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Aims and Scope of the Conference

The International Conference on Integrated Information 2011 took place in Kos Island, Greece, between September, 29 and October, 3, 2011. IC-ININFO is an international interdisciplinary conference covering research and development in the field of information management and integration.

The conference aims at creating a forum for further discussion for an Integrated Information Field incorporating a series of issues and/or related organizations that manage information in their everyday operations. Therefore, the call for papers is addressed to scholars and/ or professionals of the fields of Library and Archives Science (including digital libraries and electronic archives), Museum and Gallery Studies, Information Science, Documentation, Information Management, Records Management, Knowledge Management, Data management and Copyright experts the latter with an emphasis on Electronic Publications. Furthermore, papers focusing on issues of Cultural Heritage Management and Conservation Management are also be welcomed along with papers regarding the Management of Nonprofit Organizations such as libraries, archives and museums.

One of the primary objectives of the IC-ININFO will be the investigation of information-based managerial change in organizations. Driven by the fast-paced advances in the Information field, this change is characterized in terms of its impact on organizations that manage information in their everyday operations.

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Library Science, Archives Science, Museum and Gallery Studies, Information Science, Documentation, Digital Libraries, Electronic Archives, Information Management, Records / Document Management, Knowledge Management, Data Management, Copyright, Electronic Publications, Cultural Heritage Management, Conservation Management, Management of Nonprofit Organizations, History of Information, History of Collections, Health Information

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Text Segmentation Using Named Entity Recognition and Co-Reference Resolution in Greek Texts

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Abstract: In this paper we examine the benefit of performing named entity recognition and co-reference resolution to a Greek corpus used for text segmentation. Segments consist of portions among one of the 300 documents published by ten different authors in the Greek newspaper "To Vima". The aim here is to examine whether the combination of text segmentation and information extraction (and most specifically the named entity recognition and co-reference resolution steps) can prove to be beneficial for the identification of the various topics that appear in a document. Named entity recognition was performed using an already existing tool which was trained on a similar corpus. The produced annotations were manually corrected and enriched in order to cover four types of named entities (i.e. person name, organization, location and time). Coreference resolution and most specifically substitution of every reference of the same instance with the same named entity identifier was performed in a subsequent step. The evaluation using three well known text segmentation algorithms leads to the conclusion that, the benefit highly depends on the segment's topic, the number of named entity instances appearing in it, as well as the segment's length.

Keywords: *Text* segmentation, Named entity recognition, Co-reference resolution, Information extraction.

I. INTRODUCTION

The information explosion of the web aggravates the problem of effective information retrieval. To address this, various techniques such as text segmentation and information extraction provide partial solutions to the problem. More specifically, text segmentation methods are useful in identifying the different topics that appear in a document. On the other hand, information extraction methods try to identify portions of text that refer to a specific topic, by focusing on the appearance of instances of specific types of named entities (such as person, date, location, etc.) according to the thematic area of interest.

The question that arises is whether the combination of text segmentation and information extraction (and most specifically the named entity recognition and coreference resolution steps) can prove to be beneficial for the identification of the various topics that appear in a document. This paper examines the benefit of performing named entity recognition and co-reference resolution on a Greek corpus consisting of portions of documents taken from the Greek newspaper "To Vima". This corpus was previously used for examining the performance of text segmentation algorithms (Fragkou *et al.*, 2007). It must be stressed that, the focus is not on finding the algorithm that achieves the best segmentation performance on the corpus, but on the benefit of performing named entity recognition as well as co-reference resolution on a corpus used for text segmentation.

The structure of the paper is as follows. Section II provides an overview of related methods. Section III presents the steps performed for the creation of the "annotated" corpus. Section IV presents evaluation results obtained by using three well known text segmentation algorithms, while Section V provides conclusions and future steps.

II. RELATED WORK

The text segmentation problem of concatenated text can be stated as follows: given a text which consists of several parts (each part dealing with a different subject), it is required to find the boundaries between the parts. A starting point to this is the calculation of the withinsegment similarity based on the assumption that, parts of a text having similar vocabulary are likely to belong to a coherent topic segment. It must be stressed that, within-segment similarity is calculated on the basis of words but not on the basis of the application of other more sophisticated techniques such as named entity recognition or co-reference resolution. In the literature, several word co-occurrence statistics are proposed (Choi, 2000; Choi et al., 2001; Hearst, 1997; Utiyama and Isahara, 2001). A significant difference between text segmentation methods is that, some authors evaluate the similarity between all parts of a text (Choi, 2000; Choi et al., 2001; Ponte and Croft, 1997; Reynar, 1994; Xiang and Hongyuan, 2003), while other between adjacent parts (Hearst, 1997; Heinonen, 1998). To penalize deviations from the expected segment length, several methods use the notion of "length model" (Heinonen, 1998; Ponte and Croft, 1997). Dynamic programming is often used in order to calculate the globally minimal segmentation cost (Heinonen, 1998; Reynar, 1994; Xiang and Hongyuan, 2003; Kehagias et al., 2004; Qi et al., 2008). Current approaches involve the improvement of the dotplotting technique (Yen et al., 2005), the improvement of Latent Semantic

Analysis (Bestgen, 2006) and the improvement of Hearst's TextTiling method (Hearst, 1997) presented by Kern and Granitzer (2009).

Information extraction, from a different point of view, aims to locate within a text passage domainspecific and pre-specified facts (e.g., in a passage about athletics, facts about the athlete participating in a 100m event, such as name, nationality, performance, as well as facts about the specific event, like the event name). More specifically, information extraction is about among others - extracting from texts: (a) Entities: textual fragments of particular interest, such as persons, places, organizations, dates, etc. (b) Mentions: the identification of all lexicalisations of an entity in texts. For example, the name of a particular person can be mentioned in different ways inside a single document, such as "Lebedeva", "Tatiana Lebedeva", or "T. Lebedeva". The following pre-processing steps are applied in order to perform information extraction: (a) Named Entity Recognition, where entity mentions are recognized and classified into proper types for the thematic domain in question (b) Co-reference, where all the mentions that represent the same entity are identified and grouped together according to the entity they refer to

Co-reference resolution complementary includes the step of anaphora resolution. The term anaphora denotes the phenomenon of referring to an entity already mentioned in a text -most often with the help of a pronoun or a different name. Co-reference basically involves the following steps: (a) pronominal coreference (which is about finding the proper antecedent personal pronouns), possessive adjectives, for possessive pronouns, reflexive pronouns and pronouns this and that (b) identification of cases where both the anaphor and the antecedent refer to identical sets or types. This identification requires some world knowledge or specific domain knowledge. It also includes cases such as reference to synonyms or the case where the anaphor matches exactly or is a substring of the antecedent (c) ordinal anaphora for cardinal numbers and adjectives such as "former" and "latter".

The importance of text segmentation and information extraction is apparent in a number of applications, such as noun phrase chunking, tutorial dialogue segmentation, focused crawling, text summarization, semantic segmentation and web content mining. In Fragkou (2011) the use of information extraction techniques in the text segmentation process was examined on an English corpus. In this paper the same problem is examined in a Greek text corpus. Those techniques are applied on a corpus used for text segmentation, resulting in the creation of an "annotated" corpus. Evaluation was performed using three wellknown segmentation algorithms (Choi et al., 2001; Kehagias et al., 2004; Utiyama and Isahara, 2001) applied both in the original as well as the "annotated" corpus.

To the best of our knowledge no similar work appears in the litterature that combines named entity recognition and co-reference resolution to assist the text segmentation task performed in a Greek corpus.

III. METHOD

Existing algorithms performing text segmentation exploit a variety of word co-occurrence statistic techniques in order to calculate the homogeneity between segments, where each segment refers to a single topic. However, they do not exploit the importance that several words may have in a specific context. Examples of such words are person names, locations, dates, group of names, scientific terms etc. The importance of those terms is further diminished by the application of word processing techniques, i.e., stop list removal and stemming on words such as pronouns or adjectives. We aim to exploit whether the identification of such words can be beneficial for the segmentation task. This identification requires the application of named entity recognition and coreference resolution thus, their (manual or not) annotation effort is under examination.

A. The Corpus

While several papers regarding the segmentation of English texts have appeared in the literature, little work was performed for Greek texts. It should be stressed that, due to the fact that Greek is a highly inflected language the segmentation problem is harder for Greek. More specifically, to the best of our knowledge the only work that refers to segmentation of Greek texts is that presented in Fragkou et al. (2007). There, the authors used a text collection compiled from Stamatatos's corpus (Stamatatos et al., 2001) comprising of text downloaded from the website http://tovima.dolnet.gr. Stamatatos et al. (2001) constructed a corpus collecting texts which includes essays on Biology, Linguistics, Archeology, Culture, History, Technology, Society, International Affairs and Philosophy from ten different authors, where 30 texts were selected from each author. Table 1 lists the authors contributing to Stamatatos et al. (2001) collection as well as the thematic area(s) dealt by each of them.

In the work presented in Fragkou et al. (2007) each of the 300 texts of the collection of articles compiled from this newspaper was pre-processed using developed Orphanos the POS tagger and Christodoulakis (1999). The tagger is based on a Lexicon capable of assigning full morphosyntactic attributes to 876.000 Greek word forms. In Fragkou et al. (2007) experiments, every noun, verb, adjective or adverb in the text was substituted by its lemma, determined by the tagger. For those words that their lemma was not determined by the tagger, no substitution was made. Fragkou et al. (2007) created two groups of experiments (which are described in details in Section IV) whose difference lies in the length of the created segments and the number of authors used for the creation of the texts to segment, where each text being a concatenation of ten text segments. Each author was characterized by her/his vocabulary, hence Fragkou *et al.* (2007) goal was to segment the text into the parts written by the various authors.

Thematic Area	
Biology	
Linguistics	
History, Society	
Archeology	
History, Society	
Culture, Society	
Culture, History	
Technology, Society	
International affairs	
Philosophy	

 Table 1. List of authors and thematic areas dealt by each of them.

B. Named Entity Annotation

The named entity recognition task for Greek texts has been examined in the literature by a number of researchers. Previously published work on Greek Named Entity recognition usually relies on hand-crafted rules or patterns, (Boutsis et al., 2000; Farmakiotou et al., 2000; Farmakiotou et al., 2002) and/or decision tree induction with C4.5 (Karkaletsis et al, 1999; Petasis et al., 2001). The only exception is the work of Diamantaras et al., (2005) and Michailidis et al. (2006), where SVMs, Maximum Entropy, Onetime and manually crafted post-editing rules were employed. Special attention must be given to two works. The first is the one presented in (Papageorgiou et al., 2002), in which the problem of pronominal anaphora resolution was examined. The second is the one proposed by Lucarelli et al. (2006) where a freely available namedentity recognizer for Greek texts was constructed, which identifies temporal expressions, person and organization names. For temporal expressions, the named entity recognizer uses manually constructed token lists and automatically generalized regular expression patterns. For person and organization names, it uses an ensemble of SVMs that scan the input text in two passes. The second pass takes into account the decisions of the first, which allows it to learn how to correct mistakes of the first pass. It also considers whether or not the first pass has classified a token elsewhere in the same text as a person or organization name with high confidence. This allows it to identify re-occurrences of person and organization names in more difficult contexts. Apart from its two-pass architecture, another novelty of by Lucarelli et al. 's (2006) named entity recognizer is the use of active learning, which allows the system to select by itself candidate training instances to be annotated by a human during training. The aforementioned system is

one of the very few named entity recognizer, regardless of language, that have exploited active learning.

For our experiments, we used the corpus created by Fragkou et al. (2007) and applied the annotation tool implemented by Lucarelli et al. (2006). This annotation tool was chosen due to the fact that, it is publicly available and it was trained on documents taken from the newspaper "Ta Nea" having similar content with that of the newspaper "To Vima". The annotation tool was thus applied in our corpus without requiring training. For the annotation, he have chosen four types of named entities i.e. person name, group name, location and date. The application of the annotation tool produced annotations for some but not all instances of person names, group names and dates. In order to annotate all named entities appearing in each text a second pass was performed. During this pass, in each text manual named entity annotation of proper names belonging to one of the four categories was performed. We believe that the substitution of words with named entity instances does not have an effect in the performance of a segmentation algorithm. Based on this, during manual named entity annotation, we additionally: (a) annotated all instances of locations (b) substituted every reference of the same instance with the same named entity identifier. For example in the sentences "James P. Mitchell and Sen. Walter H. Jones R-Bergen, last night disagreed on the value of using as a campaign issue a remark by <u>Richard J. Hughes,...</u>. Mitchell was for using it, Jones against", we first identified three instances of person names. We further used the same entity identifier for James P. Mitchell and Mitchell and the same entity identifier for Sen. Walter H.Jones R-Bergen and Jones (c) we substituted every reference of the same instance, resulted from coreference resolution, with the same named entity identifier (for example in the sentences "Mr. Hawksley, the state's general treasurer,... <u>He</u> is not interested in being named a full-time director", we substituted He with the named entity identifier given to Mr. Hawksley).

Group names involved expressions such as "*House Committee on Revenue and Taxation*" or "*City Executive Committee*". The annotation of location instances included possible derivations of them such as "*Russian*". The annotation of date instances included both simple date form (consisting only of the year or month) and more complex forms (containing both month, date and year). It must be stressed that, coreference resolution was performed only on portions of text that refer to named entity instances and not on the text as a whole.

The annotation process led to the conclusion that, texts having social subject usually contain a small number of named entity instances. On the other hand, texts issuing politics, science, archeology, history and philosophy usually contain an important number of named entity instances. For example, texts belonging to the author Kiosse contain on average an important number of named entities because they describe historical events issuing person names, dates and locations.

Author	No. of docs per set
Alachiotis	44
Babiniotis	70.23
Derilis	33.33
Kiosse	121.9
Liakos	77.7
Maronitis	40.4
Ploritis	94.2
Tassios	40
Tsulakas	37.12
Vokos	52.16
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 Table 2. Statistics regarding the average number of named entity instances appearing in the annotated documents per author.

This can be also justified by the fact that, the Stamatatos *et al.* (2001) corpus deals with a number of areas i.e. Biology, Linguistics, Archeology, Culture, ,History Technology, Society, International Affairs, Philosophy. It must be stressed that, the annotation took place before the application of the Orphanos and Christodoulakis (1999) POS tagger and the selection of lemmas that are either noun or verb or adjective or adverb, determined by the tagger.

IV. EVALUATION

The "annotated" corpus that resulted from the previously described process was evaluated using three text segmentation algorithms. The first is Choi's C99b (Choi, 2001), which creates a similarity matrix for sentences appearing in a text using Latent Semantic Analysis. C99b then finds topic boundaries by recursively seeking the optimum density along the matrix diagonal. The second algorithm is the one proposed by Utiyama and Isahara (2001). This algorithm finds the optimal segmentation of a given text by defining a statistical model which calculates the probability of words to belong to a segment. To find the maximum probability segmentation, it calculates the minimum-cost segmentation obtained by the minimum cost path in a graph. Both algorithms benefit from the fact that, they do not require training and they are publicly available.

The third algorithm used is introduced by Kehagias *et al.* (2004) which, contrary to the previous ones, requires training. More specifically, this algorithm uses dynamic programming to find both the number and the location of segment boundaries. The algorithm decides the locations of boundaries by calculating the globally optimal splitting (i.e., global minimum of a segmentation cost) on the basis of a similarity matrix, a preferred fragment length, and a defined cost function.

A. Experiments - Results

We evaluate the performance of the algorithms in the original and "annotated" corpus using three widely known indices: Precision, Recall Beeferman's Pk metric (Beeferman at al., 1999) and WindowDiff (Pevzer and Hearst, 2002). Precision is defined as "the number of the estimated segment boundaries which are actual segment boundaries" divided by "the number of the estimated segment boundaries". Recall is defined as "the number of the estimated segment boundaries which are actual segment boundaries" divided by "the number of the true segment boundaries". Beeferman's metric Pk measures the proportion of "sentences which are wrongly predicted to belong to different segments (while they actually belong in the same segment)" or "sentences which are wrongly predicted to belong to the same segment (while they actually belong in different segments)". A variation of the Pk measure named WindowDiff index was proposed by Pevzer and Hearst (2002) and remedies several of Pk's problems. The subsections that follow contain the results of the experiments that were performed in the two groups of experiments and compare the obtained results with those appearing in the literature for the same task.

B. Experiment group 1

The collection of texts used for the first group of experiments consists of 6 datasets: Set0,..., Set5. Each of those datasets differ in the number of authors used for the generation of the texts to segment and consequently in the number of texts used from the entire collection, as listed in Table 3.

Dataset	Authors	No. of docs per set
Set0	Kiosse, Alachiotis	60
Set1	Kiosse, Maronitis	60
Set2	Kiosse, Alachiotis, Maronitis	10
Set3	Kiosse, Alachiotis, Maronitis, Ploritis	120
Set4	Kiosse, Alachiotis, Maronitis, Ploritis,Vokos	150
Set5	All Authors	300

 Table 3. List of the sets compiled in the 1rst group of experiments using Greek texts and the author's texts used for each of them.

For each of the above datasets, four subsets were constructed which differ in the number of the sentences appearing in each segment. Let L_{min} and L_{max} be the smallest and largest number of sentences which a segment may contain. Four different (L_{min}, L_{max}) pairs were used: (3,11), (3,5), (6,8) and (9,11). Hence Set0 contains 4 subsets: Set01, Set02, Set03 and similarly for Set1, Set2, ..., Set5. The datasets Set*1 are the ones with $(L_{min}, L_{max}) = (3,11)$, the datasets Set*2 are the ones with $(L_{min}, L_{max}) = (3,5)$,

and so on. Let also $\{X_1, ..., X_n\}$ be the authors contributing to the generation of the dataset. Texts belonging in each dataset are generated by the following procedure:

Each text is the concatenation of ten segments. For each segment we do the following.

1. An author from $\{X_1, ..., X_n\}$ is randomly selected. Let I be the selected author.

2. A text among the 30 available that belong to the I author is randomly selected. Let k be the selected text of author I.

3. A number $1 \in (L_{\min}, L_{\max})$ is randomly selected.

4. l consecutive lines from text k (starting at the first sentence of the text) are extracted. Those sentences constitute the generated segment.

Algorith m	Dataset	Precisio n	Recall	P_K	Window diff
Kehagia s et al. (2004)	Set*1 (3-11)	64.90%	61.77%	15.69%	15.59%
	Set*2 (3-5)	85.13%	85.11%	6.45%	6.27%
	Set*3 (6-8)	90.51%	90.51%	2.54%	2.42%
	Set*4 (9-11)	91.92%	91.92%	1.29%	1.21%
Choi's C99b	Set*1 (3-11)	61.64%	61.66%	18.43%	19.37%
	Set*2 (3-5)	71.70%	71.70%	16.93%	17.93%
	Set*3 (6-8)	68.29%	68.29%	15.37%	15.89%
	Set*4 (9-11)	66.75%	66.75%	13.93%	14.07%
Utiyama & Isahara (2001)	Set*1 (3-11)	64.00%	61.10%	17.37%	17.47%
	Set*2 (3-5)	70.00%	54.70%	20.79%	21%
	Set*3 (6-8)	75.42%	73.03%	10.84%	10.96%
	Set*4 (9-11)	73.13%	74.29%	8.83%	8.91%

 Table 4. The Precision, Recall, Pk and WindowDiff values obtained by all algorithms for the 1rst group of experiments, without use of named entities.

Table 4 lists the values of Precision, Recall, P_{κ} and WindowDiff reported in the literature after applying Kehagias *et al.* (2004), Choi's C99b and Utiyama and Isahara's (2001) algorithms on the same task averaged over all datasets which have segments of same length. Table 5 lists the values of Precision, Recall, P_{κ} and WindowDiff obtained after applying the same

algorithms on the same datasets where annotation was previously performed.

We reach the following conclusions based on the obtained results. Regarding the algorithm of Utiyama and Isahara (2001), a significant improvement was obtained in all measures and for all datasets of the Experiment Group 1. This can be justified by the fact that, Utivama and Isahara's algorithm (2001) performs global optimization of local information in contrast to Choi's C99 and Kehagias and al., (2004) algorithms which perform local optimization of global information global optimization of global information and respectively. The same observation holds for the results obtained after applying the two other algorithms where improvement was obtained in all datasets and all evaluation metrics. This improvement appears to be more important in datasets Set (3-11) and Set (2(3-5))in all algorithms. This is an indication that annotation succeed in identifying critical information which, in other ways, was lost. For datasets Set *3(6-8) and Set *4(9-11) the segmentation accuracy remains high. This is justified by the fact that, in those datasets the segment length is high leading to a high number of named entity instances.

Algorith m	Dataset	Precisio n	Recall	P_K	Window diff
Kehagia s et al. (2004)	Set*1 (3-11)	70.12%	67.92%	13.12%	13.03%
	Set*2 (3-5)	87.58%	87.48%	5.15%	4.96%
	Set*3 (6-8)	92.29%	92.29%	2.04%	1.93%
	Set*4 (9-11)	93.11%	93.11%	1.10%	1.02%
Choi's C99b	Set*1 (3-11)	63.26%	63.26%	15.96%	17.40%
	Set*2 (3-5)	70.46%	70.46%	14.53%	15.91%
	Set*3 (6-8)	71.26%	71.26%	11.92%	12.45%
	Set*4 (9-11)	68.46%	68.46%	11.43%	11.89%
Utiyama & Isahara (2001)	Set*1 (3-11)	70.74%	66.96%	13.72%	13.63%
	Set*2 (3-5)	76.65%	61.55%	16.83%	16.66%
	Set*3 (6-8)	80.31%	78.18%	8.43%	8.32%
	Set*4 (9-11)	76.75%	78.40%	7.15%	7.07%

 Table 5. The Precision, Recall, Pk and WindowDiff values obtained

 by all algorithms for the 1rst group of experiments with use of named

 entities.

C. Experiment group 2

The second group of experiments also uses Stamatatos *et al.* (2001) collection. There, a single dataset was constructed which contains 200 texts, with every author represented in each text. Each text is the concatenation of ten segments. More specifically, the construction of each segment is performed as follows:

1. An author among the 10, named I is randomly selected.

2. A text (named k) among the 30 available that belong to the I author is randomly selected. Let Z be the number of paragraphs that k-th text contains.

3. A number l ($1 \le l \le Z$) corresponding to the number of paragraphs that the generated segment will contain is randomly selected.

4. A number m (1 $\leq m < Z - l$) corresponding to the "starting paragraph" was randomly selected. Thus, the segment contains all the paragraphs of text k starting from paragraph m and ending at the paragraph m + l.

The procedure described above produced segments and consequently concatenated texts which were longer than the ones used in Experiment Group 1. Hence the segmentation task in the current group is more difficult than the previous one. Table 6 lists the values of Precision, Recall, P_{κ} and WindowDiff reported in the literature after applying Kehagias *et al.* (2004), Choi's C99 and Utiyama and Isahara's (2001) algorithms on the original i.e. non-annotated corpus. Table 7 lists the values of Precision, Recall, P_{κ} and WindowDiff obtained after applying the same algorithms on this unique dataset where annotation was previously performed.

Algorithm	Precision	Recall	P_K	Window Diff
Kehagias et al. (2004)	60.60%	57.00%	11.07%	11.06%
Choi's C99b	44.62%	44.62%	19.44%	21.62%
Utiyama & Isahara (2001)	56.76%	67.22%	12.28%	12.26%

 Table 6. The Precision, Recall, Pk and WindowDiff values obtained by all algorithms for the 2nd group of experiments, without use of named entities.

Algorithm	Precision	Recall	P_K	Window Diff
Kehagias et al. (2004)	63.46%	62%	9.06%	9.30%
Choi's C99b	49.4%	49.4%	18.12%	20.47%
Utiyama & Isahara (2001)	59.78%	69%	10.83%	13.57%

 Table 7. The Precision, Recall, Pk and WindowDiff values obtained

 by all algorithms for the 2nd group of experiments, with use of named

 entities

It can be seen that, the segmentation performance was improved in the annotated corpus for all accuracy metrics and in all algorithms. This is justified by the fact that, in these dataset the segment length is high leading to a high number of named entity instances. It must be stressed that, co-reference resolution contributed significantly to the increase of the number of entity instances per segment.

We also draw attention to the fact that, the type of named entity instance acts indirectly as a discriminative factor in the segmentation process. This is in contrast with information extraction, where the learning process takes into account the type of named entities occurring in a passage of text.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we evaluated the benefit of incorporating information extraction techniques to enhance the performance of text segmentation algorithms. More specifically, we performed manual named entity recognition and co-reference resolution on a Greek corpus used by text segmentation algorithms. We then compared the performance of three well-known segmentation algorithms in both the original and the resulting "annotated" corpus. The results obtained show that, the benefit resulted from the use of annotation is apparent in all algorithms and for all metrics and datasets. The contribution of co-reference resolution in this improvement is high and deserves special attention. The potential benefit of the annotation is strongly related to the segment's topic as well as the number of named entity instances appearing in it. This approach may further prove beneficial for other problems, such as web mining and focused crawling.

We outlook several directions of future work. The first direction considers performing text segmentation on a different corpora with fewer topics than the one used, such as the corpus used by Lucarelli *et al.* (2006) as well as the one used by Papageorgiou *et al.* (2002) where co-reference resolution was also performed. The second direction is oriented towards the examination of other named entity recognition systems with special attention to those containing co-reference resolution, focus will be given to the types of co-reference examined as well as their scope (i.e. the examination of co-reference within the same sentence and/or with the previous one appearing in the text).

We further seek to examine the addition of other types of named entities that will be more oriented to the segment's topic. In the same direction lies the extraction and annotation of relations between named entities and the examination of their contribution to the segmentation task. The aim is to reinforce the role and identity of named entities in the segmentation process. Finally, it is interesting to examine the identification of events related to specific named entity types.

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