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Introduction

Computational Terminology covers an increasingly important aspect in Natural Language Processing areas such as text mining, information retrieval, information extraction, summarisation, textual entailment, document management systems, question-answering systems, ontology building, etc. Terminological information is paramount for knowledge mining from texts for scientific discovery and competitive intelligence. Scientific needs in fast growing domains (such as biomedicine, chemistry and ecology) and the overwhelming amount of textual data published daily demand that terminology is acquired and managed systematically and automatically; while in well established domains (such as law, economy, banking and music) the demand is on fine-grained analyses of documents for knowledge description and acquisition. Moreover, capturing new concepts leads to the acquisition and management of new knowledge.

The aim of this fifth Computerm workshop is to bring together Natural Language Processing to discuss recent advances in computational terminology and its impact in many NLP applications. The topics addressed in this workshop are wide ranging:

- term extraction, recognition and filtering, which is the core of the terminological activity that lays basis for other terminological topics and tasks;
- event recognition and extraction, that extends the notion of the terminological entity from terms meaning static units up to terms meaning procedural and dynamic processes;
- acquisition of semantic relations among terms, which is also an important research topic as the acquisition of semantic relationships between terms finds applications such as the population and update of existing knowledge bases, definition of domain specific templates in information extraction and disambiguation of terms;
- term variation management, that helps to deal with the dynamic nature of terms, their acquisition from heterogeneous sources, their integration, standardisation and representation for a large range of applications and resources, is also increasingly important, as one has to address this research problem when working with various controlled vocabularies, thesauri, ontologies and textual data. Term variation is also related to their paraphrases and reformulations, due to historical, regional, local or personal issues. Besides, the discovery of synonym terms or term clusters is equally beneficial to many NLP applications;
- definition acquisition, that covers important research and aims to provide precise and non-ambiguous description of terminological entities. Such definitions may contain elements necessary for the formal description of terms and concepts within ontologies;
- consideration of the user expertise, that is becoming a new issue in the terminological activity, takes into account the fact that specialized domains contain notions and terms often non-understandable to non-experts or to laymen (such as patients within the medical area, or bank clients within banking and economy areas). This aspect, although related to specialized areas, provides direct link between specialized languages and general language;
- systematic terminology management and updating domain specific dictionaries and thesauri, that are important aspects for maintaining the existing terminological resources. These aspects become crucial because the amount of the existing terminological resources is constantly increasing and because their perennial and efficient use depends on their maintenance and updating, while their re-acquisition is costly and often non-reproducible;

- monolingual and multilingual resources, that open the possibility for developing cross-lingual and multi-lingual applications, requires specific corpora, methods and tools which design and evaluation are challenging issues;
- robustness and portability of methods, which allows to apply methods developed in one given context to other contexts (corpora, domains, languages, etc.) and to share the research expertise among them;
- social networks and modern media processing, that attracts an increasing number of researchers and that provides challenging material to be processed;
- utilization of terminologies in various NLP applications, as they are a necessary component of any NLP system dealing with domain-specific literature, is another novel and challenging research direction.

In the call for paper, we encouraged authors to submit their research work related to various aspects of computational terminology related approaches, ranging from term extraction in various languages (using verb co-occurrence, information theoretic approaches, machine learning, etc.), translation pairs extracting from bilingual corpora based on terminology, up to semantic oriented approaches and theoretical aspects of terminology.

Besides, experiments on the evaluation of terminological methods and tools are also encouraged since they provide interesting and useful proof about the utility of terminological resources:

- direct evaluation may concern the efficiency of the terminological methods and tools to capture the terminological entities and relations, as well as various kinds of related information;
- indirect evaluation may concern the use of terminological resources in various NLP applications and the impact these resources have on the performance of the automatic systems. In this case, research and competition tracks (such as TREC, BioCreative, CLEF, CLEF-eHealth, I2B2, *SEM, and other shared tasks), provide particularly fruitful evaluation contexts and proved very successful in identifying key problems in terminology such as term variation and ambiguity.

This workshop is a continuation of previous Computerm workshops. The last Computerm was joined to the previous COLING conference in 2014.

The Computerm 2016 workshop received 28 submissions from 12 countries and 4 continents addressing issues on 9 languages. Further to a double-blind peer-reviewing process, 5 papers were accepted as long oral presentations, 1 as short oral presentation and 8 as posters. The acceptance rate for oral presentations is 21% and the overall acceptance rate is 50%. The selected papers tackle various terminology related problems such terminological resource evaluation, semantic relation acquisition and, above all, extraction, recognition and filtering of terms, with classical ruled-based methods or statistical approaches as well as word embeddings. The domain of application of the proposed approaches is varied, going from Mathematics and Art to Environment. We believe this workshop will be a great place for fruitful research discussions, and the emergence of new research topics and collaborations. The objective of the combined oral and poster presentations is to strengthen this point.

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Min Song

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