



NLP Basics Meaning Representation



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Meaning Representations

- Definition of "Meaning"
 - o the idea that is represented by a word, phrase, etc.
 - o the idea that a person wants to express by using words, signs, etc.
 - o the idea that is expressed in a work of writing, art, etc.



Meaning Representations in Computers

Knowledge-Based Representation



Corpus-Based Representation





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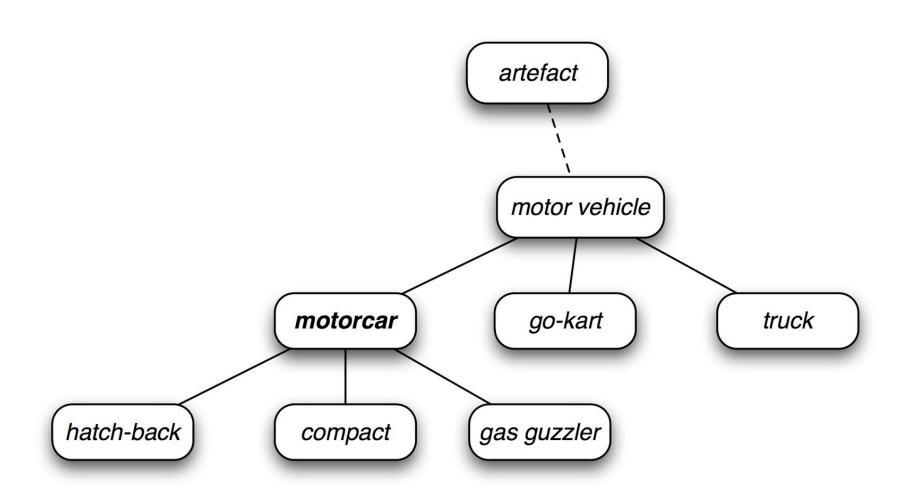




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Hypernyms (is-a) relationships of WordNet

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from nltk.corpus import wordnet as wn
panda = wn.synset('panda.n.01')
hyper = lambda s: s.hypernyms()
list(panda.closure(hyper))
[Synset('procyonid.n.01'),
Synset('carnivore.n.01'),
Synset('placental.n.01'),
Synset('mammal.n.01'),
Synset('vertebrate.n.01'),
Synset('chordate.n.01'),
Synset('animal.n.01'),
Synset('organism.n.01'),
Synset('living_thing.n.01'),
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Synset('object.n.01'),
Synset('physical_entity.n.01'),
Synset('entity.n.01')]
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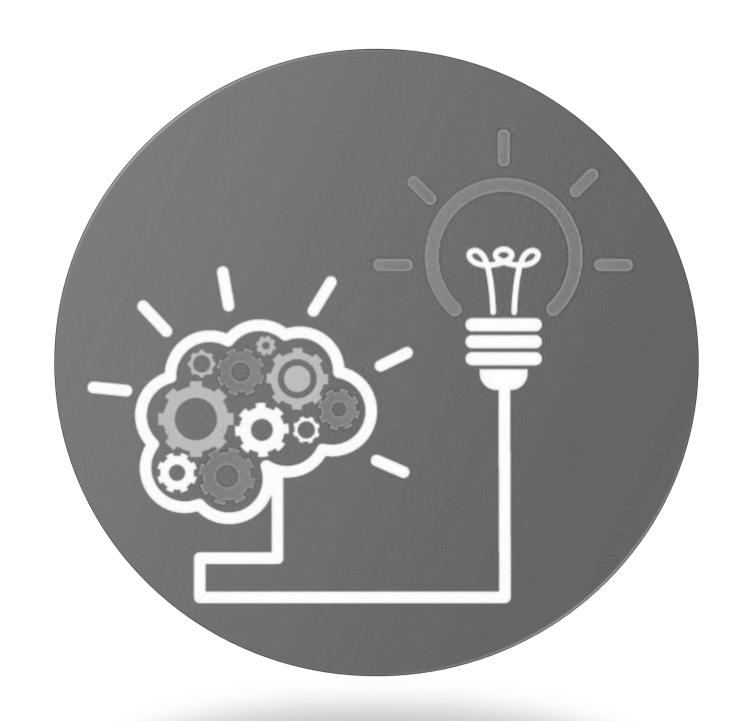
Issues:

- newly-invented words
- subjective
- annotation effort
- difficult to compute word similarity



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