NAMED ENTITY RECOGNITION AND RELATION EXTRACTION WITH GRAPH NEURAL NETWORKS IN SEMI STRUCTURED DOCUMENTS

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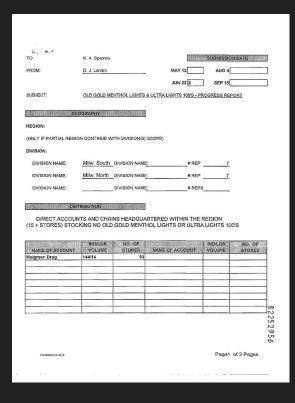
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Information extraction from semi-structured documents



GOAL: extract information from a document in a structured manner taking layout and semantics in account

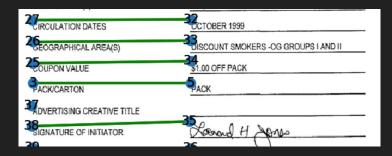
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'TO': 'K.A. Sparrow'
'FROM': 'D.J. Landro'
'SUBJECT': 'OLD GOLD MENTHOL LIGHTS & ULTRA LIGHTS 100'S - PROGRESS REPORT'
'SUBMISSION DATE':
         'may 12': ''
         'aug 4': ''
         'iun 23': 'X'
         'sep 15': ''
         'REGION': '(ONLY IF PARTIAL REGION CONTINUE WITH DIVISION(S)'
         'DIVISION':
                  'DIVISION NAME' : 'Milw. South'
                  'DIVISION NAME' : 'Milw. North
                  '#REP': '7'
                  '#REP': '7'
'DISTRIBUTION':
                 'NAME OF ACCOUNT': ['Walgreen Drug','','','','','']
'IND/LOR VOLUME: ['144/14','','','','','']
'NO. OF STORES': ['93','','','','','','']
                  'OTHER': 'DIRECT ACCOUNTS AND CHAINS HEADQUARTERED WITHIN THE REGION
                   (15 + STORES) STOCKING NO OLD GOLD MENTHOL LIGHTS OR ULTRA LIGHTS 100'S'
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Problem formulation

Information extraction can be reformulated as:

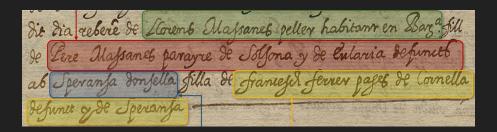
- Word grouping: aggregate words into entities
- Entity labeling: classify entities into categories (e.g. questions, answers and headers)
- Entity linking: find relationships between entities (possibly hierarchical)

Examples



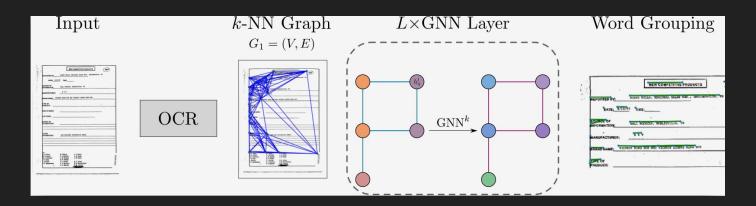
In funsd entities are groups of words that denote keys and values to be linked.

In IEHHR entities are groups of words referring to a particular person in a marriage record. Links denote direct relationships between these persons e.g. wife - husband



Methodology: Word graph

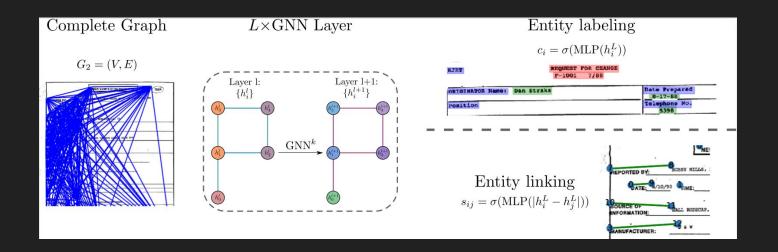
Node features := text box [x, y, w, h, word_embed]



GNN is trained for edge classification, to form word groups as connected components

Methodology: Entity graph

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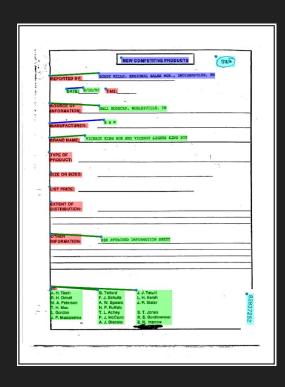
GNN is trained for classification of nodes (entity labeling) and edges (entity linking)

Results

TABLE I
RESULTS FOR THE THREE DOCUMENT UNDERSTANDING TASKS ON FUNSD AND IEHHR DATASETS.

| | Word Grouping (ARI) | Entity Labeling (F1) | Entity Linking (F1) | External data | # Params |
|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|
| | FUNSD [21] | | | | |
| [21] | 0.41 | 0.57 | 0.04 | ✓ | 340M |
| [17] | - | 0.79^{2} | - | ✓ | 160M |
| Ours | 0.65 | 0.64 | 0.39 | - | 201M |
| | IEHHR [22] | | | | |
| Ours | 0.65 | 0.53 | 0.67 | - | 201M |

Results





Conclusions & future work

- GNN node and edge classification provides a promising method for entity recognition and relation extraction in semi structured documents
- The proposed method has been designed for administrative documents but it can also be applied in other domains such as historical manuscripts
- We believe that the obtained results have room for improvement and are limited due to the reduced size of the open available datasets for this type of task.
- Further research is required on a more larger openly available dataset for relation extraction and entity recognition in documents where semantic and spatial information plays a relevant role.