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Natural Language Processing in the Legal Domain

We summarize the current state of the field of NLP and Law with a specific focus on recent technical and substantive developments. To support our analysis, we construct and analyze a corpus of more than six hundred NLP and Law related papers published over 10 years. Our analysis highlights several major trends. Namely, an increasing number of papers written, tasks undertaken, and languages covered over the course of the past decade. We observe an increase in the sophistication of the methods which researchers deployed in this applied context. Legal NLP is beginning to match the methodological sophistication of general NLP. However, many questions in both the academic and commercial sphere remain open making Law an interesting domain for NLP research.

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