# Towards Cross-checking WordNet and SUMO Using Meronymy

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#### Cross-checking knowledge sources

- This work is an initial study about:
  - Knowledge representation
  - Common Sense (world knowledge)
  - Reasoning
- In particular, we focus on:
  - ► WordNet (Fellbaum, 1998)
  - ► SUMO (Niles and Pease, 2001)
  - ► WN-SUMO Mapping (Niles and Pease, 2003)
- We expect all these knowledge sources to encode correct world knowledge (true knowledge).
- Despite being created manually, they are not free of errors and discrepancies.
- We apply a new Black-box strategy (Álvez et al., 2017b) to the meronymy information encoded in these resources.

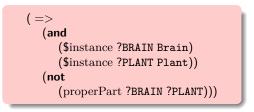
# SUMO (Niles and Pease, 2001)

- IEEE Standard Upper Ontology Working Group
- SUMO syntax goes beyond first-order logic (FOL)
- SUMO cannot be directly used by FOL Automated Theorem Provers (ATPs) without a suitable transformation
- Different transformations of SUMO into FOL:
  - ► TPTP-SUMO (Pease and Sutcliffe, 2007)
  - Adimen-SUMO (Álvez et al., 2012)

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# Adimen-SUMO I

- Following the line of (Horrocks and Voronkov, 2006)
- Obtained by applying a reengineering process to SUMO
  - ▶ With the help of ATPs (Automated Theorem Provers)
  - ► Around an 88% of the *core* of SUMO (top and middle levels) is translated
  - Domain ontologies are not used (by now)
  - ► The resulting ontology can be used in tasks that involve reasoning with commonsense knowledge
- The process of manually debugging the ontology is very costly
  - Only 64 manually created tests
  - Example:



#### Adimen-SUMO II

- We have proposed different methodologies for the automatic debugging ontologies like Adimen-SUMO
  - Black-box testing strategies (Álvez et al., 2015, 2017b)
  - ► White-box testing strategies (Álvez et al., 2017a)
- More than 100 axioms from Adimen-SUMO has been improved

#### Black-box Testing I

- Introduced in (Álvez et al., 2015) and fully described in (Álvez et al., 2017b)
- Adaptation of the methodology for the design and evaluation of ontologies introduced in (Grüninger and Fox, 1995)
- Based on the use of Competency Questions (CQs):
  - Problems that an ontology is expected to answer
- Its application is automatic by means of the use of ATPs
- Classification of (dual) problems (truth and falsity tests):
  - ► Passing: the ATPs are able to demonstrate a truth test
  - ► Non-passing: the ATPs are able to demonstrate a falsity test
  - ► Unknown: the ATPs produce no answer within a time limit

#### Black-box Testing II

- CQs are automatically created on the basis of few Question Patterns (QPs) by exploiting WordNet and its mapping into SUMO
- In (Álvez et al., 2017b):
  - ► antonym and event (agent, instrument and result) relations
  - ► 11 QPs are proposed
  - More than 7,500 CQs are created
  - More than 43% of CQs are validated
  - Example:



### Mapping between WordNet and SUMO

- Described in (Niles and Pease, 2003)
- It connects synsets of WordNet to terms of SUMO using 3 relations:
  - ▶ equivalence (=)
  - ► subsumption (+)
  - ► instance (@)
- Some examples:

$\langle calcium_n^1  angle$ : [ $\langle calcium_oxide_n^1  angle$ : [	[CompoundSubstance <sub>c</sub> +]
. —	PoliceOfficer <sub>a</sub> =] PoliceOrganization <sub>c</sub> +]

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# Meronymy Information in WordNet

- WordNet v3.0 provides 3 part-whole relations (22,187):
  - ► part: the general meronymy relation (9,097)
  - ▶ member: it relates particulars and groups (12,293)
  - ► substance: it relates physical matters and things (797)
- For example:

 $\langle committee_n^1 \rangle$  $\langle committee\_member_n^1 \rangle$ 

 $\langle wine_n^1 \rangle$ *(substance)*  $\langle grape_n^1 \rangle$ 

# Exploiting the Mapping between WordNet and SUMO

• First, creating a mapping between WordNet and Adimen-SUMO:

$$[Cooking_c+] (Top level)$$

$$[$subclass]$$

$$\langle frying_n^1 \rangle : [Frying_c=] (Food ontology)$$

• Propose a formal characterization of the mapping information:

$$\langle male\_horse_n^1 \rangle : [Male_a+] [Horse_c+]$$

Literal interpretation:

(and (\$*instance* ?X Male) (\$*instance* ?X Horse)) • *Precise* interpretation:

(and

(attribute ?X Male) (\$instance ?X Horse))

# Question patterns for the Creation of CQs (I)

- Four different QPs depending on the used mapping relations (*precise* interpretation):
  - ► equivalence
  - subsumption or instance
- QPs are instantiated according to the mapping information of the synsets in the WordNet meronymy pairs.

# Question patterns for the Creation of CQs (II)

• Applying the first QP (precise interpretation):

• to the following WN-SUMO meronymy relation:

# Question patterns for the Creation of CQs (III)

• Creates the following CQ:

(exists (and	(Y? X?)
(at	nstance ?X Insect) stribute ?Y Larval) ember ?X ?Y)))

# Question patterns for the Creation of CQs (IV)

• Mapping of WordNet relations to Adimen-SUMO predicates, which have domain restrictions:

$\langle part  angle$	:	$[ part_r(Object_c \times Object_c) ]$
$\langle member  angle$	:	$[member_r(SelfConnectedObject_c \times Collection_c)]$
$\langle substance  angle$	:	$[material_r(Substance_c \times CorpuscularObject_c)]$

- Many discrepancies arise during the instantiation of question patterns.
- 14,513 part relations from 22,187 (65%) do not hold domain conditions.
  - Example:

$$\langle wine_{n}^{1} \rangle : [Wine_{c}=]$$

$$\langle substance \rangle \qquad [material_{r}]$$

$$\langle grape_{n}^{1} \rangle : [FruitOrVegetable_{c}+]$$

- ► Reason: the first argument of *material*<sub>r</sub> is restricted to be *Substance*<sub>c</sub>, which is incompatible with *FruitOrVegetable*<sub>c</sub>
- So, we concentrate on the remaining 7,674 relations (35%)

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### Creating CQs and applying ATPs

- We apply the 4 QPs to the 7,674 relations allowing to create 2,145 CQs.
- When testing these CQs using ATPs such as Vampire (Kovács and Voronkov, 2013) or E-prover (Schulz, 2002):
  - Passing: knowledge validation
  - Non-passing: knowledge mismatches
    - WN-SUMO mapping issues
    - WordNet issues
    - SUMO issues
  - ► Unknown: Missing knowledge ... or insuficient execution time?

# Knowledge Validation

$$\langle \text{ police\_force}_n^1 \rangle : [ \text{ PoliceOrganization}_c + ]$$

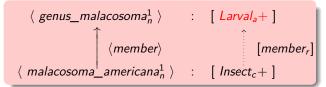
$$\uparrow \langle \text{member} \rangle \qquad \uparrow [\text{member}_r]$$

$$\langle \text{ police\_officer}_n^1 \rangle : [ \text{ PoliceOfficer}_a = ]$$

- Reason:
  - ► The resulting CQ is entailed by Adimen-SUMO:

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(forall (?Y)
  (=>
    (attribute ?Y PoliceOfficer)
    (exists (?X)
        (and
        ($instance ?X PoliceOrganization)
        (member ?X ?Y)))))
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# Detection of Mapping Mismatches



- Reason:
  - ► The attribute Larval<sub>a</sub> cannot be applied to groups in Adimen-SUMO

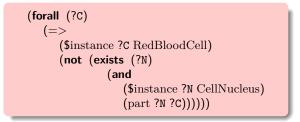
#### Detection of WordNet Issues

$$\langle cell_{n}^{2} \rangle : [Cell_{c} = ]$$

$$\uparrow \langle part \rangle \qquad [part_{r}]$$

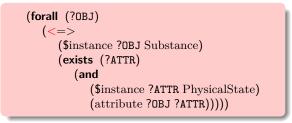
$$\langle cell_nucleus_{n}^{1} \rangle : [CellNucleus_{c} = ]$$

- Reason:
  - ► Some cells lack a nucleus, as stated by the following Adimen-SUMO axiom:



### Detection of Adimen-SUMO Issues

- Problem:
  - The application of subattributes of PhysicalState<sub>A</sub> (as Solid<sub>a</sub>) was restricted to be only! a property of Substance<sub>c</sub>:



# Summary

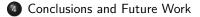
• Reported in (Álvez and Rigau, 2018)

SUMO	CQs						
relations	QP #1	QP #2	QP #3	QP #4	Total		
part <sub>r</sub>	+599	+56	+162	+8	+825	42.09%	
	-6	-0	-1	-5	-12	0.61%	
member <sub>r</sub>	+10	$^{+1}$	$^{+1}$	+0	+12	9.92%	
	-9	-0	-0	-0	-9	7.44%	
material <sub>r</sub>	+17	+1	+2	+0	+17	26.56%	
	-0	-2	-0	-0	-2	3.13%	
Total	+626	+58	+165	+8	+857	39.95%	
	-15	-2	-1	-5	-23	1.07%	

- 857 Passing CQs (39.95% of total) enable to validate the knowledge of WordNet, SUMO and their mapping
- ▶ part is better aligned and covered (825 truth-tests, 42.09%) than member (only 12 truth-tests, 9.92%) and substance (17 truth-tests, 26.56%)
- ▶ Different issues are detected (23 falsity-tests, 1.07%)
- More than 60% of the total is *Unknown*.

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### Conclusions

- Framework and benchmark for formal commonsense reasoning
- More than 10,000 CQs available (around 60% Unknown)!
- First steps cross-checking of WordNet, Adimen-SUMO and its mapping:
  - Validation of some pieces of knowledge
  - Detection of knowledge mismatches
  - Detection of missing knowledge
- Resources are ready for its application to practical NLP tasks
- http://adimen.si.ehu.es/web/AdimenSUMO
- https://vprover.github.io/
- https://github.com/eprover/eprover

#### Future Work

- Improving the WN-SUMO mapping
- Extending our proposal to additional WordNet relations
- Automatically derive new SUMO axioms from WordNet knowledge

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