

APODICTUS

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¹Automatic Prioritization of Dictionary
Update Candidates

²Usage Retrieval for Dictionary Headwords
with Applications in Unknown Sense Detection

³Sense Definition Generation
and how it can improve WSD

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Project Introduction

- **Motivation/Background**

- Language constantly changes

⇒ Need to identify new senses and update dictionary

- Oxford English Dictionary maintains internal database LEMUR with sense proposals
 - Editors score sense proposals manually

- **Aim of our project**

- Automate scoring process

Project Overview

3 Main Parts:

1. Usage Retrieval from the NOW corpus
2. Find evidence of sense proposals in usages and assign prioritization scores
3. Sense Definition Generation for unrecorded senses

Automatic Prioritization Of DICTIONary Update candidateS

Task

- **Input**

- LEMUR database L containing sense proposals $s_p \in L$
- Set of Usages U of sense proposal target words
- Dictionary D containing senses $s \in D$

- **Output**

- Prioritization scores $p(s_p)$ for each sense proposal s_p , based on evidence found in U

Data: Dictionaries

- 1300 LEMUR sense proposals

| sense_id | lemma | gloss |
|------------|-------|--|
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Table: LEMUR sense proposal for “spam”

- ODE dictionary entries associated with LEMUR sense proposals

| sense_id | lemma | gloss |
|----------|-------|---|
| spam_006 | spam | irrelevant or unsolicited messages sent over the internet, typically to a large number of users, for the purposes of advertising, phishing, spreading malware, etc. |
| spam_009 | spam | a tinned meat product made mainly from ham |
| spam_013 | spam | send the same message indiscriminately to (a large number of internet users) |

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Data: Usages

- Usages of sense proposal words

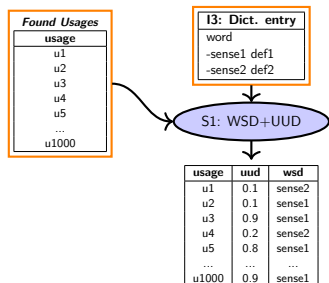
| identifier | lemma | usage |
|------------|-------|--|
| NOW-17060 | spam | In dramatic sequences, God of War might ask the player to spam "X" or twirl the control sticks to mimic the action happening on screen |
| NOW-18010 | spam | Spam , trout, fried chicken, moon pies and anything slathered in mayonnaise – those are some of the flavors of South Korea's home cooking that might seem just a bit familiar to the U.S. |
| NOW-17061 | spam | For big, elaborate boss battles, Barlog said, players can expect the "Track and Field" design, referring to the classic NES game in which players quickly spammed buttons to create a feeling of physical exertion |

[Table](#): Example usages for target word "spam".

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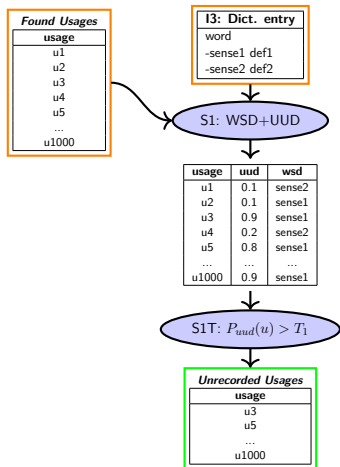
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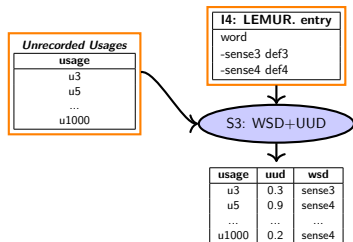


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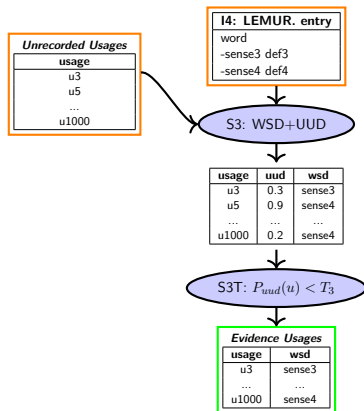
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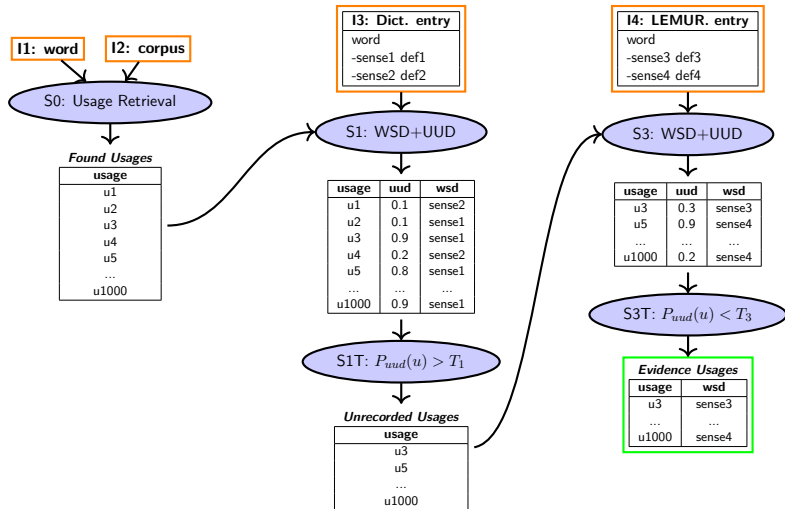
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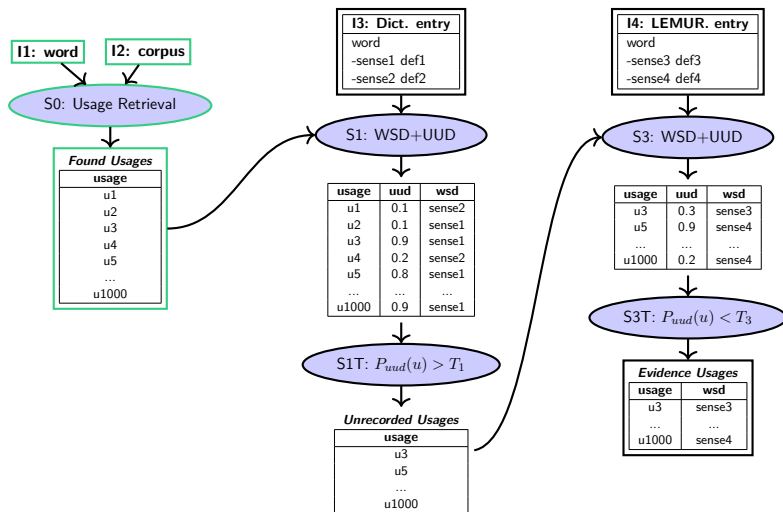


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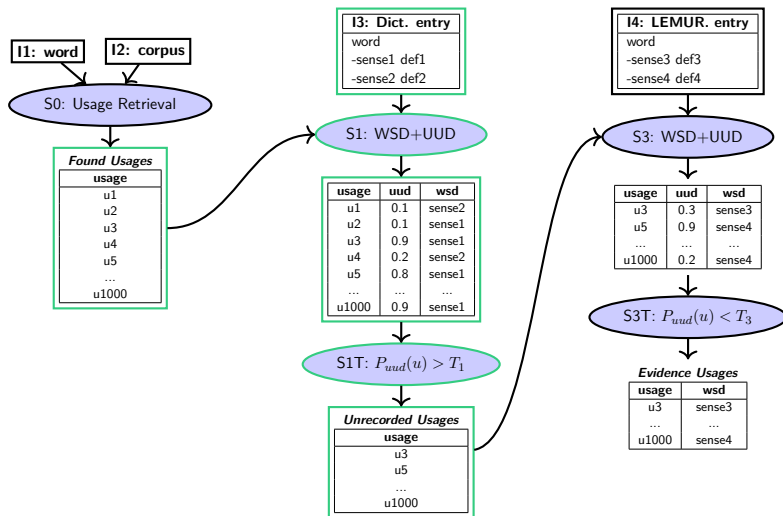
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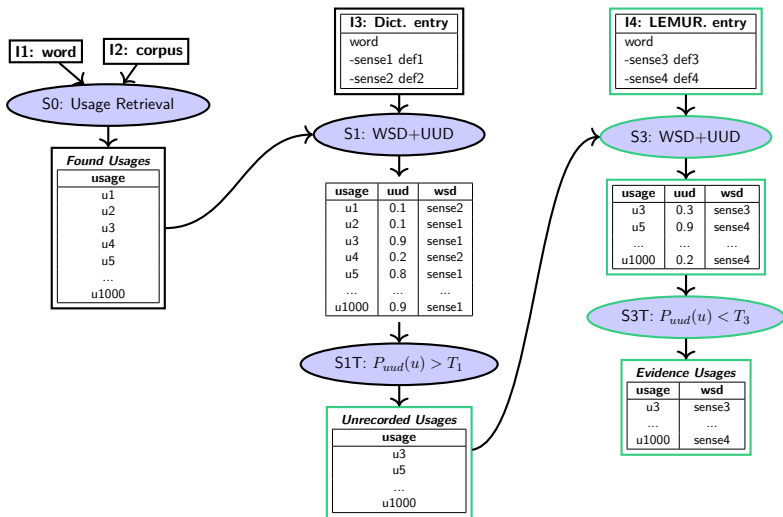
S0: Usage Extraction



S1: Filter Recorded Usages



S3: Find LEMUR evidence



Model: Output

| lemma | sense_id | total_usages | evidence_count | evidence_ratio | gloss | source |
|-------|------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------|----------|
| spam | LMR2-81764 | 7244 | 15 | 0.0021 | ... | LEMUR100 |

Table: evidence.tsv file containing results per sense

- **total_usages** = Total number of given usages for the target word
- **evidence_count** = Number of usages assigned to this LEMUR sense proposal
- **evidence_ratio** = $\frac{\text{evidence_count}}{\text{total_usages}}$

Outlier2Cluster

- Method proposed by Kokosinskii et al.^[1]
- Originally designed for Shared Task involving Semantic Change Detection ^[2]
- Adapted to our task using a wrapper
- **How it works:**
 - Creates embedding vectors for glosses and usages
 - WSD: Assign to each usage the most suitable sense (dot product)
 - UUD: Given the usage and the most suitable sense calculate outlier probability (logistic regression function)
 - Apply threshold

Outlier2Cluster

Logistic Regression Classifier weights : **own_weights**

- Trained on 100 annotated usages
- 2 words, 50 usages each

Full Pipeline Run

| Parameter | Value |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sense Proposals | All 1300 LEMUR sense proposals |
| Threshold S1 | 0.19 |
| Threshold S3 | 0.4 |
| Max usages per word | 10,000 |
| NSD classifier | own_weights |

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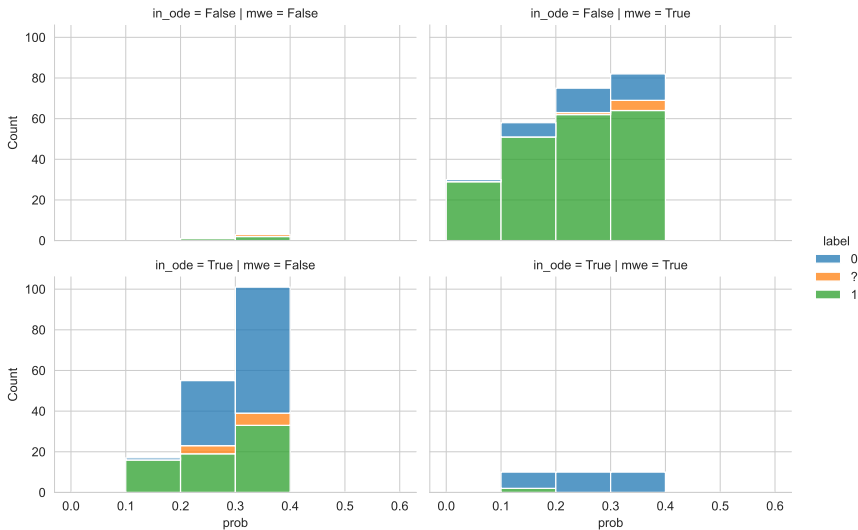
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Error Analysis

Impact of Error Types

| Error Type | Affected Usages | Affected Senses |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| All Errors (False Positives) | 156 | 19 |
| Loose Lexical or Semantic Overlap | 61 (39.1%) | 15 |
| POS Mismatch | 19 (12.2%) | 6 |
| Corpus Artifacts and Corruption | 18 (11.5%) | 9 |
| Problematic Definition | – | 6 |

Table: Short LEMUR definition examples

Error Analysis

1. Loose Topical or Lexical Overlap

The Perseids @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ behind by the comet Tuttle-Swift on its elongated, 133-year orbit around the Sun. Each meteor is a piece of broken-off comet, which explodes as it hits Earth's atmosphere. Within the broad belt of debris there are also denser dust ribbons created when the comet passes closest to the Sun in its orbit – a juncture called perihelion. This year, Earth is on a collision course with three of the most heavily populated of these trails – created in the years 1862, 1737 and 1479. - 'Kamikaze run' - "The meteors you'll see this year are from comet flybys that occurred hundreds if not thousands of years ago," NASA meteoroid expert Bill Cooke said in a statement. "And they've travelled billions of miles before their kamikaze run into Earth's atmosphere." However, there is no risk to our planet. In fact, astronomers' main concern is the weather, with cloud cover predicted for parts of Europe. There @ @ @ @ @ @ @.

| Word | Gloss |
|-------------|---------|
| dust ribbon | weather |

Table: LEMUR entry

Error Analysis

2. POS mismatch

... Musk carried a **sink into** Twitter's office. ...

| Word | PoS | Gloss |
|-----------|-----------------|---|
| sink into | phrasal verb | intr. To put one's hand into (a pocket) |

Table: LEMUR entry

Error Analysis

3. Corpus artifacts and corruption near target word

... What does the shortage of @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ billion promo industry? MV- I think what I am saying is ...

With the approval, Nigeria has 173 universities, out of which 79 of them are private. 2
COMMENTS 2019 Promo Are you into molding, building, and construction this is to inform the general public that individual can now order DangoteCement directly from the factory at a reduce price of ...

... to wipe out malaria in Kenya. ADVERTISEMENT ADVERTISEMENT Currently, the world is largely embroiled in one of the greatest health emergencies ...

Error Analysis

4. Problematic LEMUR Definitions

| word | definition | problematic characteristic |
|------------------------|---|--|
| dust ribbon sticker | weather A person who posts bills, posters, etc.; = STICKER-UP n. \\Cf. 'bill sticker' 'advertisement sticker' | short and general noisy, special characters |

Table: Problematic definitions

Development set Dev3

Sample from full pipeline run data:

- Sample 50 In-ODE and 50 Out-of-ODE words
- From extracted usages sample up to 30 for Out-of-ODE words
- From extracted usages sample up to 100 for in-ODE words

Development set Dev3

- Annotate 24 in-ODE and 24 out-of-ODE words
- 2 external annotators, both native english speakers

| Case | Example |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Dictionary sense | sense_id = 2 or sense_id = 2,4,3 |
| New unrecorded sense | sense_id = -1 |
| Corrupted usage | sense_id = x |
| Annotator uncertain | sense_id = 0 |

Table: Annotation instructions

Development set Dev3

| Metric | Value |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Total Usages | 2746 |
| In-ODE Usages | 2177 |
| Out-of-ODE Usages | 569 |
| LEMUR sense Usages | 375 |
| LEMUR sense Usages In-ODE | 70 |
| LEMUR sense Usages Out-of-ODE | 305 |

Table: Basic analysis of annotations.

Development set Dev3: Annotation Agreement

- Based on 100 common annotated usages.
- Annotator 1,2: main annotators (external)
- Annotator 3: Only for Agreement (internal)

| Cohen's κ | Annotator 2 | Annotator 3 |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Annotator 1 | $\kappa_l = 0.978$ | $\kappa_l = 0.894$ |
| Annotator 2 | | $\kappa_l = 0.916$ |

| Krippendorff's α | Value |
|-------------------------|-------|
| α_l | 0.721 |

- α_l, κ_l : LEMUR usage Y/N

Precision and Recall (In-ODE=False)

| LEMUR Sense | lemma | Total LEMUR Senses | Predicted LEMUR Senses | Correct LEMUR Senses | Precision | Recall | In-ODE |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| LMR2-65777 | kanafeh | 30 | 15 | 15 | 1.0 | 0.5 | False |
| LMR2-81261 | to thread the needle | 14 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | False |
| LMR2-49106 | acker | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | False |
| LMR2-61766 | air tanker | 27 | 11 | 11 | 1.0 | 0.41 | False |
| LMR2-76433 | drinking culture | 30 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0.03 | False |
| LMR2-47292 | gold flake | 6 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | False |
| LMR2-67070 | blanket-like | 28 | 8 | 8 | 1.0 | 0.29 | False |
| LMR2-76273 | beer feast | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | False |
| LMR2-56162 | capture-the-flag | 19 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | False |
| LMR2-74873 | chairing | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | False |
| LMR2-60257 | Willmore conjecture | 1 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | False |
| LMR2-66184 | directedness | 30 | 6 | 6 | 1.0 | 0.2 | False |
| LMR2-81027 | superheroic | 29 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | False |
| LMR2-79454 | gravity bong | 30 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | False |
| LMR2-696 | blue light special | 6 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | False |
| LMR2-73446 | Occidentalism | 18 | 23 | 15 | 0.65 | 0.83 | False |
| LMR2-15173 | speciality rule | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | False |
| LMR2-33387 | Netflix and chill | 5 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | False |
| LMR2-50373 | dog-hole | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | False |
| LMR2-63695 | empanadilla | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0.06 | False |
| LMR2-66010 | metrophobia | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | False |
| LMR2-10869 | unmixing | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0.25 | 0.2 | False |
| LMR2-35196 | sideway | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | False |
| LMR2-70721 | fried slice | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.12 | False |

Precision and Recall (In-ODE=True)

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|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| LMR2-42417 | adoptive | 7 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | True |
| LMR2-78835 | prefill | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | True |
| LMR2-53661 | booby | 47 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0.02 | True |
| LMR2-49027 | hale | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-82760 | drinker | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-45671 | funk | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-64260 | buckshee | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-65520 | fastball | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0.0 | - | True |
| LMR2-48282 | ballroom | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | True |
| LMR2-50622 | VOC | 2 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | True |
| LMR2-48150 | atom | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-64577 | beast | 1 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-25261 | bump | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-25264 | bump | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-11484 | large | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-66285 | flow | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-65107 | hammer | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-44981 | Titan | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-13442 | versatile | 1 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-75467 | craven | 4 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | True |
| LMR2-61201 | dog biscuit | 2 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.0 | True |
| LMR2-58873 | annunciate | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-54840 | anchor | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |
| LMR2-76326 | choral | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | True |

Precision and Recall

| Setting | Precision | Recall |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|
| Regular | 0.7045 | 0.1653 |
| Regular (In-ODE = Y) | 0.0667 | 0.143 |
| Regular (In-ODE = N) | 0.8356 | 0.2 |
| Macro | 0.6716 | 0.1466 |
| Macro (In-ODE = Y) | 0.25 | 0.003 |
| Macro (In-ODE = N) | 0.8402 | 0.2024 |

- ⇒ Promising results but room for improvement
- ⇒ Out-of-ODE performance: good
- ⇒ In-ODE performance: unreliable

Hyperparameter analysis

Test different models and thresholds for UUD step.

- **Logistic Regression Classifiers**

- *own_weights*: Own weights trained on 100 annotated usages
- *Russian Outlier2Cluster Weights*: From the original Outlier2Cluster trained on a Russian development set project ^[1]
- *Finnish Outlier2Cluster Weights*: From the original Outlier2Cluster trained on a Finnish development set ^[1]

- **Single Distance Metrics**

- Cosine, euclidean, manhattan, L1-Norm (normalized euclidean distance), L2-Norm (normalized manhattan distance)

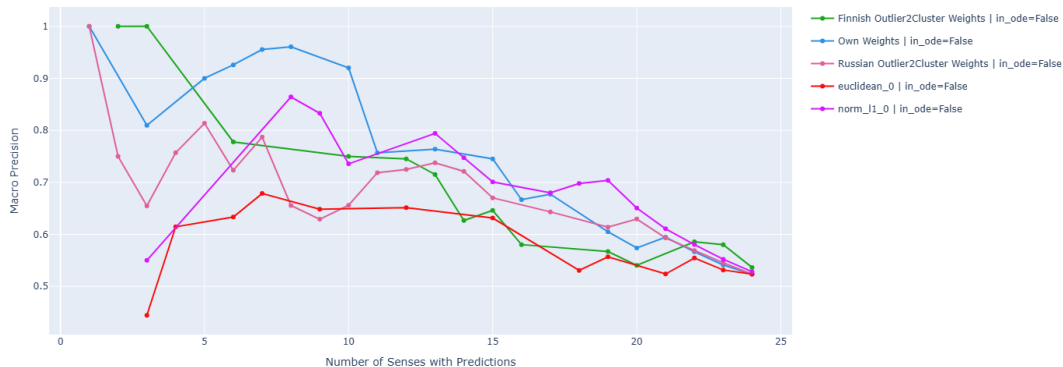
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How?

- Grid Search: Test 10.000 S1 and S3 threshold combinations
- Calculate Macro Precision
- Number of words with LEMUR predictions as replacement for recall

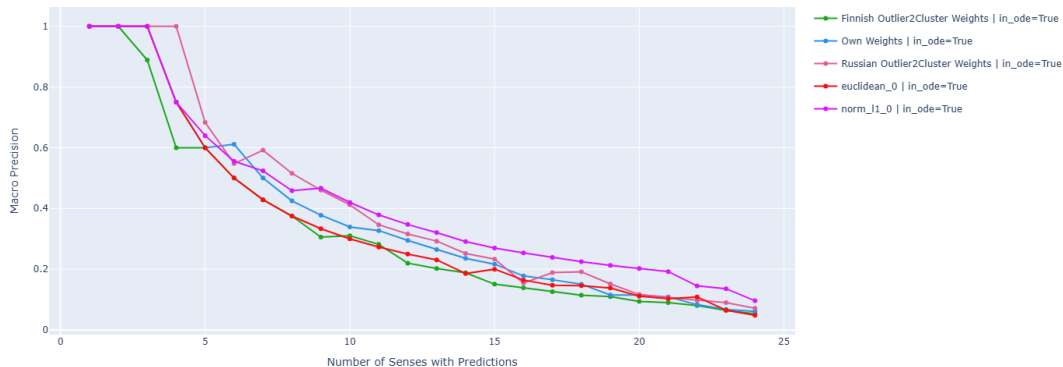
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Macro Precision vs. Number of Senses with Model Predictions in_ODE=False



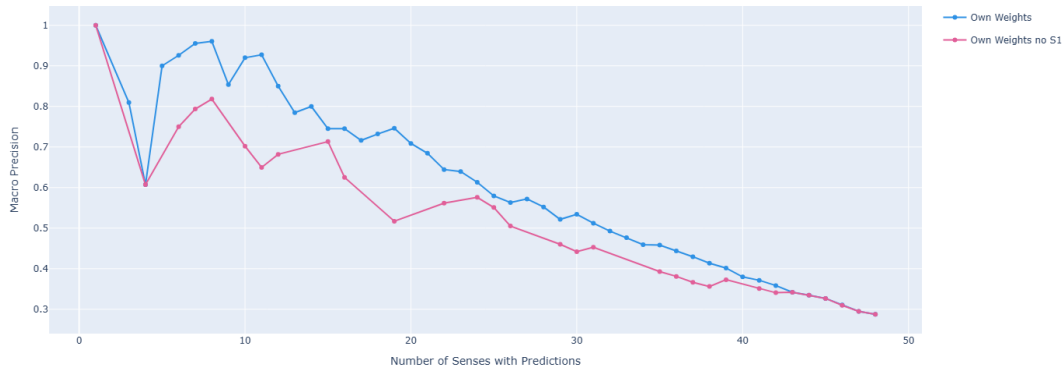
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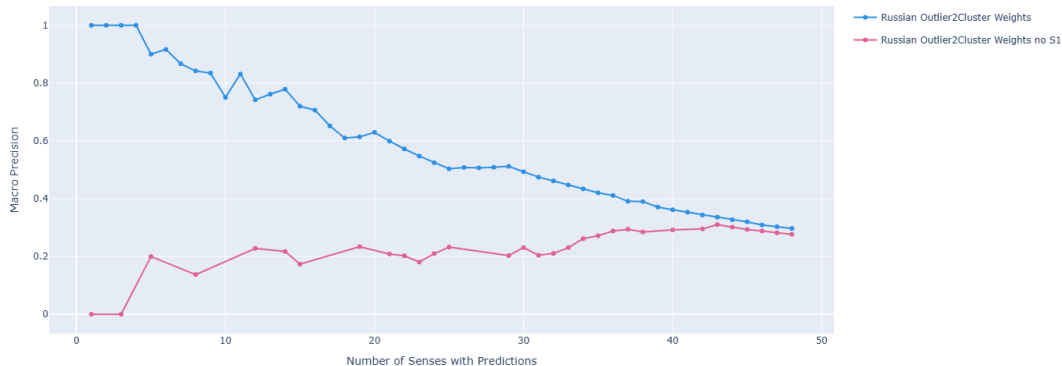
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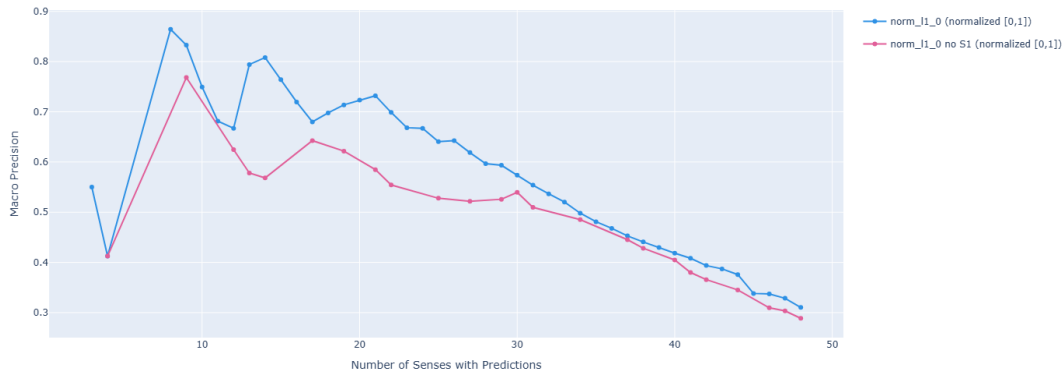
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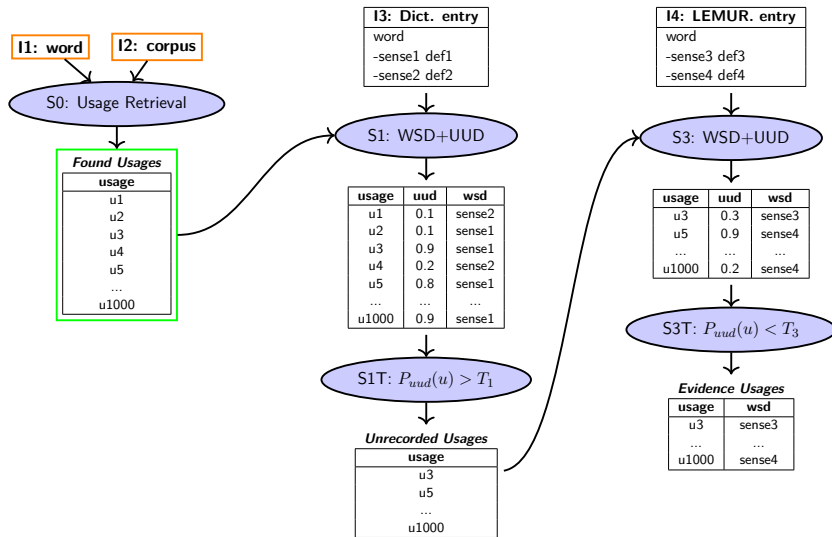
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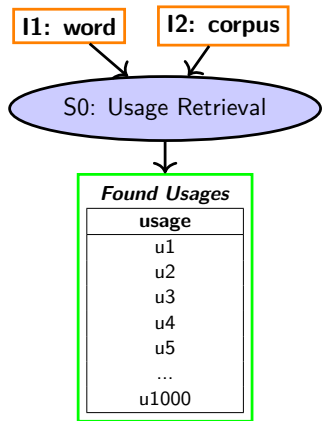


Usage Retrieval

Pipeline Step S0: Usage Retrieval



S0: Overview



Inputs

word: the headword/lemma we are searching for (LEMUR entries)

corpus: the corpus we are searching (NOW corpus)

Output

usages: usages of *word* found in *corpus*

S0: Headword Preprocessing

Some entries contain:

- multiple variants
- abbreviations in brackets
- *the* or *to* suffix
- placeholders like *someone*

| LEMUR headword | Queries |
|--|--|
| <i>yerk yark</i> | <i>yerk and yark</i> |
| <i>like-as-we/they-lie</i> | <i>like-as-we-lie and like-as-they-lie</i> |
| <i>international match point (IMP)</i> | <i>international match point</i> |
| <i>Silent Places, the</i> | <i>Silent Places</i> |
| <i>to come back to haunt someone</i> | <i>to come back to haunt #</i> |

S0: Corpus

NOW Corpus

The NOW corpus (News on the Web) has been created by Mark Davies, and it contains 23.2 billion words of data from web-based newspapers and magazines from 2010 to the present time [...]

– english-corpora.org

- Texts are scraped from the internet
- Include unwanted artefacts
- Tagged version of the corpus (tokenized and lemmatized)
- Has copyright censoring

S0: Corpus Structure

| TextID | TokenID | Word | Lemma | PoS |
|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|------|
| 1334916 | 262406 | @@1334916 | | fo |
| 1334916 | 262407 | <h> | | null |
| 1334916 | 262408 | Britain | britain | np1 |
| 1334916 | 262409 | is | be | vbz |
| 1334916 | 262410 | facing | face | vvg |
| 1334916 | 262411 | an | a | at1 |
| 1334916 | 262412 | " | | " |
| 1334916 | 262413 | obesity | obesity | nn1 |
| 1334916 | 262414 | time-bomb | time-bomb | nn1 |
| 1334916 | 262415 | " | | " |

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S0: Outputs

Fragment reassembly

- Join tokens with space
- Exceptions are e.g. punctuation

Examples

is_VBZ facing_VVG an_AT1

→ *is_facing_an*

Spam_NN1 ,_y test_VV0

→ *Spam,_test* instead of *Spam_,_test*

S0: Quotation Marks

Problem

- Original text not available
- Spacing differs at start and end of quote

Solution

→ Mark pairs of quotes

| | | |
|---------------|--|--------------------|
| Input | | " " " |
| Output | | "start "end "start |

This isn't "easy"

NOW-1234GB

This isn't "easy"

NOW-1234GB

S0: Outputs

Text clean-up

- Remove unwanted artefacts

| Input Usage | Cleaned Usage |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <i><p>Spam, spam, and eggs</p></i> | <i>Spam, spam, and eggs</i> |
| <i>&amp; &lt; &gt;</i> | <i>& < ></i> |
| <i>Spam and **123;123;TOOLONG eggs</i> | <i>Spam and eggs</i> |
| <i>More_ and more</i> | <i>More_and_more</i> |

S0: Examples

*[...] Quantum computing can help enhance @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ variational quantum eigensolver (VQE) algorithm in a quantum simulator to calculate ground state vibrational energies of reactants and products of the CO₂ and NH₃ reaction. The VQE calculations yield ground vibrational energies of CO₂ and NH₃ with similar accuracy to classical computing. In the presence of hardware noise, Compact Heuristic for Chemistry (CHC) **ansatz** with shallower circuit depth performs better than Unitary Vibrational Coupled Cluster. The "Zero Noise Extrapolation" error-mitigation approach in combination with CHC ansatz improves the vibrational calculation accuracy. Excited vibrational states are accessed with quantum equation of motion method for CO₂ and NH₃. [...]*

S0: Examples

*[...] Factor XI LICA to Reduce Events Such as Heart Attack and Stroke in Patients Whose Kidneys Are no Longer Able to Work as They Should and Require Treatment to Filter Wastes From the Blood: Focus is on the Safety of BAY2976217 and the Way the Body Absorbs, Distributes and Removes the **Study Drug** (RE-THINc ESRD)* *Factor XI LICA to Reduce Events Such as Heart Attack and Stroke in Patients Whose Kidneys Are no Longer Able to Work as They Should and Require Treatment to Filter Wastes From the Blood: Focus is on the Safety of BAY2976217 and the Way the Body Absorbs, Distributes and Removes the Study Drug (RE-THINc ESRD)* *Patients whose kidneys are no longer able to work as they should and require treatment to filter wastes from the blood (hemodialysis) are at high risk for blood clots that form in blood vessels (thrombosis) blocking blood flow that causes heart attacks, strokes, and other life-threatening conditions. [...]*

S0: Deduplication

there is an update to a **comment thread**
you follow or if a user

NOW-1234GB

there is an update to a comment thread
you follow or if a user

NOW-5678US

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Identifier | NOW-1234GB |
| Duplicates | 2 |

S0: Incorporating Metadata

- Search text id in corpus metadata
- Add additional information to usages

| | |
|---------------|---|
| TextID | 1334916 |
| Date | 10-01-01 |
| Region | GB |
| URL | http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/health/news/6875091/Number-of-people-dying-as-a-result-of-obesity-doubles-in-10-years.html |
| Title | <i>Number of people dying as a result of obesity doubles in 10 years</i> |

Table: Metadata for TextID 1334916

S0: Evaluation

On usages from retrieval run for dev2, including 60 headwords

Recall: Percentage of usages found by retrieval of total usages in corpus

- Median recall of $\approx 94\%$
- Still usages missed by retrieval
- Copyright censoring one factor

| | | <i>LEMUR</i> | | |
|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| | | 300 | 1000 | |
| <i>Type</i> | SWE | 94.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| | MWE | 91.8 | 93.2 | 91.9 |
| | | 92.9 | 100.0 | 94.2 |

Table: Median Recall in Percent

S0: Evaluation

Precision: Percentage of correctly matched of total retrieved usages

- Sample up to 5 usages randomly
- Annotated binarily, check if they fit the lemma
- 228/300 usages were sampled
- Precision of 100%

unforgettable hook and the video is
widely shared. Perhaps, with our
goldfish memory, we will soon forget
about the angry don

NOW-2311IN-
103330153-
30817188830

S0: Challenges

Resolved

- Multiple entries per line

Preprocessing *yerk / yark* → *yerk* and *yark*

- “simple” MWE → merge tokens for matching
- MWE with words in-between

Placeholder *feel someone's pain* → *feel #'s pain*

- Unwanted artefacts

Text clean-up *<p>Spam</p>* → *Spam*

- Empty lemma column → use lowercased word form

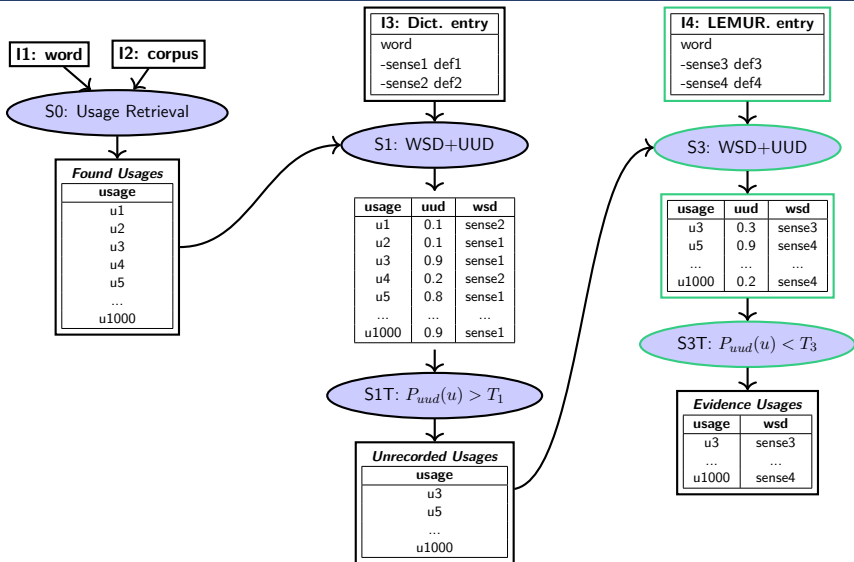
S0: Challenges

Open

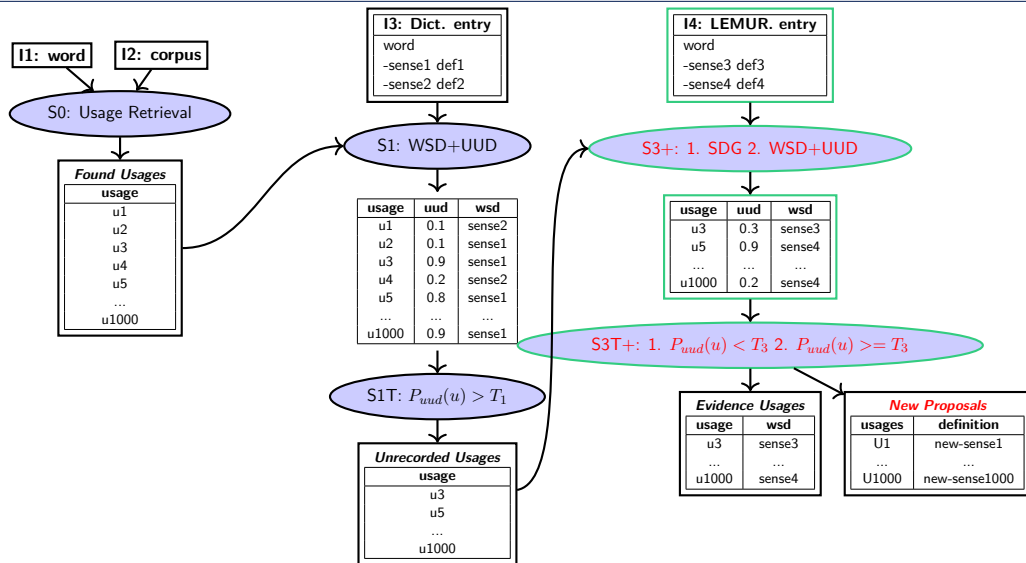
- Spelling variants (from ODE)
- Infrequent PoS
- Headwords with few usages in entire corpus
- Inconsistent quote spacing

Sense Definition Generation

Pipeline SDG: Overview



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How to use SDG in the pipeline?

1. Improve definition proposals

- proposed definitions often aren't as precise as ODE ones
- Could improve the quality of WSD+UUD

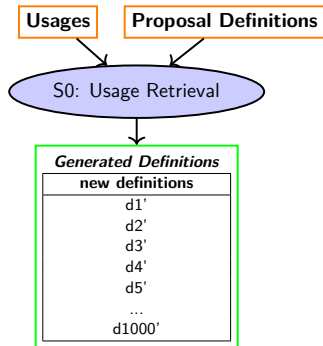
2. Create new proposals

- Pipeline can detect more unrecorded senses (not just Lemur, ...)
- Automatic generation of proposals with evidence

Why Sense Definition Generation (SDG) Matters

- **Precise sense definitions**
 - Improve WSD task
 - Human readability
- **Automation:** ↓ cost, ↑ speed
 - Manual definition writing is time-consuming and expensive
 - SDG can solve
- **Slang, Medicine, ...** : No one can know everything
 - Slang, regional variation, domain-specific senses, ...
 - SDG can understand and/or knows more

SDG: Task



Inputs

Usages: Usages for headword w

Proposal Definitions: Definition proposals like LEMUR for w

Output

Generated Definitions: New and improved Definitions of *Proposal Definitions*

SDG: Task Description

Input:

- a headword w
- a set of retrieved usages U_w for w
- a (optional) proposed definition d for the new sense s

Output:

- a new/proposed definition d' for the sense s
- d' should accurately reflect the meaning of s

SDG: Example

Dictionary:

| Sense ID | Definition |
|----------|------------------------|
| cell 1 | <i>Biological cell</i> |
| cell 2 | <i>Cell phone</i> |
| cell 3 | <i>Prison cell</i> |

Usages:

| Context | Sense ID (gold) |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>I'm in a cell.</i> | cell 3 |
| <i>My android cell</i> | cell 2 |
| <i>A onion cell</i> | cell 1 |

SDG: Generated Definitions

Updated Dictionary:

| Sense ID | Original Definition | Generated $SDG_{model+02c}$ |
|----------|------------------------|---|
| cell 1 | <i>Biological cell</i> | <i>The basic structural and functional unit of all organisms.</i> |
| cell 2 | <i>Cell phone</i> | <i>A portable telephone using radio signals for calls.</i> |
| cell 3 | <i>Prison cell</i> | <i>A small room used as a place of confinement for prisoners.</i> |

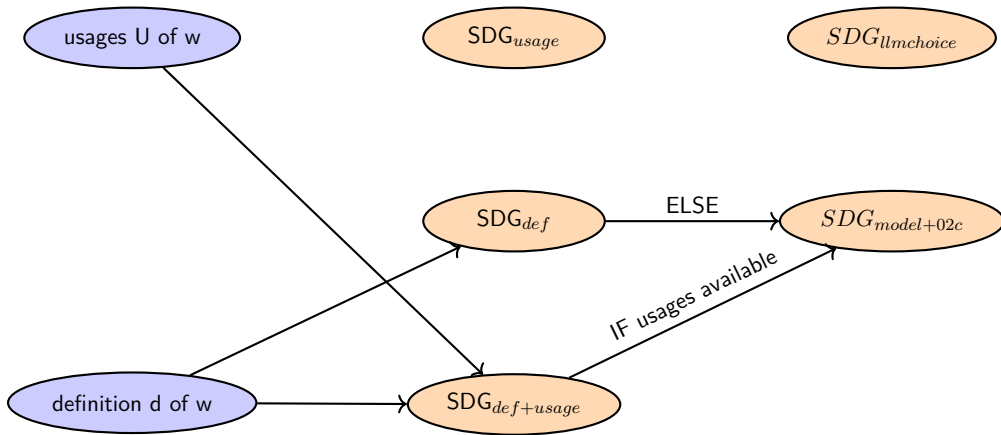
Usages:

| Context | Sense ID (gold) |
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| <i>I'm in a cell.</i> | cell 3 |
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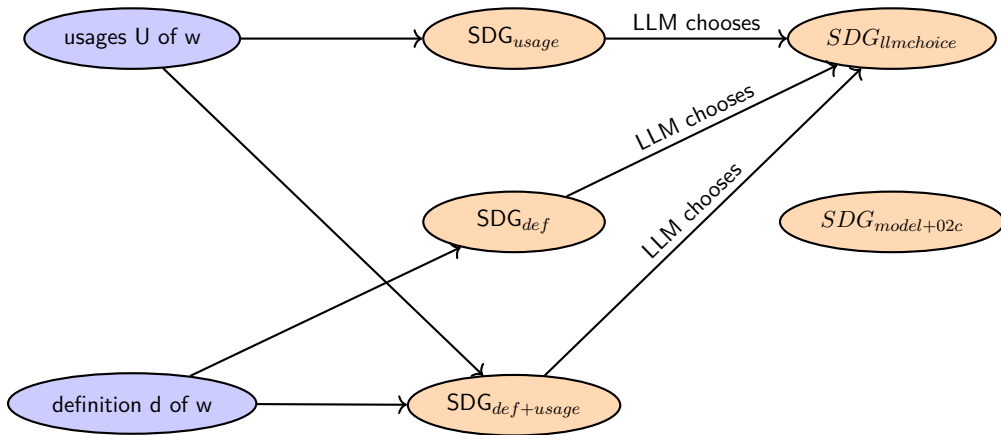
SDG: Models

| Approache | Definition Proposal | Retrieved Usages |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| SDG_{def} | yes | no |
| SDG_{usage} | no | yes |
| $SDG_{def+usage}$ | yes | yes |

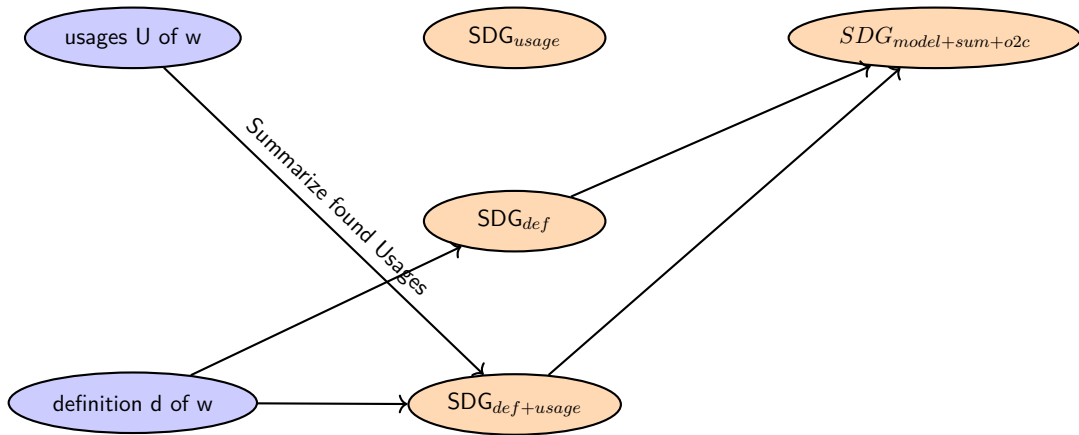
SDG: Models



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SDG: How to?

- Use Large Language Model: **Gemma (google/gemma-3-12b-it)**
 - Very Large Context length (128k tokens)
- Focus on prompt engineering methods
 - CoT: Chain of Thought
 - Show steps to follow
 - Read inputs, understand domain, improve definitions
 - Retrieve existing definitions
 - Wordnet definitions for headword w
 - O2C trained on wordnet
 - wordnet definitions as referenc
 - Role-based prompting
 - Make the model act as a expert in the field

SDG: Evaluation

How to evaluate?

- **TSV Evaluation:**

- Target **S**ense **V**erification
- TSV=WSD [3]
- WSD Model decides if the sense definition fits the given usage
- Calculate Average Precision to compare

- **WSI Evaluation:**

- Can clustering be enhanced using SDG?
- Basic WSI Model vs. WSD+SDG
- Calculate Average Adjusted Rand Index for clusters

SDG: TSV Task Description

Input:

- headword w
- proposal of sense definition d for a sense s
- retrieved usage u from U_w

Output:

- TRUE if s with definition d fits usage u
- FALSE else

SDG: TSV Input

Dictionary:

| Sense ID | Definition |
|----------|------------------------|
| cell 1 | <i>Biological cell</i> |
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| cell 3 | <i>Prison cell</i> |

Usages:

| Context | Sense ID (gold) |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>I'm in a cell.</i> | cell 3 |
| <i>My android cell</i> | cell 2 |
| <i>A onion cell</i> | cell 1 |

SDG: TSV Step

| Sense ID | Definition | Context | Sense ID (gold) |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| cell 1 | <i>Biological cell</i> | <i>I'm in a cell.</i> | cell 3 |
| cell 2 | <i>Cell phone</i> | <i>My android cell</i> | cell 2 |
| cell 3 | <i>Prison cell</i> | <i>A onion cell</i> | cell 1 |

| | Context | TSV Label |
|---------|------------------------|-----------|
| cell 1: | <i>I'm in a cell.</i> | 0 |
| | <i>My android cell</i> | 0 |
| | <i>A onion cell</i> | 1 |

SDG: TSV Results

Average Precision of TSV evaluation:

| Model | Pilot _{suggestions} | FEWS _{train-ext} |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Baseline | 0.15907 | 0.12435 |
| $SDG_{llmchoice+o2c}$ | 0.14757 | 0.10854 |
| $SDG_{model+o2c}$ | 0.18224 | 0.11949 |
| $SDG_{model+goldusages}$ | 0.16891 | 0.12477 |
| $SDG_{model+sum+o2c}$ | 0.18559 | 0.09114 |

TSV Distribution:

| TSV Label | Pilot _{suggestions} | FEWS _{train-ext} |
|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| True (1) | 78 | 7985 |
| False (0) | 616 | 146402 |

SDG: TSV on Dev3

Average Precision of TSV evaluation on Dev3

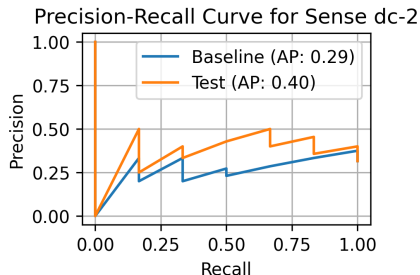
| Model | Suggested | Existing |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Baseline | 0,078 | 0,252 |
| $SDG_{model+02c}$ | 0,118 | 0,280 |
| $SDG_{model+sum+02c}$ | 0,096 | 0,262 |
| $SDG_{llmchoice}$ | 0,079 | 0,262 |

TSV Distribution:

| TSV Label | Suggested | Existing |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| True (1) | 752 | 1481 |
| False (0) | 8329 | 11009 |

SDG: TSV Results Example DC

| Sense ID | Existing Gloss | $SDG_{model+sum+o2c}$ |
|----------|--|---|
| dc-2 | District of Columbia as in Washington DC | Washington, D.C. as in the capital district of the United States. |



SDG: TSV Results Example DC

| Sense ID | Existing Gloss | $SDG_{model+sum+o2c}$ |
|----------|--|---|
| dc-2 | District of Columbia as in Washington DC | Washington, D.C. as in the capital district of the United States. |

Helpful usage:

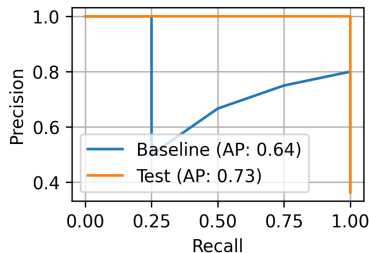
No usage contains: *the capital district of United States*

→ Model training knowledge has been used here

SDG: TSV Results Example ISTA

| Sense ID | Existing Gloss | $SDG_{model+sum+o2c}$ |
|----------|--|--|
| ista-2 | Institute of Science and Technology Australia (ISTA), an australian research institute | Institute of Science and Technology Australia (ISTA), an Austrian research institute conducting research in neuroscience, physics, and astrophysics. |

Precision-Recall Curve for Sense ista-2



SDG: TSV Results Example ISTA

| Sense ID | Existing Gloss | $SDG_{model+sum+o2c}$ |
|----------|--|--|
| ista-2 | Institute of Science and Technology Australia (ISTA), an australian research institute | Institute of Science and Technology Australia (ISTA), an Austrian research institute conducting research in neuroscience, physics, and astrophysics. |

Helpful usage:

... , said the Institute of Science and Technology Austria (ISTA) on Thursday ...

SDG: WSI Task Description

Input:

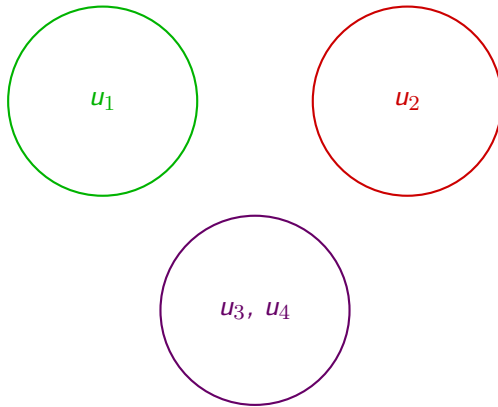
- headword w
- retrieved usages $U_w = \{u_1, u_2, \dots\}$ for w

Output:

- a set of sense clusters $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots\}$
- mappings $M : U_w \rightarrow C$, assigning each usage $u \in U_w$ to exactly one cluster $c \in C$
- mappings $P : C \rightarrow D'$, assigning exactly one cluster $c \in C$ to each generated definition $d' \in D'$

SDG: WSI Clustering example

Usages:



SDG: WSI Input

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| Context | Sense ID (gold) |
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SDG: WSI Input

Dictionary:

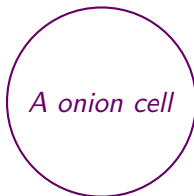
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| cell 3 | <i>Prison cell</i> |

Usages:

| Context | Sense ID (gold) |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>I'm in a cell.</i> | cell 3 |
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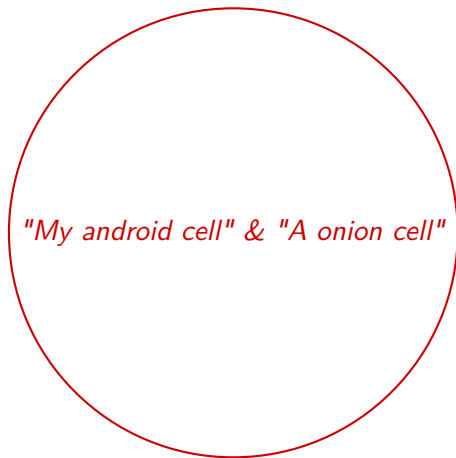
SDG: WSI Clustering (correct)

Usages:



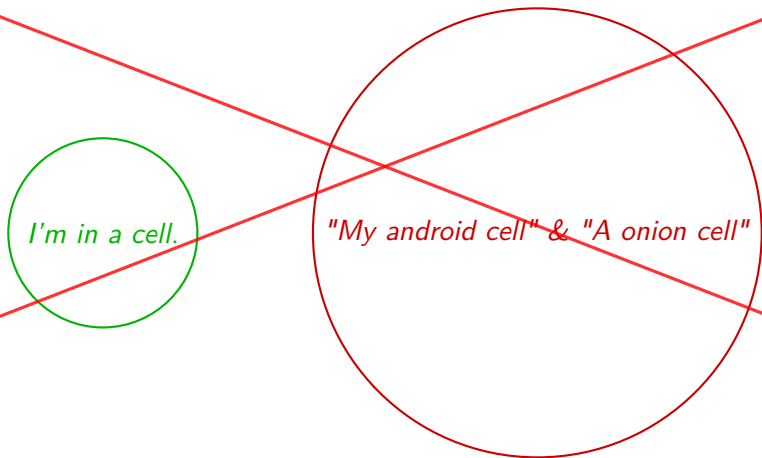
SDG: WSI Clustering (wrong)

Usages:



SDG: WSI Clustering (wrong)

Usages:



SDG: WSI Steps

1. Run O2C for WSI clusters
2. Run SDG_{usage} on found clusters of each lemma
3. Compare using (average) adjusted rand index




SDG: WSI Results

Average Adjusted Rand Index:

| Model | $Pilot$ | $FEW S_{train-ext}$ | $Dev3$ |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| $Baseline(WSI_{O2C})$ | 0.16667 | 0.66389 | 0.286 |
| $SDG + WSD_{O2C}$ | 0.47460 | 0.69247 | 0.318 |

Thank you!

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