

Ontologizing Senses

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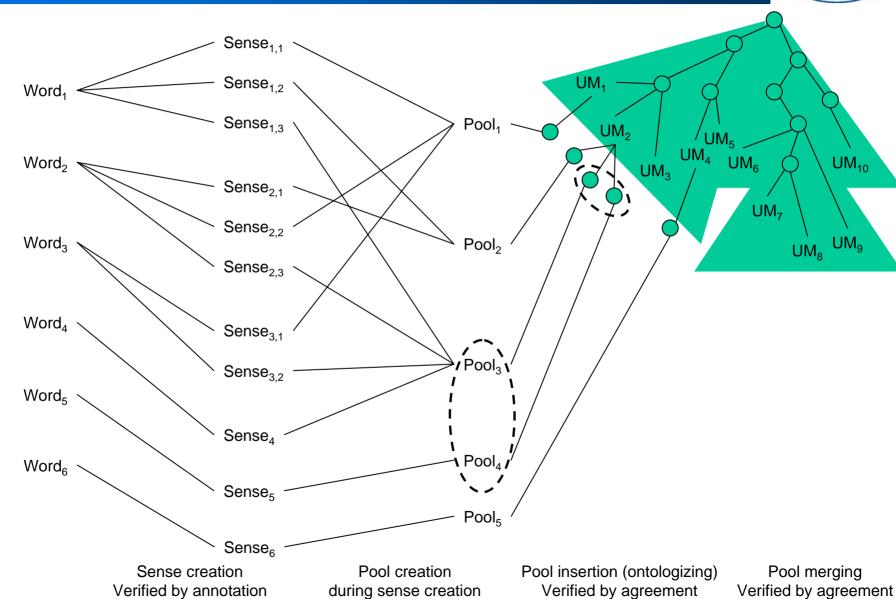






Idea and Approach





Example Sense Pools



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</COMMENTARY>

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<COMMENTARY> A physical artifact that impedes or restricts

free movement, or denies access to some area.

Possible Uses of Ontology-Based Information



- Pool contains multiple words' senses:
 - e.g., barrier.a.n.1, obstruction.a.n.1, impediment.o.n.3
 - (Quasi-)synonyms extends training data for WSD, etc.
- Pool contains Chinese and Arabic wordsenses:
 - e.g., xin1hua2she4, da4xue2
 - Ditto, plus may help MT at sense-aligned level
- Pools arranged under Upper Model:
 - e.g., different kinds of Artifacts
 - Closely similar yet different pools still share some type characteristics; perhaps useful for metonymy or gross WSD
- Pool contains features:
 - e.g., +PHYSICAL, +CONCRETE, -MOVEMENT
 - Eventually may be used for semantic role labeling/assignment
 - Features will be inherited

Upper Model



- Objects (for noun pools): Stable at about 128 concepts
- Events (for verb pools): Still growing, now about 20 concepts

Pool attachment:

- Each UM concept is potential 'attachment point' for sense pools
- Most pools attach at UM fringe: about 70 for Objects and 15 for Events

Planned eventual structure:

- Fairly dense clusters of pools under UM attachments, no deep taxonomies
- Many uplinks for event pools, fewer for objects
- Pools within a cluster share some features, and have some unique ones
- Features: +/-Animate, +/-Concrete, etc.

Pool Ontologizing (English)



- Each pool seen by between 3 and 6 people independently
- Weekly or biweekly telecons and online discussion
- 200 hard cases done by experts
- Accepted only UM attachments with majority agreement

Noun sense			UM choice 1 #	people	ITA	UM choice 2 #	e peopl	e ITA	UM choice3 #	peop	le ITA
channel.y.n.7	3	4	Artifact	3	100%	NaturalNonLivingObjec	3	100%	LocationOf*NaturalNor	3	100%
club.y.n.7	3	2	LocationOf*Artifact	3	100%	CommercialOrganization	3	100%			
colony.y.n.2	3	2	SocialGathering	3	100%	MeasurementQuantity(3	100%			
colony.y.n.5	3	2	SpatialLocation	3	100%	SocialAbstraction	3	100%			
colony.y.n.3	3	2	SocialGathering	3	100%	MeasurementQuantity(3	100%			
column.y.n.7	3	2	ShapeAndStructure/	3	100%	GeneralizedLanguageC	3	100%			
compartment.	3	3	Artifact	3	100%	PartOf*Artifact	3	100%	ShapeAndStructureAb:	3	100%
core.y.n.8	3	2	Human	3	100%	NonProfessionRole	3	100%			
country.y.n.6	3	2	LocationOf*NaturalN	3	100%	SpatialLocation	3	100%			
crash.y.n.5	3	2	ThoughtProcess	3	100%	EventAsObject	3	100%			
cubicle.y.n.5	3	2	Artifact	3	100%	ShapeAndStructureAbs	3	100%			
deal.y.n.8	3	2	PsychoSocialAbstrac	3	100%	EventAsObject	3	100%			
deal.y.n.5	3	2	Artifact	3	100%	SetOf*Artifact	3	100%			
deal.a.n.7	3	2	PsychoSocialAbstrac	3	100%	QualityAsObject	3	100%			
debate.y.n.1	3	2	EventAsObject	3	100%	GeneralizedLanguageC	3	100%			
negotiation.y.r	3	2	EventAsObject	3	100%	GeneralizedLanguageC	3	100%			
decline.y.n.5	3	3	Artifact	3	100%	NaturalNonLivingObjec	3	100%	ShapeAndStructureAb:	3	100%
department.y.	3	5	PoliticoGovernment(3	100%	EducationalOrganization	3	100%	MilitaryOrganization	3	100%
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door.y.n.4	3	3	PartOf*Artifact	3	100%	LocationOf*Artifact	3	100%	SpatialLocation	3	100%
plunge.y.n.2	3	2	ShapeAndStructure/	3	100%	EventAsObject	3	100%			
drop.y.n.5	3	2	NaturalNonLivingOb	j 3	100%	ShapeAndStructureAbs	3	100%			

Merging Process



 Task: Merge incoming pool (derived from English monosemous or Arabic or Chinese noun) into appropriate pool, or create new pool

Approach:

- Reduce candidates by automated initial assignment to likely pools (heuristics: definition overlaps, WordNet links, etc.)
- Interface: CAT display tool too cumbersome
- Developed dedicated interface
- Speed: fast, over 1 per minute

Results:

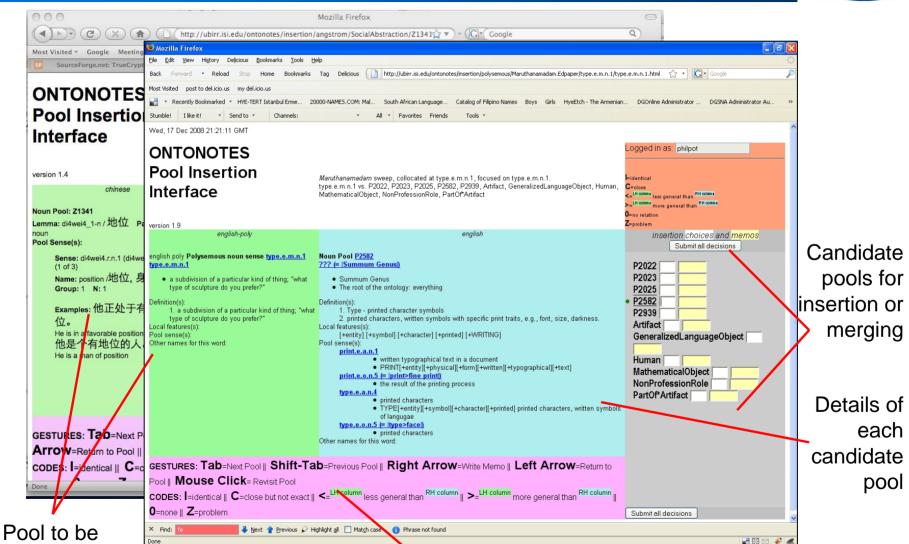
- English monosemous: 4 annotators, working on initial 2800 terms (covers current corpus); another 7500 in reserve to be done later
- Chinese: 2 annotators, completed (but not checked) about 300 Chinese pools
- Arabic: 2 annotators, work underway

Pool Insertion/Merging Interface

inserted

or merged





Insertion or merging operations

Current Status 1



Upper Model

- Objects (from nouns): Stable at about 128 concepts
- Events (from verbs): Some changes, now about 25 concepts

Ontologizing English sense pools under Upper Model

- Pools from polysemous nouns:
 - About 2100 pools linked so far
 - Pools cover about 5300 senses, which (partly) cover about 970 nouns
 - Each pool derived from polysemous English nouns
 - 200 hard cases done by experts; all other linking decisions done by 3 or more people
- Pools from polysemous verbs (at Columbia):
 - Over 670 pools linked so far (over 700 created)

Current Status 2



Pools from English monosemous nouns:

- WordNet senses to UM attachments: Unambig links: 26.2K;
 ambig links: 895; no link: 10.8K
- Manual linking/merging of 2800 corpus mono nouns underway

Chinese noun pools:

- Pool creation and ontologizing: About 300 pools completed
- Merging with English-derived pools:
 - Approx. 1200 links created
 - 87 links with perfect agreement, 1137 links with no agreement
- Chinese verb pools: about 100

Arabic noun pools:

- Pool creation and ontologizing: About 320 pools completed
- Merging with English-derived pools:
 - Approx. 200 links created

Longer-Range Plans



- Continue ontologizing and merging noun- and verbderived pools for English, Chinese, Arabic
- Finalize taxonomization of pools under each UM node
- Regularize features within pools:
 - Currently 5000 features, about 2000 high-freq
- Finalize links from pools back to WordNet
- Add information from other resources into UM (funded by DoD):
 - Domain labels from NSA
 - Axioms from SUMO
 - Modalities



BACKUP

Feb 09 Noun Annotation Status — Internal



	English	Chinese
Total noun types double-annotated	1311	200
Total noun types adjudicated	623	64
Total polysemous noun instances	141890	52284
Total noun instances double-annotated	81024 (57.10%)	9557 (18.28%)
Total noun instances adjudicated	44361	5514
Average agreement	0.93	0.95

Arabic
98
61
141890
10201 (7.19%)
6411
0.89

Upper Model for Objects



TangibleObject

Animal

NonVolitionalBiologicalObject

VolitionalNonBiologicalObject

NonVolitionalNonBiologicalObject

Animals: 7 leaf nodes

Other living things: 5 leaf nodes

Androids: 1 leaf node

Artifacts and natural nonliving things: 6 leaf nodes

IntangibleObject

MentalObject

Collection

Relation

ImmeasurableObject

MeasurableAbstraction

- Thoughts, emotions, etc.: 7 leaf nodes
- Sets, groups, organizations: 11 leaf nodes
- Relations between things: 11 leaf nodes
- Abstractions (information, procedures, functions, etc.): 12 leaf nodes
- Space, time, wealth, etc.: 12 leaf nodes

Upper Model for Events



Eventuality1

Change

ChangeIntegralProperties

ChangeIncidentalProperties

Motion

MentalEvent

PhysicalExperience

SocialInteraction

- Change of core defining properties
- Change of other properties: location, possession, etc.
- Motions
- Thoughts
- Bodily experiences
- Communication, interaction, judgment, etc.

Eventuality2

Aspect

Modality

- Aspect: completedness, continuality, etc.
- Modality: desires, wishes, obligations, etc.

Pool Ongtologizing Interface (CAT)



