

Lessons from Computational Modelling of Reference Production in Mandarin and English (Supplementary Materials)

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A Annotating MTUNA

Following and adapting from ?, the attributes and corresponding values we used in our annotation (annotating the MTUNA and re-annotating the ETUNA) are shown in Table 1 and 2 for furniture and people domain respectively. An example of the annotated RE sample in MTUNA is shown in Figure 1.

Attribute	Possible Values	Freq.
TYPE	<i>chair, sofa, desk, fan</i>	347
COLOUR	<i>blue, red, green, grey</i>	326
ORIENTATION	<i>front, back, left, right</i>	185
SIZE	<i>large, small</i>	141
X-DIMENSION	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	5
Y-DIMENSION	1, 2, 3	5
OTHER	-	10

Table 1: Attributes and their values for REs in furniture domain.

```
{ "sno": "Object",
  "subject_id": "2",
  "object": [
    { "attributes": [
      { "name": "COLOUR",
        "value": "dark"
      },
      { "name": "TYPE",
        "value": "table"
      }
    ]
  }
],
  "trial_id": "1",
  "utt": "灰桌子"
}
```

Figure 1: An example annotated data sample from MTUNA, for the RE 灰桌子 (*grey table*).

Attribute	Possible Values	Freq.
TYPE	<i>person</i>	278
AGE	<i>young, old</i>	74
ORIENTATION	<i>front, left, right</i>	6
hasBread	0, 1	169
breadColour	<i>dark, light</i>	95
hasHair	0, 1	116
hairColour	<i>dark, light</i>	100
hasGlasses	0, 1	165
hasShirt	0, 1	14
hasTie	0, 1	26
hasSuit	0, 1	60
X-DIMENSION	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	6
Y-DIMENSION	1, 2, 3	6
OTHER	-	151

Table 2: Attributes and their values for REs in people domain.

B Results for Annotating Over-/Under-specifications

Table 3 listed all trails we used for analysing the use of over- and under-specifications in this study, each of which we annotated how many alternative minimal descriptions and numerical over-specifications are there. The raw data of the MTUNA corpus (and trial ID) can be found at: homepages.abdn.ac.uk/k.vdeemter-/pages/mtuna-webpage/, and those of ETUNA are available at: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/ncs/departments/computing-science/tuna-318.php>.

MTUNA	ETUNA	#mini.	#num.
1	1	1	0
2	2	1	0
3	3	1	0
4	4	1	0
5	5	1	0
6	6	1	0
7	7	1	0
8	-	1	1
9	-	2	0
10	-	3	0
21	21	1	1
22	22	1	0
23	23	1	0
24	24	1	0
25	25	2	1
26	26	1	2
27	-	1	2
28	-	1	2
29	-	2	1
30	-	1	3

Table 3: The number of possible minimal descriptions (**mini.** and numerical over-specifications (**num.**) for each trial. The first two columns are the trial IDs in MTUNA and ETUNA.