

# COMPUTATIONAL METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING LANGUAGE VARIATION IN POLISH

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## WHAT IS THIS PROJECT ABOUT?

- 1. Using computational methods to assess and identify the differences between two texts.
  - 1. Orthography, morphology, syntax
- 2. A 19<sup>th</sup>-century Polish memoir (manually annotated) vs. modern Polish corpora (and maybe 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> c.).
- 3. Historical data, results relevant for potential preprocessing for using modern tools.
- 4. Potentially relevant for other nonstandard data and the processing thereof.
- Comparison based on the performance of POS taggers and lemmatizers, statistical comparisons.

## KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- 1. Polish
- 2. Python (including various libraries)
- 3. Linguistics (including annotation, language variation)
- 4. Machine Learning (finetuning transformer models)

# RESOURCES (TO BE CONTINUED)

- 1. NKJP (The National Corpus of the Polish Language)
- 2. Polish UD treebanks
- 3. <u>Morfeusz 2 tagger</u>
- 4. <u>UD POS tagger</u>
- 5. <u>Marmot tagger</u>
- 6. BERT for Polish
- 7. <u>Stanza Lemmatizer</u>
- 8. Korba (The Electronic Corpus of 17th and 18th century Polish)
- 9. <u>Wspomnienia Juliusza Czermińskiego (Juliusz Czermiński's Memoir)</u>

### PLAN

- 1. Weeks 3-6: consulting with the supervisor, gathering resources and background reading.
- 2. Week 5: presenting the thesis plan.
- 3. Weeks 6-8: deciding what annotation to use and carrying it out on a chunk of the data.
- 4. (Additionally) Weeks 7-8: spring break.
- 5. Week 9: training a BERT-based POS tagger.
- 6. Weeks 10-12: testing the taggers and the lemmatizer.
- 7. Weeks 13-14: error analysis, identifying methods for processing the error statistics into usable language variation information.
- 8. Weeks 15-22: finishing writing, spare time in case any of the stages before take longer than expected, working with the NKJP programming access, if obtained.

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