Open Information Extraction

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Papers

Identifying Relations for Open Information Extraction (Fader et al., 2011)

LODifier: Generating Linked Data from Unstructured Text (Augenstein et al., 2012)

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Introduction to Information Extraction

What is Information Extraction?

Information Extraction

Goal of Information Extraction is automatically extracting information from unseen text *Information:* entities, relations, events...

To make the dough for a good pizza, we start with putting 1kg of flour into the mixing bowl.

(1kg of flour, put into, mixing bowl)



Problems of Information Extraction

- Named Entity Recognition
- Relationship Extraction
- Coreference Resolution
- Comment Extraction
- many more..

OIE - Principles

Example: LODifier
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Open Information Extraction

OIE - Principles Open Information Extraction

Open Information Extraction

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IE: Extractor for each target relation

Open: No pre-specified extractors

Unsupervised learning of relation phrases

Extraction of information on every given domain



Open Information Extraction

Problems of Open Information Extraction

- Incoherent extractions:
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- Uninformative extractions:
 Faust made a deal with the devil (Faust, made, a deal)

OIE - Principles Methods

Text Runner and WOE

- 1 Label: Automatic sentence labeling by heuristics
- Learn: A relation phrase extractor is learned
- 3 Extract: Identifying NP pairs and searching relations words between

Problems

- Large number of labeled training examples required
- Alternative heuristic labeling leads to huge noise and stacked uncertainty
- Ignores both holistic and lexical aspects

Syntactic constraint

- Limits relations to those matching a certain POS Tag pattern:
- Always choses longest possible match
- Merge ajacent matches together

V | V P | VW* P

V = verb particle? adv?

 $W = (noun \mid adj \mid adv \mid pron \mid det)$

P = (prep | particle | inf. marker)

Faust made a deal with the devil



Example: LODifier 0000 00000000 00000 00000

Methods

Lexical constraint

- Only assume relations that appear in the corpus for a certain amount
- The Obama administration is offering only modest greenhouse gas reduction targets at the conference

Limitations of those constraints

- In a set of 300 hand-annotated sentences 85% relations fell into those constraints
- Model is not complete and has its flaws

Evaluation

Of all relation phrases in the gold standard:

	Binary Verbal Relation Phrases
85%	Satisfy Constraints
8%	Non-Contiguous Phrase Structure
	Coordination: X is produced and maintained by Y
	Multiple Args: X was founded in 1995 by Y
	Phrasal Verbs: X turned Y off
4%	Relation Phrase Not Between Arguments
	Intro. Phrases: Discovered by Y, X
	Relative Clauses:the Y that X discovered
3%	Do Not Match POS Pattern
	Interrupting Modifiers: X has a lot of faith in Y
	Infinitives: X to attack Y

ReVerb Extraction Algorithm

- Relation Extraction: Find the longest possible string of words that match the relation constraints, merge adjacents
- Argument Extraction: Find the nearest NP left and right to the relation that is not a relativ pronoun, WHO-adverb or existential-there.
- How is the lexical constraint being checked? By creating a list of relational phrases by applying this algorithm on a 500 million Web sentences.



ReVerb Confidence Function

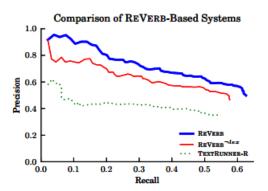
- The Algorithm has a high recall, but low precision
- Now the extracted relation is weighted by a confidence function:

Examples:

- 1.16 (x, r, y) covers all words in s
- 0.50 The last preposition in r is for
- 0.43 len(s) under 10
- \blacksquare -0.65 There is a preposition to the left of x in s
- **...**

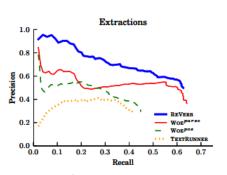


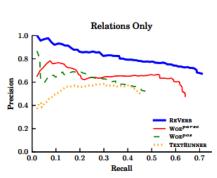
Evaluation



Better results than TextRunner through lexical features, but still low recall.

Why?





Argument extraction is open to improvements



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Methods

Why?

Evaluating the evaluation:

REVERB - Incorrect Extractions		
65%	Correct relation phrase, incorrect arguments	
16%	N-ary relation	
8%	Non-contiguous relation phrase	
2%	Imperative verb	
2%	Overspecified relation phrase	
7%	Other, including POS/chunking errors	

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	REVERB - Missed Extractions	
52%	Could not identify correct arguments	
23%	Relation filtered out by lexical constraint	
17%	Identified a more specific relation	
8%	POS/chunking error	

Conclusion

Acceptable results on easy sentences. Fails on more complex sentences. *Possible points of improvement:*

- Does not support n-ary relations
- Relations seem overly specific in many results
- Coordination is not in all cases correctly recognized
- Coreference is not predetected by the system
- Syntactic fixation on S-V-O word order

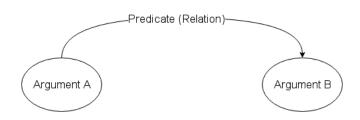
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Data Representation

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Standard Patterns



Argument A is in a directed relation to Argument B.

Unnormalized Annotation

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(argument_a, predicate_x, argument_b)
(argument_a, predicate_y, argument_c)
(argument_a, predicate_y, argument_d)
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Problems

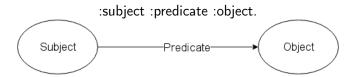
- redundant
- unnormalized
- can only produce binary predicates

RDF and Linked Data

Resource Description Framework

Models propositions by constructing *triples* including **Subjects**, **Objects** and **Predicates**

Generates a directed graph



RDF Concepts and Notation

URIs

identifies ressources (S, R, O) distinctivly and references further informations (triples)

- Conclusions allows to draw conclusions using rules
- Turtle allows syntax abbreviations
- Blanknodes placeholder for something without a URI
- Queries can be searched by querying (eg SPARQL)



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Data Representation

RDF Reification

Motivation: How can I realize embedded propositions?

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Wrong proposition

:Peter :watched :movie

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Reification

```
:Peter :said _:prop.
_:prop rdf:subject :Peter.
_:prop rdf:predicate :watched.
_:prop rdf:object :movie.
```

Vocabularies & Ontologies

Several vocabularies provide useful relations and functionality, eg.:

- RDF (rdf:type, ...)
- RDFS (rdfs:subClassOf, rdfs:domain, rdfs:range, ...)
- OWL (owl:sameAs, owl:SymmetricProperty, ...)
- FOAF

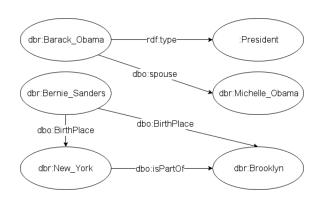
Ontologies are huge RDF Graphs containing many triples, eg.:

- DBpedia
- Wikidata
- WordNet



RDF Syntax

... as Graph



Example: LODifier

LODifier: Generating Linked Data from Unstructured Text (Augenstein et al., 2012

Generate an RDF Graph from unstructured Text

Past Approaches: Use Patterns to trade recall for precision LODifier: Process the entire text

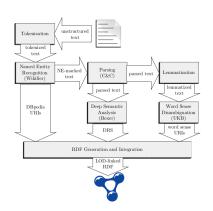
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Architecture

Example: LODifier Architecture

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(Augenstein et al., 2012)



Architecture

Approach

- 1 Parse the input text (POS, Treetagging, NER)
- 2 Apply Deep Semantic Analysis to get relations
- 3 Enrich NEs and words with URIs (DBpedia and WordNet)
- 4 Forge an RDF Graph of this information

Architecture

How does it happen?

Lets go through the process step-by-step!

Example Text:

The New York Times reported that John McCarthy died. He invented the programming language LISP.

example taken from Augenstein et al., 2012

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Preprocessing

Example: LODifier Preprocessing

Named Entity Recognition - Wikifier

Wikifier

Recognizes NE and replaces them with the Wikipedia Page Link Disambiguates by comparing links between pages.

Example Text Output:

[The New York Times] reported that [John McCarthy (computer scientist)|John McCarthy] died. He invented the [Programming language|programming language] [Lisp (programming language)|LISP].

Dann: Zuweisung der entsprechenden URIs aus DBpedia



Parsing Syntax - C&C

C&C Parser

Syntactical Parser that tags POS and builds Parse Trees in CCG.

Combinatory Categorial Grammar (CCG)

Grammatical formalism allows parallel analysis of syntax and semantics

Associates words with categories that can be combined (rule-based) to form a sentence

Syntax via Category Combination, Semantics via lambda calculus



Parsing - Output

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ccg(1, rp(s:dcl,
    ba(s:dcl.
     lx(np. n.
        t(n, 'The_New_York_Times', 'The_New_York_Times', 'NNS', 'I-NP', '0')),
      fa(s:dcl\np.
        t((s:dcl\np)/s:em, 'reported', 'report', 'VBD', 'I-VP', 'O'),
        fa(s:em.
          t(s:em/s:dcl, 'that', 'that', 'IN', 'I-SBAR', '0'),
          ba(s:dcl.
           lx(np, n,
             t(n, 'John_McCarthy', 'John_McCarthy', 'NNP', 'I-NP', 'I-PER')),
           t(s:dcl\np, 'died', 'die', 'VBD', 'I-VP', '0'))))),
    t(period, '.', '.', '.', '0', '0'))).
ccg(2, rp(s:dcl,
    ba(s:dcl.
      t(np, 'He', 'he', 'PRP', 'I-NP', 'O'),
     fa(s:dcl\np,
        t((s:dcl\np)/np, 'invented', 'invent', 'VBD', 'I-VP', '0'),
       fa(np:nb.
          t(np:nb/n, 'the', 'the', 'DT', 'I-NP', '0'),
          fa(n.
            t(n/n, 'programming_language', 'programming_language', 'NN', 'I-NP', '0'),
            t(n, 'LISP', 'LISP', 'NNP', 'I-NP', '0')))),
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Preprocessing

Find Relations - Boxer

Boxer

Creates DRSs from C&C Output

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Discours Representation Structure (DRS)

Represents the discourse via *relations* between *entities* Allows referencing over the entire discourse



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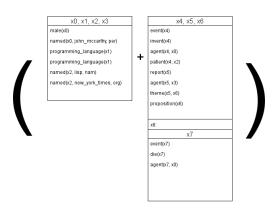
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Boxers DRS Relations (Conditions):

- Unary Relations (Classes): eg. topic, person, event, male, ... + all verbs
- Binary Relations: agent, patient, ... (semantic roles)



Boxer Output



Assign WordNet URIs

RDF WordNet

WN: Lexicography containing senses linked by semantic relations RDF WN: LD Representation of WN providing URIs for words

Steps:

- 1 Lemmatization
- WSD (UKB)
- 3 Assign RDF WN URIs to word senses

Preprocessing Result

We now have ...

- URIs for all NEs
- URIs for all (disambiguated) words
- Relations between entities (those URIs)

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RDF Construction

Example: LODifier RDF Construction

What now?

Let's now construct the RDF Graph from this information!

Namespaces/Vocabularies

LODifier introduces several namepaces:

- drsclass: contains Boxer classes (event, person, ...) and :named relation
- drsrel: contains Boxer relations (agent, patient, ...)
- ne: contains the named entity URIs
- reify: reification (embedding propositions into propositions)

Namespaces/Vocabularies

And uses standard namespaces:

- rdf: mainly for rdf:type and reification
- owl: for owl:sameAs

Namespaces/Vocabularies

Finally the two ontologies:

- wn30: contains all WordNet URIs
- dbpedia: contains the dbpedia URIs
- class: contains classes not in wn30 nor in dbpedia

RDF Construction Strategy I

Create a blanknode _:x for each discourse referent (x0, x1, ...)



RDF Construction Strategy II













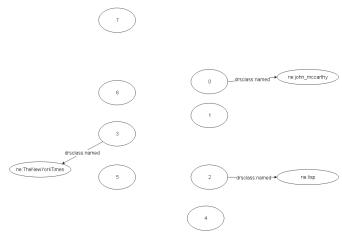




RDF Construction Strategy III

if NE, then create
 :x drsclass:named ne:URI

RDF Construction Strategy IV

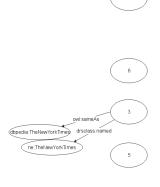


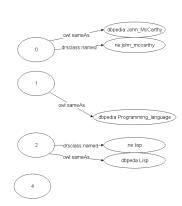
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if NE and DBpedia URI exists create _:x owl:sameAs dbpedia:URI



RDF Construction Strategy VI

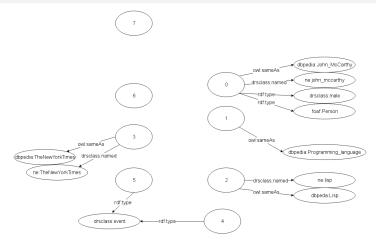




RDF Construction Strategy VII

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via rdf:type assign closed classes (event, person, ...)
_:x rdf:type drsclass:CLOSEDCLASS
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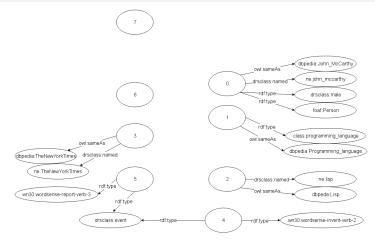
RDF Construction Strategy VIII



RDF Construction Strategy IX

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via rdf:type assign open classes (die, programming_language, ...)
_:x rdf:type wn30:OPENCLASS, class:OPENCLASS
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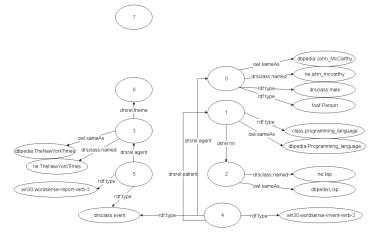
RDF Construction Strategy X



RDF Construction Strategy XI

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create triples from binary relations (agent, theme, ...)
_:x drsrel:RELATION _:y
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RDF Construction Strategy XII

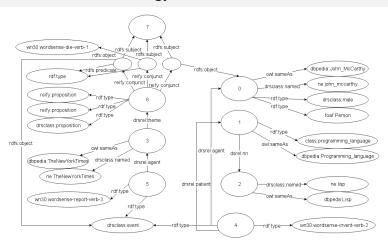


RDF Construction Strategy XIII

recursive reification of embedded propositions (eg. by *report* or *says*)



RDF Construction Strategy XIV



RDF Construction: Output

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_:var0x0 drsclass:named ne:john_mccarthy ;
         rdf:type drsclass:male . foaf:Person :
         owl:sameAs dbpedia:John_McCarthy_(computer_scientist) .
_:var0x1 rdf:type class:programming_language ;
         owl:sameAs dbpedia:Programming language .
:var0x2 drsrel:nn :var0x1 .
_:var0x2 drsclass:named ne:lisp ;
         owl:sameAs dbpedia:Lisp_(programming_language) .
:var0x3 drsclass:named ne:the new vork times :
         owl:sameAs dbpedia:The_New_York_Times .
_:var0x4 rdf:type drsclass:event , wn30:wordsense-invent-verb-2 .
         drsrel:agent _:var0x0 ; drsrel:patient _:var0x2 .
_:var0x5 rdf:type drsclass:event , wn30:wordsense-report-verb-3 ;
        drsrel:agent _:var0x3 ; drsrel:theme _:var0x6 .
_:var0x6 rdf:type drsclass:proposition , reify:proposition , reify:conjunction ;
        reifv:conjunct [ rdf:subject :var0x7 :
                          rdf:predicate rdf:type ;
                          rdf:object drsclass:event . ]
        reify:conjunct [ rdf:subject _:var0x7 ;
                          rdf:predicate rdf:type ;
                          rdf:object wn30:wordsense-die-verb-1 . ]
         reifv:conjunct [ rdf:subject :var0x7 :
                          rdf:predicate drsrel:agent ;
                          rdf:object _:var0x0 . ]
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Experiments

Example: LODifier Experiments

Experiments

Method

- Evaluate by testing similarity of two given documents:
- the problem of deciding whether two randomly selected stories discuss the same news topic (Augenstein et al., 2012)
- TDT-2 benchmark dataset: 84.000 news documents
- Extract 183 positive and 183 negative pairs (avg. 11.2 per topic)
- Calculate similarity and evaluate the system on the result

Experiments

Similarity measurements

- NEs identified by Wikifier and successfully disambiguated words in UKB
- 2 add NEs recognized by Boxer
- 3 add URIs of unrecognized words

Further add structural features: Measurement of the similarity of the RDF graphs of the two document

Experiments

Accuracy

Model	normal	extended
Similarity measures without structura	l knowledge	
Random Baseline	50.0	_
Bag of Words	63.0	_
Bag of URIs (Variant 1)	61.6	75.1
Bag of URIs (Variant 2)	70.6	76.0
Bag of URIs (Variant 3)	73.4	76.4
Similarity measures with structural k	nowledge	
proSim _{ent} (k=8, Variant 1)	77.7	77.6
proSim _{cnt} (k=8, Variant 2)	79.2	79.0
proSim _{cnt} (k=8, Variant 3)	82.1	81.9

Source: Augenstein et al., 2012

Precision - Recall

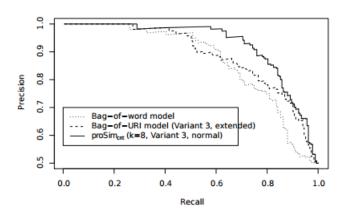


Fig. 5. Precision-Recall-plot for best Story Link Detection models



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Example: LODifier Conclusions

What to draw from this?

- deep sementic analysis can work for OIE
- combining several existing NLP Systems provides a well functioning extraction system
- information gained by unsupervised OIE can already improve real world tasks

What we liked

■ full-text OIE

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What we didnt like

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- Some points are unclear / not even described

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Weaknesses and Strengths of OIE

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- restricted usability of results due to low precision

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Future Opportunities

better subsystems

- better subsystems
 - Coreference Resolution

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Assessing OIE

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