Week 8 Readings
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[AD1] Murakami, Akiko and Rudy Raymond. 2010
Murakami and Raymond model agreement and disagreement. They examine a
combination of text-based and link-based methods to create a classifier. They
frame the problem as a Max Cut problem and attempt to partition users into
groups. The maximization is done over the links between users and attempts to
maximize the reaction coefficient between users in different groups. I liked that
this paper took a unique approach to agreement and disagreement, although I
thought that the research was overly dependent on the hand-tuning of the pa-
rameters for the reaction coefficient.

**[AD2] Bender, Emily M, Jonathan T Morgan, Meghan Oxley, Mark Zachry,
Brian Hutchinson, Alex Marin, Bin Zhang, and Mari Ostendorf. 2011**
Bender et al. create a corpus for authority claims and agreement/disagreement
in Wikipedia talk pages. An authority claim is a reason given by the author
for why their authority should be respected, and it can be a claim based on
experience, education/training, an appeal to an authority or rules, or sugges-
tions based on social norms. The corpus is also annotated for alignment - when
an author agrees or disagrees with another author - and they classified these
alignments into explicit or implicit (criticism/sarcasm/praise/etc). They also
analyzed the corpus and found that unregistered users versus administrators are
likely to make different authority claims. I liked that this research considered
the annotation of appeal to authority. It is intuitive that most people would pro-
vide evidence of their authority but is not often considered in agreement tasks.
However, considering that the primary goal of this paper is to describe an an-
notation process, I think they could have been more explicit in how examples
were annotated.