

# Human annotation of Lexical Semantic Change

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## **Diachronic Usage Relatedness (DURel): A Framework for the Annotation of Lexical Semantic Change**

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# Word-in-Context task

For each word W:

1: Identical  
0: Unrelated

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"...she opened a vein in her **arm**..."



"...overlooking and **arm** of the sea..."

# Graded Word-in-Context task

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2: Distantly related  
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# Semantic Relatedness vs Semantic proximity (Blank 1997)

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3: Closely related  
2: Distantly related  
1: Unrelated



4: Identity  
3: Context variance  
2: Polysemy  
1: Homonymy

# Diachronic Graded Word-in-Context task

For each word W:

?

T1 "...she opened a vein in her **arm**..."



"...overlooking and **arm** of the sea..." T2

Language	Corpus	T1	T2
English	CCOHA	1810 - 1860	1960 - 2010
German	DTA; BZ+ND	1800 - 1899	1946 - 1990
Latin	LatinISE	-200 - 0	0 - 2000
Swedish	Kubhist	1790 - 1830	1895 - 1903

# How did we do it?

For each word W:

"...she opened a vein in her **arm**..."**T1**

"...to pay for the **arms** and ammunition..."**T1**

"...within reach of his **arm**..."**T1**

**T2** "...overlooking and **arm** of the sea..."

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T1

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T1

De äro styfsinta — sade han — men de ge nog med sig, är det kommer till **kritan**. man fått löfte om hardt när enhälligt understöd från den" nya center

T2

dels förtröstade man på, att folkpartiet, när det komme till **kritan**, hellre skulle taga till och med denna skenreform än — afslag.

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T2

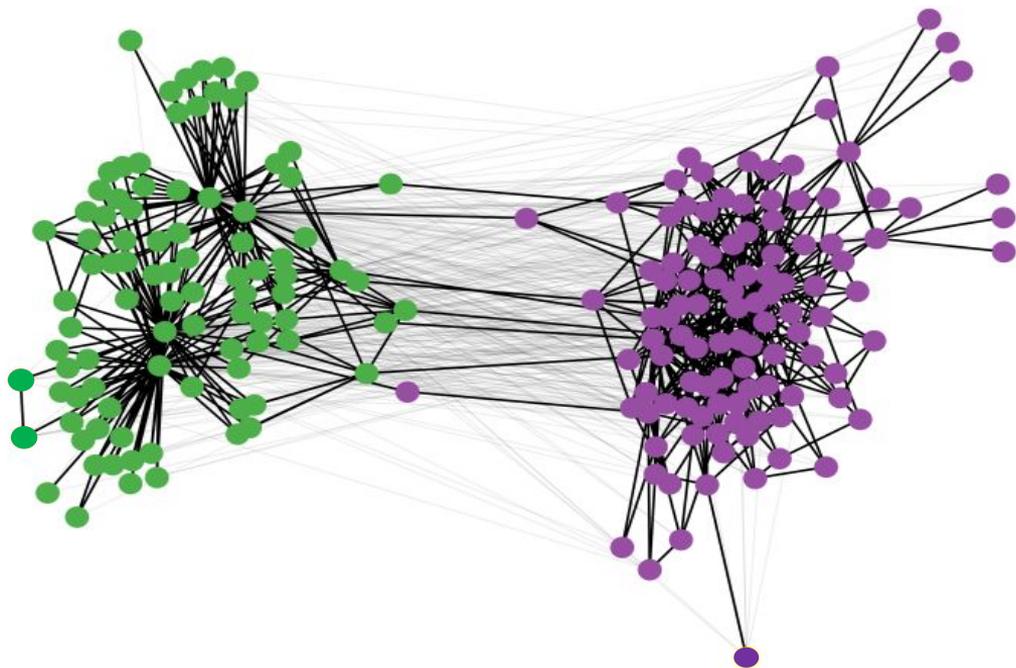
kontant efter den i lisra punkten stadgade grund. till det andra genom en oändlig rad gradationer, och alla eiler nästan alla fenomen, tilldragniog, suggestion etc., som man frambringar under sömnen, kunna hos de flesta **medier** lika val framkallas i vaket tillstånd.

T1

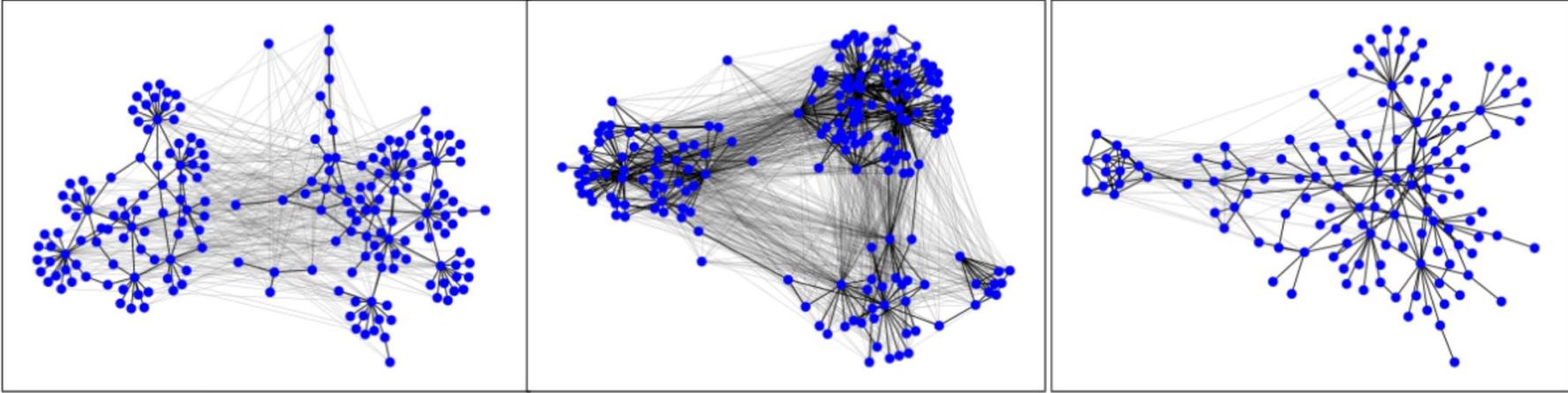
löpande årets Markegång uppgår till lika belopp eller vsverstiger det salunda uträknade **medium** as scdnaste 5 Arens markegångspris, far ingen uppsägning till lefiverering tn Nalilia ega ruin,

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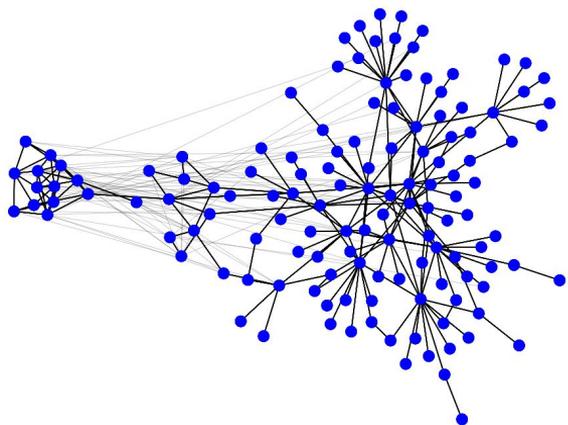
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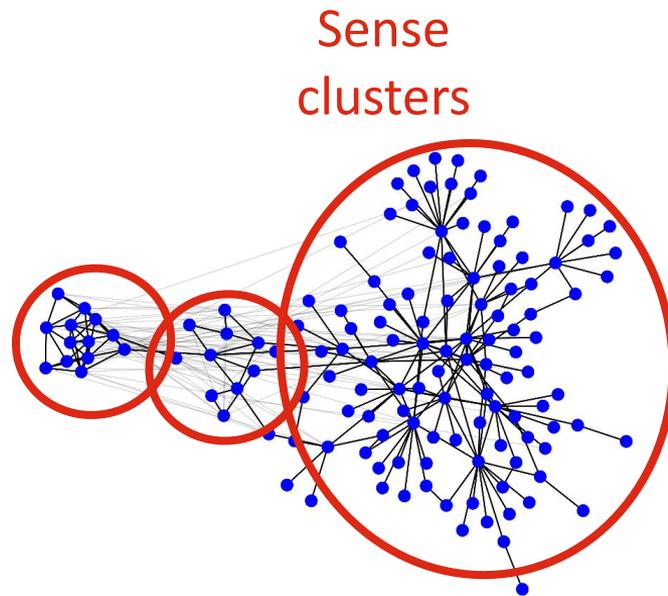
- 4: Identical
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- 1: Unrelated
- Nodes from time T1
- Nodes from time T2
- No Edge = No annotation



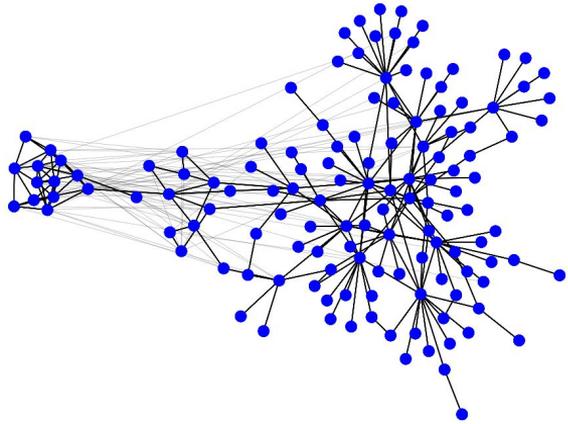
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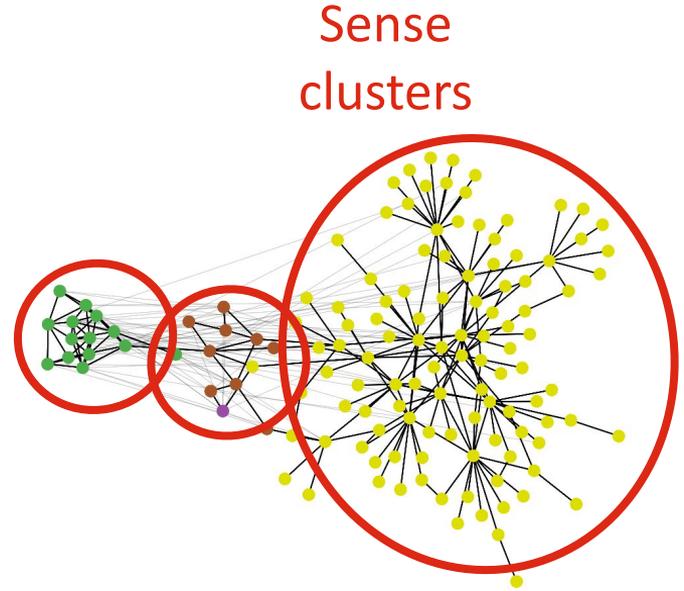
Clustering



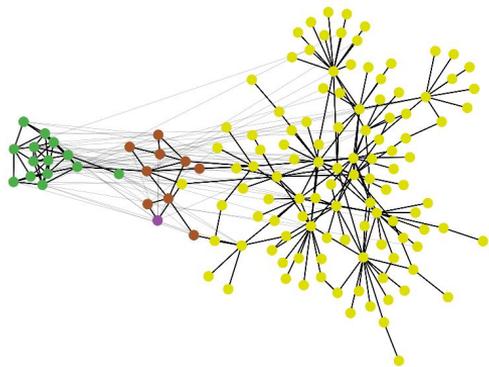
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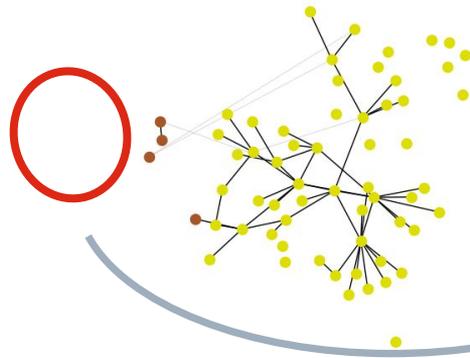
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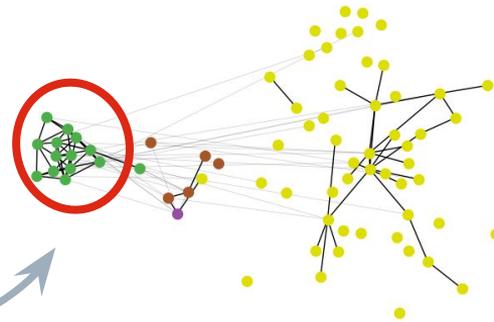
Full clustered graph



T1

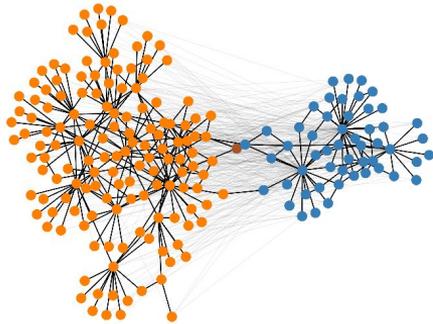


T2

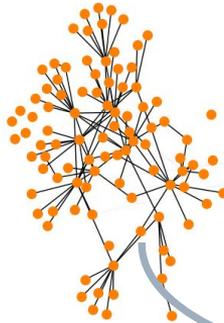


New cluster -> Binary change

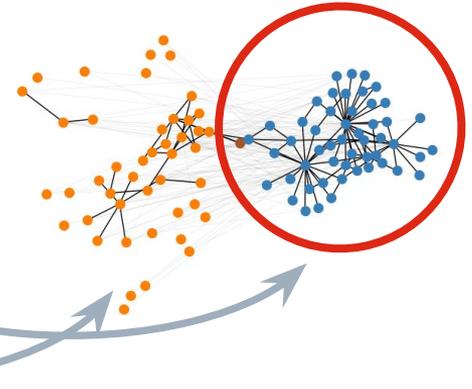
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T1



T2

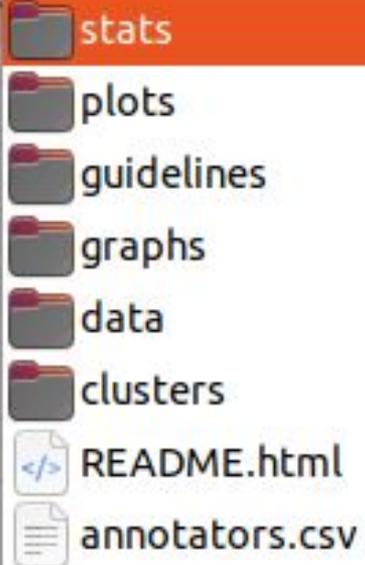


No new cluster  
change in frequency of clusters  
-> Graded change

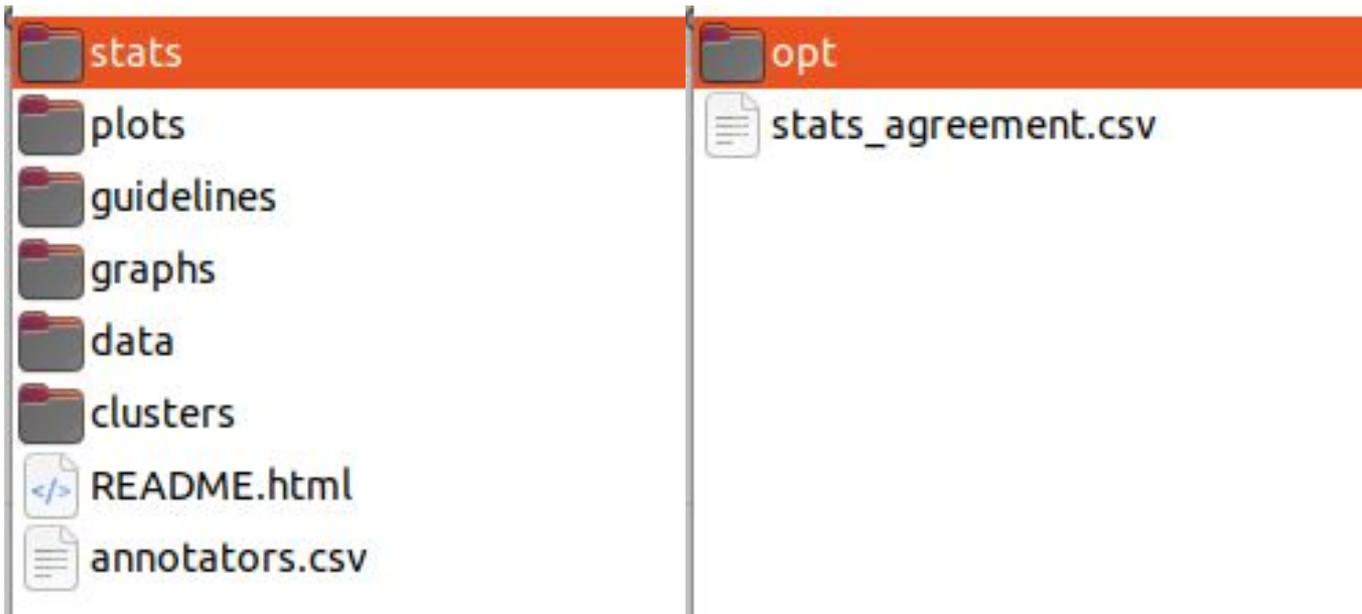
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Language	Time periods	Diachronic Corpus	# targets
EN	$C_1$ : 1810 – 1860 $C_2$ : 1960 – 2010	$C_1$ : CCOHA, $C_2$ : CCOHA	46
SV	$C_1$ : 1790 – 1830 $C_2$ : 1895 – 1903	$C_1$ : Kubhist, $C_2$ : Kubhist	44
DE	$C_1$ : 1800 – 1899 $C_2$ : 1946 – 1990	$C_1$ : DTA, $C_2$ : BZ+ND	50
LA	$C_1$ : 200 – 0 $C_2$ : 0 – 2000	$C_1$ : LatinISE, $C_2$ : LatinISE	40
ES	$C_1$ : 1810 – 1906 $C_2$ : 1994 – 2020	$C_1$ : PG, $C_2$ : TED2013, NC, MultiUN, Europarl	100
RU	$C_1$ : 1700 – 1916 $C_2$ : 1918 – 1990 $C_3$ : 1992 – 2016	$C_1, C_2, C_3$ : RNC	111
NO	$C_1$ : 1929 – 1965 $C_2$ : 1970 – 2013	$C_1$ : NBdigital, $C_2$ : NBdigital	40
NO	$C_1$ : 1980 – 1990 $C_2$ : 2012 – 2019	$C_1$ : NBdigital, $C_2$ : NAK	40
ZH	$C_1$ : 1954 – 1978 $C_2$ : 1979 – 2003	$C_1, C_2$ : People's Daily	40

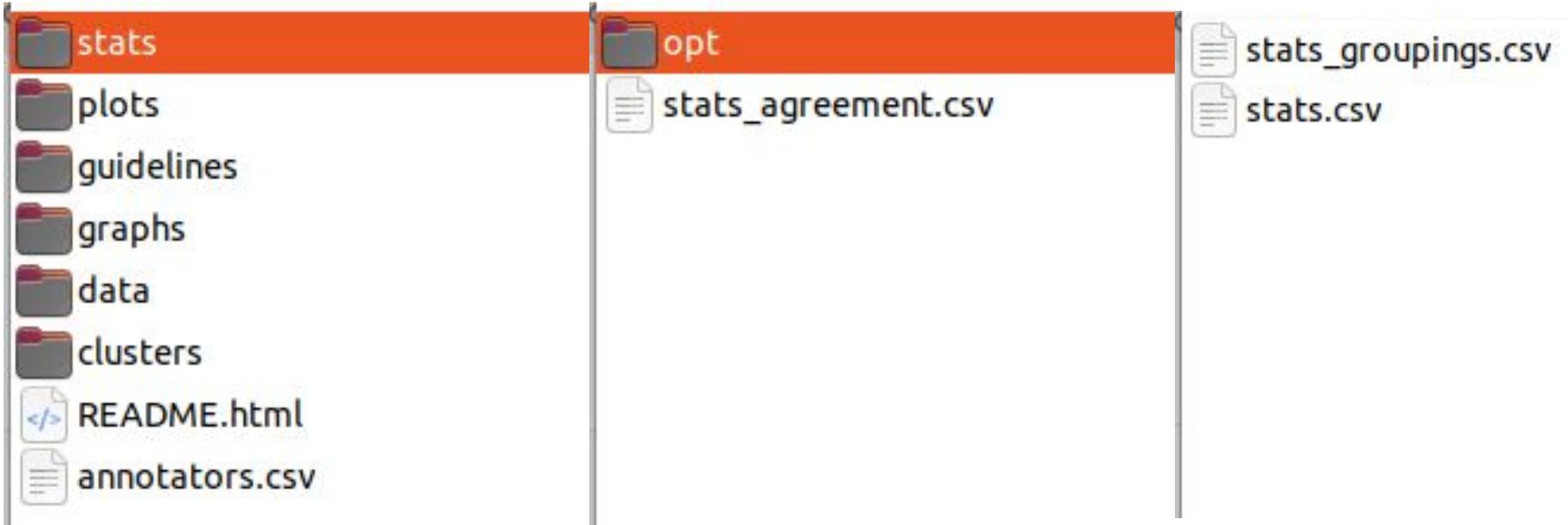
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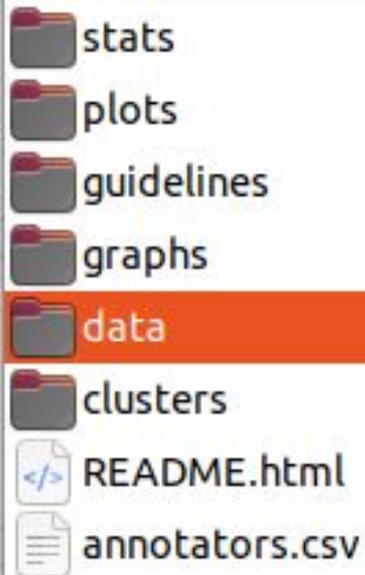
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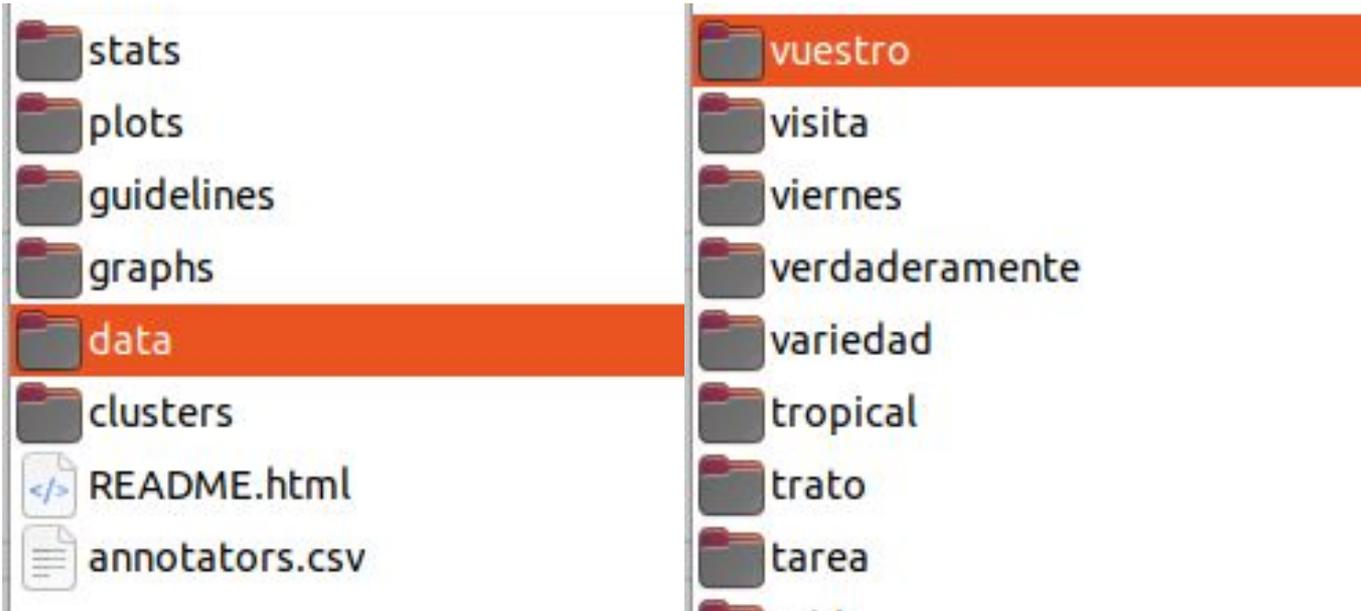
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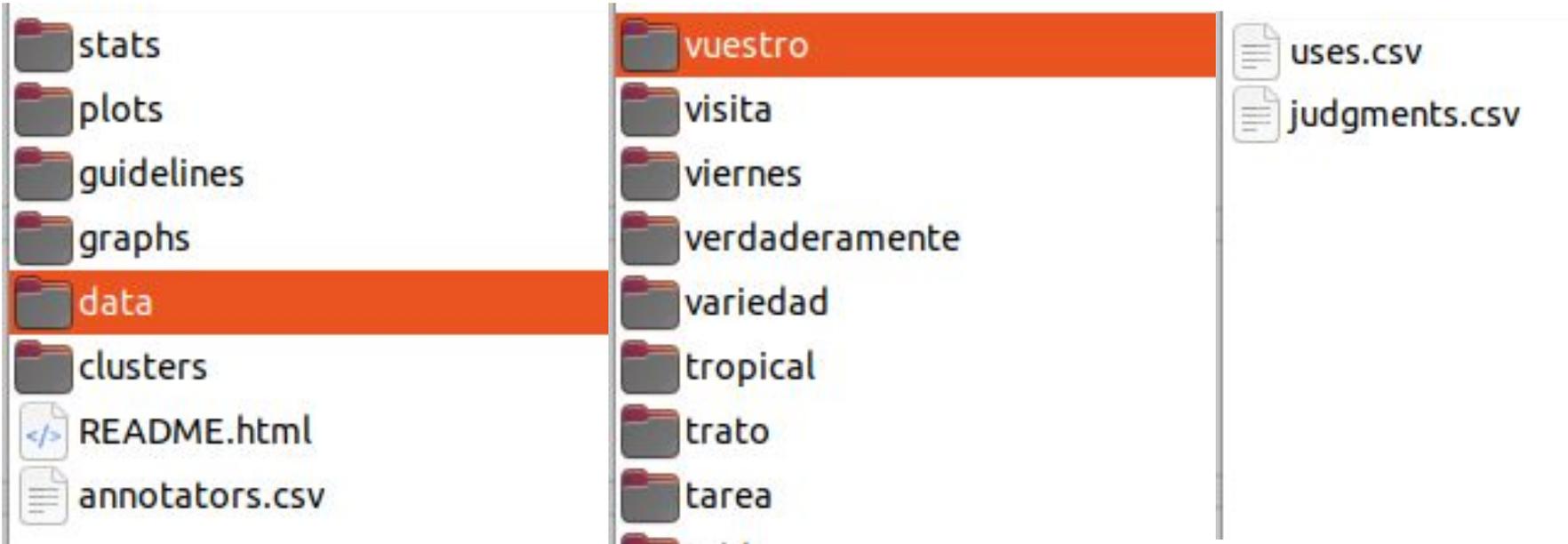
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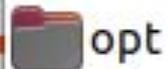
annotators.csv

# DURel Output



A file explorer view showing the contents of the 'DURel Output' directory. The 'clusters' folder is highlighted in orange. The files and folders listed are:

- stats
- plots
- guidelines
- graphs
- data
- clusters
- README.html
- annotators.csv

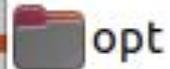


A file explorer view showing the contents of the 'opt' directory. The directory is currently empty.

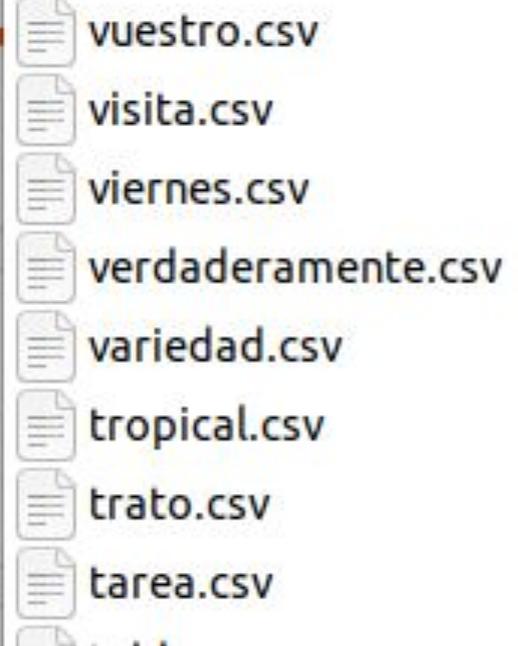
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opt



vuestro.csv  
visita.csv  
viernes.csv  
verdaderamente.csv  
variedad.csv  
tropical.csv  
trato.csv  
tarea.csv  
...

# DURel Output

identifier	cluster
old_corpus_spanish-576808-788	0
old_corpus_spanish-532171-191	0
old_corpus_spanish-487991-132	0
old_corpus_spanish-530109-166	0
old_corpus_spanish-593902-84	0
old_corpus_spanish-408016-67	0
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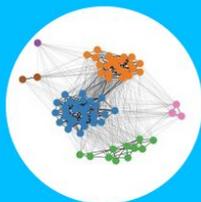
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### Questions and Collaboration

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