

# Selectional Preferences for Word Sense Disambiguation – error detection

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## 1 Introduction/Motivation

✓ Selectional Preferences:

Resnik's association strength:  $\frac{p(\text{class}|\text{predicate}) \cdot p(\text{class})}{p(\text{class}|\text{predicate}) + p(\text{class})}$

To determine how closely the verb selects his arguments (object / subject), calculate the Selectional preferences for this verb. This means the association between the predicate and the semantic categories with reference to the arguments

✓ WSD (word sense disambiguation):

Is the process of identifying which sense of a word is used in a sentence, when the word has multiple meanings

WSD is a difficult task for every WSD-System

✓ Goal: compute the Selectional

Preferences of verb-object-pairs in order to compare the gold standard senses with the given Ukb\_WSD-senses

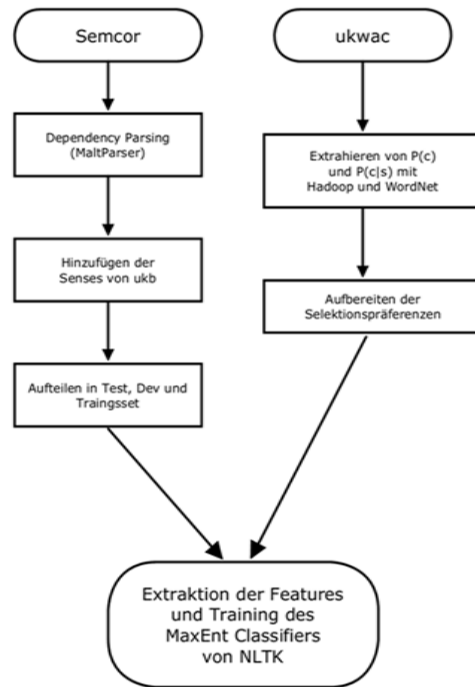


Figure 1: Procedure

## 2 Approach (Figure 1)

### 1. Compute selectional association

#### -Hadoop (Figure 2)

- Framework for distributed computers
- Base on MapReduce Algorithm
- Implemented in Java

#### -Dumbo

- Python interface for Hadoop
- Facilitate the writing and running of -hadoop programs in Python
- could not get up to now a complete access to Hadoop API
- poor documented

#### -Hadoop/ Dumbo

- enable the use of UKWAC corpus as Database

### 2. Semcor for UKB\_WSD-System

- Convert Semcor-xml-corpus into .conll Format

- Parse Semcor -conll-corpus with Malt Parser to get a dependent parsed basedata in order to identify verb-object-pair.
- run UKB\_WSD to disambiguate

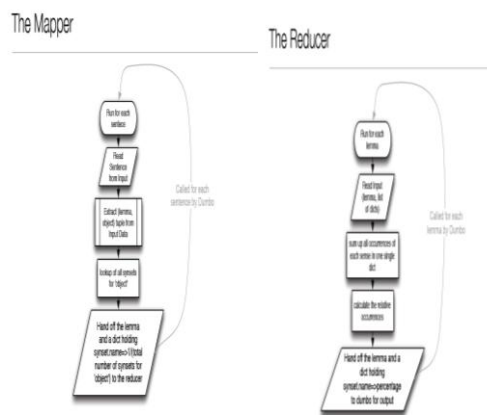


Figure 2: Mapper and Reducer

Example: ukb\_output

ctx\_02 w9 07190941-n !! charge  
 ctx\_02 w12 06693198-n !! praise  
 ctx\_03 w9 06681551-n !! report  
 ctx\_04 w12 05682950-n !! interest

## 3 Classify

✓ MaxEntClassifier with NLTK

-takes FeatureSet with Label as Input

Example of a featureset:

({'context: record': True, 'obj: action': True, 'verb: see': True, 'context: be': True, 'selPrefInTopTen': False, 'context: start': True, 'SenseNumber: 01': True, 'context: week': True}, False)

- Data has been splitted into Train-set, Development-set and Test-Set

## 4 Evaluation

Evaluation was done on the Test-Set.

Precision: 0.712

Recall: 0.712

F1-Measure: 0.712

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