Recursive Subtree Composition in LSTM-Based Dependency Parsing



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the largest city



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- Typologically varied languages











Kiperwasser and Goldberg (2016); de Lhoneux et al. (2017)

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| pos+char+ | 1.4 | 0.6 |
| pos+char- | 1.3 | 0.6 |
| pos+char+ pos+char- pos-char+ pos-char- | 1.6 | 0.7 |
| pos-char- | 2 | 1 |

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| | [bw+lc]-bw | bi-bw | %rec. | [fw+lc]-fw | bi-fw | %rec. |
|-----------|------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|
| pos+char+ | 1.4 | 1.6 | 87.5 | 0.6 | 6.3 | 9.5 |
| pos+char- | | 1.8 | 72.2 | 0.6 | 6.6 | 9.1 |
| pos-char+ | 1.6 | 1.9 | 84.2 | 0.7 | 7.3 | 9.6 |
| pos-char- | 2 | 3.1 | 64.5 | 1 | 8.7 | 11.5 |

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