

YAGO: Yet Another Great Ontology

Fabian M. Suchanek

(joint work with Gjergji Kasneci, Mauro Sozio and Gerhard Weikum)

(Max-Planck-Institute for Informatics, Saarbrücken/Germany)

Fabian M. Suchanek

YAGO - Yet Another Great Ontology



Before we start the talk...

Thank you,

Prof. Etzioni, Prof. Weld, Mr. Allen



for inviting me so expeditiously!



About myself

Fabian M. Suchanek

- 2003 **BSc. in Cognitive Science** from U Osnabrück/Germany
- 2005 MSc. in Computer Science

from U Saarbrücken/Germany

2008 PhD in Computer Science

at the Max-Planck Institute for Informatics

in Saarbrücken/Germany,

working on Ontologies and Information Extraction





Max-Planck Institute



University of Washington



Fabian M. Suchanek

YAGO - Yet Another Great Ontology





scientist musician

Invisible Gorilla steals the Nobel Prize

...The gorilla, plus dropped food and country **music**, were honored...

newscientist.org/article/invisibleGorilla.htm Cached Similar pages





scientist who are musicians and won a prize

Invisible Gorilla steals the Nobel Prize

...The gorilla, plus dropped food and country **music**, were honored...

newscientist.org/article/invisibleGorilla.htm Cached Similar pages





Please give me IMMEDIATELY the scientists who are...

Invisible Gorilla steals the Nobel Prize

... The gorilla, plus dropped food and country **music**, were honored...

newscientist.org/article/invisibleGorilla.htm Cached Similar pages



Solution: An Ontology





Gathering the knowledge of this world in a structured ontology.



- J Semantic Search
- Question answering
- J Machine Translation
- J Document classification

... د



Where do we get the ontology from?

- Assemble the ontology manually (WordNet, SUMO, Cyc, GeneOntology)
 Question: Can we increase coverage? (MPI is in none of these)
- J Use community work (Semantic Wikipedia, Freebase) Question: Will it take off?
- Extract the ontology from a semi-structured corpus (Wikipedia) (KYLIN/KOG, DBpedia)
 Question: Can we go beyond Wikipedia?
- J Extract information from corpora (e.g. the Web)
 (Espresso, Snowball, LEILA, TextRunner, KnowItAll)
 Question: Can we increase accuracy? Can we achieve canonicity?



Extract the ontology from a semi-structured corpus (Wikipedia) as a core ontology: YAGO

Extract information from corpora (e.g. the Web)
 to extend the core ontology: SOFIE

Fabian M. Suchanek

YAGO - Yet Another Great Ontology



YAGO Construction: Infoboxes

blah bla the talk! texte zu fasel su texte zu fasel su weiter	blub Elvis (don't read this! Better listen to) laber fasel suelz. Insbesondere, blub, , und so weiter blah blah blub Elvis laber elz. Blub, aber blah! Insbesondere, blub, , und so weiter blah blah blub Elvis laber elz. Insbesondere, blub, texte zu, und so	Exploit infoboxes	<i>bornIn</i> → Berlin
	Name: Sam Smart		
	Born in: Berlin		



YAGO Construction: Categories





YAGO Construction: Categories





YAGO Construction: Categories





YAGO Construction: Thematic vs Conceptual

© conceptual:	American	scientists	of German origin
Hematic:	Biomedical	science	in Germany
Shallow linguistic noun phrase parsing:	Premodifier	Head	Postmodifier

Heuristics: If the head is a plural word, the category is conceptual







YAGO Construction: Upper Model









is a establishedOnDate familyNam Manual evaluation hasPopulation bornOnDate correct ation: hasHeight diedOnDate somect asWeight bornIn diedIn actedIn ...

90 relations

YAGO: Size*

* Publicly available ontologies with a quality guarantee. Size is not correlated with usefulness.

19,000,000

YAGO Model: Why binary is not enough

#1	(Sam,	is_a,	scientist)
#2	(#1,	since,	1998)

#3 (#1, source, Wikipedia)

YAGO Model: Formal view

A YAGO ontology over

- a set of relations R
- $_{
 m J}$ a set of common entities ${\cal C}$
- a set of fact identifiers I
- is a function
 - $\textbf{I} \rightarrow (\textbf{R} \cup \textbf{C} \cup \textbf{I}) \times \textbf{R} \times (\textbf{R} \cup \textbf{I} \cup \textbf{C})$
- #1 (Sam, is_a, scientist)
 #2 (#1, since, 1998)
 #3 (#1, source, Wikipedia)

- facts (#1, source, Wikipedia)
- J additional arguments (#1, since, 1998)
- relations (time, hasRange, time_interval)

 $_{\rm 3}$ Extract the ontology from a semi-structured corpus (Wikipedia) as a core ontology: YAGO $~\sqrt{}$

Extract information from corpora (e.g. the Web) to extend the core ontology: SOFIE

Our first approach:

LEILA - Combining Linguistic and Statistical Analysis [SIGKDD 2006]

Worked well, but was slow.

1. Mapping patterns to relations

- 1. Mapping patterns to relations
- 2. Disambiguating entity names

Extending the Ontology

- 1. Mapping patterns to relations
- 2. Disambiguating entity names
- 3. Performing logical reasoning

SOFIE: A Unifying Framework

- 1. Mapping patterns to relations
- 2. Disambiguating entity names
- 3. Performing logical reasoning

"Elvis was born in 1937."

"X was born in Y" is a good pattern for bornInYear

SOFIE: A Unifying Framework

- 1. Mapping patterns to relations
- 2. Disambiguating entity names
- 3. Performing logical reasoning

"Dr. Smart was born in 1980."

- 1. Mapping patterns to relations
- 2. Disambiguating entity names
- 3. Performing logical reasoning

 $r(x,y) \land occurs(p,x,y) => isGoodPattern(p,r)$ isGoodPattern(p,r) $\land occurs(p,x',y') => r(x',y')$ disambiguate("Dr. Smart", Sam_Smart)[0.8] disambiguate("Dr. Smart", Lisa_Smart)[0.2]

- 1. Mapping patterns to relations
- 2. Disambiguating entity names
- 3. Performing logical reasoning

 $r(x,y) \land occurs(p,x,y) => isGoodPattern(p,r)$ isGoodPattern(p,r) $\land occurs(p,x',y') => r(x',y')$ disambiguate("Dr. Smart", Sam_Smart)[0.8]

 $bornInYear(x,b) \land diedInYear(x,d) => b < d$

It's all just logical formulae with weights

Find truth values for the literals so that a maximal number of formulae is happy!

```
[WWW 2009]
```


We have a Weighted MAX SAT Problem

$$r(x,y) \land s(x,z) \Longrightarrow t(x,z) [w]$$

Problem:

- J The Weighted MAX SAT Problem is NP-hard
- Our instance contains YAGO (19 million facts) and textual facts (e.g. some dozens of thousands)
- The best-known approximation algorithm cannot deal well with our specific instance

SOFIE: A Unifying Framework

Weighted MAX SAT Problem

SOFIE: Relation to Markov Logic

$$r(x,y) \land s(x,z) \Longrightarrow t(x,z) [w]$$

bornIn(SamSmart, 1980)

. . .

SOFIE: Relation to Markov Logic

$$r(x,y) \land s(x,z) \Longrightarrow t(x,z) [w]$$

SOFIE: Experiments

Corpus	Туре	# Docs	Relations	Time	Precision
Wikipedia toy corpus	structured	100	3	8min	100%
Wikipedia subcorpus	semi- structured	2000	15	15h	94%
News article toy corpus	unstructured	150	1	24min	91%
Biographies from Web	unstructured	3440	5	15h	90%

Back to the original question:

Which scientist was also a musician and has won a prize?

Back to the original question:

Which scientist was also a musician and has won a prize?

Х	isa	scientist
Х	isa	musician
Х	hasWonPrize	Y

😻 Yago - A Core of Semantic	Knowledge - Mozilla Firefox	×
<u>D</u> atei <u>B</u> earbeiten <u>A</u> nsicht	<u>Chronik Lesezeichen Extras Hilfe</u>	
C ×	http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/~suchanek/downloads/yago/	😭 🔹 🔀 🖌 Alan Ritter wa 🔎
🕅 Gmail - Posteingang (2041)	f.m.sucha 🖂 🛛 🛲 Yago - A Core of Semantic Knowl 🔯	
Home Use YAGO Query YAGO	Query Form YAGO-query: ?id0: ?x ?id1: ?x ?id2: IsA Daten absenden	scientist musician

References

Related Projects

Acknowledgemen

😻 Yago - A Core of Se	mantic Knowledge - Mozilla F	irefox				_ 8 >
<u>D</u> atei <u>B</u> earbeiten <u>A</u> r	isicht ⊆hronik <u>L</u> esezeichen	E <u>x</u> tras <u>H</u> ilfe				2. •
<>> C	🗙 🏠 📠 http://www	mpi-inf.mpg.de/~suchanek/d	ownloads/yago/		☆ •	🖸 - Alan Ritter wa 🔎 🛛 🤮
🔀 Gmail - Posteingang	(2041) - f.m.sucha 🖂 🚺 🚺	aden				
Home	Query For YAGO-qu ?id0: ?x ?id1: ?x ?id2:	ery: is/ is/		scientist musician		
Use YAG	O <u>Daten ab</u> Solving au	senden				

Query YAGO

References

Related Projects

Acknowledgemen

🕑 Yago - A Core of Semantic Knowled	dge - Mozilla Firefox	
<u>D</u> atei <u>B</u> earbeiten <u>A</u> nsicht <u>⊂</u> hronik	Lesezeichen E <u>x</u> tras <u>H</u> ilfe	
🔇 🔊 • C 🗙 🏠 🧰	http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/~suchanek/downloads/yago/	🗘 🔹 🔽 Alan Ritter wa 🔎 🔒
M Gmail - Posteingang (2041) - f.m.such	a 🖂 🛛 🛲 Yago - A Core of Semantic Knowl 🔯	
Home	Query Form YAGO-query: ?id0: ?x isA ?id1: ?x isA	l am a creenshot
Use YAGO	Daten absenden	
Query YAGO References Related Projects Acknowledgemen	<pre>?musician = musician ?scientist = scientist ?x = Brian May ?y = Ivor Novello Awa ?musician = musician ?scientist = scientist ?x = Ginger_Rogers ?y = Academy_Award_for_Best_Actr</pre> Brian May - Musician and Astrophysicist	
	?musician = <u>musician</u> ?scientist = <u>scientist</u> ?x = <u>Carol_Channing</u> ?y = <u>Tony_Award</u>	
	?musician = <u>musician</u> ?scientist = <u>scientist</u> ?x = <u>Carol_Channing</u> ?y = <u>Sarah_Siddons_Award</u>	
Fertig		
🛃 Start 🚳 Yago - A Core of Sem	🔁 washington - OpenOffice	« 🖓

J We made a step towards gathering

the knowledge of this world in a structured ontology

[SIGKDD 2006] Fabian M. Suchanek, Georgiana Ifrim and Gerhard Weikum "Combining Linguistic and Statistical Analysis to Extract Relations from Web Documents" International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (SIGKDD 2006)

- [WWW 2007] Fabian M. Suchanek, Gjergji Kasneci and Gerhard Weikum "YAGO - A Core of Semantic Knowledge" International World Wide Web conference (WWW 2007)
- [Elsevier 2008] Fabian M. Suchanek, Gjergji Kasneci and Gerhard Weikum "YAGO - A Large Ontology from Wikipedia and WordNet" Elsevier Journal of Web Semantics 2008
- [WWW 2009] Fabian M. Suchanek, Mauro Sozio, Gerhard Weikum "SOFIE – A Self-Organizing Framework for Information Extraction" International World Wide Web conference (WWW 2009)

- J personalize YAGO (Shady Elbassuoni, Maya Ramanath)
- Juse social networks to extend YAGO (Maya, Sharat, Ashwin)
- , make YAGO multilingual (Gerard de Melo)
- J add Web services (Nicoleta Preda)
- , make querying efficient (Gjergji Kasneci)
- store YAGO efficiently (Thomas Neumann)
- make reasoning efficient (Mauro Sozio, Martin Theobald)
- provide good visualization (Shady Elbassuoni)
- J add biomedical knowledge (Alessandro Fiori)
- J add multimodal support (Martin Schreiber)
- Jadd natural language support (with Alexander Koller)

- J learn also relations and classes (KOG, KYLIN)
- investigate multilingual support (PanImages)
- investigate reasoning/inferencing (Holmes, MLN)
- J feed information back into Wikipedia (Intelligence in Wikipedia)
- J extract information on a larger scale (KnowItAll/TextRunner)
- J guide the information extraction process (Alice/LLL)

Instead of competing with these projects,

join forces with them!

YAGO: Knowledge Representation

YAGO Model: Logical aspects

Axio	ms:			
(x,	is_	_a,	y)	
(y,	suk	ocla	ass,	z)
=>	(x,	is_	_a,	z)

YAGO Model: Logical aspects

[WWW 2007]

SOFIE rules!

R(X,Y)
∧ R(X,Z)
∧ type(R,functionalRelation)
=> Y = Z

occurs(P,WX,WY) /\ refersTo(WX.X) /\ refersTo(WY,Y) /\ R(X,Y) => expresses(P,R)

disambiguationPrior(W,X) => refersTo(W,X)

¬ R(X,Y)

bornInYear(X,B) /\ diedInYear(X,D) => B<D

occurs(P,WX,WY) \land expressed(P,R) \land refersTo(WX.X) \land refersTo(WY,Y) \land range(R,D1) \land domain(R,D2) \land type(X,D1) \land type(Y,D2) => R(X,Y)

SOFIE: Clause transformation

SOFIE: Clause transformation

Clauses 1	Textual Facts
¬ r(a,a) V ¬ s(a,a) V t(a,a)	r(a,a) [w1]
¬ r(a,b) V ¬ s(a,b) V t(a,a)	r(a,b) [w2]
¬ r(b,a) V ¬ s(b,a) V t(b,b)	r(b,a) [w3]
¬ r(b,b) V ¬ s(b,b) V t(b,b)	r(b,b) [w4]
u(a)	

YAGO

s(a,a)

SOFIE: Clause weighting

Clauses

¬ 1	V ¬ 1 V t(a,a) [w1]
¬ 1	V
− 1	V
¬ 1	V
u(a) [\	V]

Textual	Facts
r(a,a)	[w1]
r(a,b)	[w2]
r(b,a)	[w3]
r(b,b)	[w4]

YAGO

s(a,a)

SOFIE: Hypothesis generation

SOFIE: Hypothesis generation

The functional MAX SAT Algorithm considers only unit clauses.

SOFIE: Experiments

Corpus	Туре	# Docs	# Rel	Time	# Facts	Precision	Recall
Wikipedia toy corpus	structured	100	3	8min	165	100%	98%
Wikipedia toy corpus	semi-structured 50% infoboxes removed	100	3	8min	165	100%	57%
Wikipedia subcorpus	semi-structured	2000	15	15h	505	94%	?
News article toy corpus	unstructured	150	1	24min	35, 46	91%	24%, 31%
Snowball					65	56%	31%
Biographies from Web	unstructured	3440	5	15h	744	90%	?