

SPUND-LX / AVL :: Appendix

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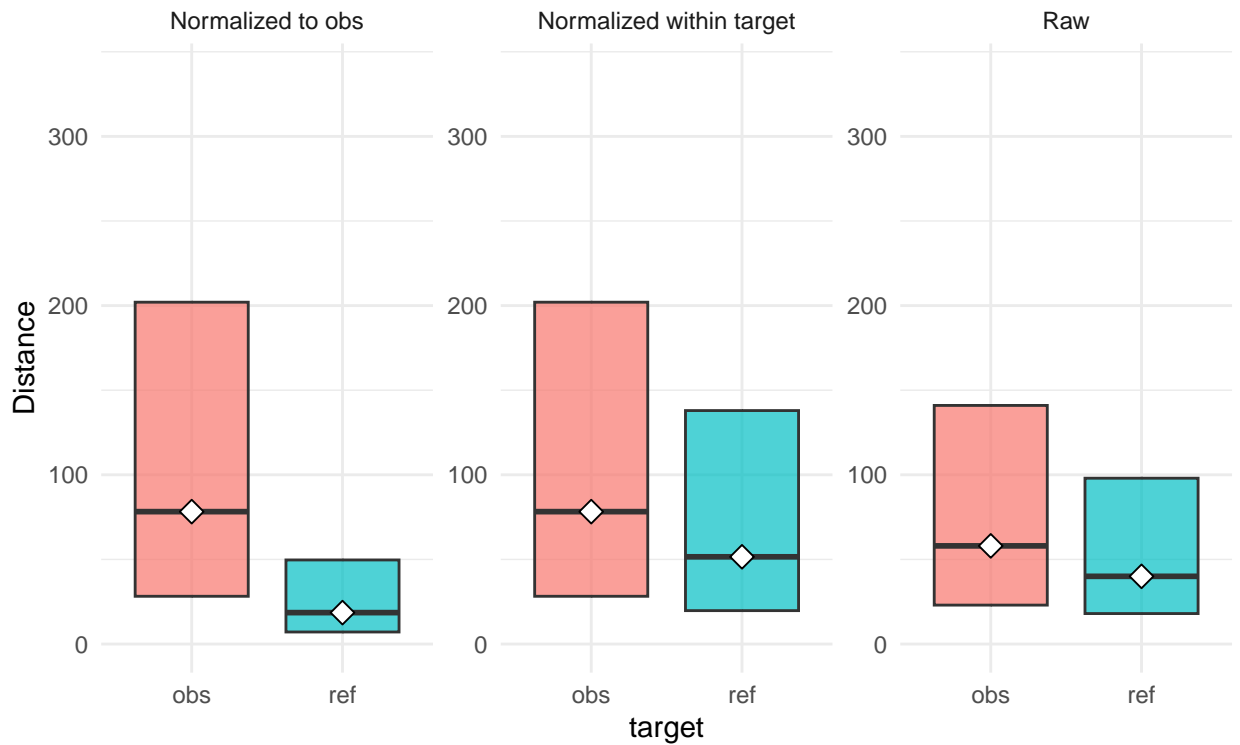
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Distance Comparison: Raw vs target-Normalized

Diamond = median



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#dataset<-7
```

2 coherence & proposition observations in :schizophrenia: threads

eval output M12, normalised to obs, distance ceiling = outliers removed.

2.1 citetest, method (M12)

To compute distances we queried a corpus for matching conditions where certain (assumed) determiners appear before similar nouns. In M12 (removed)... This distance should give us information structural evidence of how strong these noun occurrences are connected, i.e. if a noun appears out of the blue mostly or if it somewhere before has been introduced to the audience. In information structure definitions this would be termed with **given and new information** [Prince, 1981].

2.2 legende

```
## [1] ", normalised to obs, distance ceiling = outliers removed"
```

Table 1: model vars

variable	explanation	values
target	corpus	obs,ref
q	condition	a,b,c,d,e,f
det	antecedent POS==DET	TRUE,FALSE
aut_id	author	author hash
lemma	lemma	noun lemma
range	url range of distance devised	1..maxlength(urlthread)
embed.score	semantic similarity score lemma vs. thread	0..1
q:a	query condition	.
q:b	query condition	this,that,those,these
q:c	query condition	the
q:d	query condition	a,an,any,some
q:e	query condition	my
q:f	query condition	his,her,their,your

2.3 anova analysis

2.3.1 anova plain, formula: [dist_rel_obs ~ target*q*det]

```
##              Df      Sum Sq    Mean Sq    F value Pr(>F)
## target          1 6.5314e+09 6531359317 3.2559e+05 <2e-16 ***
## q                5 3.5058e+08  70116374 3.4953e+03 <2e-16 ***
## det             1 1.5458e+07  15457530 7.7056e+02 <2e-16 ***
## target:q        5 1.8239e+06   364778 1.8184e+01 <2e-16 ***
## target:det      1 6.1232e+06   6123176 3.0524e+02 <2e-16 ***
## q:det           1 3.1197e+04    31197 1.5552e+00 0.2124
## target:q:det    1 1.8157e+06   1815712 9.0514e+01 <2e-16 ***
## Residuals     2249061 4.5116e+10    20060
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

2.3.2 anova of linear regression model: [anova(summary(lmer))]

```
## Type III Analysis of Variance Table with Satterthwaite's method
##              Sum Sq    Mean Sq NumDF  DenDF    F value    Pr(>F)
## target          82484     82484      1 155603    4.2727 0.03873 *
## q             1614197    322839      5 155801   16.7235 < 2.2e-16 ***
## det           54104     54104      1 155344    2.8026 0.09411 .
## range        250671788 250671788      1 151248 12985.0989 < 2.2e-16 ***
## embed.score    3797399   3797399      1 157460   196.7098 < 2.2e-16 ***
## target:q       1064174    212835      5 155772   11.0251 1.235e-10 ***
## target:det      30708     30708      1 156612    1.5907 0.20722
## q:det          105369    105369      1 155289    5.4582 0.01948 *
## target:q:det
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

2.3.3 linear regression coefficients, formula: [dist_rel_obs ~ target*q*det+(1|aut_id)+range+embed.score]

```
## Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method [
## lmerModLmerTest]
## Formula: eval(expr(lmeform))
## Data: dfa
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 2014129
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -6.5794 -0.3429 -0.0365  0.1456 15.9844
##
## Random effects:
##  Groups   Name                Variance Std.Dev.
##  aut_id   (Intercept) 41939      204.8
##  Residual                19305      138.9
## Number of obs: 157757, groups: aut_id, 2512
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   3.386e+02  4.772e+00 3.367e+03  70.953 < 2e-16 ***
## targetref    -1.375e+01  4.211e+00 3.588e+04  -3.266 0.001093 **
## qb           6.711e+01  1.328e+01 1.553e+05   5.055 4.31e-07 ***
```

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## qc          4.929e+01  2.865e+00  1.553e+05   17.204 < 2e-16 ***
## qd          5.424e+01  2.903e+00  1.554e+05   18.686 < 2e-16 ***
## qe          8.939e+01  4.512e+00  1.555e+05   19.811 < 2e-16 ***
## qf          7.966e+01  5.550e+00  1.554e+05   14.352 < 2e-16 ***
## detTRUE     5.402e+00  1.346e+00  1.562e+05    4.012 6.01e-05 ***
## range      -3.799e-02  3.334e-04  1.512e+05  -113.952 < 2e-16 ***
## embed.score  6.208e+01  4.426e+00  1.575e+05   14.025 < 2e-16 ***
## targetref:qb -7.595e+01  3.371e+01  1.563e+05   -2.253 0.024268 *
## targetref:qc -4.976e+01  1.388e+01  1.551e+05   -3.585 0.000337 ***
## targetref:qd -4.986e+01  1.283e+01  1.550e+05   -3.886 0.000102 ***
## targetref:qe -1.036e+02  3.677e+01  1.575e+05   -2.816 0.004856 **
## targetref:qf  2.261e+02  5.835e+01  1.550e+05    3.876 0.000106 ***
## targetref:detTRUE -3.762e+00  2.982e+00  1.566e+05   -1.261 0.207223
## qb:detTRUE   -3.566e+01  1.527e+01  1.553e+05   -2.336 0.019478 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## fit warnings:
## fixed-effect model matrix is rank deficient so dropping 9 columns / coefficients
## Some predictor variables are on very different scales: consider rescaling

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2.4 plots

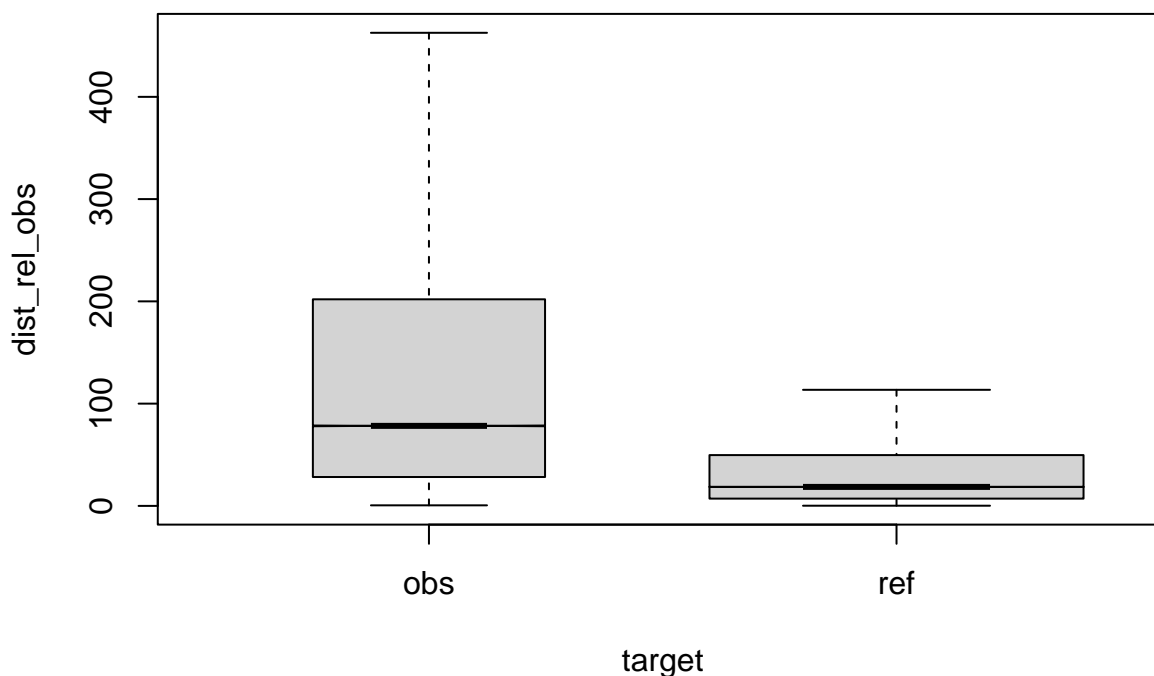


Figure 1: compare distances by corpus, normalised to obs, distance ceiling = outliers removed

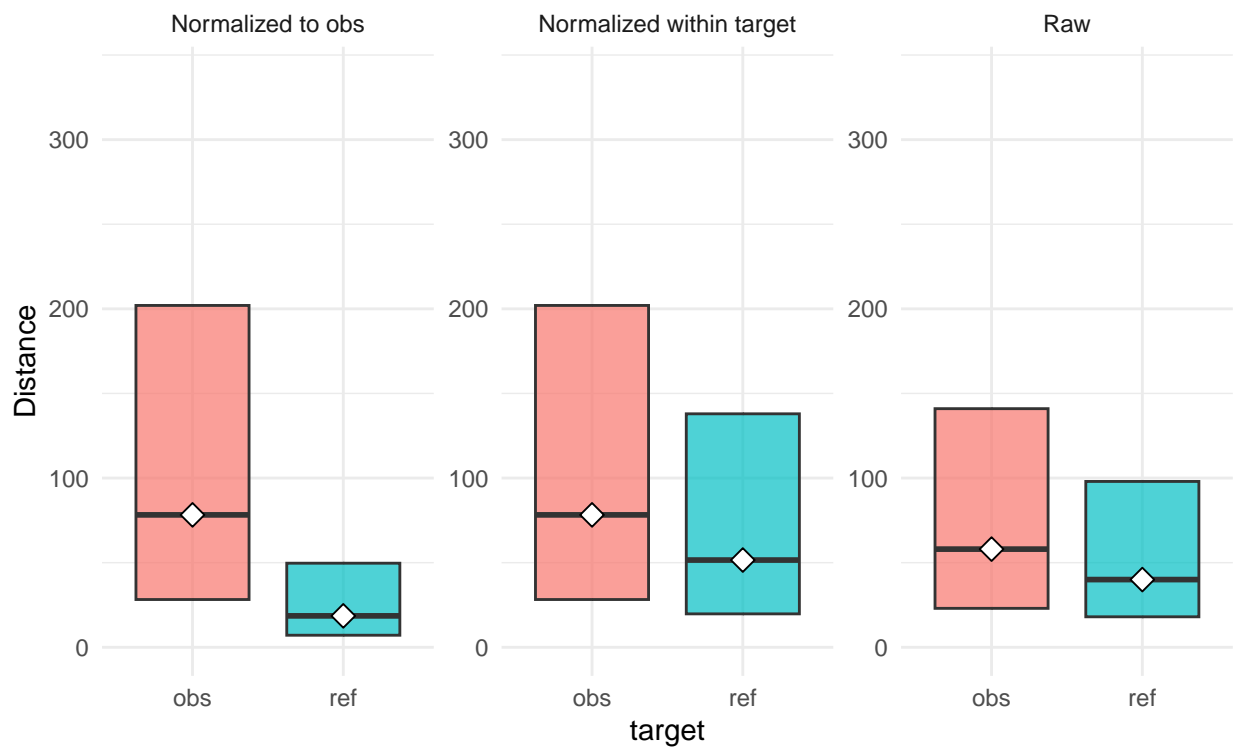
Table 2: mean/median table for M12

target	q	n	mean	median
obs	a	541133	158	73
ref	a	1609781	45	18
obs	b	5540	196	108
ref	b	2407	94	70

target	q	n	mean	median
obs	c	25564	219	125
ref	c	4550	90	54
obs	d	23803	228	132
ref	d	4498	114	63
obs	e	18067	238	131
ref	e	1417	123	80
obs	f	11464	189	104
ref	f	853	67	55

Distance Comparison: Raw vs target-Normalized

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2.5

2.6 REF

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3.1 subject

Investigate reference marking, coherence and information structure in schizophrenia language by measuring distance of similar nouns within range of comment thread preceded by certain determinants.¹

¹snc.1:h2.pb.1000char/pg.queries.cites

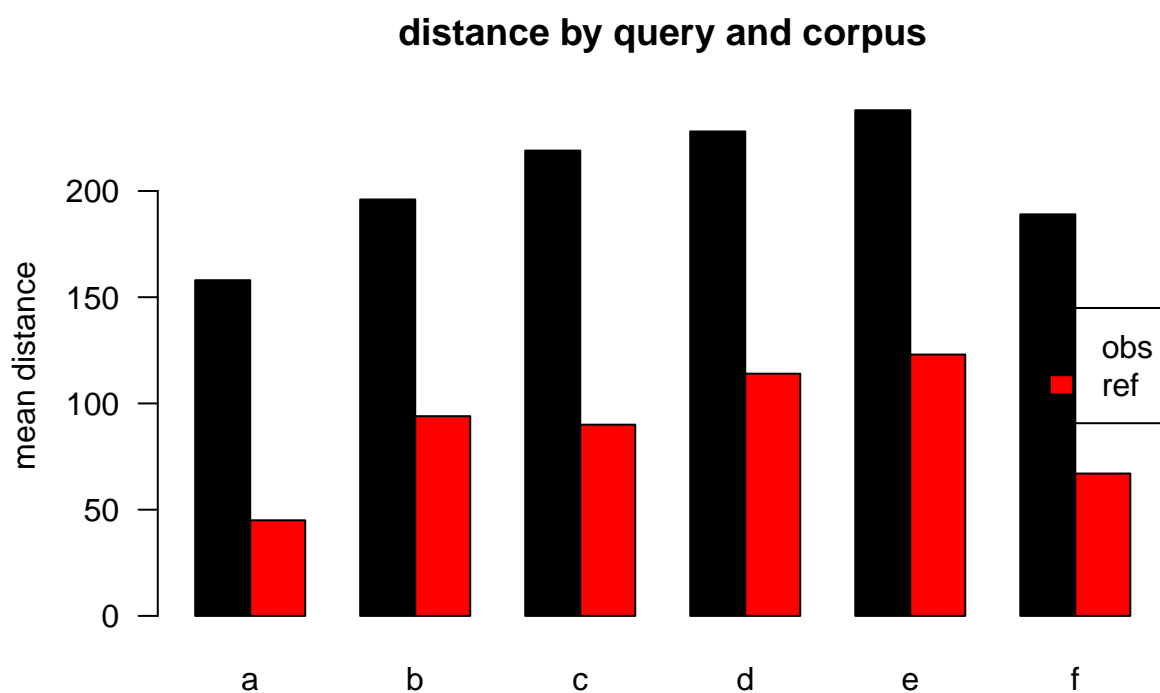


Figure 2: mean distances over query/corpus, normalised to obs, distance ceiling = outliers removed

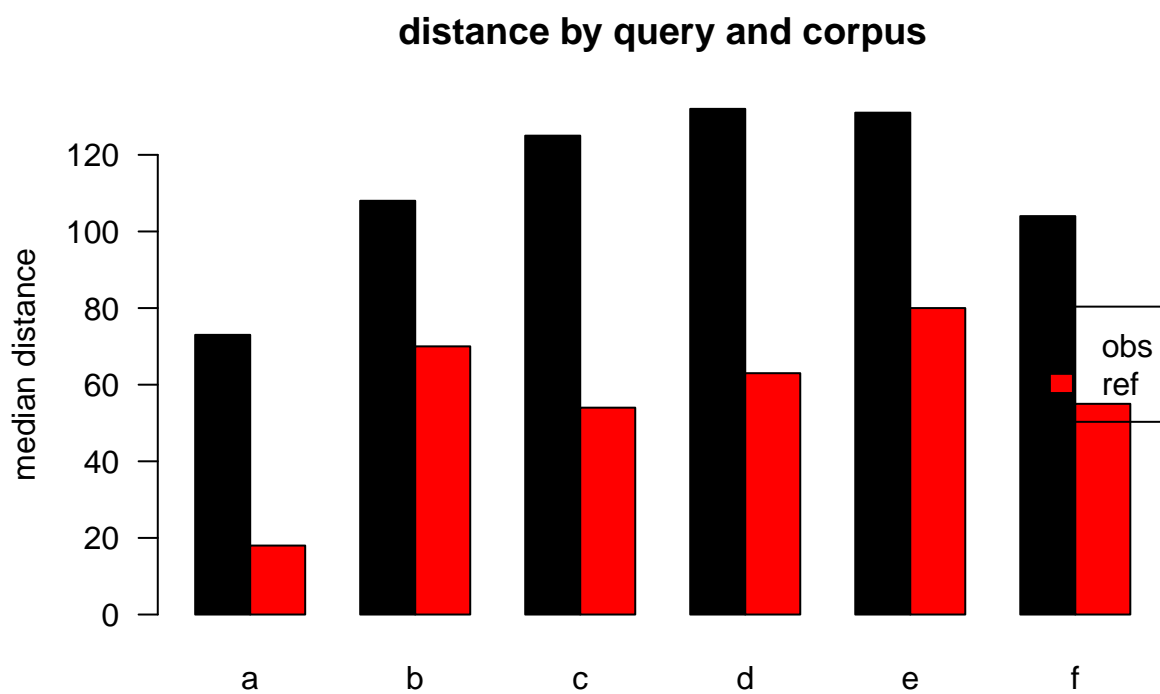


Figure 3: median distances over query/corpus, normalised to obs, distance ceiling = outliers removed

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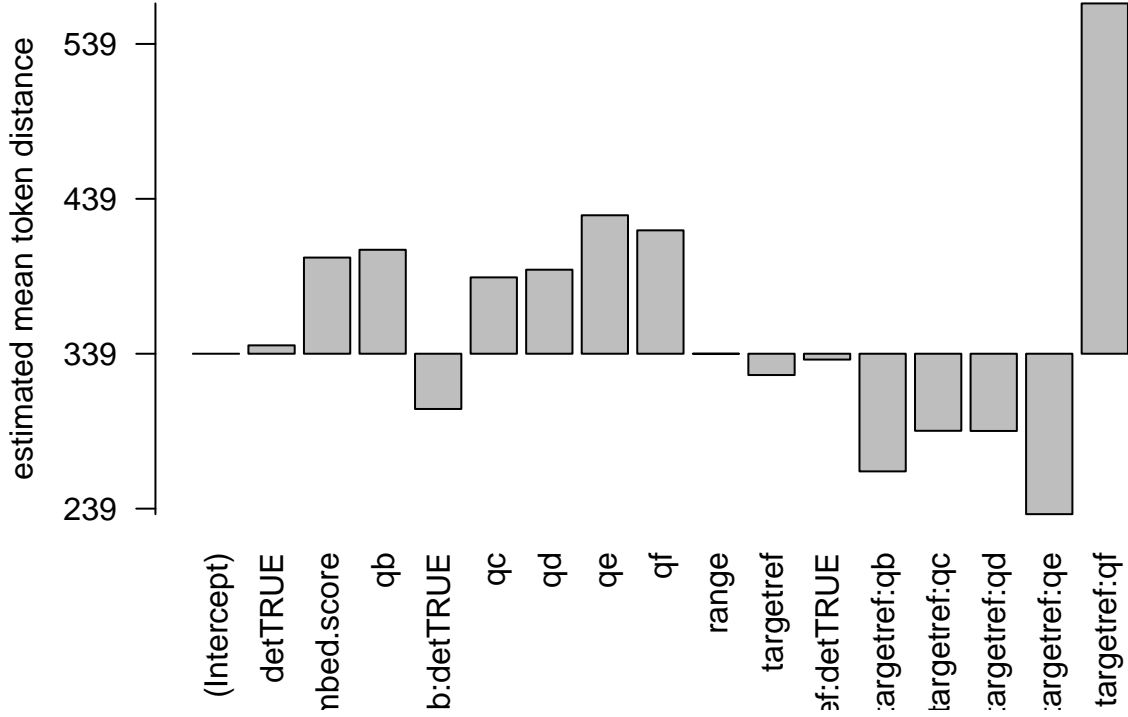


Figure 4: distances relation, normalised to obs, distance ceiling = outliers removed

3.2 background

Inspired by Zimmerer et al. (2017) we are interested in observations concerning coherence and propositional statement conditions in schizophrenia language, as these linguistic markers appear underinvestigated in that fields research whilst they seem to play a crucial role target group language features. (As such seen as asset of thinking or world building capacity which might suffer from linguistic deficits within the range of positive symptoms.)

3.3 definitions

3.3.1 coherence

There are several preliminary affordances to a successful communication. One is the **coherence** of a text = way of communication, which accounts for the partner being able to follow the topic and relate subjects and objects referenced. There can be more or less **common** references and such, that need to be embedded in context to be understood. The underlying network of informations to create that context is what we call **information structure** of a text. The level of complexity of that network defines how simple it would be to gather the reference from the given information. We could have to go back many sentences or even infer reference from metaphors or such to be able to understand what is said or in the other case simply recall the subject of the last sentence to get the meaning (reference) of the pronoun in **also {she} said thisandthat...** The capacity to imagine or have in mind, what concrete information is accessible to the addressee (what he actually knows or can infer) is key to a successful communication, since factors like common knowledge, weltwissen and shared knowledge between adressant and addressee and information accessible from the text itself varies depending on topic, setting, intimacy of the partners and such. So one cannot always be sure that all information provided is sufficient, but the grade to which one can give the right estimate to this sufficiency should here be a measure for our hypothesis, that the very coherence in

disturbed language is deficient such that an utterance is more difficult to understand within the frame of given information. Now one indicator of that coherence we assume is **reference distance** where according to our hypothesis a larger distance would be observed in places where the adressant overestimates² the ability of the partner to follow a reference. That would mean that we find a medium shorter distance between referent and reference in the reference corpus³ and larger distances in the target corpus. The references we are interested in are nouns that appear as anaphors i.e. here as noun analogies. The assumption is that if a noun is repeated **and** is combined with certain preceding determiners, the speaker assumes that the addressee has some knowledge of what is talked about, depending on the strength of the determination. So [this, that, those, these] would be rather strong determiners requiring that the noun most definitely was introduced before; these four determiners depict one of our 5 conditions listed below.

3.4 questions

Measuring the referent-reference distance which we assume as indicator of coherence we hope to find empirical evidence for disturbed or not world building capacities within schizophrenia language. Premising that a large noun distance indicates a low reference-referent association we hypothesise that in a language/ToM setting where the speakers estimation of the audiences context understanding capacities is disturbed we will find higher medium scores for the distance under matching conditions. An environment which has potential to test our hypothesis is the reddit thread r/schizophrenia. As reference corpus we chose reddit r/unpopularopinion. The distance measured should give us structural evidence of how strong the noun occurrences⁴ are connected, i.e. if a noun appears out of the blue mostly or if it somewhere before has been introduced to the audience thus it will be more or less legitimated to be determined by an antecedent. In information structure definitions we here rely on the terms **given and new information** coined by (Prince 1981).

3.5 daten

We built a corpus of the reddit r/schizophrenia thread (n=755074 tokens) and a reference corpus of r/unpopularopinion (n=271563). Both were pos-tagged using the R udpipe package (Wijffels 2023) which tags according to the universal dependencies tagset maintained by De Marneffe et al. (2021). Still the 755074 tokens can only, within the workflow of growing the corpus and devising the noun distances developed be just a starting point from where with more datapoints statistical evaluation becomes relevant first. The dataframe used for our model (actual: MX) consists of 939879 distance datapoints (sample Tab.X) derived from the postagged corpus.

3.6 methods

To compute distances we queried the corpus for matching conditions where certain (probable) determiners appear before analogue nouns (anaphors). For each datapoint we collect variables as: - thread url - author (anonymised) - thread length (tokens) - lexical diversity (type/token ratio) - lemma - distance (to the preceding occurrence, e.g. for three occurrences of [dog] we collect 2 distance datapoints)

The main function to determine the distances runs on a subset of the corpus with only including all nouns and their position in the corpus. It finds all duplicated nouns per url thread and computes their distances by token position.

3.7 reflections

3.7.1 range

Evaluating with a growing corpus and (reaching up to M[odel]12 with our methods of computing distances) we interestingly find our basic hypothesis tested again, showing an overall larger distance of analogue nouns within the range of 1 thread url for the target corpus. While until M7 we devised distances from a manually

²due to lack of empathy or a general self-alignment

³where the participants may show a more realistic estimation of beforementioned ability

⁴preceded by conditioned determiners

assigned url identifier we saw the necessity to define our “range of interest” according to the original http url of the thread, since with a growing corpus the old url ids, derived from the `get_thread_url()` method of the `redditExtractoR` package, there are no new url ids created since one url fetch gets each time always only around 1000 urls. To ensure unique url ranges within the corpus we as said in M11 assigned the range (within which the noun distance is calculated) to the real thread url. The corpus itself is after each fetch sorted after url and timestamp so it represents the real flow of conversation within one thread which is important since our distance model is based on the token distances within that thread, so they should follow their natural occurrence in time.

3.7.2 author trace id

Another nice new feature in M11 is the `aut_id` variable which represents the comment author and is unique to that. In the base `.sqlite` database the authors are already anonymised, so there should be no way from the published data back to the original author name of the comment. But, as also expected, including `aut_id` as random effect in the linear regression model, the significance level for the covariables of interest as are 1. `q` = the condition matching of the noun-preceding token 2. `det` = whether that match has postag “DET” 3. `target` = obs or reference corpus finally increases.

3.7.3 lexical diversity

We thought about some serious caveats within the latest method: If (lucky for our hypothesis) the target corpus has significantly higher distance scores over nearly all conditions, does that automatically indicate a less coherent reference-referent association within what is expressed in the comments? Couldn’t we also assume that if the analogue nouns appear more distanced in general that a topic which is including these nouns is simply expanding over a wider range i.e. timeframe? What does that do to our assumptions in terms of coherence? A good way here could be to integrate (from M3) a general lexical diversity factor per url as fixed effect because we can assume that a higher type/token ratio logically decreases the probability of a noun appearing multiple times within a range and we could take that effect into account.

3.7.4 semantics, word field, embedding

Further we created another covariable possible to integrate in the evaluation model: The probability of one specific noun appearing on its specific position in the thread range, computed with help of an open LL word embedding model[`#ref`]. This is a common AI way of devising semantic relations in a corpus which exceeds a just frequency based keyword analysis. Using an LLM here allows for a distinctive identification of word field embeddings of the noun in question. In that way we get another variable linguistic feature extracted which may give general insights into the level of standardisation that applies to the corpora. So if a noun is found to be embedded with a high score into its context (the url thread) then it can be very much expected to be found there and does not appear out-of-context.⁵

3.8 caveats

Since devising the word embed score does take much computing resources we had a script run on a server that solves the computing. But the first essay to integrate the new var into the evaluation model failed due to levels < 2. Why? Because since we ran the script over the complete url ranges in the corpus and that is sorted after target,⁶ we did not compute any values for the reference corpus. So we learned this way again on linear regression models which require that a variable has more than one level (which would not be the case if the `lmer()` function excludes all NA rows: there will be no observations left with `target=ref` since all its `embed.score` values are NA and so all `target.ref` rows will be removed during regression.

⁵only according to the LLM training data, which is still a blackbox

⁶where “obs” comes first

3.9 REF

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4 R Markdown template page, first h1

- test for yaml title

This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more details on using R Markdown see <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>.

When you click the **Knit** button a document will be generated that includes both content as well as the output of any embedded R code chunks within the document. You can embed an R code chunk like this:

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summary(cars)
```

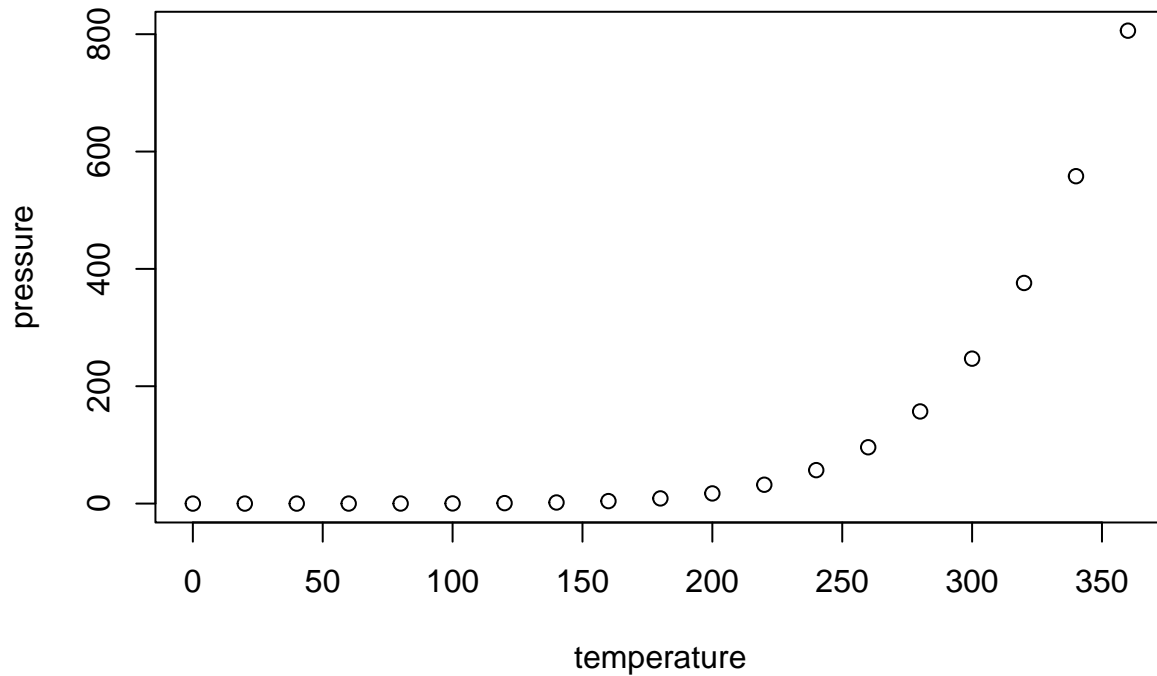
```
##      speed      dist
##  Min.   : 4.0    Min.   :  2.00
##  1st Qu.:12.0    1st Qu.: 26.00
##  Median :15.0    Median : 36.00
##  Mean   :15.4    Mean   : 42.98
##  3rd Qu.:19.0    3rd Qu.: 56.00
##  Max.   :25.0    Max.   :120.00
```

```
knitr::kable(head(cars))
```

speed	dist
4	2
4	10
7	4
7	22
8	16
9	10

5 Including Plots

You can also embed plots, for example:



Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.

5.1 quellen da?

6 REF global

References

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