2-1. Antonyms – Source of Lexicon (Lexical Records)

Antonym candidates – from Lexical Records with negative tags

Use the negative and broad_negative tags in the Lexical Records to generate antonym candidates. These candidates are tagged by linguists to generate antonyms and negation detection cue words. The general processes include:

- Generate antonym candidates from lexical records with negative tags
- Manual tagging
- Validate tags
- Update tags to annual release tag file

They are described in the following sections.

1. Generate Antonym Candidates

Use the negative and broad negative tags in the Lexical Records to generate antonym candidates. Antonym candidates are retrieved from the 7 POSs of [adv|pron|aux|modals|prep|det|conj] that have negative tags as described below. POSs of [noun|adj|verb|compl] do not have negative tags in Lexicon.

1.1 Algorithm

- Adverbs (adv):
 - o true negative/strict negation (negative): never, no, not, nowise
 - broadly negative (broad_negative): hardly, seldom, rarely, even, either, little, scarcely, slightly, barely, seldomly.
- Pronoun (pron):
 - o type=indef(neg): none, nobody, nothing, noone, neither, naught
- Auxiliary (aux) negative:
 - variant=isn't;pres(thr_sing):negative
 - variant=aren't;pres(fst_plur,second,thr_plur):negative
 - variant=don't;pres(fst sing,fst plur,second,thr plur):negative
 - variant=haven't;pres(fst_sing,fst_plur,second,thr_plur):negative
 - o ...
- Modal (modal) negative:
 - variant=mayn't;pres:negative
 - o variant=mightn't;past:negative
 - variant=mustn't;pres:negative
 - variant=couldn't;past:negative
 - variant=cannot;pres:negative
 - variant=can't;pres:negative
- Preposition (prep):
 - o true negative/strict negation (negative): without
 - broadly negative (broad_negative): unlikely (not used as negation cue word)
- Determiner (det):
 - o true negative/strict negation (negative): no, neither, nary a, nary an
- Conjunction (conj):

o true negative/strict negation (negative): neither, nor

1.2 Program – GenAntCandFromLexicon.java

- Inputs:
 - LEXICON: 1.Lexicon/\${YEAR}/input/LEXICON
 - Tag file: 0.Antonym/\${YEAR}/input/antCand.data.tag.\${YEAR}
 - Use the previous annual release tag file as the baseline, then update new tags to it.
 - o Domain file: 0.Antonym/\${YEAR}/input/domain.data

Shell> cd \${ANTONYM}/bin Shell> GetAntonyms \${YEAR} 10

• if ./output/antCandLexicon.data.tbd not 0, use it as candidates and send to linguists to tag

1.3 Output - Candidate Format and Examples

Table 1 shows 10 fields of the output candidate file.

Ant1	EUI1	Ant2	EUI2	POS	Canon	Туре	Negation	Domain	Source
like	E0419447	unlike	E0063275	prep	Υ	АВ	BN	quality	LEX
with	E0065516	without	E0065526	prep	Υ	В	N	existence	LEX
is	E0012152	isn't	E0012152	aux			N		LEX
could	E0014877	couldn't	E0014877	modal			N		LEX
		little	E0037839	adv			BN		LEX
		neither	E0042155	det			N		LEX
		neither	E0042156	pron			N		LEX
		neither	E0783690	conj			N		LEX
		hardly	E0030831	adv			BN		LEX
		neither	E0783690	conj			N		LEX
									LEX

Table 1 Examples of antonym candidates from Lexicon (lexical records with negative tag)

Please note that blank cells are automatically filled up with [XX-TBD], such as [ANTONYM_TBD], [EUI_TBD], [POS_TBD], [CANON_TBD], [TYPE_TBD], [NEG_TBD] and [DOMAIN_TBD].

2. Tag Candidates

Manual tagging is needed for the (new) antonym candidates generated from the above process. The tagged information of pre-existing candidates from previous years is saved and used as the baseline for future releases. The process is detailed as follows.

2.1 Action

- Prep: tags are generated completely,
 - o to verify all fields
- Aux and modal:
 - o to verify Ant1, EUI1, negation
 - o to tag Canonical, Type, Domain
- Adv, det, pron and conj:
 - o to verify negation
 - o to fill/tag Ant1, EUI1, Canonical, Type, Domain
- The candidate file uses [XXX-TBD] for those blank cells in table 1. Please replace [XXX_TBD] with correct content. If no content is applicable please change [XXX_TBD] to [XXX_NONE] for the fields of Ant1, EUI1 and Domain.
- New candidates from LEX are expected to be few in number after the first release.

2.2 Fields & Tags

Please refer to document 1-2.LexAntonyms-Tag for definitions of fields and tags. Table 2 shows examples of tagged antonym candidates from the lexical records with negative tags.

Ant1	EUI1	Ant2	EUI2	POS	Canonical	Туре	Negation	Domain	Source
like	E0419447	unlike	E0063275	prep	Υ	АВ	BN	quality	LEX
with	E0065516	without	E0065526	prep	Υ	В	N	existence	LEX
is	E0012152	isn't	E0012152	aux	Υ	В	N	existence	LEX
could	E0014877	couldn't	E0014877	modal	Υ	В	N	possibility	LEX
much	E0587115	little	E0037839	adv	Υ	UB	BN	quantity	LEX

either	E0024626	neither	E0042155	det	Υ	В	N	existence	LEX
either	E0024627	neither	E0042156	pron	Υ	В	N	existence	LEX
easily	E0024341	hardly	E0030831	adv	N	UB	BN	quality	LEX
NONE	NONE	neither	E0783690	conj	N	NA	N	NONE	LEX
									LEX

Table 2 Examples of tagged antonym candidates from Lexicon (lexical records with negative tag)

3. Validate and Auto-fix Antonym Candidates

Manual tags are verified by computer programs to:

- ensure all tags are valid
- automatically assign type to [NA] and domain to [DOMAIN_NONE] if Canon is [N]
- check for new domains.

Please refer to document 1-2.LexAntonym-Tag for details.

4. Update to Annual Release Antonym Tag file

- add tag result from source of LEX to .\${0.Antonym}/\${YEAR}/input/antCand.data.tag.\${YEAR}
- rerun the processes 1-3 until all candidates have valid tags (antCandLexicon.data.tbd = 0) Please refer to document 1-2.LexAntonym-Tag for details.