Tool-Supported Approaches to Ontology Engineering

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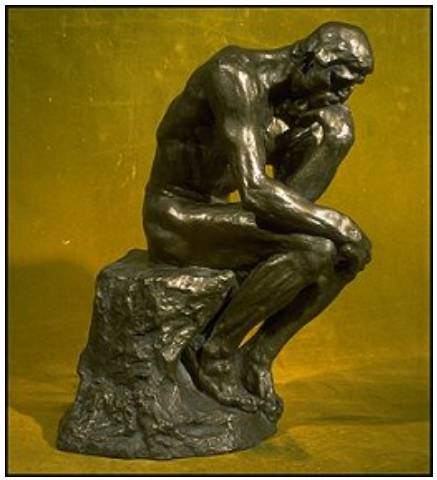
Can we generate ontologies automatically?

Some examples of generated ontology structures

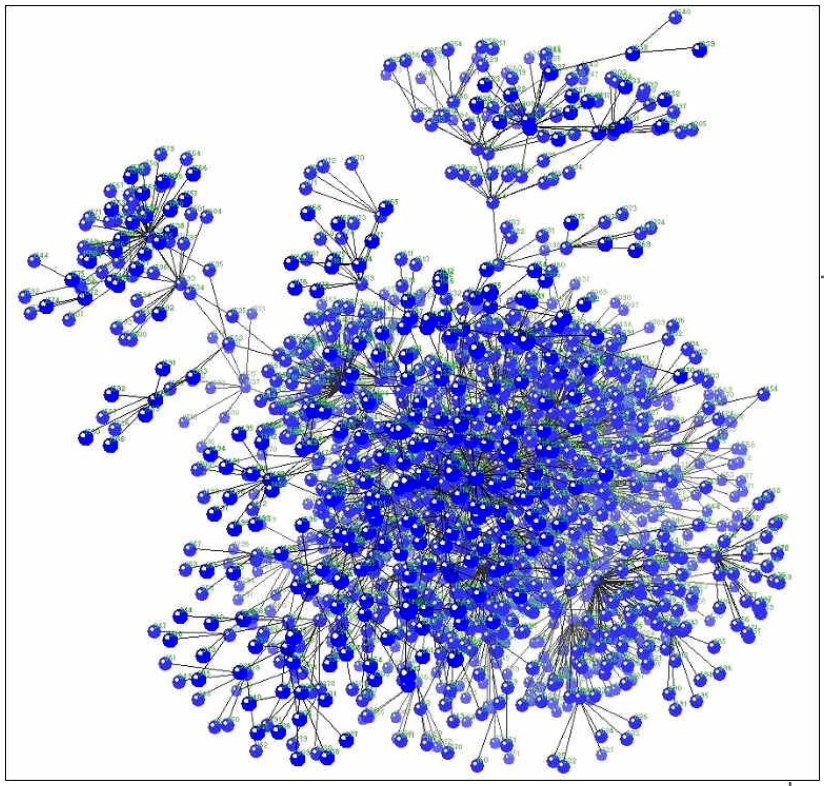
Outline

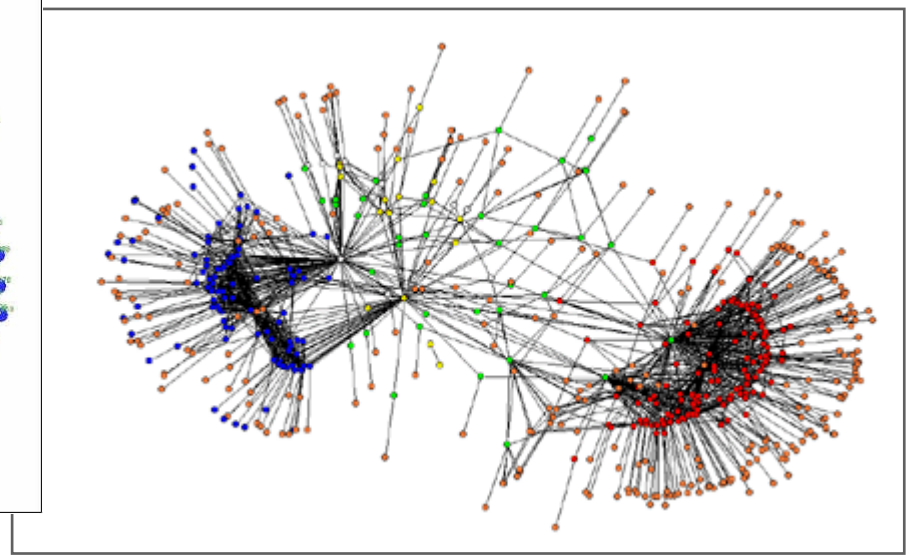


- Ontology Learning vs. Ontology engineering
- Principles of ontology learning
- Ontology learning strategies
- Learning Classes, Individuals and Relationships in the movie domain
- Quality of ontology learning
- Conclusions

Ontology Engineering

- How to develop and maintain large complex ontologies?





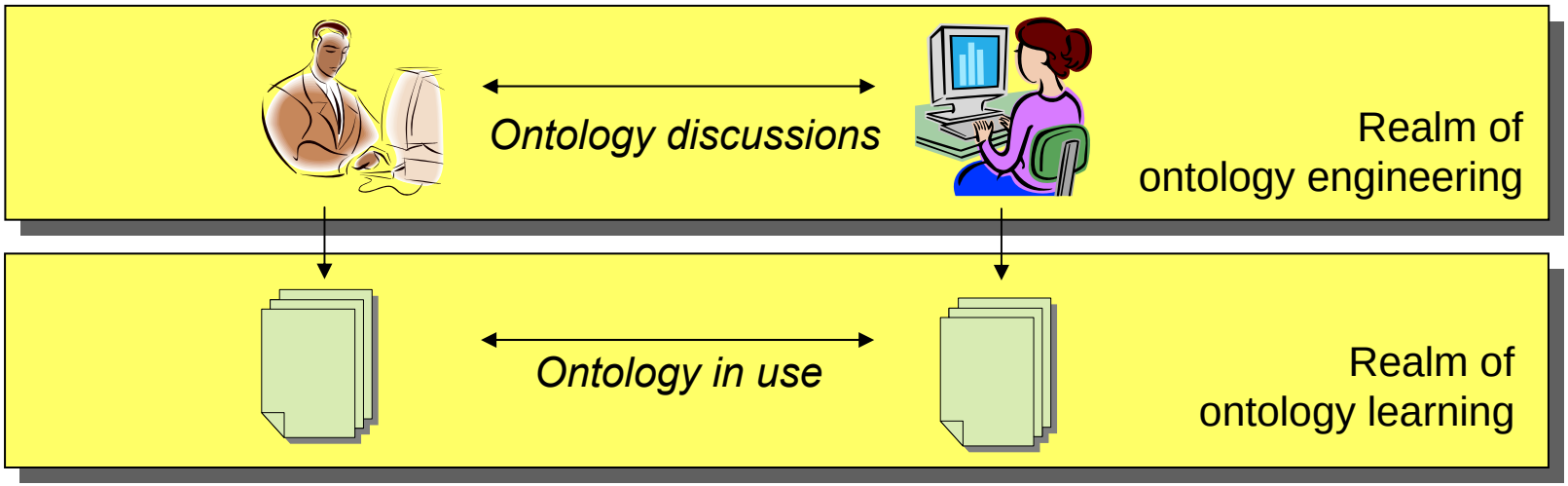
Ontology Modeling vs. Learning

- Traditional ontology engineering approach
  - *Project:*
    Form team of ontology and domain experts
  - *Ontology & domain experts:*
    Collaborative manual modeling process
  - *Domain experts:*
    Verify ontology against domain knowledge
  - *Ontology experts*:
    Verify ontology against syntactic and semantic quality measures
- Expensive and time-consuming approach

- Ontology learning approach:
  - *Domain experts:*
    Find representative domain text
  - *Tool:*
    Extract candidate classes, individuals and properties automatically from domain texts
  - *Ontology & domain experts:*
    Verify candidate structures and complete ontology
- Can also be used to verify domain quality of existing ontology
- Cost-effective approach

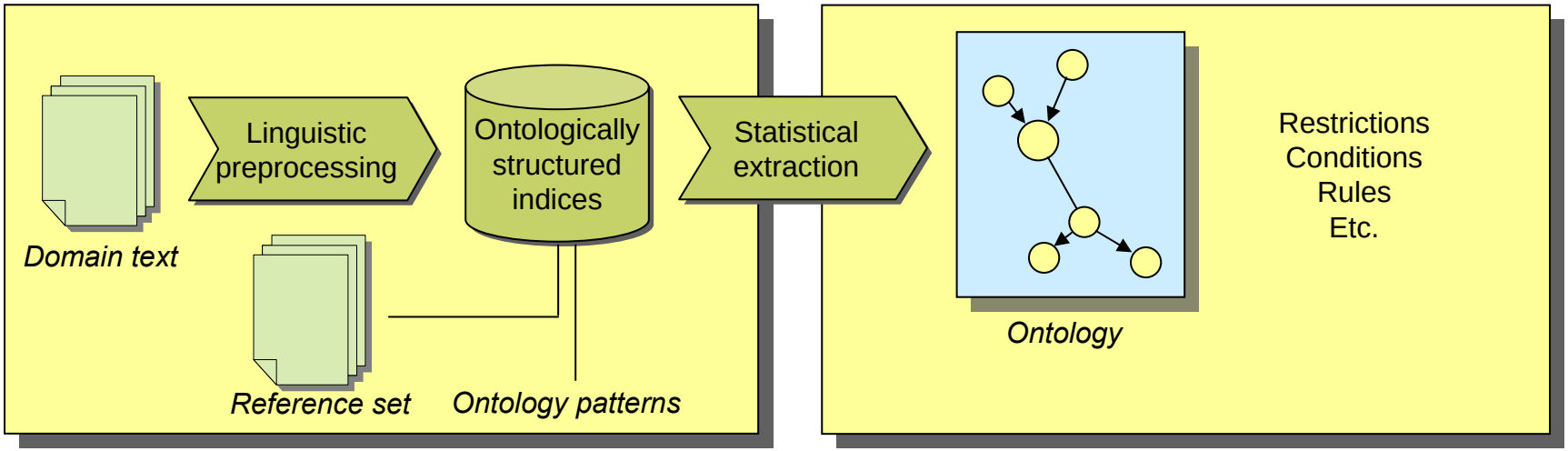
Ontology Learning Basis

- People communicate using domain-specific concepts
- People document using domain-specific concepts
- Ontology learning: *Extract ontology structures from written documentation*



- Requirements:
  - Documents representative for domain terminology
  - Documents cover all the terminology
  - Well-defined and consistent use of terminology in domain

Ontology Learning Process

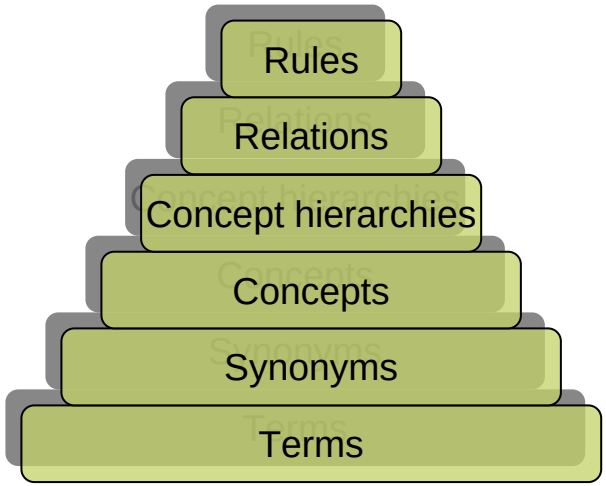


Automatic extraction of ontology candidate structures

Manual verification of candidates and completion of ontology

Levels of Ontology Learning

Degree of difficulty



$\forall x,y(manager(x,y) \rightarrow report(y,x))$

FINANCE(ag:SPONSOR, go: PROJECT)

is_a(MANAGER, EMPLOYEE)

PROJECT

(leader, manager, lead)

sponsors, costs, charter

Ontology Learning Strategies

- Term extraction
  - *Linguistic analysis*
  - *Statistical analysis*
- Synonyms
  - *Classification-based techniques*
  - *Distribution-based techniques*
- Concept formation
  - *Structure recognition*
  - *Keyphrase generation*
  - *Instance learning*
- Concept hierarchy
  - *Clustering*
  - *Lexico-syntactic patterns*
  - *Head-modifier approaches*
  - *Subsumption approaches*
  - *Classification-based techniques*
- Relations
  - *Association rules*
  - *Concept vectors*
- Rules
  - *Structure recognition for meta-property recognition*
  - *Dependency trees and path similarities*

Examples: Learning Classes, Individuals and Relationships

Core techniques for ontology learning

Domain: Movie industry
Web data sources: IMDB, Videoload, Wikipedia, etc.
Resulting ontology: Semantic search application

Keyphrase Extraction for Learning Classes

Scope planning is the process of progressively elaborating and documenting the project work (project scope) that produces the product of the project.

POS tagging

Scope/NNP planning/NN is/VBZ the/DT process/NN of/IN progressively/RB elaborating/VBG and/CC documenting/VBG the/DT project/NN work/NN (/(project/NN scope/NN)/) that/WDT produces/VBZ the/DT product/NN of/IN the/DT project/NN ./.

Stopword removal (571 words)

Scope planning **is the** process **of** progressively elaborating **and** documenting **the** project work (project scope) **that** produces **the** product **of the** project.

Lemmatization/stemming (POS tags not shown)

Scope plan process progress elaborate document project work project scope produce product project

Select consecutive nouns as candidate phrases

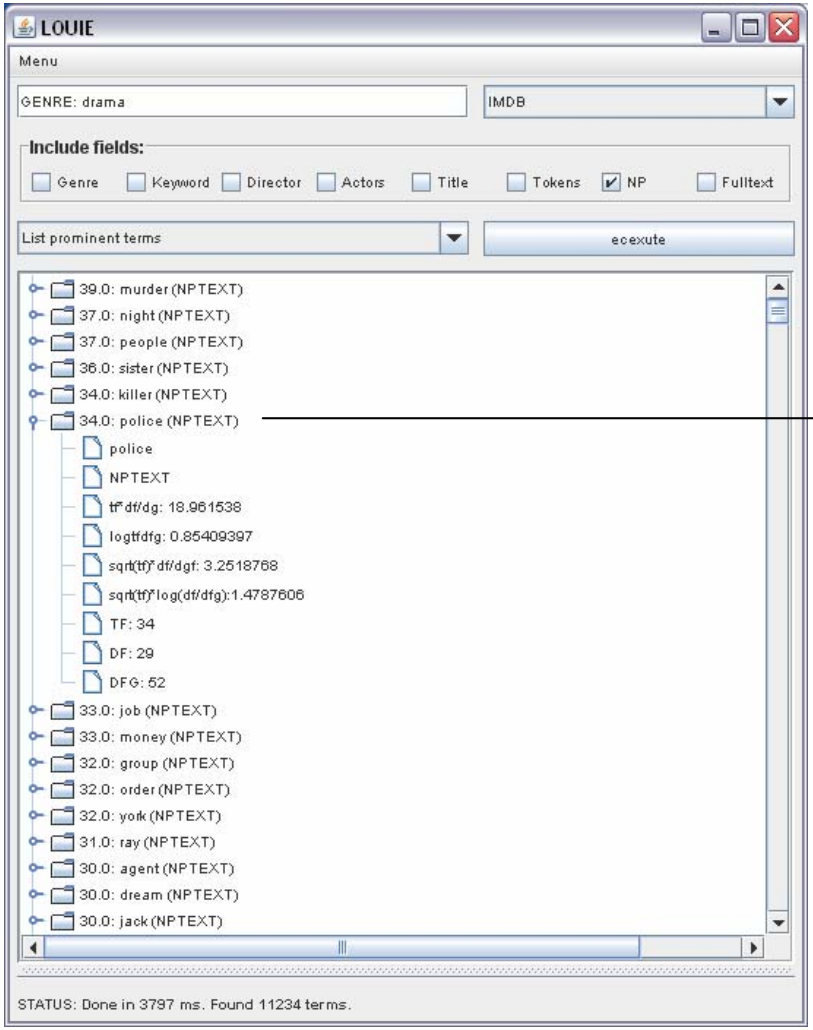
{scope planning, process, project work, project scope, product, project}

Calculate tf.idf score for phrases

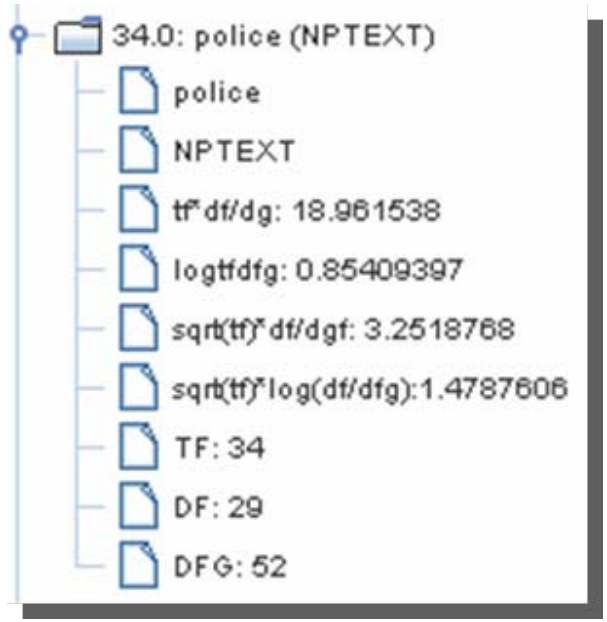
{(scope planning, 0.0097), (project scope, 0.0047), (product, 0.0043), (project work, 0.0008), (project, 0.0001), (process, 0.0000)}

$$\mathrm{tf} = \frac{n_i}{\sum_k n_k} \qquad \mathrm{tfidf} = \mathrm{tf} \cdot \log\left(\frac{|D|}{|(d_j \supset t_i)|}\right)$$

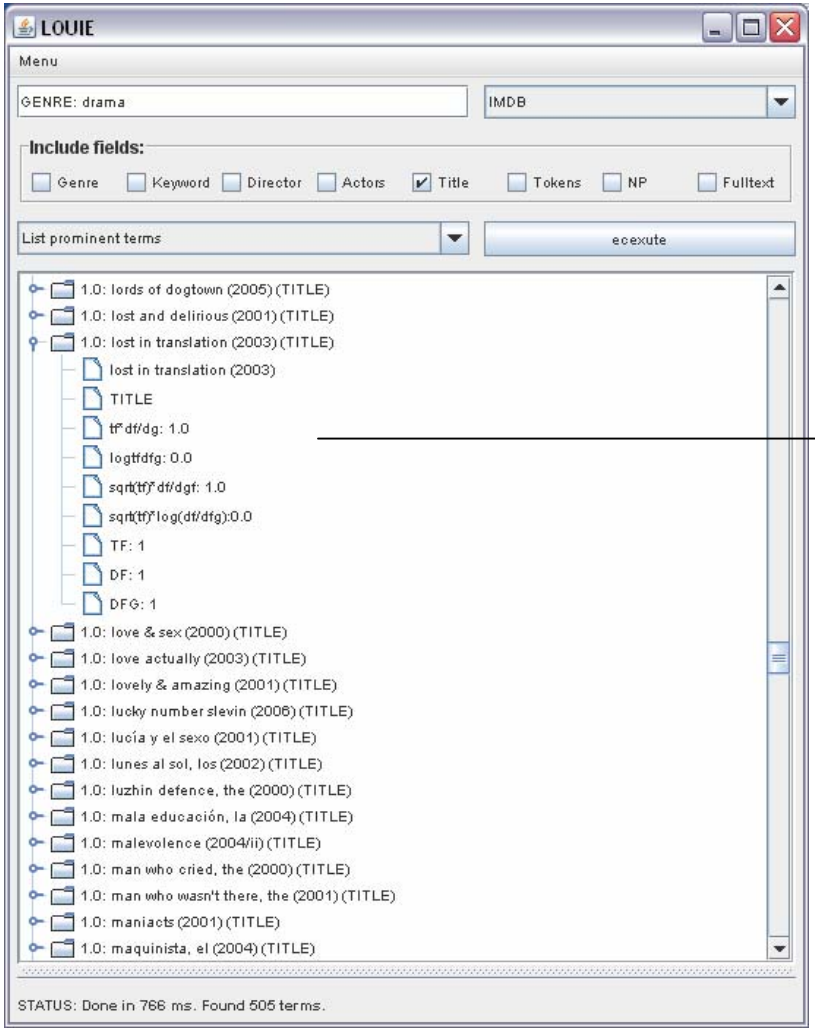
Classes Relevant to the Drama Genre



- Keyphrase extraction technique
- Noun phrases ranked according to various statistical measures



Pattern Matching for Learning Individuals



- Using structural information (headings, keywords, etc.) to recognize movie instances
- Instances ranked according to various statistical measures

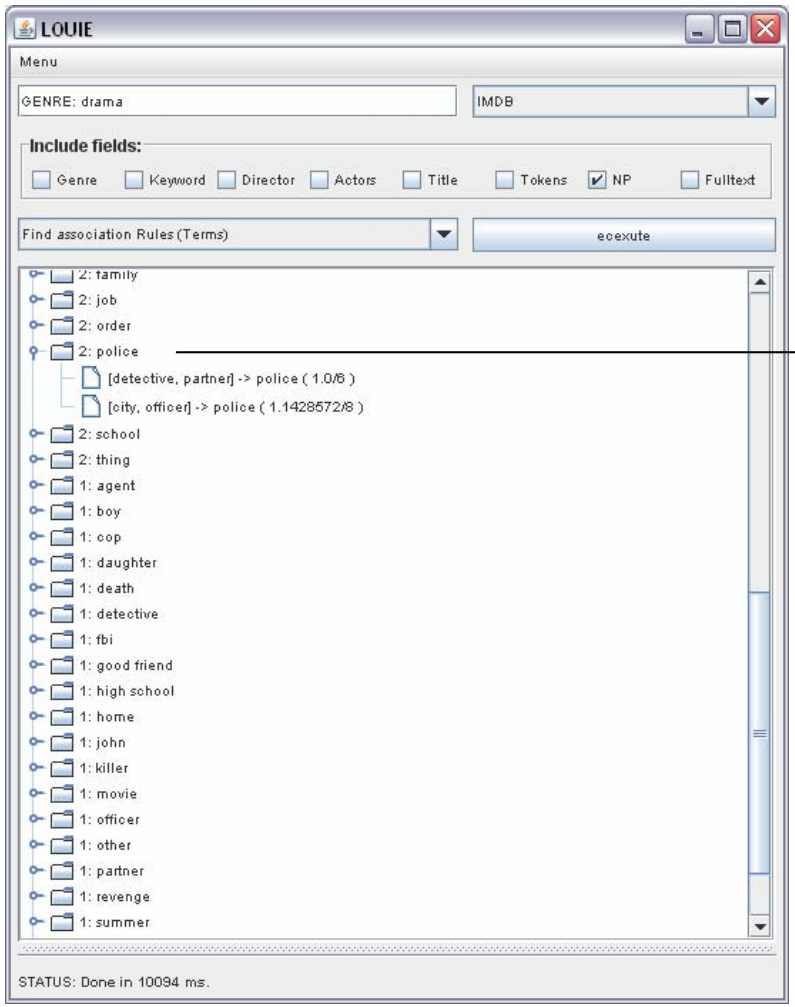
Learning Relationships (Properties)

$$sim(q, d) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}(q_i * d_i)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1} q_i^2} * \sqrt{\sum_{i=1} d_i^2}} = \left(\frac{q}{\|q\|}\right) \bullet \left(\frac{d}{\|d\|}\right)$$

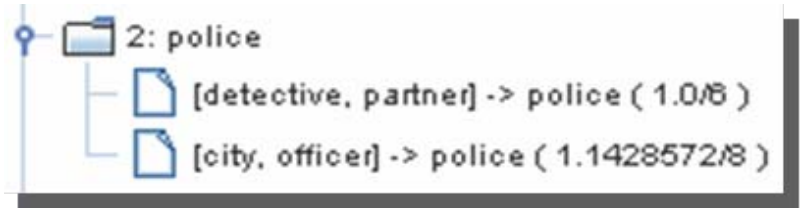
$X \Rightarrow Y$, where $X \subset I, Y \subset I, X \cap Y = \emptyset$

A rule $X \Rightarrow Y$ holds in the transaction set D with *confidence* c if c% of the transactions in D that contain X also contain Y. The rule $X \Rightarrow Y$ has *support* s in the transaction set D if s% of the transactions in D contains $X \cup Y$.

Learning Class Relationships



- Association rules on extracted concepts



Extract from Police OWL Declaration

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- <rdf:RDF xml:base="http://www.owl-ontologies.com/
    <owl:Ontology rdf:about=""/>
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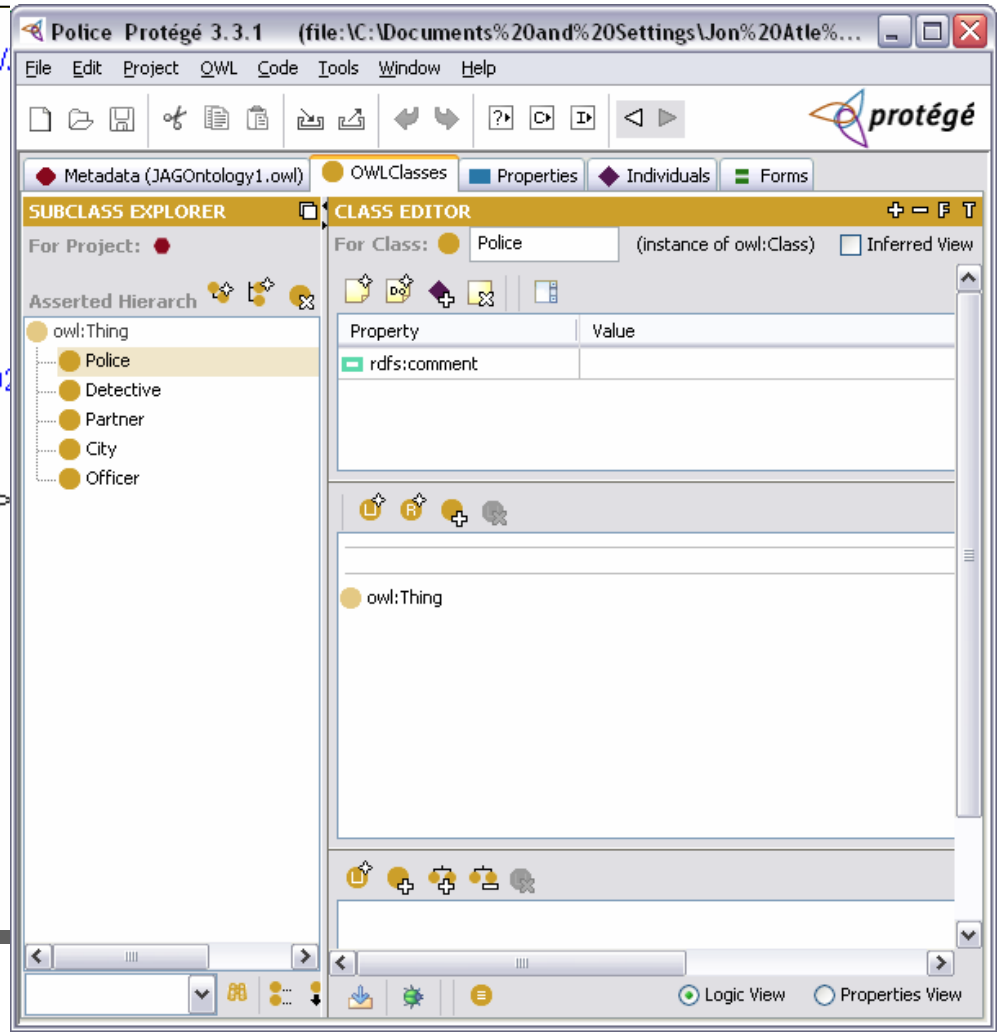
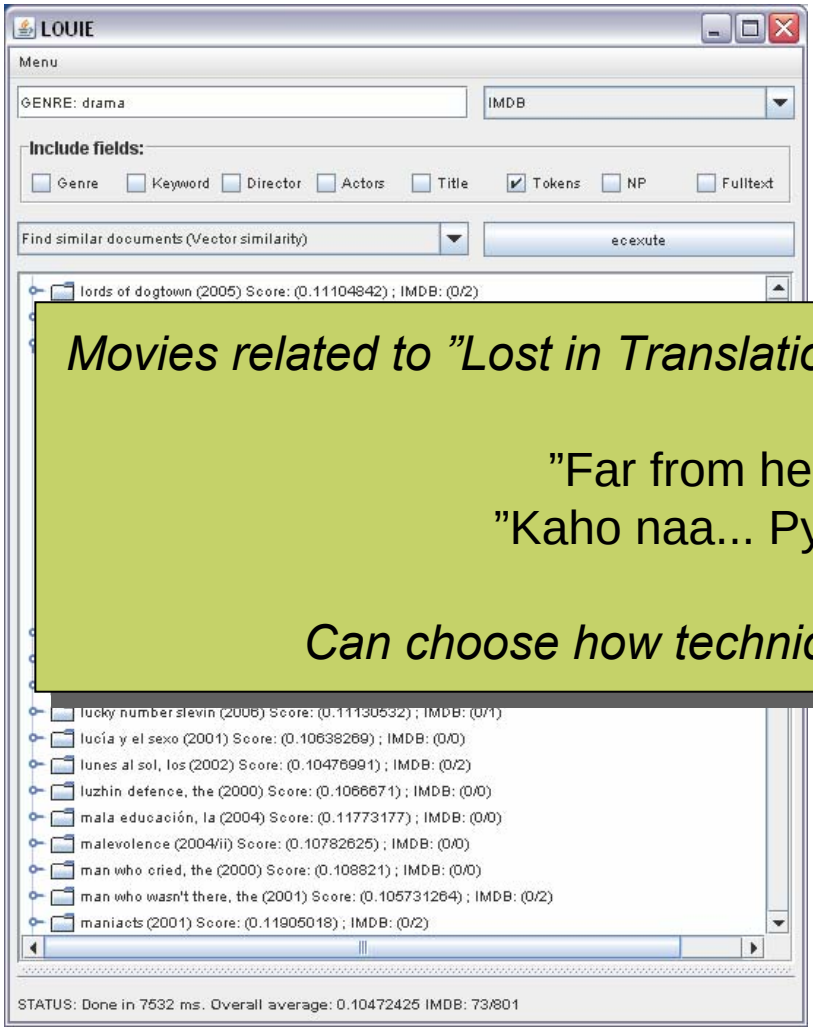
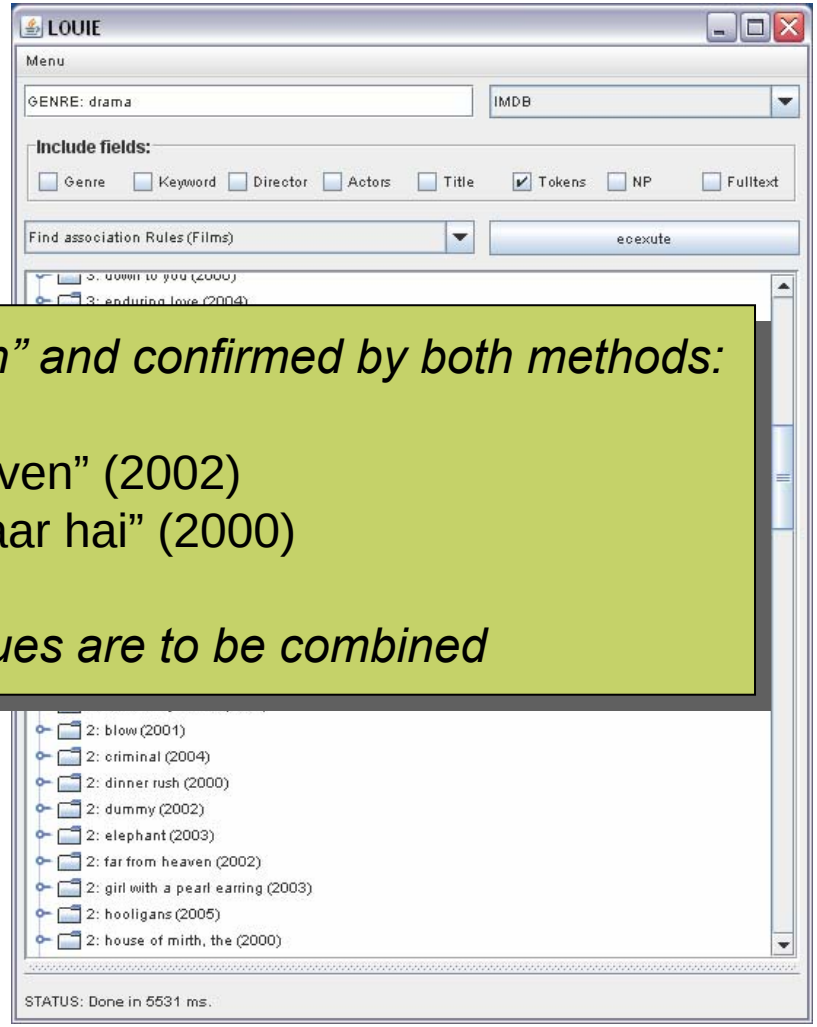


Learning Relationships between Movies





Movies related to ”Lost in Translation” and confirmed by both methods:

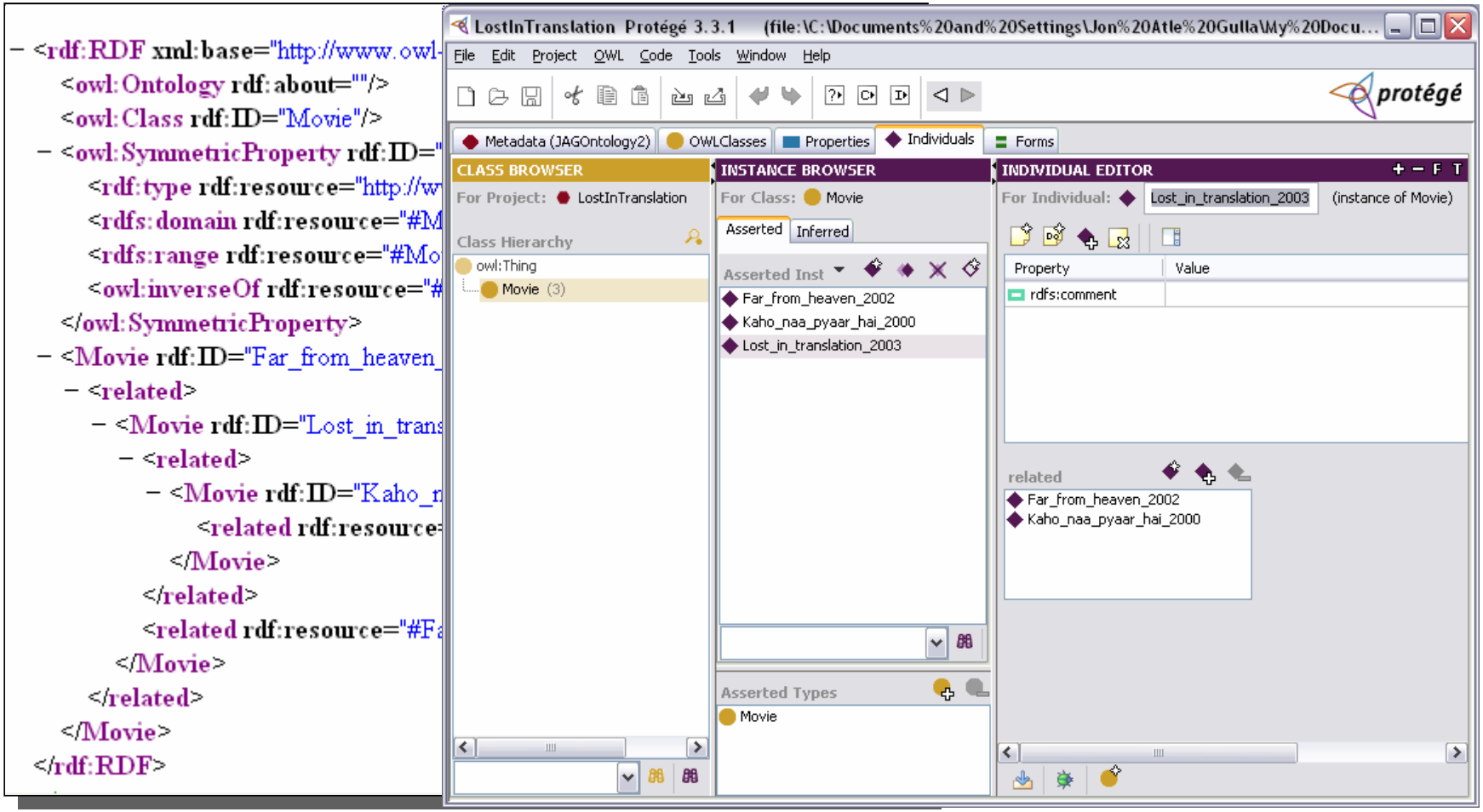
”Far from heaven” (2002)
”Kaho naa... Pyaar hai” (2000)

Can choose how techniques are to be combined

Concept vector similarities

Association rules

Extract from OWL Generation



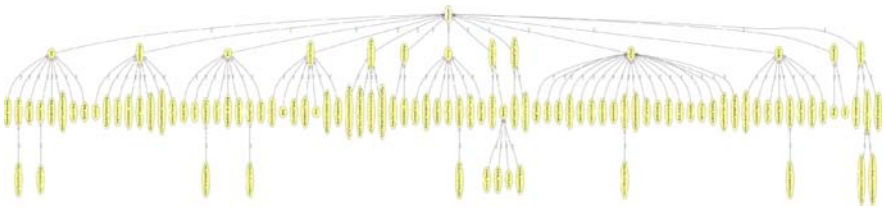
Quality of Class Learning

Evaluation Procedure

- Extracted candidates from project management domain (PMBOK):
  - 50,600 tokens (ca. 130 pages)
  - Generated candidates for each area (chapter)
- Constructed ontology from candidates (with help from STATOIL employee)
- Built an alternative ontology manually (with help from another STATOIL employee)
- Compared quality of two ontologies for domain representation
- (Compared quality of two ontologies in ontology-driven (semantic) search)

Results for Class Learning Evaluation

- Domain representation:



Semi-automatically constructed ontology for project management

	Classes	Hierarchical levels	Very good classes	Acceptable classes
Semi-automatic	106	3	73 (79%)	33 (21%)
Manual	142	5	122 (86%)	20 (14%)

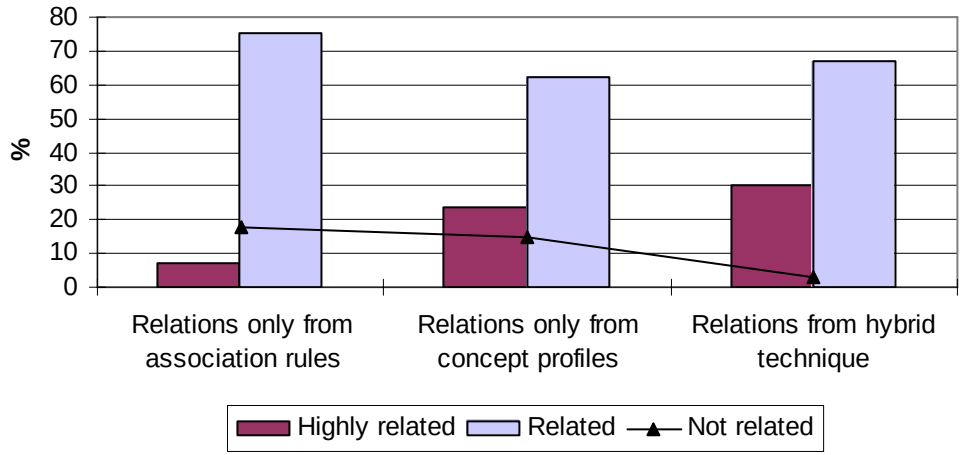
  - 62 (58% of semi-automatic ontology) classes identical
  - Tool-generated ontology:
    - Slightly smaller, with less abstraction levels
    - Almost as good as manually built ontology
    - Substantially faster to build
    - Easy to improve further

Semi-automatic ontology construction very promising!

Quality of Relationship Learning

- Experiment with Statoil's project management standard (PMI)
  - Generated class relationships based on PMBOK
  - Quality of relationships verified by project management experts
  - Comparison between association rules and concept vector similarity

- Result of evaluation



Conclusions

- Ontology Learning is the discipline of automatically or semi-automatically constructing ontologies
- Challenge to construct and maintain search ontologies
- Numerous learning strategies
  - Classes
  - Individuals
  - Relationships (properties)
- Ontology learning produces an intial fragmentary OWL model
  - Manual verification and correction
  - Manual completion of missing parts
  - But: Quality of techniques improving
- *Ontology learning a complement to traditional ontology engineering methodologies*