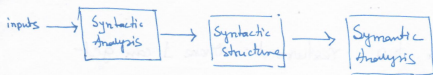


Semantic Analysis.

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Meaning Representation.

Transforming Natural language (NL) sentences into computer executable complete meaning representations (MRs) for Domain specific applications.

Realistic semantic parsing currently entails domain dependence

- Assigning each word a meaning.
- Combining the meanings of words into sentences.

The knowledge base (KB) have to be formed in such a way that it satisfy the following properties

- **Verifiability**
 - the systems ability to compare representations to facts into memory.
 - Can statements be verified against a KB.
 - "Does Spice Island serve vegetarian food?"
 - Serves (SpiceIsland, VegetarianFood).

- **Unambiguity**
 - Give me the book?
 - Which book?

- **Canonical Form.**
 - Distinct inputs that mean the same thing should have the same meaning representation.

- Does Spice Island have vegetarian dishes?
- Do they have vegetarian dishes at food at Spice Island?
- Are vegetarian dishes served at Spice Island?
- Does Spice Island serve vegetarian food?

- make representations more compact
- Use single representation for all senses in a synonym synset.

Inference and Variable:

Draw a valid conclusions based on the meaning representations of inputs and its background knowledge.

Example:

I would like to find a restaurant where I can get vegetarian food.

Answering this types of query requires the use of variables like

Serves (X, VegetarianFood)

Logical Representation of Sentence Meaning:

• **First-Order Logic (FOL)** is a flexible, well-understood, and computationally tractable approach for knowledge representation.

CFG specification of the syntax of FOL representation.

Formula → Atomic Formula | Formula Connective Formula

Quantifier Variable, ..., Formula

→ Formula | (Formula)

Atomic Formula → Predicate (Term, ...)

Term → Function (Term, ...)

Constant | Variable

Connective → ∧ | ∨ | ⇒

Quantifiers → ∀ | ∃

Constant → A | VegetarianFood | ...

Variable → x | y | ...

Predicate → Serves | Nears | ...

Function → LocationOf | ...

Examples FOL

Everyone likes chocolate.

$\forall x \{ \text{Person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Likes}(x, \text{chocolate}) \}$

Someone likes chocolate

$\exists x \{ \text{Person}(x) \wedge \text{Likes}(x, \text{chocolate}) \}$

Everyone likes chocolate unless they are allergic to it.

$\forall x \{ (\text{Person}(x) \wedge \neg \text{Allergic}(x, \text{chocolate})) \Rightarrow \text{Likes}(x, \text{chocolate}) \}$

A restaurant near ICSI, serves Mexican Food.

$\exists x \{ (\text{Restaurant}(x) \wedge \text{Serves}(x, \text{MexicanFood}) \wedge \text{Near}(\text{LocationOf}(x), \text{LocationOf}(\text{ICSI})) \}$

All vegetarian restaurant serve vegetarian food.

$\forall x \{ \text{VegetarianRestaurant}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Serves}(x, \text{VegetarianFood}) \}$

Lambda Notation

Provides a way to abstract from fully specified FOL formula in a way that will be useful for Semantic Analysis.

Syntax of FOL to include expression of the following form:

$\lambda x. P(x)$

λ -reduction - consists of simple textual replacement of λ variables.

$\lambda x. P(x)(A)$

→ $P(A)$ After λ reduction

$\lambda x. \lambda y. \text{Near}(x, y) (\text{kolkata})$
 $\lambda y. \text{Near}(\text{kolkata}, y)$
 $\lambda y. \text{Near}(\text{kolkata}, y) (\text{Hawrah})$
 $\text{Near}(\text{kolkata}, \text{Hawrah})$
 Hawrah is Near Kolkata

Syntax Driven Semantic Analysis

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Augment the CFG grammar rules with semantic attachments. These instructions specify how to compute the meaning representation of ϕ of ϕ input.

Abstractly the augmented rules have the following structure:-

$$A \rightarrow \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n \{ f(\alpha_1 \text{ sem}, \dots, \alpha_n \text{ sem}) \}$$

Example

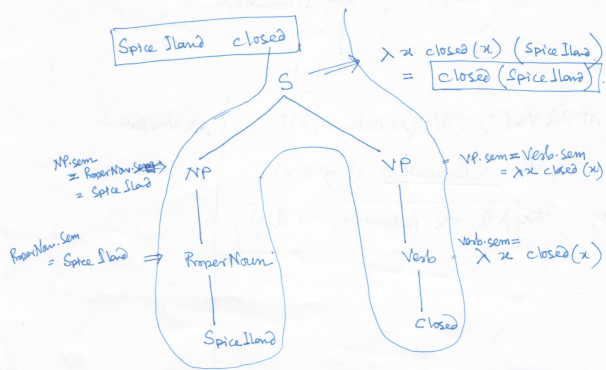
$$S \rightarrow NP \ VP \quad \{ VP \text{ sem} (NP \text{ sem}) \}$$

$$NP \rightarrow \text{ProperNoun} \quad \{ \text{ProperNoun sem} \}$$

$$\text{ProperNoun} \rightarrow \text{Spice Island} \quad \{ \text{Spice Island} \}$$

$$VP \rightarrow \text{Verb} \quad \{ \text{Verb sem} \}$$

$$\text{Verb} \rightarrow \text{closed} \quad \{ \lambda x. x \text{ closed}(x) \}$$



Answer the following from slide

NP

$$NP \rightarrow \text{Det Nominal} \quad \{ \text{Det sem} (\text{Nominal sem}) \}$$

$$\text{Det} \rightarrow \text{every} \quad \{ \lambda P. \lambda Q. \forall x P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x) \}$$

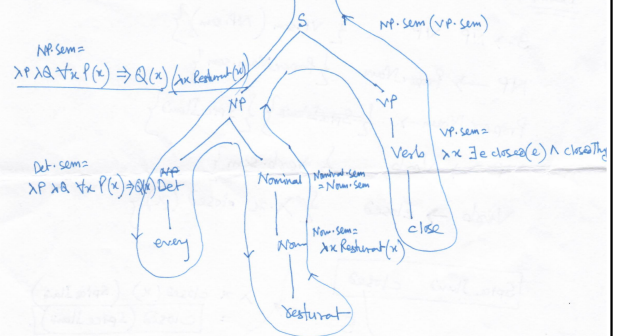
$$\text{Nominal} \rightarrow \text{Noun} \quad \{ \text{Noun sem} \}$$

$$\text{Noun} \rightarrow \text{restaurant} \quad \{ \lambda x. \text{Restaurant}(x) \}$$

$$\text{Verb} \rightarrow \text{close} \quad \{ \lambda x. \exists e \text{ closed}(e) \wedge \text{closedThing}(e, x) \}$$

Every restaurant closed

$$\forall x \text{ Restaurant}(x) \Rightarrow \exists e \text{ closed}(e) \wedge \text{closedThing}(e, x)$$



$$\lambda P \lambda Q \forall x P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x) (\lambda x \text{ Restaurant}(x))$$

$$\text{or } \lambda Q \forall x \lambda x \text{ Restaurant}(x) (x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$$

$$\text{or } \lambda Q \forall x \text{ Restaurant}(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$$

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$$\lambda Q \forall x \text{ Restaurant}(x) \Rightarrow Q(x) (\lambda x \exists e \text{ closed}(e) \wedge \text{closedThing}(e, x))$$

$$\forall x \text{ Restaurant}(x) \Rightarrow \lambda x \exists e \text{ closed}(e) \wedge \text{closedThing}(e, x) (x)$$

$$\forall x \text{ Restaurant}(x) \Rightarrow \exists e \text{ closed}(e) \wedge \text{closedThing}(e, x)$$