Product or process? Identifying linguistic structures in handwritten products

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Agenda

- 1. Research approaches in handwriting research
 - I. process-based
 - II. product-based
- 2. Examples of product-based research *linguistic structures in handwritten words*
 - I. Gaps
 - II. <e>-shapes
- 3. Implications

Some things we know about writing



<mark>APOMI-Model</mark>

Selection of allographs is influenced by:

- morpheme structure
- syllable structure
- graphemic structure

How do we know these things?



https://github.com/isolver/OpenHandWrite/wiki/MarkWrite-Walkthrough

How do we know these things?



Another way: product-based research



'... in the Iraq war. The philosophy is thus still relevant today and should therefore be taken into account. On the thesis that such secondary ...'



The corpus

- Corpus of 100 German school-leaving exams
- Subjects German Literature, Biology, History
- Years 2003, 2008, 2013

144,667 letters

Abiturprüfungsklausur im Printungstach Diologie 1.1. In der Abbildung 1 werden die Wirkungen enter Reizung auf em Tintenfischaxon und eine tim-Buchteralgemaelle dargestellt Hierbei ist A der Reizung des Tintenfischerroms und I der Reizung der Armleuchteralgemzelle ausuardmen. Abbildung A zeigt dem Verland ames Aktionspotentiales. Der ausgenibte Reiz führt au einer kurazeitigem Spaunugsumpolung, so daß die positive Ladung im Gegensata zum Ruhepoten Hall munimmen light. Diese Spannungsumpoling eusteht, da das AP über dem



Syllable boundary + gap

• $\chi^2 = 1792$, df = 1, p < .001, $\varphi = .122$



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Morpheme boundaries and gaps



<e>-shapes and syllable types









What can we see?

- Grammar in handwriting
 - Morphosyllabic structure: gaps



root₁

root₂

Morphoprosodic structure: (e)-shapes



Product-based vs. process-based

<mark>product ≠ process</mark>

But ... we can see a lot in the products as well!

Advantages of a product-based approach:

- no special equipment needed
- large corpora can be used
- enables retrospective analyses (found data, historical texts)

Thank you!

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