

Automatic Alignment of Lexicographical Data

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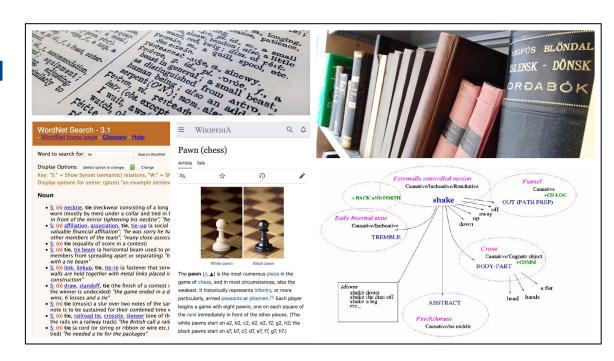




"Dictionaries are treasure houses of data on the uses of words. They are also our best starting point for all questions regarding word sense distinctions, in NLP, the humanities or lexicography.

But to reveal the dictionary's treasures in a systematic way is no simple."

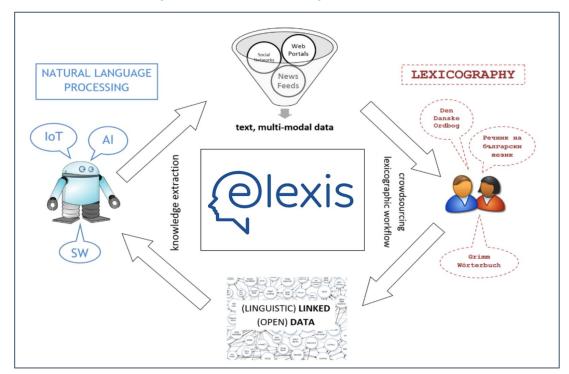
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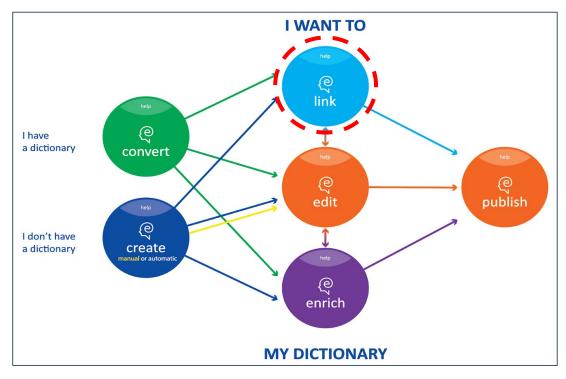




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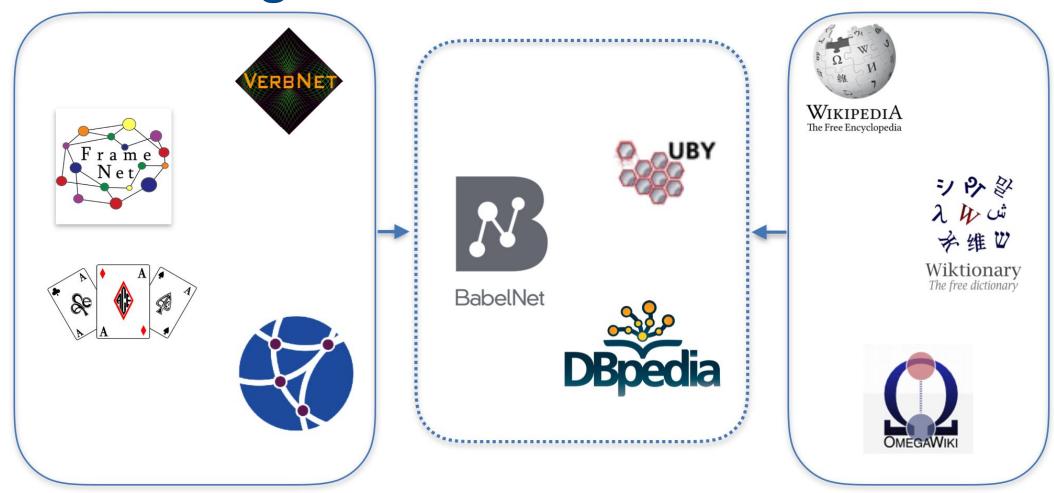


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Resource alignment

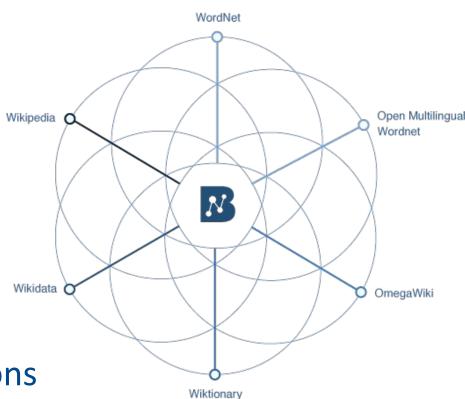
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Why linking resources?

- To improve word and concept coverage
 - e.g., named entities, new senses
- To improve domain coverage
- To improve multilingualism
- Creating resources for new languages
- To combine expert-made semantic relations
 - e.g., Hypernymy, meronymy, etc.

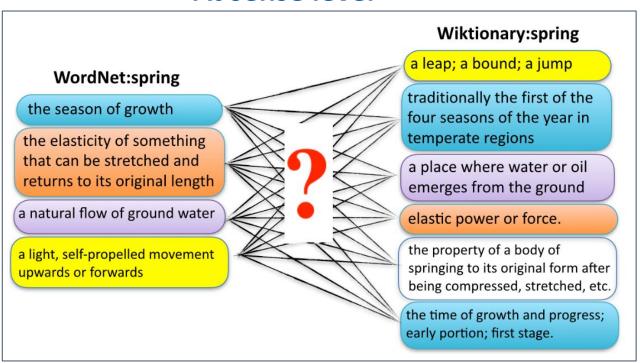


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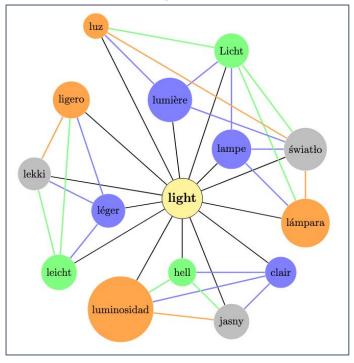


Let's set it up.

At sense level



At entry level



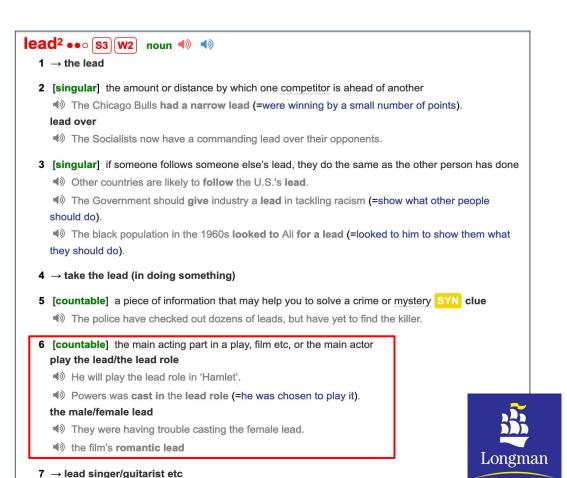
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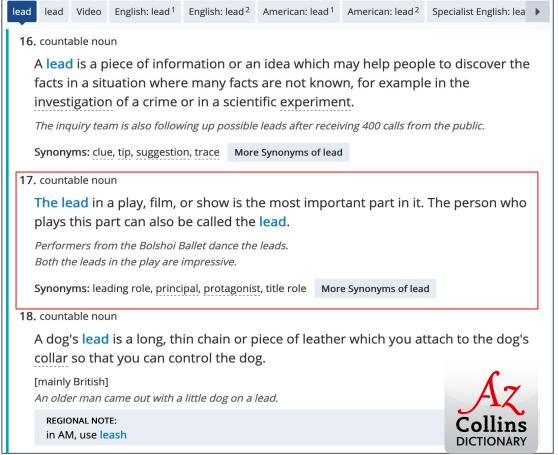




2. Word sense alignment (WSA)

→ linking lexical content at sense level, including glosses







Sense alignment is challenging

- Differences in structure
 - sense vs. sub-sense vs. sub-sub-sense etc.
 - formalizations, such as WordNet [8], FrameNet [9] and generative lexicon [10]
- Differences in content
 - Lexical choice:
 - Alcohol: <u>vandklar</u> vædske (water-clear liquid) vs. <u>farveløs</u> (colorless) in Danish
 - Definition paradigms [11], as in:
 - footnote: A footnote is a note of text placed at the bottom of a page (analytical)
 - méchant : qui est dangereux, nuisible, néfaste (synonymous)
 - good: the opposite of bad (relational)



An example: afstand ['awˌsdan?] (distance in Danish)*

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What has been done?

- A significant body of research in aligning English resources including linking the Princeton WordNet with
 - Wikipedia [12]
 - Wiktionary [13]
 - the Oxford Dictionary of English [14]
 - Wikidata [15]
- A fewer number of manually aligned monolingual resources in other languages including linking:
 - the GermaNet—the German Wordnet with
 - the German Wikipedia [16]
 - the German Wiktionary [17]
- Not too many studies on other languages!

Monolingual WSA datasets

To address some of the current main limitations in WSA:

- Multilingualism
- Monolingual resources
- Gold-standard datasets
- Semantic relationship annotation



A Multilingual Evaluation Dataset for Monolingual Word Sense Alignment

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Abstract

Aligning senses across resources and languages is a challenging task with beneficial applications in the field of natural language processing and electronic discography. In this paper, we describe our efforts in manually aligning monolingual dictionaries. The alignment is carried out at sense-level for various resources in 15 languages. Moreover, senses are annotated with possible semantic relationships such as broadness, moreomers, relationshes, and equivalence. In comparison to previous datasets for this task, this dataset covers a wide range process to relative the processing of the properties of the processing of

Keywords: lexical semantic resources, sense alignment, lexicography, language resource

1. Introduction

Lexical semantic resources (LSRs) are knowledge repositories that provide the vocabulary of a language in a descriptive and structured way. One of the famous examples of LSRs are dictionaries. Dictionaries form an important foundation of numerous natural language processing (NLP) tasks, including word sense disambiguation, machine translation, question answering and automatic summarization. However, the task of combining dictionaries from different sources is difficult, especially for the case of mapping the senses of entries, which often differ significantly in granularity and coverage. Approaches so far have mostly only been evaluated on named entities and quite specific domain language. In order to support a shared task at the GLOB-ALEX workshop1, we have developed a new baseline that covers 15 languages and will provide a new baseline for the task of monolingual word sense alignment.

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Mihalcea, 2005; Ponzetto and Navigli, 2010; Gurevych e

Given the current progress of artificial intelligence and the usage of data to train neural networks, annotated data with specific features play a crucial role to tackle data-driven challenges, particularly in NLP. In recent years, a few efforts have been made to create gold-standard dataset, i.e., a dataset of instances used for learning and fitting parameters for aligning senses across monolingual resources including collaboratively-curated ones such as Wikipedia2, and expert-made ones such as WordNet. However, the previous work is limited to a handful of languages and much of it is not on the core vocabulary of the language, but instead on named entities and specialist terminology. Moreover, de spite the huge endeavour of lexicographers to compile dictionaries, proper lexicographic data are rarely openly accesquite small and the extent to which the mapping is reliable is unclear.

In this paper, we present a set of datasets for the task of WSA containing manually-amotated monolingual resources in 15 languages. The annotation is carried out at sense level where four semantic relationships, namely, relatedness, equivalence, broadness, and narrowness, are selected for each pair of senses in the two resources by native lexicographics. Given the lexicographic context of this study, we have treft of provide lexicographic data from expert-made dictionaries. We believe that our datasets will pave the way for further developments in exploring statistical and neural methods, as well as for evaluation purposes. The rest of the paper is organized as follows: we first describe the previous work in Section 2. After having describe the previous work in Section 2. After having describe the previous work in Section 2. After having describe the previous work in Section 2. After having describe the previous work in Section 2. After having describe the previous work in Section 2. After having described the previous work in Section 2. After having described the previous work in Section 2. After having described the previous work in Section 2. After having described the previous work in Section 2. After having described the previous work in Section 2. After having described the previous work in Section 2. After having described the previous work in Section 2. After having described the previous work in Section 2. After having described the previous work in Section 2. After having described the previous work in Section 2.

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→ 17 manually-annotated monolingual resources for the task of WSA covering 15 languages





Monolingual WSA datasets

elocutionary (adjective)				
ciocalionary (aujocity)	(used of style of speaking) overly embellished	NONE -	-	0 -pertaining to elocution.
	of or relating to elocution			of portaining to disselleri.
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uide (vers)	cut into cubes	exact	1 I-to cut into smal ▼	1.]-to cut into small cubes; .
	play dice	NONE *		2.l-to ornament with squares, diamonds, or
ebb (verb)	piay dice	NONE		2.1-to ornament with squares, diamonds, or
CDD (VCID)	flow back or recede	exact	Ol-to cause to flow ▼	0 -to cause to flow back.
	fall away or decline	NONE *	oj-to cause to now	oj-to cause to now back.
	hem in fish with stakes and nets so as to prevent the		_	
educated (adjective)	Them in hish with stakes and hets so as to prevent the	NONE		
educated (adjective)	characterized by full comprehension of the problem	Ť	_	0 -formed or developed by education; .
	possessing an education (especially having more that			oj-iornied of developed by education, .
quaver (verb)	possessing an education (especially having more to	exact		
quaver (verb)	give off unsteady sounds, alternating in amplitude of	narrower	-	0 -to utter with quavers.
	sing or play with trills, alternating with the half note	broader		oj-to utter with quavers.
rangy (adjective)	sing or play with this, alternating with the hall hote	related		
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	adapted to wandering or roaming	NONE		0 -inclined or able to range, or rove about, fo
	allowing ample room for ranging	_		
amilar (naun)	tall and thin and having long slender limbs	·	·	
smiler (noun)	a narran wha amilea	_		Ol and who amiles
	a person who smiles			0 -one who smiles.
aliada (a a con)	the human face ('kisser' and 'smiler' and 'mug' are	*	•	
chair (noun)				

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"lemma": "splenetic",
"POS_tag": "adjective",
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        "external ID": "bristly.s.01"}
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→ spiteful; peevish; fretful.",

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→ malicious; spiteful; peevish;

    fretful.",

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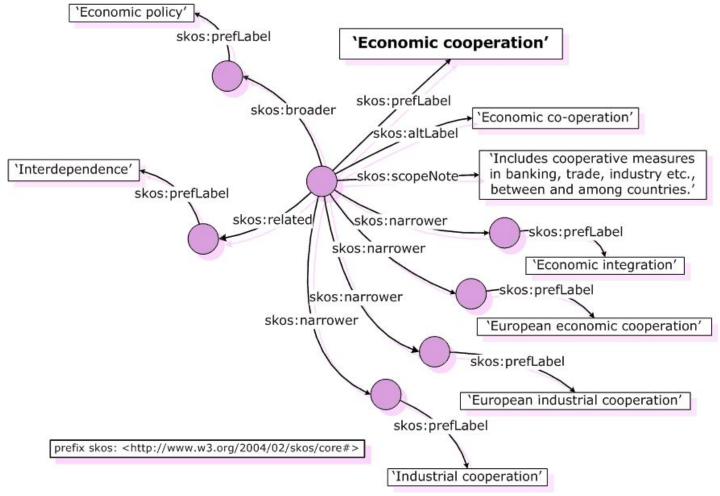
Semantic relationships (based on SKOS*)

- **exact**: The sense are the same, for example the definitions are simply paraphrases
- **broader**: The sense in the first dictionary completely covers the meaning of the sense in the second dictionary and is applicable to further meanings
- **narrower**: The sense in the first dictionary is entirely covered by the sense of the second dictionary, which is applicable to further meanings
- **related**: There are cases when the senses may be equal but the definitions in both dictionaries differ in key aspects
- none: There is no match for this sense

* https://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/



Semantic relationships: an example



Source: https://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core/guide/2005-10-06/

Language	Resource	Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives	Adverbs	Other	All
Basque	Basque Wordnet	929 (6836)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	929 (6836)
Dasque	Euskal Hiztegia	971 (7754)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	971 (7754)
Bulgarian	BTB-WN	1394 (15649)	175 (1698)	305 (3187)	50 (338)	0 (0)	1924 (20872)
Bulgarian	Bulgarian Wik- tionary	1273 (12883)	164 (1107)	194 (1418)	39 (306)	0 (0)	1670 (15714)
Danish	Ordbog over det danske Sprog	2176 (282040)	983 (119163)	436 (60599)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3595 (461802)
	Den Danske Ordbog	1036 (12326)	383 (4045)	248 (2228)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1667 (18599)
Dutch	Woordenboek der Nederlandsche Taal	1459 (28979)	405 (5185)	527 (7878)	106 (2662)	0 (0)	2497 (44704)
	Algemeen Neder- lands Woordenboek	497 (8443)	140 (1542)	109 (1393)	13 (172)	0 (0)	759 (11550)
English (KD)	Global	92 (532)	107 (617)	80 (457)	57 (257)	61 (283)	397 (2146)
	Password	66 (536)	72 (417)	62 (324)	33 (177)	46 (188)	279 (1642)
English (NUIG)	Webster	1131 (11606)	741 (4622)	373 (2585)	45 (269)	0 (0)	2290 (19082)
Laighsii (NOIO)	Princeton WordNet	730 (12166)	496 (6980)	249 (2892)	24 (207)	0 (0)	1499 (22245)
Estonian	Dictionary of Esto- nian (EKS)	543 (4012)	273 (1598)	151 (747)	98 (451)	78 (370)	1143 (7178)
	Estonian Basic Dic- tionary (PSV)	543 (4492)	273 (1983)	151 (1097)	98 (596)	79 (468)	1144 (8636)
German	German Wiktionary	2026 (15160)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2026 (15160)
German	German OmegaWiki	1266 (14354)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1266 (14354)
Hungarian	Comprehensive						1355 (14654)
Hungarian	Explanatory						1038 (10934)
Irish	An Foclóir Beag	891 (8053)	11 (95)	55 (267)	10 (56)	36 (171)	1003 (8642)
	Irish Wiktionary	1209 (6696)	8 (45)	61 (181)	10 (41)	36 (109)	1324 (7072)
Italian	ItalWordNet	408 (3128)	352 (2411)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	760 (5539)
	SIMPLE	290 (1990)	218 (1240)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	508 (3230)
Serbian	Serbian WordNet	691 (5864)	985 (6522)	92 (713)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1768 (13099)
	Dictionary of Serbo- Croatian Literary Language	289 (2360)	281 (1527)	29 (215)	0 (0)	0 (0)	599 (4102)
or total	Slovene WordNet	409 (1106)	303 (901)	237 (733)	44 (133)	0 (0)	993 (2873)
Slovenian (JSI)	Slovene Lexical Database	284 (2237)	191 (1047)	220 (1486)	29 (102)	0 (0)	724 (4872)
Slovenian (ISJFR)	Standard Slovenian Dictionary (eSSKJ)	229 (2060)	109 (911)	76 (620)	0 (0)	60 (588)	474 (4179)
	Kostelski slovar	151 (1050)	61 (308)	45 (257)	0 (0)	38 (263)	295 (1878)
Spanish	Diccionario de la lengua española	617 (7986)	225 (2426)	305 (3269)	26 (161)	24 (250)	1197 (14092)
	Spanish Wiktionary	602 (6421)	227 (2045)	294 (2825)	25 (129)	22 (123)	1170 (11543)
	Dicionário da Língua Portuguesa Contemporânea	285 (4060)	58 (686)	110 (1287)	9 (143)	1 (9)	463 (6185)
Portuguese	Dicionário Aberto	199 (1521)	53 (203)	67 (372)	3 (15)	1 (5)	323 (2116)
25 16	Ozhegov-Shvedova	258 (2038)	109 (615)	101 (533)	15 (77)	44 (368)	527 (3631)
Russian	Dictionary of the Russian Language (MAS)	310 (2811)	173 (1338)	190 (1219)	20 (114)	71 (1010)	764 (6492)



MWSA Datasets

Statistics

Number of senses and number of tokens (in parentheses)



https://github.com/elexis-eu/mwsa



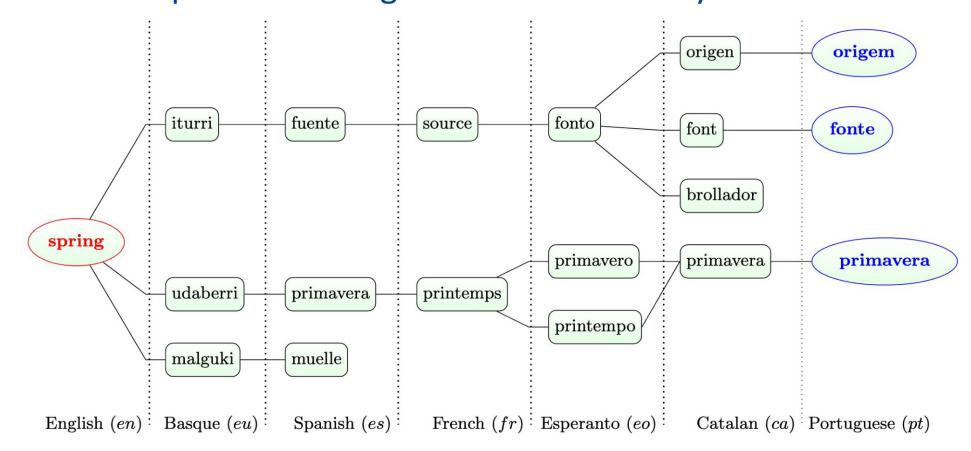
Approaches and state-of-the-art

Results of the English monolingual WSA in the context of the Monolingual Word Sense Alignment Shared Task (LREC 2020): https://competitions.codalab.org/competitions/22163

Approach	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-measure
Jaccard similarity with the Hungarian Algorithm [19]	0.752	0	0	0
similarity methods sas well as similarities coming from ELMo and BERT [20]	0.763	0.619	0.782	0.691
word-sense disambiguation, multiple features from BERT combined using a random forest [21]	0.798	0.746	0.353	0.48
BERT & Siamese LSTM [22]	0.759	0.586	0.692	0.634
Features from ConceptNet & restricted Boltzmann Machine [23]	89	82.35	82.87	82.61



Given two dictionaries in two different languages, generate new translation pairs → linking dictionaries at entry level



Based on the in the Apertium translation data: http://tiad2021.unizar.es/



Translation Inference across Dictionaries (TIAD)

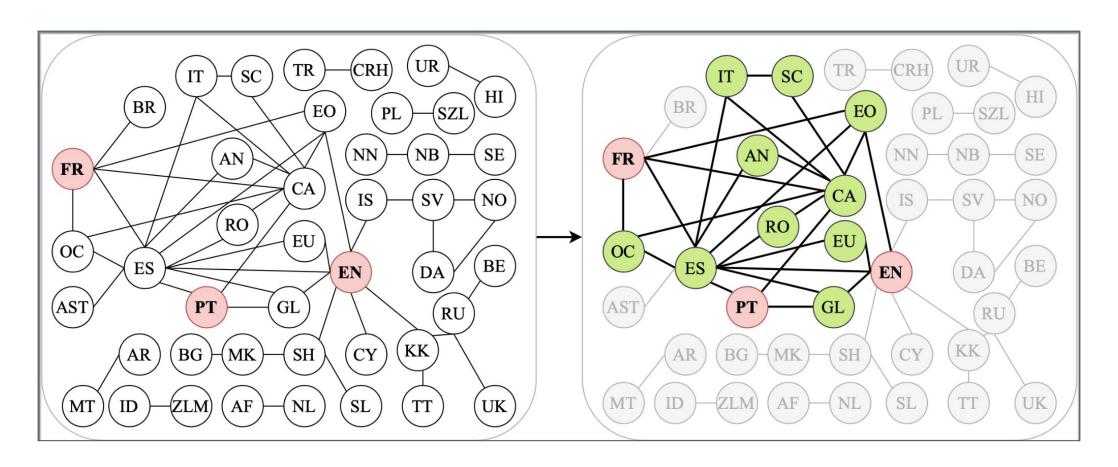
- automatic generation of new bilingual (and multilingual) dictionaries from existing ones
- no translations can be obtained directly among source and target languages based on the available RDF data
- no external resource with alignments between the source and target languages is allowed to be used → unsupervised

See more at https://tiad2021.unizar.es/

Year	Target dictionaries	Paper	Approach	External resources
	German-Portuguese	[1]	graph analysis	-
TIAD 2017	Danish-Spanish	[16]	graph analysis and collocation-	Europarl corpus
	Dutch-French		based models	
		[7]	Support Vector Machine using fea-	-
		A1 1279A	tures based on the translation	
			graph and string similarity	
		[2]	multi-way neural machine transla-	
	English		tion	from the same family
TIAD 2019	French			and Wiktionary
	Portuguese	[21]	graph analysis and neural machine	
			translation	for Translation cor-
				pus [18]
		[9]	pivot-based and cross-lingual word	monolingual corpora
			embeddings	
		[6]	multi-lingual word embedding	pretrained embed-
		[a 4]		ding model
		[14]	unsupervised document embedding	
			using Orthonormal Explicit Topic	
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TIAD 2020	English French Portuguese	[15]	unsupervised multi-way neural ma-	
			chine translation and unsupervised document embedding	pus [18]
		[4]	propagation of concepts over a	
		[4]	graph of interconnected dictionaries	
			using WordNet synsets and lexical	
			entries as concepts	
	1	[13]	graph analysis and cross-lingual	monolingual corpora
		[10]	word embeddings	of Common Crawl
			mora omo oaamoo	and Wikipedia
		[8]	graph analysis relying on paths,	
		[-]	synonyms, similarities and cardi-	
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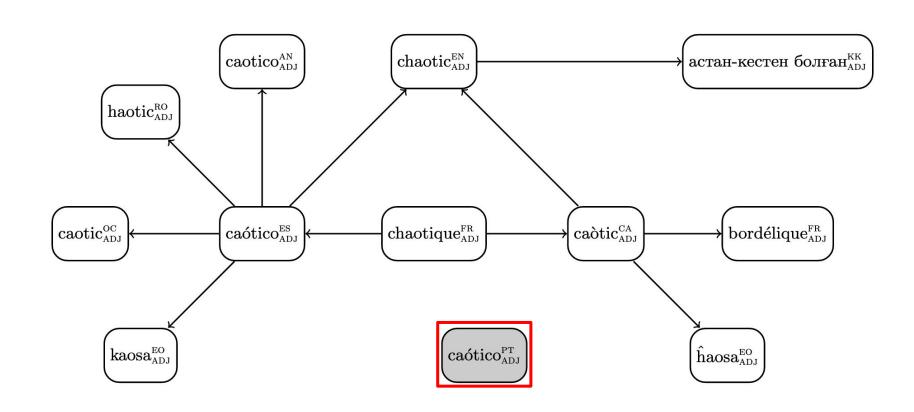


Exploring the graph structure





Limitations due to coverage

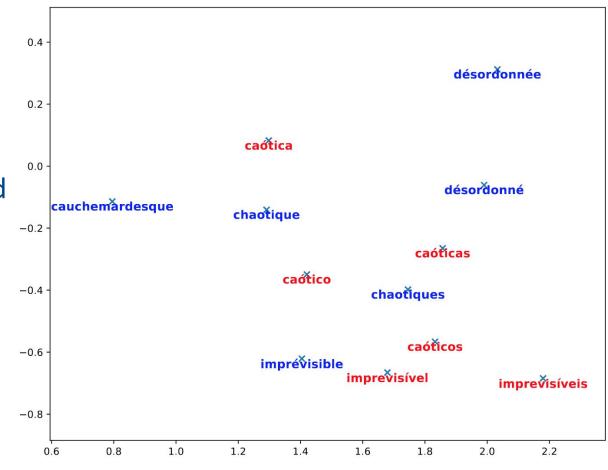




Cross-lingual word embeddings mapping

Using unsupervised cross-lingual word embedding mapping techniques, find a mapping between the monolingual word embedding spaces of the source and target languages.

- VecMap [24]
- MUSE [25]
- Both methods, induce a seed lexicon automatically assuming approximate isomorphism between source and target spaces

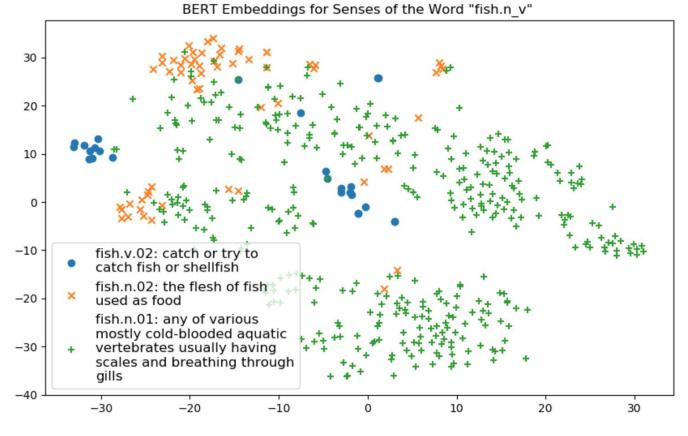


t-SNE visualization of *chaotique* (adjective in French) in the MUSE multilingual word embeddings of French and Portuguese



Contextual embeddings

- How to incorporate representation of sense distinction in the two previous tasks?
- A fundamental question: Are there a certain number of senses for a word? What determines it?



t-SNE visualization of *fish* (noun, verb) in BERT vector for each occurrence in the SemCor corpus (http://web.eecs.umich.edu/~mihalcea/downloads.html#semcor)

4. Naisc

- Naisc is a system for aligning RDF datasets
- It takes as input 2 RDF documents
- It outputs an alignment (set of RDF triples) between these two documents

Openly available at
https://github.com/insight-centre/naisc





5. Next steps?

- Cross-lingual word-sense alignment
- More robust techniques for semantic relationship detection across word senses and glosses
- Exploring other lexicographical information such as:
 - etymological data: school of fish vs. elementary school
 - cognates: eau (water, French) vs. aw (water, Kurdish) from *wd-r/akw- (PIE)
 - pronunciations: lead /liid/ vs. lead /lεd/
- Promoting interoperability among existing and future lexicographical resources, as in Linguistic Linked Open Data
- And many more...



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