Managing lexical-semantic hybrid records of FAIR Metrics analyses with the NPDS Cyberinfrastructure

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The need for objectivity

- Authors may avoid citing the work of potential rivals.
- They may also misrepresent the content of prior work.
- Peer reviewers and editors may have their own biases or perverse incentives.
- Institutional ethics committees may care more about avoiding damage to the institute's reputation than about righting wrongs.
- See (Taswell et al., 2020, ASIS&T 2020) for a review of these issues.
- We need an alternative to subjective judgments: Quantify it.
- In (Craig & Taswell, 2018, *ASIS&T-SIGMET 2018*), we proposed FAIR Attribution to Indexed Reports (FAIR) Metrics of adherence to good citation practices.
- In the present work, a human evaluator demonstrates their use with 5 published articles from scholarly journals.

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The FAIR Metrics

- In (Craig & Taswell, 2018, *BIBM 2018*), we introduced 4 counts of 4 categories of claims.
- Quoted: statements correctly attributed to prior work
- Misquoted: statements misrepresenting the content of prior work
- Plagiarized: statements presented as novel but found in prior work
- Novel: statements presented as novel and not found in prior work
- In (Craig et al., 2019, *ASIS&T 2019*), we introduced 4 ratio FAIR Metrics, each with a different emphasis.
- $F_Q = \frac{Q}{Q+P+M}$: overall frequency of valid attributions to prior work
- $F_M = \frac{Q-M}{Q+P+M}$: emphasis on misrepresentation
- $F_P = \frac{Q-P}{Q+P+M}$: emphasis on plagiarism
- $F_N = \frac{Q-N}{Q+P+M+N}$: balance of new ideas vs context from prior work

Behaviors of the FAIR Metrics with increasing Q



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Behaviors of the FAIR Metrics with increasing M



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Behaviors of the FAIR Metrics with increasing N



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Target evaluation by human reviewer

- Review a Target text, T, in comparison to a Comparison text, C.
- Identify the key claims of T.
- For each claim attributed to a prior work, search that prior work for an equivalent claim.
 - If found, count the claim in T as Quoted.
 - If not, count the claim in T as M is quoted.
- For each claim presented as novel, search C for an equivalent claim.
 - If found, count the claim in T as Potentially Plagiarized.
 - If not, count the claim in T as Novel.

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Standard of equivalence

- For a detailed discussion of different interpretations of "equal or equivalent entities," see (Athreya, 2020, *TransAl 2020*).
- When comparing a statement in the Target work, *A*, to a statement in a prior work, *B*, assign the match a score of -1 to 4.
- 4: A and B are an exact lexical match.
- 3: A is a close paraphrasing of B.
- 2: A is a reasonable summary of B.
- 1: A has some information from B but also adds to it.
- 0: A and B are clearly different in meaning.
- -1: A contradicts B.
- Count any score of 2 or higher as equivalent.

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- For the present study, we focus on the key Claims of an article, not every Statement in it.
- For our purposes, a Statement is any assertion of fact.
- Claims are Statements that are significant to the main argument that the article is making.
- Valid claims can be Novel observations and insights or Quoted from prior work.

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FAIR Metrics results

Target	Ret-	Comparison	Μ	N	P	Q	F _M	F _N	F _P	F _Q
text	-racted?	text								
Taswell	no	Mons	0	20	0	22	1.00	0.05	1.00	1.00
2007		2005								
Uddin	yes	Foster et	0	18	18	87	0.83	0.56	0.66	0.83
2022		al. 2019								
Gnat et	yes	de Hoog et	0	3	10	30	0.75	0.63	0.50	0.75
al. 2022		al. 2017								
Ullah et	yes	Sansaniwal &	31	3	7	2	-0.73	-0.02	-0.13	0.05
al. 2018		Kumar 2015								
Wilkinson	no	Taswell	6	5	24	28	0.38	0.37	0.07	0.48
et al. 2016		2007								

- Target: the text for which we are calculating FAIR Metrics.
- Retracted?: Was Target retracted for plagiarism of Comparison?
- Comparison: We are checking the Target for plagiarism of this text.
- *M*, *N*, *P*, *Q* Counts: *M*isquoted, *N*ovel, *P*lagiarized, *Q*uoted.

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$$F_M = \frac{Q-M}{Q+P+M}$$
; $F_N = \frac{Q-N}{Q+P+M+N}$; $F_P = \frac{Q-P}{Q+P+M}$; $F_Q = \frac{Q}{Q+P+M}$

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Case 1: Taswell 2008 vs Mons 2005

- *C* Mons, B. (2005). Which gene did you mean?. *BMC bioinformatics*, 6(1), 1-4.
- *T*: Taswell, C. (2008). DOORS to the semantic web and grid with a PORTAL for biomedical computing. *IEEE Transactions on Information Technology in Biomedicine*, 12(2), 191-204.
- First publication describing the PORTAL and DOORS service types
- Received 2006-10-31, revised 2007-06-11, and published 2008-03-05
- Works have very different emphases:
- Mons describes at length why semantic markup is important.
- Taswell mostly cites other authors' commentaries on this.
- Mons has a clear focus on high-throughput experiments in genetics/molecular biology.
- Taswell speaks broadly of biomedical computing and of cross-domain utility.
- Mons discusses who should be creating semantic markup.
- Taswell discusses how best to manage and disseminate it.

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Case 2: Uddin et. al 2020 vs Foster et al. 2019

- C: Foster, Evangeline M., Adrià Dangla-Valls, Simon Lovestone, Elena M. Ribe, & Noel J. Buckley. Clusterin in Alzheimer's disease: mechanisms, genetics, and lessons from other pathologies. *Frontiers in neuroscience* 13 (2019): 164.
- *T*: Uddin, M., Kabir, M., Begum, M., Islam, M., Behl, T., & Ashraf, G. M. (2021). Exploring the Role of CLU in the Pathogenesis of Alzheimer's Disease. *Neurotoxicity Research*, 39(6), 2108-2119.
- Review of work investigating how clusterin (aka. apolipoprotein J) has both neuroprotective and neurotoxic roles in Alzheimer's Disease
- Received 2020-06-04, revised 2020-08-05, accepted 2020-08-10, published 2020-08-21, corrected 2020-08-29, retracted 2022-03-19
- Udin et al. do add some new content.
- FAIR Metrics designed for primary research articles.
- But review \neq list of quotes.
- Can measure plagiarism of synthesis, commentary.

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Case 3: Gnat et al. 2022 vs de Hoog et al. 2017

- C: de Hoog, G. S., Dukik, K., Monod, M., Packeu, A., Stubbe, D., Hendrickx, M., ... & Gräser, Y. (2017). Toward a novel multilocus phylogenetic taxonomy for the dermatophytes. *Mycopathologia*, 182(1), 5–31.
- T: Gnat, S., Nowakiewicz, A., & Zięba, P. (2019). Taxonomy of dermatophytes-the classification systems may change but the identification problems remain the same. *Postępy Mikrobiologii-Advancements of Microbiology*, 58(1), 49-58.
- Received 2018-08-01, accepted 2018-11-01, published 2019-06-10, retracted 2022-10-30
- Unusually, they cite de Hoog et al. but also have numerous unattributed statements paraphrased from it.

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Case 4: Ullah et al. 2018 vs Sansaniwal & Kumar 2015

- C: Sansaniwal, S. K., & Kumar, M. (2015). Analysis of ginger drying inside a natural convection indirect solar dryer: An experimental study. *Journal of Mechanical Engineering and Sciences*, 9, 1671-1685.
- T: Ullah, F., Kang, M., Khattak, M. K., & Wahab, S. (2018). Retracted: Experimentally investigated the asparagus (Asparagus officinalis L.) drying with flat-plate collector under the natural convection indirect solar dryer. Food Science & Nutrition, 6(6), 1357-1357.
- Received 2017-11-23, revised 2018-01-08, accepted 2018-01-10, published 2018-02-21, retracted 2018-09-19
- Ullah et al. copied nearly the entire paper from Saniswal & Kumar.
- They then replaced "ginger" with "asparagus" as the vegetable being dried in the solar dryer.
- Changing a content word decreased the number of equivalent claims.
- Some Plagiarized became Novel.
- Far more Quoted became Misquoted.

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Case 5: Wilkinson et. al 2016 vs Taswell 2007

- C: Taswell, C. (2007). DOORS to the semantic web and grid with a PORTAL for biomedical computing. *IEEE Transactions on Information Technology in Biomedicine*, 12(2), 191-204.
- T: Wilkinson, M. D., Dumontier, M., Aalbersberg, I. J., Appleton, G., Axton, M., Baak, A., ... & Mons, B. (2016). The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship. *Scientific data*, 3(1), 1-9.
- Received 2015-12-10, accepted 2016-02-12, and published 2016-03-15, not (yet) retracted
- (Craig et al., 2019, *ECAI 2019*) details how all "FAIR Principles" are equivalent to pre-existing design principles from the PORTAL-DOORS Project.
- # of statements about motivation and community-building $\gg \#$ of statements about the principles
- Novel statements are from the former set.

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The PDP-DREAM Ontology

- Claims can have unique identifiers:
 <pdpd:UniqueIdentifierPrinciple>
- We can also represent them as triples: <pdpd:LabelServerRecord><pdpd:hasMetadata> <pdpd:UniqueURIOrIRI>.
- Original text as a property: <pdpd:UniqueIdentifierPrinciple></pdpd:hasText> "Thus, resource label servers (as the analogs in DOORS of the domain name servers in DNS) should maintain database records with the following required metadata for each resource: 1) the resource label with a globally unique URI (or IRI) enabling nonsemantic string queries of labels...".
- Match as a property: <pdpd:UniqueIdentifierPrinciple></pdpd:hasEquivalent> "To be Findable: ... F1. (meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier." .
- FAIR Metric value as a property:

<fidentinus:Wilkinson2016FAIRGPSD>

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<pdpd:hasFAIRF3Value> "0.47" .
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Resource Records and Diristries

- Uddin et. al 2020, Gnat et al. 2022, Ullah et al. 2018, and Wilkinson et al. 2016 placed in www.portaldoors.org → Fidentinus diristry for known or suspected plagiarism cases.
- Non-plagiarizing papers placed according in diristry with best match for problem domain.
- Taswell 2008, Mons 2005 placed in www.portaldoors.org \rightarrow **DaVinci** diristry for semantic web resources
- Foster et al. 2019 placed in brainwatch.net → SOLOMON diristry for hypotheses about diseases causing neurodegeneration & dementia
- de Hoog et al. 2017 placed in genescene.net \rightarrow **Osler** diristry for precision medicine
- Sansaniwal & Kumar 2015 placed in brainwatch.net → Gaia diristry for green tech & ecology resources

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Conclusion

- Targeted evaluation of FAIR Metrics by humans allows systematic comparison of pairs of papers (each pair with test and comparison).
- Results in a well-organized document that can serve as substrate for peer review of the peer review.
- Collections of claims and equivalence relationships can guide development of formal ontologies.
- These semantically formatted manual evaluation records using the PDP-DREAM Ontology will provide an annotated data set against which to validate future AI/automated approaches.

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