## Supplementary material to:

# Annotation upon Annotation: Adding Signalling Information to a Corpus of Discourse Relations 

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#### Abstract

We present an annotation effort that involves adding a new layer of annotation to an existing corpus. We are interested in how rhetorical relations are signalled in discourse, and thus begin with a corpus already annotated for rhetorical relations, to which we add signalling information. We show that a very large number of relations carry signals that can help identify them as such. The detailed, extensive analysis of signals in the corpus will aid research in the automatic parsing of discourse relations.


## 1 Appendices

The following are appendices as supplementary material to the paper above, to appear in the journal Dialogue and Discourse. Current version: February 25, 2013.

### 1.1 Appendix I

List of all the other signals extracted so far from our preliminary corpus analysis.

Conventions for interpreting the examples in the table: The text within square brackets denotes a span. Each pair of square brackets is followed by either the uppercase character N , referring to the nucleus span, or the uppercase character S, referring to the satellite span. A pair of two spans ( N and S ) or a collection of more than two spans (for multinuclear relations containing three or more spans) is followed by the name of the relation that holds between (or among) the spans. The relation name is further followed by parentheses containing the file number (of the source document), and the span numbers (i.e., the location of the relation in the document), respectively. In addition, the file
number and the span numbers within the parentheses are separated by a colon, and each span number is separated from another span number by a forward slash. With regard to a signal mentioned, the relevant parts (referring to the relevant features) within the spans are in boldface.

| Signal Type | Signal | Definition | Example |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Entity | Different entities | The entities in respective spans are different, or they are not identical. | [Earlier this year, Tata Iron \& Steel Co.'s offer of $\$ 355$ million of convertible debentures was oversubscribed.]N <br> [Essar Gujarat Ltd., a marine construction company, had similar success with a slightly smaller issue.]N <br> [Larsen \& Toubro started accepting applications for its giant issue earlier this month; ]N - List (629: 87/88/89) |
|  | Given entity | An entity is introduced in the first span, and it is mentioned in the second span. | [The Treasury expressed pleasure, however, with the government of Taiwan, which was cited for exchange-rate manipulation in last year's report.]N [The Treasury said Taiwan has liberalized its exchange rate system in the past year.]S -Elaboration-additional (622: 20-21/22-23) |
|  | Given entity (PP) | An entity is introduced in the first span, and it is mentioned within a PP in second span. | [Yet some lawyers point to Eli Lilly \& Co. vs. <br> Medtronic, Inc., the patent infringement case the Supreme Court this month agreed to review, ...]N <br> [In the Lilly case, the appeals court broadly construed a federal statute to grant Medtronic, ...]S -Elaboration-additional (601: 56-59/60-65) |
|  | Cataphoric entity | An entity is mentioned in the first span (through some reference, or pronoun), but it is actually introduced/described in the second span. | [This maker of electronic devices said it replaced all five incumbent directors at a special meeting called by Milton B. Hollander, ...]N <br> [Removed from office were George Pratt, Robert E. Davis, Norman Gray, John Virtue, corporate secretary, and Barrett B. Weekes, chairman, president and chief executive officer.]S Elaboration-additional (642: 1-5/6) |
|  | Given entity (setcomplement) | An entity/some entities from a set is/are introduced in the first span, and the complement member(s) is/are mentioned in the second spans. | [...This estimate doesn't include claims under workers' compensation, life, health disability and liability insurance and damage to infrastructure such as bridges, highways and public buildings...]N [Other insurance rates such as casualty insurance, which would cover liability claims, aren't likely to firm right away...]S - Elaborationadditional (648: 7-16/17-22) |
|  | Given propositional entity | The proposition in the first span is mentioned as an entity in the second span. | [Some of the associations have recommended Dr. Alan D. Lourie, 54, a former patent agent with a doctorate in organic chemistry who now is associate general counsel with SmithKline Beckman Corp. in Philadelphia. <br> Dr. Lourie says the Justice Department interviewed him last July.]N <br> [Their effort has received a lukewarm response...]S - Elaboration-additional (601: 33-36/37-74) |


|  | Given member entity | A set of entities is introduced in the first span, and a member entity from that set is mentioned in the second span. | [Grimm counted 16 transactions valued at $\$ 1$ billion or more in the latest period, twice as many as a year earlier.]N <br> [The largest was the $\$ 12$ billion merger creating Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.]S - Elaboration-additional (645: 9-10/11) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mutually exclusive entities | Entities in respective spans are mutuallyexclusive (i.e., the presence of one entity implies the absence of the other) | [The guilty pleas would be made solely by Gulf Power, the individuals said.]N <br> [No employee or vendor would be involved.]S Restatement (619: 18-19/20) |
| 2. Genre | Newspaper heuristics (Attribution) | Genre-specific heuristics indicative of Attribution relations | [Debate on IRAs Centers on Whether Tax Break Should Be Immediate or Put Off Till Retirement"]N [-- WSJ Oct. 27, 1989]S - Attribution (605: 5/6) |
|  | Newspaper heuristics (Contrast) | Genre-specific heuristics indicative of Contrast relations | [THE YALE POLITICAL UNION doesn't pay an honorarium to speakers.]N <br> [In Thursday's edition, it was incorrectly indicated that the union had paid a fee to former House Speaker Jim Wright.]S - Contrast (608: 1/2-3) |
|  | Newspaper heuristics (Elaboration) | Genre-specific heuristics indicative of Elaboration relations | [THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD'S coming rule on disclosure involving financial instruments will be effective for financial statements with fiscal years ending after June 15, 1990.]N <br> [The date was misstated in Friday's edition.]S -Elaboration-additional (603: 1-4/5) |
|  | Textual organization | Genre-specific heuristics (based on the organization of discourse segments in newspaper texts) indicative of a particular relation (e.g., the content of the first (or the first few paragraphs) is elaborated on in the subsequent paragraphs.) | [Sun Microsystems Inc., a computer maker, announced the effectiveness of its registration statement for $\$ 125$ million of $63 / 8 \%$ convertible subordinated debentures due Oct. 15, 1999.]N <br> [The company said the debentures are being issued at an issue price of $\$ 849$ for each $\$ 1,000$ principal amount and are convertible at any time prior to maturity at a conversion price of $\$ \mathbf{2 5}$ a share. <br> The debentures are available through Goldman, Sachs \& Co.]S - Elaboration-additional (650: 1/2-5) |
| 3. Graphical | Colon | The first span ends with a colon followed by the second span. | [And it isn't the only giant issue:] N [together, the top four issues will raise $\$ 1.3$ billion.]S - Example (629: 41/42) |
|  | Comma | The first span ends with a comma followed by the second span. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { [Firm Posts Quarterly Loss,]N [Plans a Stock } \\ & \text { Dividend]S - List (614: 5/6) } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Dash | The first span ends with a dash followed by the second span, or one of the spans is within dashes. | [Now only three of the 12 judges] N [-- Pauline Newman, Chief Judge Howard T. Markey, 68, and Giles Rich, 85 --]S [have patent-law backgrounds.]N - Elaboration-set-member (601: 21+23/22) |
|  | Parallel Strings | The spans contain similar types of character strings. | [Sun Microsystems Inc. -- \$125 million of 6 3/8\% convertible subordinated debentures due Oct. 15, 1999 , priced at 84.90 to yield $7.51 \% \ldots \mathrm{~N}$ <br> [Hertz Corp. -- \$100 million of senior notes due |


|  |  |  | Nov. 1, 2009, priced at par to yield $9 \% \ldots$...] - List (612: 3-11/12-21) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Parentheses | One of the spans is within parentheses. | [A few months ago, Dentsu acquired $69 \%$ of Australian agency Fortune Communication Holdings Ltd. for 5.9 million Australian dollars] [(US\$4.6 million)]S - Restatement (634: 3/4) |
|  | Semi-colon | The first span ends with a semi-colon followed by the second span. | [Larsen \& Toubro started accepting applications for its giant issue earlier this month; $] \mathrm{N}$ [bankers and analysts expect it to be oversubscribed.]S -Elaboration-additional (629: 89/90) |
| 4. Lexical | Alternative expression | A short tensed clause indicative of a relation | [The estimated earthquake losses are low compared with the $\$ 4$ billion in claims that insurers face from Hurricane Hugo...] N [That's because only about $30 \%$ of California homes and businesses had earthquake insurance to cover the losses.]S -Explanation-argumentative (648: 9-12/13-14) |
|  | Indicative phrase | A phrase indicative of a relation | [Nelson Holdings International Ltd. shareholders approved a 1-for-10 consolidation of the company's common stock at a special meeting.]N <br> [At the same time, shareholders approved the adoption of a rights plan and a super-majority voting approval requirement...]S - Temporal-same-time (651: 1/2-3) |
|  | Indicative word | A word indicative of a relation | ["If we don't do something . . . we won't be able to catch up with demand," says a Dentsu spokesman.]N ["Our president said acquisition is an effective method."]S - Evaluation (634: 15-17/18-19) |
| 5. Morphological | Change of tense | The use of different tense in respective spans | [Insurers typically retain a small percentage of the risks they underwrite and pass on the rest of the losses...]S <br> [After Hugo hit, many insurers exhausted their reinsurance coverage and had to tap reinsurers to replace that coverage...]N - Background (648: 27-37/38-45) |
| 6. Numerical | Same count | The (cardinal) number of entities mentioned in one span is equal to the numerical count of entities in the other span. | [This maker of electronic devices said it replaced all five incumbent directors at a special meeting ...]N [Elected as directors were Mr. Hollander, Frederick Ezekiel, Frederick Ross, Arthur B. Crozier and Rose Pothier.]S - Elaboration-generalspecific (642: 1-4/5) |
| 7. Semantic | Antonyms | Two words in respective spans are antonyms of each other. | [Under current rules, investors in Taiwan can buy overseas stocks only through the purchase of mutual funds issued by local and foreign investment trusts.]N <br> [The new rules will allow investors to buy foreign stocks directly.]S - Comparison (639: 8-9/10) |
|  | Antonyms (phrases) | Two phrases in respective spans are in antonymy relationship. | [Last year, Dentsu started HDM, a joint network with U.S. ad agency Young \& Rubicam and Eurocom of France. <br> A few months ago, Dentsu acquired $69 \%$ of Australian agency Fortune Communication Holdings Ltd...]N |





|  | (RS/SS) | the first span is syntactically parallel to the second span or SS (or parts of second span). | maturity at a conversion price of $\$ 25$ a share.]N <br> [The debentures are available through Goldman, Sachs \& Co.]N - List (650: 2-4/5) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Participial clause | One span is a participial clause embedded in the other span (matrix clause). | [The debentures are convertible into common stock at $\$ 25$ a share,] N [representing a $24 \%$ conversion premium over Thursday's closing price.] -Elaboration-additional (612: 7/8) |
|  | Reduced relative clause | One span is a reduced relative clause embedded in the other span (matrix clause). | [These are the raw materials] [used in making plastics.]S - Elaboration-object-attribute (606: 19/20) |
|  | Relative clause | One span is a relative clause embedded in the other span (matrix clause). | [Some of the associations have recommended Dr. Alan D. Lourie, 54, a former patent agent with a doctorate in organic chemistry] N [who now is associate general counsel with SmithKline Beckman Corp. in Philadelphia.]S - Elaborationadditional (601: 33/34) |
|  | Reported speech constructions (series different speaker) | The spans constitute a series of reported speech constructions (reporting speech + reported speech) made by different speakers | ['I don't think it will lead to any chaos in the secondary market," says Mr. Patel,]N ["only a sagging tendency." Says M.J. Pherwani, chairman of the Unit Trust of India: The "markets are headed for growth unheard of and unseen before.' C N - List (629: 97-100/101-102) |
|  | Reported speech pattern | The spans constitute a reported speech pattern in which one span is the reporting speech and another is the reported speech. | [Mr. Lee, president of Luzon Petrochemical Corp., said]S [the contract was signed Wednesday in Tokyo with USI Far East officials.]N Attribution (606: 10/11) |
|  | Subject NP | Subject NP of the sentence which the second span starts with (usually an entity introduced in the first span). | [Spencer J. Volk, president and chief operating officer of this consumer and industrial products company, was elected a director.]N <br> [Mr. Volk, 55 years old, succeeds Duncan Dwight, who retired in September.]S - Elaboration-additional (600: 1/2) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Subject NP } \\ & \text { (MC) } \end{aligned}$ | This feature refers to the subject NP of the main clause of the sentence (which comprises a main clause and a dependent clause) which the second span starts with. | [It's the line-item veto, a procedure that would allow the president to kill individual items in a big spending bill passed by Congress without vetoing the entire bill.]N <br> [Whatever one thinks of the idea, it's far more than the budgetary gimmick it may seem at first glance...]S - Elaboration-additional (609: 10-13/1421) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Subject NP } \\ & \text { (RS) } \end{aligned}$ | This feature refers to the subject NP of the reported speech (RS) of the sentence (which consists of a reporting speech and a reported speech) which the second span starts with. | [A new specialty court was sought by patent experts, who believed that the generalists had botched too many important, multimillion-dollar cases.]N <br> [Some patent lawyers had hoped that such a specialty court would be filled with experts in the field...]S - Elaboration-additional (601: 13-15/1674) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Subject NP } \\ & \text { (RS/SS) } \end{aligned}$ | The subject NPs of the reported speech (RS) within the first span is | [The company said the debentures are being issued at an issue price of $\$ 849$ for each $\$ 1,000$ principal amount and are convertible at any time prior to |


|  |  | identical to the subject NP <br> of the sentence the second <br> span (SS) starts with. | maturity at a conversion price of $\$ 25$ a share.]N <br> [The debentures are available through Goldman, <br> Sachs \& Co.]N -List (650: 2-4/5) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Wh-clause in a span | [In what could prove a major addition to the <br> Philippines' foreign-investment portfolio,]S [a <br> Taiwanese company signed a \$180 million <br> construction contract to build the centerpiece of a <br> planned petrochemical complex.]N - Hypothetical <br> $(606: 1 / 2)$ |  |

Table 1: List of the single other signals extracted from our preliminary corpus study

### 1.2 Appendix II

## List of the combined other signals extracted so far from our preliminary corpus analysis.

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| Signal Type | Signal | Definition | Example |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\begin{array}{l}\text { 1. (entity } \\ \text { positional) }\end{array}$ | $+\begin{array}{l}\text { (given entity } \\ \text { (PP) }+ \\ \text { beginning) }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { An entity is introduced in the } \\ \text { first span; the entity is within } \\ \text { a PP which is in the } \\ \text { beginning of the second } \\ \text { span. }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { [Yet some lawyers point to Eli Lilly \& Co. vs. } \\ \text { Medtronic, Inc., the patent infringement case } \\ \text { the Supreme Court this month agreed to review, } \\ \text { as an example of poor legal reasoning by judges } \\ \text { who lack patent litigation experience.] N }\end{array}$ |
| (In the Lilly case, the appeals court broadly |  |  |  |
| [In |  |  |  |
| construed a federal statute to grant Medtronic, a |  |  |  |
| medical device manufacturer, an exemption to |  |  |  |
| infringe a patent under certain circumstances.]S |  |  |  |
| - Elaboration-additional (601: 56-59/60-65) |  |  |  |$]$


|  |  | entities (in the first span) in the set constitute the subject NP of the sentence the second span starts with. | Pasadena, Texas, will cause property insurance and reinsurance rates to jump. lN <br> [Other insurance rates such as casualty insurance, which would cover liability claims, aren't likely to firm right away, says Alice Cornish, an industry analyst with Northington Research in Avon, Conn...]S - Elaborationadditional (648: 7-16/17-22) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (given entity + } \\ & \text { subject NP } \\ & (\mathrm{MC}) \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ | An entity is introduced in the first span; the entity is the subject NP of the main clause of the sentence second span starts with. | [It's the line-item veto, a procedure that would allow the president to kill individual items in a big spending bill passed by Congress without vetoing the entire bill.]N <br> [Whatever one thinks of the idea, $\boldsymbol{i t}$ 's far more than the budgetary gimmick it may seem at first glance...]S - Elaboration-additional (609: 10-13/14-21) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (given entity + } \\ & \text { subject NP } \\ & \text { (RS)) } \end{aligned}$ | An entity is introduced in the first span; the entity is the subject NP of a reported speech construction which is within the second span (a sentence). | [However, there's a continuing dispute between machine tool makers and the Defense Department over whether sophisticated U.S. machine tools would increase the Soviet Union's military might.]N ["The Commerce Department says go, and the Defense Department says stop," complains one machine tool producer.]S - Elaboration-general-specific (628: 42/43-47) |
|  | (given entity + subject NP ) | An entity is introduced in the first span; the entity is the subject NP of the sentence the second span starts with. | [The property claims service division of the American Insurance Services Group estimated insured losses from the earthquake at $\$ 960$ million...]N <br> [The estimated earthquake losses are low compared with the $\$ 4$ billion in claims that insurers face from Hurricane Hugo, which ripped through the Caribbean and the Carolinas last month...]S - Elaboration-additional (648: 7-8/9-14) |
|  | ```(mutually exclusive entities + subject NP)``` | The entities in respective spans are mutually exclusive (i.e., the presence of one entity implies the absence of the other); one such entity (or entities) is the subject NP of the sentence the second span starts with. | [The guilty pleas would be made solely by Gulf Power, the individuals said.]N <br> [No employee or vendor would be involved.]S <br> - Restatement (619: 18-19/20) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { (given entity + } \\ & \text { parallel } \\ & \text { syntactic } \\ & \text { constructions) } \end{aligned}$ | The spans (or parts of spans) are syntactically parallel to each other; and the subject NPs of the sentences the spans start with represent the same entity. | [under which the company would plead guilty to two felony charges and pay fines totaling between $\$ 500,000$ and $\$ 1.5$ million.]N <br> [Under one count, Gulf Power would plead guilty to conspiring to violate the Utility Holding Company Act. <br> Under the second count, the company would plead guilty to conspiring to evade taxes.]S -Elaboration-set-member (619: 13-15/16-17) |


|  | (given entity + <br> subject NP <br> $(\mathrm{RS} / \mathrm{SS}))$ | The subject NPs of the <br> reported speech within the <br> first span and of the sentence <br> the second span starts with <br> refer to the same entity. | [The company said the debentures are being <br> issued at an issue price of \$849 for each $\$ 1,000$ <br> principal amount and are convertible at any <br> time prior to maturity at a conversion price of <br> \$25 a share].N |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|}\hline & & \text { which contains a modal verb. }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { construction contract to build the centerpiece of } \\ \text { a planned petrochemical complex.]N } \\ \text { Hypothetical (606: 1/2) }\end{array}\right]$

Table 2: List of the combined signals extracted from our preliminary corpus study

### 1.3 Appendix III

Distribution of discourse markers with respect to the relations signalled by them.

| No | Relation Group | Relation | Discourse Markers Used for Signalling |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Attribution (0) | Attribution (0) | - |
|  |  | Attribution-negative (0) | - |
| 2. | Background (23) | Background (2) | but (1), previously (1) |
|  |  | Circumstance (21) | when (5), as (4), with (3), if (2), once (2), without (2), but (1), now (1), before (1) |
| 3. | Cause (19) | Cause (2) | largely because (1), when (1) |
|  |  | Result (3) | and (1), as a result (1), as a result of (1) |
|  |  | Consequence (14) | and (6), because (2), because of (2), as (1), since (1), after (1), however (1) |
| 4. | Comparison (5) | Comparison (5) | while (3), meanwhile (1), however (1) |
|  |  | Preference (0) | - |
|  |  | Analogy (0) | - |
|  |  | Proportion (0) | - |
| 5. | Condition (16) | Condition (15) | if (11), until (2), unless (1), when (1) |
|  |  | Hypothetical (1) | in case (1) |
|  |  | Contingency (0) | - |
|  |  | Otherwise (0) | - |
| 6. | Contrast (57) | Contrast (19) | but (11), however (3), although (1), and (1), still (1), while (1), yet (1) |
|  |  | Concession (13) | while (3), but (3), though (2), although (1), even though (1), rather (1), still (1), thus (1) |
|  |  | Antithesis (25) | but (11), although (3), however (3), despite (2), but now (1), even when (1), except when (1), instead (1), though (1), until recently (1) |
| 7. | Elaboration (31) | Elaboration-additional (23) | and (8), but (6), as (2), so far (2), however (1), more provocatively (1), recently (1), since... now (1), with (1) |
|  |  | Elaboration-general-specific (1) | rather (1) |
|  |  | Elaboration-part-whole (0) | - |
|  |  | Elaboration-process-step (0) | - |
|  |  | Elaboration-object-attribute (4) | further (1), where (1), whereby (1), whether (1) |
|  |  | Elaboration-set-member (0) | - |
|  |  | Example (3) | for example (2), even before (1) |
|  |  | Definition (0) | - |
| 8. | Enablement (0) | Purpose(0) | - |
|  |  | Enablement (0) | - |
| 9. | Evaluation (2) | Evaluation (1) | and (1) |
|  |  | Interpretation (1) | so (1) |
|  |  | Conclusion (0) | - |
|  |  | Comment (0) | - |
| 10. | Explanation (18) | Evidence (0) | - |
|  |  | Explanation-argumentative (6) | because (2), because of (1), simply because (1), indeed (1), since (1) |
|  |  | Reason (12) | and (4), because (4), because of (3), so... that (1) |
| 11. | Joint (53) | List (50) | and (44), in addition (2), moreover (2), in addition to (1), but (1) |
|  |  | Disjunction (3) | or (3) |


| 12. | Manner-Means (4) | Manner (3) | without (3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Means (1) | without (1) |
| 13. | Topic-Comment <br> (3) | Problem-solution (2) | but (1), so (1) |
|  |  | Question-answer (0) | - |
|  |  | Statement-response (0) | - |
|  |  | Topic-comment (1) | when (1) |
|  |  | Comment-topic (0) | - |
|  |  | Rhetorical-question (0) | - |
| 14. | Summary (0) | Summary (0) | - |
|  |  | Restatement (0) | - |
| 15. | Temporal (18) | Temporal-before (3) | before (3) |
|  |  | Temporal-after (7) | since (3), after (2), and after (1), when (1) |
|  |  | Temporal-same-time (3) | when (1), while (1), as (1) |
|  |  | Sequence (5) | and (4), thereafter (1) |
|  |  | Inverted-sequence (0) | - |
| 16. | Topic-Change (0) | Topic-shift (0) | - |
|  |  | Topic-drift (0) | - |
| 17. | Same-Unit (2) | Same-unit (2) | and (1), as well as (1) |
| 18. | Span (0) | Span (0) | - |
| 19. | Textual Organization (0) | Textual organization (0) | - |

Table 3: Distribution of relations with respect to the discourse markers used to signal them

### 1.4 Appendix IV

Distribution of the relations with respect to the discourse markers used to signal them.

| No. | Discourse Marker | Relation Group | Relation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | After (3) | Cause (1) | Consequence (1) |
|  |  | Temporal (2) | Temporal-after (2) |
| 2. | Although (5) | Contrast (5) | Antithesis (3), Concession (1), Contrast (1) |
| 3. | And (70) | Cause (7) | Consequence (6), Result (1) |
|  |  | Contrast (1) | Contrast (1) |
|  |  | Elaboration (8) | Elaboration-additional (8) |
|  |  | Evaluation (1) | Evaluation (8) |
|  |  | Joint (44) | List (44) |
|  |  | Explanation (4) | Reason (4) |
|  |  | Same-unit (1) | Same-unit (1) |
|  |  | Temporal (4) | Sequence (4) |
| 4. | And after (1) | Temporal (1) | Temporal-after (1) |
| 5. | As (8) | Background (4) | Circumstance (4) |
|  |  | Cause (1) | Consequence (1) |
|  |  | Elaboration (2) | Elaboration-additional (2) |
|  |  | Temporal (1) | Temporal-same-time (1) |
| 6. | As a result (1) | Cause (1) | Result (1) |
| 7. | As a result of (1) | Cause (1) | Result (1) |
| 8. | As well as (1) | Same-unit (1) | Same-unit (1) |


| 9. | Because (8) | Cause (2) | Consequence (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Explanation (6) | Explanation-argumentative (2), Reason (4) |
| 10. | (largely) because (1) | Cause (1) | Cause (1) |
| 11. | (simply) because (1) | Explanation (1) | Explanation-argumentative (1) |
| 12. | Because of (6) | Cause (2) | Consequence (2) |
|  |  | Explanation (4) | Explanation-argumentative (1), Reason (3) |
| 13. | Before (4) | Background (1) | Circumstance (1) |
|  |  | Temporal (3) | Temporal-before (3) |
| 14. | But (35) | Contrast (25) | Antithesis (11), Concession (3), Contrast (11) |
|  |  | Background (2) | Background (1), Circumstance (1) |
|  |  | Elaboration (6) | Elaboration-additional (6) |
|  |  | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  | Problem-solution (1) | Problem-solution (1) |
| 15. | But now (1) | Contrast (1) | Antithesis (1) |
| 16. | Despite (2) | Contrast (2) | Antithesis (2) |
| 17. | Even before (1) | Elaboration (1) | Example (1) |
| 18. | Even though (1) | Contrast (1) | Concession (1) |
| 19. | Even when (1) | Contrast (1) | Antithesis (1) |
| 20. | Except when (1) | Contrast (1) | Antithesis (1) |
| 21. | For example (2) | Elaboration (2) | Example (2) |
| 22. | Further (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-object-attribute (1) |
| 23. | However (9) | Contrast (6) | Antithesis (3), Contrast (3) |
|  |  | Comparison (1) | Comparison (1) |
|  |  | Cause (1) | Consequence (1) |
|  |  | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
| 24. | If (13) | Background (2) | Circumstance (2) |
|  |  | Condition (11) | Condition (11) |
| 25. | In addition (2) | Joint (2) | List (2) |
| 26. | In addition to (1) | Joint (1) | List (1) |
| 27. | In case (1) | Condition (1) | Hypothetical (1) |
| 28. | Indeed (1) | Explanation (1) | Explanation-argumentative (1) |
| 29. | Instead (1) | Contrast (1) | Antithesis (1) |
| 30. | Meanwhile (1) | Comparison (1) | Comparison (1) |
| 31. | Moreover (2) | Joint (2) | List (2) |
| 32. | Now (1) | Background (1) | Circumstance (1) |
| 33. | Once (2) | Background (2) | Circumstance (2) |
| 34. | Or (3) | Joint (3) | Disjunction (3) |
| 35. | Previously (1) | Background (1) | Background (1) |
| 36. | (more) provocatively (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
| 37. | Rather (2) | Contrast (1) | Concession (1) |
|  |  | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-general-specific (1) |
| 38. | Recently (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
| 39. | Since (5) | Cause (1) | Consequence (1) |
|  |  | Explanation (1) | Explanation-argumentative (1) |
|  |  | Temporal (3) | Temporal-after (1) |
| 40. | Since... now (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
| 41. | So (2) | Elaboration (1) | Interpretation (1) |
|  |  | Problem-solution (1) | Problem-solution (1) |
| 42. | So far (2) | Elaboration (2) | Elaboration-additional (2) |
| 43. | So... that (1) | Explanation (1) | Reason (1) |
| 44. | Still (2) | Contrast (2) | Concession (1), Contrast (1) |
| 45. | Thereafter (1) | Temporal (1) | Sequence (1) |
| 46. | Though (3) | Contrast (3) | Antithesis (1), Concession (2) |


| 47. | Thus (1) | Contrast (1) | Concession (1) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 48. | Unless (1) | Condition (1) | Condition (1) |
| 49. | Until (2) | Condition (2) | Condition (2) |
| 50. | Until recently (1) | Contrast (1) | Antithesis (1) |
| 53. | When (10) | Cause (1) | Cause-result (1) |
|  |  | Background (5) | Circumstance (5) |
|  |  | Condition (1) | Condition (1) |
|  | Temporal (2) | Temporal-after (1), Temporal-same-time (1) |  |
|  | Topic-comment (1) | Topic-comment (1) |  |
| 52. | Where (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-object-attribute (1) |
| 53. | Whereby (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-object-attribute (1) |
| 54. | Whether (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-object-attribute (1) |
| 55. | While (8) | Comparison (3) | Comparison (3) |
|  |  | Contrast (4) | Concession (3), Contrast (1) |
|  |  | Temporal (1) | Temporal-same-time (1) |
| 56. | With (4) | Background (3) | Circumstance (3) |
|  |  | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
| 55. | Without (6) | Background (2) | Circumstance (2) |
|  |  | Manner-means (4) | Manner (3), means (1) |
| 58. | Yet (1) | Contrast (1) | Contrast (1) |

Table 4: Distribution of relations with respect to discourse markers

### 1.5 Appendix V

Distribution of other signals with respect to the relations indicated by them.

| No | Relation Group | Relation | Signal Type | Specific Signal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Attribution (228) | Attribution (228) | Syntactic (220) | Reported speech pattern (220) |
|  |  |  | Genre (4) | Newspaper heuristics (4) |
|  |  |  | Lexical (4) | Indicative phrase (4) |
|  |  | Attributionnegative (0) | - | - |
| 2. | Background (17) | Background (8) | Lexical (5) | indicative phrase (5) |
|  |  |  | Semantic (2) | Indicative word pair (1), indicative phrasal pair (1) |
|  |  |  | Morphological (2) | Change of tense (2) |
|  |  |  | (lexical + positional) (1) | (PP cue + beginning) (1) |
|  |  | Circumstance (9) | (syntactic + positional) (4) | (reduced relative clause + beginning) (3), (participial clause + beginning) (1) |
|  |  |  | Lexical (5) | indicative phrase (5) |
|  |  |  | Syntactic (1) | Participial clause (1) |
|  |  |  | (syntactic + lexical) (1) | ((participial clause + indicative word) (1) |
| 3. | Cause (2) | Cause (1) | Lexical (1) | Indicative phrase (1) |
|  |  | Result (0) | - | - |
|  |  | Consequence (1) | Lexical (1) | Indicative phrase (1) |
| 4. | Comparison <br> (9) | Comparison (9) | Lexical (8) | Indicative phrase (7), indicative word (1) |
|  |  |  | Semantic (1) | Antonyms (1) |



|  |  | process-step (0) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Elaboration-objectattribute (179) | Syntactic (167) | Relative clause (85), reduced relative clause (45), infinitival clause (NP) (27), participial clause (10) |
|  |  |  | (lexical + syntactic) (8) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (PP cue + participial clause) (7), (PP cue } \\ & + \text { Wh-clause) (1) } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | Graphical (2) | Dashes (1), parentheses (1) |
|  |  |  | Lexical (2) | Indicative phrase (2) |
|  |  | Elaboration-setmember (6) | Lexical (2) | Indicative phrase (2) |
|  |  |  | Semantic (3) | Lexical chain (2), lexical overlap (1) |
|  |  |  | Graphical (2) | Dashes (1), colon (1) |
|  |  |  | Entity (1) | Given entity (1) |
|  |  |  | Genre (1) | Textual organization (1) |
|  |  |  | (entity + syntactic) (1) | (given entity + parallel syntactic constructions) (1) |
|  |  | Example (6) | Lexical (3) | Indicative phrase (3), |
|  |  |  | Semantic (1) | lexical overlap (1) |
|  |  |  | Graphical (1) | Colon (1) |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (entity + syntactic + } \\ & \text { lexical) (1) } \end{aligned}$ | (given entity + subject NP + indicative phrase) (1) |
|  |  | Definition (2) | Syntactic (1) | Relative clause (1) |
|  |  |  | Graphical (1) | Dash (1) |
| 8. | Enablement (39) | Purpose (39) | Syntactic (38) | Infinitival clause (37), participial clause (1) |
|  |  |  | Lexical (1) | Indicative phrase (1) |
|  |  | Enablement (0) | - | - |
| 9. | Evaluation <br> (3) | Evaluation (3) | Lexical (2) | Indicative word (2) |
|  |  |  | Syntactic (2) | Modal verb (1), reported speech pattern (1) |
|  |  | Interpretation (0) | - | - |
|  |  | Conclusion (0) | - | - |
|  |  | Comment (0) | - | - |
| 10. | Explanation <br> (5) | Evidence (3) | Semantic (4) | Lexical chain (2), phrasal chain (1), synonyms (1), lexical overlap (1) |
|  |  |  | Lexical (1) | Indicative word (1) |
|  |  | Explanationargumentative (1) | Lexical (1) | Alternative expression (1) |
|  |  | Reason (1) | Syntactic (1) | Infinitival clause (1) |
| 11. | Joint (27) | List (27) | Syntactic (14) | Parallel syntactic constructions (9), Parallel syntactic constructions (RS/SS) (1), Parallel phrasal constructions (1), Parallel syntactic constructions (RS) (1), reported speech constructions (series different speaker) (1), interrogative syntactic constructions (series) (1) |
|  |  |  | Lexical (3) | Indicative word (2), indicative phrase (1), |
|  |  |  | Semantic (7) | Lexical chain (3), phrasal chain (1), lexical overlap (1), similar collocations (subject NP) (1), indicative word pair (1) |
|  |  |  | (entity + syntactic) (3) | (given entity + subject NP) (1), (given entity + subject NP (RS/SS)) (1), (given entity + parallel syntactic constructions) (1) |



Table 5: Distribution of relations with respect to the other signals used to indicate them

### 1.6 Appendix VI

## Distribution of relations with respect to the other signals used to indicate them.

| No. | Signal Type | Specific Signal | Relation Group | Relation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (entity }+ \\ & \text { positional) (1) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | (given entity (PP) + beginning) (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
| 2. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (entity + syntactic } \\ & + \text { lexical) }(1) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | (given entity + subject NP + indicative phrase) (1) | Elaboration (1) | Example (1) |
| 3. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (entity + syntactic) } \\ & \text { (92) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (given entity (set- } \\ & \text { complement) }+ \text { subject NP) } \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (given entity + subject NP } \\ & \text { (MC)) (1) } \end{aligned}$ | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
|  |  | (given propositional entity + subject NP) (2) | Elaboration (2) | Elaboration-additional (2) |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (given entity + subject NP } \\ & \text { (RS)) (6) } \end{aligned}$ | Elaboration (6) | Elaboration-additional (6) |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (given entity + subject NP) } \\ & (76) \end{aligned}$ | Elaboration (75) | Elaboration-additional (72), Elaboration-general-specific (3) |
|  |  |  | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  | (given member entity + subject NP) (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-general-specific (1) |
|  |  | (mutually exclusive entities <br> + negation) (1) | Summary (1) | Restatement (1) |
|  |  | (given entity + parallel syntactic constructions) | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  |  | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-set-member (1) |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (given entity + subject NP } \\ & \text { (RS/SS)) (1) } \end{aligned}$ | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (given entity + subject NP } \\ & \text { (within)) (2) } \end{aligned}$ | Elaboration (2) | Elaboration-additional (2) |
| 4. | Entity (87) | Given entity (84) | Elaboration (83) | Elaboration-additional (77), <br> Elaboration-general-specific (5), <br> Elaboration-set-member (1) |
|  |  |  | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  | Given member entity (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
|  |  | Different entities (1) | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  | Cataphoric entity (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
| 5. | Lexical (51) | Indicative phrase (40) | Attribution (4) | Attribution (4) |
|  |  |  | Background (9) | Background (5), Circumstance (4) |
|  |  |  | Comparison (7) | Comparison (7) |
|  |  |  | Condition (1) | Condition (1) |
|  |  |  | Cause (2) | Consequence (1), Cause-result (1) |
|  |  |  | Elaboration (11) | Elaboration-additional (4), <br> Elaboration-set-member (2), <br> Elaboration-object-attribute (2), <br> Example (3) |
|  |  |  | Joint (2) | List (2) |
|  |  |  | Topic-Comment (1) | Statement-response (1) |
|  |  |  | Enablement (1) | Purpose (1) |
|  |  |  | Temporal (2) | Temporal-after (1), Temporal-same-time (1) |
|  |  | Alternative expression (1) | Explanation (1) | Explanation-argumentative (1) |
|  |  | Indicative word (10) | Comparison (1) | Comparison (1) |


|  |  |  | Elaboration (4) | Elaboration-additional (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Evaluation (2) | Evaluation (2) |
|  |  |  | Statement-response (1) | Statement-response (1) |
|  |  |  | Explanation (1) | Evidence (1) |
|  |  |  | Joint (1) | List (1) |
| 6. | Semantic (163) | Lexical chain (72) | Elaboration (66) | Elaboration-additional (60), <br> Elaboration-general-specific (5), <br> Elaboration-set-member (1) |
|  |  |  | Joint (3) | List (3) |
|  |  |  | Explanation (3) | Evidence (3) |
|  |  | Phrasal chain (9) | Elaboration (8) | Elaboration-additional (7), Elaboration-general-specific (1) |
|  |  |  | Explanation (1) | Evidence (1) |
|  |  | Synonyms (4) | Elaboration (4) | Elaboration-additional (4) |
|  |  | Indicative phrasal pair (2) | Topic-comment (1) | Problem-solution (1) |
|  |  |  | Background (1) | Background (1) |
|  |  | Indicative word pair (3) | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  |  | Topic-comment (1) | Problem-solution (1) |
|  |  |  | Background (1) | Background (1) |
|  |  | Lexical overlap (67) | Elaboration (66) | Elaboration-additional (61), <br> Elaboration-general-specific (4), <br> Example (1) |
|  |  |  | Explanation (1) | Evidence (1) |
|  |  | Phrasal overlap (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
|  |  | Similar collocations (subject NP) (1) | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  | Antonyms (2) | Contrast (1) | Antithesis (1) |
|  |  |  | Comparison (1) | Comparison (1) |
|  |  | Antonyms (phrases) (1) | Contrast (1) | Contrast (1) |
| 7. | Syntactic (573) | Modal verb (1) | Evaluation (1) | Evaluation (1) |
|  |  | Parallel syntactic constructions (12) | joint (9) | List (9) |
|  |  |  | Contrast (1) | Contrast (1) |
|  |  |  | Elaboration (2) | Elaboration-additional (2) |
|  |  | Parallel phrasal constructions (subject NP) (1) | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  | Infinitival clause (41) | Elaboration (3) | Elaboration-additional (3) |
|  |  |  | Enablement (37) | Purpose (37) |
|  |  |  | Explanation (1) | Reason (1) |
|  |  | Infinitival clause (NP) (27) | Elaboration (27) | Elaboration-object-attribute (27) |
|  |  | Interrogative syntactic constructions (series) (1) | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  | Interrupted matrix clause (75) | Same-unit (75) | Same-unit (75) |
|  |  | Parallel syntactic constructions (RS) (1) | Joint (1) | List (1) |
|  |  | Participial clause (19) | Elaboration (18) | Elaboration-additional (7), <br> Elaboration-object-attribute (10), <br> Elaboration-general-specific (1) |
|  |  |  | Enablement (1) | Purpose (1) |
|  |  | Reduced relative clause (55) | Elaboration (55) | Elaboration-additional (10), Elaboration-object-attribute (45) |
|  |  | Relative clause (112) | Elaboration (112) | Elaboration-additional (26), |


|  |  |  |  | Elaboration-object-attribute (85), Definition (1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Reported speech constructions (series different speakers) (2) | Joint (2) | List (2) |
|  |  | Reported speech pattern | Attribution (220) | Attribution (220) |
|  |  | (223) | Evaluation (2) | Evaluation (2) |
|  |  |  | Statement-response (1) | Statement-response (1) |
|  |  | Reported speech constructions (series - same speaker) (2) | Elaboration (2) | Elaboration-additional (2) |
|  |  | Parallel phrasal constructions (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
| 8. | Graphical (37) | Colon (4) | Elaboration (4) | Elaboration-additional (1), Example (1), Elaboration-general-specific (1), Elaboration-set-member (1) |
|  |  | Dashes (12) | Elaboration (11) | Definition (1), Elaborationadditional (4), Elaboration-object-attribute (4), Elaboration-general-specific (1), Elaboration-set-member (1) |
|  |  |  | Summary (1) | Restatement (1) |
|  |  | Parallel strings (2) | Joint (2) | List (2) |
|  |  | Parentheses (18) | Elaboration (11) | Elaboration-additional (10), Elaboration-object-attribute (1) |
|  |  |  | Summary (7) | Restatement (7) |
|  |  | Semi-colon (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
| 9. | Genre (47) | Newspaper heuristics (attribution) (4) | Attribution (4) | Attribution (4) |
|  |  | Newspaper heuristics (elaboration) (6) | Elaboration (6) | Elaboration-additional (6) |
|  |  | Textual organization (36) | Textual organization (1) | Textual organization (1) |
|  |  |  | Elaboration (35) | Elaboration-additional (32), <br> Elaboration-general-specific (2), <br> Elaboration-set-member (1) |
|  |  | Newspaper heuristics (contrast) (1) | Contrast (1) | Contrast (1) |
| 10. | Morphological (2) | Change of tense (2) | Background (2) | Background (2) |
| 11. | Numerical (1) | Same count (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-general-specific (1) |
| 12. | (graphical + syntactic) (3) | (comma + coordinated clause) (2) | Joint (2) | List (2) |
|  |  | (parentheses + subject NP) | Attribution (1) | Attribution (1) |
| 13. | (lexical + positional) $\qquad$ | (PP cue + beginning) (1) | Background (1) | Background (1) |
| 14. | (lexical + syntactic + positional) (1) | (PP cue + participial clause + beginning) (1) | Background (1) | Circumstance (1) |
| 15. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (lexical + } \\ & \text { syntactic) } \end{aligned}$ | (indicative word + participial clause) (5) | Manner-means (4) | Means (4) |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (PP cue + participial clause) } \\ & (7) \end{aligned}$ | Elaboration (7) | Elaboration-object-attribute (7) |
|  |  | (PP cue + Wh-clause) (1) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-object-attribute (1) |


|  |  | (PP cue + participial clause + <br> modal verb) (1) | Condition (1) | Hypothetical (1) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 16. | (semantic + <br> syntactic) (7) | (synonyms + subject NP) (2) | Elaboration (2) | Elaboration-additional (2) |
|  | (lexical overlap + subject <br> NP) (5) | Elaboration (5) | Elaboration-additional (4), <br> Elaboration-general-specific (1) |  |
| 17. | (syntactic + <br> semantic) (2) | (parallel syntactic <br> constructions + lexical <br> overlap) (2) | Elaboration (1) | Elaboration-additional (1) |
|  | Joint (1) | List (1) |  |  |
| (syntactic + <br> positional) (6) | (parallel PP constructions + <br> beginning) (2) | Joint (2) | List (2) |  |
|  | (reduced relative clause + <br> beginning) (3) | Background (3) | Circumstance (3) |  |
|  | (participial clause + <br> beginning) (1) | Background (1) | Circumstance (1) |  |

Table 6: Distribution of relations with respect to the other signals used to indicate them

