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ABSTRACT

DBpedia is the semantic mirror of Wikipedia. DBpedia extracts information from Wikipedia and stores it in a semantic knowledge base. This semantic feature allows complex semantic queries, which could infer new relations that are missing in Wikipedia. This is an interesting source of knowledge to increase Wikipedia content. But, what is the best way to add these new relations following the Wikipedia conventions? In this paper, we propose a path indexing algorithm (PIA) which takes the resulting set of a DBPedia query and discovers the best representative path in Wikipedia. We evaluate the algorithm with real data sets from DBpedia.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Semantic web is growing fast and bring better search and navigability on the web. It is mainly built from meta-data extracted from the social web. A good example is DBpedia [2], a knowledge base extracted from Wikipedia infoboxes and wiki markups. DBpedia supports complex semantic queries such as "people born in Berlin before 1900".

The semantic knowledge base of DBpedia is composed of concepts that related by properties. The semantic feature of DBpedia makes possible to deduce new semantic data. For instance, the previous query could produce people that cannot be retrieved by navigating from Berlin article in Wikipedia. There is a gap in information between Wikipedia and DBpedia. This information gap is expressed at level of semantic relations.

In this paper, we introduce an approach that help to inject DBpedia information in Wikipedia. To achieve this, we need first to find out relations in DBpedia that are missing in Wikipedia, and then to find the way to add them following the Wikipedia community usage. The question is how a semantic relation in DBpedia should be expressed in Wikipedia. In order to do this, we use existing relations in Wikipedia as the source to learn how missing relation can be represented following Wikipedia community conventions. Relations in Wikipedia are represented as a navigational path, the main issue of this approach is to discover a navigational path that best represents a missing relation.

In this paper, we define an algorithm called Path Index Algorithm (PIA) that from a semantic relation in DBpedia, finds the best navigational path that represents it in Wikipedia.

Paths are generalized by replacing properties of source and range articles with wildcards forming path queries. A path query is a general specification for many paths in Wikipedia. For example, starting from Berlin, the link people_from_Berlin is normalized to people_from [#from]. The hypothesis is that the smallest path query in the index that maximally contains the semantic relation in DBpedia is the best expression of this semantic relation in Wikipedia. To validate this hypothesis, we experiments the proposed algorithm on DBpedia queries. The algorithm has demonstrated to be able to discover the navigational path that better fit the conventions of the Wikipedia community.

The paper is organised as follow. Section 2 motivates the work through an example. Section 3 presents the path indexing approach and the PIA algorithm. Section 4 exposes an evaluation of our proposal. Section 5 describes related work. Finally, conclusions and further work are detailed in Section 6.

2. MOTIVATING EXAMPLE

The semantic knowledge base of DBpedia [2] is extracted from Wikipedia infoboxes and wiki markups. For example,
DBpedia extracts for each person in Wikipedia the infobox property \textit{birthPlace} and creates an entry in DBpedia knowledge base which relates the person and the city with a semantic property called \textit{birthPlace}. This allows performing semantic queries in DBpedia such as:

\begin{verbatim}
SELECT ?city, ?person WHERE{
  ?person a Person.
  ?city a City.
  ?person birthplace ?city
}
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{Listing 1: DBpedia query (Q1): "is birth place of".}

This query retrieves all people and their born city. In the other hand, analyzing in Wikipedia the 110097 pairs \textit{(city, person)} retrieved from DBpedia by the \textit{is birthPlace} of query, we were surprised that in only 65200 pairs were possible to find in Wikipedia a navigational path from the city to person the person. The result is even more surprising considering that the information used by DBpedia is the one extracted from Wikipedia.

In order to increase Wikipedia content with knowledge from DBpedia, we have first to learn how wikipedians express the relation \textit{is birthPlace of} among cities and people in Wikipedia.

Articles in Wikipedia are connected by wikilinks and are grouped in categories. A wikilink connects an article with another and represents a one-to-one relation. In the other hand, “The central goal of the category system is to provide links to all Wikipedia articles in a hierarchy of categories which readers can browse, knowing essential, defining characteristics of a topic, and quickly find sets of articles on topics that are defined by those characteristics”. Therefore, categories are used to define topics (named in singular) or set of elements (named in plural).

Consequently, a one-to-many relation among articles is expressed by grouping the range elements in a category i.e. France page is related to its canals by the category \textit{Cat: Canals in France}\footnote{http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Categorization}. This kind of relations are expressed using the category tree and naming conventions. In the example, the category \textit{Cat:Canals in France} is a subcategory of the category \textit{Cat:France}. The classification is reinforced by the word \textit{in} in the category name to highlight that the articles belonging to the category Canals are also part of France according to Wikipedia naming conventions.

Although categories in Wikipedia are organized in a hierarchy called the category tree, according to Suchanek et al. \cite{6}, “Wikipedia category hierarchy is barely useful for ontological purposes. For example, Zidane is in the category \textit{Football in France}, but Zidane is a football player and not a football\footnote{We use the prefix \textit{Cat:} to indicate a category}. Consequently, it is not possible to apply a semantic approach to discover missing relations. We have to map the semantic relations of DBpedia to their syntactical representation in Wikipedia using navigational path. In Wikipedia, we can distinguish between: \textit{One-to-one navigational path} and \textit{one-to-many navigational path}. One-to-many navigational path denotes a navigation only through Wikilink. A one-to-many navigational path denotes a navigation through the category tree. There are established conventions to organize the category tree in Wikipedia. For example most of related pages to a city page in Wikipedia are organized under the category \textit{Cat:CityName}. This can be observed for cities like Boston, New York, London, Paris, etc. People born in a city is denoted by the subcategory called \textit{Cat: People_from_\_<CityName>}, for Boston page, the \textit{Cat:People_from_Boston} is a subcategory of the category \textit{Cat:Boston}.

This common practice could be generalized by a path like \textit{Cat:<from> / Cat:People_from_<from>} which represents a path to navigate (written with the symbol /) to a category and then continue to its subcategory \textit{Cat: People_from}. This path represents, for example, the case of Boston \textit{Cat:Boston /Cat:People_from_Boston} or the case of Paris \textit{Cat:Paris/Cat:People_from_Paris}. However, there are many paths connecting Cities with People, for example \textit{Cat:Capitals_in_Europe / Cat:Paris/Cat:People_from_Paris}. Having several alternatives, which one is the best representation for the relation \textit{birthPlace}?

The main concern of this paper is to compute automatically the path in the category tree of Wikipedia that best represents a relation of DBpedia. This can be useful for Wikipedia bots to automatically maintain conventions or to assist Wikipedians in the edition of Wikipedia. Imagine a Wikipedian user accesses \textit{Robin Moore} article\footnote{http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robin_Moore January 2012}. The \textit{birth place} attribute in the infobox of this article is Boston. However, from Boston page, it is impossible to navigate back to Robin Moore article through wikilinks or categories. To increase the information of Boston article, the user could ask the PIA algorithm for retrieving what is the best way to include in the Boston article that Robin Moore was born there. PIA will answer according to Wikipedia conventions, the best way is by defining a path from Boston article to Boston category and then to People from Boston category. In the last category of the path, Robin Moore should belong to.

In next sections we detail the path indexing approach and algorithms to detect the best path representation of a semantic relation from DBpedia.

3. PATH INDEXING APPROACH

Paths were introduced in \cite{4} and can be described, in terms of Wikipedia, as a sequence of pages which connects one article to another. Wikipedia can be considered as a directed graph formed by a set of pages (both articles and categories) which are connected by links. The set of pages that are crossed form a path. Formally, a path between two pages is defined below as:

\begin{definition} \textbf{PATH.} A \textit{path in Wikipedia} is a sequence of pages \([v_1, .., v_n]\), s.t. \(\forall i, j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n, v_i \neq v_j\), \(\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1\), where \((v_i, v_{i+1})\) is a link between \(v_i\) and \(v_{i+1}\).
\end{definition}

Example 1. The expression \textit{Boston /Cat:Boston /Cat:- People_from_Boston /Robin_Moore} is a path between the articles Boston and Robin_Moore. And also, \textit{Turin / Cat:- Turin / People_from_Turin /Carla_Bruni} is a path from Turin and Carla_Bruni.

In this example, the general structure of both paths is coincident: they have a sequence of pages where some of the pages include in its name a reference to the origin page. The same occurs for most cities in Wikipedia. We introduce
the path query concept in order to represent a set of similar paths. We define path query in terms of Wikipedia following the path query definition introduced by Abiteboul et al. [1].

**Definition 3.2 (Path Query).** A path query is a regular expression to represent paths which uses a finite alphabet (like **“***”) and is posed relative to a domain page and a range page. The answer of a path query q evaluated on a domain page d is the set of all range pages reachable from d by some path that is compatible with the regular expression in Wikipedia category tree.

Following the above example, the path query in Wikipedia category tree

\[
\text{PIQ(c,p)} = \text{c /Cat: c /Cat: People_from_c /from_#from/ #to}\]

is a valid path query for Boston to Robin_Moore, and Turin to Carla_Srunci.

The issue now is to discover the path query that best fits to a semantic query of DBpedia. In this work, we focus on queries similar to Q1 previously defined.

Let Q a DBpedia query. RSQ is the result of evaluating Q. RSQ is defined as a set of pairs (domain, range). For example, for the query Q1 in Listing 1, RSQ1 = {(Paris, Bob), (Boston, Alan), (NewYark, John)}.

We suppose that the shortest path query that maximally contains the semantic relation expressed by the semantic query in DBpedia is the best expression of this semantic relation in Wikipedia. We formally define the shortest maximally contained path query SMCPQ with length up to a constant maxL for RSQ, where RSQ is the representation of RSQ in Wikipedia, as:

**Definition 3.3. (SMCPQ)** Let a path query \(Q' \subseteq RSQ\), where \(\forall p \in Q', \text{length}(p) \leq \text{maxL}\). \(Q'\) is the SMCPQ if and only if \(\exists\) a path query \(Q'' \subseteq RSQ\) such that \(Q' \subseteq Q'' \subseteq RSQ\).

The PIA algorithm (Algorithm 1) computes SMCPQ for a given semantic query Q. It takes as input the RSQ and maxL value. The buildIndex function performs a Deep First Search up to \(\text{maxL}\) starting from a node in the domain of RSQ. For each path reaching the range, it normalizes the path into a path query and builds the path index as a bipartite graph linking path queries to elements of RSQ. The SMCPQ is the first ranked path query in the index.

**Algorithm 1 PIA algorithm**

**Input:** \(RSQ:\) set of (domain,range), k for \(\text{maxL}\): int 

1: index ← buildIndex(RSQ, k) 
2: return firstRanked(index)

The path index as a bipartite graph is formalized as \(\text{index} = (PQ, V, E)\), where \(PQ\) is a set of path queries, \(V\) is a set of pairs (domain, range) and \(E\) is a set or pairs \((PQ, V)\). The pathQueryGen function (Algorithm 2) transforms a path into a path query. It replaces occurrences of domain and range by specific wildcards. The pathQueryGen is in charge of the path normalization.

**Algorithm 2 pathQueryGen**

**Input:** path: \([\text{#from}, \ldots, \text{#to}]\), domain, range: WP article 

**Output:** A path query 

1: for all \(v\) in path do 
2: StringReplace(v, domain, range) 
3: end for 
4: return path

Applying pathQueryGen on path = \(\text{[Paris /Cat:Paris, Cat:People_from_Paris/ Pierre Curie]}\) produces \([\text{#from/ Cat:#from/ Cat:People_from #from/ #to}].\)

To illustrate the algorithm, we calculate the SMCPQ for a hypothetical query \(Q\) in DBpedia using the Wikipedia category tree. Suppose that the \(RSQ\) contains the two pairs enumerated in the first column of the table 1 ((City1, Bob), (City2, Alan)). We execute PIA with this \(RSQ\) as input and calculate for each pair the path and its corresponding path query which are listed in the second and third column respectively.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Q(d,t)</th>
<th>Path</th>
<th>Path Query</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(City1, Bob)</td>
<td>[City1/ Cat:City1/Bob]</td>
<td>[#from/ Cat:#from/#to]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(City2, Alan)</td>
<td>[City2/ Cat:City2/Cat:Actor_from_City2/ Alan]</td>
<td>[#from/ Cat:#from/Cat:Actor_from/#from/#to]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 1: Path Index Algorithm example

**Figure 1: Insertion example**

For each path query, PIA updates the bipartite graph by adding the new path queries and the correct edge. In our example, we have to insert three path query, two for (City1, Bob) and one for (City2, Alan). Figure 1 describes the state of the index after each insertion. The first one inserts a node for the path query \([\text{#from/ Cat:#from/ #to}].\), a node for pair (City1, Bob)) and an edge between them. In the second insertion, the algorithm inserts only the path query \([\text{#from/ Cat:#from/ Cat:Actor_from,#from/#to}].\) and an edge between the path and the pair (City1, Bob). Finally, PIA inserts the path query corresponding to the pair (City2, Alan).

As the corresponding path query already exists in the index, the algorithm inserts only the pair (City2, Alan) and the edge between the path query \([\text{#from/ Cat:#from/ Cat:Actor_from,#from/#to}].\) and the new inserted pair.

In terms of the bipartite graph, the most representative path query is the one with the highest degree. In this example, the degree of \([\text{#from/ Cat: from/Cat:Actor_from}_\]
Table 2: Evaluation datasets for “is birthPlace of” using different Domain and Range

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Domain</th>
<th>Range</th>
<th>Cases</th>
<th>Found</th>
<th>Not Found</th>
<th>Errors</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>City</td>
<td>Person</td>
<td>119069</td>
<td>65200</td>
<td>49899</td>
<td>3998</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City</td>
<td>Philosopher</td>
<td>171</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>France</td>
<td>Philosopher</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 3: Index results for the Query1: is birthPlace of (City, People)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pos</th>
<th>Path Query</th>
<th>#</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td><img src="image1.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>34008</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td><img src="image2.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>16312</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td><img src="image3.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>3188</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td><img src="image4.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>2422</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td><img src="image5.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>2104</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td><img src="image6.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>2028</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The # from is a wildcard which replace city name. Additionally, and a subcategory called People_from_#from where #from is a wildcard which replace city name.

Table 4: Index results for the Query 2: is birthPlace of (City, Philosopher)

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<tr>
<th>Pos</th>
<th>Path Query</th>
<th>#</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td><img src="image7.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td><img src="image8.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td><img src="image9.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 5: Index results for the Query 3: is birthPlace of (France, Philosopher)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pos</th>
<th>Path Query</th>
<th>#</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td><img src="image10.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td><img src="image11.png" alt="Path Query" /></td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 2 shows the number of pairs produced by each query on DBpedia. For each pair (domain, range), it evaluates the existence of paths between the domain and the range in Wikipedia: If it exists, then the pair is computed as a found path (Found column), if not it is computed as a non found path (Not Found column). The Errors column shows the number of pairs where elements of DBpedia are not present in Wikipedia dump. This comes mainly from desynchronization between Wikipedia and DBpedia.

4. EXPERIMENTATION

We implemented and executed the PIA algorithm against the following three queries:

**PREFIX db:<http://dbpedia.org/resource/>**
**PREFIX db-owl:<http://dbpedia.org/ontology/>**
**PREFIX db-p:<http://dbpedia.org/property/>**

**#Query 1**
```
SELECT ?city , ?person WHERE{
  ?person a db-owl:Person.
  ?city a db-owl:City.
  ?person db-p:birthplace ?city
}
```

**#Query 2**
```
SELECT ?city , ?philosopher WHERE{
  ?philosopher a db-owl:Philosopher.
  ?city a db-owl:City.
  ?philosopher db-p:birthplace ?city
}
```

**#Query 3**
```
SELECT db:France , ?philosopher WHERE{
  ?philosopher a db-owl:Philosopher.
  ?philosopher db-p:birthplace db:France
}
```

The queries have been executed on a DBpedia snapshot produced in January 2012. The PIA algorithm has been executed on a copy of the English version of Wikipedia produced in October 2011.

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5 All queries share the same set of prefix enumerated at the beginning of the listing.
6 [http://dumps.wikimedia.org/enwiki/20111007/](http://dumps.wikimedia.org/enwiki/20111007/)
the query path \#from/ [Cat:from]/ [Cat:People_from_Boston]/ [#to].

In summary, now we are able to say that the best path to represent the relation between Boston and Robin_Moore is Boston/ Cat:Boston/Cat:People_from_Boston / Robin_Moore based on 34008 paths which represents the same relation in Wikipedia.

5. RELATED WORK

There are some existing approaches to increase the content of Wikipedia by using external resources. Wikipedia [3] allows regular Wikipedia’s users to introduce semantic relations from DBpedia into Wikipedia. This is done by means of an interface which can be embedded in a Wikipedia page. WikiPediates generates from the current article a graph of relations with no more than 2 hops. By inspecting this graph, the user would be able to add eventual missing relations. Our approach is more general, it is not related to one article but it uses the result of a semantic query. In addition, Wikipedia does not take in consideration the Wikipedia community convention in a whole as our approach.

Hoffman et al. [5] developed human-machine collaborative system to complete infobox information by taking sentences from the WikiPage using Kylin [8]. Kylin is an information extraction system that extracts training data by analysing Wikipedia infoboxes and collects the best sentences in the article body that represents a field in the infobox. Finally, the system makes suggestions to the user for adding missing fields in the infobox. As in our approach, the machine effort is used to detect missing relations in Wikipedia. By contrast, we are able to fix relations among articles which does not have necessary sentences in their text body.

Madwiki [4] stores information in structured databases using slots pairing attribute/values. Views of these databases are generated as wikipages where users can add and manage information. When changes are generated, Madwiki takes the control and synchronize users information with the structured database fixing inconsistencies. Finally, Madwiki uses the idea of path view language to navigate from a node to another in the database representation. We were inspired from Madwiki navigational path to define the navigational path in Wikipedia. The main difference with our approach is that we use DBpedia.

Related with the algorithmic field there are several works in link and patterns predictions. For example, Thor et al. in [7] developed a link prediction framework for a controlled vocabulary ontology using tripartite and bipartite graph approach for biological datasets. In their work, they developed a prediction link framework for an annotated graph using topological shortest path. They used graph summarization to transform dense graph into a simpler one to analyse graphs. The idea of generates shortest path in a topological order in a graph is similar, but we focus on the Wikipedia graph.

6. CONCLUSIONS AND FURTHER WORK

In this article, we proposed a novel approach to increase Wikipedia content by using semantic data of DBpedia. We developed an algorithm, called PIA, that indexes path queries of Wikipedia based on results sets generated by queries on DBpedia. We also made a preliminary evaluation of our approach. During the evaluation, we have noticed that the path queries are not always coincident with Wikipedia categorization usage. In some cases the analysed DBpedia query does not have a direct categorization rule which involves it, for example birthplace between Cities and People instead of Countries and People with Occupation. A combination with the obtained path query and the confidence level bring us important information to determine the evolution in Wikipedia Community of that path query. Now, we are working on more experimentation.

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