The Wikipedia Location Network: Overcoming Borders and Oceans

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What's the difference between France and Illinois?

Implicit Networks



http://web.mmlc.northwestern.edu/re-visualizing-the-novel/

Overview

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Foundations of Implicit Networks

"Most of the circuits currently in use are specially constructed for competition. The current street circuits are Monaco, Melbourne, Montreal, Singapore and Sochi, although races in other urban locations come and go (Las Vegas and Detroit, for example) and proposals for such races are often discussed – most recently New Jersey."

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Formula_One

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Edge Aggregation





Distance-based cosine for nodes v and w:

$$dicos(v,w) := \frac{\sum_i d_i(v) \ d_i(w)}{\sqrt{\sum_i d_i(v)^2} \sqrt{\sum_i d_i(w)^2}}$$



Toponym Extraction in Wikipedia



Network Overview

Node types:



Network statistics:

| V | E | density | clustering coefficient |
|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 723,779 | 178,890,238 | $6.8\cdot10^{-4}$ | 0.56 |

Network Properties



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- 2. Correspondence of highest weighted incident edge in network with the link to parent in hierarchy:
 - cities: 81.6% precision for link to parent country
 - countries: 80.3% precision for link to parent continent

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Applications in NLP

Support for NLP tasks:

- Disambiguation
- Coreference analysis
- Cross- and multilingual analysis

Data analysis by clustering of the network:

- Finding place similarities
- Categorization of places
- Extraction of hierarchies

Applications in Event Analysis



The network supports spatial components of:

- Event detection
- Event extraction
- Event correlation
- Event similarity

New method for implicit network extraction that is

- based on text distances of toponyms,
- applicable to any geo-tagged corpus.

Application to Wikipedia / Wikidata results in

- negligible number of mistags,
- accurate and reliable network,
- useful resource for NLP tasks.

Thank you!

Questions?

The Wikipedia Location Network is available for download.



http://dbs.ifi.uni-heidelberg.de/index.php?id=data

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