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Guidelines for paper and abstract

1 General paper requirements

1. The point of the final paper is for you to develop your own research using corpus techniques. All other requirements are in place to help you write the best paper you can.

2. The only real requirement is that the paper use the corpus techniques we’ve developed and touches on some of the theoretical issues we’ve discussed. The final paper can be either theoretically or practically-focused depending on your career/program goals.

3. I would very much like the paper to help you along in your research development overall, so please talk to me about your larger interests so we can explore paper topics that satisfy my requirements and help you move toward your ultimate goals.

2 Abstract

4. One-page total, including any figures, references, pictures, etc.

5. It must include three components:
   (a) What is your hypothesis?
   (b) What data will you test it on?
   (c) How will you know if you are right or wrong?

3 Paper tweaks for special audiences

6. If you are prelimming or dissertating, we can tweak expectations on the paper so it’s as close as possible to your prelim or some chapter of your diss. (If you want to do this, talk to me asap!)

7. For HLT folks, I’ll accept a project in lieu of a paper. By project, I mean a fairly substantial amount of R code that addresses a practical goal. (I define practical here literally as something that might make you money.) If you go this route, I’ll need:
   (a) All code, fully commented.
   (b) A statement of the problem.
   (c) A demonstration that you have solved the problem.