

Annotating and Predicting Non-Restrictive Noun Phrase Modifications

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A large scale corpus annotated with non-restrictive modifications and an accompanying automatic detector

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Types of NP Modification

Restrictive modification

The content of the modifier is an **integral part** of the meaning of the containing clause

Restrictive

Non-restrictive modification

The modifier presents a separate or additional unit of information

Non-Restrictive

Examples

	Resultive	Non-Resulctive						
Relative Clause	She took the necklace that her mother gave her	The speaker thanked president Obama who just came back from Russia						
Infinitives	People living near the site will have to be evacuated	Assistant Chief Constable Robin Searle, sitting across from the defendant, said that the police had suspected his involvement since 1997.						
Prepositional modifiers	the kid from New York rose to fame	Franz Ferdinand from Austria was assassinated om Sarajevo						
Postpositive adjectives	a man full of his own importance	Pierre Vinken, 61 years old, was elected vice president						
Prenominal adjectives	The bad boys won again	The water rose a good 12 inches						

Motivation

Question answering

Matching entities between questions and answers which might have different non-restrictive modifications

Abstractive summarization

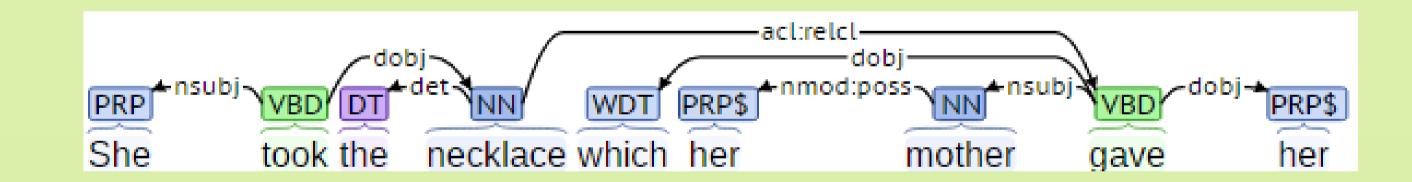
Remove non-integral modifications to shorten the sentence

Knowledge representation

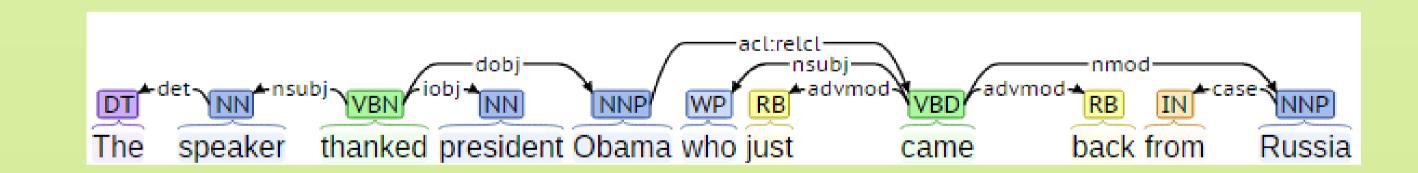
Extracting minimally scoped argument yields salient and more recurring entities

Previously Unmarked

Restrictive



Non-Restrictive



Contributions

Annotation Methodology and Corpus

Consistent with the PTB corpus

Makes use of the recent QA-SRL annotation

What did someone take?

The necklace which her mother gave her

Restrictive

Who was thanked by someone?

President Obama who just came back from Russia



Propaganda

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Defining a formal argument reduction criterion (Wed., 4pm, Audimax)

Automatic Prediction

Using lexical-syntactic features

- Chunking features
- Enclosing commas
- Governing relatives (that vs. which)
- Lexical word embeddings

Modifier Type	#	Precision		Recall			F1			
		Н	D	Our	Н	D	Our	Н	D	Our
Prepositional	135	.83	.67	.69	.1	.16	.41	.18	.26	.51
Adjectival	111	.33	.38	.59	.06	.06	.21	.11	.11	.31
Appositive	78	.77	.81	.82	.34	.93	.98	.47	.87	.89
Non-Finite	55	.77	.63	.64	.29	.97	.97	.42	.76	.77
Verbal	20	0	.75	.75	0	1	1	0	.86	.86
Relative Clause	13	1	.85	.85	.27	1	1	.43	.92	.92
Total	412	.72	.72	.73	.19	.58	.68	.3	.64	.72