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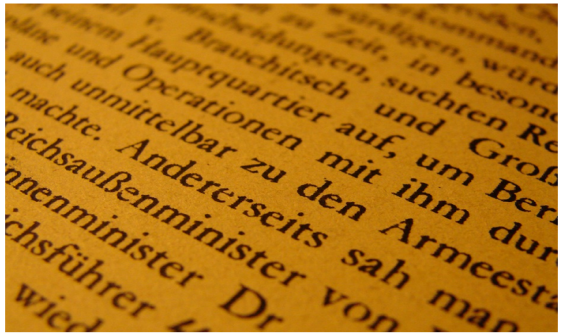
Natural Language



(http://expertenough.com/2392/german-language-hacks)

日本語で

冬(ふゆ)は世界各地(せかいかくち)でさまざまなお祝(いわ)いが行(おこな)われる時期(じき)です。ほんのいくつか例(れい)を挙(あ)げるだけでも、ハナカ、クリスマス、クワンザ、新年(しんねん)などさまざまなお祝(いわ)いがあります。各文化(かくぶんか)によってその祝(いわ)い方(かた)はさまざまですが、ほとんどのお祝(いわ)いにはごちそうが欠(か)かせません。

(http://www.transparent.com/learn-japanese/articles/dec_99.html)

Artificial Language

```
try {
    cMessage = messageQueue.take();
    for (AsyncContext ac : queue) {
        try {
            PrintWriter acWriter = ac.g
            acWriter.println(cMessage);
            acWriter.flush();
        } catch(IO
            System
            queue.
        }
    }
} catch(Interrupte
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format(String forma
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printf(String forma
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(https://netbeans.org/features/java/)

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def add5(x):
    return x+5

def dotwrite(ast):
    nodename = getNodename()
    label=symbol.sym_name.get(int(ast[0]),ast[0])
    print '    %s [label="%s' % (nodename,label),
    if isinstance(ast[1], str):
        if ast[1].strip():
            print '= %s"];' % ast[1]
        else:
            print '"]'
    else:
        print '"];'
        children = []
        for n, child in enumerate(ast[1:]):
            children.append(dotwrite(child))
        print '    %s -> {' % nodename,
        for name in children:
            print '%s' % name,
```

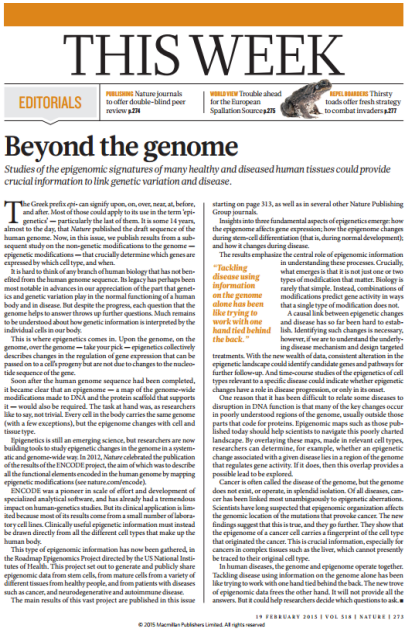
(http://noobite.com/learn-programming-start-with-python/)

Language

A vocabulary consists of a set of words (w_i)

(http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/vocabulary-games)

A text is composed of a sequence of words from a vocabulary



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Beyond the genome

Studies of the epigenomic signatures of many healthy and diseased human tissues could provide crucial information to link genetic variation and disease.

The Greek prefix epi- can signify upon, on, over, next, at, before, and after. Most of those could apply to its use in the term 'epigenetics' — particularly the last of them. It is some 14 years, almost to the day, that *Nature* published the draft sequence of the human genome. Now, in this issue, we publish results from a subsequent study on the non-genetic modifications to the genome — epigenetic modifications — that crucially determine which genes are expressed by which cell type, and when.

It is hard to think of any branch of human biology that has not benefited from the human genome sequence. Its legacy has perhaps been most notable in advances in our appreciation of the part that genetics and genetic variation play in the normal functioning of a human body and in disease. But despite the progress, each question that the genome helps to answer throws up further questions. Much remains to be understood about how genetic information is interpreted by the individual cells in our body.

This is where epigenetics comes in. Upon the genome, on the genome, over the genome — take your pick — epigenetics collectively describes changes in the regulation of gene expression that can be passed on to a cell's progeny but are not due to changes to the nucleotide sequence of the gene.

Soon after the human genome sequence had been completed, it became clear that an epigenome — a map of the genome-wide modifications made to DNA and the protein scaffold that supports it — would also be required. The task at hand was, as researchers like to say, not trivial. Every cell in the body carries the same genome (with a few exceptions), but the epigenome changes with cell and tissue type.

Epigenetics is still an emerging science, but researchers are now building tools to study epigenetic changes in the genome in a systematic and genome-wide way. In 2012, *Nature* celebrated the publication of the results of the ENCODE project, the aim of which was to describe all the functional elements encoded in the human genome by mapping epigenetic modifications (see nature.com/encode).

ENCODE was a pioneer in scale of effort and development of specialized analytical software, and has already had a tremendous impact on human-genetics studies. But its clinical application is limited because most of its results come from a small number of laboratory cell lines. Clinically useful epigenetic information must instead be drawn directly from all the different cell types that make up the human body.

This type of epigenomic information has now been gathered, in the Roadmap Epigenomics Project directed by the US National Institutes of Health. This project set out to generate and publicly share epigenomic data from stem cells, from mature cells from a variety of different tissues from healthy people, and from patients with diseases such as cancer, and neurodegenerative and autoimmune disease.

The main results of this vast project are published in this issue starting on page 313, as well as in several other Nature Publishing Group journals.

Insights into three fundamental aspects of epigenetics emerge: how the epigenome affects gene expression; how the epigenome changes during stem-cell differentiation (that is, during normal development); and how it changes during disease.

The results emphasize the central role of epigenomic information in understanding these processes. Crucially, what emerges is that it is not just one or two types of modification that matter. Biology is rarely that simple. Instead, combinations of modifications predict gene activity in ways that a single type of modification does not.

"Tackling disease using information on the genome alone has been like trying to work with one hand tied behind the back."

A causal link between epigenetic changes and disease has so far been hard to establish. Identifying such changes is necessary; however, if we are to understand the underlying disease mechanism and design targeted treatments. With the new wealth of data, consistent alteration in the epigenetic landscape could identify candidate genes and pathways for further follow-up. And time-course studies of the epigenetics of cell types relevant to a specific disease could indicate whether epigenetic changes have a role in disease progression, or only in its onset.

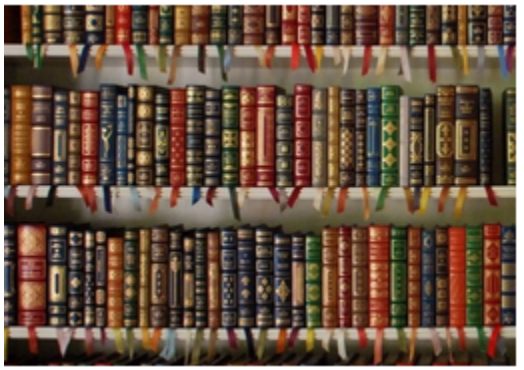
One reason that it has been difficult to relate some diseases to disruption in DNA function is that many of the key changes occur in poorly understood regions of the genome, usually outside those parts that code for proteins. Epigenomic maps such as those published today should help scientists to navigate this poorly charted landscape. By overlaying these maps, made in relevant cell types, researchers can determine, for example, whether an epigenetic change associated with a given disease lies in a region of the genome that regulates gene activity. If it does, then this overlap provides a possible lead to be explored.

Cancer is often called the disease of the genome, but the genome does not exist, or operate, in splendid isolation. Of all diseases, cancer has been linked most unambiguously to epigenetic aberrations. Scientists have long suspected that epigenomic organization affects the genomic location of the mutations that provoke cancer. The new findings suggest that this is true, and they go further. They show that the epigenome of a cancer cell carries a fingerprint of the cell type that originated the cancer. This is crucial information, especially for cancers in complex tissues such as the liver, which cannot presently be traced to their original cell type.

In human diseases, the genome and epigenome operate together. Tackling disease using information on the genome alone has been like trying to work with one hand tied behind the back. The new trove of epigenomic data frees the other hand. It will not provide all the answers. But it could help researchers decide which questions to ask. ■

(http://www.nature.com/polopoly_fs/1.16929!/menu/main/topColumns/topLeftColumn/pdf/518273a.pdf)

A language is constructed of a set of all possible texts



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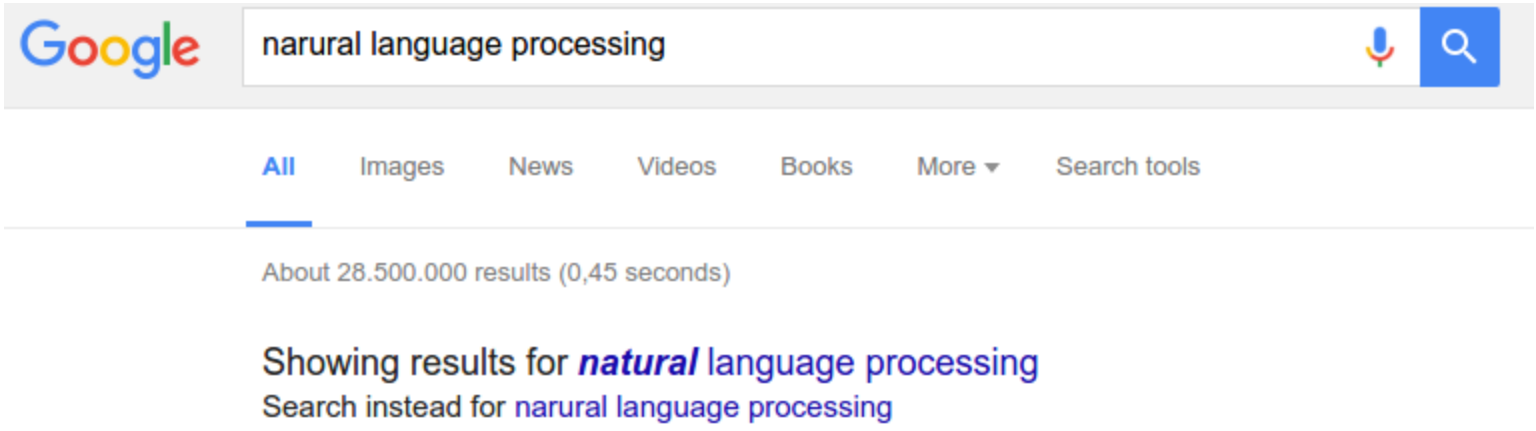
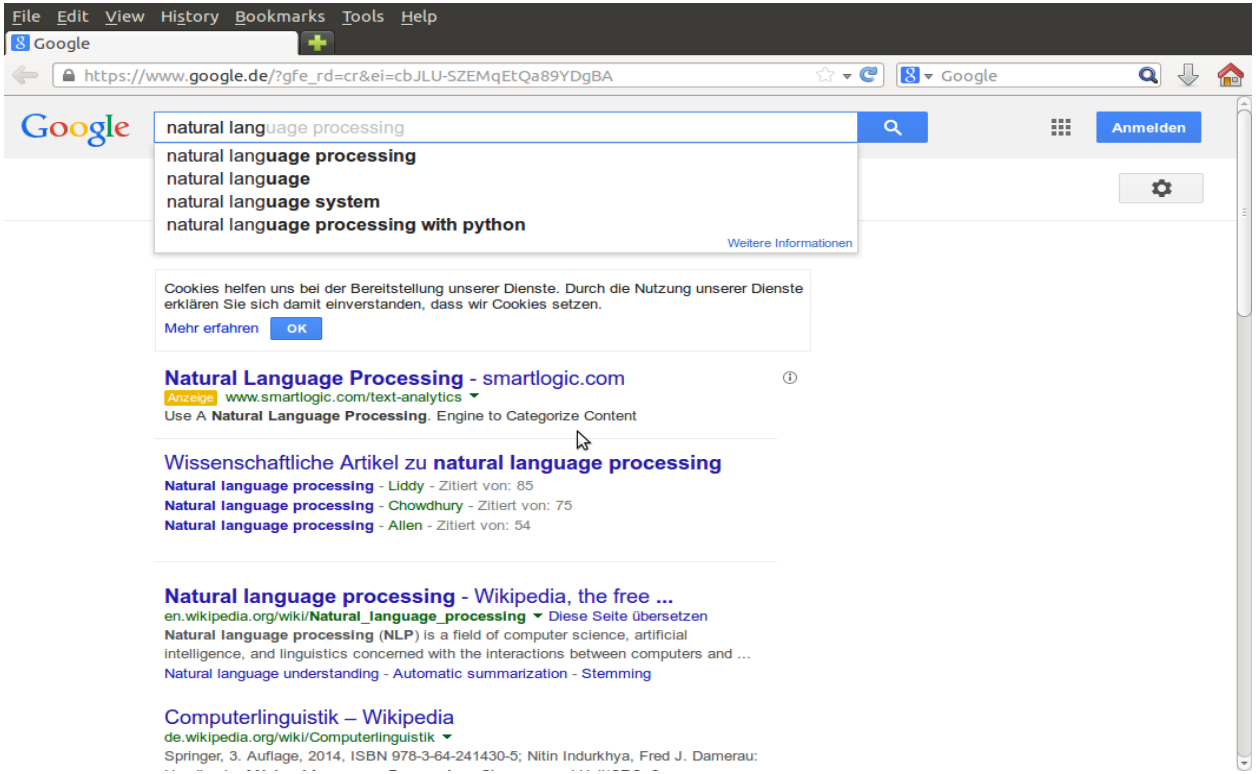
Spell and Grammar Checking

- Checking spelling and grammar
- Suggesting alternatives for the errors



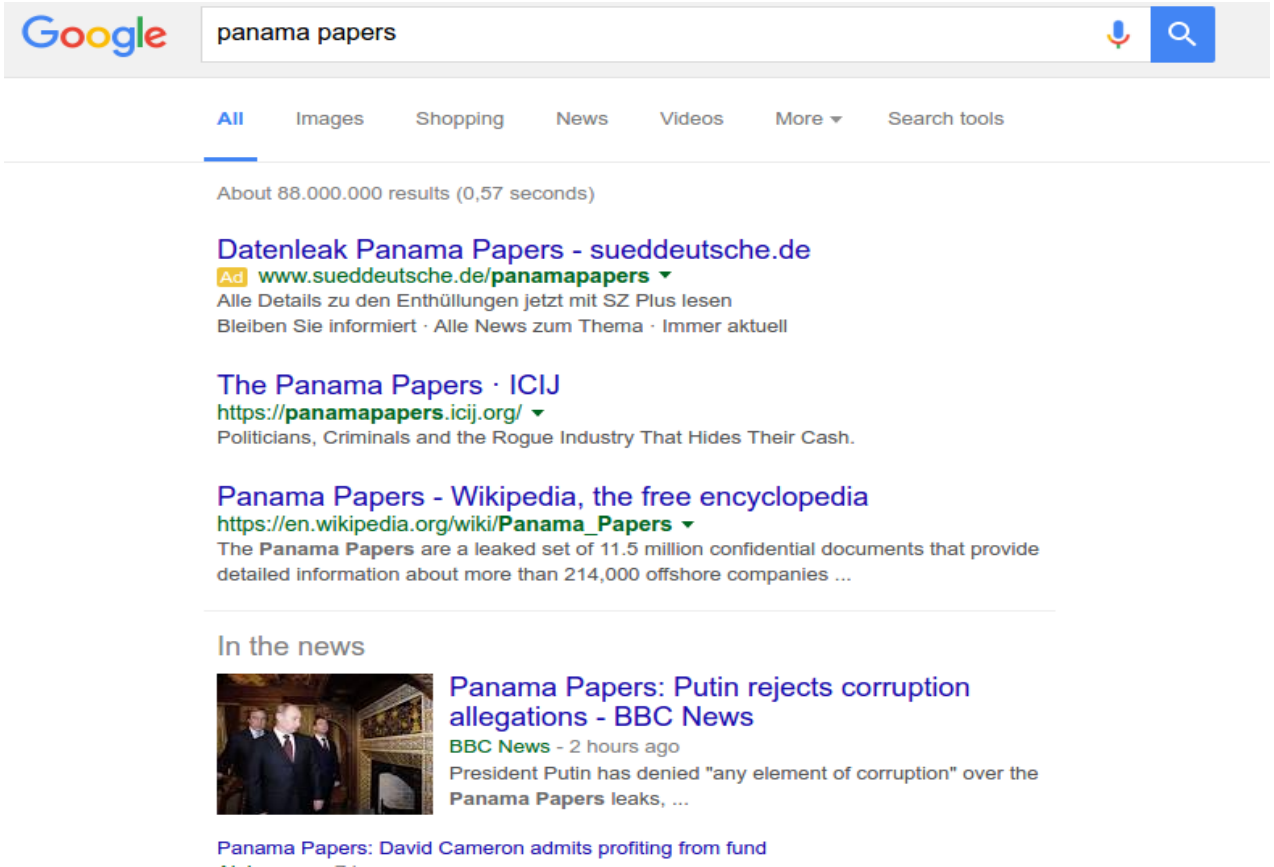
Word Prediction

- Predicting the next word that is highly probable to be typed by the user



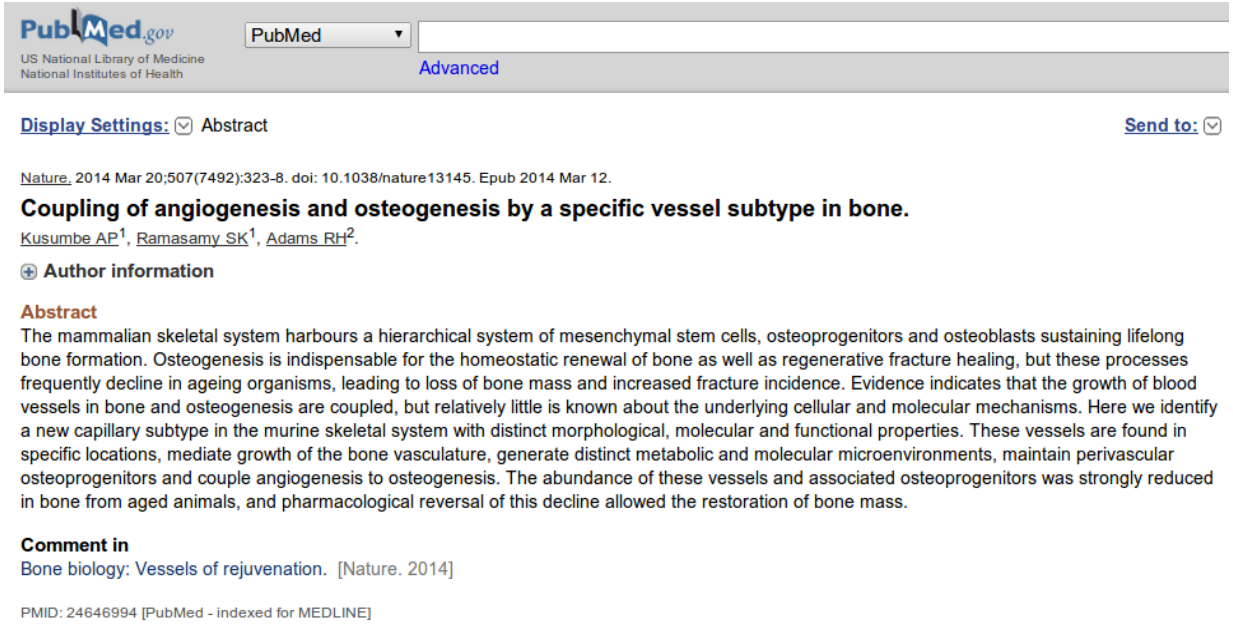
Information Retrieval

- Finding relevant information to the user's query



Text Categorization

- Assigning one (or more) pre-defined category to a text



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Coupling of angiogenesis and osteogenesis by a specific vessel subtype in bone.

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Abstract

The mammalian skeletal system harbours a hierarchical system of mesenchymal stem cells, osteoprogenitors and osteoblasts sustaining lifelong bone formation. Osteogenesis is indispensable for the homeostatic renewal of bone as well as regenerative fracture healing, but these processes frequently decline in ageing organisms, leading to loss of bone mass and increased fracture incidence. Evidence indicates that the growth of blood vessels in bone and osteogenesis are coupled, but relatively little is known about the underlying cellular and molecular mechanisms. Here we identify a new capillary subtype in the murine skeletal system with distinct morphological, molecular and functional properties. These vessels are found in specific locations, mediate growth of the bone vasculature, generate distinct metabolic and molecular microenvironments, maintain perivascular osteoprogenitors and couple angiogenesis to osteogenesis. The abundance of these vessels and associated osteoprogenitors was strongly reduced in bone from aged animals, and pharmacological reversal of this decline allowed the restoration of bone mass.

Comment in

Bone biology: Vessels of rejuvenation. [Nature. 2014]

PMID: 24646994 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

MeSH Terms

Aging/metabolism
Aging/pathology
Animals
Blood Vessels/anatomy & histology
Blood Vessels/cytology
Blood Vessels/growth & development
Blood Vessels/physiology*
Bone and Bones/blood supply*
Bone and Bones/cytology
Endothelial Cells/metabolism
Hypoxia-Inducible Factor 1, alpha Subunit/metabolism
Male
Mice
Mice, Inbred C57BL
Neovascularization, Physiologic/physiology*
Osteoblasts/cytology
Osteoblasts/metabolism
Osteogenesis/physiology*
Oxygen/metabolism
Stem Cells/cytology
Stem Cells/metabolism

Text Categorization

http://www.uclassify.com/browse/mvazquez/News-Classifier

Summarization

- Generating a short summary from one or more documents, sometimes based on a given query

This is a 7 sentence summary of http://hpi.de/en/news/jahrgaenge/2015/des...

Summary processing at low priority, upgrade to BOOST

Design Thinking Week: Students Improve the Daily Life Experience for People with Illiteracies

On the occasion of the World Literacy Day on September 8 more than 40 young innovators applied their Design Thinking skills in order to make life easier for these people.

Here, the focus was especially on the possibilities of using digital technologies and computers to better the daily obstacles in life of the people concerned.

Under the guidance of the D-School's coaches the teams researched, developed and prototyped - and could present many versatile solutions in the end: e.g. one of the groups came up with an idea for a software program that lets internet browsers read texts, functions and links out loud so that people with reading problems can still use news sites or social networks like Facebook.

http://smmry.com/

Summarization

General annotation (Comments)

Function	Acts as a tumor suppressor in many tumor types; induces growth arrest or apoptosis depending on the physiological circumstances and cell type. Involved in cell cycle regulation as a trans-activator that acts to negatively regulate cell division by controlling a set of genes required for this process. One of the activated genes is an inhibitor of cyclin-dependent kinases. Apoptosis induction seems to be mediated either by stimulation of BAX and FAS antigen expression, or by repression of Bcl-2 expression. In cooperation with mitochondrial PPIF is involved in activating oxidative stress-induced necrosis; the function is largely independent of transcription. Induces the transcription of long intergenic non-coding RNA p21 (lincRNA-p21) and lincRNA-Mkln1. LincRNA-p21 participates in TP53-dependent transcriptional repression leading to apoptosis and seem to have to effect on cell-cycle regulation. Implicated in Notch signaling cross-over. Prevents CDK7 kinase activity when associated to CAK complex in response to DNA damage, thus stopping cell cycle progression. Isoform 2 enhances the transactivation activity of isoform 1 from some but not all TP53-inducible promoters. Isoform 4 suppresses transactivation activity and impairs growth suppression mediated by isoform 1. Isoform 7 inhibits isoform 1-mediatedapoptosis. Ref.34 Ref.42 Ref.61 Ref.66 Ref.70 Ref.93 Ref.95 Ref.107 Ref.110 Ref.122 Ref.125
Cofactor	Binds 1 zinc ion per subunit.
Subunit structure	Interacts with AXIN1. Probably part of a complex consisting of TP53, HIPK2 and AXIN1 By similarity. Binds DNA as a homotetramer. Interacts with histone acetyltransferases EP300 and methyltransferases HRMT1L2 and CARM1, and recruits them to promoters. In vitro, the interaction of TP53 with cancer-associated/HPV (E6) viral proteins leads to ubiquitination and degradation of TP53 giving a possible model for cell growth regulation. This complex formation requires an additional factor, E6-AP, which stably associates with TP53 in the presence of E6. Interacts (via C-terminus) with TAF1; when TAF1 is part of the TFIID complex. Interacts with ING4; this interaction may be indirect. Found in a complex with CABLES1 and TP73. Interacts with HIPK1, HIPK2, and TP53INP1. Interacts with WWOX. May interact with HCV core protein. Interacts with USP7 and SYVN1. Interacts with HSP90AB1. Interacts with CHD8; leading to recruit histone H1 and prevent transactivation activity By similarity. Interacts with ARMC10, BANP, CDKN2AIP, NUAK1, STK11/LKB1, UHRF2 and E4F1. Interacts with YWHAZ; the interaction enhances TP53 transcriptional activity. Phosphorylation of YWHAZ on 'Ser-58' inhibits this interaction. Interacts (via DNA-binding domain) with MAML1 (via N-terminus). Interacts with MKRN1. Interacts with PML (via C-terminus). Interacts with MDM2; leading to ubiquitination and proteasomal degradation of TP53. Directly interacts with FBXO42; leading to ubiquitination and degradation of TP53. Interacts (phosphorylated at Ser-15 by ATM) with the phosphatase PP2A-PPP2R5C holoenzyme; regulates stress-induced TP53-dependent inhibition of cell proliferation. Interacts with PPP2R2A. Interacts with AURKA, DAXX, BRD7 and TRIM24. Interacts (when monomethylated at Lys-382) with L3MBTL1. Isoform 1 interacts with isoform 2 and with isoform 4. Interacts with GRK5. Binds to the CAK complex (CDK7, cyclin H and MAT1) in response to DNA damage. Interacts with CDK5 in neurons. Interacts with AURKB, SETD2, UHRF2 and NOC2L. Interacts (via N-terminus) with PTK2/FAK1; this promotes ubiquitination by MDM2. Interacts with PTK2B/PYK2; this promotes ubiquitination by MDM2. Interacts with PRKCG. Interacts with PPIF; the association implicates preferentially tetrameric TP53, is induced by oxidative stress and is impaired by cyclosporin A (CsA). Interacts with human cytomegalovirus/HHV-5 protein UL123. Interacts with SNAI1; the interaction induces SNAI1 degradation via MDM2-mediated ubiquitination and inhibits SNAI1-induced cell invasion. Interacts with KAT6A. Interacts with UBC9. Interacts with ZNF385B; the interaction is direct. Interacts (via DNA-binding domain) with ZNF385A; the interaction is direct and enhances p53/TP53 transactivation functions on cell-cycle arrest target genes, resulting in growth arrest. Interacts with ANKRD2. Interacts with RFFL (via RING-type zinc finger); involved in p53/TP53 ubiquitination. Ref.8 Ref.34 Ref.38 Ref.42 Ref.43 Ref.54 Ref.55 Ref.56 Ref.57 Ref.58 Ref.59 Ref.61 Ref.62 Ref.64 Ref.65 Ref.66 Ref.67 Ref.68 Ref.72 Ref.73 Ref.74 Ref.75 Ref.76 Ref.78 Ref.80 Ref.81 Ref.83 Ref.86 Ref.87 Ref.88 Ref.89 Ref.92 Ref.93 Ref.94 Ref.99 Ref.101 Ref.103 Ref.105 Ref.106 Ref.107 Ref.112 Ref.113 Ref.116 Ref.117 Ref.119 Ref.121 Ref.122 Ref.124 Ref.125 Ref.126 Ref.127 Ref.129 Ref.137 Ref.138 Ref.139 Ref.140 Ref.141 Ref.151

Question answering

- Answering questions with a short answer

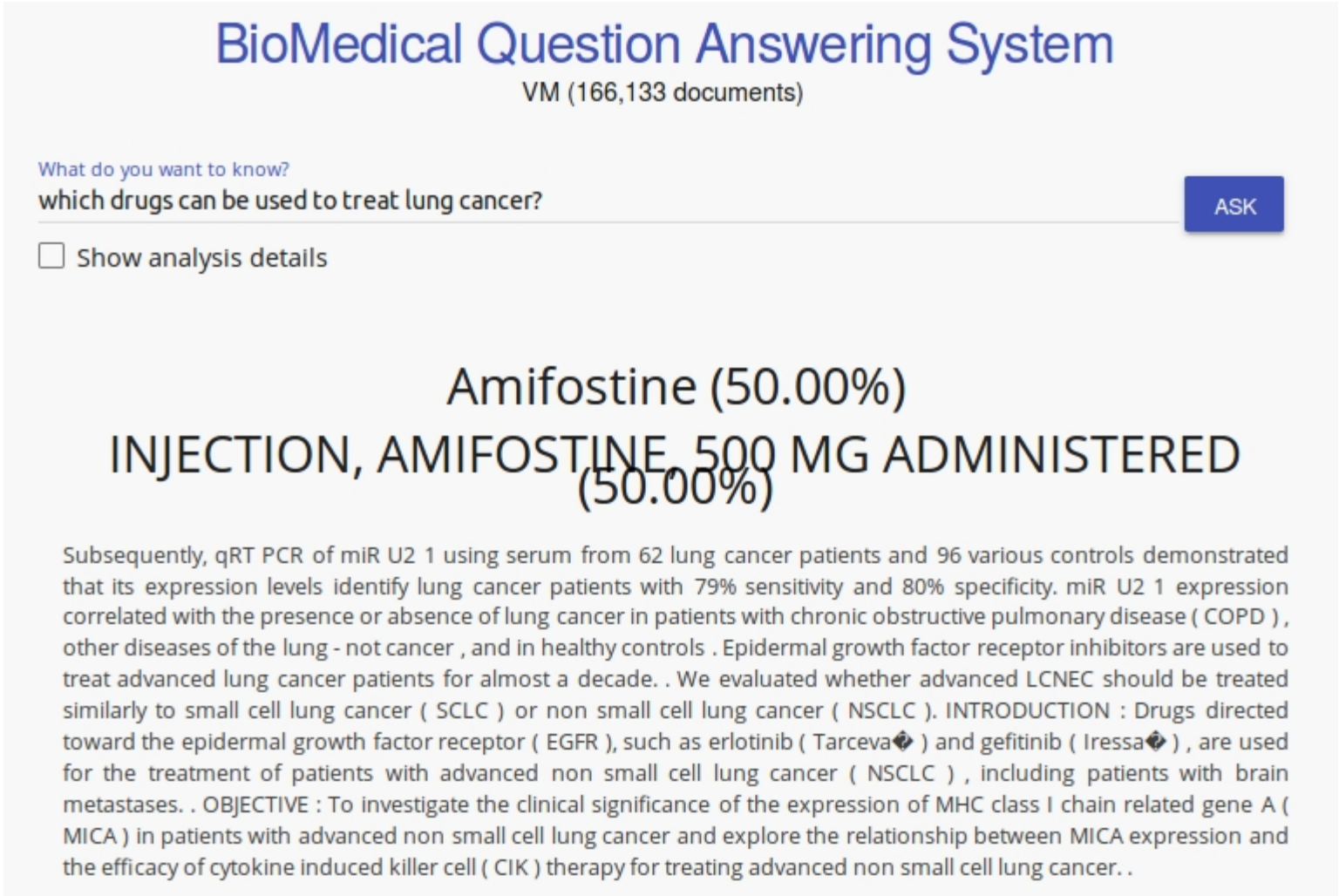
===> what countries speak Spanish

The language Spanish is spoken in Argentina, Aruba, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas), Gibraltar, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Martin, Sint Maarten, Spain, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Virgin Islands.

The language Castilian Spanish is spoken in Spain.

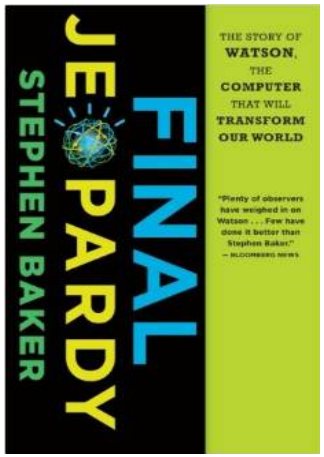
http://start.csail.mit.edu/index.php

Question Answering & Summarization



Question answering

- IBM Watson in Jeopardy



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFR3lOm_xhE

Information Extraction

- Extracting important concepts from texts and assigning them to slot in a certain template

Angela Merkel

Merkel at the EPP Summit, March 2016

Chancellor of Germany	
Incumbent	
Assumed office	22 November 2005
President	Horst Köhler Christian Wulff Joachim Gauck
Deputy	Franz Müntefering Frank-Walter Steinmeier Guido Westerwelle Philipp Rösler Sigmar Gabriel
Preceded by	Gerhard Schröder
Leader of the Christian Democratic Union	
Incumbent	
Assumed office	10 April 2000
Preceded by	Wolfgang Schäuble
Minister for the Environment	
In office	17 November 1994 – 26 October 1998
Chancellor	Helmut Kohl
Preceded by	Klaus Töpfer
Succeeded by	Jürgen Trittin
Minister for Women and Youth	
In office	18 January 1991 – 17 November 1994
Chancellor	Helmut Kohl
Preceded by	Ursula Lehr
Succeeded by	Claudia Nolte
Personal details	
Born	Angela Dorothea Kasner 17 July 1954 (age 61) Hamburg, West Germany
Political party	Democratic Awakening (1989–1990) Christian Democratic Union (1990–present)
Spouse(s)	Ulrich Merkel (1977–1982) Joachim Sauer (1998–present)
Alma mater	Leipzig University
Religion	Lutheranism (within Evangelical Church)
Signature	

Information Extraction

- Includes named-entity recognition

Helicopters will patrol the temporary no-fly zone around New Jersey's MetLife Stadium Sunday, with F-16s based in Atlantic City **ready** to be scrambled if an unauthorized aircraft does enter the restricted airspace.

Down below, **bomb-sniffing** dogs will patrol the trains and buses that are expected to take approximately 30,000 of the **80,000-plus** spectators to Sunday's Super Bowl between the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks.

The Transportation Security Administration said it has added about two dozen dogs to monitor passengers coming in and out of the airport around the Super Bowl.

http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/demo_view/Wikifier

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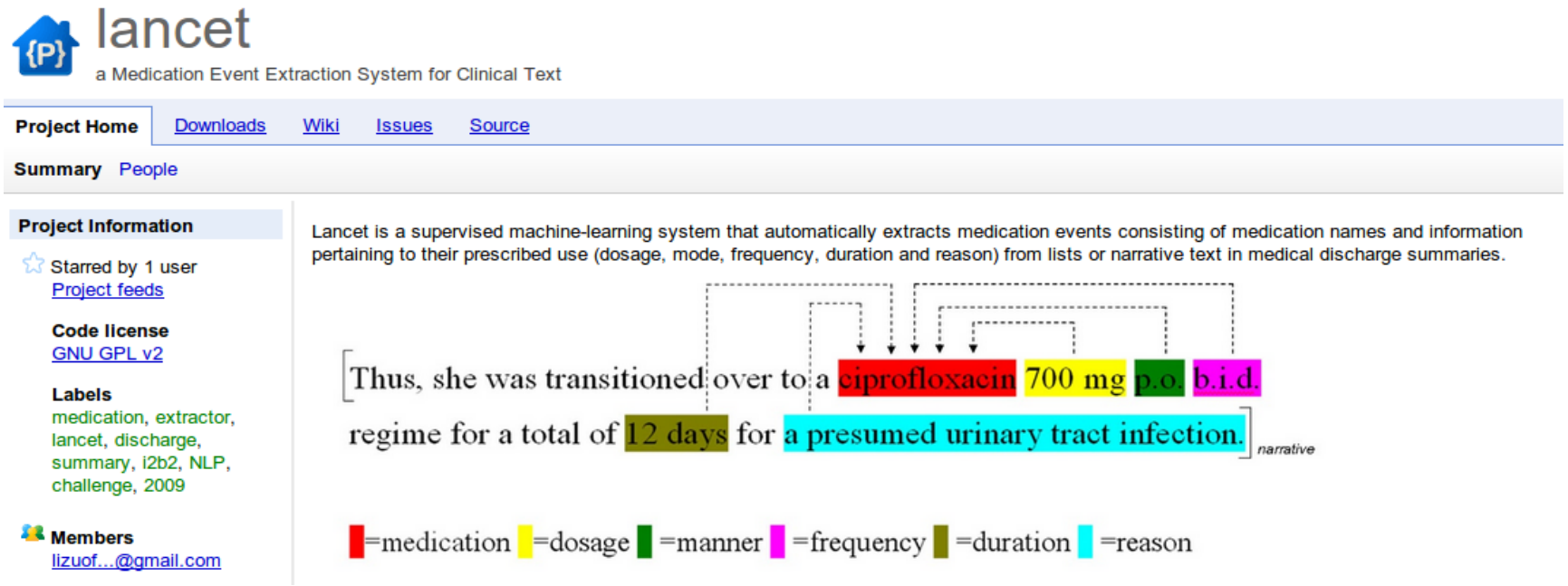
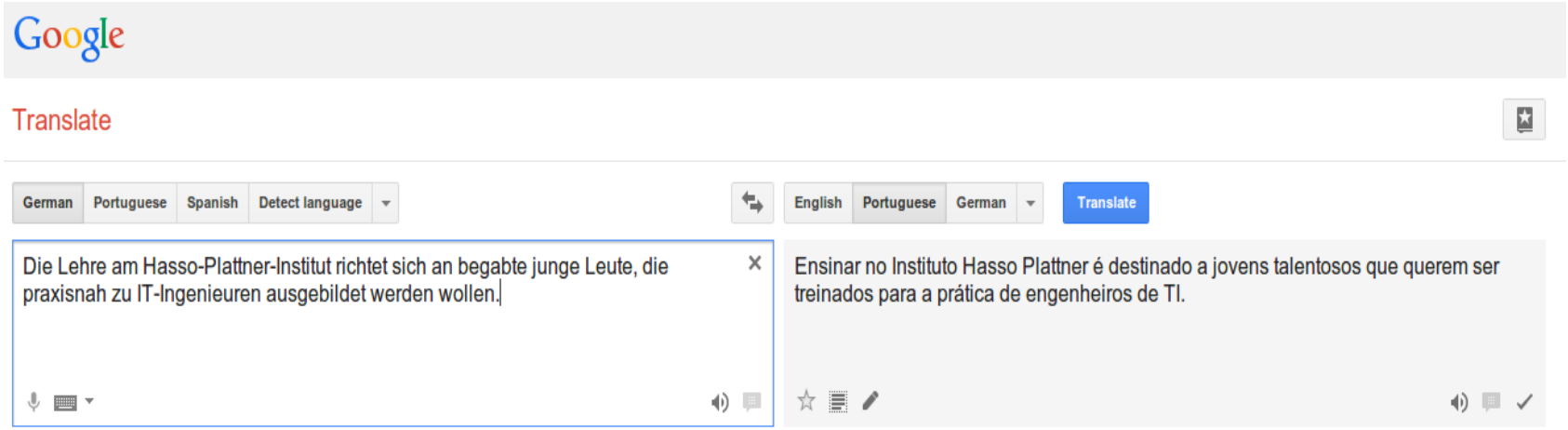


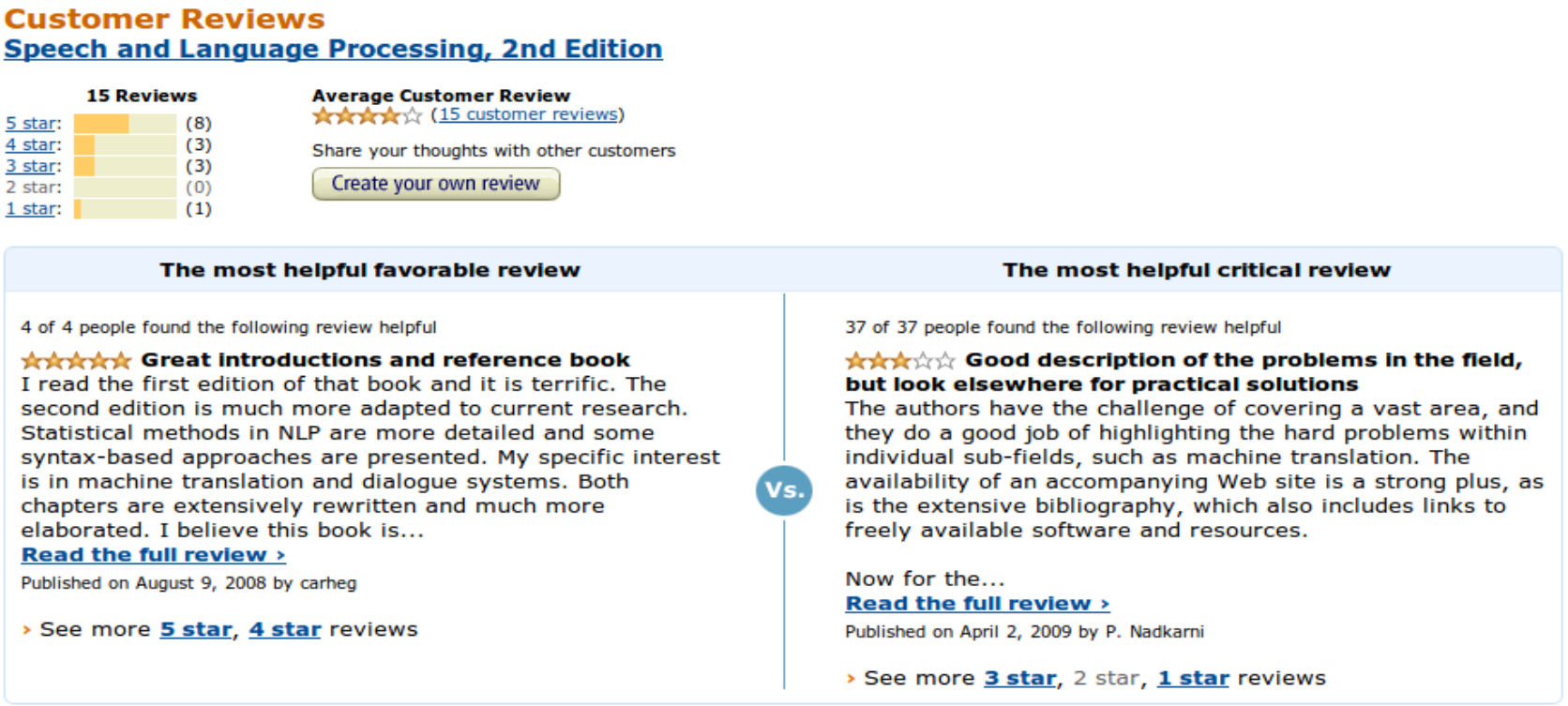
Machine Translation

- Translating a text from one language to another



Sentiment Analysis

- Identifying sentiments and opinions stated in a text



Customer Reviews

Speech and Language Processing, 2nd Edition

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The most helpful critical review

37 of 37 people found the following review helpful

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The authors have the challenge of covering a vast area, and they do a good job of highlighting the hard problems within individual sub-fields, such as machine translation. The availability of an accompanying Web site is a strong plus, as is the extensive bibliography, which also includes links to freely available software and resources.

Now for the...

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Optical Character Recognition

- Recognizing printed or handwritten texts and converting them to computer-readable texts

Speech recognition

- Recognizing a spoken language and transforming it into a text

Siri.
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Speech synthesis

- Producing a spoken language from a text

Spoken dialog systems

- Running a dialog between the user and the system

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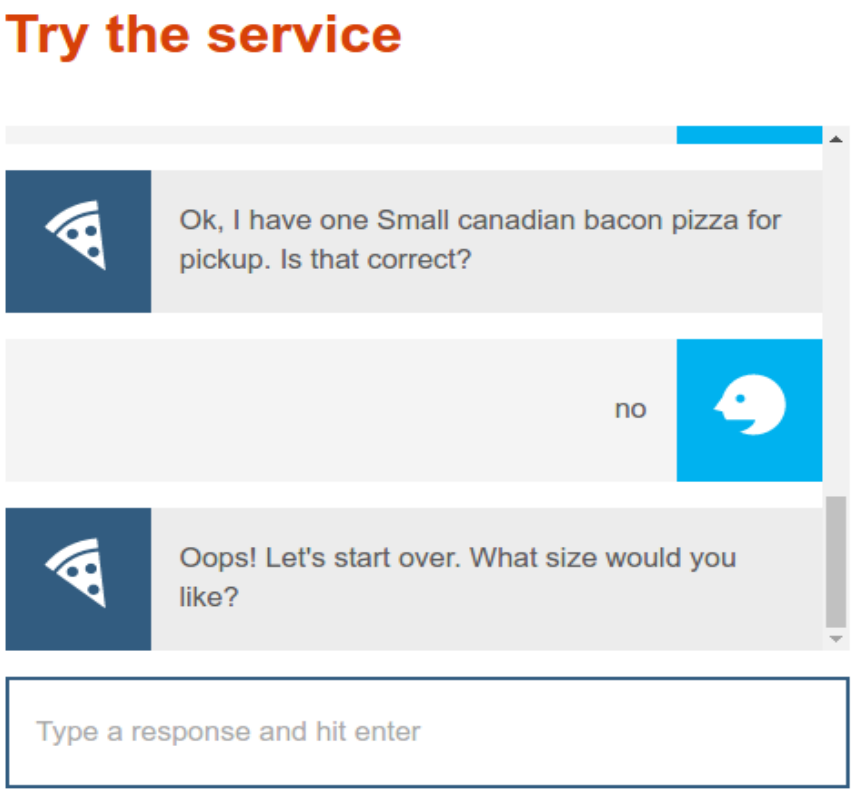

(http://dialog-demo.mybluemix.net/)

Level of difficulties

- Easy (mostly solved)
  - Spell and grammar checking
  - Some text categorization tasks
  - Some named-entity recognition tasks

Level of difficulties

- Intermediate (good progress)
  - Information retrieval
  - Sentiment analysis
  - Machine translation
  - Information extraction

Level of difficulties

- Difficult (still hard)
  - Question answering
  - Summarization
  - Dialog systems

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Section splitting

- Splitting a text into sections

Eur Radiol
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BREAST

Correlation between three-dimensional ultrasound features and pathological prognostic factors in breast cancer

Jun Jiang · Ya-qing Chen · Yi-zhuan Xu · Ming-li Chen · Yun-kai Zhu · Wen-bin Guan · Xiao-jin Wang

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Abstract

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- *Three-dimensional ultrasound can potentially provide prognostic evaluation of breast cancer.*
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- *The increased intra-tumour vascularization index reflects a higher histological grade.*
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Keywords Breast · Neoplasms · Ultrasound · Three-dimensional · Prognostic factors

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Introduction

The three strongest prognostic factors in invasive breast cancer are widely accepted to be the size of tumour, histological grade and lymph node stage. The larger tumour size (>2 cm), high nuclear grade, and lymph node-positive status usually predict the aggressive biological behaviour with a high recurrence rate and a low survival rate. In addition, the tumour size and lymph node status greatly influence the choice of operative procedure and the decision to administer neoadjuvant chemotherapy [1, 2].

Biological markers such as oestrogen receptors (ER), progesterone receptors (PR), human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (c-erbB-2) and the p53 index can also be used for prediction of medical treatment response and patient prognosis. The presence of ER and PR in breast cancer always determines the application of antihormonal therapy and usually indicates a good prognosis. Expression of c-erbB-2 or the p53 index is a powerful and independent prognostic factor for lymph node metastasis and tumour infiltration [1, 3]. Microvessel density (MVD) is the current reference standard in the characterization of tumour angiogenesis and has been shown to be associated with tumour growth, invasion, metastasis and disease-specific survival [4].

Three-dimensional (3D) ultrasound can afford additional information such as morphology features on the coronal plane and a global appearance of the mass vascularity, which cannot be achieved with conventional ultrasound. Therefore, it has been increasingly considered as an important imaging modality for evaluating primary breast cancer. However, so far, 3D ultrasound has been used mainly to differentiate benign and malignant lesions; no reports address correlations between the 3D ultrasound features and prognostic factors [5–7]. We therefore investigated possible correlation between the 3D ultrasound characteristics of invasive ductal carcinoma with pathologic prognostic factors to determine whether 3D ultrasound could be useful in the non-invasive prognostic evaluation of breast cancer.

Materials and methods

Patients

This retrospective study was approved by the ethical standards of the institutional ethics committee, and informed consent was obtained from all patients.

From September 2011 to May 2013, 85 patients with 85 lesions, pathologically proven to be invasive ductal carcinoma, were included in this study. The exclusion criteria were pregnancy or lactation, administration of preoperative chemotherapies or adjuvant chemotherapies. Patients with a breast mass larger than 3.0 cm were also excluded because more than one 3D volume acquisition was necessary to include the whole lesion plus 3 mm surrounding the breast lesion. All patients were female and aged 26 to 90 years (mean age, 56.3 years).

Ultrasound examination

All ultrasound images were obtained with one type of system (GE Voluson E8 Expert, Zipf, Austria) by two radiologists with 7–12 years of experience in breast ultrasound. An 11 L-D linear transducer with a frequency of 5–12 MHz was used for 2D ultrasound, and an RSP6-16-D dedicated volume transducer with a frequency of 6–12 MHz was used for 3D ultrasound.

Ultrasound examination was performed with patients in the supine position with elevated arms. Once the breast lesion was detected and the region of interest had been identified, the volume box was superimposed and set to include the entire display screen so as to cover the lesion and maximum amount of normal surrounding tissue. The sweep angle was adjusted to 15–29° according to the size of the breast lesion. Then the ultrasound probe was held still with enough jelly to contact the skin gently. The volume mode was switched on and the 3D ultrasound volume was generated by the automatic rotation of the mechanical transducer. When the first ultrasound examination was finished, the power Doppler mode was added for the second examination and the fixed preinstalled power Doppler settings used were 0.3 kHz pulse repetition frequency, "low 1" wall motion filter, −2.0 gain and high frequency. The first examination for 3D greyscale imaging took 10–20 s and the second, for 3D power Doppler imaging, took 25–45 s, depending on the size of the tumour. Then the total acquisition time for 3D ultrasound was about 1–2 min. The entire examination was saved in DICOM format and stored on the hard disk for further analysis.

Image analysis

The 3D ultrasound images were reviewed for this analysis by another two radiologists with 8–10 years of experience in breast ultrasound and characterized by consensus. In addition, the radiologists had not performed the data acquisition and were blinded to the patients' clinical and mammographic findings.

The ultrasound image was opened by using the 4D View software. Firstly, the tomographic ultrasound imaging (TUI) was used for a slice by slice documentation in the coronal plane. Then, the volume contrast imaging (VCI) and the surface render mode were added for better observation of the lesion and the surrounding tissue. All the slices were carefully observed to identify the presence of the retraction pattern in the surrounding tissue and the margin of the lesion. The retraction pattern was defined as the hyperechoic straight lines that radiated perpendicularly from the surface of the solid nodule, producing a stellar pattern [8, 9] (Fig. 1). The presence of the retraction pattern was further divided into with or without a hyperechoic ring, which was displayed as an echogenic halo ring between the mass and the surrounding tissue in the coronal plane (Fig. 2a).

The 3D power Doppler imaging analyses were performed using a virtual organ computer-aided analysis (VOCAL)-imaging program (GE, Zipf, Austria), which could automatically calculate the histogram indices of vascularization index (VI), flow index (FI) and vascularization flow index (VFI). VI represents the vessels in the defined volume by measuring the number of colour voxels in the region of interest, i.e. the mean tumour vascularity; FI represents the average intensity of flow by measuring the mean colour value in the colour voxels, i.e. the mean blood flow volume; VFI represents both regression modelling techniques to identify the most significant and independent 3D image findings. A P value less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

Results

Prognostic factors

In the current study group, the surgical specimens revealed 75 lesions with pure invasive ductal carcinoma and the remaining 10 lesions with invasive ductal carcinoma with DCIS components. The mean percentage of the DCIS components in the lesion was 8.10±4.93 % (range, 2–20 %).

The size of 85 lesions ranged from 5 to 30 mm, and the mean size was 19.92 mm (SD=7.56 mm). Of the 85 tumours, 47 (55.3 %) were equal to or smaller than 2 cm and 38 (44.7 %) were larger than 2 cm. According to the Elston–Ellis grading system, there were 58 (68.2 %) grade II tumours and 27 (31.8 %) grade III. Lymph node metastasis was present in 30 (35.3 %) patients. There were 58 (68.2 %) ER-positive, 54 (63.5 %) PR-positive, 70 (82.4 %) c-erbB-2-positive and 42 (49.4 %) p53-positive tumours.

Correlation between MVD and prognostic factors

Significantly higher MVD was observed in the larger size group (P<0.01) and higher grade group (P<0.05). There were no significant associations between MVD and other pathological factors (P>0.05) (Table 1).

Correlation between morphological features and prognostic factors

Of the 85 breast lesions, 57 (67.1 %) showed the retraction pattern in the coronal plane of 3D ultrasound. Of these 57 lesions, 17 (29.8 %) showed the retraction pattern with a hyperechoic ring and 40 (70.2 %) were without the hyperechoic ring.

The tumour size, histological grade, ER and PR status all showed significant associations with the presence of the retraction pattern (P<0.01) (Table 2). Tumours with the retraction pattern were significantly more likely to be small in size, low grade, ER-positive and PR-positive (Fig. 3). Moreover, the retraction pattern with a hyperechoic ring, which presented as intricately mixed fibrous tissues and infiltrating carcinoma cells on pathological specimens, only existed in low-grade and ER-positive tumours (Fig. 2). The odds ratios of tumour size, tumour grade, and ER and PR status for patients with the retraction pattern and a hyperechoic ring versus no retraction pattern were all higher than those with the retraction pattern without a hyperechoic ring versus no retraction pattern (Table 3). The presence of the hyperechoic ring strengthened the ability of the retraction pattern to predict these good prognoses. However, the lymph node status and the expression of c-erbB-2 and p53 showed no statistically significant correlation with the retraction pattern (P>0.05).

As for MVD, however, no significant correlation was found between MVD and the presence of the retraction pattern on 3D ultrasound (P>0.05).

Table 1 Association between MVD and prognostic factors

Prognostic factor	*N*	Mean	SD	*P* value
Tumour size (cm)				
≤2	47	19.30	5.25	
>2	38	25.60	7.60	0.007
Tumour grade				
I/II	58	19.83	5.55	
III	27	25.83	8.02	0.023
Lymph node				
Negative	55	21.31	6.70	
Positive	30	22.08	7.34	0.946
ER				
Negative	27	23.27	8.36	
Positive	58	20.93	5.14	0.931
PR				
Negative	31	25.00	8.59	
Positive	54	19.82	5.09	0.092
c-erbB-2				
Negative	15	21.50	9.57	
Positive	70	21.55	6.65	0.788
p53				
Negative	43	23.13	7.04	
Positive	42	19.63	6.20	0.083

Correlation between vascularization perfusion and prognostic factors

For intra-tumoral regions, the mean VI, FI and VFI of 85 lesions were 6.84 (range, 0.02–21.61), 37.72 (range, 21.81–53.32) and 2.64 (range, 0.04-9.11), respectively. For shells with a thickness of 3 mm surrounding the breast lesion, the VI, FI and VFI were 7.31 (range, 0.14–25.13), 38.72 (range, 23.27–56.90) and 2.88 (range, 0.04–11.08), respectively.

Compared with the small tumours, the tumour foci with a diameter greater than 2 cm were more likely to show a higher inVI, inFI, inVFI, out3mmVI and out3mmVFI. The tumours with a high grade or lymph node metastasis had a higher inVI, inVFI, out3mmVI and out3mmVFI than the tumours with low grade or lymph node-negative status. ER-negative tumours had a higher inFI than ER-positive tumours and the tumours with negative expression of PR had a higher inVI, inVFI and out3mmVFI than PR-positive tumours (Table 4).

Sentence splitting

- Splitting a text into sentences

11 Sentences (= "T-" or "Terminable" units *only* if independent clauses are puctuated as separate sentences, e.g. "I came and he went"-->"I came. And he went.")
Average 23.55 words (SD=12.10)

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Part-of-speech tagging

- Assigning a syntatic tag to each word in a sentence

Stanford Parser

Please enter a sentence to be parsed:

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Language: English ▾ Sample Sentence Parse

Your query

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Tagging

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Surgical/NNP resection/NN specimens/NNS of/IN 85/CD invasive/JJ
ductal/JJ carcinomas/NNS of/IN 85/CD women/NNS who/WP had/VBD
undergone/VBN 3D/CD ultrasound/NN were/VBD included/VBN ./.
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Parsing

- Building the syntactic tree of a sentence

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Typed dependencies

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nn(specimens-3, resection-2)
nsubjpass(included-18, specimens-3)
prep(specimens-3, of-4)
num(carcinomas-8, 85-5)
amod(carcinomas-8, invasive-6)
amod(carcinomas-8, ductal-7)
pobj(of-4, carcinomas-8)
prep(carcinomas-8, of-9)
num(women-11, 85-10)
pobj(of-9, women-11)
nsubj(undergone-14, who-12)
aux(undergone-14, had-13)
rcmod(women-11, undergone-14)
num(ultrasound-16, 3D-15)
dobj(undergone-14, ultrasound-16)
auxpass(included-18, were-17)
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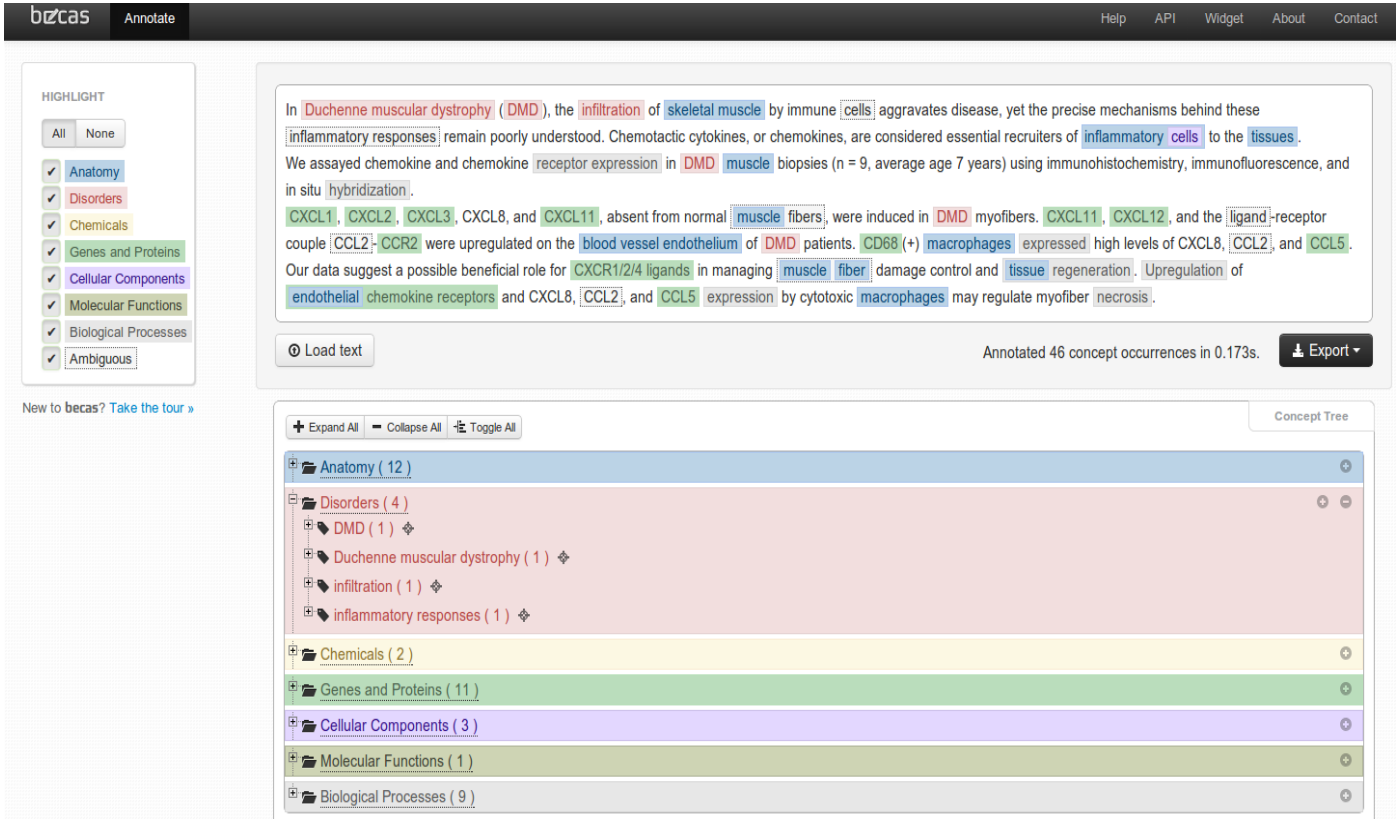
Named-entity recognition

- Identifying pre-defined entity types in a sentence



Word sense disambiguation

- Figuring out the exact meaning of a word or entity

Noun 1. tie - neckwear consisting of a long narrow piece of material worn (mostly by men) under a collar and tied in knot at the front; "he stood in front of the mirror tightening his necktie"; "he wore a vest and tie"

- necktie
- bola, bola tie, bolo, bolo tie - a cord fastened around the neck with an ornamental clasp and worn as a necktie
- bow tie, bow-tie, bowtie - a man's tie that ties in a bow
- four-in-hand - a long necktie that is tied in a slipknot with one end hanging in front of the other
- neckwear - articles of clothing worn about the neck
- old school tie - necktie indicating the school the wearer attended
- string tie - a very narrow necktie usually tied in a bow
- Windsor tie - a wide necktie worn in a loose bow

2. tie - a social or business relationship; "a valuable financial affiliation"; "he was sorry he had to sever his ties with other members of the team"; "many close associations with England"

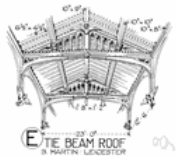
- affiliation, tie-up, association
- relationship - a state involving mutual dealings between people or parties or countries

3. tie - equality of score in a contest

- equivalence, par, equality, equation - a state of being essentially equal or equivalent; equally balanced; "on a par with the best"
- deuce - a tie in tennis or table tennis that requires winning two successive points to win the game

4. tie - a horizontal beam used to prevent two other structural members from spreading apart or separating; "he nailed the rafters together with a tie beam"

- tie beam
- beam - long thick piece of wood or metal or concrete, etc., used in construction



http://www.thefreedictionary.com/tie

Word sense disambiguation

Analysis with definitions(s)

*Bill Gates has developed an interest/***[readiness to give attention]** *in language technology and yesterday aquired a 10 % interest/***[a share (in a company, business, etc.)]** *in Torbjörn Lager 's sense disambiguation technology . Lager will retain a 90 % interest/***[a share (in a company, business, etc.)]** *in the new company , which will be based in Göteborg , Sweden . Last year 's drop in interest/***[money paid for the use of money]** *rates will probably be good for the company . Finally , although all this may sound like an arcane maneuver of little interest/***[quality of causing attention to be given]** *outside Wall Street , it would set off an economical earthquake .*

These are the six senses of the noun *interest* according to the LDOCE:

Sense	Definition
1	readiness to give attention
2	quality of causing attention to be given
3	activity, subject, etc., which one gives time and attention to
4	advantage, advancement, or favour
5	a share (in a company, business, etc.)
6	money paid for the use of money

http://www.ling.gu.se/~lager/Home/pwe_ui.html

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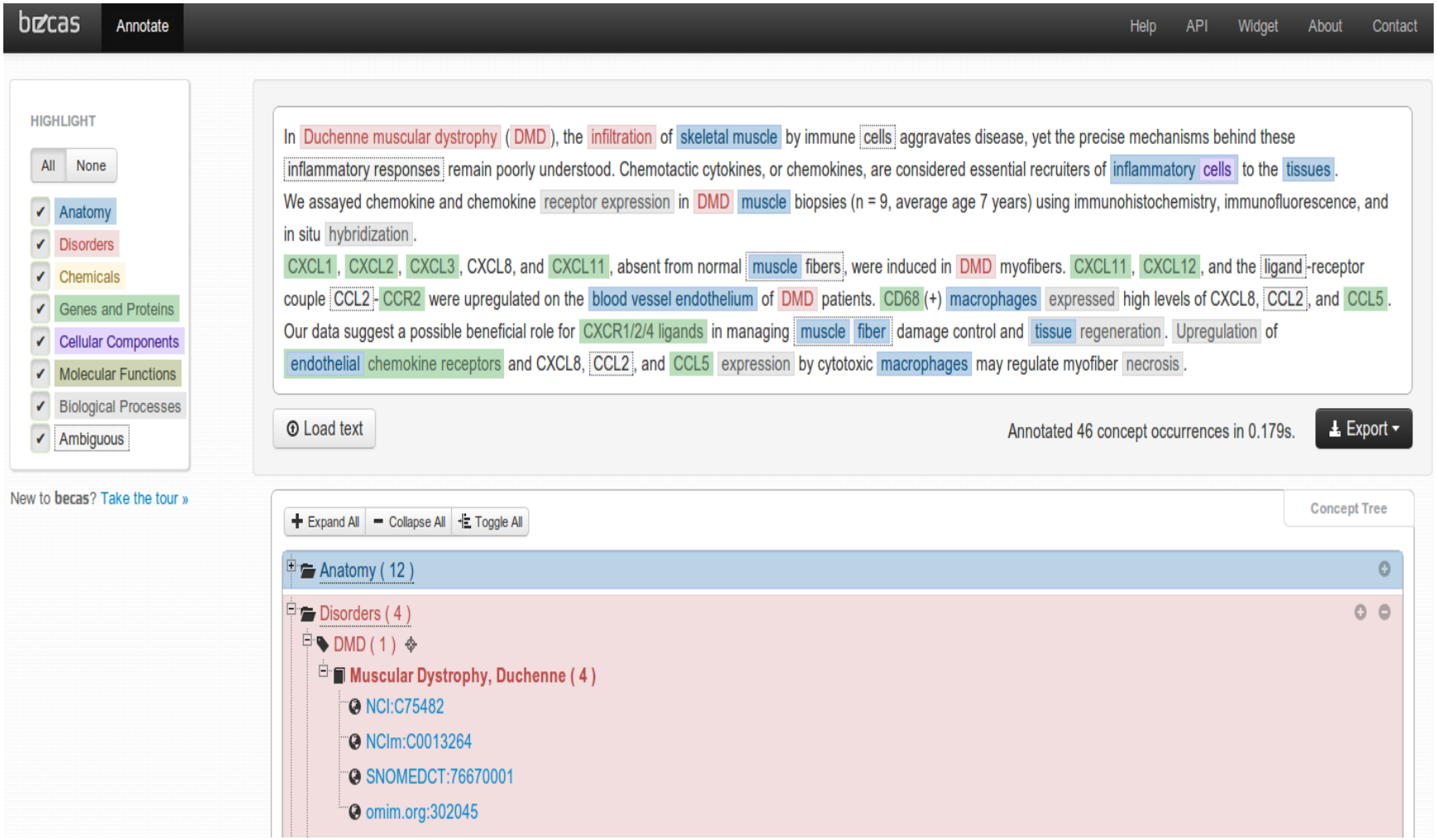
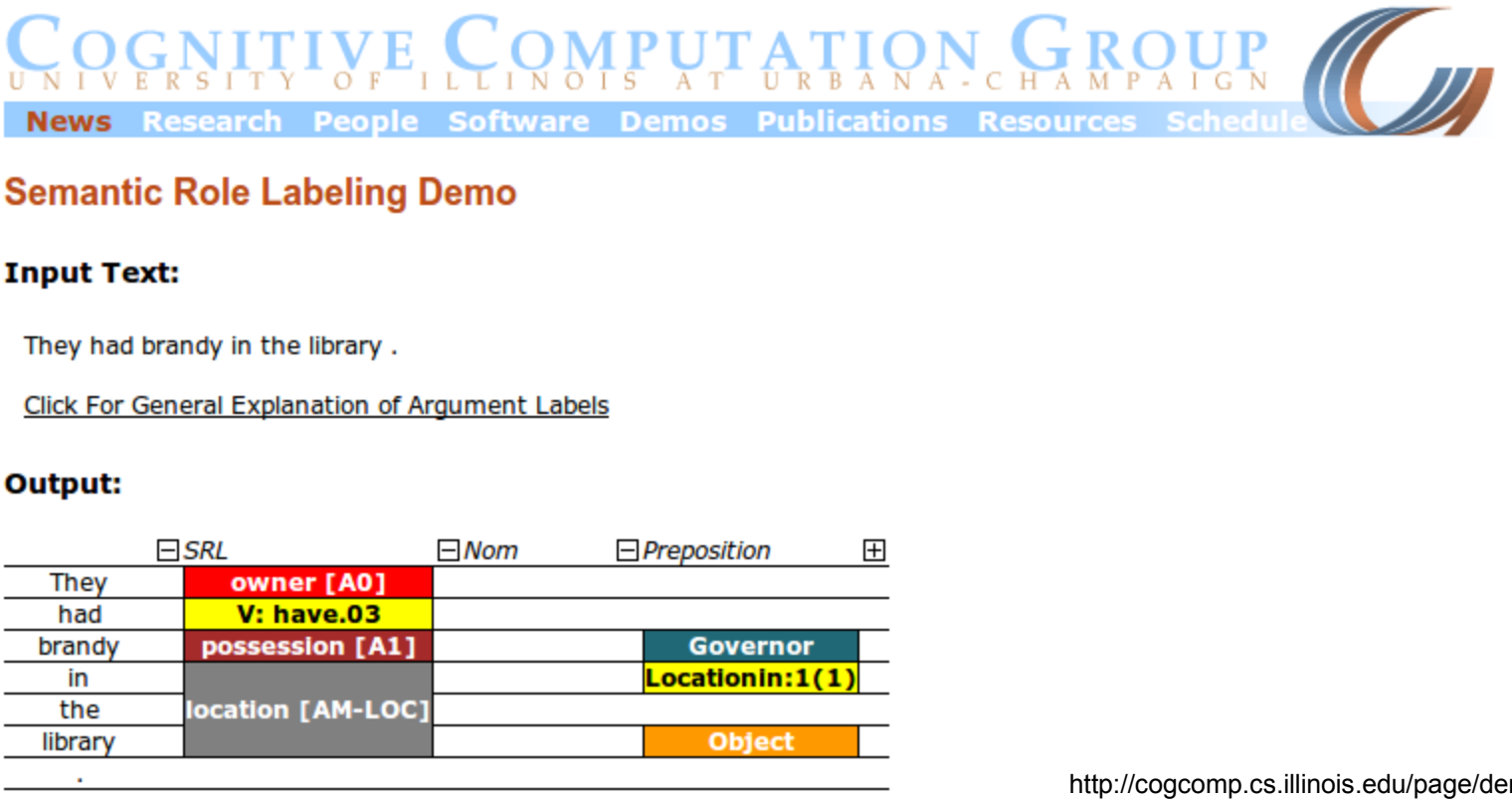


Semantic role labeling

- Extracting subject-predicate-object triples from a sentence



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Phonetics and phonology

- The study of linguistic sounds and their relations to words

Das Funkalphabet - German Phonetic Spelling Code compared to the international ICAO/NATO code **Listen to AUDIO for this chart!** (below)		
Germany*	**Phonetic Guide**	**ICAO/NATO****
A wie **Anton**	AHN-tone	**Alfa/Alpha**
Ä wie **Ärger**	AIR-gehr	(1)
B wie **Berta**	BARE-tuh	**Bravo**
C wie **Cäsar**	SAY-zar	**Charlie**
Ch wie **Charlotte**	shar-LOT-tuh	(1)
D wie **Dora**	DORE-uh	**Delta**
E wie **Emil**	ay-MEAL	**Echo**
F wie **Friedrich**	FREED-reech	**Foxtrot**
G wie **Gustav**	GOOS-tahf	**Golf**
H wie **Heinrich**	HINE-reech	**Hotel**
I wie **Ida**	EED-uh	**India/Indigo**
J wie **Julius**	YUL-ee-oos	**Juliet**
K wie **Kaufmann**	KOWF-mann	**Kilo**
L wie **Ludwig**	LOOD-vig	**Lima**
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M wie **Martha**	MAR-tuh	**Mike**
N wie **Nordpol**	NORT-pole	**November**
O wie **Otto**	AHT-toe	**Oscar**
Ö wie **Ökonom** (2)	UEH-ko-nome	(1)
P wie **Paula**	POW-luh	**Papa**
Q wie **Quelle**	KVEL-uh	**Quebec**
R wie **Richard**	REE-shart	**Romeo**
S wie **Siegfried** (3)	SEEG-freed	**Sierra**
Sch wie **Schule**	SHOO-luh	(1)
ß (**Eszett**)	ES-TSET	(1)
T wie **Theodor**	TAY-oh-dore	**Tango**
U wie **Ulrich**	OOL-reech	**Uniform**
Ü wie **Übermut**	UEH-ber-moot	(1)
V wie **Viktor**	VICK-tor	**Victor**
W wie **Wilhelm**	VIL-helm	**Whiskey**
X wie **Xanthippe**	KSAN-tipp-uh	**X-Ray**
Y wie **Ypsilon**	IPP-see-lohn	**Yankee**
Z wie **Zeppelin**	TSEP-puh-leen	**Zulu**

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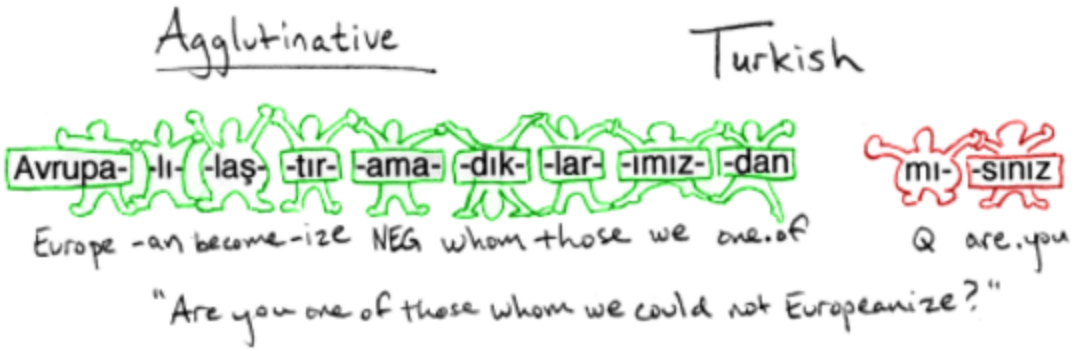
Morphology

- The study of internal structures of words and how they can be modified
- Parsing complex words into their components



(http://allthingslinguistic.com/post/50939757945/morphological-typology-illustrations-from)

Syntax

- The study of the structural relationships between words in a sentence

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Semantics

- The study of the meaning of words, and how these combine to form the meanings of sentences
  - Synonymy: fall & autumn
  - Hypernymy & hyponymy (is a): animal & dog
  - Meronymy (part of): finger & hand
  - Homonymy: fall (verb & season)
  - Antonymy: big & small

Pragmatics

- Social use of language
- The study of how language is used to accomplish goals, and the influence of context on meaning
- Understanding the aspects of a language which depends on situation and world knowledge

Give me the salt!

Could you please give me the salt?

Discourse

- The study of linguistic units larger than a single statement

John reads a book. He borrowed it from his friend.

Berlin (/bərˈlɪn/, German: [bɛɐ̯ˈliːn] (listen)) is the capital of Germany, and one of the 16 states of Germany. With a population of 3.5 million people,[4] Berlin is Germany's largest city. It is the second most populous city proper and the seventh most populous urban area in the European Union.[5] Located in northeastern Germany on the banks of River Spree, it is the center of the Berlin-Brandenburg Metropolitan Region, which has about 6 million residents from over 180 nations.[6][7][8][9] Due to its location in the European Plain, Berlin is influenced by a temperate seasonal climate. Around one third of the city's area is composed of forests, parks, gardens, rivers and lakes.[10]

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin)

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Paraphrasing

- Different words/sentences express the same meaning
  - Season of the year
    - Fall
    - Autumn
  - Book delivery time
    - When will my book arrive?
    - When will I receive my book?

Ambiguity

- One word/sentence can have different meanings
  - Fall
    - The third season of the year
    - Moving down towards the ground or towards a lower position
  - The door is open.
    - Expressing a fact
    - A request to close the door

Phonetics and Phonology

Communication tip:

Phonological ambiguities or Give peas a chance!

One of my favourite ways to have fun with communication are phonological ambiguities.
Phonological ambiguities are two or more words which sound the same and have different meanings.

Language can contain ambiguities - and more than one way to compose a set of sounds into words.

So listen to yourself: It is always good to notice a spoken sentence often contains many words which are (sometimes not) intended to be heard.

English examples:

- there – their
- here - hear
- plane – plain
- Hamburger (Citizens of Hamburg) – hamburger (burger, food)
- sea - see
- Friday - fry day
- weekend - weak end
- ice cream - I scream.
- new direction - nude erection
- new day - nude, eh?
- I don't know! - I don't - no!
- but – butt
- Wait - Weight
- psychotherapist - psycho the rapist
- You're unconscious now... - Your unconscious now...
- Your students... - You're students...
- Two - too - to

German examples:

- Du hast Gewehre. (You have got guns.) - Du hasst Gewehre. (You hate guns.)
- Lehrer (teacher) – leerer (emptier)

http://worldsgreatestsmile.com/html/phonological_ambiguity.html

Syntax and ambiguity

- I saw the man with a telescope.
  - Who had the telescope?

(http://www.realtytrac.com/landing/2009-year-end-foreclosure-report.html)

Semantics

- The astronomer loves the star.
  - Star in the sky
  - Celebrity

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star#/media/File:Starsinthesky.jpg)

(http://www.businessnewsdaily.com/2023-celebrity-hiring.html)

Discourse analysis

- Alice understands that you like your mother, but she …
  - Does she refer to Alice or your mother?