From Data Fusion to Knowledge Fusion

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News

Google's Knowledge Vault already contains 1.6 billion facts

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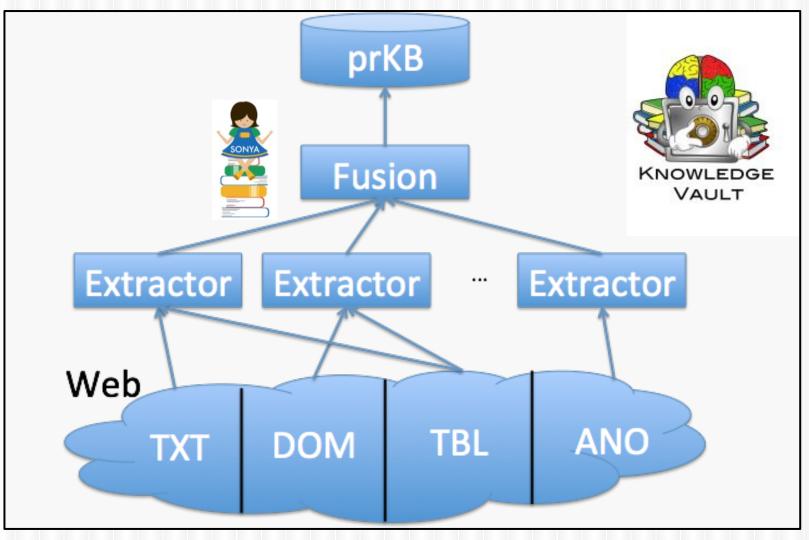




The automated, fact-harvesting bot will build up a collection of all human knowledge.

Knowledge Vault– Building a Probabilistic KB

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Extracted Knowledge

- Triple: (subject, predicate, object) e.g., (Tom Cruise, date_of_birth, 7/3/1962)
 - Subject—a Freebase mid e.g., /m/07r1h
 - Predicate—predefined in Freebase; e.g., people/person/date_of_birth
 - Object—a Freebase mid, a string, a number, or a date.

Observation I. Yes, We CAN Build A Large KB from the Web! :-)

Statistics for Extracted Triples

A large knowledge base

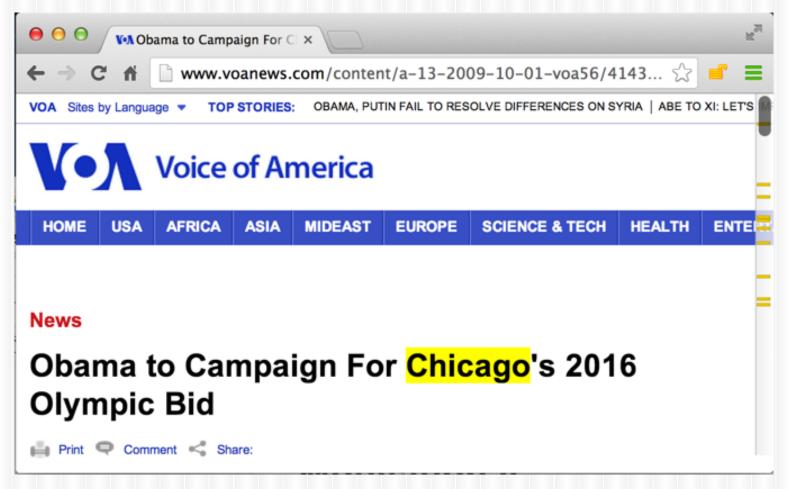
As of 11/2013

#Triples	1.6B (now 2.8B)
#Subjects (Entities)	43M
#Predicates	4.5K
#Objects	102M

Observation II. But, A Lot of Mistakes :-(

Errors Can Creep in at Every Stage

Extraction error: (Obama, nationality, Chicago)



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Reconciliation error: (Obama, nationality, North America)



American
President
Barack Obama

influences from all over the world. There's a touch of this, a little smidgeon of that, a dash of something else, like when you're cooking." On the song "The Queen Is Back", Summer reveals her wry and witty self-awareness of her musical legacy and her public persona. "I'm making fun of myself," she admits. "There's irony. It's poking fun at the idea of being called a queen. That's a title that has followed me, followed me and followed me. We were sitting and writing and that title kept popping up in my mind and I'm thinking, 'Am I supposed to write this? Is this too arrogant to write?' But people call me 'the queen,' so I guess it's ok to refer to myself as what everybody else refers to me as. We started writing the song and thought it was kind of cute and funny." Summer wrote "The Queen Is Back" and "Mr. Music" with J.R. Rotem and Evan Bogart, the son of Casablanca Records founder Neil Bogart.

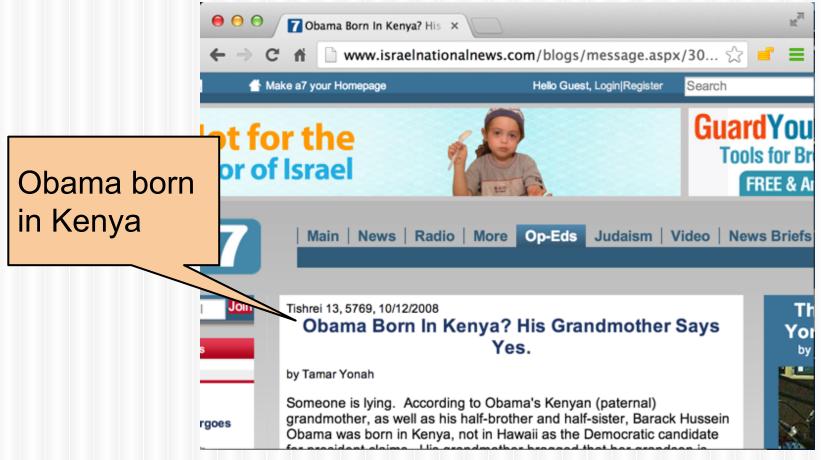
On Sember 11, 2009, Summer performed at the Nobel Peace Prize Concert in Oslo, Norway in honor of American President Barack Obama. She was backed by the Norwegian Radio Orchestra.

2010-12: Final recordings [edit source | edit beta]

On July 29, 2010, Summer gave an interview with Allvoices.com wherein she was asked if she would consider doing an album of standards. She said, I actually am, probably in September. I will begin work on a standards album. I will probably do an all-out dance album and a standards

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Source data error: (Obama, nationality, Kenya)



Statistics for Triple Correctness

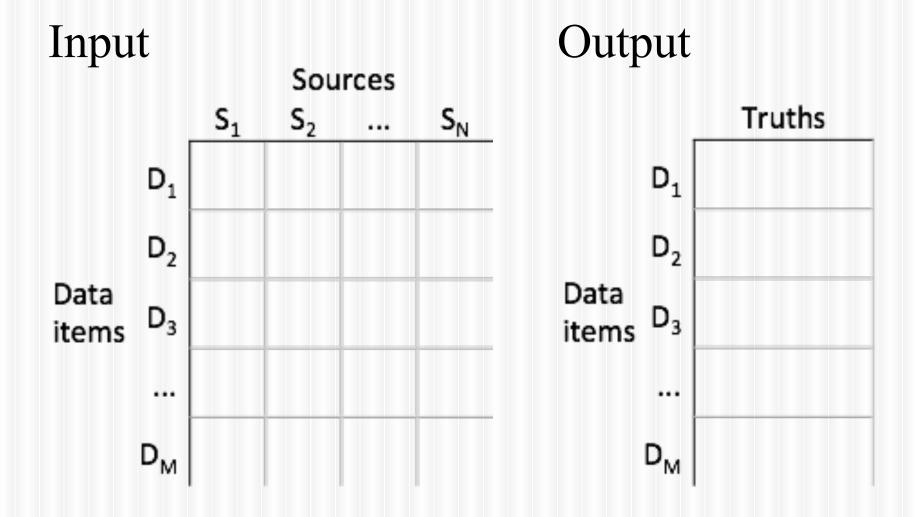
- The gold standard (based on Freebase) contains about 40% of the triples
- Overall accuracy: 30%
- Random sample on 25 false triples
 - Extraction errors: 24 (96%)
 - Source-data errors: 1 (4%)

Knowledge Fusion

- Input: Knowledge triples and their provenances (i.e., which extractor extracts from which source)
- Output: a probability in [0,1] for each triple
 - \circ High pr \rightarrow search, etc.
 - Medium pr→ active learning,
 probabilistic inference, etc.
 - Low pr→ Negative training examples

Observation III. Data Fusion Techniques Work Fairly Well for Knowledge Fusion

Data Fusion-Definition



	Src1	Src2	Src3
Jagadish	UM	ATT	UM
Dewitt	MSR	MSR	UW
Bernstein	MSR	MSR	MSR
Carey	UCI	ATT	BEA
Franklin	UCB	UCB	UMD

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Voting--Trust the majority.

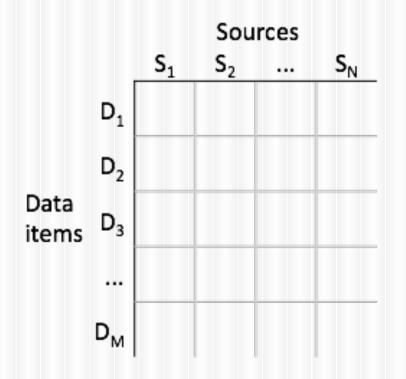
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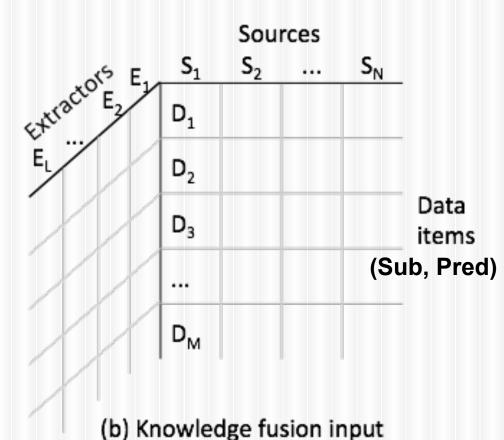
Quality-based--Give higher votes to more accurate sources.

Knowledge Fusion Challenges

I. Input is three-dimensional

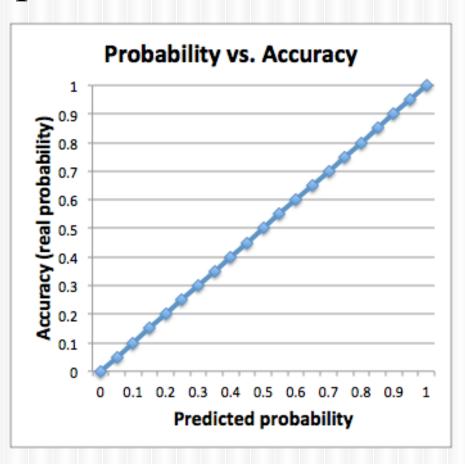


(a) Data fusion input



Knowledge Fusion Challenges

II. Output prs should be well-calibrated



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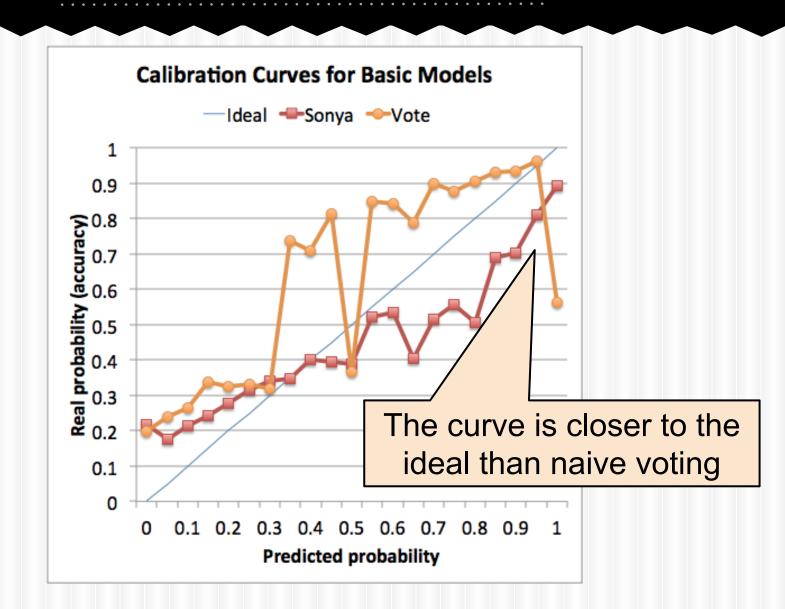
III. Data are of Web-scale

- Three orders of magnitude larger than currently published data-fusion applications
 - o Size: 1.1TB
 - \circ Sources: 170K \rightarrow 1B+
 - \circ Data items: 400K \rightarrow 375M
 - Values: 18M→6.4B (1.6B unique)
- Data are highly skewed
 - #Triples/Data-item: 1 2.7M
 - #Triples/Source: 1 50K

Knowledge Fusion Solutions

- Treat each (URL, Extractor) as a whole *(provenance)* for accuracy evaluation
- A series of refinements to a Bayesian model to improve probability calibration
- MapReduce Based Framework
 - Sample for too big data items or provenances

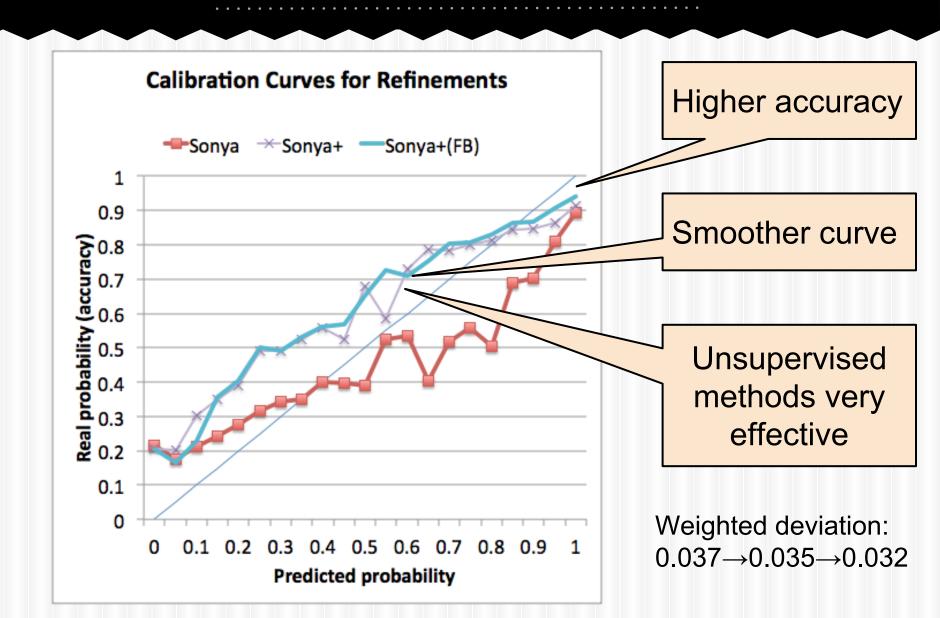
Basic Sonya Solution vs. Voting



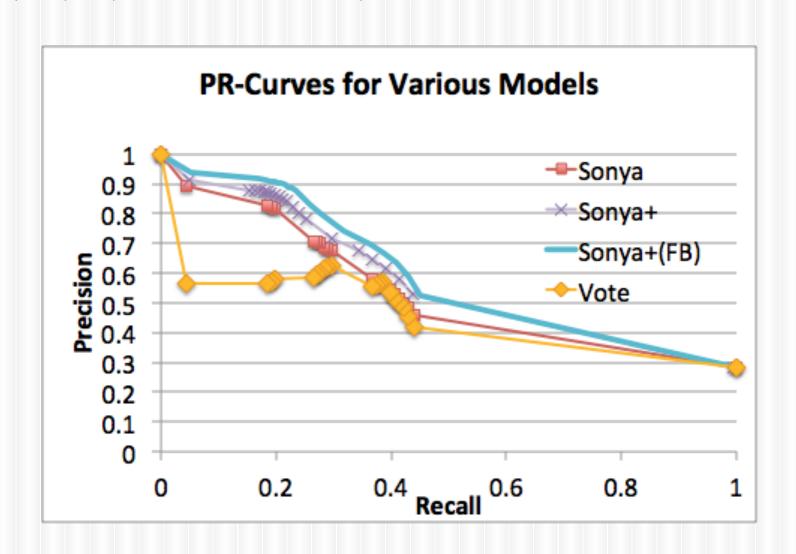
Refinements

- I. Ignore low-coverage provenances
- II. Granularity (URL->Site, Extractor->Pattern, Predicate)
- III. Ignore low-accuracy provenances
- IV. Initiate provenance accuracy by FB
 - +I, II, III. Sonya+ : unsupervised +IV. Sonya+(FB) : semi-supervised

Calibration Curve



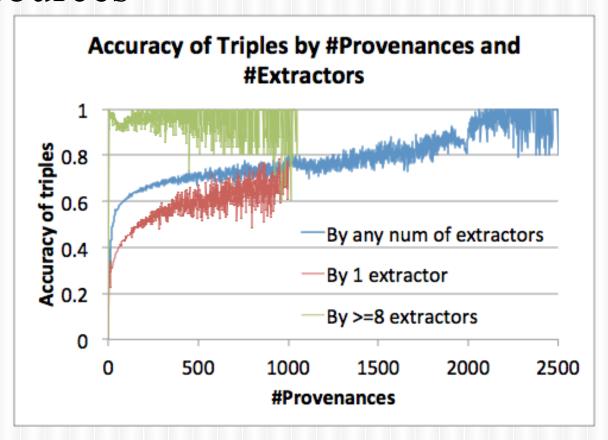
Precision-Recall Curve



Observation IV. Still Many Places to Improve!

One Inherent Limitation

Cannot distinguish errors from extractors and from sources



TAKE AWAYS

- A new area--Knowledge Fusion
- We can solve KF problem fairly well by adapting DF methods
- Many interesting future directions for KF!
- Many exciting applications for the prKB!!

THANK YOU!

Questions?