

# Machine learning with ontologies

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# Before the tutorial

See <https://github.com/bio-ontology-research-group/ontology-tutorial>:

- install Docker (e.g.: `apt-get install docker`)
- `docker pull coolmaksat/embeddings:latest`
- `docker pull leechuck/ontology-ml:latest`
- `docker run -i -t -p 8888:8888  
leechuck/ontology-ml /bin/bash -c "jupyter  
notebook  
--notebook-dir=/home/borg/ontology-tutorial/  
--ip='0.0.0.0' --port=8888 --no-browser  
--allow-root"`

# Overview

Ontologies and graphs

Machine learning and ontologies

- Graph-based methods

- Translating embeddings

- Syntactic approaches

- Model-theoretic approaches

Conclusion

# Ontologies, axioms, and bioinformatics

- ontologies are ubiquitous
- rich formal characterization (axioms)
- how can they be used for (predictive) data analysis?
  - ▶ “fuzzy”, similarity-based search
  - ▶ predictive analysis and machine learning
  - ▶ background knowledge

# Learning goals

- machine learning with ontologies as *features* (or background knowledge)
- unsupervised or supervised:
  - ▶ here: mostly unsupervised *feature* learning
- focus on existing tools and methods
  - ▶ Jupyter Notebooks and code examples
- not covered:
  - ▶ learning ontologies (axioms, definitions) from data
  - ▶ natural language processing
  - ▶ reasoning with ontologies
  - ▶ learning on “knowledge graphs”
  - ▶ machine learning theory

# Agenda

- Introduction: ontologies, axioms, reasoning, graphs
- Machine learning:
  - ▶ graph-based
  - ▶ syntactic
  - ▶ model-theoretic
- (Semantic similarity)
  - ▶ probably not

# Preliminaries: ontologies

- Specific artifacts expressing the intended meaning of a vocabulary in terms of primitive categories and relations describing the nature and structure of a domain of discourse
  - ▶ in order to account for the competent use of vocabulary in real situations (such as annotations in databases, etc.)
- the intended meaning of *primitive* categories and relations is expressed through axioms (axiomatic method, Tarski)

# Preliminaries: axioms

- *classes* represent kinds of things in the world
  - ▶ *Arm, Apoptosis, Influenza, Homo sapiens, Drinking behavior, Membrane*
- *instances* of classes are individuals satisfying the classes' intension
  - ▶ my arm, the influenza I had last year, one ethanol molecule, etc.
- *relations* between instances arise from interactions, configurations, etc., of individuals
  - ▶ my arm is **part of** me, the **duration of** my influenza was 10 days
- *axioms* specify the conditions that instances of a class must satisfy
  - ▶ every instance of *Hand* is a **part of** an instance of *Arm*



# Description Logics: overview

- TBox: axioms pertaining to the terminology of the domain (classes)
- ABox: axioms stating facts (assertions) about the world
- RBox: axioms holding for relations
- Reasoning: derive implicitly represented knowledge (e.g., subsumption)
- a “knowledge graph” is an ABox + RBox

# Manchester OWL Syntax

DL Syntax	Manchester Syntax	Example
$C \sqcap D$	C and D	Human and Male
$C \sqcup D$	C or D	Male or Female
$\neg C$	not C	not Male
$\exists R.C$	R some C	hasChild some Human
$\forall R.C$	R only C	hasChild only Human
$(\geq nR.C)$	R min n C	hasChild min 1 Human
$(\leq nR.C)$	R max n C	hasChild max 1 Human
$(= nR.C)$	R exactly n C	hasChild exactly 1 Human
$\{a\} \sqcup \{b\} \sqcup \dots$	{a b ...}	{John Robert Mary}

# Ontologies provide background knowledge

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- finding new facts is only one (minor?) use case
  - ▶ other uses: encode background knowledge for machine learning models (e.g., function prediction); add new classes; expand definition; etc.

# Semantic similarity

semantic similarity measures:

- for words, terms, classes
- role of background knowledge:
  - ▶ statistical/distributional semantics, large corpora
  - ▶ ontologies: (graph) topology
- similarity measures: hand-crafted or data-driven?

# Semantic similarity: some examples

- Are cyclin dependent kinases *functionally* more similar to lipid kinases or to riboflavin kinases? How about *phenotypically*?
- Which protein in the *mouse* is functionally most similar to the zebrafish *gustducin* protein?
- Which mouse knockout resembles *Bardet-Biedl Syndrome 8*?
- Are there mouse knockouts that resemble the side effects of diclofenac?
- Which genetic disease produces similar symptoms to ebola?
- Does functional similarity correlate with phenotypic similarity?

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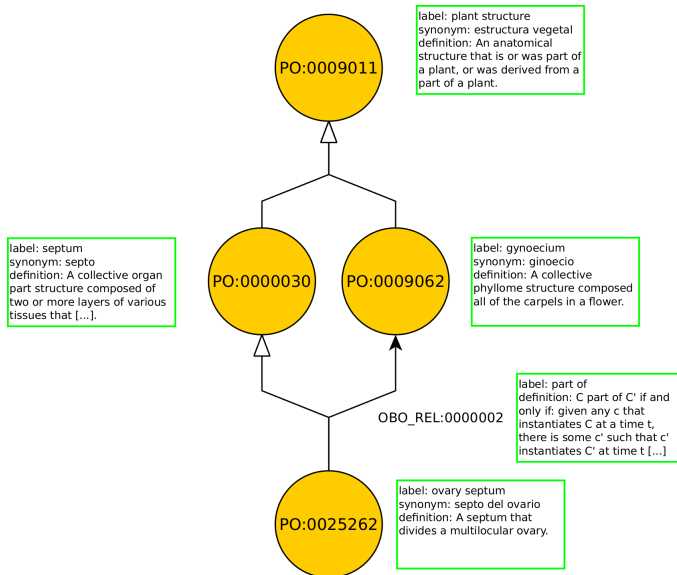
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- relational patterns are implicit in OWL axioms
  - ▶ in first order logic
  - ▶ needs to translate them into OWL
  - ▶ defined in OBO Relation Ontology



# Relations as patterns



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- OBO Relation Ontology (RO):
  - ▶ <https://github.com/oborel/obo-relations>
- Basic Formal Ontology (BFO):
  - ▶ provides top-level classes
    - ▶ Continuant, Process, Function, Material object, etc.
  - ▶ used for some OBO Foundry ontologies
- RO and BFO provide a top-level system of classes and relations shared across many biomedical ontologies
- this system may define patterns used to generate graphs

# Relations as patterns

- X SubClassOf:  $Y: X \xrightarrow{\text{is-a}} Y$
- X SubClassOf: part-of some  $Y: X \xrightarrow{\text{part-of}} Y$
- X SubClassOf: regulates some  $Y: X \xrightarrow{\text{regulates}} Y$
- X DisjointWith:  $Y: X \xleftrightarrow{\text{disjoint}} Y$
- X EquivalentTo:  $Y: X \xleftrightarrow{=} Y, \{X, Y\}$

# Asserted and inferred

- relation patterns can be asserted or inferred
- `X SubClassOf: part-of some Y`
- `Y SubClassOf: part-of some Z`
- `part-of o part-of SubPropertyOf: part-of`
- $\vdash$  `X SubClassOf: part-of some Z`

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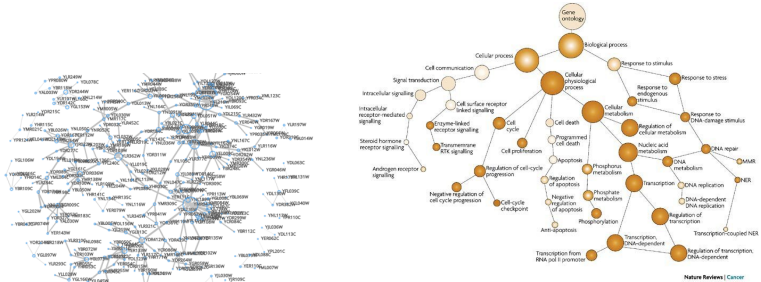
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- edges should be “meaningful”: not merely syntax
  - ▶ the RDF serialization of OWL is a graph and contains all information but is a bad idea for semantic similarity or machine learning (more later)

## An example: protein–protein interactions and GO functions

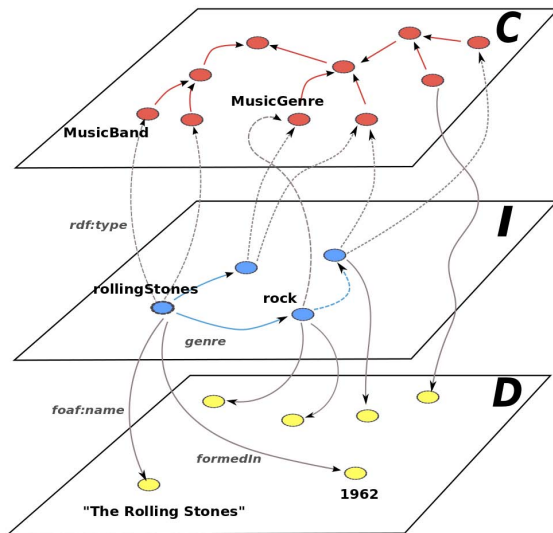




# Machine learning with ontologies: approaches

- graph-based
- syntactic
- model-theoretic

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- Shortest Path

- ▶ applicable to arbitrary “knowledge graphs”
- ▶ does not capture similarity well over all edge types, e.g., *disjointWith*, *differentFrom*, *opposite-of*, etc.

- Random Walk

- ▶ with or without restart
- ▶ iterated
- ▶ does not consider edge labels  $\Rightarrow$  captures only adjacency of nodes
- ▶ scores whole graph with *probability* of being in a state
- ▶ can take multiple seed nodes
  - ▶ can be used to find disease genes

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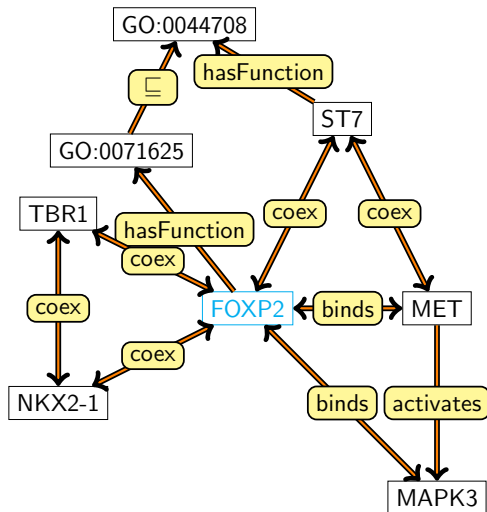
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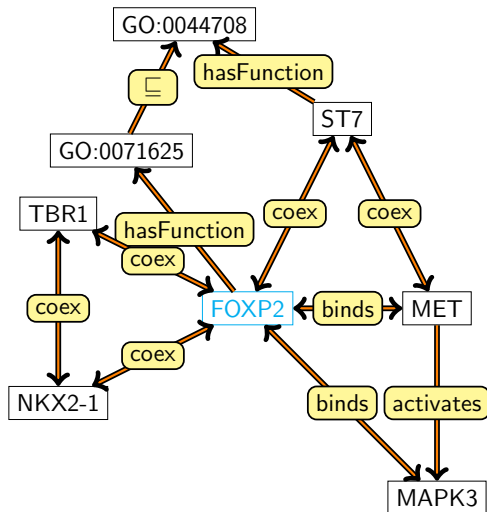
- key idea: preserve *some* structure of the graph in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (under operations in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )
- $\mathbb{R}^n$  enables *new* operations (such as many similarity measures)
- useful as *feature* vectors

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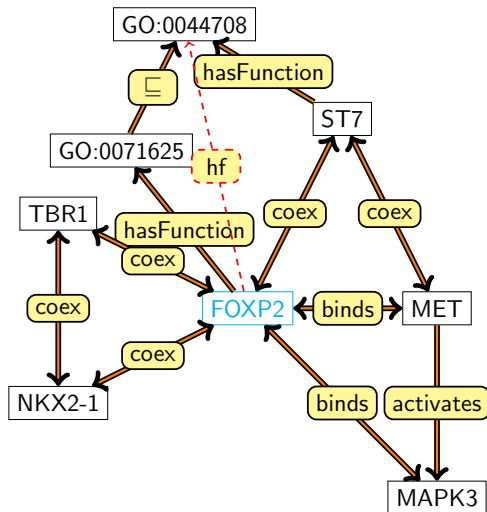
- FOXP2 is characterized by *adjacent* and close nodes and edges
- different edges may “transmit” information differently

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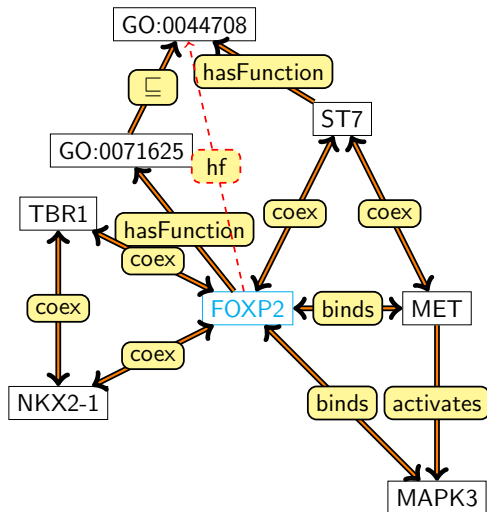
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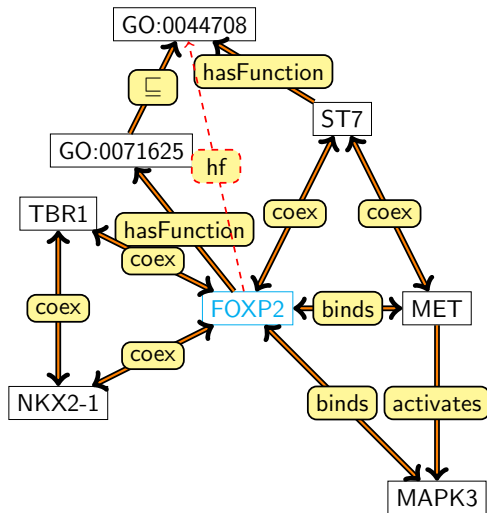
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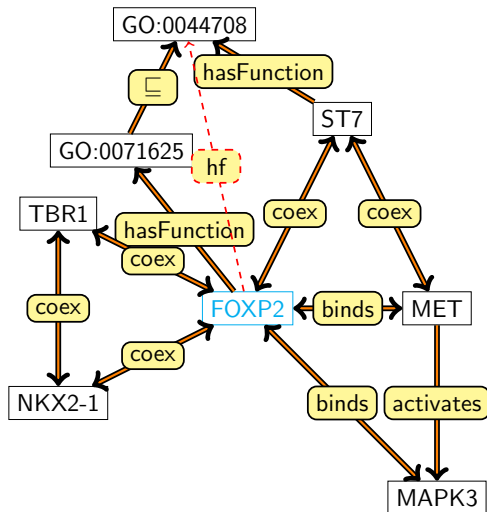
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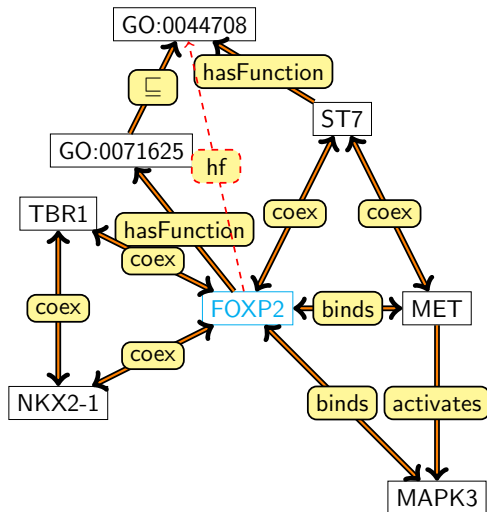
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Maximize:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{-c \leq j \leq c, j \neq 0} \log p(w_{n+j} | w_n) \quad (1)$$

with

$$p(w_o | w_i) = \frac{\exp(v'_{w_o}{}^T v_{w_i})}{\sum_{w=1}^W \exp(v'_w{}^T v_{w_i})} \quad (2)$$

(at least conceptually; different strategies are used to approximate Eqn. 2)

# Word2Vec

## Source Text

## Training Samples

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. →	(the, quick) (the, brown)
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# Word2Vec and Random Walks

- random walks “flatten” a graph
  - ▶ walks capture node neighborhood
  - ▶ and generate a “corpus”
- random walks capture graph “structure”
  - ▶ hub-nodes, communities, etc.
  - ▶ determine “importance” of nodes
- embeddings capture co-occurrence
  - ▶ similar graph neighborhood  $\Rightarrow$  similar co-occurrence  $\Rightarrow$  similar vector
- embeddings generate “feature” vectors
  - ▶ functions from symbols (words, labels) into  $\mathbb{R}^n$

# What to do with embeddings?

- useful for edge prediction, similarity, clustering, as feature vectors

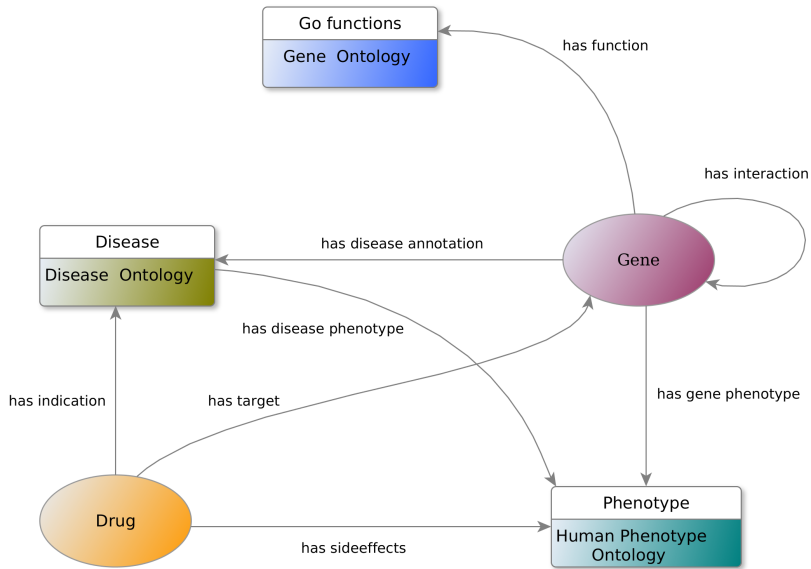
- ▶ supervised: edge prediction (e.g., SVM, ANN)

- ▶ e.g.: find a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto [0, 1]$  s.t.  $\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{y}_t - y_t)^2}{T}}$  (RMSE) is minimized for a set of true labels  $y_k$

- ▶ unsupervised: clustering, similarity, visualization

- ▶ cosine similarity (for L2-normalized features)
- ▶ Word2Vec embeddings capture similarity between co-occurrence vectors

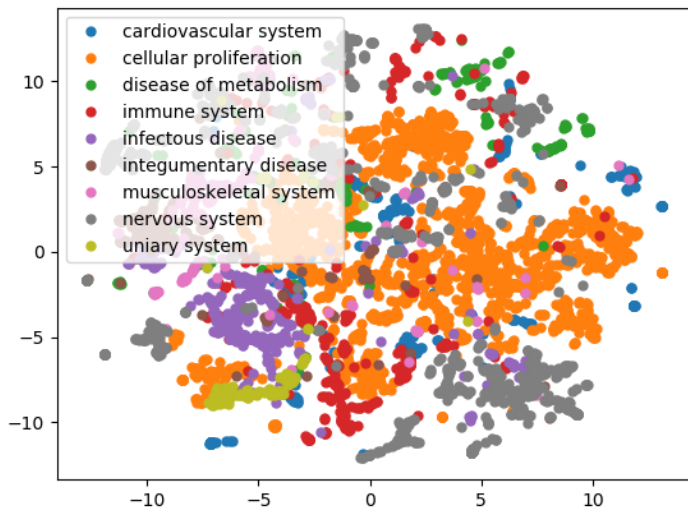
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# Visualizing feature vectors: dimensionality reduction

- project  $n$ -dimensional vectors in 2D (or 3D) space
- and color with some known labels
  - ▶ high-level/general classes in an ontology work great
- PCA or t-SNE
- <https://lvdmaaten.github.io/tsne/>

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# Features: supervised learning

- feature vectors represent graph neighborhood of nodes
  - ▶ adjacent nodes and edges
  - ▶ ontology classes (asserted & inferred)
- useful in supervised prediction tasks
- relation prediction:
  - ▶ input: two features vectors (from embedding function)
  - ▶ output: 0 or 1 (relation or not)
  - ▶ training data: positive and negative cases
    - ▶  $R(x, y)$  and  $\neg R(x, y)$



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Object property	Source type	Target type	Without reasoning		With reasoning	
			F-measure	AUC	F-measure	AUC
has target	Drug	Gene/Protein	0.94	0.97	0.94	0.98
has disease annotation	Gene/Protein	Disease	0.89	0.95	0.89	0.95
has side-effect*	Drug	Phenotype	0.86	0.93	0.87	0.94
has interaction	Gene/Protein	Gene/Protein	0.82	0.88	0.82	0.88
has function*	Gene/Protein	Function	0.85	0.95	0.83	0.91
has gene phenotype*	Gene/Protein	Phenotype	0.84	0.91	0.82	0.90
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# Some limitations

- “word”-based (Word2Vec):
  - ▶ semantics is reduced to co-occurrence (in ABox/TBox statements)
  - ▶ “disjointWith” vs. “part-of” vs. “subClassOf”

# Jupyter exercise

- Open the Jupyter notebook `graph.ipynb`
- Follow the examples in the first part of the notebook (random walks)
- If you don't have a powerful CPU in your laptop (with multiple cores), you may want to lower the number of iterations (`n_iter`) during TSNE
- some of the code will take a while to run
  - ▶ if things are too slow, you can keep it running while we continue or complete this after the tutorial



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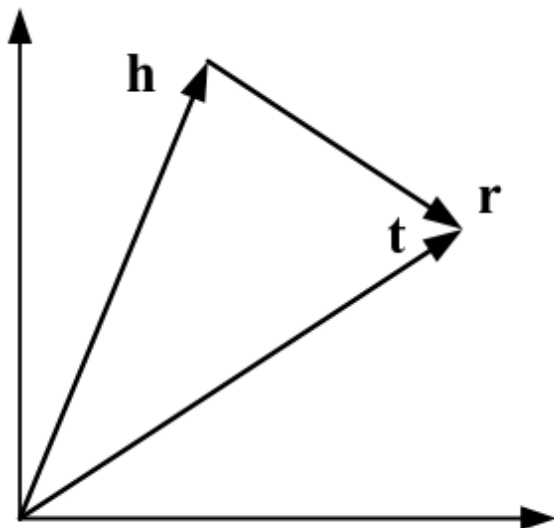
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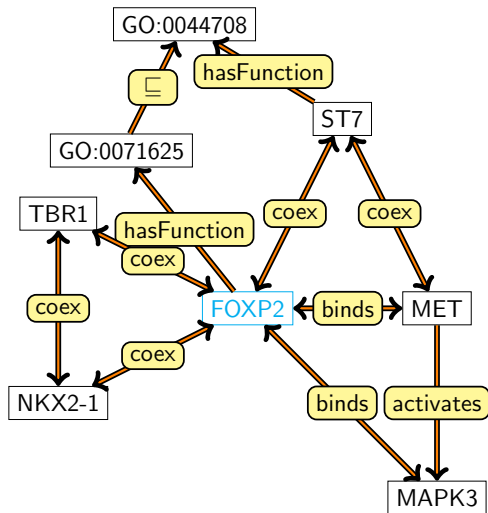
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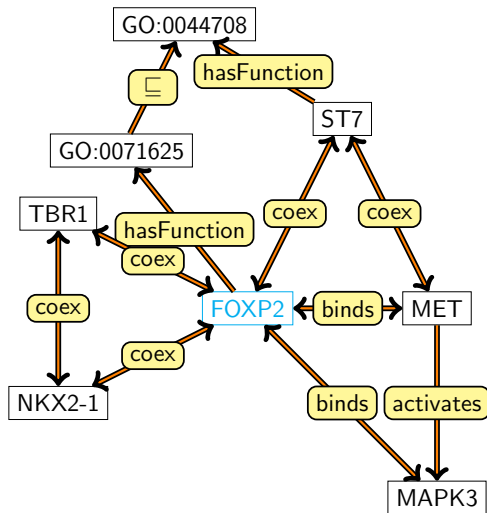


Entity and Relation Space

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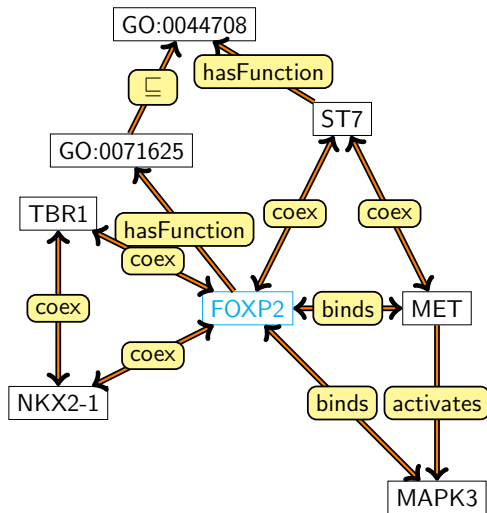


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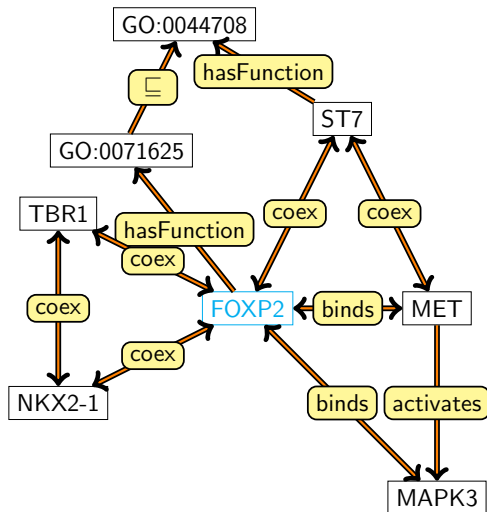
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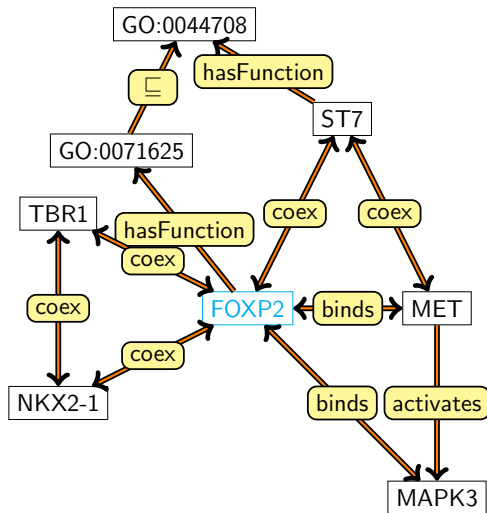


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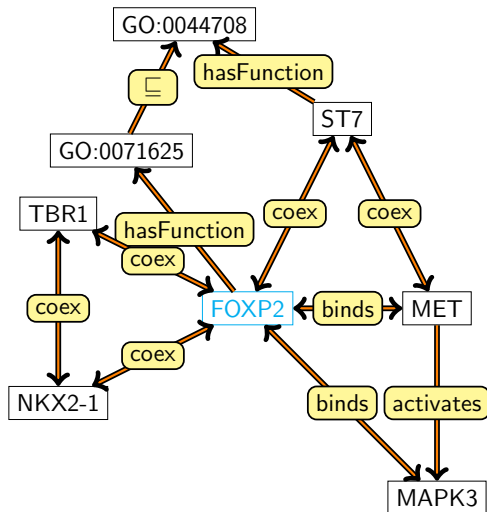
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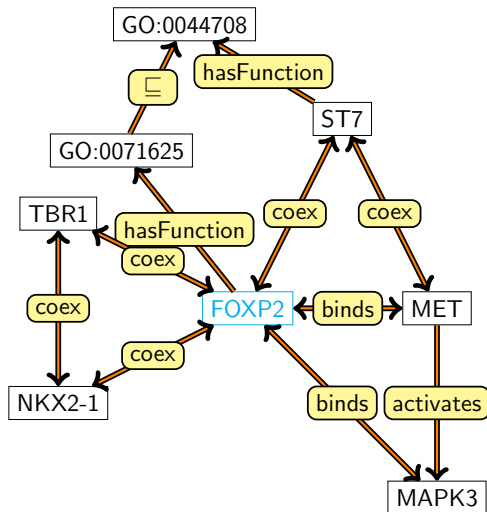
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# Translating embeddings

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**Algorithm 1** Learning TransE

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**input** Training set  $S = \{(h, \ell, t)\}$ , entities and rel. sets  $E$  and  $L$ , margin  $\gamma$ , embeddings dim.  $k$ .

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1: initialize  $\ell \leftarrow \text{uniform}(-\frac{6}{\sqrt{k}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{k}})$  for each  $\ell \in L$ 
2:    $\ell \leftarrow \ell / \|\ell\|$  for each  $\ell \in L$ 
3:    $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow \text{uniform}(-\frac{6}{\sqrt{k}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{k}})$  for each entity  $e \in E$ 
4: loop
5:    $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow \mathbf{e} / \|\mathbf{e}\|$  for each entity  $e \in E$ 
6:    $S_{batch} \leftarrow \text{sample}(S, b)$  // sample a minibatch of size  $b$ 
7:    $T_{batch} \leftarrow \emptyset$  // initialize the set of pairs of triplets
8:   for  $(h, \ell, t) \in S_{batch}$  do
9:      $(h', \ell, t') \leftarrow \text{sample}(S'_{(h, \ell, t)})$  // sample a corrupted triplet
10:     $T_{batch} \leftarrow T_{batch} \cup \{((h, \ell, t), (h', \ell, t'))\}$ 
11:   end for
12:   Update embeddings w.r.t. 
$$\sum_{((h, \ell, t), (h', \ell, t')) \in T_{batch}} \nabla [\gamma + d(\mathbf{h} + \ell, \mathbf{t}) - d(\mathbf{h}' + \ell, \mathbf{t}')]_+$$

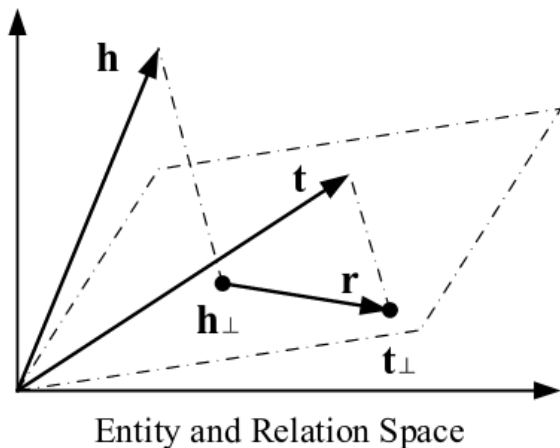
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Bordes et al. (2013). Translating Embeddings for Modeling Multi-relational Data.

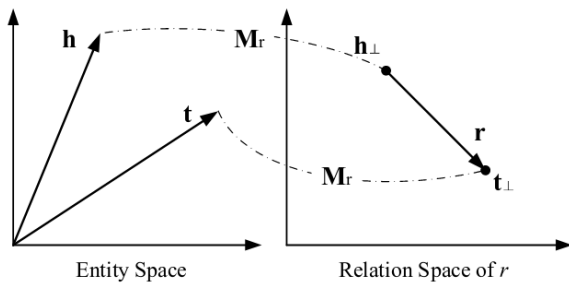
# Some properties of TransE

- graph-based
  - ▶ works well on RDF graphs
  - ▶ and ontology graphs
- 1:1 relations only
  - ▶ not suitable for hierarchies (1-N relations)
  - ▶ not suitable for N-N relations
  - ▶ no transitive, symmetric, reflexive relations

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(c) TransR.



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Method	Ent. embedding	Rel. embedding	Scoring function $f_r(h, t)$	Constraints/Regularization
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TransH [15]	$\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d$	$\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{w}_r \in \mathbb{R}^d$	$-\ (\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{w}_r^\top \mathbf{h} \mathbf{w}_r) + \mathbf{r} - (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{w}_r^\top \mathbf{t} \mathbf{w}_r)\ _2^2$	$\ \mathbf{h}\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mathbf{t}\ _2 \leq 1$ $\ \mathbf{w}_r^\top \mathbf{r}\  / \ \mathbf{r}\ _2 \leq c, \ \mathbf{w}_r\ _2 = 1$
TransR [16]	$\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d$	$\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^k, \mathbf{M}_r \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$	$-\ \mathbf{M}_r \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{M}_r \mathbf{t}\ _2^2$	$\ \mathbf{h}\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mathbf{t}\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mathbf{r}\ _2 \leq 1$ $\ \mathbf{M}_r \mathbf{h}\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mathbf{M}_r \mathbf{t}\ _2 \leq 1$
TransD [50]	$\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{w}_h \in \mathbb{R}^d$ $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{w}_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$	$\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{w}_r \in \mathbb{R}^k$	$-\ (\mathbf{w}_r \mathbf{w}_h^\top + \mathbf{I})\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{r} - (\mathbf{w}_r \mathbf{w}_t^\top + \mathbf{I})\mathbf{t}\ _2^2$	$\ \mathbf{h}\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mathbf{t}\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mathbf{r}\ _2 \leq 1$ $\ (\mathbf{w}_r \mathbf{w}_h^\top + \mathbf{I})\mathbf{h}\ _2 \leq 1$ $\ (\mathbf{w}_r \mathbf{w}_t^\top + \mathbf{I})\mathbf{t}\ _2 \leq 1$
TransSparse [51]	$\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d$	$\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^k, \mathbf{M}_r(\theta_r) \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ $\mathbf{M}_r^1(\theta_r^1), \mathbf{M}_r^2(\theta_r^2) \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$	$-\ \mathbf{M}_r(\theta_r)\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{M}_r(\theta_r)\mathbf{t}\ _{1/2}^2$ $-\ \mathbf{M}_r^1(\theta_r^1)\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{M}_r^2(\theta_r^2)\mathbf{t}\ _{1/2}^2$	$\ \mathbf{h}\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mathbf{t}\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mathbf{r}\ _2 \leq 1$ $\ \mathbf{M}_r(\theta_r)\mathbf{h}\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mathbf{M}_r(\theta_r)\mathbf{t}\ _2 \leq 1$ $\ \mathbf{M}_r^1(\theta_r^1)\mathbf{h}\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mathbf{M}_r^2(\theta_r^2)\mathbf{t}\ _2 \leq 1$
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KG2E [45]	$\mathbf{h} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_h, \Sigma_h)$ $\mathbf{t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_t, \Sigma_t)$ $\mu_h, \mu_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$ $\Sigma_h, \Sigma_t \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$	$\mathbf{r} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_r, \Sigma_r)$ $\mu_r \in \mathbb{R}^d, \Sigma_r \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$	$-\text{tr}(\Sigma_r^{-1}(\Sigma_h + \Sigma_t)) - \mu^\top \Sigma_r^{-1} \mu - \ln \frac{\det(\Sigma_r)}{\det(\Sigma_h + \Sigma_t)}$ $-\mu^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mu - \ln(\det(\Sigma))$ $\mu = \mu_h + \mu_r - \mu_t$ $\Sigma = \Sigma_h + \Sigma_r + \Sigma_t$	$\ \mu_h\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mu_t\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mu_r\ _2 \leq 1$ $c_{min} \mathbf{I} \leq \Sigma_h \leq c_{max} \mathbf{I}$ $c_{min} \mathbf{I} \leq \Sigma_t \leq c_{max} \mathbf{I}$ $c_{min} \mathbf{I} \leq \Sigma_r \leq c_{max} \mathbf{I}$
TransG [46]	$\mathbf{h} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_h, \sigma_h^2 \mathbf{I})$ $\mathbf{t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_t, \sigma_t^2 \mathbf{I})$ $\mu_h, \mu_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$	$\mu_r \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_r, (\sigma_r^2 + \sigma_t^2) \mathbf{I})$ $\mathbf{r} = \sum_i \pi_r \mu_r^i \in \mathbb{R}^d$	$\sum_i \pi_r \exp\left(-\frac{\ \mu_h + \mu_r^i - \mu_t\ _2^2}{\sigma_h^2 + \sigma_t^2}\right)$	$\ \mu_h\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mu_t\ _2 \leq 1, \ \mu_r^i\ _2 \leq 1$
UM [56]	$\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d$	—	$-\ \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{t}\ _2^2$	$\ \mathbf{h}\ _2 = 1, \ \mathbf{t}\ _2 = 1$
SE [57]	$\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d$	$\mathbf{M}_r^1, \mathbf{M}_r^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$	$-\ \mathbf{M}_r^1 \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{M}_r^2 \mathbf{t}\ _1$	$\ \mathbf{h}\ _2 = 1, \ \mathbf{t}\ _2 = 1$

Wang et al. Knowledge Graph Embedding: A Survey of Approaches and Applications.

- Python package to generate knowledge graph embeddings
- supports many different graph embedding types: TransE, TransR, TransD, RESCAL, etc.
- hyperparameter optimization (“HPO”) and evaluation included
- <https://github.com/SmartDataAnalytics/PyKEEN>

# Some limitations

- graph-based (same as random walks):
  - ▶ ontologies are not graphs!
  - ▶ converting ontologies to graphs loses information
  - ▶ no axioms, no definitions

# Jupyter exercise

- run the PyKEEN part of `graph.ipynb`
- again: this may take a while
- you can also explore  
<https://github.com/SmartDataAnalytics/PyKEEN>
- try to expand the notebook to predict “new” relations
  - ▶ using numpy directly, or PyKEEN’s predictions methods

# Ontologies: axioms, not graphs!

Overview

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Annotation	Value
label	B cell apoptotic process
definition	Any apoptotic process in a B cell, a lymphocyte of B lineage with the phenotype CD19-positive and capable of B cell mediated immunity.
class	<a href="http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/GO_0001783">http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/GO_0001783</a>
ontology	GO-PLUS
Equivalent	<a href="#">apoptotic process</a> and ( <a href="#">occurs in some B cell</a> )
SubClassOf	<a href="#">occurs in some B cell</a> , <a href="#">lymphocyte apoptotic process</a>
id	GO:0001783
has_obo_namespace	biological_process

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## Gene Ontology:

- behavior DisjointWith: 'developmental process'
- behavior SubclassOf: only-in-taxon some metazoa
- 'cell proliferation' DisjointWith: in-taxon some fungi
- 'cell growth' EquivalentTo: growth and ('results in growth of' some cell)
- ...

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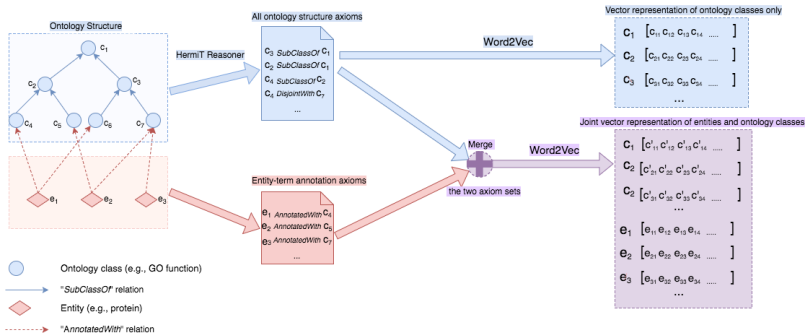
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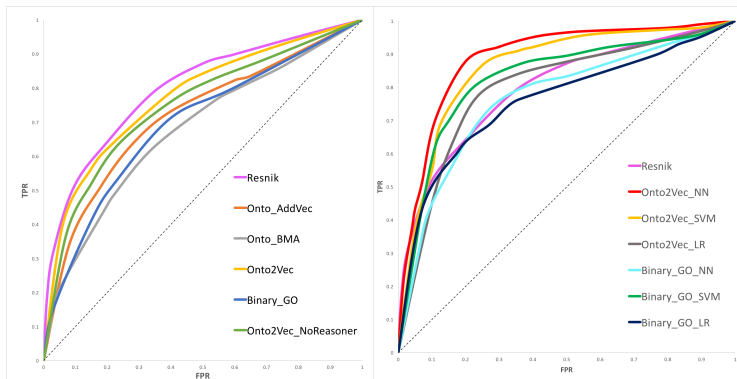
For example, we can use co-occurrence within  $ax^\vdash$  to constrain the embedding function, where the constraints on co-occurrence are formulated using the Word2Vec skipgram model.



# Onto2Vec

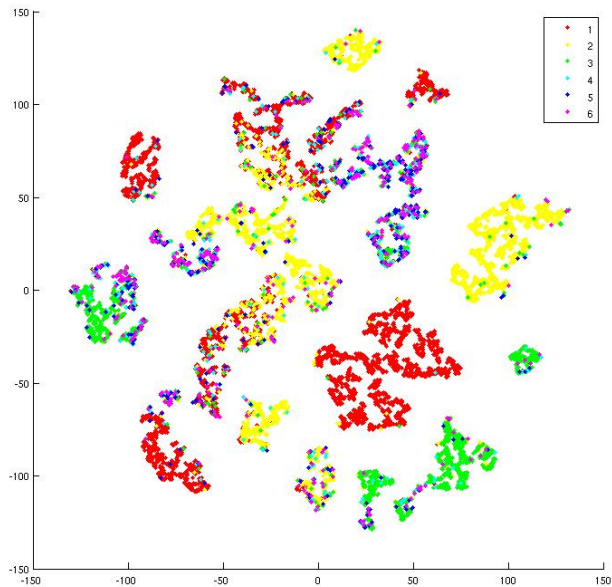


# Predicting PPIs: trainable similarity measures



Smaili et al. Onto2Vec: joint vector-based representation of biological entities and their ontology-based annotations.

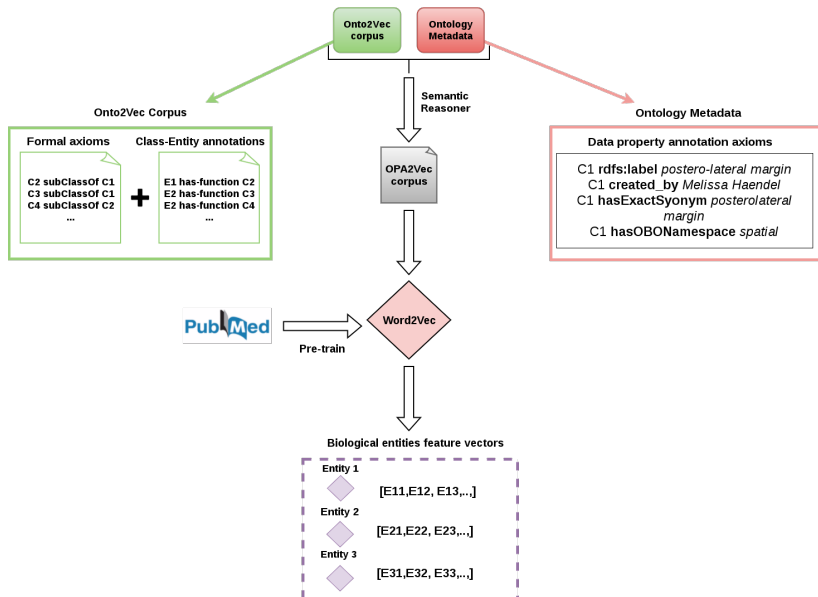
# Visualizing embeddings



# Combination with text

- ontologies contain more than axioms:
  - ▶ labels, synonyms, definitions, authors, etc.
- Description Logic axioms  $\neq$  natural language
- transfer learning: learn on one domain/task, apply to another
  - ▶ e.g.: learn on literature, apply to ontologies
  - ▶ words have “meaning” in literature, Description Logic symbols have “meaning” in ontology axioms
- Ontologies Plus Annotations 2 Vec (OPA2Vec) combines both

# Ontologies Plus Annotations 2 Vec



## Axioms contribute to prediction tasks: GO and GO-PLUS

	Human	Yeast	Arabidopsis
<i>GO_Onto2Vec</i>	0.7660	0.7701	0.7559
<i>GO_Onto2Vec_NN</i>	0.8779	0.8711	0.8364
<i>GO_plus_Onto2Vec</i>	0.7880	0.7943	0.7889
<i>GO_plus_Onto2Vec_NN</i>	<b>0.9021</b>	<b>0.8937</b>	<b>0.8834</b>

# Evaluating individual axioms

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	Human		Arabidopsis	
	Onto2Vec	Onto2Vec_NN	Onto2Vec	Onto2Vec_NN
GO (Baseline)	0.7660	0.8779	0.7559	0.8364
ChEBI	0.7899(+0.0239)	0.8914(+0.0135)	0.7703(+0.0144)	0.8518(+0.0154)
PO	0.7752(+0.0092)	0.8776(-0.0003)	0.7671(+0.0112)	0.8469(+0.0105)
CL	0.7743(+0.0083)	0.8810(+0.0031)	0.7612(+0.0053)	0.8371(+0.0007)
PATO	0.7657(-0.0003)	0.8768(-0.0011)	0.7563(+0.0004)	0.8380(+0.0016)

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Testing how much each ontologies' annotation properties contribute to predictions:

	Human		Arabidopsis	
	Onto2Vec	Onto2Vec_NN	Onto2Vec	Onto2Vec_NN
GO (Baseline)	0.8727	0.9033	0.8613	0.8903
ChEBI	0.8571(-0.0156)	0.8801(-0.0232)	0.8601(-0.0012)	0.8880(-0.0023)
PO	0.8680(-0.0047)	0.8824(-0.0209)	0.8632(+0.0019)	0.8908(+0.0005)
CL	0.8811(+0.0084)	0.9037(+0.0004)	0.8614(+0.0001)	0.8899(-0.0004)
PATO	0.8562(-0.0165)	0.8711(-0.0322)	0.8544(-0.0069)	0.8860(-0.0043)



- `https://github.com/bio-ontology-research-group/opa2vec`
- command line tool
  - ▶ input: OWL ontology, set of entities with annotations/associations
  - ▶ output: vectors for each class and entity
- includes Elk and HermiT
- limitations: word-based
  - ▶ still ignores semantics!

# OPA2Vec Jupyter exercise

- open the notebook `OPA2Vec.ipynb`
- run the whole notebook
  - ▶ this should be relatively fast and not take too much time on a modern laptop
- play with the prediction methods (cosine similarity)

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# Description Logic EL++

Name	Syntax	Semantics
top	$\top$	$\Delta^{\mathcal{I}}$
bottom	$\perp$	$\emptyset$
nominal	$\{a\}$	$\{a^{\mathcal{I}}\}$
conjunction	$C \sqcap D$	$C^{\mathcal{I}} \cap D^{\mathcal{I}}$
existential restriction	$\exists r.C$	$\{x \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} \mid \exists y \in \Delta^{\mathcal{I}} : (x, y) \in r^{\mathcal{I}} \wedge y \in C^{\mathcal{I}}\}$
generalized concept inclusion	$C \sqsubseteq D$	$C^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq D^{\mathcal{I}}$
role inclusion	$r_1 \circ \dots \circ r_n \sqsubseteq r$	$r_1^{\mathcal{I}} \circ \dots \circ r_n^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq r^{\mathcal{I}}$

- Interpretations and  $\Sigma$ -structures
- Model  $\mathfrak{A}$  of a formula  $\phi$ :  $\phi$  is true in  $\mathfrak{A}$  ( $\mathfrak{A} \models \phi$ )
- Theory  $T$ : set of formulas
- $\mathfrak{A}$  is a model of  $T$  if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a model of all formulas in  $T$
- Ontologies are (special kinds of) theories



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# Key idea

- for all  $r \in \Sigma(T)$  and  $C \in \Sigma(T)$ , define  $f_e(r)$  and  $f_e(C)$
- $f_e(C)$  maps to points in an open  $n$ -ball such that  $f_e(C) = C^{\mathcal{I}}$ :  
 $C^{\mathcal{I}} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|f_e(C) - x\| < r_e(C)\}$ 
  - ▶ these are the *extension* of a class in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- $f_e(r)$  maps a binary relation  $r$  to a vector such that  
 $r^{\mathcal{I}} = \{(x, y) \mid x + f_e(r) = y\}$ 
  - ▶ that's the TransE property for *individuals*
- use the axioms in  $T$  as constraints

# Algorithm

- normalize the theory:
  - ▶ every  $\mathcal{EL}^{++}$  theory can be expressed using four normal forms (Baader et al., 2005)
- eliminate the ABox: replace each individual symbol with a singleton class:  $a$  becomes  $\{a\}$
- rewrite relation assertions  $r(a, b)$  and class assertions  $C(a)$  as  $\{a\} \sqsubseteq \exists r. \{b\}$  and  $\{a\} \sqsubseteq C$ 
  - ▶ something to remember for the next class-vs-instance discussion?
- normalization rules to generate:
  - ▶  $C \sqsubseteq D$
  - ▶  $C \sqcap D \sqsubseteq E$
  - ▶  $C \sqsubseteq \exists R.D$
  - ▶  $\exists R.C \sqsubseteq D$

## Algorithm: loss functions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{loss}_{C \sqsubseteq D}(c, d) = & \\ \max(0, \|f_\eta(c) - f_\eta(d)\| + r_\eta(c) - r_\eta(d) - \gamma) & \quad (3) \\ + | \|f_\eta(c)\| - 1 | + | \|f_\eta(d)\| - 1 | & \end{aligned}$$

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Let  $h = \frac{r_\eta(c)^2 - r_\eta(d)^2 + \|f_\eta(c) - f_\eta(d)\|^2}{2\|f_\eta(c) - f_\eta(d)\|}$ , then the center and radius of the smallest  $n$ -ball containing the intersection of  $\eta(C)$  and  $\eta(D)$  are  $f_\eta(c) + \frac{h}{\|f_\eta(c) - f_\eta(d)\|}(f_\eta(d) - f_\eta(c))$  and  $\sqrt{r_\eta(c)^2 - h^2}$ .



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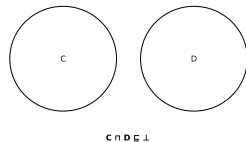
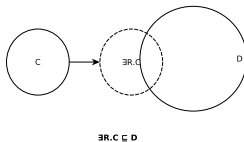
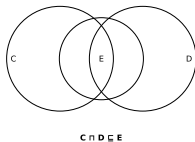
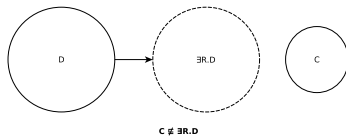
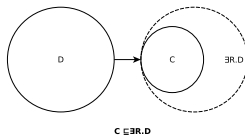
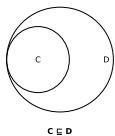
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{loss}_{C \cap D \sqsubseteq \perp}(c, d, e) = \\ \max(0, r_\eta(c) + r_\eta(d) - \|f_\eta(c) - f_\eta(d)\| + \gamma) \\ + |\|f_\eta(c)\| - 1| + |\|f_\eta(d)\| - 1| \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

# Algorithm: loss functions



# EL Embeddings

*Male*  $\sqsubseteq$  *Person* (7)

*Female*  $\sqsubseteq$  *Person* (8)

*Father*  $\sqsubseteq$  *Male* (9)

*Mother*  $\sqsubseteq$  *Female* (10)

*Father*  $\sqsubseteq$  *Parent* (11)

*Mother*  $\sqsubseteq$  *Parent* (12)

*Female*  $\sqcap$  *Male*  $\sqsubseteq \perp$  (13)

*Female*  $\sqcap$  *Parent*  $\sqsubseteq$  *Mother* (14)

*Male*  $\sqcap$  *Parent*  $\sqsubseteq$  *Father* (15)

$\exists hasChild. Person$   $\sqsubseteq$  *Parent* (16)

*Parent*  $\sqsubseteq$  *Person* (17)

*Parent*  $\sqsubseteq \exists hasChild. \top$  (18)

# EL Embeddings

- model with  $\Delta = R^n$
- support quantifiers, negation, conjunction,...

# Jupyter exercise

- Run the new Docker image  
coolmaksat/embeddings:latest
- `docker run -i -t -p 8888:8888  
coolmaksat/embeddings /bin/bash -c "jupyter  
notebook --notebook-dir=/usr/src/app/  
--ip='0.0.0.0' --port=8888 --no-browser  
--allow-root"`

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  - ▶ using ontology graphs, axioms, or model structures

# Open research questions

Where is our semantics, in the machine learning model or the axioms?

- implicit or explicit?
- example: transitive relations
- ...