

2. Terminology

2.1. General format for terms and definitions

In a terminological network, a term is defined by a set of relations to other terms. The relations are standardized. At least the following relations hold between linguistic concepts:

1. *x (as an individual) is a (kind of) y*

e.g.: *ablative is a case*

is a nominal category

nominal category is a morphological category

causative verb is a verb

2. *x (as a class) is a y*

e.g.: *adjective is a word class*

nasal is a phoneme class

causative verb is a verb class

3. *x is a class of y*

e.g.: *word class is a class of word*

phoneme class is a class of phoneme

verb class is a class of verb

4. *x is a part/element of y*

e.g.: *word order is part of syntax*

syntax is part of grammar

grammar is part of language system

5. *x is an aspect/property of y*

e.g.: *arbitrariness is aspect of linguistic sign*

nominal category is aspect of noun

adequacy is aspect of theory

endocentricity is aspect of syntagm

6. *x is an operator of (the operation/process) y*

e.g.: *case is operator of case marking*

comparative is operator of comparison

quantifier *is operator of* quantification

7. *x is a result of (the operation/process) y*

e.g.: cleft sentence *is result of* clefting

definite description *is result of* determination

ideophone *is result of* sound symbolism

8. *x is a member of (the relation) y*

e.g.: adjunct *is member of* adjunction

subordinate clause *is member of* subordination

attribute *is member of* attribution

allomorph *is member of* allomorphy

9. *x is a manifestation of (the functional domain) y*

e.g.: possessive affix *is manifestation of* possession

case role *is manifestation of* participation

local relator *is manifestation of* spatial orientation

10. *x expresses y*

e.g.: article *expresses* determination

interrogative sentence *expresses* question

case *expresses* case relation

personal affix *expresses* person

11. *x is an object of (the discipline) y*

e.g.: agglutination *is object of* morphological typology

aphasia *is object of* speech pathology

meaning *is object of* semantics

concept *is object of* logic.

12. *x is a representative of (the discipline) y*

e.g.: Bloomfield *is representative of* American structuralism

Saussure *is representative of* European structuralism

Pike *is representative of* tagmemics

13. *x is cross-related to y*

e.g.: adequacy *is cross-related to* naturalness

adjective *is cross-related to* attribute

adposition *is cross-related to* affix

accusative *is cross-related to* direct object

anaphora *is cross-related to* referential identity

These relations have different logical properties. #1, 3 and 4 are transitive. All of them except #13 are subordinative, i.e. they generate a conceptual hierarchy. #13 will become superfluous once the subordinative relations have been enumerated exhaustively and have been made fully explicit.

Once properties are introduced besides relations, some of the relations are seen to be compound. E.g.:

is an object of the discipline (x, y) iff *is a discipline* (y) and *is an object of* (x, y).

If a distinction between sets and non-sets could be made, then the relation *is part/element of* could be differentiated into 1) *is element/subset of* and 2) *is part of*.

Some of these relations are purely logical, others are peculiar to linguistics. Some connect concepts of like logical status (e.g. #1), others concepts of quite different status (e.g. #12).

A major problem is posed by the systematic polysemy of terms like *syntax*:

a. *syntax* is part of the object area of linguistics:

→ word order *is a part of* *syntax*;

b. *syntax* is a discipline

→ word order *is an object of the discipline* *syntax*.

2.2. Abbreviations of terms

0	submorphemic unit	morphological unit
1	first person	person
12	first person dual inclusive	dual inclusive
12	first and second person	person
1HML	speaker-humble	humble
1HON	speaker-honorific	honorific
2	second person	person
2HML	addressee-humble	humble
2HON	addressee-honorific	honorific
3	third person	person
3HML	referent-humble	humble
3HON	referent-honorific	honorific

A	transitive subject agreement	subject agreement
A	transitive subject	subject
ABL	ablative	case
ABS	absolute	case
ABSL	absolute	nominal category
abstr	abstract	nominal category
ABSTR	abstract marker	derivational morpheme
ACAUS	anticausative	detransitivizer
ACC	accusative	case
ACCES	accessory	case
ACNNR	action nominalizer	nominalizer
ACR	actor 1	inflectional category
ACT	active	voice
actr	actor 2	semantic role
ADEL	adelative	case
ADESS	adessive	case
ADIT	aditive	case
Adj	adjective	word, part of speech
Adjl	adjectival	
adjn	adjectivalization	derivation, syntactic process
AdjP	adjective phrase	syntactic category, phrase
ADJR	adjectivalizer	
ADM	admonitive	case
AdNCI	adnominal noun clause	noun clause, attribute
Adp	adposition	relator, particle
AdpP	adposition phrase	syntactic category, phrase
AdRICI	adverbial relative clause	adverbial clause, relative clause
Adv	adverb	word, part of speech
AdvCI	adverbial clause	subordinate clause, adverbial
AdvI	adverbial	modifier
Advn	adverbialization	derivation, syntactic process
AdvP	adverb phrase	syntactic category, phrase

ADVR	adverbializer	
ADVRS	adversative	subordinate clause
AFCT	affect 1	affix
Afct	affect 2	syntactic category
aff	affix	morpheme
AFFMT	affirmative	
AG	agentive	case
Ag	agent	actor 2
AGNR	agent nominalizer	nominalizer
Agr	agreement	syntactic technique
AL	alienable	
ALL	allative	case
ALLOC	allocutive	addressee-honorific
AN	animate	nominal category
ANA	anaphoric	
AND	andative	case
ANT	anterior	relative tense
AOR	aorist	aspect
APASS	antipassive	voice
app	apposition	attribute
APPL	applicative	
APPR	apprehensional	subordinate clause
Art	article	word, part of speech
Asp	aspect	verbal category
ASRT	assertive	mood
ASSOC	associative	case
AT	attributor	linker
ATT	attenuative	aktionsart
attid	attitudinal	adverbial
attrib	attributive	
AUG	augmentative	size
AUX	auxiliary	grammatical formative, part of speech
AVERS	aversive	case

B	bound	
BEN	benefactive 1	case
Ben	benefactive 2	verbal derivation
ben	benefactive 3	semantic role
between	word or clitic between two elements	word, clitic
CARD	cardinal number	nominal category
Card	cardinal	numeral
cat	category	concept
CAUS	causative	verbal category
CCnj	coordinative conjunction	conjunction
CdCI	conditional clause	adverbial clause
CdCnj	conditional conjunction	conjunction
CIRC	circumstantial	subordinate clause
CI	clause	syntactic construction
clDub	clitic doubling	syntactic process
CLF	classifier	
CLn	noun class n	nominal category
CLT	clitic	word
CLVn	verb class n	verbal category, linguistic class
CMP	completive	aspect
CMPR	comparative	nominal category
CmprCI	comparative clause	subordinate clause
Cnj	conjunction	connective
CNTV	conative	mood
CO	coordinator	
COLL	collective	
colloqu	colloquial	
COM	comitative	case
COMM	common	gender
COMP	complementizer 1	subordinator 1, complementizer 2
Comp	complementizer 2	subordinator 2
CompCI	complement clause	complement 2

Compl	complement 1	sentence component
Con	connective	particle, relator
CONC	concessive	mood
COND	conditional	mood
CONN	connector	connective
CONSEC	consecutive	subordinate clause
CONST	construct	nominal category
CONT	continuous	aktionsart
COP	copula 1	copula 2
Cop	copula 2	verb
Corr	correlative	
CprC	comparative construction	syntactic construction
CRAS	crastinal	tense
CRICI	completive relative clause	relative clause
CsCl	concessive clause	adverbial clause
CsCnj	concessive conjunction	conjunction
ctr	contrast	syntagmatic relation
D1	deictic of 1 person	
D12	deictic of 12 person	
D2	deictic of 2 person	
D3	deictic of 3 person	
DAT	dative	case
DE	dual exclusive	dual, exclusive
Decl	declension	
DECL	declarative	mood
def	definite article	article
DEF	definite	
DEFR	deferential	honorific
Degr	degree	
DEL	delative	case
DEM	demonstrative	
deriv	derivational morpheme	morpheme
DES	desiderative	verbal category

descr	descriptive	
DEST	destinative	case
Det	determiner	syntactic category
DetP	determiner phrase	phrase, syntactic category
DETR	detransitivizer	
DI	dual inclusive	dual, inclusive
dial	used in some dialect but not the standard	
DIM	diminutive	size
DIR	directional 1	case
Dir	directional 2	derivational morpheme
DirAdv	directional adverbial	adverbial
DirC	direct case	case
disc	discontinuity	
dispf	dispreference	
DIST	distal	deictic of 1 person
DO	direct object agreement	object agreement
DObj	direct object	object
Dprn	demonstrative pronoun	pronoun
DR	direct	verbal category
DS	different subject	verbal category
DSTR	distributive	nominal category, verbal category
DU	dual	number
DUB	dubitative	mood
DUR	durative	aktionsart
DWNT	downtoner	particle
DYN	dynamic	aspect
EGR	egressive	aktionsart
ELAT	elative	case
EMPH	emphasizer 1	emphasizer 2
Emph	emphasizer 2	grammatical formative
EMPH	emphatic	
encl	enclitic	

epist	epistemic	
EQT	equative	morphological category
ERG	ergative 1	case
Erg	ergative 2	complement
ESS	essive	case
ev	eventive	
eval	evaluative	
Evid	evidential	modality
EXCL	exclamative	mood
EXIST	exist(ential)	verb
EXP	experiential	aspect
exp	experiencer	semantic role
Expl	expletive element	
extra	extraposition	word order
EXTRV	extraversive	transitive
F	feminine	gender
FACT	factitive	
FAM	familiar	pronominal category
fav	favoured	
FIN	finite	
FNL	final position marker	position marker
FnI	final	
fo	force	semantic role
FOC	focus marker	emphasizer 2
Foc	focusing	emphasis
FocP	focus position	position
FREQ	frequentative	aktionsart
FRM	formal	mood
frm	found only in formal varieties of the language	formal
FUT	future	tense
G	ditransitive "goal"	semantic role
GEN	genitive	case

Gend	gender	nominal class
GER	gerund	nonfinite verb, verbal noun
giv	given	
GivTop	given topic	topic, given
gnr	generic expression	
GNR	generic	
go	goal	semantic role
HAB	habitual	aspect
HCR	hypocoristic	affect
HEST	hesternal	tense
HML	humble	behavior of address
HODFUT	hodiernal future	future
HODPST	hodiernal past	past
HON	honorific	
HORT	hortative	mood
HUM	human	nominal category
HYP	hypothetical	mood
ldprn	indefinite pronoun	pronoun
Idx	index	formal symbol
ILL	illative	case
IMMFUT	immediate future	future
IMP	imperative	mood
IMPF	imperfect	tense
imposs	impossible	
IMPR	impersonal	personal affix
INAL	inalienable	
INAN	inanimate	nominal category
INCH	inchoative	aktionsart
INCONS	inconsequential	mood
IND	indicative	mood
INDEF	indefinite	
Indef	indefinite article	article
INESS	inessive	case

Inf	infinitive	nonfinite verb, verbal noun
INF	infinitive marker	verbal category
infl	inflection	
INFR	inferential	mood
INGR	ingressive	aktionsart
INJ	injunctive	mood
INST	instrumental	case
INSTNR	instrument nominalizer	nominalizer
instr	instrument	semantic role
Int	intensifier	
INT	interrogative	question particle, morphological category
Interr	interrogative word	word, interrogative
Intj	interjection	particle
INTR	intransitive	verbal category
intro	used typically only in introductory sentences	
INTRV	introversive	detransitivizer
INTS	intensive	aktionsart
INV	inverse	verbal category
inv	inversion	word order, movement rule
INVS	invisible	
IO	indirect object agreement	object agreement
IObj	indirect object	object
IPFV	imperfective	aspect
lprn	interrogative pronoun	pronoun
IPS	impersonal passive	passive
lpSbj	impersonal subject	subject
IRLS	irrealis	mood
IS	intransitive subject agreement	subject agreement
ISbj	intransitive subject	subject
ITER	iterative	aktionsart, verbal plurality
jrl	journalist usage	language level

JUSS	jussive	mood
Juxt	juxtaposed	
LAT	lative	case
Ld	left dislocation	extraposition, topicalization
lex	lexical	
LIG	ligature	
LNK	linker	
LOC	locative	local case
loc	local rest	semantic role
LOCNR	place nominalizer	nominalizer
LOG	logophoric	pronoun
M	masculine	gender
MAL	malefactive	
MAN	manner 1	case
man	manner 2	semantic role
MANNR	manner nominalizer	nominalizer
marg	marginal	
MCI	main clause	clause type
Md	mood	verbal category
Mdl	modal	
MED	medial	deictic of 2 person
MEDP	mediopassive	voice
MEDT	mediative	case
MEDV	medial verb form	
MHUM	masculine personal	personal
MID	middle	voice
middle	middle of clause; area between Aux V	position
Mod	modifier	sentence component
Modif	modification	linguistic operation
morph	morphological	
MRICI	modal relative clause	adverbial relative clause, modal
MTV	motivative	case

N	noun	word, part of speech
NAbstr	abstract noun	noun
Nagr	nominal agreement	agreement
Nal	alienable noun	noun
NARR	narrative	tense
narrsequ	used typically in narrative sequences	
NB	not bound	
NBprt	body part noun	noun
Nbr	number	nominal category
NCI	noun clause	complement clause
Nclf	numeral classifier	classifier
NCMP	noncompletive	aspect
Ncol	collective noun	noun
NComm	common noun	noun class
NCount	count noun	noun
NEG	negative	
NFIN	nonfinite	verbal category
NFNL	nonfinal position marker	position marker
Nfoc	nonfocus	
NFUT	nonfuture	tense
NHUM	nonhuman	nominal category
Ninal	inalienable noun	noun
NKin	kinship noun	noun
NI	nominal	syntactic category
NICas	cased nominal	nominal
NMass	mass noun	noun
NMHUM	nonmasculine personal	personal
nodiff	no difference	
NOM	nominative	case
NP	noun phrase	syntactic category, phrase
NPL	non-plural	number
NProp	proper noun	noun

NPST	nonpast	tense
NR	nominalizer	
NRFUT	near future	future
NRPST	near past	past
NSG	non-singular	number
NSPEC	nonspecific	
NT	neuter	gender
Ntop	nontopic	
Num	numeral	noun
Num+ORD	ordinal numeral	numeral
NumP	numeral phrase	noun phrase
NVCI	non-verbal clause	clause
NVIS	non-visual evidential	evidential
NVOL	nonvolitional	mood
OBJ	object agreement	verbal agreement
Obj	object	complement
OBL	oblique	oblique case
Obl	oblique case	case
OBLG	obligative	mood
oblig	obligatory	syntagmatic relation
OBV	obviative	person
ObvN	obviation	morphological position
occ	occurrence	linguistic unit
OComp	object of comparison	object
OPT	optative	mood
optl	optional	syntagmatic relation
ORD	ordinal	numeral
out	word or clitic outside of the possessive construction	word, clitic
P	transitive patient	complement
P1	initial position corresponding to GB Comp position	position

PART	participle marker	
Part	participle	nonfinite verb, verbal noun
PASS	passive	voice
Pat	patient	undergoer
PATNR	patient nominalizer	nominalizer
PAU	paucal	number
Pclf	possessive classifier	classifier
PE	plural exclusive	plural, exclusive
PEJ	pejorative	affect
periph	periphrastic	
PERL	perlative	case
Pers	person	verbal category, nominal category, pronominal category
PF	perfect	tense
PFV	perfective	aspect
PI	plural inclusive	plural, inclusive
PL	plural	number
PLUP	pluperfect	tense
PNCT	punctual	aktionsart
PO	primary object agreement	object agreement
PObj	primary object	object
POCRAS	postcrastinal	tense
poetic	used only in poetry	style
POHOD	post-hodiernal	
PoP	postposition phrase	phrase
Posp	postposition	adposition
POSS	possessive	
possb	possible	
possm	possessed	
possr	possessor	
post	postposed	
POST	posterior	relative tense
POSTEL	postrelative	case

POSTESS	postessive	case
postV	postverbal	position
POT	potential	mood
Pprn	personal pronoun	pronoun
PREC	precative	mood
PRECLUS	preclusive	case
PRED	predicative	
PredP	predicate phrase	phrase
pref	prefix	affix
prefr	preference	
Prep	preposition	adposition
PrepP	preposition phrase	syntactic category, phrase
prev	preverb	morpheme, relator
preV	preverbal	position
PRHEST	pre-hesternal	tense
Prn	pronoun	noun
PROC	processual	
PROCESS	processive	
procl	proclitic	clitic
PROG	progressive	aspect
PROH	prohibitive	mood
PROL	prolative	case
PROPR	propriative	possessive
PROSP	prospective	aspect
PROX	proximal	deictic of 1 person
PRS	present	tense
PRTV	partitive	case
PRV	privative	case
PRX	proximate	person
ps	personal	
Psaff	personal affix	affix
psd-cl	pseudo cleft sentence	complex sentence
PSPass	personal passive	passive

PST	past	tense
PstnRICI	postnominal relative clause	relative clause
Ptl	particle	morpheme, word, part of speech
PURP	purposive	case
purp	purpose	semantic role
Q	question particle	particle
QLNR	quality nominalizer	nominalizer
Qnt	quantifier	word, part of speech
QntP	quantifier phrase	phrase 1
QUOT	quotative	
Rcprn	reciprocal 2	pronoun
Rd	disjuncture	extraposition
RDP	reduplicative	submorphemic unit
rec	recipient	semantic role
RECP	reciprocal 1	voice
RECPST	recent past	past
REFR	referential	determination
REL	relative clause marker	
REL	relative	morpheme
ReICI	relative clause	attribute, clause type
REMFUT	remote future	future
REMPST	remote past	past
REP	repetitive	aktionsart
RES	resultative	aspect, aktionsart
restop	resumed topic	topic
restr	restrictive	
RFL	reflexive 1	voice
Rflprn	reflexive 2	pronoun
RFR	referentive	case
rigid	does not allow variation	
RLS	realis	mood
RPRN	relative pronoun	pronoun

RPRT	reportative	
RVRS	reversive	aktionsart
Sbj	subject	sentence component
SBJ	subject agreement	verbal agreement
SCnj	subordinative conjunction	subordinator 2
sec	second	
sem	semantic	
SENS	sensory evidential	evidential
SEQ	sequential	
set	setting	local adverbial
SG	singular	number
SGT	singulative	nominal category
SIM	simultaneity	taxis
SIM	simultaneous	
Size	size	
SMLF	semelfactive	aktionsart
SO	secondary object agreement	object agreement
SObj	secondary object	object
sou	source	semantic role
spa	speech act	
SPEC	specific	
Spec	specifier	
SR	subordinator 1	subordinator 2
SS	same subject	verbal category
STAT	stative	aktionsart
Std	standard of comparison	
stlg	standard language	register
str	stress	suprasegmentalia
SubCl	subordinate clause	clause, clause type
SUBEL	subrelative	case
SUBESS	subessive	case
SUBJ	subjunctive	verbal category

SUBL	sublative	case
Subr	subordinator 2	conjunction
suff	suffix	affix
SUP	superlative	nominal category
SUPEL	superrelative	case
SUPESS	superessive	case
SUPL	super-lative	case
synth	synthetic passive	passive
T	ditransitive "theme"	semantic role
temp	temporal	temporal deictic
tend	tendency	
TERM	terminative	aktionsart
Tns	tense	verbal category
TOP	topic	
TopP	topic position	position
TR	transitive	verbal category
Trans	transitivity	fundamental relation
TRNSF	transformative	case
TRNSL	translative	case
TRR	transitivizer	
Tshift	topic shift	topicalization
UGR	undergoer 1	inflectional category
ugr	undergoer 2	semantic role
unacc	unaccusative	
unerg	unergative	
UNSPEC	unspecified	inflectional category
V	verb	word, part of speech
V1	verb initial	position
V2	verb second	position
Vagr	verbal agreement	agreement
val	valence	relationality
var	variation	process
Vce	voice	verbal category

VCI	verbal clause	clause
Vdtr	ditransitive verb	transitive verb
VEN	venitive	directional
Vers	version	voice
Vintr	intransitive verb	verb
VIS	visual	evidential
VI	verbal	
VN	verbal noun	noun
VOC	vocative	case
VOL	volitional	mood
VP	verb phrase	phrase, syntactic category
VR	verbalizer	
Vrfl	reflexive verb	verb
VS	visible	
Vtr	transitive verb	verb
wght	weight	
wh-quest	question word question	interrogative sentence
Word	word	grammatical unit
yn	yes/no question	interrogative sentence

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