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AGI: Natural Language

Natural Language for Knowledge Representation

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[the order] = [Trump] directed his administration to reduce [covid testing].

[the revelation] = [Trump] revealed [the order].

[the claim] = [the order] was in jest.

[the assertion] = [the aides] made [the claim].

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[the aides] = Senior White House aides

[the defense] = [the assertion] defended [Trump].

[the insistence] = on Tuesday [Trump] insisted [the order] was serious.

[the shattering] = [the insistence] shattered [the defense].

Natural Language for Knowledge Representation

Is natural language a reflection of a general learning or knowledge representation architecture?

Will some NLP-motivated memory-based Transformer-like architecture ultimately underly general intelligence?

Natural Language Semantics

Thousands of civilians have fled advances by Syrian government forces in eastern Ghouta as ...

Stanford Parse Tree

Stanford Dependencies

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root(ROOT-0, fled-5)
aux(fled-5, have-4)
nsubj(fled-5, Thousands-1)
  nmod(Thousands-1, civilians-3)
    case(civilians-3, of-2)
dobj(fled-5, advances-6)
nmod(fled-5, forces-10)
  case(forces-10, by-7)
  amod(forces-10, Syrian-8)
  compound(forces-10, government-9)
  nmod(forces-10, Ghouta-13)
    case(Ghouta-13, in-11)
    amod(Ghouta-13, eastern-12)
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Just Parantheses

Reference (Entity Linking)

Thousands of civilians have fled advances by Syrian government forces in eastern Ghouta as Damascus makes rapid gains against the last major rebel enclave near the capital.

 $Damascus \Rightarrow Assad$

Rapid Gains \Rightarrow advances-6

the last major rebel enclave $\dots \Rightarrow$ Ghouta

the capital \Rightarrow Damascus

Reference vs. Composition

Functional programming is compositional

$$x = f(y, z)$$

The meaning of x is computed by f from the meaning of y and z.

But in language we typically have that f(y, z) is a mention and x is its referent.

(the last (major rebel enclave) (near (the capital)))

$$x = (\text{the last } Q P)$$

\mathbf{END}