

Linking Named Entities in Web Text to a Knowledge Base - An API -



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Cepheus_(constellation)

Cepheus,_King_of_Aethiopia

Cepheus,_King_of_Tegea

Cepheus_(crater)

Cepheus_(Chinese_astronomy)

Perseus

Perseus_(constellation)

Perseus_of_Macedon

Bristol Perseus

Perseus_(geometer)

Perseus_(Pantheon)

Andromeda_(constellation)

Andromeda_(TV_series)

Andromeda_(mythology)

Cepheus,_King_of_Tegea

Andromeda_(galaxy)

Andromeda_(polifolia)

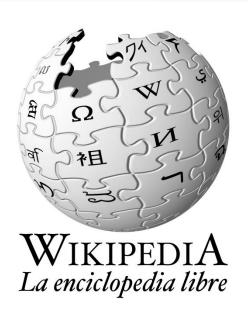
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objective



To develop an API that exposes the functionality of linking surface forms in web texts to their corresponding entity mappings in Wikipedia.



previous work



- LIEGE: Linking web entities in web lists
 - Introduces the *Linking Quality Metric*, which includes prior probability, type hierarchy based similarity, and distributional context similarity.
- LINDEN: Linking named entities with knowledge base via semantic knowledge
 - Exploits Wikipedia Miner's Wikify! Service to detect context concepts inside web texts.
- KAURI: Linking named entities in Tweets
 - Proposes a graph approach that unveils the real mappings through the *User Interest Propagation Algorithm*.



our approach

- Named entities discovery
 - User's named entities may be complemented by the *Wikify!* Wikipedia Miner's service to enrich semantics.
- Candidate mappings generation
 - Use of a dictionary based on Wikipedia structure.
- Named entities disambiguation
 - Solve for an optimal set of candidate mappings which maximizes a *Linking Quality Metric*.

Input Text



Named Entities

 $[[m_1]]...[[m_2]]...[[m_3]]$



Candidate Mappings

 $r_{1,1}$ $r_{2,1}$ $r_{3,1}$ $r_{1,2}$ $r_{2,2}$ $r_{3,2}$ \vdots \vdots

 $r_{1,|R_1|}$ $r_{2,|R_2|}$ $r_{3,|R_3|}$



e₁ e₂ e₃ Real Mappings

named entities discovery



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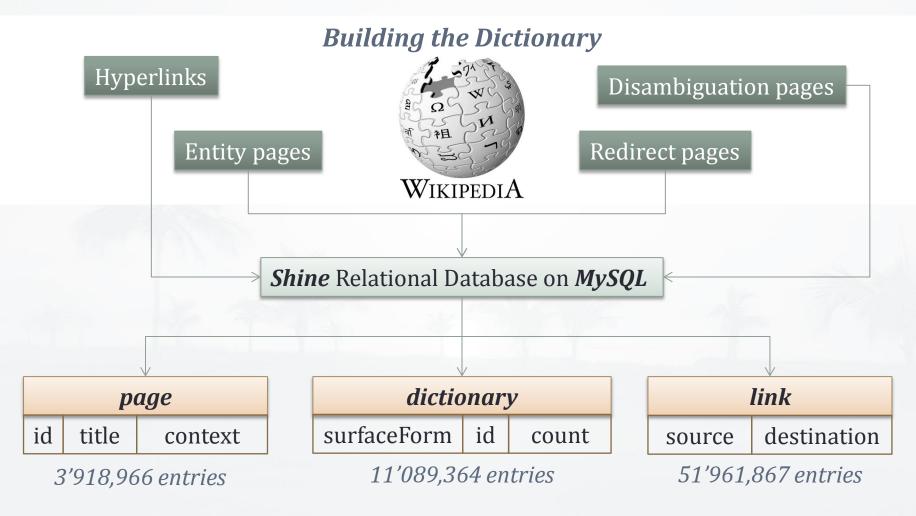


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Named entities M					
m_1	m_2	m_3	m_4	m_5	m_6
cepheus	perseus	andromeda	decapitating	sea monster	medusa



candidate mappings generation





named entities disambiguation

The **quality** of a candidate $r_{i,j}$ for a named entity m_i is a convex combination of three metrics

Linking Probability

Context Similarity

Global Coherence

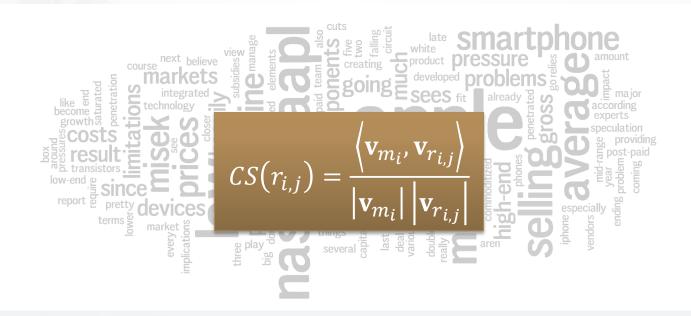
- Linking Probability
 - How popular is a candidate mapping $r_{i,j}$ for named entity m_i ?

$$LP(r_{i,j}) = \frac{count(r_{i,j})}{\sum_{r_{i,c} \in R_i} count(r_{i,c})}$$



Context Similarity

- Extract a *window* of unique terms around each occurrence of m_i in the *purified* query document.
- Extract *all* unique terms from the purified text of the Wikipedia article that corresponds to a candidate mapping $r_{i,j}$.
- Use the vector model and TF-IDF to compute the cosine similarity between document vectors \mathbf{v}_u .





Global Coherence

- Two Wikipedia concepts are topically related if they
 share a non-empty set of concepts pointing to them.
- Exploit Wikipedia inter-link structure via the
 Wikipedia Linking Measure between two concepts.

$$TR(u_1, u_2) = 1 - \frac{\log(\max(|U_1|, |U_2|)) - \log(|U_1 \cap U_2|)}{\log(|W|) - \log(\min(|U_1|, |U_2|))}$$

$$GC(r_{i,j}) = \frac{1}{|M| - 1} \sum_{c \neq i} TR(r_{i,j}, e_c)$$



The Linking Quality Metric

– Given the importance weights α , β , and γ , the quality of a candidate is

$$LQ(r_{i,j}) = \alpha * LP(r_{i,j}) + \beta * CS(r_{i,j}) + \gamma * GC(r_{i,j})$$

Overall Quality of Chosen Candidate Mappings E

$$LQ(E) = \sum_{i=1}^{|M|} LQ(e_i)$$

The goal is to choose the **best combination** of candidate mappings so that LQ(E) is maximal. We use the **Iterative Substitution Algorithm** for this purpose.













Parsing Wikipedia
Dump of June 4, 2013

Storing dictionary and context

Shine disambiguation system and service

API tests and deployment

Shine is a blend of techniques described in **LIEGE**, **LINDEN**, and **KAURI**

Demanding tasks:

- Building the dictionary, page, and link tables consumed lots of space and time - Prone to errors!
 Manual corrections!
- Each optimization of the system required re-building these tables several times.

optimization

Space reduction

- Use of integer-based primary keys for Wikipedia concepts.
- Preprocessing and storing Wikipedia pages' termfrequency vectors instead of whole text.

Accelerate response time

- Indexing frequently used columns in dictionaries, page, and link tables.
- Preprocessing Wikipedia text into term-frequency vectors stored in page table.
- IDF computation based on current query.

the api



RESTful

- useWikify: true or false. Specify if input web text will be further enriched with named entities discovered by Wikipedia Miner's Wikify! Service.
- source: Web text of at least 128 characters, with named entities enclosed by [[and]].

Example

Disambiguate?useWikify=true&source=An oracle told the king that the only way to get rid of the sea monster was to surrender his virgin daughter Andromeda to the sea monster; so he did. King [[Cepheus]] chained Andromeda to a rock in the sea where the hero saw her. [[Perseus]] was still wearing the winged sandals of Hermes that he had used in the task of carefully decapitating Medusa, while watching what he was doing only through a mirror. He asked what had happened to [[Andromeda]]; then, when he heard, he promptly offered to rescue her by killing the sea monster, but on condition that her parents give her to him in marriage.





http://localhost/Shine/Disambiguate.php?XDEBUG_SESSION_START=ECLIPSE_DBGP&KEY=14009880944682



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        <mapping wikiID="70802" score="0.22685913512266" surfaceForm="decapitating">Decapitation</mapping>
        <mapping wikiID="392192" score="0.36844465642236" surfaceForm="medusa">Medusa</mapping>
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conclusion



Shine

- Combines Natural Language Processing and Big
 Data techniques.
- Is based on state-of-the-art deterministic methods that have achieved up to 95% accuracy in the disambiguation task.
- Can be the foundation of a search engine that captures
 semantics rather than just keywords in user queries.

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thank you! any questions?