



# Answer Set Programming on Expert Feedback to Populate and Extend Dynamic Ontologies

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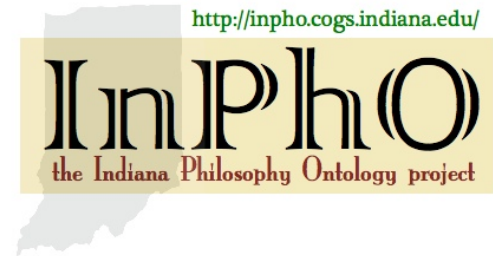
# The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

- *Dynamic*: new and revised entries come online each month
- *Substantial and Complex*: More than 9 million words of sophisticated humanities content
- *Open-access*: content and code is freely available
- *Expert-driven*: more than 1,100 professional philosophers serve as authors and editors
- **Our goals**: Semantic search, automatic generation of cross-references, ontology-driven conceptual navigation

# Bridging the Data-Metadata Gap

- Two “extremes”:
  - Tagging approaches, folksonomies.  
Problem: Do not meet academic standards; noisy/inelegant.
  - Hire experts to design and maintain an ontology.  
Problem: Labor-intensive, expensive; in areas like philosophy difficult to justify “one ontology” dictated by a single expert.
- **Our approach:** Use overlapping *expert* feedback from multiple authors and editors of the SEP.

# InPhO: The Indiana Philosophy Ontology



- Initial Ontology Design (ideas, thinker, *taxonomic*, and *non-taxonomic relations*)
- Use statistical text processing/machine learning tools and external sources to derive potential instances of the relations
- Present “uncertain” recommendations to authors and editors for verification/integration
- Expert feedback stored as first-order facts
- Answer Set Programming puts the pieces of knowledge together into a global populated ontology

# Author Interfaces – The “OntoTree”



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- ▼ philosophy
  - ▶ aesthetics and philosophy of art
  - ▶ ethics
  - ▶ feminist philosophy
  - ▶ history of philosophy
  - ▶ logic
  - ▶ metaphysics
  - ▶ philosophy of language
  - ▼ philosophy of mind
    - ▼ **artificial intelligence**
      - ▶ computation and representation
      - ▶ computationalism
      - ▶ connectionism
      - ▶ dynamic system
      - ▶ thinking machine
    - ▶ consciousness and qualia
    - ▶ consciousness and science
    - ▶ mental content
    - ▶ metaphysics of mind
    - ▶ philosophy of psychology
  - ▶ philosophy of science and the sciences
  - ▶ social and political philosophy

## SEP OntoTree

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

You can navigate through the taxonomy by clicking on the topic node on the left. Clicking on a node expands it into the available subtopics. If no terms appear below, on the right side of this page, then please follow links until some do.

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- is more general than
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- incomparable/either

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# Jean-Paul Sartre

Year of birth:  Month of birth:  Day of birth:

Year of death:  Month of death:  Day of death:

Nationality/Ethnicity:

Occupation(s):

Alternative names:

Has influenced:

Indicate degree of influence for selected thinkers  
no influence      strong influence

Influenced by:

Indicate degree of influence for selected thinkers  
  strong influence

Teacher of:

# Answer Set Programming

- Logic programs consist of three parts:
  - Signature: predicate symbols (e.g., desc) and set of objects (here: terms referring to ideas in Philosophy)
  - Declaration: Set of expert feedback facts, (e.g., more-specific(*Neural Network, Connectionism*)) and the facts given by the existing ontological structure (e.g., is-a(*Thinking Machines, Artificial Intelligence*))
  - Regular Part (set of rules)



# Answer Set Programming

## Examples

### Examples:

- $ms(X, Y) :- mg(Y, X).$
- $pins(X, Y) :- s4(X, Y), ms(X, Y), class(Y), not\ class(X).$
- $nins(X, Y) :- pins(X, Z), desc(Z, Y), class(Y), class(Z), not\ class(X).$
- $instance-of(X, Y) :- pins(X, Y), not\ nins(X, Y).$

### Predicate

### Key

$pins$  = evidence for instance

$nins$  = strong evidence against instance

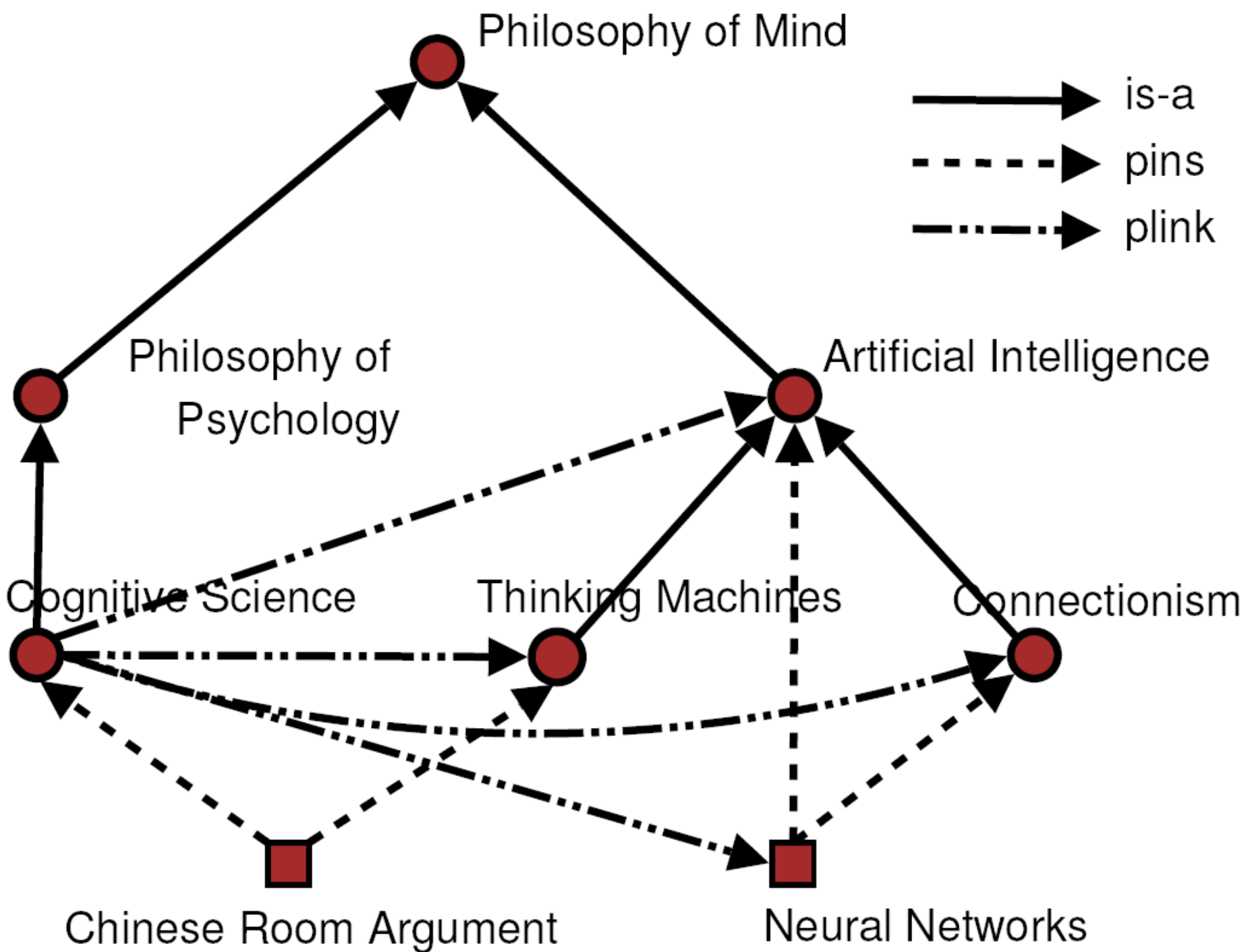
$s4...s0$  = highly similar ... highly dissimilar

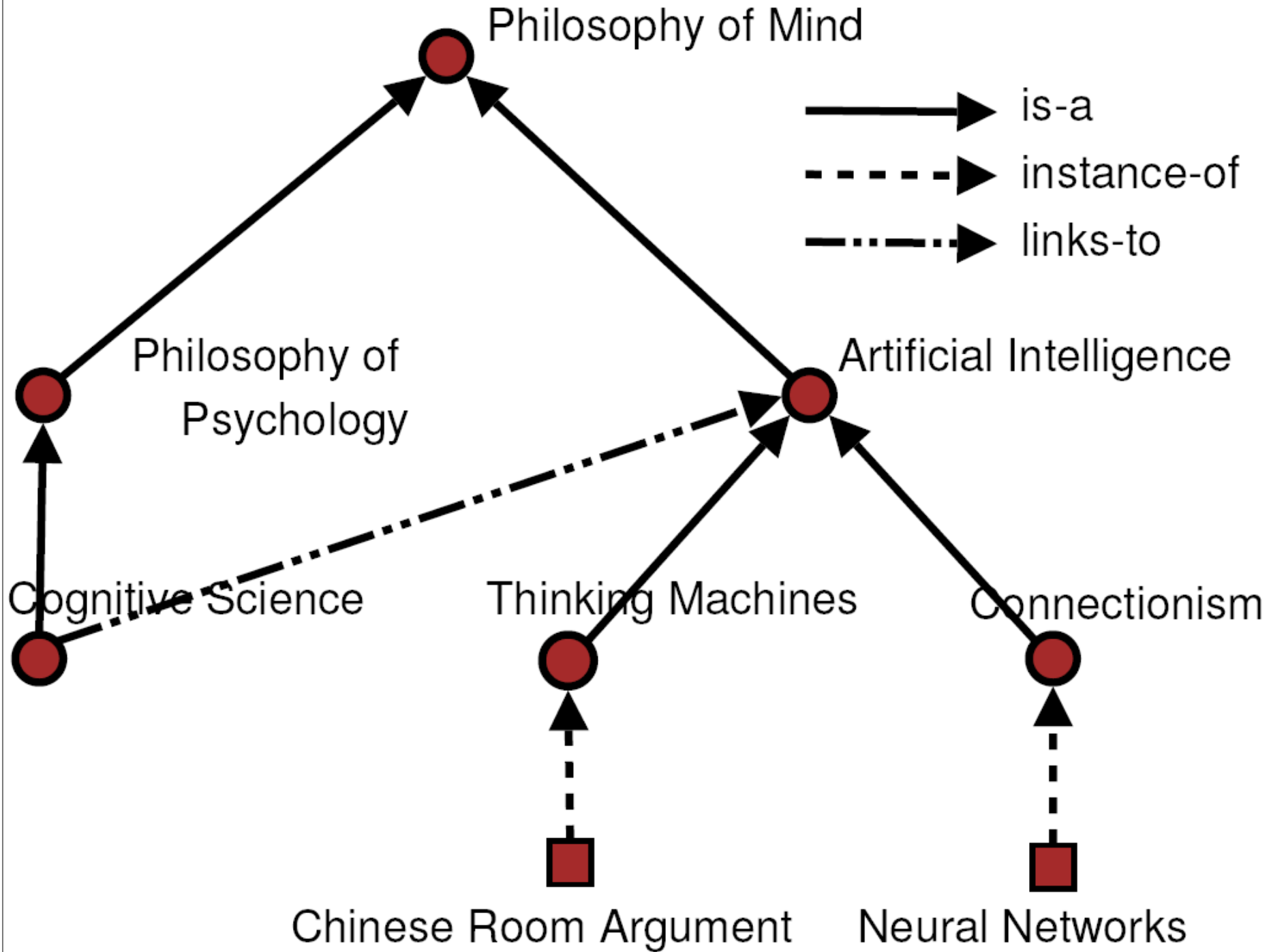
$ms$  = more specific

$mg$  = more general

# Answer Set Programming and Conflicting Feedback

- Conflicting feedback is possible!
- Modeled using predicate `ic` (inconsistent):
  - `ic(X, Y) :- ms(X, Y), mg(X, Y).`
- Can be used to model “semantic links” between incomparable ideas:
  - `plink(X, Y) :- s4(X, Y), ic(X, Y), class(X), not desc(X, Y).`





# Conclusions and Future Work

- Answer set programming deals well with conflicting expert feedback
- Elegant and concise language (only 21 rules for the InPhO taxonomy)
- Puts pieces of local knowledge together to a global populated ontology
- Evaluation and long-term behavior?
- Ontology will be used for: Visualization, Cross-Referencing, “Semantic Search”

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