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Natural Language Processing

Lecture 16: Lexical Semantics

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Outline

- **Lexical Semantics**
 - WordNet
- Word Sense Disambiguation
- Word Similarity

Word Meaning

- Considering the meaning(s) of a word in addition to its written form



- Word Sense
 - A discrete representation of an aspect of the meaning of a word

Word

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a form with a single meaning representation
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Homonymy

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 - Camel (animal)
 - Camel (music band)
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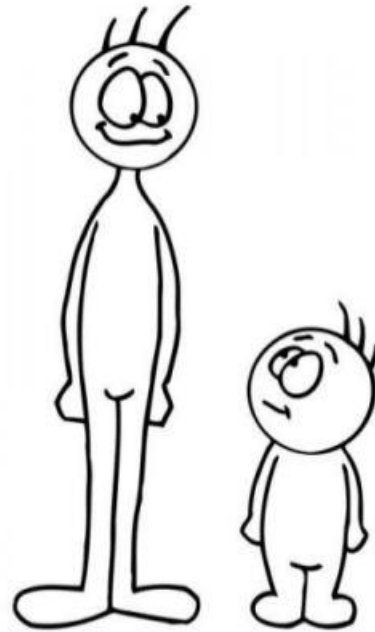
Semantics Relations

- Realizing lexical relations among words' senses
 - Synonymy
 - fall & autumn



Semantics Relations

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 - Antonymy
 - tall & short



Semantics Relations

- Realizing lexical relations among words' senses
 - Hyponymy (is a) {parent: hypernym, child: hyponym }
 - dog & animal



Semantics Relations

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 - Meronymy (part of)
 - arm & body



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WordNet

- A hierarchical database of lexical relations
 - Three Separate sub-databases
 - Nouns
 - Verbs
 - Adjectives and Adverbs
- Closed class words are not included
- Each word is annotated with a set of senses
- Available online
 - <http://wordnetweb.princeton.edu/perl/webwn>

WordNet

Number of words in WordNet 3.0

Category	Entry
Noun	117,097
Verb	11,488
Adjective	22,141
Adverb	4,061

Average number of senses in WordNet 3.0

Category	Sense
Noun	1.23
Verb	2.16

Word Sense

WordNet Search - 3.1

- [WordNet home page](#) - [Glossary](#) - [Help](#)

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Word Relations (Hypernym)

- [S: \(n\) ring](#), **band** (jewelry consisting of a circlet of precious metal (often set with jewels) worn on the finger) *"she had rings on every finger"; "he noted that she wore a wedding band"*
 - [direct hyponym](#) / [full hyponym](#)
 - [direct hypernym](#) / [inherited hypernym](#) / [sister term](#)
 - [S: \(n\) jewelry](#), [jewellery](#) (an adornment (as a bracelet or ring or necklace) made of precious metals and set with gems (or imitation gems))
 - [S: \(n\) adornment](#) (a decoration of color or interest that is added to relieve plainness)
 - [S: \(n\) decoration](#), [ornament](#), [ornamentation](#) (something used to beautify)
 - [S: \(n\) artifact](#), [artefact](#) (a man-made object taken as a whole)
 - [S: \(n\) whole](#), [unit](#) (an assemblage of parts that is regarded as a single entity) *"how big is that part compared to the whole?"*; *"the team is a unit"*
 - [S: \(n\) object](#), [physical object](#) (a tangible and visible entity; an entity that can cast a shadow) *"it was full of rackets, balls and other objects"*
 - [S: \(n\) physical entity](#) (an entity that has physical existence)
 - [S: \(n\) entity](#) (that which is perceived or known or inferred to have its own distinct existence (living or nonliving))

Word Relations (Sister)

- **S: (n) set, circle, band, lot** (an unofficial association of people or groups) *"the smart set goes there"; "they were an angry lot"*
 - **direct hyponym / full hyponym**
 - **direct hypernym / inherited hypernym / sister term**
 - **S: (n) social group** (people sharing some social relation)
 - **S: (n) body** (a group of persons associated by some common tie or occupation and regarded as an entity) *"the whole body filed out of the auditorium"; "the student body"; "administrative body"*
 - **S: (n) society** (an extended social group having a distinctive cultural and economic organization)
 - **S: (n) minority** (a group of people who differ racially or politically from a larger group of which it is a part)
 - **S: (n) sector** (a social group that forms part of the society or the economy) *"the public sector"*
 - **S: (n) interest, interest group** ((usually plural) a social group whose members control some field of activity and who have common aims) *"the iron interests stepped up production"*
 - **S: (n) kin, kin group, kinship group, kindred, clan, tribe** (group of people related by blood or marriage)
 - **S: (n) kith** (your friends and acquaintances) *"all his kith and kin"*
 - **S: (n) fringe** (a social group holding marginal or extreme views) *"members of the fringe believe we should be armed with guns at all times"*
 - **S: (n) gathering, assemblage** (a group of persons together in one place)
 - **S: (n) congregation, fold, faithful** (a group of people who adhere to a common faith and habitually attend a given church)
 - **S: (n) organization, organisation** (a group of people who work together)
 - **S: (n) phylum** ((linguistics) a large group of languages that are historically related)
 - **S: (n) force** (a group of people having the power of effective action) *"he joined forces with a band of adventurers"*
 - **S: (n) platoon** (a group of persons who are engaged in a common activity) *" platoons of tourists poured out of the busses"; "the defensive platoon of the football team"*
 - **S: (n) revolving door** (an organization or institution with a high rate of turnover of personnel or membership)
 - **S: (n) set, circle, band, lot** (an unofficial association of people or groups) *"the smart set goes there"; "they were an angry lot"*
 - **S: (n) organized crime, gangland, gangdom** (underworld organizations)
 - **S: (n) subculture** (a social group within a national culture that has distinctive patterns of behavior and beliefs)

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Applications

- Information retrieval
- Machine translation
- Speech recognition

Information Retrieval

camel

About 144,000,000 results (0.14 seconds)

Camel
www.camel.com/
R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company only markets its tobacco products to tobacco consumers who are 21 years of age or older. In order to be eligible to receive ...
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Camel - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camel
A **camel** is an even-toed ungulate within the genus *Camelus*, bearing distinctive fatty deposits known as humps on its back. There are two species of **camels**: the ...
→ [Bactrian camel](#) - [Dromedary](#) - [Australian feral camel](#) - [Camel \(disambiguation\)](#)

Camel (band) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camel_\(band\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camel_(band))
Camel are an English progressive rock band formed in 1971. Whilst they didn't achieve the large-scale fame of some of their 70s contemporaries (Pink Floyd, ...

Apache Camel: Index
camel.apache.org/
Apache **Camel** provides support for Bean Binding and seamless integration with popular frameworks such as Spring, Blueprint and Guice. **Camel** also has ...

Welcome to the Official Camel Website
www.camelproductions.com/
Official site with news, tour information, timeline, merchandise and jukebox. Home site of founder Andy Latimer.

Camel Pictures and Facts
fohn.net/camel-pictures-facts/
A comprehensive look at **camels** and their vital role in history. Take a fun quiz, and see how much you learned! Many of the **camel** pictures are also desktop ...

San Diego Zoo's Animal Bytes: Camel
www.sandiegozoo.org/animalbytes/t-camel.html
Get accurate animal information about **camels** in an easy-to-read style from the San Diego Zoo's Animal Bytes. Buy tickets online and plan a visit to the Zoo or ...

Camel - Free listening, videos, concerts, stats, & pictures at Last.fm
www.last.fm/music/Camel
Watch videos & listen free to **Camel**: Freefall, Supertwister & more, plus 58 pictures. **CAMEL** is a progressive rock group from Guildford, Surrey, England.

CAMEL - NU RMX UP!!! | Free Music, Tour Dates, Photos, Videos
www.myspace.com/camelbianco
CAMEL - NU RMX UP!!!'s official profile including the latest music, albums, songs, music videos and more updates.

Programming Perl, 3rd Edition - O'Reilly Media
shop.oreilly.com/product/9780596000271.do
Camels are large ruminant mammals, weighing between 1000 and 1600 ... All this having been said, the **Camel** Book is getting a new edition, slated (as of this ...


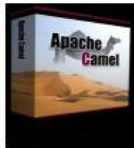



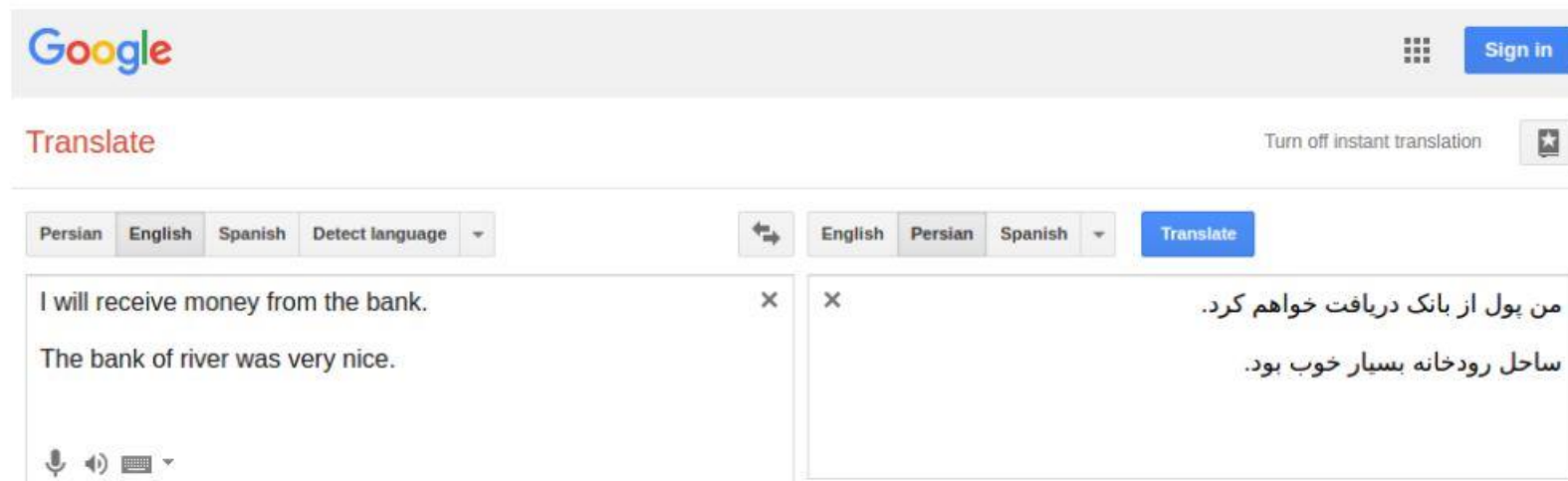


Diagram illustrating information retrieval results for the query "camel". The search results are linked to various images and documents:

- Camel cigarette pack
- Camel in a field
- Camel band performing
- Apache Camel book
- Perl book

Machine Translation



Speech Recognition

- You have to process it **write**.
- You have to process it **right**.

Word Sense Disambiguation

- Input
 - A word
 - The context of the word
 - Set of potential senses for the word
- Output
 - The best sense of the word for this context

Example

Sense:

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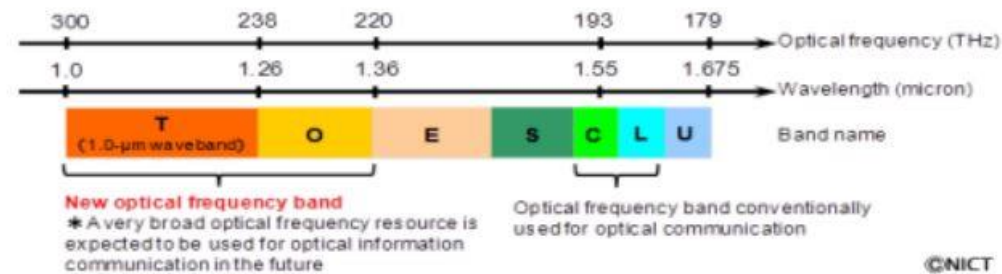
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Approaches

- Thesaurus-based
- Supervised learning
- Semi-supervised learning

Thesaurus-based

- Extracting sense definitions from existing sources
 - Dictionaries
 - Thesauri
 - Wikipedia



Thesaurus-based



Band

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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People

- [Band \(surname\)](#)

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Music

- [Band](#), a company of musicians—see [Musical ensemble](#)
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Thesaurus-based

Rubber band

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This article is about the common household item. For other meanings, see [Rubber band](#) (disambiguation).

"Elastic band" redirects here. For the band and orchestra, see [The Elastic Band](#). For the first aid bandage, see [elastic bandage](#).

A **rubber band** (In some regions known as a **binder**, an **elastic** or **elastic band**, a **lackey band**, **laggy band**, **lacka band** or **gumband**) is a short length of [rubber](#) and [latex](#) formed in the shape of a loop and is commonly used to hold multiple objects together. The rubber band was patented in [England](#) on March 17, 1845 by [Stephen Perry](#).^{[1][2][3]}



Rubber bands in different colors and sizes.

Contents [hide]

- 1 Manufacturing
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The Lesk Algorithm

- Selecting the sense whose definition shares the most words with the word's context

Simplified Algorithm [Kilgariff and Rosenzweig, 2000]

```
function SIMPLIFIED LESK(word,sentence) returns best sense of word  
  best-sense <- most frequent sense for word  
  max-overlap <- 0  
  context <- set of words in sentence  
  for each sense in senses of word do  
    signature <- set of words in the gloss and examples of sense  
    overlap <- COMPUTEOVERLAP (signature,context)  
    if overlap > max-overlap then  
      max-overlap <- overlap  
      best-sense <- sense  
end return (best-sense)
```

The Lesk Algorithm

- Simple to implement
- No training data needed
- Relatively bad results

Supervised Learning

- Training data:
A corpus in which each occurrence of the ambiguous word w is annotated by its correct sense
 - SemCor: 234,000 sense-tagged from Brown corpus
 - SENSEVAL-1: 34 target words
 - SENSEVAL-2: 73 target words
 - SENSEVAL-3: 57 target words (2081 sense-tagged)

Feature Selection

- Using the words in the context with a specific window size
 - Bag-of-word
 - Selecting feature words (or simply frequent words)
 - Deriving a set of k feature words in the window from the training corpus
 - Representing each word in the data as a k -dimension vector
 - Finding the frequency of the selected words in the context of the current observation
 - Semantic vectors
 - Representing each word with a dense vector; e.g., word2vec

Bag-of-word

Sense: band 532734 Range N

*There would be equal access to all currencies financial instruments and financial services dash and no major constitutional change. As realignments become more rare and exchange rates waver in narrower **bands** the system could evolve into one of fixed exchange rates.*

- Window size: +/- 3
- Context: **waver** in **narrower** **bands** the system could
- k feature words for band:
- {circle, dance, group, jewelery, music, narrow, ring, rubber, wave}
- { 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1 }

Semantic Vectors: Static Embedding

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- Context: waver in narrower **bands** the system could
- Average the dense vector of the surrounding term
- If word vector dimension in M, the context vector dimension will be M as well

Semantic Vectors: Contextualized Embedding

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- Context is taken into account implicitly
- Use the dense vector of the target term

Classification

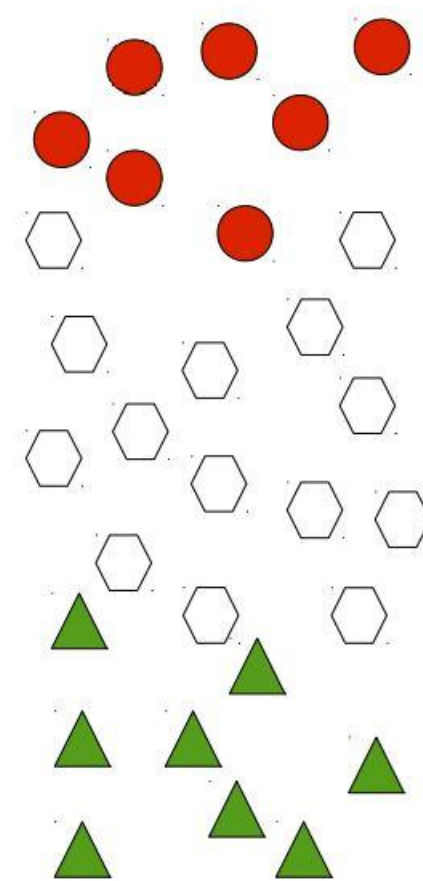
- Using any kind of classification algorithms for sense disambiguation
 - Naïve bayes
 - Maximum entropy
 - SVM
 - Neural network
 - Random forest

Semi-supervised Learning

- What is the best approach when we do not have enough data to train a model?

Semi-supervised Learning

- A small amount of labeled data
- A large amount of unlabeled data
- Solution
 - Finding the similarity between the labeled and unlabeled data
 - Predicting the labels of the unlabeled data



Semi-supervised Learning

- For each sense,
 - Select the most important word which frequently co-occurs with the target word only for this particular sense

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- Example for Band

| <i>sense</i> | <i>selected word</i> |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Music | play |
| Rubber | elastic |
| Range | spectrum |

Semi-supervised Learning

- For each sense,
 - Find the sentences from unlabeled data which contain the target word and the selected word

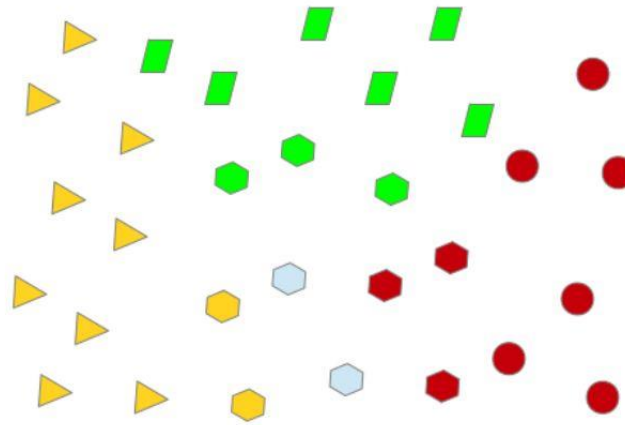
The **band spectrum** is the combination of many different spectral lines

For example the Jamaican reggae musician Bob Marley and his **band** The Wailers were known to **play** the concerts

A rubber **band**, also known as a binder, elastic band, lackey **band**, laggy **band**, "gum **band**", or **elastic**, is a short length of rubber and latex, elastic in nature and formed ...

Semi-supervised Learning

- For each sense,
 - Label the sentence with the corresponding sense
 - Add the new labeled sentences to the training data



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- **Word Similarity**

Word Similarity

- Task
 - Finding the similarity between two words
 - Covering somewhat a wider range of relations in the meaning (different with synonymy)
 - Being defined with a score (degree of similarity)



Example

| | |
|--|-----|
| <i>Bank (financial institute) & fund</i> | 0.8 |
| <i>car & bicycle</i> | 0.5 |
| <i>car & gasoline</i> | 0.2 |

Applications

- Information retrieval
- Question answering
- Document categorization
- Machine translation
- Language modeling
- Word clustering

Applications

About 1,910,000 results (0.27 seconds)

[Automobile - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automobile
Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot is widely credited with building the **first** self-propelled mechanical **vehicle** or **automobile** in about 1769; he **created** a steam-powered ...

[History of the automobile - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_automobile
The **first** carriage-sized **automobile** suitable for use on existing wagon roads in the United States was a steam powered **vehicle invented** in 1871, by Dr. J.W. ...

[Who invented the automobile? \(Everyday Mysteries: Fun Science ...\)](#)
www.loc.gov > Researchers
Many suggest that he **created** the **first** true **automobile** in 1885/1886. Below is a table of some **automobile** firsts, compiled from information in Leonard Bruno's ...

[When was the first car invented](#)
wiki.answers.com > Wiki Answers > Categories > Cars & Vehicles
It is argued that this constitutes the **first 'car'** ever **invented**, but the design was only 65cm long, had no seats or pilot controls, and was intended as little more ...

[When was the First Car Invented? - Answers.Ask.com](#)
answers.ask.com > All > Vehicles > Autos
The history of the car is varied and dates back as far as the 15th century. However most credit the **invention** of the **first car** to Nicolas Jo... view more.

[Invention Help - When was the first car invented](#)
www.invention-help.com/content/view/49/41/
If you want to know **when was the first car invented**, I'll have to take you back to the 17th century in China. A Belgian missionary named Ferdinand Verbiest ...

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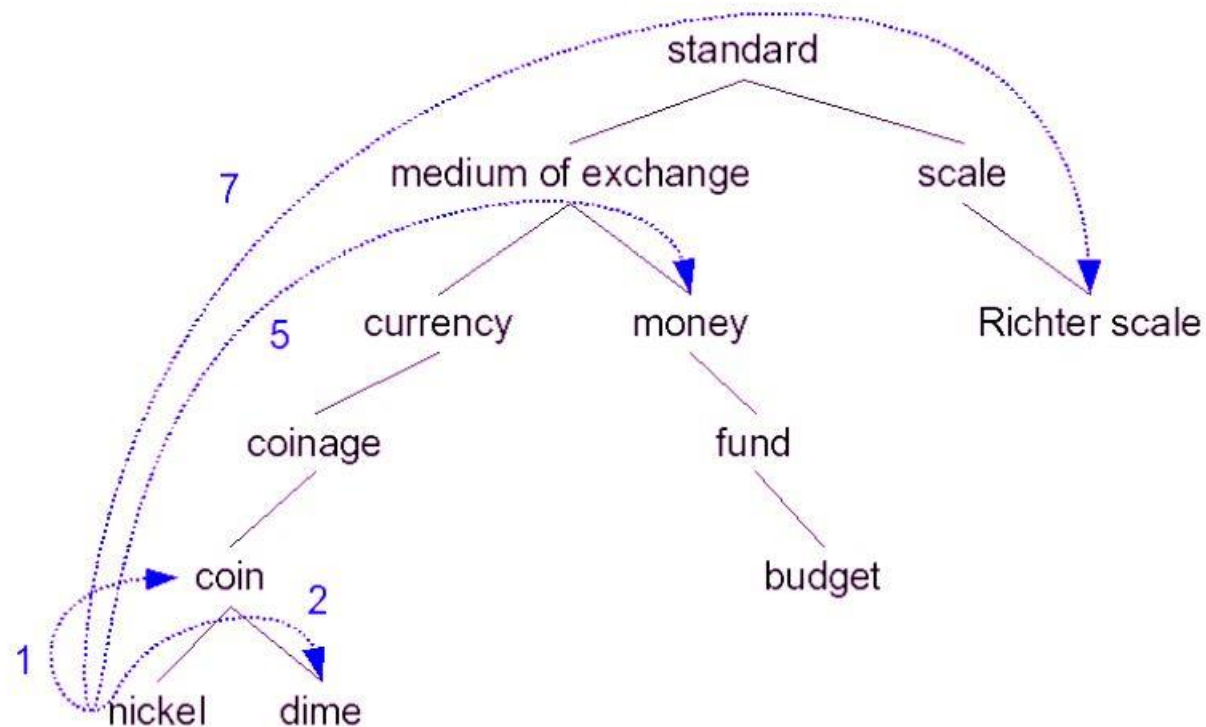
- Class-based models
 - “to London”, “to Berlin”, “to Tehran”
 - Class: CITY-NAME
 - ...
 - Classes: AIRLINE, DAY-OF-WEEK, MONTH, etc.

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- Thesaurus-based
 - Based on their distance in thesaurus
 - Based on their definition in thesaurus (gloss)
- Distributional
 - Based on the similarity between their contexts

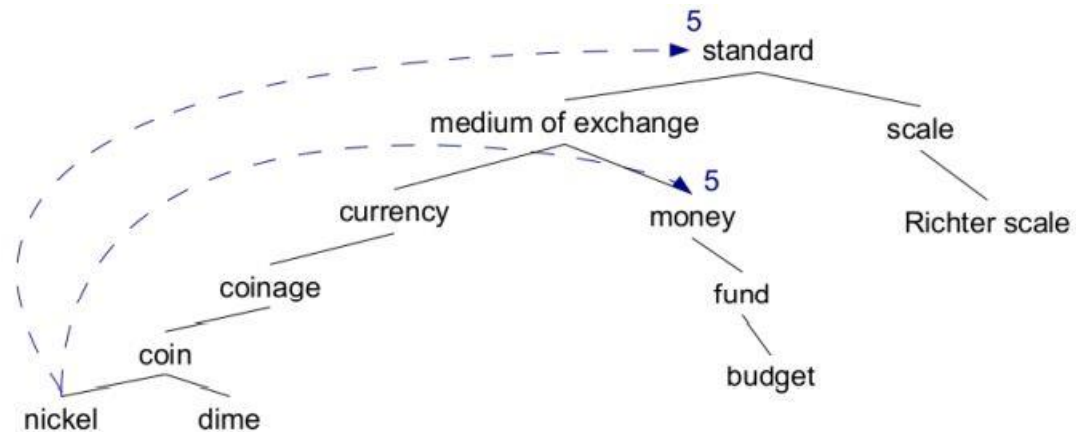
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- Two concepts (sense) are similar if they are “nearby” (if there is a short path between them in the hypernym hierarchy)



Distances in Thesaurus

- Path-base similarity:
 - Based on the number of edges in the shortest path between the sense nodes
 - Path similarity
- Information content similarity
 - Based on the lowest node in the hierarchy that subsumes both sense nodes (Lowest common subsumer)
 - Resnik similarity
 - Lin similarity
 - Jiang-Conrath similarity



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 - vocab = {book, plate, city, cook, like, water,...}
- $t = \{ \quad 0, \quad 1, \quad 0, \quad 1, \quad 1, \quad 0, \quad \dots \}$

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Semantic Vector Representation

- Static Vectors → Representation of context
 - Word2vec
 - Glove
- Contextualized Vectors → Representation of word (implicit context)
 - BERT

Further Reading

- Speech and Language Processing (3rd ed. draft)
 - Chapters 18