

# Semantics 3/3

## (Lexical semantics)

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# Lexical semantics

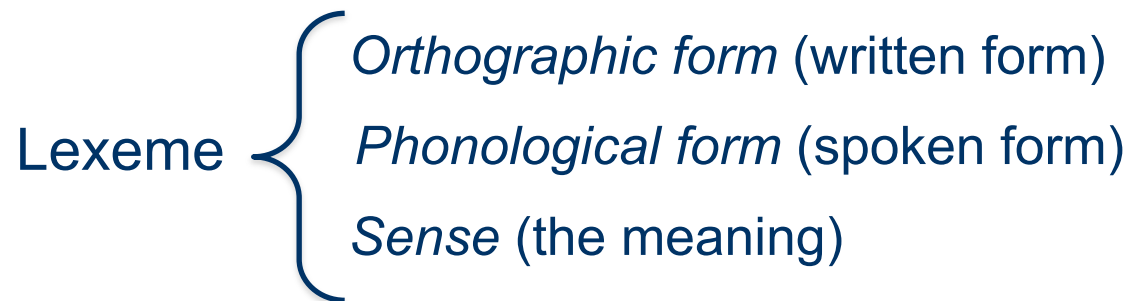
- The linguistic study of:
  - The meaning of words
  - Relations among words and their meanings
- Tools:
  - Resources: lexical databases (e.g. WordNet)
  - Technologies: Word Sense Disambiguation



# **Lexical Semantics:** **How to represent word meanings**

# Some basic definitions

- Lexeme: smallest unit with *orthographic* form, *phonological* form and *meaning*



- The orthographic form is usually given in “base form”: the *lemma*
- Lexicon: a collection of lexemes (including “special forms” like compound nouns)

# Lexical relations among lexemes

- Most used:
  - Polysemy / Homonymy
  - Synonymy
  - Antonymy
  - Hyponymy/hypernymy
  - Meronymy/holonymy
- Others exist

# Polysemy / Homonymy

- Polysemy of a lexeme
  - **A lexeme** with more **related** senses
    - “The bank is constructed from red brick” (*the building*)
    - “I withdrew the money from the bank” (*the financial establishment*)
  - Frequent words tend to be polysemic, especially verbs
    - to get, to put, ...
- Homonymy of lexemes
  - **Different lexemes** with the same form, but with distinct **unrelated** senses
    - “bank” (*a financial establishment or the building*): 2 senses
    - “bank” (*the land alongside or sloping down to a river or lake*)
- So, we have two “bank” lexemes
- And in total we have 3 senses

# Homograph and homophones

- All the polysemic senses of a lexeme share the same orthographic and phonological form
- For homonym lexemes, instead, we can have:
  - Homographs:
    - Lexemes with the same orthographic form
    - “conduct” (noun) ['kʌn,dəkt] (NB: IPA alphabet)  
“conduct” (verb) [kən'dəkt]
  - Homophones:
    - Lexemes with the same phonological form
    - E.g. “write” and “right”; “piece” and “peace”
  - Perfect homonym: homograph + homophone
    - “bank” (*a financial establishment*)  
“bank” (*the land alongside or sloping down to a river or lake*)

# Problems related to homonymy and polysemy

- Text-To-Speech is affected by homographs with different phonological form
  - “conduct” (noun) ['kan,dəkt] and “conduct” (verb) [kən'dəkt]
  - “bass” (noun: *a voice in the lowest range*) [beɪs] and “bass” (noun: *the European freshwater perch*) [bæs]
- Information Retrieval is affected by homographs
  - QUERY: “bat care” →
    - “bat” as *an implement with a handle and a solid surface, usually of wood, used for hitting the ball*;
    - “bat” as *a mainly nocturnal mammal capable of sustained flight*



# Problems related to homonymy and polysemy

- Spelling correction is affected by homophones
  - People tend to confound homophones while writing (malapropism): “weather” → “whether”
  - This leads to *real-word spelling errors*
- Speech recognition is affected by homophones
  - “to” , “too” , “two”

but also by *perfect* homonyms

- “bank” belong to two lexemes, that occur in different contexts
- Speech recognition is based on statistical model of word co-occurrences
- In these models, the two lexemes of “bank” are conflated
- As a result, words co-occurring with the wrong sense are considered:

$P(\text{“bank”} \mid \text{“river”})$  should be  $\approx 1$  for “bank” as part of rivers

$P(\text{“bank”} \mid \text{“river”})$  should be  $\approx 0$  for “bank” as the institution

# Metaphor and Metonymy

- Special kinds of polysemy
- Metaphor:
  - Constructs an analogy between two things or ideas, the analogy is conveyed by the use of a *metaphorical word* in place of some other word
  - “Germany will pull Slovenia out of its economic **slump**”
- Metonymy:
  - A concept is denoted by naming some other concept *closely related* to it
  - “The **White House** announced yesterday...”
  - “This **chapter** talks about part-of-speech tagging”

# Synonymy

- Different lexemes with the same meaning
  - youth                      adolescent
  - big                         large
  - automobile              car
- What does it mean for two lexemes to mean the same thing?
  - Practical definition: two lexemes are considered synonyms if they can be substituted for one another in sentences without changing the meaning of the sentence (*substitutability*)

# Synonymy

- Perfect synonyms are rare
  - Lexemes rarely share all their senses
- E.g:
  - “Big” and “large”?
  - “That’ s my big sister”
  - “That’ s my large sister”
  - Fails because “big” has, among its senses, the notion of being older, while “large” lacks it

# Antonymy

- Lexemes with opposite sense
- Opposite but... related: they can appear in similar contexts
  - Dark      light
  - Boy      girl
  - Hot      cold
  - Up      down
  - In      out

# Hypernymy/hyponymy

- Hyponymy: a hyponym lexeme denotes a subclass of another lexeme
- Hypernymy: a hypernym lexeme denotes a superclass of another lexeme
- E.g., since dogs are canids:
  - “dog” is hyponym of “canid”
  - “canid” is hypernym of “dog”

# Meronymy/holonymy

- Meronymy: a meronym lexeme denotes a constituent part of, or a member of another lexeme
- Holonymy: an holonym lexeme denotes the whole of a lexeme that denotes a part of it
- E.g., since trees have trunk and limbs:
  - “trunk” and “limb” are meronyms of “tree”
  - “tree” is holonym of both “trunk” and “limb”

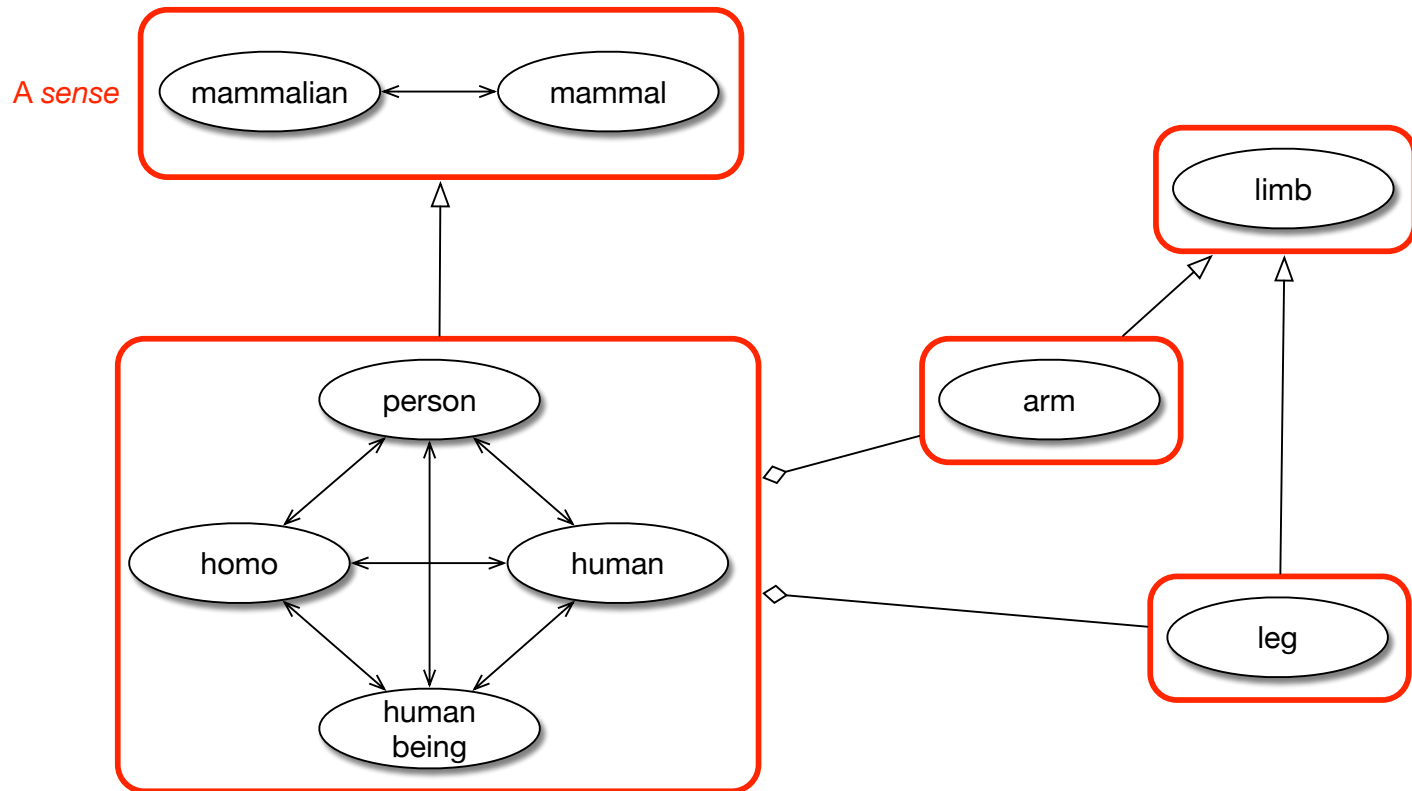
# Lexical Databases

- Model *senses* and relationship among them
- Model a language lexicon
- A **sense**:
  - Represents a specific meaning
  - Is represented by a collection of synonym lexemes
- Relationships are a predefined set:
  - Hyponym/hypernym: the subclass relationship
  - Meronym/holonym: the part-of relationship
  - Synonym/antonym



# Lexical Databases

- *Node*: word; *arc*: **lexical** relationship



◁ — Hyponym / Hypernym  
◇ — Meronym / Holonym  
↔ — Synonym

# A Lexical Database: WordNet

- English lexicon database
  - About 150.000 terms: nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
- Terms are organized in sets called *synsets*:
  - A synset contains synonym lexemes
  - A synset carries a specific *sense*, a meaning
  - A synset has a gloss, explaining the carried meaning
  - A lexeme can appear in several synsets
    - Due to homonymy/polysemy
- Synsets or single lexemes are connected by a set of predefined relations
  - Hyponym, hypernym, synonym, etc.

# WordNet: Structure

- Nouns and verbs:
  - Two taxonomies of synsets
- Adjectives:
  - Pairs of opposite lemexes form a group
  - Each adjective is connected to synonym lexemes
- Adverbs:
  - Connected to the related adjectives
- NB: WordNet is not a dictionary; it does not contain:
  - Pronouns, articles, particles (e.g. prepositions)
  - I.e., WordNet does not contain the *closed vocabulary* (the “keywords”) of English...
  - WordNet contains the *open vocabulary* of English

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Search Word: light

Searches for light: Noun Verb Adjective Adverb Senses:

The noun light has 15 senses (first 12 from tagged texts)

1. (46) **light**, visible light, visible radiation -- ((physics) electromagnetic radiation that can produce a visual sensation; "the light was filtered through a soft glass window")
2. (23) **light**, light source -- (any device serving as a source of illumination; "he stopped the car and turned off the lights")
3. (13) **light** -- (a particular perspective or aspect of a situation; "although he saw it in a different light, he still did not understand")
4. (10) luminosity, brightness, brightness level, luminance, luminousness, **light** -- (the quality of being luminous; emitting or reflecting light; "its luminosity is measured relative to that of our sun")
5. (7) **light** -- (an illuminated area; "he stepped into the light")
6. (4) **light**, illumination -- (a condition of spiritual awareness; divine illumination; "follow God's light")
7. (4) **light**, lightness -- (the visual effect of illumination on objects or scenes as created in pictures; "he could paint the lightest light and the darkest dark")
8. (3) **light** -- (a person regarded very fondly; "the light of my life")
9. (2) **light**, lighting -- (having abundant light or illumination; "they played as long as it was light"; "as long as the lighting was good")
10. (2) **light** -- (mental understanding as an enlightening experience; "he finally saw the light"; "can you shed light on this problem?")
11. (2) sparkle, twinkle, spark, **light** -- (merriment expressed by a brightness or gleam or animation of countenance; "he had a sparkle in his eye"; "there's a perpetual twinkle in his eyes")
12. (1) **light** -- (public awareness; "it brought the scandal to light")
13. Inner Light, **Light**, Light Within, Christ Within -- (a divine presence believed by Quakers to enlighten and guide the soul)
14. **light** -- (a visual warning signal; "they saw the light of the beacon"; "there was a light at every corner")
15. lighter, **light**, igniter, ignitor -- (a device for lighting or igniting fuel or charges or fires; "do you have a light?")

Overview of light



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Search Word: light

Searches for light: Noun Verb Adjective Adverb Senses:

The verb light has 6 senses (first 4 from tagged texts)

1. (12) **light**, illumine, illumine, light up, illuminate -- (make lighter or brighter; "This lamp lightens the room a bit")
2. (10) light up, fire up, **light** -- (begin to smoke; "After the meal, some of the diners lit up")
3. (3) alight, **light**, perch -- (to come to rest, settle; "Misfortune lighted upon him")
4. (2) ignite, **light** -- (cause to start burning; subject to fire or great heat; "Great heat can ignite almost any dry matter"; "Light a cigarette")
5. fall, **light** -- (fall to somebody by assignment or lot; "The task fell to me"; "It fell to me to notify the parents of the victims")
6. unhorse, dismount, **light**, get off, get down -- (alight from (a horse))

The adj light has 25 senses (first 12 from tagged texts)

1. (14) **light** -- (of comparatively little physical weight or density; "a light load"; "magnesium is a light metal--having a specific gravity of 1.74 at 20 degrees C")
2. (9) **light**, light-colored -- ((used of color) having a relatively small amount of coloring agent; "light blue"; "light colors such as pastels"; "a light-colored powder")
3. (4) **light** -- (of the military or industry; using (or being) relatively small or light arms or equipment; "light infantry"; "light cavalry"; "light industry"; "light weapons")
4. (3) **light** -- (not great in degree or quantity or number; "a light sentence"; "a light accent"; "casualties were light"; "light snow was falling"; "light misty rain"; "light smoke from the chimney")
5. (3) **light** -- (psychologically light; especially free from sadness or troubles; "a light heart")
6. (3) **light** -- (characterized by or emitting light; "a room that is light when the shutters are open"; "the inside of the house was airy and light")
7. (2) unaccented, **light**, weak -- ((used of vowels or syllables) pronounced with little or no stress; "a syllable that ends in a short vowel is a light syllable"; "a weak stress on the second syllable")
8. (2) **light** -- (of the human voice; having a high, clear, ringing quality; "a light voice")

Overview of light

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Search Word: light

Searches for light: Noun Verb Adjective Adverb Senses:

11. (1) **light**, lightsome, tripping -- (moving easily and quickly; nimble; "the dancer was light and graceful"; "a lightsome buoyant step"; "walked with a light tripping step")
12. (1) **light** -- (demanding little effort; not burdensome; "light housework"; "light exercise")
13. **light** -- (of little intensity or power or force; "the light touch of her fingers"; "a light breeze")
14. **light** -- ((physics, chemistry) not having atomic weight greater than average; "light water is ordinary water")
15. faint, **light**, swooning, light-headed, lightheaded -- (weak and likely to lose consciousness; "suddenly felt faint from the pain"; "was sick and faint from hunger"; "felt light in the head"; "a swooning fit"; "light-headed with wine"; "light-headed from lack of sleep")
16. **light** -- (very thin and insubstantial; "thin paper"; "light summer dresses")
17. abstemious, **light** -- (marked by temperance in indulgence; "abstemious with the use of adverbs"; "a light eater"; "a light smoker"; "ate a light supper")
18. **light**, scant, short -- (less than the correct or legal or full amount often deliberately so; "a light pound"; "a scant cup of sugar"; "regularly gives short weight")
19. **light** -- (having little importance; "losing his job was no light matter")
20. **light** -- (intended primarily as entertainment; not serious or profound; "light verse"; "a light comedy")
21. idle, **light** -- (silly or trivial; "idle pleasure"; "light banter"; "light idle chatter")
22. **light** -- (designed for ease of movement or to carry little weight; "light aircraft"; "a light truck")
23. **light**, lite, low-cal, calorie-free -- (having relatively few calories; "diet cola"; "light (or lite) beer"; "lite (or light) mayonnaise"; "a low-cal diet")
24. **light**, wakeful -- ((of sleep) easily disturbed; "in a light doze"; "a light sleeper"; "a restless wakeful night")
25. easy, **light**, loose, promiscuous, sluttish, wanton -- (casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior; "her easy virtue"; "he was told to avoid loose (or light) women"; "wanton behavior")

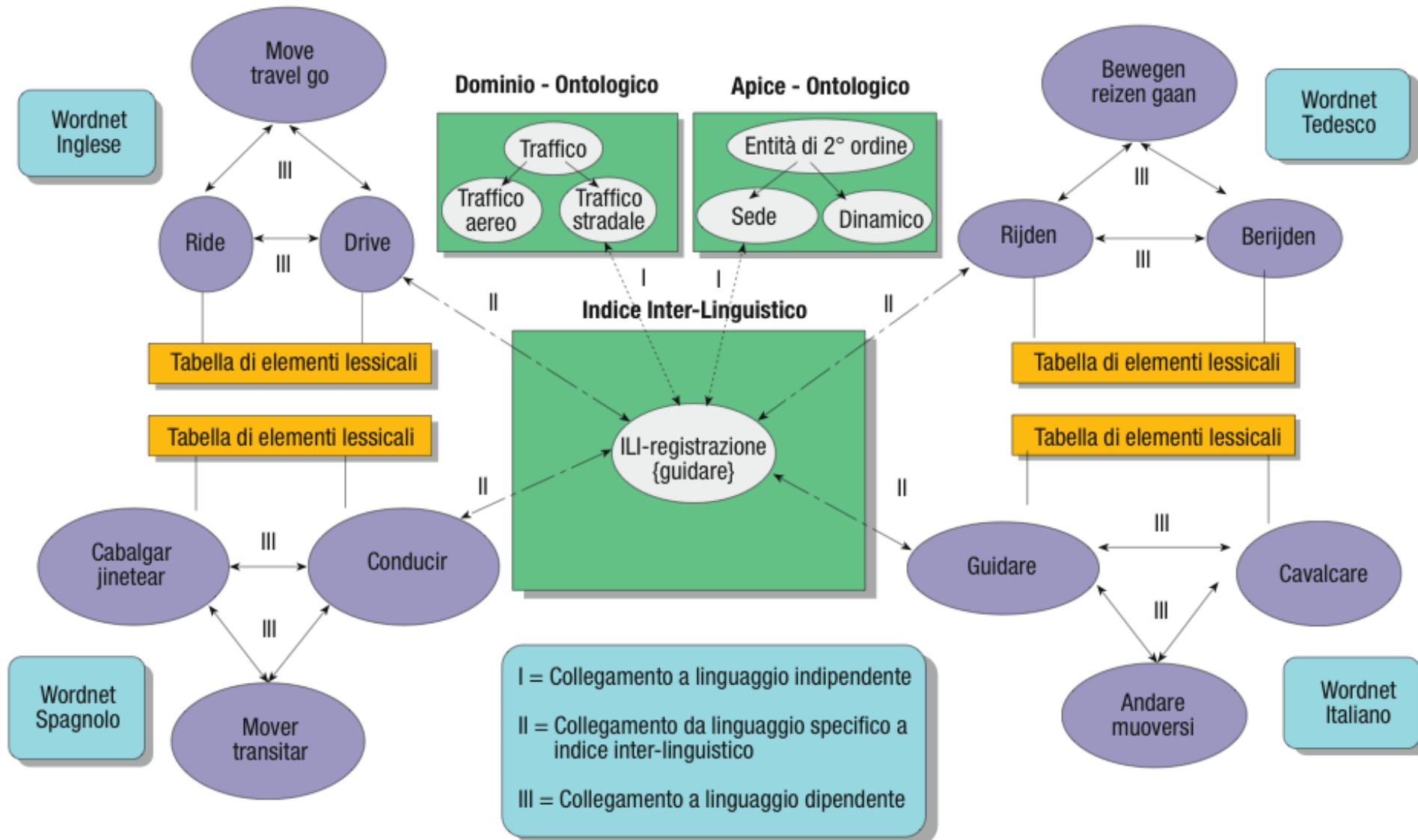
The adv light has 1 sense (no senses from tagged texts)

1. lightly, **light** -- (with few burdens; "experienced travellers travel light")

Overview of light



# Multi-language lexical databases: EuroWordNet



# Lexical Databases and NLP

- Semantic similarity among words  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ 
  - Distance (possibly a weighted distance) in terms of relations connecting two words
    - Using hypernym/hyponym (path in a tree)
    - Using all the relations (path in a graph)
  - WordNet is composed of synsets, then:

$$d_{SN}(W_1, W_2) = \min_{\substack{S_1 \in \text{synsetsOf}(W_1) \\ S_2 \in \text{synsetsOf}(W_2)}} d_{SYN}(S_1, S_2)$$

$$d_{SYN}(S_1, S_2) = \min path(S_1, S_2)$$



# Lexical Databases and NLP

- Clustering
  - Divide similar words in clusters, using the distance
  - Divide similar documents in clusters, using distances among their words
- Advanced search engines
  - Search for a word and its synonyms, hynonyms, etc.
  - Search for an adjective and the derived adverb
  - ...

# Internal structure of words

- *Thematic roles*: roles associated with verbal arguments
- *Selectional restriction*: constraints that verbs pose on their arguments

# Thematic roles

“He opened a door”

“Houston’s Billy Hatcher broke a bat”

$\exists e, x, y \text{ Isa}(e, \text{Opening}) \wedge \text{Opener}(e, \text{he}) \wedge \text{OpenedThing}(e, y) \wedge \text{Isa}(y, \text{door})$

$\exists e, x, y \text{ Isa}(e, \text{Breaking}) \wedge \text{Breaker}(e, \text{BillyHatcher}) \wedge \text{BrokenThing}(e, y) \wedge \text{Isa}(y, \text{bat})$

- Semantic deep roles:
  - Opener, OpenedThing, Breaker, BrokenThing
- Opener, Breaker have something in common
  - They are both volitional actors, often animate, they cause an event to happen → AGENT
- OpenedThing, BrokenThing have something in common
  - Inanimate object affected by the action → THEME

# Thematic roles

Thematic Role	Definition
AGENT	The volitional causer of an event
EXPERIENCER	The experiencer of an event
FORCE	The non-volitional causer of the event
THEME	The participant most directly affected by an event
RESULT	The end product of an event
CONTENT	The proposition or content of a propositional event
INSTRUMENT	An instrument used in an event
BENEFICIARY	The beneficiary of an event
SOURCE	The origin of the object of a transfer event
GOAL	The destination of an object of a transfer event

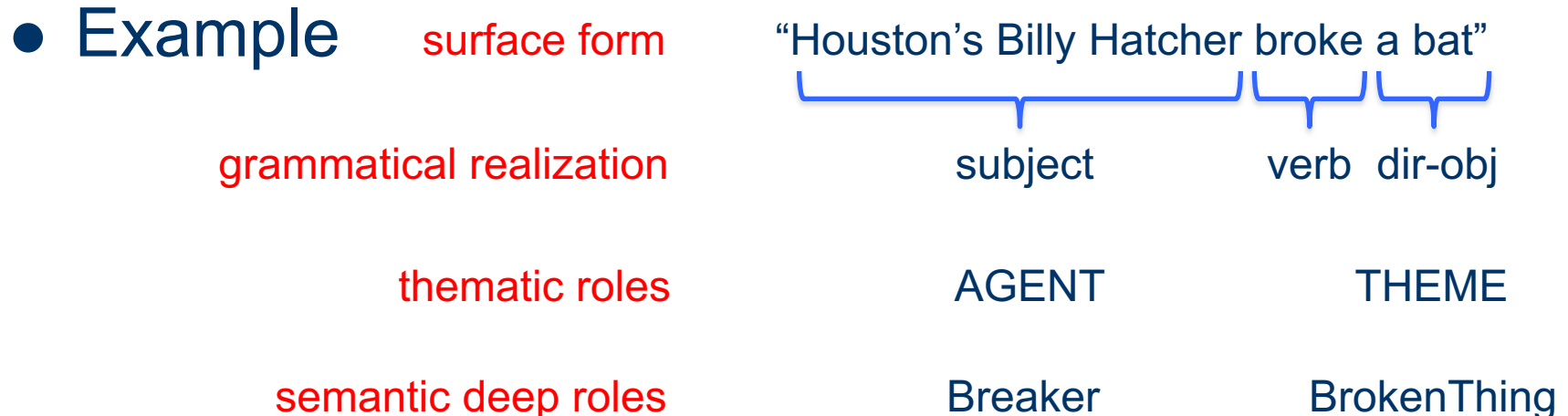
- Commonly-used thematic roles

# Thematic roles: examples

Thematic Role	Example
AGENT	<i>The waiter</i> spilled the soup.
EXPERIENCER	<i>John</i> has a headache.
FORCE	<i>The wind</i> blows debris from the mall into our yards.
THEME	Only after Benjamin Franklin broke <i>the ice</i> ...
RESULT	The French government has built a <i>regulation-size baseball diamond</i> ...
CONTENT	Mona asked “ <i>You met Mary Ann at a supermarket?</i> ”
INSTRUMENT	He turned to poaching catfish, stunning them <i>with a shocking device</i> ...
BENEFICIARY	Whenever Ann Callahan makes hotel reservations <i>for her boss</i> ...
SOURCE	I flew in <i>from Boston</i> .
GOAL	I drove <i>to Portland</i> .

# Linking theory

- Thematic roles as an intermediate level:
  - Semantic deep roles (e.g. Breaker)
  - Thematic roles (e.g. AGENT): generalize semantic deep roles
  - Grammatical realization (e.g. subject, verb, direct obj)



# FrameNet

- An English lexicon listing the syntactic and thematic combinations of each word (not only verbs...)
- Each word (Lexical Unit - LU) is defined inside a *frame*
- Each frame has Frame Elements (FEs)...
  - The thematic roles, very specific
  - With various possible grammatical realizations
- FEs are arranged in Patterns
- Frames are connected each other by means of particular relationships
- VerbNet is another English verb lexicon

# FrameNet

**Valence Patterns (i.e., frames) of:** appreciate.v (Judgment)

Number Annotated	Patterns			
<a href="#">2</a> TOTAL	Cognizer	Cognizer	Evaluee	Reason
(2)	NP Ext	NP Ext	NP Obj	DNI --
<a href="#">1</a> TOTAL	Cognizer	Degree	Evaluee	Reason
(1)	AVP Dep	AVP Dep	NP Ext	PP[for] Dep
<a href="#">1</a> TOTAL	Cognizer	Evaluee		
(1)	NP Ext	NP Obj		
<a href="#">22</a> TOTAL	Cognizer	Evaluee	Reason	
(1)	DNI --	NP Obj	Sub Dep	
(1)	NP Ext	INI --	NP Obj	
(7)	NP Ext	NP Obj	DNI --	
(2)	NP Ext	NP Obj	INI --	
(3)	NP Ext	NP Obj	PP[for] Dep	
(5)	NP Ext	PP[in] Dep	NP Obj	
	PP[for]	2nd	NP	

## Thematic roles

**Cognizer**

The Cognizer makes the judgment

**Evaluee**

Evaluee is the person or thing about whom/which a judgment is made

**Reason**

Typically, there is a constituent expressing the reason for the Judge's judgment

## Grammatical realizations

(Phrase Type . Grammatical Function)

e.g.: NP.Obj: Noun Phrase . Object



# Selectional restrictions

- A semantic constraint imposed by a lexeme on the concepts that can fill argument roles associated with it
- Remember the sentence: “I wanna eat someplace that’s close to Politecnico” ?
  - Try to interpret it using the transitive version of “eat”
    - Transitive version of eat has AGENT and THEME roles:
    - “I wanna eat someplace that’s close to Politecnico”  
AGENT                      THEME
  - Semantic ill-formedness (unless you are Godzilla...)
  - THEME should be edible, for the transitive form of “eat”
  - *Selectional restriction violation*

# Representing selectional restrictions

“I want to eat an hamburger”

- Representation with roles

$\exists e, y \text{ Eating}(e) \wedge \text{Agent}(e, \text{Speaker}) \wedge \text{Theme}(e, y) \wedge \text{Isa}(y, \text{Hamburger})$

- Adding restrictions

$\exists e, y \text{ Eating}(e) \wedge \text{Agent}(e, \text{Speaker}) \wedge \text{Theme}(e, y) \wedge \text{Isa}(y, \text{Hamburger})$   
 $\wedge \text{Isa}(y, \text{EdibleThing})$

- Using WordNet it is possible to derive that a word is edible

- Following hypernyms taxonomy

# Hamburger is edible

Sense 1

hamburger, beefburger --

(a fried cake of minced beef served on a bun)

=> sandwich

=> snack food

=> dish

=> nutriment, nourishment, nutrition...

=> **food, nutrient**

=> substance

=> matter

=> physical entity

=> entity

- Hypothesis: I must know that the word “food” means something edible...
- I must map *EdibleThing* to “food”
  - Actually, on the synset containing “food”



# **Lexical Semantics: Word Sense Disambiguation (WSD)**

# Machine Learning approach

- Classify words by means of a stochastic model
  - Classes: the meanings; i.e., the senses
- Input:
  - Word to classify (the so-called “target word”)
  - The portion of text where it is embedded (context)
  - Usually, POS of the words (target and context)
  - Often, morphological analysis is performed on words
  - Less often, some form of parsing is used
- Output:
  - The right class (i.e., the right meaning)

# Features

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- Input is transformed into a set of *features*
- Common features for WSD:
  - The target word itself
  - The target word *collocations*
  - The target word *co-occurrences*
- Representation:
  - Per each word, a vector of feature name/value pairs is computed
  - Such vectors are used to train, test, and run the model
- First of all we need to chose the “window” that represents the context of the word to classify

# Window

“An electric guitar and bass player stand off to one side not really part of the scene, just as a sort of nod to gringo expectations perhaps”

- Window: +/- 2 words
- Target word: “bass”
  - “An electric guitar and bass player stand off to one side not really part of the scene, just as a sort of nod to gringo expectations perhaps”

# Collocation

- About context words *in specific positions* around the target word
  - E.g. word base-form, POS
  - [..., word<sub>n-2</sub>, word<sub>n-1</sub>, word<sub>n+1</sub>, word<sub>n+2</sub>, ...]
  - [..., POS<sub>n-2</sub>, POS<sub>n-1</sub>, POS<sub>n+1</sub>, POS<sub>n+1</sub>, ...]
- Representation: a vector
  - Using the window=+/-2: “guitar and bass player stand”
  - [guitar, and, player, stand]
  - [NN, CJC, NN, VVB]



# Co-occurrence

- Whether a given word (usually, the base form) appears in the context of the target word, or not
  - Previous operation: collect the  $n$  most frequent co-occurring words, according to a corpus, **for each target word**
  - Feature calc.: select words appearing in the window
- Representation: a vector
  - Using window= $\pm 2$ : e.g., “guitar and bass player stand”
  - E.g., collect the  $n=12$  most frequent co-occurring words in sentences with the target word “bass” (**every meaning**):

*[fishing, big, sound, player, fly, rod, pound, double, runs, playing, guitar, band]*

- Then, example of feature:  $[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0]$   
for the target word “bass”  
player guitar

# Example: “bass”

The noun “bass” has 8 senses in WordNet.

1. bass<sup>1</sup> - (the lowest part of the musical range)
2. bass<sup>2</sup>, bass part<sup>1</sup> - (the lowest part in polyphonic music)
3. bass<sup>3</sup>, basso<sup>1</sup> - (an adult male singer with the lowest voice)
4. sea bass<sup>1</sup>, bass<sup>4</sup> - (the lean flesh of a saltwater fish of the family Serranidae)
5. freshwater bass<sup>1</sup>, bass<sup>5</sup> - (any of various North American freshwater fish with lean flesh (especially of the genus Micropterus))
6. bass<sup>6</sup>, bass voice<sup>1</sup>, basso<sup>2</sup> - (the lowest adult male singing voice)
7. bass<sup>7</sup> - (the member with the lowest range of a family of musical instruments)
8. bass<sup>8</sup> - (nontechnical name for any of numerous edible marine and freshwater spiny-finned fishes)

The adjective “bass” has 1 sense in WordNet.

1. bass<sup>1</sup>, deep<sup>6</sup> - (having or denoting a low vocal or instrumental range)  
*“a deep voice”; “a bass voice is lower than a baritone voice”; “a bass clarinet”*

- Senses  $s \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$

# Supervised machine learning

- Such models undergo a *training phase*:
  - Input: a training set
  - Output: the trained model
- Training set: a (usually huge) set of *samples*
  - Each sample is a tuple: (feature<sub>1</sub>, ..., feature<sub>m</sub>, right class)  
E.g.: ( [guitar, and, player, stand],  
[NN, CJC, NN, VVB]  
[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0],  
bass,  
right class: 2 )
- Popular models:
  - Naïve Bayes, Decision lists/trees, Neural Nets, Support Vector Machines, etc.

# Naïve Bayes

- $P(s)$ : sense prior probability
- $v_j$ :  $j$ -th feature
- $P(v_j | s)$ : probability of feature  $v_j$ , given sense  $s$
- Use a *tagged corpus* to calculate these values

– Tags: the right senses

- “guitar and bass player stand”

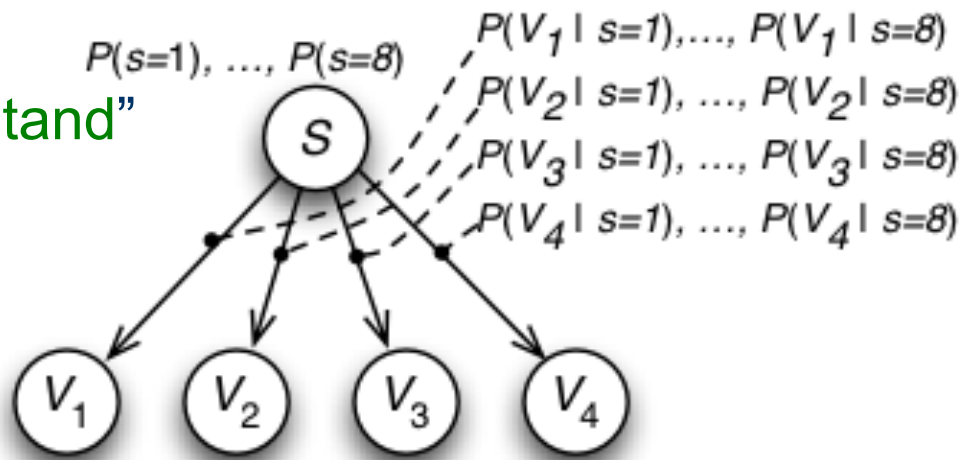
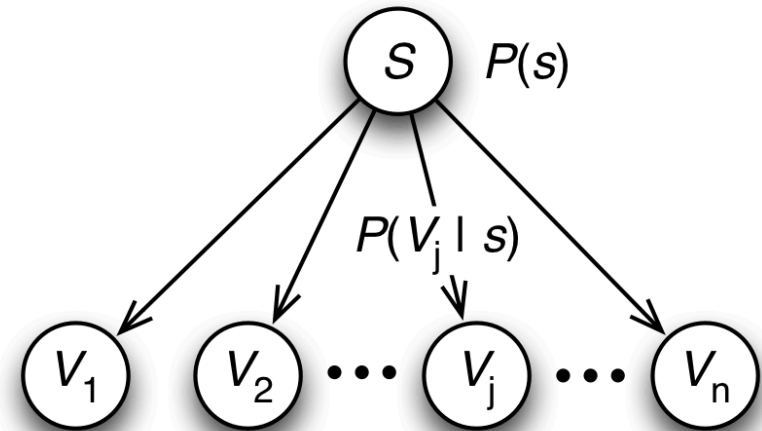
$v_1$ : [guitar, and, player, stand]

$v_2$ : [NN, CJC, NN, VVB]

$v_3$ : [0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0]

$v_4$ : bass

$s$ : 7 (Tag: the right sense)



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sample

# Naïve Bayes

- Having  $n$  features,  $\hat{s} = \operatorname{argmax}_{s \in S} P(s | v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$   
we want to find:
- Using Bayes: 
$$\hat{s} = \operatorname{argmax}_{s \in S} \frac{P(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n | s)P(s)}{P(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)}$$
- Denominator does not depend on  $s \rightarrow$  it does not modify the result of  $\operatorname{argmax} \rightarrow$  we can delete it
$$\hat{s} = \operatorname{argmax}_{s \in S} P(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n | s)P(s)$$
- Finally, assuming independence of features: 
$$\hat{s} = \operatorname{argmax}_{s \in S} P(s) \prod_{j=1}^n P(v_j | s)$$



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