

# Numerical Relation Extraction from the Web

## MTP Stage 1 Presentation

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# Introduction

- The knowledge is scattered in unstructured text on the web.

According to the [International Monetary Fund](#) (IMF), as of 2013, the Indian economy is nominally worth US\$1.842 trillion; it is the eleventh-largest economy by market exchange rates, and is, at US\$4.962 trillion, the third-largest by [purchasing power parity](#), or PPP.<sup>[9]</sup> With its average annual GDP growth rate of 5.8% over the past two decades, and ready

590.56 million people in China were using  
the internet at mid-2013, an increase of  
nearly 53 million (or 9.85%) from a year earlier.

The land area of the [contiguous United States](#) is 2,959,064 square miles (7,663,941 km<sup>2</sup>). Alaska, separated from the contiguous United States by Canada, is the largest state at 663,268 square miles (1,717,856 km<sup>2</sup>). Hawaii, occupying an archipelago in the central [Pacific](#), southwest of North America, is 10,931 square miles (28,311 km<sup>2</sup>) in area.<sup>[136]</sup>

- Can such facts be extracted automatically?

# Relation Extraction: Problem

- Extract 3-tuples which consists of an entity and a numerical value that are bound by some relation.
  - (India, **economy**, 1.842 trillion USD)
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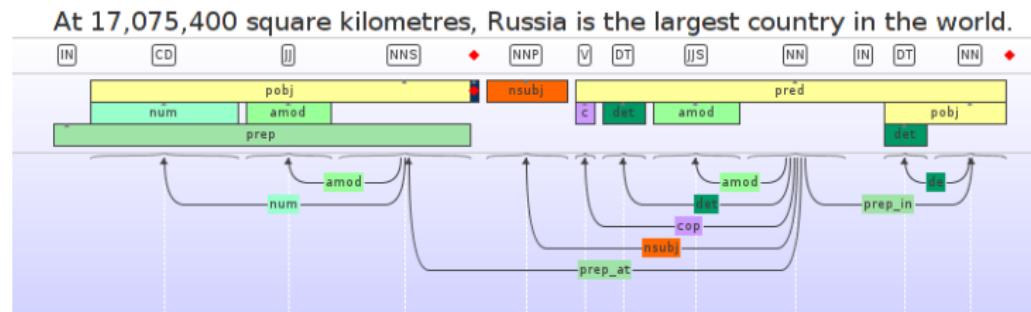
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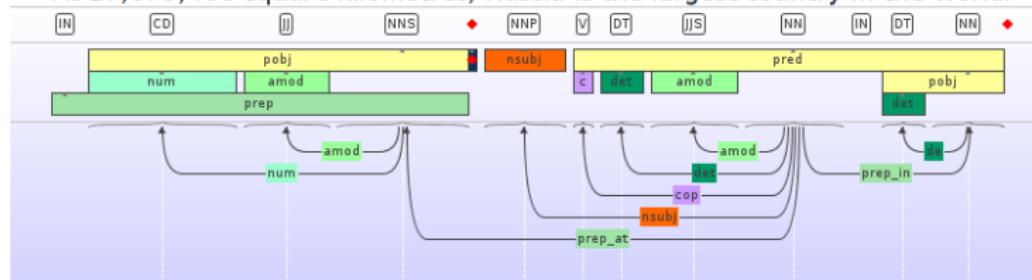
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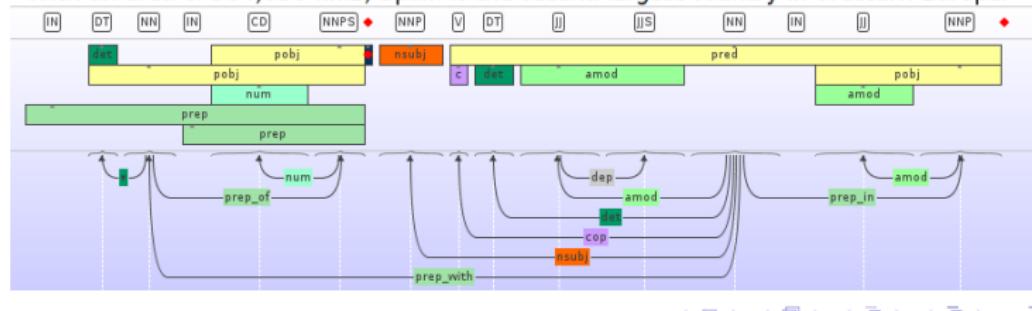
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- This forms the relation extraction as a multi-class classification problem.

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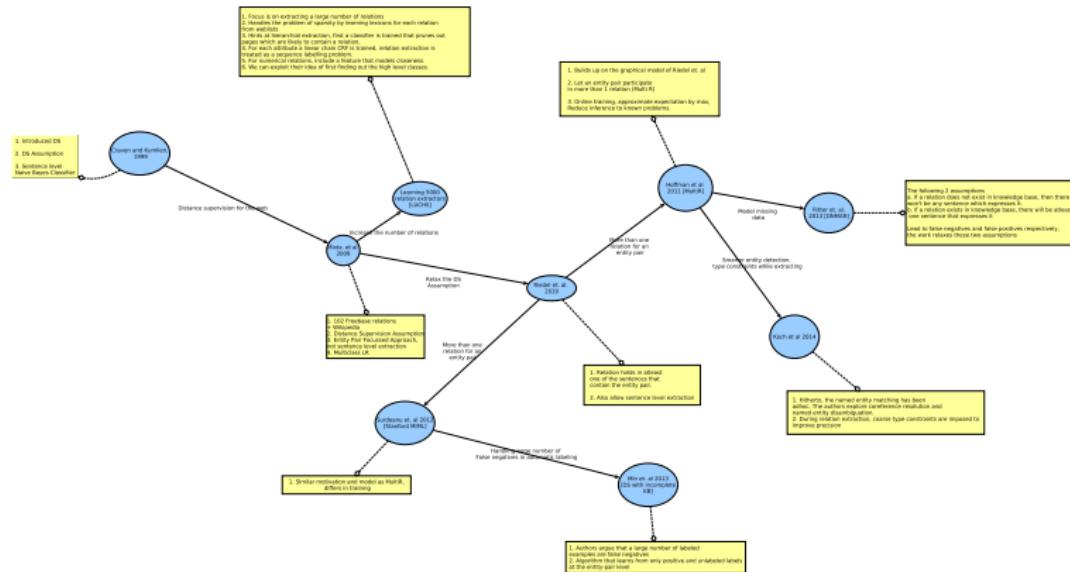
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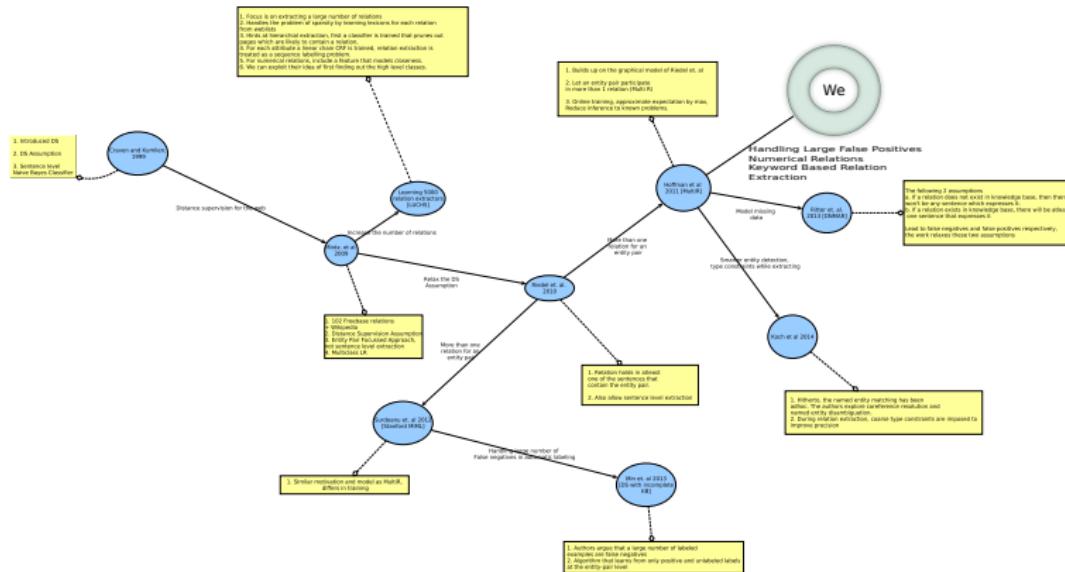
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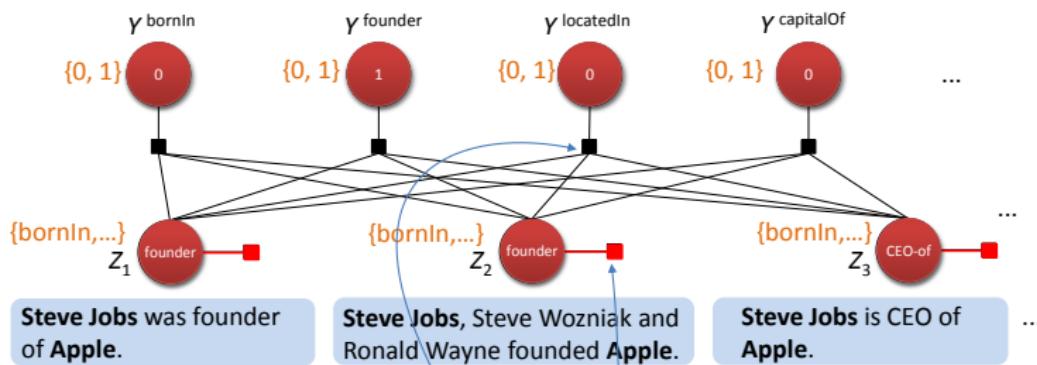


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Steve Jobs, Apple:



$$\Phi^{\text{join}}(y^r, z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y^r = \text{true} \wedge \exists i : z_i = r \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

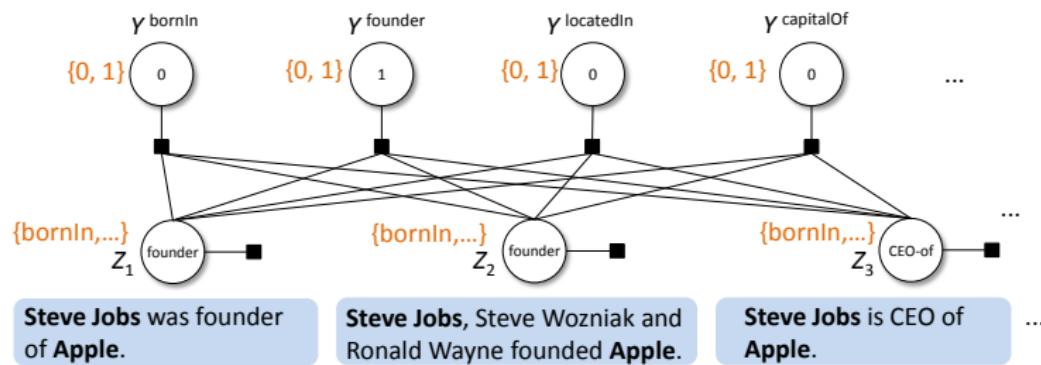
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(join factors are  
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- Extraction almost entirely driven by sentence-level reasoning
- Tying of facts  $Y_r$  and sentence-level extractions  $Z_i$  still allows us to model weak supervision for training

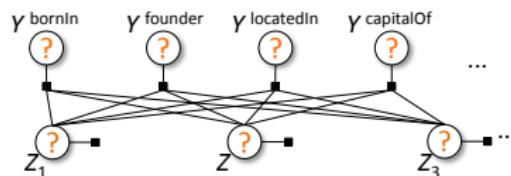
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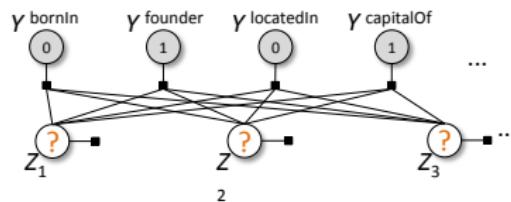
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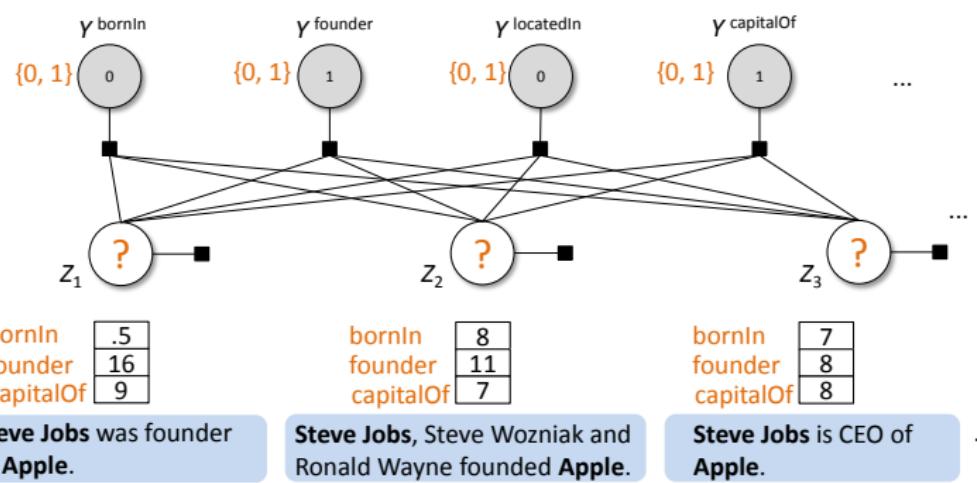
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- Computing  $\arg \max_z p(z|x, y; \theta)$ :

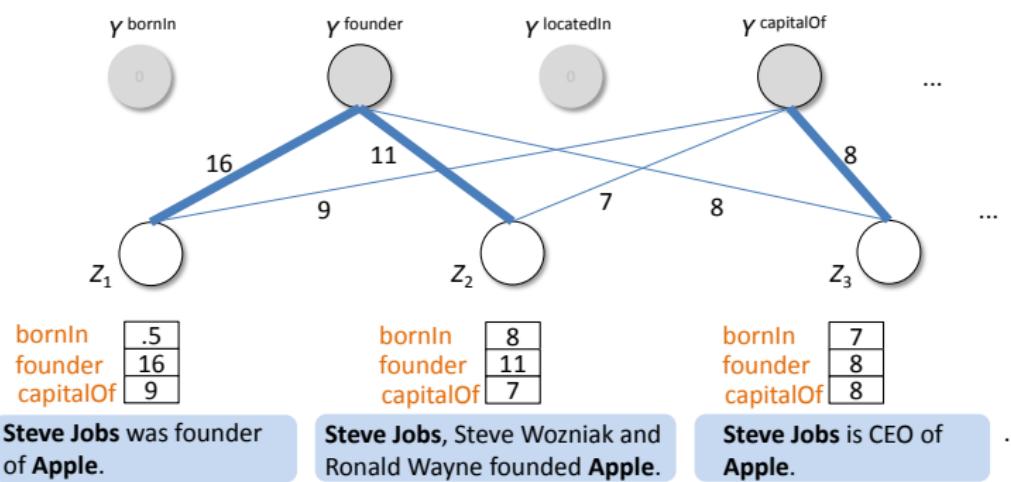


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- Variant of the weighted, edge-cover problem:



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## Learning

- Training set  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i) | i = 1 \dots n\}$ , where
  - $i$  corresponds to a particular entity pair
  - $\mathbf{x}_i$  contains all sentences with mentions of pair
  - $\mathbf{y}_i$  bit vector of facts about pair from database
- Maximize Likelihood

$$O(\theta) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{y}_i | \mathbf{x}_i; \theta) = \prod_i \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_i; \theta)$$

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## Learning

- Scalability: Perceptron-style additive updates
- Requires two approximations:
  1. Online learning  
For example i (entity pair), define

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_j \phi(x_j, z_j)$$

Use gradient of local log likelihood for example i:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \log O_i(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} &= E_{p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i; \theta)} [\phi_j(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z})] \\ &\quad - E_{p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_i; \theta)} [\phi_j(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z})]\end{aligned}$$

2. Replace expectations with maximizations

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## Learning: Hidden-Variable Perceptron

passes over  
dataset

for each  
entity pair  $i$

most likely  
sentence labels  
and inferred facts  
(ignoring DB facts)

most likely  
sentence labels  
given DB facts

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initialize parameter vector  $\Theta \leftarrow 0$ 
for  $t = 1 \dots T$  do
    for  $i = 1 \dots n$  do
         $(\mathbf{y}', \mathbf{z}') \leftarrow \arg \max_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_i; \theta)$ 
        if  $\mathbf{y}' \neq \mathbf{y}_i$  then
             $\mathbf{z}^* \leftarrow \arg \max_{\mathbf{z}} p(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i; \theta)$ 
             $\Theta \leftarrow \Theta + \phi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}^*) - \phi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}')$ 
        end if
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Return  $\Theta$ 
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- Some example relations:
  - children of
  - city of birth
  - shareholders
  - countries of residence

## Cold Start Knowledge Base Population

- Modeled the problem using distant supervision.
- Used Freebase as an existing Knowledge base.
- **Freebase:** Freebase is a large collaborative knowledge base consisting of metadata composed mainly by its community members.
- It is an online collection of structured data harvested from many sources, including individual, user-submitted wiki contributions.

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# Distant supervision for Numerical Relation Extraction

## Knowledge Base

- Derived from `data.worldbank.org`, 4371979 numerical facts about 249 countries, 1281 attributes

/m/04g5k	3126000130	EG.ELC.PROD.KH
/m/02k8k	1969.179	EN.ATM.CO2E.KT
/m/06nnj	332315	SP.POP.TOTL
/m/019rg5	55.020073	SP.DYN.LE00.IN
/m/05sb1	19974.148	EN.ATM.CO2E.KT
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/m/06vbd	44249.688	EN.ATM.CO2E.KT
/m/0d060g	51.3	IT.NET.USER.P2
/m/05qkp	62.298927	SP.DYN.LE00.IN

# Selected Relations

Relation Name	Relation Code
Land area (sq. km)	AG.LND.TOTL.K2
Foreign direct investment, net (current US\$)	BN.KLT.DINV.CD
Goods exports (current US\$)	BX.GSR.MRCH.CD
Electricity production (kWh)	EG.ELC.PROD.KH
CO2 emissions (kt)	EN.ATM.CO2E.KT
Pump price for diesel fuel (US\$ per liter)	EP.PMP.DESL.CD
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %)	FP.CPI.TOTL.ZG
Internet users (per 100 people)	IT.NET.USER.P2
GDP (current US\$)	NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
Life expectancy at birth, total (years)	SP.DYN.LE00.IN
Population (Total)	SP.POP.TOTL

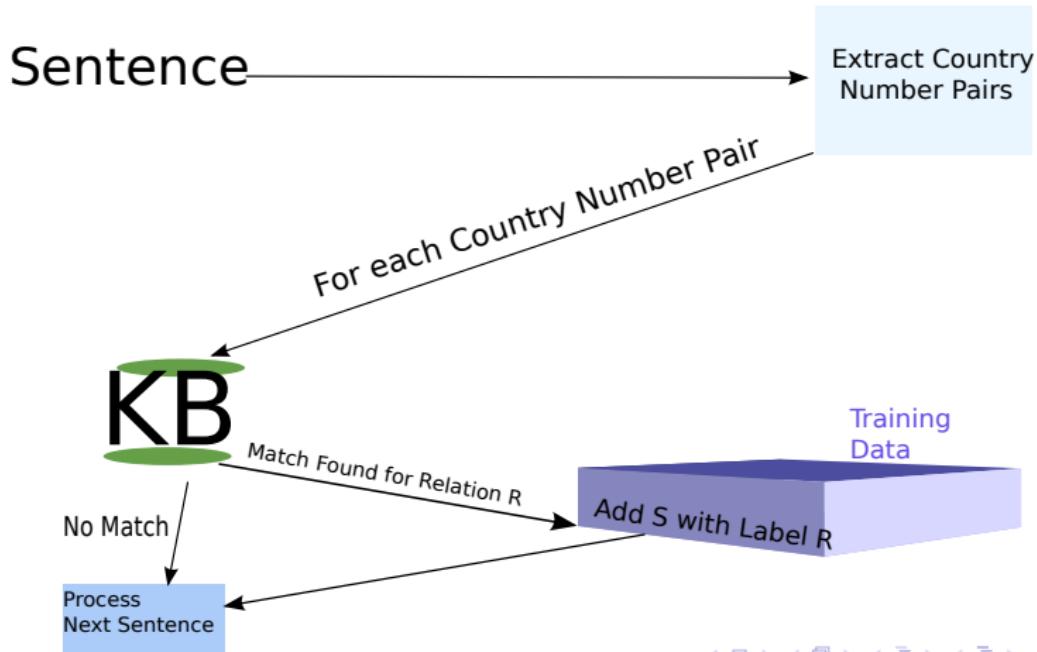
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- Subset of the tac corpus
- 268, 036 Documents, X sentences having a country and a number
- List of countries augmented manually by adding all possible synonyms (Dutch, Netherlands) and inflections (Ireland, Irish)

# Distant supervision process for numerical relation extraction

- Extract a country and number from a sentence, go to kb and check if there is a match.
- Can be creative during matching:
  - Distance based matching
  - Time based matching

# First Attempt: Vanilla Matching



# Vanilla Matching

- A large number of matches
- Most of them false positives

# Vanilla Matching: Results

Relation	Total Matches	Sampled Matches	True Matches	Precision
AG.LND.TOTL.K2	1884	15	1	0.066666666667
BN.KLT.DINV.CD	0	0	0	0
BX.GSR.MRCH.CD	0	0	0	0
EG.ELC.PROD.KH	381	10	0	0
EN.ATM.CO2E.KT	0	0	0	0
EP.PMP.DESL.CD	8491	15	0	0
FP.CPI.TOTL.ZG	8689	15	0	0
IT.NET.USER.P2	182319	40	0	0
NY.GDP.MKTP.CD	0	0	0	0
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SP.POP.TOTL	0			

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- A large number of false matches had no reference to the relation involved.
- Eg. No mention of Population in the following matches:
  - The website of China's Ministry of Defense (MOD) has attracted around 1.25 billion visits in the three months since its opening, with the United States topping the source countries for foreign visits, website editor-in-chief Ji Guilin said.
  - Insulza, for his part, said the Organization of American States expects to raise 10 million dollars for Haiti's recovery.
  - Koloini and others brought 10 million euros, probably 15 million, back from Iraq at the time, Falter quoted from the diary.
- No reference to Co2 emission:
  - China's iron ore imports surged 41.6 percent to 627.8 million tonnes in 2009, with the value falling 17.4 percent as prices were hit by the global downturn, customs data shows.

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## Good News

Sentences expressing a numerical relation can be expected to have keywords that denote the relation

- Take all the labeled sentences, prune out sentences that don't have atleast one of the relevant keywords

Internet User %	"Internet"
Land Area	"area", "land", "land area"
Population	"Population"
Diesel	"diesel"
GDP	"Gross domestic", "GDP"
CO2	"Carbon", "Carbon Emission", "CO2"
Inflation	"Inflation", "Price Rise"
FDI	"Foreign", "FDI"
Goods Export	"goods"
Life Expectancy	"life", "life expectancy"
Electricity Production	"Electricity"

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- Numbers are the second entity in our setup ( $\text{Relation}(\text{Country}, \text{Number})$ )
- Unlike real world entities, numbers don't have an identity of their own, sentences should have words (keywords!) indicating what the number stands for
- Manual inspection of 400 sentences pruned out after applying keyword based filter backs this conjecture, not even one false negative
- The keywords are created manually, can this process be automated?

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