## User's Manual for TCSE (TED Corpus Search Engine)

Version 0.1.7

Yoichiro Hasebe Doshisha University

yohasebe@gmail.com

November 28, 2014

# Contents

| 1 | Introduction                          | 2  |
|---|---------------------------------------|----|
|   | 1.1 What is TCSE?                     | 2  |
|   | 1.2 About TED                         | 2  |
|   | 1.3 Using and Citing TCSE             | 2  |
|   | 1.4 Acknowledgements                  | 3  |
| 2 | Token Finder                          | 4  |
|   | 2.1 Basic Search                      | 4  |
|   | 2.2 Showing Japanese Translation Text | 7  |
|   | 2.3 Showing Expanded Segments         | 8  |
|   | 2.4 Advanced Search                   | 8  |
|   | 2.4.1 Lemma                           | 9  |
|   | 2.4.2 Parts of Speech                 | 9  |
|   | 2.4.3 Other Advanced Search Options   | 10 |
|   | 2.5 Searching Talk Information        | 11 |
| 3 | N-gram Finder                         | 12 |
|   | 3.1 Basic Usage                       | 12 |
|   | 3.2 Two Dispersion indices            | 14 |
| 4 | Data Statistics                       | 16 |
| 5 | Frequently Asked Questions            | 17 |

## Introduction

#### 1.1 What is TCSE?

TCSE is a search engine created by Yoichiro Hasebe (yohasebe@gmail.com) that specializes in exploring transcripts of TED Talk for educational and scientific purposes.<sup>1</sup> The working web application of this system is available at http://yohasebe.com/tcse/.

TCSE has been developed as an assistance tool for language learners/educators and linguistic researchers. Uses can do the following:

- · Search for segments of talk that match specified text strings in more than 1700 TED Talks;
- · Study the context of talk segments in in text, audio, and video formats;
- Input keywords (such as author, title, description) for easy retrieval of particular TED Talks;
- · Discover frequent and/or characteristic phrasal expressions in TED.

#### 1.2 About TED

The following description of TED (Technology, Education, and Design) is obtained from its official website:<sup>2</sup>

TED is a platform for ideas worth spreading. Started in 1984 as a conference where technology, entertainment and design converged, TED today shares ideas from a broad spectrum–from science to business to global issues–in more than 100 languages. Meanwhile, independent TEDx events help share ideas in communities around the world.

Contents of TED Talks are available under the Creative Commons BY-NC-ND license, which allows non-commercial entities.<sup>3</sup> For further details, see the TED Talks Usage Policy.<sup>4</sup>

#### 1.3 Using and Citing TCSE

Created by Yoichiro Hasebe, TCSE has been made freely available for non-commercial educational and scientific use. Please cite one of the following when using TCSE in your published work.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>TCSE uses data provided by TED but is not an official service of TED.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>http://www.ted.com/about/our-organization

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>http://www.ted.com/about/our-organization/our-policies-terms/ted-talks-usage-policy

- Hasebe, Yoichiro. (2014) User's Manual for TCSE (TED Corpus Search Engine), Version 0.1.7. Available online at http://yohasebe.com/tcse/.
- Hasebe, Yoichiro (2014) 'Possibility of linguistics research of text in context using TED corpus.' Paper presented at the 18th Meeting of Tokyo Linguistic Colloquium.
- ・長谷部陽一郎. (2014) 「TED コーパスを用いた文脈重視の言語分析の可能性」東京言語学 コロキアム第 18 回研究会発表資料.

To report a bug in TCSE, use the following contact information:

· Yoichiro Hasebe (Doshisha University): yohasebe@gmail.com

Lastly, please do not forget to explicitly reference TED as the original source of the materials.

• TED: http://ted.com

#### 1.4 Acknowledgements

I express sincere thanks to all the people involved in the TED and TEDx conferences for sharing their great insights as well as providing precious linguistic resources for education and research.

I greatly thank the following people who have supported and encouraged the development of TCSE:

- · Jae-Ho Lee (University of Tsukuba)
- Haruo Nishinoh (Doshisha University)

Special thanks are also extended to the students who attended the author's seminar for testrunning earlier versions of TCSE, held at the faculty of Global Communications, Doshisha University.

# **Token Finder**

The Token Finder function of TCSE searches for talk segments containing the text string specified in the search box and offers many options for accessing contextual data.

#### 2.1 Basic Search

By default, TCSE conducts a basic search with Advanced Search unchecked. Type a search string into the text box, and press the SEARCH button (see Figure 2.1).

| Input text and press SEARCH                                  |        |       |       |
|--|--------|-------|-------|
| unbelievable   | SEARCH | CLEAR | RESET |
| English Japanese   |        |       |       |
| Include English only talks Use Expanded Segments             |        |       |       |
| Advanced Search Search Talk Info (speaker/title/description) |        |       |       |



Figure 2.2 is an example of a search result. The text segments matching the input string are shown in descending order of Talk ID, which is assigned to each TED Talk. The larger the Talk ID, the newer the talk. If you hover the mouse cursor over the Talk ID, the title and the speaker of the talk will appear in a popup box.

Also, the line numbers and their relative positions (from 0 to 1) in the talk are shown in Figure 2.2. A TED Talk transcript consists of segments corresponding to lines of subtitles, which are originally intended to be sequentially shown on the video screen. Next to each line number is time of the segment (e.g., 00:50) and the total duration of the talk (e.g., 40:15). If the mouse is clicked on any of these items, a sub-window pops up showing the full text of the talk, with the queried segment highlighted, as shown in Figure 2.2.

|   |  |         |                    |                  |   |  |  |  | Total number of items: 77       |
|---|--|---------|--------------------|------------------|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------|
|   | #  | Talk ID | Line<br>[Position] | Time<br>[Total]  |   |  |  | English  | Japanese                        |
|   | 1  | 2055    | 18<br>[0.04]       | 00:50<br>[40:15] | ≡ | •  | Ø  | unbelievable, right?                                       | 信じられないでしょう?                     |
|   | <b>2</b> 1990 277 11:15<br>[0.8] [27:47] |         | ≡                  | •                | Ø | She was an <b>unbelievable</b> role model. | 素晴らしく模範的でした  |  |                                 |
|   | 3  | 1989    | 110<br>[0.26]      | 04:20<br>[36:33] | ≡ | •  | Ø  | it was, like, <b>unbelievable</b> ,                        | 信じられなかったけど                      |
|   | 4  | 1964    | 501<br>[0.76]      | 18:50<br>[49:17] | ≡ |  | Ø  | that we are in an <b>unbelievable</b> situation            | 米国に住み 素晴らしい教育を                  |
| Boyd Varty:<br>What I learned from Nelson Mandela |  |         |                    |                  | ■ | Þ  | N  | and it has been <b>unbelievable</b> .                      | そこからは驚きの連続でした                   |
| ボイド・ヴァーティ: ネルソン・マン<br>デラが教えてくれたこと                 |  |         |                    | ≡                | • | N  | And we face <b>unbelievable</b> public safety challenges | これは治安上 極めて深刻な状況です  |                                 |
|   | 7  | 1890    | 57<br>[0.17]       | 02:44<br>[29:16] | = | Þ  | Ø  | one man with an <b>unbelievable</b> sense of his humanity. | 驚くべき人間性を持った たった丨人の人間<br>による偉業です |

Figure 2.2: Basic search results (excerpt)

Clicking on any of the three icons (set of horizontal lines, red triangle, and mini-clip) in each line of Figure 2.2 will bring up a sub-window containing contextual data (see Figure 2.3). The horizontal lines icon shows a sub-window containing paragraph text (Figure 2.4). The red triangle icon, as might expect, brings up a TED Talk video. The video automatically starts playing at the time location where the queried line is uttered (Figure 2.5). The mini-clip icon enables the user to copy the url of the video screen.

Nick Hanauer: Beware, fellow plutocrats, the pitchforks are coming

Nick Hanauer is a rich guy, an unrepentant capitalist — and he has something to say to his fellow plutocrats: Wake up! Growing inequality is about to push our societies into conditions resembling pre-revolutionary France. Hear his argument about why a dramatic increase in minimum wage could grow the middle class, deliver economic prosperity ... and prevent a revolution.

ニック・ハノーアー: 超富豪の仲間たち、ご注意を — 民衆に襲われる日がやってくる

ニック・ハノーアーは金持ちであり、頑固な資本家でもあります。そして彼には超富豪の仲間 たちに言いたいことがあります。「目を覚ませ!」格差の拡大により私たちの社会は革命前の フランスを髣髴とさせる状態に追いやられてしまいそうです。なぜ最低賃金の大幅な引き上げ が中産階級の成長や経済的繁栄をもたらし、革命を阻止することができるのか。彼の主張を聞 いてみましょう。

|    |       | industries.  | Caroli                        |
|----|-------|--|-------------------------------|
| 13 | 00:35 | I was the first non-family investor in Amazon.com. | アマゾン社に非同族で出資したのは 私が初<br>めてでした |
| 14 | 00:38 | I cofounded a company called aQuantive             | 私はアクアンティブという会社を 共同で立<br>ち上げ   |
| 15 | 00:41 | that we sold to Microsoft for 6.4 billion dollars. | マイクロソフト社に64億ドルで 売却しま<br>した    |
| 16 | 00:45 | My friends and I, we own a bank.                   | 友人と共に銀行を所有しています               |
| 17 | 00:48 | I tell you this - (Laughter) -                     | これをお伝えしたのは —(笑)               |
| 18 | 00:50 | unbelievable, right?                               | 信じられないでしょう?                   |
| 19 | 00:52 | I tell you this to show                            | これをお伝えしたのは私の人生が 他の多く<br>の超富豪と |
| 20 | 00:55 | that my life is like most plutocrats.              | 同じだと言いたかったからです                |

Figure 2.3: Sub-window showing full text







Figure 2.5: Sub-window showing TED Talk video

#### 2.2 Showing Japanese Translation Text

Where available, TCSE shows both the original English transcript and the Japanese translated version. Japanese transcripts can also be searched for tokens of a specified expression. To use this feature, check Japanese in the options. Some of the TED Talks are not yet translated into Japanese (see Figure 2.6). To exclude segments with no Japanese translation from the TCSE search results, uncheck Include English only talks before the search.

| 11 | 1779 | 303<br>[0.81] | 12:49<br>[31:54]        | ≡ | • | Ø | Unbelievable improvements in efficiency.                     |                   |
|----|------|---------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|--|-------------------|
| 12 | 1753 | 397<br>[0.92] | 16:05<br>[34:42]        | ≡ | • | Ø | It's <b>unbelievable</b> , really. But when you get into it, | 足を踏み入れれば分かります     |
| 13 | 1642 | 393<br>[0.96] | <u>18:46</u><br>[39:05] | ≡ | • | Ø | costs an <b>unbelievable</b> amount of money.                |                   |
| 14 | 1614 | 75<br>[0.46]  | 03:43<br>[17:47]        | ≡ | • | Ø | My God, it's <b>unbelievable</b> .                           | 本当にとても信じられない経験でした |
| 15 | 1564 | 158<br>[0.77] | 07:24<br>[18:51]        | ≡ | • | Ø | unbelievable.  | 議論がはじまったのです       |

Figure 2.6: Availability of Japanese translation

#### 2.3 Showing Expanded Segments

As demonstrated above, TCSE search results are displayed as talk segments, which correspond to subtitle lines in the video. However, a more useful text unit is sometimes required. For instance, linguistic researchers often analyze text on a sentence-by-sentence basis. However, since many of the sentences in TCSE are fragmented into separate segments. Therefore, TCSE offers the Use Expanded Segments option. With this option enabled, the search results combine the segments so that no sentence is cut-off midway. Note that an expanded segment many not correspond to a single sentence. A TED Talk segment sometimes contains a boundary between two sentences (i.e., a full stop separating two sentences). In this case, the expanded segment comprises two or more sentences. A search result with the Use Expanded Segments option checked is shown in Figure 2.7.

| 3 | 1989 | 37<br>[0.22]  | 04:14<br>[36:33] | ≡ | • | Ø  | I was so nervous and I was thinking just, like, oh<br>my God, oh my God, and reminding me,<br>because I've had, like, some very, especially<br>since the last time we were here at TED, it was,<br>like, <b>unbelievable</b> , and then right after that, like,<br>so many crazy things happened, like, we ended<br>up going to the White House to perform. | ずっと緊張してて どうしよう どうしよ<br>うって 思ってたけど そういえば 前回<br>TEDに出られたのも 信じられなかった<br>けど それ以来 スゴいことが 立て続け<br>に起きて 結局 - ホワイトハウスにも<br>行ったのよ |
|---|------|---------------|------------------|---|---|----|---|--|
| 4 | 1964 | 183<br>[0.75] | 18:45<br>[49:17] | ■ | • | Ø  | As they get older, they so know that our family<br>belief is about responsibility, that we are in an<br><b>unbelievable</b> situation just to live in the United<br>States and have a great education, and we have<br>a responsibility to give back to the world.   | 大きくなった子供たちには 我が家の信<br>念が「責任」であると よくわかってい<br>ます 米国に住み 素晴らしい教育を 受<br>けられるだけでも 信じられない境遇で<br>あり 世界に還元する責任があるのです              |
| 5 | 1964 | 200<br>[0.82] | 20:40<br>[49:17] | ≡ | • | Ø  | MG: Totally stunned. BG: We had never expected it, and it has been <b>unbelievable</b> .  | メリンダ : 本当に驚いたわ ビル : 想像<br>だにしてなかったからね そこからは驚<br>きの連続でした  |
| 6 | 1914 | 46<br>[0.42]  | 04:59<br>[24:38] | ≡ | • | Ø  | And we face <b>unbelievable</b> public safety<br>challenges because we have a situation in which<br>two thirds of the people in our jails are there<br>waiting for trial.   | これは治安上 極めて深刻な状況です と<br>いうのも拘置所に 収容されている人間<br>の 3分の2は 裁判の開始を 待ってい<br>るだけなのです  |
| 7 | 1890 | 17<br>[0.12]  | 02:39<br>[29:16] | ≡ | • | Ø  | He was bringing peace to a divided and violent<br>South Africa, one man with an <b>unbelievable</b><br>sense of his humanity.   | マンデラ氏は分断され暴力にまみれた<br>南アフリカに平和をもたらしました 驚<br>くべき人間性を持った たった1人の人<br>間による偉業です  |
| 8 | 1883 | 12<br>[0.21]  | 00:51<br>[11:12] | ≡ | • | 01 | The hate mail I get is unbelievable.  | 信じられないような 嫌がらせメールが<br>来ます  |

Figure 2.7: Expanded segments

### 2.4 Advanced Search

Besides the basic search described above, TCSE offers an advanced search for text tokens. By checking the Advanced Search option, you can specify certain attributes expected in all items of the retrieved text. More specifically, in an advanced search query, you can request linguistic concepts, such as lemmas and parts of speech.

As in the basic search, a sequence of words (a phrase) can be specified in an advanced search. Not surprisingly, the single-space character is recognized as the sign separating words in a phrase. In other words, if you insert a space between two text strings, the strings are considered as separate words comprising the phrase.

#### 2.4.1 Lemma

A lemma is the canonical form of a set of words. Thus *hunt, hunts, hunted,* and *hunting* are all variations of the same lemma *hunt*. In TCSE, a lemma is represented by brackets (e.g., [hunt]).

#### 2.4.2 Parts of Speech

To retrieve the parts of speech (POS) information in each of the talk contents, the TED text in TCSE is parsed by Enju 2.4.2.<sup>1</sup> The resulting POS data are represented by two-letter (case insensitive) codes, as shown in Table 2.1. In an advanced TCSE search, you can specify a word with a certain POS using curly brackets (e.g.,  $\{vb\}$  specifies a verb).

| POS | Description                              |
|-----|--|
| СС  | Coordinating conjunction                 |
| cd  | Cardinal number                          |
| dt  | Determiner                               |
| ex  | Existential there                        |
| fw  | Foreign word                             |
| in  | Preposition or subordinating conjunction |
| jj  | Adjective                                |
| ls  | List item marker                         |
| md  | Modal                                    |
| nn  | Noun                                     |
| pd  | Predeterminer                            |
| ро  | Possessive ending                        |
| pr  | Personal pronoun                         |
| rb  | Adverb                                   |
| rp  | Particle                                 |
| sy  | Symbol                                   |
| to  | to                                       |
| uh  | Interjection                             |
| vb  | Verb                                     |
| wd  | Wh-determiner                            |
| wp  | Wh-pronoun                               |
| wr  | Wh-adverb                                |

| Table 2.1: | Parts of | f speech | used in | TCSE |
|------------|----------|----------|---------|------|
|------------|----------|----------|---------|------|

A POS is specified by either its full two-letter code (e.g.,  $\{wd\}$ ,  $\{wp\}$ , and  $\{wr\}$ ) or by the first letter of its code (e.g.,  $\{w\}$ ). The single code  $\{W\}$  includes all of its sub-types  $\{wd\}$ ,  $\{wp\}$ , and  $\{wr\}$ . Thus, a search for  $\{w\}$  will simultaneously return Wh-determiners, Wh-pronouns, and Wh-adverbs, corresponding to  $\{wd\}$ ,  $\{wp\}$ ,  $\{wr\}$ , respectively.

Thus, a POS can be specified in a shortened form, such as  $\{v\}$  (verb),  $\{n\}$  (noun),  $\{j\}$  (adjective), and  $\{r\}$  (adverb), but the POS contents may be difficult to guess. In this case, it is useful to explore how TCSE analyzes sentences and identify the POS tags assigned to the words in question. To use this feature, click on an English transcript line in the Token Finder search results. A sub-window will appear with a table showing the lemma, the POS, the total frequency, and the frequency (per million words) of each word in the sentence (2.8). The same functionality is available for Japanese translation text (Figure 2.9).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>http://kmcs.nii.ac.jp/enju/?lang=en

| Surface | а          | picture  | is         | worth   | а          | thousand | words    |            |
|---------|------------|----------|------------|---------|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Lemma   | а          | picture  | be         | worth   | а          | thousand | word     | -period-   |
| POS     | dt         | nn       | vb         | jj      | dt         | cd       | nn       |            |
| Freq    | 89924      | 1055     | 56539      | 297     | 89924      | 327      | 912      | 209231     |
| PerMil  | 20358.1674 | 238.8447 | 12800.0359 | 67.2387 | 20358.1674 | 74.0305  | 206.4704 | 47368.4413 |

Figure 2.8: Sentence statistics for a segment of English text

| Surface | 百聞     | は          | 一見      | ĸ          | しか     | ਰਾੱ     | です         |
|---------|--------|------------|---------|------------|--------|---------|------------|
| Lemma   | 百聞     | は          | 一見      | に          | しく     | ぬ       | です         |
| POS     | 名詞-一般  | 助詞-係助詞     | 名詞-サ変接続 | 助詞-格助詞     | 動詞-自立  | 助動詞     | 助動詞        |
| Freq    | 7      | 143715     | 30      | 116780     | 10     | 2400    | 75595      |
| PerMil  | 1.8275 | 37520.5108 | 7.8323  | 30488.4337 | 2.6108 | 626.582 | 19736.0262 |

Figure 2.9: Sentence statistics for a segment of Japanese text

A POS representation can be combined with both a lemma representation and a surface representation (i.e., the realized from of a word). To do this, concatenate a POS representation with curly brackets to a lemma representation (with square brackets) or a surface representation (bare word form without brackets) without intervening space characters. For instance,  $[help]{v}$  corresponds to the verb *help* of any surface forms (i.e., *help, helps, helped,* and *helping*), and helping{v} corresponds strictly to the *helping* form of the verb *help*. In both cases, the noun representation of *help* is ignored.

#### 2.4.3 Other Advanced Search Options

In an advanced search query, you can express logical disjunction (OR) by inserting a vertical bar between options (e.g., apple|orange|banana). You can also use a wildcard symbol (\*) to retrieve two separated items. However, note that the wildcard retrieves text of any size within the (expanded) segment. Thus the search string 'my \* idea' will not only match 'my new idea' and 'my crazy idea', but also 'my mum certainly wasn't very keen on the idea.'

In linguistic research, it is sometimes necessary to specify the onset and the ending of a segment or expanded segment. In TCSE, a segment or expanded segment is opened by the special symbol ^ but is not closed by any scial symbol, because a full stop (.), a question mark (?), or an exclamation mark (!) is sufficient. Table 2.2 shows some advanced search strings and examples of their possible matches.

| Search String                               | Possible Matches               |
|---|--------------------------------|
| [excite]                                    | excite                         |
|   | excites                        |
|   | excited                        |
|   | exciting                       |
| {vb}  | verb, any kind                 |
| to * surprise                               | to our surprise                |
|   | to his surprise                |
| <pre>[read] {DT} [news paper article]</pre> | they read these articles       |
|   | reading the paper or something |
|   | I'm reading the news at six    |
| <pre>^ having {v}</pre>                     | Having started the process     |
|   | Having said that               |
| [help]{n}                                   | an aunt offered financial help |
|   | we called people for help      |

Table 2.2: Examples of advanced search strings

#### 2.5 Searching Talk Information

By checking the Search Talk Info option, you can search titles, speakers, and descriptions of the talks. Note that when this option is enabled, advanced search syntax is not available. Figure 2.10 shows the results of a talk information search for the keyword *environment*.

| # | Talk ID |   |   |   | Speaker: Title  | Description   | Num of<br>Elements | Num of<br>Segments | Num of<br>Expanded<br>Segments | Duration |
|---|---------|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 1926    | ≡ | • | Ø | Leyla Acaroglu: Paper beats plastic?<br>How to rethink environmental folklore | Most of us want to do the right thing when it<br>comes to the <b>environment</b> . But things aren't as<br>simple as opting for the paper bag, says<br>sustainability strategist Leyla Acaroglu. A bold call<br>for us to let go of tightly-held green myths and<br>think bigger in order to create systems and<br>products that ease strain on the planet. | 166                | 445                | 166                            | 35:30    |
|   |         |   |   |   | レイラ・アカログル: 紙はビニールに勝<br>る?環境の民間信仰にを考え直す方法                                      | 多くの人が環境に良いことをしたいと思うでしょ<br>う。しかし実際は紙袋を選べば良いと言った単純<br>なことではありません。   |                    |                    |                                |          |
| 2 | 945     | ≡ | • | Ø | Johan Rockstrom: Let the environment guide our development                    | Human growth has strained the Earth's resources,<br>but as Johan Rockstrom reminds us, our advances<br>also give us the science to recognize this and<br>change behavior. His research has found nine<br>"planetary boundaries" that can guide us in<br>protecting our planet's many overlapping<br>ecosystems.   | 124                | 452                | 124                            | 35:26    |
| 3 | 598     | ≡ | • | Ø | Stewart Brand: 4 environmental<br>'heresies'                                  | The man who helped usher in the <b>environmental</b><br>movement in the 1960s and '70s has been<br>rethinking his positions on cities, nuclear power,<br>genetic modification and geo-engineering. This<br>talk at the US State Department is a foretaste of<br>his major new book, sure to provoke widespread<br>debate.                                   | 179                | 356                | 179                            | 32:34    |
|   |         |   |   |   | スチュアート・プランド「環境に関する<br>4つの異端的考察」   | 1960年代、70年代の環境保護運動の先駆けとなっ<br>た彼は、都市化、原子力発電、遺伝子組み換え食<br>材、さらには地球工学に関しての彼自身の考え方<br>について、再考を行いました。この米国国務省に<br>向けてのスピーチで、世界で話題なるであろう<br>彼の力作を垣間見る事が出来ます   |                    |                    |                                |          |

Figure 2.10: Results of a talk information search for environment

# **N-gram Finder**

#### 3.1 Basic Usage

The N-gram Finder mode of TCSE offers a rather different view of the text in TED Talks. An n-gram is a sequence of linguistic units (i.e., morphemes, words, etc.) of n (2, 3, 4, ...) items. The n-gram concept is widely used in linguistics, information technology, and similar fields. By investigating the different frequencies of various n-grams, it should be possible to derive the linguistic sequences that are highly entrenched in the spoken language and those that are less common. To switch to N-gram Finder mode, click on the N-gram button (shown in Figure 3.1).

| OLANON OLLAN NEOLI IOKON N-gran |
|---------------------------------|
|---------------------------------|

Figure 3.1: Switching to N-gram Search

Unlike Token Finder, the N-gram Finder mode accepts only the surface form of a single word at a time. For example, typing the word *read* and clicking the SEARCH button brings up clickable tab menus, as shown in Figure 3.2.

| Di | Dispersion 💿 Gries's DP 💫 Juilland's D |                |         |         |      |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----|--|----------------|---------|---------|------|--------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|    | Word                                   | l info 2-grams | 3-grams | 4-grams |      |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |  | Surface        | Lemma   | POS     | Freq | Num of Talks | Dispersion |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | 1                                      | read           | read    | {vb}    | 911  | 487          | 0.6681     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | 2                                      | read           | read    | {nn}    | 25   | 25           | 0.9834     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |  |                |         |         |      |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 3.2: Word Info in N-gram Finder mode

There are four tab menus in Figure 3.2: Word Info, 2-grams, 3-grams, and 4-grams. The default selection is Word Info. The Word Info panel contains not the n-grams themselves, but the basic statistics of the surface form of the queried word. For example, given the query word *read*, the panel shows the lemma form of the word (*read*), and the part-of-speech ({vb} (verb) or {nn} (noun)). *Read* as a verb is used 911 times and is distributed among 487 talks;

as a noun, it is used 25 times and distributed among 25 talks. The numbers in the Dispersion column indicate how broadly and uniformly the word is distributed throughout the corpus. The default dispersion index is the Gries' *deviation of proportions* (DP). The smaller is the Gries' DP, the more is dispersed the word. For example, in Figure 3.2, *read* as a verb (DP = 0.6681) is more dispersed than *read* as a noun (DP = 0.9834).<sup>1</sup>

| Word info     | ord info 2-grams |      | rams  | 4-grams |      |              |            |
|---------------|------------------|------|-------|---------|------|--------------|------------|
|               |                  |      |       |         |      |              |            |
| → 3-gram ALL  | WORD             | WORD | WORD  |         |      |              |            |
| → 3-gram #1   | WORD             | WORD | WORD  |         |      |              |            |
| → 3-gram #2   | WORD             | WORD | WORD  |         |      |              |            |
| → 3-gram #3   | WORD             | WORD | WORD  |         |      |              |            |
|               |                  |      |       |         |      |              |            |
| 3-gram ALL    |                  |      |       |         |      |              |            |
|               |                  |      |       |         |      |              |            |
| w             | ord1             | ١    | Nord2 | Word3   | Freq | Num of Talks | Dispersion |
| 1 <b>(</b> p  | r}               | {    | md}   | read    | 76   | 65           | 0.9527     |
| 2 <b>{</b> p  | r}               |      | read  | {pr}    | 47   | 41           | 0.9703     |
| 3 to          |                  |      | read  | {pr}    | 39   | 34           | 0.976      |
| 4 yo          | u                | 0    | can   | read    | 32   | 30           | 0.9779     |
| 5 ar          | d                | {    | pr}   | read    | 31   | 28           | 0.9792     |
| 6 w           | hen              |      | pr}   | read    | 28   | 28           | 0.9795     |
| 7 <b>{</b> p  | r}               |      | read  | the     | 26   | 24           | 0.9824     |
| 8 <b>{</b> n  | id}              |      | read  | {pr}    | 26   | 24           | 0.983      |
| 9 to          |                  |      | read  | the     | 25   | 23           | 0.9836     |
| 10 <b>{</b> p | r}               |      | read  | about   | 21   | 19           | 0.9848     |

Figure 3.3: 3-grams containing read

By clicking on the tab menus, you can access data tables of 2-grams, 3-grams, and 4-grams. A 3-grams table of the word *read* is shown in Figure 3.3. The n-gram tables of TCSE collect the surface forms of text such as *you can read*. But very frequent word types such as  $\{pr\}$  (pronouns) and  $\{md\}$  (modals) are not only plainly n-grammed in TCSE but are also aggregated into single entries.

All of the items listed in n-gram tables are clickable. For instance, if you click on the fourth listed item in Figure 3.3, *you can read*, TCSE switches to Token Finder mode and returns the text tokens corresponding to the n-gram sequence (see Figure 3.4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Gries' DP differs from many other dispersion indices, in that it decreases with increasing degree of dispersion (see next section).

| # | Talk ID | Line<br>[Position] | Time<br>[Total]  |   |   |   | English   | Japanese  |
|---|---------|--------------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2061    | 23<br>[0.37]       | 01:44<br>[12:53] | ≡ | • | Ø | But in fact, yeah, it's been a success, there's lots of things,<br>Khan Academy for crying out loud, there's Wikipedia, there's<br>a huge number of free e-books that <b>you can read</b> online,<br>lots of wonderful things for education, things in many areas.    | 確かに成功していて いろいろなものがあります カーンア<br>カデミーや ウィキペディアだってあります 無料で読める<br>オンライン書籍も 大量にあります 多くの教育に役立つ優<br>れたものや 様々な分野のものがあります                        |
| 2 | 1991    | 31<br>[0.43]       | 02:19<br>[11:53] | ≡ | • | Ø | When someone hands an object to you, you can read intention in their eyes, their face, their body language.   | 誰かがあなたに何かを渡す時 その人の目や表情や ボディ<br>ランゲージから 意図を推し量れます  |
| 3 | 1820    | 118<br>[0.69]      | 11:45<br>[34:09] | ■ | • | Ø | By the end of the investigation, where <b>you can read</b> the full 27-page report at that link, we had photos of the cybercriminals, even the office Christmas party when they were out on an outling.   | この調査を終える頃には— このリンクから 27ページもあ<br>る報告書を見られますが— サイパー犯罪者たちの写真も入<br>手し 職場のクリスマスパーティーで 出かけたときの写真<br>まであります 職場のクリスマスパーティーで 出かけたと<br>きの写真まであります |
| 4 | 1587    | 73<br>[0.51]       | 08:09<br>[29:53] | ■ | • | Ø | So I'm not going to go through the whole details of the study<br>because actually <b>you can read</b> about it, but the next step is<br>observation. So here are some of the students doing the<br>observations. They're recording the data of where the bees<br>fly. | 研究の詳細は 読むことができるので 細かくは話しません<br>が 次のステップは観察です 生徒が何人かで 観察をしてい<br>ます ミツバチがどこへ飛んだか 記録しています  |
| 5 | 1573    | 47<br>[0.46]       | 05:49<br>[25:58] | ≡ | • | 0 | Now, the elements of the scene also communicate this to us,<br>but <b>you can read</b> it straight off their faces, and if you<br>compare their faces to normal faces, it would be a very<br>subtle cue.  |   |

Figure 3.4: Text Tokens containing the 3-gram you can read

#### 3.2 Two Dispersion indices

The N-gram Finder of TCSE admits two dispersion indices, Gries' DP and Juilland's D. Although choice of dispersion index alters the order of n-grams, both indices show the extent to which the query word is dispersed among all talks in the corpus. A possible source of confusion is that Gries' DP assigns smaller numbers to more dispersed entities, whereas Juilland's D (like most dispersion indices) assigns larger numbers to more dispersed entities.

A brief overview of these dispersion indices may be helpful. Juilland's D was introduced by Juilland et. al. (1970) while searching for new ways to compile a frequency dictionary of the French language. Since then, many alternative dispersion indices have been proposed (for a summary, see Gries 2008), but Juilland's D remains among the most popular. In Juilland's D representation, the dispersion degree of a linguistic unit ranges from 0 (least dispersed throughout the corpus) to 1 (most dispersed). The formula, which is not presented here, yields fairly accurate results in many cases and is easily applied.

Gries (2008) pointed out several defects of Juilland's D, however. Most importantly, it does not account for the different text sizes of the files/sections in the corpus. Gries' DP dispersion index overcomes this defect and is thus utilized as the default in TCSE.

Although Gries' DP is superior to Juilland's D, both dispersion formulas produce similar results in most cases. When the results noticeably differ, it is understood that DP considers not only the total frequency of the n-grams and the number of files containing them, but also the different text sizes of files comprising the entire corpus. Figure 3.5 compares the top fifteen 3-grams containing the word *keep* ordered by DP (a) and D respectively (b).

|                  | Word1 | Word2 | Word3 | Freq | Num of Talks | Dispersion |  |    | Word1 | Word2 | Word3   | Freq  | Num of Talks | Dispersion |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------------|------------|--|----|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------------|------------|
| 1                | to    | keep  | {pr}  | 104  | 94           | 0.8947     |  | 1  | to    | keep  | {pr}    | 104   | 94           | 0.9345     |
| 2                | {pr}  | {md}  | keep  | 66   | 59           | 0.8648     |  | 2  | {pr}  | {md}  | keep    | 66    | 59           | 0.9575     |
| 3                | to    | keep  | the   | 51   | 43           | 0.8388     |  | 3  | to    | keep  | the     | 51    | 43           | 0.9695     |
| 4                | {pr}  | keep  | {pr}  | 37   | 34           | 0.8243     |  | 4  | {pr}  | keep  | {pr}    | 37    | 34           | 0.975      |
| 5                | and   | {pr}  | keep  | 33   | 32           | 0.8222     |  | 5  | and   | {pr}  | keep    | 33    | 32           | 0.9754     |
| 6                | to    | keep  | it    | 27   | 26           | 0.8019     |  | 6  | going | to    | keep    | 36    | 29           | 0.9782     |
| 7                | if    | {pr}  | keep  | 30   | 27           | 0.8013     |  | 7  | if    | {pr}  | keep    | 30    | 27           | 0.9808     |
| 8                | going | to    | keep  | 36   | 29           | 0.7934     |  | 8  | to    | keep  | it      | 27    | 26           | 0.9815     |
| 9                | keep  | in    | mind  | 23   | 23           | 0.7927     |  | 9  | {md}  | keep  | {pr}    | 28    | 25           | 0.9816     |
| 10               | {md}  | keep  | {pr}  | 28   | 25           | 0.7869     |  | 10 | {md}  | n't   | keep    | 27    | 21           | 0.9847     |
| 11               | keep  | up    | with  | 22   | 19           | 0.752      |  | 11 | keep  | up    | with    | 22    | 19           | 0.9849     |
| 12               | {md}  | n't   | keep  | 27   | 21           | 0.7471     |  | 12 | keep  | in    | mind    | 23    | 23           | 0.987      |
| 13               | to    | keep  | in    | 15   | 15           | 0.7428     |  | 13 | to    | keep  | them    | 16    | 15           | 0.9882     |
| 14               | to    | keep  | them  | 16   | 15           | 0.7358     |  | 14 | keep  | {pr}  | from    | 18    | 15           | 0.9888     |
| 15               | want  | to    | keep  | 15   | 14           | 0.726      |  | 15 | ca    | n't   | keep    | 21    | 15           | 0.9889     |
| (a) orderd by DP |       |       |       |      |              |            |  |    |       | (     | b) orde | erd b | y DP         |            |

Figure 3.5: 3-grams containing the word keep

## **Data Statistics**

TCSE Version 0.1.7 contains the data of more than 1,700 TED Talks and will be regularly updated. The following data statistics are retrieved on November 28, 2014.

Table 4.1: Data statistics of English transcripts of TED Talks (v. 0.1.7)

| Number of talks             | 1,769     |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Number of segments          | 498,374   |
| Number of expanded segments | 214,528   |
| Number of elements          | 4,440,124 |
| Number of lexical items     | 70,112    |

As mentioned in 2.4.2, TCSE analyzes the original English transcripts of TED Talks and assigns POS tags to them by parsing through Enju 2.4.2. The data in Table 4.1 are based on the POS tagging. Note that in TCSE, POS types are represented by two-letter codes, such as  $\{vb\}$  and  $\{nn\}$ ; no distinction is made between subtypes, such as  $\{vb\}$  (verb, base form) and  $\{vbd\}$  (verb, past tense), or between  $\{nn\}$  (noun, singular or mass) and  $\{nns\}$  (noun, plural).

TCSE also uses the Japanese morphological analyzer MeCab 0.996 + IPA dictionary 2.7.0 to analyze Japanese translations of English transcripts. Thus, TCSE can conduct advanced searches of Japanese translation texts.<sup>1</sup> The data statistics of Japanese translation texts in TCSE are shown in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2: Data statistics of Japanese translation texts of TED Talks (v. 0.1.7)

| Number of talks             | 1,548     |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Number of segments          | 422,260   |
| Number of expanded segments | 181,953   |
| Number of elements          | 3,878,715 |
| Number of lexical items     | 56,910    |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://mecab.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/mecab/doc/index.html

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q1 Do you distribute TED Talk transcripts/translation text data?

A1 No, but project such as TED-LIUM (Rousseau et al., 2014)<sup>1</sup> and TED CLDC Corpus (Hermann and Blunsom, 2014)<sup>2</sup> provides downloadable packages containing transcript data from TED Talks.

Q2 Do you plan to update TCSE so that it includes newly released TED Talks? If so, how often?

A2 I plan to periodically update TCSE, but the schedule is not yet fixed. Please see the update information on the TCSE homepage (http://yohasebe.com/tcse).

Q3 Can TCSE handle case sensitive searches?

A3 No, TCSE searches are always case insensitive, in both regular search mode and advanced search modes.

Q4 Do you plan to extend TCSE to include translation data in languages other than Japanese?

A4 Not in the near future, although such an extension is certainly possible.

Q5 How can I submit a bug report? How can I suggest a new functionality to TCSE?

A5 Send an e-mail to Yoichiro Hasebe <yohasebe@gmail.com>.

<sup>1</sup>http://www-lium.univ-lemans.fr/en/content/ted-lium-corpus <sup>2</sup>http://www.clg.ox.ac.uk/tedcorpus

# Bibliography

- Gries, S. T. (2008). "Dispersions and adjusted frequencies in corpora". *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics*, **13**(4) pp.403–437.
- Hasebe, Y. (2014). "Possibility of linguistics research of text in context using TED corpus". Paper presented at the 18th Meeting of Tokyo Linguistic Colloquium, University of Tsukuba.
- Hermann, K. M. and P. Blunsom (2014). "Multilingual models for compositional distributional semantics". *Proceedings of ACL*, http://arxiv.org/abs/1404.4641.
- Juilland, A. G., D. R. Brodin, and C. Davidovitch (1970). *Frequency dictionary of French words.* Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- Rousseau, A., P. Deléglise, and Y. Estève (2014). "Enhancing the TED-LIUM Corpus with selected data for language modeling and more TED Talks". In *Proceedings of the Ninth International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC'14)*.