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Introduction

Welcome to TextGraphs, the Workshop on Graph-Based Methods for Natural Language Processing. The thirteenth edition of our workshop is being organized on November 4, 2019, in conjunction with the 2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and 9th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing, being held in Hong Kong.

The workshops in the TextGraphs series have published and promoted the synergy between the field of Graph Theory (GT) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) for over a decade. The target audience of our workshop comprises of researchers working on problems related to either Graph Theory or graph-based algorithms applied to Natural Language Processing, Social Media, and the Semantic Web.

TextGraphs addresses a broad spectrum of research areas within NLP. This is because, besides traditional NLP applications like parsing, word sense disambiguation, semantic role labeling, and information extraction, graph-based solutions also target web-scale applications like information propagation in social networks, rumor proliferation, e-reputation, language dynamics learning, and future events prediction.

The selection process was competitive: we received 31 submissions (17 long and 14 short papers) and accepted 18 of them (9 long and 9 short papers) for presentation, resulting in the overall acceptance rate of 58%.

This year, for the first time in the history of TextGraphs, we organized a shared task on Multi-Hop Inference for Explanation Regeneration. The goal of the task was to provide detailed gold explanations for standardized elementary science exam questions by selecting facts from a knowledge base. The shared task received public entries from four participating teams, substantially advancing the state-of-the-art in this challenging problem. The participants' reports along with the shared task overview by its organizers are also presented at the workshop.

We thank Minlie Huang for his invited talk on Controllable Language Generation.

Finally, we are thankful to the members of the program committee for their valuable and high quality reviews. All submissions have benefited from their expert feedback. Their timely contribution was the basis for accepting an excellent list of papers and making the thirteenth edition of TextGraphs a success.

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