

# Word Sense Disambiguation by Domain Specification using Babelnet

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**Abstract** - Over the decades many approaches have been carried out in order to resolve the problem of Word sense disambiguation (WSD). WSD is a process of identifying correct sense of polysemy word. The current research trends in Babelnet, which is huge knowledge base which integrates Wikipedia and WordNet along with WordNet domain. In this paper, we propose an algorithm which automatically identifies the domain of each word. Senses of a word have been annotated with Babelnet which follows state-of-art approach. Further the algorithm has been proposed for converting SemCor into gold standard corpus. The analysis has been done on this gold corpus and results shows that average precision obtained is 0.5 and recall obtained is 0.4.

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## 1. Introduction

Human language is ambiguous, so that many words can be interpreted in multiple ways depending on the context in which they occur. For instance, consider the following sentences: "She is going to the bank to withdraw money. She is going to take a walk along the river bank.

The occurrences of the word bank in the two sentences clearly denote different meanings: Financial bank and a sloping land, respectively. Unfortunately, the identification of the specific meaning that a word assumes in context is only apparently simple. While most of the time humans do not even think about the ambiguities of language, machines need to process unstructured textual information and transform them in order to determine the underlying meaning. The computational identification of meaning for words in context is called word sense disambiguation. Different approaches have been proposed to perform WSD. They are categorized as supervised, Unsupervised and Knowledge Based approach. The supervised approach requires training corpus and creating such sense annotated

corpus is expensive and difficult. [5]. Unsupervised approach is based on text itself and senses are assigned to word from text itself but problem is it does not have external lexical resource [5]. Knowledge based WSD follows graph based state-of-art graph approach by using information from external lexical resource. In this paper, we proposed an algorithm which automatically identifies the domain of each word. The proposed algorithm uses knowledge based lexical resource Babelnet 1.1.1 [14] using state-of-art graph approach. Babelnet consists of labelled directed graph where nodes represent concepts or named entities and edges represent semantic relation between them. It follows graph based approach and integrates Wikipedia and WordNet [14]. Further algorithm has been proposed for converting SemCor data into gold standard corpus. The analysis is done on our gold standard SemCor corpus by selecting health domain files by using GETALP system [21]. This paper is organized as follows. Related work on WSD and GETALP system in Section 2. Proposed method is described in section 3 followed by proposed algorithm for converting SemCor into gold standard corpus in section 4. Section 5 provides experimental results followed by section 6 which concludes paper along with direction for future work followed by acknowledgement and references in section 7 and 8.

## 2. Related Work

Word Sense Disambiguation is a process of finding the sense of polysemy word. Lesk 1986 [11] involves looking for overlap between the words in dictionary definitions with words from the text surrounding the word to be disambiguated. Sense whose overlap is largest is selected as the target sense. Unfortunately, the algorithm determines overlaps only among the glosses of the senses being considered. This is a significant limitation in that

dictionary glosses tend to be fairly short and do not provide sufficient vocabulary to relate fine-grained sense distinctions. Banerjee and Pederson in [8] came up with an adapted Lesk algorithm in which they considered a window of context containing of a few words to the right & left of the target word and only applied the gloss overlaps method to words within this window of context.

Kolte and Bhirud [6] Proposed methodology for Word Sense Disambiguation based on domain information. Set of words where there is strong semantic relation is called as Domain of set of .The words in the sentence contributes to determine the domain of the sentence. WordNet domains help in determining the domain of words. The lexical resource used was “WordNet Domain” which is an extension of English WordNet. Wei Lee and Mit [5] Proposed WSD approach with Domain knowledge. In this approach, WordNet is adopted which serves as an external knowledge source in order to gain the information about the knowledge of domain. This approach represents a combination between knowledge source WSD approach and Unsupervised WSD approach.

Agirre and Lacalle [3] Proposed the application of knowledge based Word Sense Disambiguation systems to specific domains, based on state-of-the-art graph based WSD system that uses the information in WordNet. Knowledge-based systems exploit the information in a Lexical Knowledge Base (LKB) to perform WSD, without using any corpus evidence. Graph-based algorithm using Personalized PageRank is used which outperformed other knowledge-based WSD systems in publicly available datasets.

Mitesh Khapra [1] proposed method which is based on supervised system with far or less demand on annotation. This approach is not restricted to any specific target words. The interest of this paper is adaptation setting which is applied and tested on two domain specific corpus ie Health and Tourist and other mixed corpus SemCor. Agirre and Lacalle [4] Showed that WSD system trained on a general source corpus (BNC) and the target corpus, obtains up to 22% error reduction when compared to a system trained on the target corpus alone.

David Yarowsky [9] Proposed unsupervised learning algorithm based on two constraints: One sense per collocation: Nearby words provide strong and consistent clues to sense of target words conditional on relative distance, order and syntactic relationship .One sense per discourse: Sense of target word is highly consistent with any given document.Yee chan and Ng [2] proposed Active Learning Algorithm/Method is used which is used for selecting words and adding it to target domain. Timothy Baldwin [10] Reconsiders task of MRD-based WSD, in extending basic Lesk algorithm to investigate impact on

WSD performance of different tokenization schemes, scoring mechanisms, methods of gloss extension and filtering methods.Roberto Navigli and Simone Paolo Ponzetto [14] proposed Babelnet API which can be accessed by few lines of code in order to perform multilingual WSD. Roberto Navigli, David Jurgens and Daniele Vannella [15] proposed SemEveal 2013 task for multilingual WSD.The corpus is annotated with babelnet 1.1.1. Didier Schwab, Andon Tchechmedjiev, Jérôme Gouliau,Mohammad Nasiruddin, Gilles Sérasset, Hervé Blanchon proposed [20]GETALP system for performing analysis on babelnet using SemEvel-2013 task.

### 3. Proposed Method

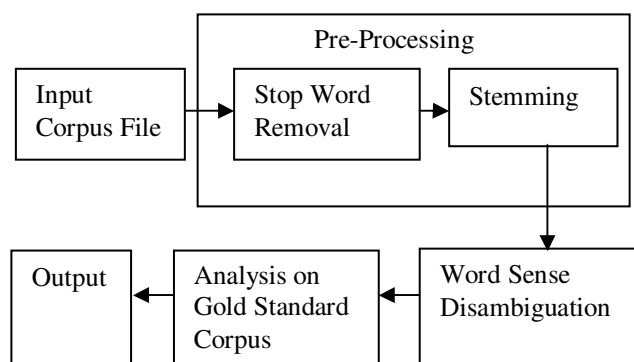


Fig 1. Proposed System Architecture

#### 3.1 Algorithm

1. Input corpus file, which will be list of string of tokens.
2. Remove stop words from input file.
3. Perform stemming on processed file.
4. .For each of token from processed file(sense tag based on context)
  1. Identify the senses of word from babelnet.
  2. Find all connecting paths in whole network.
  3. .Merge identified paths inorder to obtain paths from source to destination.
  4. Score the graph nodes using out degree measure.
  5. Display all the senses of each node along with their scores, in descending order.
5. Display the domain of word, synsetID of each word is mapped with WordNet Domain database consisting of WordNet synsets annotated with domain labels.

6. Perform analysis of input file using GETALP system by using gold standard corpus which has been designed.

#### 4. Algorithm for Converting SemCor into Gold Standard Corpus

Didier Schwab, Andon Tchechmedjiev [20] proposed the GETALP system to perform analysis on babelnet using SemEval corpus .This system works by adapting the Lesk measure propagated through an Ant Colony Algorithm. The main shortcoming of their system was it works only on SemEval corpus and it requires gold standard corpus to do analysis. Creating such gold corpus is challenging and difficult task.

In our work we have proposed an algorithm for converting SemCor into gold standard Corpus.

##### 4.1 Algorithm

1. Add quote characters around tag parameters, for example  
`<wf cmd=ignore pos=DT>The</wf>`  
should become `<wf cmd="ignore" pos="DT">The</wf>`
2. Remove all `<p [...]>` and `</p>` tags
3. Transform `<s snum=YYY> </s>` tags to `<sentence id="dXXX.sYYY"> </sentence>` where dXXX is a document number and YYYthe index of the sentence in that document.
4. Transform `<punct> [...]</punct>` to just `[...]`
5. `<wf cmd=done pos=VB lemma=retain wnsn=0 lexs=2:40:01 ::> retained</wf>` this corresponds to an annotated word. Pos are the part of speech, wnsn is the sense number in wordnet, lexs is the sense id from wordnet, and lemma is the root form of the word.
6. For gold standard we need an id, which can build it in the following way: dXXX.sYYY.tZZZ, XXX is a text number.YYY is the sentence number and corresponds to the index of the sentence in the current document, ZZZ is the index of the word in the sentence, so the second sentence of the first document will have as id "d001.s002.t003".
7. Furthermore the pos tag should be simplified to one letter, essentially anything that start with N should become n, anything starting

by V should become v, anything starting with J will be a, Anything starting with R should become r. The rest should be ignored.

8. Finally gold standard is achieved, by concatenating lemma and lexs like so: lemma%lexsn and associating it to the id and should put that in another file.

## 5. Experimental Result

### 5.1 Experimental Setup

Experiments are evaluated on Intel core duo 2 2.20GHz processor with 3GB RAM Fedora (Linux) O.S.Programs are implemented in java in eclipse IDE .Algorithm is applied on health domain files.

### 5.2 Observation and Results

Results are obtained for health corpus files from SemCor corpus. For each of ambiguous words it displays the domain based on context.

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<terminated> babeltry [Java Application] /usr/lib/jvm/java-1.6.0-openjdk-1.6.0.0/bin/java (May 18, 2014 11:23:37 PM)

artery -- ID null => SENSE DISTRIBUTION:
[artery (noun) WID-05026656-N-??-artery, WID-02649666-N-??-artery]
.....Displaying Domain of Each Word.....
Domain:..... anatomy
Domain:..... town planning transport
[ INFO ] KnowledgeGraphFactory - CREATING DISAMBIGUATION GRAPH
PATHS START FROM: [lung []]
CONTEXT: [lung []]

lung -- ID null => SENSE DISTRIBUTION:
[lung (noun) WID-05079940-N-??-lung]
.....Displaying Domain of Each Word.....
Domain:..... anatomy

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Fig 2. Output of Disambiguation

Analysis is done on GETALP system by using gold standard SemCor corpus. The analysis is done by using parameters like precision, recall and F-measure.

Table 1. Analysis of health domain files on gold standard SemCor corpus

No of health domain files	Precision	Recall	F-Measure

1	0.63968	0.63968	0.63968
2	0.52857	0.43622	0.44632
3	0.56308	0.45865	0.50552
4	0.56845	0.46980	0.51444
5	0.58341	0.47005	0.52063
6	0.58410	0.44859	0.50745

### 5.3 Result Analysis

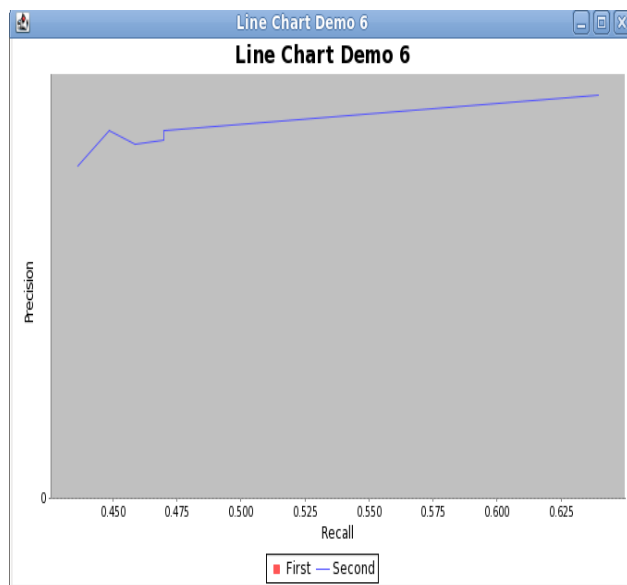


Fig 3. Recall v/s Precision

## 6. Conclusion and Future Work

Earlier there were no enough and proper repository for performing WSD but recently lot of progress has been done in developing knowledge bases. Supervised approach had problem because it required annotated corpus. These entire problems have been solved by using huge repository like babelnet which follows knowledge based system. The results obtained for disambiguation using this repository outperforms other supervised and unsupervised technique. Further by creating gold standard corpus analysis was done using GETALP system and average precision obtained is 0.5 and recall is 0.4 for six domain files of health corpus.

In future, Babelnet can be used to perform multilinguality of data and analysis can be done by using any other corpus by using GETALP system by creating gold standard corpus.

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