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IMPROVING HYPERNYMY EXTRACTION WITH DISTRIBUTIONAL SEMANTIC CLASSES

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Introduction

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Examples of applications of hypernyms

- question answering [Zhou et al., 2013]
- query expansion [Gong et al., 2005]
- semantic role labelling [Shi & Mihalcea, 2005]

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Not taking into account word senses and global structure!

Induction of semantic classes

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1 [Lin & Pantel, 2001]: sets of similar words are clustered into concepts.

2 [Pantel & Lin, 2002]: words can belong to several clusters (representing senses)

3 [Pantel & Ravichandran, 2004]: aggregate hypernyms per cluster from from Hearst patterns

No explicit evaluation of usefulness of hypernymy labels for hypernymy extraction.
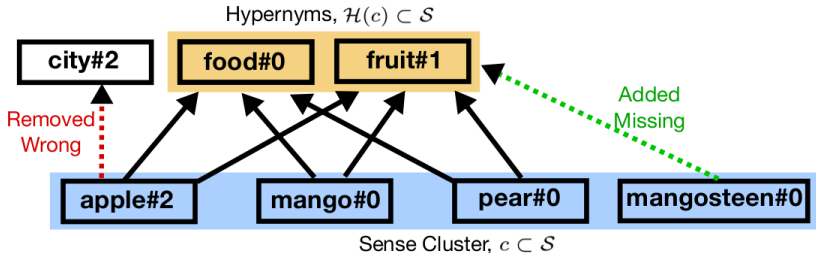
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  1. A method for inducing sense-aware semantic classes using distributional semantics;

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Method

Labeled semantic classes

Hypernyms, $\mathcal{H}(c) \subset \mathcal{S}$

city#2

food#0   fruit#1

Removed
Wrong

Added
Missing

apple#2   mango#0   pear#0   mangosteen#0

Sense Cluster, $c \subset \mathcal{S}$

- Post-processing of hypernymy relations using distributionally induced semantic classes;
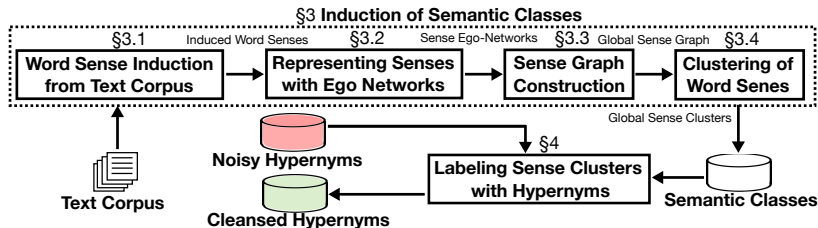- A semantic class is a clusters of induced word senses labeled with hypernyms.

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Word Sense Induction from Text Corpus → **Representing Senses with Ego Networks** → **Sense Graph Construction** → **Clustering of Word Senes**

Global Sense Clusters

Text Corpus

Noisy Hypernyms

§4 **Labeling Sense Clusters with Hypernyms**

Cleansed Hypernyms

Semantic Classes

Chinese Whispers#1

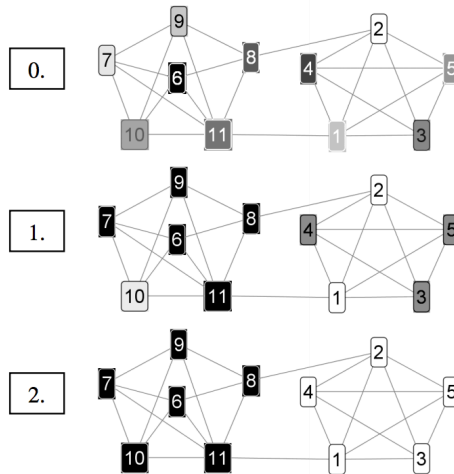* source of the image: `http://ic.pics.livejournal.com/blagin_anton/33716210/2701748/2701748_800.jpg`

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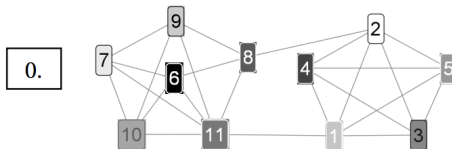
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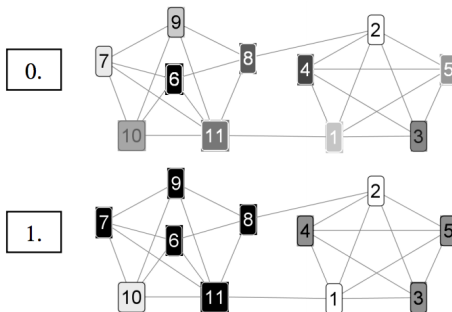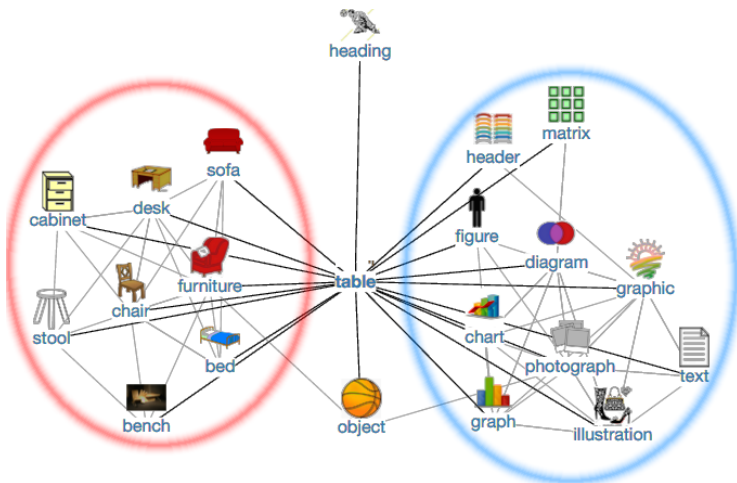
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Graph-based word sense induction

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Word Sense	Local Sense Cluster: Related Senses	Hypernyms
mango#0	peach#1, grape#0, plum#0, apple#0, apricot#0, watermelon#1, banana#1, coconut#0, pear#0, fig#0, melon#0, **mangosteen#0**, ...	fruit#0, food#0, ...
apple#0	mango#0, pineapple#0, banana#1, melon#0, grape#0, peach#1, watermelon#1, apricot#0, cranberry#0, pumpkin#0, **mangosteen#0**, ...	fruit#0, crop#0, ...
Java#1	C#4, Python#3, Apache#3, Ruby#6, Flash#1, C++#0, SQL#0, ASP#2, Visual Basic#1, CSS#0, Delphi#2, MySQL#0, Excel#0, Pascal#0, ...	programming language#3, language#0, ...
Python#3	PHP#0, Pascal#0, Java#1, SQL#0, Visual Basic#1, C++#0, JavaScript#0, Apache#3, Haskell#5, .NET#1, C#4, SQL Server#0, ...	language#0, technology#0, ...

Sample of induced semantic classes

ID	Global Sense Cluster: Semantic Class	Hypernyms
1	peach#1, banana#1, pineapple#0, berry#0, blackberry#0, grapefruit#0, strawberry#0, blueberry#0, mango#0, grape#0, melon#0, orange#0, pear#0, plum#0, raspberry#0, watermelon#0, apple#0, apricot#0, watermelon#0, pumpkin#0, berry#0, **mangosteen#0**, ...	vegetable#0, fruit#0, crop#0, ingredient#0, food#0, ·
2	C#4, Basic#2, Haskell#5, Flash#1, Java#1, Pascal#0, Ruby#6, PHP#0, Ada#1, Oracle#3, Python#3, Apache#3, Visual Basic#1, ASP#2, Delphi#2, SQL Server#0, CSS#0, AJAX#0, JavaScript#0, SQL Server#0, Apache#3, Delphi#2, Haskell#5, .NET#1, CSS#0, ...	programming language#3, technology#0, language#0, format#2, app#0

Network of induced word senses
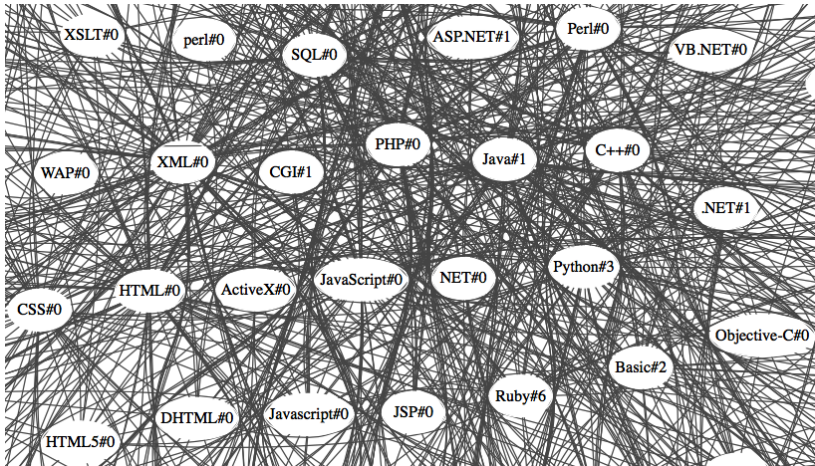
Optimization of meta-parameters

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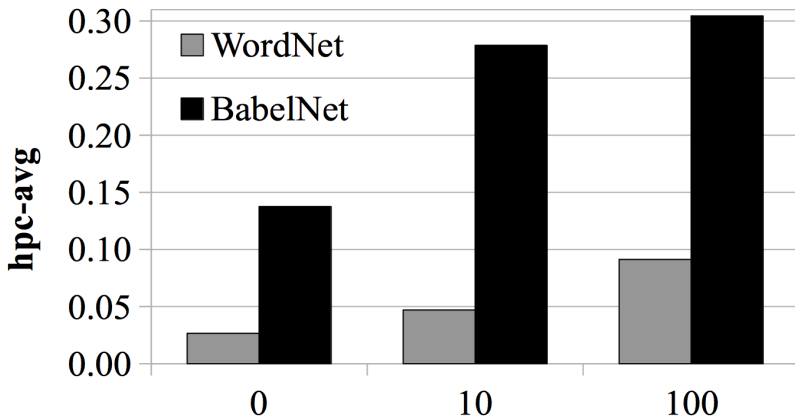
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Impact of the min. edge weight *t*

Best coarse- and fine-grained models

Min. num of sense co-occurr., t	Edge weight, E	Hypernym weight, H	Number of clusters	Number of senses	hpc-avg, WordNet	hpc-avg, BabelNet
0	count	tf-idf	**1870**	**208 871**	0.041	0.279
100	log	tf-idf	**734**	**18 028**	0.092	0.304

Results

Plausibility of Semantic Classes

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■ Layout of the sense
cluster evaluation
crowdsourcing task;

■ the entry
"winchester" is the
intruder.

Topics:
• vegetable
• fruit
• crop

For these topics we have the list of the following words:
• peach
• pineapple
• winchester
• watermelon
• cherry
• blackberry

Select the words that are non-relevant for the topics above:
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- **Clusters**: 68 annotators, 2,035 judgments;
- **Hypernyms**: 98 annotators, 2,245 judgments.

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Layout of the hypernymy annotation task:

Is it correct that **peach** is a kind of **fruit**?
Your opinion:
○ Yes
○ No

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	Precision	Recall	F-score
Original hypernymy relations extracted from Common Crawl corpus [Seitner et al., 2016]	0.475	0.546	0.508
Enhanced hypernyms with the *coarse-grained* semantic classes	**0.541**	**0.679**	**0.602**

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Domain	#Seeds words	#Expanded words	#Clusters, fine-gr.	#Clusters, coarse-gr.
Food	2 834	3 047	29	21
Science	806	1 137	73	35
Environ.	261	909	111	39

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System / Dataset	Food, Word-Net	Science, Word-Net	Food, Com-bined	Science, Com-bined	Science, Eurovoc	Environ., Eurovoc
WordNet	1.0000	1.0000	0.5870	0.5760	0.6243	n.a.
Baseline	0.0022	0.0016	0.0019	0.0163	0.0056	0.0000
JUNLP	0.1925	0.0494	0.2608	0.1774	0.1373	0.0814
NUIG-UNLP	n.a.	0.0027	n.a.	0.0090	0.1517	0.0007
QASSIT	n.a.	0.2255	n.a.	0.5757	0.3893	0.4349
TAXI	0.3260	0.2255	0.2021	0.3634	0.3893	0.2384
USAAR	0.0021	0.0008	0.0000	0.0020	0.0023	0.0007
Sem. Class, fine-gr.	0.4540	0.4181	0.5147	0.6359	**0.5831**	0.5600
Sem. Class, coarse-gr.	**0.4774**	**0.5927**	**0.5799**	**0.6539**	0.5515	**0.6326**

Summary

1. An unsupervised method for the induction of **sense-aware distributional semantic classes**;

2. Showed how these can be used for **post-processing of noisy hypernymy databases** extracted from text.

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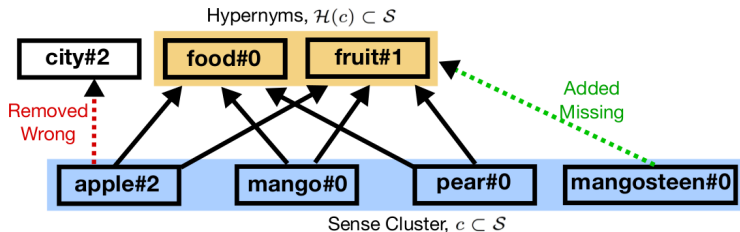
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