

Validating and Merging a Growing Multilayer Corpus - the Case of GUM



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Plan

- 1. Introduction: what is GUM?
- 2. Multilayer Annotation
- 3. Validation: avoiding errors
- 4. Merging: catching errors
- 5. Outlook

Georgetown University Multilayer corpus (GUM)

- Open-source multilayer corpus (Zeldes 2017)
- Created by students at Georgetown
- Creative Commons licenses
- Versioned on Github:
 - https://github.com/amir-zeldes/gum
- Guidelines online:
 - https://corpling.uis.georgetown.edu/gum/

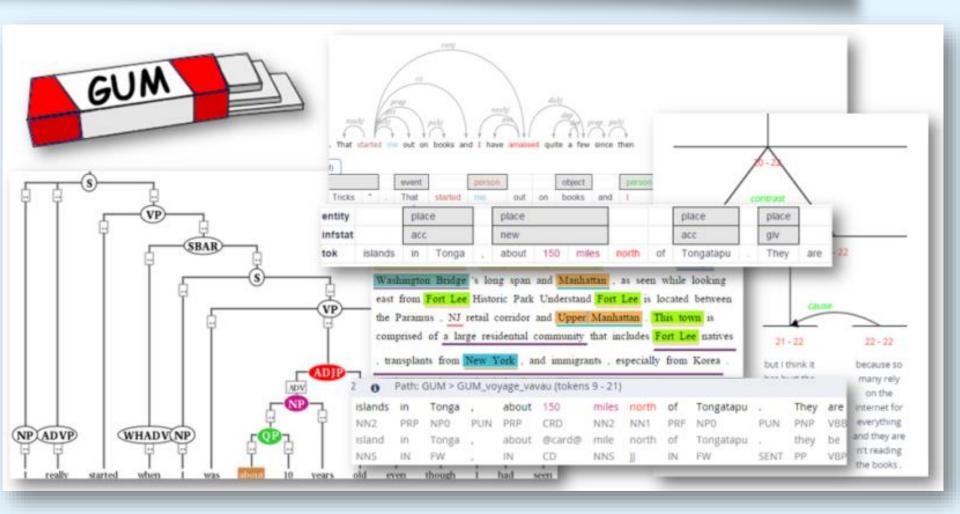
Georgetown University Multilayer corpus (GUM)

- The most recent GUM-v4 consists of:
 - 8 genres: (~100 documents, 85K tokens)
 - 4 existing: news, interviews, how-to & travel guides
 - 4 expanding: *academic, bios, fiction & forums*
 - Growth: ~25 docs/20K tokens per year

Annotations include:

- Token annotations (POS, lemmas)
- Text encoding initiatives (TEI tags, cf. Burnard & Bauman 2008)
- Dependency trees
- Discourse referents and coreference
- Rhetorical structure theory (RST, cf. Mann & Thompson 1988)

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Philosophy of annotation

- GUM has been richly annotated
 - Different annotation → different research purpose
- Choosing the right tool for each layer of annotation
 - ease of annotation & validation
- Mantra of annotation:
 - A consistent, complete but flawed annotation guideline is better than an idealized but inconsistent one
- Value of multilayer corpora:
 - Challenging to manage multiple layers
 - But easier to find errors and inconsistencies across layers

Classroom annotation

- Course: LING367, students build guidelines in Wiki:
 - https://corpling.uis.georgetown.edu/wiki/
- Annotation in multiple Interfaces
- Validation to avoid errors
- TA and instructor do QA
- Use ANNIS search engine to compare previous practices:
 - http://corpus-tools.org/annis/ (Krause & Zeldes 2014)
 - Search and visualization architecture for multilayer corpora
 - Powerful and flexible search queries

Metadata & structure markup

- Annotated using GitDox (Zhang & Zeldes 2017):
 - https://corpling.uis.georgetown.edu/gitdox/
- Learn XML markup:
 - Encode interesting features of data <head>Wikipedia</head>
 - Use TEI vocabulary, e.g. <hi rend="bold">NOTE</hi>
- Rough speech acts (based on SPAAC, Leech et al. 2003)
 - E.g. decl, imp, inf, wh, intj, etc.
- Validation of annotation vocabulary:
 - If students forgot to assign a type to a sentence...
 - If they assign invalid annotation values...

TEI structure markup

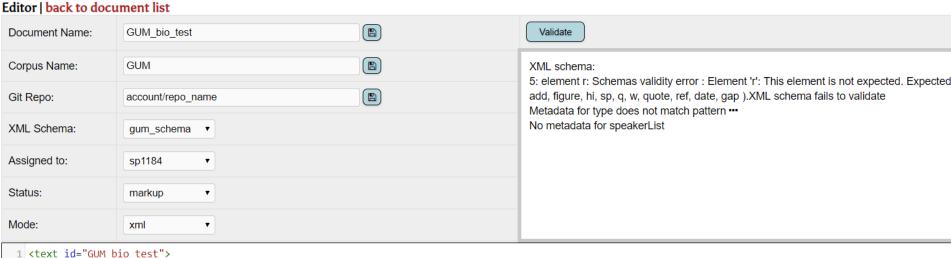
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3
     <head><s type="frag">Otto Jespersen</s></head>
    <s type="decl"><hi rend="bold">Jens Otto Harry Jespersen</hi> or <hi rend="bold">Otto Jespersen</hi>
    (Danish: [<ref>Λt<sup>s</sup>o 'jεsbesn</ref>]; <date when="1860-07-16">16 July 1860</date> - <date when=
    "1943-04-30">30 April 1943</date>) was a <ref>Danish</ref> <ref>linguist</ref> who specialized in the
     grammar of the <ref>English language</ref>.</s>
6
     <head><s type="frag">Early life</s></head>
☐ TEI markup (grid)
                                 date
                                 1925
ote
        decl
                                                                                          linguistic
                                                                                                   community
        After
                   retirement
                                           Jespersen
                                                     remained
                                                               active
                                                                         the
                                                                              international
    degree in <ref>French</ref>, with English and <ref>Latin</ref> as his secondary languages. </s><s type=
    "decl"> He supported himself during his studies through part-time work as a schoolteacher and as a
```

Metadata

Info for salt:/GUM/GUM_bio_jespersen						
Metadata						
document: GUM_bio_jespersen						
Name	Value					
author	Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia					
dateCollected	2017-09-13					
dateCreated	2001-12-19					
dateModified	2017-07-10					
id	GUM_bio_jespersen					
shortTitle	jespersen					
sourceURL	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otto_Jespersen					
speakerCount	0					
speakerList	none					
title	Otto Jespersen					
type	bio					
annis:doc	GUM_bio_jespersen					

GitDox validation for metadata and XML

XML validation using XSD



```
1 <text id="GUM_bio_test">
2 
3 <s type="decl"> This
4 is
5 <r>
6 an
7 </r>
8 example
9 </s>
10 
11 </text>
```

Spreadsheet mode validation

- Second step annotation spans in spreadsheet view:
 - Limit spans: <figure> can have <caption> but not <head>
 - Every word should be in some <s>
 - <head> spans must properly nest <s> spans
 - No nesting of <s> inside of <s>...

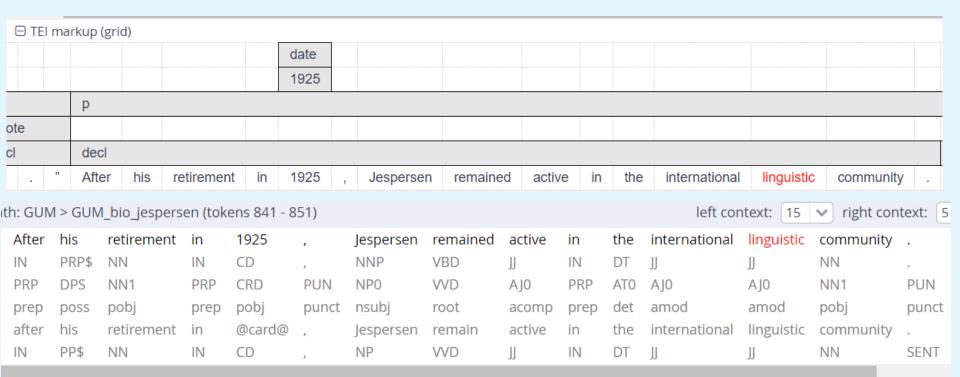
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1	tok	pos	lemma		text_id	head	s_type	
38	English	JJ	English	Spa	an break on l	ine 40 in colu	ımn head but	not s type
39	language	NN	language	-				,,,,,
40		SENT				head		
41	Early	JJ	early				frag	
42	life	NN	life					

Tokenization & POS tagging

- Tokenization:
 - Human corrections (PTB guidelines) after auto-tokenization
 - Annotated using GitDox: https://corpling.uis.georgetown.edu/gitdox/
- POS tagging:
 - Annotated from scratch
 - Use extended TreeTagger version (Schmid 1994) of PTB tagset (Santorini 1990)

Tokenization & POS tagging

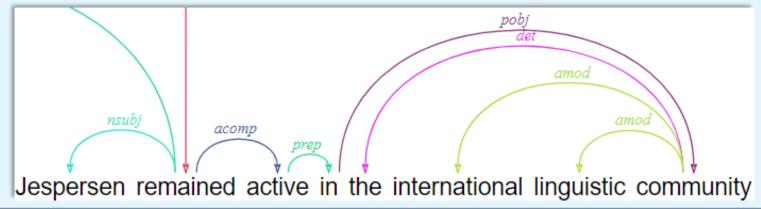
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Syntactic annotation - dependencies

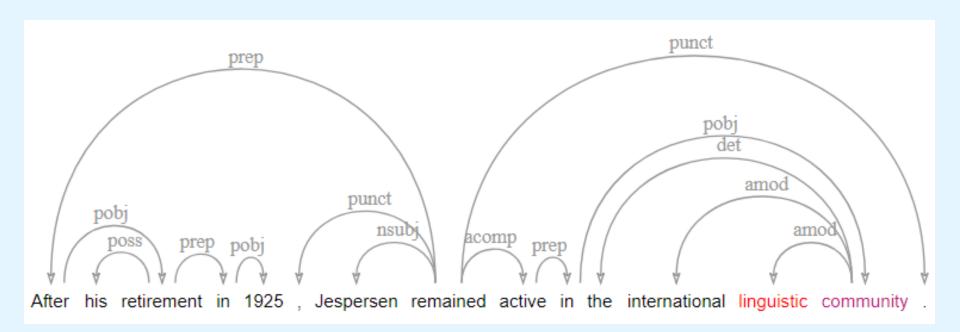
- Annotated using Arborator (Gerdes 2013):
 - http://corpling.uis.georgetown.edu/arborator/
- Correct auto-parsed Stanford Dependencies
 - Stable scheme for English based on PTB tags
 - Lexical head dependencies
 - Automatic conversion to Universal Dependencies

(UD)

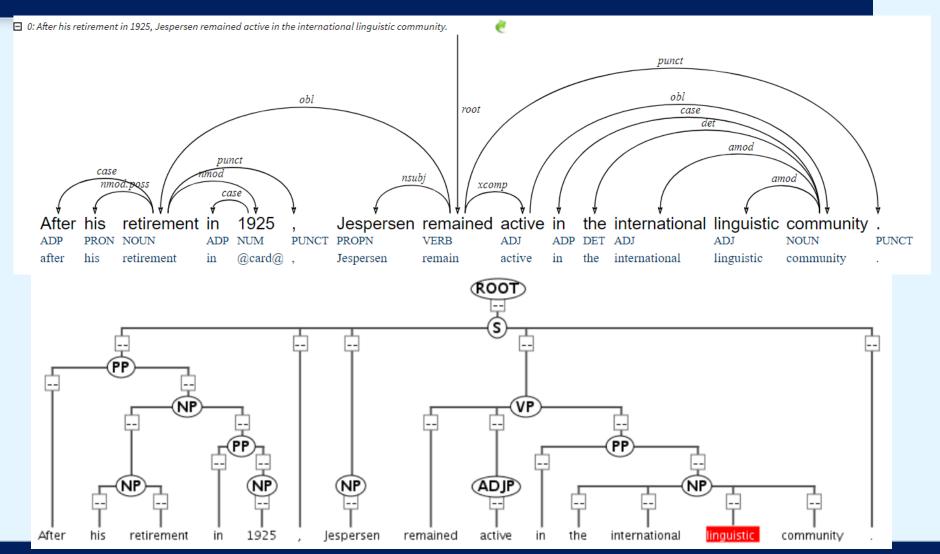


Syntactic annotation - SD

Searchable in ANNIS – students can look up similar cases



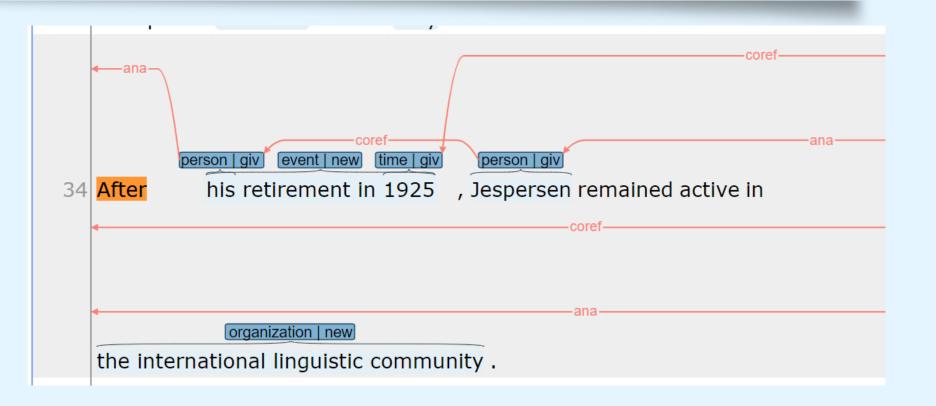
Syntactic conversions - UD & Const



IS - entities and coreference

- Annotated using WebAnno (Yimam et al. 2013):
 - https://webanno.github.io/
- Manual corrections of xrenner output:
 - https://corpling.uis.georgetown.edu/xrenner/
- Entity types, e.g. place, organization, person, etc.
 - Entity markables can be nested
 - Each entity could be *new*, *given*, or *accessible*
- Coreference types, e.g. ana, cata, bridge, etc.
 - Coreference produces chains: William Evans <- President <- he</p>
 - Bridging anaphora: the house ... <- the door (=of the house)</p>

Correcting entities and coreference



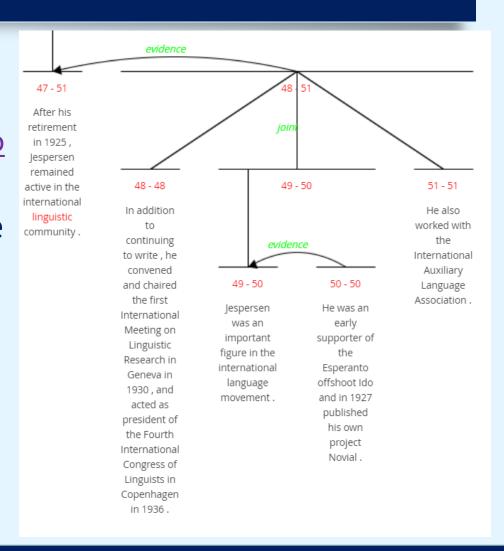
IS - entities and coreference

☐ refe	rents	(grid)												
entity				event						orga	nization				
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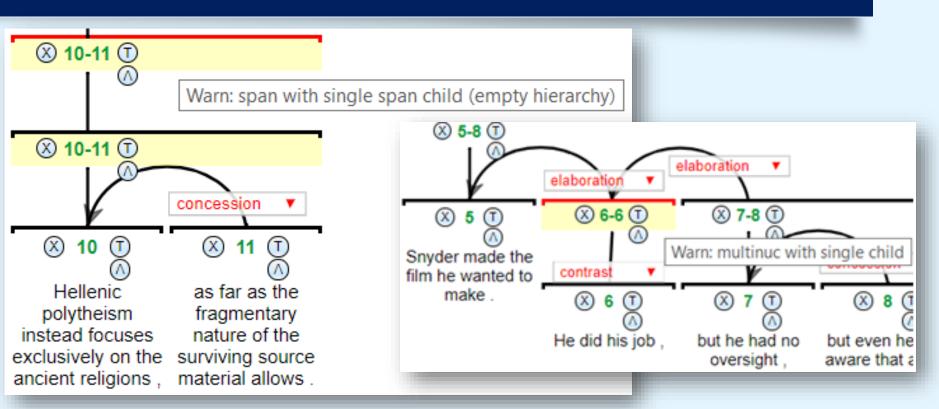
ideas they stand for . "After his retirement in 1925, Jespersen remained active in the international linguistic community. In addition to continuing to write, he convened and chaired the first International Meeting on Linguistic Research in Geneva in 1930, and acted as president of the Fourth International Congress of Linguists in Copenhagen in 1936. Jespersen was

Rhetorical Structure Theory (RST)

- Annotated using rstWeb:
 - https://corpling.uis.geo rgetown.edu/rstweb
- Elementary Discourse Units (EDUs) are related via rhetorical relations, e.g. evidence, explanation, etc.
- "Tree of clauses"



Validation for RST



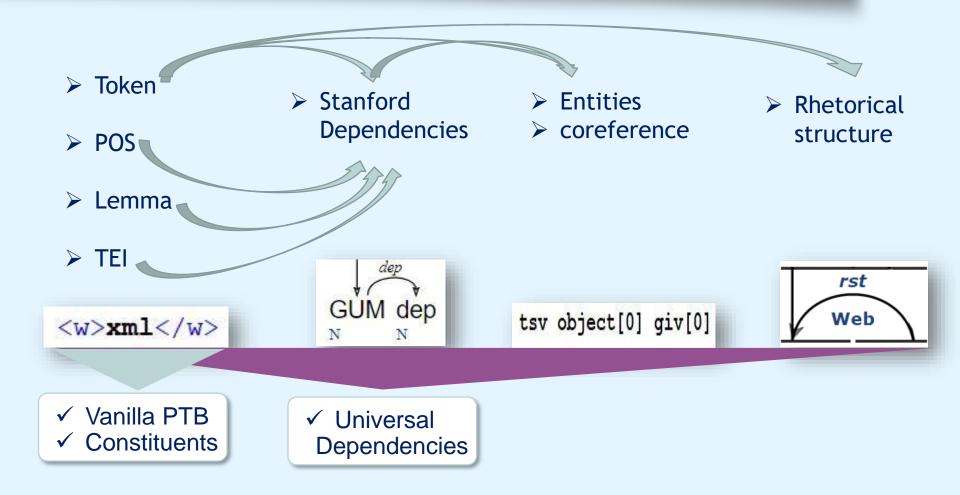
- No non-multinuclear with multiple non-span children
- No multinuclear span with single child
- No empty hierarchy

GUM Build bot

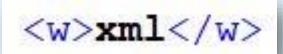
GUM Build bot

- Github is great for version control and collaboration
- GUM (https://github.com/amir-zeldes/gum) separates edit files for different annotations into four directories:
 - _build/src/xml, _build/src/dep, _build/src/tsv, _build/src/rst
- The GUM Build Bot merges sources using SaltNPepper (Zipser & Romary 2010)
- We will discuss three functionalities:
 - Propagation
 - Conversion
 - Validation/Error-catching

Propagation & Conversion



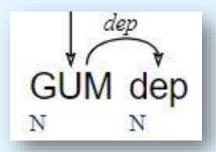
Within-directory validation - /xml



- > Token
- > POS
- > Lemma
- > TEI

Validation Error	#
Pos=/POS/ must have lemma=/'s/	70
Non-ASCII characters for punctuations	36
Pos=/VB*/ must have lemma=/be/	8
Pos=/VH*/ must have lemma=/have/	5
Pos=/VV*/ must not have lemma=/be/	1
(TEI) Sent_type=/intj/ must have pos=/UH/	NA
(TEI) Sent_type=/imp/ cannot have pos=/VVP/	NA

Within-directory validation - /dep & /tsv



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Dependencies

Validation Error	#
Unlisted mwe	66
Back-pointing func mwe	60
Back-pointing func conj	8
No cyclic dependency chains	NA
No invalid dependency relation label	NA

tsv object[0] giv[0]

- > Entities
- > coreference

Validation Error	#
No coreference clash	35
New markable should not have antecedent	12

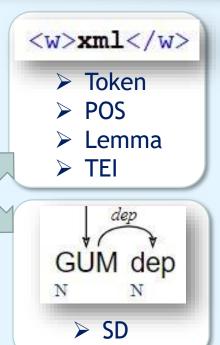
Within-directory validation - /rst



Rhetorical structure

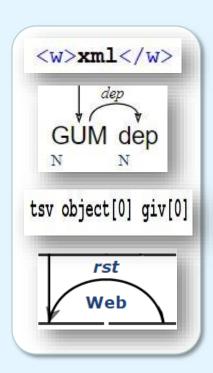
Validation Error	#
Non-multinuclear with multiple non-span children	161
Span with single span child	12

Cross-directory validation - /xml+/dep



Validation Error	#
Root of s_type=/frag/ may not have func=/nsubj/	14
Root of s_type=/imp/ may not have func=/nsubj/	9
Pos=/POS/ token must have func=/possessive/	7
Func=/aux/ must be lemma=/(be) (have) (do)/	6
Func=/possessive/ token must have pos=/POS/	3
Func=/auxpass/ must be lemma=/(be) (get)/	2

Cross-directory validation - all dirs



Validation Error	#
Same doc should have same sentence lengths	3
Dirs should have same number and names of files	NA
Same doc should have same token & sent counts	NA

Outlook

- UD conversion of GUM4 is available (Peng & Zeldes 2018):
 - https://github.com/UniversalDependencies/UD English-GUM
- GUM continues to grow look for version 5 in winter!

Thank you!

Slides available here: https://tinyurl.com/pengzeldes-aacl2018

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