COLLATINUS: A NEW TOOL FOR LATINISTS.

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Who are we ?

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What was initially Collatinus ?

- Prepare the wordlist associated to a text
- Reading support of latin texts

Collatinus 11.2

- Free and Open program (GNU GPL)
 - written in C++ (Qt 5)
 - sources on GitHub
 - resources as plain text files
- Stand-alone software (Mac OS X, Windows, Linux) http://outils.biblissima.fr/en/collatinus/
- On-line version

http://outils.biblissima.fr/en/collatinus-web/

Main functions

 Lemmatization Analysis Reading support

Dictionaries

- Gaffiot 2016
- Lewis & Short
- Georges...

Inflection

sing.	м.	F.	Ν.	
nom.	dōctŭs	dōctă	dōctŭm	
uoc.	dōctě	dōctă	dōctŭm	
acc.	dōctŭm	dōctăm	dōctŭm	
gen.	dōctī	dōctāe	dōctī	
dat.	dōctō	dōctāe	dōctō	
abl.	dōctō	dōctā	dōctō	

Scansion

What makes the difference?

- Dictionaries : a single click opens one or two dictionaries
- Allows to compare two
 From quantities to dictionaries
- Scansion : knows a priori if a vowel is short or long
 - accented Latin.

- Integrated server
 - \rightarrow can answer a question from another program
- Expandable (one can add lemmas and/or dictionaries)

Principle of the analysis

- Not a list of inflected forms
 → closer to the human mechanism
- Split the word in 2 parts (all possibilities)
- Look for the 2 parts in the proper list
- Check for the compatibility

- 24 100 lemmas in the "main lexicon"
- 58 000 lemmas in the "extended lexicon"

The figures

- 24 100 lemmas (classical Latin)
- 58 000 lemmas in the extended lexicon (unusual words)
- 140 "paradigms"

 Assimilation of the prefix (without an extra entry)
 obfero ↔ offero

- Lewis & Short $\approx 60\ 000\ entries$
- Gaffiot 2016 \approx 60 000 entries
- K.E. Georges ≈ 50 000 entries
- Gérard Jeanneau ≈ 50 000 entries

A program has generated automatically the lemmas in the format of Collatinus

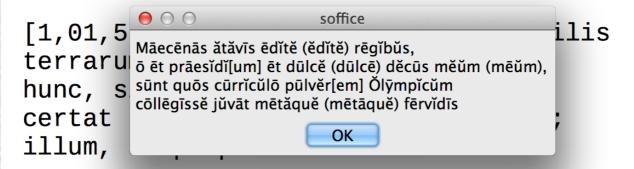
7 500 entries still waiting

Contraction in the declension
 Ĭĭ → ī
 amasse ↔ amavisse

Internal server

• Collatinus can answer questions asked from another program. For instance, LibreOffice.

[1,01,1] Maecenas atauis edite regibus, o et praesidium et dulce decus meum, sunt quos curriculo puluerem Olympicum collegisse iuuat metaque feruidis



[1,01,10] quicquid de Libycis uerritur are Gaudentem patrios findere sarculo agros Attalicis condicionibus numquam demoueas, ut trabe Cypria Myrtoum pauidus nauta secet mare.

Collatinus' projects

- Towards Medieval Latin
 - handle the main variations in graphy
 - expand the lexicon (Du Cange, with the help of LemLat3; toponyms, patronyms...)
- Collatinus 12 : a modular approach to Latin

- LASLA-Tagger
- Praelector (reading assistant)
- Build automatically the syntactic tree

Toward Medieval Latin

A first attempt to handle Medieval spelling :

 e for ae, o for au, f for ph, etc...
 Reduce the medieval forms and the classical words to the same "phonetic" form.

- Du Cange \approx 90 000 lemmas
- Toponyms $\approx 50\ 000\ names$
- Patronyms ?

Collatinus 12 : a modular approach

• Constant evolution of the Latin language : From earliest latin, c. 254 BC ... to latest medieval latin : end of XVth century.

- Medieval Latin is a natural evolution :
 - New words (and some not in use anymore)
 - New spellings or inflexions
 - New meanings

Evolutions

 New words : feudum, i, n. : fief garcio, onis, m. : boy (fr. garçon) clocca, ae, f. : bell (fr. cloche)

• Inflexion :

Plautus: turrem; class. turrim Plautus: amarier; class. amari class.: cognitum; med. cognoscitum

- Spelling : Plautus: ameicus; class. amicus class.: aperio; med. apperio class.: mihi; med. michi med.: æ, œ, ã, ae->e, etc.
- Semantics :
 - coactio,

class. collecting, abridgment med. applied force, necessity curia,

class. a division of the Roman people, place of its assembly med. the king's court; law court

Modules and packages

- Users can load modules fitting their text.
- Choosen modules are loaded first, before classical data. So if a word is already known by a module, it is ignored.
- Modules will be compressed into packages, downloadable online.
- Collatinus 12 can uncompress and install them.

Building and using modules

- Collatinus data is readable, syntax is complex
- ECCE (Ecce Collatinistarum Communitatis Editor) is a graphical interface that will help building modules
- Better lemmatization with the right module
- Identification ? Lemmatization with different modules, comparison of scores.

LASLA-Tagger

- Need to reach zero error !
- A new text contains new forms.
 - → Ask Collatinus ! Who will give a LASLA-like answer
- Supervised lemmatization.
- Edition/correction of the result of the tagger.
- 4 texts (26000 words) ≈ 120 words/hour

LASLA-Tagger : screen-shot

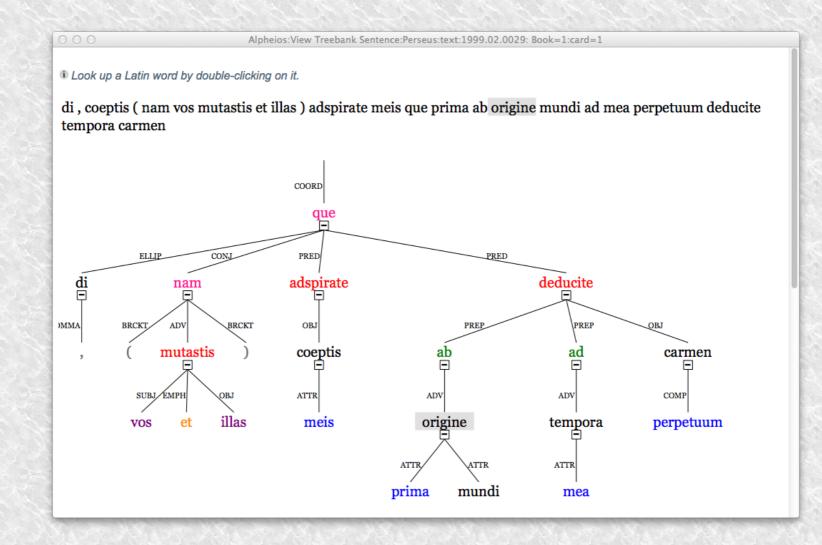
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Praelector

- Reading assistant
 For each pair of words, the program suggests
 the possible syntactic links and a translation in
 French, for the moment.
- The pieces of translation are put together.
- The reader can edit the translation of the sentence.

Dream : grammar

(semi)automatic construction of syntactic trees



First steps (easy)

- Lemmatization of each word
- Order the possible solutions :
 - the result of the tagger

- Set of syntactic rules (Yves' Praelector)
- For each pair of words, try to link the various possible analyses
- Order the possible links (criteria ?).

Last steps (difficult)

- Try all the combinasions of all the possible links to build a complete tree.
- Order the possible solutions (criteria ?)
- Display the "best" tree.

- Edit the "best" tree
 - Eliminate/Validate/Change some links
 - Search again (until convergence).

Difficult ?

- The number of combinasions grows exponentially with the length of the sentence
- Latin language can omit a word
- Projectivity not always valid
- In most cases, one and only one link arrives on a word (except relative pronouns and predicate)
- The choice of a link imposes the analyses of two words, which eliminate some other links.

Order ? Criteria ?

- Order of syntactic links taking into account
 - the order of the analyses
 - the "frequency" of the link
- In the construction of the trees, try the "most probable" links first

- Ordering of the trees
 - Aesthetics, length...
 - Number of orphans, of link-crossing...

Thank you for your attention !