system in the "Messages" tab
- The display pane displays whatever elements you are currently working with, e.g. an application, a document or a processing resource, each in its own *tab*
- Double clicking on a resource in the resources pane will display it
- Tabs along the top of the display pane allow you to choose which of the open resources to display

Create New Document

- From the Resources Pane, right click "Language Resources" → New
 → GATE Document
- Ignore the parameter settings that will be displayed
- Click OK
- "GATE Document_<id>" will now be added to "Language Resources"
- Double click that document name
- A tab is opened in the display pane, showing the empty document.
- Now enter some text there.

Empty Document



Document Editor

- The Document Editor is shown as a new Tab in the Display Pane, alongside the Message Pane
- There are buttons on the top of the Editor, e.g. "Annotation Sets" we will learn about them later.
- There are tabs at the bottom of the Document Tab: these show different "Views" of the document.
- The small pane in the lower left shows the "document features" (optional information associated with the document resource as key/value pairs)

Simple operations on resources

- Right clicking on the name of a resource in the resource pane gives access to a menu of actions
- Double clicking on the name of a resource opens a view of the resource in the display pane (triple clicking the name can be used to rename)
- Selecting a resource instance and pressing the Delete (Mac: Fn+BS) key will generally close it
- You can also right click and then select "Close"

Parameters

- Resources can have parameters which need to get specified when the resource is created: Initialization (init) Parameters
- Processing resources can also have parameters which can be changed for each run: **Runtime Parameters**
- Init parameters specify how a resource is created, e.g. the location of a document to load
- Runtime parameters configure what a processing resource does, e.g. if some processing is case-sensitive or not.

Loading an existing document

- GATE can read and load documents in many formats: e.g. plain text, HTML, XML, PDF, Word, CoNLL, CSV, JSON
- GATE can load documents from files and from URLs
- When a document is loaded, it gets converted to GATE internal format as document text + annotations

Loading a document

- To load a document:
 - right click on Language Resources \rightarrow "New \rightarrow GATE Document" OR
 - File menu \rightarrow New Language Resource \rightarrow GATE Document
- Use the sourceURL parameter to specify the document to be loaded:
 type the filename or URL, or
 - click the file browser icon to navigate to the correct document
- Load a file from your hands-on materials: corpora → news-texts → ft-airlines-27-jul-2001.xml
- Load a web page, e.g. <u>http://news.bbc.co.uk</u>

Document viewer

Highlighted tab is the resource currently being viewed



Document

Annotations

- Annotations are central to GATE
- Annotations represent aspects of the text you want to analyze: words, sentences, Dates, Person Names
- Annotations are named by their type, e.g. "Person"
- Annotation consists of
 - Annotation type
 - start and end offsets
 - set of features, each feature is an arbitrary name/value pair, e.g. gender=male

Annotation Sets

- Annotations are grouped into sets
- Each set can contain any number of annotations of any type
- You can create and organize your annotation sets as you wish.
- Predefined sets
 - Default set (empty name): cannot be deleted
 - "Original markups": annotations from the markups in the file
 - "Key": by convention, used for gold standard annotations
- Click the "Annotation Sets" button in the document viewer for the ft-airlines document you loaded

Annotation Sets



Original markups annotation set

Viewing annotations

- Clicking on the Annotation Sets button opens a new pane on the right hand side inside the document view (Annotation Sets view)
- Default (unnamed) set contains some examples of annotations
- Click on the Annotation Set name (eg Key) to display the annotation types belonging to that set
- You should see types such as Location, Date, Person etc.
- Click the check box for an annotation type to view all the annotations of that type in the document

A closer look at the annotations

- Click the Annotations List button from the menu above the Display pane
- Table shows annotation type, annotation set, offsets, annotation id, and features (for all selected annotations)
- Select a row in the table to highlight the annotation in the text
- There are also other annotation views possible such as the Annotation Stack and Coreference Editor
- Try the Annotation Stack view

Annotations

Date annotation

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Annotations table

Editing existing annotations

- Select an annotation type from the Annotation Sets view and hover over a highlighted annotation in the text
- A popup window displays more information about it: this is the annotation editor
- Click the drawing pin symbol at the top of the editor. This will "pin" the window open (you can still move the window around on your screen if you wish)
- Try editing the annotation: you can change the annotation type, feature names and values, the span of the annotation (clicking left and right arrows at the top of the box) or delete the annotation or its features (red Xs)
- Close the annotation editor by clicking the X in the top right corner, then view your edited annotation in the Annotation List

Annotation editor

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Creating a Corpus

- A corpus is a collection of documents.
- We tend to run applications on a corpus rather than on a document itself
- First close the documents you have loaded in GATE, just so we don't get confused (right click and Close)
- Now create a new empty corpus
- Right click on Language Resources \rightarrow New \rightarrow GATE Corpus
- You can give the corpus a name, or use the default one

Populating a Corpus

- Sometimes there could be hundreds of documents in a corpus.
- Using the populate function means you can load lots of documents into the corpus in one go
- Right click on the name of your new corpus in the Resources pane and select "Populate"
- Select the name of the directory with your documents (handson/corpora/news-texts)
- All the documents will be loaded in one go
- View a document or the corpus by double clicking on it

Processing Resources

- Processing resources (PRs) are the tools that process and annotate text (text processing algorithms).
- An "application" or "pipeline" consists of any number of PRs, run sequentially over a corpus of documents
- ANNIE contains PRs for tokenisation, sentence splitting, POS tagging, Named Entity recognition etc.

Applications

Here's one we made earlier: ANNIE

- ANNIE is a ready-made collection of PRs that performs Information Extraction on unstructured text.
- Click the icon from the top GATE menu OR Select File → Load ANNIE system
- View the ANNIE application by double clicking on it
- Run ANNIE on your corpus (select the corpus name and click "Run this application")

Running an application



PRs selected in application (in order of their execution)

Corpus on which the application is executed

Runtime parameters of the selected PR

Execute the application

Viewing the results

- When a message appears in the bottom left corner of your GATE window saying something like "ANNIE run in 1.3 seconds", the application has finished.
- Double click on the document to view it
- View the annotations by selecting Annotation Sets and clicking on any Annotation types in the Default (unnamed) set
- If you want, you can view the annotations table or stack view too.
- Remember that not all the results will be perfect!

- A plugin is a collection of PRs, and other resources bundled together.
 - Everything needed for IE in ANNIE is in the ANNIE plugin.
 - Everything needed for IE in French is in the lang_french plugin.
- An application can use PRs from one or more different plugins.
- In order to use PRs, you need to load the relevant plugin(s)
- Plugins are loaded via the Plugin Manager (green jigsaw piece icon)

 Click the icon on the top GATE menu to open the Plugin Manager [or go via File → Manage CREOLE Plugins]

Load the plugin for this session only

plugin

GATE

starts

List of available plugins

Resources in the selected plugin

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- Click on a plugin to see (on the RHS) the names of the resources it contains. Have a look at a few.
- Now load the Tools plugin by checking the relevant "Load Now" box for it
- Click "Apply All" to load the plugin
- Click "Close"
- Right click on Processing Resources to see which new PRs are now available

Adding a new PR

- Let's add a Verb Phrase Chunker PR to ANNIE.
- First, we have to load the plugin that contains it, and then load the PR into GATE, before we can add it to the application.
- If you were looking closely, you'll have noticed that the Tools plugin you just loaded contains the ANNIE VP Chunker.
- Right click on Processing Resources and select "New" → "ANNIE VP Chunker"
- Leave all the default parameters set and click "OK"

Adding a new PR (2)

- Now we need to add the new PR to the application.
- Double click on ANNIE.
- You'll see the ANNIE VP Chunker is in the list of loaded PRs. This means it's available in GATE, but isn't yet contained in the application.
- Add it to the application by selecting it and using the right arrow to transfer it.
- Now use the up arrow to move it to the right place in the application. It should go after (below) the POS tagger but before (above) the NE transducer.
- Run the application and view the results on the document.
- You should see a new annotation type "VG".

IE for other languages

- You can try out other applications in two ways
- Load a plugin that contains a ready-made application
- Click Applications -> Readymade applications
- Load some documents and run the application
- You can also just load a blank document and type some text in it
- If you do this, you need to right click on the document and select "New corpus with this document" first
- Run the new application on your corpus

NER in French



NER in Arabic

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Hands-on with TwitlE

- TwitlE is a version of ANNIE that's been retrained for tweets
- Load the TWITIE plugin (green jigsaw icon)
- Now right-click on "Applications", select "Ready-made applications" and "TwitlE"
- Create a new corpus, name it "Tweets"
- Right-click on the corpus and select "populate from Twitter JSON", selecting the file hands-on-materials/corpora/energy-tweets.json
- Once loaded, double click on TwitlE to open it, and then select "Run this application" (make sure the tweets corpus is chosen)
- Look at the different annotations in the default annotation set
- To see Tokens in hashtags, use the Annotation Stack view

Analysing tweets

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