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## Projects I supervised

The following will be 1-2 minutes overviews of student projects, supervised by me.



Feel free to

ask questions at any time!

## **Synthetic Data for English Lexical Normalization: How Close Can We Get to Manually Annotated Data?**

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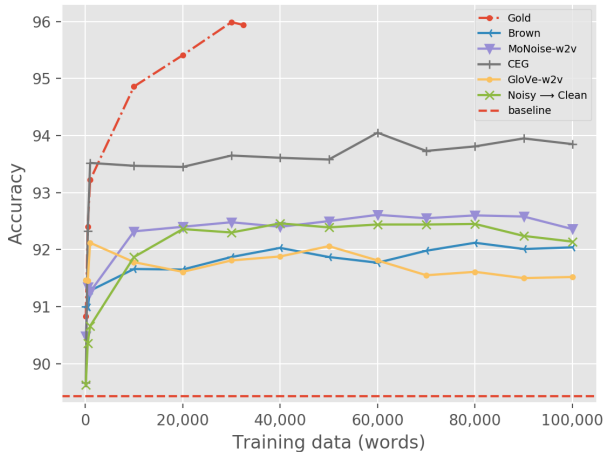
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# Challenges in Annotating and Parsing Spoken, Code-switched, Frisian-Dutch Data

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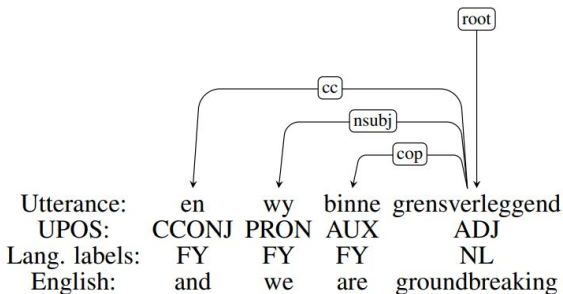
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- ▶ Annotated small dataset for evaluation, transfer from Dutch, German, or English
- ▶ Propose to select training data on the sentence level, instead of dataset level
- ▶ Also quite some negative results

## **Much Gracias: Semi-supervised Code-switch Detection for Spanish-English: How far can we get?**

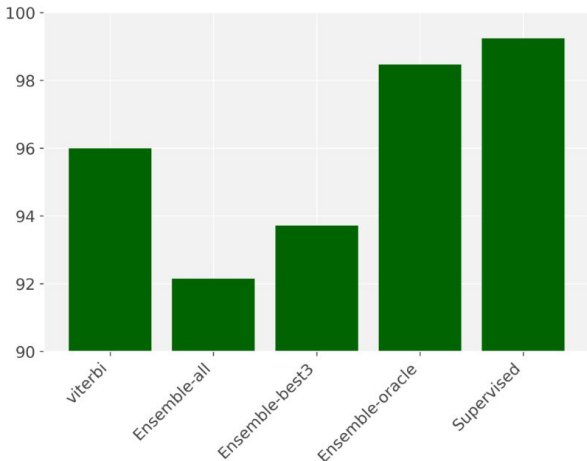
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El	online	exercise	de	hoy	:
ES	EN	EN	ES	ES	Other

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## Increasing Robustness for Cross-domain Dialogue Act Classification on Social Media Data

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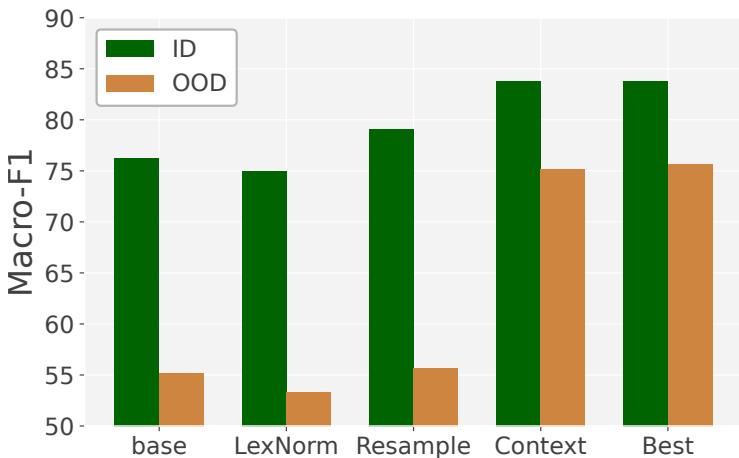
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Utterance	Label
"We are free tomorrow night, right?"	<i>propositional question</i>
"No, the final Grand Prix is on!"	<i>disagreement</i>

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# Cross-Domain Evaluation of POS Taggers: From Wall Street Journal to Fandom Wiki

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## DanTok: Domain Beats Language for Danish Social Media POS Tagging

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Gentle<sub>NNP</sub> Star<sub>NNP</sub> of<sub>IN</sub> Stendarr<sub>NNP</sub> is<sub>VBZ</sub> a<sub>DT</sub>  
temple<sub>NN</sub> within<sub>IN</sub> the<sub>DT</sub> region<sub>NN</sub> of<sub>IN</sub> Alik'r<sub>NNP</sub>  
in<sub>IN</sub> Hammerfell<sub>NNP</sub> ..



- ▶ Transfer to relatively clean data with another topic is non-trivial: 97%  $\mapsto$  95%
- ▶ Better transfer from English social media compared to Danish news data!
- ▶ Lot of error analysis, many insights in remaining challenges