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- Evaluation of ontology alignment strategies
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- Using PRA in ontology alignment
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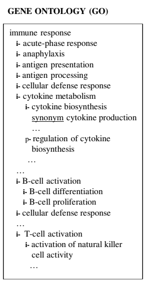
Ontologies in biomedical research

- many biomedical ontologies
  e.g. GO, OBO, SNOMED-CT
- practical use of biomedical ontologies
  e.g. databases annotated with GO



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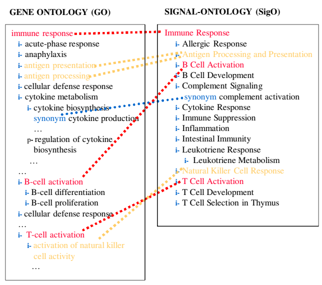


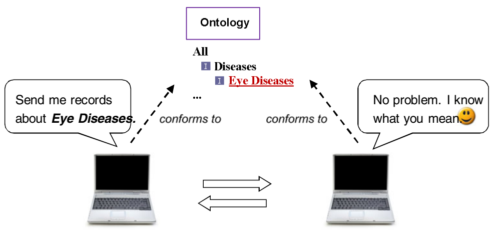
Ontologies with overlapping information

- Use of multiple ontologies
  - custom-specific ontology + standard ontology
  - different views over same domain
  - overlapping domains
- Bottom-up creation of ontologies
  experts can focus on their domain of expertise

important to know the inter-ontology relationships

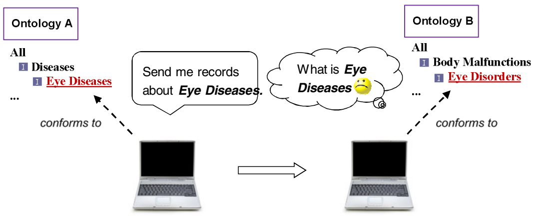
Ontologies used …

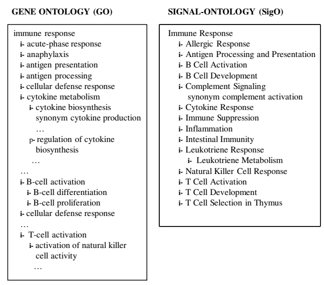
- semantic interoperability between applications.



Influence of inter-ontology relationships

- Communication obstacle between ontology-based applications.





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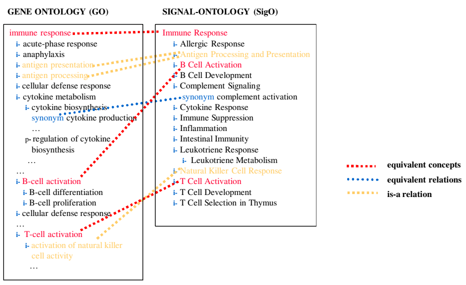

Defining the relations between the terms in different ontologies

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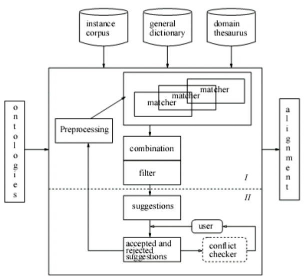
An Alignment Framework



Classification

- According to input
  - KR: OWL, UML, EER, XML, RDF, …
  - components: concepts, relations, instance, axioms
- According to process
  - What information is used and how?
- According to output
  - 1-1, m-n
  - Similarity vs explicit relations (equivalence, is-a)
  - confidence

Preprocessing

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For example,
- Selection of features
- Selection of search space

Matchers

Matcher Strategies

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- Structure-based strategies
- Constraint-bas
- Instance-based
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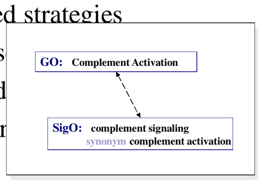

Example matchers

- Edit distance
  - Number of deletions, insertions, substitutions required to transform one string into another
  - aaaa baab: edit distance 2
- N-gram
  - N-gram : N consecutive characters in a string
  - Similarity based on set comparison of n-grams
  - aaaa : {aa, aa, aa}; baab : {ba, aa, ab}

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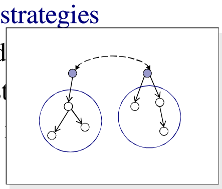

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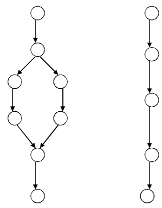

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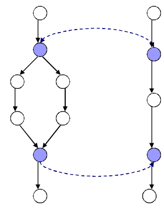

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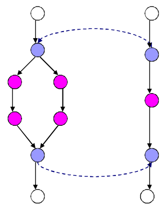

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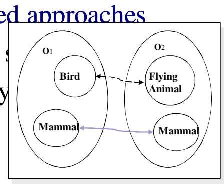

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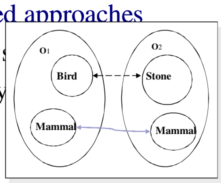

Example matchers

- Similarities between data types
- Similarities based on cardinalities

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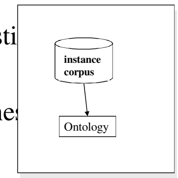


Example matchers

- Instance-based
- Use life science literature as instances

- Structure-based extensions

Learning matchers – instance-based strategies

- Basic intuition

  A similarity measure between concepts can be computed based on the probability that documents about one concept are also about the other concept and vice versa.
- Intuition for structure-based extensions

  Documents about a concept are also about their super-concepts.

  (No requirement for previous alignment results.)

Learning matchers - steps

- Generate corpora
  - Use concept as query term in PubMed
  - Retrieve most recent PubMed abstracts
- Generate text classifiers
  - One classifier per ontology / One classifier per concept
- Classification
  - Abstracts related to one ontology are classified by the other ontology's classifier(s) and vice versa
- Calculate similarities

Basic Naïve Bayes matcher

- Generate corpora
- Generate classifiers
  - Naive Bayes classifiers, one per ontology
- Classification
  - Abstracts related to one ontology are classified to the concept in the other ontology with highest posterior probability P(C|d)
- Calculate similarities

$$sim(C_1, C_2) = \frac{n_{NBC2}(C_1, C_2) + n_{NBC1}(C_2, C_1)}{n_D(C_1) + n_D(C_2)}$$

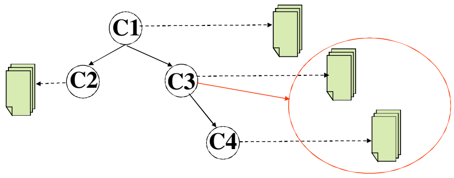
Basic Support Vector Machines matcher

- Generate corpora
- Generate classifiers
  - SVM-based classifiers, one per concept
- Classification
  - Single classification variant: Abstracts related to concepts in one ontology are classified to the concept in the other ontology for which its classifier gives the abstract the highest positive value.
  - Multiple classification variant: Abstracts related to concepts in one ontology are classified all the concepts in the other ontology whose classifiers give the abstract a positive value.
- Calculate similarities

$$\frac{n_{SVMC-C_2}(C_1, C_2) + n_{SVMC-C_1}(C_2, C_1)}{n_D(C_1) + n_D(C_2)}$$

Structural extension 'Cl'

- Generate classifiers
  - Take (is-a) structure of the ontologies into account when building the classifiers
  - Extend the set of abstracts associated to a concept by adding the abstracts related to the sub-concepts



Structural extension 'Sim'

- Calculate similarities
  - Take structure of the ontologies into account when calculating similarities
  - Similarity is computed based on the classifiers applied to the concepts and their sub-concepts

$$sim_{struct}(C_1, C_2) = \frac{\sum_{C_i \subseteq C_1, C_j \subseteq C_2} n_{NBC2}(C_i, C_j) + \sum_{C_i \subseteq C_1, C_j \subseteq C_2} n_{NBC1}(C_j, C_i)}{\sum_{C_i \subseteq C_1} n_D(C_i) + \sum_{C_j \subseteq C_2} n_D(C_j)}$$

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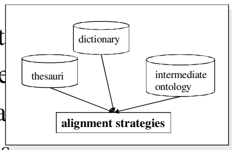


Example matchers

- Use of WordNet
  - Use WordNet to find synonyms
  - Use WordNet to find ancestors and descendants in the is-a hierarchy
- Use of Unified Medical Language System (UMLS)
  - Includes many ontologies
  - Includes many alignments (not complete)
  - Use UMLS alignments in the computation of the similarity values

Ontology Alignment and Merging Systems

	linguistic	structure	constraints	instances	auxiliary
ArtGen	name	parents, children		domain specific documents	WordNet
ASCO	name, label description	parents, children, siblings, path from root			WordNet
Chimaera	name	parents, children			
FCA-Merge	name			domain specific documents	
FOAM	name, label	parents, children	equivalence		
GLUE	name	neighborhood		instances	
HCONE	name	parents, children			WordNet
IF-Map				instances	a reference ontology
iMapper		leaf, non-leaf, children, related node	domain, range	instances	WordNet
OntoMapper		parents, children		documents	
(Anchor-) PROMPT	name	direct graphs			
SAMBO	name, synonym	is-a and part-of, descendants and ancestors		domain specific documents	WordNet, UMLS
S-Match	label	path from root	semantic relations codified in labels		WordNet

Combinations

Combination Strategies

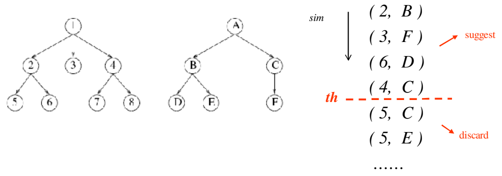
- Usually weighted sum of similarity values of different matchers
- Maximum of similarity values of different matchers

Filtering

Filtering techniques

- Threshold filtering

  Pairs of concepts with similarity higher or equal than threshold are alignment suggestions

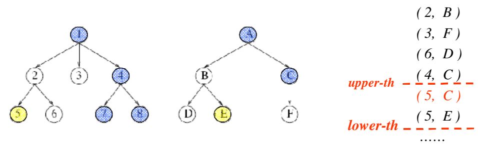


Filtering techniques

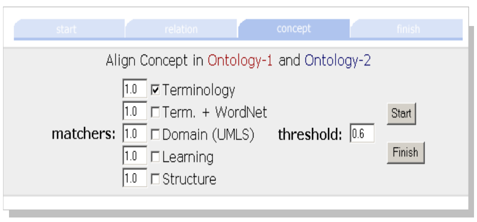
- Double threshold filtering

  (1) Pairs of concepts with similarity higher than or equal to **upper** threshold are alignment suggestions

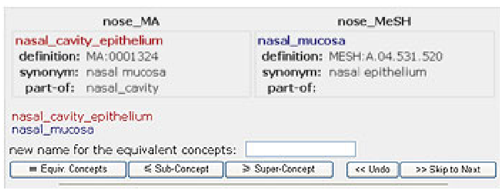
  (2) Pairs of concepts with similarity between **lower** and **upper** thresholds are alignment suggestions if they make sense with respect to the structure of the ontologies and the suggestions according to (1)



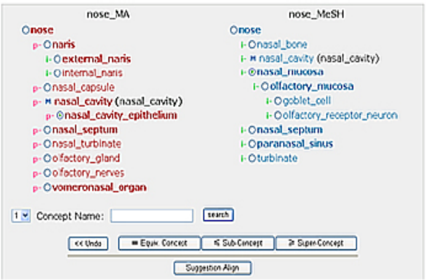
Example alignment system SAMBO – matchers, combination, filter



Example alignment system SAMBO – suggestion mode



Example alignment system SAMBO – manual mode



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Evaluation measures

- Precision:

$$\frac{\#\text{ correct suggested alignments}}{\#\text{ suggested alignments}}$$

- Recall:

$$\frac{\#\text{ correct suggested alignments}}{\#\text{ correct alignments}}$$

- F-measure: combination of precision and recall

Ontology Alignment Evaluation Initiative

OAEI

- Since 2004
- Evaluation of systems
- Different tracks
  - comparison: benchmark (open)
  - expressive: anatomy (blind), fisheries (expert)
  - directories and thesauri: directory, library, crosslingual resources (blind)
  - consensus: conference

OAEI

- Evaluation measures
  - Precision/recall/f-measure
  - recall of non-trivial mappings
  - full / partial golden standard

OAEI 2007

- 17 systems participated
  - benchmark (13)
    - ASMOV: p = 0.95, r = 0.90
  - anatomy (11)
    - AOAS: f = 0.86, r+ = 0.50
    - SAMBO: f =0.81, r+ = 0.58
  - library (3)
    - Thesaurus merging: FALCON: p = 0.97, r = 0.87
    - Annotation scenario:
      - FALCON: pb =0.65, rb = 0.49, pa = 0.52, ra = 0.36, Ja = 0.30
      - Silas: pb = 0.66, rb= 0.47, pa = 0.53, ra = 0.35, Ja = 0.29
  - directory (9), food (6), environment (2), conference (6)

OAEI 2008 – anatomy track

- Align
  - Mouse anatomy: 2744 terms
  - NCI-anatomy: 3304 terms
  - Mappings: 1544 (of which 934 'trivial')
- Tasks
  - 1. Align and optimize f
  - 2-3. Align and optimize p / r
  - 4. Align when partial reference alignment is given and optimize f

OAEI 2008 – anatomy track#1

- 9 systems participated
- SAMBO
  - p=0.869, r=0.836, r+=0.586, f=0.852
- SAMBOdtf
  - p=0.831, r=0.833, r+=0.579, f=0.832
- Use of TermWN and UMLS

OAEI 2008 – anatomy track#1

Is background knowledge (BK) needed?

Of the non-trivial mappings:
- Ca 50% found by systems using BK and systems not using BK
- Ca 13% found only by systems using BK
- Ca 13% found only by systems not using BK
- Ca 25% not found

Processing time:
hours with BK, minutes without BK

OAEI 2008 – anatomy track#4

Can we use given mappings when computing suggestions?
partial reference alignment given with all trivial and 50 non-trivial mappings

- SAMBO
  - p=0.636 0.660, r=0.626 0.624, f=0.631 0.642
- SAMBOdtf
  - p=0.563 0.603, r=0.622 0.630, f=0.591 0.616

(measures computed on non-given part of the reference alignment)

OAEI 2007-2008

- Systems can use only one combination of strategies per task

  systems use similar strategies
  - text: string matching, tf-idf
  - structure: propagation of similarity to ancestors and/or descendants
  - thesaurus (WordNet)
  - domain knowledge important for anatomy task?

Evaluation of algorithms

Cases

- GO vs. SigO

GO: 70 terms GO-immune defense | *SigO: 15 terms* SigO-immune defense

GO: 60 terms GO-behavior | *SigO: 10 terms* SigO-behavior

- MA vs. MeSH

MA: 15 terms MA-nose | *MeSH: 18 terms* MeSH-nose

MA: 77 terms MA-ear | *MeSH: 39 terms* MeSH-ear

MA: 112terms MA-eye | *MeSH: 45 terms* MeSH-eye

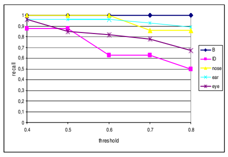
Evaluation of matchers

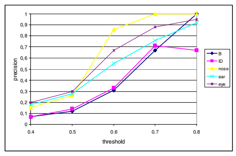
- Matchers
  - Term, TermWN, Dom, Learn (Learn+structure), Struc
- Parameters
  - Quality of suggestions: precision/recall
  - Threshold filtering : 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8
  - Weights for combination: 1.0/1.2

KitAMO
(http://www.ida.liu.se/labs/iislab/projects/KitAMO)

Results

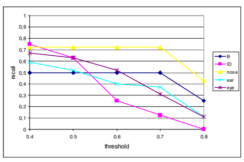
- Terminological matchers

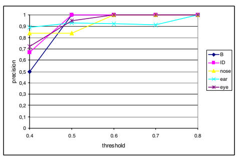




Results

- Basic learning matcher (Naïve Bayes)



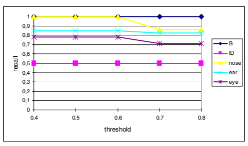


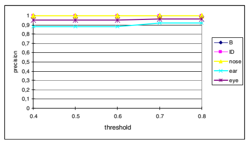
Naive Bayes slightly better recall, but slightly worse precision than SVM-single

SVM-multiple (much) better recall, but worse precision than SVM-single

Results

- Domain matcher (using UMLS)





Results

- Comparison of the matchers

  CS_TermWN ⊇ *CS_Dom* ⊇ *CS_Learn*

- Combinations of the different matchers
  - combinations give often better results
  - no significant difference on the quality of suggestions for different weight assignments in the combinations

  (but: did not check yet for large variations for the weights)

- Structural matcher did not find (many) new correct alignments

  (but: good results for systems biology schemas SBML – PSI MI)

Evaluation of filtering

- Matcher

  TermWN

- Parameters

  Quality of suggestions: precision/recall

  Double threshold filtering using structure:

  Upper threshold: 0.8

  Lower threshold: 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8

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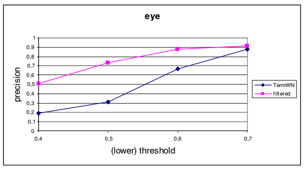

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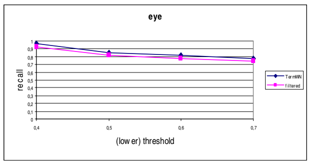

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Recommending strategies - 1

- Use knowledge about previous use of alignment strategies
  - gather knowledge about input, output, use, performance, cost via questionnaires
  - Not so much knowledge available
  - OAEI

(Mochol, Jentzsch, Euzenat 2006)

Recommending strategies - 2

- Optimize
  - Parameters for ontologies, similarity assessment, matchers, combinations and filters
  - Run general alignment algorithm
  - User validates the alignment result
  - Optimize parameters based on validation

(Ehrig, Staab, Sure 2005)

Recommending strategies - 2

- Tests
  - travel in russia
    QOM: r=0.618, p=0.596, f=0.607
    Decision tree 150: r=0.723, p=0.591, f=0.650
  - bibster
    QOM: r=0.279, p=0.397, f=0.328
    Decision tree 150: r=0.630, p=0.375, f=0.470

Decision trees better than Neural Nets and Support Vector Machines.

Recommending strategies - 3

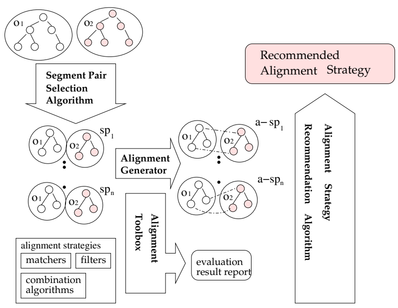
- Based on inherent knowledge
  - Use the actual ontologies to align to find good candidate alignment strategies
  - User/oracle with minimal alignment work
  - Complementary to the other approaches

(Tan, Lambrix 2007)

Idea

- Select small segments of the ontologies
- Generate alignments for the segments (expert/oracle)
- Use and evaluate available alignment algorithms on the segments
- Recommend alignment algorithm based on evaluation on the segments

Framework



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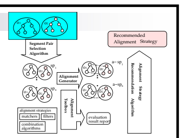
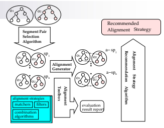


- NCI thesaurus
  - National Cancer Institute, Center for Bioinformatics
  - Anatomy: 3495 terms
- MeSH
  - National Library of Medicine
  - Anatomy: 1391 terms

Experiment case - Oracle

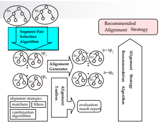
- UMLS
  - Library of Medicine
  - Metathesaurus contains > 100 vocabularies
  - NCI thesaurus and MeSH included in UMLS
  - Used as approximation for expert knowledge
  - 919 expected mappings according to UMLS

Experiment case – alignment strategies

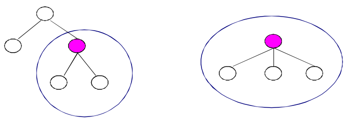


- Matchers and combinations
  - N-gram (NG)
  - Edit Distance (ED)
  - Word List + stemming (WL)
  - Word List + stemming + WordNet (WN)
  - NG+ED+WL, weights 1/3 (C1)
  - NG+ED+WN, weights 1/3 (C2)
- Threshold filter
  - thresholds 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8

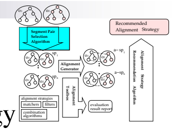
Segment pair selection algorithms



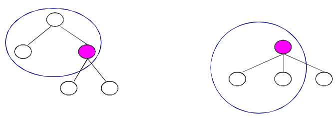
- SubG
  - Candidate segment pair = sub-graphs according to is-a/part-of with roots with same name; between 1 and 60 terms in segment
  - Segment pairs randomly chosen from candidate segment pairs such that segment pairs are disjoint



Segment pair selection algorithms



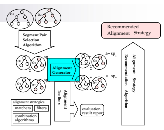
- Clust - Cluster terms in ontology
  - Candidate segment pair is pair of clusters containing terms with the same name; at least 5 terms in clusters
  - Segment pairs randomly chosen from candidate segment pairs



Segment pair selection algorithms

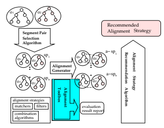
- For each trial, 3 segment pair sets with 5 segment pairs were generated
- SubG: A1, A2, A3
  - 2 to 34 terms in segment
  - level of is-a/part-of ranges from 2 to 6
  - max expected alignments in segment pair is 23
- Clust: B1, B2, B3
  - 5 to 14 terms in segment
  - level of is-a/part-of is 2 or 3
  - max expected alignments in segment pair is 4

Segment pair alignment generator



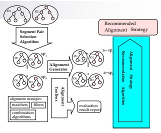
- Used UMLS as oracle

Alignment toolbox



- Used KitAMO as toolbox
- Generates reports on similarity values produced by different matchers, execution times, number of correct, wrong, redundant suggestions

Recommendation algorithm



- Recommendation scores: F, F+E, 10F+E

F: quality of the alignment suggestions
  - average f-measure value for the segment pairs

E: average execution time over segment pairs, normalized with respect to number of term pairs

- Algorithm gives ranking of alignment strategies based on recommendation scores on segment pairs

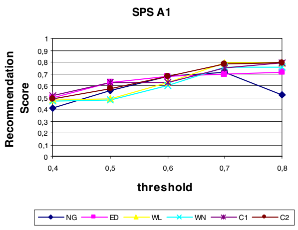
Expected recommendations for F

- Best strategies for the whole ontologies and measure F:

1. (WL,0.8)
2. (C1,0.8)
3. (C2,0.8)

Results

SubG, F, SPS A1



Results

- Top 3 strategies for SubG and measure F:

A1: 1. (WL,0.8) (WL, 0.7) (C1,0.8) (C2,0.8)
A2: 1. (WL,0.8) 2. (WL,0.7) 3. (WN,0.7)
A3: 1. (WL,0.8) (WL, 0.7) (C1,0.8) (C2,0.8)

- Best strategy always recommended first
- Top 3 strategies often recommended
- (WL,0.7) has rank 4 for whole ontologies

Results

- Top 3 strategies for Clust and measure F:

B1: 1. (C2,0.7) 2. (ED,0.6) 3. (C2,0.6)
B2: 1. (WL,0.8) (WL, 0.7) (C1,0.8) (C2,0.8)
B3: 1. (C1,0.8) (ED,0.7) 3. (C1,0.7) (C2,0.7) (WL,0.7) (WN,0.7)

- Top strategies often recommended, but not always
- (WL,0.7) (C1,0.7) (C2,0.7) ranked 4,5,6 for whole ontologies

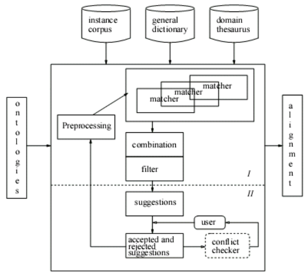
Results

- SubG gives better results than Clust
- Results improve when number of segments is increased
- 10F+E similar results as F
- F+E
  - WordNet gives lower ranking
  - Runtime environment has influence

Ontology Alignment

- Ontology alignment
- Ontology alignment strategies
- Evaluation of ontology alignment strategies
- Recommending ontology alignment strategies
- Using PRA in ontology alignment
- Current issues

Ontology Alignment Framework



Partial Reference Alignment

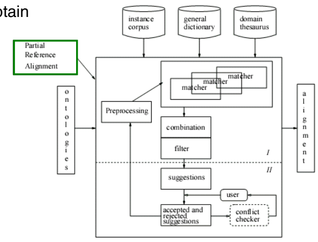
- New setting for ontology alignment:
  - Portals with mappings
  - Iterative ontology alignment
  - Anatomy track, task 4 in OAEI 2008

  In all these cases some correct mappings between terms in different ontologies are given or have been obtained.
- A partial reference alignment (PRA) is a subset of all correct mappings.

Partial Reference Alignment

- Research Problem:

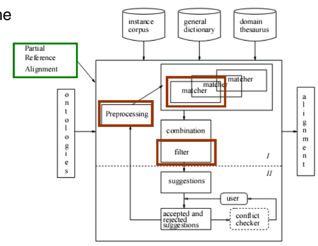
  Can we use PRAs to obtain higher quality mapping suggestions in ontology alignment?



Partial Reference Alignment

- Research Problem:

  Can we use PRAs in the different parts of the framework to obtain higher quality mapping suggestions in ontology alignment?



Test cases

DataSet	Concepts in Ontology 1	Concepts in Ontology 2	Mappings in RA	Mappings in PRA
Behavior	57	10	4	2
Defense	69	17	8	4
Nose	18	15	7	4
Ear	78	39	27	14
Eye	113	45	27	13
Anatomy	2743	3304	1523	988

- Behavior, Defense: Gene Ontology – Signal Ontology
- Nose, Ear, Eye: Adult Mouse Anatomy - MeSH
- Anatomy: Adult Mouse Anatomy – NCI anatomy

Evaluation

- *Precision*: number of correct suggestions divided by number of suggestions
- *Recall*: number of correct suggestions divided by number of correct mappings
- *Recall-PRA*: number of correct suggestions not in PRA divided by number of correct mappings not in PRA
- *F-measure*: harmonic mean of precision and recall

Algorithms

Table 1. Alignment strategies

	preprocessing	matchers	combination	filter
SAMBO	none	TermWN + UMLSKSearch	maximum	single threshold
SAMBOdtf	none	TermWN + UMLSKSearch	maximum	double threshold
mgPRA	partitioning	TermWN + UMLSKSearch	maximum	single threshold filter with PRA
mgfPRA	fixing and partitioning	TermWN + UMLSKSearch	maximum	single threshold filter with PRA
pmPRA	none	TermWN + UMLSKSearch pattern-based augmentation	maximum	single threshold filter with PRA
fPRA	none	TermWN + UMLSKSearch	maximum	single threshold filter with PRA
dtfPRA	none	TermWN + UMLSKSearch	maximum	double threshold with PRA filter with PRA
pfPRA	none	TermWN + UMLSKSearch	maximum	filter based on EM and PRA filter with PRA

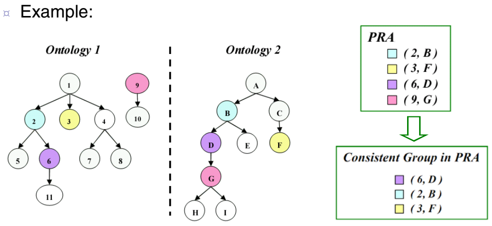
1. Use of PRA in the preprocessing step

Use of PRA in the preprocessing step

- Intuition
  During the preprocessing step, use mappings in PRA to partition the ontologies into mappable groups.
- Methods
  - mgPRA
  - mgfPRA

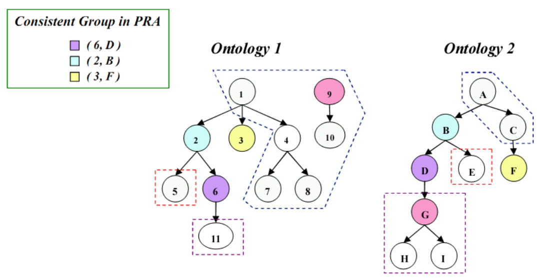
Use of PRA in the preprocessing step

- mgPRA (Mappable Groups with PRA)
  - Strategy
    - Find consistent group in PRA
    - Partition ontologies into mappable groups before aligning
  - Example:



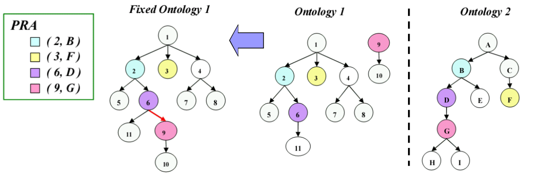
Use of PRA in the preprocessing step

- Partition Results



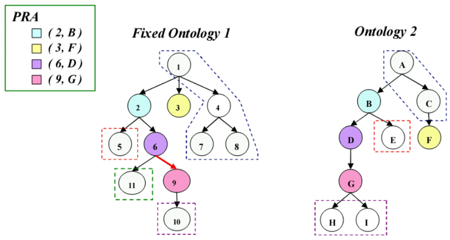
Use of PRA in the preprocessing step

- mgfPRA (Mappable Groups and Fixing with PRA)
  - Strategy
    - 'Fix' the missing structural relationships, making the whole PRA a consistent group
    - Then, partition ontologies into mappable groups
  - Example:



Use of PRA in the preprocessing step

- Partition Results



Use of PRA in the preprocessing step

Case	RA	PRA	*Th*	SAMBO	mgPRA	mgfPRA
B	4	2	0.4	0.66/1/0.8/1	0.66/1/0.8/1	1/0.5/0.66/0
			0.6	0.8/1/0.88/1	0.8/1/0.88/1	1/0.5/0.66/0
			0.8	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1	1/0.5/0.66/0
ID	8	4	0.4	0.5/0.75/0.6/0.75	0.41/0.62/0.5/0.25	0.41/0.62/0.5/0.25
			0.6	0.75/0.75/0.75/0.75	1/0.62/0.76/0.25	1/0.62/0.76/0.25
			0.8	0.71/0.62/0.66/0.62	1/0.62/0.76/0.25	1 /0.62/0.76/0.25
nose	7	4	0.4	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1	1/0.57/0.72/0
			0.6	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1	1/0.57/0.72/0
			0.8	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1	1/0.57/0.72/0
ear	27	14	0.4	0.86/0.96/0.91/0.96	0.85/0.88/0.87/0.76	1/0.66/0.8/0.30
			0.6	0.89/0.96/0.92/0.96	0.88/0.88/0.88/0.76	1/0.66/0.8/0.30
			0.8	0.96/0.92/0.94/0.92	1/0.88/0.94/0.76	1/0.66/0.8/0.30
eye	27	13	0.4	0.80/0.92/0.86/0.92	0.8/0.88/0.84/0.78	1/0.48/0.65/0
			0.6	0.92/0.88/0.90/0.88	0.92/0.88/0.90/0.78	1/0.48/0.65/0
			0.8	0.91/0.81/0.86/0.81	0.92/0.85/0.88/0.71	1/0.48/0.65/0
Anatomy	1523	988	0.4	0.82/0.85/0.83/0.85	0.78/0.87/0.82/0.64	0.78/0.85/0.81/0.58
			0.6	0.88/0.84/0.86/0.84	0.88/0.86/0.87/0.61	0.88/0.84/0.86/0.55
			0.8	0.94/0.80/0.87/0.80	0.96/0.82/0.89/0.50	0.96/0.80/0.88/0.45

Table 3. Using the PRA in the preprocessing phase (precision/recall/f-measure/recall$_{PRA}$).

Use of PRA in the preprocessing step

- Result Analysis
  - For threshold 0.4, there are no conclusive results.
  - For thresholds 0.6 and 0.8,
    - mgPRA and mgfPRA almost always have equal or higher precision than SAMBO.
    - mgPRA almost always has equal or higher recall than SAMBO.
    - mgfPRA almost always has equal or lower recall than SAMBO and mgPRA.

Use of PRA in the preprocessing step

- Why does mgfPRA perform worse than mgPRA?

Incorrect use of the structural relation.

For instance, in dataset **nose**, one source ontology uses the structural relation to define both is-a and part-of.

'Fixing' the ontology may therefore be wrong.

For instance, the mapping (nose, nose) may lead to introducing is-a relations between nose and its parts.

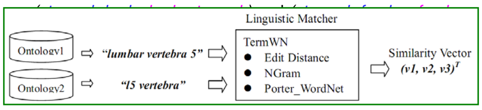
2. Use of PRA in the matcher

Use of PRA in a matcher

- Observation

  Some correct mappings share a similar linguistic pattern.

  Examples from PRA of Anatomy
  - *(lumbar vertebra 5, l5 vertebra)* and *(thoracic vertebra 11, t11 vertebra)*
  - *(forebrain, fore brain)* and *(gallbladder, gall bladder)*



Linguistic similarity vectors for *(lumbar vertebra 5, l5 vertebra)* and *(thoracic vertebra 11, t11 vertebra)* are similar.

Use of PRA in a matcher

- Intuition

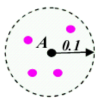
  Mapping suggestions with a linguistic similarity vector close to the linguistic similarity vector of a PRA mapping are more likely to be correct suggestions.

- pmPRA (Pattern Matcher with PRA)
  - Strategy
    - Compute a linguistic similarity vector for each PRA mapping.
    - For each mapping suggestion, we **augment** its similarity value according to the number of PRA mappings within its **neighborhood**.

Use of PRA in a matcher

- For example
  - Given a suggestion ***A***, suppose there are 4 PRA mappings within its neighborhood

Parameters
1. Neighborhood Radius = 0.1
2. Augment per count = 0.06



Original Similarity Value: 0.4 ⇨ New Similarity Value: 0.64 (=0.4 + 4 * 0.06)

Use of PRA in a matcher

Case	RA	PRA	*Th*	SAMBO	pmPRA
B	4	2	0.4	0.66/1/0.8/1	0.66/1/0.8/1
			0.6	0.8/1/0.88/1	0.8/1/0.88/1
			0.8	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1
ID	8	4	0.4	0.5/0.75/0.6/0.75	0.5/0.75/0.6/0.5
			0.6	0.75/0.75/0.75/0.75	0.75/0.75/0.75/0.5
			0.8	0.71/0.62/0.66/0.62	0.75/0.75/0.75/0.5
nose	7	4	0.4	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1
			0.6	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1
			0.8	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1
ear	27	14	0.4	0.86/0.96/0.91/0.96	0.86/0.96/0.91/0.92
			0.6	0.89/0.96/0.92/0.96	0.89/0.96/0.92/0.92
			0.8	0.96/0.92/0.94/0.92	0.96/0.92/0.94/0.84
eye	27	13	0.4	0.80/0.92/0.86/0.92	0.80/0.92/0.86/0.85
			0.6	0.92/0.88/0.90/0.88	0.89/0.92/0.90/0.85
			0.8	0.91/0.81/0.86/0.81	0.92/0.88/0.90/0.78
Anatomy	1523	988	0.4	0.82/0.85/0.83/0.85	0.78/0.83/0.81/0.54
			0.6	0.88/0.84/0.86/0.84	0.79/0.83/0.81/0.54
			0.8	0.94/0.80/0.87/0.80	0.83/0.83/0.83/0.52

Table 4. Using the PRA in a matcher (precision/recall/f-measure/recall$_{PRA}$).

Use of PRA in a matcher

- Result Analysis
  - For the small datasets, the correct suggested mappings already had high similarity values, and the missed correct mappings had no shared linguistic pattern with PRA mappings.
  - For the Anatomy dataset, the pmPRA has lower or equal precision. Recall increased for high thresholds and decreased for low thresholds.
    - New correct mappings were found.
    - For low thresholds also new wrong mappings were found.

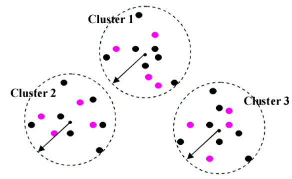
3. Use of PRA in the filter step

Use of PRA in the filter step

- fPRA (Filter with PRA)
  - Strategy
    - Implant PRA mappings in the final result. Any suggestion contradicting with PRA mappings will be filtered out.
- dtfPRA (Double Threshold Filter with PRA)
  - Strategy
    - Similar to SAMBOdtf. Use a consistent group in the PRA to filter the suggestions between upper threshold and low threshold.

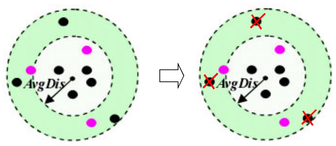
Use of PRA in the filter step

- pfPRA (Pattern Filter with PRA)
  - Strategy
    1. Cluster all suggestions according to their linguistic similarity vectors using expectation-maximization algorithm.
    2. Assign every PRA mapping to the cluster with the nearest cluster center.



Use of PRA in the filter step

- Strategy (continued..)
  3. For each cluster, calculate the ***average distance*** (*AvgDis*) of PRA mappings to their cluster center.
  4. Finally, only suggestions with distance to the cluster center smaller or equal than *AvgDis* will be kept. Otherwise, discarded.



Use of PRA in the filter step (1)

Case	RA	PRA	*Th*	SAMBO	fPRA	pfPRA
B	4	2	0.4	0.66/1/0.8/1	0.66/1/0.8/1	1/0.75/0.85/0.5
			0.6	0.8/1/0.88/1	0.8/1/0.88/1	1/0.75/0.85/0.5
			0.8	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1	1/0.75/0.85/0.5
ID	8	4	0.4	0.5/0.75/0.6/0.75	0.5/0.75/0.6/0.5	0.5/0.75/0.6/0.5
			0.6	0.75/0.75/0.75/0.75	0.75/0.75/0.75/0.5	0.75/0.75/0.75/0.5
			0.8	0.71/0.62/0.66/0.62	0.75/0.75/0.75/0.5	0.75/0.75/0.75/0.5
nose	7	4	0.4	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1	1/0.85/0.92/0.66
			0.6	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1	1/0.85/0.92/0.66
			0.8	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1	1/0.85/0.92/0.66
ear	27	14	0.4	0.86/0.96/0.91/0.96	0.86/0.96/0.91/0.92	1/0.92/0.96/0.84
			0.6	0.89/0.96/0.92/0.96	0.89/0.96/0.92/0.92	1/0.92/0.96/0.84
			0.8	0.96/0.92/0.94/0.92	0.96/0.92/0.94/0.84	1/0.88/0.94/0.76
eye	27	13	0.4	0.80/0.92/0.86/0.92	0.80/0.92/0.86/0.85	0.95/0.81/0.88/0.64
			0.6	0.92/0.88/0.90/0.88	0.92/0.92/0.92/0.85	1/0.81/0.89/0.64
			0.8	0.91/0.81/0.86/0.81	0.92/0.88/0.90/0.78	1/0.81/0.89/0.64
Anatomy	1523	988	0.4	0.82/0.85/0.83/0.85	0.83/0.88/0.86/0.66	0.91/0.74/0.82/0.28
			0.6	0.88/0.84/0.86/0.84	0.89/0.87/0.88/0.64	0.93/0.74/0.82/0.27
			0.8	0.94/0.80/0.87/0.80	0.95/0.84/0.89/0.54	0.97/0.72/0.83/0.22

Table 5. Using the PRA during the filter phase - 1 (precision/recall/f-measure/recall$_{PRA}$).

Use of PRA in the filter step (1)

- Result Analysis
  - fPRA always has <u>equal or higher precision and recall</u> than SAMBO.
  - pfPRA always has <u>equal or higher precision</u> than fPRA and SAMBO.
  - pfPRA always has <u>equal or lower recall</u> than SAMBO.
    - Some correct suggestions are filtered out because they have no similar linguistic pattern to PRA mappings.

Use of PRA in the filter step (2)

Case	RA	PRA	*Th*	SAMBOdtf	dtfPRA
B	4	2	0.4	0.66/1/0.8/1	1/1/1/1
			0.6	0.8/1/0.88/1	1/1/1/1
ID	8	4	0.4	0.45/0.62/0.52/0.62	0.54/0.75/0.63/0.50
			0.6	0.71/0.62/0.66/0.62	0.75/0.75/0.75/0.50
nose	7	4	0.4	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1
			0.6	1/1/1/1	1/1/1/1
ear	27	14	0.4	0.89/0.96/0.92/0.96	0.86/0.96/0.91/0.92
			0.6	0.89/0.96/0.92/0.96	0.89/0.96/0.92/0.92
eye	27	13	0.4	0.83/0.92/0.87/0.92	0.80/0.92/0.86/0.85
			0.6	0.92/0.88/0.90/0.88	0.92/0.92/0.92/0.85
Anatomy	1523	988	0.4	0.84/0.84/0.84/0.84	0.86/0.87/0.87/0.65
			0.6	0.89/0.84/0.86/0.84	0.90/0.87/0.88/0.64

Table 6. Using the PRA during the filter phase - 2 (precision/recall/f-measure/recall$_{PRA}$).

Use of PRA in the filter step (2)

- Result Analysis
  - dtfPRA always has equal or higher recall than SAMBOdtf.
  - For lower threshold 0.6, dtfPRA always has equal or higher precision than SAMBOdtf.
  - For lower threshold 0.4, dtfPRA always has equal or higher precision than SAMBOdtf, except for dataset **ear** and **eye**.
    - For dataset **ear** and **eye,** the consistent group of dtfPRA is much smaller than the consistent group of SAMBOdtf.

4. Influence of size of PRA

Use of PRA-Full vs PRA-Half

Strategy	*Th*	PRA-F	new-F	PRA-H	new-H	NF
mgPRA	0.4	0.78/0.87/0.82	345	0.80/0.85/0.82	351	44
	0.6	0.88/0.86/0.87	327	0.88/0.83/0.85	337	46
	0.8	0.96/0.82/0.89	281	0.95/0.80/0.86	281	50
mgfPRA	0.4	0.78/0.85/0.81	313	0.79/0.81/0.80	336	85
	0.6	0.88/0.84/0.86	295	0.87/0.80/0.83	321	87
	0.8	0.96/0.80/0.88	243	0.95/0.76/0.84	268	89
pmPRA	0.4	0.78/0.83/0.81	290	0.77/0.83/0.80	313	26
	0.6	0.79/0.83/0.81	290	0.79/0.83/0.81	312	26
	0.8	0.83/0.83/0.83	282	0.84/0.82/0.83	294	28
fPRA	0.4	0.83/0.88/0.86	356	0.83/0.86/0.84	357	25
	0.6	0.89/0.87/0.88	347	0.88/0.86/0.87	348	26
	0.8	0.95/0.84/0.89	293	0.95/0.82/0.88	294	30
pfPRA	0.4	0.91/0.74/0.82	152	0.90/0.74/0.81	179	32
	0.6	0.93/0.74/0.82	148	0.92/0.74/0.82	175	33
	0.8	0.97/0.72/0.83	118	0.96/0.71/0.82	136	34
dtfPRA	0.4	0.86/0.87/0.87	350	0.84/0.86/0.85	355	26
	0.6	0.90/0.87/0.88	344	0.89/0.86/0.87	348	26

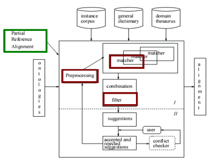
Table 7. Anatomy (1523 correct mappings in the RA) with PRA-F (988 mappings) and PRA-H (494 mappings) - (precision/recall/f-measure). new-X represents the number of correct mappings not in PRA-F found by using PRA-X. NF is the number of mappings in PRA-F not found by the algorithms using PRA-H.

Use of PRA-Full vs PRA-Half

- Result Analysis

  For larger PRA
  - For all strategies, the recall is higher.
  - For the preprocessing strategies and pmPRA
    - When threshold is low, the precision is lower.
    - When threshold is high, the precision is higher.
  - For the filtering strategies
    - The precision is always equal or higher.

Lessons learned



- PRA in preprocessing leads to fewer suggestions, in most cases to an improvement in precision and in some cases to an improvement in recall.
- Use the linguistic pattern matcher mainly to find new suggestions.
- Always use filter with PRA. The other filter approaches work well when the structure of the source ontologies is well-defined and complete.
- Not so large difference between PRA-based algorithms and SAMBO/SAMBOdtf
  - SAMBO/SAMBOdtf already do well on test cases
  - Anatomy case: all new correct mappings are non-trivial

Ontology Alignment

- Ontology alignment
- Ontology alignment strategies
- Evaluation of ontology alignment strategies
- Recommending ontology alignment strategies
- Using PRA in ontology alignment
- Current Issues

Current issues

- Systems and algorithms
  - Complex ontologies
  - Use of instance-based techniques
  - Alignment types (equivalence, is-a, …)
  - Complex mappings (1-n, m-n)
  - Connection ontology types – alignment strategies

Current issues

- Evaluations
  - Need for Golden standards
  - Systems available, but not always the alignment algorithms
  - Evaluation measures
- Recommending 'best' alignment strategies

Further reading

Starting points for further studies

Further reading ontology alignment

- http://www.ontologymatching.org
(plenty of references to articles and systems)

- Ontology alignment evaluation initiative: http://oaei.ontologymatching.org
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