

# Dynamic Threshold for Clustering Person Names 

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- Two names Valentino Rossi
- One Person

Valentino Rossl faces six months out after breaking leg

Italy Motocr, wiugento
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Cross-document coreference (CDC) occurs when the same person, place, or concept is discussed in more than one text source.

## What CDC is not

Different from word sense disambiguation

- The set of persons for a given name (i.e. the senses) is not known a priori.
- A clustering task!



## A general Approach

- Names to be clustered are represented with their context
- context can be of different sizes: window of words centered around a name, sentence containing name, group of sentences, or even whole document.
- modeling context can be done in many different ways: bag of words, set of phrases, set of entities, set of relations, etc.


## A general Approach

e.g.


Valentino Rossi 1
$\xrightarrow{=\text { Italy }}$ Mugello ramaha $\longrightarrow$ MotoGP

Valentino Rossi 2
Ducati Borgo Panigale $\longrightarrow$ MotoGP

Names to be clustered could be represented with the Named Entities they co-occur in the same document.

## A general Approach

- An algorithm for clustering (such as Hierarchical Agglomerative Clustering)
- A fixed threshold determines how close two elements (i.e. documents or clusters) have to be so as to be grouped together.
e.g.:

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cluster (d1, d2, threshold)
    sim}\leftarrow\mathrm{ word_overlap(d1, d2)
    if sim >= threshold
            then return group(d1, d2)
    return NIL
```


## A difficult Problem

- Discontinuity

A person may be mentioned in very different contexts and different time periods. e.g.

Montezemolo:
President of Ferrari
President of Italia Futura
Ex-President of Confindustria vice president of Bologna FC

- Clustering algorithms

For clustering methods (e.g. Agglomerative) the stop conditions are not known.

## 2 different contexts -> one person Montezemolo only

TUTTIPERLA "CONCERTAZIONE"

## Legge Biagi, Unione divisa

«Sono molto preoccupato per il Paese».
Nonostante i «modesti segnali di ripresa», per Luca Cordero di Montezemolo la tendenza positiva può diventare "effimera" se non è accompagnata da «scelte condivise, ma rigorose, coraggiose $e$, se serve, anche impopolari», a partire da un "drastico taglio" della spesa pubblica.
Perché, vista la situazione dei conti e dell'economia, la posta in palio è alta:
«L'Italia rischia di non farcela".
Quest'ultimo è il passaggio più allarmato della relazione con cui il numero uno di Confindustria ha aperto ieri a Roma l'annuale Assemblea pubblica degli industriali, spronando il nuovo Governo a imprimere quella svolta che per

## Massa confermato, Raikkonen no

Il presidente della Ferrari Montezemolo, alla vigilia di Singapore, dà fiducia al brasiliano e lascierebbe aperta la porta ad Alonso
La Ferrari del 2010 ballerà ancora a ritmo di samba, ma su chi farà coppia con Felipe Massa non è dato sapere.
Certo è il volante di Kimi Raikkonen comincia a scricchiolare.
Nella settimana che porta dritto al gran premio di Singapore, il secondo nella storia del mondiale di Formula 1 dopo l'esordio in notturna nella passata stagione, è il patron del Cavallino Luca Cordero di Montezemolo a dare corpo e sostanza ai tanti rumors sul mercato piloti della Rossa.
«Avremo una guida brasiliana che merita un'altra chance, visto che sta bene, sul resto stiamo riflettendo sulla scelta migliore, ma abbiamo ancora tempo.
Decideremo entro poche settimane»:
le parole del presidente nel corso di un intervento all'Istituto di scienze militari e aeronautiche di Firenze.
Si tratta di fatto della riconferma a pieno titolo di Massa, fermato dal

## 2 similar contexts -> 2 persons Paolo Rossi

## IL SÜDTIROL PAREGGIA A FERRARA

internazionale".
Così Paolo Rossi, vincitore del più importante riconoscimento per un giocatore nel 1982 do, ola vittoria ai Mondiali di Spagna, ha commentato il probabile successo di Buffon.
«Speria» che lo vinca, se lo merita senza dubbio.


Lu è l'unico italiano che forse può arrivare al successo perchè - commenta Rossi - a livello di singoli non ne avevamo altri che potevano ambire al trionfo".
Il popola Pablito escr de che oltre al mondiale dietro la probabile vittoria ci sia anche la solra di Buffon di disputare il campionato di serie B con la Juventus.
«Non credo che un giocatore venga ripagato perchè si sceglie di giocare in serie C , piuttosto che
 certo tipo arcomportamento".
Così si confermerebbe la tredizione che nell'anno del Mondiale a vincere sia un protagonista della manifestazione iridata.
Norrestante Buffon sia un portiere.
«Di solito ventono premiati gli attaccanti o in giocatori in grado fare gol».
Qual è la sa classifica di Ossi per le prime tre posizioni?
«Primo Buffon, poi Henry e Kakà».
Ancelottí ha detto che Kakà è il più forte giocatore del mondo.
Il brasiliano vincerà il premio nei prossimi anni?
"Denso nronrio di ci - il nronnctico di Panln Rosci

## A dynamic Threshold?

-According to Popescu and Magnini [3][4] the more the ambiguity of the name in the corpus the more the information you need to disambiguate it.

Our hypothesis:

- using different values of threshold for ambiguous names and non ambiguous names could improve clustering.

Issue: the ambiguity of names in the corpus is unknown!

- Input: Set of documents matching a person name
- Output: Clusters, each cluster refers to the same individual
- System participants have to carry out the task for a number of unseen names
- System output is compared to gold-standard data



## Dynamic Threshold

As reported by Bentivogli et al. [1], PagineBianche (i.e. the Italian phonebook) is a good indicator of the ambiguity of a name in the NePS task: the more the ambiguity of a name in PagineBianche, the more the ambiguity of the name in NePS.


We could use PagineBianche to estimate the ambiguity of names.

## Dynamic Threshold

-Names categorized in 2 groups based on their ambiguity in PagineBianche:

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { names occurring }<=2 \text {-> non ambiguous names } \\
& \text { name occurring > } 2 \text {-> ambiguous names }
\end{aligned}
$$

-2 values of threshold for ambiguous names and non ambiguous ones were calculated on the development set.
-threshold values were then used to cluster names of the test set.

## System Architecture



## Feature Set-1

-Topic of the Document: the topic the document is talking about (e.g. Political events, business, sports).
-Keyphrases: expressions, either single words or phrases, describing the most important concepts of a document (e.g. administrative committee, reduction in tax).
-Professional Category: professional category which is thought to belong to the name (e.g. president, journalist, football player).
-Named Entities: person, organization and location names (e.g. Bill Clinton, Ferrari, Rome).

## Feature Set-2

## Automatically linking person names in an ontology describing 30493 persons relevant to the Trentino region and national-level as well [5].

## Background Knowledge



| Nome: | Luca |
| :--- | :--- |
| Cognome: | Cordero di Montezemolo |
| Nato a: | Bologna |
| Nato il: | 31/08/1947 |
| Titolo di studio: | Laurea in Giurisprudenza |
| Posizione attuale:Presidente della Ferrari |  |


Posizione: $\quad$ Presidente di Fiat S.p.a

## dal: 2004 al:2008

Posizione: Presidente di Confindustria
Linking accuracy; 71.50\% Coverage: 21.35\%

## Feature Weighting

A common choice is Inverse Document Frequency (IDF) where one intuition is at play: the more documents a feature fk occurs in, the smaller its contribution is in characterizing the semantics of a document in which it occurs.
-Invented for gene clustering [2]

- deterministic (differently from Hierarchical Agglomerative clustering)
- does not require specifying the number of clusters a priori (as K-means does).
- requires the a priori specification of the diameter (the distance between each pair of elements).
- computationally Intensive, $\mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{n}^{\wedge} 3\right)$ and Time Consuming


## Similarity Measure

- Distance between vectors $d_{1}$ and $d_{2}$ captured by the cosine of the angle $x$ between them.



## Results

|  | All |  |  | No ambiguity |  |  |  | Medium ambiguity |  |  | High ambiguity |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pr | Re | F1 | Pr | Re | F1 | Pr | Re | F1 | Pr | Re | F1 |  |
| FBK | 0.89 | 0.97 | 0.93 | 1.00 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.89 | 0.95 | 0.92 | 0.71 | 0.96 | 0.82 |  |
| All- <br> In- <br> One | 0.84 | 1.00 | 0.91 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.86 | 1.00 | 0.93 | 0.56 | 1.00 | 0.72 |  |

Bcubed precision, recall, and F1 measure for different levels of ambiguity of a name: no ambiguity, medium ambiguity and high ambiguity.

## T2 system/Applications

Based on QT
Dynamic Threshold
Implemented in java
Multithread
Accuracy: 93\% ${ }^{(1)}$
Annotation speed: 2.5 M names per hour ${ }^{(2)}$

Available autumn 2012 as additional module of TextPro
(1) Evalita 2011
(2)PC Linux REDHAT 32GB RAM, 8 cores

T2 system was used in LiveMemories project (http://www.livememories.org)

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## Dev set results

NePS dev set:
T2: 0.937 (F1)
HAC, single-link: 0.750 (F1)

WePS-2 test set
Best system: 0.82(F1)
ALL-IN-ONE: 0.53
ONE-IN-ONE: 0.34

## Algorithm:

1. A random gene is chosen from the selected gene list.
2. The algorithm determines which gene has the greatest similarity to this gene. If their total diameter does not exceed the diameter threshold, then these two genes are clustered together.
3. Other genes that minimize the increase in cluster diameter are iteratively added to this cluster. This process continues until no gene can be added to this first candidate clustehwithout surpassing the diameter threshold.
4. A second candidate gene is chosen.
5. The algorithm determines which gene has the greatest similarity to this second gene. All genes in the selected gene list are available for consideration to the second candidate cluster.
6. Other genes from the selected gene list that minimize the increase in cluster diameter are iteratively added to the second candidate cluster. The process continues until no gene can be added to this second candidate cluster without surpassing the diameter threshold.
7. The algorithm iterates through all genes on the selected gene list and forms a candidate cluster with reference to each gene. In other words, there will be as many candidate clusters as there are genes in the gene list. Once a candidate cluster is formed for each gene, all candidate clusters below the userspecified minimum size are removed from consideration.
8. The largest remaining candidate cluster, with the user-specified minimal number of gene member, is selected and retained as a QT cluster. The genes within this cluster are now removed from consideration. All remaining genes will be used for the next round of QT cluster formation.
9. The entire process (step 1 to 9 ) is repeated until the largest remaining candidate cluster has fewer than the user-specified number of genes.
