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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

NER	Named entity recognition
NLP	Natural Language Processing
POS	Part-of-speech also called lexical category
TUT	Tampere University of Technology

NOTES

0.1 Terms for Computational Linguistics

Bag-of-words

Clausal Complement

Constituent — In syntactic analysis, a constituent is a word or a group of words that function(s) as a single unit within a hierarchical structure. Many constituents are phrases. *Yesterday I saw* ***an orange bird with a white neck***

Corpus — A collection of texts with linguistic annotations.

Lemmatisation — Process of finding the base form of a word, e.g. flew -> fly

Lexeme — A basic lexical unit of a language consisting of one word or several words, the elements of which do not separately convey the meaning of the whole.

Parsing — Within computational linguistics the term is used to refer to the formal analysis by a computer of a sentence or other string of words into its constituents, resulting in a parse tree showing their syntactic relation to each other, which may also contain semantic and other information.

POS-tagging — Process of marking up a word to particular part-of-speech (nouns, verbs, etc...) based on both its definition and its context.

Skip-gram

Token — A structure representing a lexeme that explicitly indicates its categorization for the purpose of parsing.

Tree bank — Parsed text corpus that annotates syntactic or semantic sentence structure. Contains trees for sentences where phrases in a sentence are structured in a tree of syntactic or semantic relations. Very useful for training POS-taggers etc...

Word vector — vector('Paris') - vector('France') + Vector('Italy') -> vector('Rome')

0.2 Universal Dependecies

0.2.1 CoNNL-U format

Universal dependencies use CoNNL-U format for treebanks, CoNNL-U is revised version of CoNNL-X. Annotations are encoded in text files with word lines, blank lines for sentence boundaries and comments starting with hash (#).

Word lines consist of following columns:

ID	Word ID in sentence
FORM	Word form or punctuation symbol
LEMMA	Lemma or stem of word form
UPOSTAG	Universal part-of-speech tag
XPOSTAG	Language specific part-of-speech tag
FEATS	List of morphological features
HEAD	Head of the curren token, value of ID or zero (0)
DEPREL	Universal dependecy relation to the HEAD
DEPS	List of secondary dependencies
MISC	Any other annotation

Example in Finnish: Jäällä kävely avaa aina hauskoja ja erikoisia näkökulmia kaupunkiin

ID	FORM	LEMMA	UPOSTAG	XPOSTAG
1	Jäällä	jää	NOUN	N
2	kävely	kävely	NOUN	N
3	avaa	avata	VERB	V
4	aina	aina	ADV	Adv
5	hauskoja	hauska	ADJ	A
6	ja	ja	CONJ	C
7	erikoisia	erikoinen	ADJ	A
8	näkökulmia	näkö#kulma	NOUN	N
9	kaupunkiin	kaupunki	NOUN	N
10	.	.	PUNCT	Punct

FEATS
Case=Ade|Number=Sing
Case=Nom|Number=Sing
Mood=Ind|Number=Sing|Person=3|Tense=Pres|VerbForm=Fin|Voice=Act
_
Case=Par|Degree=Pos|Number=Plur
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Case=Par|Degree=Pos|Number=Plur
Case=Par|Number=Plur
Case=Ill|Number=Sing
_

HEAD	DEPREL	DEPS	MISC
2	nmod	_	_
3	nsubj	_	_
0	root	_	_
3	advmod	_	_
8	amod	_	_
5	cc	_	_
5	conj	8:amod	_
3	dobj	_	_
8	nmod	_	SpaceAfter=No

0.2.2 Universal POS tags

ADJ	Adjective. Describing word qualifying noun or noun phrase. **deep**, **intelligent**
ADP	Adposition. Word expressing spatial or temporal relations **under**, **around**, **before** or mark various semantic roles **of**, **for**
ADV	Adverb. Modifies another word. Typically express manner, place, time, frequency etc. She sang **loudly**. You are **quite** right.
AUX	Auxiliary verb. A verb used in forming the tenses, moods, and voices of other verbs. **Do** you want tea?. He **has** given his all.
CONJ	Coordinating conjunction. Conjunction placed between words, phrases, clauses or sentences of equal rank. **and**, **but**, **or**.
DET	Determiner. Expresses reference of a noun (group). **The** girl is **a** student. **Which** book is that?
INTJ	Interjection. Shows emotion or feeling of the author, includes exclamations, curses, greetings and such. **Ouch!**, **hey**, **huh?**.
NOUN	Noun. Denotes a person, animal, place thing or idea. The **cat** sat on a **mat**.
NUM	Numeral. Number, written with digits or letters. **12**, **eleven**.
PART	Particle. Cannot be inflected. Interjections and conjunctions. In finnish also **että**, **jotta**, **koska**, **kun** etc...
PRON	Pronoun. Replaces (often previously introduced) noun. Joe saw Jill, and **he** waved at **her**.
PUNCT	Punctuation. Full stop, comma, bracket etc.
SCONJ	Subordinating conjunction. A conjunction that introduces a subordinating clause, e.g. **although**, **because**, **whenever**.
SYM	Symbol.
VERB	Verb. Conveys an action **bring**, **read**, an occurrence **happen**, **become**, or a state of being **be**, **exist**.

X	Other

1. INTRODUCTION

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2. NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

2.1 Pre-processing

2.2 POS Tagging

2.3 Dependecy Parsing

2.4 Co-Reference Parsing

2.5 Sentence Segmentation

2.6 Lemmatisation

2.7 Synonym recognition

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