

Comparing Features for Ranking Relationships Between Financial Entities based on Text

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What is the FEIII Challenge?



Given:

- set of tuples (financial entity A, role, financial entity B)
- □ text snippet the tuple was extracted from (10-K, 10-Q filings)
- □ tuples labelled by experts as (highly) relevant, neutral, irrelevant

Challenge:

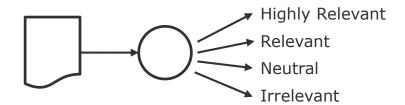
per role, rank relationship tuples by relevance

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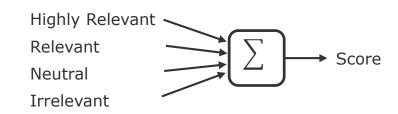
Our Approach



- Restrict input to context snippets (no external information)
- Train **classifiers** to distinguish between levels of relevance



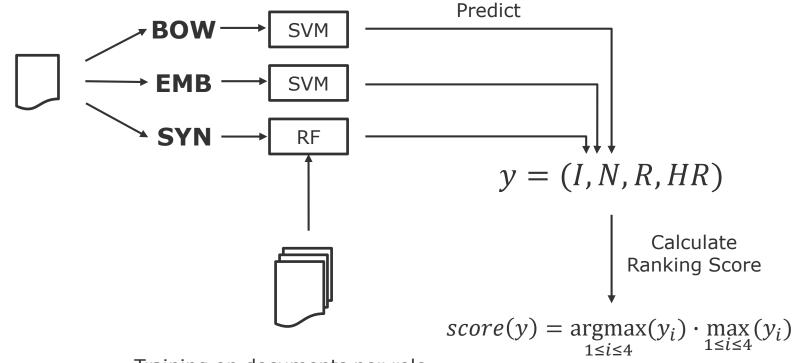
Use classifiers' prediction to calculate ranking score



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System Overview





Training on documents per role or all documents

Text Features for Relationship Ranking

Features BOW (Bag-of-Words), EMB (Sentence Embeddings)



Bag-of-Words

- Assumption: wording may correlate with relevance
- Snippets as bags of token-n-grams (length 1-3)



Sentence Embeddings [Mikolov, 201

- **Assumptions:** better reflect sentence structure, more robust/flexible
- Trained on 25 full-text original filings (60k sentences, 2M words)
- Concatenate 50-dimensional representations of sentences in snippet

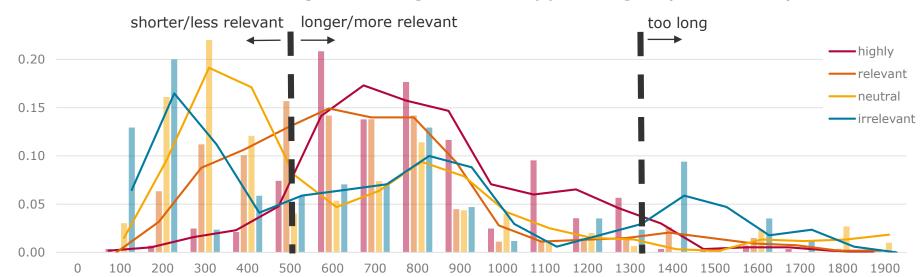
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Features SYN (Syntax Features)



- Language independent, fewer training samples needed
- Character based counts/ratios
- Token based counts/ratios
- POS-tag based features

Example: Histogram of snippet length (characters)



Text Features for Relationship Ranking



- Baseline (random): average NDCG of 100 random rankings per pass
- Baseline (worst): NDCG of inverse perfect order

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Baseline (random)	0.88 (0.03)	
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- 5-fold cross-validation
- Trained on ~900 training samples (per pass, leave out samples from 5 documents)
- Tested on all testing samples, scores calculated per role and aggregated

F	ideal	worst	ΙΞ
	4	1	
	4	2	
	3	2	
	3	3	
	3	3	
	2	3	
	2	4	
	1	4	

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■ BOW+EMB+SYN: soft vote of BOW, EMB, and SYN classifier

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Results Confusion Matrix



annotated	Highly	Relevant Releva	ant Neutral	Irrelevi	ant
Highly Relevant	0.73	0.23	0.04	0.00	
Relevant	0.25	0.39	0.34	0.02	
Neutral	0.21	0.56	0.17	0.06	
Irrelevant	0.09	0.54	0.21	0.16	

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Summary



- Shallow features outperforms word based approaches
 - □ Word features seem over-fitted, require many labelled samples
 - Semi-supervised approach doesn't generalise much better
 - Manually tailored syntax features avoid this
- Ensemble takes best of both worlds
- Classifiers trained per role are too sparse
 - Although role specific wording could be beneficial

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Thanks for your attention! Do you have questions?

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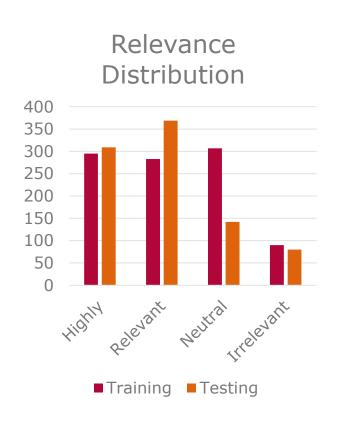


Supplementary Slides

Dataset Distribution



	Training	Testing
Affiliate	186	129
Agent	61	40
Counterpart	64	108
Guarantor	34	28
Insurer	19	47
Issuer	129	98
Seller	20	49
Servicer	21	57
Trustee	420	304
Underwriter	21	40
All	975	900



Inter Annotator Agreement (Training Set)



Expert 1	409	0.26	0.94	0.53			0.40			0.06
Expert 2	128	366		0.06	0.91		1.00	1.00		0.03
Expert 3	24		60		0.03		0.03	0.09		0.09
Expert 4	35	1		35		0.09		0.09		0.09
Expert 5	11	36	1		80		0.09	0.54		0.54
Expert 6				1		60		0.54		0.54
Expert 7	3	41	1		1		75	0.64		0.64
Expert 8	23	12	39	1	44	1	35	226		0.07
Expert 9									74	
Expert 10	8	13	1	1	1	1	1	14		20

Expert 1 expert 3 ent 4 ent 5 ent 6 ent 7 ent 8 ent 9 Expert 10

- Lower left: overlapping annotations
- Upper right: Cohens kappa
- Diagonal: number of annotations

Syntax Features



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'num chars': len(raw),
'num words': len(raw.split()),
'num upper chars': sum(1 for c in raw if c.isupper()),
'num upper words': sum(1 for w in raw.split() if w[0].isupper()),
'ratio upper chars': sum(1 for c in raw if c.isupper()) / len(raw),
'ratio upper words': sum(1 for w in raw.split() if w[0].isupper()) / max(1, len(raw.split())),
'mean word len': np.mean([len(w) for w in raw.split()]),
'num word repetitions raw': len(\{k: v \text{ for } k, v \text{ in counts } r.\text{items}() \text{ if } v > 1\}),
'num word repetitions clean': len(\{k: v \text{ for } k, v \text{ in counts } c.\text{items}() \text{ if } v > 1\}),
'ratio word repetitions raw': len(\{k: v \text{ for } k, v \text{ in counts } r.items() \text{ if } v > 1\}) / max(1, len(raw.split())),
'ratio word repetitions clean': len(\{k: v \text{ for } k, v \text{ in counts } c.\text{items}() \text{ if } v > 1\}) / max(1, len(clean.split())),
'num dollarsigns': len(raw) - len(raw.replace('$', ")),
'num numbers': len(re.findall(r'\d+', raw)),
'num digits': len(re.findall(r'\d', raw)),
'ratio numbers': len(re.findall(r'\d+', raw)) / max(1, len(raw.split())),
'ratio digits': len(re.findall(r'\d', raw)) / len(raw),
'num_ents_org': len([ent for ent in n.ents if ent.root.ent_type == 'ORG']),
'num ents person': len([ent for ent in n.ents if ent.root.ent type == 'PERSON']),
'num verbs': tagc['VB'] + tagc['VBD'] + tagc['VBG'] + tagc['VBN'] + tagc['VBP'] + tagc['VBZ'],
'num adverbs': tagc['RB'] + tagc['RBR'] + tagc['RBS'],
'num adj': tagc['JJ'] + tagc['JJR'] + tagc['JJS'],
'num punct': posc['PUNCT']+posc['SYM'],
'num 1letter': len([tok for tok in n if len(tok) == 1 and tok.pos != 'PUNCT' and tok.pos != 'SYM']),
'num role mentions': raw.lower().count(row['ROLE']),
'role+ent': len([sent for sent in n.sents if row['MENTIONED FINANCIAL ENTITY'] in str(sent) and row['ROLE'] in str(sent)]),
'dist role ent': dist role ent + (len(row['MENTIONED FINANCIAL ENTITY']) if dist role ent < 0 else len(row['ROLE'])),
'dist role ent abs': abs(dist role ent + (len(row['MENTIONED_FINANCIAL_ENTITY']) if dist_role_ent < 0 else len(row['ROLE'])))
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Full results (participant rankings)



weighted average	Name	gt1	gt1 500	gt2	gt3	gt4	gt5	SUM	Ranking
	P1	17	17	17	17	17	17	102	17
	P2	14	14	12	12	12	10	74	12
P3 scored_full_all	Р3	7	7	6	8	6	5	39	6
P4 scored_full_bow	P4	15	15	14	16	16	9	85	16
P5 scored_full_emb	P5	11	11	14	10	14	14	74	12
P6 scored_full_syn	P6	3	3	3	2	2	3	16	2
P7 scored_role_all	P7	13	13	11	13	15	15	80	15
P8 scored_role_bow	P8	4	4	7	5	9	11	40	7
P9 scored_role_emb	P9	12	12	13	11	13	15	76	14
P10 scored_role_syn	P10	8	8	8	3	4	2	33	4
	P11	16	16	16	15	8	1	72	11
	P12	6	6	5	9	7	12	45	8
	P13	10	10	10	14	11	13	68	10
	P14	9	9	9	6	10	6	49	9
	P15	2	2	2	4	2	7	19	3
	P16	5	5	4	7	4	8	33	4
	P17	1	1	1	1	1	4	9	1

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P4 scored_full_bow	P4	15	15	15	16	16	11	88	16
P5 scored_full_emb	P5	12	12	14	11	13	13	75	14
P6 scored_full_syn	P6	3	3	2	3	1	3	15	2
P7 scored_role_all	P7	13	13	12	14	14	15	81	15
P8 scored_role_bow	P8	8	8	8	6	9	9	48	7
P9 scored_role_emb	P9	10	10	13	10	15	16	74	13
P10 scored_role_syn	P10	6	6	7	5	4	2	30	5
	P11	16	16	15	15	7	1	70	11
	P12	7	7	4	9	8	14	49	8
	P13	11	11	10	13	11	12	68	10
	P14	9	9	9	8	10	6	51	9
	P15	2	2	3	2	3	7	19	3
	P16	4	4	6	7	6	8	35	6
	P17	1	1	1	1	2	4	10	1

Hints for annotators



Highly Relevant Sentences: One type of highly relevant sentences will identify potential sources of significant (large) expenses and/or significant business opportunities. Examples of the source of the expenses or opportunities include litigation, spin-offs, acquisitions, etc. Most of these sentences describe a change from the status quo or current situation. Another type of highly relevant sentence will identify corporate character, e.g., the compensation of senior executives or commentary about business activities.

Relevant Sentences: One type of relevant sentences will identify existing assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenses. They may be very specific, e.g., interest rate expenses. Another type of relevant sentences will also identify the size and nature of current business activities, e.g., retail division, underwriting, investment banking, etc.

Neutral Sentences: These sentences may describe the type of business activity, the location of some business entity or activity. They are informative sentences but convey less information value compared to the highly relevant or relevant sentences.

Irrelevant: This is boilerplate text that is not informative. In some cases, the extracted sentences may be irrelevant to the filing financial entity or the mentioned entity or the role

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Example (somewhat relevant)



Form: 10-K

Filing: Ally Financial Inc

Mentioned: Computershare Trust Company

Role: Agent

Rating: Neutral, Relevant, Highly Relevant

Exhibit	Description	Method of Filing (Excerp)
10.11	Form of Award Agreement related to the issuance of an Ally Leader Equity Participation Award	Filed herewith.
10.12	Tax Asset Protection Plan dated as of January 10, 2014 between Ally Financial Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent.	Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of January 13, 2014 (File No. 1-3754) incorporated herein by reference
10.13	Amendment No. 1 to the Tax Asset Protection Plan, dated February 3, 2015	Filed as Exhibit 10.18 to the Company's Annual Report for the period ended December 31, 2014, on Form 10-K (File No. 1-3754), incorporated herein by reference.
10.14	Consent Order Dated December 23, 2013 (Department of Justice)	Filed as Exhibit 10.34 to the Company's Annual Report for the period ended December 31, 2013, on Form 10-K (File No. 1-3754), incorporated herein by reference.

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/40729/000004072916000473/ally2015123110k.htm

Example (irrelevant)



Form: 10-K,

Filing: Ally Financial Inc

Mentioned: Queens University of Charlotte

Role: Trustee

Rating: 2x Irrelevant

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers, and Corporate Governance

Executive Officers and Other Significant Employees

Jeffrey J. Brown — Chief Executive Officer of Ally since February 2015 [..] Mr. Brown received a bachelor's degree in economics from Clemson University and an executive master's degree in business from Queens University in Charlotte. He serves on the Trevillian Cabinet of the College of Business and Behavioral Sciences at Clemson University and is a Board of Trustees member of Queens University of Charlotte.

Christopher Halmy — Chief Financial Officer of Ally since November 2013. [..]

More Examples



(NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Guarantor - NTC Capital)

(**RELEVANT**) Guarantee Agreement, dated as of January 16, 1997, relating to NTC Capital I, by and between Northern Trust Corporation, as Guarantor, and The First National Bank of Chicago, as Guarantee Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(j) to the Corporation?s Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 16, 1997).10.16

(MORGAN STANLEY - **Trustee** - Morgan Stanley ABS Capital)

(HIGHLY RELEVANT) On November 6, 2013, Deutsche Bank, in its capacity as trustee, became the named plaintiff in Federal Housing Finance Agency, as Conservator for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, on behalf of the Trustee of the Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust, Series 2007-NC3 (MSAC 2007-NC3) v. Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC, and filed a complaint in the Supreme Court of NY under the caption Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, solely in its capacity as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc.

(STATE STREET CORP - **Issuer** - Equity Securities)

(Discover Financial Services - Counterparty - DFS Services LLC)

(PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC - Affiliates - Deferred Compensation Plan)



irrelevant	0.16	0.21	0.54	0.09
neutral [.]	0.06	0.17	0.56	0.21
relevant ⁻	0.02	0.34	0.39	0.25
highly		0.04	0.23	0.73
	irrelevant	neutral	relevant	highly

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