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Learner Corpus Research Summer School

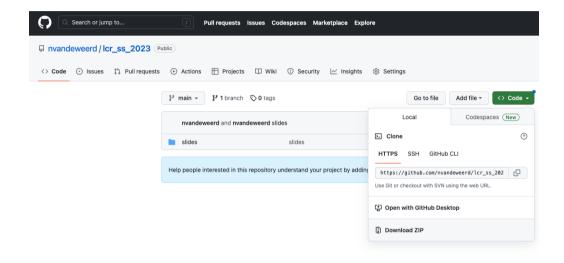
Automatic annotation of learner corpus data

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### All materials and sides available on GitHub



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# Introduction

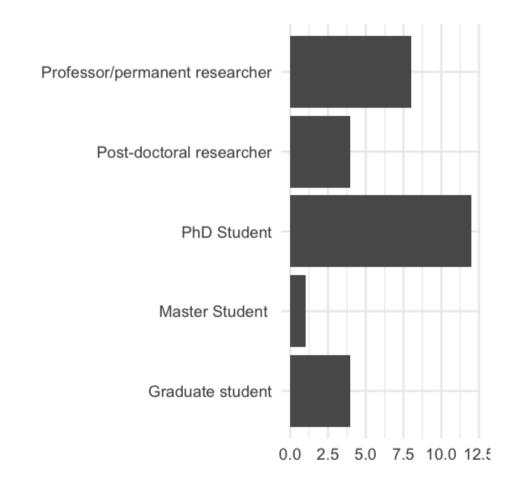
### About me

- **n** Radboud University Nijmegen
- Assistant professor in Language and Communication
- **Q** Research interests:
  - Phraseological complexity in L2 French
  - Accuracy of automatic transcription software for L2 data
  - Language development during study abroad
  - Crowdsourcing language assessment project



# About you





### Your goals

"the correlation between corpus building and its exploitation"

"most appropriate scientific approaches that one may use in analysing data from a learner corpus"

"I would like to know which new (or less new) software might be used to analyse the corpus."

"how to build my own machine-learning scheme when using topic modelling?"

"Secondly, I wish to get some theoretical knowledge & practical skills on programming"

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(van Rooy, 2015: 80)

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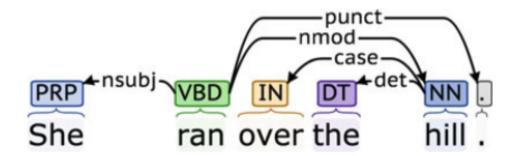
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# What are the advantages of automatic annotation?

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- 1. speed
- 2. reliability

# Today's session

- Text-preprocessing
- POS-tagging and lemmatization
- Hands on activity: POS-tagging and lemmatization
- Syntactic annotation

#### Coffee break

- Hands on activity: Syntactic annotation
- Accuracy measures
- Hands on activity: Calculating accuracy measures
- Final remarks

# How this workshop will work



Option 1. Webtools/Excel Option 2. R



# Text-preprocessing

### What do you notice about this text?

I agree that successful people try <e>news</e> things and take risk rather than only doing what they already know how to do well, for these reasons; By trying new things allow you to be curious to know how someone did it and you will find out how to do it too, that way it make you make a research. By trying new things allow you to be positive in your mind and to have a great desire to succed no matter how difficult is the situation. By trying new things you no that you should be openminded go through disscussion with people who have done the same thing to learn their ways of doing thing, you should meet or have conversation with a lot of these people in other to learn from their experiences. By trying new things you take a big risks, like in " french we say if you don't risk you don't have anything", risk in a goog way to takle something. We never know if we might succed or not the only way to do it is to risk. Since we do not loose anything when we risk.ed As for me doing the same thing every day become boring, i can say is a waste of energy and time, To conclude, people who succed try new things and take risks rather than only doing what they already know how to do well.

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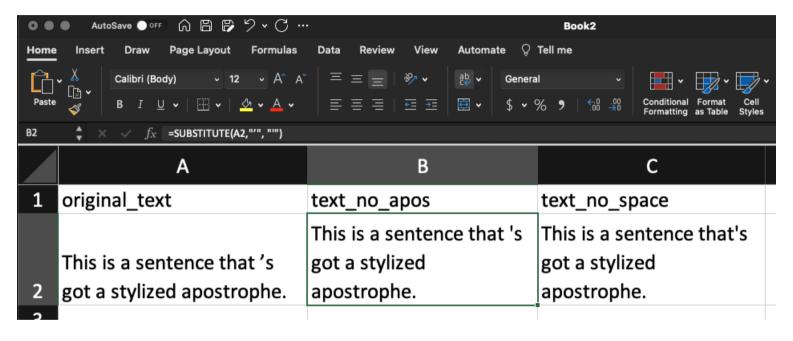
▲ Importance of knowing your corpus...

# Methods of text cleaning/preprocessing

- + Time intensive
  - Replicable

- 1. Manually
- 2. Semi-manually using search and replace (e.g., in Excel)
- 3. Semi-manually using regular expressions (e.g., in a text editor)
- 4. Semi-automatically using a script with regular expressions (e.g., in R or python)
  - Time intensive
    - **+** Replicable

# Text pre-processing in Excel



SUBSTITUTE() function (For more details see here)

```
=SUBSTITUTE(text, old_text, new_text, [instance_num])
=SUBSTITUTE(A2,"'", "'")
```

### Text pre-processing in R

```
library(stringr); library(dplyr)

text <- "This is a sentence that 's got a stylized apostrophe."

text %>%
    # replace stylized apostrophes
    str_replace_all("'", "'") %>%
    # remove spaces before apostrophes
    # if they are:
    # - preceded by the beginning of a string, space or final punctuation
    # - followed by only one or two letters (e.g., don't, they're)
    # - and then followed by either a space, final punctuation or end of string
    str_replace_all("[\\s\\.\\?\\!^]'([^\\s]{1,2}[\\s\\.\\?\\!$])", "'\\1")
```

## [1] "This is a sentence that's got a stylized apostrophe."

### With both approaches

▲ Test (and re-test) your pre-processing pipeline!

- Be careful of inadvertent changes (especially when using regular expressions) E.g. don't vs. he said 'don't worry'
- Be aware the different tools require different approaches (e.g., contractions separate or apart)
- Never edit the original corpus files!
- Keep track of any changes you make

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# So why is pre-processing so important?

```
[1] "I"
                                 "agree"
 [3] "that"
                                 "successful"
[5] "people"
                                 "try"
[7] "<e&gt;news&lt;/e&gt;"
                                 "things"
 [9] "and"
                                 "take"
[11] "risk"
                                 "rather"
[13] "than"
                                 "onlv"
[15] "doing"
                                 "what"
[17] "they"
                                 "already"
                                 "how"
[19] "know"
                                 "do"
     "to"
[23] "well, for"
                                 "these"
[25] "reasons;"
[27] "By"
                                 "trying"
[29] "new"
                                 "things"
```



### Tokenization

Token: "the smallest unit of a corpus" (Krause, Lüdeling, Odebrecht, and Zeldes, 2012: 2)

- = words, numbers, punctuation marks, quotation marks etc.
- = syllable, phoneme, etc...

#### Easiest method (for English):

- split tokens at spaces
- split sentences at periods (.), exclamation marks (!) or question marks (?)

What problems do you see with this method?

#### Potential problems:

- clitics (isn't, ain't)
- missing whitespace
- periods (etc., U.S.A., fig.)
- ordinal numbers
- multiword expressions (New York-based, 10 000, as well as)
- word-internal punctuation (relationship(s), "Rambo"-type)
- (de)hypthenation (preprocessing vs. pre-processing)
- quoted speech ("You still don't have an accountant?" Ellis said.)
- ideographic languages (e.g., Chinese, Japanese)

**Q** For more information about tokenization see Zeldes (2020) and Schmid (2008).



# POS-tagging and lemmatization

### Overview

Each word in the corpus is 'tagged' (labelled) with information about its grammatical category.

### Under the hood:

- 1. All tokens with unambiguous POS labels are assigned tags (e.g., on the basis of a dictionary)
- 2. Contextual features (e.g., surrounding tags, morphological endings) used in a statistical model to predict the tags of ambiguous items

She pronoun
sells verb
seashells noun
by preposition
the determiner
seashore noun
punctuation

(Kyle, 2021: 6)



### Tagsets for English

- CLAWS (Constituent Likelihood Automatic Word-tagging System)
  - CLAWS 5 = 60 tags
  - CLAWS 7 = 160 tags
- PENN Treebank Tagset
- BNC Tagset
- Universal POS tags

Different tagsets, (subtly) different theories of grammar

**Table 2.1** Four tagging solutions for English *rid* 

	I am now completely rid of such things	You are well rid of him	I got rid of the rubbish
CLAWS7 tagger <sup>a</sup>	Past participle	Past participle	Past participle
Infogistics <sup>b</sup>	Verb base	Verb base	Past participle
FreeLing <sup>c</sup>	Adjective	Verb base	Past participle
(Brill-based) GoTagger <sup>d</sup>	Adjective	Adjective	Adjective

(Newman and Cox, 2021: 21)

 $\bigcirc$  Select the tagset that is right for your data/research question.

### Example

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(ICLE-TS-NOUN-0005.1)

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**Verbs:** launged\_VVD, find\_VV0, is\_VBZ, are\_VBR

**Nouns:** media\_NN, fact\_NN1, AIDS\_NN1, county\_NN1, awareness\_NN1, people\_NN, mension\_NN1, campaigns\_NN2, fact\_NN1

= CLAWS C7 Tagset

(van Rooy, 2015: 80-81)

What does the tag PPIS2 refer to?

② What do you notice about the learner errors? (e.g., 'mension', 'is awareness campaigns')

# Types of output: Horizontal

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# Types of output: (Pseudo)-XML

```
<w id="2.1" pos="PPIS2">We</w>
<w id="2.2" pos="VV0">find</w>
<w id="2.3" pos="CST">that</w>
<w id="2.4" pos="II">in</w>
<w id="2.5" pos="NN1">fact</w>
<w id="2.6" pos="DD2">these</w>
<w id="2.7" pos="NN">people</w>
<w id="2.8" pos="VBR">are</w>
<w id="2.9" pos="AT">the</w>
<w id="2.10" pos="RGT">most</w>
<w id="2.11" pos="JJ">exposed</w>
<w id="2.12" pos="II">to</w>
<w id="2.13" pos="NN">media</w>
<w id="2.14" pos="XX">not</w>
<w id="2.15" pos="II">to</w>
<w id="2.16" pos="NN1">mension</w>
<w id="2.17" pos="AT">the</w>
<w id="2.18" pos="NN1">fact</w>
w id="2.19" pos="CST">that</w>
w id="2.20" pos="EX">there</w>
```

# Types of output: Vertical

##		idx	sntc	token	tag	lttr	wclass
##	1	1	1	We	PP	2	pronoun
##	2	2	1	find	VBP	4	verb
##	3	3	1	that	IN	4	preposition
##	4	4	1	in	IN	2	preposition
##	5	5	1	fact	NN	4	noun
##	6	6	1	these	DT	5	determiner
##	7	7	1	people	NNS	6	noun
##	8	8	1	are	VBP	3	verb
##	9	9	1	the	DT	3	determiner
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### Lemmatization

**Lemma:** "a 'base form', which provides a level of abstraction from any inflection that might appear in the original orthographic word."

(Newman and Cox, 2021: 29)

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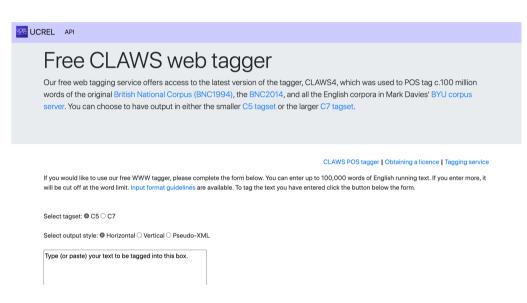
#### TreeTagger

#### Online TreeTagger

Annotate your texts with part-of-speech and lemma information using TreeTagger.



#### **CLAWS**





```
library(koRpus); library(koRpus.lang.en)
file <- "data/example_texts/ICLE-TS-NOUN-0005.1.txt"</pre>
treetag(
  file,
 treetagger="manual",
  lang="en",
 TT.options=list(
    # Change this to the location where TreeTagger is installed
    path="/Applications/tree-tagger",
    preset="en"
  doc id=basename(file)
```

⚠ Note: For this to work, both TreeTagger and the appropriate tagsets must first be installed locally on your computer. See instructions here

See this vignette for more information about the koRpus package.

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#### Questions

- 1. What do you notice about the ICLE texts? What pre-processing steps (if any) might be necessary before using automatic annotation tools?
- 2. R: What 'special characters' do you notice?
- 3. R: How many 'words' and 'sentences' does BRFF1065.txt contain?
- 4. R: What is the average sentence length of BRFF1065.txt?
- 5. WT: How many tokens were tagged with CLAWS (v5)?
- 6. WT: What is the tag for the base form of a lexical verb in the C5 tagset?
- 7. WT: What is the tag for the base form of a lexical verb in the C7 tagset?
- 8. WT: What is meant by '[VVZ/86] NN2/14'?
- 9. WT: What does the code '\@card\@' mean?
- 10. How many adjectives (JJ) are there in BRFF1065.txt?
- 11. How many common nouns (NN, NNS) are there in BRFF1065.txt?
- 12. How should you best deal with unknown lemmas?
- 13. What are the most frequent verb lemmas in the corpus?



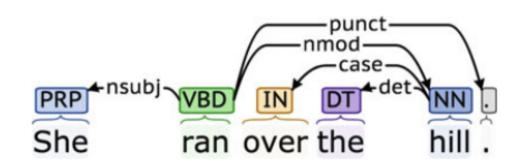
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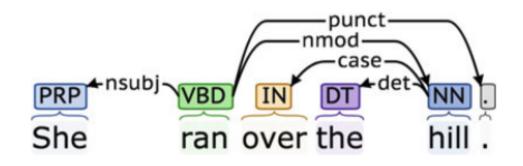
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3) Parse of She ran over the hill.

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(S

(NP (PRP She))

(VP (VBD ran)

(PP (IN over)

(NP (DT the) (NN hill))))

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## Dependency models for English

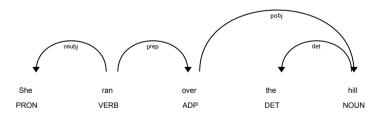
- Stanford CoreNLP
- spaCy
- Universal dependencies

Different models, (subtly) different theories of grammar

# Types of output: CoNLL

= Conference on Natural Language Learning

	doc_id	sentence_id	token_id	token	lemma	pos	head_token_id	dep_rel
1	text1	1	1	She	she	PRON	2	nsubj
2	text1	1	2	ran	run	VERB	2	ROOT
3	text1	1	3	over	over	ADP	2	prep
4	text1	1	4	the	the	DET	5	det
5	text1	1	5	hill	hill	NOUN	3	pobj
6	text1	1	6	•	•	PUNCT	2	punct



### Types of output: FoLiA XML

= Format for Linguistic Annotation

```
<t>He hits Mr. Smith. That came quite expected!</t>
 <s xml:id="example.p.1.s.1">
  <t offset="0">He hits Mr. Smith.</t>
  <w xml:id="example.p.1.s.1.w.1"><t offset="0">He</t>/w>
  <w xml:id="example.p.1.s.1.w.2"><t offset="3">hits</t>
    <morphology>
        <morpheme class="lexical" function="lexical">
         <t offset="0">hit</t>
        </morpheme>
        <morpheme class="suffix" function="inflectional">
         <t offset="3">s</t>
        </morpheme>
    </morphology>
   </w>
  < w \times m! : id = "example.p.1.s.1.w.3" > < t offset = "8" > Mr. < / t > < / w >
  <w xml:id="example.p.1.s.1.w.4" space="no"><t offset="10">Smith</t></w>
  < w xml:id = "example.p.1.s.1.w.5" > < t offset = "15" > . < / t > < / w >
 </s>
```

## Types of output: json

```
[1] "{"
                                              [2] " \"text\": \"She ran over the hill\","
                                               format.
[3] " \"ents\": [],"
[4] " \"sents\": ["
[5] "
      \"start\": 0,"
         \"end\": 21"
     \"tokens\": ["
[11] "
       \"id\": 0,"
[12] "
      \"start\": 0,"
[13] "
[14] "
       \"end\": 3,"
       \"tag\": \"PRP\","
[15] "
       \"pos\": \"PRON\","
[16] "
[17] "
       \"morph\": \"Case=Nom|Gender=Fem|Number=Sing|Person=3|PronType=Prs\","
[18] "
        \"lemma\": \"she\","
[19] "
         \"dep\": \"nsubj\","
          \"head\": 1"
[20] "
[21] "
[22] "
וי [ככ]
         \";4\". 1 "
```

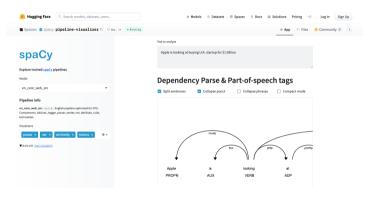
### Webtools

#### CoreNLP



▲ Note: May not be available due to planned outage from June 24th-July 3rd.

### Hugging Face spaCy visualizer



### R

```
library(spacyr)
spacy_initialize(model = "en_core_web_sm")
text <- "She ran over the hill."
spacy_parse(text, dependency = TRUE)</pre>
```

A Note: For this to work, spaCy must be installed locally on your computer but this can be done within the spaCy package using the spacy\_install() function.

See this vignette for more information about the **spacyr** package.

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#### Questions

- 1. Which word is the final period dependent on?
- 2. What type of dependency relationships are marked by 'amod' and 'dobi'?
- 3. How many amod dependencies are there in this text?
- 4. What adjective modifies the word 'difference'?
- 5. What is the object of the verb 'control'?
- 6. R: What is the most frequency dependency relation in the corpus?
- 7. R: What is the average length of noun phrases in the corpus?



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