Identification of Modern Greek collocations with Fips

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Objective:

Identification of Modern Greek nominal and verbal collocations Method:

- Enhancement of the lexical database with lexemes and collocations
- Enhancement of the grammar-based processing model
- Parsing-based extraction of candidate-collocations from a corpus
- Filtering of candidates using standard association measures
- Manual validation of the best candidates
- Addition of validated collocations to the collocation database

Tools:

Fips:

Multilingual parser (French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Portuguese, Romanian)

Grammar-based processing model (rules and procedures)

Collocation extraction tool (Seretan 2011):

Identification of collocations in the input sentence during the syntactic analysis (Wehrli et al. 2010)

Syntactic processes may impact the identification of verbobject collocations, especially in morphology-rich languages, like Modern Greek:

- Syntactic flexibility (relatively free order)
- Wh-questions
- Relative clauses
- **Passivization**
- Pronominalization (replacement of the noun object by a pronoun either in the same or in the next phrase)

Experiments & Results

- Measurement of:
- the parser's performance to identify lexicalized collocations
- the impact of the collocation knowledge on the performance of the parser (in percentage of complete analyses)
- ➤ Newspaper corpus (20,000 words) (http://www.greeklanguage.gr/greekLang/index.html, http://www.clarin.gr/en)
- ➤ Manual identification of 638 collocations
- > Parsing results:
- 1st analysis: 43.26% of complete analyses, 124 identified collocations
- 2nd analysis after enrichment of the lexical database: 44.33% of complete analyses, 482 identified collocations
- 100% precision in the collocation identification task, recall 75.54%, F-measure 0.86
- 156 collocations not identified due to incomplete parsing

Importance

- Extension of FipsGreek lexical coverage:
- 18,342 lexemes
- 21,121 collocations
- > Integration with parsing:
- helps lexical disambiguation
- gives priority to collocation-driven syntactic attachment
- > A tool for helping collocation dictionary building
- > Available online: latlapps.unige.ch

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Examples of parsing and collocation extraction

Syntactic flexibility

Έκκληση στους διοικητικούς υπαλλήλους να σταματήσουν την απεργία έκανε ο υπουργός. 'An appeal to the administrative staff stop the strike made the minister.'

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|--------------|----------------------|----|-------------|------------------------|
| Έκκληση | NOUN-SIN-FEM | 1 | έκκληση | |
| στους | PREP | 9 | | |
| διοικητικούς | ADJ-PLU-MAS | 15 | διοικητικός | |
| υπαλλήλου | ς NOUN-PLU-MAS | 28 | υπάλληλος | διοικητικός υπτάλληλος |
| να | CONJ-SUB | 39 | να | administrative staff |
| σταματήσου | v VERB-SUB-AOR-3-PLU | 42 | σταματώ | |
| την | DET-SIN-FEM | 54 | 0 | |
| απεργία | NOUN-SIN-FEM | 58 | απεργία | |
| έκανε | VERB-IND-IMP-3-SIN | 66 | κάνω | κάνω έκκληση |
| 0 | | 72 | 0 | to make an appeal |
| υπουργός | NOUN-SIN-MAS | 74 | υπουργός | |
| | PUNC-point | 82 | | |

Figure 1: Verb-object collocation where the noun object precedes the verb.

Wh-questions

| Ποιο | ρεκόρ θέλει | | να σπάσει ο Μελισσανίδης; | | |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 'Which | record c | loes he wa | nt | to break | Melissanidis?' |
| Пою | DET-SIN- | NEU. | 1 | ποιος | |
| ρεκόρ | NOUN-S | N-NEU | 6 | ρεκόρ | |
| θέλει | VERB-IN | D-PRE-3-SIN | 12 | θέλω | |
| να | CONJ-SI | JB | 18 | να | |
| σπάσει | VERB-SI | JB-AOR-3-SIN | 21 | σπάζω | σπάζω το ρεκόρ |
| 0 | DET-SIN- | MAS | 28 | 0 | to break a record |
| Μελισσανίδης NOUN | | 30 | Μελισσανίδης | | |
| ; | PUNC-po | int-virgule | 42 | | |

Figure 2: Example of a wh-question.

Relative clauses

Οι ασφαλιστικές εισφορές που καταβάλλονται εξ ολοκλήρου από τους κρατικούς προϋπολογισμούς. 'The insurance contributions that are paid totally by the national budget.'

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|---------------|-------------------------------------|------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| OI | DET-PLU-FEM | 1030 | 0 | | |
| ασφαλιστικές | ADJ-PLU-FEM | 1034 | ασφαλιστικός | | |
| εισφορές | NOUN-PLU-FEM | 1047 | εισφορά | ασφαλιστική εισφορά | |
| που | PRO-REL-PLU-FEM | 1056 | που | DO insurance contribution | |
| καταβάλλονται | VERB-IND-SUB-PRE-PASSIVE-3-PLU 1060 | | καταβάλλω | SU:proDO:εισφορές καταβάλλω εισφορά | |
| εξ ολοκλήρου | ADV-INT | 1074 | εξ ολοκλήρου | to pay a contribution | |
| από | PREP | 1087 | από | ADJUNCT | |
| τους | DET-PLU-MAS | 1091 | 0 | | |
| κρατικούς | ADJ-PLU-MAS | 1096 | κρατικός | | |
| προϋπολογισμο | ύς NOUN-PLU-MAS | 1106 | προϋπολογισμός | κρατικός προϋπολογισμός | |
| | PUNC-point | 1121 | | national budget | |
| | | | | | |

Figure 3: Example of a phrase containing two nominal collocations and a verb-object collocation where the noun object has been replaced by a relative pronoun.

Passivization

Οι λανθασμένες πολιτικές που ακολουθήθηκαν από όλες τις κυβερνήσεις είναι η πρώτη αιτία. policies that were followed by all the governments is the main cause.

| THE WICHE | policies that were to | 110 *** | a by an the governments is | ine main cause. |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Oı | DET-PLU-FEM | 418 | o SU | |
| λανθασμένες | ADJ-PLU-FEM | 421 | λανθασμένος | |
| πολιτικές | NOUN-PLU-FEM | 433 | πολπική | |
| που | PRO-REL-PLU-FEM | 443 | που DO | |
| ακολουθήθη | KαV VERB-IND-AOR-PASSIVE-3-PLU | 447 | ακολουθώ SU:proDO:πολιτικές | ακολουθώ πολιτική |
| από | PREP | 461 | από ADJUNCT | to follow a policy |
| όλες | DET-PLU-FEM | 465 | όλος | |
| πς | DET-PLU-FEM | 470 | 0 | |
| κυβερνήσεις | NOUN-PLU-FEM | 474 | κυβέρνηση | |
| είναι | VERB-IND-PRE-3-INN | 486 | είμαι SU:πολιτικές FO:αιτία | |
| η | DET-SIN-FEM | 492 | o FO | |
| πρώτη | ADJ-SIN-FEM | 494 | πρώτος | |
| αιτία | NOUN-SIN-FEM | 500 | απία πρώτη αιτία | |
| | PLINC-point | 505 | main cause | |

Figure 4: Example of a verb-object collocation whose verb is in passive voice and the noun has been pronominalized.

Pronominalization

Ας αναλογιστούν τις ευθύνες τους.

PUNC-point

Είχαν υποβάλει ερωτήσεις στον επίτροπο, αλλά κανένας δεν βρισκόταν εδώ για να τις θέσει. 'They had posed questions to the commissioner, but nobody here to make them'.

| Είχαν | AUX-VERB-IND-IMP-3-PLU | 1 | έχω | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|----|-----------|--|--------------------|
| υποβάλει | VERB-SUB-AOR-3-SIN | 7 | υποβάλλω | SU:pro DO:ερωτήσεις PO:επίτροπο | υποβάλλω ερώτηση |
| ερωτήσεις | NOUN-PLU-FEM | 16 | ερώτηση | questions | to pose a question |
| στον | PREP | 26 | | PO | |
| επίτροπο | NOUN-SIN-MAS | 31 | επίτροπος | | |
| , | PUNC-virgule | 39 | | | |
| αλλά | CONJ-COO | 41 | αλλά | | |
| κανένας | PRO-IND-SIN-MAS | 46 | κανείς | SU | |
| δεν | adverbe-NEG | 54 | δεν | | |
| βρισκόταν | VERB-IND-IMP-PASSIVE-3-SIN | 58 | βρίσκω | SU:κανένας | |
| εδώ | ADV-LOC | 68 | εδώ | | |
| για να | CONJ-SUB | 72 | για να | | |
| τις | PRO-CLI-PLU-FEM | 1 | TOU | | |
| θέσει | VERB-SUB-AOR-3-SIN | 83 | θέτω | DO:τις | θέτω ερώτηση |
| | PUNC-point | 88 | | them | to make a question |

Figure 5: Verb-object collocation where the noun has been replaced by a personal pronoun.

Should they take them on.' 'Let them consider their responsibilities. 1111 ας αναλογιστούν VERB-SUB-AOR-PASSIVE-3-PLU 1114 αναλογίζομαι SU:proDO:ευθύνες DET-PLU-FEM 1127 responsibilities NOUN-PLU-FEM ευθύνες ευθύνη 1131 PRO-CLI-PLU-ING PUNC-point CONJ-SUB 1145 PRO-CLI-PLU-FEM 1145 αναλάβουν VERB-SUB-AOR-3-PLU 1152 αναλαμβάνω SU:proDO:TIC

Να τις αναλάβουν.

Figure 6: Verb-object collocation where the noun in the form pronoun refers to the object of the previous sentence.

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αναλαμβάνω την ευθύνη

to take on responsibility