### **Documentation of AACR Lexical Tools**

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### Introduction

AACR Lexical Tools was developed to support the AACR research group's needs to examine how balanced are scores assigned to categories, in addition to exploring if lexical diversity measurements may inform the development of machine learning models of student responses. It was programmed in C# by Marisol Mercado Santiago, a member of the AACR research group, CREATE for STEM Institute, Michigan State University.

The code is open to others to contribute or learn from it.

Note: We are not responsible for the software outputs or accuracy of the calculations.

## Installation Instructions (Windows only)

### (1) Please download and install the Microsoft Access Database Engine 2016 Redistributable:

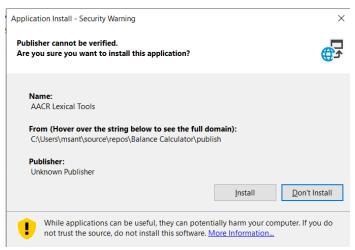
https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=54920

### Install it on your <u>default Program Files directory</u>:



Install it for 64-bit if your computer is a 64-bit system. If not, install the one for a 32-bit system.

- (2) Download the zip file "AACR Lexical Tools 1.2". Extract the zip file and run "setup":
- (3) Click on Install:



# Windows protected your PC

Microsoft Defender SmartScreen prevented an unrecognized app from starting. Running this app might put your PC at risk.

More info

X

### ...then click on "Run anyway":



(4) The app will be installed in your Windows computer.



(5) On the first run, Windows may show you the "defender" message again. Please, click on "More info" and then on "Run anyway":

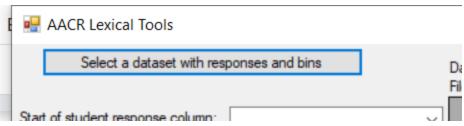


### File formatting and input requirements:

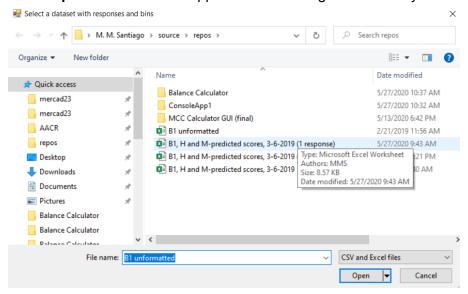
- It only accepts Excel and CSV files.
- Files must have column headers.
- It will ignore all-empty rows (a row without content), but it won't calculate values correctly if you have a mix of empty scores across rows and cells. (You will need to input a properly-formatted file.)
- If your Excel file has multiple sheets, it will only read and load the first sheet.

### How to make it work:

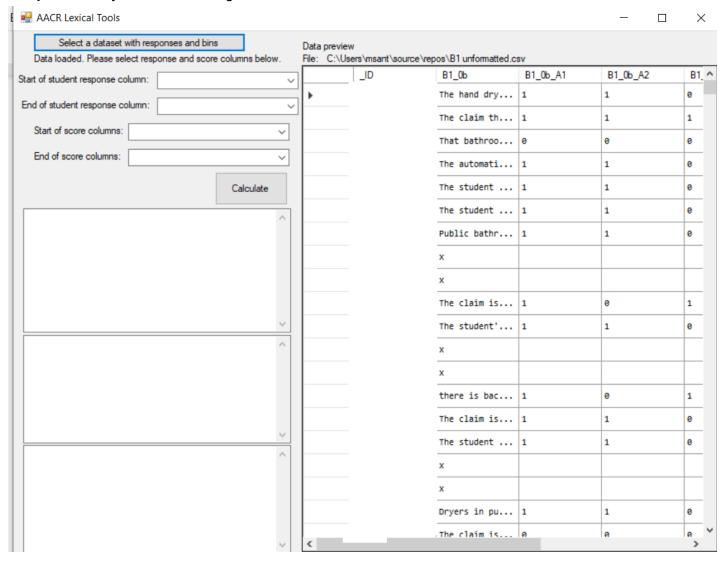
(1) Click on the button "Select the dataset with responses and bins":



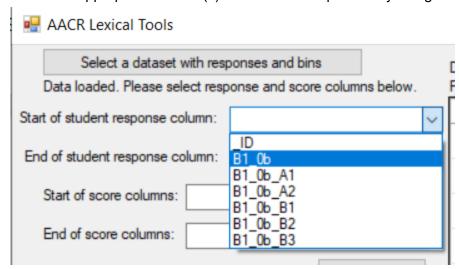
(2) A file explorer window will appear. Please navigate to where your file is located, click on it, then click on "Open":



### (3) You'll see a **preview** of your data at the right:

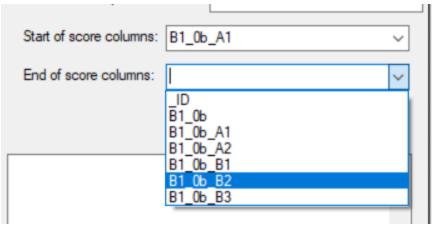


(4) Select the appropriate column(s) with student responses by using the first two drop-down menus:



(The app can concatenate student responses across multiple columns if needed.)

(5) Choose the score bins using the third and fourth drop-down menus. These will be the bins that the app will use to calculate the balance of each one. The app can process one or multiple bins, holistic or analytic.



(6) Once you selected your response and score columns, please click on "Calculate"

### Understanding the output:

The first text box will display the calculated Balance measure for each score column selected in the 3rd and 4th drop-down menus.

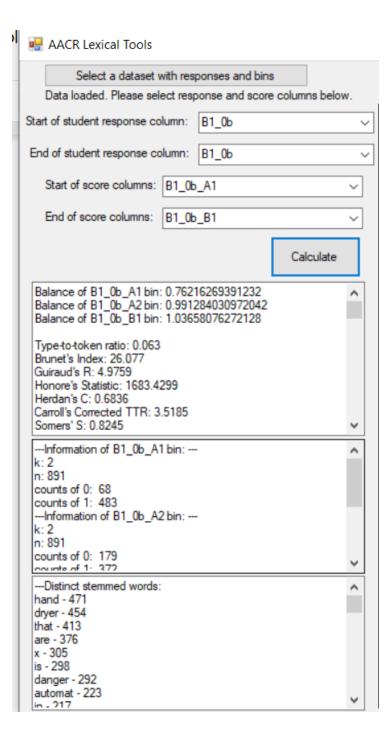
It will also show the following lexical diversity measurements: Type-to-token ratio, Brunet's Index, Guiraud's R, Honore's Statistic, Herdan's C, Carroll's Corrected TTR, Somers' S, Dugast's Uber Index, Yule's K, and vocd-D.

The second text box where it says "--Information of..." will display

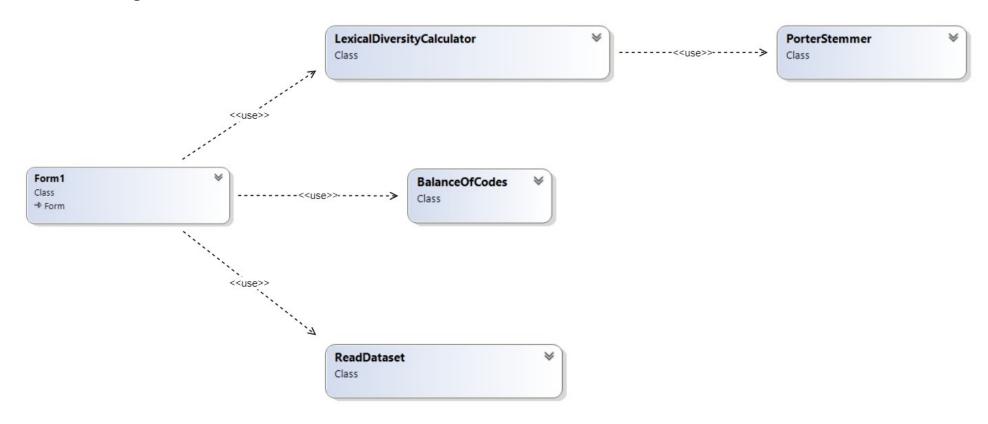
- k (number of levels),
- n (number of responses), and
- c[i] (counts for each level) of each bin.

These are variables which are used in the <u>Balance formula shown here.</u>

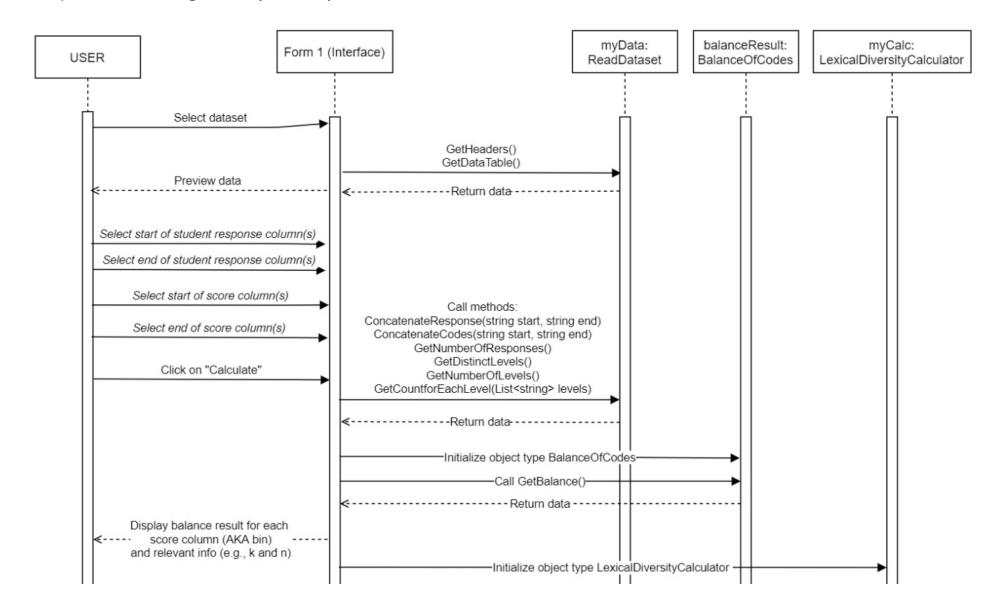
The third text box shows distinct stemmed words and the count of each word (how many times each one appears in the whole dataset).



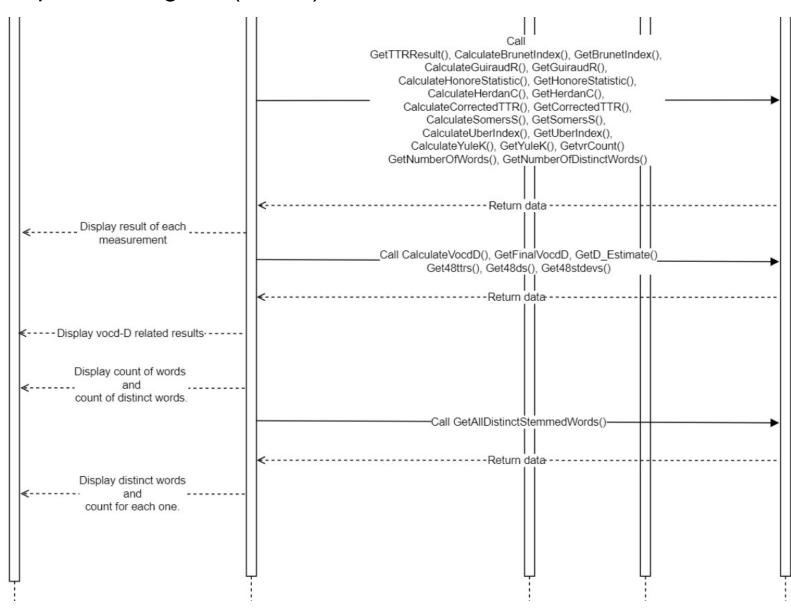
# Class Diagram



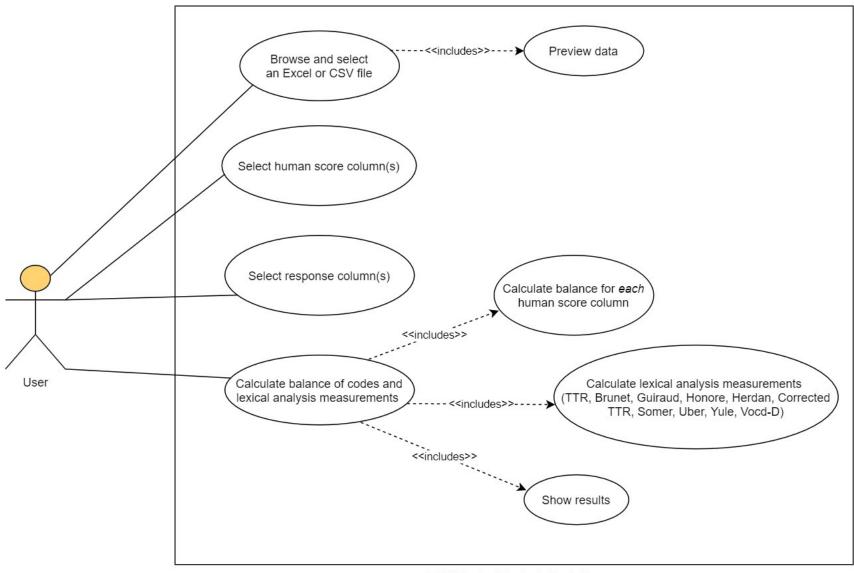
# Sequence Diagram (Part I)



# Sequence Diagram (Part II)



# Use Case Diagram



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