

# **Building a default knowledge base of objects (and other stories of robots)**

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# Outline

Introduction: Granny Annie and the Robot

Part I: Where are my things?

Part II: Default Knowledge by frames

Epilogue: What are objects, anyway?

# Granny Annie and the Robot

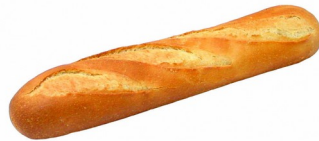
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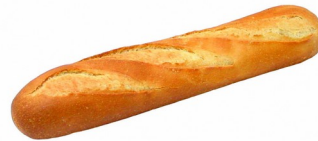
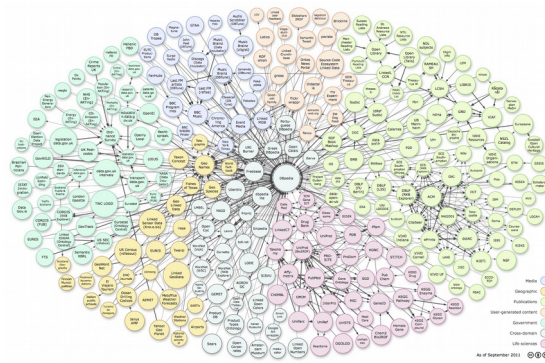
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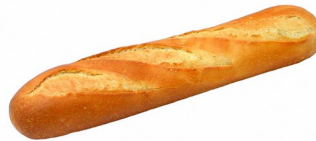
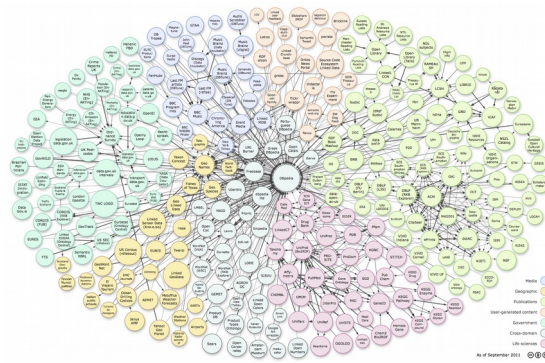
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# Part I: Where are my things?

Goal: Learn Semantic Relations

Ingredients: Natural Language

Distributional Semantics  
(Word Space Models)

Linked Open Data  
(DBpedia)

# Vector Space Model

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## Singular value decomposition

$$M = U \Sigma V^*$$

## Low-rank approximation

$$U_k \Sigma_k V_k^* = M_k$$

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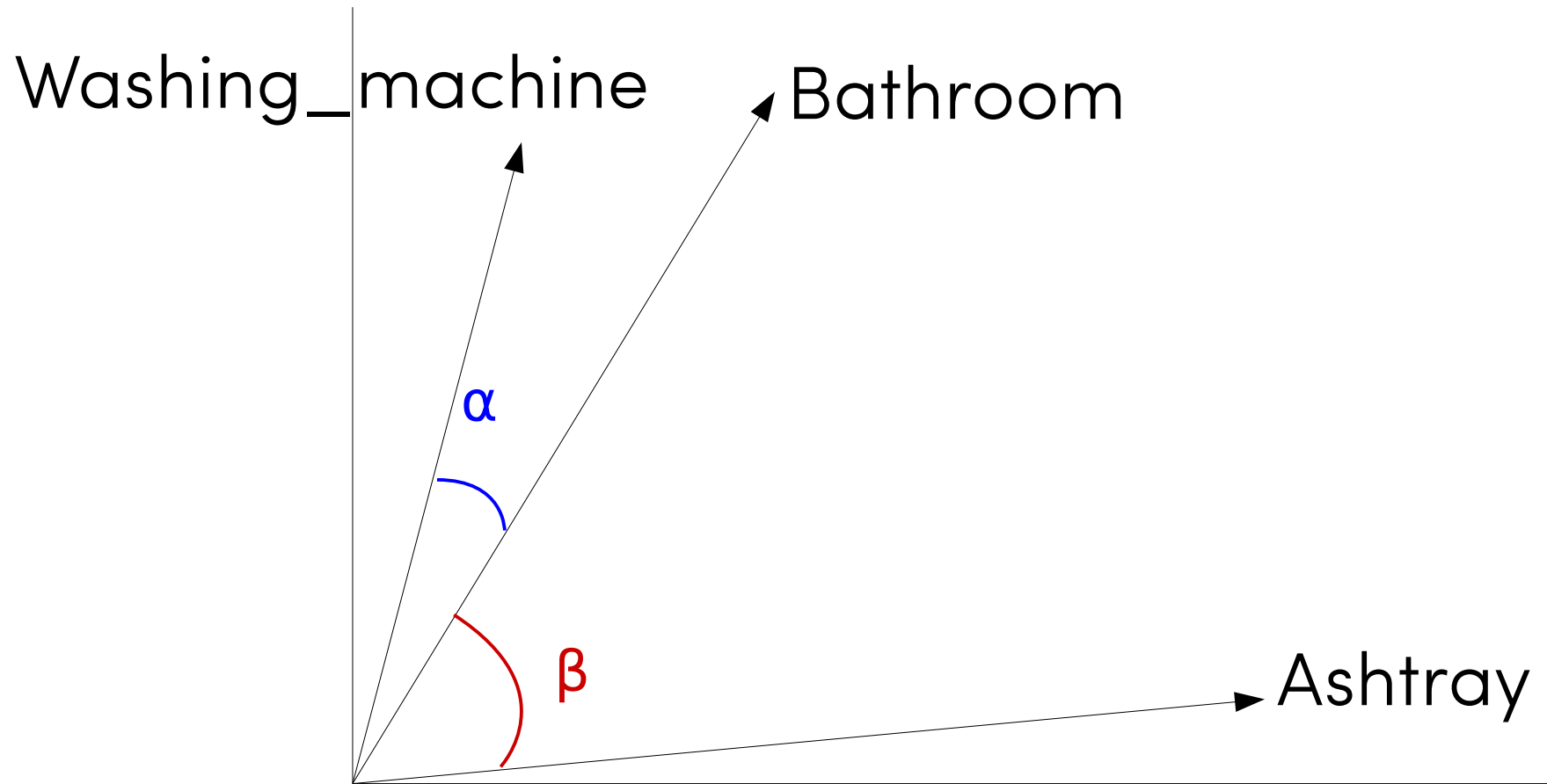
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0.02251291 0.07689607 0.01527985 -0.10780967 0.18232885 0.1234034  
-0.0520944 -0.25805958 0.12200121 -0.04875973 -0.03544397 -0.03841146  
0.00970973 ...
```

```
bn:00007365n Washing_machine -0.00911299 0.11549547 -0.04274256 0.03672424  
-0.06627292 0.13761881 0.01171631 -0.08721243 0.08270955 0.13095092  
-0.00137408 -0.16226186 0.0422162 0.0545828 -0.01007292 0.10094466  
-0.05663372 0.09864459 0.10167608 7.534e-05 0.08067719 0.05527394
```

Cosine similarity:

$$\frac{A \cdot B}{\|A\| \|B\|} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i B_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n B_i^2}}$$

# Vector Space Model



$$\text{sim}(\text{Bathroom}, \text{Washing\_machine}) = \cos(\alpha) \approx 0.71$$

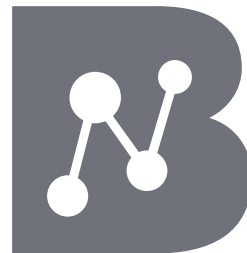
$$\text{sim}(\text{Bathroom}, \text{Ashtray}) = \cos(\beta) \approx 0.37$$

# Vector Space Model

José Camacho-Collados, Mohammad Taher Pilehvar and Roberto Navigli.

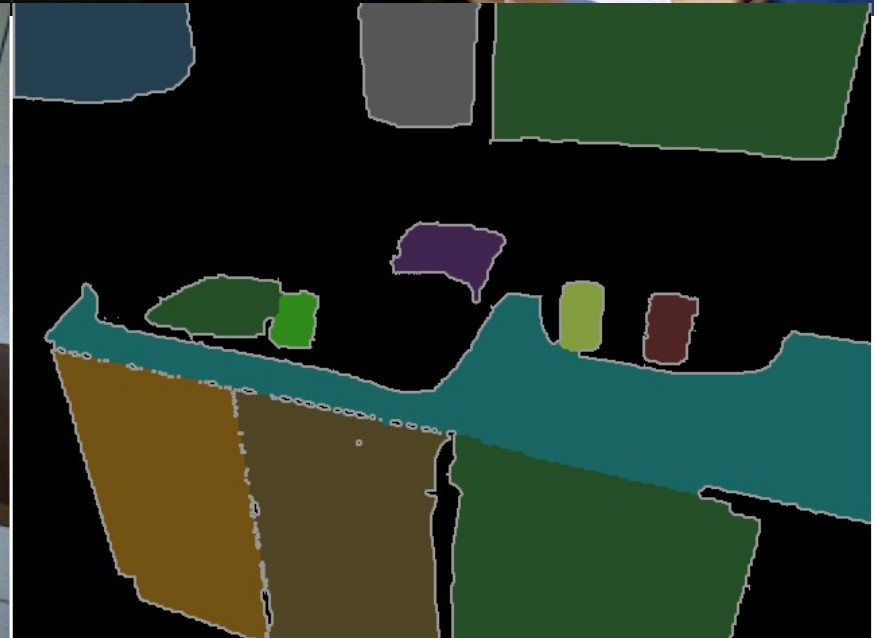
**Nasari: Integrating explicit knowledge and corpus statistics for a multilingual representation of concepts and entities.**

Artificial Intelligence 240, Elsevier, 2016, pp.567–57



BabelNet

# Object Detection



# Object Detection

$q_1, \dots, q_n$  observed objects in the query  
 $o_1, \dots, o_m$  candidate object

$$likelihood(o_i) = \prod_{j=1}^n relatedness(o_i, q_j)$$



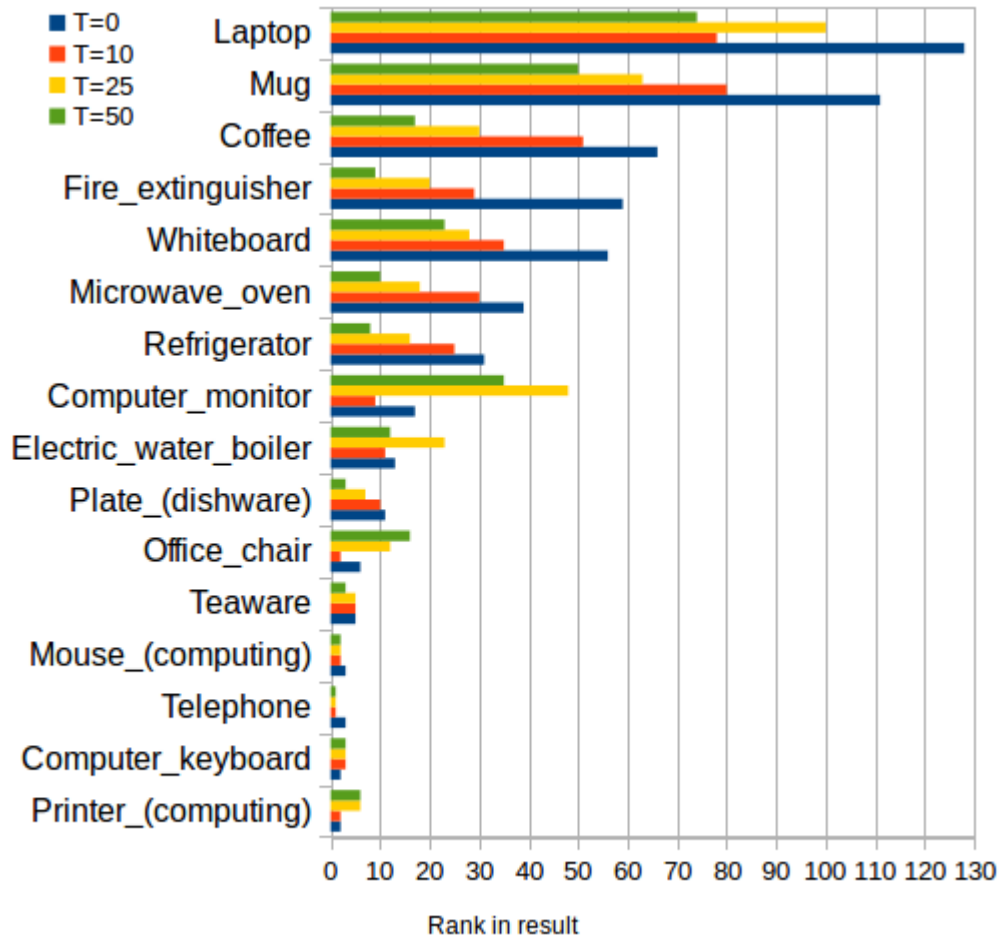
# Objects Detection

Candidate objects

Query  
objects

|                       | Tea_cosy    | Pitcher_(container) | Mug         |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Refrigerator          | .473        | .544                | .522        |
| Sink                  | .565        | .693                | .621        |
| Sugar_bowl_(dishware) | .555        | .600                | .627        |
| Teabox                | .781        | .466                | .602        |
| Instant_coffee        | .821        | .575                | .796        |
| Electric_water_boiler | .503        | .559                | .488        |
| <b>product</b>        | <b>.048</b> | <b>.034</b>         | <b>.047</b> |

# Objects Detection



First results  
at **ECAI 2016**

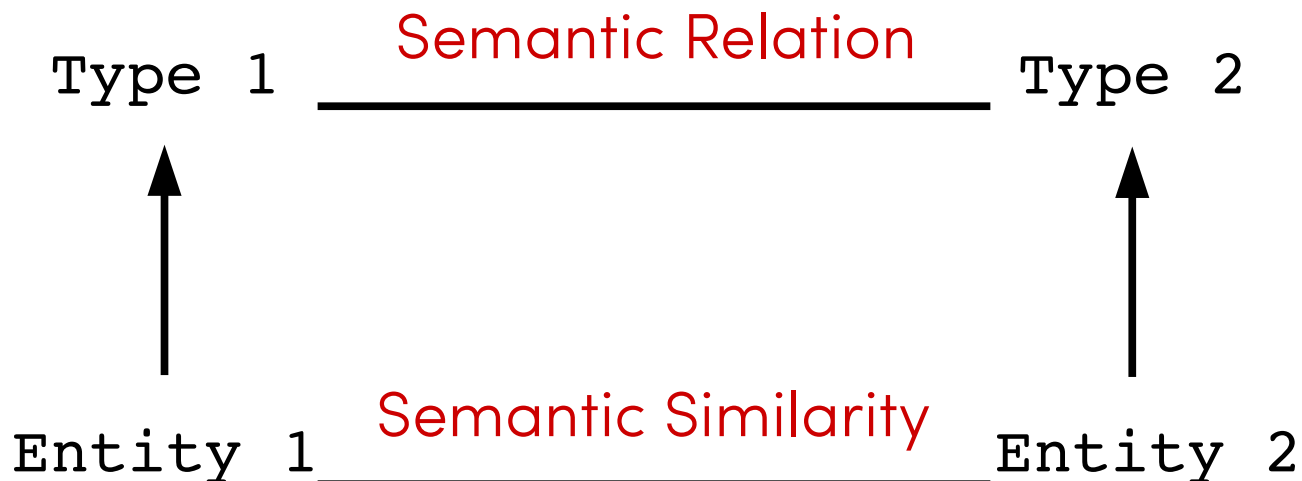
Application-driven  
evaluation at **ICRA 2016**

Funded by **ALOOF**  
and **STRANDS**

# Objects and Rooms

## Distributional Relational Hypothesis

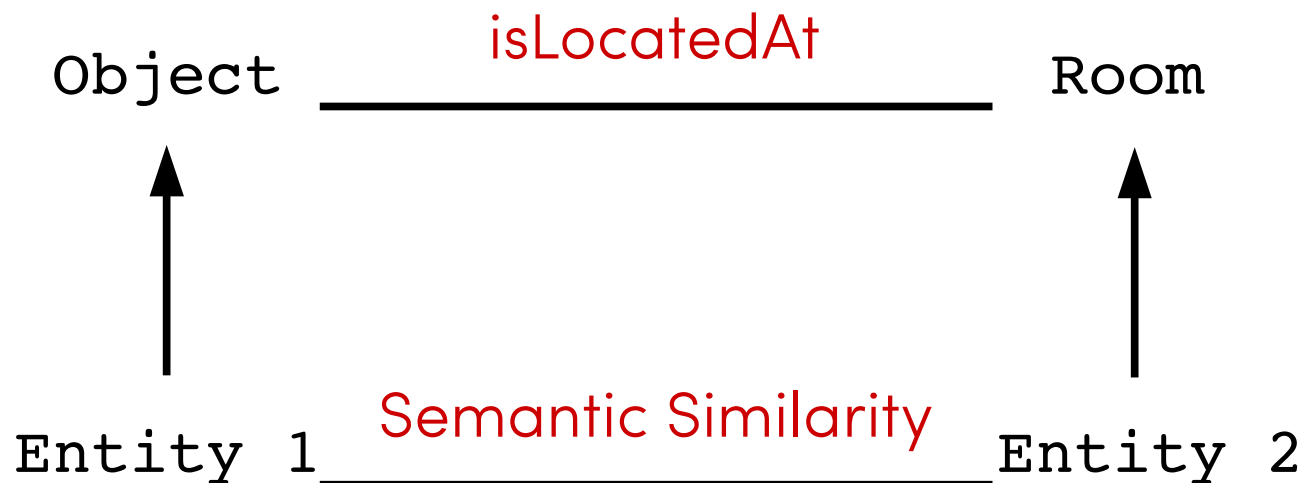
*If two entities are semantically related, the natural relation that comes from their respective types is highly likely to occur.*



# Objects and Rooms

## Distributional Relational Hypothesis

For example, the location relation that holds between an object and a room is represented in a distributional space if the entities representing the object and the room are highly associated



# Objects and Rooms

Distributional representation of **entities**  
from NASARI, aligned to DBpedia

Similarity to **Dishwasher**

| Location          | Cosine Similarity |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Kitchen           | .803              |
| Air_shower_(room) | .788              |
| Utility_room      | .763              |
| Bathroom          | .758              |
| Furnace_room      | .749              |

# Objects and Rooms

A word space model of entity **lexicalizations**

Skip-gram NN-based model from Amazon reviews (83M)

$\text{vector}(\text{public toilet}) = \text{vector}(\text{public}) + \text{vector}(\text{toilet})$

| public_toilet | paper_towel |
|---------------|-------------|
| restrooms     | towels      |
| toilets       | paper       |
| restroom      | dishtowel   |
| toilet        | papertowel  |
| public        | napkin      |

Best Neighbors

|                | Cosine Similarity |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Kitchen        | .636              |
| Laundry_room   | .531              |
| Pantry         | .525              |
| Wine_cellar    | .519              |
| Cabinet_(room) | .505              |

Similarity to **Dishwasher**

# Objects and Rooms

[www.CrowdFlower.com](http://www.CrowdFlower.com)

20 rooms (Category:Rooms)

100 objects (Category:Domestic\_Implement\*)

2.000 pairs annotated:

- -2: unexpected
- -1: unusual
- 1: plausible
- 2: expected

# Objects and Rooms

www.CrowdFlower.com

object:  
**Toothbrush**

The toothbrush is an oral hygiene instrument used to clean the teeth and gums that consists of a head of tightly clustered bristles mounted on a handle, which facilitates the cleansing of hard-to-reach areas of the mouth.



How likely is it to find this object in this room?

- ☐ unexpected
- ☐ unusual
- ☐ plausible
- ☐ usual

room:  
**Classroom**

A classroom or schoolroom is a room in which classes are held.





# Objects and Rooms

Data collected:

<https://project.inria.fr/aloof/data/>

12,767 valid judgments

455 untrusted

At least 5 judgment per pair

Average agreement 64.74%

Distribution 37%/30%/24%/9%

86 USD

# Objects and Rooms

## Evaluation

| Method             | Precision at 1 | Precision at 3 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Location Frequency | .000           | .008           |
| Link Frequency     | .280           | .260           |
| NASARI-sim         | .390           | .380           |
| SkipGram-sim       | .350           | .400           |

# Objects and Rooms

Automatically built knowledge base

336 dbc:Domestic\_implements

199 dbc:Rooms

Similarity > 0.570 corresponding to best precision

931 object-location pairs (879 new ones!)

# Objects and Rooms

Results at **EKA**W 2016

Submission to **Semantic Web Journal**

Data at:

<https://project.inria.fr/aloof/data/>

# Part II: Default Knowledge by Frames

Goal: Learn Typical Situations

Ingredients: Natural Language

Frame Semantics  
(FrameNet)

Linked Open Data  
(DBpedia, WordNet, FrameBase)

# Default Knowledge

Loose operational definition

*Knowledge that Bob can use when it doesn't know about its current environment.*

Example:

dbr:Spoon deko:locatedAt dbr:Kitchen

# Frame Semantics

## Cutting

### Definition:

An **Agent** cuts a **Item** into **Pieces** using an **Instrument** (which may or may not be expressed).  
At the ceremony, **the CEO cut** the red ribbon hanging across the main entrance **into a glorious confetti**.

### FEs:

#### Core:

**Agent** [Agt]  
**Semantic Type:** Sentient  
**Item** [Item]

The **Agent** is the person cutting the **Item** into **Pieces**.  
The item which is being cut into **Pieces**.  
People back then had to **Chop** firewood all day long.

**Pieces** [Pie]

The **Pieces** are the parts of the original **Item** which are the result of the slicing.

#### Non-Core:

**Instrument** [Ins]  
**Semantic Type:** Physical entity  
**Manner** [Mann]  
**Semantic Type:** Manner  
**Means** [Mns]  
**Semantic Type:** State of affairs

The **Instrument** with which the **Item** is being cut into **Pieces**.

**Manner** in which the **Item** is being cut into **Pieces**.

An act of the **Agent** that accomplishes the slicing.  
I **sliced** the cucumber in 1/8th inch slices **by marking intervals with a ruler**.

**Place** [Place]  
**Semantic Type:** Locative relation  
**Purpose** [Purp]  
**Semantic Type:** State of affairs  
**Result** [Result]

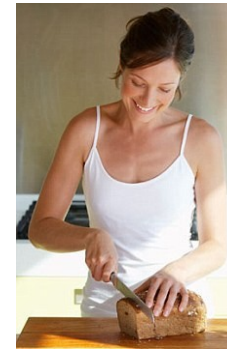
Where the slicing takes place.

The purpose for which the **Item** is being sliced into **Pieces**.

The **Result** of the **Item** being sliced into **Pieces**.

**Time** [Time]  
**Semantic Type:** Time

When the slicing occurs.



Agent



Instrument

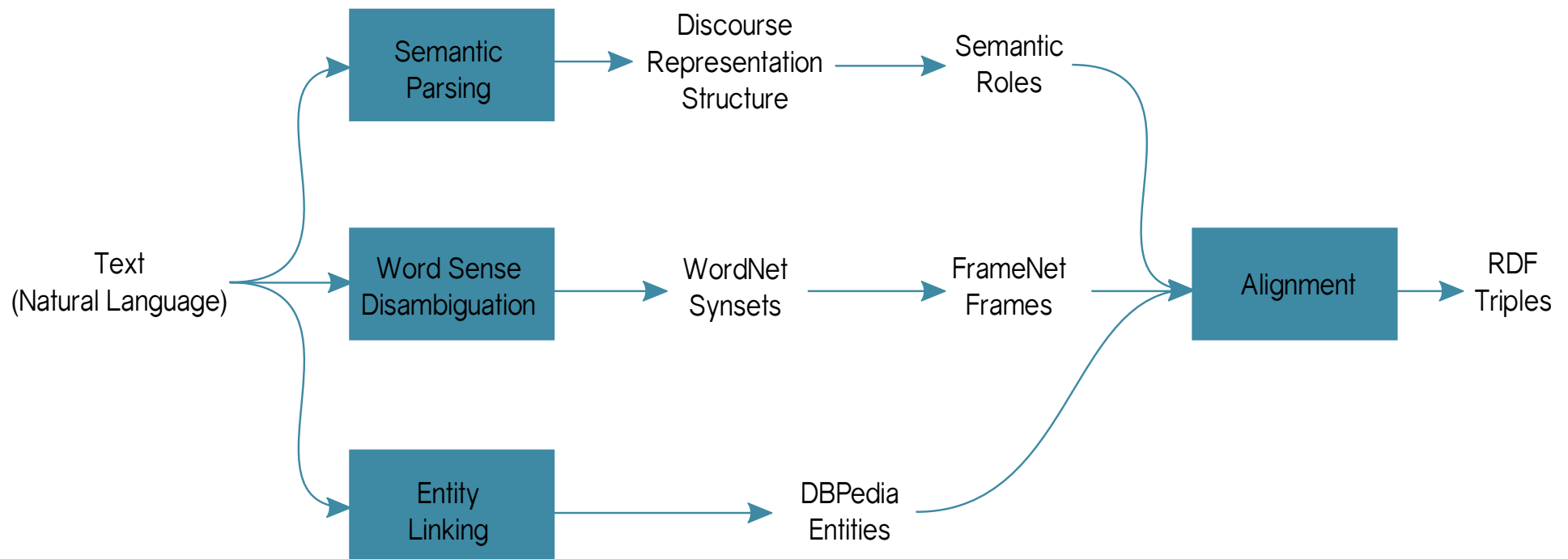


Item



# KNEWS

## Knowledge Extraction with Semantics

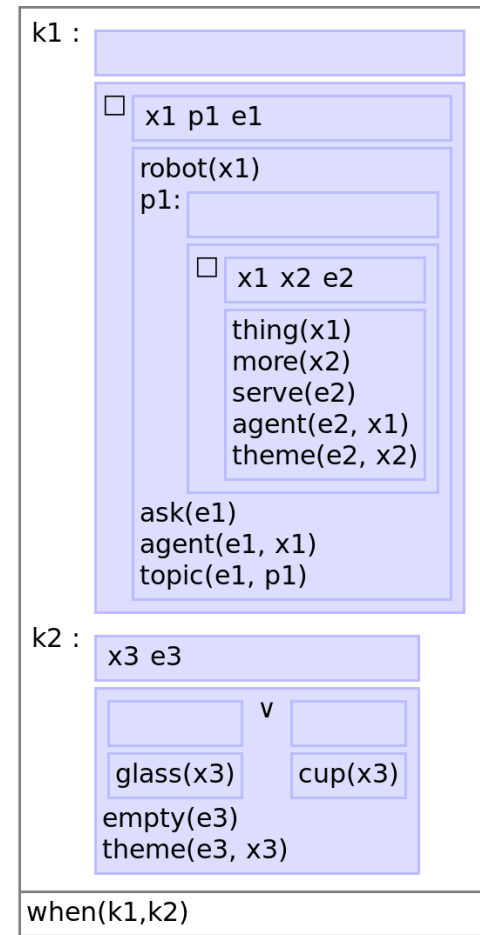


NLP pipeline to extract frame instances from text



# KNEWS

“The robot should ask if it  
should serve more.”



(Curran, Clark and Bos 2007)

<http://babelnet.org/>

# KNEWS

Link words to entities in Babelnet  
(Navigli and Ponzetto, 2012)

We **start** with having the **robot** to **assist** in **cleaning** various **planar**

**start**  
Take the first step or steps in carrying out an action

**robot**  
A mechanism that can move automatically

**assist**  
Give help or assistance; be of service

**cleaning**  
Clean one's body or parts thereof, as by washing

**planar**  
Involving two dimensions

**surfaces** in the **bathroom**, e.g. a **mirror** or a **tiled** **wall**.

**surfaces**  
The outer boundary of an artifact or a material layer constituting or

**bathroom**  
A room (as in a residence) containing a bathtub or shower and usually a

**mirror**  
Polished surface that forms images by reflecting light

**tiled**  
Covered or furnished with tiles

**wall**  
An architectural partition with a height and length greater than its thickness;

<http://babelify.org>

# KNEWS

“The robot is driving the car.”

```
<http://framebase.org/ns/fi-Operate_vehicle_1ba93ab3-6136-4f83-9299-152685ba35da>  
  <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type>  
  <http://framebase.org/ns/frame-Operate_vehicle-drive.v>  
  
<http://framebase.org/ns/fi-Operate_vehicle_1ba93ab3-6136-4f83-9299-152685ba35da>  
  <http://framebase.org/ns/fe-Driver>  
  <http://wordnet-rdf.princeton.edu/wn31/02764397-n>  
  
<http://framebase.org/ns/fi-Operate_vehicle_1ba93ab3-6136-4f83-9299-152685ba35da>  
  <http://framebase.org/ns/fe-Vehicle>  
  <http://wordnet-rdf.princeton.edu/wn31/02961779-n>
```

```
<frameinstance id="Operate_vehicle_ce746f21-2d8d-4fe8-8981-
df95c9b0eb07" type="Operate_vehicle-drive.v" internalvariable="e1">
  <framelexicalization>k3:x1 is driving k3:x2</framelexicalization>
  <instancelexicalization>
    The robot is driving the car .
  </instancelexicalization>
  <frameelements>
    <frameelement role="Driver" internalvariable="x1">
      <concept>
        http://dbpedia.org/resource/Robot
      </concept>
      <rolelexicalization>
        The robot is driving x2
      </rolelexicalization>
      <conceptlexicalization>The robot</conceptlexicalization>
    </frameelement>
    <frameelement role="Vehicle" internalvariable="x2">
      <concept>
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      </concept>
      <rolelexicalization>
        x1 is driving the car .
      </rolelexicalization>
      <conceptlexicalization>the car .</conceptlexicalization>
    </frameelement>
  </frameelements>
</frameinstance>
```

# KNEWS

Demo: <http://gingerbeard.alwaysdata.net/knews/>

Source code:

<https://github.com/valeriobasile/learningbyreading>

Demo at **ECAI 2016**

Paper at **INLG 2016**

# DeKO KB

**Default Knowledge** about **Objects**

First version: collection of  
frame instances

- 1) Collect text
- 2) Extract frame instances
- 3) ???
- 4) Infer default knowledge

Poster at **ESWC 2016**



Avijit

# DeKO Corpus

Intermediate Stories : 1.198

Beginner Stories : 426

UVCS Stories : 29

Total Stories : 1.653

Total Sentences : 34.384

Total Tokens: 282.664

Average Sentence length: 8 words

<http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/>

<http://www.eslfast.com/>

<http://www.rong-chang.com/customs/>

# DeKO RDF

268.958 RDF triples

114.536 Frame instances

666 Frame types  
(from 4.215 Wordnet synsets)

222 roles

3830 entities



# DeKO Clusters

## Hard clustering of frame instances

```
deko:fi-Ingestion_dac1675d  
  a fb:frame-Ingestion-eat.v  
  fb:fe-Ingestibles dbr:Apple  
  fb:fe-Ingestor wn:09890332-n
```

A boy is eating an apple

```
deko:fi-Ingestion_12f561d7  
  a fb:frame-Ingestion-eat.v  
  fb:fe-Ingestibles dbr:Pear  
  fb:fe-Ingestor wn:10149362-n
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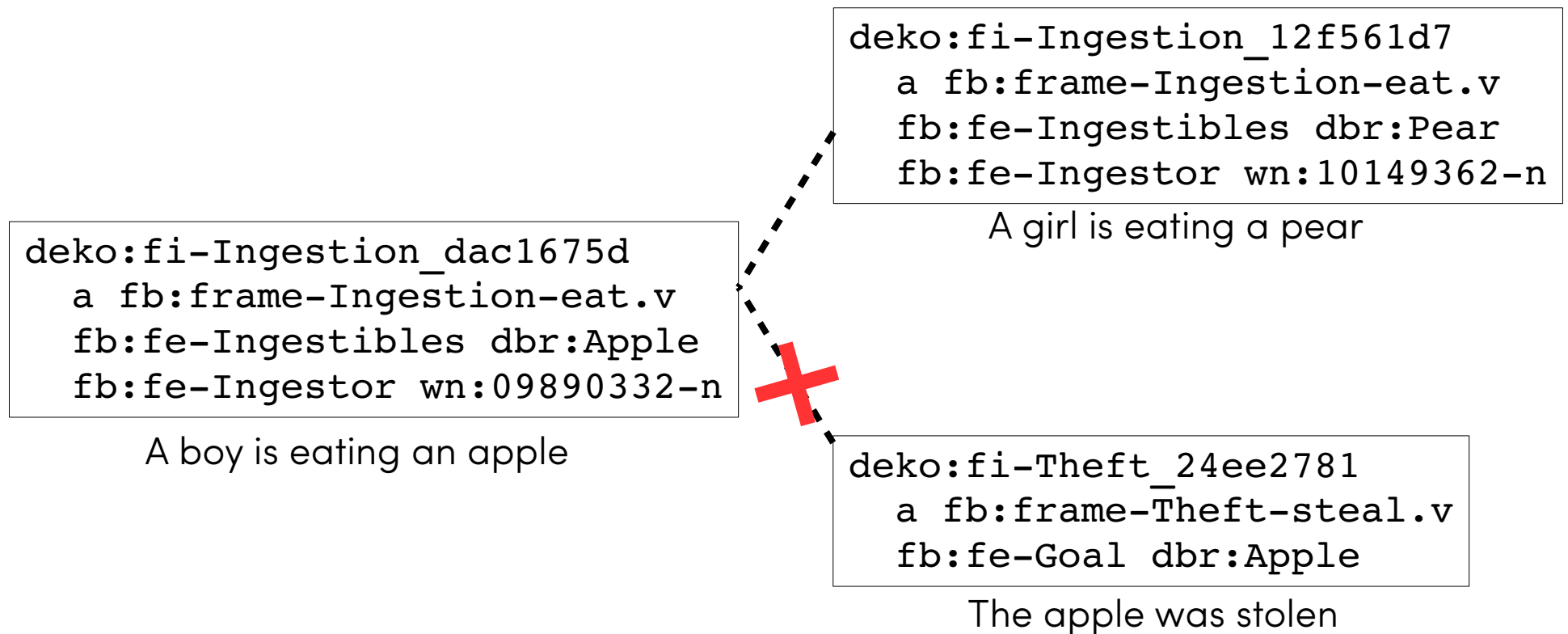
A girl is eating a pear

```
deko:fi-Theft_24ee2781  
  a fb:frame-Theft-steal.v  
  fb:fe-Goal dbr:Apple
```

The apple was stolen

# DeKO Clusters

## Hard clustering of frame instances



# Epilogue: What are objects anyway?

Goal: Identify objects in DBpedia

Ingredients: DBpedia

Generic Entities

Wikipedia

Linguistic features

Extra-linguistic features

?

# Epilogue: What are objects anyway?

`dbr:Frying_pan`

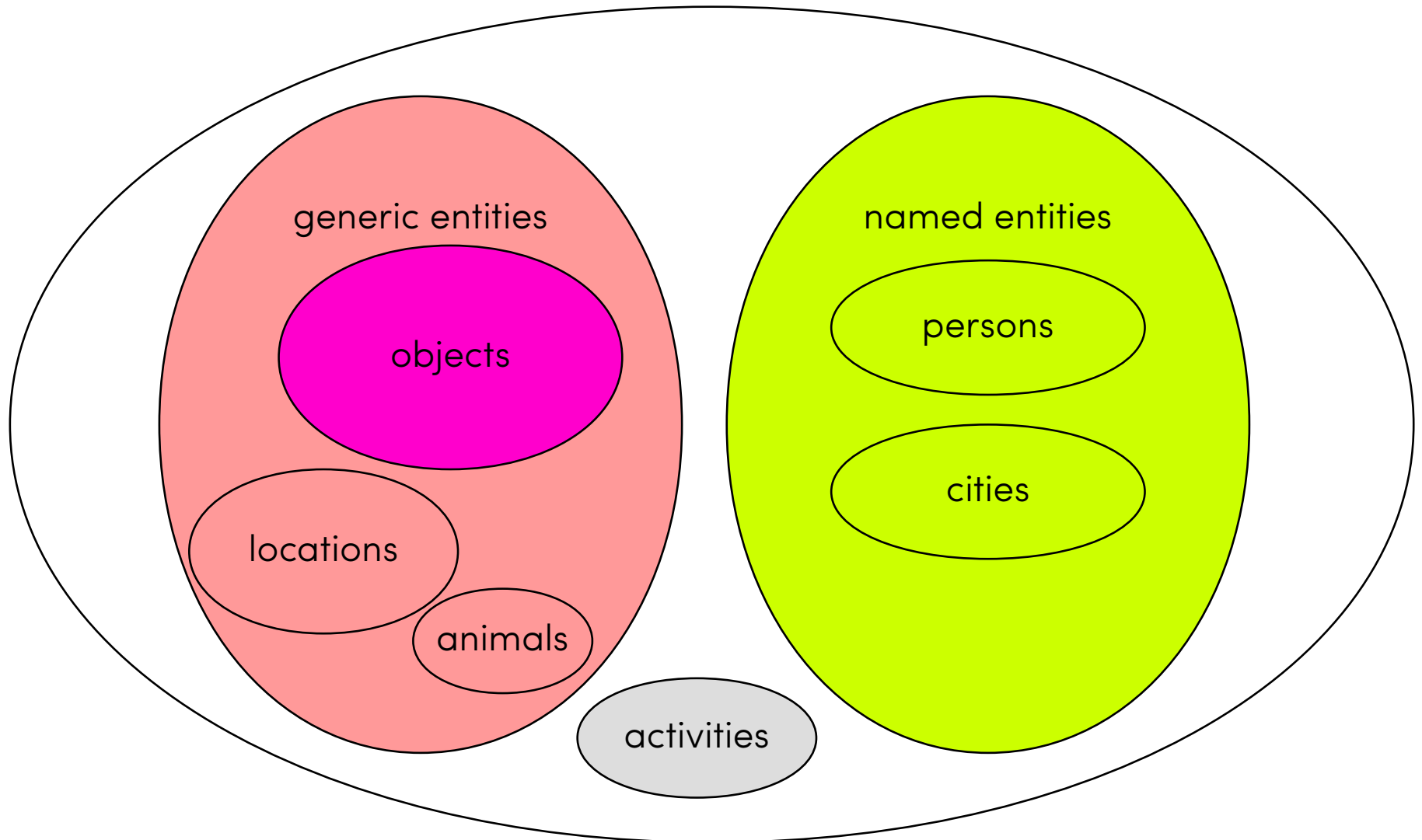
A frying pan, frypan, or skillet is a flat-bottomed pan used for frying, searing, and browning foods.

Is fundamentally different from

`dbr:Turin`

Turin is a city and an important business and cultural centre in northern Italy, capital of the Piedmont region, located mainly on the left bank of the Po River, in front of Susa Valley and surrounded by the western Alpine arch and by the Superga Hill.

# Epilogue: What are objects anyway?



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dbr:Frying\_pan vs dbr:Turin

Syntax (determiner?)

Word form (plural?)

WordNet synsets

Word embeddings

Category in SKOS

Class in OpenCyC

...

Problem related to facts vs beliefs

**THE END**



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