Open Dutch WordNet

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Outline

1. Why
2. How
3. What
Cornetto 2.0

RBN Lexical Units

Synonyms

DWN Synsets

Typed equivalence relations n:m

PWN Synsets

Traditional lexical database with morpho-syntactic and semantic/pragmatic information

semantic relations
Structure Cornetto 2.0

- **Why**: boom:1
- **How**: palmboom:1, palm:1
- **What**: palm:3, palm tree:1
Provenance components Cornetto 2.0

Van Dale 50.4%  RBN 48.3%  Cornetto 1.3%  LU

Internal semantic relations
Van Dale 70.0%  RBN 0.0%  Cornetto 30.0%
Hiking trip by Piek Vossen
Distribution external semantic relations: only Cornetto
Summary of Why

1. Cornetto 2.0 is not open source, due to the Van Dale content inside.
2. In order to create Open Source Dutch Wordnet, we must remove the Van Dale content from Cornetto 2.0 and replace it with open source content.
3. The open source external semantic relations are a good starting point.
Creating Open Source Dutch WordNet

WordNet
A lexical database for English

filtering equivalence relations

palm:3
Manual Annotation

Cornetto synset $\leftrightarrow$ Wordnet synset:

1. synset depth
2. number of children
3. number of ESRs

During a period of four months, working 8 hours a week, four students manually checked 12,966 ESRs, of which 6,575 were removed.
A decision tree algorithm (Weka, Hall et al., 2009) was used to filter all relations that had not been checked manually. Features included:

1. synset depth
2. number of ESRs
3. translation overlap
4. average semantic similarity score (Leacock & Chodorow)

The manual annotation was split in a training part and a development part. 32,258 external semantic relations were removed.
Open Source Dutch WordNet is then created in the following way:

1. Take all synsets and relations from English WordNet.
2. If `eq_synonym` or `eq_near_synonym` relation to WordNet synset then insert LU’s not from Van Dale into WordNet synset.
3. Else if `eq_has_hyperonym` then add as new synset to English Wordnet linked as a `hyponym`.
4. Else if Cornetto `hypernym` has equivalence relation to WordNet, then add as new synset to English Wordnet linked as a `hyponym`.
5. Using open source dictionaries, the English synonyms in WordNet are translated into Dutch.
Oliver (2014) used Wiktionary, OmegaWiki, and Google to translate synonyms from English WordNet to other languages, including Dutch:

1. **monosemous**: the synonym is simply translated
2. **polysemous**: gloss overlap and semantic relations are used to find the best synset.

A similar strategy with OPUS, Bing, and Google Translate was used to enrich the adjectival part of the resource.
Manual editing round 2

1. **excessive synsets**: manual inspection of synsets containing 5 or more synonyms

2. **synonym filtering**: it could happen that the same synonym was placed in multiple synsets, we manually selected the correct one.

8.257 synonyms were checked in this phase.
Main statistics

Main statistics about the resource:

1. synsets: 117,914
2. 51,588 synsets contain a Dutch synonym
3. Number of synonyms per resource:

| Provenance          | instances | % of all LE |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| cdb2.2_Auto         | 32806     | 35.5        |
| cdb2.2_None         | 19073     | 20.7        |
| wiktionary          | 17968     | 19.5        |
| cdb2.2_Manual       | 13075     | 14.2        |
| omegawiki           | 12589     | 13.6        |
| google              | 8374      | 9.1         |
| opus                | 612       | 0.7         |
| bing                | 506       | 0.5         |
| wikipedia           | 375       | 0.4         |
Confidence of polysemous synonyms

- Omegawiki
- Cdb2.2_auto
- Cdb2.2_none
- Cdb2.2_manual
- Wiktionary
- Wikipedia
New Concepts

- loading zone
- bus stop
- stopplaats
- tramhalte
- controle punt
- way station
Formats and Usage

Global WordNet Grid LMF
https://github.com/MartenPostma/OpenDutchWordnet

Open MultiLingual WordNet
Thank you! Questions?