

Light Verb Constructions in Universal Dependencies

- Universal Dependencies (UD) is an initiative to develop cross-linguistically consistent treebank annotation for many languages to facilitate multilingual parsing
- Light verb constructions (LVCs) pose interesting challenges for (cross-)linguistic annotation
- Here we give a summary of the different ways in which LVCs are analyzed in UD v1.1:
 - Treebanks that lack LVCs
 - Treebanks that do not distinguish LVCs
 - Treebanks that distinguish LVCs only by their structure
 - Treebanks that distinguish LVCs (also) by special labels
- Next step: compare the pros and cons of different analyses and agree on a consistent analysis