

A Weakly Supervised Approach to Evaluating Single-Document Summarization via Negative Sampling

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Abstract

Canonical automatic summary evaluation metrics, such as ROUGE, focus on lexical similarity which cannot well capture semantics nor linguistic quality and require a reference summary which is costly to obtain. Recently, there have been a growing number of efforts to alleviate either or both of the two drawbacks. In this paper, we present a proof-of-concept study to a weakly supervised summary evaluation approach without the presence of reference summaries. Massive data in existing summarization datasets are transformed for training via simple negative sampling methods. In cross-domain tests, our strategy outperforms baselines with promising improvements, and show a great advantage in gauging linguistic qualities over all metrics. We hope this study can inspire more research using similar strategies. Our code is at <https://anonymous.4open.science/r/37CF>.

1 Introduction

In natural language processing, the problem of summarization studies generating a summary from a source document which is longer than the summary. De facto metrics to judge a generated summary include ROUGE (Lin, 2004), BLEU (Papineni et al., 2002), and METEOR (Banerjee and Lavie, 2005). Previous work (Ng and Abrecht, 2015; Liu and Liu, 2008; Liu et al., 2016; Shang et al., 2018) agrees on two major drawbacks of them: 1) they favor lexical similarity, falling short on semantic similarity or linguistic quality, and 2) they require a reference summary which is often expensive to obtain (Zopf, 2018).

Initially, the first drawback is partially alleviated by replacing lexicons with their word embeddings (Ng and Abrecht, 2015; Ellouze et al., 2017; Ruseti et al., 2018; Xia et al., 2019). After the birth of transformers (Vaswani et al., 2017), this effort has expanded to sentence or document level, including reference-based (Zhang* et al., 2020; Zhao et al., 2019), and reference-free ones (Vasi-

lyev et al., 2020; Scialom et al., 2019; Gao et al., 2020). The main difference between the two groups is whether a reference summary is needed when evaluating a machine-generated summary.

The two groups have complementary pros and cons. Although having a better performance, reference-based metrics are impractical when summarization is used industrially, such as in customer support (Liu et al., 2019), team conversation (Zhang and Cranshaw, 2018), and bug reporting (Rastkar et al., 2014), where it is too costly to manually craft an equally massive amount of reference summaries. In contrast, without human written reference summaries, reference-free approaches generally perform poorer. Modern transformer-based reference-free approaches often rely on non-summarization tasks, such as QA. Such fact-focused strategy makes them excel on content/fact aspects (still worse than reference-based ones) but not on linguistic ones. The non-summarization tasks also introduce noises.

Therefore, in this paper, as a proof of concept, we explore a hybrid or middle approach to combine the best of both worlds. Our weakly supervised approach transforms reference summaries in summarization datasets into training data via negative sampling and then use the trained model to evaluate unseen summaries without corresponding reference summaries. In this way, we make use of human written summaries, which are very precious, but we do not need them in summary evaluation. Experiments later show that different negative sampling strategies create models adept at different aspects.

Our approach is empirically compared against an array of existing metrics on three human summary evaluation datasets. It outperforms reference-free baselines with promising improvements on content/fact aspects. It further outperforms all existing metrics in gauging linguistic qualities. We hope our approach can inspire more research into hybridizing reference-free and reference-based summary

083 evaluation.

084 In summary, our contributions or merits are:

- 085 • a simple but effective approach to (semi-
086)reference-free summary quality assessment,
- 087 • negative sample generation methods for
088 preparing training data from the unlabeled,
- 089 • one task/framework for multi-aspect judging,
- 090 • extensive cross-domain experiments to vali-
091 date the effectiveness of our approach.

092 2 The Approach

093 2.1 Model Architecture

094 A reference-free single-document summary qual-
095 ity assessor can be formulated as a regression
096 function $f(d, s) \in [0, 1]$ of an input document
097 $d = [t_1, t_2, \dots]$, and a machine-generated summary
098 $s = [t'_1, t'_2, \dots]$, where t_i 's and t'_i 's are text tokens.
099 As a proof of concept, we explore an extremely lean
100 implementation of f : first d and s are jointly trans-
101 formed into a vector representation $e = g(d, s)$,
102 and then it is mapped to a summary quality score
103 via a fully-connected layer, i.e., $f(d, s) = \sigma(\text{We})$.

104 The function g can be implemented in the
105 BERT (Devlin et al., 2019) style with an input se-
106 quence $[[\text{CLS}], t_1, t_2, \dots, [\text{SEP}], t'_1, t'_2, \dots,$
107 $[\text{SEP}]]$. The output for the $[\text{CLS}]$ token is a
108 joint representation of both the document and the
109 summary, i.e., $e = g(d, s)$.

110 While the human evaluation to a summary may
111 cover multiple aspects, such as content/fact cover-
112 age and linguistics, a model of us will only yield
113 one number. But by using different negative sam-
114 pling strategies, we can get models (different f 's)
115 adept at different aspects of a summary.

116 2.2 Negative Sample Generation

117 It is impractical to train f with existing summa-
118 rization datasets, such as CNN/DailyMail (Her-
119 mann et al., 2015; Nallapati et al., 2016), because
120 they contain only high-quality, reference-class sum-
121 maries written manually and thus are all of label 1.
122 Some summary evaluation datasets, such as Real-
123 Summ (Bhandari et al., 2020), Newsroom (Grusky
124 et al., 2018), and TAC2010 series (NIST, 2010),
125 do contain human ratings to system-generated sum-
126 maries of various qualities. But they are too small,
127 containing no more than 100 news articles or arti-
128 cle groups each. Therefore, training against human
129 ratings or in a supervised approach is impractical.

To work around, we propose a weakly super-
vised solution (Fig. 1(a)) that mutates existing,
label-1 samples into negative samples and assign
labels to approximate the qualities of negative sam-
ples. This allows us to turn existing summarization
datasets into massive training data for building the
supervised model f .

As illustrated in Figure 2, our negative sampling
randomly selects tokens or sentences in a reference
summary, and then perform one of the three muta-
tions: 1) deletion, 2) replacement, and 3) insertion.
The percentage of intact tokens is the training tar-
get/label. For example, if 30% tokens in a reference
summary are deleted, then the label is 0.7. In par-
ticular, when no mutation, i.e., a document paired
with its original reference summary, the label is 1.

3 Experiments

3.1 Test data

The ground truth of a summary's quality is hu-
man ratings to it. A model trained (Fig. 1(a)) is
tested (Fig. 1(b)) against human ratings. Three test
datasets are chosen below. Due to the limited num-
ber and sizes of human evaluation datasets, they
are all in the news domain.

TAC2010 (NIST, 2010) is a multi-document
(ten-document) summarization task reporting
both factual and linguistic aspects. We use
 $\sum_{i \in [1..10]} f(d_i, s)$ to approximate the score of the
summary s composed from ten documents d_1 to
 d_{10} . We only use Set A of TAC2010 because Set B
is not for regular summarization.

Newsroom (Grusky et al., 2018) also covers
both factual (in INformativeness and RElevance)
and linguistic (in COherence and FLUency) as-
pects. For human ratings, three human annotators
rate one pair of a document and machine-generated
summary. The mean of their ratings on each aspect
is used in our experiments.

RealSumm (Bhandari et al., 2020) focuses on
only factual coverage. It covers 14 abstractive and
11 extractive summarizers published after 2018 and
conducts human evaluation on the two groups sep-
arately.

Note that we do not and cannot train a model
against the labels in a test set, as mentioned in § 2.1.
If a test set rates on multiple aspects, we do not
train one model for each aspect. Nor do we train
models for individual or a collection of test sets.
We compute correlation coefficients between the
prediction from our model and human ratings on

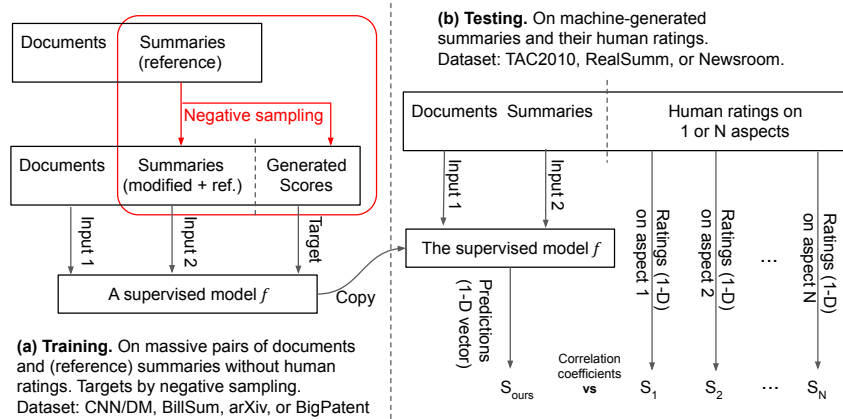


Figure 1: The weakly supervised training approach in this paper and the test of a trained model.

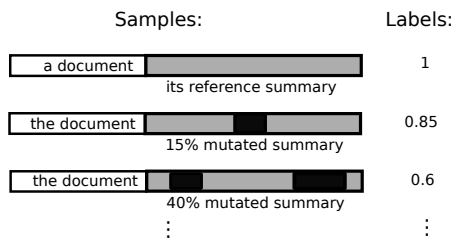


Figure 2: Training sample generation by mutation. Mutated text in dark blocks while original text in the summary in gray blocks. Sizes are out of scale.

each aspect.

3.2 Training data

Three widely used summarization datasets from three different domains are chosen for training: **Billsum** (Kornilova and Eidelman, 2019), **Scientific-Papers/arXiv** (Cohan et al., 2018), and **Big-Patent** (Sharma et al., 2019). Datasets from the news domain are avoided on purpose because the test data is on the news domain. This cross-domain setting allows us to examine whether a model is prone to domain differences. For every positive sample in the training set, i.e., a document and its reference summary, five negative samples are generated.

3.3 Baselines and upper bounds

To fairly compare, four recent metrics: **BLANC** (Vasilyev et al., 2020), **SummaQA** (Scialom et al., 2019), **SUPERT** (Gao et al., 2020) and **LS_Score** (Wu et al., 2020), are used as baselines because like our approach, they do not need a reference summary to judge a machine-generated summary, i.e., reference-free.

Human crafted reference summaries give reference-based metrics advantages. The results

of reference-based metrics are included as soft upper bounds: **ROUGE-1**, **ROUGE-2** and **ROUGE-L** (Lin, 2004), **MoverScore** (Zhao et al., 2019), **BertScore** (Zhang* et al., 2020), **BLEU** (Papineni et al., 2002), **METEOR** (Banerjee and Lavie, 2005), and S^3 (Peyrard et al., 2017).

3.4 Settings

Because the baselines use BERT, we use BERT as well for a fair comparison. Specifically, BERT-base uncased (L=12, H=768) is fine-tuned, with a learning rate of 1e-5, three epochs, and a batch size of 14. The input sequence is limited to 512 tokens using the round robin trimmer. The training loss is MSE as this problem is regression.

3.5 Results

We use the summary-level (Peyrard et al., 2017) meta-evaluation strategy to report an approach’s average correlation with human ratings over summaries. Summary evaluation usually has two types of aspects, contents/facts and linguistics. They are reported separately in Tables 1 and 2. Due to space limit, only the best negative sampling strategy is reported for each aspect group.

On content/fact aspects, the best negative sampling strategy is sentence deletion and our best models outperform baselines on all test datasets. Our approach makes the most improvement over baselines on RealSumm, a dataset much bigger than Newsroom and more modern than TAC2010, and the least improvement on TAC2010, the oldest dataset.

On linguistic aspects, the best negative sampling strategy is word deletion. Here, even our worst model cannot be outperformed by any baseline nor upper bound. As mentioned earlier,

Table 1: Spearman’s correlation on **content/fact** aspects.

Superscripts are ranks per aspect. Abs. and Ext. are two summarizer groups in RealSumm.

		TAC2010 Pyramid	Newsroom INF REL		RealSumm Abs. Ext.	
Our approach (mutated in sentence deletion)	<i>Trained on:</i>					
	Billsum	0.49 ¹	0.70 ²	0.61 ³	0.26	0.01
	Arxiv	0.41	0.69	0.59	0.34 ¹	0.12 ²
	BigPatent	0.42	0.75 ¹	0.65 ¹	0.33 ²	0.13 ¹
Baselines	BLANC-tune	0.43 ³	0.69	0.61 ²	0.31 ³	0.11 ³
	SummaQA-F1	0.30	0.57	0.52	0.22	0.08
	SummaQA-CFD	0.29	0.54	0.44	0.24	0.05
	SUPERT	0.48 ²	0.69 ³	0.60	0.25	0.07
	LS_Score *	N/A	0.70	0.64	N/A	N/A
Upper bounds	R-1	0.56	0.32	0.28	0.63	0.22
	R-2	0.64	0.15	0.13	0.56	0.22
	R-L	0.50	0.30	0.26	0.60	0.21
	MoverScore	0.72	0.22	0.22	0.50	0.19
	BertScore	0.68	0.32	0.28	0.57	0.19
	BLEU	0.60	-0.08	-0.01	0.30	0.16
	METEOR	0.67	0.24	0.24	0.63	0.25
	S3_pyr	0.73	0.27	0.25	0.64	0.24
	S3_resp	0.73	0.25	0.22	0.63	0.24
Our best over baseline best (%)		2.71	8.67	6.40	9.72	16.42
Our average absolute deviation (%)		3.32	2.57	2.21	3.45	5.28

canonical metrics are lexical-based while modern reference-based and reference-free approaches focus on facts. Through mutating reference summaries, our approach can create summaries of different linguistic qualities. Although our approach makes big improvements over baselines on TAC2010 and Newsroom’s FLUency, its edge is smaller on Newsroom’s COHherence. A sentence-level scrambling mutation may improve our approach’s performance on COHherence in the future.

Table 2: Spearman’s correlation on **linguistic** aspects.

Superscripts are ranks in each aspect/column.

		TAC2010 Ling.	Newsroom COH FLU	
Our approach (mutated in word deletion)	<i>Trained on:</i>			
	Billsum	0.46 ¹	0.65 ²	0.65 ²
	ArXiv	0.38 ³	0.67 ¹	0.67 ¹
	BigPatent	0.43 ²	0.62 ³	0.63 ³
Baselines	BLANC-tune	0.29	0.59	0.53
	SummaQA-F1	0.24	0.49	0.47
	SummaQA-CFD	0.15	0.42	0.37
	SUPERT	0.32	0.62 ²	0.54
	LS_Score *	N/A	0.63	0.59
Upper bounds	R-1	0.26	0.23	0.22
	R-2	0.35	0.09	0.10
	R-L	0.18	0.21	0.20
	MoverScore	0.35	0.17	0.14
	BertScore	0.36	0.27	0.24
	BLEU	0.35	-0.06	-0.04
	METEOR	0.34	0.17	0.17
	S3_pyr	0.36	0.19	0.18
	S3_resp	0.36	0.17	0.17
Our best over baseline best (%)		41.92	8.41	25.02
Our average absolute deviation (%)		2.72	1.71	1.74

*LS_Score results are only for Newsroom, which are copied from its paper, as we cannot run their code on other datasets after trying really hard. Several other researchers reported the same issue at <https://github.com/whl97/LS-Score/issues>. It is further excluded from the ranking because it is trained on the same domain as the test domain whereas all other baselines and our models are not.

3.6 Discussions

What is the best mutation? Across datasets, deletion based mutations are most effective. The two kinds of deletions happen to be complementarily effective for two aspect groups: sentence deletion for content/fact aspects vs. word deletion for linguistic aspects. This is an advantage of our approach that *under a uniformed framework, different summary quality aspects can be gauged by designing different negative sampling options.*

The complementariness of sentence deletion and word deletion can be well explained as that removing a sentence from a reference summary reduces a great amount of key information while removing a word from a sentence changes it syntactically. We found that word-level mutations are less useful for content/fact aspects, probably because of the inertia of the context after words are altered.

Which training domain/dataset should I use?

Due to the composition of summarizers and the limited data size in human evaluation, it is very hard to get a consistent ranking of metrics on different datasets (Bhandari et al., 2020). For example, in Table 1, Billsum outperforms all baselines and its peers on TAC2010 but not the case on Newsroom and RealSumm.

Still, the impact of training domain seems manageable. The average absolute deviations across the training datasets/domains are given at the bottom of Tables 1 and 2. They mostly below 3.5%. A qualitative analysis shows that the variation seems more due to the characteristics of the text than the domain. Legislative bills (Billsum) have lots of short, hierarchical clauses and thus differ from common English greatly. Scientific papers have many equations and cross-references. There are also many occurrences of \LaTeX or MathML in ArXiv. On top of that, all our experiments use different training and test domains. Hence we would say that the impact of domain variation is very small.

4 Conclusion

In this paper, we propose a weakly supervised approach to summary quality evaluation. A few negative sampling methods are introduced to make use of the massive, precious human written summaries in summarization datasets. In cross-domain experiments, our approach achieves better performance than baselines, especially on linguistic aspects. We hope this proof-of-concept study can inspire more (semi-)reference-free summary evaluation.

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470 A Dataset statistics

471 For test set:

- 472 • **TAC2010 Guided Summarization Task Set**
- 473 **A** consists of 46 topics, each of which is asso-
- 474 ciated with a set of 10 documents. We evalu-
- 475 ate the metrics over summaries generated by
- 476 43 systems.

- 477 • **Newsroom** contains human-rated summaries
- 478 generated by 7 systems for 60 documents.

- 479 • **RealSumm** sampled 100 documents from the
- 480 CNN/DailyMail test set, and collected human
- 481 ratings for summaries generated by 11 extra-
- 482 ctive systems and 14 abstractive systems.

483 For training set, the numbers of pairs of docu-
 484 ments and reference summaries in the train split
 485 are:

- 486 • **Billsum**: 18,949
- 487 • **Scientific papers-ArXiv**: 203,037
- 488 • **Big-Patent**: 1,207,222

489 For each dataset, we use the entire (except for Big-
 490 Patent, 10% due to its huge size) `train` split in
 491 Google Tensorflow Datasets for training.

492 B Computational environment and cost

493 All experiments were carried out on one RTX3090
 494 GPU installed on a desktop computer. The training
 495 takes about a week for all three training datasets.

496 C Another type of mutation

497 In addition to the three mutation methods men-
 498 tioned already, we have another method called cross-
 499 pairing.

500 Illustrated in Figure 3, it is inspired by the next-
 501 sentence prediction (NSP) task in original BERT
 502 training. Given a document and its reference sum-
 503 mary, we create negative data by pairing the docu-
 504 ment with reference summaries of other documents.
 505 We assign the label 0 to a mismatching document-
 506 summary pair, and the label 1 to any original pair
 507 of a document and its reference summary.

508 D Complete empirical results

509 Due to space limit, we were only able to present the
 510 result of the best mutation method in § 3.5. Here
 511 we present the complete results of all mutation
 512 methods:

Document	Summary	Label
Doc 5	Summary 5	1
Doc 5	Summary 10	0
Doc 5	Summary 81	0
Doc 7	Summary 7	1
Doc 7	Summary 19	0
Doc 7	Summary 45	0
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Figure 3: Training sample generation via cross pairing.

- 513 • **Content/fact aspects:**

- 514 – Spearman’s in Table 3
- 515 – Pearson’s in Table 5

- 516 • **Linguistic aspects:**

- 517 – Spearman’s in Table 4
- 518 – Pearson’s in Table 6

519 Pearson’s for `LS_Score` is unable to be produced
 520 due to reasons explained in the footnote on page 4.

Table 3: Full results for Spearman’s correlation on con-
 tent/fact aspects.

	Neg. sampling	Training set	TAC2010	Newsroom	RealSumm		
			Pyramid	INF	REL	Abs	Ext
crosspair	Billsum	0.38	0.50	0.49	-0.06	-0.05	
	ArXiv	0.37	0.57	0.55	-0.06	-0.08	
	BigPatent	0.33	0.56	0.57	-0.06	-0.05	
sentence-replace	Billsum	0.44	0.47	0.42	0.04	-0.08	
	ArXiv	0.35	0.55	0.49	0.19	0.03	
	BigPatent	0.39	0.49	0.46	-0.08	-0.04	
Our approach	word-add	Billsum	0.21	0.60	0.56	0.06	-0.01
		ArXiv	0.10	0.66	0.58	0.20	-0.01
		BigPatent	0.20	0.63	0.59	0.14	-0.02
word-delete	Billsum	0.27	0.64	0.61	0.12	0.02	
	ArXiv	0.23	0.62	0.59	0.17	0.01	
	BigPatent	0.28	0.59	0.60	0.10	0.01	
word-replace	Billsum	0.25	0.66	0.60	0.10	-0.03	
	ArXiv	0.08	0.65	0.57	0.15	-0.02	
	BigPatent	0.25	0.63	0.62	0.07	-0.06	
sentence-delete	Billsum	0.49	0.70	0.61	0.26	0.01	
	ArXiv	0.41	0.69	0.59	0.34	0.12	
	BigPatent	0.42	0.75	0.65	0.33	0.13	
Baselines	BLANC-tune	0.43	0.69	0.61	0.31	0.11	
	SummaQA-F1	0.30	0.57	0.52	0.22	0.08	
	SummaQA-CFD	0.29	0.54	0.44	0.24	0.05	
	SUPERT	0.48	0.69	0.60	0.25	0.07	
	LS_Score *	N/A	0.70	0.64	N/A	N/A	
Upper bounds	R-1	0.56	0.32	0.28	0.63	0.22	
	R-2	0.64	0.15	0.13	0.56	0.22	
	R-L	0.50	0.30	0.26	0.60	0.21	
	MoverScore	0.72	0.22	0.22	0.50	0.19	
	BertScore	0.68	0.32	0.28	0.57	0.19	
	BLEU	0.60	-0.08	-0.01	0.30	0.16	
	METEOR	0.67	0.24	0.24	0.63	0.25	
	S3_pyr	0.73	0.27	0.25	0.64	0.24	
	S3_resp	0.73	0.25	0.22	0.63	0.24	
Our best over baseline best (%)			-8.47	-4.63	2.14	-35.93	-76.38
Our average absolute deviation (%)	crosspair	2.02	2.75	3.00	0.00	1.02	
	sentence-delete	3.32	2.57	2.21	3.45	5.28	
	sentence-replace	2.99	3.34	2.57	9.28	3.92	
	word-add	4.64	1.87	1.03	5.01	0.37	
	word-delete	1.96	1.79	0.82	2.55	0.44	
word-replace	7.59	1.11	1.73	2.60	1.96		

Table 4: Full results for Spearman’s correlation on linguistic aspects.

	Neg. sampling	Training set	TAC2010	Newsroom	
			Linguistic	COH	FLU
Our approach	crosspair	Billsum	0.29	0.43	0.39
		ArXiv	0.28	0.48	0.42
		BigPatent	0.28	0.48	0.42
	sentence-delete	Billsum	0.33	0.59	0.53
		ArXiv	0.32	0.53	0.46
		BigPatent	0.30	0.62	0.54
	sentence-replace	Billsum	0.39	0.45	0.42
		ArXiv	0.27	0.50	0.43
		BigPatent	0.38	0.41	0.31
	word-add	Billsum	0.31	0.55	0.53
		ArXiv	0.16	0.55	0.48
		BigPatent	0.19	0.51	0.48
	word-replace	Billsum	0.33	0.60	0.57
		ArXiv	0.07	0.54	0.49
		BigPatent	0.24	0.54	0.46
	word-delete	Billsum	0.46	0.65	0.65
		ArXiv	0.38	0.67	0.67
		BigPatent	0.43	0.62	0.63
	Baselines	BLANC-tune	0.29	0.59	0.53
		SummaQA-F1	0.24	0.49	0.47
		SummaQA-CFD	0.15	0.42	0.37
		SUPERT	0.32	0.62	0.54
		LS_Score *	N/A	0.63	0.59
	Upper bounds	R-1	0.26	0.23	0.22
R-2		0.35	0.09	0.10	
R-L		0.18	0.21	0.20	
MoverScore		0.35	0.17	0.14	
BertScore		0.36	0.27	0.24	
BLEU		0.35	-0.06	-0.04	
METEOR		0.34	0.17	0.17	
S3_pyr		0.36	0.19	0.18	
S3_resp		0.36	0.17	0.17	
Our best over baseline best (%)			19.17	-0.28	5.49
Our average absolute deviation (%)	crosspair	0.29	2.00	1.50	
	sentence-delete	1.15	3.10	3.17	
	sentence-replace	4.97	3.05	5.05	
	word-add	6.01	1.62	2.38	
	word-delete	2.72	1.71	1.74	
	word-replace	9.28	2.56	4.23	

Table 5: Full results for Pearson’s correlation on content/fact aspects.

	Negative sampling	Training set	TAC2010	Newsroom		RealSumm	
			Pyramid	INF	REL	Abs	Ext
Our approach	crosspair	Billsum	0.44	0.63	0.66	-0.07	-0.05
		ArXiv	0.45	0.62	0.65	-0.07	-0.07
		BigPatent	0.39	0.63	0.68	-0.07	-0.05
	sentence-replace	Billsum	0.48	0.64	0.67	0.04	-0.09
		ArXiv	0.24	0.56	0.58	0.07	0.05
		BigPatent	0.41	0.59	0.61	-0.07	-0.04
	word-add	Billsum	0.34	0.70	0.72	0.08	0.00
		ArXiv	0.30	0.67	0.69	0.19	-0.01
		BigPatent	0.26	0.64	0.68	0.14	-0.02
	word-delete	Billsum	0.39	0.76	0.78	0.12	0.05
		ArXiv	0.39	0.68	0.70	0.18	0.03
		BigPatent	0.38	0.71	0.74	0.13	0.01
	word-replace	Billsum	0.35	0.72	0.76	0.09	-0.04
		ArXiv	0.29	0.67	0.70	0.12	0.00
		BigPatent	0.29	0.66	0.71	0.08	-0.04
	sentence-delete	Billsum	0.55	0.75	0.74	0.26	0.06
		ArXiv	0.47	0.69	0.61	0.34	0.11
		BigPatent	0.50	0.79	0.72	0.35	0.16
	Baselines	Blanc-tune	0.51	0.73	0.68	0.33	0.13
		summaQA-F1	0.34	0.59	0.55	0.21	0.09
		SummaQA-CFD	0.33	0.60	0.52	0.25	0.06
		Supert	0.55	0.77	0.77	0.27	0.09
		Upper bounds	R-1	0.55	0.26	0.25	0.66
	R-2		0.69	0.03	0.03	0.59	0.24
R-L	0.48		0.14	0.13	0.62	0.25	
MoverScore	0.68		0.06	0.09	0.51	0.20	
BertScore	0.65		0.29	0.28	0.61	0.24	
BLEU	0.62		-0.14	-0.10	0.32	0.15	
METEOR	0.71		0.08	0.09	0.67	0.28	
S3_pyr	0.76		0.11	0.10	0.67	0.28	
S3_resp	0.76		0.04	0.04	0.65	0.28	
Our best over baseline best (%)			0.15	2.75	1.37	7.12	28.53
Our average absolute deviation (%)	crosspair	2.41	0.42	1.02	0.00	0.97	
	sentence-delete	2.85	3.53	5.27	3.68	3.68	
	sentence-replace	9.43	2.74	3.43	5.65	5.04	
	word-add	2.74	1.92	1.75	3.80	0.57	
	word-delete	0.42	2.78	2.97	2.35	1.25	
	word-replace	2.85	2.49	2.57	1.74	1.46	

Table 6: Full results for Pearson’s correlation on linguistic aspects.

		TAC2010	Newsroom		
Negative sampling Training set		Linguistic	COH	FLU	
Our Approach	crosspair	Billsum	0.39	0.52	0.46
		ArXiv	0.39	0.50	0.44
		BigPatent	0.40	0.51	0.44
	sentence-delete	Billsum	0.48	0.61	0.55
		ArXiv	0.39	0.56	0.50
		BigPatent	0.43	0.65	0.57
	sentence-replace	Billsum	0.43	0.52	0.44
		ArXiv	0.21	0.48	0.42
		BigPatent	0.39	0.45	0.38
	word-add	Billsum	0.45	0.60	0.56
		ArXiv	0.35	0.56	0.52
		BigPatent	0.32	0.52	0.46
	word-replace	Billsum	0.47	0.61	0.58
		ArXiv	0.35	0.56	0.53
		BigPatent	0.33	0.53	0.48
	word-delete	Billsum	0.56	0.69	0.67
		ArXiv	0.51	0.67	0.66
		BigPatent	0.49	0.66	0.64
Baselines	Blanc-tune	0.42	0.62	0.59	
	summaQA-F1	0.29	0.51	0.47	
	SummaQA-CFD	0.21	0.48	0.43	
	Supert	0.46	0.65	0.58	
Upper bounds	R-1	0.27	0.17	0.14	
	R-2	0.40	-0.02	-0.02	
	R-L	0.18	0.07	0.06	
	MoverScore	0.43	0.02	0.00	
	BertScore	0.50	0.21	0.17	
	BLEU	0.36	-0.14	-0.12	
	METEOR	0.46	0.03	0.02	
	S3_pyr	0.45	0.04	0.03	
S3_resp	0.44	-0.01	-0.02		
Our best over baseline best (%)		21.28	6.71	13.50	
Our average absolute deviation (%)	crosspair	0.43	0.64	0.93	
	sentence-delete	3.01	3.20	2.65	
	sentence-replace	8.89	2.51	2.39	
	word-add	5.29	2.86	3.35	
	word-delete	2.56	1.27	0.98	
	word-replace	6.02	2.88	3.25	