

Hypergraphs and Information Fusion for Term Representation Enrichment. Applications to Named Entity Recognition and Word Sense Disambiguation

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Introduction

Why is it useful to us to understand text?



Who invented Python?

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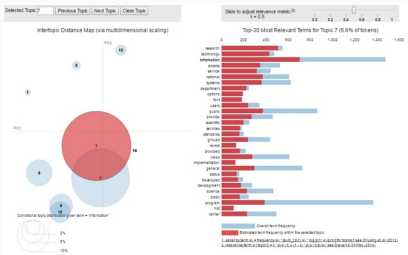
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Guido van Rossum

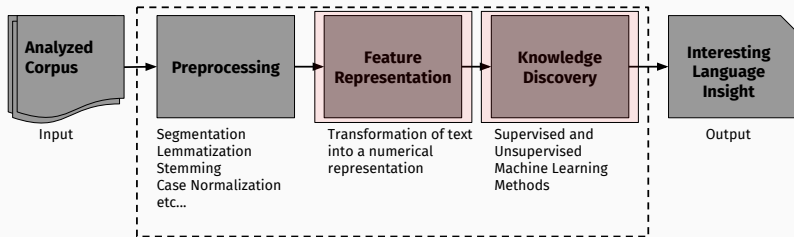
Python was conceived in the late 1980s, and its implementation began in December 1989 by **Guido van Rossum** at Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica (CWI) in the Netherlands as a successor to the ABC language (itself inspired by SETL) capable of exception handling and interfacing with the operating system Amoeba. **Van Rossum** is ...



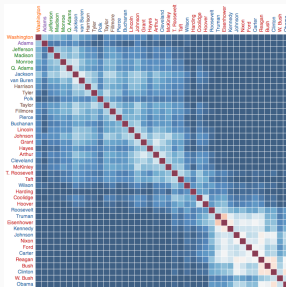


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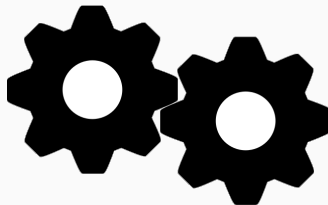
We use **Natural Language Processing** (NLP), a field of computer science interested in making computers extract useful information from text



How do we represent text for the machine to understand?



What techniques do we use to discover meaning from text?



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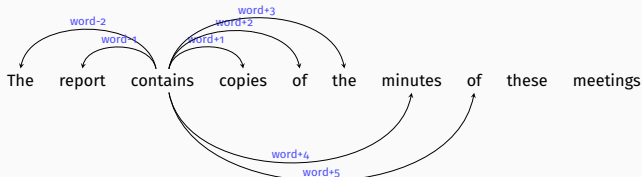
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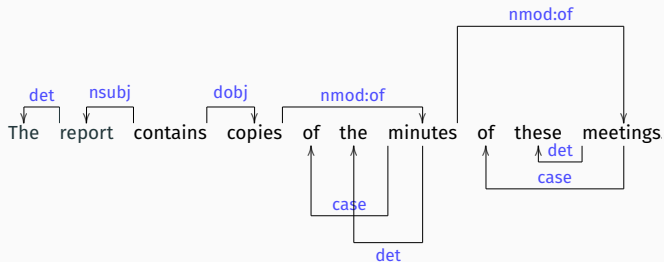


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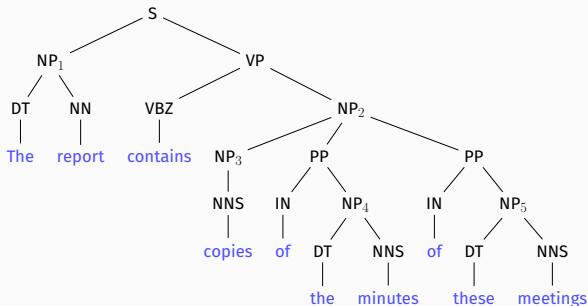


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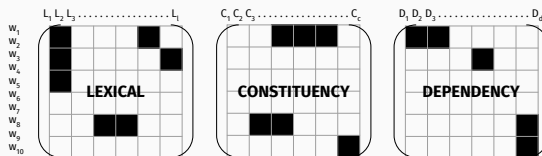
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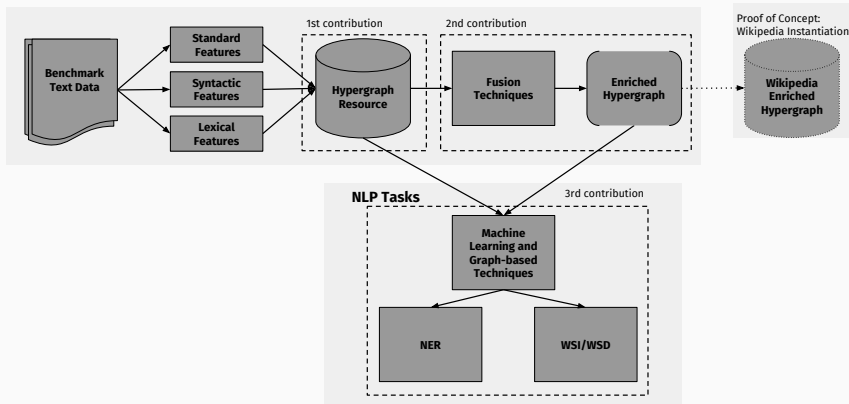


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 - *An alternative network-based algorithm to discover semantically related words within a text*



Contributions in Detail

Hypergraph Linguistic Model

We extract useful information from a text based on the distributional hypothesis (a word is defined by its surroundings)

- **We choose network models**

- Used in a large quantity of NLP tasks
- Graphs structures can give us a clearer view into the relations of words within a text
- Ultimately graphs are transformed to a vectorial representation through the adjacency/incidence matrices

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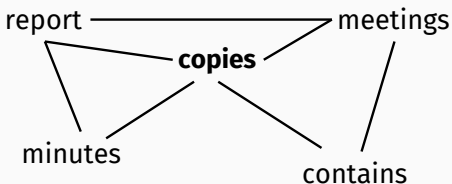
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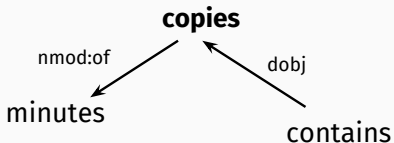
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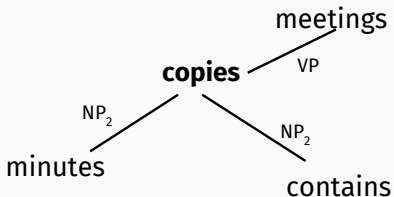


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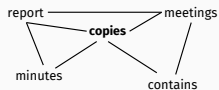
- Use a hypergraph model
- Link together the different types of networks
- Get a semantic overview at three different levels: short range, medium range, and long range

Hypergraph Linguistic Model

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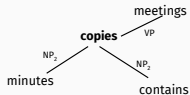
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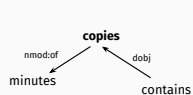
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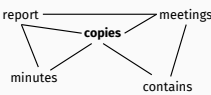


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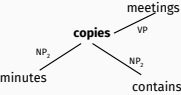
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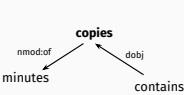
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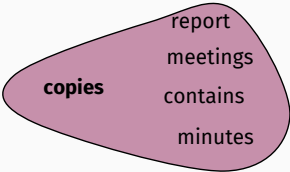
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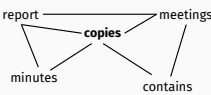


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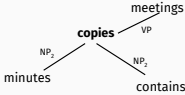
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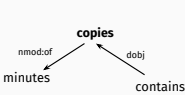
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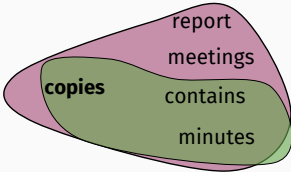


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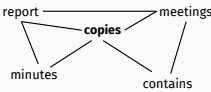
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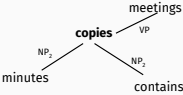
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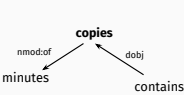
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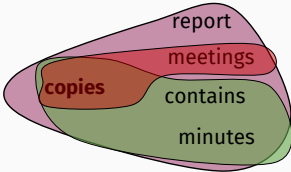


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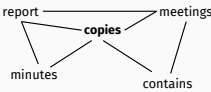
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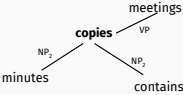
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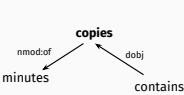
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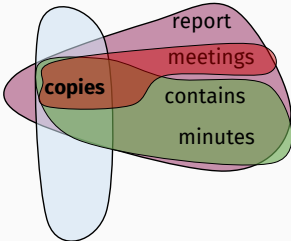


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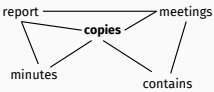
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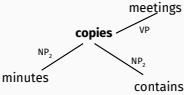
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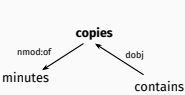
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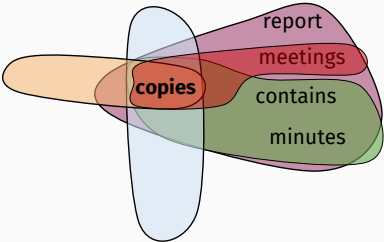


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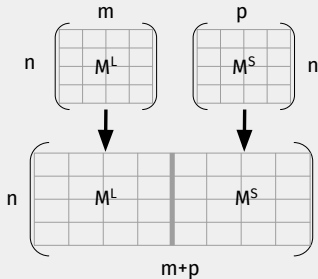
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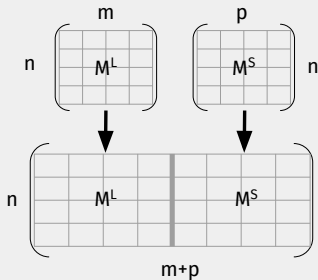


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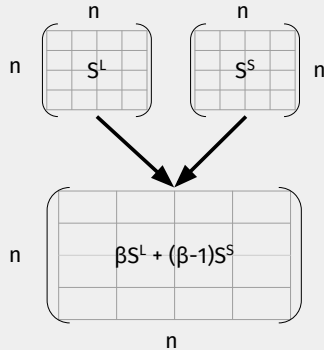
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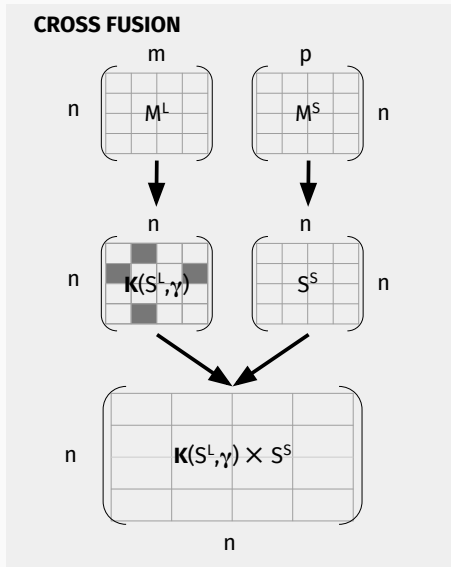
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LATE FUSION: SIMILARITY FUSION

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The diagram shows a mathematical expression with nested colored boxes highlighting different parts of the formula:

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- A red box highlights the function X_F and its arguments: $X_F(S^T, M^T)$
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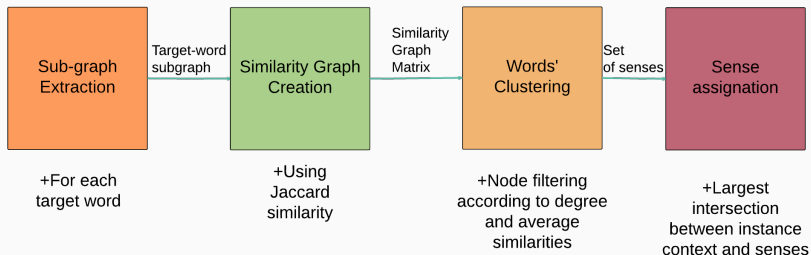
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 - Be able to exploit different types of linguistic information (lexical or syntactic co-occurrence)
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Proposed Method

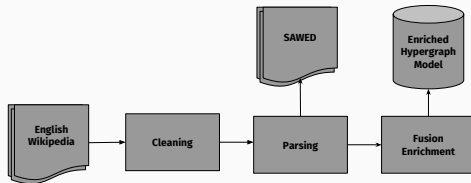


Applications to NLP

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N N	report	1			1	1
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VB	contains					1

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	nun	regent	regent	regent	fluent
	canton	aedile	nuclei	nun	dean
	sailor	seer	nun	sailor	nuclei
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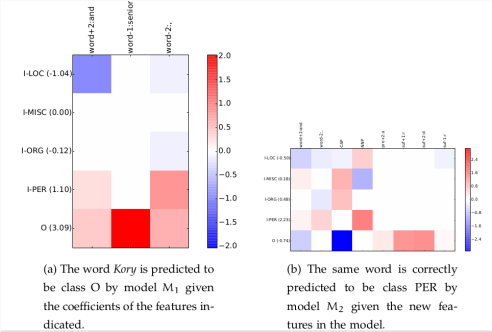
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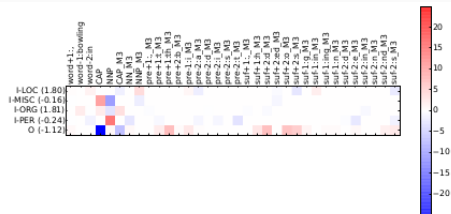
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The full expression is: $E_{\alpha=0.95}(M^L, M^T, L(M^T, X_F(S^S, M^T)), L(M^L, X_F(S^S, M^L)))$

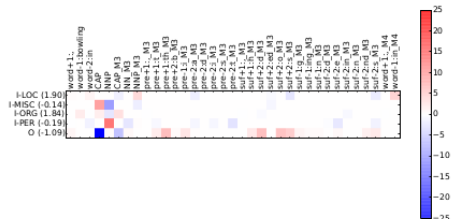
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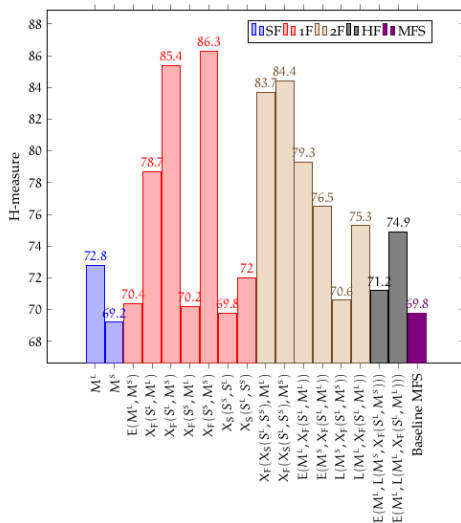


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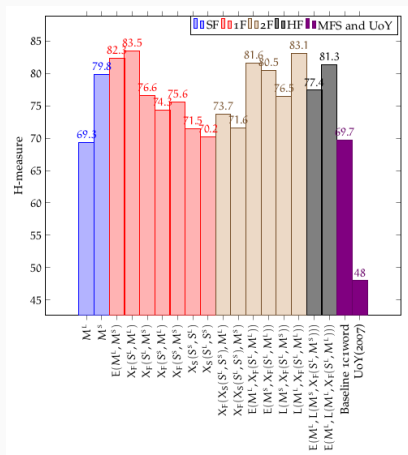


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