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Working the Crowd: Design Principles and Early Lessons from the Social-Semantic Web

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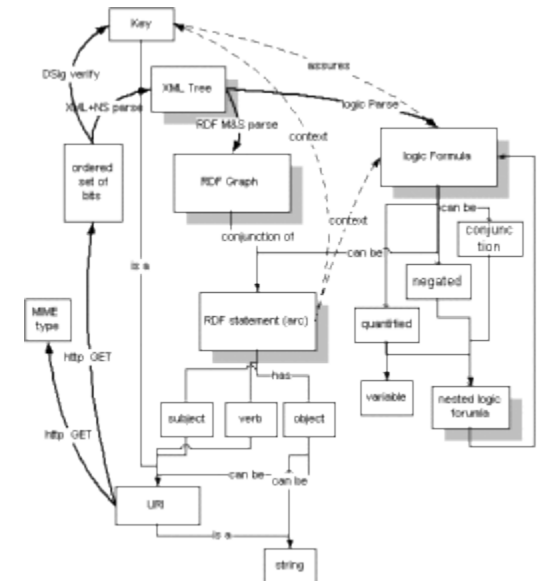
Social Web



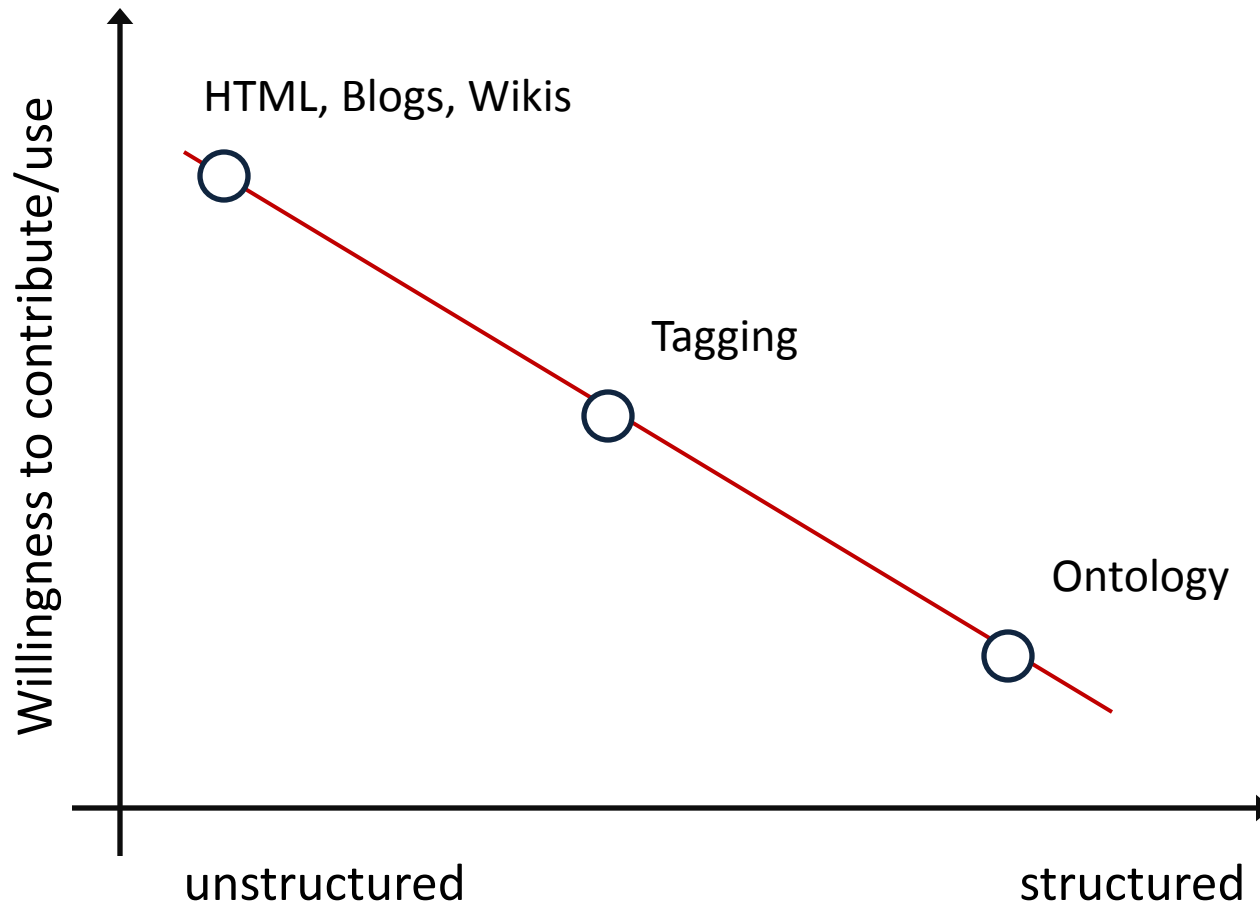
- Leverages “Wisdom of the crowds”
- Plain text, tagging, folksonomies, collaborative filtering, “social search”, ...
- Many successful projects (e.g., Wikipedia and Flickr)
- Problems:
 - Noisy
 - Term ambiguity
 - Lack of structural depth, reasoning capabilities

Semantic Web

- Based on formal conceptualizations of a domain (ontologies, taxonomies, thesauri)
- Success in biomedical and business domains (e.g., the Gene Ontology)
- Reasoning and matching capabilities, interoperability, semantic search
- Problems:
 - Need for double experts
 - Lack of user participation
 - Too complex



Social and Semantic Web



Basic Ideas and Insights

- Pragmatic ontology design
 - Various specialized and dynamic ontologies that utilize semi-automated tools for information integration
 - simple in the initial design phase; not top-down and static
- Ontology Extension as Iterative Relation Addition and Refinement
 - incremental and driven by user participation
 - “influenced-by”: in which area of philosophy? (RDF reification)

Basic Ideas and Insights

- Ontology Population as Iterative Data Addition, Validation, and Data Integration
 - Tagging of pairs of individuals
 - Simple validation of recommendations from text processing algorithms
- Stratified Participation; Provenance and Trust
 - Wisdom of the crowds, but...
 - Some users should be considered more trustworthy and reliable than others
 - Nevertheless, open community is important

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- Statistical text processing to extract candidate instances for relations
- Design interfaces that allow users to “tag” not only individual entities but also pairs of things
- Collect these bits of information in a knowledge base
- Use logic programming (ASP) to put the pieces together to a populated ontology

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Teacher of:

Indicate if selected thinkers were Immanuel Kant's students

no yes

Student of:

Indicate if selected thinkers taught Immanuel Kant

no yes

Ternary statements:

Indicate strength of selected statement

weak strong

Immanuel Kant on

Logic Programming

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`class(idea about connectionism).`

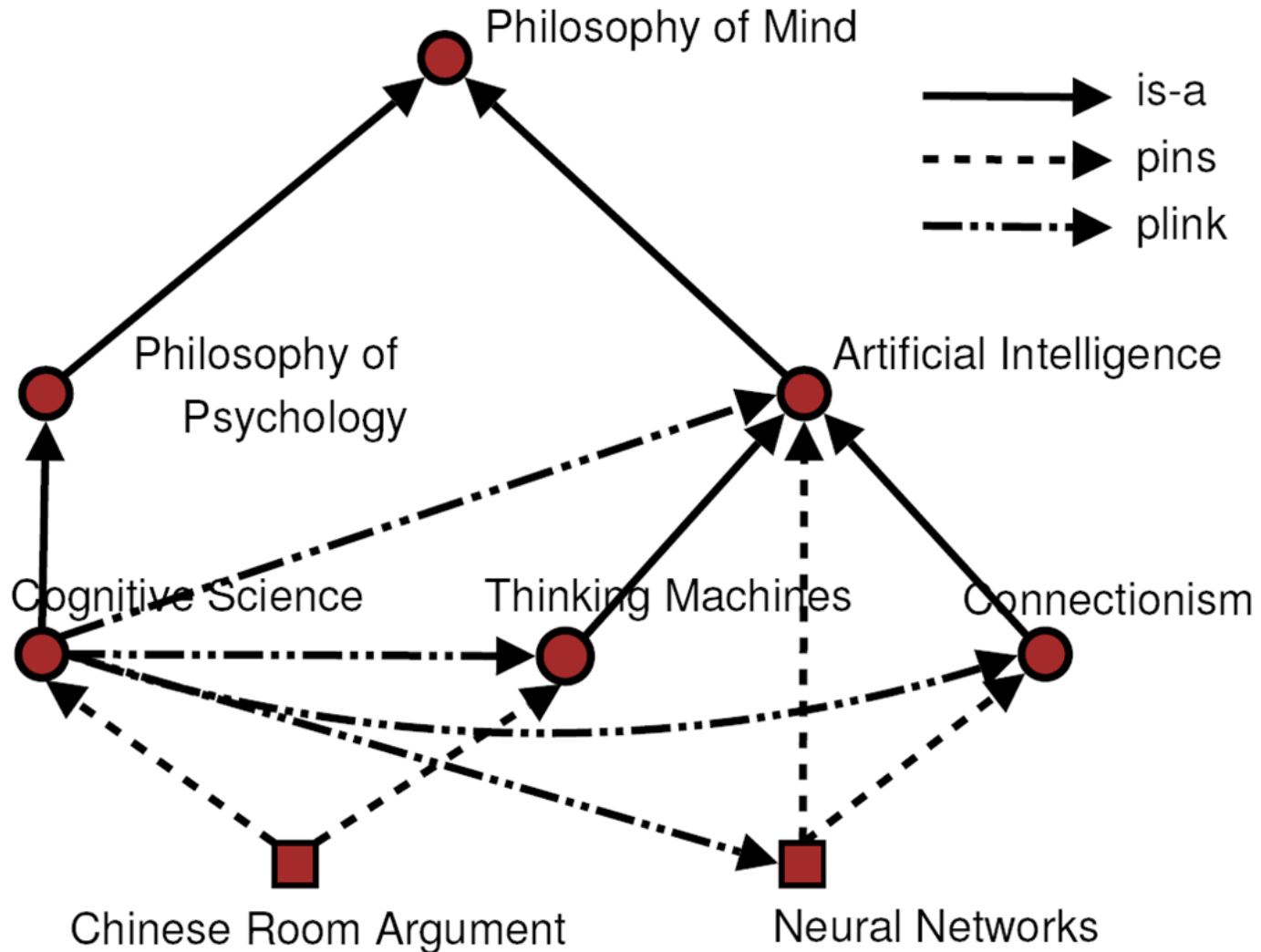
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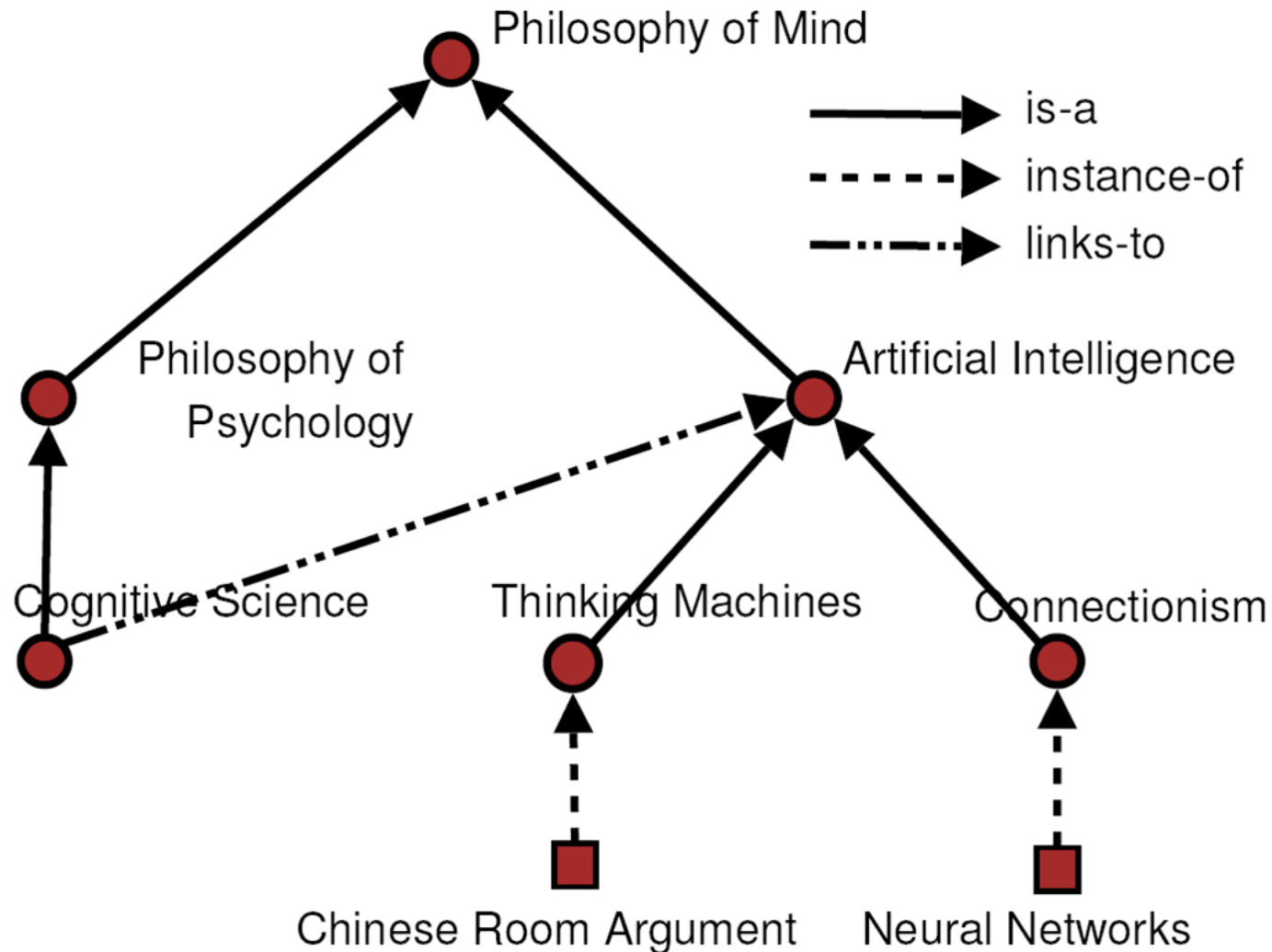
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`instance-of(X, Y) ← pins(X, Y), not nins(X, Y).`

Logic Programming



Logic Programming



Experiments

- Is there agreement among expert users?
- Framework for trust measures
- Measures “deviation” of user evaluations

$$D(u) = \frac{1}{|N(u)|} \sum_{(a,b,\ell,u) \in E} \sum_{(a,b,\ell',u') \in E \text{ with } u \neq u'} \text{dist}(\ell, \ell')$$

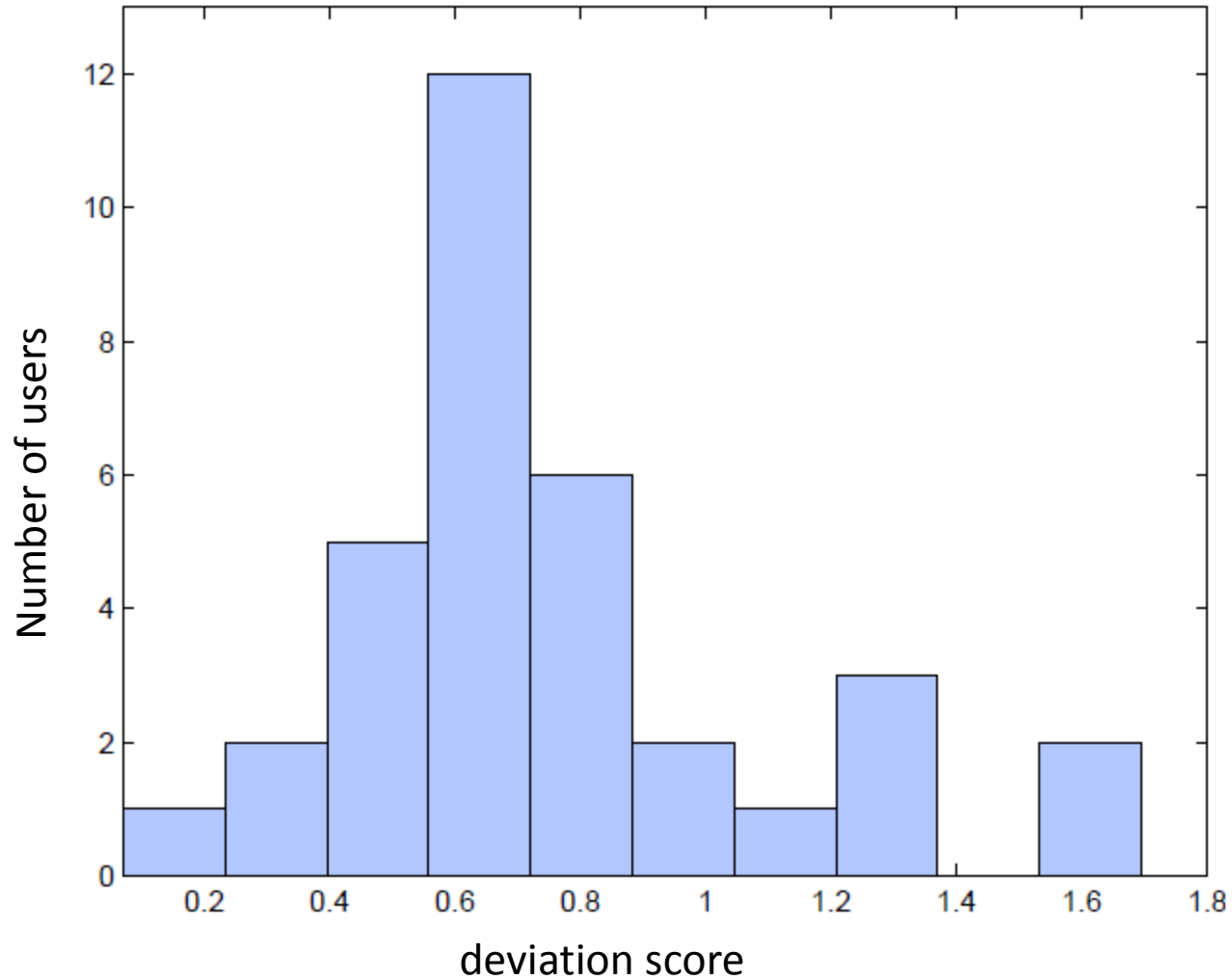
Evaluation: a and b are individuals,
l is the label, and u the user id

“Label distance” of evaluations
of same pairs of individuals

Experiments

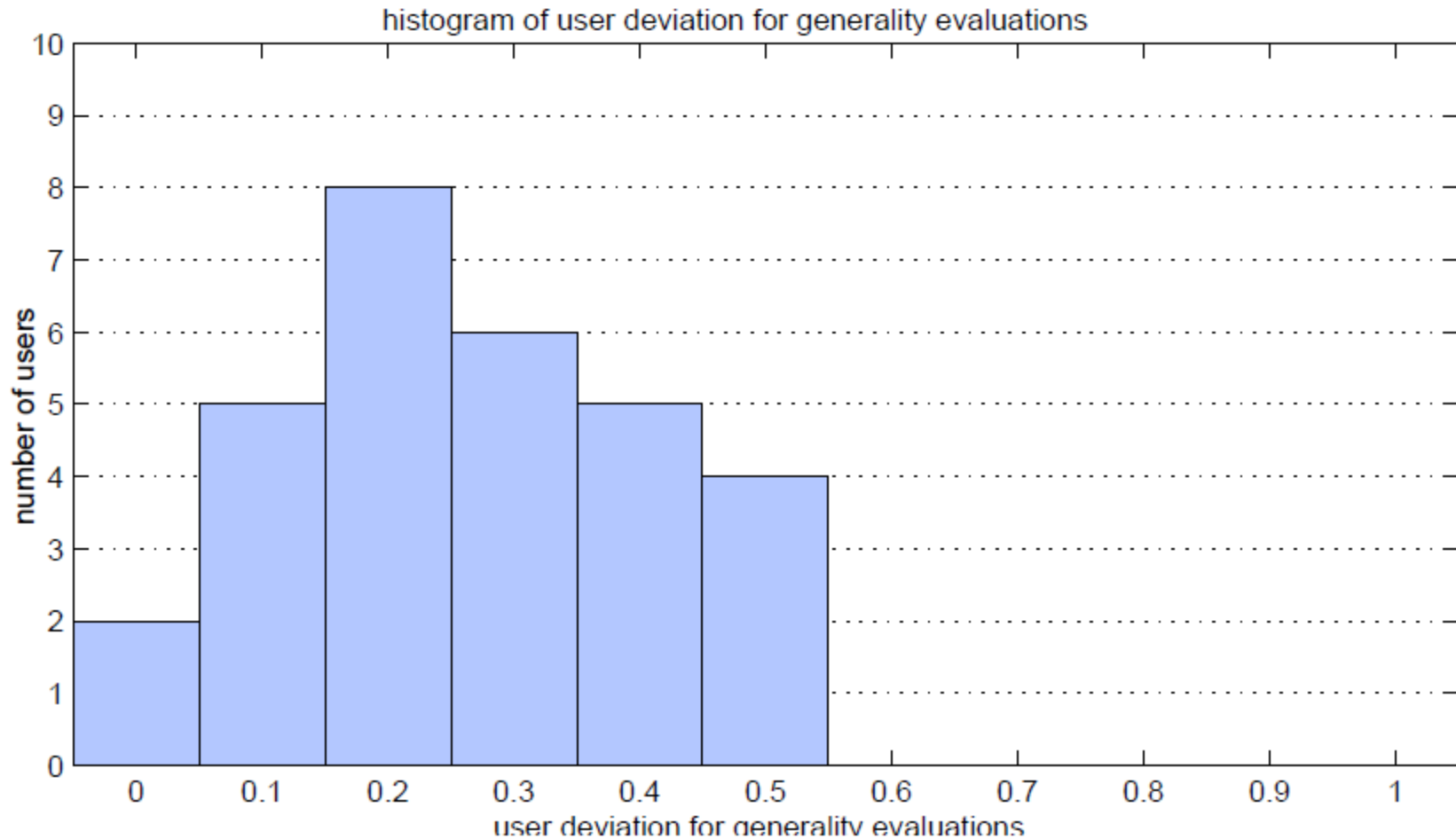
- 92 registered users as of March 2009
- 4,653 evaluations of 2,969 distinct pairs of ideas
- Volunteers from experts in the field to interested amateurs
- Will soon be joined by the authors and editors of the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Initial Results



9 out of 1405 overlapping evaluations (0.6%) have a label distance of 4

Initial Results



33 Out of 917 overlapping evaluations (3.6%) with
34 disagreeing labels “more specific” and “more general.”

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







- chinese philosophy
- + continental philosophy
- + epistemology
- + ethics
- + feminist philosophy
- + history of philosophy
- japanese philosophy
- judaic philosophy
- latin american and iberian philosophy
- + logic
- + metaphysics
- philosophy of action
- + philosophy of language
- + philosophy of law
- philosophy of mathematics
- philosophy of mind
 - **artificial intelligence**
 - computation and representation
 - computationalism
 - connectionism
 - dynamic system
 - thinking machine
- + consciousness
- + mental content
- + metaphysics of mind
- + perception
- + philosophy of psychology
- + philosophy of religion
- + philosophy of science and the sciences
- + social and political philosophy

InPhO Taxonomy (β version)

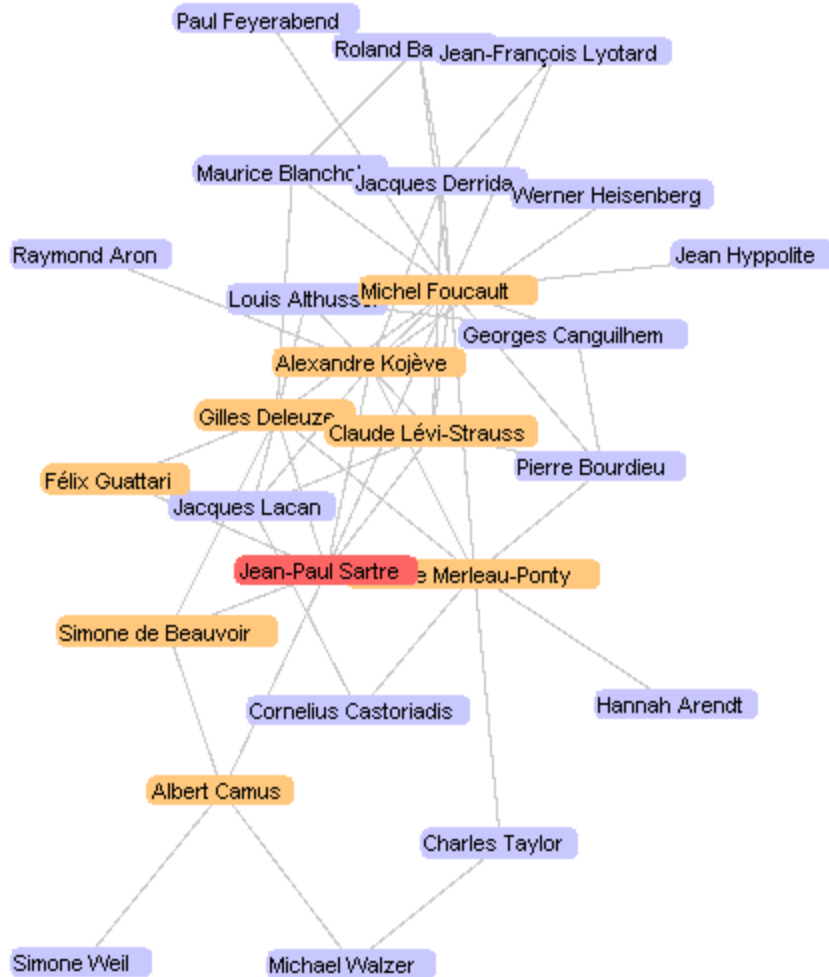
This is the page for the node **artificial intelligence**

This taxonomy of ideas is the outcome of the first iteration of our cycle of expert-provided structure, statistical analysis of the articles in the [Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#), and a small amount of human feedback. Iterations of this cycle will be used to develop the taxonomy. The approach is explained in more detail [here](#).

Click on any of the links on the left to explore the topics in the taxonomy. Click  icon to open SEP article on the adjacent term.

Subclasses:	Searches
computation \cap representation	 SEP noesis SEP Google Scholar
computationalism	 SEP noesis SEP Google Scholar
 connectionism	 SEP noesis SEP Google Scholar
dynamical system	 SEP noesis SEP Google Scholar
thinking machine	 SEP noesis SEP Google Scholar
Instances:	Searches
 turing test	 SEP noesis SEP Google Scholar
 replication	 SEP noesis SEP Google Scholar
cartesian dualism	 SEP noesis SEP Google Scholar
 defeasible reasoning	 SEP noesis SEP Google Scholar
 common knowledge	 SEP noesis SEP Google Scholar
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Influences among Philosophers



GravitationalConstant

Distance

BarnesHutTheta

DragForce

DragCoefficient

SpringForce

SpringCoefficient

DefaultSpringLength

Connectivity Filter

Distance

Faceted Search

6 Person filtered from 1323 originally ([Reset All Filters](#))

name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Profession	Nationality
Archytas	428 BC	347 BC	Astronomer, Mathematician, Philosopher, and Statesman	Greece and Ancient Greece
Pythagoras	580 BC	500 BC	Mathematician, Philosopher, and Scientist	Greece and Ancient Greece
Eudoxus of Cnidus	410	355	Astronomer, Mathematician, Physician, and Scholar	Greece
Archimedes	287 BC	212 BC	Astronomer, Engineer, Mathematician, Philosopher, and Physicist	Greece
Polyaenus of Lampsacus	340 BC	278 BC	Mathematician	Greece
Ptolemy	90	168	Astrologer, Astronomer, and Geographer	Greece and Egypt

Date of Birth

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Ideas

- 1 (missing this field)
- 3 alchemy
- 3 motion and time
- 1 arabic and islamic philosophy
- 1 cosmology
- 1 divine attributes

Profession

2

- 52 (missing this field)
- 39 Philosopher
- 5 **Mathematician**
- 4 **Astronomer**
- 4 Physician
- 4 Statesman

Nationality

- 6 Greece
- 2 Ancient Greece
- 1 Egypt

Future Work

- How can we detect and throw out the bad responses?
- What measures are there to assess the quality of feedback and the trust of individual contributors?
- What methods (in addition to ASP) can we use to assemble the taxonomies?

Thank you!