Recent Developments in BulTreeBank-WordNet (BTB-WN)

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Plan of the Talk

- Introductory words
- Extending and Linking BTB-WN
- BTB-WN based applications
- Conclusions





Introduction



- The reported work here refers to the last three years (2020, 2021, 2022)
- It turned out that many NLP applications required not only available resources but also appropriate integration among them
- We started to view **BTB-WN** as a hub for linking grammar, other lexical data and world knowledge
- Our ultimate goal however would be that users could customize their own dictionaries, examples or other material through interlinked resources. In short: Maximum re-use of existing resources and contribution from different communities in building new ones!



Some History



- The development of BTB-WN goes back to the times when an Ontology-based lexicon for Bulgarian was initially constructed (Simov and Osenova 2010)
- Here we started with domain ontologies aligned to the upper ontology *DOLCE*, using *OntoWordNet* for introducing the middle level concepts
- The first version of BTB-WN was constructed by translation of Core WordNet and EuroWordNet Base concepts that were added to the Open Multilingual Wordnet



Some Broader Context

- The interface between lexical semantics and grammar, between lexicons and corpora has been extensively discussed from various points of view: linguistic, typological, formal, implementational, etc.
- We support the point of view in which the grammar is born in the lexicon, i.e. the *lexicalist-centric one*, without lowering the role of grammar at all. This is on a par with:
 - the linguistic theories that are constraint-based (such as HPSG and LFG) or are word-based (dependency theories)
 - the flagship project in **eLexicography ELEXIS**



Rationale



- It is well-known that wordnets are thesauri. Despite providing the meanings of words grouped within synsets and relations among these synsets, they are still:
 - very static
 - self-contained and
 - often do not cover all parts of speech
- At the same time, they are good candidates for playing a central role like a hub – for linking grammar, other lexical data and world knowledge



Rationale

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- Thus, along with cleaning the meanings, relations, spellings within BTB-WN, we started also other tasks such as:
 - linking lemmas to their morphosyntactic characteristics (through a rich tagset and morphological/inflectional dictionary of Bulgarian)
 - linking meanings to examples from corpora
 - constructing a corpus of definitions, annotated with senses from **BTB-WN**
 - adding domain terms from SSH domains
 - adding dictionaries from previous times with their specific spellings
 - constructing a Bulgaria-centric knowledge graph as an extension of BTB-WN
 - aligning different ontologies with respect to BTB-WN
 - using the lexical chains over the BTB-WN graph for generating correct sense detection drills for learners of Bulgarian

Linking of BTB-WN

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- We switched from a tool that supported only local editing (where synsets were considered within a very limited context) (CLaRK system) to a tool that supports editing of the Wordnet data within a global context (CLaDA-BG-Dict)
- When a lemma is selected within BTB-WN, the following information can be accessed immediately:
 - the number of synsets related to it with the part-of-speech, as well as
 - the numbered meanings and links to the Open English WordNet
- The usage of almost each synonym within a synset is illustrated with examples
- Within the system the user could consult several other sources of information. The center of the system is BTB-WN

Linking of BTB-WN (2)



- The user could open as many editor forms as necessary in which to observe the synsets for different words
- The **Open English Wordnet** is available within the system
- The creation of a new Bulgarian synset could start from scratch entering all the information, including relations. But it is also possible to create such a synset with using an equivalent English synset
- In this way the relations of the English synsets are automatically transferred to BTB-WN





The Editor System CLaDA-BG-Dict

CLaDA-BG-Dict

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Linking of BTB-WN (3)

- In addition to granting access to OEW, the system provides access to dictionaries that are freely available to us, among which the Bulgarian Explanatory Dictionary, our in-house Bulgarian Inflectional dictionary, two Bulgarian-English dictionaries
- Each of these dictionaries could be consulted in isolation or simultaneously on the base of the alignments performed through lemmas
- The user could also define different lists of lemmas which to be mapped to the vocabulary of BTB-WN and to the vocabularies of the included dictionaries



Search in Corpora



- In addition to the data access options one can search with the selected lemma in *various text corpora*
- We consider the *definitions* and *examples* already included in **BTB**-WN as a corpus from which to select examples for other senses. In this case we could construct sense annotated corpora similar to *GlossCorpus, SemCor*
- The user could upload their own corpora when necessary



Search in Corpora

CLaDA-BG-Dict

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94 Магьо		Клий въ	Прикачване към лемата	и те, и	вълшебни	ците ше съществуват, докато някой им вярва и с		
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Link to Valency Dictionary



- The verb in a valency frame is connected to **BTB-WN** via a mapping to an appropriate synset from where access to the lexicographic class (such as *verb.social*, *verb.cognition*, etc.), the list of lemmas and the definition are available
- For example, if the *verb.emotion* worry is considered, the Bulgarian counterpart is displayed with a definition and a valency frame where the *Subject* has the role of *Experiencer* and the complement event that causes worrying has the role of *Stimulus*. The link to the **VerbNet frame** is also given



Example from the Valency Dictionary

FramesDef: :лице група от лица празнувам събитие

- + FD: VerbNet: judgement-33
 - *□lemma: празнувам
 - *□def : Чествам, прекарвам някой празник.
 - +□F: verb.social LEMMA: празнувам DEF: Чествам, прекарвам някой празник.
 ↓□VPS: :> лице група от лица празнувам събитие
 - °⊐N: Agent :> лице група от лица
 - +□VPC: :> празнувам събитие
 - ~□V: :> празнувам
 - [⊷]□N: Theme :> събитие





From CLaRK to CLaDA-BG-Dict

When we switched from local processing in **CLaRK** system to the global processing in **CLaDA-BG-Dict** we had to perform examination of each synset in order to discover and repair every error that originated from the local processing. The synsets were checked with respect to the following criteria:

- Appropriateness of definitions
- Alignment to OEW
- Missing senses

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- Wrong or missing relations
- Appropriateness of the examples

Appropriateness of Definitions



- We checked the definitions for the different kinds of word classes per synset
- This step was necessary, because we wanted to extend the definition to include more information than the definition within paper dictionaries
- This holds especially for adjectives. In the traditional dictionaries the adjective is usually defined as qualifying a noun. In our case we go further and develop the definition of the adjective also to the specific features of the qualified noun



Alignment to OEW



- In the previous versions having only a local view, we supported as many relations as possible between the Bulgarian and the English synsets some of which allowed in the noun and verb hierarchies to have disconnected elements
- With the switch to the global view it became much more convenient to verify these mappings and to re-consider some of them
- Now we focused on: *equivalent-to*, *hypernymy*, *homonymy* and *near-equivalent-to*



Missing Senses



- The construction of the early versions of BTB-WN were mainly driven by specific NLP tasks like Word Sense Disambiguation, Machine Translation, Mapping to Domain Ontologies
- In this applications we had to cover certain domains or type of texts. This resulted in representation of the senses of the different lemmas only partially
- Thus we decided to check the coverage of the resource with respect to the most common and well-established senses using the dictionaries available in the system (mainly)



Wrong or Missing Relations



- From the beginning we supported mapping to PWN (and now EOW). We are using this mapping to transfer automatically relations from English synsets to Bulgarian ones
- After the transfer the set of relations became eligible for modifications, if needed. This happens mainly when the mapping is not between equivalent synsets



Appropriateness of Examples



- The most frequent error was when the example did not provide enough context for the meaning, and thus the corresponding word form might be interpreted ambiguously
- In such cases the example was extended or deleted
- Also we pay attention the examples to demonstrate as much as possible sense specific characteristics



Extensions



- Besides the examination of the existing synsets we extended BTB-WN with new synsets through the above mentioned vocabularies extracted from both types of sources - dictionaries and corpora
- Then the following information was added: derivational sets for these lemmas such as adjectives derived from nouns, aspectual variants of Bulgarian verbs that share a common basic sense, etc.
- In this way, more than **14000** synsets were added (in total **33 000**)
- At the moment we completed the coverage of the core vocabulary with about 6000 lemmas.





Vocabulary Structure

- For different applications not everything is necessary
- In some cases additional requirements could be imposed like style and language of definitions, content of examples
- Some tasks are performed on the basis of the subvocabularies

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BTB-WN based Applications (not NLP)

The Bulgaria-centric knowledge graph

• BTB-WN has been further enriched with terms from various Social Sciences and Humanities domains such as history and ethnography. Here two challenges appeared. The first one is related to the introduction of terminological multiword expressions while the second one refers to the register of usage such as being archaic or dialectal, etc.

• The bigger net of dictionaries and resources, called in our case All about words

• The system includes a concordancer, a Wordnet viewer, a word form analyser, a viewer for the Bulgarian inflectional dictionary, viewers for other dictionaries.





Integrated view

Част от речта

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Резултат от търсенето

lemma search

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сметка

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examples Примери

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Словоизменителен речник: сметка

Inflectional lexicon сметк|а, ~ата, ~и, ~ите

Граматична информация

съществително нарицателно, женски род, единствено число, нечленувано

Значения в Мрежата от думи

BTB-WN definitions Определяне на величина на нещо чрез редица математически действия.

Сума за заплащане срещу храната, напитките и обслужването в ресторант или друго подобно заведение.

Документ за получени или изплатени суми (срещу продадена стока или извършена работа, услуга). Документ, сметка с подробно описание на продадена/купена стока.

Лична изгода, облага от нещо. 🚹

Мисъл за нещо, което човек възнамерява, смята да извърши. 🔨



Missing part from the user interface: relations to other dictionaries



BTB-Wordnet Viewer





Game of Meanings







Grammar drills

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Conclusions



- We present the current 4.0 version of the BTB-WN with the following main new features (comparing to the previous versions):
 - more synsets with a better coverage on basic vocabularies
 - new types of definitions and examples
 - mapping to other resources: inflectional lexicon of Bulgarian (grammatical information and full paradigms of lemmas), Bulgarian Wikipedia
 - soon: mapping to Bulgarian Knowledge Graph and other lexical resources
- Implementation of NLP tasks
- Training of Language Models

