Chinese Grammatical Error Diagnosis System Based on Hybrid Model

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Introduction

Chinese as a foreign language (CFL) is booming in recent decades. The number of CFL learners is expected to become larger for the years to come (Xiong et al., 2014). But the flexibility and complication in Chinese morphology, pronunciations and grammar make Chinese become one of the hardest languages to learn. If you cannot make good use of the grammatical rules, maybe the many different meaning or error meaning of the sentence will be get. This system proposes a hybrid model for CGED shared task by integrating rule-based methods and n-gram statistical methods to detect Chinese grammatical errors, identify the error type and point out the position of error in the input sentences.

System Overview

Figure 1 shows the flowchart of our CGED system. The system is mainly composed by two processes: pre-process and main process. In addition, main process contains two subprocesses: special process and general process. It performs CGED in the following steps:

1. Given a test sentence, the CGED system gets the character chunks in the sentence with POS. We use “Jieba” Chinese text segmentation and NLPIR/ICTCLAS Chinese text segmentation to achieve the goal.
2. For each chunk in this sentence, the system will enumerate every rule in the missing, redundant and selection rules sets. In the meanwhile, we got all the permutations of the chunks. What’s more we use tri-gram to calculate model the probabilities of each generated sentence in the all permutations and pop the highest one. We will get a candidate sentence set after this step.
3. If the candidate sentence set has only one sentence, the system will return related data based on the sentence. If not, system will carry out the general process.

Special processes and General process

Special processes contains four subprocesses: disorder process, missing process, redundant process and selection process.

1. Disorder process: system calculates the probability of each sentence in the sentence set generated by tri-gram. If the highest probability one differs from the origin one, system judges that the sentence has disorder error.
2. Missing process: selection process and redundant process: through the collection of the grammar deletion, extract the sentence features of the deletion of the grammar, and analyze the grammar and summarize the relevant rules.

General process: By comparing the four non-standard corpora to the standard corpus. System extracts the four kinds of a list of ungrammatical n-grams list corresponding to the four kinds of non-standard corpora and treat them as key expressions. With these n-gram lists, we trained a classifiers n-gram based Multinomial Naïve Bayes (MNB) to identify the grammatical error type.

Evaluation Results

The CGED task of CFL attracted 13 research teams. Among 13 registered teams, 6 participants submitted their testing results. For formal testing, finally, there are 18 runs submitted in total. We use the 30% of NLP-TEA-1 CFL Datasets as validation set to test the effect and performance of the four special processes and the MNB. We found the approach using MNB has mostly no advantage with that only using special process. So, the three runs of our system submitted to NLP-TEA-2 CFL final test are all based on the four special processes. Figure 2 shows the evaluation results of the NLP-TEA-2 CFL final test. As we can see from Figure 2, we achieve a result close to the average level.

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