Data dictionary of the MorphoLEX English database

Item-level variables

The following variables apply to the whole lexical item for each entry of the database.

ELP_ItemID

Unique ID used to identify the lexical item in the complete English Lexicon Project database.

Word

The lexical item.

POS

Part-of-speech of the lexical item.

Nmorph

Number of morphemes contained in the morphological segmentation of the lexical item.

PRS_signature

Prefix-Root-Suffix signature of the lexical item. This signature is composed of 3 numbers, each indicating the number of prefixes, roots, and suffixes identified in the segmentation of the lexical item. For example, a word with two prefixes, one root and one suffix will have the following PRS signature: 2-1-1.

MorphoLexSegm

Morphological segmentation of the lexical item, where each morpheme is represented by its canonical form.

Morpheme-level variables

The following variables were computed for each morpheme of the database. A given lexical item can contain many morphemes, and thus will have an instance of each of the morpheme-level variables for each of its morphemes.

These variables were named according to the following naming convention:

For example, the FamSize variable for the second prefix of a lexical item is named PREF2_FamSize. In the following descriptions, any of PREF#, ROOT#, SUFF# (where # stands for a number) can replace the X wildcard character.

X_PFMF

Percentage of words more frequent than the lexical item in the morphological family of the morpheme. For example, if PREF1_PFMF is equal to 0, this means the lexical item is the most frequent word containing the first prefix.

X_FamSize

Morphological family size of the morpheme, i.e. the number of lexical items containing the morpheme.

X_Freq_HAL

Cumulative HAL frequency of the morpheme over all lexical items in the English Lexicon Project database. For example, if a morpheme occurs in two lexical items, with respective HAL frequencies of 10 and 3, then the Freq.HAL of the morpheme is 13.

X_P

First morpheme productivity score. Takes a value between 0 and 1. Intuitively, this score captures the probability, according to a given corpus, that the morpheme appears in a hapax legomenon. It is defined as:

$$P_{C_m} = \frac{H_{C,m}}{STF_m}$$

where $H_{C,m}$ is the number of hapax legomena in corpus C containing the morpheme m, and STF_m is the summed token frequency of morpheme m, i.e. its X_Freq_HAL (see above).

X_P^*

Second morpheme productivity score. Takes a value between 0 and 1. Intuitively, this score captures the probability, according to a given corpus, that any hapax legomenon will contain the morpheme. It is defined as:

$$P_{C_m}^* = \frac{H_{C,m}}{H_C}$$

where $H_{C,m}$ is the same as in X_P and H_C is the total number of hapax legomena in corpus C.

X_length

Number of characters contained in the canonical form of the morpheme.