



Information Extraction

Lecture 3: Disambiguation & Instance Extraction

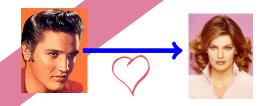
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Is-A Extraction







Entity Disambiguation



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Overview

- Evaluation
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Def: Gold Standard

The gold standard (also: ground truth) for an IE task is the set of desired results of the task on a given corpus.

E.g., for NER:

The set of names that we wish to extract from a given corpus.

Example: Gold Standard

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Precision: 3/4=75%

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Precision: 3/5=60%

Recall: 3/3=100%

Gold Standard: {Homer Simpson, Bart Simpson, Lisa Simpson}

Algorithm 3: "Homer Simpson"

Output: {Homer Simpson}

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Precision: 1/1=100%

Recall: 1/4=25%

Precision & Recall Trade-Off

Algorithm 1: [A-Z][a-z]+ Simpson

Finds all Simpsons, but also one bad name

High Recall, Low Precision

Algorithm 3: Homer Simpson

Finds only one Simpson,

but this one is correct.

High Precision, Low Recall

Def:Precision & Recall Trade-Off

Explorative algorithms

Extract the gold standard, but also some bad items.

High Recall, Low Precision

Conservative algorithms

Extract only few items, but these are correct.

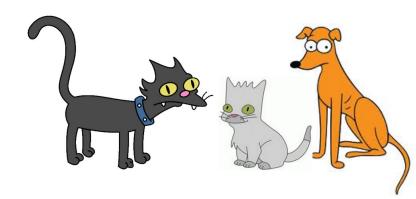
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Task: Precision & Recall

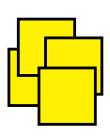
- What is the algorithm output, the gold standard, the precision and the recall in the following cases?
- 1. Nostradamus predicts a trip to the moon for every century from the 15th to the 20th incl.
- 2. The weather forecast predicts that the next 3 days will be sunny. It does not say anything about the 2 days that follow. In reality, it is sunny during all 5 days.
- 3.On Elvis Radio [™], 90% of the songs are by Elvis. An algorithm learns to detect Elvis songs. Out of 100 songs on Elvis Radio, the algorithm says that 20 are by Elvis (and says nothing about the other 80). Out of these 20 songs, 15 were by Elvis and 5 were not.
 - 4. How can you improve the algorithm?

How not to design an IE algorithm

Task: Find Simpson pets

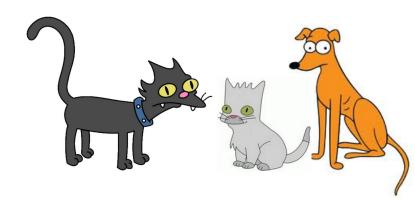


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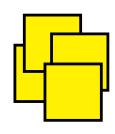


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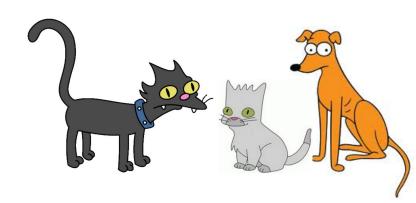
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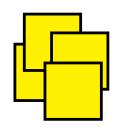
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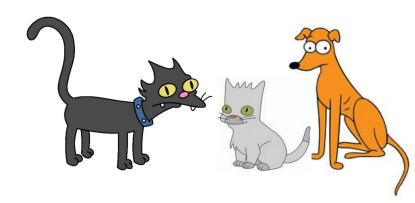
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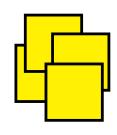
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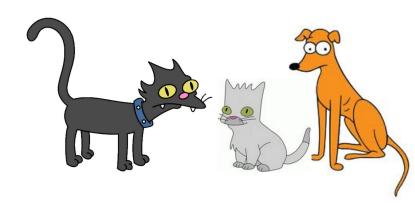


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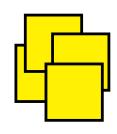


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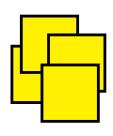
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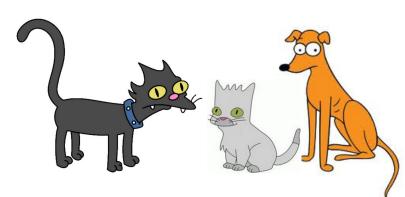


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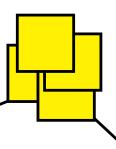
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Is this algorithm good?

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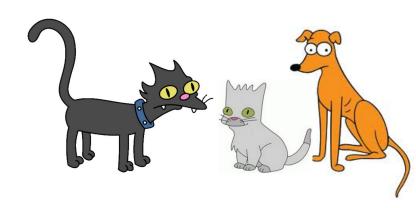


Take only a sample of the corpus

Lisa decides to play music on her saxophone for Coltrane, but the noise frightens him and he commits suicide.

As Gil swerves to avoid hitting Snowball V, his car hits a tree and bursts into flames. Since the cat is unhurt, Lisa takes it as a sign of good luck and adopts her. [...]

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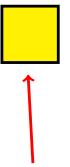
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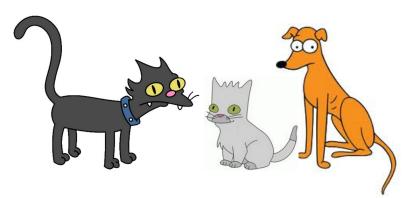
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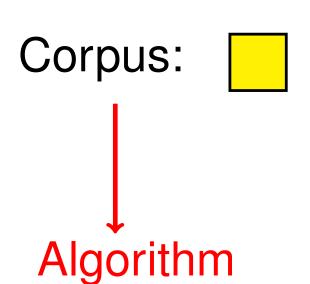
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Manually make a gold standard

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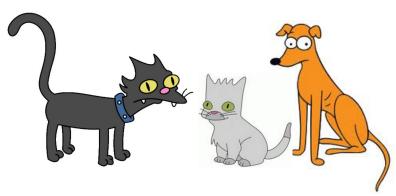


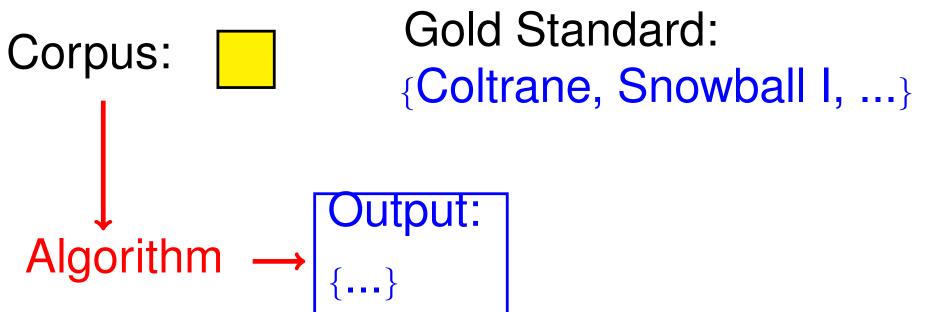


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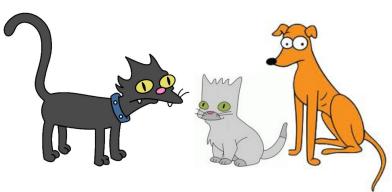
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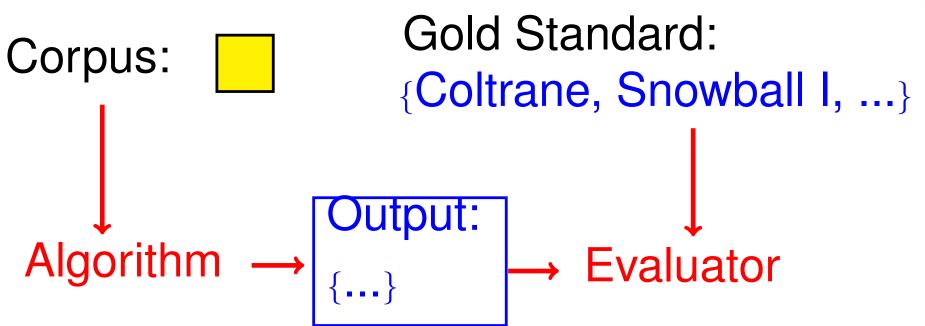
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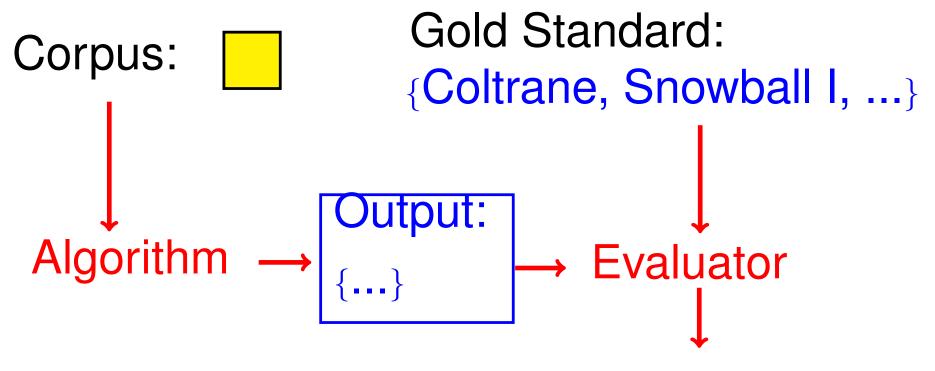
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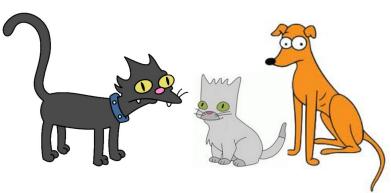
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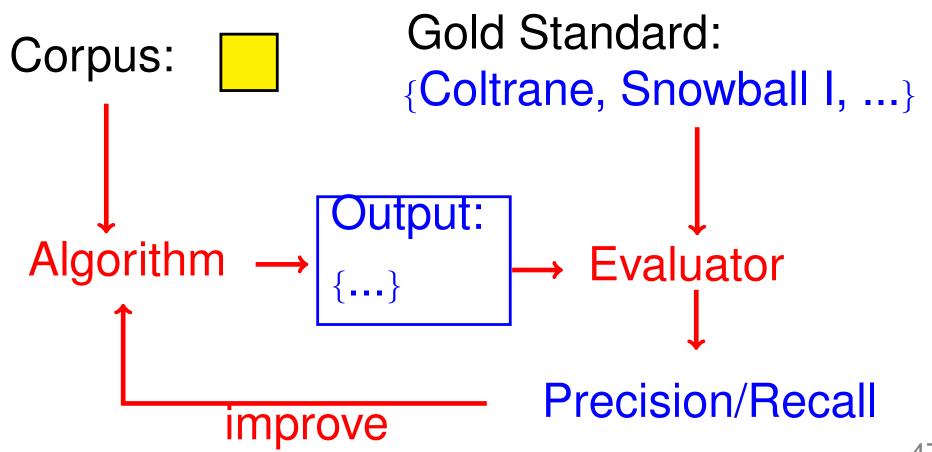




Precision/Recall

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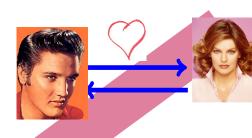


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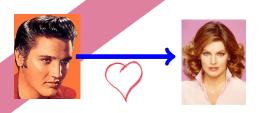
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Fact Extraction



Instance Extraction

You are still here



singer



Entity Disambiguation



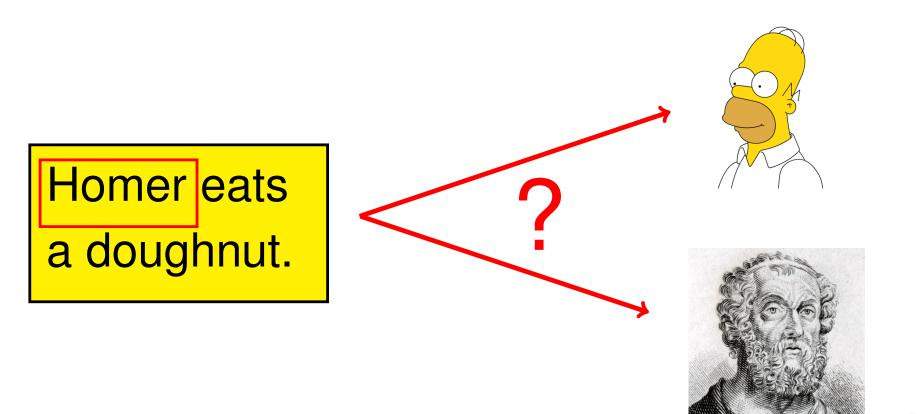
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Def: Disambiguation

Given an ambiguous name in a corpus and its meanings, disambiguation is the task of determining the intended meaning.



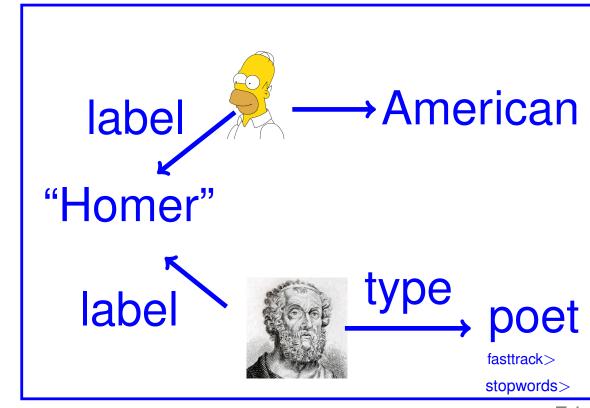
Disambiguation Setting

Usually NER runs first, and the goal is to map the names to entities in a KB.

Knowledge Base

NER'ed corpus

Homer eats a doughnut.



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Usually all words except nouns, adjectives, and verbs are stopwords. Auxiliary verbs are stopwords. Example

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Result!

Task: Stopwords

Remove the stopwords from the following sentences.

Don't come here!
Homer was hit by Marge.
Homer ate a few doughnuts.

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Homer hit Marge.
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(These are fun examples where the meaning of the sentence changes.
Usually, applications assume that the meaning of the sentence stay the same.)

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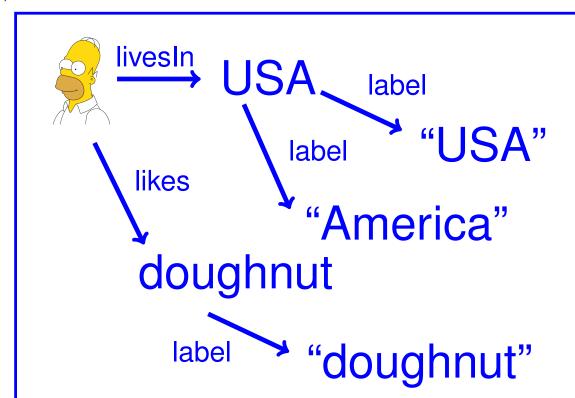
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Context of "Homer": {eats, doughnut}

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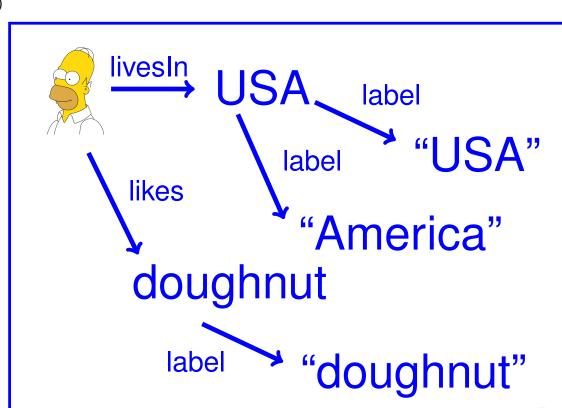


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Context
of Homer:
{doughnut,
USA,America}



Def: Context-based disambiguation

Context-based disambiguation (also: bag of words disambiguation) maps a name in a corpus to the entity in the KB whose context has the highest overlap to the context of the name.

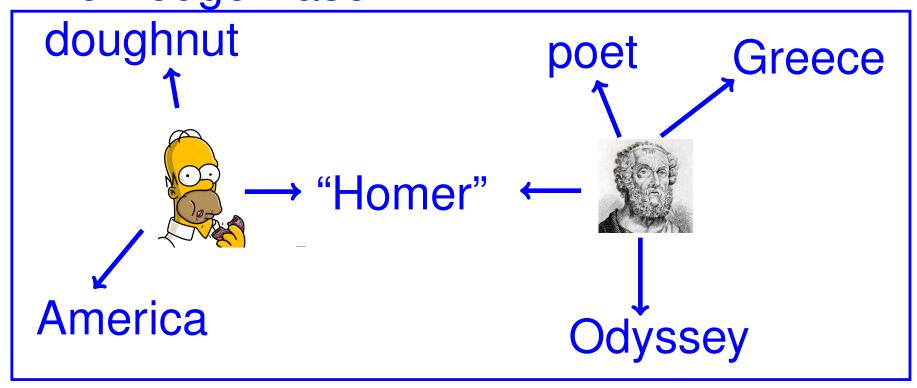
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Context of "Homer" in corpus: {USA, Today, top, influential, people, past, years}

Knowledge Base



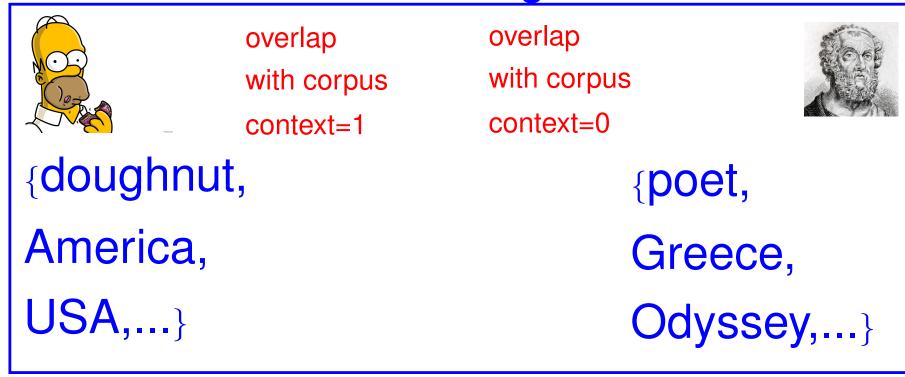
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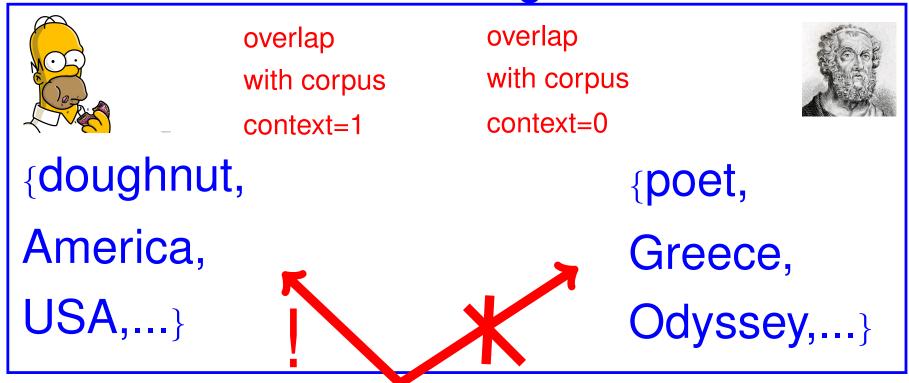
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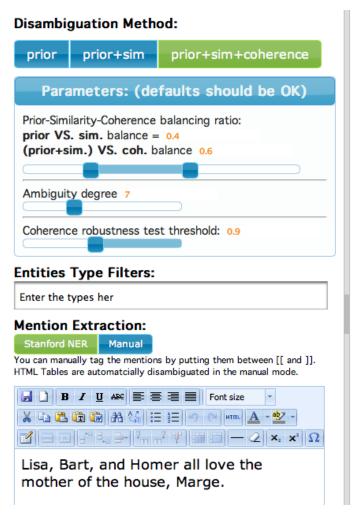
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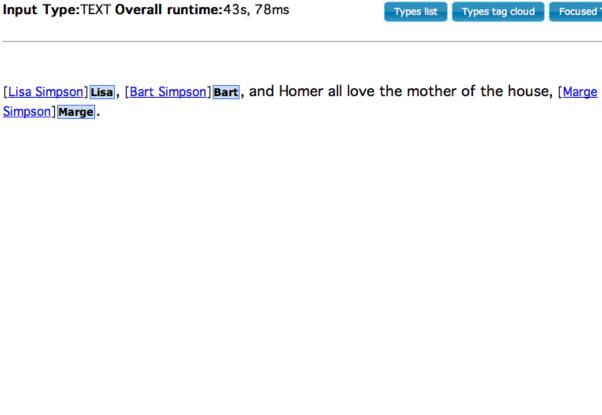
Example: Disambiguation by AIDA AIDA is a system for the disambiguation of entity names, based on YAGO.



Try it out

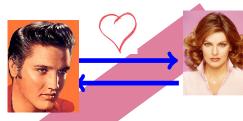
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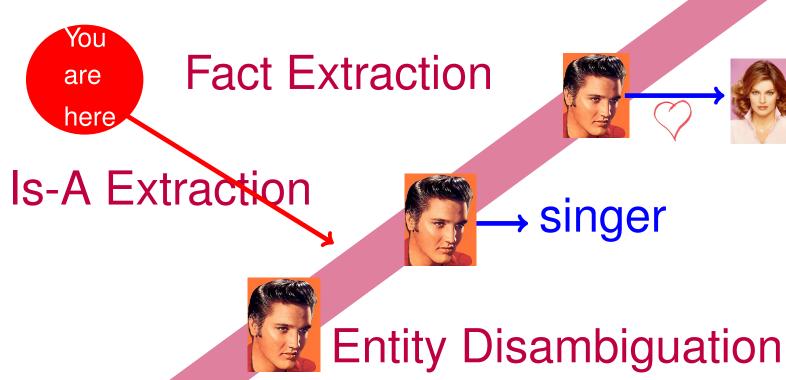




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is-a("girl", "person")
is-a("Jaguar", "car brand")
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Task: Is-A Which of the following are true?

- 1. is-a("Lisa", "girl")
- 2. is-a("Homer", "person")
- 3. is-a("Homer", "Marge")
- 4. is-a("Homer", "poet")
- 5. is-a("poet", "person")
- 6. is-a("person", "poet")
- 7. is-a("person", "Homer")
- 8. is-a("tree", "data structure")
- 9. is-a("tree", "plant")

(i.e., are in the KB made

from reality plus the facts from The

from The Simpsons) Is-A needs disambiguation
An is-a fact holds between words,
not between entities.

is-a("Jaguar", "car brand")

Disambiguation

type(JaguarBrand, carBrand)

Is-A Extraction

Is-A Extraction is the task of extracting

Is-A facts from a corpus.

(Different from NEA, the class names are not given upfront.)

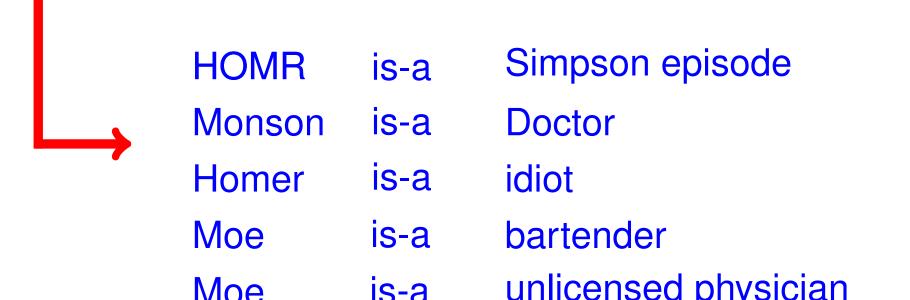


Example: Instance Extraction

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Def: Hearst Patterns A Hearst pattern is a simple textual pattern that indicates an is-a fact.

"Y such as X"

An idiot such as Homer.



is-a("Homer", "idiot")

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...many activists, such as Lisa...

...some animals, such as dogs...

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=> Hearst patterns have to be combined with NER and disambiguation to yield entity facts.

Def: Classical Hearst Patterns

The classical Hearst Patterns are

Y such as X+

such Y as X+

X+ and other Y

Y including X+

Y, especially X+

These imply is-a(X[i],Y).

...where X+ is a list of names of the form X[1],...,X[n-1] (and|or)? X[n].

(In the original paper, the X[i] are noun phrases)



Task: Classical Hearst Patterns

Apply

- 1. Y such as X+
- 2. such Y as X+
- 3. X+ and other Y
- 4. Y including X+
- 5. Y, especially X+

(you should know these)

I lived in such countries as Germany, France, and Saarland.

He wrote about fictional entities such as Homer, Lisa, and Bielefeld.

The election was won by two clowns, including Grillo.

I love people that are not genies, especially Homer.

Example: Hearst on the Web

"cities such as"

Web

Images

Maps

Shopping

More -

Search tools

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These 12 Hellholes Are Examples Of What The Rest Of America Wi...

theeconomiccollapseblog.com/.../these-12-hellholes-are-examples-of-wh...

Jul 15, 2012 – The reality is that most of the country has been experiencing a slow decline for a very long time and once thriving cities such as Gary, Indiana ...

City - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City *

Every city expansion would imply a new circle (canals together with town walls). In cities such as Amsterdam, Haarlem, and also Moscow, this pattern is still ...

Def: Set Expansion

Set Expansion is the task of, given names of instances of a class ("seeds"), extracting more such instance names from a corpus.

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Precision may suffer over time

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Semantic Drift may occur

Summary: Set Expansion Set Expansion extends a set of instance names. We saw 2 methods:

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Summary: Is-A Extraction

Is-a finds names of instance/class or subclass/superclass pairs.

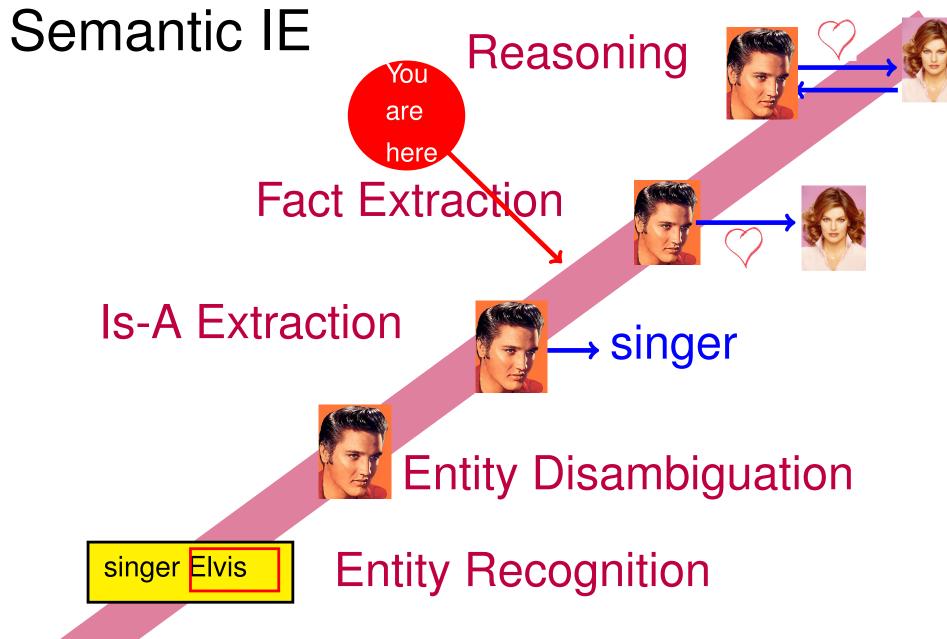
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1. Hearst Patterns

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2. Set Expansion

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