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Digital Natural Language Text Management in End-User Computing, and Methods for Improving Its Effectiveness

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Message from the Guest Editor

In general, end-user computing has flooded the world with erroneous natural language texts, causing serious financial losses both in human and machine resources. Detecting errors is closely related to entropy in information theory, where erroneous texts are comparable to their properly edited version. The error rate is one measure which is in close connection to entropy. However, there are various concepts which are not or are hardly researched in natural language e-texts but can be expressed with entropy: the recognition and sources of errors, their frequencies, consequences (considering human and machine resources, teaching aspects, sunk cost fallacy, etc.), probability, the proportion of artificial and natural languages, the factor of surprise, how these parameters effect information flow, etc.

While publications have focused on the definition of the properly edited text and error classes, further research on entropy, information surprise, and validated measuring systems to detect the error rate of e-texts is missing, and we thus invite works focusing on these topics to advance this field.



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