



Exploiting Structure within Data for Accurate Labeling using Conditional Random Fields

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15 mins





- Aman Goel => Name
- 2667 Ellendale Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007 => Address
 - (323) 246-7180 => Telephone Number









Existing approaches



- Vertical approach (schema matching)
- Horizontal approach (hidden markov model)





Vertical approach (schema matching)





Approach

• Using dictionaries and string edit distances

Problems

- Assume relational data
- Missing column names





Horizontal approach (HMMs)



Automatic segmentation of text into structured records: *V. Borkar, K. Deshmukh and S. Sarawagi, SIGMOD, 2001*



Problems

• Complex semantic type is already assumed





Our approach



Observations

- Ordering relationship between complex types
 - <u>Name</u> before <u>Address</u>
- Ordering relationship between the tokens
 - House number before Street name
- Relationship between tokens in different fields
 - -(mph, inches) vs (kmph, mm)







 ${\bullet}$ Label1 has Feature1=True

0.7 1.5













Token features:

- Is_capitalized
- 7_characters_in_token
- Starts_with_B
- Number_is_in_100s
- Has_2_precision_digits
- Is_dollar_sign
- Is_negative
- Number_starts_with_9
- Is_all_caps
- Is_percent_sign
- ...





Feature functions



• Relationship between field nodes



Temp_field_is_followed_by_Pressure_field





Feature functions



• Relationship between field and token node







• Relationship between neighboring token nodes



FahrenVal_token_is_followed_by_DegreeSym_token





Feature functions



• Relationship between token label and its feature



FahrenVal_token_is_in_10s FahrenVal_token_has_0_precision_digits







Learning weights



• Convex optimization problem







Largest fully connected sub-graph size = 3





Experiment setup



- Collected 400 tuples from 4 websites
- Trained on 300 tuples from 3 sites
- Tested on 100 labeled examples from held-out site

	Weather	Flight	Geocoding
# field types	15	8	5
# token types	37	17	12









	Weather	Flights	Geocoding
Field labeling accuracy	0.89	0.97	0.98
Token labeling accuracy	0.86	0.87	0.90
Labeling accuracy using regular expressions*	0.65	0.42	0.36

* Semantic labeling of online information sources:

K. Lerman, A. Plangrasopchok, and C. A. Knoblock, IJSWIS, 2006









Conclusion



Contributions

- Accurately identifying complex semantic types
- Also identify token types
- Fast

