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66.40 (delex) ~ 1546 sentences
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Malt Parser, stack-lazy algorithm (nonprojective)
- Same algorithm for all, no optimization
- Same selection of training features for all treebanks

- Trained on the first 1000 sentences only
- Tested on the whole test set
- Default score: UAS (unlabeled attachment)
- Only harmonized data used (HamleDT 3.0 = UD v1 style)
- Single source language for every target
Who Helps Whom?

- Czech (62.44) ⇐ Croatian (63.27), Slovenian (62.87)
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- Catalan (75.28) \(\leftrightarrow\) Italian (71.07), French (68.30)
- Italian (76.66) \(\leftrightarrow\) French (70.37), Catalan (68.66)
- French (69.93) \(\leftrightarrow\) Spanish (64.28), Italian (63.33)
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- Danish (75.19) $\leftrightarrow$ Swedish (59.23), Croatian (56.89)
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