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Appendix - Annotation Manual

1 Introduction

This brief manual describes the guidelines used to add part-of-speech and phrasal annotation to the corpus of Middle Welsh prose. This corpus was initially built for the present investigation in Middle Welsh word order. The focus therefore lies on facilitating queries concerning word order. These query codes are presented at the end of this Appendix.

1.1 Philosophy and goals

The main aim of this project was not to give a correct syntactic analysis or provide a detailed parsed structure. The part-of-speech tags contain highly detailed morphological information, but the phrasal annotation is only a slightly more elaborate shallow parse. In this way, the annotated corpus could remain theory-neutral. At the same time, queries for linear order and hierarchical phrase structure are still possible. And finally, future enrichment of the chunk-parsed corpus is not excluded, because of its flexible XML-format.

Any controversial decisions are avoided as much as possible. The same goes for constructions that are changing over time. A good example is the *sef*-construction in Welsh. The information-structural status of this sentence changes from initial identificatory focus to plain predicate focus in the course of the Middle Welsh period. Since most texts are difficult to date exactly, throughout the corpus I used the specific tag SEF for any occurrence of this type of sentence. In this way, all these sentences can be easily found and investigated by future researchers as well.

1.2 File formats

All mark-up is stripped from the texts, which are then saved as plain text files (.txt). Further preprocessing involved the insertion of sentence-final punctuation (if that was not present in the manuscript already) and the deletion of sentence-internal full

stops (in order to make it readable to the PoS tagger). Finally, utterance boundaries were inserted semi-automatically (automatically after a full stop and manually if the full stop did not exist in the manuscript). The PoS-tagged files created by the Memory-Based Tagger include tags to words in the following fashion: word/TAG. These tagged files are saved as text files as well.

The NLTK regular expression chunkparser requires a list of words and tags. Therefore, the PoS-tagged text files were converted to the right format using the script in Figure 4. Chunk-parsed files contain bracketed structures representing phrasal and morphological annotation. The plain text files in this format are thus parsed (.psd). These types of parsed files are searchable with CorpusSearch and other querying tools. The Cesax Software package designed by Erwin Komen (cf. Komen (2013)) converts text and psd files into xml-format (.psdx). In this way, corpus searches are also possible via XQuery.

```
import sys
import os
import re

def make_nltk_readable(file_name):
    """
    function takes one argument (file_name), and returns a list
    containing (for every sentence) a list of word-pos pairs
    """

    all_text = open(file_name)
    corpus = []

    for line in all_text:
        sentence = []
        pairstrings = re.split("\s", line)
        #split line in word-pos-pair-strings WPPS
        #delete final pairstring
        for p in pairstrings:
            sentence.append(tuple(re.split("\/{1,2}", p)))
            #for each WPPS, split word from PoS and add to sentence
            #print sentence
        sentence = sentence[:-2]

        corpus.append(sentence)
        # add sentence to corpus
    return corpus
```

Figure 4: Script to make output files of the automatic PoS-tagger ready for Chunkparsing

1.3 Text markup

For the markup, I chose the TEI P5 header that is suitable for philological data, translations and annotation in XML format. Any information about the philological background of the text can be stored in this header and easily retrieved for future online usage. In the textual markup, any changes to the annotation, can be indicated as well to trace the history of the annotated text and corpus as a whole. Finally, it would ultimately be possible to combine different versions of the texts (i.e. diplomatic and critical editions) into one xml file to make sure invaluable philological information is not lost.

2 Splitting and joining words

As became clear from the initial pilot, the huge amount of orthographical variation complicates the PoS-tagging task tremendously. The Memory-Based Tagger could filter those out on the basis of the context most of the time. In this way, there was no real need for time-consuming preprocessing of the text in terms of splitting merged tokens. Some tokens, however, were particularly challenging for the automated tagger, since very few generalisations could be made from the small training set (cf. Meelen and Beekhuizen (2013)). Below is a list of items that were split or combined to facilitate automatic tagging.

2.1 Items that are split

- combined words with nasalising prepositions, e.g. *ymwyt* > *y** + *mwyt* ‘in food’
- conjunctions combined with definite articles: *ar* > *a** + *r* ‘and the’
- particle combined with pronouns, e.g. *ae* > *a** + *e* ‘PRT 3MS’

2.2 Combined conjunctions and prepositions

Welsh employs combined prepositions: a combination of a preposition plus a grammaticalised noun. Pronominal objects of these type of prepositions appear in between the two prepositions as a possessive pronoun, e.g. *yn eu herbyn* ‘against/towards them’ (PKM 65.6-7) from *yn* ‘in’ + *eu* ‘their’ + *erbyn* ‘opposition’. In this particular case of combined prepositions, a more conservative annotation scheme, acknowledging the nominal origin of the construction yielding the tag sequence ‘P 3P N’ (preposition third-person plural possessive noun) was preferred to facilitate rule-based chunk-parsing. The most commonly combined prepositions annotated in this way are:

- | | |
|---|---|
| – <i>ach/ger law</i> ‘beside’ (Lit. ‘by hand’) | – <i>am/ar/uch ben</i> ‘on top of’ (Lit. ‘on head’) |
| – <i>am law</i> ‘in addition to’ (Lit. ‘at hand’) | – <i>amgylch</i> ‘about’ (Lit. ‘on circle’) |

- *ar ffuryf* ‘like, as’ (Lit. ‘in form’)
- *ar drws* ‘in front of’ (Lit. ‘at door’)
- *ar gefyn* ‘on’ (Lit. ‘on back’)
- *ar ol* ‘after’ (Lit. ‘on track’)
- *ger/rac bronn* ‘by, before’ (Lit. ‘by breast’)
- *heb law* ‘past’ (Lit. ‘without hand’)
- *y maes o* ‘outside’ (Lit. ‘in field of’)
- *is gil* ‘behind’ (Lit. ‘below back’)
- *o achaws* ‘because of’ (Lit. ‘from cause’)
- *yn lle* ‘instead of’ (Lit. ‘in place’)
- *ym penn* ‘after’ (Lit. ‘in head’)

Prepositions in Welsh could also be combined with other prepositions, e.g. *y dan* ‘under, below’ from *y* ‘to’ + *tan* ‘under’. These complex prepositions were tagged PSUB + PSUB, so they could be recognised as separate, but also as combined prepositions. A further advantage of this is that the automatic tagger looking at the tags preceding and following the focus word, will not encounter the odd sequence of two prepositions. For combined conjunctions, a similar extension was used: *o + herwydd* CONJSUB + CONJSUB meaning ‘because’. The most commonly combined prepositions and conjunctions are:

- *hyt ar* ‘as far as, up to’
- *hyt at* ‘as far as, to’
- *hyt yn* ‘until’
- *y am* ‘about, towards’
- *y ar* ‘on, upon’
- *y gan* ‘by, because’
- *y dan* ‘under, below’
- *y wrth* ‘from’
- *y vewn* ‘into’
- *o vwyn* ‘within’
- *y dros* ‘for, instead of’
- *y tu ac* ‘towards’
- *yr mwyn* ‘for the sake of’
- *yn erbyn* ‘against’

2.3 Fused forms

Middle Welsh manuscripts exhibit some fused forms as well. The combination found most commonly is the preposition *y* ‘to’ and the infixed third-person pronoun ‘him, her, them’ that is often written as *y* as well. These fused forms are annotated with hyphenated tags ‘P-PRO’.

3 List of PoS tags

Adjectives and adverbs (ADJ, ADV)

Adjectives appear in various forms:

- positive adjectives, e.g. *coch* ‘red’ ⇒ ADJ
- comparative adjectives, e.g. *clotuorach* ‘more famous’ ⇒ ADJR
- superlative adjectives, e.g. *dewraf* ‘bravest’ ⇒ ADJS
- plural adjectives, e.g. *ieueinc* ‘young’ ⇒ ADJPL
- ordinal number, e.g. *eil* ‘second’ ⇒ ADJNUM

Adverbs can appear on their own as true adverbial lexical items, but they can also be adjectives following the predicative particle *yn*, e.g. *yn gyflym* ‘quickly’. In these cases, the adjectives are tagged ADJ, but the phrase - a combination of predicative *yn* + ADJ - is labeled as an adverbial phrase ADVP.

Particles (PCL)

There are many different kinds of particles in Middle Welsh:

- preverbal particles, e.g. *a/y* ⇒ PCL
- question particles, e.g. *a* ⇒ PCL-QU
- negative particles, e.g. *ny* ⇒ PCL-NEG
- negative focus particles, e.g. *na* ⇒ PCL-NEG-FOC
- negative question particles, e.g. *oni* ⇒ PCL-QU-NEG
- negative focus question particles, e.g. *onid* ⇒ PCL-FOC-QU-NEG
- focus particles, e.g. *panyw* ⇒ PCL-FOC

Cardinal numbers (NUM)

Cardinal numbers are tagged NUM, regardless of whether they are used as substantives or as adjectives:

- substantives ⇒ *y pedwar hynny* ‘those four’, *pym mil o wyr* ‘5,000 men’ (lit. ‘5 thousand of men’), *tri o wyr* ‘three men’
- adjective ⇒ *deu wr* ‘two men’, *teir llong ar dec* ‘thirteen ships’ (lit. ‘3 ship on ten’), *pedwar meib ar hugeint* ‘24 sons’ (lit. ‘4 sons on twenty’)

Inflected verbs (VB) and Verbal nouns (VN)

Verbs appear with and without inflection. The uninflected forms can function as nouns or infinitival verbs. To avoid any linguistic interpretation, they are consistently tagged VN. The inflection of the verb is reflected in the tag following VB-. Tense, aspect, mood, person and number are all indicated separately:

- present indicative, e.g. *caraf* ‘I love’ ⇒ VBPI-1SG
- present subjunctive, e.g. *carhych* ‘you would love’ ⇒ VBPS-2SG
- preterite verb, e.g. *carawd* ‘he loved’ ⇒ VBD-3SG
- imperfect indicative, e.g. *carem* ‘we loved’ ⇒ VBAI-1PL
- imperfect subjunctive, e.g. *carhit* ‘was loved’ ⇒ VBAS-4
- pluperfect, e.g. *carassewch* ‘you (pl) had loved’ ⇒ VBG-2PL
- imperative, e.g. *car* ‘love!’ ⇒ VBI-2SG

Some present and imperfect forms are ambiguous between indicative and subjunctive mood, e.g. *carem* ‘we loved’. Whenever they are ambiguous, they are tagged without mood indication: VBA as ‘imperfect verb’. Verbs that function as auxiliaries as well have specific tags, e.g. *cael* ‘to get’ HV-, *bod* ‘to be’ BE- (unless it is the verbal noun or complementiser, both tagged as BOD), *gwneuthur* ‘to do’ DO-.

Nominals (N, NPR, PRO)

Singular nouns are N, plural nouns NPL and proper nouns are NPR. There are various types of pronouns in Middle Welsh:

- regular pronouns, e.g. *mi* ‘I’ ⇒ PRO
- conjunctive pronouns, e.g. *enteu* ‘he (too)’ ⇒ PROC
- reduplicated pronouns, e.g. *tydi* ‘YOU (not him)’ ⇒ PROR
- accusative pronouns (infix clitics), e.g. *e* ‘her’ ⇒ PRO-A
- genitive pronouns (infix clitics), e.g. *fy* ‘my’ ⇒ PRO-G
- indefinite pronoun, *un* ‘one’ ⇒ ONE

Prepositions (P)

Some prepositions can be inflected in Welsh. The inflection is tagged like verbal endings, e.g. *iddo* ‘to him’ P-3SGM, *amdanaf* ‘about me’ P-1SG.

Wh-words

There are various wh-words in Middle Welsh:

- wh-adverbs, e.g. *pryd* ‘when?’, *sut* ‘how?’ ⇒ WADV
- wh-determiners, e.g. *pa* ‘which, what X’ ⇒ WD
- wh-pronouns, e.g. *pwy* ‘who?’ ⇒ WPRO
- wh-quantifiers, e.g. *sawl* ‘how many?’ ⇒ WQ
- unidentified wh-item, e.g. *beth* ‘what?’ ⇒ W

Other tags

Finally, there are some remaining tags:

- Demonstratives, e.g. *hwinnw* ‘that’ ⇒ DEM
- Determiners, e.g. *yr* ‘the’ ⇒ D
- Conjunctions, e.g. *a* ‘and’, *pan* ‘when’ ⇒ CONJ
- Complementisers, e.g. *y* ‘that’ ⇒ C
- Quantifiers, e.g. *rai* ‘some’ ⇒ Q
- Foreign words, e.g. *lama* ‘why?’ (Aramaic) ⇒ FW
- Predicative markers, e.g. *yn* ⇒ PRED
- Progressive markers, e.g. *yn* ⇒ PROGR
- Reflexives, e.g. *hun* ‘-self’ ⇒ REFL
- Interjections, e.g. *o* ‘oh’ ⇒ INTJ
- Punctuation ⇒ PUNC

Generating a Middle Welsh PoS-tagger

The tagger is first of all created with the standard parameter settings. Each of these settings can be adjusted, according to what works best for the corpus used. The optimal settings for a certain corpus could be retrieved automatically by running

a script trying all possible options and evaluating the results with a 10-fold cross-validation (see results below).

There are many possible parameter settings (see the MBT reference manual Daelemans et al. (2010)). You can first of all choose which features you would like to take into account when assigning tags to known or unknown words. The letter sequences following -p (known words) and -P (unknown words) indicate the specific context and characters at the beginning and or the end of the word that the tagger should take into account. For the Middle and Modern Welsh taggers, the following features gave the best results:

```
-p dfa -P sssdFawchn
```

The letter 'F' is the focus word that can be examined with the following features. The letter 's', for instance, indicates that the final character should be taken into account. The triple repetition of the letter 's' means that it will take the last three characters into account. Not surprisingly for a language that relies on inflectional suffixes, the last three final characters were important to guess the correct tag for unknown words. 'd' and 'a' refer to the tag of the left and the right context words respectively; 'w' is used for the left or right context words themselves. The letters 'c', 'h' and 'n' stand for capital letters, hyphens or numbers. Features like these help the tagger assign the correct tag for a word it has not 'seen' in the training set and is thus labeled as 'unknown'.

On the basis of this MBTg (the tagger generator) first creates an ambitag lexicon. This is a list of words associated with the different tags it can have according to the training corpus. When a word-tag combination occurs less than 5% (by default, this too is an adjustable setting), it is not included.

Then it creates a frequency list of the 100 (by default, but 200 gave better results for Welsh) most frequent words in the corpus. All words not in the most-frequent-words list are transformed into special symbols: HAPAX-<code> (<code> is either 0, or a combination of H (hyphen), C (capital letter), and N (number)). Instances are created using the specified information sources for known words (as indicated with -p in the parameter settings), then the case base is generated from that (see Daelemans et al. (2010) for further technical details on this process).

On the basis of this, the case base for known words is generated by TiMBL. By default, a lazy-learning algorithm like IGTREE is used, but for this particular corpus, I got better results with the alternative IB1 algorithm for both known and unknown words.

For unknown words, the tagger uses a k-nearest-neighbour algorithm (based on Aha, Kibler, and Albert (1991) but with added *Information Gain* weighting). In addition to that, the selected feature metric is set to -mM 'MVDM' (Modified Value difference metric), which allows for partial feature matches (cf. Stanfill and Waltz (1986), Cost and Salzberg (1993) and Daelemans and Van den Bosch (2005)). Finally, weighting of features can be done in an inverse linear fashion with the parameter setting -dIL. This means that the neighbour with the smaller distance

is weighted more heavily than the one with a greater distance. From all this, a settings file is created that can be used to annotate unseen texts in the rest of the corpus.

Since there is no need to understand or adjust any of the above-mentioned algorithms or parameter settings to generate a tagger, the MBTg offers a simple and quick way to generate a tagger for any new language or corpus. Thousands of words can be tagged per second and there is no need for any additional smoothing for sparse data since this is already part of the similarity-based model (Zavrel and Daelemans (1997)). Spelling, morphology, context and the words themselves are all sources of information integrated in the weighted similarity metric.

4 List of phrasal tags

The following phrasal tags were used for chunkparsing the corpus:

- verb phrase, combining the preverbal particle and the verb (including direct object) ⇒ VP
- noun phrase, projection of any noun ⇒ NP
- determiner phrase, any determiner/adjective/demonstrative + noun (no internal hierarchy) ⇒ DP
- prepositional phrase, any preposition with a following NP or DP ⇒ PP
- inflected prepositional phrase, projection of inflected prepositions ⇒ PPROP
- adjectival phrase, projection of any adjective ⇒ ADJP
- adverbial phrase, projection of any adverb or adjective + predicative marker ⇒ ADVP
- aspectual phrase, combination of aspectual marker + verbal noun ⇒ ASPP
- numeral phrase, projection of any numeral ⇒ NUMP
- numeral determiner phrase, NUMP + determiners/demonstratives ⇒ NUMDP
- complementiser phrase, main or subordinate clause ⇒ CP or CP-SUB
- quantifier phrase, projection of any quantifier ⇒ QP

Chunking Middle Welsh

The NLTK modules are based on Python; their rule-based regular expression parser works best under version 2.7. In order to chunkparse the PoS-tagged texts, the (manually corrected) output of the Memory-Based Tagger needs to be converted to a format that is readable to the parser. The text files were automatically converted with a Python-based text-preparation script ('chunkprep.py')²:

²Many thanks to Barend Beekhuizen for helping me develop the Python scripts presented here.

```

import sys
import os
import re

def make_nltk_readable(file_name):
    """
    function takes one argument (file_name), and returns a list
    containing (for every sentence) a list of word-pos pairs
    """

    all_text = open(file_name)
    corpus = []

    for line in all_text:
        sentence = []
        pairstrings = re.split("\s", line)
            #split line in word-pos-pair-strings WPPS
            #delete final pairstring
        for p in pairstrings:
            sentence.append(tuple(re.split("\/{1,2}", p)))
            #for each WPPS, split word from PoS and add to sentence
            #print sentence
        sentence = sentence[:-2]

        corpus.append(sentence)
        # add sentence to corpus
    return corpus

```

Figure 5: Script to make output files of the automatic PoS-tagger ready for Chunkparsing

The chunkparser was originally not meant to perform parses with such extensive hierarchical structures as required for the present study, but by adjusting the option to loop through the grammar multiple times, these structures can be created nonetheless.

The python module 'pprint' can finally be used to ensure the newly parsed text is printed in the right .psd format to enable search queries via, for example, CorpusSearch. Figure 6 shows the step-by-step commands in Python to chunkparse text X. 'Xgold' refers to the gold standard, the version of the PoS-tagged text that has been manually corrected.

```

>>>import nltk, re, pprint, chunkprep
>>>grammar = r"""
...
VP: {<PCL-PRO-G|PCL-PRO-A|PCL|PCL-NEG|PCL-NEG-PRO-A>?|VBPS-2PL|...>}
  PROP: {<PRO|PROC|PROR|PROX>}
  VNP: {<PRO-G>?<VN|DON|HVN><PROP>?}
  ASPP: {<PROGR|PERF><PRO-G>?<VNP|HVN|DON|BOD>}
  DEMP: {<D><DEM>}
  NUMP: {<NUM>?<NUM|ONE><P><NUM>}
  WDP: {<WD><N|NPL|ONE|QP>}
  NP: {<N|NPL|NPR>}
  NUMDP: {<NUM>?<NUM|ONE><NP><P><D>?<NUM|NP>}
  NUMP: {<NUM|ONE><NP><ADJP>?}
  DP: {<D><NUMP>}
  DP: {<PRO-G><ADJP>?<NP><PROP>}
  DP: {<D><NUM><NUM>?<DEM>?}
  DP: {<NP|D><ADJP>}
  REFLP: {<PRO-G><REFL>}
  P: {<PSUB><PSUB>}
  P: {<P><P>}
  PP: {<P><PP><VNP>}
  PWP: {<P><WPRO|WDP>}
  ONEP: {<ONE><PP|OTHER>}
  PP: {<P><ONEP>}
  DEMP: {<DEM>}
  ADJQP: {<ADJQ><ADJQ>}
  PREDP: {<PRED><ADV|PRO-G>?<NP|ADJP|ADJQP|QP|DP>}
  ADJP: {<ADJP><PP>}
... """
>>>cp = nltk.RegexpParser(grammar, loop=2)
>>>text = chunkprep.make_nltk_readable('Xgold.txt')
>>>results = []
>>>for t in text:
... result = cp.parse(t)
... results.append(result)
>>>f = open('Xchunked.psd', 'w')
>>>for r in results:
... f.write(r.pprint())
... f.write('\n')
>>>f.close()

```

Figure 6: Adopting & implementing the Python NLTK Chunkparser

5 Known annotation issues

In the current stage, the annotation of the corpus was done in such a way to optimise the search queries specific to the present thesis. The focus lies on the part-of-speech annotation. The highly detailed tag set facilitates future research in any linguistic framework. The same goes for the relatively flat structure of the chunk-parsed files. This can be extended to a full parse on the basis of the manually corrected .psd(x) files or on the basis of the PoS-tagged .txt files.

From a syntactic point of view, the difference between subject and object constituents was initially not indicated. Since Middle Welsh allows subject- and object-initial orders as well as pro-drop it was impossible to do this automatically. The DP-initial orders that could be ambiguous were manually disambiguated at a later stage, dividing them into SVO and OVS orders.

The most important elements that are not included in the current annotated corpus are empty categories. The main reason for not including these at this stage was because they were not necessary for the present investigation in word-order. Furthermore, the aim was to keep the annotated corpus as theory-neutral as possible and empty categories are very theory-specific. The flexible xml-based nature (compatible with the psd file structure) means that those can be added at a later stage as well. This can be done by developing a context-free grammar and/or manual insertion.

Finally, at various stages in the process of creating the corpus, manual correction was necessary. Since there was only one annotator available to build the present corpus, checking cross-annotator agreement was no option. Although an effort has been made to double-check all the corrected versions, some errors no doubt remain. In future, when making the annotated files accessible for everyone online, a final check will be done to filter out any possible mistakes and/or inconsistencies.

6 Coding queries

Figure 7 shows a sample of algorithms in Xquery code used to retrieve values for features like Negation, Focus or Tense, Aspect and Mood for different kinds of verbs (DO- 'to do', BE- 'to be', HV- 'to get', VB any other verb) from the PoS-tagged and Chunkparsed database (converted to XML format). The queries employ standard XQuery code plus additional functions built into the software package CorpusStudio (cf. Komen (2009b)), like `ru:matches` to match labels of PoS-tags indicated in the query with those in the database.³

³This is just a sample excerpt of the entire query that works with an accompanying definition file in which specific variables like `$vp` and `$sentence` are defined.

```

(: Find Focus particles :)
  let $Foc := $sentence/descendant::eTree[ru:matches
    (@Label, '*FOC*')][1]
  let $strFoc := ru:NodeText($Foc)
  let $feat_Foc := if ($strFoc = '') then '-' else $strFoc

(: Find Negation :)
  let $Neg := $sentence/descendant::eTree[ru:matches
    (@Label, '*NEG*')][1]
  let $strNeg := ru:NodeText($Neg)
  let $feat_Neg := if ($strNeg = '') then '-' else $strNeg

(: Find Mood :)
  let $feat_Mood :=
    if (exists($vp/descendant::eTree[ru:matches
    (@Label, 'VBI*|DOI*|BEI*|HVI*')]))
  then 'Imperative'
  else if (exists($vp/descendant::eTree[ru:matches
    (@Label, 'VBPS*|VBAS*|BEPS*|BEAS*|DOPS*|DOAS*|HVPS*|HVAS*')]))
  then 'Subjunctive' else 'Indicative'

(: Find Tense and Aspect :)
  let $feat_TenseAspect :=
    if (exists($vp/descendant::eTree[ru:matches
    (@Label, 'VBP-*')]))
  then 'Perfect'
  else if (exists($vp/descendant::eTree[ru:matches
    (@Label, 'VBAI*|VBAS*|DOAI*|DOAS*|BEAI*|BEAS*|HVAI*|HVAS*')]))
  then 'Imperfect'
  else if (exists($vp/descendant::eTree[ru:matches
    (@Label, 'VBG*|DOG*|BEG*|HVG*')]))
  then 'Pluperfect'
  else if (exists($vp/descendant::eTree[ru:matches
    (@Label, 'VBD*|DOD*|BED*|HVD*')]))
  then 'Preterite' else 'Present'

```

Figure 7: XQuery code to retrieve Focus, Negation and Tense/Aspect feature values

Figure 8 shows some excerpts of the complex query to find the various word order types.⁴

```
(: Look through each text for ['S'] :)
  for $search in //eTree[ru:matches(@Label, 'S')]

(: Determine what the first constituent is, excl. CONJ and C :)
  let $initialCns :=
    $search/child::eTree[not(ru:matches
      (@Label, 'CONJ*|INTJ|C|PCL-QU'))][1]

(: Determine the main type of this sentence :)
  let $mainType :=
    tb:WelshMainCat($initialCns, $search)

  return ru:back($search, '', $cat)

(...)

(: Get the VP :)
  let $vp := tb:WelshVP($sentence)

(: Determine the main category :)
  let $mainCat := if ($initialCns/@Label = 'SEF')
  then 'Type VI Sef'
  else if (ru:matches($initialCns/@Label, 'W*|PCL-QU')
  and not(exists($sentence/child::eTree[ru:matches
    (@Label, 'QP')])) )
  then 'Type X Question'
  else if (ru:matches($initialCns/@Label, '*FOC*'))
  then 'Type XI Focus'
  (...)
  else if ($initialCns/@Label = 'VNP' and
  (some $ch in $initialCns/following-sibling::eTree satisfies
    ($ch is $vp and exists($vp/child::eTree[ru:matches
      (@Label, 'DO*')])) ) )
  then 'Type IIIc VNaDO'
```

Figure 8: Sample XQuery definition & query algorithm to find the main word order type

⁴Many thanks to Erwin Komen for teaching me how to use XQuery.

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