

APPENDIX B: EXTRACTING SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION (SUBJECT-VERB-OBJECT – SVO) FROM DEPENDENCY PARSING

In this step, the sentence structure and its *typed dependencies* (TDs) are analyzed to identify *noun* and *verb* phrases in *subject*, *object* and *action-verb* roles. For doing so, patterns that take into account a subset of *typed dependencies* ($td_name(gov, dep)$) in the sentence, POS tags of the *head* (*gov*) and *dependent* (*dep*) words of a given *typed dependency* are used. To extract these patterns, a study was performed with existing input projects. The proposed approach uses Stanford CoreNLP Parser version 3.9.2 to generate TDs from the sentences. The Stanford CoreNLP parser uses the *Universal Dependencies* (<https://universaldependencies.org/>) representation.

Table 19, 20, 21 and 22 shows the rules to extract the *subjects*, *objects* and *action-verbs* in a given sentence. These rules are presented in GIVEN-WHEN-THEN format and they are ordered. The approach sequentially searches for all TDs in the GIVEN (Antecedent) part of each rule against the TDs of the given sentence. In case of *antecedent* is satisfied, the WHEN part of the rule is activated; the approach sequentially checks the POS tags of *gov* and *dep* words (A, B, C, D) of the given TDs. In case of a match, the THEN (Consequent) part of the rule is used to determine the structure of that sentence and extract the *subjects*, *objects* and *action-verbs*.

In Table 19, 20, 21 and 22, $subjects = \{token_i, token_{i+1}, \dots, token_{n-1}, token_n\}$ is the set of tokens with subject role in a given sentence, $direct-objects = \{token_i, token_{i+1}, \dots, token_{m-1}, token_m\}$ is the set of tokens with direct-object role, $indirect-objects = \{token_i, token_{i+1}, \dots, token_{p-1}, token_p\}$ is the set of tokens with indirect-object role, $action-verbs = \{token_i, token_{i+1}, \dots, token_{q-1}, token_q\}$ is the set of tokens with main-action-verb role, $complement-action-verbs = \{token_i, token_{i+1}, \dots, token_{r-1}, token_r\}$ is the set of tokens with complement-action-verb role, $modifier-action-verbs = \{token_i, token_{i+1}, \dots, token_{s-1}, token_s\}$ is the set of tokens with modifier-action-verb role, $modifier-subjects = \{token_i, token_{i+1}, \dots, token_{t-1}, token_t\}$ is the set of tokens with modifier-subject role, $complement-subjects = \{token_i, token_{i+1}, \dots, token_{r-1}, token_r\}$ is the set of tokens with complement-subject role, $token_i = \{index, word, POS, lemma\}$ is a token and its properties (word and lemma are either a single word or a multiword), () is used for grouping, | stands for “OR”, ? matches the preceding character 0 or 1 time, and “.” matches any single character except the newline character.

TABLE 19
RULES FOR EXTRACTING SUBJECT, OBJECT AND ACTION-VERBS FROM TYPED DEPENDENCIES – (SVO FROM SINGLE-WORDS).

Rule #	Description	GIVEN (Contains TDs)	WHEN (Contains POSs:)				THEN (Extract Role)	Example
			A	B	C	D		
SVOR1	Extract <i>subject</i> and <i>action-verb</i> from <i>nsubj</i> relationship	nsubj(A, B)	VB.?	(NN.? PRP.?)			A is action-verb; B is subject;	"Customer examines the bid" → [nsubj(examines-2, customer-1), root(ROOT-0, examines-2), det(bid-4, the-3), dobj(examines-2, bid-4)]
SVOR2	Extract <i>subject</i> , <i>direct-object</i> and <i>action-verb</i> from <i>nsubjpass</i> and <i>nmod</i> (or <i>dobj</i>) relationships	nsubjpass(A, B), nmod(A, C)	VB.?	(NN.? PRP.?)	(NN.? PRP.? WP.?)		A is action-verb; B is direct-object; C is subject;	"File was updated by the user" → [nsubjpass(updated-3, File-1), auxpass(updated-3, was-2), root(ROOT-0, updated-3), case(user-6, by-4), det(user-6, the-5), nmod(updated-3, user-6)]
SVOR3	Extract <i>direct-object</i> and <i>action-verb</i> from <i>dobj</i> relationship	dobj(A, B)	(JJ VB.?)	(NN.? PRP.?)			A.POS ≠ JJ → A is action-verb; B is direct-object;	"User creates filter for searching" → [nsubj(creates-2, user-1), root(ROOT-0, creates-2), dobj(creates-2, filter-3), mark(searching-5, for-4), advcl(creates-2, searching-5)]
SVOR4	Extract <i>indirect-object</i> from <i>iobj</i> relationship	iobj(A, B)	(JJ VB.?)	(NN.? PRP.?)			B is indirect-object;	"System sends the server a registration request" → [nsubj(sends-2, system-1), root(ROOT-0, sends-2), det(server-4, the-3), iobj(sends-2, server-4), det(request-7, a-5), compound(request-7, registration-6), dobj(sends-2, request-7)]
SVOR5	Extract <i>subject</i> , <i>action-verb</i> and <i>indirect-object</i> from <i>nsubj</i> and <i>nmod</i> relationships	nsubj(A, B), nmod(A, C)	VB.?	(NN.? PRP.?)	(NN.? PRP.?)		A is action-verb; B is subject; C is indirect-object;	"User clicks on the screen" → [nsubj(clicks-2, user-1), root(ROOT-0, clicks-2), case(screen-5, on-3), det(screen-5, the-4), nmod(clicks-2, screen-5)]
		nmod(A, B)	VB.?	(NN.? PRP.?)			nsubjpass(A, ?) ≠	"Log in to the system" → [root(ROOT-0, log-1),

							TDs → A is action-verb; B is indirect-object;	case(system-5, in-2), case(system-5, to-3), det(system-5, the-4), nmod(log-1, system-5)]
SVOR6	Extract <i>subject, action-verb</i> and <i>indirect-object</i> from <i>dobj</i> and <i>nmod</i> relationships	dobj(A, B), nmod(B, C)	VB.?	(NN.? PRP.?)	(NN.? PRP.?)		A is action-verb; B is direct-object; C is indirect-object;	"User clicks the mouse on the screen " → [nsubj(clicks-2, user-1), root(ROOT-0, clicks-2), det(mouse-4, the-3), dobj(clicks-2, mouse-4), case(screen-7, on-5), det(screen-7, the-6), nmod(mouse-4, screen-7)]
SVOR7	Extract <i>action-verb</i> from <i>ROOT</i> relationship	root(ROOT, A)	VB.?				A is action-verb;	" selects envelope" → [root(ROOT-0, selects-1), nsubj(selects-1, envelope-2)]
SVOR8	Update <i>subject, direct-object</i> or <i>indirect-object</i> from <i>case</i> and <i>nmod</i> relationships	case(A, of), nmod(B, A)	NN.?	NN.?	NN.?		B is subject → Remove B; A is subject; B is direct-object → Remove B; A is direct-object; B is indirect-object → Remove B; A is indirect-object;	"system displays set of possible criteria " → [nsubj(displays-2, system-1), root(ROOT-0, displays-2), dobj(displays-2, set-3), case(criteria-6, of-4), amod(criteria-6, possible-5), nmod(set-3, criteria-6)]

TABLE 20

RULES FOR EXTRACTING SUBJECT, OBJECT AND ACTION-VERBS FROM TYPED DEPENDENCIES – (SVO FROM MULTI-WORDS).

Rule #	Description	GIVEN (Contains TDs)	WHEN (Contains POSs:)				THEN (Extract Role)	Example
			A	B	C	D		
SVOR9	Update multiword <i>subject, direct-object</i> or <i>indirect-object</i> from <i>compound</i> relationship	compound(A, B)	NN.?	NN.?			A is subject → Update A = B+A; A is direct-object → Update A = B+A; A is indirect-object → Update A = B+A;	"The broker system broadcasts the order" → [det(system-3, the-1), compound(system-3, broker-2), nsubj(broadcasts-4, system-3), root(ROOT-0, broadcasts-4), det(order-6, the-5), dobj(broadcasts-4, order-6)]
SVOR10	Update multiword <i>subject, direct-object</i> or <i>indirect-object</i> from <i>nmod:poss</i> relationship	nmod:poss(A, B)	NN.?	NN.?			A is subject → Update A = B+ POSSESSIVE + A; A is direct-object → Update A = B+ POSSESSIVE + A; A is indirect-object → Update A = B+ POSSESSIVE + A;	"Broker system broadcasts customer's information " → [compound(system-2, broker-1), nsubj(broadcasts-3, system-2), root(ROOT-0, broadcasts-3), nmod:poss(information-6, customer-4), case(customer-4, 's-5), dobj(broadcasts-3, information-6)]
SVOR11	Update multiword <i>subject, direct-object</i> or <i>indirect-object</i> from <i>nummod</i> relationship	nummod(A, B)	NN.?	CD.?			IF A.index < B.index → C = A+B; ELSE C = B+A; A is subject → Update A = C; A is direct-object → Update A = C; A is indirect-object → Update A = C;	"System returns to step 1.1 " → [root(ROOT-0, system-1), dep(system-1, return-2), case(step-5, to-3), det(step-5, the-4), nmod(return-2, step-5), nummod(step-5, 1.1-6)]
SVOR12	Update multiword <i>action-verb</i> from <i>compound:prt</i> relationship	compound:prt(A, B)	VB.?	RP.?			A is action-verb → Update A = A+B;	"The broker system carry out the order" → [det(system-3, the-1), compound(system-3, broker-2), nsubj(carry-4, system-3), root(ROOT-0, carry-4), compound:prt(carry-4, out-5), det(order-7, the-6), dobj(carry-4, order-7)]

TABLE 21
RULES FOR EXTRACTING SUBJECT, OBJECT AND ACTION-VERBS FROM TYPED DEPENDENCIES – (SVO FROM SUBORDINATE OR COORDINATE).

Rule #	Description	GIVEN (Contains TDs)	WHEN (Contains POSs:)				THEN (Extract Role)	Example
			A	B	C	D		
SVOR13	Update <i>action-verb</i> from <i>xcomp</i> relationship	root(ROOT, A), xcomp(A, B)	VB.?	VB.?			<i>B</i> is action-verb → Remove <i>B</i> ; <i>B</i> is complement-action-verb;	"User wants to change his pin" → [nsbj(wants-2, user-1), root(ROOT-0, wants-2), mark(change-4, to-3), xcomp(wants-2, change-4), nmod:poss(pin-6, his-5), dobj(change-4, pin-6)]
SVOR14	Update <i>action-verb</i> from <i>ccomp</i> relationship	root(ROOT, A), nsubj(B, C), ccomp(D, B)	VB.?	VB.?	(<NN.? > <PRP.? > WP.?)	<VB.??>	<i>B</i> is action-verb → Remove <i>B</i> ; <i>B</i> is complement-action-verb; <i>C</i> is subject → Remove <i>C</i> ; <i>C</i> is complement-subject;	"ATM verifies with the Bank that the User has enough money in account" → [nsbj(verifies-2, atm-1), root(ROOT-0, verifies-2), case(bank-5, with-3), det(bank-5, the-4), nmod(verifies-2, bank-5), mark(has-9, that-6), det(user-8, the-7), nsubj(has-9, user-8), ccomp(verifies-2, has-9), amod(money-11, enough-10), dobj(has-9, money-11), case(account-13, in-12), nmod(money-11, account-13)]
		nsubjpass(A, B), ccomp(C, A), nmod(A, D)	VB.?	(<NN.? > <PRP.? > WP.?)	<VB.??>	(<NN.? > <PRP.? > WP.?)	<i>A</i> is action-verb → Remove <i>A</i> ; <i>A</i> is complement-action-verb; <i>D</i> is subject → Remove <i>D</i> ; <i>D</i> is complement-subject;	"System displays an information that it cannot be used without prior registration" → [nsbj(displays-2, system-1), root(ROOT-0, displays-2), det(information-4, an-3), dobj(displays-2, information-4), mark(used-10, that-5), nsubjpass(used-10, it-6), aux(used-10, can-7), neg(used-10, not-8), auxpass(used-10, be-9), ccomp(displays-2, used-10), case(registration-13, without-11), amod(registration-13, prior-12), nmod(used-10, registration-13)]
SVOR15	Update <i>action-verb</i> from <i>advcl</i> relationship	advcl(A, B)	VB.?	VB.?			<i>B</i> is action-verb → Remove <i>B</i> ; <i>B</i> is modifier-action-verb; <i>A</i> is action-verb;	"user select option for adding new clients" → [nsbj(select-2, user-1), root(ROOT-0, select-2), dobj(select-2, option-3), mark(adding-5, for-4), advcl(select-2, adding-5), amod(clients-7, new-6), dobj(adding-5, clients-7)]
SVOR16	Update <i>subject</i> , <i>direct-object</i> and <i>action-verb</i> from <i>root</i> , <i>nsubj</i> , and <i>advcl</i> relationships	root(ROOT, A), nsubj(B, C), advcl(A, B)	VB.?	(NN.? PRP.?)	(NN.? PRP.? WP.?)		<i>A</i> is action-verb → Remove <i>A</i> ; <i>A</i> is modifier-action-verb; <i>B</i> is modifier-subject; <i>C</i> is direct-object;	"Use case ends when user logs out or selects different option" → [compound(case-2, use-1), nsubj(ends-3, case-2), root(ROOT-0, ends-3), advmod(logs-6, when-4), nsubj(logs-6, user-5), advcl(ends-3, logs-6), compound:prt(logs-6, out-7), cc(logs-6, or-8), conj(logs-6, selects-9), amod(option-11, different-10), dobj(selects-9, option-11)]
								"System asks the user if he/she wants to register" → [nsbj(asks-2, system-1), root(ROOT-0, asks-2), det(user-4, the-3), dobj(asks-2, user-4), mark(wants-7, if-5), nsubj(wants-7, she-6), advcl(asks-2, wants-7), mark(register-9, to-8), xcomp(wants-7, register-9)]
SVOR17	Update <i>action-verb</i> from <i>acl</i> relationship	acl(A, B)	NN.?	VB.?			<i>B</i> is action-verb → Remove <i>B</i> ; <i>B</i> is modifier-action-verb;	"user signals the system to proceed the transaction" → [nsbj(signals-2, user-1), root(ROOT-0, signals-2), det(system-4, the-3), dobj(signals-2, system-4), mark(proceed-6, to-5), acl(system-4, proceed-6), det(transaction-8, the-7), dobj(proceed-6, transaction-8)]
SVOR18	Update <i>subject</i> , <i>direct-object</i> and <i>action-verb</i> from <i>nsubjpass</i> , <i>dobj</i> and <i>acl</i>	dobj(A, B), nsubjpass(A, C), acl(D, A),	VB.?	(NN.? PRP.?)	(NN.? PRP.? WP.?)	NN.?	<i>A</i> is action-verb → Remove <i>A</i> ; <i>A</i> is modifier-action-verb;	"User select a client for whom new contract will be added " → [nsbj(select-2, user-1), root(ROOT-0, select-2), det(client-4, a-3), dobj(select-2, client-4), mark(added-11, for-5),

	relationships						<i>B</i> is modifier-subject; <i>C</i> is direct-object;	dobj (added-11, whom-6), amod(contract-8, new-7), nsubjpass (added-11, contract-8), aux(added-11, will-9), auxpass(added-11, be-10), acl (client-4, added-11)]
SVOR19	Update <i>action-verb</i> from <i>acl:relcl</i> relationship	nsubj(<i>A</i> , <i>B</i>), acl:relcl(<i>C</i> , <i>A</i>)	VB.?	(NN.? PRP)	(NN.? PRP WP.?)		<i>A</i> is action-verb → <i>Remove A</i> ; <i>A</i> is modifier-action-verb; <i>B</i> is subject → <i>Remove B</i> ; <i>B</i> is modifier-subject;	“Administrator chooses a group containing the channel he wants to delete” → [nsubj(chooses-2, administrator-1), root(ROOT-0, chooses-2), det(group-4, a-3), dobj(chooses-2, group-4), acl(group-4, containing-5), det(channel-7, the-6), dobj(containing-5, channel-7), nsubj (wants-9, he-8), acl:relcl (channel-7, wants-9), mark(delete-11, to-10), xcomp(wants-9, delete-11)]

TABLE 22
RULES FOR EXTRACTING SUBJECT, OBJECT AND ACTION-VERBS FROM TYPED DEPENDENCIES – (SVO FROM CONJUNCTION).

Rule #	Description	GIVEN (Contains TDs)	WHEN (Contains POSs:)				THEN (Extract Role)	Example
			<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>		
SVOR20	Extract <i>subject</i> , <i>direct-object</i> or <i>indirect-object</i> from <i>conj</i> relationship	conj(<i>A</i> , <i>B</i>),	(NN.? PRP.?)		(NN.? PRP.?)		<i>A</i> is subject → <i>B</i> is subject; <i>A</i> is direct-object → <i>B</i> is direct-object; <i>A</i> is indirect-object → <i>B</i> is indirect-object;	“User informs their login and password ” → [nsubj(informs-2, user-1), root(ROOT-0, informs-2), nmod:poss(login-4, their-3), dobj(informs-2, login-4), cc(login-4, and-5), conj (login-4, password-6)]
SVOR21	Extract <i>action-verb</i> , <i>complement-action-verb</i> or <i>modifier-action-verb</i> from <i>conj</i> relationships	conj(<i>A</i> , <i>B</i>),	VB.?		VB.?		<i>A</i> is action-verb → <i>B</i> is action-verb;	“User register or delete transactions” → [nsubj(register-2, user-1), root(ROOT-0, register-2), cc(register-2, or-3), conj (register-2, delete-4), dobj(delete-4, transactions-5)]