

ParaDis and Démonette

From Theory to Resources for Derivational Paradigms

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Introduction

- Démonette: Large-scale derivational database for French
 - ▶ Project funded by the French National Research Agency (2018-2021)
 - ▶ At the end, at least annotated 366.000 entries
- Source of the data populating the database: a set of derivational lexicons (reliable content)
- Data are reanalysed, annotations are completed, new entries are added.
- Démonette's architecture and content are the adaptation of theoretical principles in derivational morphology.
 - ▶ Implements ParaDis: a model of derivational morphology where lexemes, units of analysis, are grouped into families that are organized into paradigms.
- why choosing this theoretical approach?

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At the beginning

- Morpheme-based frameworks.
 - ▶ minimal unit of form and meaning
 - ▶ syntax-like word structure rewrite rules (e.g. concatenation).
 - Production of derivational resources and tools
 - ▶ CELEX (Baayen et al., 1995), DerIvaTario (Talamo et al., 2016), CroDeriV (Šojat et al., 2014), Morphological Treebank (Steiner & Ruppenhofer, 2018), WFL (1st version) (Litta et al. 2016)
- (Kyjánek, 2018)
- advantages: simplicity, economy
 - drawbacks: whenever there is no one-to-one form-meaning correspondance (zero morpheme, empty morph, polysemous affixes, ..., non-concatenative morphology...)

Improvements

- Two sets of theoretical devices in derivational morphology
 - ▶ ternary structure of the lexeme (and lexeme formation rules). ([Haspelmath & Sims 2002](#); [Plag 2003](#))
 - ▶ paradigmatic organization for derivation. ([Bauer 1997](#); [Blevins 2016](#); [Bochner 1993](#); [Booij 2010](#); [Štekauer 2014](#); [van Marle 1995](#))
- lexeme- or paradigm-based tools and resources of WF relations: DerivBase ([Zeller et al., 2013](#)), DeriNet ([Vidra et al. 2019](#)), WFL last version ([Litta et al. 2019](#)), DériF ([Namer 2013](#)), Morphonette ([Hathout 2011](#)).

Lexeme (1)

- the abstract representation of an inflectional paradigm, in the form of a three-dimensional unit: **form**, **part-of-speech**, **semantic content**.

$$\begin{bmatrix} /ri:d/ \\ V \\ \text{'read'} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} /ri:də/ \\ N \\ \text{'person who reads'} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Rules are processes distributed across the three dimensions.

Lexeme (2)

- Each field (formal vs semantic) has an **autonomous** behaviour in derivation.
 - ▶ Several possible formal means for derived words of the same semantic type.
 - ▶ (conversely, several possible semantic contents for word structures sharing the same exponent (e.g. Czech *-ka*))

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Lexeme (3)

- The value at each level results from the application of **constraints** specific to that level.

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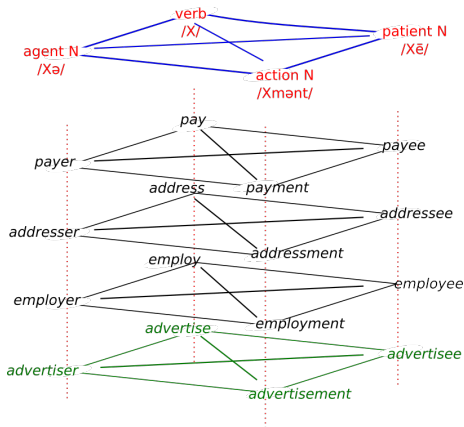
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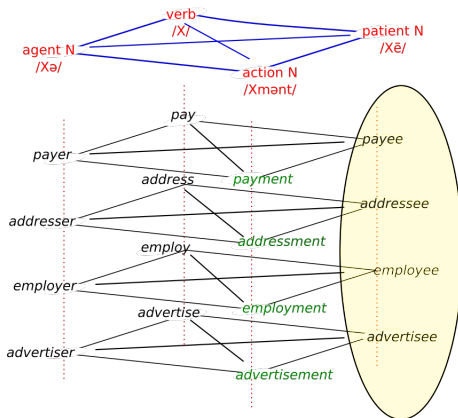
Derivational paradigms: some definitions

- Derivational family: structured set of lexemes, the form and meaning of which depend on each others
- Verb derived set of lexemes
- All of them are (in)directly connected



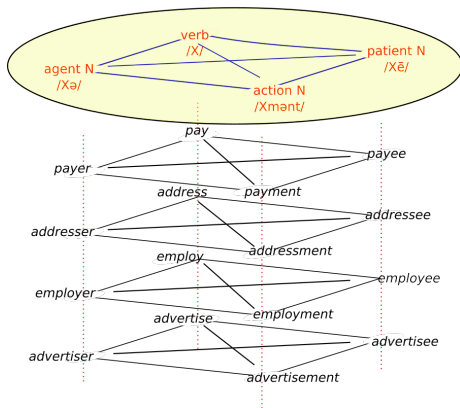
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- Derivational series: set of aligned lexemes [Bonami & Strnadová, 2018]
- aligned lexemes (same column) : same formal and semantic contrast relations.
- For instance : $N_{action} \leftrightarrow N_{patient}$



Derivational paradigms: some definitions

- Derivational paradigm: arrangement of families whose members have multiple correlations
- Can be represented by the network connecting all the derivational series



Derivational paradigms: summary

- Paradigm-based frameworks for Word Formation (e.g. [Bochner \(1993\)](#)) are well-equipped for:
 - ▶ processing cross- and backformations (vs oriented rules)
 - ▶ taking into account of word formation at family level (vs binary rules)
 - ▶ (as well as regular rules connecting a derived_W to its base word_W)
- but ...

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Limitations

- to form a paradigm, members of aligned families must have consistent, regular form-meaning relations with each others
- what happens, when formal regularities diverge from semantic regularities ?
 - ▶ The case of the so-called “parasynthetic derivation” ([Hathout & Namer, 2018a](#)) or “prefix/suffix rule conflation” ([Stump, 2019](#))

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Other languages, other prefixation patterns

- Similar issue arises with other derivation patterns: the output form requires the knowledge of one member of the derivative's family, whereas its semantic content requires to access another member ([Hathout & Namer, 2016](#))
- This is true in a large number of European languages

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Observations

- In each family, whatever prefix and language, form and meaning is predictable for prefixed adjectives
 - ▶ formal connection between the two adjectives.
 - ▶ semantic prediction of the content of the prefixed adjective, from that of the noun
- A paradigmatic description makes it possible to account for it in a natural way
 - ▶ provided that the semantic and formal levels are separated
- classical paradigmatic analysis is too rigid
 - ▶ when the relation network between forms does not coincide with the relation network between semantic values
- a new framework must be considered

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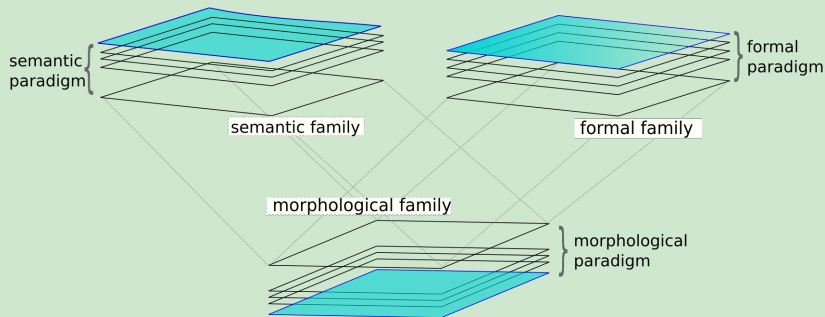
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Overview (1)

- ParaDis: “Paradigms vs Discrepancies” ([Hathout & Namer, 2018b](#))
- Bring out paradigmatic regularities where they are blurred by meaning-form mismatches
- Combine advantages:
 - ▶ lexeme tri-dimensionality at a paradigmatic organization scale
- Hypothesis: the way derivational paradigms work is a sort of spatial projection of the lexeme's ternary organization
 - ▶ A paradigmatic system is a 3-level organization
 - ▶ The organizational principles of classical paradigmatic derivation models are brought to these three levels

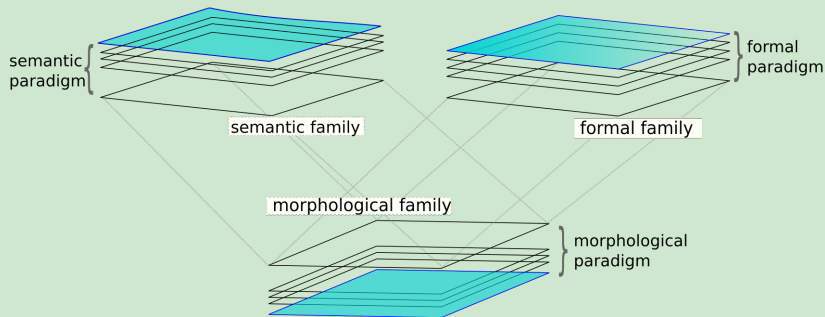
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- The system is made of a formal, a semantic (and a part-of-speech) paradigms. Their meeting point is the morphological paradigm they correspond to.



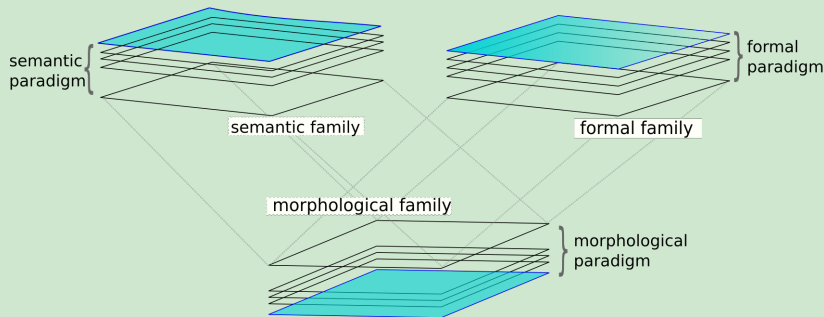
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- Formal families connect forms, semantic families connect meanings. Morphological families connect lexemes.



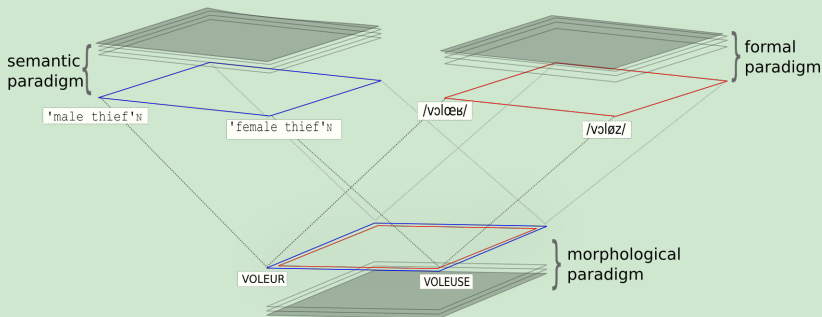
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- Morphological paradigm: the abstract outcome of the independent mechanisms of the formal paradigm and the semantic paradigm
 - ▶ Formal and semantic paradigms have autonomous behaviours and have no direct relation with each other
 - ▶ Constraints on relations apply locally: formal constraints in the formal paradigm, semantic constraints in the semantic one



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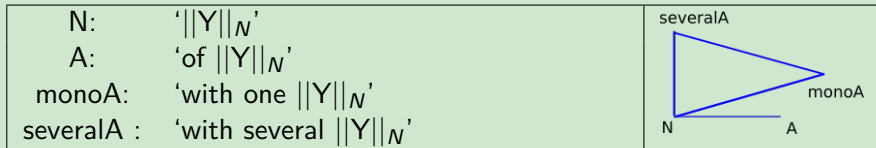
- When meaning-form relations are regular, paradigms are isomorphic.
- In all the families of the morphological paradigm, any relation between lexemes is regular (both semantically and formally motivated).
 - ▶ Gender variation interpredictable for French human agent nouns:
 - ★ Formal $/X_{\text{œf}}/ \leftrightarrow /X_{\text{øz}}/$ alternation
 - ★ Semantic male-female correlation between human beings



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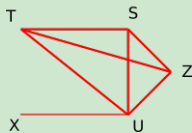
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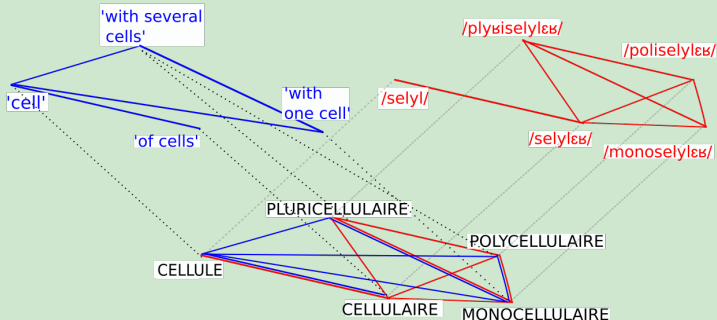
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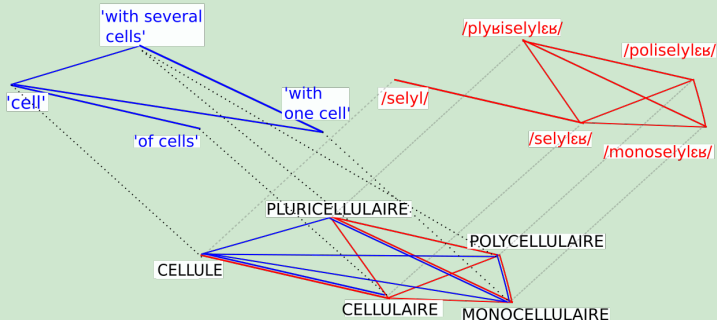
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- The difference between formal and semantic paradigms captures form and meaning mismatch. Nodes and relations in morphological families inherit semantic and formal properties coming from the corresponding nodes and relations in the formal and semantic families.



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- Morphological paradigm: the difference in cohesion within intra-family relations are indicators of discrepancies. Regular relations: double line (double inheritance); formal motivation only (in red) or semantic motivation only (in blue): single line.



ParaDis: summary

- Framework suitable for:
 - ▶ form meaning discrepancies that cannot be solved but at family level: paradigmatic regularities are revealed by the separation of formal, semantic (and part-of-speech) levels of description, expressed each by autonomously structured networks
 - ▶ systematic synonymy (overabundance) between two derivational patterns: the semantic paradigm is a network of semantic series with fewer vertices than the formal paradigm
 - ▶ such issues ('over-marked' prefixation processes) are frequently observed across languages. Moreover meaning-form asymmetry occurs also with other kinds of affixation patterns.
- ParaDis also appropriate for regular paradigms and classical binary oriented base/derived word relations (perfect match between the three paradigms)

Resource implementing ParaDis's principles?

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Translating theoretical principles into a derivational database

- Démonette: derivational database for French. Its goal: represent in a uniform way formal, morphological and semantic properties of morphological relations and the words involved in these relations, regardless of their regularity / canonicity
 - ▶ To achieve this, Démonette implements the three-level paradigmatic system of ParaDis
 - ▶ Démonette: an improved version of a previous prototype:
<https://demonette.atilf.fr/>

What do we need?

- Define simple and robust architecture, with an (extendable) feature set capable of covering the complex lexicon (anticipate the description of unexpected cases)
- Bring out (morphological, formal, semantic) families: describe indirect relations, rank relations according to their type
- Deal with infringement to canonicity: meaning-form mismatch, overabundance, affix competition, lexical gap, suppletion, polysemy...

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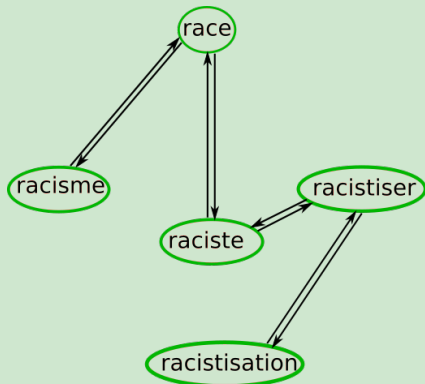
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 - ▶ if (W_1, W_2) is a relation, then (W_2, W_1) is a relation
 - ▶ Each piece of information is a controlled feature/value pairs
- Description grouped in semantic, formal, morphological, phonological (Namer & al. 2017), frequency fields
 - ▶ phonological descriptions: allomorphy, suppletion etc.

Feature		Value	
Entry	$L_1 \rightarrow L_2$	danser_V	$\rightarrow \text{danseur}_{Nm}$
Lexeme:	Semantic Type Inflect. paradigm	Pred dās, dāse, dāsō ...	Person dāsœr
Relation:	Structure	ascend2descend, simple	
	Pattern Altern.	X	Xeur
	Semantics	–	suf
		“un danseur danse”	

Typology of Démonette's relations

- Entries may describe classical base/derivative relations

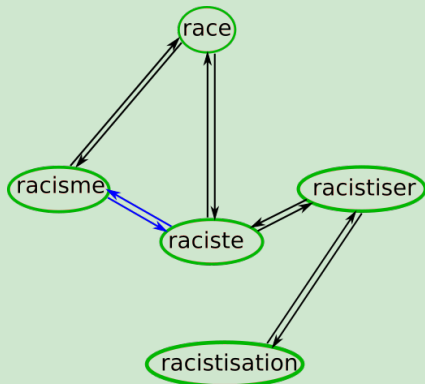
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fascisme/fasciste	indirect	simple	Xisme/Xiste
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racistiser/race	de2as	complex	Xistiser/X
racisme/ racistisation	indirect	complex	Xisme/ Xistisation
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Typology of Démonette's relations

- But also relations between siblings (indirect relations, paradigmatic derivation)

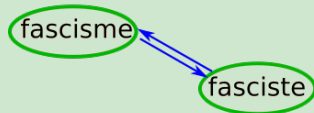
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Typology of Démonette's relations

- Regardless of the existence of a common base word (uncomplete families/paradigms)

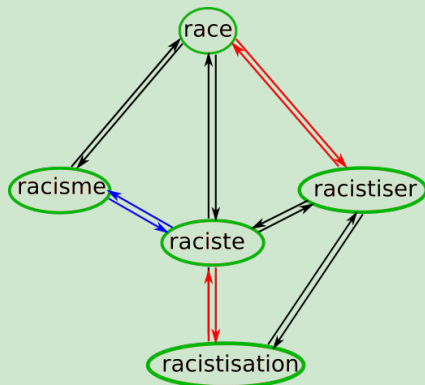
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Typology of Démonette's relations

- But also relations between distant members in a family

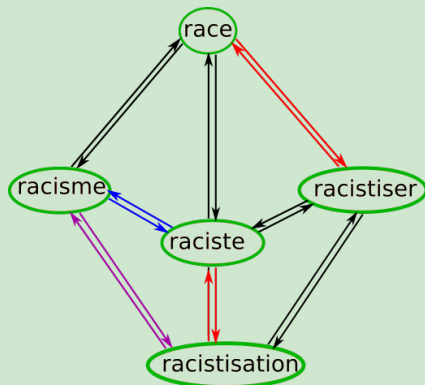
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Semantic features

- Lexemes are assigned one of the 25 **ontological classes** belonging to the *Unique Beginners* in WordNet typology
 - ▶ Nouns: Animal, Person, Plant, Artifact, Act, Event, Attribute, Feeling, ...
 - ▶ Adjectives: Modifier
 - ▶ Verbs: Predicate

W_1/W_2	$race_N/raciste_N$	$raciste_N/racisme_N$	$raciste_N/racistiser_V$
Class₁/Class₂	Entity/Person	Person/Cognition	Person/Predicate
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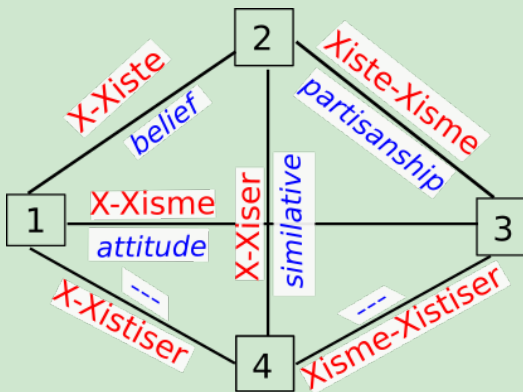
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Grouping families into paradigms

- Retrieving families from relations: displayed by the graph obtained by joining two-by-two the edges (relations) with a node (lexeme) in common

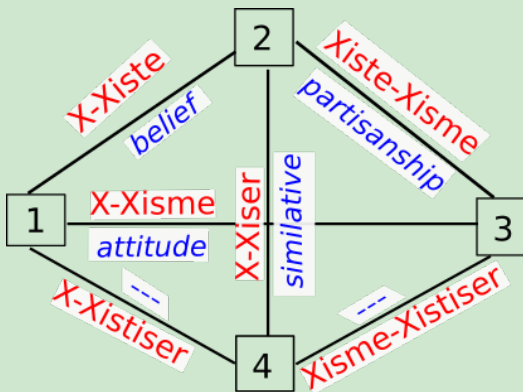
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- Retrieving paradigms from families: aligning relations belonging to the same morphological series (sharing the same pattern and semantic value)

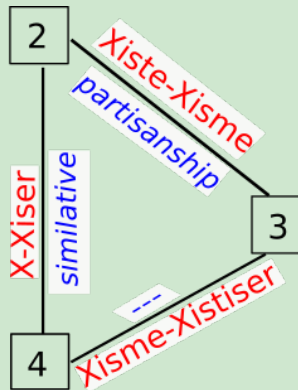
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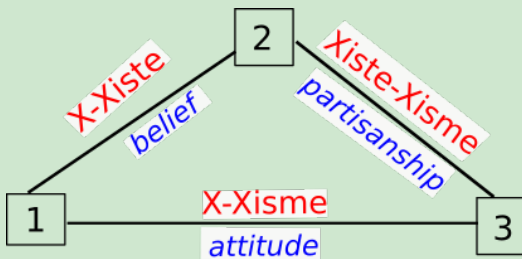
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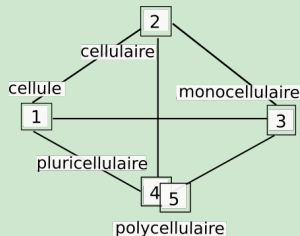


Meaning-form discrepancies: *mono/poly/pluriXsuf_A*

- New value for Complexity: form-motiv (**fm**) and sem-motiv (**sm**)
 - formal paradigms distinguished from semantic paradigms

mono/pluri/polyXsuf_A in French

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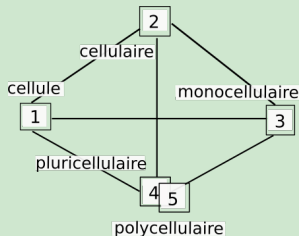


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- no semantic annotation on relations tagged with the form-motiv (fm) value

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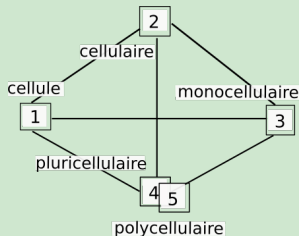


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- **overabundance**: indirect, sem-motiv (sm) relations connecting synonyms words

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Outline

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Conclusion (1)

- ParaDis: a semantic-driven paradigmatic model for derivation.
- This is a 4-level system, projecting the lexeme's ternary properties at family-wide level.
- Descriptive unit : (formal, semantic, part-of-speech, morphological) family
- Family arrangements form (formal, semantic, part-of-speech, morphological) paradigms
- semantic and formal paradigms are independent of each other without direct correspondence with each other
- They meet in the form of the morphological paradigm (abstract level)
- With this this organisational flexibility, not only classical and regular paradigmatic derivations are easily described, but also constructions involving:
 - ▶ meaning-form discrepancies
 - ▶ systematic synonymy (overabundance)

Conclusion (2)

- The Démonette database implements ParaDis
 - ▶ each entry describes a relation between two lexemes of a derivational family: the same lexeme therefore intervenes in as many entries of the base as it has relations within its family,
 - ▶ each entry is annotated with respect to the relation and to each of the two related lexemes,
 - ▶ relations are defined by three independent sets of properties: structural ones (characterization of the morphological connection itself), formal ones (formal pattern of each lexeme and stem variation, if any) and semantic ones (semantic type of the relation and glosses that mutually defines the two lexemes)
- Démonette is intended for researchers in morphology and NLP applications. But its results will also be made available to primary and secondary school French teachers, researchers and speech-language pathologists.
 - ▶ The data and results of Démonette will be translated into exercises that will be used to test (possible issues with) children's vocabulary acquisition, or the impact of trauma on comprehension and lexical production

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