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# Predicting the Performance of Parsing with Referential Translation Machines

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### Abstract

Referential translation machine (RTM) is a prediction engine used for predicting the performance of natural language processing tasks including parsing, machine translation, and semantic similarity pioneering language, task, and domain independence. RTM results for predicting the performance of parsing (PPP) in out-of-domain or in-domain settings with different training sets and types of features present results independent of language or parser. RTM PPP models can be used without parsing using only text input and without any parser or language dependent information. Our results detail prediction performance, top selected features, and lower bound on the prediction error of PPP.

# 1. Predicting Parsing Performance with Referential Translation Machines

Training parsers and parsing can be computationally costly and labeled data scarce or expensive to obtain. Predicting the performance of parsing (PPP) can be useful for parsing technology, for filtering sentences in noisy domains such as informal text or speech, for estimating the effort for understanding text, for determining whether a sentence is well-formed and meaningful enough to send to other natural language processing (NLP) tasks such as machine translation in an NLP pipeline. PPP involves finding a function f:

$$f(\mathcal{M}_{P}, \mathcal{D}_{train}, S[, S_{P}']) \approx eval(S_{P}', S_{P})$$
 (1)

where

- $\mathcal{M}_P$  is a parsing model built using  $\mathcal{D}_{train}$  for training,
- $\mathcal{D}_{train}$  is the set of training sentences and  $\mathcal{D}_{test}$  is test data,

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•  $S_P'$  refers to parsing output obtained on  $S \in \mathcal{D}_{test}$  and its reference is  $S_P$ ,

• eval returns the bracketing F<sub>1</sub> score by EVALB (Sekine and Collins, 1997) implementing the PARSEVAL F<sub>1</sub> measure,

• the performance of  $\mathcal{M}_{P}$ , which use  $\mathcal{D}_{train}$ , is being predicted for input S,

• f predicts the value of the eval function to approximate the performance without the reference S<sub>P</sub> given a training set and a test set not necessarily after training a parsing model or parsing.

Ravi et al. (2008) predict the performance of Charniak and Johnson (CJ) parser (Charniak and Johnson, 2005) using text-based and parser-based features, and additional parser output (Bikel parser (Bikel, 2002)). Additional parser output is used as a reference to obtain a feature with bracketing  $F_1$  score. In Section 3.3, we achieve better results using only textual features and obtain similar results without any parser or label dependent information or without an additional parser or its output.

Each referential translation machine (RTM) (Biçici and Way, 2015) model is a data translation prediction model between the instances in the training set and the test set, and translation acts are indicators of the data transformation and translation. RTM effectively judges monolingual and bilingual similarity while identifying translation acts between any two data sets with respect to a reference corpus. RTM allows development of prediction models specially prepared for a given training and test set pair. RTM PPP models are built for each task emerging from training set, test set, and label set obtained from a parser. RTMs achieve top results in machine translation performance prediction (MTPP) in quality estimation task (Biçici et al., 2015b; Biçici, 2016), can achieve better results than open-source MTPP tool QuEst (Shah et al., 2013; Biçici and Specia, 2015), and can achieve top results in semantic similarity prediction tasks (Biçici and Way, 2015). We provide a current picture on PPP detailing prediction performance, top selected features, and lower bound on prediction error of PPP.

RTMs judge the quality or the semantic similarity of texts by using relevant retrieved data close to the task instances as interpretants, selected preferably from the same domain. RTM PPP use parallel and monolingual sentences as interpretants, which provide context and data for MTPP system (MTPPS) (Biçici and Way, 2015) to derive features measuring the closeness of the test sentences to the training data, the difficulty of translating them, and the presence of the acts of translation for building prediction models. RTMs present an accurate and language-independent model for NLP performance prediction and provide a parser-independent model, which enables the prediction of the performance of any parser in any language. Figure 1 depicts the workflow for a general RTM model and explains the model building process. Given a training set train, a test set test, and some corpus *C*, preferably in the same domain, the RTM steps are:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1. \; \text{select}(\texttt{train},\texttt{test},\mathcal{C}) \to \mathcal{I} & 4. \; \text{learn}(\mathsf{M},\mathcal{F}_{\texttt{train}}) \to \mathcal{M} \\ 2. \; \text{MTPP}(\mathcal{I},\texttt{train}) \to \mathcal{F}_{\texttt{train}} & 5. \; \text{predict}(\mathcal{M},\mathcal{F}_{\texttt{test}}) \to \hat{y} \\ 3. \; \text{MTPP}(\mathcal{I},\texttt{test}) \to \mathcal{F}_{\texttt{test}} \\ \end{array}$$



Figure 1. RTM workflow: ParFDA selects interpretants close to the training and test data using parallel corpus in bilingual settings and monolingual corpus in the target language or just the monolingual target corpus in monolingual settings; an MTPPS use interpretants and training data to generate training features and another use interpretants and test data to generate test features in the same feature space; learning and prediction takes place taking these features as input.

RTM PPP models use MTPPS to generate features and parallel feature decay algorithms (ParFDA) (Biçici et al., 2015a) for instance selection. The modularity of RTM enables additional knowledge sources to be retrieved by ParFDA, which can be used for deriving additional features to be included before learning and prediction.

# 2. Statistical Lower Bound on Prediction Error

We evaluate the prediction performance with correlation (r), root mean squared error (RMSE), mean absolute error (MAE), and relative absolute error (RAE). Given that  $\hat{y}, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are the prediction of F<sub>1</sub> and the target F<sub>1</sub> respectively:

$$MAE(\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\hat{y_i} - y_i|}{n} \qquad RAE(\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\hat{y_i} - y_i|}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\bar{y} - y_i|}$$
(2)

	WS	J24	WSJ02	2-21	
n	13	46	6960		
μ	0.70	)95	0.71	45	
s	0.10	636	0.16	33	
d	0.00	)87	0.00	38	
RAE	â	ĥ	â	ĥ	
1%	0.0013	57335	0.0013	58164	
5%	0.0067	2296	0.0066	2329	
10%	0.0134	576	0.0133	584	
20%	0.0268	146	0.0265	148	
30%	0.0402	66	0.0398	67	
40%	0.0536	38	0.0531	39	
50%	0.0670	25	0.0664	26	
75%	0.1004	13	0.0995	13	
80%	0.1071	12	0.1062	12	
85%	0.1138	11	0.1128	11	

Table 1. Estimated d and  $\hat{d}$  and  $\hat{n}$  required for the noise levels based on RAE for PPP with bracketing  $F_1$ .

We also use relative MAE (MAER) and RAE (MRAER) (Equation (3)) (Biçici and Way, 2015). We use MAER and MRAER for easier replication and comparability with relative errors for each instance. Evaluation with MRAER can help identify which tasks and subtasks require more work by design and RTM PPP results reaching 0.75 MRAER in Section 3 are in line with performance in semantic textual similarity in English and easier than MTPP (Biçici and Way, 2015). MAE treats errors equally whereas RMSE is giving more weight to larger errors and can become dominated by the largest error. Therefore, MAE and RAE and their relative versions MAER and MRAER are better metrics to evaluate the performance.

$$MAER(\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{|\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{i} - \mathbf{y}_{i}|}{\lfloor|\mathbf{y}_{i}|]_{\epsilon}}}{n} \qquad MRAER(\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{|\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{i} - \mathbf{y}_{i}|}{\lfloor|\bar{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y}_{i}|]_{\epsilon}}}{n} \qquad (3)$$

We obtain expected lower bound on the prediction performance and the number of instances needed given a RAE level. Let  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T$  represent the target sampled from a distribution with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ , then the variance of  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i$  is  $n\sigma^2$  and of the sample mean,  $\bar{\mathbf{y}}$ , is  $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$  with the standard deviation becoming  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ . From a statistical perspective, we can predict the number of training instances we need for learning to increase the signal to noise ratio, SNR =  $\frac{\mu}{\sigma}$ , or the ratio of the mean to the standard deviation. Increasing the number of instances leads

to decrease in the noise and increase SNR. We want to find a confidence interval,  $[\bar{\mathbf{y}} - t\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{\mathbf{y}} + t\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}]$ , where t is found by the Student's t-distribution for n - 1 degrees of freedom with confidence level  $\alpha$  and s is sample standard deviation. True score lies in the interval with probability  $1 - \alpha$ :<sup>1</sup>

$$P(\bar{\mathbf{y}} - t\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \le \mu \le \bar{\mathbf{y}} + t\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}) = 1 - \alpha.$$
(4)

The absolute distance to the true mean or the width of the interval, d, is empirically equal to MAE and the relationship between RAE and MAE is as follows:

$$RAE = \frac{nMAE}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\bar{\mathbf{y}} - y_i|}$$
(5)

$$d = \frac{ts}{\sqrt{n}} \Rightarrow n = \frac{t^2 s^2}{d^2}$$
(6)

Using Equation 5, we can derive the MAE or  $\hat{d}$  for a given RAE as an estimate of d. With  $\alpha = 0.05$  and p = 0.95, we confidently estimate  $\hat{d}$  and the corresponding  $\hat{n}$  to reach the required noise level for the prediction tasks given a possible RAE level using Equation 6. Statistical lower bound on PPP error lists how many training instances to use for PPP (Table 1).

Table 1 presents the d possible for the bracketing  $F_1$  score distribution and the training set sizes required for reaching a specified noise level based on RAE. We achieved top results in MTPP using RTMs (Biçici et al., 2015b) with a RAE level of 0.84 when predicting HTER, which is a score in the range [0, 1]. We also achieved good results in MTPP with RTMs as Biçici (2016) presents with a RAE level of 0.82 when predicting HTER.

Table 4 from Section 3.3 presents similar RAE levels in in-domain PPP and with only 12 labeled instances for PPP, we can reach the top prediction performance, which achieves 0.84 RAE. Figure 2 samples from normal n-gram F<sub>1</sub> (Biçici, 2011) distributions with  $\mu = 0.2316$  from MTPPDAT (Biçici, 2014) for different  $\sigma$  and shows that prediction error decrease by: (i) increasing n; (ii) decreasing s.<sup>2</sup>

#### 3. Experiments

We use the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) and Brown corpora distributed with Penn Treebank version 3 (Marcus et al., 1993, 1999). WSJ02-21 refers to WSJ sections in range 2–21, WSJ24 refers to section 24, WSJ23 refer to section 23, and WSJ0-1-22-24 refer to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This forms the basis for many statistical significance tests in machine translation (Bicici, 2011).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>MTPPDAT contains document and sentence translation experiments collected from 4 different settings: tuning, no tuning, multiple perspective learning, and adaptation (Biçici, 2015).



Figure 2.  $\hat{d}$  decrease by: (i) increasing n; (ii) decreasing s.

sections 00, 01, 22, and 24 combined. BTest refers to the test set formed by selecting every 10th sentence from the Brown corpus (Ravi et al., 2008). WSJ02-21 contains 39832 sentences in total and WSJ0-1-22-24 contains 6960 sentences. We obtain the raw format for the Penn Treebank starting from the parse annotated sentences.

#### 3.1. Parsers

- CCL: CCL (Seginer, 2007) is an unsupervised parsing algorithm, which allows equivalent classes with reciprocal links between words (link structures).
- **PCFG:** Plain PCFG (probabilistic context free grammar) parser uses the Stanford supervised parser (Klein and Manning, 2003). PCFG model is unlexicalized; it has context-free rules conditioned on only the parent nodes; it does not have language dependent heuristics for unknown word processing; and it selects the leftmost category as the head of the right hand side of a rule.
- **CJ:** Charniak and Johnson (Charniak and Johnson, 2005) develop a parser achieving the highest performance by reranking 50 best parses with a maximum entropy reranker.

		Test	# sents	CCL	PCFG	CJ
PPP	train	WSJ0-1-22-24	6960	0.5508	0.6978	0.9139
		WSJ24	1346	0.5489	0.6915	0.9057
	test	WSJ23	2416	0.5501	0.6933	0.9141
		BTest	2425	0.5646	0.6773	0.8561

Corpus	numB	depthB	avg depthB	R/L	avg R/L
WSJ02-21	46.4	11.1	0.2678	6.46	6.68
WSJ23	45.6	11.0	0.2728	6.36	6.66
S <sub>Pccl</sub> ′	38.6	9.3	0.2829	6.14	6.14
$S_{P_{PCFG}}'$	41.6	10.0	0.2735	6.11	5.72
S <sub>P<sub>PCFG</sub></sub> ' S <sub>P<sub>CJ</sub></sub> '	42.6	11.0	0.2887	5.96	6.27
BTest	38.1	9.6	0.3060	6.09	5.50
$S_{P_{CCL}}'$	31.8	8.8	0.3551	6.77	6.04
S <sub>P<sub>CCL</sub>' S<sub>P<sub>PCFG</sub>'</sub></sub>	35.1	9.1	0.3165	7.05	5.25
$S_{P_{CJ}}'$	35.6	9.7	0.3248	6.63	5.50

Table 2. Baseline performance in terms of bracketing  $F_1$ .

Table 3. Tree structure statistics: number of brackets (numB), depth (depthB), average depth per node (avg depthB), numB on the right branches over the numB on the left (R/L), and average right to left branching over all internal tree nodes (avg R/L).

All parsers use WSJ02-21 for training and Table 2 lists the baseline performances of the parsers in terms of bracketing  $F_1$  over all sentences in the test sets along with the number of sentences in each.<sup>3</sup>

### 3.2. Features and Learning Settings

We use WSJ24 or WSJ0-1-22-24 and WMT datasets (Bojar et al., 2015) and LDC English Gigaword (Parker et al., 2011) for building RTM PPP models. We use features from three categories where detailed feature descriptions can be found in (Biçici and Way, 2015): (i) Textual features (Text), which contain coverage and diversity features

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The number of instances are the same as in (Bacchiani et al., 2006) and in (Kummerfeld et al., 2012) for WSJ23. The number of sentences reported in (Ravi et al., 2008) are lower. CCL lowercases input text and outputs lowercased trees; hence its performance is independent of casing. The output CCL tree is composed of text without labels and to be able to use the EVALB bracketing scores, we label each node with 'NP' and enclose them with brackets. We could use any tag instead of NP since we are not calculating tag accuracy.

about how well test features are found in the training set, language model features, distributional similarity features, translation features, information retrieval related features, character n-grams, and sentence length related features; (ii) link structure based (+CCL), which contain Text features over CCL from CCL parser, which can be used in all learning settings since CCL is unsupervised; (iii) tree structure based (+Tree) features, which contain the number of brackets used (numB), depth (depthB), average depth per node (avg depthB), number of brackets on the right branches over the number of brackets on the left (R/L),<sup>4</sup> and average right to left branching over all internal tree nodes (avg R/L).

We select up to 100 features from the most frequent parse tree structures and add 10 base tree statistical features for source and target. This feature set is called TreeF in (Biçici and Way, 2015). Parse tree branching statistics for WSJ2-21, WSJ23, and BTest together with the parser outputs obtained with different parsers are in Table 3. CCL output parse trees tend to have fewer branches and less depth. However, CCL outputs trees with closer R/L and avg R/L to the test set than PCFG. CJ outputs trees with closest numB and depthB to the test sets. PCFG achieves the closest avg depthB. Table 3 indicates that right branching dominates English. We observe that CCL's performance slightly increases on BTest whereas supervised parsers perform worse.

We present RTM PPP model results for in-domain (WSJ23) and out-of-domain (BTest) test sets in three different feature settings (Text, Text+CCL, Text+CCL+Tree). For each combination of training set, test set, and training and test labels obtained from a parser, we build an RTM model; thus the total number of RTM models we build is 12. Training set is used for optimizing parameters of the predictor with k-fold cross validation. The learning model is selected based on the performance on the training set and it is either bayesian ridge regression (BR) (Tan et al., 2015) or support vector regression (SVR) after feature selection (FS), partial least squares (PLS), or PLS after FS (Biçici et al., 2015b).

#### 3.3. In-domain Results

In-domain PPP results are in Table 4 where dim is the actual number of features used for each row (e.g. after removing non-informative features, after FS, after PLS). Using more training data improves the performance and we need only 15 feature dimensions for reaching top MRAER performance with SVR model with FS+PLS in setting Text. Previous work (Ravi et al., 2008) obtains 0.42 for r and 0.098 for RMSE when predicting the performance of CJ on in-domain PPP. We obtain lower r and close RMSE values however, we do not use any parser or label dependent information or a top performing reference parser whose performance is close to CJ's. Ravi et al. (Ravi et al., 2008) also do not present separate results with the feature sets they use. The top

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>For nodes with uneven number of children, the nodes in the odd child contribute to the right branches.

Train	Train Setting		Model	dim	r	RMSE	MAE	RAE	MAER	MRAER
	Text	CCL	SVR	305	0.47	0.135	0.1074	0.87	0.226	0.83
	Text	PCFG	FS+PLS-BR	5	0.31	0.162	0.1265	0.95	0.275	0.88
	Text	CJ	FS-SVR	16	0.26	0.104	0.0699	0.88	0.107	0.78
24	Text+CCL	CCL	FS-BR	16	0.47	0.135	0.1084	0.88	0.223	0.84
WSJ24	Text+CCL	PCFG	SVR	331	0.3	0.163	0.1241	0.93	0.292	0.85
$\leq$	Text+CCL	CJ	FS-SVR	16	0.27	0.104	0.0698	0.88	0.107	0.78
	Text+CCL+Tree	CCL	SVR	384	0.47	0.135	0.1071	0.87	0.225	0.83
	Text+CCL+Tree	PCFG	FS+PLS-SVR	15	0.26	0.17	0.1295	0.97	0.291	0.95
	Text+CCL+Tree	CJ	SVR	386	0.27	0.103	0.0699	0.88	0.107	0.78
	Text	CCL	SVR	310	0.49	0.133	0.1052	0.85	0.221	0.82
	Text	PCFG	SVR	310	0.37	0.16	0.1224	0.91	0.272	0.88
-24	Text	CJ	FS+PLS-SVR	15	0.25	0.108	0.0675	0.85	0.106	0.75
55	Text+CCL	CCL	SVR	336	0.49	0.133	0.1052	0.85	0.221	0.82
	Text+CCL	PCFG	SVR	336	0.37	0.16	0.1222	0.91	0.271	0.87
MSJ0.	Text+CCL	CJ	PLS-SVR	90	0.26	0.107	0.0678	0.85	0.106	0.75
	Text+CCL+Tree	CCL	SVR	387	0.5	0.132	0.1041	0.84	0.219	0.82
	Text+CCL+Tree	PCFG	FS-SVR	248	0.38	0.159	0.122	0.91	0.271	0.87
	Text+CCL+Tree	CJ	PLS-SVR	80	0.27	0.106	0.0677	0.85	0.105	0.75
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Table 4. RTM top predictor results with in-domain test set WSJ23. Using more training data improves the performance. Text reach top MRAER performance with only 15 dimensions. Best result for each metric is in **bold**.

r they obtain with their text-based features is 0.19, which is lower than our results in setting Text.

A high RAE indicates that PPP is hard and currently, we can only reduce the error with respect to knowing and predicting the mean by about 16%. CJ parsing output is the easiest to predict as we see from the MRAER results. The MAE we achieve for PPP of CJ is 0.0675 and it is about 7.4% of the 0.9141 overall  $F_1$  score for CJ on WSJ23. This error percentage is 17.6% and 18.9% for PCFG and CCL respectively. Figure 3 lists plots about the top RTM PPP predictor's performance in terms of absolute error and absolute error relative to the magnitude of the target in WSJ23 where instances are sorted according to the magnitude of the target  $F_1$  scores.

### 3.4. Out-of-domain Results

Out-of-domain parsing decreases the performance of supervised parsers (Table 2) but not the the performance of CCL, which is unsupervised, since it uses limited domain dependent information and CCL's performance is actually slightly increased. RTM results in out-of-domain PPP are lower than in in-domain (Table 5). Adding Tree features in out-of-domain improves the performance more compared with the improvement in in-domain. Previous work (Ravi et al., 2008) obtains 0.129 RMSE for



Figure 3. RTM top predictor performance using WSJ0-1-22-24 training set, WSJ23 test set, and Text+CCL+Tree setting. At the top are plots with prediction vs. the absolute error (distribution below) and at the bottom are plots with prediction vs. AER or absolute error relative to the magnitude of the target (distribution below).

CJ in out-of-domain PPP. RTM obtains about 36% larger RMSE but without using an additional parser output or parser specific features. We also note that the number of sentences reported in (Ravi et al., 2008) for datasets WSJ23, WSJ24, and BTest is less than the official datasets released as part of Penn Treebank (Marcus et al., 1993). RTM for CJ achieves better MRAER than top sentence MTPP with 0.84 MRAER (Biçici et al., 2015b). Figure 4 lists plots from the top RTM predictor's performance in BTest.

#### 3.5. Feature Selection Results

We select features with recursive feature elimination (RFE) (Guyon et al., 2002; Pedregosa et al., 2011), which iteratively removes least informative features according to their weights provided by a learning model and this removal process provides their ranking. We use the following abbreviations: GM is the geometric mean between the precision and recall and T is used for target;  $\langle P(T|S), b1 \rangle$  is the backward 1-gram log probability of the translation probability of target translation T given source sentence S and  $\langle P(S,T), 2, 5 \rangle$  is the average joint logprob of the joint translation probability over 2-grams among top 5 selected instances; avgD20 is a relative entropy distance measure over the top 20 instances; and bpw is the bits per word. We observe that translation

Train Setting		Parser	Model	dim	r	RMSE	MAE	RAE	MAER	MRAER
	Text	CCL	SVR	305	0.45	0.144	0.1153	0.91	0.221	0.9
	Text	PCFG	FS+PLS-BR	8	0.25	0.182	0.1414	0.95	0.342	0.87
	Text	CJ	SVR	305	0.23	0.168	0.1043	0.87	0.244	0.77
24	Text+CCL	CCL	FS-SVR	16	0.44	0.145	0.1161	0.91	0.223	0.92
WSJ24	Text+CCL	PCFG	FS+PLS-BR	7	0.31	0.177	0.1388	0.94	0.329	0.87
$\leq$	Text+CCL	CJ	FS+PLS-SVR	3	0.25	0.167	0.1031	0.86	0.242	0.76
	Text+CCL+Tree	CCL	SVR	383	0.45	0.143	0.115	0.91	0.221	0.91
	Text+CCL+Tree	PCFG	SVR	386	0.27	0.183	0.1376	0.93	0.352	0.85
	Text+CCL+Tree	CJ	SVR	386	0.23	0.168	0.1042	0.87	0.244	0.77
	Text	CCL	SVR	310	0.45	0.143	0.1143	0.9	0.22	0.9
	Text	PCFG	PLS-SVR	70	0.29	0.182	0.1376	0.93	0.344	0.87
-24	Text	CJ	PLS-SVR	35	0.24	0.174	0.1045	0.88	0.248	0.79
	Text+CCL	CCL	SVR	336	0.46	0.142	0.1138	0.9	0.219	0.9
÷	Text+CCL	PCFG	SVR	336	0.35	0.177	0.1351	0.91	0.335	0.85
WSJ0-1-22	Text+CCL	CJ	FS-SVR	21	0.24	0.175	0.105	0.88	0.249	0.8
	Text+CCL+Tree	CCL	SVR	386	0.46	0.142	0.1135	0.89	0.219	0.9
	Text+CCL+Tree	PCFG	SVR	394	0.32	0.181	0.1359	0.92	0.344	0.86
	Text+CCL+Tree	CJ	FS-SVR	22	0.24	0.175	0.1048	0.88	0.249	0.8

Table 5. RTM top predictor results with out-of-domain test set BTest. Text+CCL reach top MRAER performance with only 3 dimensions. Best result for each metric is in **bold**.

features dominate in the ranking of the top 2 features after FS for each PPP setting (Table 6) with only 7 out of 36 entries are not translation features.

# 4. Contributions

RTM PPP models work without training a parser or without parsing with it or without any parser dependent information by using only text input. We have contributed to the state-of-the-art in prediction science with results for PPP with RTM system and with expected lower bound on the prediction performance and the number of instances needed for prediction given a RAE level. RTM results on PPP allow better setting of expectations for each task and domain. Our results show that to obtain the top performance we only need 12 labeled instances and we can reach the top performance in a 15 dimensional space. Ability to predict outcomes enables preparation and savings in computational effort and can reduce costs in industrial settings.

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Figure 4. RTM top predictor performance using WSJ0-1-22-24 training set, BTest test set, and Text+CCL+Tree setting. At the top are plots with prediction vs. the absolute error (distribution below) and at the bottom are plots with prediction vs. AER or absolute error relative to the magnitude of the target (distribution below).

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Test Parser		Text	+CCL		+Tree	
	CCL	$\langle P(S,T),2,2\rangle$ bpw -0.007	$\langle P(S,T),1,10\rangle$ 0	).372	$\langle P(T S), 2, 2 \rangle$ bpw	-0.203
~	CCL	$\langle P(S,T),2,5\rangle$ bpw -0.006	$\langle P(S,T),1,3\rangle$ 0	).372	$\langle P(T S), 2, 1 \rangle$ bpw	-0.222
VSJ23	PCFG	$\langle P(S,T),2,5\rangle$ bpw -0.082	$\langle P(S,T),2,5\rangle$ bpw -	-0.082	avgD20	-0.176
M	PCFG	$\langle P(S,T),2,2\rangle$ bpw -0.089	$\langle P(S,T),2,2\rangle$ bpw -	0.089	T tree num	-0.162
	CJ	$\langle P(S,T),1,5\rangle$ bpw -0.001	$\langle P(S,T),1,1\rangle$ bpw -	0.001	$\langle P(T S), 1, 2 \rangle$ bpw	
		$\langle P(S,T),1,1\rangle$ bpw -0.001	$\langle P(T S), 1, 2 \rangle$ bpw -	0.095	$\langle P(S,T),1,1\rangle$ bpw	-0.001
	CCL	$\langle P(T S), 2, 5 \rangle$ bpw -0.218	$\langle P(T S), 2, 10 \rangle$ bpw -	0.183	$\langle P(T S), 2, 5 \rangle$ bpw	-0.218
	CCL	(P(T S), 2, 10) bpw -0.183	$\langle P(T S), 1, 2 \rangle$ bpw -	-0.3	$\langle P(T S), 2, 10 \rangle$ bpw	-0.183
BTest	PCFG	T 1&2gram GM -0.142	$\langle P(T S), b2 \rangle = 0$	).181	avgD20	-0.036
BT	rerg	1&2gram GM -0.142	$T \langle P(T S), b2 \rangle = 0$	0.181	coverscore	0.14
	CI	$\langle P(S,T),1,1\rangle$ bpw -0.048	$\langle P(S,T),1,1\rangle$ bpw -	0.048	$\langle P(S,T),1,1\rangle$ bpw	-0.048
	Cj	$\langle P(T S), 3, 10\rangle$ bpw -0.074	1&2gram prec -	0.205	$\langle P(T S), 1, 2 \rangle$ bpw	-0.107

Table 6. RTM PPP model top 2 features for SVR with training set WSJ0-1-22-24.

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