
Statistical NLP - Project Guidelines

Due November 1 - at 5pm by email to petrov@cs.nyu.edu

1 General Thoughts

You are encouraged to work in groups of 2-4 on the final project. If you plan on working alone or in a larger group, please justify why this is necessary. You can learn a lot from your team mates and I therefore discourage individual projects. On the other hand, when the team gets too big, it is difficult to know who did what and one can more easily hide; I therefore prefer small teams.

When choosing a project topic, try to be realistic. Unfortunately many of the exciting topics are too difficult to tackle in the short amount of time that you will have. Try to stick to problems with existing data sets. Collecting a data set specifically for the class project will likely set you back too much.

2 Write-Up

I am looking for a short (maximum 1-page) write-up. You should briefly touch on the following points:

- Problem Setting
- Data Set(s)
- Evaluation Metric
- Related Work/Baselines
- Your Approach

3 Next Steps

You are welcome and encouraged to start working on the project early. This is your opportunity to apply what you have learned in the class and have fun. We will do (short) in-class presentation of your approach and preliminary results during the last lecture. You will then have a few more days to polish your write-up, which should be structured like a research paper (and similar to the homework assignments, but more substantial and with more depth).