

AUTOLEX: An Automatic Framework for Linguistic Exploration

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Abstract

Each language has its own complex systems of word, phrase, and sentence construction, the guiding principles of which are often summarized in grammatical descriptions for the consumption of linguists or language learners. However, manual creation of such descriptions across many languages is a fraught process, as creating language descriptions which describe the language in “its own terms” without bias or error requires both a deep understanding of the language at hand and linguistics as a whole. We propose an automatic framework AUTOLEX that aims to ease linguists’ discovery and extraction of concise descriptions of linguistic phenomena. Specifically, we apply this framework to extract descriptions for three linguistic phenomena: *morphological agreement*, *case marking*, and *word order*, across several languages. We evaluate the extracted descriptions with the help of language experts and propose a method for automated evaluation when human evaluation is infeasible.¹

1 Introduction

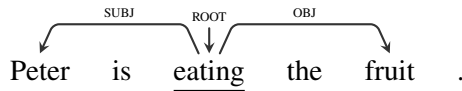
Languages are amazingly diverse and complex, consisting of different systems such as sound structure (*phonology*), word formation and inflection (*morphology*), phrase and sentence construction (*syntax*), and meaning (*semantics*). These systems are governed by a set of guiding principles, technically described as *grammar*. Creating a human-readable description that highlights salient grammar points of a language is one of the major endeavors undertaken by linguists. Such descriptions form an indispensable component of *language documentation*, the goal of which is to create a lasting, multipurpose record of a language (Himmelman, 1998). Further, grammatical descriptions play a

major role in educational materials, which are also used in the preservation and revitalization of endangered languages (Himmelman, 1998; Hale et al., 1992; Moseley, 2010). Furthermore, if descriptions can be created in a machine-readable format they can be used as a basis for developing language technologies, which aboriginal language activist Williams (2019) has contended also plays a significant role in language survival, stating “languages that miss the opportunity to adopt language technologies will be less and less used”.

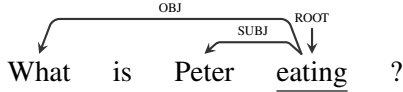
Linguists and researchers have undertaken initiatives to collect properties of language in a machine-readable format across a broad variety of languages. WALS (Dryer and Haspelmath, 2013) is one such database which describes linguistic properties for thousands of languages. For instance, WALS can tell us that typically English objects occur after verbs, or that Turkish pronouns have symmetrical case marking i.e. pronouns have a separate case marker for different cases (nominative, accusative). However, because WALS presents these properties across a wide range of diverse languages, these properties are necessarily defined at a coarse-grained level, and cannot capture language-specific nuances. WALS does not inform us of any exceptions to its general rules (e.g. the cases when English objects come before verbs), and there are many aspects of linguistic description that are not covered by the WALS features at all (e.g. it does not describe when a Turkish pronoun takes the accusative marker and when the nominative).

There are significant challenges to diving deeper and creating (computer-readable) detailed linguistic descriptions across many languages. For most of the world’s 6,500+ languages there are few or no formally trained linguists who are native speakers, making it necessary to rely on either non-native linguists, or community members who have less linguistics training than may be ideal. Even in the ideal case where there is a linguist who is well-

¹Code and data are released on <https://github.com/emnlp-autolex/autolex>. Currently, the online web site (<https://emnlp-autolex.github.io/autolex>) shows all rules for some languages, we are working on adding the rest.



(a) (Most) Declarative sentences show subject-verb-object.



(b) (Some) Interrogative sentences show object-subject-verb.

Figure 1: Example of word order variations in English.

versed in the language, there are a plethora of linguistic phenomena to be covered in a detailed grammatical description, and it is hard to enumerate every single one through introspection. This is particularly the case when linguistic behaviors vary across different settings, such as when there are differences between spoken and written language, or when there are dialectal variations.

Thanks to the advances in NLP methods, it is now possible to automate some *local* aspects of linguistic analysis such as POS tagging (Toutanova and Manning, 2000; Petrov et al., 2012), dependency parsing (Kiperwasser and Goldberg, 2016; Kulmizev et al., 2019) or morphological analysis (Malaviya et al., 2018), to name a few. Recent advances in cross-lingual transfer learning have demonstrated that this analysis is possible, to an extent, even for under-resourced languages (Konratyuk and Straka, 2019; Nguyen et al., 2021). There is also a small amount of prior work that has proposed methods for answering questions about specific aspects of an entire language, such as analysis of word order (Östling, 2015; Wang and Eisner, 2017) and morphological agreement (Chaudhary et al., 2020), or extraction of detailed grammars from inter-linear glossed text (Bender et al., 2002) (see Table 2 of the Appendix for a detailed comparison of different linguistic questions answered by our and related work).

In this work, we propose AUTOLEX, an automatic framework to aid linguistic exploration and description, with the goal of helping linguists develop fine-grained understanding of different linguistic phenomena. The framework allows the linguist to ask a question such as “what are the rules of object-verb order?” in English, or “when do pronouns take the accusative case in Turkish?”, and automatically acquire first-pass answers to these

questions. Based on analysis of texts in the corresponding languages, it finds answers such as in English “typical declarative constructions show VO but interrogative sentences can show OV” (Figure 1), or in Turkish “object pronouns take the accusative case.” In order to do so, we follow a three-step process. First, we define the linguistic question as a classification problem (e.g. “does the object come before the verb or not”; § 2). Second, we extract syntactic, semantic, and surface-level features that may be predictive of the answer to this question (§ 3). Third, we train an interpretable classifier such as a decision tree to identify the underlying patterns that answer this question, and extract and visualize interpretable rules (§ 4). This methodology is inspired by previous work on discovering fine-grained distinctions for individual linguistic phenomena (Chaudhary et al., 2020; Wang and Eisner, 2017), but is significantly more general – we demonstrate its ability to discover interesting features regarding word order, case marking, and morphological agreement, and the framework could be easily applied to other phenomena as well.

We experiment with 61 languages and explore questions across these three linguistic phenomena. We design an automated evaluation protocol which informs us how successful our framework is in discovering valid grammar rules and how well the rules extracted over one dataset generalize across other. We further conduct a user study with linguists to evaluate how correct, readable, and novel the rules are perceived to be. Finally, we apply this framework on an endangered language, Hmong, to evaluate how well our framework extracts rules under zero-resource conditions.

2 Formalizing Linguistic Questions

The first step in applying AUTOLEX to answer a particular question is to determine whether we can formulate it as a classification task, with training data $\{\langle \mathbf{x}_1, y_1 \rangle, \langle \mathbf{x}_2, y_2 \rangle \dots, \langle \mathbf{x}_n, y_n \rangle\}$, where $\mathbf{x}_i \in X$ are the input features and $y_i \in Y$ is the label indicating the linguistic phenomenon of interest. Below, we describe how we define the label space Y for each of the three phenomena we analyze in our experiments, and discuss how to construct X in the following section. We use the UD annotation schema (McDonald et al., 2013) for representing the syntactic and morphological information.

Case Marking is a system of “marking syntactic dependents for the type of grammatical relation

(subject, object, etc.) they bear to their syntactic heads” (Blake, 2009). Although there are different theories on how to formalize case marking, in this work we commit to the viewpoint that there are two types of cases: *abstract* and *morphological*, where abstract case is a universal property and morphological case is the overt realization that is triggered under certain conditions and varies cross-linguistically (Chomsky, 1993; Halle et al., 1993; Legate, 2008). Given this background, we formulate the explanation of case marking as determining *when a word class (e.g. nouns) marks a particular case (e.g. accusative, nominative, etc.)*. Formally, for each POS tag t we learn a separate model, where the input examples x_i are the words having POS tag t with the case feature marked (e.g. Case=Nominative or Case=Accusative etc.). The model is trained to predict an output label ($y_i \in Y$), where Y is the discrete label set of all the case values observed in the data for that language.

Word Order describes the relative position of the syntactic elements in the sentence (Dryer., 2007), and is one of the major axes of linguistic description appearing in grammatical sketches or linguistic databases such as WALS. We consider the following five WALS relations R : subject-verb (82A), object-verb (83A), adjective-noun (87A), adposition-noun (85A) and numeral-noun (89A). In contrast to WALS, which only provides a single canonical order for the entire language, we pose the linguistic question as determining *when does one word in such a relation appear before or after the other*. Formally, the pair of words involved in the syntactic relation $\langle w_i^a, w_i^b \rangle \in r$ form the input example x_i and the binary output label $y_i \in Y$ where $Y = \{\text{before, after}\}$.

Agreement is the process where one word or morpheme selects a morphological form that agrees with that of another word/phrase in the sentence (Corbett, 2003). We follow a similar problem formulation as Chaudhary et al. (2020), which asks the question *when is agreement required between a head (w_h) and its dependent (w_d) for a morphological attribute m* . In this work, we focus on the morphological attributes $M = \{\text{gender, person, number}\}$, which more often show agreement than other attributes (Corbett, 2009), and train a separate model for each m . The pair of head-dependent words which both mark the morphological property m form the input example x_i

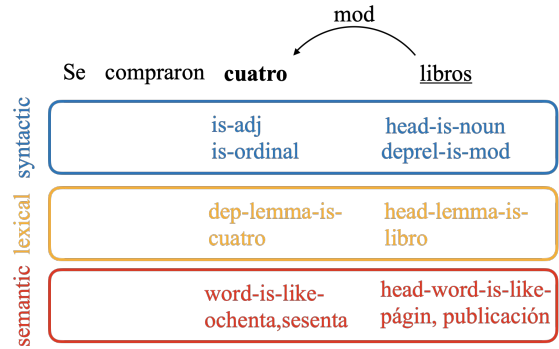


Figure 2: Features extracted for training the adjective-noun word order model in Spanish. The sentence translates to “**Four** books were bought”.

and the output labels (y_i) are binary denoting if agreement is observed or not between the pair.

3 Feature Extraction

Now that we have provided three examples of formulating linguistic questions into classification tasks, we design different features to help predict the answer of the linguistic question based on prior literature. In Figure 2, we demonstrate an example of some of the features extracted from a Spanish sentence for training the adjective-noun word order model. Going forward, we refer to the words participating in an input example x_i as *focus words*. These include the words describing the relation itself (e.g. the adjective *cuatro* and its noun *libros*) and also their respective heads and dependents.

Syntactic Features Prior research (Blake, 2009; Kittilä et al., 2011; Corbett, 2003) has discussed the role of syntactic relations and morphological properties of the syntactic heads being important for determining the case and agreement. In Figure 2, we show a subset of features extracted for some of the focus words. We derive syntactic features from the POS tag (e.g. “is-adj”), morphological properties (e.g. “is-ordinal”) and the dependency relation it is involved in (e.g. “deprel-is-mod”). Similarly, we extract features from the syntactic head of the adjective, which is *libros* (e.g. “head-is-noun”).

Lexical Features An influential family of linguistic theories – lexical functional grammar (Kaplan et al., 1981), head-driven phrase structure grammar (Pollard and Sag, 1994), combinatory categorial grammar (Steedman, 1987), and lexicalized tree adjoining grammar (Joshi and Schabes, 1991) – place most of the explanatory weight for

morphosyntax on the lexicon – the properties of the head word (and other words) drive the realization of the rest of the phrase or sentence. Therefore, we add lemma for the focus words (e.g. “dep-lemma-is-cuatro”, “head-lemma-is-libros”) as features.

Semantic Features There is also a strong interaction between semantics and sentence structure. Some well-known examples are that the *animacy* or semantic class of a word determines case marking (Dahl and Fraurud, 1996) and word order (Thuilier et al., 2021) for some languages. Continuous word vectors (Mikolov et al., 2013; Bojanowski et al., 2017) have been used to capture semantic (and syntactic) similarity across words. However, most continuous vectors are high-dimensional and not easily interpretable, i.e. what semantic/syntactic property each individual vector value represents is not obvious. Since our primary goal is to extract comprehensible descriptions of linguistic phenomena, we generate sparse non-negative representations (Subramanian et al., 2018), such that each dimension of the embedding has a higher level of interpretability. For each dimension, we then extract the top- k words having a high positive value, resulting in features like dim-1={radio,nuclear}, dim-2={hotel,restaurante}. This helps us interpret what property each dimension is capturing, for example, dim-1 refers to words about nuclear technology while dim-2 refers to accommodations. Now that we can interpret what each feature (dimension) corresponds to, we directly add the continuous vector as features. In Figure 2, a semantic feature (e.g. “dep-word-is-like = {ochenta,sesenta}”²) extracted for *cuatro* informs us that the adjective denotes a numeric quantity.

4 Learning and Extracting Rules

Training Data To construct the training data D_{train}^p for each task p , we start with the raw text D of the language in question and perform syntactic analysis over the raw text, producing POS tags, lemmatization, morphological analysis and dependency parse trees for each sentence. Based on this analysis, for each sentence in D , we identify the focus word(s) and extract features forming the input example ($\mathbf{x}_i = \{x_i^0, x_i^1, \dots, x_i^k\}$).

Model Training Given that the learned model must be interpretable to linguists using the system, we opt to use decision trees (Quinlan, 1986), which

split the data into leaves, where each leaf corresponds to a portion of input examples following common syntactic/semantic/lexical patterns.

Rule Extraction Each leaf in the decision tree is assigned a label based on the distribution of examples within that leaf. For instance, if a leaf for the adjective-noun word order decision tree has 60% of examples having adjectives before their nouns, the leaf is labeled as *before*. However, a majority-based threshold alone is insufficient as it does not account for leaves with very few examples, which may be based on spurious correlations or nonsensical feature divisions. Instead, we use a statistical threshold for leaf-labeling, where we perform a chi-squared test to first determine which leaves correspond to statistically significant distribution (Chaudhary et al. (2020); details in Appendix B). Leaves that pass this test are then assigned the majority label and correspond to a rule that will be shown to linguists, where the “rule” is described by the syntactic/semantic/lexical features on the branch that lead to that leaf.

Rule Visualization For each rule, we extract illustrative examples and visualize them in an interface. We describe the example extraction process along with the interface in Appendix B.

5 Automated Evaluation Protocol

In the next two sections, we devise protocols for evaluation of the extracted rules using both automatic metrics (for rapid evaluation that can be applied widely across languages), and evaluation by human language experts (as our gold-standard evaluation). We first describe below the process of automatic evaluation per linguistic phenomenon.

Case Marking As noted earlier, we use the UD annotation scheme for deriving the training data. Under this scheme, not every word is labeled with *case*, therefore we can only train and evaluate our model on the words which are labeled with the *case* feature. For such words, we consider *case* to be a universal property i.e. each word marks a particular *case* value and, we evaluate whether our model can correctly predict that value. Thus, we measure the accuracy on a test example $\langle \mathbf{x}_i, y_i \rangle \in D_{\text{test}}^t$, comparing the model’s prediction \hat{y}_i with the observed case value y_i . We compare our model against a frequency-based baseline which assigns the most frequent case value in the training data to all input examples.

²This translates to {eight, sixty}

adjective is before its head noun

Features that make up this rule	
Active Features	Inactive Features
adjective with NumType= Ord	-

Examples that agree with label: **before**. The **adjective** is denoted by ***

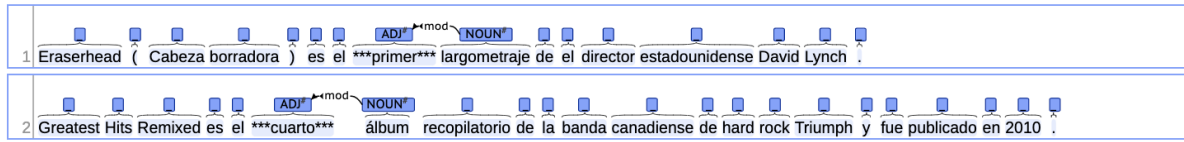


Figure 3: A rule extracted for Spanish adjective-noun word order.

Word Order Similar to case marking, we can assume that every input example has a word order value, for example subjects will occur either *before* or *after* the verbs. Therefore, for an input example, we can consider the observed order to be the ground truth and compute the accuracy by comparing it with the model’s prediction. We compare against a frequency-baseline where the most frequent word order value is assigned to all input examples.

Comparing the model’s prediction with the observed order is reasonable for languages which have a dominant word order. There are a considerable set of languages which have a freer word order. WALS labels such relations as “no dominant order” (e.g. subject-verb order for Modern Greek). For such cases, considering accuracy alone might be insufficient as there is no ground truth. Therefore, we also report the entropy over the predicted output distribution:

$$H_{wo}^r = - \sum_{k=\text{before, after}} p_k \log p_k$$

$$p_k = \frac{\sum_{\langle x_i^r, y_i \rangle \in D_{\text{test}}^r} \mathbb{1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \quad \hat{y}_i = k \\ 0 \quad \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.}{|D_{\text{test}}^r|}$$

For languages which have no dominant word order, the model should be uncertain about the predicted word order and we expect the model’s entropy to be high. The accuracy computed against the observed word order is still useful, as despite there being “no dominant order”, speakers tend to prefer one word order over the other and a high accuracy would entail that the model was successful in capturing this “preferred order.”

Agreement We use the automated rule metric (ARM) proposed by Chaudhary et al. (2020) which

computes accuracy by comparing the ground truth label to the predicted label. The ground truth label of an example is decided using a predefined threshold on the leaf to which the example belongs. ARM does not use the observed agreement between the head and its dependent as ground truth because an observed agreement might not necessarily mean *required* agreement. We compare with Chaudhary et al. (2020), which uses simple syntactic features such as POS of the head, the dependent and, the dependency relation between them.

6 Human Expert Evaluation Protocol

Since our primary objective is to extract rules which are human-readable and of assistance to the linguists, we enlist the help of language experts to evaluate the rules on three parameters: *correctness*, *prior knowledge*, *feature correctness*. Before starting with the actual evaluation, we first ask the expert to provide answers regarding the linguistic questions we are evaluating. For example, we ask questions such as “when are subjects after verbs in Greek”, and they are required to provide a brief answer (e.g. “for questions or when giving emphasis to a subject”). We then direct them to our interface (Figure 3), where we show the extracted features and a few illustrative examples for the rule, then ask questions regarding each of the three parameters (as shown in Figure 9 in the Appendix).

Regarding *correctness*, the expert is asked to annotate whether the illustrative examples, shown for that rule, are governed by some underlying grammar rule. If so, they are then required to judge how precise it is. Consider some rules extracted for Spanish adjective-noun order in Table 1. Looking at the examples and features for the Type-1

Type	Rule Features	Examples	Label
Type-1 (valid)	Adj is a Ordinal	También se utilizaba en las primeras grabaciones y arreglos jazzísticos. <i>It was also used in <u>early</u> jazz recordings and arrangements.</i> Las primeras 24 horas son cruciales. <i>The <u>first</u> 24 hours are crucial.</i>	Before
Type-2 (valid, not informative)	Adj belongs to group: con,como,no,más,lo	Matisyahu piensa editar pronto un nuevo disco grabado en estudio. <i>Matisyahu plans to release a <u>new</u> studio-recorded album soon.</i> Es una experiencia nueva estar desempleado. <i>It's a <u>new</u> experience being unemployed</i>	Before
Type-3 (valid, too general)	Adj's is NOT Ordinal	Además de una gran variedad de aplicaciones <i>In addition to a <u>great</u> variety of applications.</i> Una unión solemnizada en un país extranjero <i>An <u>union</u> solemnized in a foreign country</i>	After
Type-4 (valid, too specific)	Adj's lemma is numeroso	En África hay numerosas lenguas tonales <i>In Africa there are <u>numerous</u> tonal languages</i> Ellas poseen varios libros <i>They own <u>several</u> books</i>	Before
Type-5 (invalid)	Adj's head noun is a conjunct	Las consecuencias de cualquier (colapso) de divisa e inflación masiva . <i>The consequences expected from any currency collapse and <u>massive</u> inflation.</i> (Realizan) trabajos de alta calidad , muy buenos profesionales <i>They do high quality work, very <u>good</u> professionals</i>	After

Table 1: Types of rules discovered by the model for Spanish adjective-noun word order. **Adjectives** are highlighted and the nouns they modify are underlined. Illustrative examples under each rule are also shown with their English translation in italics. Label denotes the predicted order.

rule, it is evident that this rule *precisely defines the linguistic distinction*.³ Some rules, although valid, may be too general (Type-3) or too specific (Type-4). Finally, a rule *may not correspond to any underlying grammar rule*, like the Type-5 where the model simply discovered a spurious correlation in the data. For *prior knowledge*, if an extracted rule was indeed a valid grammar rule, then we ask the expert whether they were aware of such a rule. This will inform us how useful our framework is in discovering rules which a) align with the expert's prior knowledge and, b) are novel i.e. rules which the expert were not aware of apriori. Finally, for *feature correctness*, we ask whether the features selected by the model accurately describe said rule. For the Type-1 rule, the answer would be *yes*. But for rules like Type-2, the features are not informative even though the corresponding examples do follow a common pattern.

7 Gold-standard Analysis Experiments

In this section, we present results to demonstrate that our framework can discover the conditions, to some extent, which govern the different linguistic phenomena. Specifically, we experiment with gold-standard syntactic analysis derived from the SUD treebanks, and run experiments to answer questions about word order, agreement, and case marking (§ 7.1). Next, we manually verify a subset of these extracted rules (§ 7.2).

³<https://www.thoughtco.com/ordinal-numbers-in-spanish-3079591>

Data and Model We use the Syntactic Universal Dependencies v2.5 (SUD) (Gerdes et al., 2019) treebanks which are based on the Universal Dependencies (UD) (Nivre et al., 2016, 2018) project, the difference being that SUD treebanks allow function words to be syntactic heads (as opposed to UD's preference for content words), which is more conducive to our goal of learning grammar rules. We experiment with treebanks for 61 languages, which are publicly available with annotations for POS tags, lemmas, dependency parses and morphological analysis. We use the same train, validation and test split as provided in the treebanks to create the training data to answer each linguistic question. We use the XGBoost (Chen and Guestrin, 2016) library to learn the decision tree. Details on the setup are discussed in Appendix D.

7.1 Automated Evaluation Results

We train models using syntactic features for all languages covered by SUD, wherever the linguistic question is applicable. We find that our models outperform the respective baselines by an (avg.) accuracy of +7.3 for word order, +28.1 for case marking, and +4.0 ARM for agreement. We present the breakdown by individual relations in Appendix (Table 3).

As motivated in § 3, the conditions which govern a linguistic phenomena vary considerably across languages, which is also reflected through our model performance. For example, the model trained on syntactic features alone is sufficient to

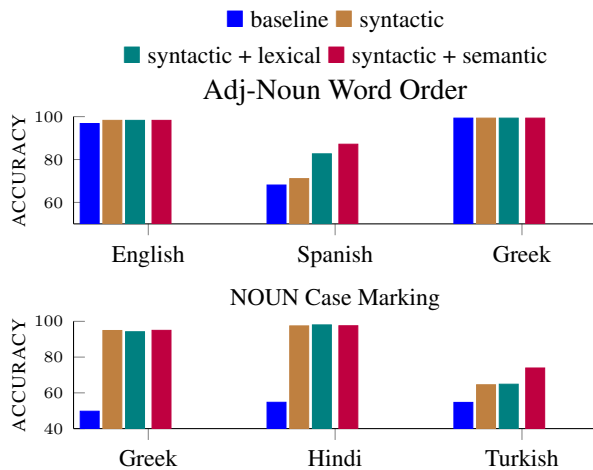


Figure 4: Comparing the effect of different features on the word order and case marking.

reach a high accuracy (avg. 94.2%) for predicting the adjective-noun order in Germanic languages. But for Romance languages, using only syntactic features leads to much lower performance (avg. 74.6%). We experiment with different features and report results for a subset of languages in Figure 4. Observe that for Spanish adjective-noun order adding lexical features improves the performance significantly (+11.57) over syntactic features, and semantic features provide an additional gain of +4.48. Studying the languages marked as having “no dominant order” in WALS, we find our model does show a higher entropy. SUD contains 8 such languages for subject-verb order, and our model produces an (avg.) entropy of 1.09, as opposed to (avg.) 0.75 entropy for all other languages. For noun case marking in Greek, syntactic features already bring the model performance to 94%. For Turkish, the addition of semantic features raises the model performance by +9.38. The model now precisely captures that nouns for locations like *ev, oda, kapı, dünya*⁴ typically take the locative case.

To confirm that these *discovered conditions generalize to the language as a whole and not the specific dataset on which it was trained on*, we train a model on one treebank of a language and apply the trained model directly on the test portions of other treebanks of the same language. There are 30 languages in the SUD which fit this requirement. Figure 7 in the Appendix demonstrates one such setting for understanding the word order patterns across different French corpora, where the models have been trained on the largest treebank

⁴house, room, door, world

(fr-gsd). For subject-verb order, all treebanks except the fr-fqb show similar high test performance (>90% acc.). Interestingly, the model severely underperforms (28% acc.) on fr-fqb which is a question-bank corpus comprising of only questions, and questions in French can have varying word order patterns.⁵ The model fails to correctly predict the word order because in the training treebank only 1.7% of examples are questions making it challenging for the model to learn word order rules for different question types.

Through this tool, a linguist can potentially inspect and derive insights on how the patterns discovered for a linguistic question vary across different settings, both within a language and across different languages as well.

7.2 Human Evaluation Results

Through the above experiments, we *automatically* evaluated that the extracted rules are predictive (to some extent) and applicable to the language in general. Before applying this framework on an endangered language we first perform a manual evaluation ourselves for English and Greek. We select these languages based on the availability of human annotators, using one expert each for English and Greek. First, we note that the total number of rules for English (29) are much less than that for Greek (161), the latter being more morphologically rich. We find that 80% of the rules (across all phenomena) are valid grammar rules for both languages. A significant portion (40%) of the valid rules are either too specific or too general, which highlights that there is scope of improvement in the feature and/or model design. Interestingly, even for English, there were 7 rules which the expert was not aware of. For example, the following rule for adjective-noun order – “when the nominal is a word like *something, nothing, anything*, the adjective can come after the noun.“. For Greek, almost all valid rules were known to the expert, except for one Gender agreement rule⁶. Regarding feature correctness, the Greek expert found 69% of the valid rules to be readable and informative, while the English expert found 58% of such rules. We show the individual results in Appendix (Figure 8).

⁵In questions such as *Que signifie l’acronyme NASA?* (“What does the acronym NASA mean?”), the verb comes before its **subject**, but for questions such as *Qui produit le logiciel?* (“Who produces the software?”) the **subject** is before the verb.

⁶The rule was, “proper-nouns modifiers do not need to necessarily agree with their head nouns”.

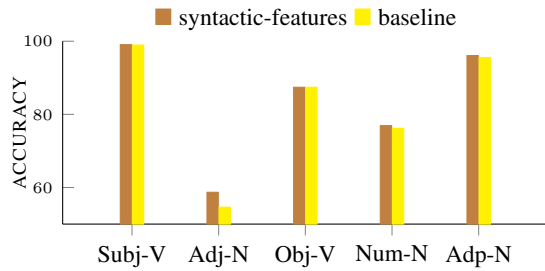


Figure 5: Test accuracy for word order in Hmong.

8 Endangered Language Study

Finally, to test the applicability of the proposed method in a language documentation situation, we apply our framework on Hmong, an endangered language, spoken across US, China, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand. We had access to 445k Hmong sentences, which were collected from the `soc.culture.hmong` Usenet group and subjected to rudimentary filtering. The number of people who speak a variety mutually intelligible with this one is closer to 1M. The study on Hmong presents a realistic setting of language analysis wherein there is no expert-annotated syntactic analysis available.

To obtain syntactic analyses, we train Udify (Kondratyuk and Straka, 2019), a multilingual automatic parser that jointly predicts POS tags, lemmas, morphological analysis and dependency parses, on Vietnamese, Chinese and English treebanks and apply it to the Hmong text. We randomly split the parsed data into a train and test set (80:20) and apply our general framework to extract rules (details in Appendix F).

Results Hmong has no inflectional morphology so we only train the model to answer word order questions. In Figure 5, we present the accuracy of the model trained using syntactic features on the test split. We find that the model outperforms the baseline slightly, except for the object-verb model where it is on par. An on-par performance could indicate that either there were not many examples whose word order deviated from the dominant order or the model needs improvement.⁷ We conduct the expert evaluation for four relations (Subj-V, Adj-N, Num-N, Adp-N), where our model does outperform the baseline. First, we ask the expert, a linguist who studies Hmong, to describe the rules (if any) for each relation.

⁷Although ObjV order doesn't vary much in this corpus, the model achieves only 87% accuracy, which could be due to error in object, verb identification.

Comparing with the expert's provided rules, we find that the model is successful in discovering the dominant pattern for all relations. However, of the 30 rules (across all relations) presented to the expert for annotation, only 5 rules (1 rule for subject-verb, 4 rules for numeral-noun) were found to precisely describe the linguistic distinction. For instance, according to the expert, numerals cannot occur immediately before nouns, rather they always occur before classifiers which always occur before nouns. Our model was able to discover this rule, although the features used to describe that rule were only partially correct. Interestingly, one of rules captured some examples where the numerals were occurring immediately before nouns without the classifiers. The expert was not aware of such a construction⁸. On one hand, this is promising as the model, despite being trained on noisy sentences and syntactic analyses, was able to discover instances of interesting linguistic behavior. However, the expert noted that a large portion of the rules were difficult to annotate as most of these referred to examples which were incorrectly parsed, some of which even described the English portion of code-mixed data. This poses a new challenge for zero-shot dependency parsers, even the relatively strong model of Kondratyuk and Straka (2019) resulted in a high enough error rate that it impacted the effectiveness of our method, and methods with higher zero-shot accuracy may further improve the results of end-to-end generation of grammatical descriptions.

9 Next Steps

While we have demonstrated that our automatic framework can answer linguistic questions across different languages, the rules we discover are limited by the SUD annotation decisions. For example, several nouns in German are not annotated for the default case, which means these nouns get ignored by our model in the current setting. Possibly, using language-specific annotations or heuristics could help alleviate this problem. As noted in the Hmong study, the quality of rules depends on the quality of underlying parses. We plan to devise an iterative process where a linguist, assisted by an automatic parser, can improve syntactic parsing. The model extracts rules using the improved analyses, which the linguist can inspect and provide more inputs to further improve.

⁸Details in Appendix F

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A Related Work

Prior work (Lewis and Xia, 2008; Hellan, 2010; Bender et al., 2013; Howell et al., 2017) have proposed methods to map descriptive grammars, present in the form of inter-linear glossed text (IGT), to existing head-phrase structure grammar (HPSG) based grammar system which is machine-readable. Lewis and Xia (2008) enrich IGT data with syntactic structures to determine canonical word order and case marking observed in the language. They do note that, while a linguist carefully chooses the examples to create the IGT corpus such that they are representative of the linguistic phenomena of interest, insights derived from IGT may suffer from this bias as the data doesn't encompass many of the naturally-occurring examples. Hellan (2010) present a sentence-level annotation code which maps the properties of the sentence to discrete labels. These discrete labels form a template which are then mapped to in a mixed to HPSG or LFG format (Pollard and Sag, 1994; Kaplan et al., 1981). Bender et al. (2013) extract major-constituent word order and case marking properties from the IGT for a diverse set of languages. Potentially, grammar rules can also be derived from existing projects such as the LinGO Grammar Matrix (Bender et al., 2002), ParGram (Butt et al., 2002; King et al., 2005). These are grammar development tools designed to write and create grammar specifications that support a wide range of languages, in a unified format. They focus on mapping simple description of languages, obtained from existing IGT-annotated data or input from a linguist, to precision grammar fragments, grounded in a grammar formalism such as HPSG, LFG. Our work differs in that, 1) we attempt to discover and explain the local linguistic behaviors for the language in general, 2) we do not extract rules for an individual sentence in isolation, as some of the HPSG/LFG-based approaches do, 3) we discover these behaviors from naturally occurring sentences. We do note that the rules we present in this work are based on the SUD annotation scheme, but the current framework can be easily extended to any other such scheme. In Table 2, we outline the different linguistic questions answered by our work and the related work.

There has also been work on developing toolkits to visualize some aspects of language structure – Lepp et al. (2019) present a web-based system to explore different morphological analyses. They also allow a user to improve the analyses thereby

also improving the grammar specification which relies on those analyses.

B Learning and Extracting Rules

Statistical Threshold for Rule Extraction Similar to Chaudhary et al. (2020), we apply statistical testing to label leaves. They define a null hypothesis H_0 for morphological agreement which states that *each leaf denotes chance-agreement*. This means that there is no required agreement between a head and its dependent on the morphological attribute m . The hypothesis to be tested for is H_1 which states that *the leaf denotes required-agreement*. If the observed example distribution under a leaf is deemed to be statistically significant when compared to an expected empirical distribution (computed over the training data), we can reject H_0 and accept H_1 . We follow a similar approach for case marking and word order.

For case marking and word order, we define the hypotheses as:

H_0 : Each leaf can take any label. 928

H_1 : The leaf takes the label dominant under that leaf 929

For case marking, we can design H_0 as above because under the abstract case viewpoint (§ 3), case is a universal property for each word. Similarly for word order relation, the words participating in the relation can either be *before* or *after* the other. Therefore, to apply the chi-squared goodness of fit test, we compute the expected probability distribution for H_0 considering a uniform distribution. For example, if a noun can take four possible case values (nominative, accusative, locative, dative) then $p = 0.25$ and, for word order $p = 0.5$ (binary labels *before*, *after*). We then compute the test statistic and p-value as explained in detail in Chaudhary et al. (2020). The leaves which are not statistically significant are given the label of *cannot decide*, which informs a user that the model was uncertain about the label.

Rule Visualization Under each rule, we present a subset of examples from the training portion of the treebank to illustrate the rule. To not overwhelm the user, we only present 10 positive and 10 negative examples. Positive examples refer to the examples which have the features (from that rule) and follow the label as predicted by that leaf. However, there could be examples in the training data which have the same features as defined under

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Linguistic Phenomena	Work	Rule-Type	Corpus Type
WordOrder	Ours	C+FG	Raw text
	Grammar Matrix (Bender et al., 2002)	C+FG	IGT text*
	Lewis and Xia (2008)	C	IGT text
	Bender et al. (2013)	C	IGT text
	Östling (2015)	C	Raw text
	Wang and Eisner (2017)	C	Raw text
	WALS Dryer and Haspelmath (2013)	C	Reference grammar*
Case Marking	Ours	C+FG	Raw text
	Grammar Matrix (Bender et al., 2002)	C+FG	IGT text*
	WALS Dryer and Haspelmath (2013)	C	Reference grammar*
	Howell et al. (2017)	C	IGT text
Agreement	Ours	C+FG	Raw text
	Grammar Matrix (Bender et al., 2002)	C+FG	IGT text*
	Chaudhary et al. (2020)	C+FG	Raw text
Sentence construction	Hellan (2010)	FG	IGT text*

Table 2: An overview of linguistic questions *automatically* answered by our current work and existing related work. Some of them combine semi-automatic approaches with manually annotated resources, there are marked with *. Rule-Type denotes the type of rule extracted for a language, C refers to coarse-grained such as rules for canonical word order, FG refers to fine-grained i.e. rules extracted at a local level.

that rule, but these example do not follow the predicted label. We refer to these examples as negative examples. In Figure 3, we demonstrate one such rule with the examples.

Since we only show a small set of examples, we select these examples to be concise and representative. We first group the examples under the rule by the lemmatized forms of the focus words. For example, under the Type-1 rule (Table 1) extracted for Spanish adjective-noun word order, the focus words are the **adjective** (w_a) and the **noun** (w_b). We group these examples by the lemmatized forms of the adjective and noun $\langle l_a, l_b \rangle$. The examples grouped under a lemmatized pair $\langle l_a, l_b \rangle$ are then sorted by their lengths. For each lemmatized pair $\langle l_a, l_b \rangle$, we select the top shortest examples. Finally, all selected examples are shuffled and we randomly select 10 examples.

C Human Evaluation Setup

For a given linguistic question, ideally, we would like to present the rules extracted from best performing decision tree. However, it is highly likely that a tree with a large depth is the best-performing, which could then result in a large set of rules. In order to not overwhelm the linguist who is reviewing the rules, we select the tree, from which we extract the rules, based on two metrics: accuracy and conciseness. We use Pareto analysis (Pareto, 1964) which is a creative way to visualize the best

options, in our case the best model to extract rules. In Figure 6, we show the Pareto analysis for Spanish adjective-noun word order models. The x-axis denotes the number of leaves which acts as a proxy for conciseness and the y-axis is the model accuracy. Each point on the plot denotes a model trained with a different hyperparameter. The models on the blue line denote the best choices to select from. For example, a model on the far upper right on the line although has the best accuracy, but it has 80+ leaves, which can be overwhelming to review. For our annotation setup, we select a model on the line which is as high performing as possible but with an upper limit of number of leaves being <30 . We then extract rules from that model and each rule is then presented with an annotation form, as shown in Figure 9.

D Experimental Setup

Training Data Syntactic and lexical features are directly extracted from the syntactic analyses, which we obtain either from a expert annotated treebank or an automatic model trained on similar data. The treebanks have been annotated with POS tags, lemmas, morphological analyses and dependency parse information, per the SUD annotation scheme (Gerdes et al., 2019). Semantic features are derived from continuous word representations, on which we apply the transformation proposed by Subramanian et al. (2018). We use 300-dimensional

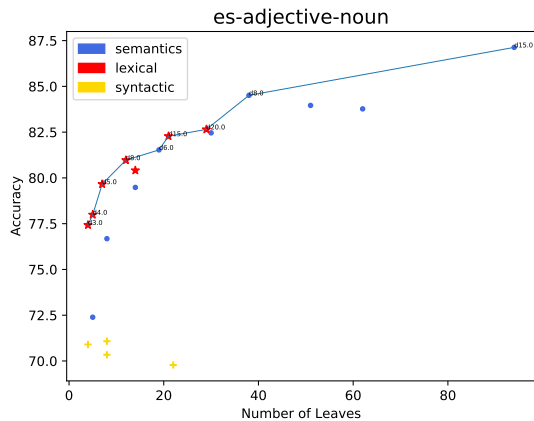


Figure 6: Visualizing different models for Spanish adjective-noun word order on two parameters, accuracy and conciseness.

pretrained word embeddings released by fasttext⁹. These are pretrained on Wikipedia and are available for 157 languages. We use the same hyperparameters as described in the code¹⁰ from Subramanian et al. (2018) to transform these pretrained embeddings into sparse vectors. We experiment with $hdim=\{1000, 2000\}$ and scale the reconstruction loss by $\{5, 10\}$. We select those embeddings which have a sparsity level between 85-90%.

Model As described in the main text, we use the XGB00ST to learn a decision tree. We perform a grid search over a set of hyperparameters and select the best performing model based on the validation set performance. Here the hyperparameters we use:

- criterion: {gini, entropy}
- max-depth: {3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 20}
- n-estimators: 1
- learning-rate: 0.1
- objective: multi:softprob

E Gold-standard Experiments

E.1 Automated Evaluation Results

In the main text we reported the average improvement for the word order, agreement and case marking models. In Table 3 we present the breakdown per each question. The word order results are reported over 56 languages, agreement over 38 and

⁹<https://fasttext.cc/docs/en/pretrained-vectors.html>

¹⁰<https://github.com/harsh19/SPINE>

Linguistic Phenomena	Model	Gain
Word Order	adjective-noun	2.61
	subject-verb	6.95
	object-verb	10.78
	numeral-noun	9.88
	noun-adposition	2.31
Agreement	Gender	4.02
	Person	1.08
	Number	4.95
Case Marking	NOUN	30.03
	PRON	32.66
	DET	47.33
	PROPN	29.77
	ADJ	35.59
	VERB	18.76
	ADP	15.4
	NUM	25.81

Table 3: Breakdown of the performance gain (over the baseline) for each linguistic question. The performance of the agreement models is compared with the models trained over simple syntactic features in Chaudhary et al. (2020).

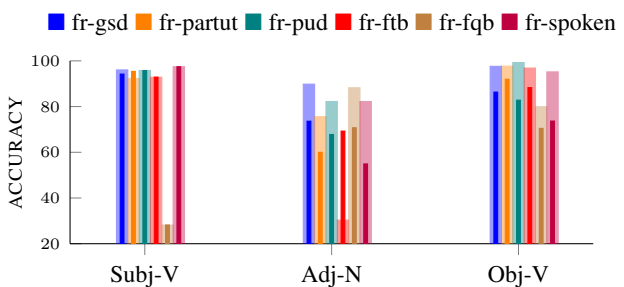


Figure 7: Comparing the accuracy of the model across different treebanks. Each model is trained on the fr-gsd treebank and directly applied on the other treebanks. Shaded bars denote the best model performance trained using all features while solid bars denote the most-frequent baseline for that treebank.

case marking over 35 languages.¹¹ We also show individual results per each language for word order (Table 5, Table 6), agreement (Table 7), case marking (Table 8, Table 9).

E.2 Human Evaluation Results

We conduct expert evaluation for English and Greek. For English, a total of 15 rules were evaluated for agreement, 11 for word order and 3 for case marking. For Greek, a total of 35 rules were evaluated for agreement, 11 for word order and

¹¹Some languages have very little training data on which we couldn't fit a model while for some languages the linguistic questions was not applicable. Some experiments are still in progress.

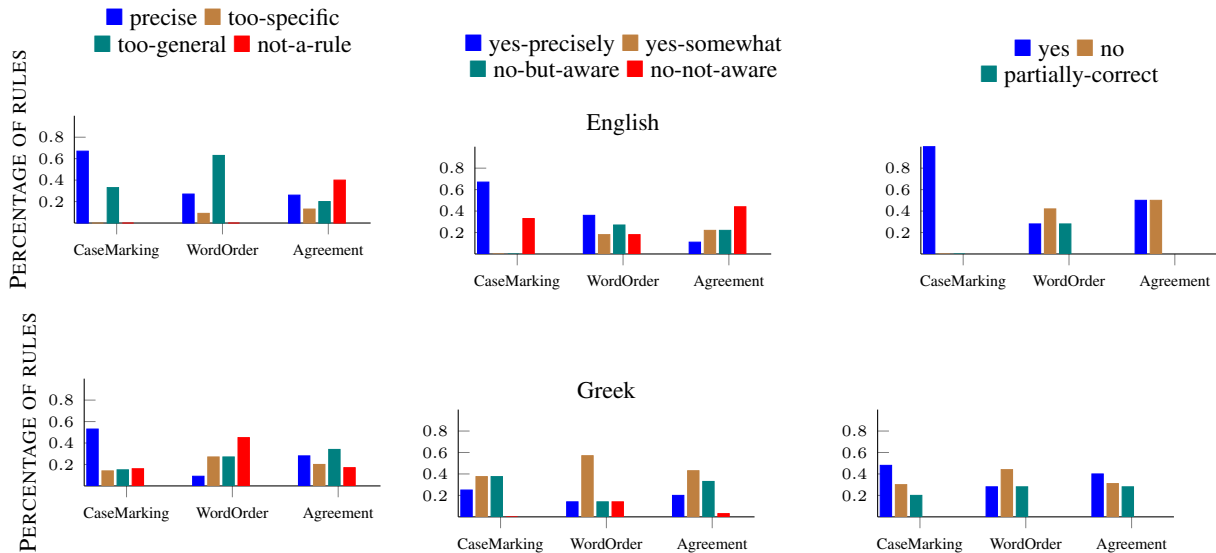


Figure 8: Evaluating rule correctness (left), prior knowledge (middle) and feature correctness (right). Top plot shows the results for English while the bottom plot shows for Greek.

1050 115 for case marking. We discussed the results in
 1051 the main text, here we present the figures for En-
 1052 glish and Greek (Figure 8). For English, there were
 1053 some rules which the expert was not aware of. We
 1054 discussed one example for word order in the main
 1055 text, we show an example for agreement and case
 1056 marking in Table 4.

1081 tically related) but they were not aware of other
 1082 constructions which also didn’t have the classifiers
 1083 such as: “1 noun-1, 2 noun-2. 3 noun-3, ..., n
 1084 noun-n”

1057 F Endangered Language Study

1058 **Data** We experimented with Hmong in this set-
 1059 ting, specifically the data includes different vari-
 1060 eties (hnj and mww). Since the data was scraped
 1061 from the web, this data was noisy and intermixed
 1062 with English data. Therefore, we automatically
 1063 cleaned the corpus. We trained a character-level
 1064 language model on English data and automatically
 1065 filtered sentences which had a low-perplexity. This
 1066 removed 61k English-only sentences, although this
 1067 did not remove the English code-mixed sentences.
 1068 That is one reason why some of the rules identified
 1069 were on the English portion of the data. We chose
 1070 Vietnamese, Chinese and English to train udify
 1071 model as they share syntactic and lexical similarity
 1072 with Hmong.

1073 **Results** In the main text, we discussed the exam-
 1074 ple of rules extracted for numeral-noun. The expert
 1075 was aware of constructions such as “1 clf-1 noun-
 1076 1” where clf-1 is the classifier which comes after
 1077 the numeral but before the noun. They were aware
 1078 of one construction where numerals occurred be-
 1079 fore the nouns without the classifier – “1 noun-1
 1080 1 noun-2” (where noun-1 and noun-2 are seman-

Linguistic Phenomena	Rule	Examples	Label
Number Agreement	dependent's head is a NOUN	Kids fun games are added to the building. Nationalist groups are coming to the conference.	Not-required-agreement
Object Case Marking	Pronoun is a oblique	Because Large Fries give you FOUR PIECES ! Give him a call tommorow	Accusative

Table 4: Some example of rules for agreement and case marking, which the expert annotator was not aware of. The **focus word** is highlighted, for agreement we also underline the head with which the dependent's agreement is checked. The examples under number agreement demonstrate that when dependent's head is a noun the **dependent** need not agree with its head. We show one example where the first example shows the dependent matches the number of the head, and the second example shows that it didn't not match.

Q1. Looking at the examples below, is the rule

- precisely defining a linguistic distinction
- too specific
- too general
- not corresponding to a real linguistic distinction in the language
- cannot decide as the examples are incorrectly parsed

Q2. If you selected any of the first three options in Q1, does it match the rules you provided earlier? If you selected the fourth option in Q1, leave blank.

- Yes, precisely
- Yes, not exactly but somewhat
- No, but I was aware of such a construction
- No, I was not aware of this before

Q3. Do the features accurately describe the group of positive samples below? If this is a "default" rule, leave blank.

- Yes
- No
- Partially correct

If there's an alternative set of features that more accurately or concisely describe them, please briefly describe them in the comment box.

Other comments:

Figure 9: Rule evaluation form presented to the language expert.

Type	Lang	Train - Test - Baseline	Type	Lang	Train - Test - Baseline
adjective-noun	it-vit	70.71 - 69.51 - 66.02	object-verb	cu-proiel	80.37 - 82.72 - 76.03
adjective-noun	no-nynorsk	97.68 - 97.92 - 97.76	object-verb	be-hse	87.79 - 95.38 - 95.38
adjective-noun	ro-nonstandard	87.46 - 95.19 - 92.95	object-verb	sv-lines	96.75 - 96.79 - 95.31
adjective-noun	bg-btb	97.27 - 98.49 - 97.23	object-verb	uk-iu	82.77 - 87.16 - 83.16
adjective-noun	gl-ctg	79.02 - 79.2 - 79.2	object-verb	ga-idt	94.89 - 91.55 - 82.8
adjective-noun	cs-pdt	94.69 - 94.36 - 93.69	object-verb	sk-snk	81.84 - 86.17 - 80.91
adjective-noun	fi-tdt	98.56 - 99.09 - 99.09	object-verb	hu-szeged	73.23 - 68.26 - 53.73
adjective-noun	pl-pdb	65.61 - 68.0 - 61.84	object-verb	got-proiel	74.58 - 80.15 - 72.44
adjective-noun	la-itbt	63.64 - 59.65 - 40.2	object-verb	hr-set	89.27 - 92.2 - 83.32
adjective-noun	nl-alpino	98.38 - 98.65 - 98.65	object-verb	lzh-kyoto	97.86 - 98.01 - 95.7
adjective-noun	mt-mudt	78.91 - 82.84 - 82.84	object-verb	lv-lvtb	85.03 - 82.95 - 75.24
adjective-noun	ja-bccwj	99.4 - 98.69 - 98.69	object-verb	et-edt	76.03 - 79.51 - 69.67
adjective-noun	orv-torot	71.39 - 65.76 - 53.48	object-verb	fro-srcmf	79.62 - 81.82 - 48.25
adjective-noun	pt-gsd	70.31 - 74.54 - 71.63	object-verb	af-afribooms	82.72 - 96.19 - 86.03
adjective-noun	cu-proiel	84.96 - 84.98 - 84.98	object-verb	hy-armtdp	71.47 - 74.58 - 44.92
adjective-noun	sv-lines	98.3 - 98.29 - 95.67	object-verb	en-ewt	98.33 - 98.94 - 97.26
adjective-noun	uk-iu	94.68 - 95.19 - 95.19	object-verb	fr-gsd	98.89 - 97.18 - 86.33
adjective-noun	sk-snk	96.11 - 95.17 - 95.17	object-verb	el-gdt	97.18 - 96.2 - 86.0
adjective-noun	got-proiel	79.51 - 79.51 - 72.48	object-verb	es-gsd	97.47 - 95.99 - 90.4
adjective-noun	hr-set	96.24 - 96.78 - 96.36	object-verb	tr-imst	95.38 - 96.64 - 96.64
adjective-noun	lv-lvtb	98.93 - 98.84 - 98.84	object-verb	ru-syntagrus	87.47 - 88.33 - 85.63
adjective-noun	et-edt	99.57 - 99.36 - 99.01	object-verb	sl-ssj	84.16 - 88.24 - 72.92
adjective-noun	fro-srcmf	73.84 - 74.42 - 73.26	object-verb	id-gsd	99.33 - 98.99 - 95.97
adjective-noun	en-ewt	97.84 - 98.25 - 96.77	object-verb	lt-alksnis	80.76 - 79.02 - 69.73
adjective-noun	fr-gsd	71.04 - 73.8 - 73.6	object-verb	ar-nyuad	96.27 - 95.91 - 95.63
adjective-noun	el-gdt	97.34 - 99.29 - 99.29	object-verb	grc-proiel	72.98 - 75.87 - 67.05
adjective-noun	es-gsd	76.27 - 71.46 - 68.1	subject-verb	it-vit	82.95 - 82.53 - 71.76
adjective-noun	ru-syntagrus	97.84 - 98.0 - 96.54	subject-verb	no-nynorsk	83.42 - 85.33 - 70.34
adjective-noun	sl-ssj	98.22 - 98.27 - 97.78	subject-verb	ug-udt	95.32 - 95.13 - 95.13
adjective-noun	id-gsd	93.41 - 92.79 - 92.79	subject-verb	ro-nonstandard	69.06 - 74.27 - 54.36
adjective-noun	lt-alksnis	98.61 - 98.3 - 98.3	subject-verb	bg-btb	78.86 - 79.65 - 72.73
adjective-noun	ar-nyuad	99.65 - 99.64 - 99.64	subject-verb	gl-ctg	84.54 - 85.5 - 82.14
adjective-noun	grc-proiel	65.23 - 72.33 - 64.82	subject-verb	cs-pdt	67.13 - 73.18 - 63.33
adjective-noun	de-hdt	99.47 - 99.66 - 99.26	subject-verb	fi-tdt	88.11 - 90.57 - 88.19
object-verb	it-vit	96.28 - 94.88 - 84.92	subject-verb	pl-pdb	78.19 - 80.6 - 72.1
object-verb	no-nynorsk	97.73 - 98.68 - 95.86	subject-verb	la-itbt	80.29 - 82.69 - 72.54
object-verb	ro-nonstandard	86.05 - 87.79 - 65.06	subject-verb	zh-gsd	99.78 - 99.44 - 97.39
object-verb	bg-btb	92.18 - 92.43 - 80.66	subject-verb	nl-alpino	70.62 - 72.11 - 67.12
object-verb	gl-ctg	92.71 - 94.17 - 82.2	subject-verb	mt-mudt	83.91 - 84.96 - 72.03
object-verb	cs-pdt	82.35 - 83.91 - 73.97	subject-verb	orv-torot	72.38 - 66.07 - 60.46
object-verb	fi-tdt	84.21 - 86.62 - 77.98	subject-verb	he-htb	73.43 - 70.7 - 63.44
object-verb	pl-pdb	88.89 - 90.28 - 81.07	subject-verb	pt-gsd	89.4 - 93.15 - 87.47
object-verb	la-itbt	65.96 - 65.36 - 52.63	subject-verb	cu-proiel	73.88 - 76.31 - 62.48
object-verb	zh-gsd	93.4 - 94.12 - 87.75	subject-verb	be-hse	82.86 - 83.33 - 81.11
object-verb	nl-alpino	90.32 - 94.69 - 47.48	subject-verb	sv-lines	80.17 - 80.72 - 73.06
object-verb	mt-mudt	95.66 - 94.96 - 94.96	subject-verb	uk-iu	76.89 - 77.14 - 74.56
object-verb	wo-wtb	91.6 - 91.81 - 75.11	subject-verb	ga-idt	99.33 - 99.28 - 85.25
object-verb	orv-torot	76.71 - 72.56 - 65.51	subject-verb	sk-snk	63.43 - 73.69 - 73.69
object-verb	he-htb	97.87 - 98.03 - 98.03	subject-verb	hu-szeged	75.91 - 74.59 - 72.43
object-verb	pt-gsd	95.17 - 95.02 - 88.45	subject-verb	got-proiel	67.56 - 73.2 - 66.17

Table 5: Accuracy results for all relations across different languages. Baseline is the most frequent order in the training data.

Type	Lang	Train - Test - Baseline	Type	Lang	Train - Test - Baseline
subject-verb	hr-set	81.87 - 86.62 - 77.44	noun-adposition	fi-tdt	97.88 - 98.12 - 89.47
subject-verb	cop-scriptorium	85.92 - 83.84 - 76.71	noun-adposition	pl-pdb	99.97 - 99.97 - 99.83
subject-verb	lv-lvtb	76.96 - 77.98 - 73.99	noun-adposition	nl-alpino	99.28 - 99.57 - 99.23
subject-verb	et-edt	68.13 - 71.93 - 61.02	noun-adposition	orv-torot	97.92 - 97.54 - 96.83
subject-verb	fro-srcmf	79.21 - 80.69 - 78.1	noun-adposition	he-htb	99.71 - 99.77 - 99.55
subject-verb	hy-armtdp	81.25 - 80.25 - 80.25	noun-adposition	cu-proiel	98.06 - 98.4 - 98.4
subject-verb	en-ewt	98.92 - 98.81 - 94.15	noun-adposition	sv-lines	98.6 - 98.11 - 98.11
subject-verb	fr-gsd	96.7 - 94.21 - 94.21	noun-adposition	uk-iu	99.74 - 99.8 - 99.54
subject-verb	el-gdt	77.04 - 77.93 - 73.56	noun-adposition	lzh-kyoto	95.58 - 96.61 - 96.61
subject-verb	es-gsd	79.15 - 84.14 - 71.52	noun-adposition	cop-scriptorium	99.92 - 99.78 - 99.18
subject-verb	tr-imst	91.12 - 92.96 - 92.96	noun-adposition	lv-lvtb	98.56 - 97.78 - 97.78
subject-verb	ru-syntagrus	72.33 - 80.49 - 72.94	noun-adposition	et-edt	98.92 - 98.77 - 81.84
subject-verb	sl-ssj	70.95 - 74.66 - 63.01	noun-adposition	fro-srcmf	99.75 - 99.42 - 99.42
subject-verb	id-gsd	99.09 - 99.34 - 99.34	noun-adposition	hy-armtdp	97.22 - 96.83 - 85.71
subject-verb	lt-alksnis	74.44 - 78.39 - 75.33	noun-adposition	en-ewt	99.67 - 99.42 - 99.42
subject-verb	ar-nyuad	91.01 - 91.32 - 87.82	noun-adposition	es-gsd	99.81 - 100.0 - 98.83
subject-verb	grc-proiel	69.46 - 72.23 - 65.71	noun-adposition	ru-syntagrus	99.24 - 99.41 - 99.13
subject-verb	de-hdt	68.1 - 76.23 - 61.84	noun-adposition	id-gsd	97.67 - 97.81 - 96.81
numeral-noun	it-vit	73.17 - 79.32 - 79.32	noun-adposition	ar-nyuad	99.84 - 99.87 - 99.48
numeral-noun	no-nynorsk	88.49 - 88.44 - 88.44	noun-adposition	grc-proiel	99.03 - 98.92 - 98.92
numeral-noun	ro-nonstandard	87.27 - 84.83 - 62.07	noun-adposition	de-hdt	99.98 - 99.98 - 99.37
numeral-noun	bg-btb	92.22 - 88.24 - 88.24			
numeral-noun	cs-pdt	84.4 - 88.65 - 69.59			
numeral-noun	fi-tdt	82.35 - 87.25 - 68.3			
numeral-noun	pl-pdb	97.27 - 97.27 - 97.27			
numeral-noun	la-ittb	88.0 - 87.16 - 53.21			
numeral-noun	nl-alpino	95.03 - 98.7 - 89.61			
numeral-noun	mt-mudt	69.77 - 70.77 - 70.77			
numeral-noun	wo-wtb	74.63 - 82.5 - 73.75			
numeral-noun	ja-bccwj	99.05 - 98.71 - 98.71			
numeral-noun	orv-torot	86.64 - 79.8 - 72.73			
numeral-noun	he-htb	85.21 - 80.0 - 64.0			
numeral-noun	pt-gsd	92.18 - 89.42 - 73.56			
numeral-noun	sv-lines	81.3 - 85.48 - 85.48			
numeral-noun	ga-idt	73.2 - 62.86 - 57.14			
numeral-noun	sk-snk	88.01 - 75.36 - 43.12			
numeral-noun	hr-set	95.39 - 97.28 - 96.94			
numeral-noun	et-edt	91.63 - 91.54 - 83.65			
numeral-noun	en-ewt	85.33 - 89.05 - 82.09			
numeral-noun	fr-gsd	79.7 - 81.88 - 60.87			
numeral-noun	el-gdt	88.2 - 80.6 - 80.6			
numeral-noun	es-gsd	87.17 - 89.43 - 75.61			
numeral-noun	ru-syntagrus	93.48 - 95.01 - 85.15			
numeral-noun	sl-ssj	84.08 - 78.45 - 78.45			
numeral-noun	id-gsd	61.04 - 68.12 - 53.44			
numeral-noun	ar-nyuad	88.96 - 91.79 - 47.9			
numeral-noun	grc-proiel	68.76 - 62.9 - 62.9			
noun-adposition	no-nynorsk	99.31 - 99.26 - 99.14			
noun-adposition	gl-ctg	99.33 - 99.32 - 99.18			
noun-adposition	cs-pdt	99.98 - 99.98 - 99.94			

Table 6: Accuracy results for all relations across different languages. Baseline is the most frequent order in the training data.

Type	Lang	Test - Baseline	Type	Lang	Test - Baseline
Gender	it-vit	71.01 - 67.19	Gender	hr-set	71.32 - 72.5
Person	it-vit	70.83 - 62.5	Person	hr-set	63.33 - 76.92
Number	it-vit	59.56 - 71.2	Number	hr-set	64.25 - 67.53
Gender	no-nynorsk	70.0 - 46.43	Gender	lv-lvtb	74.48 - 72.66
Number	no-nynorsk	70.0 - 70.21	Person	lv-lvtb	60.98 - 50.0
Gender	ro-nonstandard	61.05 - 63.95	Number	lv-lvtb	72.78 - 68.83
Person	ro-nonstandard	55.22 - 63.64	Gender	hsb-ufal	60.87 - 85.71
Number	ro-nonstandard	62.86 - 62.63	Number	hsb-ufal	46.72 - 69.23
Gender	bg-btb	66.0 - 63.83	Gender	ru-syntagrus	64.96 - 69.68
Person	bg-btb	64.0 - 62.5	Person	ru-syntagrus	64.0 - 62.5
Number	bg-btb	73.17 - 63.93	Number	ru-syntagrus	60.24 - 59.09
Gender	cs-pdt	75.09 - 56.44	Gender	el-gdt	73.58 - 63.83
Person	cs-pdt	57.78 - 59.09	Person	el-gdt	65.0 - 66.67
Number	cs-pdt	63.35 - 47.66	Number	el-gdt	76.54 - 62.73
Gender	pl-pdb	71.11 - 64.53	Gender	hi-hdtb	69.11 - 58.59
Person	pl-pdb	60.71 - 55.56	Number	hi-hdtb	71.77 - 41.61
Number	pl-pdb	66.06 - 63.68	Gender	es-gsd	84.31 - 71.83
Gender	la-ittb	77.78 - 73.53	Person	es-gsd	91.67 - 59.09
Person	la-ittb	19.05 - 19.05	Number	es-gsd	88.89 - 64.39
Number	la-ittb	65.14 - 57.89	Gender	ta-ttb	100.0 - 68.18
Gender	nl-alpino	56.25 - 66.67	Number	ta-ttb	77.78 - 52.27
Number	nl-alpino	60.94 - 54.84	Person	ug-udt	37.93 - 52.63
Gender	orv-torot	64.52 - 65.54	Number	ug-udt	47.73 - 76.67
Person	orv-torot	66.67 - 60.0	Person	fi-tdt	58.06 - 38.71
Number	orv-torot	64.04 - 62.12	Number	fi-tdt	60.0 - 50.23
Gender	he-htb	78.16 - 74.7	Person	wo-wtb	52.17 - 55.0
Person	he-htb	78.95 - 73.68	Number	wo-wtb	57.14 - 48.57
Number	he-htb	58.14 - 58.54	Person	hu-szeged	39.39 - 44.44
Gender	cu-proiel	58.26 - 61.0	Number	hu-szeged	38.34 - 39.63
Person	cu-proiel	61.54 - 66.67	Person	et-edt	68.75 - 61.29
Number	cu-proiel	60.4 - 67.21	Number	et-edt	61.21 - 64.84
Gender	mr-ufal	53.57 - 60.87	Person	hy-armtdp	57.14 - 44.44
Person	mr-ufal	28.57 - 72.73	Number	hy-armtdp	58.49 - 59.18
Number	mr-ufal	66.67 - 39.39	Person	en-ewt	100.0 - 81.25
Gender	be-hse	61.29 - 59.57	Number	en-ewt	69.0 - 35.71
Number	be-hse	65.82 - 64.62	Person	tr-imst	32.69 - 35.91
Gender	sv-lines	65.52 - 53.85	Number	tr-imst	84.62 - 46.96
Number	sv-lines	60.0 - 64.29	Number	kmr-mg	55.56 - 78.26
Gender	uk-iu	68.92 - 70.08	Number	af-afribooms	68.75 - 60.0
Person	uk-iu	72.73 - 70.0	Number	fr-gsd	75.0 - 62.37
Number	uk-iu	65.78 - 64.67			
Gender	ga-idt	73.77 - 64.0			
Person	ga-idt	42.86 - 62.5			
Number	ga-idt	43.16 - 46.75			
Gender	sk-snk	71.9 - 69.16			
Person	sk-snk	88.89 - 77.78			
Number	sk-snk	63.36 - 55.83			
Gender	got-proiel	62.02 - 55.86			
Person	got-proiel	62.16 - 57.14			
Number	got-proiel	67.51 - 64.0			

Table 7: Accuracy results for all relations across different languages. Baseline is [Chaudhary et al. \(2020\)](#)

Type	Lang	Train - Test - Baseline	Type	Lang	Train - Test - Baseline
PRON	no-nynorsk	98.55 - 99.55 - 78.28	VERB	ug-udt	76.0 - 75.64 - 71.37
PRON	ug-udt	92.22 - 94.87 - 73.68	VERB	got-proiel	85.51 - 86.15 - 81.15
PRON	ro-nonstandard	89.77 - 91.2 - 38.33	VERB	lv-lvtb	96.43 - 95.61 - 75.58
PRON	sk-snk	83.19 - 83.9 - 34.75	VERB	tr-imst	67.53 - 66.58 - 46.13
PRON	hu-szeged	73.94 - 79.15 - 59.46	VERB	et-edt	86.95 - 86.08 - 82.91
PRON	got-proiel	87.97 - 91.05 - 36.79	VERB	hy-armtdp	86.63 - 94.34 - 39.62
PRON	hr-set	88.6 - 89.54 - 68.79	VERB	ur-udtb	96.01 - 98.95 - 98.95
PRON	lv-lvtb	90.64 - 90.85 - 54.03	VERB	lt-alksnis	94.86 - 95.0 - 52.5
PRON	en-ewt	97.74 - 96.76 - 81.48	ADP	ro-nonstandard	98.5 - 98.85 - 98.85
PRON	el-gdt	93.5 - 93.35 - 36.8	ADP	sk-snk	41.74 - 44.46 - 40.74
PRON	tr-imst	71.0 - 73.33 - 42.5	ADP	hr-set	45.85 - 48.42 - 37.96
PRON	sme-giella	85.31 - 76.82 - 47.05	ADP	hi-hdtb	85.57 - 86.99 - 52.34
PRON	es-gsd	95.89 - 96.14 - 53.71	ADP	ur-udtb	82.06 - 96.59 - 63.54
PRON	da-ddt	84.38 - 82.53 - 54.7	ADP	uk-iu	45.85 - 43.39 - 32.85
PRON	et-edt	79.75 - 81.58 - 45.26	ADJ	ro-nonstandard	98.14 - 96.9 - 96.42
PRON	af-afribooms	58.86 - 53.07 - 31.2	ADJ	ga-idt	95.47 - 93.25 - 90.18
PRON	hy-armtdp	78.1 - 79.05 - 63.81	ADJ	sk-snk	99.03 - 98.71 - 35.01
PRON	mr-ufal	71.58 - 78.95 - 78.95	ADJ	hu-szeged	98.73 - 98.25 - 92.58
PRON	be-hse	81.3 - 76.12 - 65.67	ADJ	got-proiel	88.48 - 92.33 - 38.36
PRON	ur-udtb	87.78 - 90.53 - 54.73	ADJ	hr-set	97.75 - 98.3 - 37.5
PRON	lt-alksnis	82.8 - 80.28 - 30.28	ADJ	lv-lvtb	93.85 - 94.37 - 39.59
PRON	bg-btb	95.73 - 95.78 - 46.78	ADJ	et-edt	94.13 - 95.16 - 41.07
PRON	sv-lines	99.32 - 99.41 - 58.02	ADJ	el-gdt	85.61 - 89.49 - 48.6
PRON	uk-iu	88.52 - 90.98 - 48.82	ADJ	hi-hdtb	84.36 - 84.34 - 70.48
NOUN	ug-udt	78.31 - 77.13 - 63.46	ADJ	tr-imst	56.45 - 60.22 - 51.88
NOUN	ro-nonstandard	96.68 - 97.53 - 87.8	ADJ	sme-giella	86.09 - 90.55 - 90.55
NOUN	kmr-mg	53.09 - 47.21 - 47.21	ADJ	ar-nyuad	94.15 - 96.94 - 62.54
NOUN	ga-idt	93.26 - 95.62 - 80.28	ADJ	be-hse	89.59 - 95.06 - 43.83
NOUN	sk-snk	91.27 - 92.27 - 20.61	ADJ	ur-udtb	99.04 - 98.81 - 62.02
NOUN	hu-szeged	72.25 - 72.1 - 47.6	ADJ	lt-alksnis	96.89 - 96.72 - 25.5
NOUN	got-proiel	84.89 - 87.12 - 27.72	ADJ	uk-iu	97.38 - 98.15 - 46.39
NOUN	hr-set	88.35 - 92.21 - 34.41	DET	ro-nonstandard	97.01 - 95.87 - 75.58
NOUN	lzh-kyoto	89.86 - 93.72 - 76.61	DET	sk-snk	95.7 - 93.24 - 43.74
NOUN	lv-lvtb	81.94 - 83.87 - 31.62	DET	got-proiel	94.78 - 96.25 - 32.29
NOUN	kk-ktb	49.24 - 53.32 - 53.32	DET	hr-set	94.87 - 95.64 - 42.81
NOUN	et-edt	62.6 - 66.51 - 27.65	DET	lv-lvtb	96.59 - 97.12 - 30.15
NOUN	el-gdt	91.02 - 94.69 - 49.72	DET	et-edt	96.73 - 96.19 - 34.25
NOUN	hi-hdtb	96.1 - 97.35 - 54.72	DET	el-gdt	91.42 - 93.64 - 47.48
NOUN	tr-imst	59.03 - 64.52 - 54.65	DET	hi-hdtb	88.89 - 92.87 - 76.1
NOUN	ta-ttb	77.24 - 76.49 - 68.02	DET	ur-udtb	95.79 - 95.91 - 64.33
NOUN	sme-giella	76.51 - 78.78 - 30.32	DET	lt-alksnis	79.46 - 83.65 - 39.92
NOUN	ar-nyuad	87.66 - 94.66 - 67.49	DET	uk-iu	94.31 - 94.86 - 27.93
NOUN	hsb-ufal	24.07 - 19.53 - 19.53	PROPN	ro-nonstandard	97.35 - 96.77 - 92.98
NOUN	hy-armtdp	78.17 - 80.2 - 46.08	PROPN	ga-idt	79.87 - 85.78 - 73.28
NOUN	mr-ufal	81.38 - 75.0 - 42.65	PROPN	sk-snk	90.24 - 88.9 - 46.39
NOUN	be-hse	69.27 - 75.95 - 46.1	PROPN	hu-szeged	91.47 - 89.36 - 89.36
NOUN	ur-udtb	92.1 - 96.81 - 51.25	PROPN	got-proiel	85.91 - 86.89 - 50.91
NOUN	lt-alksnis	85.08 - 82.93 - 39.07	PROPN	hr-set	92.42 - 94.67 - 48.27
NOUN	sv-lines	99.6 - 99.86 - 97.47	PROPN	lv-lvtb	88.64 - 90.13 - 39.91
NOUN	uk-iu	94.1 - 94.73 - 43.79	PROPN	el-gdt	91.44 - 90.32 - 32.58

Table 8: Accuracy results for all relations across different languages. Baseline is the most frequent case value in the training data.

Type	Lang	Train - Test - Baseline	Type	Lang	Train - Test - Baseline
VERB	ug-udt	76.0 - 75.64 - 71.37	PROPN	hi-hdtb	94.91 - 96.49 - 48.51
VERB	got-proiel	85.51 - 86.15 - 81.15	PROPN	tr-imst	73.55 - 71.73 - 68.0
VERB	lv-lvtb	96.43 - 95.61 - 75.58	PROPN	ta-ttb	97.99 - 94.84 - 93.55
VERB	tr-imst	67.53 - 66.58 - 46.13	PROPN	sme-giella	84.23 - 82.9 - 35.81
VERB	et-edt	86.95 - 86.08 - 82.91	PROPN	ar-nyuad	78.68 - 84.27 - 59.85
VERB	hy-armtdp	86.63 - 94.34 - 39.62	PROPN	et-edt	75.05 - 83.18 - 51.24
VERB	ur-udtb	96.01 - 98.95 - 98.95	PROPN	hy-armtdp	82.28 - 89.13 - 54.89
VERB	lt-alksnis	94.86 - 95.0 - 52.5	PROPN	be-hse	86.43 - 72.68 - 72.68
ADP	ro-nonstandard	98.5 - 98.85 - 98.85	PROPN	ur-udtb	92.7 - 97.65 - 59.77
ADP	sk-snk	41.74 - 44.46 - 40.74	PROPN	sv-lines	97.21 - 96.6 - 91.23
ADP	hr-set	45.85 - 48.42 - 37.96	PROPN	uk-iu	93.76 - 95.14 - 36.14
ADP	hi-hdtb	85.57 - 86.99 - 52.34	NUM	sk-snk	81.47 - 77.38 - 39.29
ADP	ur-udtb	82.06 - 96.59 - 63.54	NUM	got-proiel	44.0 - 45.83 - 33.33
ADP	uk-iu	45.85 - 43.39 - 32.85	NUM	hr-set	90.27 - 94.26 - 41.8
ADJ	ro-nonstandard	98.14 - 96.9 - 96.42	NUM	lv-lvtb	88.07 - 85.44 - 38.61
ADJ	ga-idt	95.47 - 93.25 - 90.18	NUM	el-gdt	75.75 - 73.17 - 58.54
ADJ	sk-snk	99.03 - 98.71 - 35.01	NUM	tr-imst	76.55 - 82.22 - 77.78
ADJ	hu-szeged	98.73 - 98.25 - 92.58	NUM	sme-giella	47.8 - 41.84 - 41.84
ADJ	got-proiel	88.48 - 92.33 - 38.36	NUM	et-edt	88.9 - 93.51 - 70.3
ADJ	hr-set	97.75 - 98.3 - 37.5	NUM	uk-iu	90.46 - 92.48 - 52.29
ADJ	lv-lvtb	93.85 - 94.37 - 39.59	ADV	fa-seraji	85.35 - 81.36 - 81.36
ADJ	et-edt	94.13 - 95.16 - 41.07			
ADJ	el-gdt	85.61 - 89.49 - 48.6			
ADJ	hi-hdtb	84.36 - 84.34 - 70.48			
ADJ	tr-imst	56.45 - 60.22 - 51.88			
ADJ	sme-giella	86.09 - 90.55 - 90.55			
ADJ	ar-nyuad	94.15 - 96.94 - 62.54			
ADJ	be-hse	89.59 - 95.06 - 43.83			
ADJ	ur-udtb	99.04 - 98.81 - 62.02			
ADJ	lt-alksnis	96.89 - 96.72 - 25.5			
ADJ	uk-iu	97.38 - 98.15 - 46.39			
DET	ro-nonstandard	97.01 - 95.87 - 75.58			
DET	sk-snk	95.7 - 93.24 - 43.74			
DET	got-proiel	94.78 - 96.25 - 32.29			
DET	hr-set	94.87 - 95.64 - 42.81			
DET	lv-lvtb	96.59 - 97.12 - 30.15			
DET	et-edt	96.73 - 96.19 - 34.25			
DET	el-gdt	91.42 - 93.64 - 47.48			
DET	hi-hdtb	88.89 - 92.87 - 76.1			
DET	ur-udtb	95.79 - 95.91 - 64.33			
DET	lt-alksnis	79.46 - 83.65 - 39.92			
DET	uk-iu	94.31 - 94.86 - 27.93			
PROPN	ro-nonstandard	97.35 - 96.77 - 92.98			
PROPN	ga-idt	79.87 - 85.78 - 73.28			
PROPN	sk-snk	90.24 - 88.9 - 46.39			
PROPN	hu-szeged	91.47 - 89.36 - 89.36			
PROPN	got-proiel	85.91 - 86.89 - 50.91			
PROPN	hr-set	92.42 - 94.67 - 48.27			
PROPN	lv-lvtb	88.64 - 90.13 - 39.91			
PROPN	el-gdt	91.44 - 90.32 - 32.58			

Table 9: Accuracy results for all relations across different languages. Baseline is the most frequent value training data.