A Case Study on Start-up of Dataset Construction: In Case of Recipe Named Entity Corpus

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How We Start Dataset Construction?

- We have a new problem! Machine learning?
 - → Need a new dataset! But it is an exhausting task...
 - → Hiring annotators or crowdsourcing?
 - → We need to give them a clear annotation guideline!
- Guideline creation typically goes like this...
 - Find similar datasets and learn their guidelines
 - Adapt them to our own tasks
 - Try annotation by ourselves to see if it is OK
 - Now let the annotators start to give annotation!
 - → Even if you design the guideline very carefully, a lot of unexpected cases and ambiguity in rules will be found!

Three Main Problems

- 1. We need a system supporting the management of versions.
 - multiple versions of guidelines
 - also multiple versions of annotations under different guideline versions
- 2. How often should we update the guideline?
 - If very frequet
 many versions of the same annotation
 - If less frequent more annotation under old guidelines
- 3. When we have updated the guideline, which is better:
 - revising the old annotations under the new guideline, or
 - adding more data instead?

Our Task: Recipe Named Entity Corpus

Give tags of Recipe Named Entity (r-NE) to a cooking procedural text

10 types of r-NE

Tag	Meaning
F	Food
T	Tool
D	Duration
Q	Quantity
Ac	Action by chef
Ac2	Discontinuous Ac
Af	Action by food
At	Action by tool
Sf	Food state
St	Tool state

Example of annotation

Original text

Preheat oven to 200 C / Gas mark 6.



24 min./recipe

Annotation result

Preheat/Ac-B oven/T-B to/O 200/St-B C/St-I I/O Gas/St-B mark/St-I 6/St-I ./O

Recipe data collection

Recipes were crawled at Allrecipes.co.uk

dish type	#recipe	propotion	#corpus
Bread	953	3.1%	3
Pies and tar	1251	4.0%	4
Soup	2046	6.6%	7
Salad	1755	5.7%	6
Main course	11523	37.2%	37
Dessert	3366	10.9%	11
Biscuits and	1655	5.3%	6
Pancakes	364	1.2%	1
Breakfast	1078	3.5%	3
Sandwiches	377	1.2%	1
Starters	2331	7.5%	8
Side dish	2166	7.0%	7
Sweets	416	1.3%	1
Preserves	423	1.4%	1
Drink	1231	4.0%	4
Cake	(4284)	_	_
Total	30935	100.0%	100

Preparing the Guideline

- 1. We first defined tags and a guideline for Japanese recipe. http://www.ar.media.kyoto-u.ac.jp/how-to/recipe-NLP/
- 2. We translated them in order to adapt it to English recipe.
- 3. We hired a British doctor course student who had computational linguistics experience.
- 4. He soon sent us many questions!
- Even when we adopt an existing guideline, we have many unexpected cases!
- We had both
 - questions that do not require the revision of the guideline, and
 - many questions requiring discussions and guideline revisions!

Example of Rules in the Original Guideline

- **P1:** Prepositions and conjunctions are tagged O (i.e. outside an r-NE), except when they are part of a collocation.
- **P2:** Adverbs and adverbial phrases are tagged O except when they are part of a phrasal verb.
 - throw/Ac-B away/Ac-I
 - mix/Ac-B in/○ the/○ bowl/T
- **P3:** A sequence of words denoting a single action/food/tool in the cooking process is annotated as a single r-NE.
 - frying/T-B pan/T-I
 - bring/Ac-B to/Ac-I the/Ac-I boil/Ac-I
- P4: Auxiliary and modal verbs are tagged O.

See detail in [13] Y. Yamakata, J. Carroll, and S. Mori, "A comparison of cooking recipe named entities between Japanese and English," in CEA, pp. 7–12, 2017.

Examples of Questions

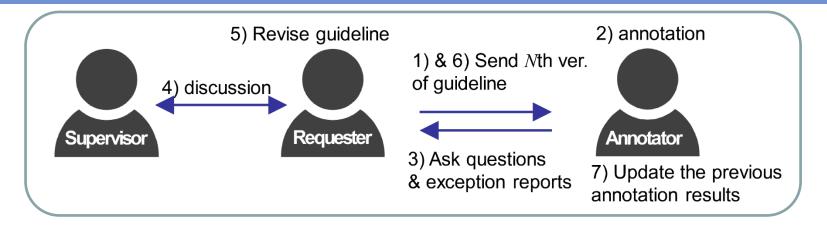
- "Pour/Ac-B into/O the/O digestive/F-B biscuit/F-I base F-I"
 Q. "digestive biscuit base" still part of the food?
 A. Yes
- "Butter/Ac-B 5/Q-B slices/F-B of/O bread/F-B
 Q. Is "Butter" Ac (Action by chef) or F (Food)?
 A. Ac
- "Repeat/Ac-B with/O the/O other/Q-B dough/F-B balls/F-I ./O"
 Q. What's the tag of "other"?
 A. Q (Quantity) revision of the guideline
- "fry/Ac-B diced/Ac-B bacon/F-B in/O a/O separate/St-B pan/T-B"
 Q. What's the tag of "separate"?
 - A. St (State of tool) revision of the guideline
- "continue/Ac-B cooking/Ac-I"
 - Q. "continue cooking" a single NE?
 - A. Yes revision of the guideline

Examples of Revisions Adding New Tags

Tag	Meaning	Remarks
F	Food	Eatables including intermediate products,
Т	Tool	Knife, container, etc.
D	Duration	Duration of cooking
Q	Quantity	Quantity of food
Ac	Action by chef	Verbs representing of a chef's actions
Ac2	Discontinuous Ac	words that consists single "Ac" with adjacent but not contiguous "Ac". English only
Af	Action by food	Verbs representing food's actions
At	Action by tool	Verbs representing tool's actions. English only
Sf	Food state	Food's initial or intermediate states
St	Tool state	Tool's initial or intermediate states

Addition of these tags needed deep discussions with experts in NLP and ML.

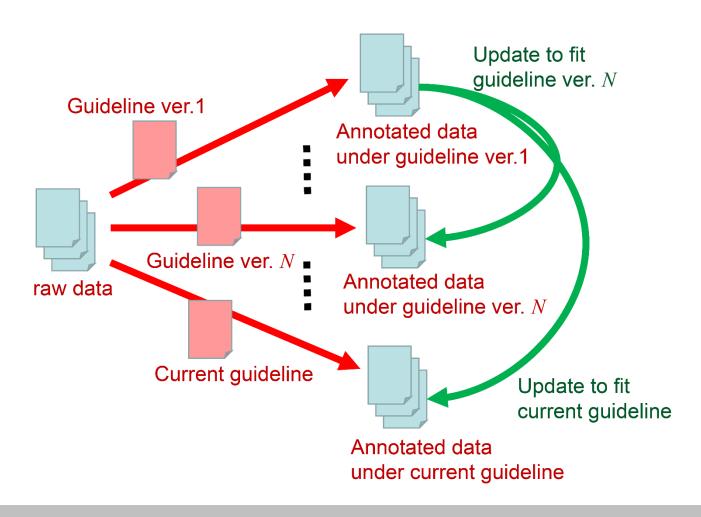
Supervisor and Requester



- The requester describes the annotation guideline and sends it to annotators.
- 2) The annotators annotate data according to it and
- 3) return questions and exceptional cases that are not clearly specified in the guideline.
- 4) The requester discusses with supervisors if required,
- 5) revises the guideline from ver. Nth to (N + 1)th, and
- 6) sends the revised guideline to the annotators.
- 7) The annotators update the previous annotation results to fit the current guideline.

Problem 1: Supporting Version Management

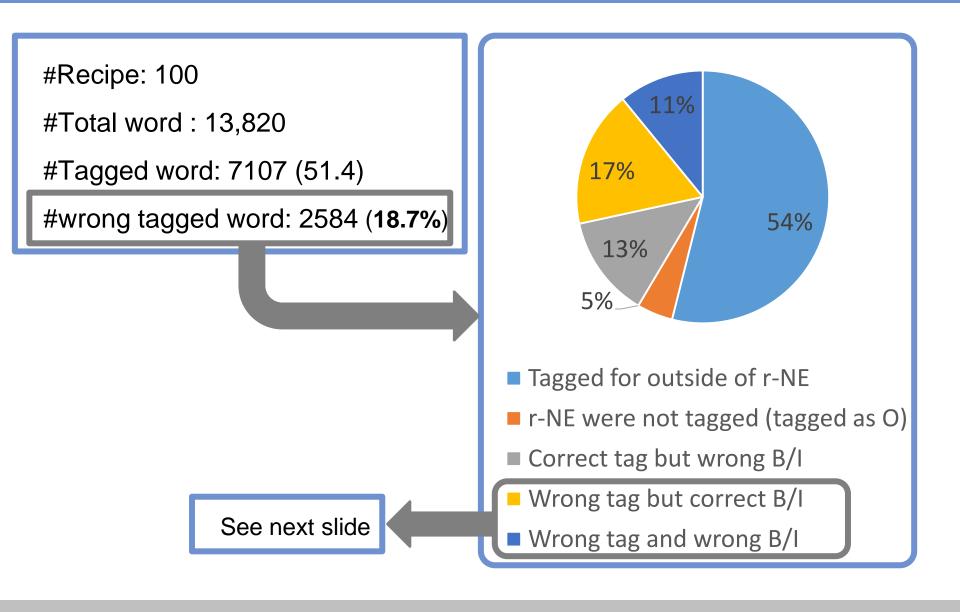
Guideline update brings different status of data which was annotated under different version of the guideline



Problem 2: How often updating the guideline?

- We updated the guideline only twice.
 - We did not know which strategy (frequently or not) is better.
 - We were afraid of having repeated updates of the same annotation, which is inefficient.
- We cannot know if repeated updates could occur if we updated the guideline more often.
- Let us guess by looking at what types of revisions of annotations we needed.

Problem 2: How often updating the guideline?



Problem 3: Revising or Adding Annotations?

When we have updated the guideline, which is better?

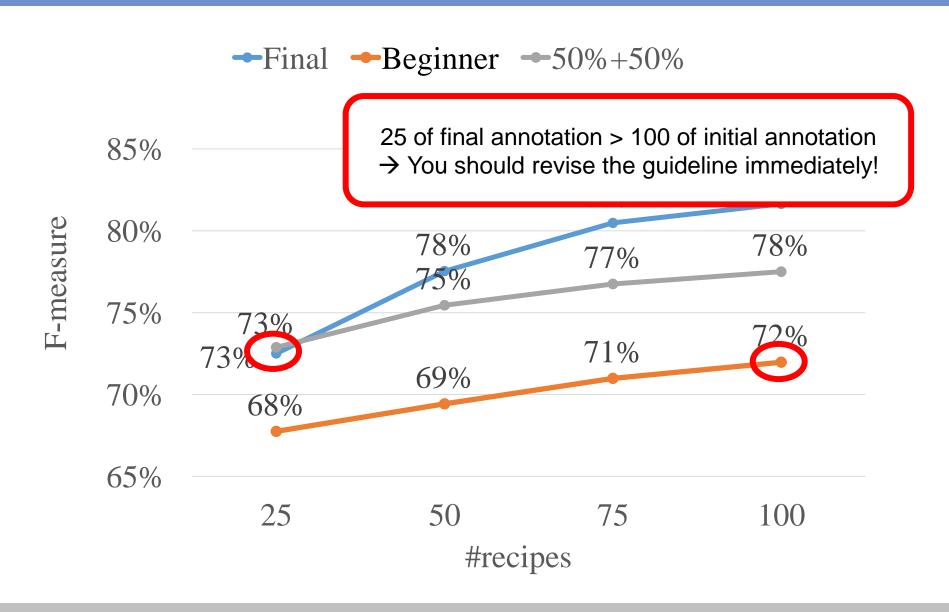
- Revising old annotations under the old guideline (consistency of data)
- Adding more annotations by using the human resource for it (size of data)

Experiment:

Compare annotation accuracies by there types of training data

- 1. First annotation based on the initial guideline
- 2. Final annotation based on the final guideline
- **3. 50%-50%** mixture of these two
- Training data size (#recipes): 25, 50, 75, 100
- Test data: another 120 recipes
- Accuracies were evaluated with the named entity recognizer PWNER
 [Sasada et al. 2015]

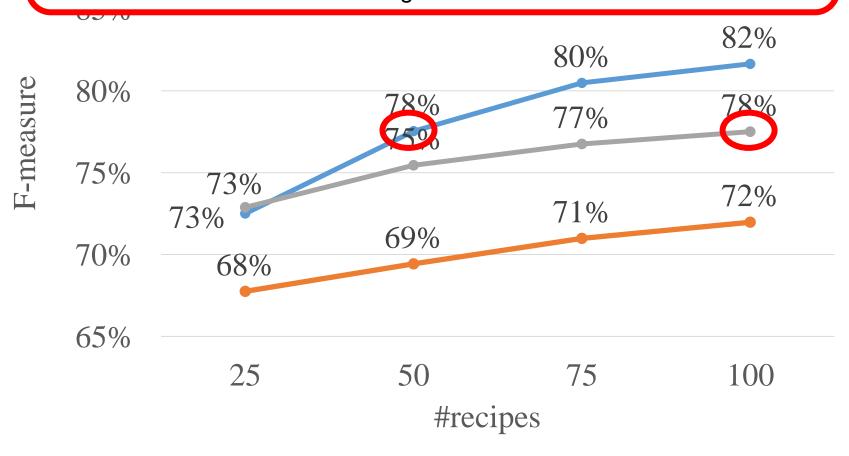
Classification accuracy with different size of first and final annotation.



Classification accuracy with different size of first and final annotation.

50 of final = 100 of 50%-50% mixture

If you have already 50 annotation results and have revised the guideline, you should update the old annotations rather than obtaining another 50 annotations.



Conclusion

- We need a system supporting management of versions of guidelines and versions of annotations under them.
- We should update the guideline frequently.
 - Repeated updates of the same annotations may not occur
 - Annotations under immature guidelines are quite unreliable
- When we have updated the guideline, we should revise the old annotations rather than adding more data.