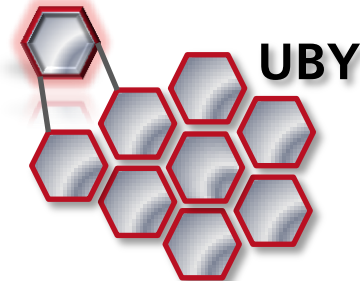




Lexical Resources for Natural Language Processing

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Wiktionary
[ˈwɪkʃənri] *n.*,
a wiki-based Open
Content dictionary



OntoWiktionary

SALSA II



**IMSLex-
Subcat**



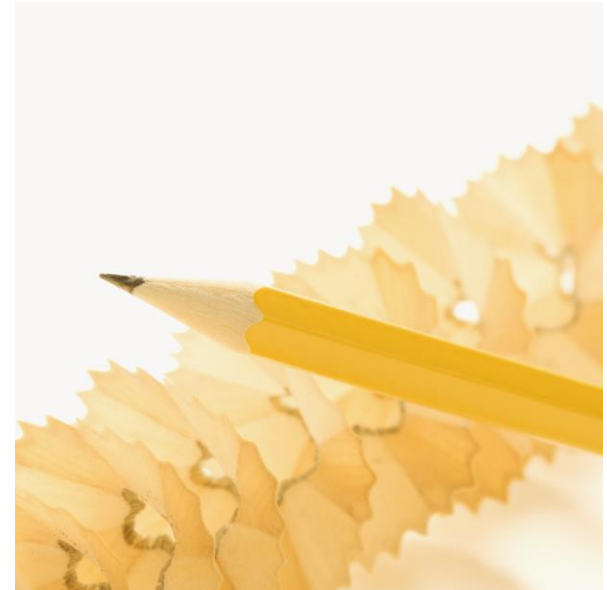


Try it yourself! – Preparation



You need a JDK ≥ 6 and a Maven-ready IDE

- Download the UBY 0.7.0 h2 database and the corresponding code snippets from:
<http://uby.ukp.informatik.tu-darmstadt.de/uby/gscl2015/>
- Unzip everything
- Import the demo source files in your workspace
- Put the h2 database in the embeddedUby folder of your project folder
- Optional: Download the tutorial slides as well



Alternative: <https://uby.ukp.informatik.tu-darmstadt.de/uby-browser/>

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Knowledge-Poor Approaches

Handwritten text in a cursive script, likely a historical manuscript. Several words are highlighted with red boxes and circles, indicating areas of interest for pattern recognition without background knowledge.

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→ Pattern recognition w/o background knowledge

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Knowledge-Rich Approaches



мир¹ <ми́ра> SUBST *м* только ед

↵ мир	Frieden <i>m</i>	↵ ⊕
↵ борьба́ за мир	Kampf <i>m</i> für den Frieden	↵ ⊕

мир² <ми́ра> SUBST *м* (свет)

↵ мир

↵ в совреме́нном ми́ре

↵ в совреме́нном ми́ре

↵ объезди́ть весь мир

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→ Analysis with background knowledge

War and Peace

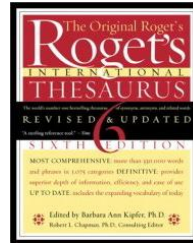
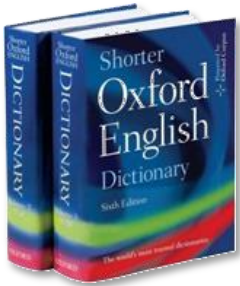
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

War and Peace (Pre-reform Russian: Война и миръ, *Voyna i mir*) is a novel by the Russian author Leo Tolstoy, published in 1869. The work is epic in scale and is regarded as one of the most important Russian novels, along with his other major works.

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Background Knowledge



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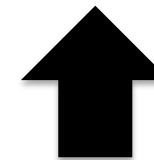
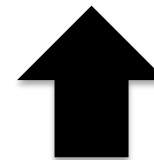
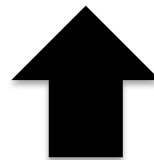
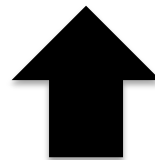
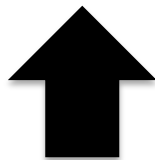
Encyclopedias

Thesauri

Wordnets

Many others...

Lexical resources



Corpora

Intuition



***“Who cares about lexical resources;
we have corpora!”***

Lexical Resources and Corpora

Corpus

- **Collected** from real-world text and speech
- Contains **multiple occurrences** of a lemma
- **Frequent phenomena** occur more often
- **Shows** how language is used
- Provides **typical contexts** and **frequencies**

Lexical Resource

- Derived from corpora (**aggregated** view)
- A lemma usually occurs only **once**
- Rare & frequent phenomena are **treated equally**
- **Describes** how language is used
- Provides **meta information** (e.g., sense definition)

Typical Questions to Lexical Resources

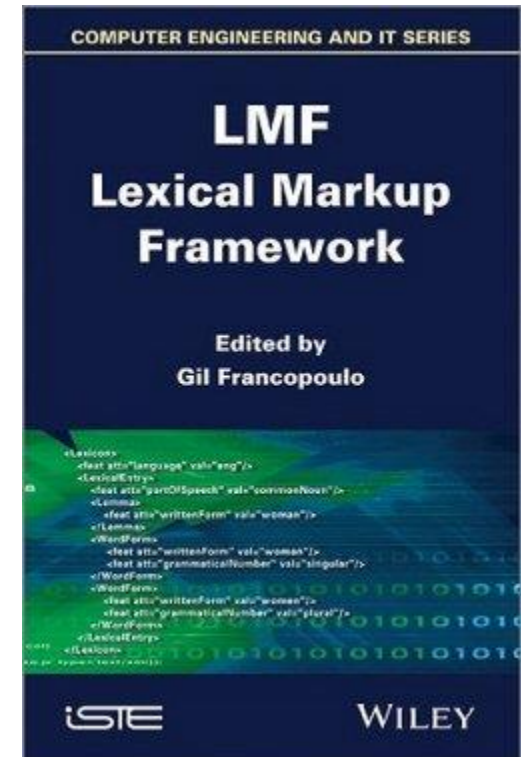
1. What is the meaning of *(to) sing*?
 - text understanding
 - word sense disambiguation
2. What are typical syntactic usages of the verb *(to) sing*?
 - natural language generation
 - grammar exercises
3. Does *bunny* have a special meaning when used in a sports report?
 - domain adaptation
 - genre classification
4. What is another word for *promising*?
 - writing aid
 - text simplification
5. What is a French equivalent of the English noun *plant*?
 - foreign language learning
 - automatic translation

Terminology

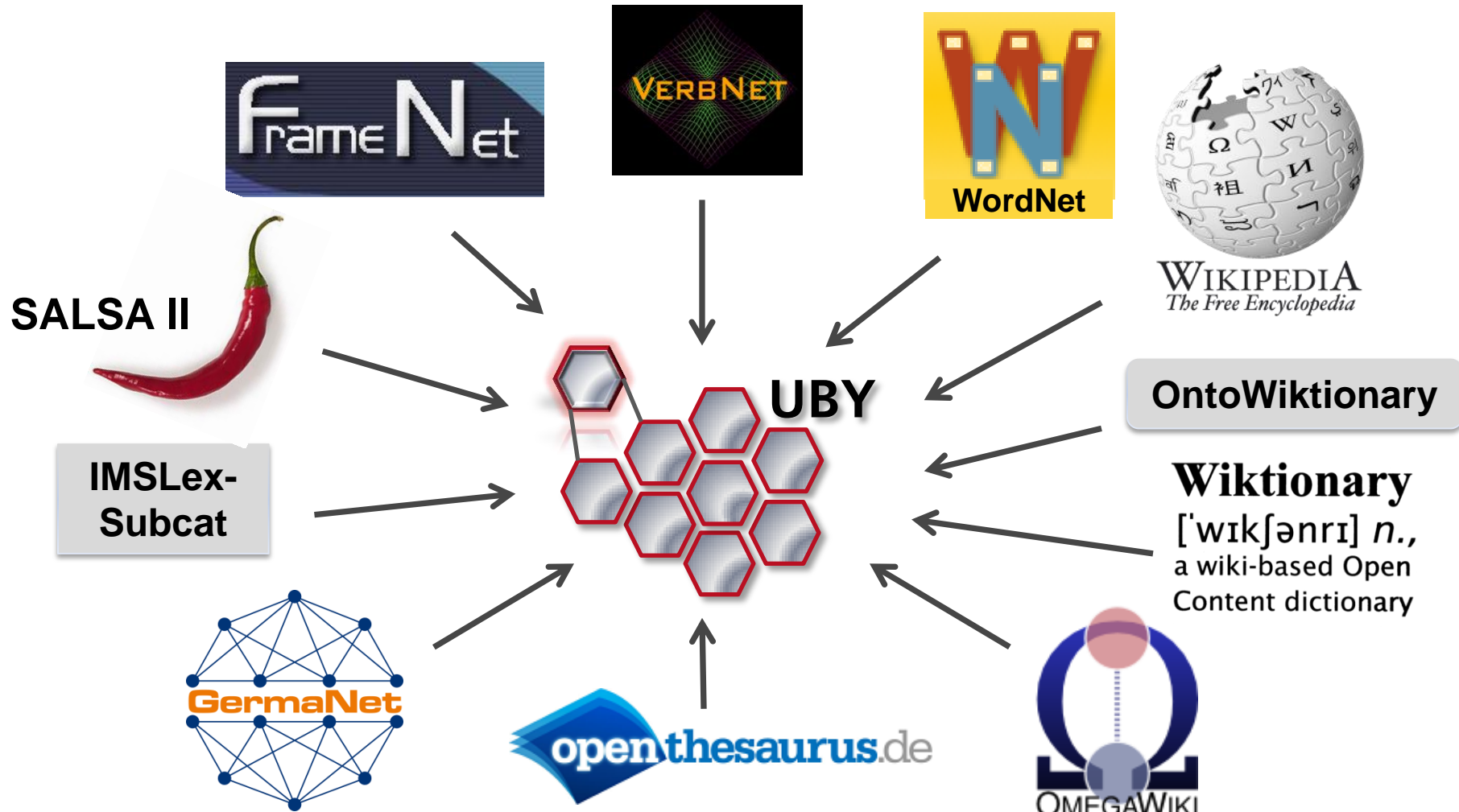
- **Lexical Markup Framework (LMF)**, ISO 24613:2008
- LMF is an abstract model for representing electronic lexical resources
- **UBY-LMF** is first large-scale implementation involving different types of resources (e.g., collaboratively built ones)

Gil Francopoulo (Ed.): **LMF: Lexical Markup Framework**, London: Wiley-ISTE, 2013.
ISBN: 978-1-84821-430-9.

<http://www.lexicalmarkupframework.org/>



UBY – Linked Lexical Resource



Why UBY?



→ UBY uses the same data model for all information

SALSA II

The Free Encyclopedia

→ UBY brings together heterogeneous information

IMSLex-Subcat

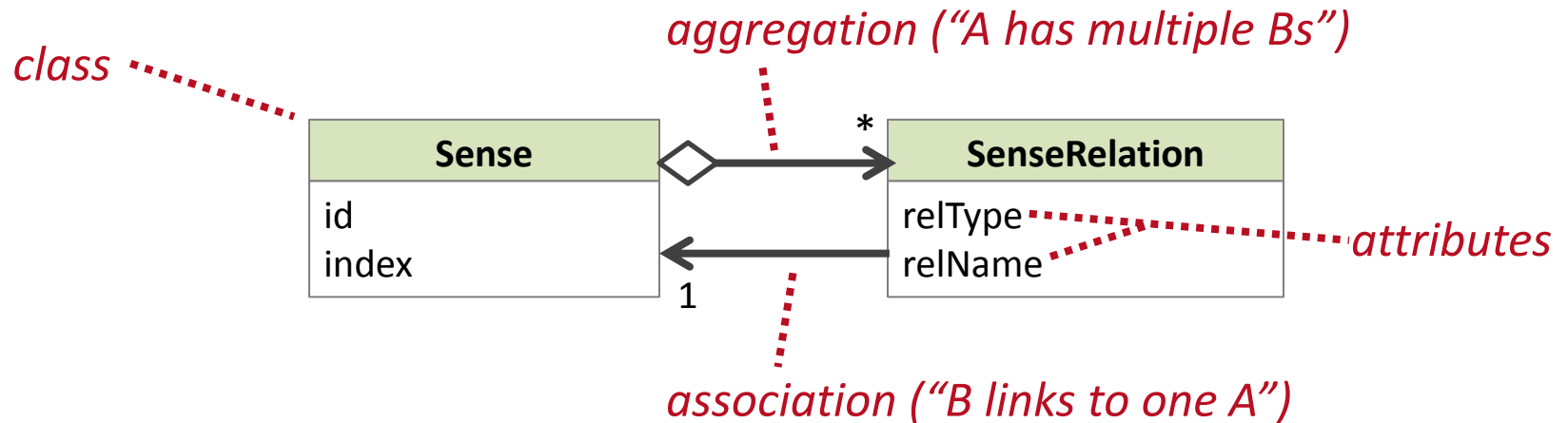
Wiktionary

→ UBY provides links between different sources

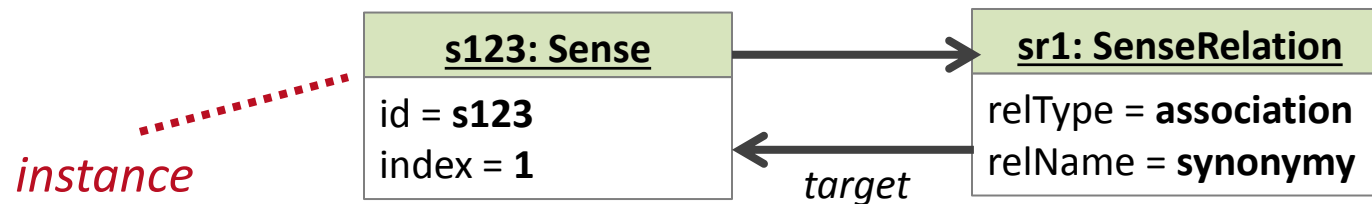


Notation

UML class diagrams:



UML object diagrams:



Reading Suggestions

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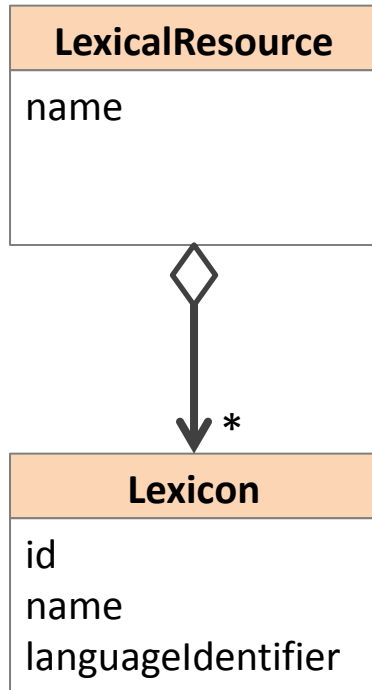


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Lexical Resource & Lexicon



Lexical resource

- a.k.a. lexical database, lexical knowledge base
- Consists of **one or several lexicons**
- Parent for all further lexical information

Lexicon

- Language-specific
- Contains multiple **lexical entries**, syntactic representations, semantic representations, etc.

Example: a bilingual dictionary is one lexical resource that consists of two lexicons (e.g., Italian→German / German→Italian)



Electronic Dictionaries (Examples)

Wiktionary

- Free, collaboratively created online dictionary
- <http://www.wiktionary.org>

Wiktionary
[ˈwɪkʃənri] *n.*,
a wiki-based Open
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Digitales Wörterbuch der Deutschen Sprache

- Large-scale German dictionary project at BBAW
- <http://www.dwds.de>



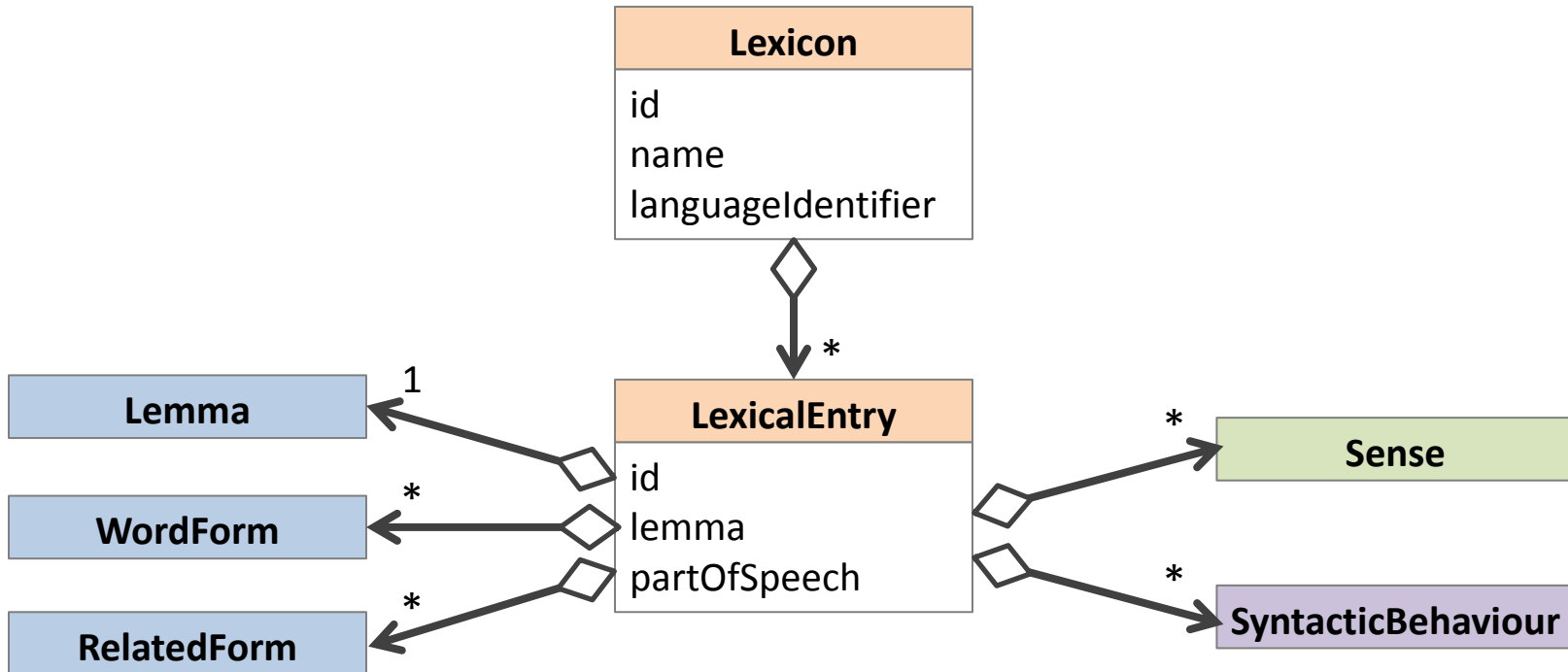
Online-Wortschatz-Informationssystem Deutsch

- Dictionary portal at IDS, Mannheim
- <http://www.owid.de>



Many other electronic dictionaries...

Lexical Entry



Lexical entry (a.k.a. lexeme, headword): container for managing multiple **word forms**, **meanings**, **syntactic behaviours**; equivalent to a dictionary article; defined by a lemma and part of speech tag.

Lexical Entry: Examples

works to provide money for a family.

breadth /ˈbretθ/ *nc, nu (formal)* **1** a distance or measurement from side to side: *It's ten metres in breadth.* **2 (fig)** a range of thought or expression (esp in art, music, or in knowledge of a subject).

break¹ /breɪk/ *nc* **1** (an instance, act, of) a division, opening, made by breaking(1,2,3,11): a break in clouds. **2** an interruption of a usual routine; a break for lunch. **without a break** without a pause or rest: *She's worked without a break.* **3** an escape (from a prison etc): a successful break by several prisoners: a *cool break*. **make a break for it** (informal) to leave a place quickly. **4** (informal) a lucky chance: *He gave a person a break.* **5** a sudden change in the weather: *A break in the hot weather.* **break** (of a line of poetry) a pause in a line of poetry (also called a *caesura*).

break² /breɪk/ *v (pt broke /brəʊk/, pp broken /ˈbrəʊkən/)* **1** *vt, vi* (to cause something hard and rigid) to separate into many pieces because of a fall, hit etc: *The ball broke my glasses. This vase has broken. The heat has broken the dish. The windscreen broke into pieces. How did this chair*

break1: LexicalEntry

lemma = **break**
partOfSpeech
= **nounCommon**

break2: LexicalEntry

lemma = **break**
partOfSpeech
= **verb**

ter Krempe; ...

Stettin: Stadt an der Oder; vgl. Szczecin.

Steuler, das; -s, - aus dem Niederd. < mniederd. *stu(e) = Steuer* ruder, urspr. = lange Stange zum Staken u. Lenken. **Stütze**, Pfahl, zu ↑ *st*. **a) Vorrichtung in ein** ... **ern (1 a) in Form ein** ... herumreißen, herum ... (jmdn. beim Steuer ... **S. sitzen, stehen; Ü** ... **das S. (die Führung)** [der Partei] übernommen, fest in der Hand; **b) Ruder (2): das S. h** ... **führen**

Steuler, die; -, -n **Steuler**, eigtl. = **Stütze, Unterstützung** ... **Steuer**, eigtl. = **Stütze, Pfahl, zu ↑ staken, verw. mit ↑¹Steuer**]: **1. bestimmter Teil d** ... **od. Vermögens, der** ... **werden muss: hohe** ... **Steuern, die derjeni** ... **an den Staat zu zah** ... (Wirtsch.; **Steuern**, ... **Waren, bes. bei Genuss- u. Lebensmitteln, Mineralöl o. Ä., enthalten sind**); -n [be]zahlen, erheben, hinterziehen, eintreiben, erhöhen:

steuer1: LexicalEntry

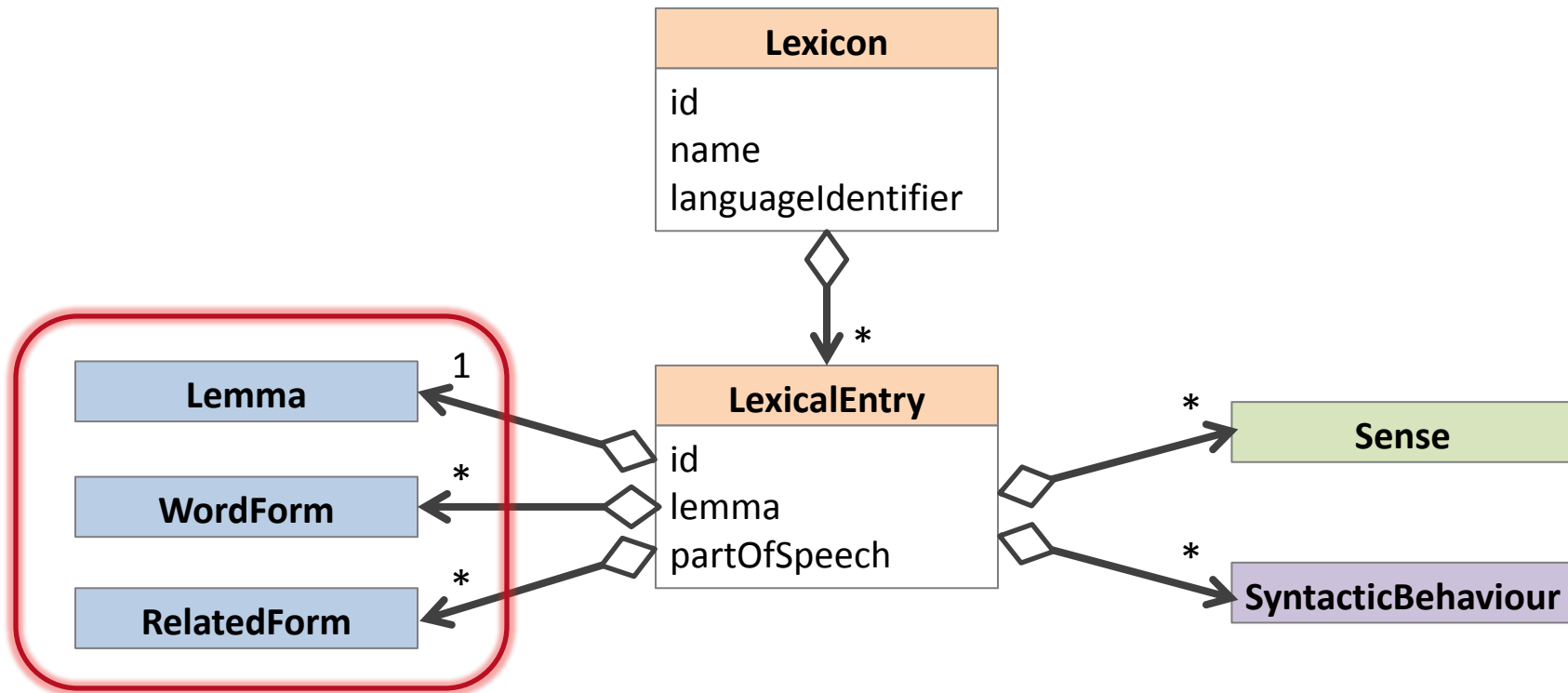
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homonyms

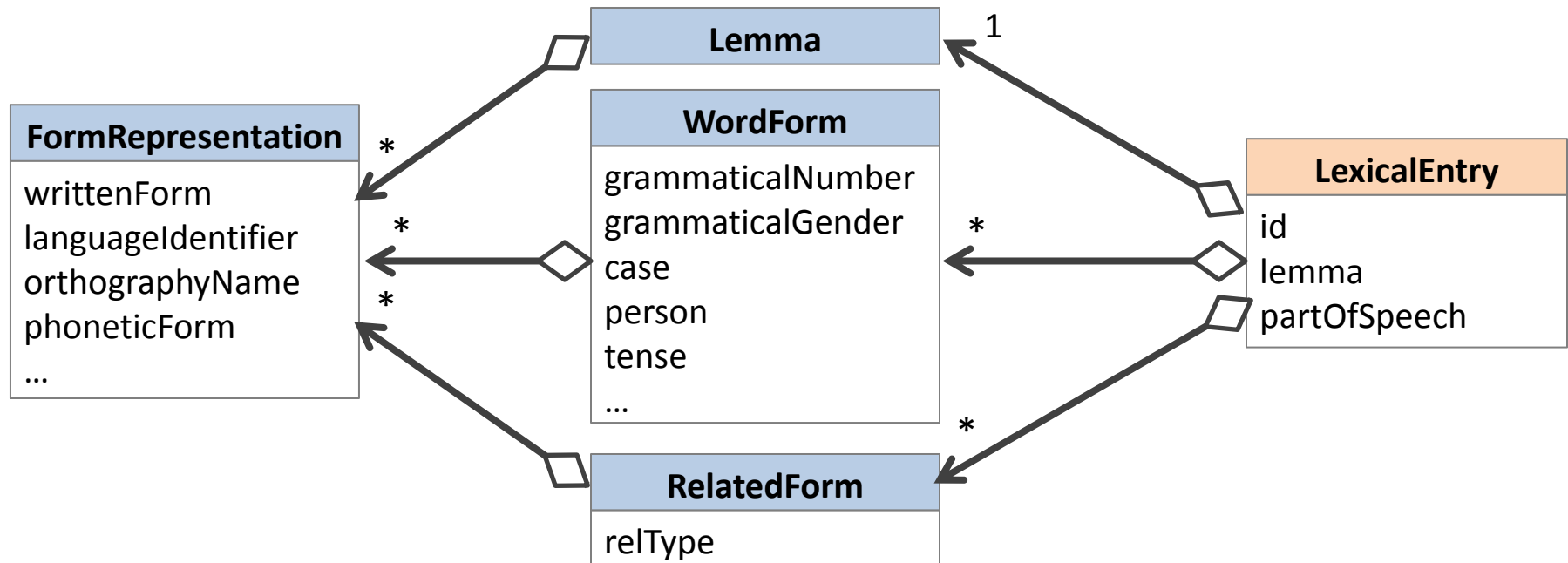
steuer2: LexicalEntry

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Word Forms

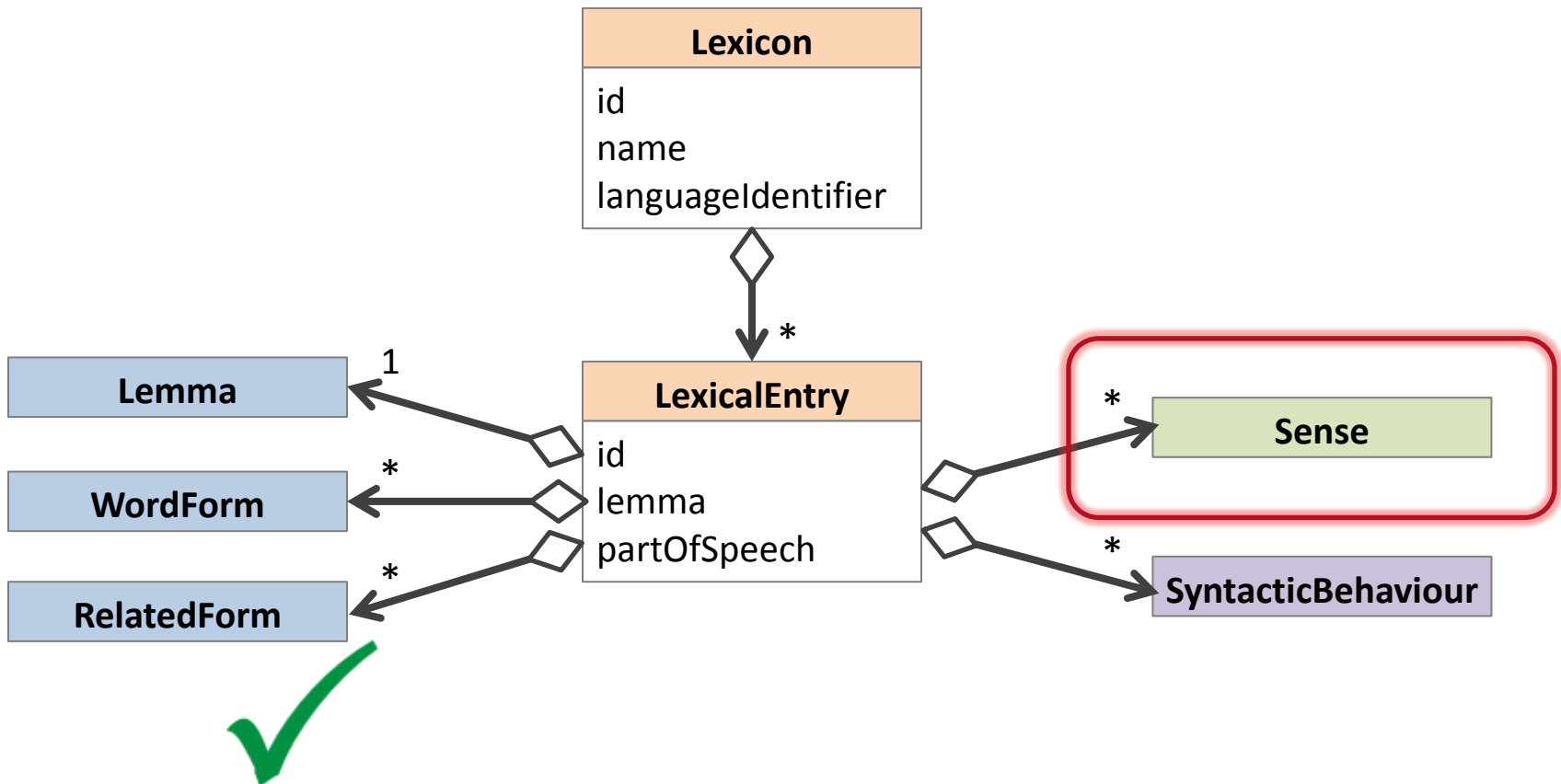


Word Forms: Data Model



- **Lemma:** conventional form to represent a lexical entry
- **Word form:** any form that a lexical entry can take when used in a sentence or phrase; inflected by number, gender, person,...
- **Related form:** a similar form; related by derivation, compounding,...

Meaning



Meaning: Example

sing (*third-person singular simple present **sings**, present participle **singing**, simple past **sang**, past participle **sung** or (archaic) **sungen***)

1. (*intransitive*) To produce musical or harmonious sounds with one's voice.

*"I really want to **sing** in the school choir." said Vera.*

2. (*transitive*) To express audibly by means of a harmonious vocalization. [quotations ▼]

3. (*transitive*) To soothe with singing.

*to **sing** somebody to sleep*

4. (*intransitive, slang*) To confess under interrogation.

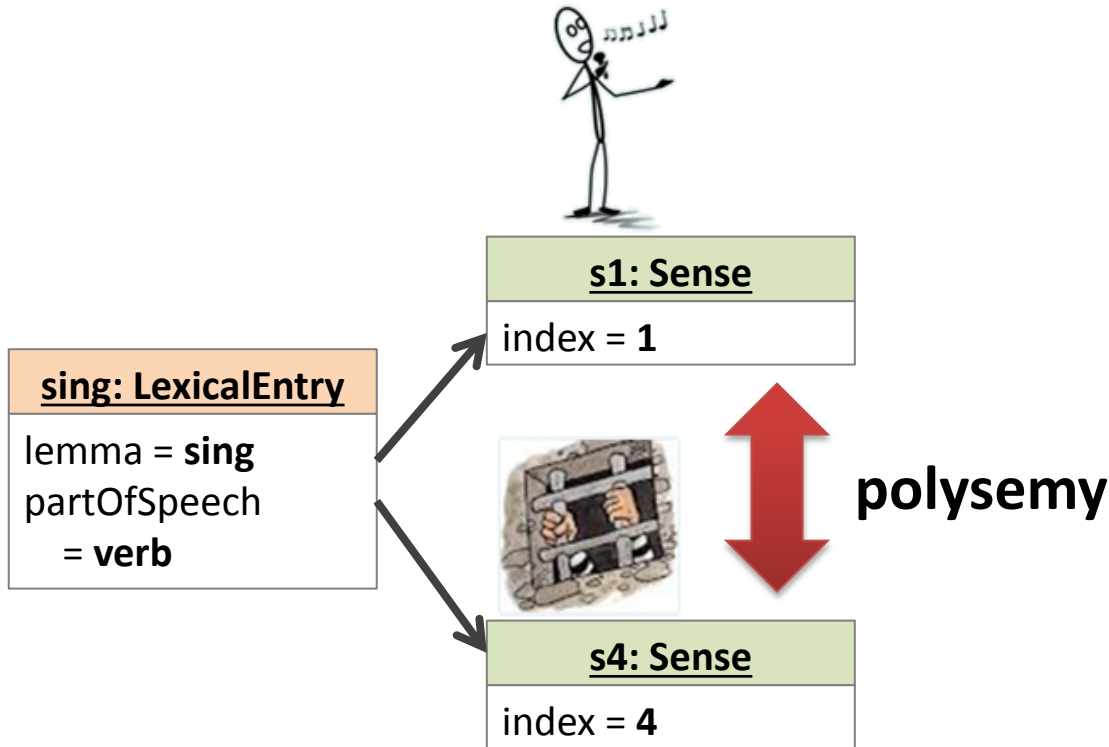
5. To make a small, shrill sound. [quotations ▼]

*The air **sings** in passing through a crevice.*

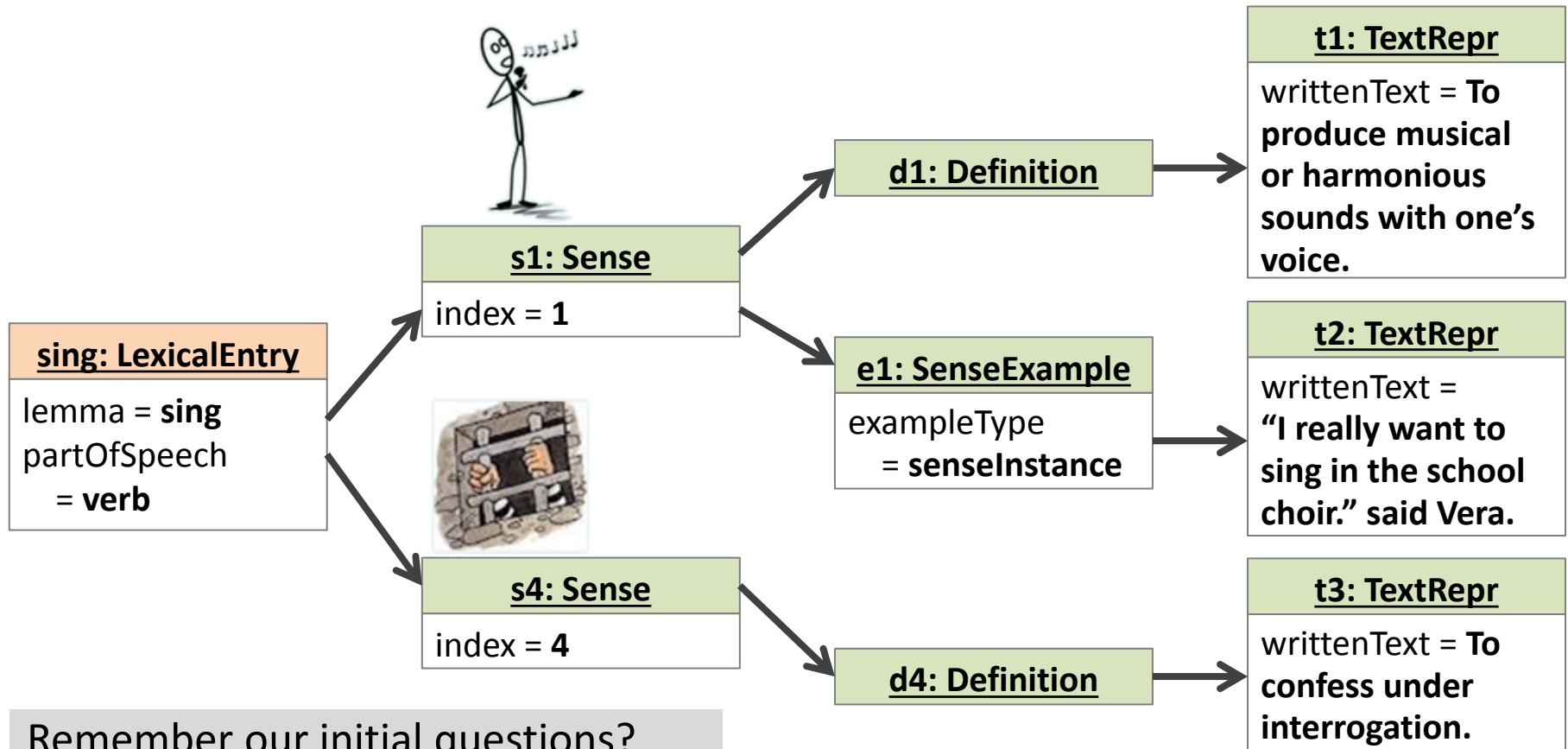
6. To relate in verse; to celebrate in poetry. [quotations ▼]

- In Wiktionary, the verb (to) sing has 6 **senses**
- Each of them is described by a **definition** (a.k.a. paraphrase, gloss)
- 3 have a usage example (a.k.a. **sense example**)

Meaning: Example



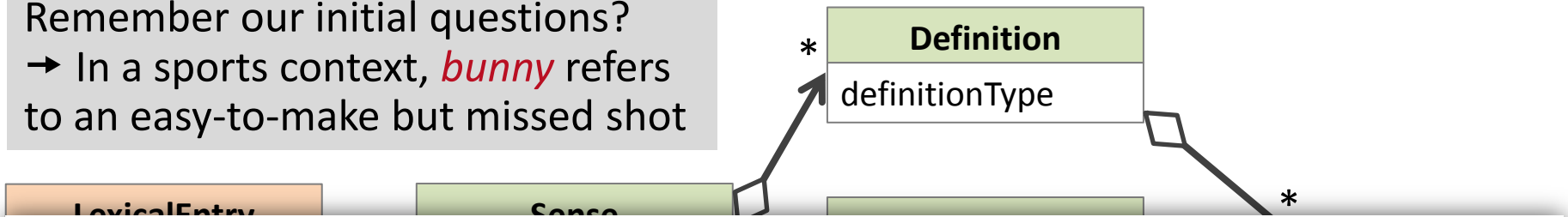
Meaning: Example



Remember our initial questions?
→ There are different meanings for *(to) sing* depending on the context!

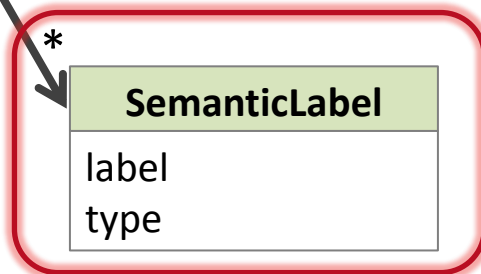
Meaning: Semantic Labels

Remember our initial questions?
→ In a sports context, *bunny* refers to an easy-to-make but missed shot



bunny (plural bunnies)

1. A rabbit, especially a juvenile.
2. A bunny girl: a nightclub waitress who wears a costume having rabbit ears and tail.
3. **(sports)** In basketball, an easy shot (i.e., one right next to the bucket) that is missed.
4. **(South Africa)** bunny chow; a snack of bread filled with curry [quotations ▼]



Semantic Label Types

- **domain** (e.g., sports, chemistry)
- **regionOfUsage** (e.g., South Africa, Bavaria, Scottish)
- **timePeriodOfUsage** (e.g., 1800s, old fashioned)
- **register** (e.g., formal, slang)
- **sentiment** (e.g., negative judgment)
- **semanticNounClass** (e.g., onlyPlural, toponym [place name])
- **semanticField** (e.g., person, substance)

and many other types...

Meaning: Equivalents

Equivalents/Translations for *bunny*:

- Catalan: **catxap** ^(ca) m, **conillet** m
- Chinese:
Mandarin: 小兔 (xiǎotù), 小兔子 (xiǎotùzi)
- Dutch: **konijn** ^(nl)
- Finnish: **pupu** ^(fi), **kani** ^(fi)
- French: **lapereau** ^(fr) m
- German: **Kaninchen** ^(de) n, **Hase** ^(de) m, **Häschen** n (diminutive), **Häslein** n (diminutive), **Hoppelhäslein** n (diminutive), **Karnickel** ^(de) n (colloquial), **Schlappohr** n (humorous)

* Definition

- Macedonian: **зајаче** n (zajače)
- Norwegian: **hare** ^(no) m, **harepus** m
- Polish: **króliczek** ^(pl) m
- Portuguese: **coelhinho** ^(pt) m
- Romanian: **iepurăș** ^(ro)
- Russian: (rabbit) **кролик** ^(ru) m (królik), (young rabbit) **крольчонок** ^(ru) m (krol'čónok), (young hare) **зайчик** ^(ru) m (zájčik)
- Sicilian: **cunigghieddu** ^(scn) m
- Spanish: **conejito** m, **gazapo** ^(es) m

* Equivalent

writtenForm
languageIdentifier
usage
transliteration

* SemanticLabel

label
type

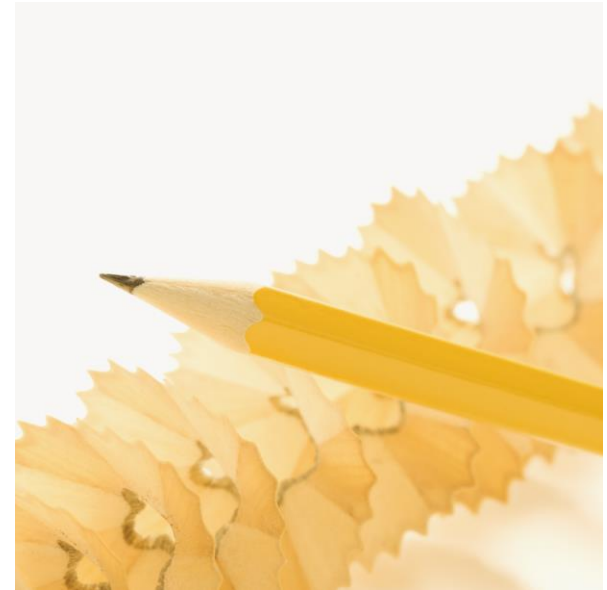


Try it yourself! – Assignment 1



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- Unzip and import Java source files
- Unzip the downloaded UBY database and move it to the “embeddedUby” folder in your workspace
- Open `org.dkpro.uby.examples.Assignment1`
 - 1) Explore which lexicons are in your database
 - 2) Print the sense definitions of the noun *book* in FrameNet
 - 3) List the word forms for the English *peculiarity* and the German *gut* in OntoWiktionary
 - 4) Identify the semantic labels and their types of *bridge* in the English Wiktionary



15 minutes

- Alternative: <https://uby.ukp.informatik.tu-darmstadt.de/uby-browser/>

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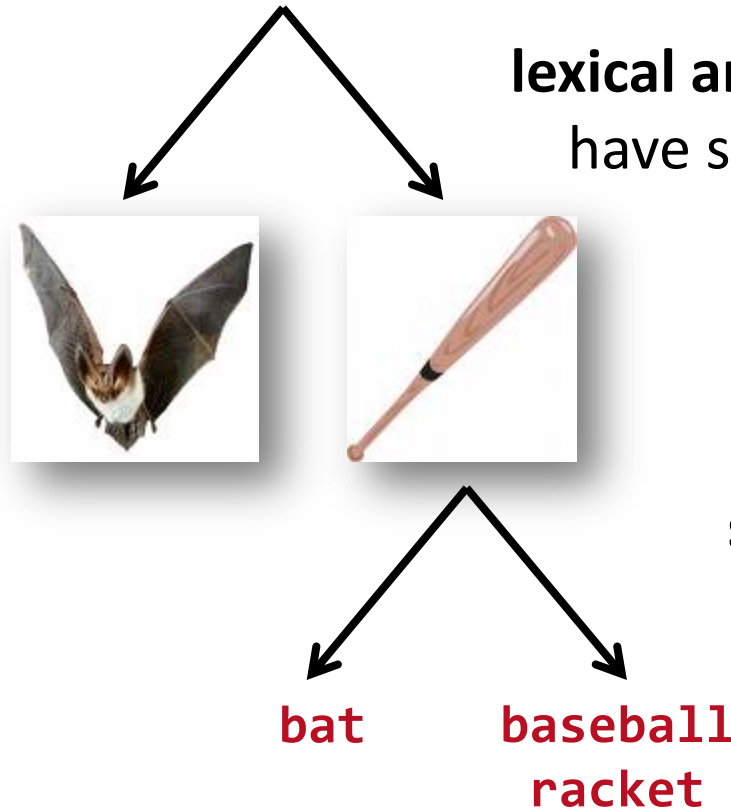
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Lexical Ambiguity vs. Synonymy

He hit the ball with the **bat**.



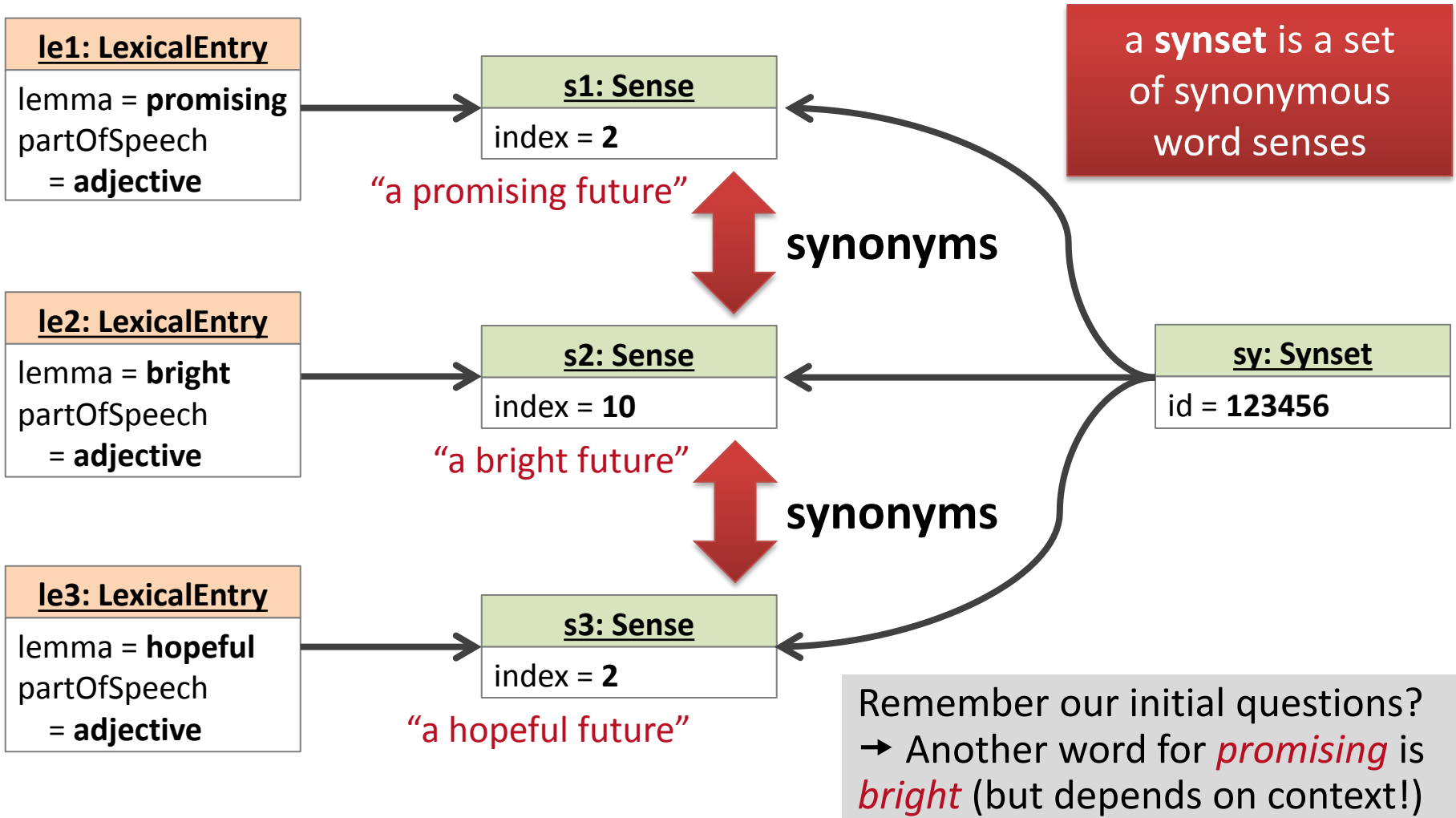
lexical ambiguity: words can have several meanings

synonymy: the same meaning can be expressed by different words

Synonymy

- Are **big** and **large** synonyms?
 - How **big/large** is that plane?
 - Would I be flying on a **big/large** plane?
- How about here:
 - Miss Nelson became a kind of **big** sister to Benjamin.
 - ? Miss Nelson became a kind of **large** sister to Benjamin.
- Synonymy is a relation between **senses** rather than **word forms**.
 - **big** has a sense of being older/grown-up (“große Schwester”)
 - **large** lacks this sense

Synonymy: Example



Wordnets and Thesauri (Examples)

Princeton WordNet

- Started in the mid 1980s by George Miller and team at Princeton University
- <http://wordnet.princeton.edu/wordnet/>



GermaNet

- German wordnet started in the 1990s at Tübingen University
- <http://www.sfs.uni-tuebingen.de/GermaNet/>

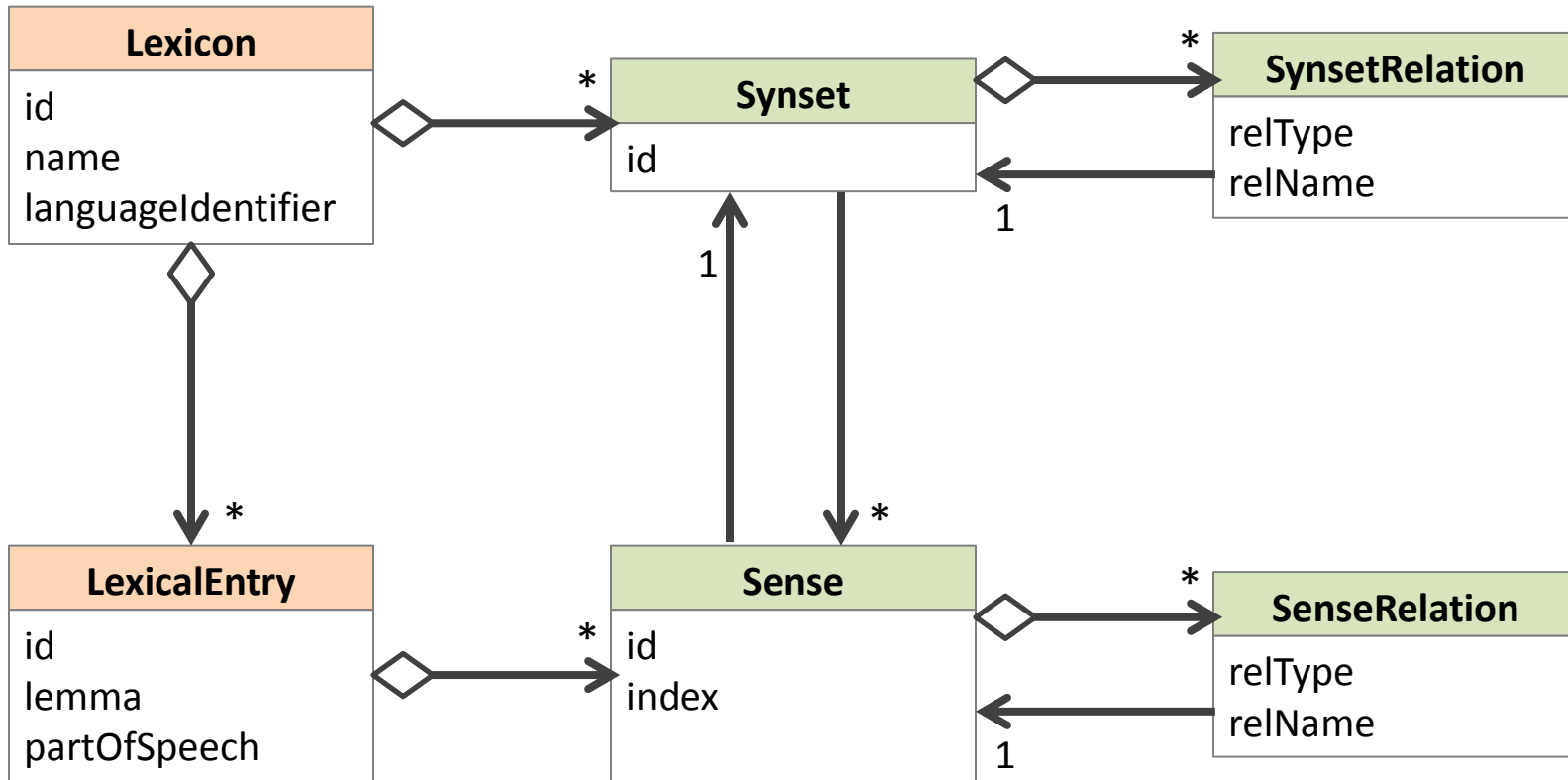


OpenThesaurus

- Freely available synonymy lexicon
- <https://www.openthesaurus.de/>

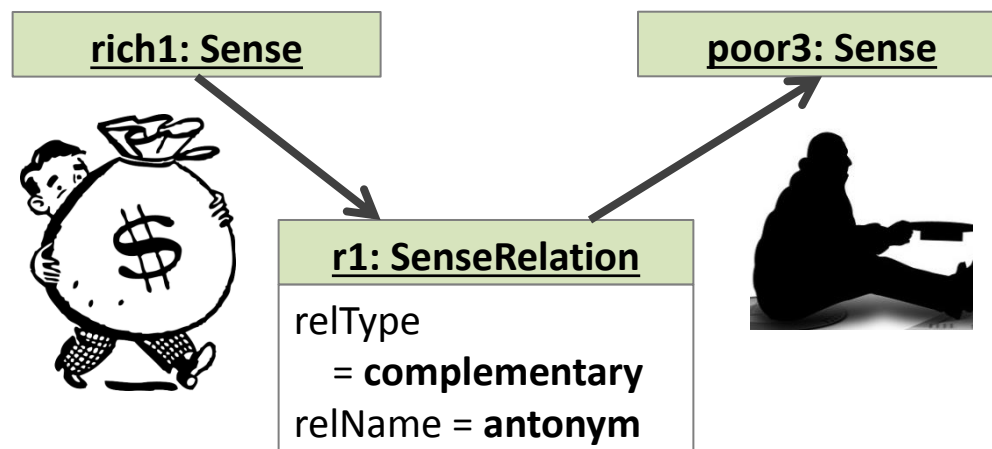


Synsets: Data Model



Relation between two senses having opposite meanings

- rich / poor
- rise / fall
- dark / light
- short / long
- hot / cold
- up / down
- leader / follower
- increase / decrease
- stable / unstable



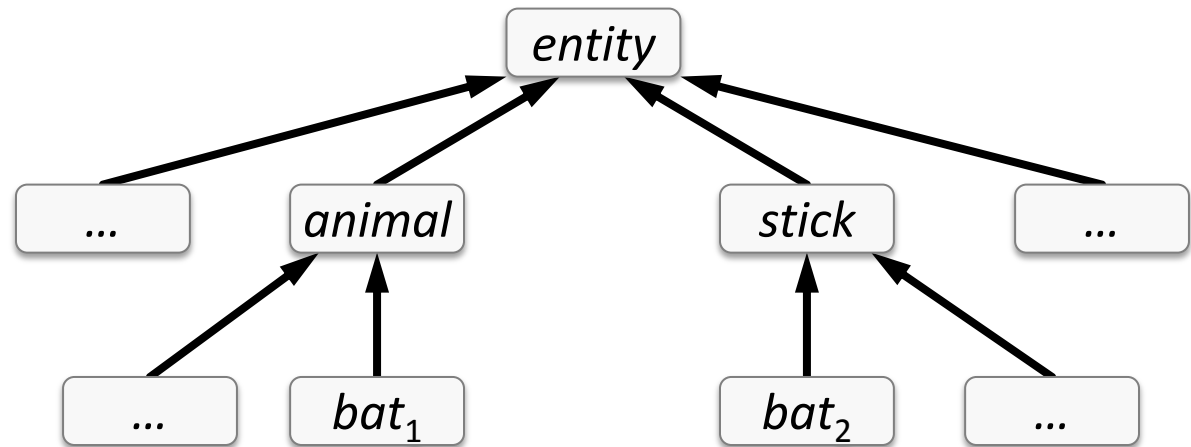
Hypernymy and Hyponymy

Taxonomic/hierarchical relation between two senses

- **car** is a hyponym of **vehicle**
- **car** is a hypernym of **taxi**

Examples:

- **car** / **vehicle**
- **dog** / **animal**
- **mango** / **fruit**
- **oak** / **tree**



→ = *X is a hyponym of Y*

Overview of Relation Types

relType	relName	Example	Description
complementary	antonym	rich → poor	opposite meaning
taxonomic	hypernym	car → vehicle	broader meaning
taxonomic	hyponym	car → taxi	narrower meaning
taxonomic	cohyponym	cat → dog	same hypernym (here: <i>pet</i>)
taxonomic	troponym	sleep → nap	“hyponymy for verbs”
partWhole	holonym	door → car	X is the whole of Y
partWhole	meronym	car → door	X is a part of Y
association	synonym	stack → pile	same meaning
association	seeAlso	bread → baker	related meaning
...

Sense vs. Synset

Sense:

- pair of form and meaning
- associated information is limited to a particular sense and its usage
- **die** to stop being alive
- **kick the bucket** (*phrase, humorous*) to die.
- **perish** (*mainly literary*) to die, usually because of an illness or something that happens suddenly

(Taken from the online Macmillan Dictionary)

Synset:

- contains multiple senses
- associated information applies to all senses of the synset

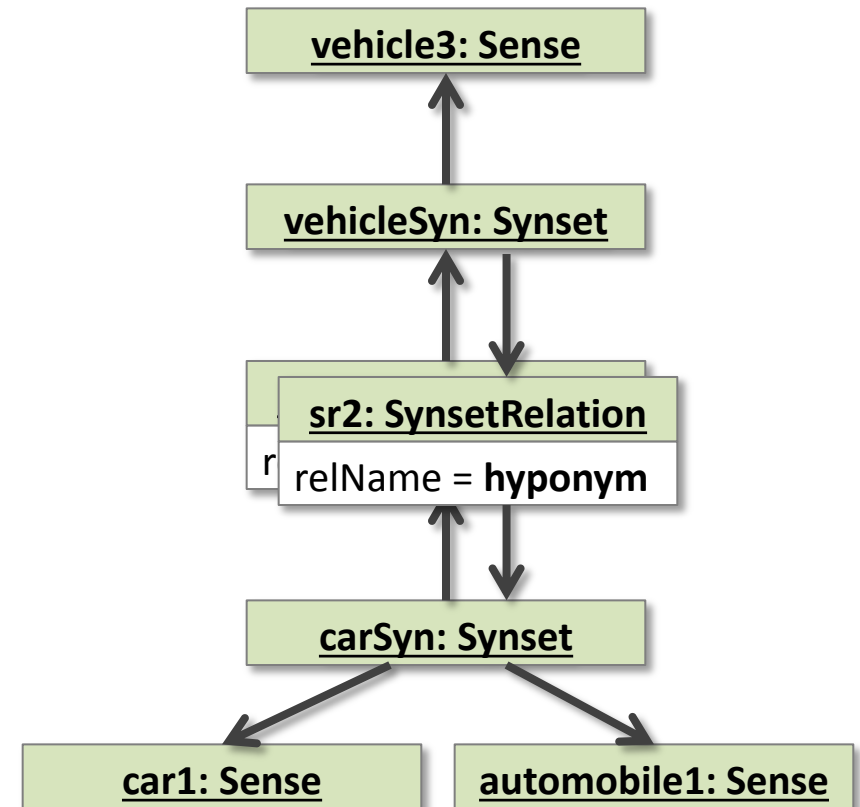
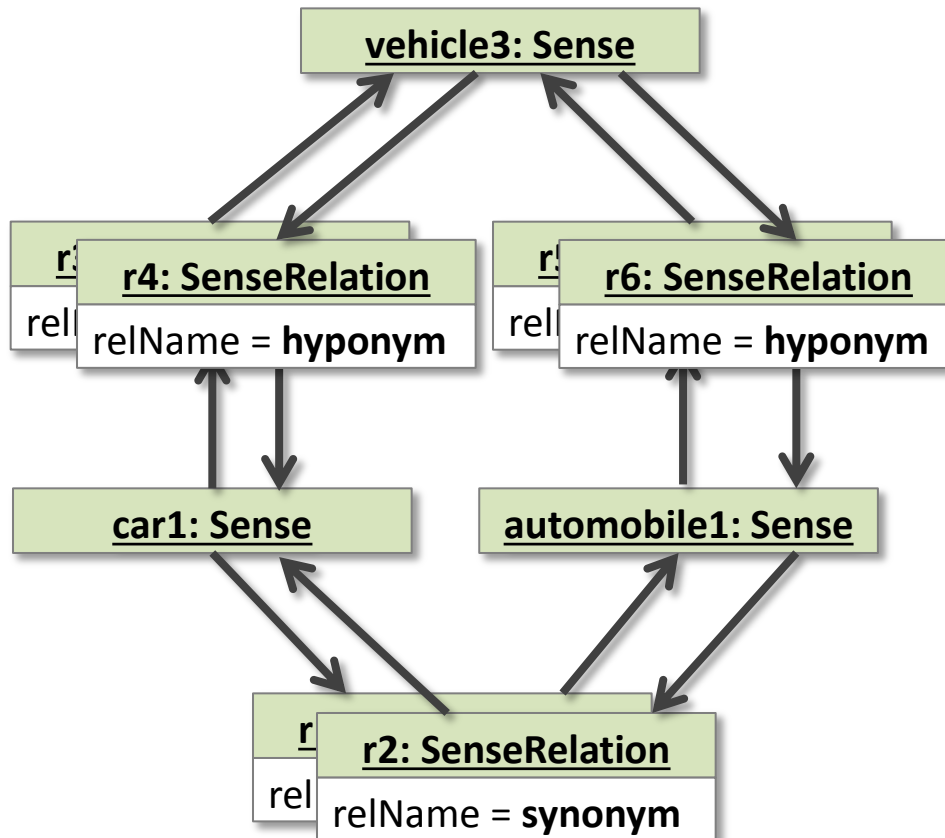
{**die**, **kick the bucket**, **perish**,...}

- pass from physical life [...]

(Taken from WordNet)

Sense Relations vs. Synset Relations

Modeling alternatives – Compare:



Why not restrict to one alternative?

Avoid redundancy:

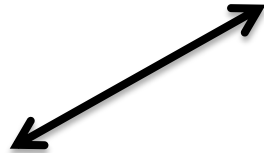
- {**car**, **automobile**, **motorcar**} is hyponym of {**motor vehicle**, **automotive vehicle**} – 1 synset relation vs. 6 sense relations

Deal with lexicon gaps:

- Synonyms: **island** → **oasis**, **oasis** → **island**, **oasis** → **refuge**
- But not: **refuge** → **oasis**, **island** → **refuge**, **refuge** → **island**

Allow relations between specific forms:

- {**unvoiced**, **voiceless**, **surd**, **hard**}



- {**voiced**, **sonant**, **soft**}

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Multilingual Resources (Examples)

Wikipedia

- Huge open-licensed encyclopedia in over 200 languages
- <http://www.wikipedia.org>



OmegaWiki

- Free dictionary based on multilingual synsets
- <http://www.omegawiki.org>



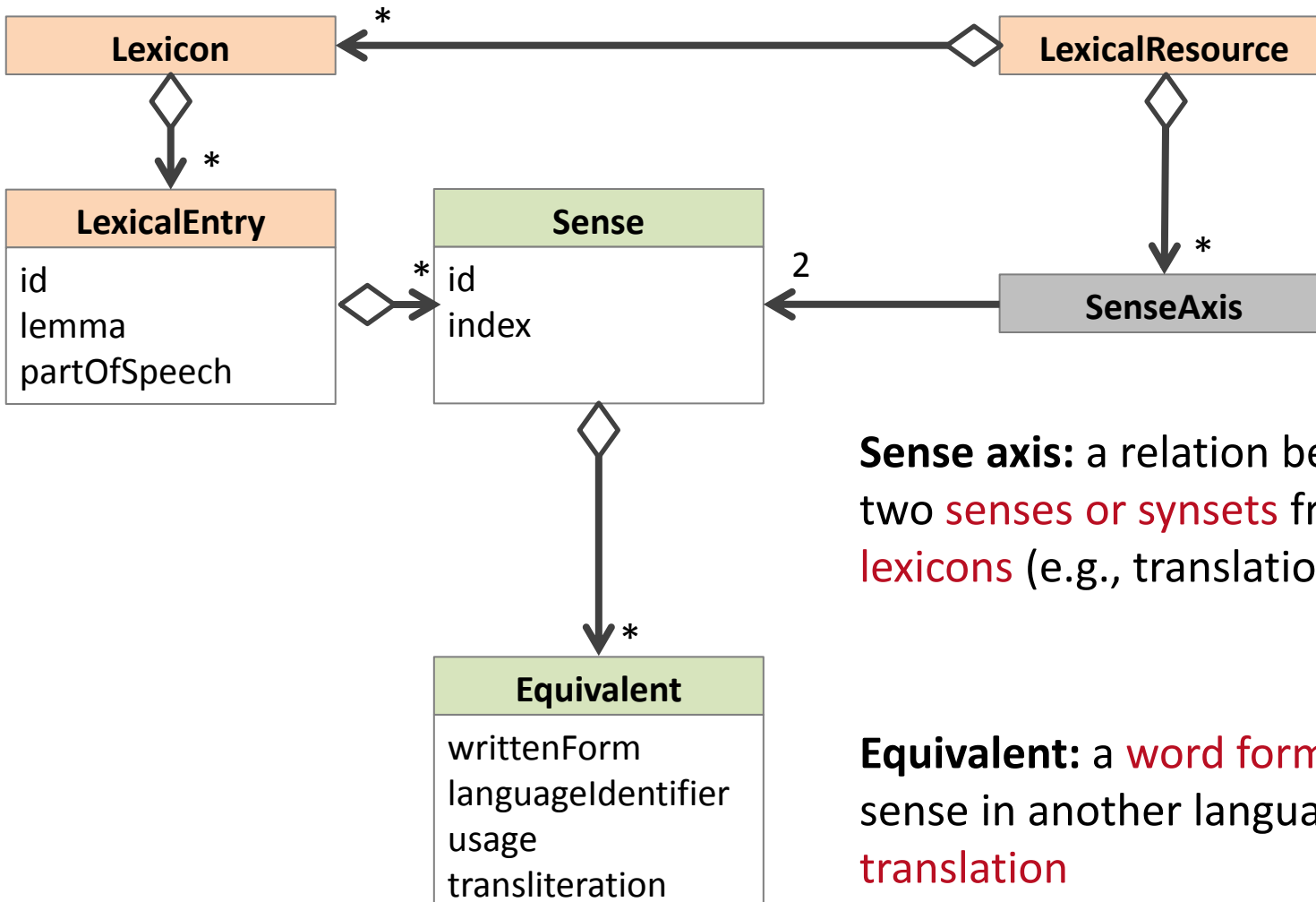
EuroWordNet

- Multilingual wordnet for several European languages
- <http://www.ilc.uva.nl/EuroWordNet/>



Many other examples (e.g., bilingual dictionaries)

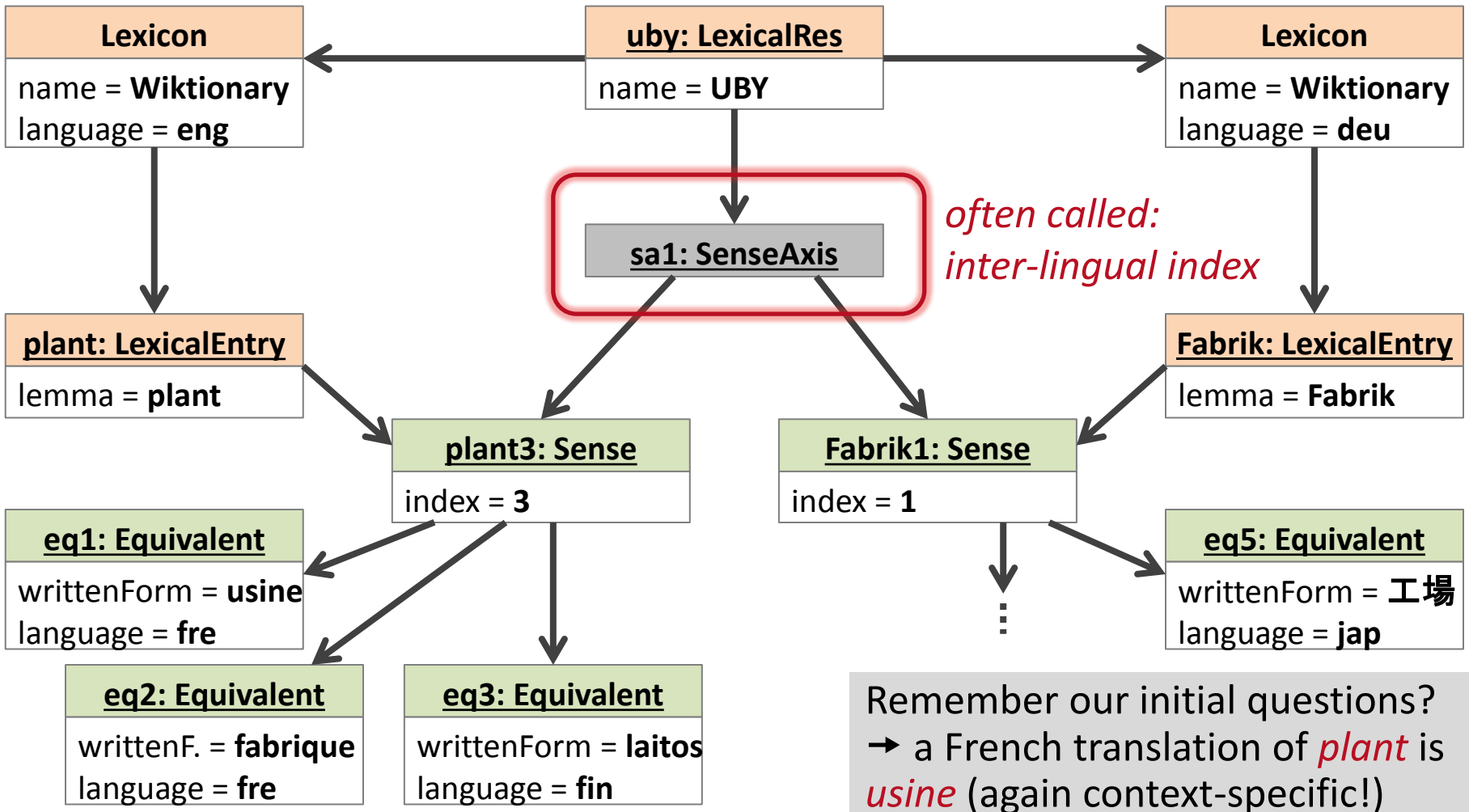
Equivalent vs. SenseAxis



Sense axis: a relation between two **senses or synsets** from **different lexicons** (e.g., translations)

Equivalent: a **word form** expressing a sense in another language; a **translation**

Equivalent vs. SenseAxis



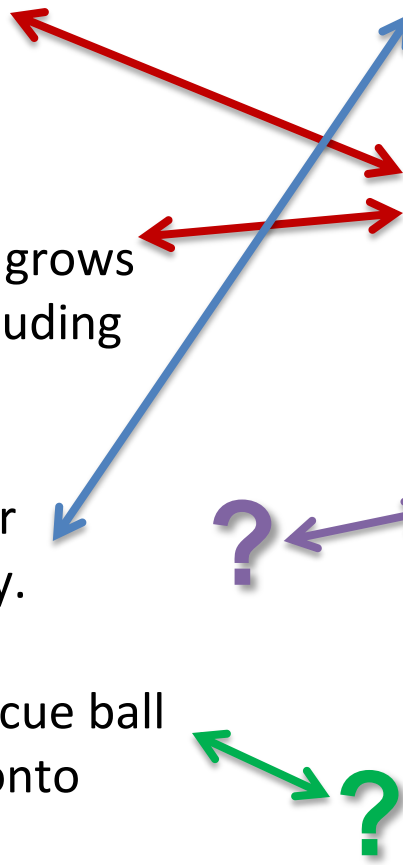
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plant in Wiktionary

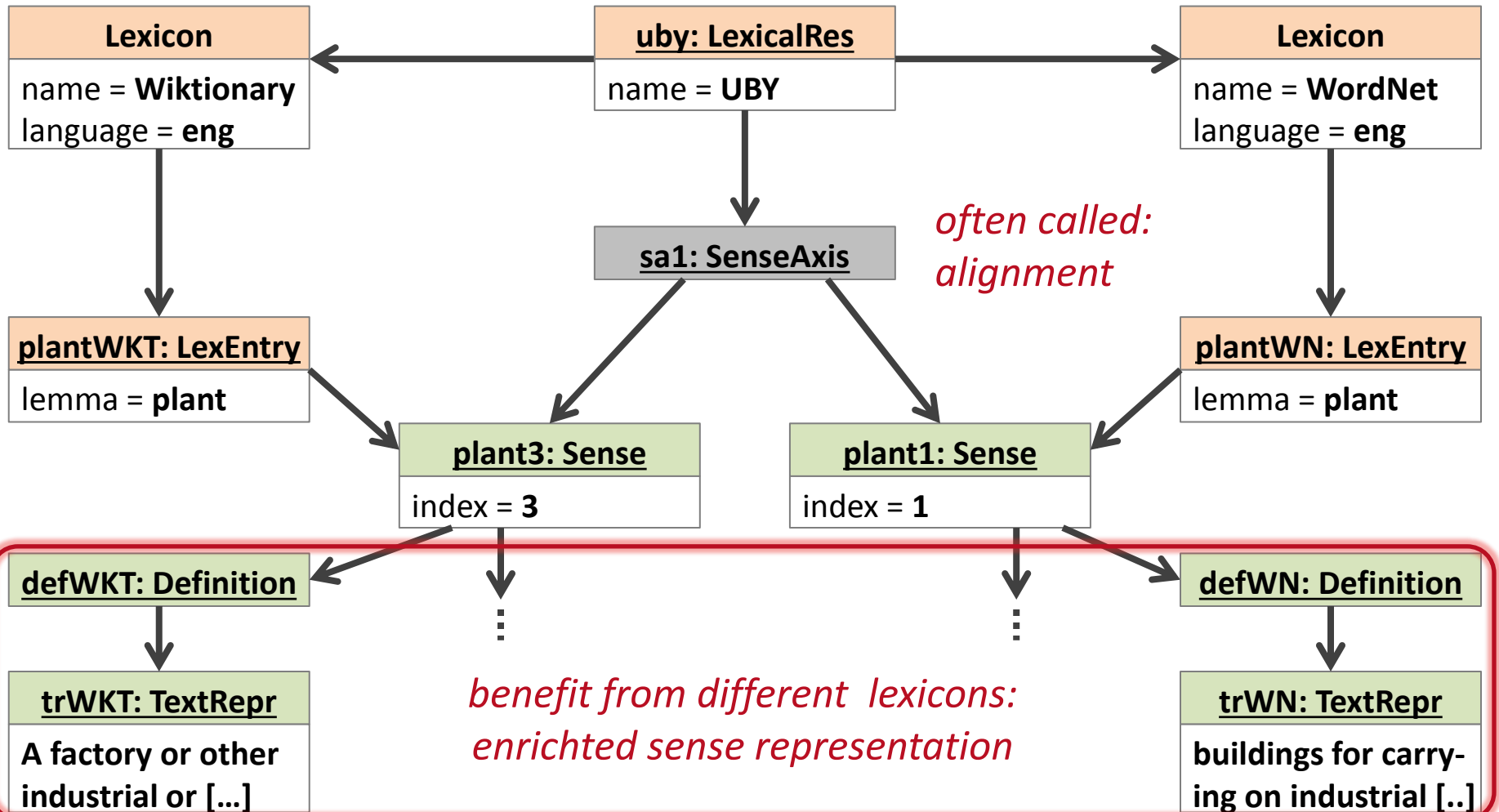
- (**botany**) An organism of the kingdom Plantae [...]
- (proscribed as biologically inaccurate) Any **creature** that grows on soil or similar surfaces, including plants and fungi.
- A **factory** or other industrial or institutional building or facility.
- (**snooker**) A play in which the cue ball knocks one (usually red) ball onto another [...]

plant in WordNet

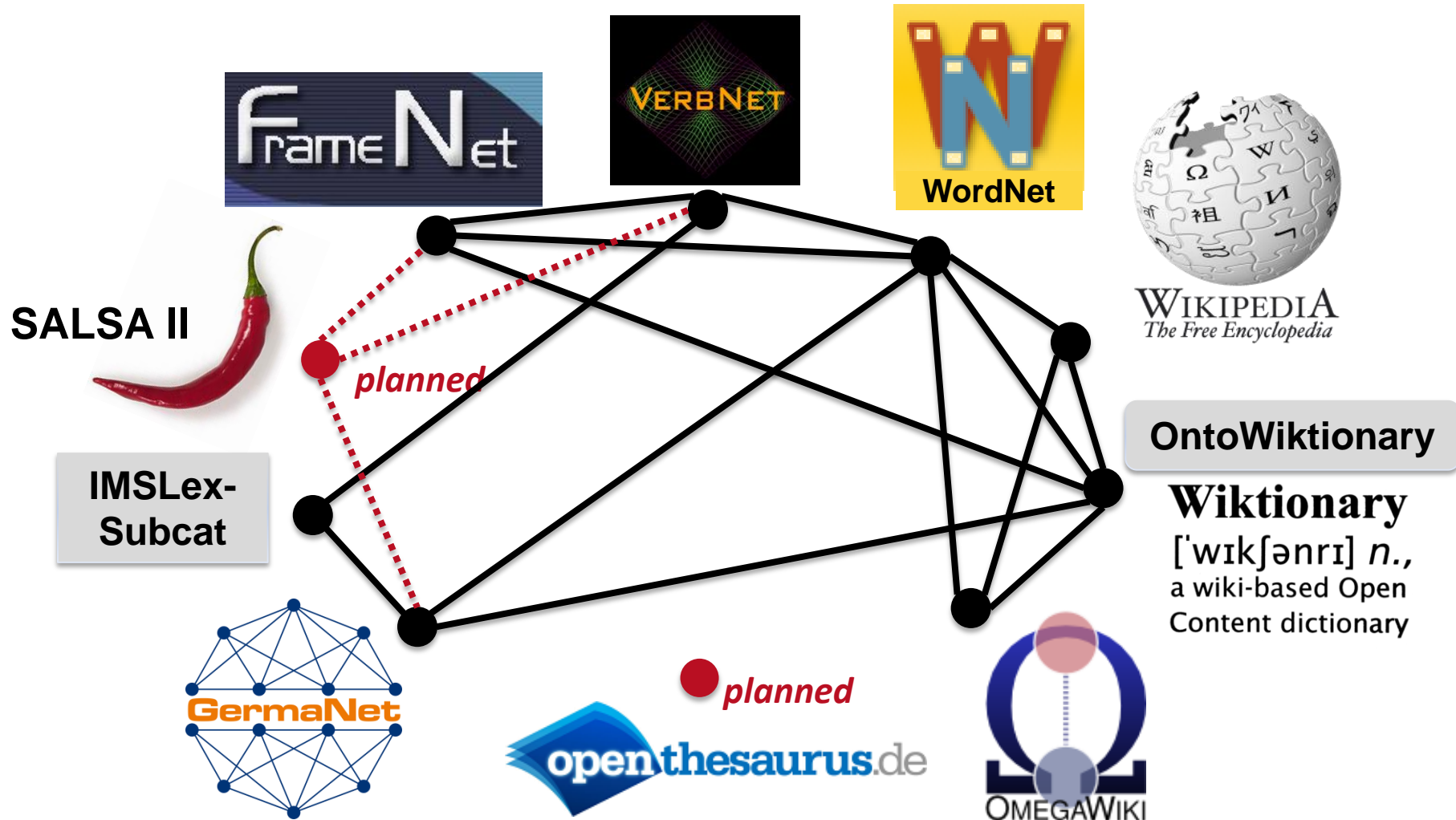
- buildings for carrying on **industrial labor**
- (**botany**) a living organism lacking the power of locomotion
- an **actor** situated in the audience whose acting is rehearsed but seems spontaneous to the audience

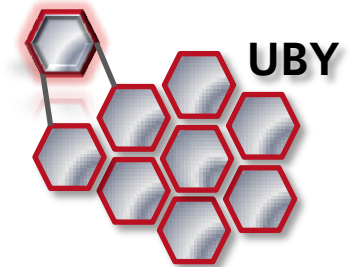


Word Sense Alignment



Alignments in UBY





OntoWiktionary

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A prototype of a structurally enriched resource

Wiktionary: Collaborative Dictionary



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
From Middle English *boot*, *bot*, *boet*, *boyt* ("boat"), from Old English *bāt* ("boat"), from Proto-Germanic **baitaz*, **baitan* ("boat, small ship"), from Proto-Indo-European **bheid-* ("to break, split"). Cognate with Old Norse *beiti* ("boat").

Old Norse *bātr* (whence Icelandic *bátur*, Norwegian *båt*), Dutch *boot*, German *Boot*, and French *bateau* are all ultimately borrowings from the Old English word.

Pronunciation

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- (RP) enPR: bōt, IPA: /bəʊt/, X-SAMPA: /b@ʊt/
- Rhymes: -əʊt
- (GenAm) enPR: bōt, IPA: /boʊt/, X-SAMPA: /boʊt/
- Rhymes: -oʊt

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Noun

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boat (*plural* **boats**)

1. A [craft](#) used for [transportation](#) of goods, fishing, racing, recreational cruising, or military use on or in the [water](#), [propelled](#) by [oars](#) or [outboard motor](#) or [inboard motor](#) or by [wind](#).
2. (*poker slang*) A [full house](#).
3. (*chemistry*) One of two possible [conformations](#) of [cyclohexane](#) rings (the other being [chair](#)), shaped roughly like a boat.

Usage notes

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There's no explicit limit, but the word **boat** usually refers to a relatively small watercraft that is generally smaller than a "ship" and



Wikipedia has an article on:
Boat



A **boat** kept on land



Java-based Wiktionary Library (JWKTL)



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- Wiktionary articles are encoded in a wiki markup language
- Extraction software required to access the data!

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====Verb====
{{en-verb|pays|paying|paid|past2=payed|past2_qual=archaic}}

# {{context|transitive|lang=en}} To [[give]] [[money]] or other compensation to in
exchange for goods or services.
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the books and in kind where possible}}
#* {{quote-book|year=1918|author={{w|W. B. Maxwell}}|chapter=17
|title=[http://openlibrary.org/works/OL1097634W The Mirror and the Lamp]
|passage=This time was most dreadful for Lilian. Thrown on her own resources and almost
penniless, she maintained herself and '''paid''' the rent of a wretched room near the
hospital by working as a charwoman, sempstress, anything.}}
#* {{quote-magazine|date=2013-06-21|author={{w|Oliver Burkeman}}
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UKP community project at GitHub:

<http://dkpro.org/dkpro-jwktl/>

Disambiguation of Relations/Translations



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2. (*poker, slang*) A full house.

3. A **vehicle**, **utensil**, or **dish** somewhat resembling a boat in shape.
a stone **boat**; a gravy **boat**

4. (*chemistry*) One of two possible **conformations** of a molecule, one of which is shaped roughly like a boat.

5. (*Australia, politics, informal*) The refugee boat extension, refugees generally.

Synonyms

- (*craft on or in water*): **craft**, **ship**, **vessel**

Translations

water craft

- Afrikaans: **boot**
- Ainu: **チフ** (cip)
- Albanian: **varkë** f

**Automatic
Disambiguation**

craft (plural **craft** or -)



The skilled practice of a practical occupation.

*She represented the **craft** of brewers.*



(*nautical, whaling*) Implements used in catching fish, such as **net**, **line**, or **hook**. Modern use primarily in whaling, as in **harpoons**, **hand-lances**, etc. [quotations ▼]



(*nautical*) Boats, especially of smaller size than **ships**. Historically primarily applied to vessels engaged in loading or unloading of other vessels, as **lighters**, **hoys**, and **barques**.



(*nautical, British Royal Navy*) Those vessels attendant on a **fleet**, such as **cutters**, **schooners**, and **gun-boats**, generally commanded by **lieutenants**.



A **vehicle** designed for **navigation** in or on water or air or through outer space.



A particular kind of skilled **work**.

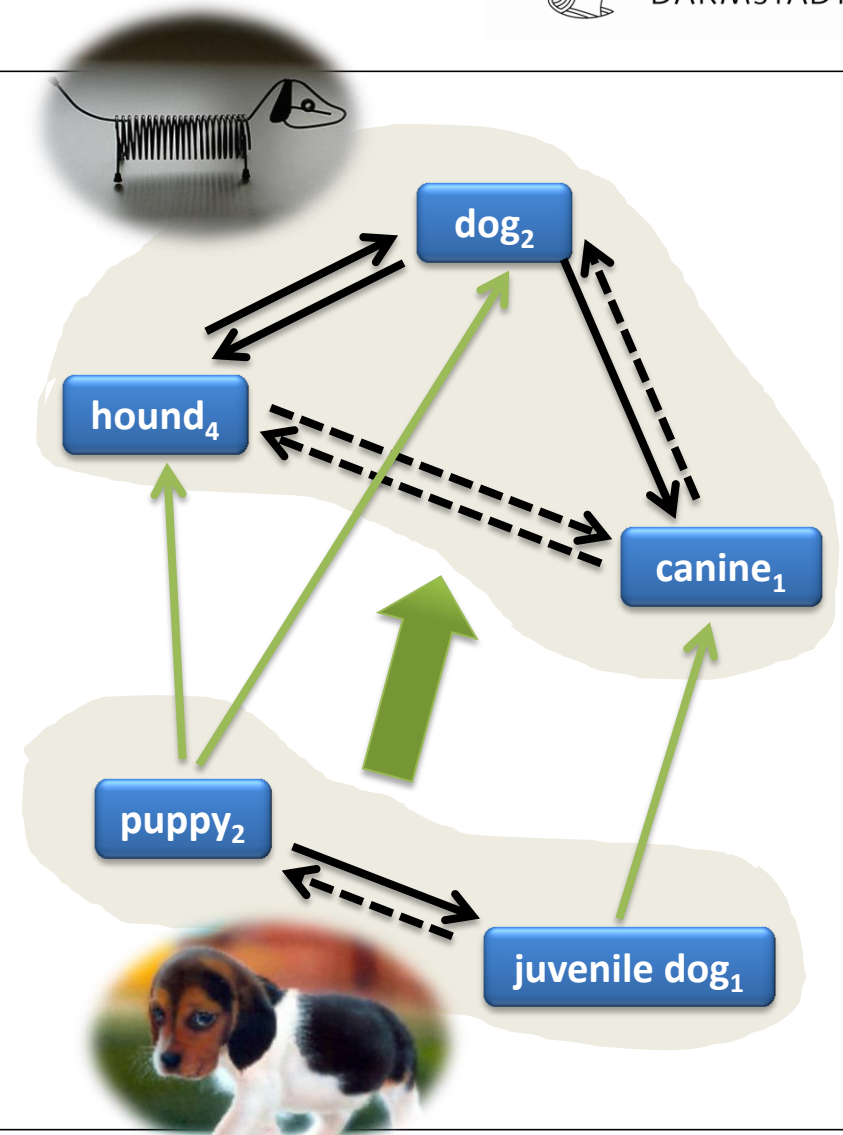
Creation of Synsets

1. Synset formation

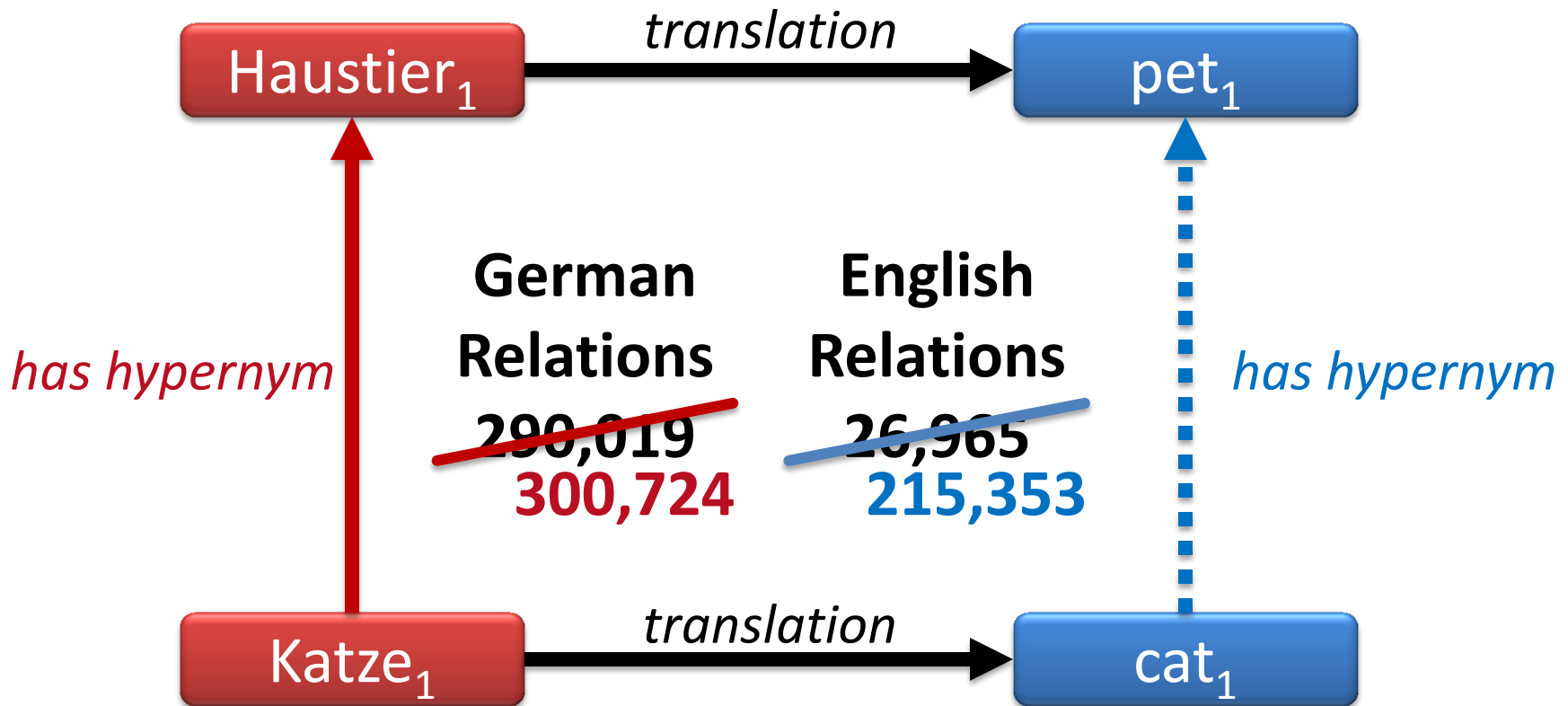
- Start with Wiktionary senses
- Create synonymy graph
- Calculate the transitive hull

2. Synset relations

- From sense relations to synset relations

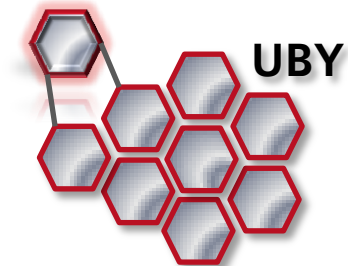


Inference of Semantic Relations



Language edition:

Page: Concepts per page:



Search Results:

Concept ID	Lexicalization ID	Lemma	Gloss
3935 Subsumes (0) SubsumedBy (0) Related (2)	322367:0:1	egocentric	selfish, self-centered
	549591:0:1	idiocentric	characterized by a focus on oneself or one's own interests; the ways of thinking and acting of a person or group
	742106:0:2	individualistic	Interested in one's own interests rather than others; egocentric
3936 Subsumes (1) SubsumedBy (1) Related (3)	206262:0:1	micronutrient	A mineral, vitamin or other substance that is essential, even in very small quantities, for growth or metabolism
	1582847:0:1	micromineral	A mineral of which only trace amounts are needed in the diet.
	550155:0:1	trace element	A chemical element present in a sample in very small quantities.

Now part of UBY!

<https://www.ukp.tu-darmstadt.de/data/ontowiktionary/>



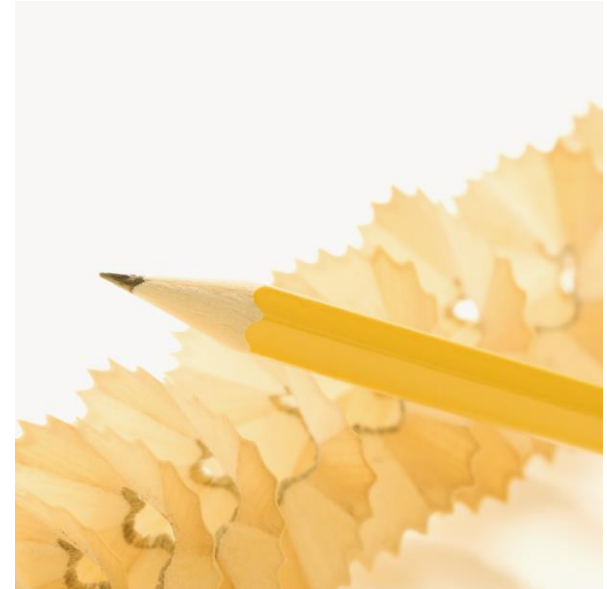
Try it yourself! – Assignment 2



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Open `org.dkpro.uby.examples.Assignment2`

- 1) Explore the hypothesis that synonymy relations hold between senses rather than forms
- 2) Find the WordNet definitions
- 3) Access a lexicon using a synset iterator
- 4) Explore the noun *submarine* in the English OntoWiktionary
- 5) Create an enriched sense representation based on sense alignments



**We start again with the
second part at 12:00**

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“Deep” Semantic Resources (Examples)

FrameNet

- English resource based on frame semantics
- <http://framenet.icsi.berkeley.edu/>



SALSA II – the SAarbrücken Lexical Semantics Acquisition project

- German resource based on frame semantics
- <http://www.coli.uni-saarland.de/projects/salsa/>



VerbNet

- English verb lexicon based on PropBank semantics
- <http://verbs.colorado.edu/~mpalmer/projects/verbnet.html>



Multiple multilingual FrameNet versions...

Frame Semantics

- Semantic theory initiated by Charles J. Fillmore in the 1970ies
- Model “prototypical situations”, their **participants or props** as well as the **role** each participant or prop plays

Frame: COMMERCE_BUY	
Seller	BMW <u>bought</u> Rover from British Aerospace .
Buyer	Rover was <u>bought</u> by BMW , which financed [...] the new Range Rover.
Goods	BMW , which <u>acquired</u> Rover in 1994, is now dismantling the company.
Money	BMW 's <u>purchase</u> of Rover for \$1.2 billion was a good move.

Frame Semantics: Terminology

- **Frame**: a script-like description of a type of event, relation, state, or object
 - e.g. **COMMUNICATION_MANNER**
- **Frame Elements (FEs)**: participants in the frame and their **role**
 - **Speaker**: the person producing a message
 - **Addressee**: the person to whom the speaker is communicating
 - **Message**: the content which is communicated by the speaker
- **Lexical units (LUs)**: word senses which evoke a certain frame
 - also called: **frame-evoking elements**
 - e.g. babble, lisp, mumble, shout, sing, stutter, whisper,...
- **Frame-to-frame relations**: relationships between frames
 - e.g. **COMMUNICATION_MANNER** inherits from **COMMUNICATION**

FrameNet: Example

Communication_manner

[Lexical Unit Index](#)

Definition:

The words in this frame describe **Manner**s of verbal communication. All of them can occur with quoted expressions.

He **SLURRED** his confession.

FEs:

Core:

Addressee [Add]

Semantic Type: Sentient

Addressee is the person to whom the Speaker is communicating. When expressed, the Addressee occurs as a PP Complement:

The taxi driver **CHATTERED** away **to me** about gardening.

Message [Msg]

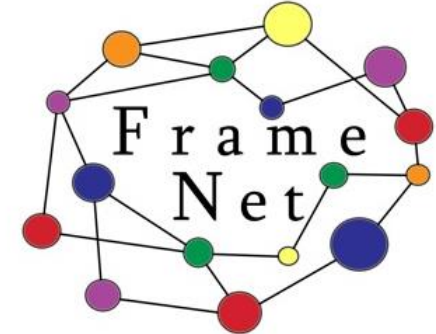
Semantic Type: Message

Message is the content which is communicated by the Speaker. The Message may be a direct quote, a finite complement clause or an NP Object:

"I- It was an accident," Jo **STAMMERED**.

Jo **STAMMERED** that it was an accident.

Jo **STAMMERED** an apology.



Why Frame Semantics?

- Normalization of **syntactic alternations**

[Fred]_{Agent} hit_{Cause_Impact} [the ball]_{Impactee}

[The ball]_{Impactee} was hit_{Cause_Impact}

[John]_{Donor} gave_{Giving} [Mary]_{Recipient} [a book]_{Theme}

[John]_{Donor} gave_{Giving} [a book]_{Theme} [to Mary]_{Recipient}

- Normalization of **lexical alternations**

(within and across parts of speech)

[Marylin]_{Speaker} spoke_{Statement} about [her past]_{Topic}

[Marylin]_{Speaker} 's statement_{Statement} about [her past]_{Topic}

[Marylin]_{Speaker} talked_{Statement} about [her past]_{Topic}

Frame-Evoking Word Classes

Verbs:

[They]_{Speaker} all sang_{Communication_manner} [Happy Birthday]_{Message}

Predicate-like nouns:

The development_{Product_development} of [a new mobile phone]_{Product} ...

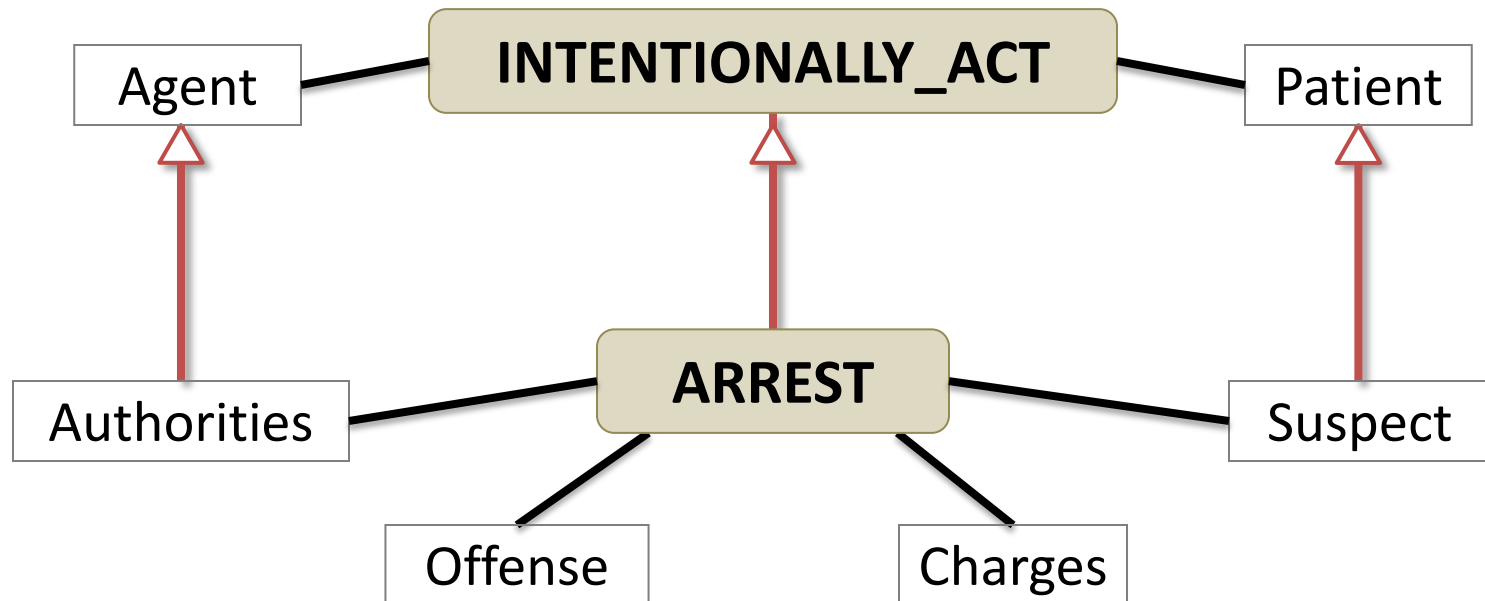
Predicate-like adjectives:

[That ladder]_{Entity} is [really]_{Degree} tall_{Measureable_attributes}

Frame-to-Frame Relations

Inheritance relation

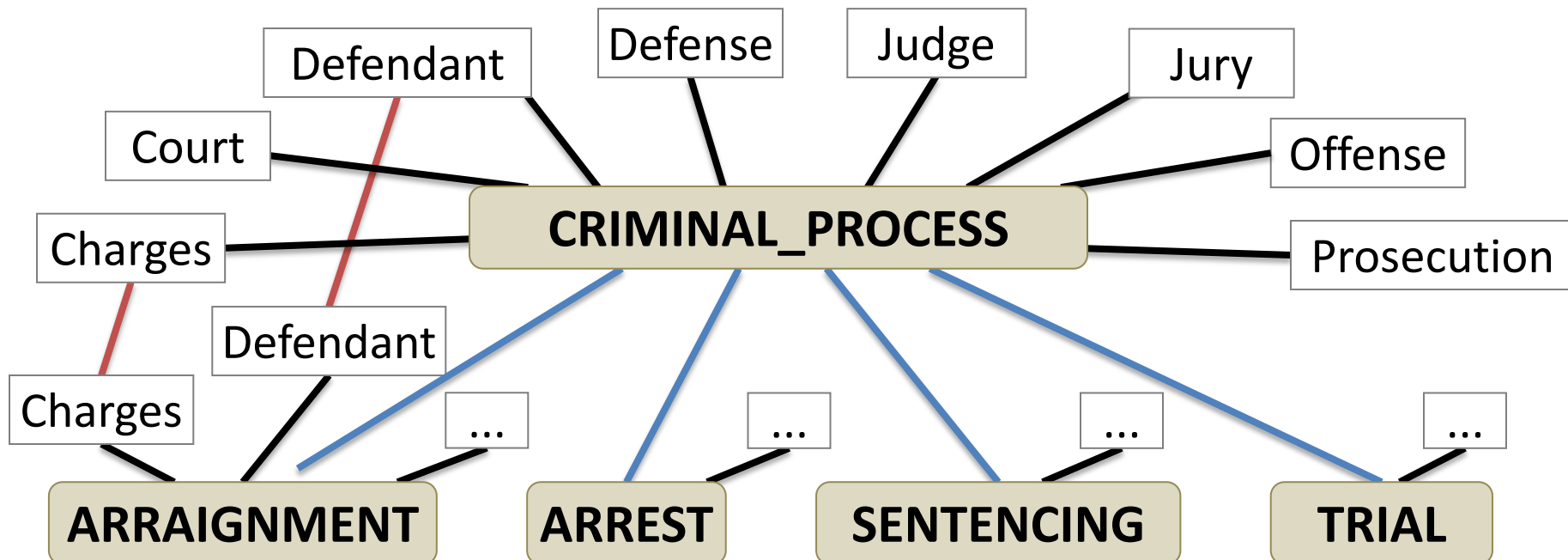
- a frame inherits all frame elements of one or more “super” frame(s)



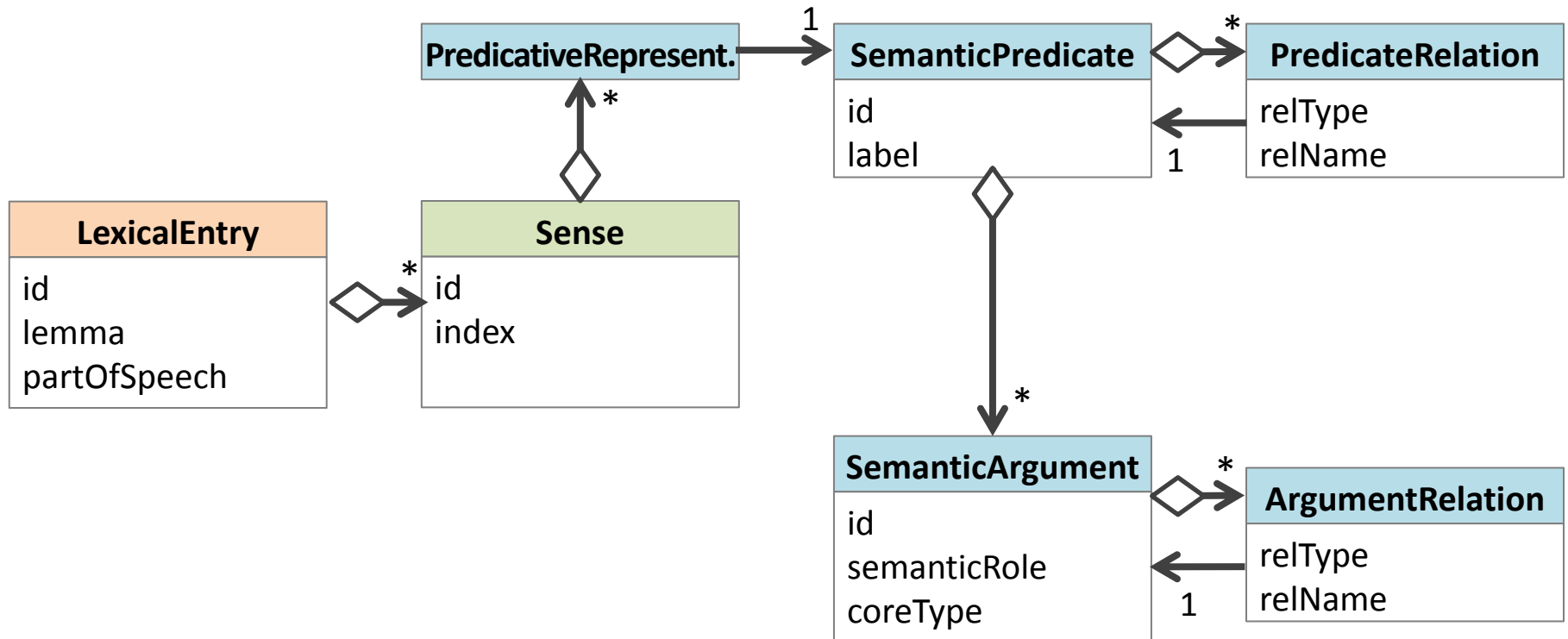
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Subframe relation

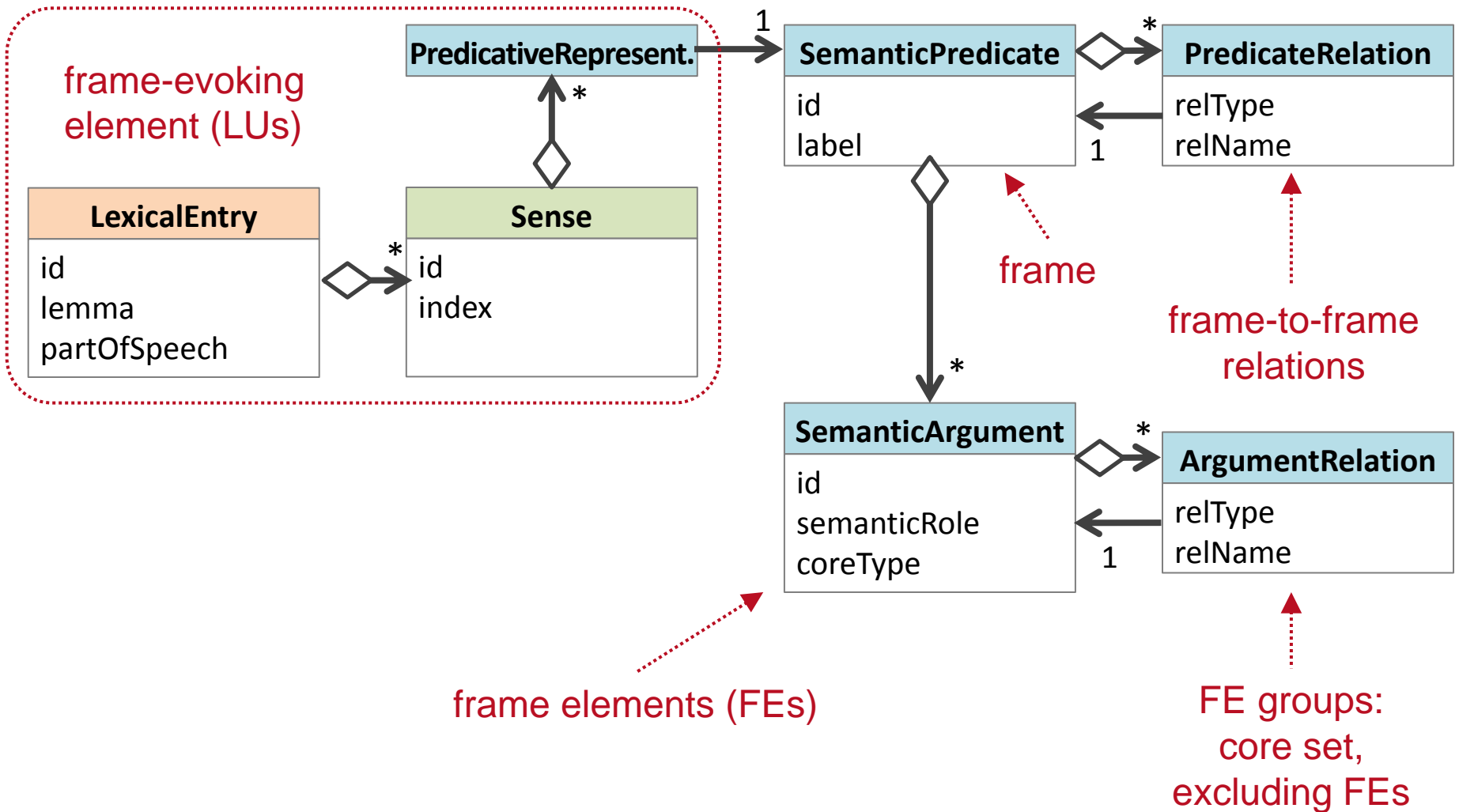
- Super frame represents complex event
- Subframes usually inherit *some* roles of the super frame



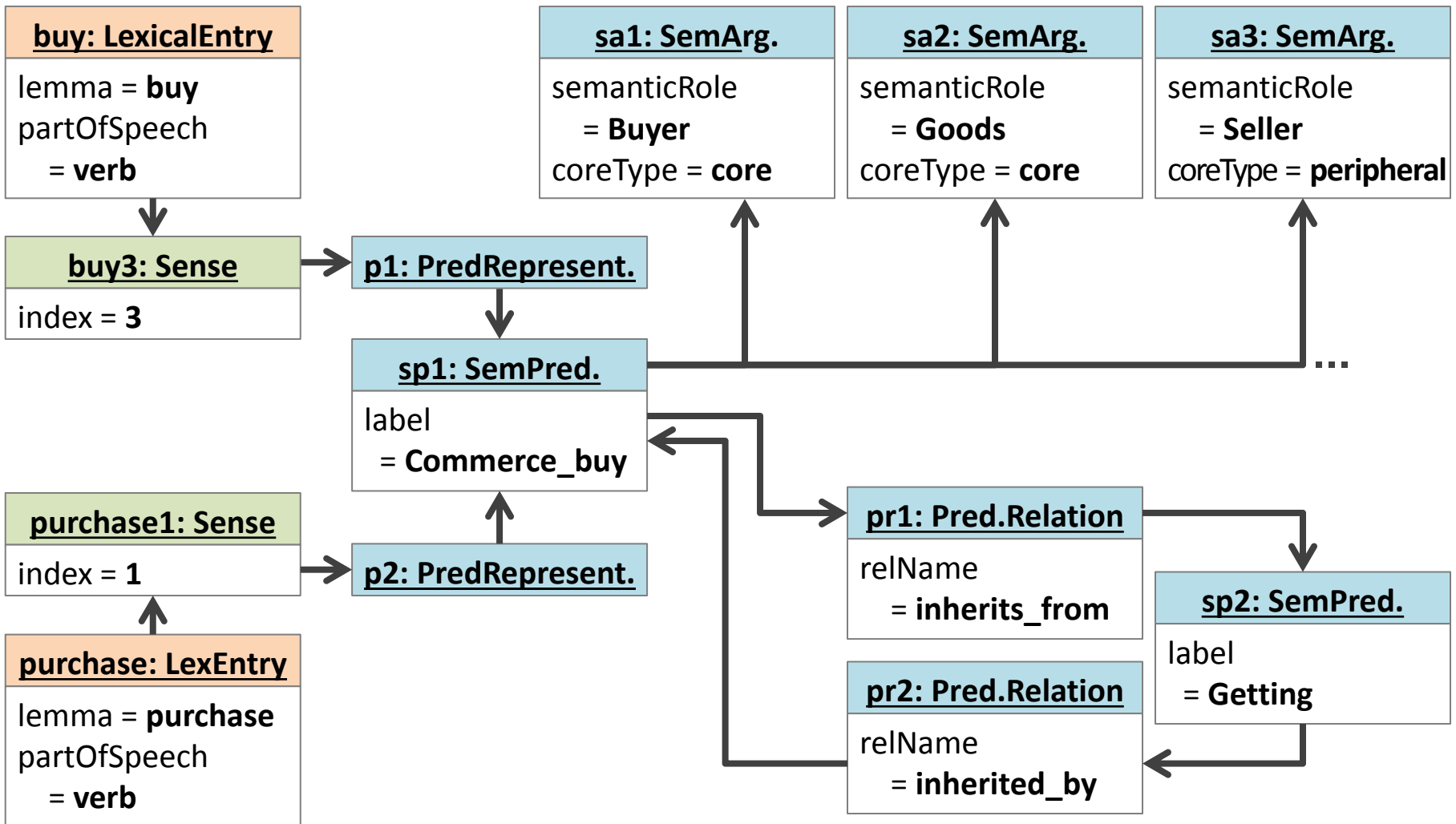
Semantic Predicates: Data Model



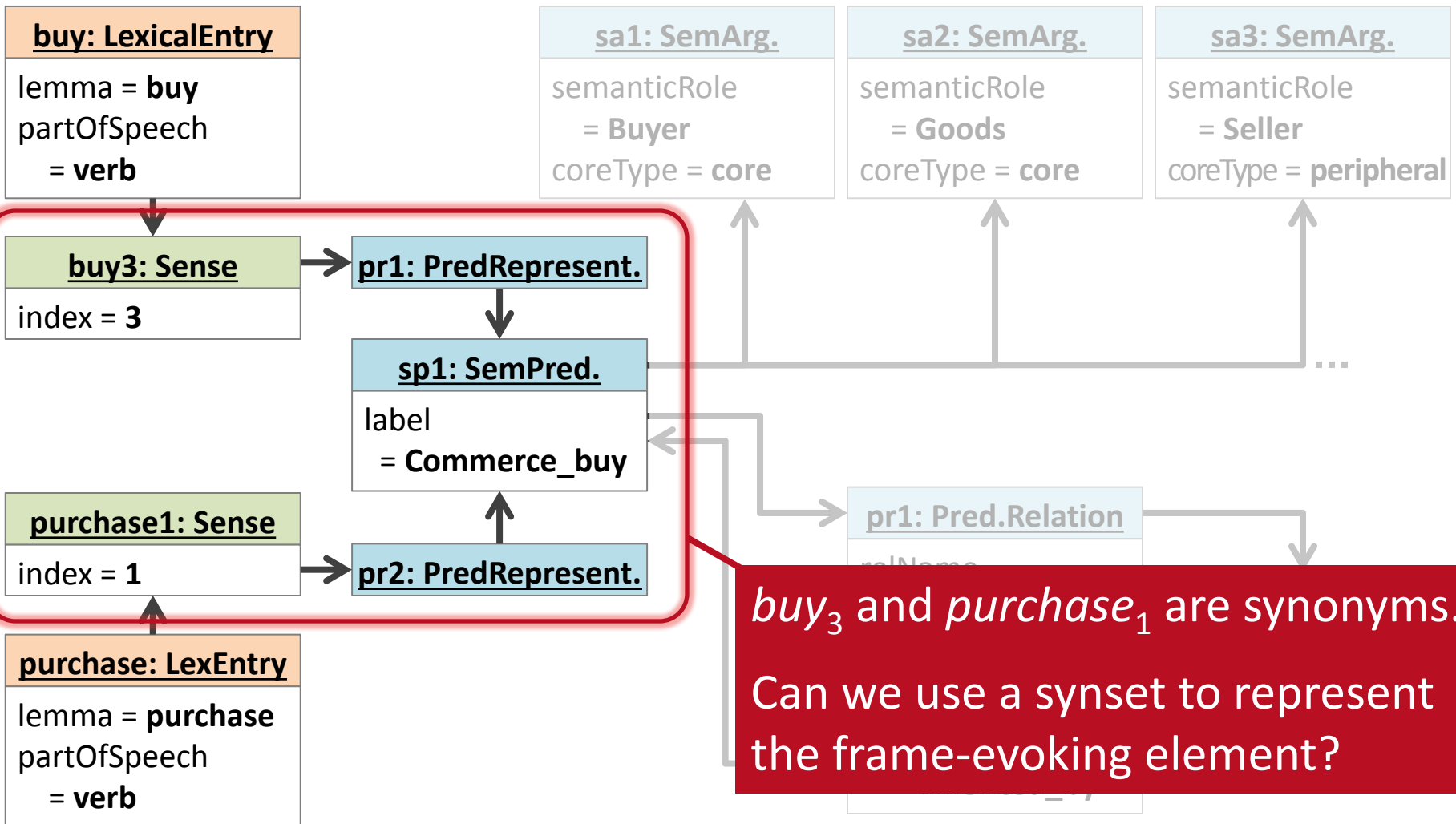
Mapping FrameNet to UBY-LMF



Semantic Predicates: Example



Semantic Predicates: Example



buy₃ and purchase₁ are synonyms.

Can we use a synset to represent the frame-evoking element?

Frame-evoking Elements vs. Synonymy

- Frames group senses which **evoke the same kind of situation** with participants taking over particular roles
- Senses sharing a frame (i.e., the frame-evoking elements) are **semantically related, but not necessarily synonymous!**
 - **love** and **hate** both evoke the **EXPERIENCER_FOCUS** frame, but they are antonyms

Therefore: Synsets are not appropriate to group frame-evoking elements!

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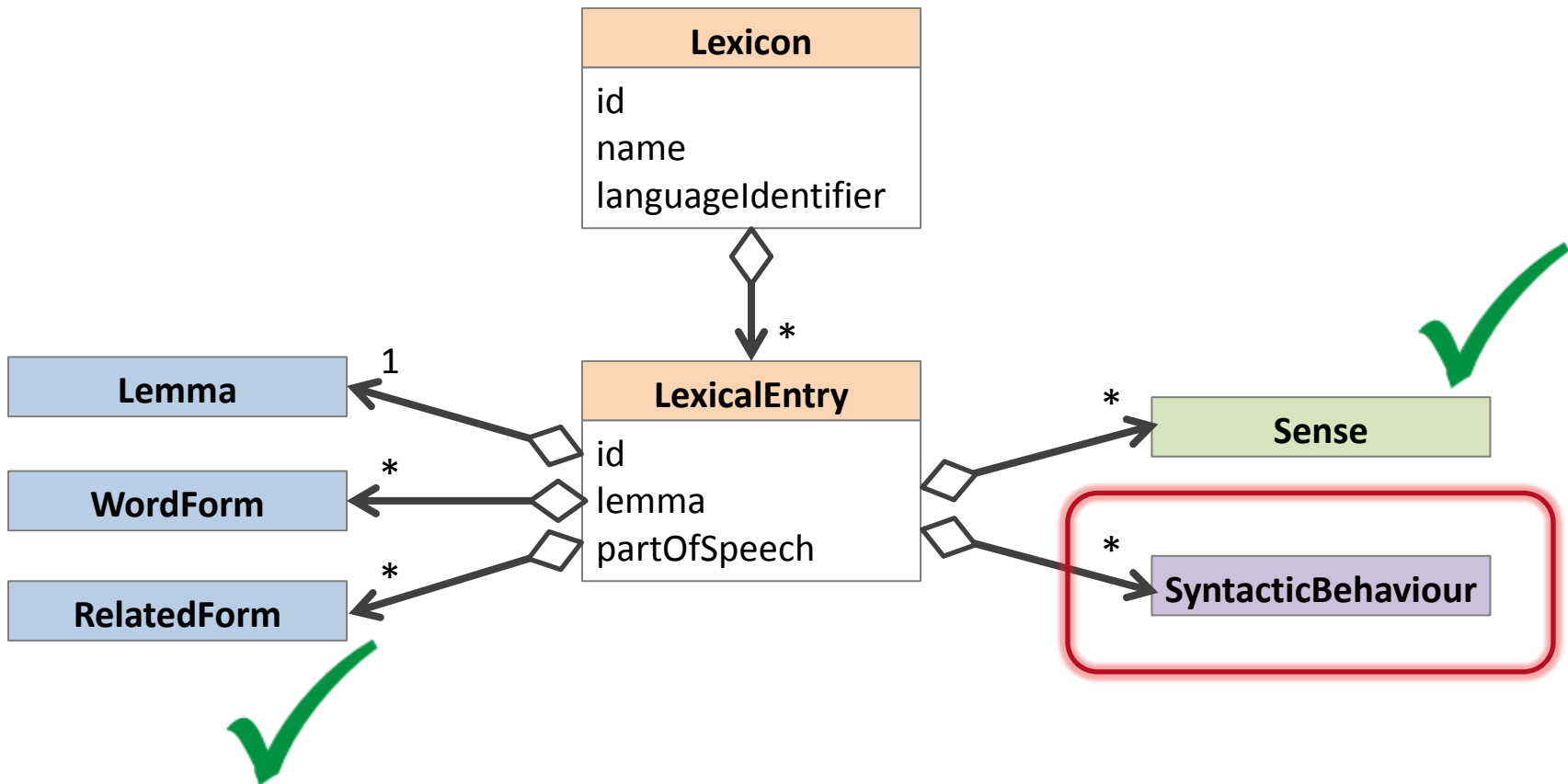
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IMSLex-Subcat

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- <http://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/forschung/ressourcen/lexika/IMSLex.html>

IMSLex-
Subcat

Few other electronic valency dictionaries...

Subcategorization and Valency

The syntactic behavior of lexical entries (mostly: verbs) is described by **subcategorization** or **valency**

- **Subcategorization frames (SCF):** typical sentence „patterns“
- **Syntactic arguments:** the components of this pattern
- **Syntactic categories:** NP-nominative, NP-accusative, PP-as,...
- **Grammatical functions:** subject, object,...

Intransitive usage:

She

[subject, nominative]

is singing.

Transitive usage:

She

[subject, nominative]

is singing

Christmas carols.

[object, accusative]

Subcategorization Frame and Sense

Example: (to) sing

Sense 1: “produce tones with the voice”

- can be used with and without **accusative object**:
 - They sing.
 - They sing Christmas carols.



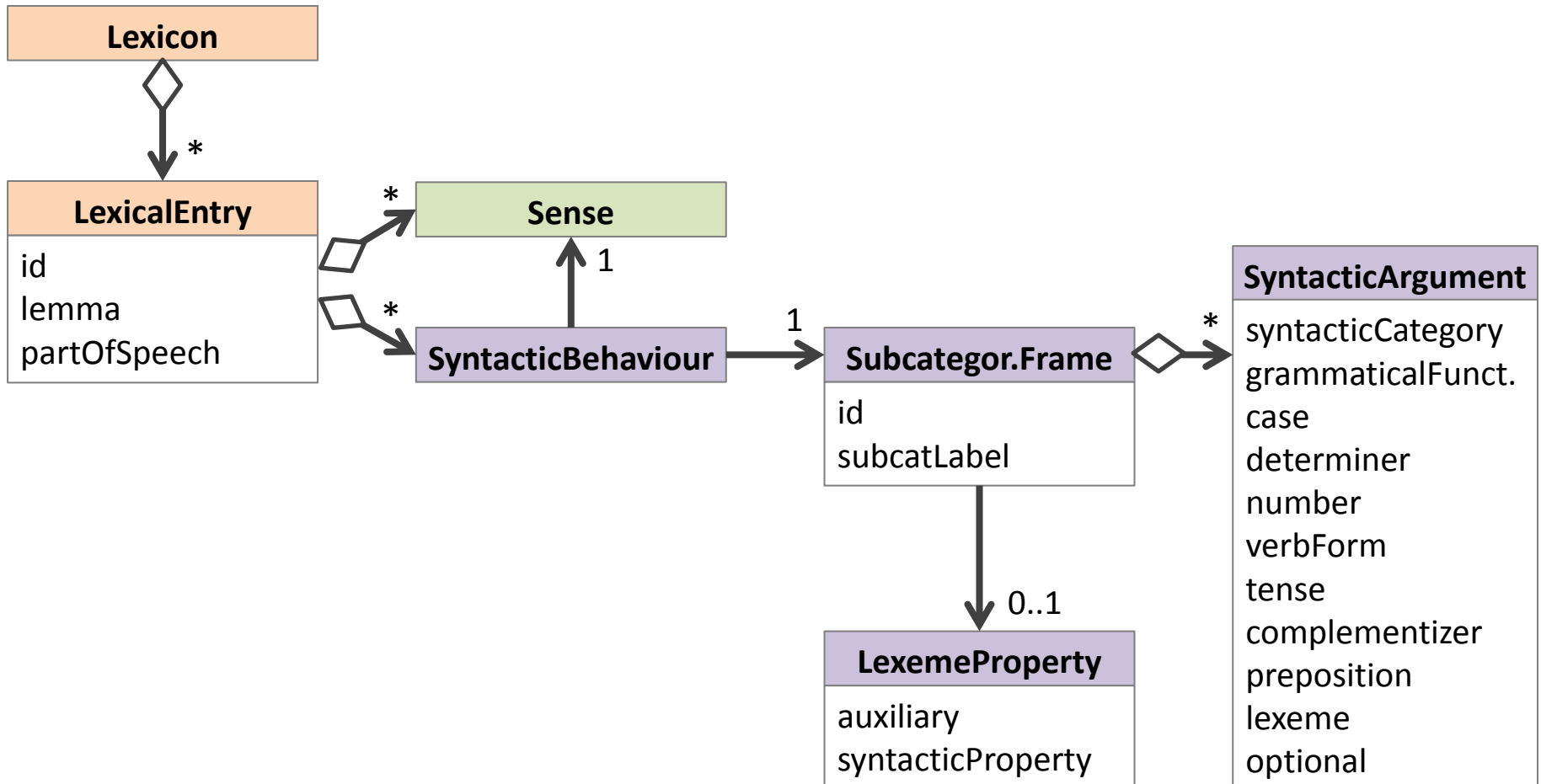
Sense 2: “divulge confidential information or secrets”

- usually not used with **accusative object**:
 - The informant will sing very soon.
 - ? The informant will sing the secrets very soon.

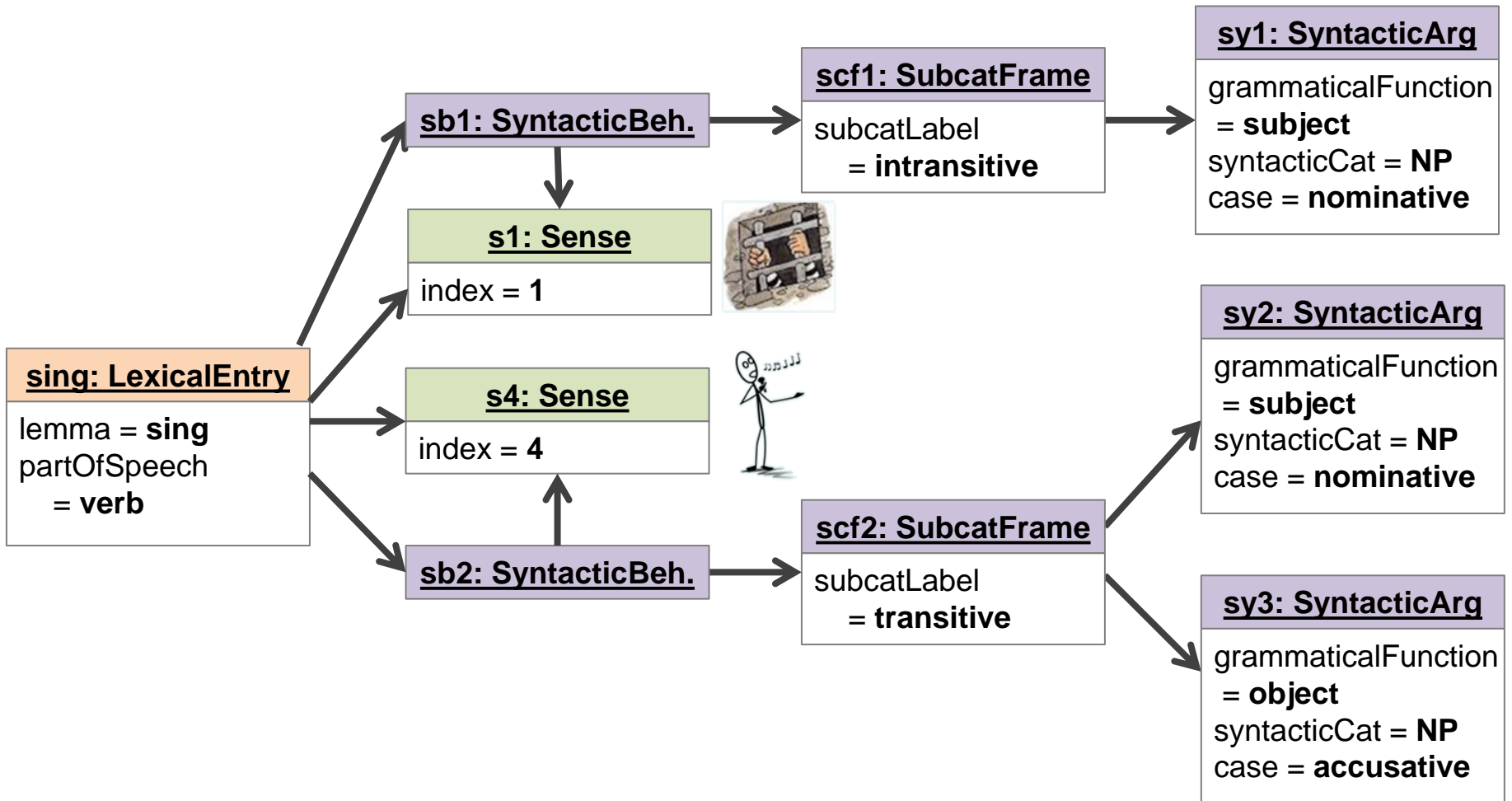


Remember our initial questions? → *(to) sing* is typically used with and without accusative object, depending on the context (there are many other usages...)

Syntax: Data Model



Syntactic Behavior: Example



Levin-Style Verb Classes

Syntactic alternation (e.g., dative alternation)

- [Martha]_{NOM} gave [an apple]_{ACC} [to Myrna]_{PP}.
- [Martha]_{NOM} gave [Myrna]_{DAT} [an apple]_{ACC}.
- Verbs taking part in this alternation share particular meaning components, e.g., change of possession verbs like *give* and *sell*

Levin's hypothesis

- Verbs with **similar syntactic alternation behavior** share common semantic properties (“**meaning components**”)
→ **Verb meaning and verb syntax correspond**

Levin-Style Verb Classes

Levin's verb classes group verbs that share the **same predicate-argument structure**, i.e.,

- **subcategorization frames** and syntactic argument alternations
- **semantic roles** and **selectional preferences**
- **semantic predicate** based on the event decomposition (Moens and Steedman, 1988)

VerbNet

- electronic lexicon grouping verb by their verb class
- roughly 4,000 English verbs



VerbNet: Overview

Levin class ID

Subclass relations

[Go To COMMENTS](#) **get-13.5.1** [POST COMMENT](#)
Members: 25, Frames: 7

CLASS HIERARCHY
 GET-13.5.1*
 GET-13.5.1-1

Verbs sharing the same predicate-argument structure

MEMBERS				KEY
ATTAIN (G 1)	CONSERVE (WN 4; G 1)	PICK (FN 1; WN 2; G 2)	SHOOT (FN 1, 2, 3; WN 2; G 1)	
BOOK (WN 2; G 1)	FIND (FN 1, 2; WN 3, 7; G 1)	PLUCK (FN 1, 2; WN 1, 6; G 1)	SLAUGHTER (FN 1; WN 1; G 1)	
BUY (FN 1; WN 1, 3; G 1)	GATHER (FN 1, 2; WN 1, 6; G 1, 2)	PROCURE (WN 1, 2)	VOTE (WN 5; G 5)	
CALL (FN 1, 2, 3, 4; WN 5, 23; G 1, 7)	HIRE (FN 1; WN 1, 2, 3; G 1)	PULL (FN 1, 2, 3; WN 2, 6, 17; G 1, 3)	WIN (WN 2; G 2)	
CATCH (WN 4, 5, 8; G 1, 2)	LEASE (FN 1, 2; WN 2, 4; G 1)	REACH (WN 8; G 3)		
CHARTER (FN 1; WN 3)	ORDER (FN 1; WN 2; G 2)	RENT (FN 1; WN 3, 4; G 2)		
CHOOSE (FN 1; WN 1, 2; G 1)	PHONE (WN 1; G 1)	RESERVE (WN 3, 4; G 2)		

Alignments

ROLES	REF
• AGENT [+ANIMATE +ORGANIZATION]	
• THEME	
• SOURCE [+CONCRETE]	
• BENEFICIARY [+ANIMATE +ORGANIZATION]	
• A SET [-LOCATION & -REGION]	

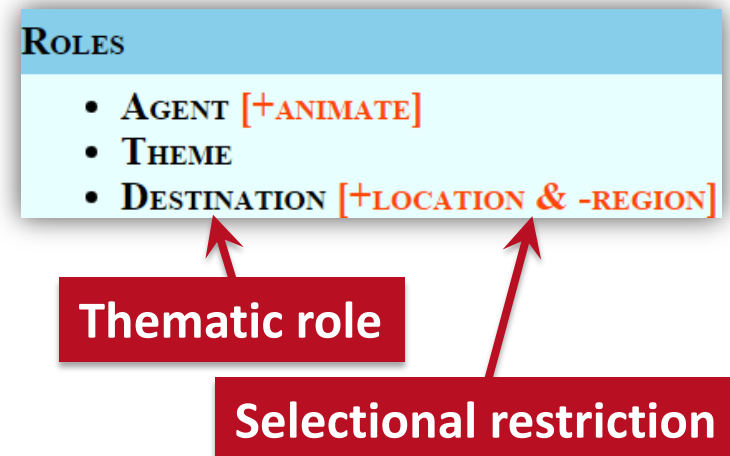
Thematic roles

Selectional restrictions

VerbNet: Roles

Thematic roles

- Small set of roles used across all classes (≠ fine-grained FrameNet roles)
- [Sandy]_{AGENT} shattered [the glass]_{PATIENT}.
- [The glass]_{PATIENT} shattered.



Selectional restrictions

- Constraint to limit the type of the “filler” of a role
- Existence (+animate) vs. absence (–animate)
- Basic logical operators OR ($a \mid b$) and AND ($a \& b$)

VerbNet: Syntax and Semantics

Subcategorization frame

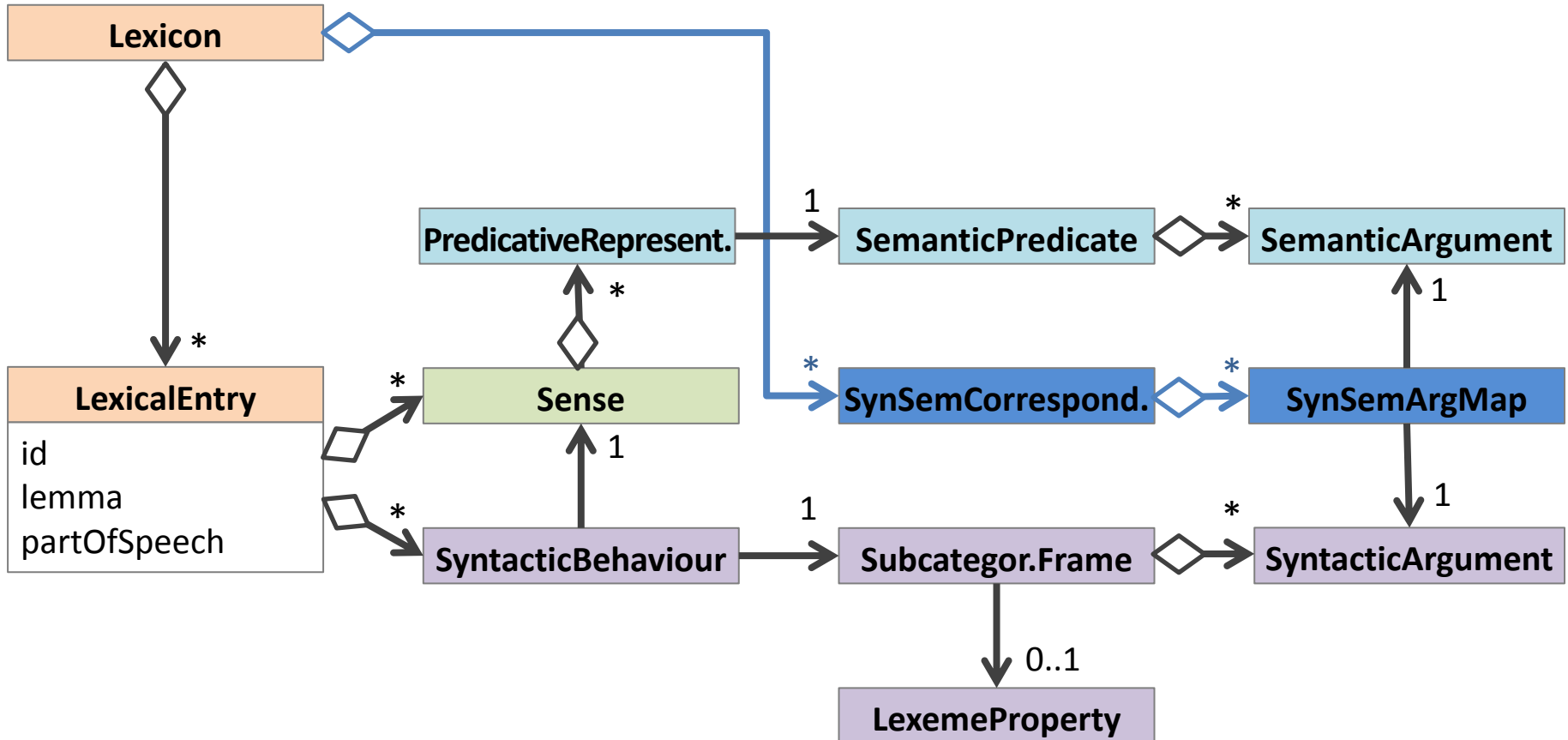
FRAMES		REF	KEY
NP V NP	EXAMPLE "Carmen bought a dress."		
	SYNTAX <u>AGENT</u> V <u>THEME</u>		
	SEMANTICS HAS_POSSESSION(START(E), ?SOURCE, THEME) TRANSFER(DURING(E), THEME) HAS_POSSESSION(END(E), AGENT, THEME) CAUSE(AGENT, E)		
NP V NP PP.SOURCE	EXAMPLE "Carmen bought a dress from Diana."		
	SYNTAX <u>AGENT</u> V <u>THEME</u> {FROM} <u>SOURCE</u>		
	SEMANTICS HAS_POSSESSION(START(E), SOURCE, THEME) TRANSFER(DURING(E), THEME) HAS_POSSESSION(END(E), AGENT, THEME) CAUSE(AGENT, E)		
NP V NP PP.BENEFICIARY	EXAMPLE "Carmen bought a dress for Mary."		
	SYNTAX <u>AGENT</u> V <u>THEME</u> {FOR} <u>BENEFICIARY</u>		
	SEMANTICS HAS_POSSESSION(START(E), ?SOURCE, THEME) TRANSFER(DURING(E), THEME) HAS_POSSESSION(END(E), AGENT, THEME) CAUSE(AGENT, E) BENEFIT(E, BENEFICIARY)		
NP V NP.BENEFICIARY NP	EXAMPLE "Carmen bought Mary a dress."		
	SYNTAX <u>AGENT</u> V <u>BENEFICIARY</u> <u>THEME</u>		
	SEMANTICS HAS_POSSESSION(START(E), ?SOURCE, THEME) TRANSFER(DURING(E), THEME) HAS_POSSESSION(END(E), AGENT, THEME) CAUSE(AGENT, E) BENEFIT(E, BENEFICIARY)		

Example sentence

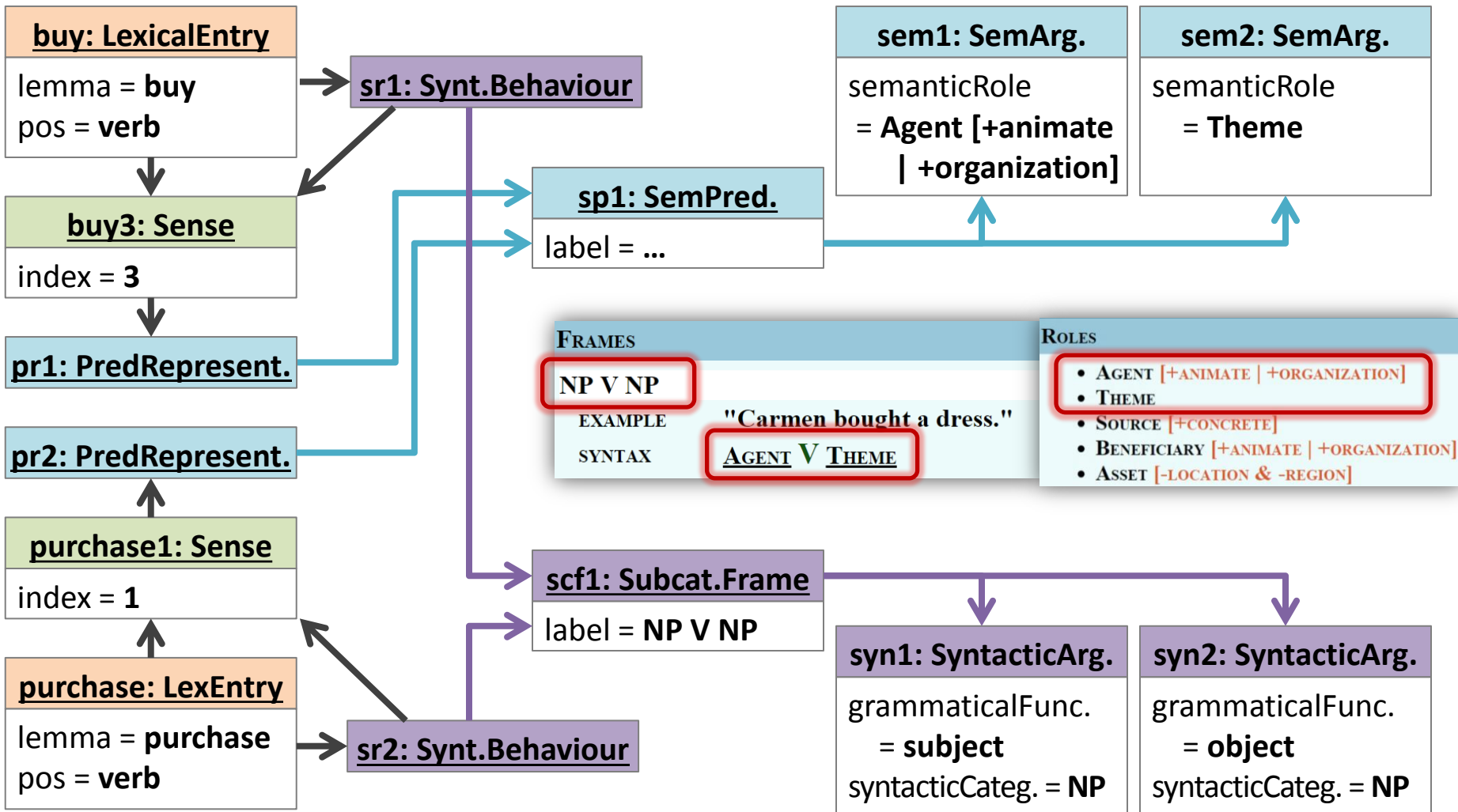
Syntax/Semantic interface

Semantic representation

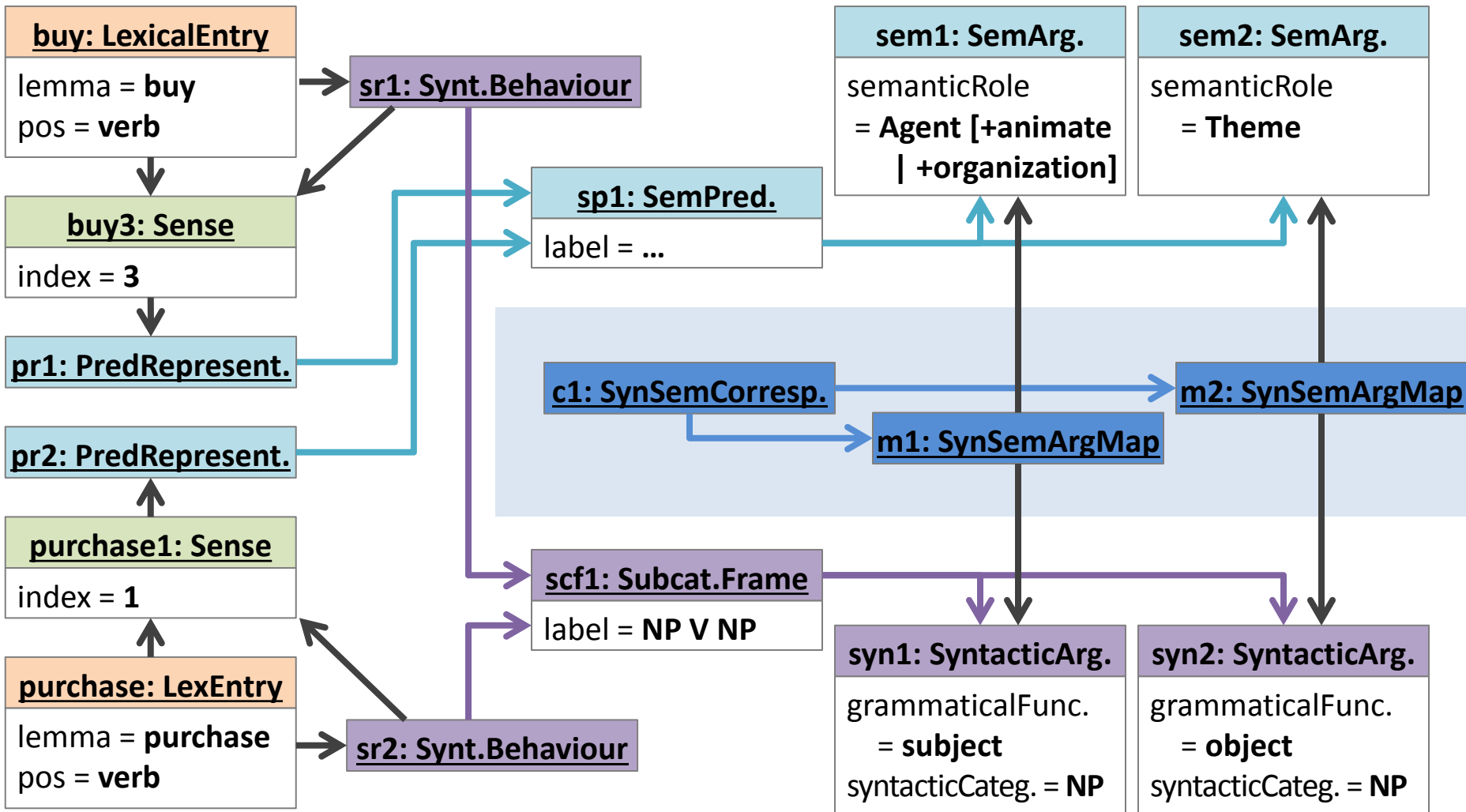
Syntax/Semantics Interface: Model



Syntax/Semantics Interface: Example



Syntax/Semantics Interface: Example



Different Sense Groupings

chant, chatter, chirp, chortle,
chuckle, cluck, coo, croak, ...,
scream, screech, shout, shriek,
sibilate, sigh, simper,
sing, smatter, smile, snap,
snarl, snivel, snuffle,...

VerbNet verb class
manner_speaking-37.3
103 members, 14 frames

sing

WordNet synset
01734912-v
1 member

babble, bluster, chant, chatter,
drawl, gabble, gibber, jabber,
lisp, mouth, mumble, mutter,
natter, prattle, rant, rave, shout,
simper, **sing**, slur, stammer,
stutter, whisper

FrameNet frame
Communication_manner
24 members

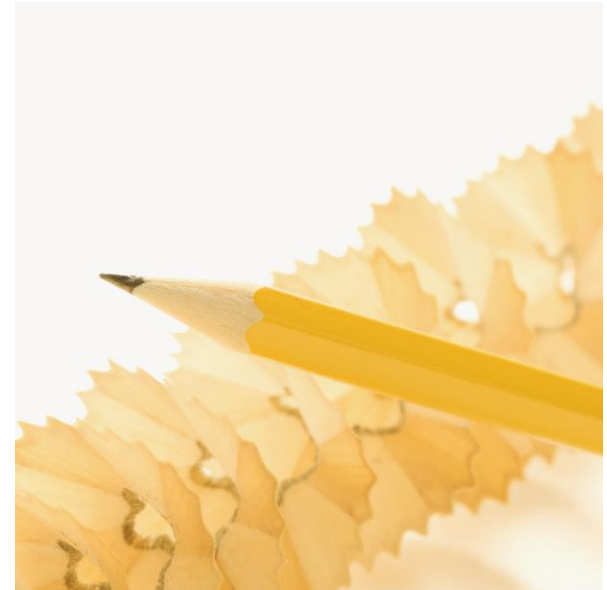


Try it yourself! – Assignment 3



Open `org.dkpro.uby.examples.Assignment3`

- 1) Find all semantic arguments of *(to) read* in FrameNet
- 2) Explore the subcategorization frames of *(to) sing* in VerbNet
- 3) Compare the syntactic and semantic arguments of *(to) sing* in VerbNet and WordNet



10 minutes

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Lexical Resources in Action

Speech recognition

- Phonetic representations

Machine translation

- Word and phrase translations

Lexical substitution

- Synonyms

Word relatedness

- Semantic relations

Word sense disambiguation

- Sense definition, semantic labels

Natural language generation

- Inflected word forms

Grammar correction

- Syntactic frames

Question answering

- Semantic predicates & arguments

Text classification/understanding

- Different types of information as ML features

Many other tasks possible...

1. Use/Extract knowledge from a lexical resource

- Pairs of lemma and POS tag as lexicon for a tagger
- List of word/phrase translations as an SMT background lexicon
- Semantic network to compute the relatedness of word pairs

2. Enrich/Annotate a text with lexical information

- Query tokens or larger chunks of a text in a lexical resource
 - e.g., identify synonyms for each token
- Usually requires preprocessing

- Usually essential when querying a lexical resource
- Typically: Lemmatization, POS tagging
- But also: Multi-word identification, parsing or chunking, named entity recognition

Input

- Token
- Lemmatized token + POS
- Sense-disambiguated token
- Syntactic parse
- Semantic parse

Allows Query

- WordForm
- LexicalEntry
- LexicalEntry + Sense
- SubcategorizationFrame
- SemanticPredicate

DKPro Core

- A collection of software components for NLP based on the Apache UIMA framework
- Multiple components for preprocessing and linguistic annotation
- Integrates multiple freely available tools, such as:
 - TreeTagger
 - OpenNLP
 - Stanford NLP
 - LanguageTool
 - Mate Tools
- Multiple data formats (text, PDF, XML,...)



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Part of Speech Tags

- abbreviation
- abbreviationAcronym
- abbreviationInitialism
- adjective
- adverb
- adverbPronominal
- adpositionPreposition
- adpositionPostposition
- adpositionCircumposition
- affix
- affixPrefix
- affixSuffix
- contraction
- determiner
- determinerDefinite
- determinerPossessive
- determinerIndefinite
- determinerDemonstrative
- determinerInterrogative
- numeral
- interjection
- phraseme
- conjunction
- conjunctionCoordinating
- conjunctionSubordinating
- noun
- nounCommon
- nounProper
- nounProperFirstName
- nounProperLastName
- pronoun
- pronounPersonal
- pronounPossessive
- pronounDemonstrative
- pronounRelative
- pronounIndefinite
- pronounPersonalReflexive
- pronounPersonalIrreflexive
- pronounInterrogative
- particle
- particleNegative
- particleInfinitive
- particleComparative
- particleAnswer
- symbol
- verb
- verbAuxiliary
- verbModal
- verbMain

Part of Speech Tags



Why *nounProperFirstName*?

- Some resources tag “Joe” as a *noun*
- Some as *proper noun*
- Some as *first name*

Prefix notation allows queries at different granularities:

noun vs. *noun** and *nounProper* vs. *nounProper** ...

But: Mapping between analysis tool and resource required!

e.g., DKPro Core to UBY: `de.tudarmstadt.ukp.uby.`

`resource.UbyResourceUtils.corePosToUbyPos(String)`

Word Sense Disambiguation

Ambiguity for a Computer

- *The thief of last Friday's robbery sat on the **bank** of the Ruhr and counted his money.*



bank1: Sense

index = 1



bank2: Sense

index = 2

?

Greedy

- Retrieve all senses of these entries

Heuristics

- Most frequent sense (e.g., WordNet); first sense (e.g., Wiktionary)
- Domain-specific sense (e.g., prefer senses with label *chemistry*)
- Synonyms occur in the text
- Filter by syntactic structure of the context (e.g., verb occurs with to-infinitive)

More advanced approaches

- Lesk's algorithm (Lesk, 1986)
- Topic-sensitive PageRank (Agirre and Soroa, 2009)
- Graph connectivity (Navigli and Lapata, 2010)
- ...

Simplified Lesk

1. Retrieve all **sense definitions** of the word to be disambiguated
2. Count the **words overlapping** between the context and each sense definition
3. Choose the sense that yields the **highest overlap**

How about this example?

*The thief of last Friday's robbery sat on the **bank** of the Ruhr and counted his money.*

bank₁ sloping land (especially the slope beside a body of water)

bank₂ a financial institution that accepts deposits and channels the money into lending activities

WSD is difficult... 😞

Super Sense Tagging

- Instead of a fine-grained inventory of senses, limit the sense inventory to a **few super senses**
- Typically: **WordNet lexicographer file names** (aka. semantic fields)
- Multiple other possibilities, e.g., **Wiktionary domain labels**

[Clara Harris]_{n.person}, one of the [guests]_{n.person}
in the [box]_{n.artifact}, [stood up]_{v.motion} and
[demanded]_{v.communication} [water]_{n.substance}

(Ciaramita and Altun, 2006)

Verb Sense Labeling

Lexical resource

ask₁ (request to do or give something)
As twenty are required it might pay to ask₁ your supplier for a “bulk discount”.

Sense pattern PP VV to ask₁ person for a JJ act

Similarity score 0.217 > threshold

Sense-tagged
corpus

Sense pattern PP be to ask person for a time → ask₁

Corpus

ask *he would n't be pleased if a rumdum like me were to ask his daughter for a date*

(Cholakov, Eckle-Kohler, Gurevych, 2014)

Lexical Expansion

Lexical expansion can help to **bridge the lexical gap** between texts

- Lexical chains for document summarization
- IR or question answering systems
- Recognizing textual entailment
- ...

Approach

1. Apply a WSD strategy
2. Retrieve synonyms from SenseRelation and Synsets
3. Retrieve linked senses
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until stopping criterion is fulfilled

Enriched Sense Representation

Linked resources such as UBY allow for combining information types from heterogeneous resources



- Synonyms
- Subsumption hierarchy
- Sense gloss
- Example sentence
- ...



Wiktionary
[ˈwɪkʃənri] *n.*,
a wiki-based Open
Content dictionary

- Pronunciation
- Word translations
- Inflected forms
- Etymology
- ...



- Semantic predicates
- ...



- Subcat frames
- ...

Embeddings

- Low-dimensional vector representations of atomic symbols
- Typically: word embeddings

Structured embeddings (Bordes et al., 2011)

- Leverage the structure encoded in knowledge resources into statistical learning systems
- Use neural networks to represent the entries and relations of a lexical resource in a low-dimensional (≈ 50 ?) space
- Multiple relation types capturing semantics (e.g., hypernym-of), syntax (e.g., subject-of), morphology (e.g., perfect-of),...
- Generalize relations – allows queries such as $f(\text{car}_1, \text{has-part}, ?)$

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Lexical Resources are...

- different from **corpora**
- not limited to the **Princeton WordNet**
- very **heterogeneous**
 - expert vs. collaboratively created
 - different information types (e.g., focus on syntax)
 - fine-grained vs. coarse-grained→ harmonizing and inter-linking approaches
- helpful for a **variety of tasks**
- getting a bit unpopular recently, although there's **much potential**
 - e.g., upcoming trends of **structured embeddings**
- **what WE make of them!**

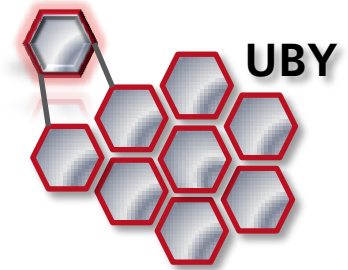
Obtaining Lexical Resources

- **SIGLEX Online resources catalog**
<http://www.clres.com/siglex/resserach.php>
- **LRE map**
<http://www.resourcebook.eu/searchll.php>
- **META-NET/META-SHARE**
<http://www.meta-share.eu/>
- **Computerlinguistik.org Ressourcenkatalog**
<http://www.computerlinguistik.org/portal/portal.html?s=Ressourcen>
- **OBELEX^{dict}**
<http://www.owid.de/obelex/dict>
- **German online dictionaries**
<https://lexikographieblog.wordpress.com/deutsche-worterbucher-online/>

Obtaining UBY

Web

- <https://www.ukp.tu-darmstadt.de/uby>
- <https://dkpro.github.io/dkpro-uby/>



Source and database dumps

- <https://github.com/dkpro/dkpro-uby>
- <http://uby.ukp.informatik.tu-darmstadt.de/uby>

Web interface

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Thank you for your attention!

(There's one more "try it" on the next slide
in case you're not yet starving...)



Try it yourself! – Assignment 4



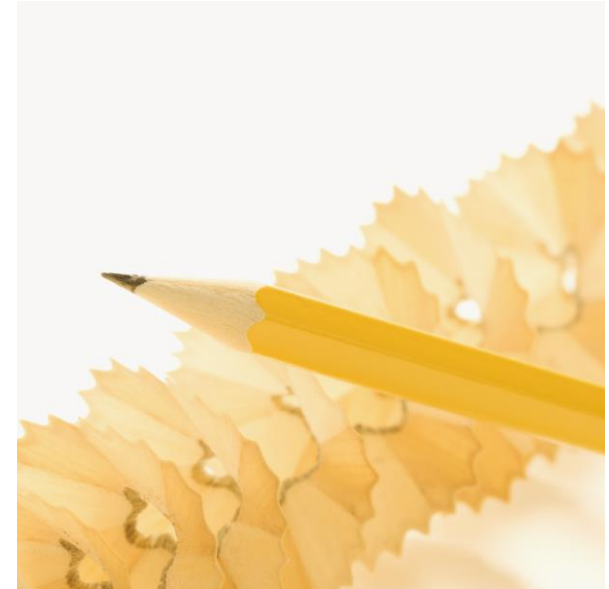
The code examples provide three *very simple* experiments to see UBY in action:

- 1) Run `org.dkpro.uby.examples.
Assignment4_SupersenseTagging`
- 2) Run `org.dkpro.uby.examples.
Assignment4_WordSenseDisambiguation`
- 3) Run `org.dkpro.uby.examples.
Assignment4_LexicalExpansion`

The first run takes some time to download the preprocessing methods!

Mind that all of these experiments can benefit from additional tuning and of course from more recent methods...

Too simple for you? Start your own project right away!




15 minutes


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