Towards an Annotation Standard for STEM Documents Datasets, Benchmarks, and Spotters

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Natural Language Processing and Mathematical Language

- Natural language processing has benefitted from a long tradition of annotation tasks and benchmarks
- STEM documents pose problems: formulae, tables, ... not really unicode strings
- Why care?
 - → Semantic services

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- Q $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-\pi k^2)$

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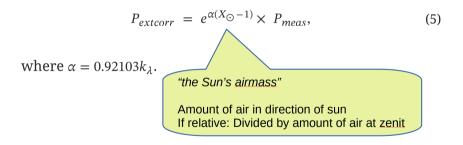
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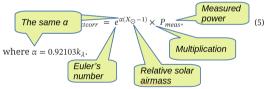
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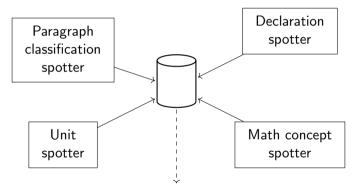
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Authors don't provide them → We have to infer them

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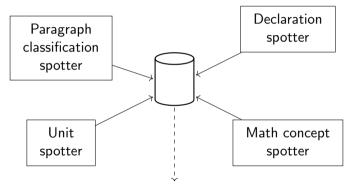
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What is the problem?

• Getting a corpus:

Working with PDF is difficult

- arXMLiv/ar5iv dataset [Gin20]
- SIGMathLing [SML]

NDA-cooperative to work around licensing issues

- 2 Re-inventing the wheel:
 - Need to obtain plaintext representation
 - Need to store annotations
 - Need to create manual annotations

for training/evaluation

convert tex to html

- **3** Cannot re-use existing annotations/combine results:
 - No agreed-upon annotation format
 - Original documents modified

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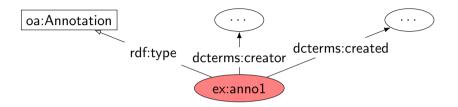
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RDF Primer

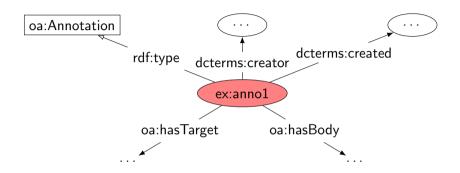
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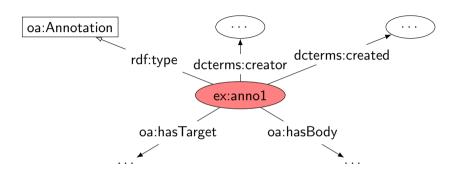
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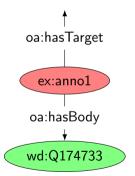
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wd:Q174733 (WikiData: bipartite graph)

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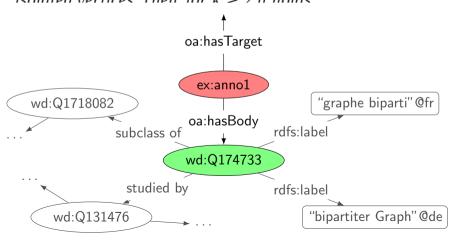
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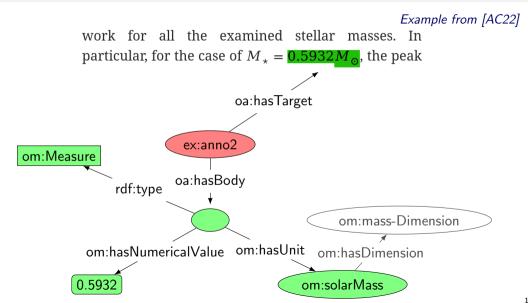
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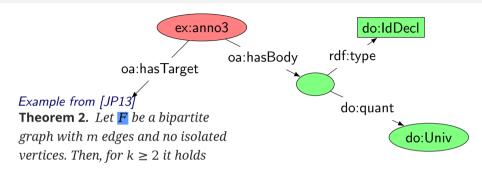


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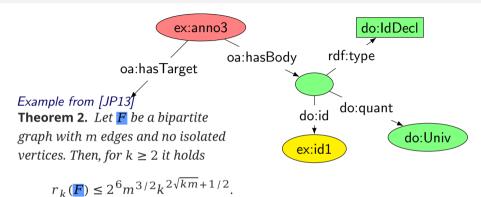


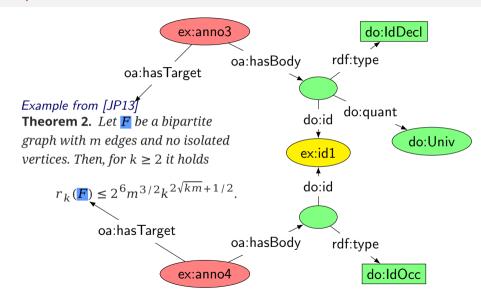
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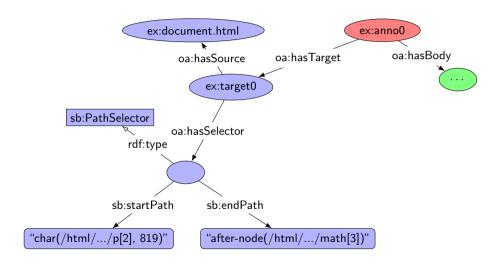


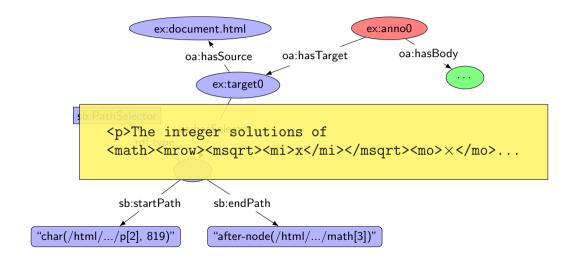
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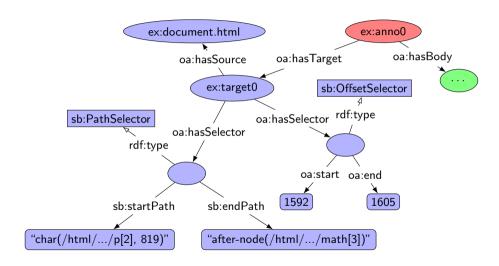












Prototype datasets and imported datasets

- Imported datasets:
 - Quantity expressions dataset [Rab17]
 - Formula grounding dataset [AMA22]
 - Paragraph classification dataset [GM20]
- Generated datasets (prototype spotters)

https://github.com/jfschaefer/spotters

- Part-of-speech tags
- References to math concepts
- Variable declarations
- Stats from running last two spotters:
 - 100 000 documents
 - 50 million annotations
 - 800 million triples
 - loading into triple store: several hours

Querying

"Papers about group theory that have theorems mentioning rational numbers"

prefix declarations ommitted for conciseness

SELECT DISTINCT ?paper WHERE {

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# make sure that ?paper is about group theory
?paper sb:isBasedOn/^oa:hasTarget/oa:hasBody/rdf:value arxivcat:math\.GR
# find theorems in ?paper and look up their offsets
?theorem_anno oa:hasBody/rdf:value sbp:Theorem .
?theorem_anno oa:hasTarget [
  oa:hasSource ?paper ;
  oa:hasSelector [ a sb:OffsetSelector ; oa:start ?t_start ; oa:end ?t_end
# Same with mentions of rational numbers (offsets ?q_start, ?q_end)
?q_anno oa:hasBody/rdf:value <a href="http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q1244890">http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q1244890> ...
?q_anno oa:hasTarget [
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# make sure that mention is inside theorem
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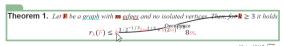
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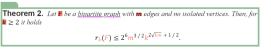
- Conversion to/from JSON
- Ecosystem of tools:
 - Tool for manual annotation
 - Pre-processing for NLP
 - More to come?
- Datasets
 - for evaluation
 - for comparison
 - for training
 - to build upon
- Public SPARQL endpoint

no need to learn RDF/SPARQL

MathUI workshop at 2:00 pm today



Further we study the case when F is bipartite and show an upper bound $r_k(F) \leq k^{(1+o(1))2\sqrt{mk}}$.



Note that in the case k = 2, Theorem 2 is an improvement of the above mentioned result of



Conclusion

An annotation standard for STEM documents

- based on semantic web technologies RDF, SPARQL, Web Annotation Standard
- compatible with a wide range of annotation tasks
- to create diverse, re-usable annotation datasets and benchmarks
- to develop an ecosystem of tools around that standard
- to ultimately enable the development of semantic services

active documents, formula search, ...

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