

Building Korean Abstract Meaning Representation Corpus

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The first Korean AMR Corpus

- Annotated 1,253 sentences mostly newswire & Wikipedia texts via Korean Propbank
- Assisted Annotation: reduced manual search cost and omission than 'from scratch'
- We've reported Smatch 0.79 of Inter-annotation agreement and basic statistics.
- Major disagreement analysis on 4 different phenomena will be followed.



Abstract Meaning Representation (AMR) Corpora

- **English AMR**
 - *The Little Prince Corpus* (TLP) - providing the foundation for multilingual AMR Research
 - *Bio AMR Corpus* - known for proving its applicability in the biomedical domain
 - *AMR Annotation Release 3.0 (LDC2020T02)* - English AMR managed to enter a stable phase
- **Non-English AMR has begun its expansion**
 - *The Little Prince Corpus*: Chinese^(Li et al., 2016), Brazil-Portuguese^(Anchieta & Pardo, 2018)
 - General-purpose corpus: Chinese^(cf. Wang et al., 2018 & Li et al., 2019) Brazil-Portuguese^(Sobrevilla Cabezero & Pardo, 2019)
 - Preliminary studies: Spanish^(Miguel-Abrera et al., 2018), Vietnamese^(Linh & Nguyen, 2019), Turkish^(Azin & Eryigit, 2019)



Related works on Korean AMR

- **Preliminary study on several distinctive grammatical phenomena**^(Choe et al., 2019a)
 - Copula construction & its negation, Case-stacking (multiple nominative & accusative)
 - Suggests guidelines to fill the gap between lexicalizations and regularizable meanings
- **Annotation Guidelines v1.0**^(Choe et al., 2019b)
 - Localization of English AMR Specification v1.2.6
 - Reinforced Specific guidelines for Korean & representation examples (cf. honorifics, postpositions)



Korean AMR: Overview

- Broad adoption of special frames & entities of English AMR for intuitive annotation
 - Special frames & Entities: `have-org-role-91`, `include-91`, `rate-entity-91`, ...
 - Reification & Constructions: `cause-01`, `exemplify-01`, `have-manner-91`, `correlate-01`, ...
 - Modality: `obligate-01` for deontic modal construction such as “-야 하/되-”(have to (be))
 - Named-entity types: We took ‘canonical NE types list’ as a metalanguage of Korean AMR
 - Such as `person`, `country`, `government-organization`, ...
 - And newly defined types like `brand`, `service`, `hospital`, `weapon`, ...



Korean AMR: Overview

- Adjusted coverage of :polarity -
 - Some negator prefixes in derivative verbs are regularized in Korean AMR.
 - "불가능" (impossible) → 가능-01^(possible) :polarity -
 - "미완성" (incomplete) → 완성-01^(complete) :polarity -
 - 'Lexically negative verbs' are also regularized to represent polarity explicitly.
 - Antonym of copula '-이-': "X는 Y가 아니다" (X is not Y) → Y :polarity - :domain X
 - Antonym of '있-'(exist): "X가 없다" (X is not exist) → X :polarity -
 - Antonym of '알-'(know): "X를 모르다" (do not know X) → 알-01^(know) :polarity - :ARG1 X
 - Deontic modal negator verb '말-'(desist): "가지 마라." (Do not go.) → 가-01^(go) :polarity - :mode imperative



Korean AMR: Overview

- Expanded use of :domain for case-stacking
 - Nominative/accusative marker can be licensed multiple times in a single sentence in Korean.
 - In most cases, a proper role can be assigned, but there are some outliers...
 - Multiple nominatives: 한국이 이웃들이 인심이 좋다. (In Korea, the neighbors are kind/generous.)
*The yellows indicates nominative markers.

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(x1 / 좋-01 # verb phrase
  :ARG1 (x2 / 인심)
    :domain (x3 / 이웃) # plural marker '들' is dropped.
      :domain (x4 / country :name "한국")) # named-entity 'Korea'
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- Topical focus is annotated with :domain when it's hard to determine proper role from in-verb roleset.



Annotation dependencies

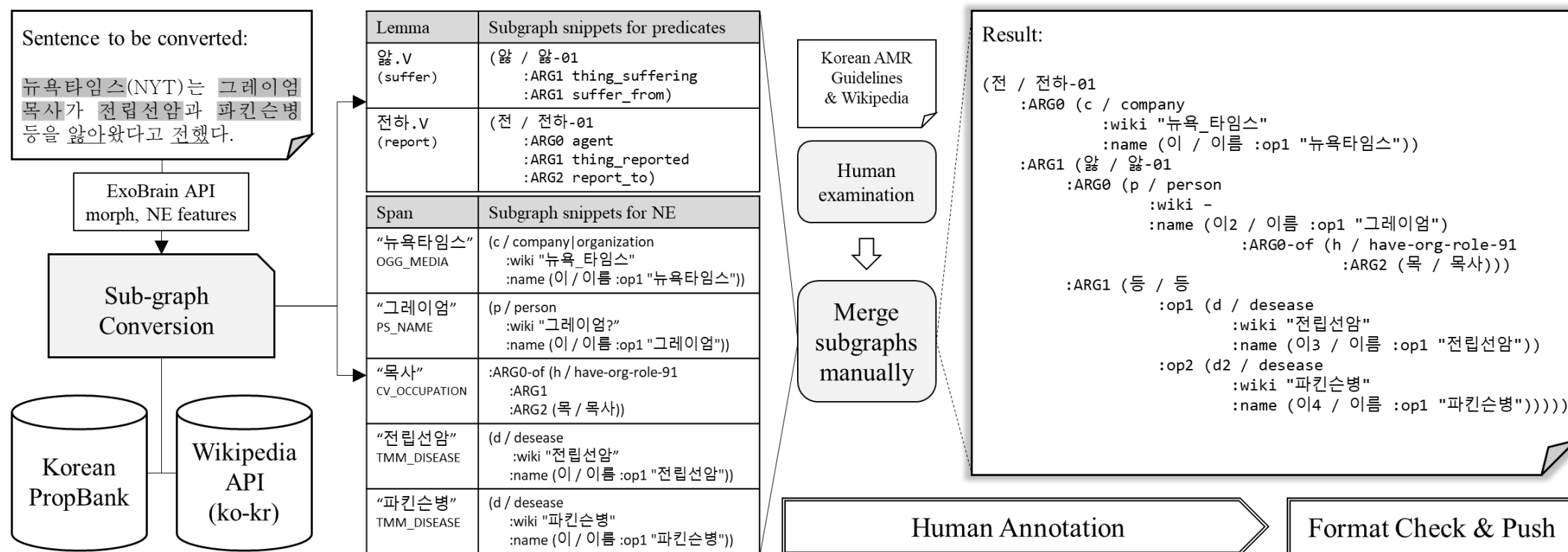
- Verb frames: Korean Propbank^(Palmer et al., 2006)
 - 2,749 verb frames: covered 3,184 verb & adjectives (79.7% for tokens, 65.2% for types) in Korean AMR
 - If a verb frame is unavailable, we simply put '-00' and took the roleset of synonym verb frame.
- Source texts: (mainly) ETRI ExoBrain Corpus v4.0

Source	Subcategory	Snts. (%)
ExoBrain Corpus v4.0	Wikipedia QA Corpus	356 (28.4%)
	Newswire Corpus	256 (20.4%)
	Paraphrase Dataset	253 (20.1%)
	Wikipedia Corpus	234 (18.6%)
Basic Korean Dictionary	Sentence examples of verb entries	120 (9.5%)
The Little Prince (Korean Ed.)	Chapter I (parallel)	34 (2.7%)
		1,253 (100.0%)



Assisted annotation

- Subgraph snippets are preprocessed from POS & NE features → Human annotator merged them into a solid AMR.
- The cost for searching Propbank and Wikipedia & unintentional omission had reduced apparently.



Statistics

Concepts	Node freq.(%)	Relations	Edge freq.(%)
General Concepts	6,026 (30.1%)	Core roles (: ARG _x / -of)	6,119 (32.6%)
NE related	3,408 (17.0%)	:opN & :opX	3,826 (20.4%)
Name span & valid wikification	3,257 (16.2%)	:name & :wiki	3,032 (16.1%)
Korean PropBank Frames	3,184 (15.8%)	:mod	1,469 (7.82%)
Unlisted frames (*-00)	809 (4.1%)	:time	595 (3.3%)
Numerics & Scalar	772 (3.8%)	:location	395 (2.1%)
Conjunctions	635 (3.2%)	:manner	391 (2.1%)
Date-entity & Temporal-quantity	558 (2.8%)	:quant	301 (1.6%)
Special frames (*-91/*-01)	455 (2.3%)	:topic	251 (1.3%)
Polarity & truth-value	434 (2.2%)	:poss	224 (1.2%)

- NE-related concepts account for 17.0%, including newly defined NE types: *brand*, *service*, *hospital*, *weapon*, ...
- 3,184 verb & adjective instances (15.8%) are valid Korean Propbank frames, while 809 instances (4.1%) are not.
- The core-roles (and its inverse roles) account for 32.6% in order of :ARG₁, :ARG₀, :ARG₂, :ARG₃, ...
- The Inter-annotator Agreement (IAA) of 4 annotators, based on 50 sentences, reached Smatch 0.79*

* In English: 0.79 ~ 0.83

In Brazil-Portuguese: 0.72

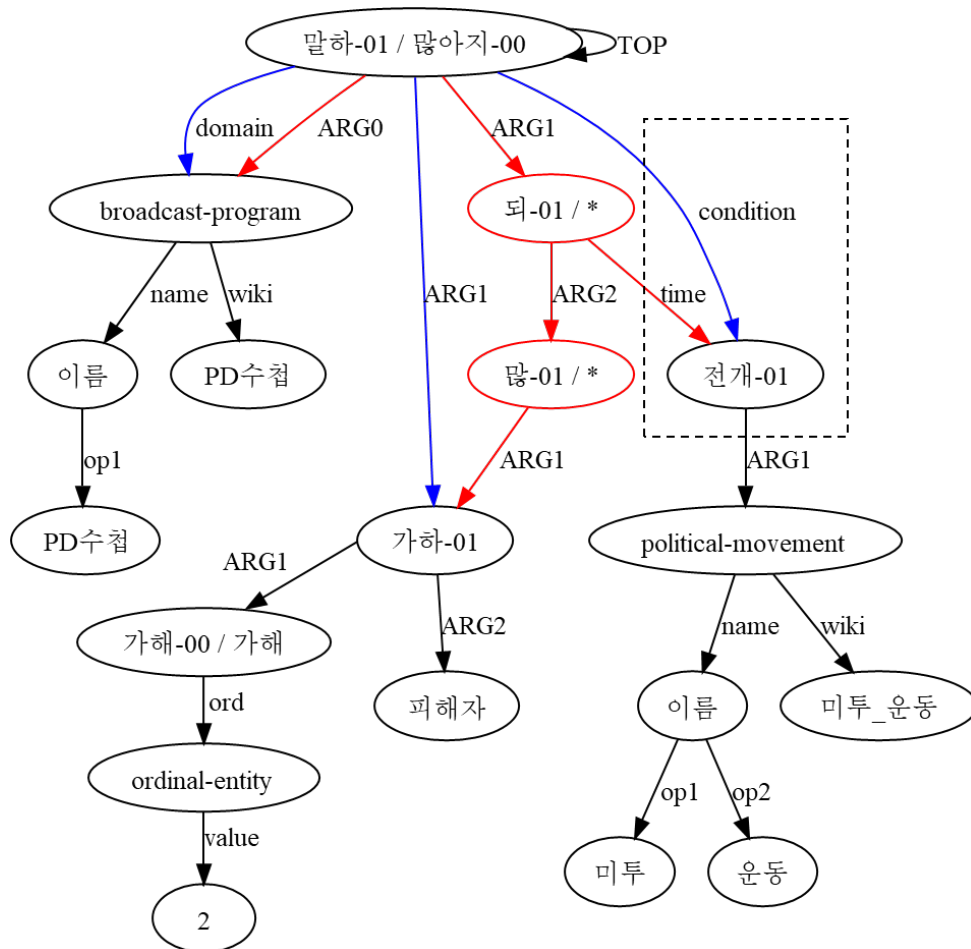


Annotators showed conflicting views on some representations

- Adverbial clause marker
- Conjunctive suffix
- Special postposition (non-case-marking particles)
- Collocation (N+V complex predicate)



Case 1. Interpretation of adverbial clause marker



“미투 운동이 전개되면서, 피해자들에게 2차 가해를 가하는
것도 많아지고 있다.”

“As Me-Too movement expands, more and more victim-blamings
are inflicted to the victims.”

- Discrepancy on representing relation between preceding and following clauses.
- The red simply interpreted the clause marker ‘-면서’ to the relation of :time.
- Otherwise the blue interpreted the clause marker to the relation of :condition, in the sense of ‘according as’ or vague correlation.

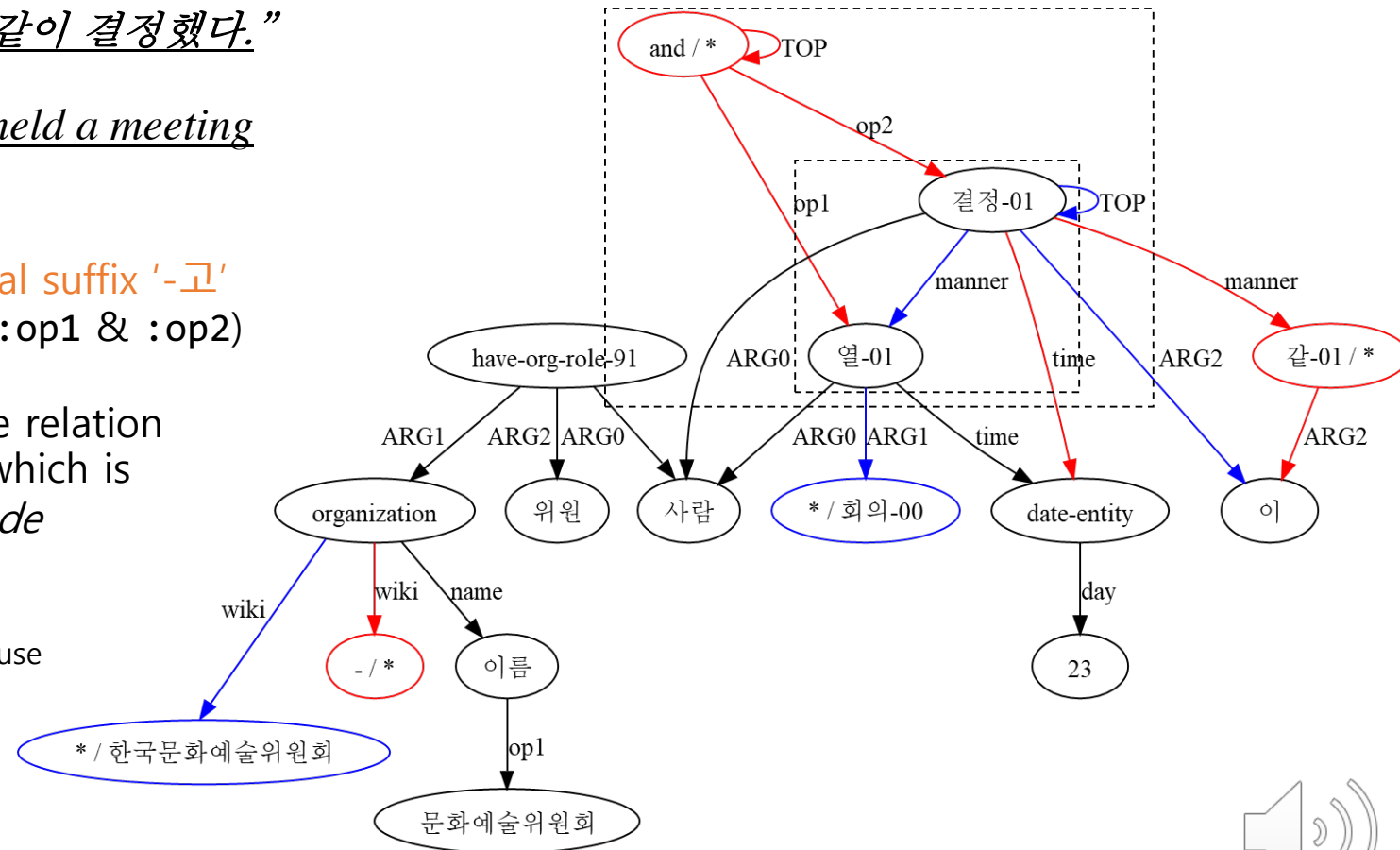


Case 2. Conjunctional suffix (coordination vs. subordination)

“문화예술위원회 위원들은 23일 회의를 열고 이같이 결정했다.”

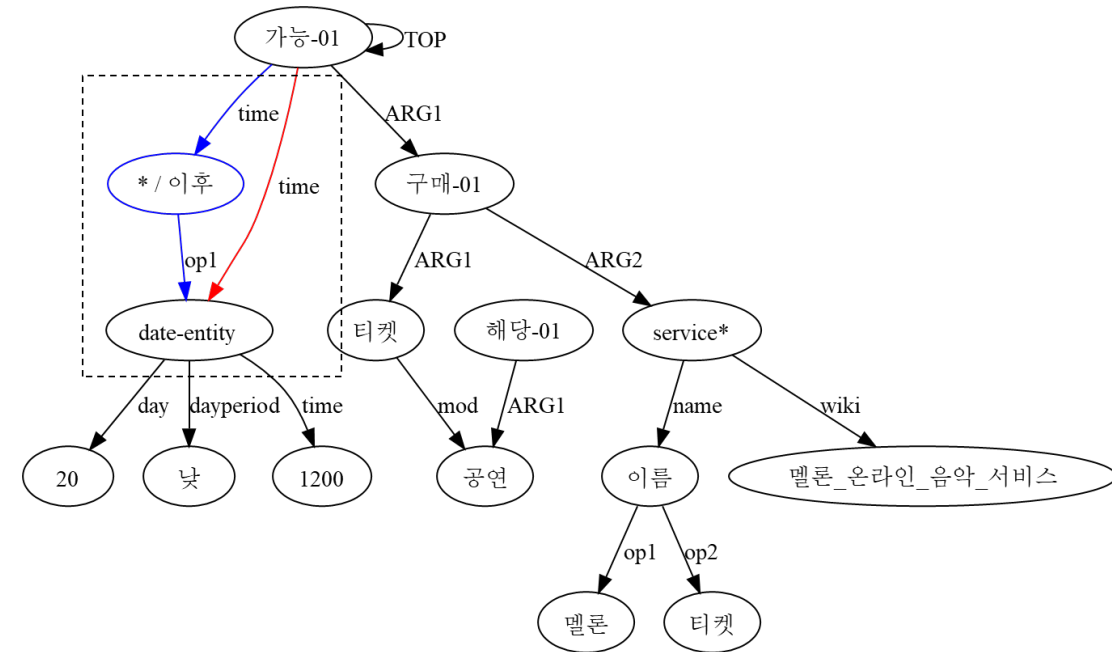
“The members of the Culture and Arts Council held a meeting on the 23rd and made the decision.”

- The red simply represented the conjunctional suffix ‘-고’ as the root (and) of two conjoined events. (:op1 & :op2)
- The blue represented the conjunction as the relation of :manner, in the sense of subordination, which is can be interpreted as ‘The decision was made in the manner of holding the meeting.’
- If past tense markers are realized on the verbs of each clause like “회의를 열었고 이같이 결정했다.”, it can be interpreted as ‘two events had occurred separately.’



Case 3. Special postposition

- There are over 30 types of special postposition which are marking non-core role and add nuances.
- The red simply represented postposition '-부터' as a relation :time, in the mere sense of the time of the event.
- The blue represented the postposition with the interpolation 이후(after), in the sense of the starting point that invokes a specific time span.
- It is not easy to decide when the nuance can be abstracted away or not.
- Proposing representation for every use of specific postpositions requires broad investigation like English AMR did.

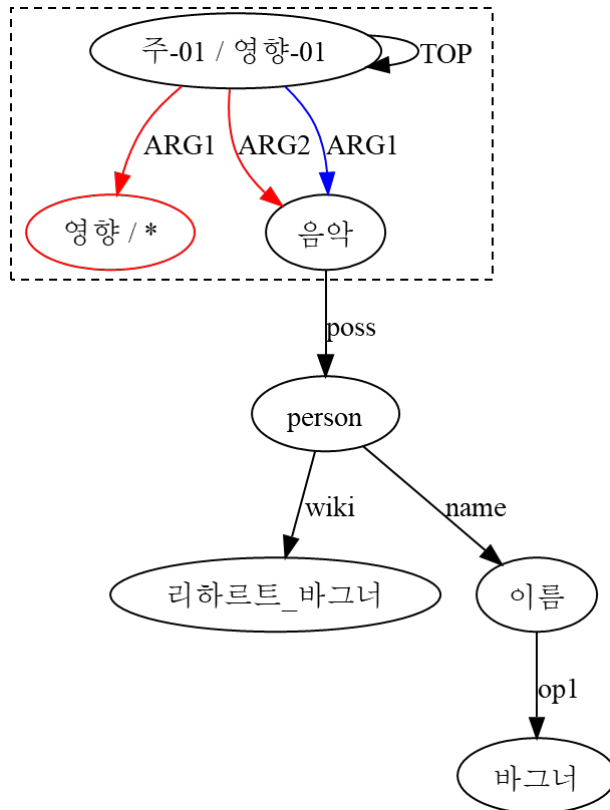


“해당 공연 티켓은 멜론 티켓에서 20일 낮 12시부터 구매할 수 있다.”

“The tickets for the performance can be purchased from 12 p.m. on the 20th at Melon Ticket”



Case 4. Collocation (N+V complex predicate)



“바그너의 음악에 영향을 주었다.”

“It influenced Wagner’s music.”

- Did missing lexical counterpart in semantic opposite lead a discrepancies?

	Derivative verb lemma	Deverbal noun structure
Subj → patient (influenced)	영향받 -.v <i>be influenced</i>	영향을 받 -.vp <i>get influence</i>
Subj → agent (influencer)	- <i>influence</i>	영향을 주 -.vp <i>give influence</i>

받-.take
주-.give

영향-01influence?

주-01give + 영향influence?

- The red represented the N+V complex predicate following its deverbal noun structure: noun concept **영향**^{influence.n} + main verb **주-01**^{give.v}.
- The blue simply represented the N+V complex predicate with **영향-01**^{influence.v}. despite of it has the only lexical mapping to **영향받**-.v in Korean Propbank.



Final remarks

- Lack of MWE predicate frames, Lack of case-by-case guidelines for picky cases are big issue.
- Limited size of the corpus is also needed to be resolved for further applications.
- Further works should be followed for the quality and quantity of Korean AMR.
- The corpus is available at: <https://github.com/choe-hyonsu-gabrielle/korean-amr-corpus>
- Please send me an e-mail: choehyonsu@gmail.com, I'll reply as fast as I can!

