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**FROM UNSUPERVISED INDUCTION OF
LINGUISTIC STRUCTURES FROM TEXT
TOWARDS APPLICATIONS IN DEEP
LEARNING**

Induction of semantic frames

FrameNet: frame “Kidnapping”

Definition:

The words in this frame describe situations in which a **Perpetrator** carries off and holds the **Victim** against his or her will by force.

Two men **KIDNAPPED** a Millwall soccer club employee, police said last night.

Not even the **ABDUCTION** of his children by Captain Hook and his scurvy sidekick, Smee, can shake Peter's scepticism.

FEs:

Core:

Perpetrator [Perp]
Semantic Type: Sentient

The **Perpetrator** is the person (or other agent) who carries off and holds the **Victim** against his or her will.

Victim [Vict]
Semantic Type: Sentient
Non-Core:

The **Victim** is the person who is carried off and held against his/her will.

Co-participant [Co-p]

An additional abductee taken along with the **Victim**.
She was **ABDUCTED** with her brother.

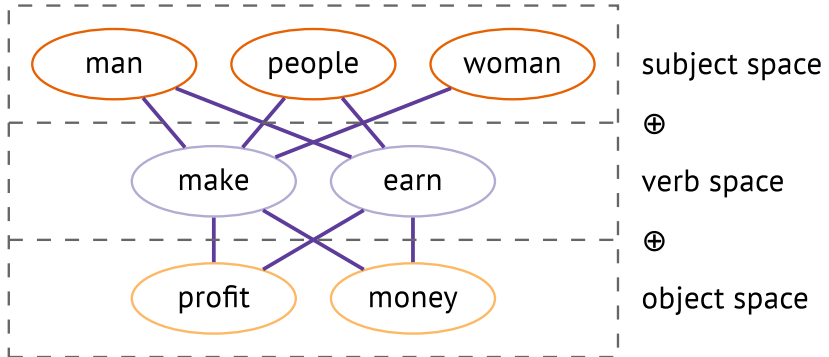
Frame induction as a triclustering

■ ACL'2018 [Ustalov et al., 2018]

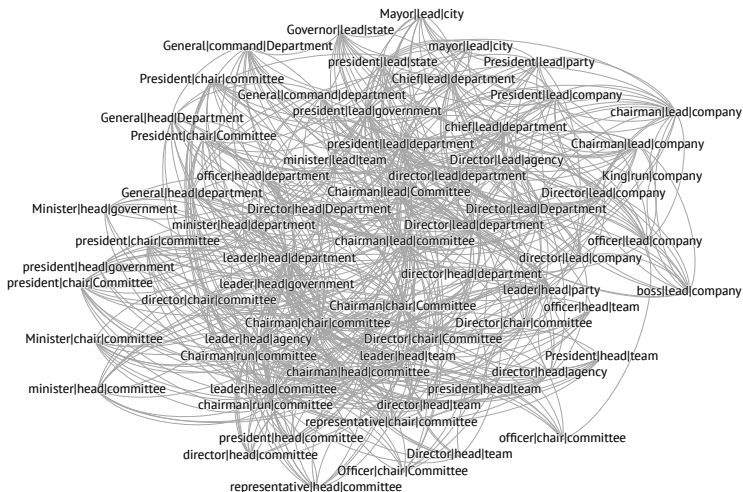
Example of a LU tricluster corresponding to the “Kidnapping” frame from FrameNet.

FrameNet	Role	Lexical Units (LU)
<i>Perpetrator</i>	Subject	kidnapper, alien, militant
<i>FEE</i>	Verb	snatch, kidnap, abduct
<i>Victim</i>	Object	son, people, soldier, child

SVO triple elements



An SVO triple graph



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$S \leftarrow \{t \rightarrow \vec{t} \in \mathbb{R}^{3d} : t \in T\}$

$E \leftarrow \{(t, t') \in T^2 : t' \in \text{NN}_k^S(\vec{t}), t \neq t'\}$

$F \leftarrow \emptyset$

for all $C \in \text{CLUSTER}(T, E)$ **do**

$f_s \leftarrow \{s \in V : (s, v, o) \in C\}$

$f_v \leftarrow \{v \in V : (s, v, o) \in C\}$

$f_o \leftarrow \{o \in V : (s, v, o) \in C\}$

$F \leftarrow F \cup \{(f_s, f_v, f_o)\}$

return F

Example of an extracted frame

Frame # 848	
Subjects:	Company, firm, company
Verbs:	buy, supply, discharge, purchase, expect
Objects:	book, supply, house, land, share, company, grain, which, item, product, ticket, work, this, equipment, House, it, film, water, something, she, what, service, plant, time

Example of an extracted frame

Frame # 849

Subjects: student, scientist, we, pupil, member,
company, man, nobody, you, they, US,
group, it, people, Man, user, he

Verbs: do, test, perform, execute, conduct

Objects: experiment, test

Example of an extracted frame

Frame # 3207

Subjects: people, we, they, you

Verbs: feel, seek, look, search

Objects: housing, inspiration, gold, witness, partner, accommodation, Partner

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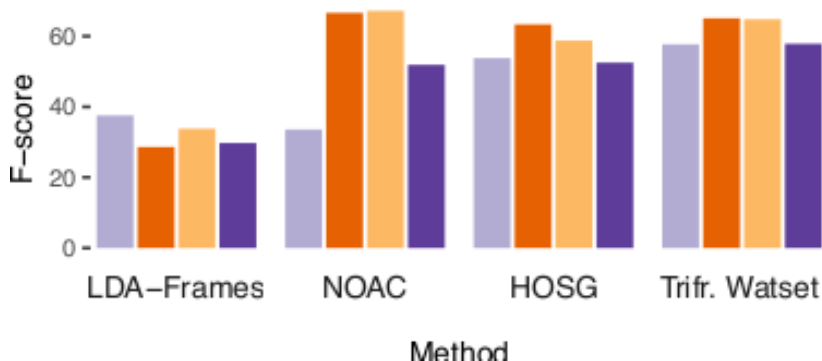
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Quality Measures:

- nmPU: normalized modified purity,
- niPU: normalized inverse purity.

Results: comparison to state-of-art



F₁-scores for ■ verbs, ■ subjects, ■ objects, ■ frames



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