



Empirical methods in syntactic theory and analysis

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We welcome submissions that address issues in syntax and its interfaces, particularly with semantics and morphology, from a quantitative perspective. Contributions may be experimental or corpus-based, hypothesis-driven or exploratory. Quantitative empirical methods have become a crucial component of contemporary syntactic theory and analysis. Acceptability ratings, the dominant paradigm in experimental syntax (Schütze & Sprouse 2014; Schütze 2016; Goodall 2021), have been effectively complemented by truth-value judgments or sentence-picture matching tasks used in semantic research (Matlock & Winter 2015, Solt 2023), as well as by paradigms focusing on syntactic and semantic processing, such as self-paced reading, eye-tracking, or

neuroimaging techniques (see recent surveys by Felser 2021, Kluender 2021, and Matchin 2021). Syntactic questions have also been approached from a corpus-based perspective (Francom 2021). Syntactically annotated corpora of a wide range of languages, developed within the Universal Dependencies framework (de Marneffe et al. 2021), offer a valuable resource for addressing typologically oriented research questions in syntax (e.g., Levshina 2019). Contributions are not restricted to any particular theoretical framework or topic; any empirically rigorous work on syntax and its interfaces, whether formal or usage-based, is welcome.

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