Document Overview

- This is a documentation overview of how to use Batchalign2 to do syntactic and morphological parsing with examples in Italian using the VoxCommunis spoken Italian corpus

Batchalign2 Overview

- Batchalign2 is a command-line pipeline developed under the TalkBank project for automatic morphological tagging and Universal Dependencies (UD) syntactic parsing across multiple languages, including Italian.
- It takes linguistic transcripts in the CHAT (.cha) format and produces two key annotation layers:
    - %mor: morphological analysis (lemmas, parts of speech, and inflectional features)
    - %gra: syntactic analysis following the Universal Dependencies (UD) standard.
- Batchalign2 integrates the **Stanza** NLP models and the **UD framework** into the TalkBank/CLAN ecosystem, enabling consistent morphosyntactic annotation of multilingual corpora.
- It automates tokenization, morphological tagging, lemmatization, and dependency parsing, storing all results back in CHAT format—making the output directly usable with CLAN tools for further linguistic or developmental analysis.
- Functions and Commands:
    - asr: ASR!
    - morphosyntax: PoS and dependency analysis
    - fa: Forced Alignment (requires utterance-level timings already)

Universal Dependencies Overview

- **Universal Dependencies** (UD) is an international framework for the consistent annotation of grammar—covering parts of speech, morphological features, and syntactic dependencies—across human languages.
- UD is an open, collaborative project involving over 600 contributors, maintaining more than 200 treebanks in 150+ languages.
- Its goal is to create a cross-linguistically consistent representation of grammatical relations, allowing comparable syntactic analysis across languages like Italian, Mandarin, English, and many others.

What we need to do in terms of using CLAN and Batchalign2 to do morphological and syntactic analysis and parsing:

1. **Download CLAN (MacBook or Windows, or for a more detailed overview of CLAN, please see → here)**
   https://dali.talkbank.org/clan/

2. **Download Batchalign/Environment Setup (Open MacBook Terminal and paste the following)**

```
# Install UV (a lightweight Python environment manager)
curl -LsSf https://astral.sh/uv/install.sh | sh

# Install Batchalign2 for Python 3.11
UV_PYTHON=3.11 uv tool install batchalign

# Ensure ~/.local/bin is in your PATH
echo 'export PATH="$HOME/.local/bin:$PATH"' >> ~/.zshrc
source ~/.zshrc

# Check installation
batchalign --help
```

3. **Data Preprocessing (R Studio) → also see txt-to-cha.R**

   Aim data cleaning: Txt file → cha file

   - A valid .cha file must follow CHAT conventions: every utterance on its own line and starting with a speaker code (e.g., *ADU: ,*CHI: , *MOT:).

   Tips:

   - A Cha file can be automatically converted to a txt file and vice versa (just **rename** the a cha file to a txt file! **Example**: Sample.cha → Sample.txt)
   - @Languages: must include the language code (e.g., ita, zho, eng, spa).
     - The Italian model will be loaded automatically from Stanza/UD based on **@Languages: ita**.
   - Sentences must end with a space and punctuation (., !, or ?).
   - Delete empty or malformed tokens like <>, which cause lexer errors.

   Things we need to do for the VoxCommunis dataset:

   1. Add speaker tier at the beginning of each sentence (e.g., *ADU:)
   2. Remove all other symbols (e.g., @, *, % or <>:)
   3. Ensure a space before punctuations (e.g., . ! or ?)
   4. Add a final period if missing
   5. Make sure to add the following at the beginning of the cha file

```
@UTF8
@Begin
@Languages: ita
@Participants: ADU Adult
@ID: ita|troncamento|ADU|||||Adult|||
```

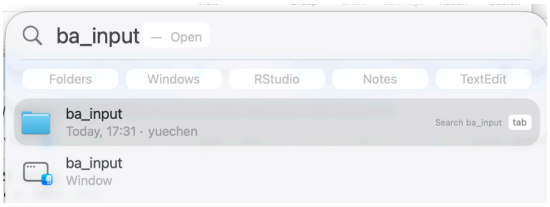
6. Make sure to add the following at the end of the cha file
   @End

Successful Example:
@UTF8 → Must
@Begin → Must
@Languages: ita → Must
@Participants: ADU Adult → Must
@ID: ita|troncamento|ADU|||||Adult||| → Must
@Media: 10192025, audio → optional
@Date: 19-OCT-2025 → optional
*ADU:Il libro ha suscitato molte polemiche a causa dei suoi contenuti . → Must
@End → Must

/Users/yuechen/Downloads/troncamento.cha

```
1  @UTF8
2  @Begin
3  @Languages: ita
4  @Participants:      ADU Adult
5  @ID:      ita|troncamento|ADU|||||Adult|||
6  @Media: 10192025, audio
7  @Date:   19-OCT-2025
8  *ADU:    Il libro ha suscitato molte polemiche a causa dei suoi contenuti .
9  @End
10
```

Sample Input file (where you should put it? Search ba_input!):



4. Parsing: Commands used for Batchalign2 (MacBook Terminal)

```
# check input file
sed -n '1,25p' ~/ba_input/troncamento.cha
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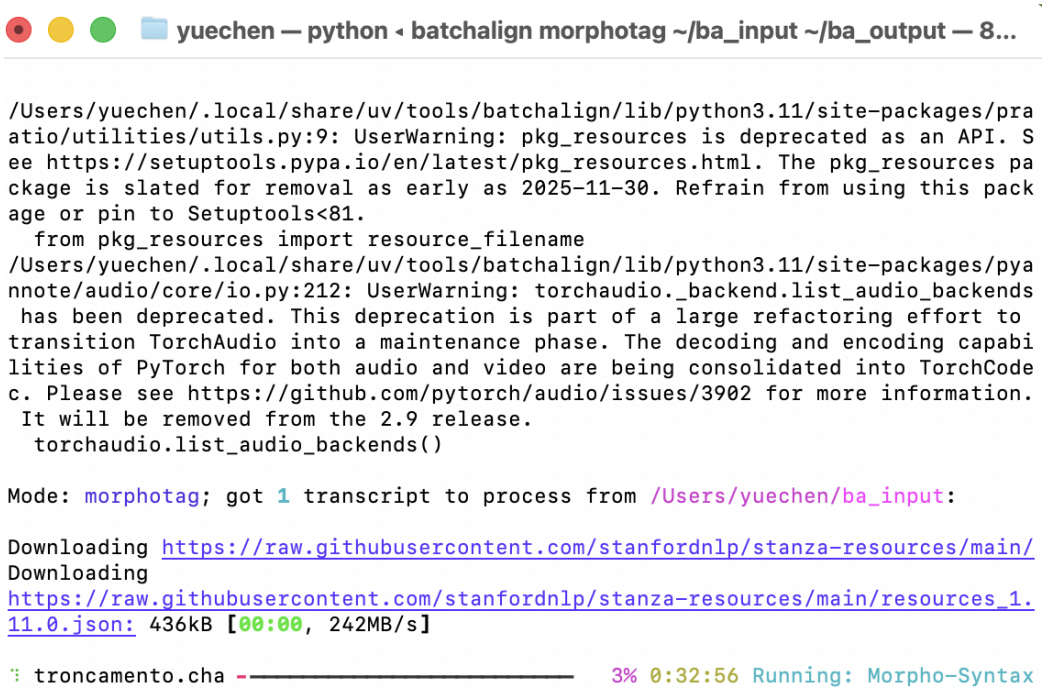
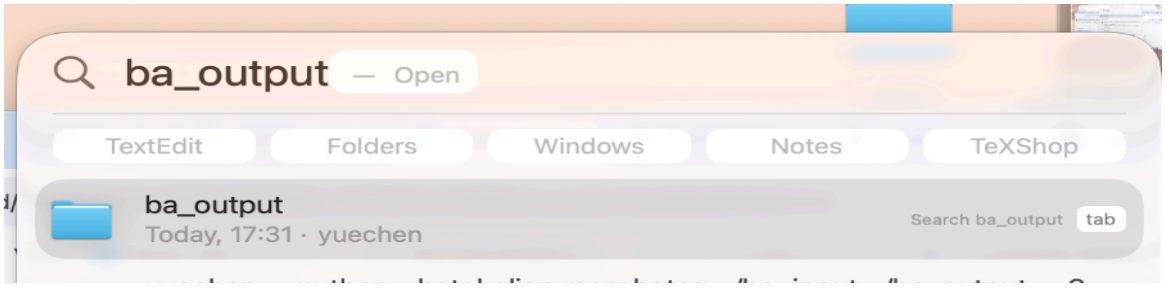
```
# run batch aligner
batchalign morphotag ~/ba_input ~/ba_output

# check output file %mor / %gra
grep -n "^%mor:\|^%gra:" ~/ba_output/troncamento.cha | head
```

What you will see if it's successfully running:



Sample Output file (where you can find it? Search ba_output!):



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@Begin
@Languages: ita
@Participants:	ADU Adult
@ID:	ita|troncamento|ADU|||||Adult|||
@Media: 10192025, audio
@Date:	19-OCT-2025
*ADU:	Il libro ha suscitato molte polemiche a causa dei suoi contenuti .
%mor:	det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing noun|libro-Masc aux|avere-Fin-Ind-Pres-S3 verb|suscitare-Part-
	Past-S det|molto-Fem-Def-Ind-Plur noun|polemica-Fem-Plur-Acc adp|a noun|causa-Fem det|di-
	Masc-Def-Ind-Plur det|suo-Masc-Def-Prs-Plur noun|contenuto-Masc-Plur-Acc .
%gra:	1|2|DET 2|4|NSUBJ 3|4|AUX 4|11|ROOT 5|6|DET 6|4|OBJ 7|8|CASE 8|4|OBL 9|11|DET
	10|11|DET-POSS 11|4|OBJ 12|4|PUNCT
@End
```

5. Understanding the Output (sentence level) → check it_vxc_spkr17_with_parsing.tsv:

Sample sentence: Il libro ha suscitato molte polemiche a causa dei suoi contenuti.
English Translation: The book has sparked much controversy because of its contents.

Morphological layer (%mor) (also see the column named **morphonological_analysis** in the it_vxc_spkr17_with_parsing.tsv file**):**

%mor: det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing noun|libro-Masc aux|avere-Fin-Ind-Pres-S3 verb|suscitare-Part-Past-S det|molto-Fem-Def-Ind-Plur noun|polemica-Fem-Plur-Acc adp|a noun|causa-Fem det|di-Masc-Def-Ind-Plur det|suo-Masc-Def-Prs-Plur noun|contenuto-Masc-Plur-Acc .

What does the Morphological layer (%mor) tire do?

- Breaks the sentence down word-by-word and encodes part of speech + grammatical features (gender, number, tense, etc.).
  - Lemma (dictionary form): e.g. libro, suscitare
  - Part of speech: noun, verb, det, adp, etc.
  - Morphosyntactic features:
    - Gender: Masc/Fem
    - Number: Sing/Plur
    - Tense: Pres, Past, Fut
    - Mood: Ind (indicative), Subj (subjunctive)
    - Person: S1, S2, S3 (subject 1st, 2nd, 3rd person)
    - Case: Nom (nominative), Acc (accusative), etc.

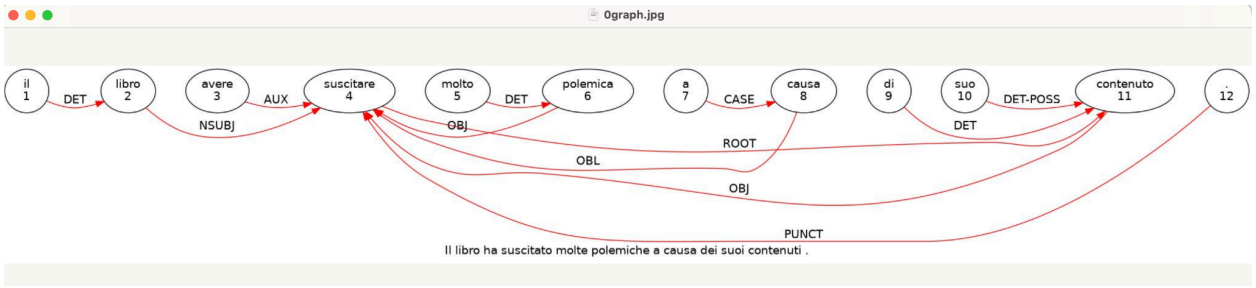
Syntactic layer (%gra) **(**also see the column named **syntactic_parsing** in the it_vxc_spkr17_with_parsing.tsv file**):**

%gra: 1|2|DET 2|4|NSUBJ 3|4|AUX 4|11|ROOT 5|6|DET 6|4|OBJ 7|8|CASE 8|4|OBL 9|11|DET 10|11|DET-POSS 11|4|OBJ 12|4|PUNCT

What does the Syntactic layer (%gra) tire do?

- These lines show token IDs (word order, such as word 1, word 2, word 3), dependency heads, and UD relations (e.g., NSUBJ = subject, OBL = oblique).

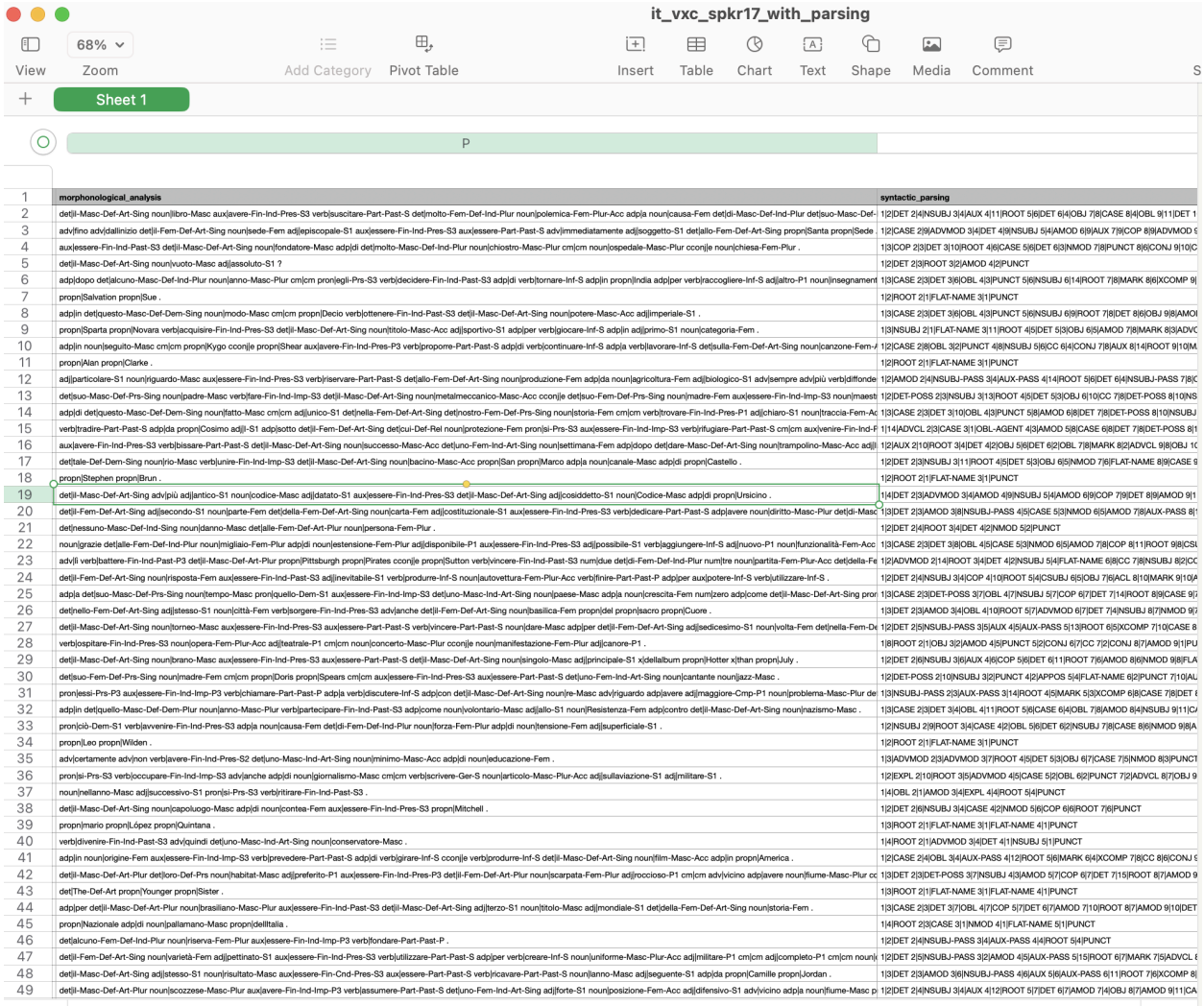
Example of the Universal Dependencies (UD) dependency tree:



Overall, what this shows:

- Each oval = a token (word), labeled with
  - its lemma (dictionary form), and
  - its index (1–12 here).
- Each red arrow = a dependency relation between two words:
  - The arrow points from the head (governing word) to its dependent (modified word).
  - The label on the arrow (e.g., NSUBJ, AUX, OBJ, OBL, etc.) indicates the syntactic relation type.

Final sample TSV file output:



	morphonological_analysis	syntactic_parsing
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2	det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing noun|libro-Masc aux|avere-Fin-Ind-Pres-S3 verb|suscitare-Part-Past-S det|molto-Fem-Def-Ind-Plur noun|polemica-Fem-Plur-Acc adp|a noun|causa-Fem det|di-Masc-Def-Ind-Plur det|suo-Masc-Def-	1|2|DET 2|4|NSUBJ 3|4|AUX 4|11|ROOT 5|6|DET 6|4|OBJ 7|8|CASE 8|4|OBL 9|11|DET 1
3	adv|fino adv|dallinizio det|il-Fem-Def-Art-Sing noun|sede-Fem adj|episcopale-S1 aux|essere-Fin-Ind-Pres-S3 aux|essere-Part-Past-S adv|immediatamente adj|soggetto-S1 det|allo-Fem-Def-Art-Sing propn|Santa propn|Sede .	1|2|CASE 2|9|ADVMOD 3|4|DET 4|9|NSUBJ 5|4|AMOD 6|9|AUX 7|9|COP 8|9|ADVMOD 5
4	aux|essere-Fin-Ind-Past-S3 det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing noun|fondatore-Masc adp|di det|molto-Masc-Def-Ind-Plur noun|chiostro-Masc-Plur cm|cm noun|ospedale-Masc-Plur cconj|e noun|chiesa-Fem-Plur .	1|3|COP 2|3|DET 3|10|ROOT 4|6|CASE 5|6|DET 6|3|NMOD 7|8|PUNCT 8|6|CONJ 9|10|C
5	det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing noun|vuoto-Masc adj|assoluto-S1 ?	1|2|DET 2|3|ROOT 3|2|AMOD 4|2|PUNCT
6	adp|dopo det|alcuno-Masc-Def-Ind-Plur noun|anno-Masc-Plur cm|cm pron|egli-Prs-S3 verb|decidere-Fin-Ind-Past-S3 adp|di verb|tornare-Inf-S adp|in propn|India adp|per verb|raccogliere-Inf-S adj|altro-P1 noun|insegnament	1|3|CASE 2|3|DET 3|6|OBL 4|3|PUNCT 5|6|NSUBJ 6|14|ROOT 7|8|MARK 8|6|XCOMP 9|
7	propn|Salvation propn|Sue .	1|2|ROOT 2|1|FLAT-NAME 3|1|PUNCT
8	adp|in det|questo-Masc-Def-Dem-Sing noun|modo-Masc cm|cm propn|Decio verb|ottenere-Fin-Ind-Past-S3 det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing noun|potere-Masc-Acc adj|imperiale-S1 .	1|3|CASE 2|3|DET 3|6|OBL 4|3|PUNCT 5|6|NSUBJ 6|9|ROOT 7|8|DET 8|6|OBJ 9|8|AMO
9	propn|Sparta propn|Novara verb|acquisire-Fin-Ind-Pres-S3 det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing noun|titolo-Masc-Acc adj|sportivo-S1 adp|per verb|giocare-Inf-S adp|in adj|primo-S1 noun|categoria-Fem .	1|3|NSUBJ 2|1|FLAT-NAME 3|11|ROOT 4|5|DET 5|3|OBJ 6|5|AMOD 7|8|MARK 8|3|ADVC
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13	det|suo-Masc-Def-Prs-Sing noun|padre-Masc verb|fare-Fin-Ind-Imp-S3 det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing noun|metalmeccanico-Masc-Acc cconj|e det|suo-Fem-Def-Prs-Sing noun|madre-Fem aux|essere-Fin-Ind-Imp-S3 noun|maest	1|2|DET-POSS 2|3|NSUBJ 3|13|ROOT 4|5|DET 5|3|OBJ 6|10|CC 7|8|DET-POSS 8|10|NS
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18	propn|Stephen propn|Brun .	1|2|ROOT 2|1|FLAT-NAME 3|1|PUNCT
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23	adv|li verb|battere-Fin-Ind-Past-P3 det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Plur propn|Pittsburgh propn|Pirates cconj|e propn|Sutton verb|vincere-Fin-Ind-Past-S3 num|due det|di-Fem-Def-Ind-Plur num|tre noun|partita-Fem-Plur-Acc det|della-Fe	1|2|ADVMOD 2|14|ROOT 3|4|DET 4|2|NSUBJ 5|4|FLAT-NAME 6|8|CC 7|8|NSUBJ 8|2|CC
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34	propn|Leo propn|Wilden .	1|2|ROOT 2|1|FLAT-NAME 3|1|PUNCT
35	adv|certamente adv|non verb|avere-Fin-Ind-Pres-S2 det|uno-Masc-Ind-Art-Sing noun|minimo-Masc-Acc adp|di noun|educazione-Fem .	1|3|ADVMOD 2|3|ADVMOD 3|7|ROOT 4|5|DET 5|3|OBJ 6|7|CASE 7|5|NMOD 8|3|PUNCT
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39	propn|mario propn|López propn|Quintana .	1|3|ROOT 2|1|FLAT-NAME 3|1|FLAT-NAME 4|1|PUNCT
40	verb|divenire-Fin-Ind-Past-S3 adv|quindi det|uno-Masc-Ind-Art-Sing noun|conservatore-Masc .	1|4|ROOT 2|1|ADVMOD 3|4|DET 4|1|NSUBJ 5|1|PUNCT
41	adp|in noun|origine-Fem aux|essere-Fin-Ind-Imp-S3 verb|prevedere-Part-Past-S adp|di verb|girare-Inf-S cconj|e verb|produrre-Inf-S det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing noun|film-Masc-Acc adp|in propn|America .	1|2|CASE 2|4|OBL 3|4|AUX-PASS 4|12|ROOT 5|6|MARK 6|4|XCOMP 7|8|CC 8|6|CONJ 9
42	det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Plur det|loro-Def-Prs noun|habitat-Masc adj|preferito-P1 aux|essere-Fin-Ind-Pres-P3 det|il-Fem-Def-Art-Plur noun|scarpata-Fem-Plur adj|roccioso-P1 cm|cm adv|vicino adp|avere noun|fiume-Masc-Plur cc	1|3|DET 2|3|DET-POSS 3|7|NSUBJ 4|3|AMOD 5|7|COP 6|7|DET 7|15|ROOT 8|7|AMOD 9
43	det|The-Det-Art propn|Younger propn|Sister .	1|3|ROOT 2|1|FLAT-NAME 3|1|FLAT-NAME 4|1|PUNCT
44	adp|per det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Plur noun|brasiliano-Masc-Plur aux|essere-Fin-Ind-Past-S3 det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing adj|terzo-S1 noun|titolo-Masc adj|mondiale-S1 det|della-Fem-Def-Art-Sing noun|storia-Fem .	1|3|CASE 2|3|DET 3|7|OBL 4|7|COP 5|7|DET 6|7|AMOD 7|10|ROOT 8|7|AMOD 9|10|DET
45	propn|Nazionale adp|di noun|pallamano-Masc propn|delitalia .	1|4|ROOT 2|3|CASE 3|1|NMOD 4|1|FLAT-NAME 5|1|PUNCT
46	det|alcuno-Fem-Def-Ind-Plur noun|riserva-Fem-Plur aux|essere-Fin-Ind-Imp-P3 verb|fondare-Part-Past-P .	1|2|DET 2|4|NSUBJ-PASS 3|4|AUX-PASS 4|4|ROOT 5|4|PUNCT
47	det|il-Fem-Def-Art-Sing noun|varietà-Fem adj|pettinato-S1 aux|essere-Fin-Ind-Pres-S3 verb|utilizzare-Part-Past-S adp|per verb|creare-Inf-S noun|uniforme-Masc-Plur-Acc adj|militare-P1 cm|cm adj|completo-P1 cm|cm noun|	1|2|DET 2|5|NSUBJ-PASS 3|2|AMOD 4|5|AUX-PASS 5|15|ROOT 6|7|MARK 7|5|ADVCL 8
48	det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing adj|stesso-S1 noun|risultato-Masc aux|essere-Fin-Cnd-Pres-S3 aux|essere-Part-Past-S verb|ricavare-Part-Past-S noun|anno-Masc adj|seguente-S1 adp|da propn|Camille propn|Jordan .	1|3|DET 2|3|AMOD 3|6|NSUBJ-PASS 4|6|AUX 5|6|AUX-PASS 6|11|ROOT 7|6|XCOMP 8|
49	det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Plur noun|scozzese-Masc-Plur aux|avere-Fin-Ind-Imp-P3 verb|assumere-Part-Past-S det|uno-Fem-Ind-Art-Sing adj|forte-S1 noun|posizione-Fem-Acc adj|difensivo-S1 adv|vicino adp|a noun|fiume-Masc p	1|2|DET 2|4|NSUBJ 3|4|AUX 4|12|ROOT 5|7|DET 6|7|AMOD 7|4|OBJ 8|7|AMOD 9|11|CA

R code of how to merge the CHA file to the TSV file:

- See Cha-to-TSV.R

6. Understanding the Output (token level) → check it_vxc_spkr17_tokens_level.tsv

In addition to the sentence-level TSV file (**it_vxc_spkr17_with_parsing.tsv**), it is often useful to create a token-level long table, where each row corresponds to a single token (word) rather than a whole sentence. This format is more convenient for downstream quantitative analyses (e.g., POS and lemma frequency, dependency patterns, argument structure, and syntactic complexity measures).

Overview workflow:

- **Input: it_vxc_spkr17_with_parsing.tsv**
  - Contains one row per sentence, including:

        - sentence (orthographic form)
        - morphonological_analysis (the %mor: tier)
        - syntactic_parsing (the %gra: tier)

- **Output: it_vxc_spkr17_tokens_level.tsv**
    - Contains one row per token, with the following core columns:
        - sent_id: sentence index (links back to the sentence-level TSV)
        - token_id: token index within the sentence
        - mor: raw %mor token (e.g., noun|libro-Masc)
        - gra: raw %gra token (e.g., 2|4|NSUBJ)
        - upos: part of speech (e.g., noun, verb, det)
        - lemma: dictionary form (e.g., libro, suscitare)
        - feats: all remaining morphological features (e.g., Masc-Plur-Acc)
        - id_gra: token index from the %gra tier
        - head: dependency head index
        - deprel: dependency relation (e.g., NSUBJ, OBJ, OBL)
    - Any additional sentence-level metadata (e.g., speaker ID, condition, task type) can be joined back by sent_id.

How is the token-level file created (conceptual steps)?

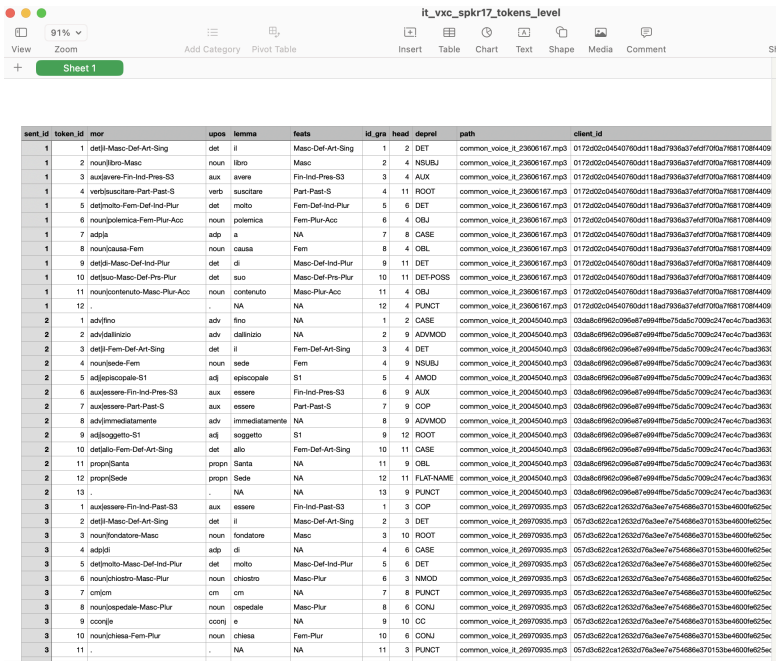
- **Assign a sentence ID:**
    - Add a column sent_id to the sentence-level TSV (e.g., 1, 2, 3, …).
- **Split the %mor and %gra strings into token vectors:**
    - For each sentence, split morphonological_analysis and syntactic_parsing on spaces, yielding:
        - %mor: det|il-Masc-Def-Art-Sing, noun|libro-Masc, aux|avere-Fin-Ind-Pres-S3, …
        - %gra: 1|2|DET, 2|4|NSUBJ, 3|4|AUX, …
    - Tokens are aligned by position (1st %mor token with 1st %gra token, etc.).
- **Expand to one row per token:**
    - For each sentence sent_id, create rows:
        - token_id = 1, 2, 3, …
        - mor = the corresponding %mor token
        - gra = the corresponding %gra token
- **Parse %mor into POS, lemma, and features:**
    - Split each mor token at the first |:
        - upos = part of speech (e.g., noun, verb, det, adp)
        - stem_feats = remaining string (e.g., libro-Masc, suscitare-Part-Past-S)
    - Then split stem_feats at the first -:
        - lemma = dictionary form (e.g., libro, suscitare)

    - feats = all remaining morphological features (merged into one string for now).
- **Parse %gra into dependency indices and labels**
    - Split each gra token on |:
        - id_gra = token index (1, 2, 3, …)
        - head = index of the head token in the sentence
        - deprel = UD dependency relation (e.g., NSUBJ, OBJ, OBL, AUX, ROOT).
- **Optionally join back sentence-level metadata**
    - Using sent_id, merge any additional columns from it_vxc_spkr17_with_parsing.tsv (e.g., speaker, condition, register) into the token-level table.

A minimal R implementation of this pipeline is provided in the accompanying script (see Cha-to-TSV.R and the token-level extension). The token-level long table is the recommended format for:

- Computing POS, lemma, and feature frequencies
- Examining subject/object/oblique distributions across verbs
- Deriving syntactic complexity measures (e.g., number of clauses, dependency length)
- Conducting mixed-effects modeling and other quantitative analyses at the token or sentence level.

Final sample TSV file output (token level):



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1	3	aux|avere-Fin-Ind-Pres-S3	aux	avere	Fin-Ind-Pres-S3	3	4	AUX	common_voice_it_23606167.mp3	0172d02c04540760dd118ad7936a37efdf70f0a7f68170814409
1	4	verb|suscitare-Part-Past-S	verb	suscitare	Part-Past-S	4	11	ROOT	common_voice_it_23606167.mp3	0172d02c04540760dd118ad7936a37efdf70f0a7f68170814409
1	5	det|molto-Fem-Def-Ind-Plur	det	molto	Fem-Def-Ind-Plur	5	6	DET	common_voice_it_23606167.mp3	0172d02c04540760dd118ad7936a37efdf70f0a7f68170814409
1	6	noun|polemica-Fem-Plur-Acc	noun	polemica	Fem-Plur-Acc	6	4	OBJ	common_voice_it_23606167.mp3	0172d02c04540760dd118ad7936a37efdf70f0a7f68170814409
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1	8	noun|causa-Fem	noun	causa	Fem	8	4	OBL	common_voice_it_23606167.mp3	0172d02c04540760dd118ad7936a37efdf70f0a7f68170814409
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7. Some CLAN Post-processing (optional, if you want to look at a different analysis)

- Once %mor and %gra tiers exist, you can analyze the Italian corpus with CLAN tools:
    - **kwal +t%mor ~/ba_output/troncamento.cha** # view morphology
        - **Command example:**
        - kwal +t%mor /Users/yuechen/ba_output/troncamento.cha
    - **kwal +t%gra +s"OBL" ~/ba_output/troncamento.cha** # search dependencies
    - **freq +t%mor -t* ~/ba_output/troncamento.cha** # POS frequency

8. Citation and Documentation

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