
Algorithms and Applications for Web-Scale Knowledge Graphs



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Menu

- ▷ Results of the first two years of PhD

1. Document Aboutness *full paper at*



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2. Entity Relatedness *full paper at*



- ▷ What next? Last year of PhD

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Document Aboutness

Based on the full paper

Document Aboutness via Sophisticated
Syntactic and Semantic Features

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Still, **Mr. Obama** has been busy telephoning crucial **Democrats** in **Iowa**, **New Hampshire** and other states. There is, of course, only one reason for him to be making such inquiries.





Last week on **Capitol Hill**, **Mr. Obama** bumped into **Ethel Kennedy**, who has been a big admirer. When asked about him, she said, "He can't run soon enough."

Mrs. Clinton, meanwhile, plans to announce her decision in the next several weeks, her advisers say. According to several **Democrats** who have spoken to her, as well as advisers, **Mrs. Clinton** has given every indication that she is running, short of saying so, and no signals that she is not.

She is making phone calls to **Democratic** officials, labor leaders and supporters in early nominating states. And she continues to talk to possible consultants and donors, yet she has not made any travel plans to kick off a campaign. **JEFF ZELENY** and **PATRICK HEALY**

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Aboutness

Entity		Relevance
Barack_Obama		0.85
Hillary_Clinton		0.8
Hawaii		0.3
George_W._Bush		0.2
...		...



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Maradona won against *Mexico*



Diego_Maradona



Mexico_National_Football_Team

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Saliency (Class or Score)

- ▷ Relevance of an Entity

State-of-the-Art

Competitors & Datasets

- ▷ **CMU-Google System** (Dunietz, EACL '14)

Re-implemented

- Proprietary modules substituted with open-source tools

■ WAT + 

- ▷ **SEL** (Trani, DocEng '16)

Limitations

- No comparison with CMU-Google System
- Benchmark on small dataset
- Not publicly available

Dataset (365 news, 4747 entities)

Entity Saliency

Our Solution



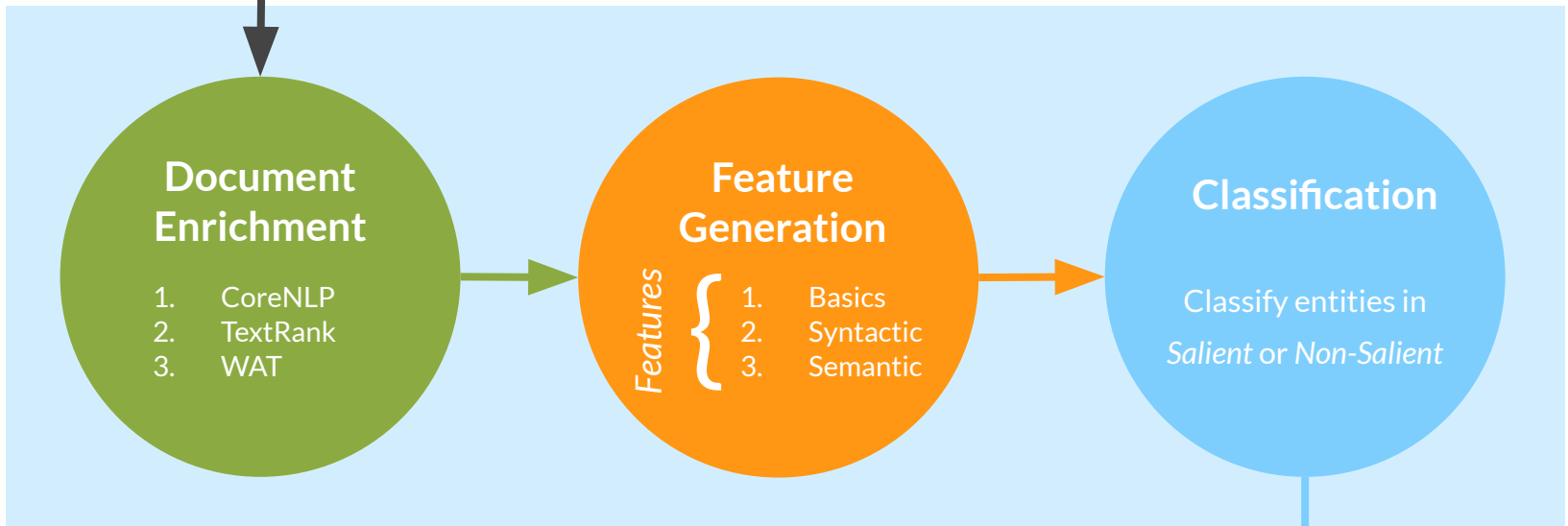
- ▷ **Three-Stage System** for Entity Saliency Extraction
- ▷ In-Depth Feature Engineering:
 - **Syntactic:**
 - Sentence Ranking
 - Dependency Trees
 - **Semantic:**
 - Entity Annotations
 - Relatedness Graph
- ▷ **Improves** current solutions
 - Up to +9.8%
- ▷ The **first publicly** available **API**

Entity Saliency

General Structure

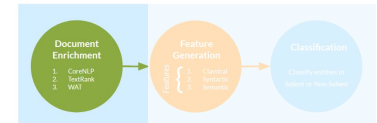


Input Document



Salient Entities





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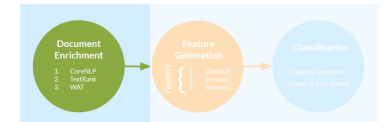
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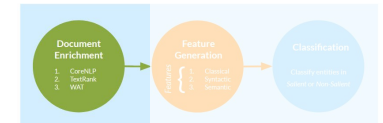
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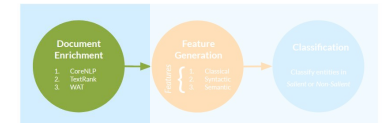
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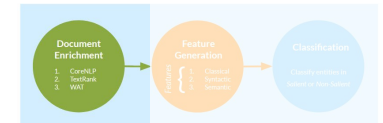
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Named Entity Recognition:

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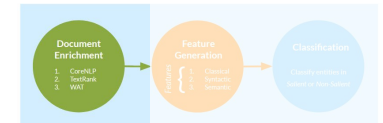
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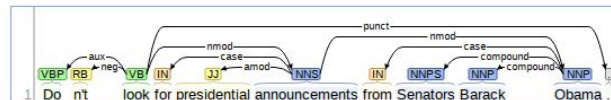
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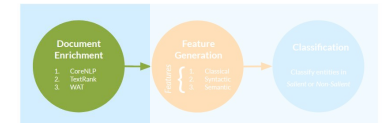
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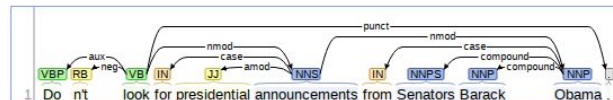
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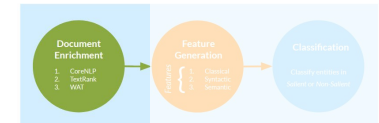
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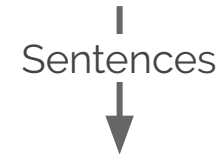
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▷ TextRank (Mihalcea, EMNLP '04)

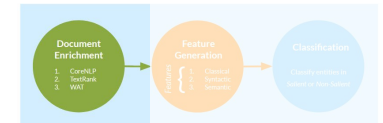
○ Graph-Based Summarizer

■ Nodes = Sentences

■ Weights = Normalized Token Overlap

○ Sentence Ranking via PageRank





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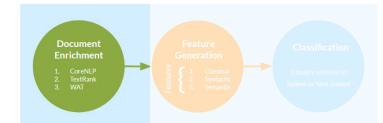
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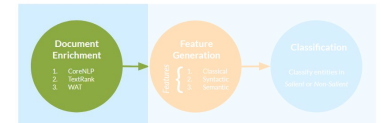
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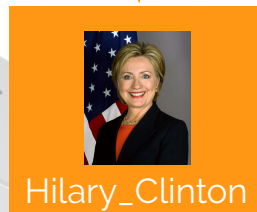
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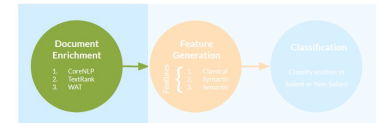
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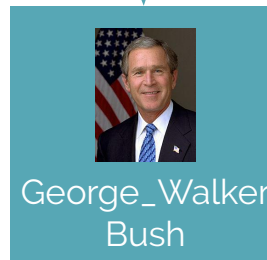
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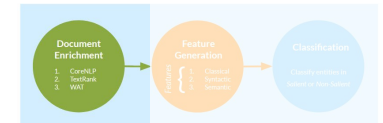
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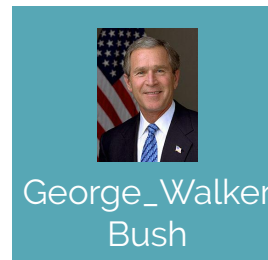
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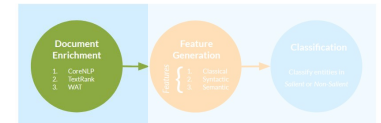
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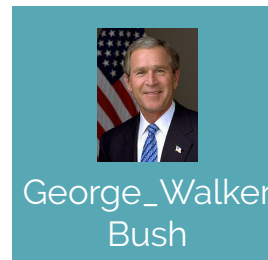
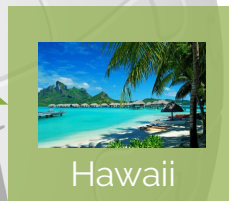
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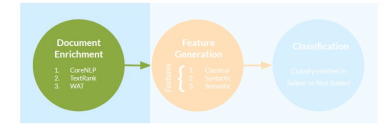
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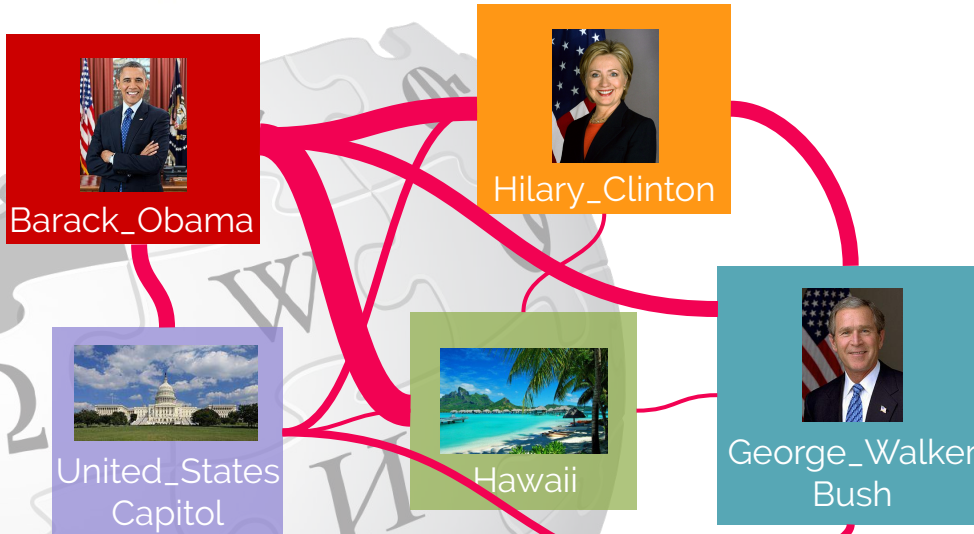
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Published: January 9, 2007

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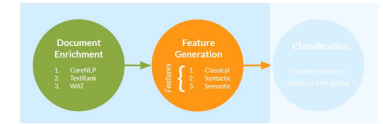
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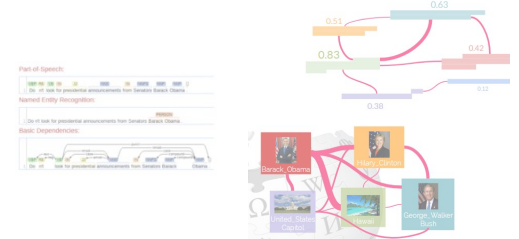
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- Relatedness Graph
 - Nodes = Entities
 - **Weights** = Wikipedia Jaccard In-Links

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Tokens, POS Tags, Dependency Relations, Coreference Chains, Sentence Ranks, Wikipedia Entities and their Relatedness



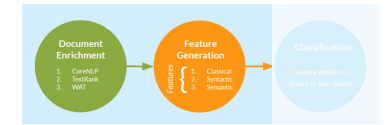
Standard Entity Features	
$ef(e, d), idf(e), ef-idf(e, d)$	Entity frequency (number of times WAT annotates e in d), inverse document frequency for e and their product.
$position-stats_{\{s,t\}}(e, d)$	Minimum, maximum, arithmetic mean, median, standard deviation and harmonic mean of sentence- (resp. token-) positions of e in d .
$mention-title(e, d)$	Presence of a <i>mention</i> of e in the title of d .
$entity-title(e, d)$	Presence of e in the title of d .
$is-upper(e, d)$	True if one of the mentions of e appear in d in uppercase, false otherwise.
Cmu-Google's Features	
$1st-loc(e, d)$	Index of the sentence in which the first mention of e appears in d , modeled as a binary indicator.
$head-count(e, d)$	Frequency of head word of entity e in the document d , modeled as a binary indicator.
$mentions(e, d)$	Sum between entity frequency and co-referenced frequency of e in d , modeled as a binary indicator.
$headline(e, d)$	POS tag of each word of e that appears in at least one mention and also in the headline of d , normalized via feature hashing.
$head-lex(e, d)$	Lower-cased head word of the first mention of e in d , normalized via feature hashing.
$google-centrality(e, d)$	PageRank score of e on the entity graph generated from d , where weights are the co-occurrence probability of two entities, computed on the training set.
Novel Features Introduced	
$spread_{\{s,t\}}(e, d)$	Difference between the maximum and minimum sentence- (resp. token-) positions of e in d .
$bucketed-freq_{\{s,t\}}(e, d)$	Vector of bucketed frequencies through sentence- (resp. token-) positions of e in d .
$textrank-stats(e, d)$	Minimum, maximum, arithmetic mean, median, standard deviation and harmonic mean of TEXTRANK scores of sentences where e appears in d .
$dep-freq(e, d)$	Frequency of e in d when it appears as dependent of the dependency relation dep .
$dep-bucketed-freq_{\{s,t\}}(e, d)$	Vector of bucketed frequencies through sentence- (resp. token-) positions of e in d where only the mentions where e appears as dependent of a dependency relation dep are considered.
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$dep-textrank-stats(e, d)$	Minimum, maximum, arithmetic mean, median, standard deviation and harmonic mean of TEXTRANK scores where only the sentences where e appears as dependent of a dependency relation dep are taken into account.
$rel-stats(e, d)$	Minimum, maximum, arithmetic mean, median, standard deviation and harmonic mean of the relatedness scores between e and all other entities annotated in d .
$rel-bucketed-stats_{\{s,t\}}(e, d)$	Minimum, maximum, arithmetic mean, median, standard deviation and harmonic mean of the relatedness scores between e and all other entities present in d , bucketed over document positions (both at sentence- and token-level).
$comm-stats(e, d)$	Minimum, maximum, arithmetic mean, median, standard deviation and harmonic mean of the <i>commonness</i> values of e in d (see WAT).
$p-stats(e, d)$	Minimum, maximum, arithmetic mean, median, standard deviation and harmonic mean of the p -score values of e in d (see WAT).
$rel-centrality(e, d)$	Degree, PageRank, Betweenness, Katz, HITS, Closeness and Harmonic [2] scores of e computed on the entity graph of d . Details in text.

2. Feature Generation

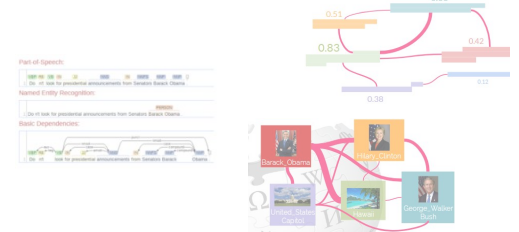
- ▷ Standard Entity Features
 - Frequency
 - Positions
 - ...
- ▷ CMU-Google Features
 - POS-Tags, Coreference Freq.
 - PageRank on a graph whose weights are based on co-occ.
 - ...
- ▷ Syntactic Features
 - Statistics on Sentence Ranks
 - Frequency/Positions of Dependency Relations
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- ▷ Semantic Features
 - Statistics on annotations (coherence, commonness)
 - Graph Centralities on Relatedness Graph
 - Relatedness over Positions
 - ...

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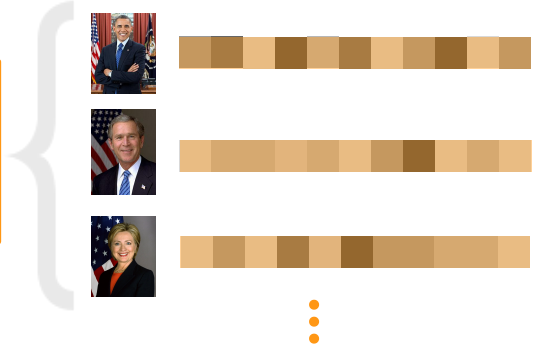
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Entity Feature Vectors



Salient Entities



dmlc
XGBoost
(Chen, SIGKDD '16)

Experiments

Results

System	New York Times			Wikinews		
	Micro			Macro		
	P	R	F1	P	R	F1
CMU-Google (Dunietz, EACL '14)	60.5	63.5	61.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
CMU-Google-ours	58.8	62.6	60.7	35.7	48.6	38.0
SEL (Trani, DocEng '16)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	41.0	51.0	43.0
SWAT	62.2	63.0	62.6	47.3	55.2	47.8

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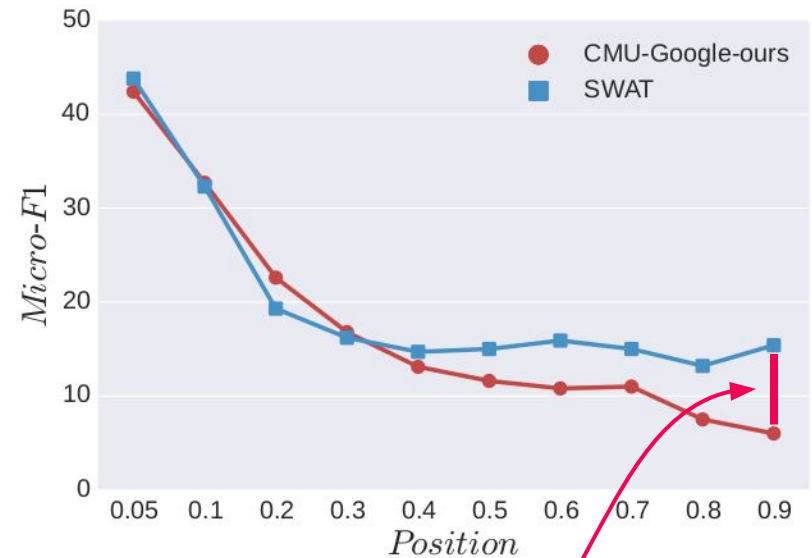
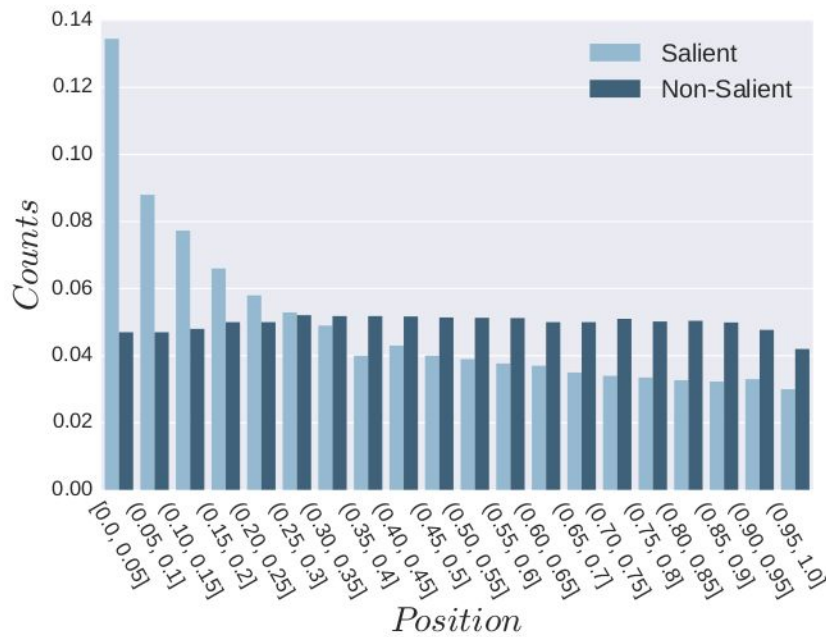
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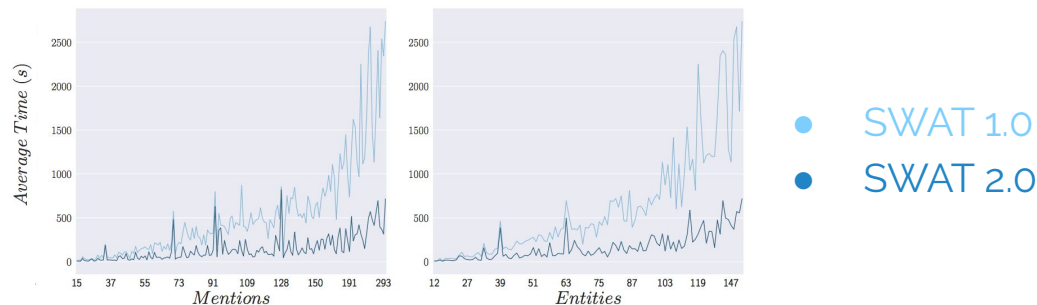
Independence from position of salient entities



+9%

Recent Improvements & Future Works

- ▷ We recently enhance our system by using several new features based on **Entity Embeddings** (Perozzi, KDD '14), (Ni, WSDM '16)
- ▷ Improvements up to
 - **+14%** (micro-F1) on **New York Times** (+5% with respect to 1.0)
 - **+9.9%** (macro-F1) on **Wikinews** (+0.1% with respect to SWAT 1.0)
- ▷ System now **5x faster**



- ▷ **Journal paper** almost concluded

- ▷ Deploy   infrastructure

2.

Entity Relatedness

Based on the full paper

A Two-Stage Framework for Computing
Entity Relatedness in Wikipedia

Marco Ponza, Paolo Ferragina and Soumen Chakrabarti



Entity Relatedness

Motivation

Proliferation of the usage of **Knowledge Graphs**



Freebase



Customers

- ▷ **Retrieval of Information** (Blanco, WSDM '15), (Cornolti, WWW '16)
- ▷ **Entity Linking** (Mihalcea, CIKM '07), (Meij, WSDM '12), (Ganea, WWW '16)
- ▷ **Document Clustering, Classification and Similarity**
(Scaiella, WSDM '12), (Vitale, ECIR '12), (Ni, WSDM '16)



Need for computing *entity relatedness*

Compute how much two **entities** are **related**

Relatedness : **Entities** × **Entities** → **Real**



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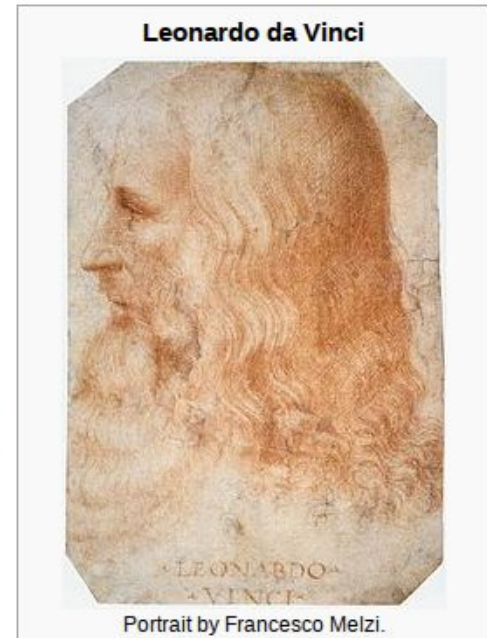
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Science is a systematic enterprise that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe.

Contemporary science is typically subdivided into the natural sciences, which study the material universe; the social sciences which study people and societies; and the formal sciences, such as mathematics. The formal sciences are often excluded as they do not depend on empirical observations. Disciplines which use science like engineering and medicine may also be considered to be applied sciences.

During the Middle Ages in the Middle East, foundations for the scientific method were laid by Ibn al-Haytham in his *Book of Optics*. From classical antiquity through the 19th century, science as a type of knowledge was more closely linked to philosophy than it is now and, in fact, in the Western world, the term "natural philosophy" encompassed fields of study that are today associated with science, such as astronomy, medicine, and physics. While the classification of the material world was used by the ancient Indians and Greeks into air, earth, fire and water was more philosophical, medieval Middle Eastern scientists used practical, experimental observation to classify materials.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, scientists increasingly sought to formulate knowledge in terms of *laws of nature*. Over the course of the 19th century, the word "science" became increasingly associated with the scientific method itself, as a disciplined way to study the natural world. It was in the 19th century that scientific disciplines such as biology, chemistry, and physics reached their modern shapes. The same time period also included the origin of the terms "scientist" and "scientific community," the founding of scientific institutions, and increasing significance of the interactions with society and other aspects of culture.

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"Inventor" and "Invented" redirect here. For other uses, see Invention (disambiguation). For more details on inventions throughout history, see Timeline of historic inventions. For the CAD design software, see Autodesk Inventor.

An **invention** is a unique or novel device, method, composition or process. The invention process is engineering and product development process. It may be an improvement upon a machine, process, system, or object or a result. An invention that achieves a completely unique function or result may be novel and not obvious to others skilled in the same field. An inventor may be taking a big step by improving upon a pre-existing idea or by radically departing from pre-existing ideas. Some inventions can be patented. A patent legally protects the intellectual property rights of an inventor. The process of obtaining a patent is often expensive.

Another meaning of invention is **cultural invention**, which is an innovative set of useful social practices or ideas passed on to others.^[1] The Institute for Social Inventions collected many such ideas in magazines and books. An important component of artistic and design creativity. Inventions often extend the boundaries of human capability.



Astronomy
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This article is about the scientific study of celestial objects. For other uses, see Astronomy (disambiguation).

Astronomy, a natural science, is the study of celestial objects (such as stars, galaxies, planets, moons, and comets) and processes (such as supernovae explosions, gamma ray bursts, and cosmic microwave background radiation) and evolution of such objects and processes, and more generally all phenomena in the universe. A related but distinct subject, physical cosmology, is concerned with studying the universe as a whole. Astronomy is the oldest of the natural sciences. The early civilizations in recorded history, such as the Egyptians, Nubians, Iranians, Chinese, and Maya performed methodical observations of the night sky. The disciplines included as diverse as astrometry, celestial navigation, observational astronomy and professional astronomy is nowadays often considered to be synonymous with astrophysics.^[2]

During the 20th century, the field of professional astronomy split into observational and theoretical astronomy. Theoretical astronomy is focused on acquiring data from observations of astronomical objects, which is then analyzed using mathematical models. Theoretical astronomy is oriented toward the development of computer or analytical models to explain observations being used to confirm theoretical results.

Astronomy is one of the few sciences where amateurs can still play an active role, especially in the field of transient phenomena. Amateur astronomers have made and contributed to many important astronomical discoveries, including new comets.

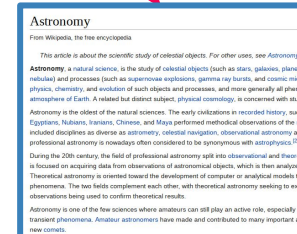
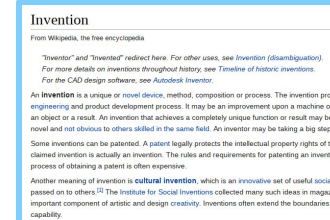
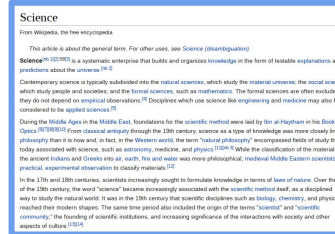
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The Vitruvian Man

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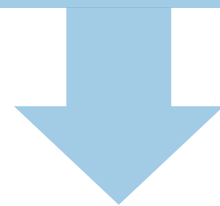


Known Relatedness Methods

A large number of methods proposed in literature...

- **Personalized Web Search** (Haveliwala, WWW '02)
- **Link Prediction** (Liben-Nowell, JAIST '07)
- **Word and Document Similarity** (Gabrilovich, IJCAI '07)
- **Document Annotation** (Piccinno, SIGIR '14)
- **Machine Translation** (Rothe, ACL '14)
- **Document Classification** (Perozzi, KDD '14), (Tan, WWW '15)

...that have been applied or are similar to our problem



We have experimented them
on the Entity Relatedness task

Our Two-Stage Framework

- ▷ Built on the top of existing relatedness algorithms
- ▷ **Improves** current approaches
 - More **accurate** relatedness scores
 - **Fast** at query time
- ▷ The two stages of our framework:

1

A **small** and **weighted subgraph** is dynamically grown around the two *query entities*

2

Computing the **relatedness** between the two *query entities* according with the generated subgraph

▷ Motivations

- Wikipedia **edges** are **noisy** (introduced for **citation, explanation, ...**)
- Subgraph **nodes** are **strongly related** to the query entities (they are good bridges)
- Subgraph **edges** are **less noisy** (confined to few meaningful bridge nodes)

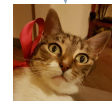
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Cat



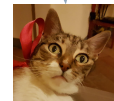
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How can we populate the subgraph?

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Siberian_tiger



Leopard



Jaguar



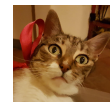
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Cat_anatomy



Felidae



Cat

Populating the subgraph. Choosing the **top-k** nodes most related to the query entities

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How?



Siberian_tiger



European_cat

Various algorithms:

- ESA (Gabrilovich, IJCAI '07)
- Milne-Witten (Milne, AAAI '08)
- DeepWalk (Perozzi, KDD '14)
- Entity2Vec (Ni, WSDM '16)



Leopard



Cat anatomy



cat



Jaguar



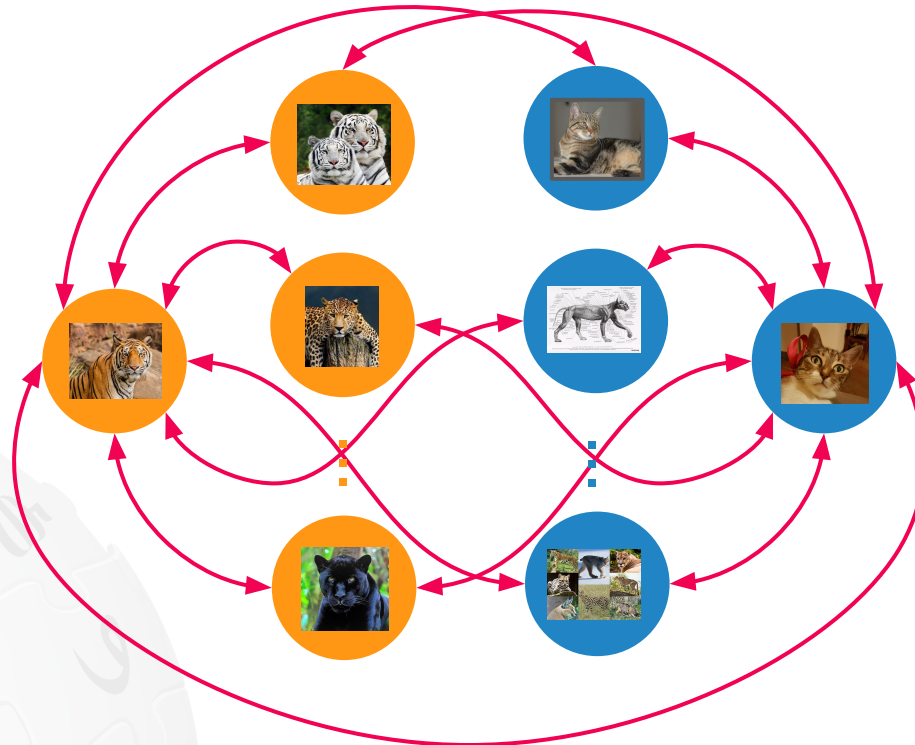
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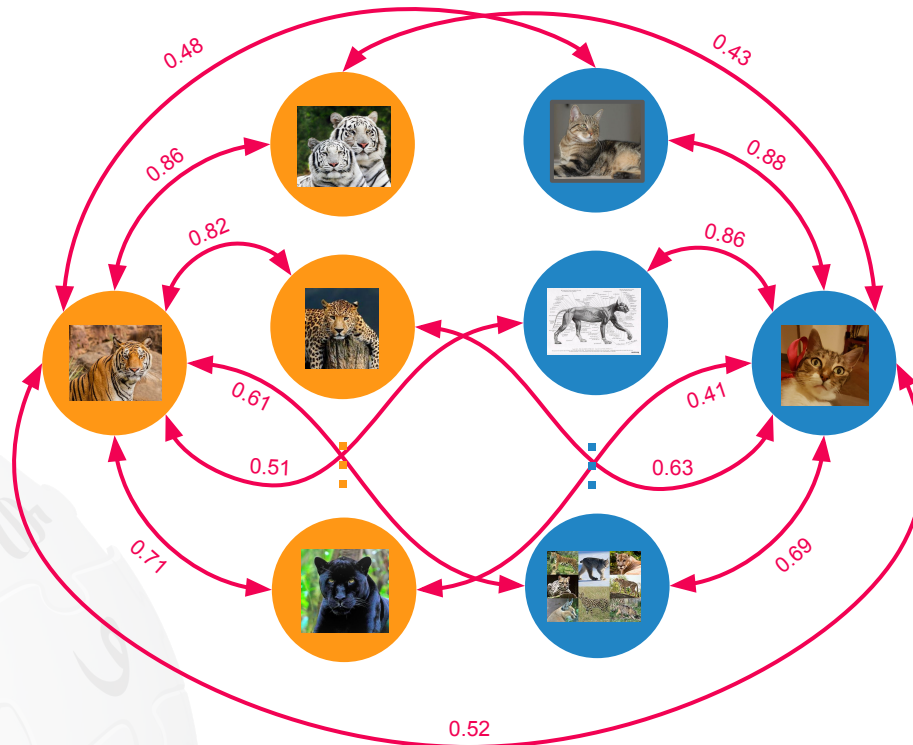
Creating the edges. Each query entity is linked to

- the *other* query entity
- its top-k related entities
- the other top-k related entities

Our Two-Stage Framework

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A **small** and **weighted subgraph** is dynamically grown around the two *query entities*



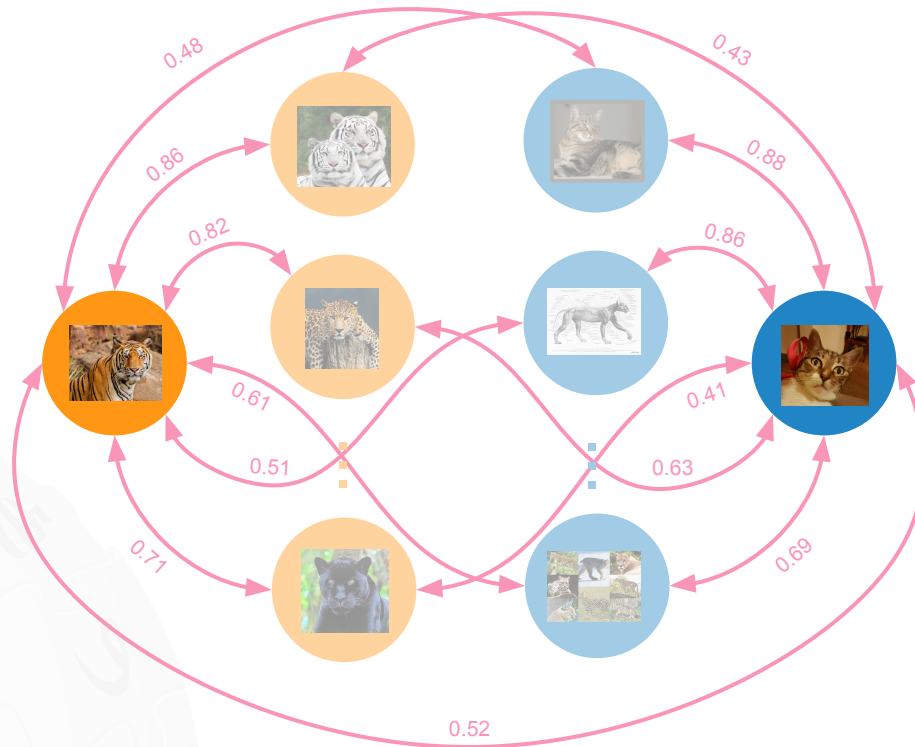
Weighting the edges. How?

- Milne-Witten (Milne, AAAI '08)
- DeepWalk (Perozzi, KDD '14)
- Entity2Vec (Ni, WSDM '16)

Our Two-Stage Framework

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Computing the **relatedness** between the two *query entities* according with the generated subgraph



Computing Relatedness

CoSimRank (Rothe, ACL '14)

$$\text{relatedness} \left(\text{tiger}, \text{cat} \right) = 0.65$$

Experiments

Intrinsic Evaluation

Method	WikiSim			WiRe			AVG
	Pearson	Spearman	Harmonic	Pearson	Spearman	Harmonic	
ESA	0.61	0.72	0.67	0.60	0.63	0.62	0.645
Milne-Witten	0.62	0.65	0.63	0.77	0.69	0.72	0.675
DeepWalk	0.71	0.70	0.71	0.74	0.68	0.71	0.710
Entity2Vec	0.68	0.70	0.69	0.74	0.70	0.72	0.705
Two-Stage Framework	0.74	0.75	0.74	0.83	0.75	0.79	0.765

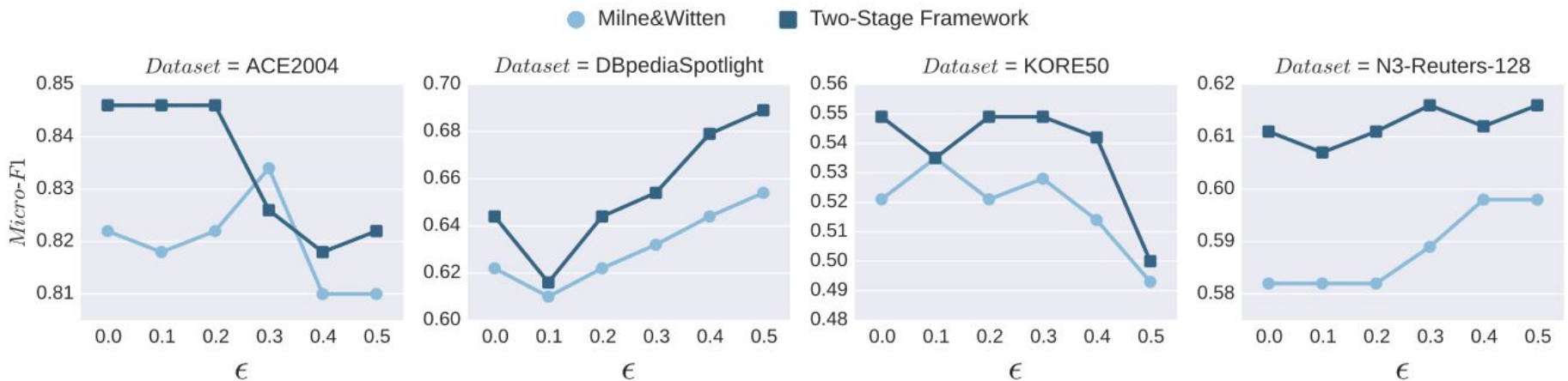
- ▷ Pearson measures predicted-vs-correct scores
- ▷ Spearman focuses on the ranking order among entity pairs
- ▷ **Two-Stage Framework** instantiated with
 - Milne-Witten as Top-k Retrieval
 - Weights are the average between Milne-Witten and DeepWalk
- ▷ More experiments in the paper (first known comparison among *more than 15 methods!*)

Experiments

Extrinsic Evaluation



- ▷ Domain of *Entity Linking*
 - Linking short but meaningful sequence of words with proper Wikipedia Entities
- ▷ Entity Linker used for experiments: **TAG-ME**
 - We replaced the relatedness method used in TagMe (e.g. [Milne-Witten](#)) with our **Two- Stage Framework**



- ▷ Our relatedness measure not only improves TagMe, but also makes it more insensitive to choices of the ϵ -parameter in TagMe

Experiments

Optimizations & Efficiency

- ▷ Preprocessing of Milne-Witten on the out-neighbors for each entity
- ▷ Compressing the Wikipedia Graph with Webgraph (Boldi, WWW '04) using the Elias-Fano codes
- ▷ Compressing DeepWalk embeddings with FEL (Blanco, WSDM '15)

	Uncompressed	Compressed
Space	5 GB	445 MB
Average Time	0.5 ms	3 ms

- ▷ Our framework fits in few hundred of MB and the computation of the relatedness is still fast at query time!

Future Work

Several *open issues* are there.

- Extending our framework to **other KGs**:
 - YAGO
 - WikiData
 - ...
- How can we **further speedup** our framework?
 - LSH (Gionis, VLDB '09)
 - Sketches (Akiba, KDD '16)
 - ...
- Impact of our framework to **other domains**?
 - Query understanding (Cornolti, WWW '16)
 - Document similarity (Ni, WSDM '16)
 - ...



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What next?

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Last year of PhD

- ▷ Novel application is **Expert Finding** (with P. Cifariello) where we are using the **Relatedness** results on several tasks:
 - Query expansion
 - Ranking the expertise of people
 - State-of-the-art is a paper in WWW 2016
- ▷ Journal version of the work on **Entity Relatedness**
- ▷ Currently visiting at **Max-Planck Institute**
 - just started working on **Open Information Extraction**
 - extract *highly compact but still readable facts* (subject, relation, object)
 - computing their *relevance*

...and last but not least...

...write the PhD Thesis!

Thanks!

Any questions?