

Einführung in die Pragmatik und Diskurs

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Homework 10: Rhetorical Structure Theory Due on Tue 27.6.2006

When handing in your homework, please obey the general instructions, see <http://www.coli.uni-saarland.de/courses/pd/page.php?id=exercises>

Task

Analyse discourse units **4-10** from the “Grossstadtstress-Text” (<http://www.coli.uni-saarland.de/courses/pd/Ex/grossstadttext-de-ex.pdf> also downloadable from the course website) according to the RST theory of discourse presented in the lecture [1]. In particular, identify the rhetorical relations between discourse units (as numbered in the text) and determine the nucleus/satellite distinction in each case.

As the solution, please submit a list of the discourse relations and their arguments that you identified. This will have the form, e.g., *elaboration*(x, y) where x is the elaboration if y (x and y are the discourse unit numbers). Assign numbers to the discourse units that arise by combining through rhetorical relations, so that you can indicate when these arguments to further rhetorical relations. Note what difficulties you encountered.

Alternatively, you can also use the RST tool which you can download from the RST website (see link at the course website).

Literatur

- [1] William C. Mann and Sandra A. Thompson. Rhetorical structure theory: A theory of text organization. ISI Reprint Series ISI/RS-87-190, USC Information Sciences Institute, University of Southern Carolina, 1987. url.