

Multi-Word Expressions as Discourse Relation Markers (DRMs)

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1 Invited Talk Abstract

Usually, by Multi-Word Expressions (MWEs) we mean expressions whose structure and meaning cannot be derived from their component words as they occur independently. In this talk I will discuss a different kind of multi-word expressions that behave as discourse relation markers (DRMs), yet do not seem to belong to well-defined syntactic classes. The apparent open-endedness of these expressions is a challenge for their automatic identification.¹

2 Speaker Biography

Aravind Joshi is the Henry Salvatori Professor of Computer and Cognitive Science at the University of Pennsylvania. He has worked on formal grammars, complexity of syntactic processing, and aspects of discourse coherence. He has been the President of ACL, a member of ICCL, and a member of the National Academy of Engineering, USA.

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