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IMPROVING HYPERNYMY EXTRACTION WITH DISTRIBUTIONAL SEMANTIC CLASSES

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]

Automatic extraction of hypernyms

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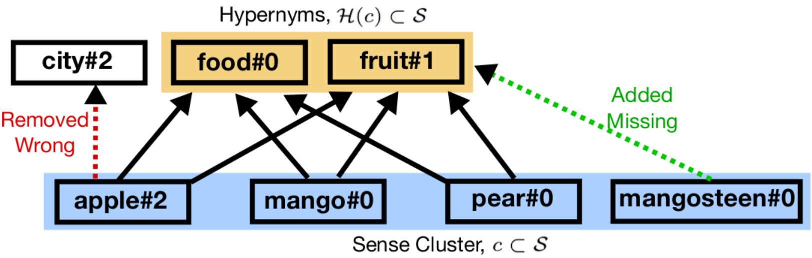
  2. A method for using the induced semantic classes for filtering noisy hypernymy relations.

Method

Labeled semantic classes



- 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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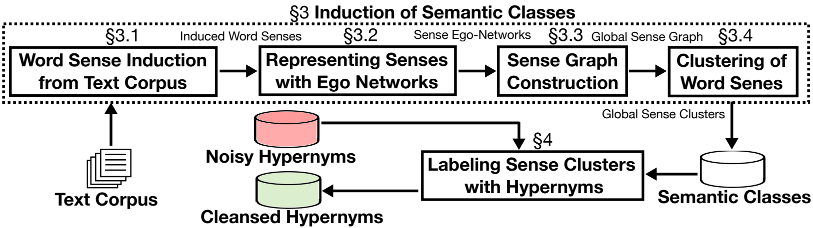

Chinese Whispers#1

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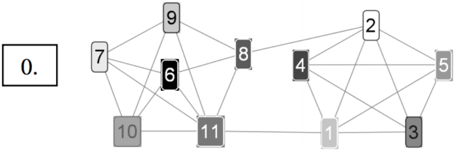
Chinese Whispers#2: graph clustering



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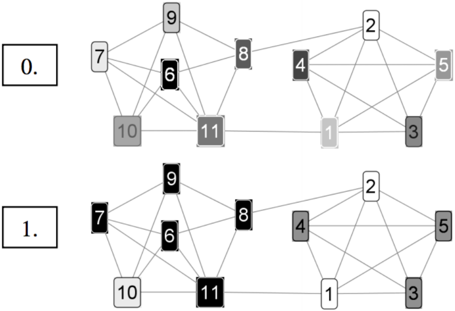

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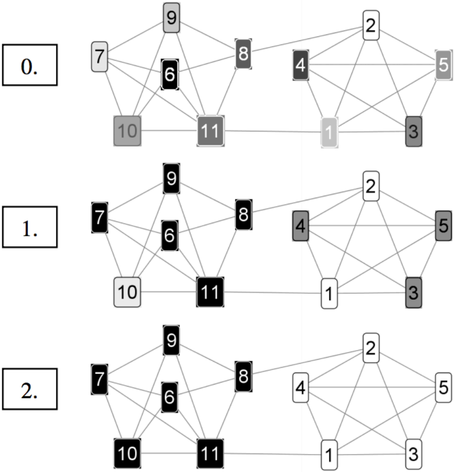
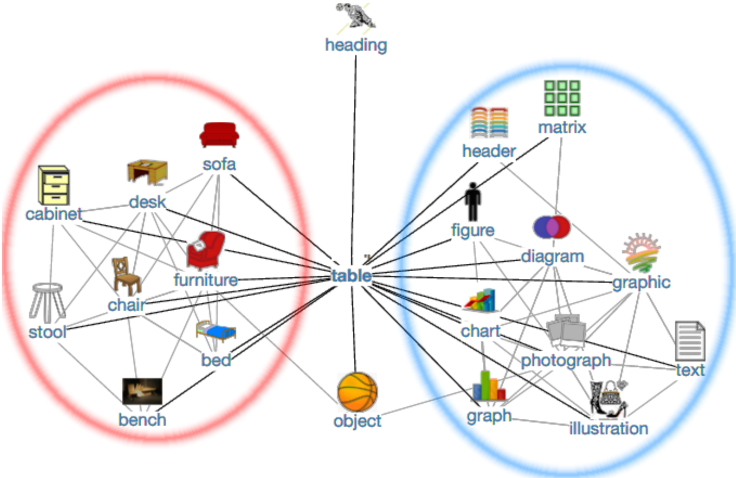


Graph-based word sense induction



Sample of induced sense inventory

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, ·
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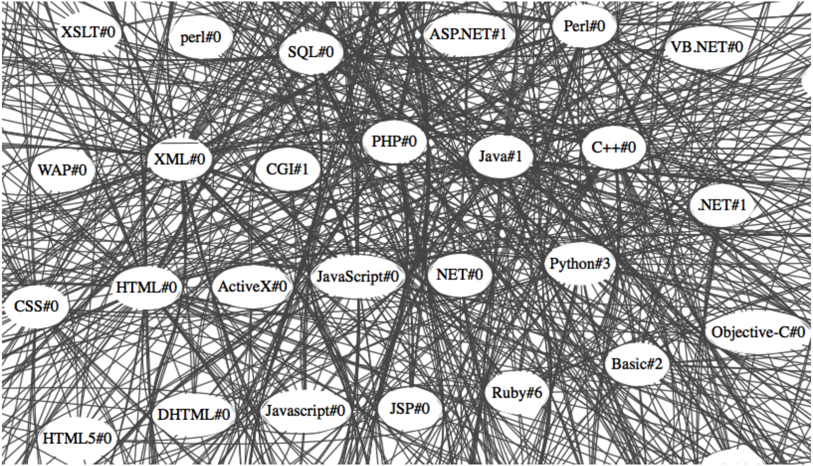
Network of induced word senses



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$$hpc\text{-score}(c) = \frac{h\text{-score}(c) + 1}{p\text{-score}(c) + 1} \cdot \text{coverage}(c).$$

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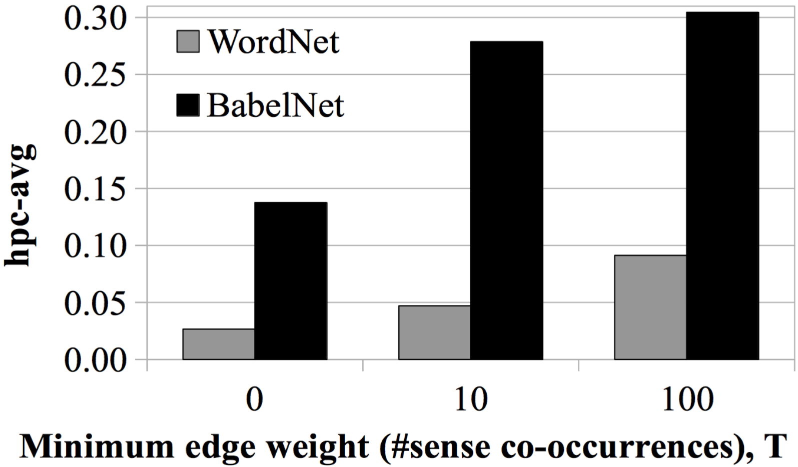
Impact of the min. edge weight *t*



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	**1 870**	**208 871**	0.041	0.279
100	log	tf-idf	**734**	**18 028**	0.092	0.304

Results

Plausibility of Semantic Classes

- 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.

Improving Binary Hypernymy Relations

Layout of the hypernymy annotation task:

Is it correct that **peach** is a kind of **fruit**?

Your opinion:

◯ Yes

◯ No

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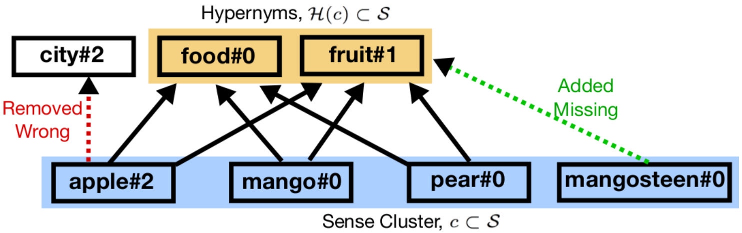
Domain	**#Seeds words**	**#Expanded words**	**#Clusters,** fine-gr.	**#Clusters,** coarse-gr.
Food	2 834	3 047	29	21
Science	806	1 137	73	35
Environ.	261	909	111	39

Improving Taxonomy Induction

System / Dataset	Food, WordNet	Science, WordNet	Food, Combined	Science, Combined	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.



Thank you! Questions?

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