

COMPUTATIONAL LEXICOGRAPHY

from traditional dictionaries to automated lexicon

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Resumen

For twenty years, computerized processing in Linguistics has been leading to the creation of a new research field: Computational Linguistics.

Lexicon, syntax and semantics have been the subject of a large research effort. Within the wider context of Language Industries, dictionaries play a fundamental role as obligatory component of any system: speech understanding, speech recognition, text processing and advanced office systems, computerized publishing, text generation systems, natural language interfaces, computer aided translation,... use information stored in dictionaries dedicated to the specific needs of these applications. It is now possible to consider Computational Lexicography as a research and development field by itself.

A dictionary is a human artifact: thus it is subject to errors and inconsistencies. Various mathematical techniques can be used to solve these problems, the computer being the ideal tool.

It is fundamental to be able to:

- improve the ready-made dictionary contents.
- modelize the various lexicographical information.
- highlight the structural problems of these basic dictionaries
- check, disambiguate and correct the contents in order to use the dictionaries with a computer.
- obtain easily interpretable results to update dictionaries.

Some processing on monolingual and bilingual dictionaries will be presented. They have been realised using a new mathematical method called Quadri-decomposition, recently developed at the IBM-France Paris Scientific Center.

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RELATIONAL AGGREGATION

DICTIONARY / DICTIONARIES

NON-LANGUAGE DEPENDENT APPROACH



	Ma	Mb	Mc	Md	Mf	Mg	Mh	Mi	Mj	Mk	Ml	Mn
a									·			
b									·			
c									·			
i										·		
j												
..												
n												

SYNONYMS

C_{ij} = 1 if M_j is given as synonym with M_i

C_{ij} = 0 if not.



DEFINITIONS



	Ma	Mb	Mc	Md	Me	Mf	Mg	Mh	Mi	Mj	Mk	Mn
Mg												·
Mh												·
Mi												·
Mn												



	Ma	Mb	Mc	Md	Me	Mf	Mg	Mh	Mi	Mj	Mk	Mn
Mf										·		
Mg										·		
Mh										·		
Mk										·		
Mi											·	
Mn												



T_{ij} = 1 if M_j is given as translation M_i

T_{ij} = 0 if not

TRANSLATION

DICTIONARY OF SYNONYMS

optimization : a need

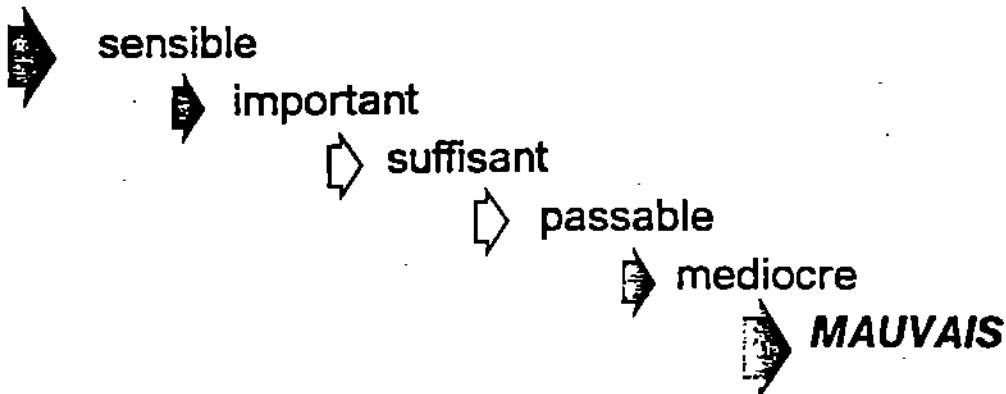
◆ • ***in Advanced Text Processing Systems***

- ◆ small clusters
- ◆ semic separate valuation
- ◆ hierarchical thesaurus

◆ • ***in Traditional Dictionaries***

- ◆ extensive clusters
- ◆ mixing of meanings
- ◆ no hierarchical organization

BON



châssis:n
client.

chalandise:n
clientèle.

chalet d'abancen
cabinets.

chalet de nécessité:n
cabinets.

chaleure:n

<pr>
craicule, étuve, fournaise, touffeur;

<fig>
amour, animation, ardeur, cœur, cordialité, élan, empressement, énergie, enthousiasme, entrain, exaltation, excitation, ferveur, feu, fièvre, flamme, fougue, frénésie, impétuosité, lyrisme, passion, passion, véhémence, verve, vigueur, vivacité, zèle.

châter:v

<vx>
intéresser.

chasséen

<vx>
appel.

chauvillieur:n
disputailleur, querelleur.

chamaillism

<vx>
dispute, échauffourée.

chamarré:j
bariolé.

chamboulement:n
chambardement (fam).

champ de foire:n
foirail, marché.

champ de repos:n
cimetière.

champ des morts:n

<lit>
champ du repos, cimetière.

champignonner:v

< fam >
proliférer, pulluler.

championnat:n
compétition, coupe.

changement:n

altération, conversion, évolution, métamorphose, modification, mue, mutation, refonte, réformation, réforme, remaniement, transformation, variation;

bouleversement, renversement, retournement, revirement, révolution;

alternance, échange, remplacement, substitution, troc;

<fig>
innovation, mouvement, nouveauté, variété;

remplacement, renouvellement, rénovation.

changer de crèmeerie:v

<arg>
déménager, mettre les bouts (arg); mettre les voiles (arg).

changer:vp

évoluer, se convertir, se modifier, se retourner, se transformer, tourner bride, varier, viser.

beau1:j

<qqun>

- gracieux, joli, mignon, ravissant, séduisant;
- magnifique, merveilleux, splendide, sublime, superbe;
- accompli, achevé, brillant, consommé, cultivé,
- éminent, fameux,
- formidable, grand, haut, magistral, supérieur;
- admirable, digne, estimable, généreux, honn + te,
- honorable, juste, magnanime, noble, vertueux;
- émouvant, touchant;
- agréable, charmant, gentil, plaisant, séduisant;

<qqch>

- émouvant, touchant;
- adroit, astucieux, habile;
- chic, choisi, élégant, sélect;
- gracieux, harmonieux, joli, mignon;
- esthétique, sculptural;
- magnifique, merveilleux, ravissant, splendide, sublime, superbe;
- fameux, formidable, grand, haut, magistral, parfait, supérieur;
- avantageux, fructueux, lucratif;
- florissant, prospère, riche;
- considérable, énorme, fort, gros, important, imposant;
- intéressant, passionnant;
- adéquat, approprié, bon, heureux;
- agréable, charmant, plaisant, séduisant.



beau01:j

<qqun06>

gracieux00; joli00 mignon00 ravissant00 séduisant00.

beau02:j

<qqun06>

magnifique00 merveilleux00 splendide00 sublime00 superbe00.

beau03:j

<qqun06>

accompli00, achevé00, brillant00, consommé00,
cultivé00, éminent00, fameux00,
formidable00, grand00, haut00, magistral00,
supérieur00.

beau04:j

<qqun06>

admirable00, digne00, estimable00, généreux00, honn + te00,
honorable00, juste00, magnanime00, noble00, vertueux00.

beau05:j

<qqun06>

émouvant00, touchant00.

beau06:j

<qqun06>

agréable00, charmant00, gentil00, plaisant00, séduisant00.

beau07:j

<qqch13>

émouvant00, touchant00.

beau08:j

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adroit00, astucieux00, habile00.

beau09:j

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chic00, choisi00, élégant00, sélect00.

beau10:j

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gracieux00, harmonieux00, joli00, mignon00.

beau11:j

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esthétique00, sculptural00.

beau12:j

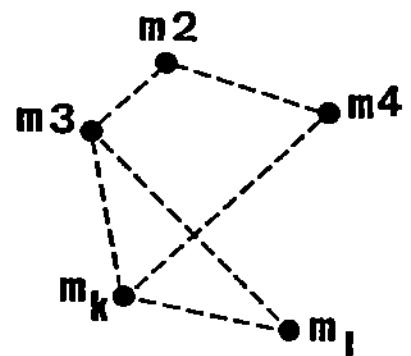
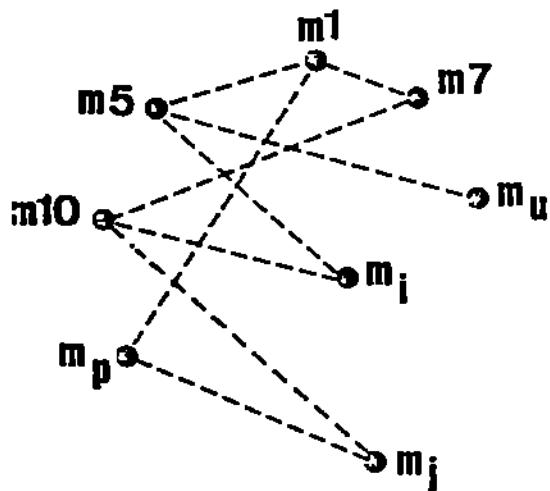
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magnifique00, merveilleux00, ravissant00, splendide00, sublime00,
superbe00.

beau13:i

SYNONYMICAL CONNECTED COMPONENTS

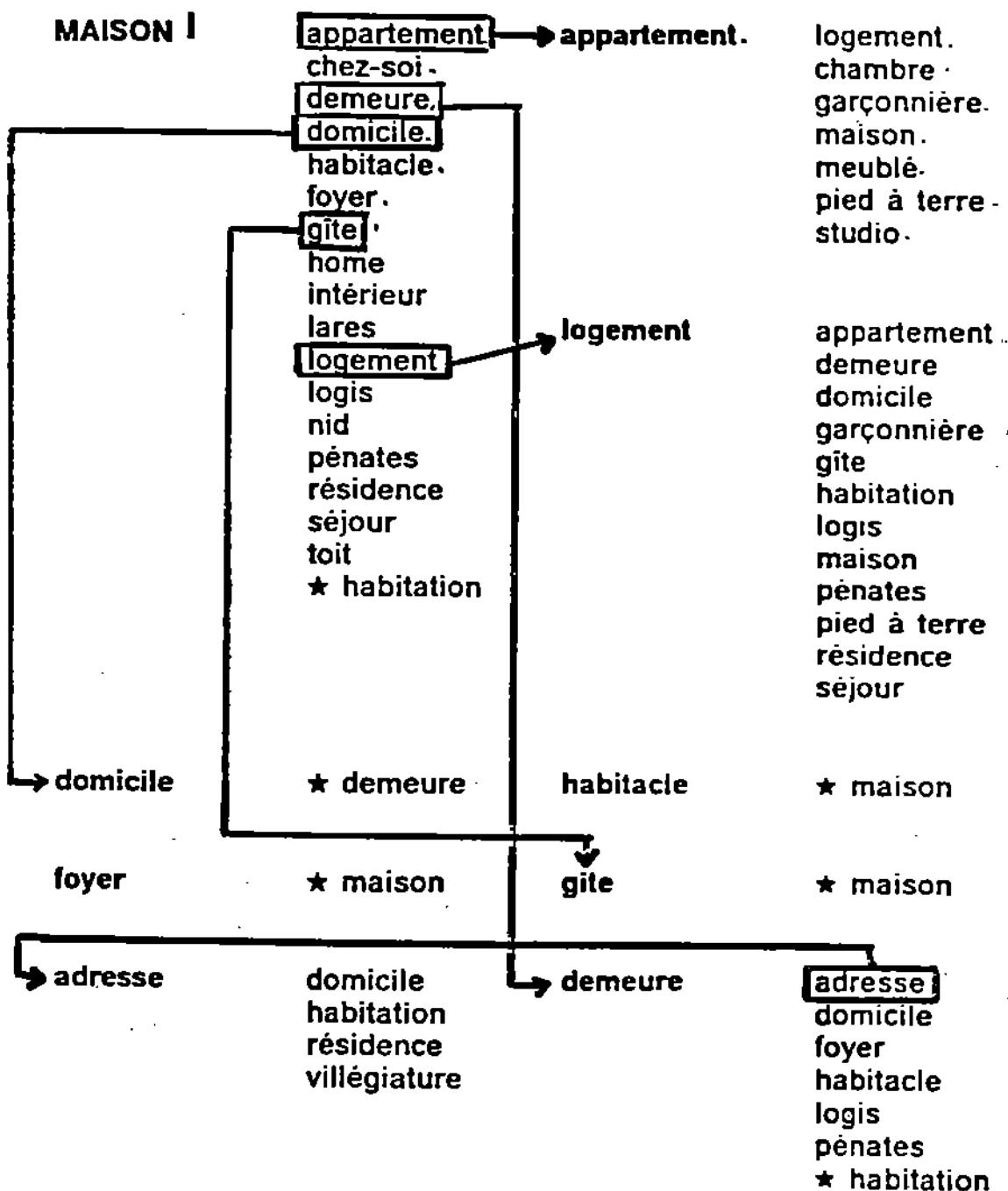
Decomposition of the problem



	m1	m5	m7	m10	mi	mj	mu	mr
m1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
m5	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
m7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
m10	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
mi	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
mj	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
mu	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
mr	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

	m2	m3	m4	mk	ml
m2	1	1	1	0	0
m3	1	1	0	1	1
m4	1	0	1	1	0
mk	0	1	1	1	1
ml	0	1	0	1	1

SEARCH OF CONNECTED COMPONENTS



RAW DATA MATRIX

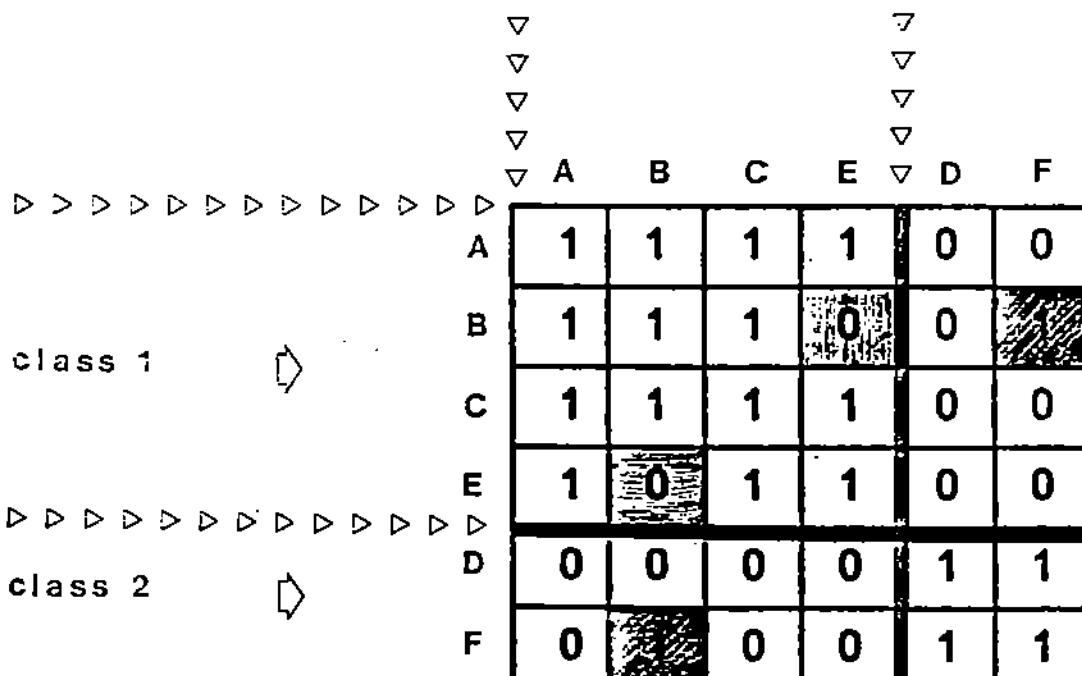
EXAMPLE

C

	A	B	C	D	E	F
A	1	1	1	0	1	0
B	1	1	1	0	0	1
C	1	1	1	0	1	0
D	0	0	0	1	0	1
E	1	0	1	0	1	0
F	0	1	0	1	0	1

Y

	A	B	C	D	E	F
A	1	1	1	0	1	0
B	1	1	1	0	1	0
C	1	1	1	0	1	0
D	0	0	0	1	0	1
E	1	1	1	0	1	0
F	0	0	0	1	0	1



C matrix permuted according to **Y**

- A1 Internal adjustments**
- A2 External ajustements**
- E1 Internal errors**
- E2 External errors**

THE MODEL

► ★ Max (A1 + A2)

$$\text{Max} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n [C_{ij}Y_{ij} + \bar{C}_{ij}\bar{Y}_{ij}]$$

● Y being a partition

- Reflexivity
- Symmetry
- Transitivity

$$\begin{cases} Y_{ii} = 1 \\ Y_{ij} = Y_{ji} \\ Y_{ij} + Y_{jk} - Y_{ik} \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

or

► ★ Min (E1 + E2)

$$\text{Min} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n [\bar{C}_{ij}Y_{ij} + C_{ij}\bar{Y}_{ij}]$$

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C TABLEAU PERMUTED ACCORDING TO THE OPTIMAL PARTITION Y

RESULTING OPTIMAL PARTITION

● Class 1



maison
nid
toit
habitation
logis
intérieur
habitacle
gîte
chez-soi
foyer

● Class 2



pension
palace
meublé
garni
auberge
hotel

● Class 3



studio
pied-à-terre
logement
garçonnière
appartement

● Class 4



emplacement
endroit
site
position
lieu
situation

● Class 5



résidence
siège

● Class 6



séjour
villégiature

● Class 7



demeure
domicile

○ Class 8



lares

○ Class 9



adresse

○ Class 10



place

○ Class 11



pénates

CLUSTERS REPRESENTATIVES

**** ANALYSE PAR MOT (EN %) ****

VENTILATION PAR CLASSE

CLASSE		LIENS	LIENS	LIENS
		CREEES+DETRUITS	CREEES	DETRUITS
1				
• • 1	PENSION	0.00	0.00	0.00
• • 2	PALACE	0.00	0.00	0.00
• • 3	MEUBLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
• • 4	GARNI	0.00	0.00	0.00
• • 5	AUDERGE	0.00	0.00	0.00
→ 6	HOTEL	2.78	0.00	3.23
2				
• • 26	CARAVANE	0.00	0.00	0.00
• • 8	PIED-A-T	2.78	25.00	0.00
• • 7	STUDIO	5.56	50.00	0.00
→ 27	APPARTEH	5.56	0.00	6.25
• 25	LOGEMENT	16.67	25.00	15.63
3				
• • 9	SIEGE	0.00	0.00	0.00
→ 19	RESIDENCE	13.89	0.00	14.29
4				
• • 10	VILLAGEA	0.00	0.00	0.00
→ 18	SLJOUR	11.11	0.00	11.43
5				
• • 12	SITE	0.00	0.00	0.00
• • 11	SITUATIO	0.00	0.00	0.00
→ 16	IMPLACEM	2.78	0.00	3.23
• • 13	POSITION	2.78	20.00	0.00
→ 15	LIEU	2.78	0.00	3.23
• • 17	ENDROIT	0.33	20.00	6.45
6				
14	PLACE	8.33	-1.00	8.33
7				
• • 22	HJD	0.00	0.00	0.00
• • 13	CHEZ-SOI	0.00	0.00	3.70
• • 32	CITE	2.78	0.00	0.00
• • 30	INTERIEU	5.56	22.22	0.00
• • 21	TOIT	8.33	33.33	0.00
→ 31	HABITAACL	11.11	22.22	7.41
• • 29	LOGIS	16.67	0.00	22.22
→ 28	MAISON	16.67	0.00	22.22
• • 29	TOIT	16.67	0.00	16.67

CONCEPTUAL LEXICON

• specific

• generic

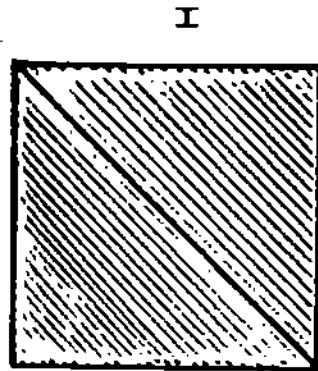
• related

RELATIONAL ANALYSIS

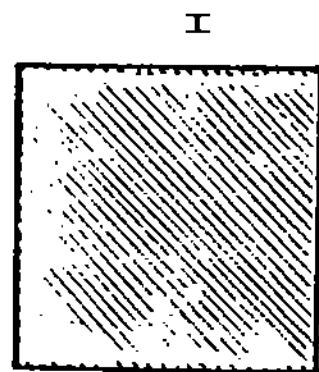
Raw Data

Processed data

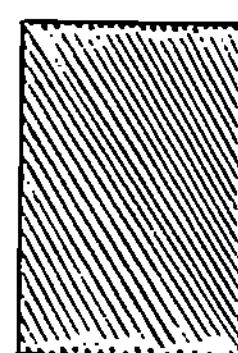
Result



SQUARED &
SYMMETRIC

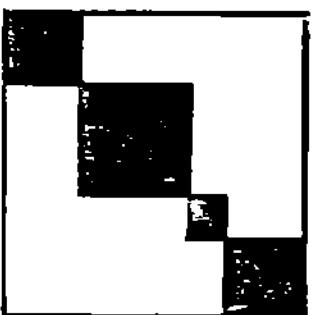
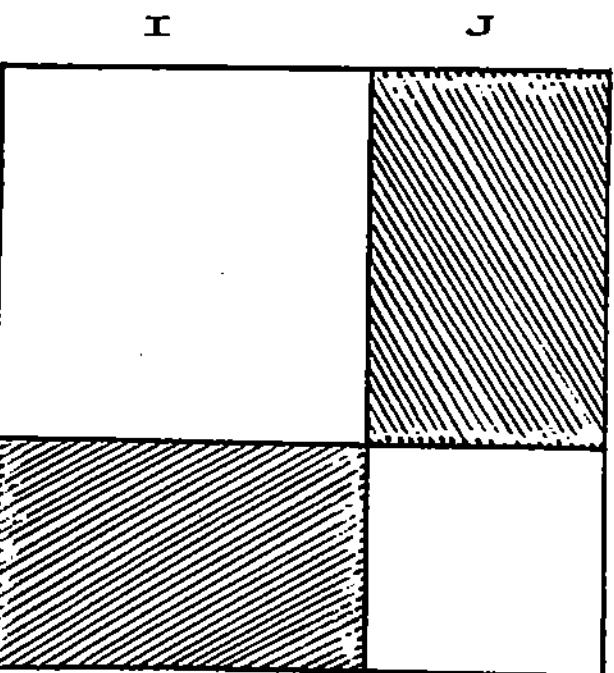
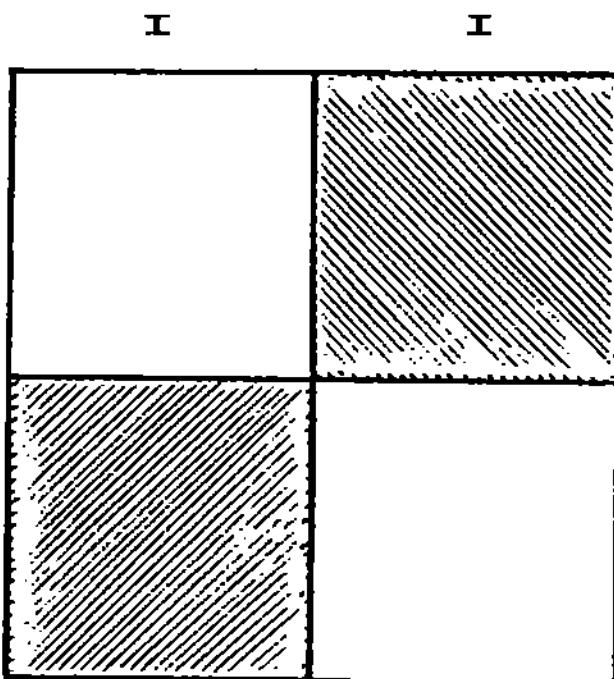


SQUARED &
NON SYMMETRIC

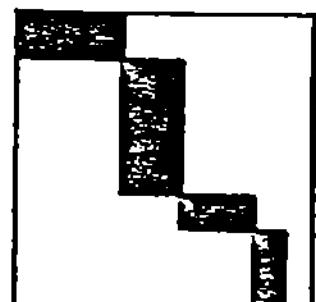


RECTANGULAR

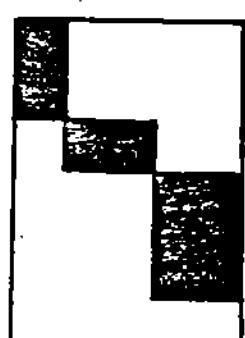
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EQUIVALENCE
RELATION



BLOCK
CORRESPONDENCE



BLOCK
CORRESPONDENCE

QUADRI-DECOMPOSITION

SIMILARITY AGGREGATION

QUADRIDECOMPOSITION AND DICTIONARIES

D - DICTIONARY OF SYNONYMS

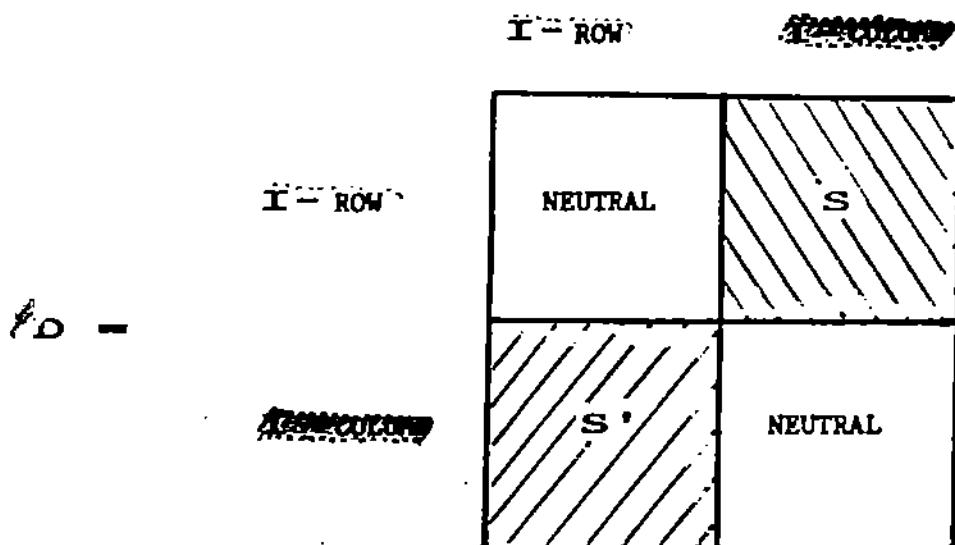
I = { words belongin to the connected compon
of an entry from δ }

S = (δ_{ij}) i and j = 1, ..., |I|
relational matrix of synonymy given by .

$L(i) = \{ j \in I : \delta_{ij} = 1 \}$ - synonyms with word i
"ROW-WORD" (calling word)

$C(i) = \{ j \in I : \delta_{ji} = 1 \}$ - words being synonyms
with i
→ "COLUMN-WORD" (called word)

* very often: $L(i) \neq C(i)$. It is very interesting to "double" the words in the quadridecomposition matrix.



* DURING THE PROCESSING, "ROW-WORDS" AND "COLUMN-WORDS" KEEP SEPARATED

* SOME WORDS WILL BELONG TO TWO DIFFERENT CLUSTERS IN THE OBTAINED SOLUTION:

I-ROW' \ J-COLUMN' == "BRIDGE-WORDS"

OBTAINED SOLUTION ON I -

PARTITION WITH IMBEDDED CLUSTERS

CONDORCET'S SOLUTION

commune
municipalité

agglomération
bourg
bourgade
hammeau
localité
village

bled
coin
patelin
pays
trou

capitale
centre
cité
métropole
ville

+ additional informations on
links between clusters

Connected component: **"VILLE"**

CHAPTER 1. DECOMPOSITION TECHNIQUE

RAW DATA MATRIX

connected component: VILLE

-Class I:
CITE-L
VILLE-C

-Classe 2: CAPITALE-L CENTRE-L METROPOLE-L VILLE-L
CAPITALE-C. CENTRE-C METROPOLE-C CITE-C AGGLOMERATION-C.

-Classe 3:
VILLAGE-L BOURGADE-L BOURG-L COMMUNE-L LOCALITE-L AGGLOMERATION-L.
VILLAGE-C BOURGADE-C BOURG-C

-Classe 4:
BLED-L COIN-L PATELIN-L TROU-L PAYS-L
BLED-C COIN-C PATELIN-C TROU-C

-Classe 5:
HAMEAU-L

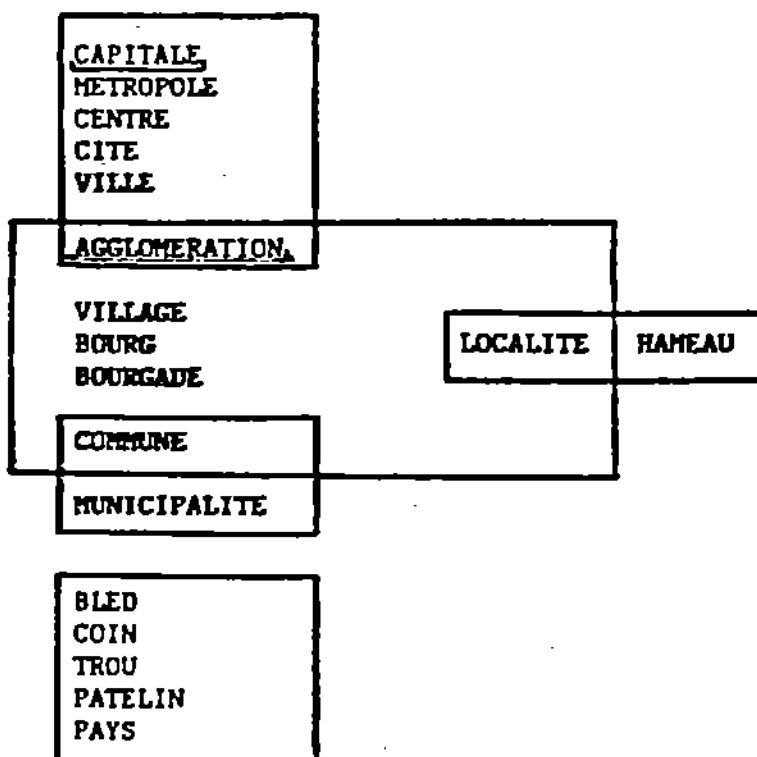
-Classe 6:
MUNICIPALITE-L
MUNICIPALITE-C COMMUNE-C

**-Classe 7:
PAYS-C**

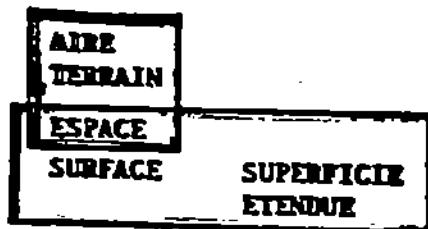
RESULTING PARTITION

	VILLE	AGGLOMERATION	CAPITAL	CENTRE	CITE	METROPOLE	VILLAGE	BOURG	BOURGADE	BLEU	COIN	TROU	PATELIN	HAMEAU	LOCALITE	MUNICIPALITE	COMMUNE	PAYS
CITE	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITALE	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRE	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
METROPOLE	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VILLE	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGLOMERATION	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
BOURGADE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOURG	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
COMMUNE	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
LOCALITE	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
VILLAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
BLEU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
COIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
PATELIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
PAYS	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
TROU	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
HAMEAU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
MUNICIPALITE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

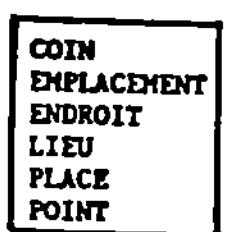
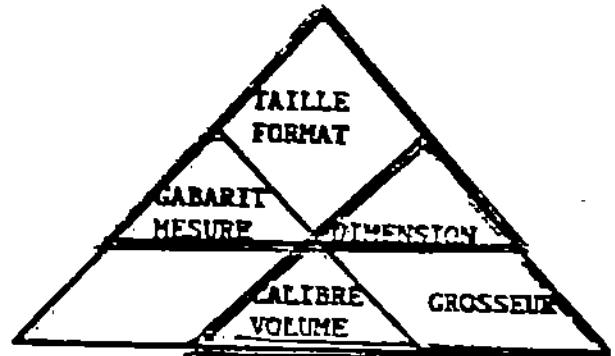
DATA PERMUTED ACCORDING TO THE RESULT



EMBEDDED CLUSTERS PARTITION

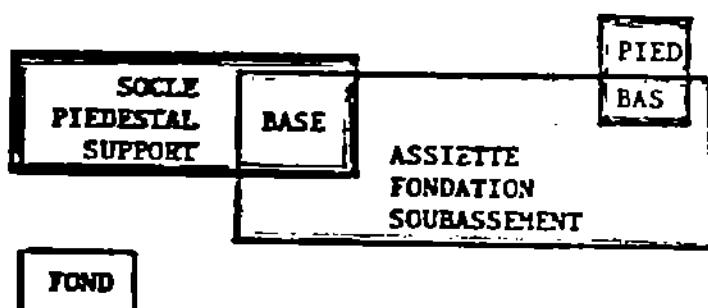
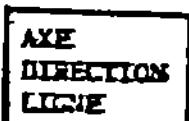
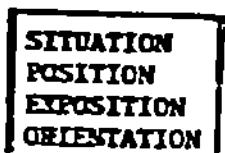


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PROVINCE

SITE



IMBEDDED CLUSTERS PARTITION

CONNECTED COMPONENT: "COIN"

SYNONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

MAISON : endroit où vivent les gens

TOYER : lieu où réside la famille

LOGIS : endroit où on loge*, où on habite*

HABIT : 'local' où on vit avec confort et intimité

SITE : lieu où l'on trouve à se loger

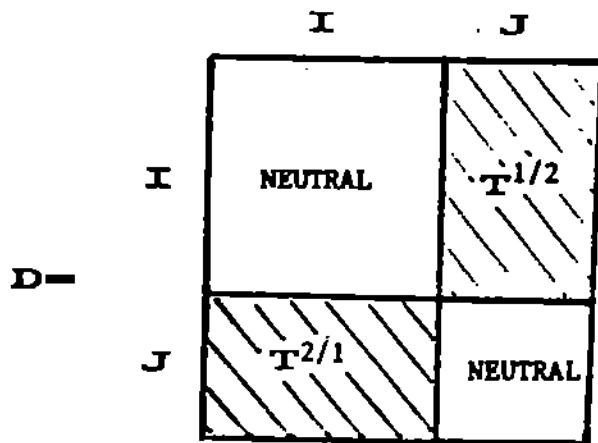
→ ENHANCEMENT OF SYNONYMS CLUSTERS

→ CHECKING THE INTERNAL COHERENCE BY CROSSING
THE SYNONYMOUS PARADIGMS

→ STUDY OF THE SYNTAGMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
CLUSTERS

B - BILINGUAL DICTIONARY Language 1 (L1) /
 Language 2 (L2)

- I = {words in L1 from the connected component
 of an entry in L1}
- J = {words in L2 from the connected component
 of an entry in L2}



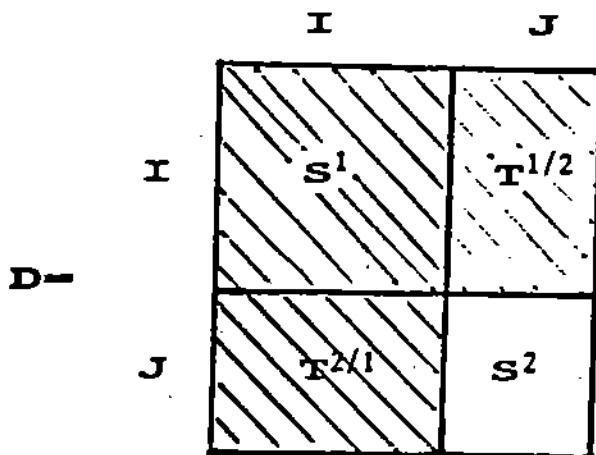
$T^{1/2}$ - relational matrix
 of translation L1/I
 in β

$T^{2/1}$ - relational matrix
 of translation L2/I
 in β

$T^{1/2}$ & $T^{2/1}$ are not trivially derived the one
 from each other

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β_1 - synonyms (L1) , β_2 - synonyms (L2)



S^1 - relational matrix of
 synonymy (Language 1
 in β_1)

S^2 - relational matrix of
 synonymy (Language 2
 in β_2)

calibre gabarit	CALIBER FORMER	grandeur grosseur volume	BULK SIZE VOLUME	taille	EXTENT
mesure	MEASURE MEASUREMENT	étendue dimension	EXPANSE DIMENSION	format	FORMAT
espace	SPACE	emplacement place situation	LOCATION SITE SITUATION	orientation	ORIENTATION
aire superficie surface	AREA SURFACE	direction	DIRECTION WAY	axe ligne	LINE
coin endroit lieu point	PLACE POINT SPOT	parages	PART QUARTER	fief	FIEF
province	PROVINCE	région territoire	REGION TERRITORY DISTRICT	contrée pays terrain terre	COUNTRY LAND
zone secteur	ZONE				
piedestal socle	PEDESTAL PLINTH SOCLE	fond fondation	FOUNDATION	bas base fondement pied	BASE BOTTOM FOOT
assiette assise	SEATING	support	SUPPORT		

QUADRI-DECOMPOSITION

BILINGUAL DICTIONARY:

- A = French / English
B = English / French

dimension
format
grandeur
mesure

FORMAT

calibre
 gabarit
 grosseur
 taille
 volume

FORMER

étendue

BULK
CALIBRE
DIMENSION
EXPANSE
EXTENT
MEASURE
MEASUREMENT
SIZE
SPACE
VOLUME

aire
espace
superficie
surface
zone

SURFA

coin
parages
secteur

PART

terrain
pays
terre

LAND

fief FIEF

territoire
région
contrée

AREA
COUNTRY
DISTRICT
PROVINCE
QUARTER
REGION
TERRITORY
ZONE

assiette
assise
fondation
fondement
soubassement

SEATING

pedestal
socle
support

PEDESTAL
SOCLE

base
bottom
foot
foundation
flint
support

axe
direction
ligne
orientation

DIRECTION
LINE

exposition
point

EXPOSITION
POINT

emplacement
endroit
lieu
place
position
site
situation

LOCATION
PLACE
POSITION
SITE
SITUATION

QUADRI-DECOMPOSITION

BILINGUAL DICTIONARY & DICTIONARY OF SYNONYMS

[N] = French synonyms

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M = English synonyms

[B] = translation English / French