

LEXDIS, a tool to measure lexical proximity

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The measure of the lexical distance between items x and y can be conceived of as the computing of the number and strength of the lexical links between x and y . Such links can hold both on the horizontal, syntagmatic axis and on the vertical, paradigmatic one. An example of the former is the link between *grenadier* and *parade* as exemplified in *He was standing there like a grenadier on parade*, link which can be exploited to work out the word senses to assign to both items (grenadier: soldier, not fish¹; parade, military, not shopping mall²). An example of the latter link is that between *ritual* and *ceremony*, link which can be used in the selection of the right word sense of *go through* in *She was expected to go through such a daily ritual*, since *ceremony* is a member of the collocates list for the prepositional argument of *go through* under the reading 'perform_rehearse' of *go through*, and the strength of such a link exceeds that of the other links that hold between *ritual* and the other members of the collocates lists, be they associated with the 'perform_rehearse' word sense or with any of the other readings assigned by the dictionary used in the disambiguation task. We shall come back to both these examples in more detail in the remainder of this paper.

The hypothesis underlying LEXDIS is that such **lexical** links can be explored, and their strength assessed, on the basis of the **lexicographical** links that can be established by exploring a sufficient body of lexicographical tools, dictionaries and thesauri, and specific, task-oriented data bases derived from these basic tools.

As a matter of fact, we would be hard put to define lexical distance without referring to lexicographical links. We know that lexical similarity, e.g. as measured by humans in the Rubenstein-Goodenough word pairs, is not the whole story. It tends to privilege paradigmatic relations over syntagmatic ones, making it easier to relate *car/train* than *car/journey*, or *jury/decision*, or *fury/fit*.

LEXDIS performs well on the Rubenstein-Goodenough word pairs, achieving a correlation factor of 0.869 with the human assessments (Pearson correlation index), but surely the business of such a tool as LEXDIS is not to ape humans in similarity assessment games, but to be a building block in the solving of various tasks, such as word sense assignment (monolingual) or target equivalent selection (bilingual or multilingual). For practical purposes, we can do with a **nearer-than** relation, so that the weights returned by LEXDIS need not be meaningful in isolation, which they aren't.

There has been a lot of research recently on tools for the computation of lexical distance (see Budanitsky et al. 2006 and the references there; Banerjee and Pedersen 2003; Li et al. 2003) and it is easy to understand why. The exploitation of the metalinguistic information provided by dictionaries for purposes such as translation relies on the user being able to assess the lexical distance of a word in the text he is confronted with with pieces of information often boiling down to lists of lexical items presented as candidates for being 'the nearest equivalent' of the textual item. Consider *collocates lists* and *indicators*. They are undoubtedly among the most valuable metalinguistic information items provided by monolingual and bilingual dictionaries to enable the

1 From *semdic*, a LEXDIS dictionary : mono(lem(**grenadier**), ori(wn), idnum('grenadier%1:05:00::'), pos(n), lab([]), gw([]), deflex([rattail, 'rattail fish', 'deep-sea', fish, large, head, body, tapering, tail]), exlex([]), def('deep-sea fish with a large head and body and long tapering tail')).

2 From *semdic* : mono(lem(**parade**), ori(ci), idnum(ci52657), pos(n), lab([]), gw([]), deflex([row, shops]), exlex([]), def('a parade is also a row of shops')).

user to distinguish between the various word senses or translations associated with a given lexical item. Most of the time, though, the user's text does not display as head of the relevant syntactic slot (subject, object, etc.) a morphosyntactic word whose lemmatization yields a member of one of the dictionary's collocate lists for that syntactic position. The reader (or the computer program) has to go through the items to be found in the collocate lists associated with the relevant syntactic position, measuring the proximity of the textual element to each of the members of every collocate list. The winner (the selected word sense or translation) should be the bearer of the collocate list one of whose members features the best proximity measure with respect to the textual item.

In a very large number of cases, indicators and collocates are the **only** information made available by dictionaries to enable the reader to distinguish among a range of word senses or translations. It stands to reason that NLP systems that are unable to use that information will equally be bound to stop short of an analysis sufficiently fine-grained to satisfy the requirements of a large number of applications, among which, very obviously, machine or machine-assisted translation.

An example will help to clarify matters. Using **Defidic** (an in-house merge of the Robert-Collins and Oxford-Hachette English-French dictionaries), in

(1) *From his beloved sister Fatmeh, who had given him the gilded **charm** to **wear** round his neck* (John Le Carré, *The Little Drummer Girl*, Pan Books edition, 1984, p.210)

the analysis of the pair WEAR-CHARM should lead to the selection of the translations **porter** or **mettre** (which both display *jewellery* in their associated collocate lists for the object) rather than **arboreur**, **accepter** or **user** whose collocate lists do not provide as good a proximity match with *charm* as does *jewellery*. At the same time, *charm* itself can be disambiguated on the basis of the word sense providing the match, i.e. *ci11034* in our CIDE database, namely:

a small esp gold or silver object worn on a chain as jewellery

Computing a lexical proximity factor also comes in useful in relating **indicators** and **collocates**.

Consider 2:

(2) *And now that little bogey had been exorcized with the rest!*

(Angus Wilson, *Hemlock and After*, Penguin ed., pp. 9-10 ; French tr. by Marie Tadié (1954), *La ciguë et après*, Robert Laffont, 10-18, domaine étranger, p. 8 : *Et voilà que ce petit **croquemitaine**-là avait été exorcisé comme les autres!*)

In order to translate *bog(e)y* by **croquemitaine** (in preference to **crotte de nez**, **bogée**, **épouvantail**, **démon**, **spectre** and **bête noire**, the other translations offered by DEFIDIC), we need to explore the collocate list for the object of *exorcize* (a single list), and attempt to find the adequate reading/translation for *bogey* by measuring how well the indicators for *bogey* (namely **in nose** for *crotte de nez*, **in golf** for *bogée*, **frightening** for *épouvantail/démon*, **evil spirit** for *croquemitaine*, **imagined fear** for *spectre*, and **bugbear** for *bête noire*) match against the collocates for the object of *exorcize* (a single, three-item list: **demon**, **memory**, **past**). The task is simple enough for the human user, but we claim that there is no single lexical resource that can be consulted in order to assess the quality of the match, assessment which proves indispensable for the selection of the right translation, in so far as in the case of the *exorcize-bogey* pair the indicators and collocates are the only elements provided by the dictionaries to discriminate between the six candidate translations for *bogey*. The winner is :

QUERY : [demon, pos:n, spirit, pos:n, w:none, m:g].

demon with POS=n is related to spirit with POS=n with weight=7.42019 as follows:

Shared Labels: [my] -> weight: 4

Shared words in definition: [considered, force, activity, believed, peoples, energy] -> weight: 38

Cooccurrence in Roget's thesaurus -> weight: 1

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/5.795

Here, the query concerns the two nouns *demon* and *spirit*, no minimal weight is specified (w:none),

the mode is global (m:g), which means that we are attempting to match lexemes and not word senses. LEXDIS tells us that a proximity factor of 7.42019 links the two nouns. The strength of the link is assessed on the basis of a shared label (my=*Mythology and Legend*), six words common to the definitions of the two items, and co-occurrence in a slot of Roget's thesaurus (a broad slot, the weight being only 1). The combined lexicographical weight of the two items leads to an adjustment with respect to less heavy items, so that the returned weight should reflect the quality of the link rather than the sheer quantity of common elements between the lexical worlds of the two items.

LEXDIS measures the lexical distance between any two English words belonging to the following POS: adj, adv, n, v. It works across POS, so that the following is a licit query: [wear, pos:v, slipper, pos:n, w:t, m:l, noadjust]. The elements of the query are Prolog variables, and need not be instantiated within the query, so that [wear, pos:POS, slipper, pos:n, w:t, m:l, noadjust], where POS is left uninstantiated, is a licit query, too.

The LEXDIS lexical resources are given in Appendix B, and the LEXDIS algorithm in Appendix C.

We claim that lexical proximity cannot be reduced to the measure of relatively well-defined relations such as those to be found in a standard thesaurus such as Roget's or in a WordNet type thesaurus. Although these relations are relevant and contribute to the total assessment of lexical proximity, they are too restrictive in the horizontal dimension (synonymy and antonymy providing the bulk of the matches) and tend to wander too far from the pivot along the vertical axis (hyponymy and hypernymy soon provide catch-all categories, or else – as in WordNet – explore a scientific terminology that is of little use for the analysis of lexical relations in the general language). We argue that lexical proximity is best conceived of as the result of an inherently heuristics-based exploration of various lexical associations derivable from (suitably massaged) available lexical resources, dictionaries as well as thesauri. The justification for building such a tool lies wholly in its discriminatory power, i.e. its power to select the right translation or word sense in context.

We have therefore opted for the use of a highly specific type of corpus, namely a corpus based on lexicographical resources, because we believe that good lexicographical resources themselves result from a careful analysis of textual corpora, and incorporate in a nutshell the best lexical information that can be derived from a study of raw textual data. An entry in a dictionary (especially a learner's dictionary, such as the three we have used, namely CIDE, LDOCE and COBUILD) can be looked at as the description of the lexical world of the word being characterized. Definitions and examples tend to capture in as short a piece of text as possible the main elements to be found in the environment of the word, both along the paradigmatic (definition) and syntagmatic (both definition and example) axes. The network of relationships captured in definitions and examples goes far beyond the exploration of the horizontal and vertical thesauric relations embodied in the listing of hyponyms, hypernyms, synonyms and antonyms. For instance, the relation between an instrument and what it is used for (or the other 'qualia' of Pustejovsky's generative lexicon – see Pustejovsky 1995) will very often be part of the information provided by definitions and examples.

It should be clear by now that if lexical distance is computed on the basis of data gathered from a textual corpus (as is the case in Church and Hanks 1989 and in the considerable body of derived and associated research), the syntagmatic axis is privileged. Such a bias is suitable for the design of lexicographer's workbenches and similar tools, but is not so helpful when the task is to measure the proximity of textual data and lexicographical metalinguistic information such as indicator and collocate lists, as in the example outlined above.

Nor is an emphasis on the paradigmatic axis more suitable for such a task, as the indicators and collocates are not to be read as thesauric heads any more than they are to be read as standing for

individual lexical items. More subtly, they give an idea of the lexical 'world' in which the item described 'belongs' or 'feels at home', to use metaphors that reflect how difficult it is to pinpoint the relationship between a collocate in a dictionary collocate list and the textual items it is supposed to 'stand for'.

Among the resources tapped by LEXDIS, some are clearly paradigm-oriented and some are clearly syntagm-oriented. The syntagmatic axis is reflected in *dictionary examples*, *collocate lists* and *environments*; the paradigmatic axis comes to the fore in *indicators*, *guidewords*, [*WordNet Synsets and Relations*³] and *Roget's Categories*. But LEXDIS also makes use of *dictionary definitions*, and these, whenever they are well designed, offer in themselves a balance between syntagmatic and paradigmatic information, whether they espouse the traditional Aristotelian format of genus+differentiae (where the genus is in paradigmatic relation with the definiendum, the differentiae more often in the syntagmatic one) or conform to the context-setting environment of the COBUILD definition type.

LEXDIS does not relate *word forms* (the morpho-syntactic words making up a textual corpus), but either *lemmas* (global mode) or *word senses* (local mode). Whatever the ontological status of the latter (see Kilgarriff 1999), it stands to reason that they are essential to the monolingual organisation of the semantic space covered by a lemma, just as the division of this semantic space into areas covered by the various translations of the source item in the target language is at the very heart of bilingual lexicography. We need not look for justifications for such practice: they are all over the place.

We do need the two LEXDIS modes. The problem is that words do not carry labels indicating the word sense they illustrate, neither in the user's text (the task – Word Sense Discrimination – is precisely to provide such labels), nor in the lexicographical resources (where it would be reasonable to expect them, e.g. we can conceive of collocate lists where it would be clear that the *watch* that is offered as a collocate for the object of *wear* is not the lemma *watch* but a word sense or set of closely related word senses associated with that lemma). Consequently, when we attempt to assess the proximity of a textual element to a collocate, we are working with two lemmas, and the global mode is the one we have to use.

However, LEXDIS is also happy to work in local mode, trying to constrain the hypotheses as to what area of the semantic space is covered by a lexical item be found in a piece of text. Consider:

(3) *He was wearing an expensive red tie and a gold watch.*

from which a parser should enable us to derive the triplet: *t(wear, tie, watch)*, i.e. *t(ArgBearer, FirstArg, SecondArg)*.

Wear, watch and tie are all three polysemic, as are all reasonably frequent and reasonably heavy lexical items. By using LEXDIS on the triplet, we are able to reduce the number of word senses that ought to be taken into consideration to account for a 'standard' reading of (3). LEXDIS computes the triplets of best matches for the following relations:

ArgBearer – FirstArg

ArgBearer – Second Arg

FirstArg – SecondArg

and selects the word senses (if any) that occur in more than one relation. (QUERY: *t(wear, tie, watch* – see results in Appendix A, last query). It would seem that – in this particular case at least – the simple algorithm outlined above is powerful enough to enable LEXDIS to cash in on the word sense connectivity assumed by the connector linking the two arguments to the argument bearer.

3 LEXDIS comes in three flavours : the one used in this paper does not make use of WordNet at all; a second flavour uses the WordNet glosses, but not the WordNet relations, besides the standard LEXDIS resources (for which see Appendix B); a third flavour uses the WordNet relations as well as the WordNet glosses and standard LEXDIS resources.

LEXDIS is written in SWI-Prolog (see Wielemaker 2003) and runs on standard PCs under the various operating systems for which there exists a SWI-Prolog interpreter/compiler (Windows, Linux, Mac-OS). Appendix A gives the protocol of a short LEXDIS session.

LEXDIS should be used in conjunction with a parser that is able to retrieve the syntactic relations that are targeted by the collocate lists of standard monolingual or bilingual dictionaries. Besides, such a parser should preferably be lexicon-centred, so that multi-word units can be recognized as such. Multi-word units have their own argument structure, in which some of the material can be lexically described, i.e. described at the level of individual lexical entries rather than broad grammatical categories. For example, in *go through the motions*, we identify the various components of the multi-word unit by providing descriptions that go as deep as the specification of individual lexical entries (*go*, *through*, *the*, *motions*), either as lemmas (*go*) or as textual forms (*motions*).

Thus the parser (namely VERBA – see Michiels 2009) will work with entries such as the following two for *go through* (two among a dozen):

A.

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% they finally went through the marriage ceremony for the sake of their children
% they went through the scene over and over again
verb([v(goes,go,went,gone,going,go_through_3_perform_rehearse)],v_mwu_prep,
arglist:[subject:[type:np, canon:0,gappable:yes, oblig:yes,
constraints:[sem:[hum]]],
athematic:[type:prep, canon:2, gappable:no,
oblig:yes, constraints:[lex:through]],
arg_prep:[type:np, canon:3, gappable:yes, oblig:yes,
constraints:[c_str:[head:[lex:Lex]]]]],
ft:[pc:[coll(arg_prep, Lex, [marriage, initiation, scene, lesson, programme,
ceremony, formality, procedure])]]).
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B.

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% go through the motions
verb([v(goes,go,went,gone,going,go_through_the_motions)],v_mwu_prep,
arglist:[subject:[type:np, canon:0,gappable:yes, oblig:yes,
constraints:[sem:[hum]]],
athematic:[type:prep, canon:2, gappable:no,
oblig:yes, constraints:[lex:through]],
arg_prep:[type:np, canon:3, gappable:no, oblig:yes,
constraints:[c_str:[det:[lex:the]],
c_str:[head:[txt:motions]]]]],
ft:[]).
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In the first (A) we have one constraint specified down to the level of lexis, namely the lexeme value of the preposition (*through*), whereas in the second (B), we also reach the lexical level in specifying the constraints on the argument of the preposition: namely, that the determiner should be *the* and the textual form of the head noun phrase should be *motions*. In (A), the constraints on the argument of the preposition target a variable *Lex* which will be passed on to the *coll* procedure. This procedure will call on LEXDIS to measure the proximity of this lexeme with respect to each of the members

of the collocate list associated with the argument of the preposition, namely *marriage, initiation, scene, lesson, programme, ceremony, formality* and *procedure*.

It should be stressed again that here as in innumerable similar cases, the only way to keep the various word senses apart is to exploit the collocate lists. And it is very uncommon for the lemma of the head of the textual argument to happen to be one of the collocates, however 'typical' the collocates are supposed to be⁴. We do need such a tool as LEXDIS to be able to make full use of the information on the environment of the argument bearer captured by the collocate lists.

Obviously, the parser must be able to keep track of the disruptions to the canonical order of the arguments brought about by various types of 'transformations'. In

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whose parse is given in appendix F, VERBA must be able to retrieve the syntactic link between *through* and *rituals* despite the disruption brought about by relativization. Similarly, the subject raising due to *expect* should not prevent the parser from assigning '*inspectors*' as subject of '*go through*'. Otherwise, the constraints specified in the lexical entry could not be met (constraints requiring that the subject of *go through* should bear a +HUM semantic feature, and that the head of the prepositional object should be available for LEXDIS to compute its proximity with respect to the eight collocates).

Similarly, in our second entry, we need to recognize the lexical chain *the motions* in the appropriate syntactic slot, but we also need to be able to keep track of the subject, which can be embedded as far down as in the possessive adjective of a deverbal noun, as in:

She knew his refusal to go through the motions.

where the *his* of *his refusal* yields the subject of *go through* (third person personal pronoun, singular masculine).

Of course, in

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the head of the textual argument of the preposition will be matched, not only against the eight elements of the collocate list associated with the 'perform_rehearse' reading of *go through*, but with all the collocate lists that belong to all the readings of *go through* that are posited by the dictionary we use (the Oxford Dictionary of Current Idiomatic English, with additional collocates taken over from the Oxford/Hachette and Robert/Collins bilingual dictionaries). The list numbers 44 items, given below in alphabetical order:

[*apprenticeship, argument, beer, ceremony, clothes, cupboard, document, drink, edition, experience, experiment, fact, file, fire, food, formality, fortune, initiation, lesson, list, luggage, mail, marriage, money, operation, ordeal, pain, paper, phase, pocket, printing, procedure, process, programme, room, scene, stage, stock, store, subject, suitcase, text, trunk, wardrobe*]

The task of running through all these collocates, matching them all against the textual candidate, is likely to be heavy on computer resources, as indeed it is⁵. This is even more the case if LEXDIS is embedded in a parser such as VERBA, whose design features are dictated entirely by perspicuity and ease of use by a linguist and/or lexicographer. VERBA is indeed purely incremental, building

4 In the case of our *go through* entries, such identity between textual filler of the argument and corresponding collocate is most likely in the very restricted reading of *go through* as **be published**, where the collocates *printing* and *edition* will often be found as textual exponents of the argument of the preposition.

5 LEXDIS takes only about 4 seconds to answer all the 13 queries of the **quickest** file given in Appendix A, but the full parsing of *I know the rituals inspectors are expected to go through* (Appendix F), producing five parses corresponding to five 'readings' of *go through*, takes about 20 seconds cputime (cputime : 21.6217). The parsing of the parallel sentence *I know the books inspectors are expected to write*, yielding a single parse and making no call on LEXDIS, takes 2.5 seconds cputime.

structure on top of structures established in a previous pass, and making use of feature unification all through.

However, we have got accustomed to seeing the availability of computer resources increase dramatically over time, so that an emphasis on clear design principles rather than efficiency is a reasonable choice to make, in a world where you can't have your cake and eat it, to end this paper on a multi-word unit (... avoiding a near miss).

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APPENDICES

A. Sample LEXDIS Session

QUERY: [gun, pos:n, hunter]

gun with POS=n is related to hunter with POS=n with weight=4.53074 as follows:

Shared Labels: [hfzh] -> weight: 4

Shared words in definition: [metal, sport, hunting] -> weight: 9

Shared words in examples: [big] -> weight: 1

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/3.09

QUERY: [gun, pos:n, hunger]

gun with POS=n is *****not***** related to hunger with POS=n (Adjusted Weight = 0.0).

QUERY: [bread, pos:n, hunger]

bread with POS=n is related to hunger with POS=n with weight=1.58416 as follows:

Shared words in definition: [food, formal] -> weight: 4

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/2.525

QUERY: [bread, pos:n, gun]

bread with POS=n is *****not***** related to gun with POS=n (Adjusted Weight = 0.0).

QUERY: [cat, pos:n, dog]

cat with POS=n is related to dog with POS=n with weight=9.38104 as follows:

Shared Labels: [am] -> weight: 4

Shared words in definition: [animal, man, woman, four-legged, pet, animals, life] -> weight: 21

Shared words in examples: [dogs, pet] -> weight: 2

Cooccurrence in collocate lists -> weight: 10

Cooccurrence in Roget's thesaurus -> weight: 3

Cooccurrence in R/C-Oxf/Hach indic db -> weight: 4

Cooccurrence in R/C-Oxf/Hach extended lemma db -> weight: 4.5

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/5.17

QUERY: [cat, pos:n, fox]

cat with POS=n is related to fox with POS=n with weight=7.98065 as follows:

Shared Labels: [am] -> weight: 4

Shared words in definition: [animal, belonging, family, woman, fur, small, furry, tail] -> weight: 24

Cooccurrence in Roget's thesaurus -> weight: 1

Cooccurrence in R/C-Oxf/Hach indic db -> weight: 4

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/4.135

QUERY: [serpent, pos:n, snake]

serpent with POS=n is related to snake with POS=n with weight=16.7488 as follows:

Shared Labels: [am] -> weight: 4

Shared words in definition: [large] -> weight: 22

Cooccurrence in Roget's thesaurus -> weight: 8

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/2.03

QUERY: [serpent, pos:n, bird]

serpent with POS=n is related to bird with POS=n with weight=1.46789 as follows:

Shared words in definition: [creature] -> weight: 2

Cooccurrence in Roget's thesaurus -> weight: 2

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/2.725

QUERY: [pool, pos:n, water]

pool with POS=n is related to water with POS=n with weight=12.5761 as follows:

Shared words in definition: [large, ground, swimming, liquid, amount, surface, area, supply, goods, thin] -> weight: 70

Shared words in examples: [swimming, pounds, men] -> weight: 13

Cooccurrence in R/C-Oxf/Hach indic db -> weight: 5

Cooccurrence in R/C-Oxf/Hach collocates db -> weight: 5

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/7.395

QUERY: [pool, pos:n, house]

pool with POS=n is related to house with POS=n with weight=2.1102 as follows:

Shared words in definition: [large, small, money, goods, business] -> weight: 15

Shared words in examples: [football, won, cheap] -> weight: 3

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/8.53

QUERY: [pool, pos:n, football]

pool with POS=n is related to football with POS=n with weight=12.3214 as follows:

Shared Guide Words: [game] -> weight: 12

Shared words in definition: [large, filled, game, try, win, players, played, games] -> weight: 44

Shared words in examples: [garden, local, want, play] -> weight: 9

Cooccurrence in Roget's thesaurus -> weight: 1

Cooccurrence in R/C-Oxf/Hach extended lemma db -> weight: 3

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/5.6

QUERY: [pool, pos:n, tennis]

pool with POS=n is related to tennis with POS=n with weight=5.18135 as follows:

Shared words in definition: [small, game, area, players, played, hit] -> weight: 18

Shared words in examples: [play] -> weight: 6

Cooccurrence in Roget's thesaurus -> weight: 1

Penalty for Heavy Lexical Items -> adjusted_weight= weight/4.825

QUERY: [pool, pos:n, football, pos:n, w:t, m:l]

pool n [football_pools] [] co44102

Def: if you do the pools you take part in a type of gambling competition in which people try to win money by guessing correctly the results of football matches used in british english

is related to

football n [soccer] [fb] ci27328ci69956*co22637#co22638/lg29686&football%1:04:00::

Def: [a game in which two teams of players try to kick or use their heads to send a round ball into the goal of the opposing side, any of various games played with a ball (round or oval) in which two teams try to kick or carry or propel the ball into each other's goal, any of various similar games played with a round or oval ball which is kicked thrown or carried in an attempt to score goals or reach the opposing teams goal line rugby american football and australian rules football are all types of football, any of several games for teams in which a ball is kicked andor thrown about a field in an attempt to get goals esp bre soccer any of several

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 about a field in an attempt to get goals esp austre australian rules football, football is a game played between
 two teams of eleven players who kick a ball around a field in an attempt to score goals, football br informal
 footie or footy esp am soccer is a game played with a large round ball between two teams of esp eleven
 people where each team tries to win by kicking the ball into the other teams goal]
 with weight=24 as follows:

Shared words in definition: [try, win] -> weight: 24

QUERY: [pool, pos:n, water, pos:n, w:t, m:l]

pool n [] [] lg43110

Def: a small area of still water in a hollow place usu naturally formed
 is related to

water n [] [] ci83118

Def: water often refers to an area of water such as the sea a lake or a swimming pool
 with weight=52 as follows:

Shared words in definition: [area] -> weight: 42

Shared words in examples: [] -> weight: 10

QUERY: t(wear, tie, watch)

[-3-p(wear, ci83351, tie, ci77397/lg53208#co60228&tie%1:06:01::), -2-p(wear, ci83339, tie,
 co60229), -2-p(wear, co64915, tie, co60233)]

[-22-p(wear, ci83339, watch, ci83082#co64601), -20-p(wear, ci83340, watch,
 ci83082#co64601), -20-p(wear, ci83347, watch, ci83082#co64601)]

[-2-p(tie, ci77397/lg53208#co60228&tie%1:06:01::, watch, ci83082#co64601), -2-p(tie,
 ci77397/lg53208#co60228&tie%1:06:01::, watch, lg55831), -2-p(tie,
 ci77397/lg53208#co60228&tie%1:06:01::, watch, lg55833)]

wear v [body] [] ci83339

Def: to have clothing or jewellery on your body

tie n [necktie] [cl] ci77397/lg53208#co60228&tie%1:06:01::

Def: [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", a tie is a long
 narrow piece of cloth that is worn round the neck under a shirt collar and tied in a knot at the front ties are
 worn mainly by men see also bow tie old school tie, also esp ame necktie a band of cloth worn round the
 neck usu inside a shirt collar and tied in a knot at the front, a tie also esp am necktie is a long thin piece of
 material that is worn under a shirt collar esp by men and tied in a knot at the front]

watch n [clock] [] ci83082#co64601

Def: [a small clock which is worn on a strap around the wrist or sometimes connected to a piece of clothing
 by a chain, a watch is a small clock which you wear on a strap on your wrist or on a chain]

QUERY: nadamas

cputime : 4.02483

B. What is Lexdis based on ?

LEXDIS calls on the following lexical resources, available to us mainly through research contracts:

semidic : dictionary *clauses* (i.e. Prolog clauses) derived from CIDE, COBUILD, LDOCE and the WordNet Synsets and Synset Glosses (the dictionary clauses feature the lexical items in both definitions and examples as *word bags*, to the exclusion of a specially designed list of stopwords, both tool words and words specific to lexicographic practice, such as *especially*)
Here is one of the dictionary clauses for the entry CAT (derived from CIDE):

```
mono(lem('cat'), ori('ci'), idnum('ci10278'), pos('n'), lab([]), gw([]),
deflex(['small', 'four-legged', 'furry', 'animal', 'tail', 'claws', 'pet', 'catching', 'mice', 'member',
'biologically', 'similar', 'animals', 'lion']),
exlex(['pet', 'stray', 'feed', 'holiday']),
def(' a small four-legged furry animal with a tail and claws usually kept as a pet or for
catching mice or any member of the group of biologically similar animals such as the
lion')).
```

mt : data base of RC/OH collocates - the pivotal property is co-presence within the same collocate field (cf. the hypothesis put forward in Montemagni et al. 1996). The co-occurrence lists are assigned as early as possible in the alphabetical ranking of the lexical items and it is therefore the 'smaller' word that should be explored. An mt line looks like the following:

```
mt(digestion, [ [growth,1], [machine,1], [mind,1], [movement,1], [reaction,1], [recovery,1],
[stomach,4]]).
```

this means that the word 'digestion' co-occurs 1 time with 'growth' in a collocate list ... and 4 times with 'stomach'; the sharing of 'digestion' with a word preceding 'digestion' should be looked for under that word

roget : database of Roget's Thesaurus Categories (three levels)

Connectedness is established through the sharing of Roget's categories; three levels of delicacy in thesaurus organisation are catered for. A *r* line looks like the following:

```
r('antiquarian', [ ['n','122','4','4'], ['n','492','4','2'] ])
```

which means that the word *antiquarian* is a noun that belongs to the two category triples 122/ 4/ 4 and 492 /4 /2 where the broadest category comes first (492), followed by sub-category(4) and sub-sub-category(2).

indic: data base of RC(Robert/Collins)/OH(Oxford/Hachette) indicators (in these two bilingual E-F/ F-E dictionaries, only the E->F direction is explored). Here are the indicators for the lexeme CAT:

```
ind(lemma('cat'),pos(n),indic(['catalytic', 'converter'])).
ind(lemma('cat'),pos(n),indic(['domestic'])).
ind(lemma('cat'),pos(n),indic(['feline', 'species'])).
ind(lemma('cat'),pos(n),indic(['female'])).
ind(lemma('cat'),pos(n),indic(['guy'])).
ind(lemma('cat'),pos(n),indic(['man', 'woman'])).
ind(lemma('cat'),pos(n),indic(['man'])).
ind(lemma('cat'),pos(n),indic(['woman'])).
```

coll : data base of RC/OH collocates - the pivotal element is the collocate bearer
Connectedness is established through collocate sharing in RC/OH collocate data base. A sample line:

```
coll( lemma('abandonment'), pos(n), coll(['property', 'right'])).
```

Here, the two items are related if they POSSESS common elements in their collocate lists, whereas in metameet it is the co-presence within a collocate list (associated with whatever item) that is significant.

envir : data base of environments derived from RC/OH 'extended' lemmas i.e. including phrases and examples

```
e( hdwd('dative'), envir(['case','ending'])).
e(hdwd('cat'), envir(['big', 'cats', 'burglar', 'cat-basket', 'cat-lick', 'cat-onine-tails', 'catbird',
'seat', 'catfood', 'catgut', 'cathouse', 'catmint', 'bag', 'dogs', 'mice', 'play', 'cats-cradle', 'cats-
eye', 'cats-paw', 'cats-whisker', 'catsuit', 'door', 'family', 'fight', 'dog', 'flap', 'give', 'grin',
'hardly', 'room', 'swing', 'hot', 'bricks', 'tin', 'roof', 'jump', 'kill', 'laugh', 'lead', 'life', 'let', 'look',
'brought', 'dragged', 'king', 'pigeons', 'cat-and-mouse', 'game', 'mouse', 'rain', 'see', 'jumps',
'skin', 'take', 'catnap', 'think', 'meow', 'pajamas', 'whiskers', 'thinks', 'wait'])).
```

pesi : data base recording the lexical weight of lemmas

We keep track of the lexicographical space occupied by lexical items for weighting purposes. We can thus decrease the factor of computed proximity in the case of 'heavy' lexical items. Lexical weight is computed by LEXDIS itself; it is the weight that LEXDIS assigns to the link between a *Word,Pos* pair and itself. By leaving *Word* and *Pos* as variables and executing the query [*Word,Pos,Word,Pos,w:none,m:g*], we obtain the weights of all the lexical items making up **semdic**.

```
w(cat, n, 512).
```

```
w(dog, n, 522).
```

For the purposes of this paper we have used Lexdis in its WordNet-free variety so as to enable comparison with WordNet-based and text corpus-based methods. But LEXDIS also features a variety where the WordNet glosses are part of **semdic**, and an additional one where the following WordNet or WordNet-derived data bases are used:

s : Synset WordNet database in Prolog format downloadable from the WordNet website. The WordNet 's' predicate yields the Synset to which a Word-Pos pair belongs, as in

```
s(105441468,1,'suppressor',n,2,0).
```

paths : database of paths derived from various WordNet data bases. The 'path' predicate is built on the basis of a recursive exploration of the following Synset-to-Synset relations: **cs, ent, hyp, ins, mm, mp,ms**. A path line looks like this

```
path(105441468,
[105436752,108459252,108457976,108456993,107938773,100031264,100002137,10000
1740]).
```

i.e. a synset identifier followed by a hierarchical list of hypernym synsets of various types (hypo-hyper stricto sensu, part-whole, etc.)

C. The LEXDIS algorithm

(Global mode, WordNet-free dictionary)

Let Weight be the weight computed by LEXDIS to reflect the proximity of two lexical items W_x and W_y .

Let $C_i(S_1, S_2)$ be the cardinality of the intersection of two sets S_1 and S_2 , i.e. the number of elements that they have in common.

Computation

Weight = GlobalWeight/LW

GlobalWeight = DicW + IndicW + EnvirW + CollW + MetaW + RogetW

1) From SemDic, a merge of CIDE, LDOCE and COBUILD

DicW = LabW + GuideW + DefW + ExW

a) labels

LabW = $C_i(\text{Lab-}x, \text{Lab-}y) * 4$

Lab-x, Lab-y : set of Labels associated with W_x, W_y

b) guidewords

GuideW = $C_i(\text{Guide-}x, \text{Guide-}y) * 12$

Guide-x, Guide-y : set of Guide-Words associated with W_x, W_y

c) definitions

Let Ldef = $C_i(\text{Def-}x, \text{Def-}y)$.

Def-x, Def-y : set of Def-Words associated with W_x, W_y (the words occurring in the definitions, except those belonging to a stoplist of high-frequency words, including lexicographical toolwords such as *especially*)

If Ldef > 0 then If Ldef in [1,2] then Mdef = 2 else Mdef = 3

Let BonusDefx be 20 if Word-x occurs in Def-y, 0 otherwise.

Let BonusDefy be 20 if Word-y occurs in Def-x, 0 otherwise.

DefW = $(Ldef * Mdef) + \text{BonusDefx} + \text{BonusDefy}$

d) examples

Let Lex = $C_i(\text{Ex-}x, \text{Ex-}y)$.

Ex-x, Ex-y : set of Ex-Words associated with W_x, W_y (the words occurring in the examples, except those belonging to a stoplist of high-frequency words)

Let BonusExx be 5 if Word-x occurs in Ex-y, 0 otherwise.

Let BonusExy be 5 if Word-y occurs in Ex-x, 0 otherwise.

ExW = Lex + BonusExx + BonusExy

2) From Indic, the database of indicators used in defidic (E-F pairs of RC-OH)

Let Indic = $C_i(\text{Indic-}x, \text{Indic-}y)$

Indic-x, Indic-y : set of indicators associated with W_x, W_y

Let BonusIndicx be 5 if Word-x occurs in Indic-y, 0 otherwise.

Let BonusIndicy be 5 if Word-y occurs in Indic-x, 0 otherwise.

If Indic > 0 then

If Indic in [1,2] then

IndicW = (Indic * 2) + BonusIndicx + BonusIndicy

else

IndicW = (Indic * 4) + BonusIndicx + BonusIndicy

3) From Envir, the database of environments extracted from an extended lemma db

Let Envir = Ci(Envir-x, Envir-y)

Envir-x, Envir-y : set of environments associated with W_x, W_y

Let BonusEnvir_x be 2 if Word-x occurs in Envir-y, 0 otherwise.

Let BonusEnvir_y be 2 if Word-y occurs in Envir-x, 0 otherwise.

If Envir > 1 then

EnvirW = Envir/2 + BonusEnvir_x + BonusEnvir_y

else

EnvirW = BonusEnvir_x + BonusEnvir_y

4) From Coll, the database of collocates used in defidic (E-F pairs of RC-OH)

Let Coll = Ci(Coll-x, Coll-y)

Coll-x, Coll-y : set of collocates associated with W_x, W_y

Let BonusColl_x be 5 if Word-x occurs in Coll-y, 0 otherwise.

Let BonusColl_y be 5 if Word-y occurs in Coll-x, 0 otherwise.

If Coll > 0 then

If Coll in [1,2] then

CollW = (Coll * 2) + BonusColl_x + BonusColl_y

else

CollW = (Coll * 4) + BonusColl_x + BonusColl_y

5) From Mt, a database of collocate sharings derived from Coll

Let M be the number of times Word-x is used by the side of Word-y in collocate lists derived from Defidic, a merge of the RC and OH English->French dictionaries.

If either Word-x or Word-y is in [person, object] then

MetaW is M//16

else

MetaW is M//2

(// is used for integer division)

6) From Roget, a db of Roget's categories derived from Roget's thesaurus

Let R_{wx} and R_{wy} be the lists of Roget's triples associated with Word-x and Word-y respectively.

Each member i of R_{wx} is matched with all members of R_{wy}, yielding R_{wi}

RogetW is the sum of all R_{wi}s

R_{wi} is itself a sum of matches between Roget's triples, which are roget-matched to yield a RMW, a weight reflecting the quality of the match.

Roget-matching yields a RMW of 3 if all three tiers (class, category, sub-category) are matched in the two triples considered, a RMW of 2 if only class and category match, and a RMW of 1 if the

match holds only between the two classes.

7) From pesi, a db of lexicographical weights

Let L_{wx} and L_{wy} be the lexicographical weights associated with Word-x and Word-y in the pesi database.

$$L_{wxy} = L_{wx} + L_{wy}$$

If $L_{wxy} \geq 200$ then $LW = L_{wxy}/200$ else $LW = 1$

D. LEXDIS at grips with the Rubenstein and Goodenough word pairs

WORD PAIRS	HUMAN SIMILARITY ASSESSMENT	LEXDIS Global Mode
[cord,n,smile]	0,02	0
[rooster, n, voyage]	0,04	0
[noon, n, string]	0,04	0,42
[fruit, n, furnace	0,05	0,32
[autograph, n, shore]	0,06	0
[automobile, n, wizard]	0,11	0
[mound, n, stove]	0,14	0,86
[grin, n, implement]	0,18	0
[asylum, n, fruit]	0,19	0,63
[asylum, n, monk]	0,39	0
[graveyard, n, madhouse]	0,42	0
[glass, n, magician]	0,44	0
[boy, n, rooster]	0,44	0,8
[cushion, n, jewel]	0,45	0
[monk, n, slave]	0,57	0
[asylum, n, cemetery]	0,79	0
[coast, n, forest]	0,85	4,47
[grin, n, lad]	0,88	0
[shore, n, woodland]	0,9	2,42
[monk, n, oracle]	0,91	1,12
[boy, n, sage]	0,96	0,95
[automobile, n, cushion]	0,97	0
[mound, n, shore]	0,97	1,6
[lad, n, wizard]	0,99	0,88

[forest, n, graveyard]	1	2,06
[food, n, rooster]	1,09	0
[cemetery, n, woodland]	1,18	2
[shore, n, voyage]	1,22	0,63
[bird, n, woodland]	1,24	0,39
[coast, n, hill]	1,26	17,07
[furnace, n, implement]	1,37	1,29
[crane, n, rooster]	1,41	9,12
[hill, n, woodland]	1,48	5,68
[car, n, journey]	1,55	2,99
[cemetery, n, mound]	1,69	1,67
[glass, n, jewel]	1,78	10,22
[magician, n, oracle]	1,82	0
[crane, n, implement]	2,37	0
[brother, n, lad]	2,41	5,27
[sage, n, wizard]	2,46	1,19
[oracle, n, sage]	2,61	2,33
[bird, n, crane]	2,63	7,3
[bird, n, cock]	2,63	10,04
[food, n, fruit]	2,69	7,61
[brother, n, monk]	2,74	16,6
[asylum, n, madhouse]	3,04	5,52
[furnace, n, stove]	3,11	14,25
[magician, n, wizard]	3,21	14,69
[hill, n, mound]	3,29	12,37
[cord, n, string]	3,41	13,39
[glass, n, tumbler]	3,45	12,79

[grin, n, smile]	3,46	26,74
[serf, n, slave]	3,46	23,87
[journey, n, voyage]	3,58	22,55
[autograph, n, signature]	3,59	25,15
[coast, n, shore]	3,6	19,39
[forest, n, woodland]	3,65	15,48
[implement, n, tool]	3,66	15,29
[cock, n, rooster]	3,68	31,07
[boy, n, lad]	3,82	15,06
[cushion, n, pillow]	3,84	23,42
[cemetery, n, graveyard]	3,88	26,02
[automobile, n, car]	3,92	50,31
[midday, n, noon]	3,94	58,22
[gem, n, jewel]	3,94	27,59

Correlation factor of 0,869 as computed by Pearson function of Excel-type spreadsheet

E. Exploring both the syntagmatic and the paradigmatic axes.

Carriage and attitude, grenadier and parade in Henry James' THE AMERICAN

His usual **** attitude and carriage **** were of a rather relaxed and lounging kind, but when, under a special inspiration, he straightened himself, he looked like a **** grenadier on parade *****. **Henry James, THE AMERICAN, Penguin Books edition, 1986 [1876-1877], p.34-35**

The *attitude/carriage* word pair leads to easy identification of the relevant word senses for the two items in any measure of lexical distance that is able to explore the paradigmatic axis, such as measures based on the WordNet relations. LEXDIS has no trouble with them either, as it explores both axes. In the *grenadier/parade* pair, however, paradigmatic exploration is of no avail; we do need an exploration of the other axis, the syntagmatic one: the sharing of a label reflects the redundancy along the syntagmatic axis ('maximisation des lectures isotopiques').

QUERY: [grenadier, pos:n, parade, pos:n, w:t, m:l]

grenadier n [] [mi] lg31458

Def: a soldier formerly one who threw grenades

is related to

parade n [] [mi] lg40875/lg40879

Def: [esp of soldiers an example of a gathering together in ceremonial order for the purpose of being officially looked at or for a march esp in the phr on parade, also parade ground -- a large flat area where soldiers parade] with weight=4 as follows:

Shared Labels: [mi] -> weight: 4

Charge, grenadier and bayonet in JM Coetzee's 'YOUTH'

as the French **** grenadiers **** came *** charging *** at him with their grim **** bayonets *****. **JM Coetzee, YOUTH, Vintage edition, 2003 [2002], p.85**

QUERY: t(charge,POS, grenadier, n, bayonet, n)

[Here we see the use of an uninstantiated variable for the POS slot (Prolog variables have a capital letter as first character), so as to explore the lexical information associated with *charge* both as a noun and as a verb. The algorithm used on triplets leads to the selection of the word senses that participate in more than one relation.]

[-4-p(charge, lg21167, grenadier, lg31458), -4-p(charge, lg21167, grenadier, lg31459), 0-p(charge, ci10969, grenadier, ci31434)]

[-4-p(charge, lg21167, bayonet, bayonet%1:06:00::lg17834), -2-p(charge, ci10997, bayonet, bayonet%1:06:00::lg17834), -2-p(charge, ci10998, bayonet, bayonet%1:06:00::lg17834)]

[-4-p(grenadier, lg31458, bayonet, bayonet%1:06:00::lg17834), -4-p(grenadier, lg31459, bayonet, bayonet%1:06:00::lg17834), 0-p(grenadier, ci31434, bayonet, bayonet%1:06:00::lg17834)]

charge n [] [mi] lg21167

Def: a rushing forceful attack

grenadier n [] [mi] lg31458

Def: a soldier formerly one who threw grenades

bayonet n [] [mi, kl] bayonet%1:06:00::lg17834

Def: [a knife that can be fixed to the end of a rifle and used as a weapon, a long knife fixed to the end of a soldiers gun rifle]

(the reference to *bayonet%1:06:00::* in a WordNet-free LEXDIS is readily explained: the WordNet entry participated in the merge process designed to streamline the dictionary used by LEXDIS, and got linked to the LDOCE entry for *bayonet*.)

F. A Verba parse with WSD

1. String :

I know **the rituals** inspectors are expected to **go through**.

2. WordList:

[0/i, 1/know, 2/the, 3/rituals, 4/inspectors, 5/are, 6/expected, 7/to, 8/go, 9/through, endpos(10)]

3. Pretty-printed parse

```

cat:pred
  voice:active
  weight_coll:0
  c_str
    head
      cat:vg
      pos:v
      lex:know
      tense:present
      voice:active
    subject
      cat:np
      sem:[hum]
      lex:i
      index:i(0, 1)
      c_str
        head
          lex:i
          sem:[hum]
    object
      cat:np
      weight_coll:12.3153-ceremony-4.39294
      index:i(2, 10)
      sem:[abstract]
      lex:ritual
      c_str
        head
          cat:np
          sem:[abstract]
          lex:ritual
          index:i(2, 4)
        c_str
          det
            pos:det
            lex:the
          head
            pos:n
            lex:ritual
            sem:[abstract]

```

```
rel_clause
  index:i(2, 4)
  sem:[abstract]
  weight_coll:0
  c_str
    head
      auxgroup:[tense:present]
      prop:[voice:passive]
      pos:v
      lex:expect
      tense:untensed
      voice:passive
    subject
      cat:np
      sem:[hum]
      lex:inspector
      index:i(4, 5)
      c_str
        det
          det
          zero
        head
          pos:n
          lex:inspector
          sem:[hum]
    object
      cat:pred
      voice:active
      weight_coll:0
      c_str
        head
          auxgroup:[tense:untensed]
          pos:v
          lex:go_through_3_perform_rehearse
          tense:untensed
          voice:active
        subject
          e:i(4, 5)
        arg_prep
          e:i(2, 4)
```

G. WSD on 'go through' as a prepositional verb (Lexdis in global mode)

We give the collocate that yields the highest score, and also the mean weight of the matches with the other elements of the same collocate list : **12.31-ceremony- 4.39** means that the best match of the textual element 'ritual' (from the test sentence 'She was expected to go through a daily ritual') in all the *go-through* collocate lists is the collocate *ceremony* with weight 12.31, to be found in the collocate list **associated with the perform-rehearse WS of go through; 4.39** is the mean match yielded by *ritual* as against all the members of the relevant collocate list : [*marriage, initiation, scene, lesson, programme, ceremony, formality, procedure*].

Perhaps a remark is in order regarding the relationship between the highest value for proximity and the average one. If the two values diverge widely (let's say something like a 10:1 ratio), we might enquire whether we do not have a problem, either with the collocate list or with LEXDIS itself. The various elements of a collocate list should describe a lexical universe displaying a certain degree of coherence; this hypothesis is at the very basis of using co-presence in a collocate list in order to relate two lexical items (cf. Montemagni et al. 1996), a property that LEXDIS itself uses (by exploiting the MT database). In fact, the relationship between the top value and the average, once the coherence of LEXDIS itself is better established, could be used as a marker for a need to revise the collocate lists, and perhaps the division of the lexical space covered by the item the collocate lists are attached to.

Collocate lists:

Word sense 'consume' :	[<i>money, food, drink</i>]
Word sense 'search' :	[<i>room, pocket, clothes, cupboard, wardrobe, luggage, suitcase, trunk</i>]
Word sense 'perform_rehearse':	[<i>marriage, initiation, scene, lesson, programme, ceremony, formality, procedure</i>]
Word sense 'examine':	[<i>fact, argument, subject, file, mail, text, list, document</i>]
Word sense 'endure_experience':	[<i>operation, pain, ordeal, apprenticeship, fire, phase, stage, process, experience, experiment</i>]
Word sense 'be published':	subject : [<i>book, title, article</i>] prepositional object : [<i>printing, edition</i>]

In all the sentences of our little corpus of simplified sentences (they are derived from genuine BNC sentences, but edited so as to be parsable by VERBA), the VERBA-LEXDIS tandem is able to pick out the WS that would be preferred by a human reader (in ***bold italics*** in the following table).

GO THROUGH sentences submitted to Verba	consume	search	perform_ rehearse	examine	endure _experience	be_ published
He thought that she had gone through the bins .	1.1- drink- 0.49	13.01- pocket- 4.01	1.21- ceremony- 0.48	4.3- file- 1.63	1.15- fire- 0.35	—
The inspector wanted the teachers to go through his report .	2.58- money- 1.45	1.83- pocket- 0.37	4.17- lesson- 1.7	8.51- document- 3.44	2.61- process- 1.15	—
She was expected to go through a daily ritual .	0.87- drink- 0.72	2.91- pocket- 0.65	12.31- ceremony- 4.39	2.10- text- 0.63	3.21- process- 1.57	—
We know the suffering you went through.	1.12- drink- 0.92	2- clothes- 0.57	1.28- lesson- 0.55	2.85- subject- 0.82	16.62- pain- 3.49	—
It is the training the students will be expected to go through.	4.81- money- 3.03	6.82- pocket- 1.85	5.02- lesson- 2.07	2.35- subject- 0.59	7.25- experience- 2.67	—
You don't know the torture I have gone through.	1.27- food- 0.84	1.47- room- 0.61	1.11- scene- 0.58	2.25- subject- 1.05	9.95- pain- 1.86	—
I think that they went through five bottles .	13.42- drink- 5.14	5.81- trunk- 2.68	0.81- ceremony- 0.37	3.66 -file- 0.96	1.99- pain- 0.67	0.30- printing- 0.15
The report went through five editions .	—	—	—	—	—	subj: 6.95 -article- 4.07 <i>pobj:1000</i> -edition- 503.52