# **Diversity-Aware Batch Active Learning for Dependency Parsing**

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#### Abstract

While the predictive performance of modern statistical dependency parsers relies heavily on the availability of expensive expert-annotated treebank data, not all annotations contribute equally to the training of the parsers. In this paper, we attempt to reduce the number of labeled examples needed to train a strong dependency parser using batch active learning (AL). In particular, we investigate whether enforcing diversity in the sampled batches, using determinantal point processes (DPPs), can improve over their diversity-agnostic counterparts. Simulation experiments on an English newswire corpus show that selecting diverse batches with DPPs is superior to strong selection strategies that do not enforce batch diversity, especially during the initial stages of the learning process. Additionally, our diversityaware strategy is robust under a corpus duplication setting, where diversity-agnostic sampling strategies exhibit significant degradation.

#### **1** Introduction

Though critical to parser training, data annotations for dependency parsing are both expensive and time-consuming to obtain. Syntactic analysis requires linguistic expertise and even after extensive training, data annotation can still be burdensome. The Penn Treebank project (Marcus et al., 1993) reports that after two months of training, the annotators average 750 tokens per hour on the bracketing task; the Prague Dependency Treebank (Böhmová et al., 2003) cost over \$600,000 and required 5 years to annotate roughly 90,000 sentences (over \$5 per sentence). These high annotation costs present a significant challenge to developing accurate dependency parsers for under-resourced languages and domains.

Active learning (AL; Settles, 2009) is a promising technique to reduce the annotation effort required to train a strong dependency parser by intelAdrian Benton Bloomberg L.P. abenton10@bloomberg.net

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ligently selecting samples to annotate such that the return of each annotator hour is as high as possible. Popular selection strategies, such as uncertainty sampling, associate each instance with a *quality* measure based on the uncertainty or confidence level of the current parser, and higher-quality instances are selected for annotation.

We focus on *batch mode* AL, since it is generally more efficient for annotators to label in bulk. While early work in AL for parsing (Tang et al., 2002; Hwa, 2000, 2004) cautions against using individually-computed quality measures in the batch setting, more recent work demonstrates empirical success (e.g., Li et al., 2016) without explicitly handling intra-batch *diversity*. In this paper, we explore whether a diversity-aware approach can improve the state of the art in AL for dependency parsing. Specifically, we consider samples drawn from determinantal point processes (DPPs) as a query strategy to select batches of high-quality, yet dissimilar instances (Kulesza and Taskar, 2012).

In this paper, we (1) propose a diversity-aware batch AL query strategy for dependency parsing compatible with existing selection strategies, (2) empirically study three AL strategies with and without diversity factors, and (3) find that diversityaware selection strategies are superior to their diversity-agnostic counterparts, especially during the early stages of the learning process, in simulation experiments on an English newswire corpus. This is critical in low-budget AL settings, which we further confirm in a corpus duplication setting.<sup>1</sup>

# 2 Active Learning for Dependency Parsing

#### 2.1 Dependency Parsing

Dependency parsing (Kübler et al., 2008) aims to find the syntactic dependency structure, y, given a length-n input sentence  $x = x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$ , where

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Our code is publicly available at https://github.com/ tzshi/dpp-al-parsing-naacl21.

y is a set of n arcs over the tokens and the dummy root symbol  $x_0$ , and each arc  $(h, m) \in y$  specifies the head, h, and modifier word, m.<sup>2</sup> In this work, we adopt the conceptually-simple edge-factored deep biaffine dependency parser (Dozat and Manning, 2017), which is competitive with the state of the art in terms of accuracy, The parser assigns a locally-normalized attachment probability  $P_{\text{att}}(\text{head}(m) = h \mid x)$  to each attachment candidate pair (h, m) based on a biaffine scoring function. Refer to Appendix A for architecture details.

We define the score of the candidate parse tree  $s(y \mid x)$  as  $\sum_{(h,m)\in y} \log P_{\text{att}}(\text{head}(m) = h \mid x)$ . The decoder finds the best scoring  $\hat{y}$  among all valid trees  $\mathcal{Y}(x)$ :  $\hat{y} = \arg \max_{y\in\mathcal{Y}(x)} s(y \mid x)$ .

#### 2.2 Active Learning (AL)

We consider the pool-based batch AL scenario where we assume a large collection of unlabeled instances  $\mathcal{U}$  from which we sample a small subset at a time to annotate after each round to form an expanding labeled training set  $\mathcal{L}$  (Lewis and Gale, 1994). We use the superscript *i* to denote the pool of instances  $\mathcal{U}^i$  and  $\mathcal{L}^i$  after the *i*-th round.  $\mathcal{L}^0$ is a small set of seed labeled instances to initiate the process. Each iteration starts with training a model  $\mathcal{M}^i$  based on  $\mathcal{L}^i$ . Next, all unlabeled data instances in  $\mathcal{U}^i$  are parsed by  $\mathcal{M}^i$  and we select a batch  $\mathcal{U}'$  to annotate based on some criterion  $\mathcal{U}' = \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}^i, \mathcal{U}^i)$ . The resulting labeled subset  $\mathcal{L}'$ is added to  $\mathcal{L}^{i+1} = \mathcal{L}^i \bigcup \mathcal{L}'$  and  $\mathcal{U}^{i+1} = \mathcal{U}^i - \mathcal{U}'$ .

The definition of the selection criterion C is critical. A typical strategy associates each unlabeled instance  $U_i$  with a quality measure  $q_i$  based on, for example, the model uncertainty level when parsing  $U_i$ . A *diversity-agnostic* criterion sorts all unlabeled instances by their quality measures and takes the top-k as U' for a budget k.

#### 2.3 Quality Measures

We consider three commonly-used quality measures adapted to the task of dependency parsing, including uncertainty sampling, Bayesian active learning, and a representativeness-based strategy.

**Average Marginal Probability (AMP)** measures parser uncertainty (Li et al., 2016):

$$\mathsf{AMP} = 1 - \tfrac{1}{n} \sum_{(\hat{h}, m) \in \hat{y}} P_{\mathrm{mar}}(\mathrm{head}(m) = \hat{h} \mid x),$$

where  $P_{mar}$  is the marginal attachment probability

$$P_{\text{mar}}(\text{head}(m) = h \mid x) = \sum_{(h,m) \in y} P(y \mid x),$$

and  $P(y \mid x) = \frac{\exp(s(y|x))}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} \exp(s(y'|x))}$ . The marginal probabilities can be derived efficiently using Kirchhoff's theorem (Tutte, 1984; Koo et al., 2007).

**Bayesian Active Learning by Disagreement** (**BALD**) measures the mutual information between the model parameters and the predictions. We adopt the Monte Carlo dropout-based variant (Gal et al., 2017; Siddhant and Lipton, 2018) and measure the disagreement among predictions from a neural model with K different dropout masks, which has been applied to active learning in NLP. We adapt BALD to dependency parsing by aggregating disagreement at a token level:

$$\mathsf{BALD} = 1 - rac{1}{n} \sum_m rac{\mathsf{count}(\mathsf{mode}(h_m^1, \dots, h_m^K))}{K},$$

where  $h_m^k$  denotes that  $(h_m^k, m)$  appears in the prediction given by the k-th model.

**Information Density (ID)** mitigates the tendency of uncertainty sampling to favor outliers by weighing examples by how *representative* they are of the entire dataset (Settles and Craven, 2008):

$$\mathsf{ID} = \mathsf{AMP} \times \left( \frac{1}{|\mathcal{U}|} \sum_{x' \in \mathcal{U}} \operatorname{sim}_{\cos}(x, x') \right),$$

where cosine similarity is computed from the averaged contextualized features (§3.2).

## 2.4 Learning from Partial Annotations

We follow Li et al. (2016) and select tokens to annotate their heads instead of annotating full sentences. We first pick the most informative sentences and then choose p% tokens from them based on the token-level versions of the quality measures (e.g., marginal probability instead of AMP).

#### **3** Selecting Diverse Samples

Near-duplicate examples are common in real-world data (Broder et al., 1997; Manku et al., 2007), but they provide overlapping utility to model training. In the extreme case, with a diversity-agnostic strategy for active learning, identical examples will be selected/excluded at the same time (Hwa, 2004). To address this issue and to best utilize the annotation budget, it is important to consider diversity. We adapt B1y1k et al. (2019) to explicitly model diversity using determinantal point processes (DPPs).

#### 3.1 Determinantal Point Processes

A DPP defines a probability distribution over subsets of some ground set of elements (Kulesza, 2012). In AL, the ground set is the unlabeled

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>For clarity, here we describe unlabeled parsing. In our experiments, we train labeled dependency parsers, which additionally predict a dependency relation label l for each arc.

pool  $\mathcal{U}$  and a subset corresponds to a batch of instances  $\mathcal{U}'$  drawn from  $\mathcal{U}$ . DPPs provide an explicit mechanism to ensure high-quality yet diverse sample selection by modeling both the quality measures and the similarities among examples. We adopt the *L*-ensemble representation of DPPs using the quality-diversity decomposition (Kulesza and Taskar, 2012) and parameterize the matrix *L* as  $L_{ij} = q_i \phi_i \phi_j^T q_j$ , where each  $q_i \in \mathbb{R}$  is the quality measure for  $\mathcal{U}_i$  and each  $\phi_i \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times d}$  is a *d*-dimensional vector representation of  $\mathcal{U}_i$ , which we refer to as  $\mathcal{U}_i$ 's *diversity features*.<sup>3</sup> The probability of selecting a batch *B* is given by  $P(B \subseteq \mathcal{U}) \propto \det(L_B)$ , where  $\det(\cdot)$  calculates the determinant and  $L_B$  is the submatrix of *L* indexed by elements in *B*.

DPPs place high probability on diverse subsets of high-quality items. Intuitively, the determinant of  $L_B$  corresponds to the volume spanned by the set of vectors  $\{q_i\phi_i \mid i \in B\}$ , and subsets with larger q values and orthogonal  $\phi$  vectors span larger volumes than those with smaller q values or similar  $\phi$  vectors. We follow Kulesza (2012) and adapt their greedy algorithm for finding the approximate mode  $\arg \max_B P(B \subseteq \mathcal{U})$ . This algorithm is reproduced in Algorithm E1 in the appendix.

#### 3.2 Diversity Features

We consider two possibilities for the diversity features  $\phi$ . Each feature vector is unit-normalized.

Averaged Contextualized Features are defined as  $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_{i}$  is a contextualized vector of  $x_{i}$  from the feature extractor used by the parser. By this definition, we consider the instances to be similar to each other when the neural feature extractor returns similar features such that the parser is likely to predict similar structures for these instances.

**Predicted Subgraph Counts** explicitly represent the predicted tree structure. To balance richness and sparsity, we count the labeled but unlexicalized subgraph formed by the grandparent, the parent and the token itself. Specifically, for each token m, we can extract a subgraph denoted by  $(r_1, r_2)$ , assuming the predicted dependency relation between its grandparent g and its parent h is  $r_1$ , and the relation between h and m is  $r_2$ . The parse tree for a length-n sentence contains n such subgraphs. We apply tf-idf weighting to discount

Batch	5		10	
Strategy	w/o DPP w	/ DPP	w/o DPP	w/ DPP
Random AMP	$85.68_{\pm.26}$ 86	1.10		$88.55_{\pm.23}$
BALD	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1.10	1.100	$\begin{array}{c} {\bf 89.23}_{\pm .29} \\ {\bf 89.03}_{\pm .10} \end{array}$
ID	$86.68_{\pm.26}$ 86.	$.56_{\pm .24}$	$88.96_{\pm.20}$	$89.06_{\pm.16}$

Table 1: LAS after 5 and 10 rounds of annotation for strategies					
with and without modeling diversity through DPP.					

the influence from frequent subgraphs.

#### **4** Experiments and Results

**Dataset** We use the Revised English News Text Treebank<sup>4</sup> (Bies et al., 2015) converted to Universal Dependencies 2.0 using the conversion tool included in Stanford Parser (Manning et al., 2014) version 4.0.0. We use sections 02-21 for training, 22 for development and 23 for test.

**Setting** We perform experiments by simulating the annotation process using treebank data. We sample 128 sentences uniformly for the initial labeled pool and each following round selects 500 tokens for partial annotation. We run each setting five times using different random initializations and report the means and standard deviations of the labeled attachment scores (LAS). Appendix B has unlabeled attachment score (UAS) results.

**Baselines** While we construct our own baselines for self-contained comparisons, the diversityagnostic AMP (w/o DPP) largely replicates the state-of-the-art selection strategy of Li et al. (2016).

**Implementation** We finetune a pretrained multilingual XLM-RoBERTa base model (Conneau et al., 2020) as our feature extractor.<sup>5</sup> See Appendix E for implementation details.

**Main Results** Table 1 compares LAS after 5 and 10 rounds of annotation. Our dependency parser reaches 95.64 UAS and 94.06 LAS, when trained with the full dataset (more than one million tokens). Training data collected from 30 annotation rounds ( $\approx$  17,500 tokens) correspond to roughly 2% of the full dataset, but already support an LAS of up to 92 through AL. We find that diversity-aware strategies generally improve over their diversity-agnostic counterparts. Even for a random selection strategy, ensuring diversity with a DPP is superior

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Although certain applications of DPPs may learn q and  $\phi$  representations from supervision, we define q and  $\phi$  a priori, since acquiring supervision in AL is, by definition, expensive.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>https://catalog.ldc.upenn.edu/LDC2015T13

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>To construct the averaged contextualized features, we also use the fine-tuned feature extractor. In our preliminary experiments, we have tried freezing the feature extractors, but this variant did not perform as well.



Figure 1: Learning curves for our DPP-based diversity-aware selection strategies, comparing predicted subgraph counts versus averaged contextualized features as diversity features. Both use AMP as their quality measures.

to simple random selection. With AMP and BALD, our diversity-aware strategy sees a larger improvement earlier in the learning process. ID models representativeness of instances, and our diversityaware strategy adds less utility compared with other quality measures, although we do notice a large improvement after the first annotation round for ID:  $82.40_{\pm.48}$  vs.  $83.36_{\pm.54}$  (w/ DPP) – a similar trend to AMP and BALD, but at an earlier stage of AL.

**Experiments with Different Diversity Features** Figure 1 compares our two definitions of diversity features, and we find that predicted subgraph counts provide stronger performance than that of averaged contextualized features. We hypothesize this is due to the fact that the subgraph counts represent structures more explicitly, thus they are more useful in maintaining structural diversity in AL.

**Intra-Batch Diversity** To quantify intra-batch diversity among the set of sentences *B* picked by the selection strategies, we adapt the measures used by Chen et al. (2018) and define intra-batch average distance (IBAD) and intra-batch minimal distance (IBMD) as follows:

$$\begin{split} \text{IBAD} &= \max_{i,j \in B, i \neq j} (1 - \text{sim}_{\cos}(i, j)), \\ \text{IBMD} &= \max_{i \in B} \min_{j \in B, i \neq j} (1 - \text{sim}_{\cos}(i, j)). \end{split}$$

A higher value on these measures indicates better intra-batch diversity. Figure 2 compares diversityagnostic and diversity-aware sampling strategies using the two different diversity features. We confirm that DPPs indeed promote diverse samples in the selected batches, while intra-batch diversity naturally increases even for the diversity-agnostic strategies. Additionally, we observe that the benefits of DPPs are more prominent when using pre-



Figure 2: Intra-batch average distance (IBAD) and intrabatch minimal distance (IBMD) measures comparing diversityagnostic and diversity-aware AMP-based sample selection strategies. The distances are derived from averaged contextualized features (top) and predicted subgraph counts (bottom). A higher value indicates better intra-batch diversity.

dicted subgraph counts compared with averaged contextualized features. This can help explain the relative success of the former diversity features.

**Corpus Duplication Setting** In our qualitative analysis (Appendix C), we find that diversity-agnostic selection strategies tend to select near-duplicate sentences. To examine this phenomenon in isolation, we repeat the training corpus twice and observe the effect of diversity-aware strategies. The corpus duplication technique has been previously used to probe semantic models (Schofield et al., 2017). Figure 3 shows learning curves for strategies under the original and corpus duplication settings. As expected, diversity-aware strategies consistently outperform their diversity-agnostic counterparts across both settings, while some diversity-agnostic strategies (e.g., AMP) even underperform uniform random selection in the duplicated setting.

**Interpreting the Effectiveness of Diversity-Agnostic Models** Figure 4 visualizes the density distributions of the top 200 data instances by AMP over the diversity feature space reduced to two dimensions through t-SNE (van der Maaten and Hinton, 2008). During the initial stage of active learning, data with the highest quality measures are con-



Figure 3: Learning curves of different sampling strategies based on AMP (left), BALD (middle) and ID (right), comparing diversity-aware (w/ DPP) and diversity-agnostic variants using the original and duplicated corpus (dup). The *x*-axis shows the number of rounds for annotation. Random (dup) curves overlap with those of Random and are omitted for readability.



Figure 4: t-SNE visualization of the distributions of the 200 highest-quality unlabeled sentences over the diversity feature space after the 1<sup>st</sup> (left) and the 10<sup>th</sup> (right) annotation rounds using AMP without DPPs. Darker region indicates more data points residing in that diversity feature neighborhood. The left figure contains a dense region, while the data in the right figure are spread out in the feature space.

centrated within a small neighborhood. A diversityagnostic strategy will sample similar examples for annotation. After a few rounds of annotation and model training, the distribution of high quality examples spreads out, and an AMP selection strategy is likely to sample a diverse set of examples without explicitly modeling diversity. Our analysis corroborates previous findings (Thompson et al., 1999) that small annotation batches are effective early in uncertainty sampling, avoiding selecting many near-duplicate examples when intra-batch diversity is low, but a larger batch size is more efficient later in training once intra-batch diversity increases.

#### 5 Related Work

Modeling diversity in batch-mode AL (Brinker, 2003) has recently attracted attention in the machine learning community. Kirsch et al. (2019) introduce a Bayesian batch-mode selection strategy by estimating the mutual information between a set of samples and the model parameters. Ash et al. (2020) present a diversity-inducing sampling method using gradient embeddings. Most related to our work, B1y1k et al. (2019) first apply DPPs to batch-mode AL. Building on their approach, we flesh out a DPP treatment for AL for a structured prediction task, dependency parsing. Previously, Shen et al. (2018) consider named entity recognition but they report negative results for a diversityinducing variant of their sampling method.

Due to the high annotation cost, AL is a popular technique for parsing and parse selection (Osborne and Baldridge, 2004). Recent advances focus on reducing full-sentence annotations to a subset of tokens within a sentence (Sassano and Kurohashi, 2010; Mirroshandel and Nasr, 2011; Majidi and Crane, 2013; Flannery and Mori, 2015; Li et al., 2016). We show that AL for parsing can further benefit from diversity-aware sampling strategies.

DPPs have previously been successfully applied to the tasks of extractive text summarization (Cho et al., 2019a,b) and modeling phoneme inventories (Cotterell and Eisner, 2017). In this work, we show that DPPs also provide a useful framework for understanding and modeling quality and diversity in active learning for NLP tasks.

## 6 Conclusion

We show that compared with their diversityagnostic counterparts, diversity-aware sampling strategies not only lead to higher data efficiency, but are also more robust under corpus duplication settings. Our work invites future research into methods, utility and success conditions for modeling diversity in active learning for NLP tasks.

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#### Appendix A Dependency Parser

We adopt the deep biaffine dependency parser proposed by Dozat and Manning (2017). The parser is conceptually simple and yet competitive with stateof-the-art dependency parsers. The parser has three components: feature extraction, unlabeled parsing and relation labeler.

**Feature Extraction** For a length-*n* sentence  $x = x_0, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ , where  $x_0$  is the dummy root symbol, we extract contextualized features at each word position. In our experiments, we use a pre-trained multilingual XLM-RoBERTa base model (Conneau et al., 2020), and fine-tune the feature extractor along with the rest of our parser:

$$[\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n] = \text{XLM-R}(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

Each word input to the XLM-RoBERTa model is processed with the SentencePiece tokenizer (Kudo and Richardson, 2018), and we follow Kitaev et al. (2019) and retain the vectors corresponding to the last sub-word units as their representations. For  $x_0$ , we use the vector of the [CLS] token, which is appended by XLM-RoBERTa to the beginning of each sentence.

**Unlabeled Parser** The parser uses a deep biaffine attention mechanism to derive locallynormalized attachment probabilities for all potential head-dependent pairs:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{h}_{i}^{\text{arc-head}} &= \text{MLP}^{\text{arc-head}}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \\ \mathbf{h}_{j}^{\text{arc-dep}} &= \text{MLP}^{\text{arc-dep}}(\mathbf{x}_{j}) \\ s_{i,j} &= [\mathbf{h}_{i}^{\text{arc-head}}; 1]^{\top} U^{\text{arc}}[\mathbf{h}_{j}^{\text{arc-dep}}; 1] \\ P_{\text{att}}(\text{head}(\mathbf{j}) &= i \mid x) = \text{softmax}_{i}(s_{:,j}), \end{split}$$

where MLP<sup>arc-head</sup> and MLP<sup>arc-dep</sup> are two multilayer perceptrons (MLPs) projecting x vectors into  $d^{\text{arc}}$ -dimensional h vectors, [; 1] appends an element of 1 at the end of the vectors, and  $U^{\text{arc}} \in \mathbb{R}^{(d^{\text{arc}}+1)\times(d^{\text{arc}}+1)}$  is a bilinear scoring matrix. This component is trained with cross-entropy loss of the gold-standard attachments. During inference, we use the Chu-Liu-Edmonds algorithm (Chu and Liu, 1965; Edmonds, 1967) to find the spanning tree with the highest product of locally-normalized attachment probabilities.

**Relation Labeler** The relation labeling component employs a similar deep biaffine scoring func-

Round #	5		10	
Strategy	w/o DPP	w/ DPP	w/o DPP	w/ DPP
Random AMP BALD ID	$89.67_{\pm .29}$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{89.67}_{\pm.30} \\ \textbf{90.24}_{\pm.39} \\ \textbf{90.29}_{\pm.20} \\ 90.03_{\pm.18} \end{array}$	$92.03_{\pm.10}$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{91.22}_{\pm.22} \\ \textbf{92.17}_{\pm.22} \\ \textbf{92.00}_{\pm.08} \\ \textbf{92.06}_{\pm.16} \end{array}$

Table B1: UAS after 5 and 10 rounds of annotation (roughly 5,000 and 7,000 training tokens respectively), comparing strategies with and without modeling diversity through DPP.

tion as the unlabeled parsing component:

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$$\begin{split} \mathbf{h}_{i}^{\text{rel-head}} &= \text{MLP}^{\text{rel-head}}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \\ \mathbf{h}_{j}^{\text{rel-dep}} &= \text{MLP}^{\text{rel-dep}}(\mathbf{x}_{j}) \\ t_{i,j,r} &= [\mathbf{h}_{i}^{\text{rel-head}}; 1]^{\top} U_{r}^{\text{rel}}[\mathbf{h}_{j}^{\text{rel-dep}}; 1] \\ (\text{rel}(i,j) = r) &= \text{softmax}_{r}(t_{i,j,:}), \end{split}$$

where each  $U_r^{\text{rel}} \in \mathbb{R}^{(d^{\text{rel}}+1) \times (d^{\text{rel}}+1)}$ , and there are as many such matrices as the size of the dependency relation label set |R|. The relation labeler is trained using cross entropy loss on the gold-standard headdependent pairs. During inference, the labeling decision for each arc is made independently given the predicted unlabeled parse tree.

# Appendix B Results with UAS Evaluation

We also evaluate different learning strategies based on unlabeled attachment scores (UAS), and the results are shown in Table B1. In line with LASbased experiments, we find that modeling diversity is more helpful during initial stages of learning. For ID, we observe this effect even earlier than the fifth round of annotation:  $86.57_{\pm.44}$  vs.  $87.40_{\pm.51}$ after the first annotation round.

## Appendix C Sentence Selection Examples

In Table C2 we compare batches sampled by a diversity-aware selection strategy with a diversity-agnostic one. We observe that by modeling diversity in the sample selection process, DPPs avoid selecting duplicate or near-duplicate sentences and thus the annotation budget can be maximally utilized.

# Appendix D BALD under High Duplication Setting

Figure D1 shows the learning curves for BALDbased selection strategies under a high corpus duplication setting where the corpus is repeated

#### Sentences selected by AMP (highest-quality ones first):

Downgraded by Moody 's were Houston Lighting 's first - mortgage bonds and secured pollution - control bonds to single - A - 3 from single - A - 2; unsecured pollution control bonds to Baa - 1 from single - A - 3; preferred stock to single - A - 3 from single - A - 2; a shelf registration for preferred stock to a preliminary rating of single - A - 3 from a preliminary rating of single - A - 2; two shelf registrations for collateralized debt securities to a preliminary rating of single - A - 3 from a preliminary rating of single - A - 2, and the unit's rating for commercial paper to Prime - 2 from Prime - 1.

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- Times, the New York City Tribune (originally the News World), and the successful Spanish language Noticias del Mundo. LONDON LATE EURODOLLARS : 8 11/16 % to 8 9/16 % one month ; 8 5/8 % to 8 1/2 % two months ; 8 5/8 % to 8 1/2 % three months ; 8 9/16 % to 8 7/16 % four months ; 8 1/2 % to 8 3/8 % five months ; 8 1/2 % to 8 3/8 % six months .
- LONDON LATE EURODOLLARS : 8 3/4 % to 8 5/8 % one month ; 8 3/4 % to 8 5/8 % two months ; 8 11/16 % to 8 9/16 % three months ; 8 9/16 % to 8 7/16 % four months ; 3 1/2 % to 8 3/8 % five months : 8 7/16 % to 8 5/16 % six months .
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- San Francisco ; Seattle ; and Washington . ⊳
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#### Sentences selected by AMP with diversity-inducing DPP:

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We finally rendezvoused with our balloon, which had come to rest on a dirt road amid a clutch of Epinalers who watched us disassemble our craft - another half - an - hour of non-flight activity - that included the precision routine of yanking the balloon to the ground , punching all the air out of it , rolling it up and cramming it and the basket into the trailer

These are the 26 states, including the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, that have settled with Drexel: Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wyoming and Puerto Rico. It is the stuff of dreams, but also of traumas.

An inquiry into his handling of Lincoln S&L inevitably will drag in Sen. Cranston and the four others , Sens. Dennis DeConcini (D., Ariz.), John McCain (R., Ariz.), John Glenn ( D., Ohio ) and Donald Riegle ( D., Mich . ) .

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Lewis Cole .

He says he told NewsEdge to look for stories containing such words as takeover, acquisition, acquire, LBO, tender, merger, junk and halted

It is no coincidence that from 1844 to 1914, when the Bank of England was an independent private bank, the pound was never devalued and payment of gold for pound notes was never suspended, but with the subsequent nationalization of the Bank of England, the pound was devalued with increasing frequency and its use as an international medium of exchange declined

The \$4 billion in bonds break down as follows: \$1 billion in five - year bonds with a coupon rate of 8.25 % and a yield to maturity of 8.33 %; \$1 billion in 10 - year bonds with a coupon rate of 8.375 % and a yield to maturity of 8.42 %; \$2 billion in 30 - year bonds with five - year call protection, a coupon rate of 8.75 % and a yield to maturity of 8.42 %; \$2 billion in 30 - year bonds with five - year call protection, a coupon rate of 8.75 % and a yield to maturity of 8.42 %; \$2 billion in 30 - year bonds with five - year call protection, a coupon rate of 8.75 % and a yield to maturity of 8.42 %; \$2 billion in 30 - year bonds with five - year call protection at the second seco of 9.06 %

Hecla Mining rose 5/8 to 14 ; Battle Mountain Gold climbed 3/4 to 16 3/4 ; Homestake Mining rose 1 1/8 to 16 7/8 ; Lac Minerals added 5/8 to 11 ; Placer Dome went up 7/8 to 16 3/4 , and ASA Ltd. jumped 3 5/8 to 49 5/8 .

Table C2: Sentences picked by a diversity-agnostic (top) and a diversity-aware (bottom) selection strategy from the same unlabeled pool after the initial round of model training on the seed sentences. The diversity-agnostic strategy selects many near-duplicate sentences (the two near-duplicate clusters are that ded by red  $\rightarrow$  and blue  $\triangleright$ ), effectively wasting the annotation budget, where DPPs largely alleviate this issue by enforcing diversity.



Figure D1: Learning curves for BALD-based selection strategies under a five-fold corpus duplication setting.



five times. In this extreme setting, the diversityagnostic strategy significantly underperforms the diversity-aware one. We posit that the relative success of BALD compared to AMP in the twiceduplicated setting is due to the fact that BALD randomly draws dropout masks to estimate model uncertainty, so that identical examples could still have different quality measures.

# Appendix E Implementation Details and Hyperparameters

We do not tune our hyperparameters since in practice, active learning systems only have a single shot at success, without tuning. Instead, we follow recommendations from relevant prior work in setting our learning details and hyperparameters.

Active Learning Following Li et al. (2016), our active learning set-up proceeds in two stages for each annotation round. In the first stage, we select sentences filling in a budget of 2500 tokens; in the second stage, we pick 500 tokens out of the subset of sentences. For a diversity-agnostic strategy, we choose the top-k highest-quality candidates within the token budget, while our diversity-aware selec-

tion strategy uses a separate DPP for each stage. The active learning process is bootstraped with a seed set of 128 labeled sentences. For the BALD quality measure, we set K = 5.

**Greedy MAP Inference for DPPs** Algorithm E1 illustrates the procedure for selecting items from DPPs under a budget constraint. This greedy MAP inference algorithm is adapted from Kulesza (2012). During sentence selection, the size of a sentence is its number of tokens, and each token has a size of 1 in the token selection stage.

**Dependency Parser** We set the hyperparameters according to Dozat and Manning (2017). All the MLPs in the deep biaffine attention architecture have single hidden layers with ReLU activation functions and a dropout probability of 0.33, and we set  $d^{\text{arc}}$  and  $d^{\text{rel}}$  to be 500 and 100 respectively.

**Training and Optimization** Each training batch contains 16 sentences and gradient norms are clipped to 5.0. We use the Adam optimizer (Kingma and Ba, 2015) with a learning rate of  $10^{-5}$  with 640 warmup steps with a linearly-increasing learning rate starting from 0.

**Implementation** Our implementation is in Py-Torch (Paszke et al., 2019), and we use the transformers package<sup>6</sup> to interface with the pretrained XLM-RoBERTa model.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>https://github.com/huggingface/transformers