# Guidelines for the Syntactic Annotation of Latin Treebanks (v. 1.2)

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## Introduction

Treebanks - large collections of syntactically parsed sentences - have recently emerged as a valuable resource not only for computational tasks such as grammar induction

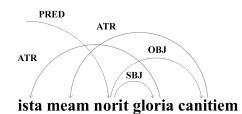
and automatic parsing, but for traditional linguistic and philological pursuits as well. This trend has been encouraged by the creation of several historical treebanks, such as that for Middle English (Kroch and Taylor [5]), Early Modern English (Kroch et al. [4]), Old English (Taylor et al. [9]), Early New High German (Demske et al. [1]) and Medieval Portuguese (Rocio et al. [7]).

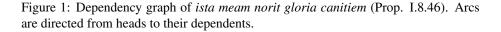
The Perseus Project and the Index Thomisticus are currently in the process of developing treebanks for Latin (Perseus on works from the Classical period and IT on the works of Thomas Aquinas). In order for our separate endeavors to be most useful for the community, we must come to an agreement on a common standard for the syntactic annotation of Latin - and not only for the two projects under development now, but for any other Latin treebanks focussing on different eras that may arise in the future.

In what follows we present a preliminary set of annotation guidelines. The annotation style proposed here is predominantly informed by two sources: the dependency grammar used by the Prague Dependency Treebank [3, 2] (itself based on Sgall et al. [8]), and the Latin grammar of Pinkster [6].

## 2 Dependency Grammar

Dependency Grammar (DG) differs from constituent-based grammars by foregoing non-terminal phrasal categories and instead linking words themselves to their immediate head. This is an especially appropriate manner of representation for languages with a moderately free word order (such as Latin and Czech), where the linear order of constituents is broken up with elements of other constituents. A DG representation of *ista meam norit gloria canitiem*, for instance, would look like Figure 1.





Dependency grammar is also appropriate for Latin since it is not too theoretically distant from Classical pedagogical grammars, where the highly inflected nature of the language leads to discussions of, for example, which adjective "modifies" which noun in a sentence. A dependency grammar simply assigns one such "modification" to every word.

## **3** Annotation Style

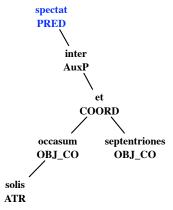
Different treebanks and grammars, however, assign syntactic functions differently. The general model for our style of representation is that used by the Prague Dependency Treebank, with several important departures arising from Pinkster's [6] Latin grammar. The following table lists all of the tags currently in use; the following subsections further elaborate each.

PRED	predicate
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SBJ	subject
OBJ	object
ATR	attributive
ADV	adverbial
PNOM	predicate nominal
COORD	coordinator
APOS	apposing element
AuxP	preposition
AuxC	conjunction
AuxV	auxiliary verb
AuxX	commas
AuxG	bracketing punctuation
AuxK	terminal punctuation
AuxY	sentence adverbials
AuxZ	emphasizing particles

Table 1: Complete Latin tagset.

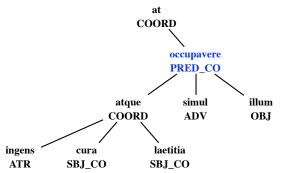
## **3.1 PRED (predicate)**

Every complete sentence (i.e., non-elliptical with at least one predicate) has one word unattached to any other; this is attached to the root of the sentence with the relation PRED.

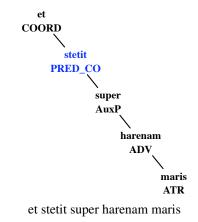


### spectat inter occasum solis et septentriones

If a sentence begins with an initial conjunction (either coordinating or subordinating), the main verb is dependent on that conjunction and the conjunction then depends on the root.



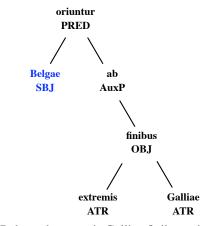
at illum ingens cura atque laetitia simul occupavere



## 3.2 SBJ (subject)

Subjects are dependent on their verb (which is the predicate of either a main or subordinate clause), and come in a variety of parts of speech and phrases, including:

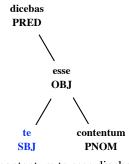




Belgae ab extremis Galliae finibus oriuntur

#### 3.2.2 Accusative nouns

These are typically found in indirect discourse and other accusative + infinitive constructions.<sup>1</sup>



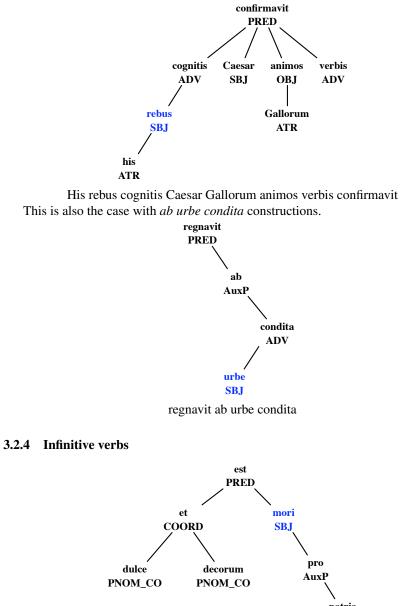
contentum te esse dicebas

#### 3.2.3 Ablative nouns

Since ablative absolutes are treated as an embedded predication, the ablative noun in such constructions should be annotated as the subject of the participle.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>For more information on this construction, see section 4.7, "Accusative + Infinitive."

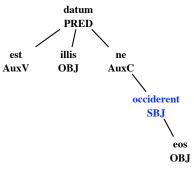
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>See section 4.4, "The Ablative Absolute."





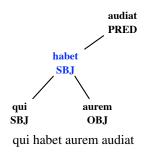
dulce et decorum est pro patria mori

3.2.5 Subordinate clauses

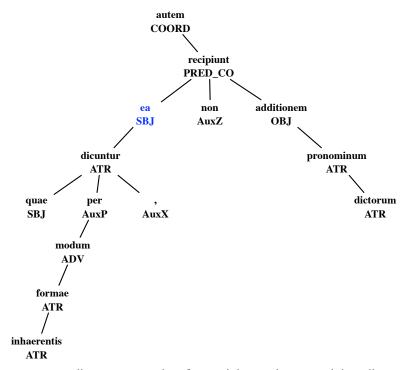


datum est illis ne occiderent eos







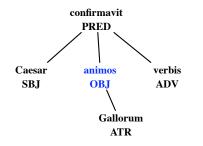


ea autem quae dicuntur per modum formae inhaerentis, non recipiunt dictorum pronominum additionem

## 3.3 OBJ (object)

Likewise, objects are also dependent on their verb, and come in as large a variety of phrase types as subjects, including:

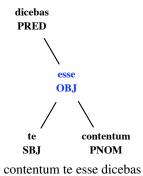
#### 3.3.1 Accusative nouns



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## **3.3.2** Accusative + infinitive constructions

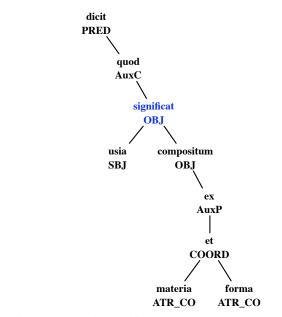
The infinitive verb is the head of the accusative + infinitive construction, and depends on the verb introducing the construction via OBJ.



3.3.3 Relative clauses

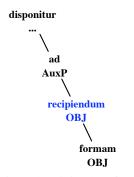


3.3.4 Subordinate clauses



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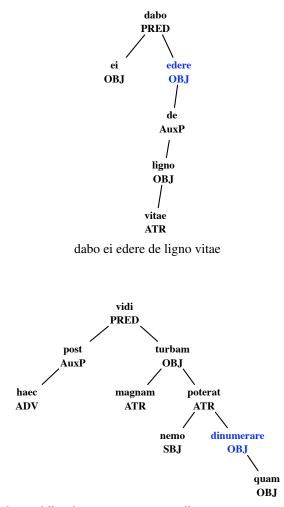
### 3.3.5 Gerunds



disponitur ad recipiendum formam

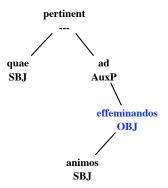
#### **3.3.6** Infinitive verbs

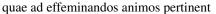
This include both verbs that function as traditional direct objects (as in *dabo ei edere de ligno vitae*) as well as those that complete verbs like *possum*, *volo* or *incipio*.



post haec vidi turbam magnam quam dinumerare nemo poterat

3.3.7 Gerundives



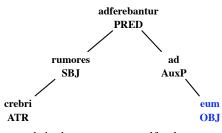


Our notion of object, however, follows that used by the PDT, and includes a wider range of phrases than traditional direct objects. OBJ should also be used to annotate the complements of a verb (i.e., those required arguments that cannot become subjects if the verb is made passive). Examples (all taken from Pinkster [6]) include:

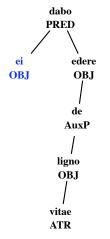
- miseretur pater *filii* (filii -> miseretur)
- nupsit Sempronia Scipioni (Scipioni -> nupsit)
- pater *gladio* utitur (gladio -> utitur)
- pater *litteris* studet (litteris -> studet)
- abundat Germania *fluminibus* (fluminibus -> abundat)
- contendunt Romani *cum Germanis* (OBJ, Germanis -> cum; AuxP, cum -> contendunt)
- accusavit pater me *avaritiae* (avaritiae -> accusavit)
- docet magister me *linguam* Latinam (linguam -> docet)

#### 3.3.8 Indirect objects

Traditional indirect objects are also included in this category, and can show up either as prepositional phrases or as dative nouns:



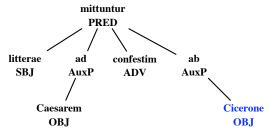
crebri ad eum rumores adferebantur



dabo ei edere de ligno vitae

#### 3.3.9 Passive agents

And as in the PDT, actors in passive constructions should also be annotated as OBJ.



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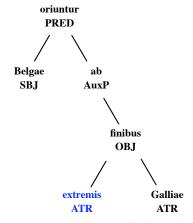
In practice, OBJs are often confused with ADV. Objects are obligatory arguments of verbs, while adverbials are always optional. If an object is left out of the sentence, one of two things happens: the sentence becomes ungrammatical or a different sense of the verb is implied (one with a reduced valency). In the sentence *contendunt Romani cum Germanis*, the phrase *cum Germanis* cannot be left out - one must contend *with* something. In the following examples, all of the italicized phrases should be annotated with OBJ.

- *ex urbe* profugerat (to flee x)
- *periculis* ereptam esse (to snatch x from y)

## 3.4 ATR (attribute)

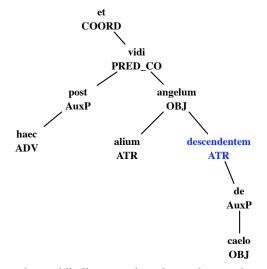
Attributes are those phrases that attributively specify (or delimit) the meaning of their head. Most commonly these are adjectives, but can include other classes as well, such as nouns, relative clauses and prepositional phrases.





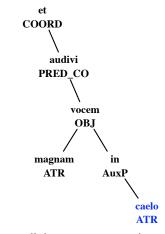
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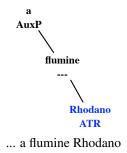
et post haec vidi alium angelum descendentem de caelo

3.4.3 Prepositional phrases



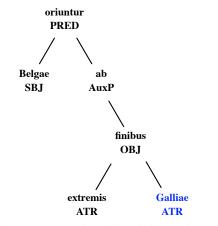
et audivi vocem magnam in caelo

## 3.4.4 Agreeing nouns

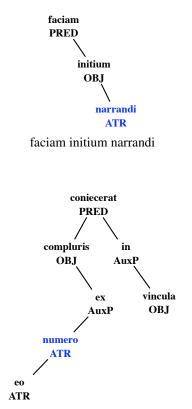


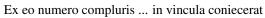
## 3.4.5 Non-agreeing nouns

Possessive genitives, objective genitives and partitives all fall in this category.



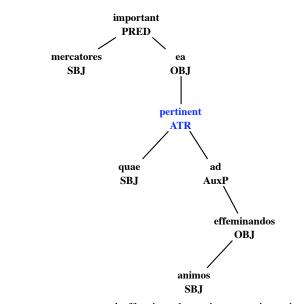
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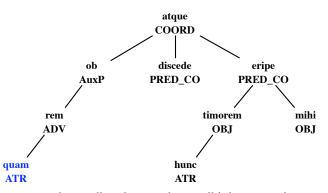






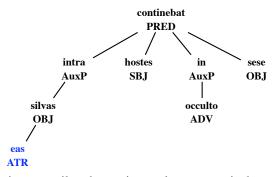
mercatores ... ea quae ad effeminandos animos pertinent important

### 3.4.7 Relative pronouns







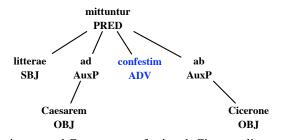


intra eas silvas hostes in occulto sese continebat

## 3.5 ADV (adverbial)

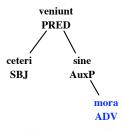
Similarly, adverbials further specify the circumstances under which a verb, adjective or adverb takes place. These include adverbs, prepositional phrases, nouns in oblique cases, participles and subordinate clauses.

### 3.5.1 Adverbs



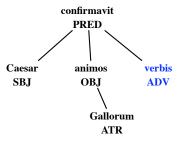
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## 3.5.2 Prepositional phrases



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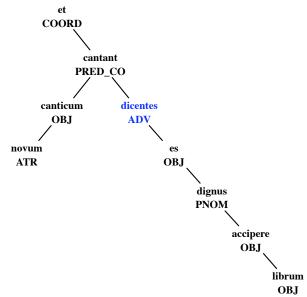
3.5.3 Nouns



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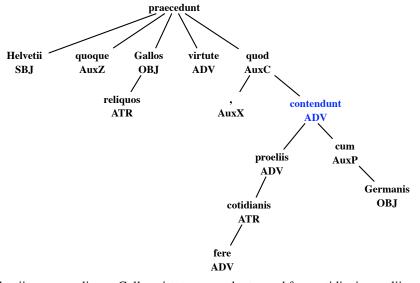
### 3.5.4 Participles

Just as prepositional phrases can either modify a noun (with ATR) or a verb (with ADV), so can participial phrases as well. When a participial phrase delimits the possible reference of a noun phrase (as in section 3.4.2 above), it should depend on that noun via ATR. When it further specifies the action of a verb, it should depend on the verb via ADV.



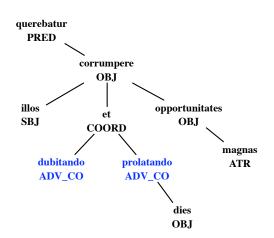
et cantant novum canticum dicentes dignus es accipere librum





Helvetii quoque reliquos Gallos virtute praecedunt, quod fere cotidianis proeliis cum Germanis contendunt

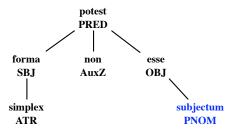




querebatur ... illos dubitando et dies prolatando magnas opportunitates corrumpere

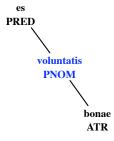
## **3.6 PNOM (predicate nominal)**

Predicate nominals (subject complements) depend on a verbal head.



simplex forma subjectum esse non potest

Predicate nominals are not limited, however, to noun phrases and adjectives in the same case as the sentence subject. They can also appear in a variety of other constructions, such as genitives.





PNOMs most often appear with inflections of *sum*, but can appear with any "link-ing" verb, including *videor* and *fio*.

## 3.7 "Bridge" structures

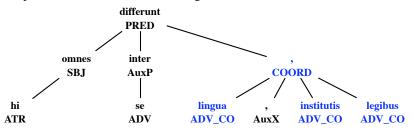
In the annotation style adopted by the Prague Dependency Treebank, coordinators (including punctuation), "apposing" words, prepositions, and subordinate conjunctions (all described below) function as "bridges" between their children and their own heads. In the phrase *contendunt cum Germanis*, for example, the noun *Germanis* depends on the preposition, but with the relation it would bear to *contendunt* - namely, OBJ. The preposition is assigned a sort of "dummy" relation AuxP, meant to signify that the true relationship is that between *Germanis* and *contendunt*, and that the preposition simply acts a mediator between the two. The advantage of this method is that it preserves the lexical association between pairs of words, regardless of intermediate structure, as between *differunt* and the words *lingua*, *institutis* and *legibus* in the two examples below.

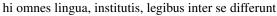
- hi omnes lingua, institutis, legibus inter se differunt
- hi omnes in lingua, institutis, legibus inter se differunt

This method therefore recognizes the "omissibility" of prepositions in certain contexts: given Latin's rich inflection, a noun in the ablative case can function as if a preposition were included in its morphology. In the following subsections, we delineate the different methods by which this approach annotates coordination, apposition, prepositional phrases and subordinate clauses.

#### 3.7.1 COORD (coordinator)

An example of a coordinated structure is given below.

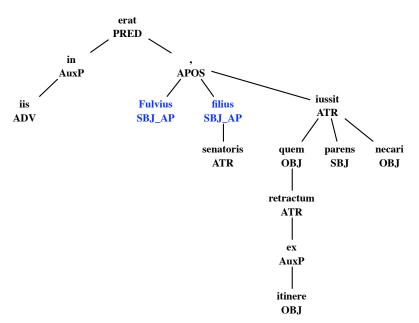




Here, *lingua*, *institutis*, and *legibus* all depend on the single final coordinator that separates them: the final comma (that separating *institutis* from *legibus*). Each of these words depends on that comma with a complex tag comprised in part of the relation they bear to the coordinator's head: since each would individually modify *differunt* as an ADV, each depends on the coordinator with the tag ADV\_CO. The coordinator then depends on *differunt* with the tag Coord. See section 3.9.1 (AuxX) on how to annotate the non-final coordinator in lists.

#### 3.7.2 APOS (apposing elements)

An example of apposition is given below.



In iis erat Fulvius, senatoris filius, quem retractum ex itinere parens necari iussit

Here the two phrases in apposition to each other are *Fulvius* and *senatoris filius*; the appositional-coordinating element that separates them is the comma between *Fulvius* and *senatoris*. Both *Fulvius* and *senatoris filius* depend on the apposing comma via the relation they each individually bear to the phrase's head (*erat*). Since they are both the subjects of *erat*, they modify the apposing word via the complex tag SBJ\_AP; the apposing word then modifies *erat* via Apos.

#### 3.7.3 AuxP (preposition)

An example of a prepositional phrase is given below.



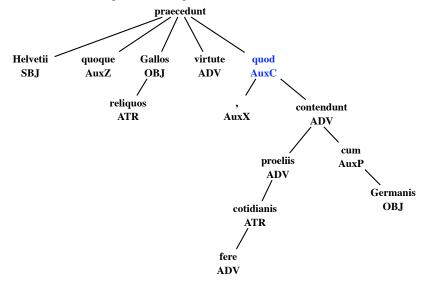
contendunt cum Germanis

• contendunt cum Germanis

Our method of annotation sees prepositions as acting as a functional bridge between their child and head. Here the object of the preposition (*Germanis*) would depend on the preposition (*cum*) via the relationship it would hold to the preposition's head if the preposition were absent (OBJ). The preposition then depends on its head via the relation AuxP.

## 3.7.4 AuxC (conjunction)

Subordinate (non-relative) clauses are annotated in a manner similar to prepositional phrases, with the subordinating conjunctions acting as a functional bridge between the embedded verb and the parent of the phrase.

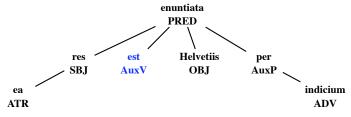


Helvetii quoque reliquos Gallos virtute praecedunt, quod fere cotidianis proeliis cum Germanis

Here the subordinate verb *contendunt* depends on its head (*quod*) via the relationship ADV. *quod* then depends on *praecedunt* via the "bridge" relationship AuxC.

## **3.8** AuxV (auxiliary verb)

Auxiliary verbs (mostly seen with passive participles) depend on the tensed verb.



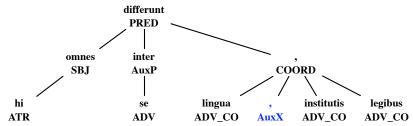
Ea res est Helvetiis per indicium enuntiata

## 3.9 Punctuation

Our methods of annotating punctuation follow that established by the PDT, which assigns several different functional tags.

## 3.9.1 AuxX (commas)

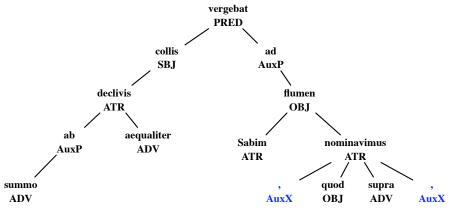
If a comma is not the head of a coordinated or appositional phrase, it should be annotated with AuxX and depend on the head of its clause. In coordinated lists, this head is the final comma.



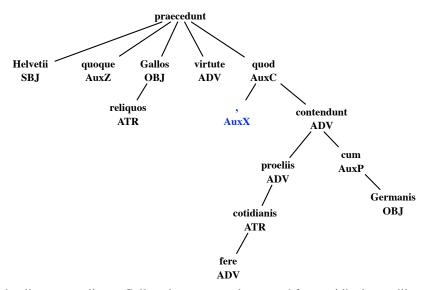


Here, *lingua*, *institutis*, and *legibus* all depend on the final comma (that separating *institutis* from *legibus*) via ADV\_Coord. The remaining comma (that separating *lingua* from *institutis*) should then depend on the final comma via AuxX. Note that if the coordinator is a content word (e.g., *et*), it depends on the final coordinator via AuxY; if it is punctuation, it depends via AuxX.

If a comma is used to separate a subordinate clause, it should depend on that clause's head.



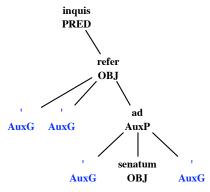
collis ab summo aequaliter declivis ad flumen Sabim, quod supra nominavimus, vergebat



Helvetii quoque reliquos Gallos virtute praecedunt, quod fere cotidianis proeliis cum Germanis contendunt

### 3.9.2 AuxG (bracketing punctuation)

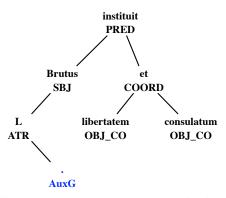
"Bracketing" punctuation surrounds an enclosed phrase, and most frequently appears as quotation marks or parentheses (not commas). These punctuation marks should depend on the head of the bracketed phrase via AuxG.



'refer' inquis 'ad senatum'

In this example, the quotation marks surrounding *refer* should both depend on *refer* via AuxG; those surrounding *ad senatum* should depend on *ad*.

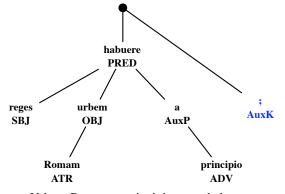
AuxG should also be used to annotate abbreviation, with the period depending on the abbreviated word.



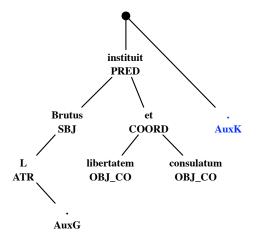
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## 3.9.3 AuxK (terminal punctuation)

Final punctuation (if present) should depend on the root via AuxK.



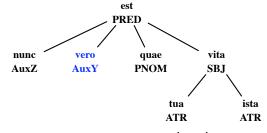
Vrbem Romam a principio reges habuere;



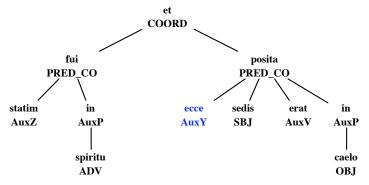
libertatem et consulatum L. Brutus instituit. In all of these examples above, the terminal punctuation mark (the question mark, semicolon and period, respectively), should depend on the root via AuxK.

## **3.10** AuxY (sentence adverbials)

Sentence adverbials (also called disjuncts) are those that pertain to the entire sentence and often express the author's opinion about the validity of what's being said. These include words like *sane*, *certe*, *vero*, and also question markers such as *num* and *utrum*. A full list includes *adhuc*, *alias*, *consequens*, *contra*, *enim*, *ergo*, *ideo*, *igitur*, *inde*, *ita*, *item*, *postea*, *praeterea*, *propterea*, *sic*, *tamen*, *tum*, *tunc*, *unde*, *utrum*, and *vero*. Note that some words are ambiguous between sentence adverbials and subordinating conjunctions: when *enim*, for instance, means "certainly" or "indeed," it should be annotated with AuxY; when it introduces a subordinate clause ("for ...") it should be annotated with AuxC.

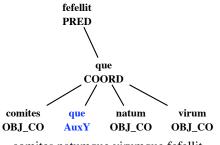


nunc vero quae tua est ista vita These also include exclamations.



statim fui in spiritu et ecce sedis posita erat in caelo

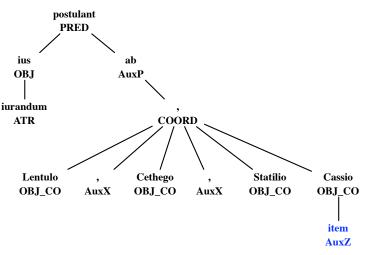
AuxY should also be used to annotate coordinators that are not commas (e.g., *et*, *-que*) when they are not the head of the coordinated phrase. (Non-head commas in these structures should be annotated with AuxX.)

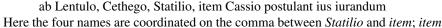


comites natumque virumque fefellit

## 3.11 AuxZ (emphasizing particles)

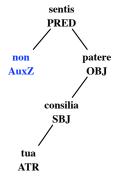
AuxZ should be assigned to particles with a "poor" meaning content that emphasize one specific word in the sentence (as distinct from AuxY, which emphasizes the sentence as a whole). This occurs most often with words such as *only, as well as, also,* etc, and also with negation such as *non.* A full list includes *adeo, etiam, ita, item, nec, non, nondum, numquam, omnino, praecipue, quanto, quantum, quasi, statim, tanto, tantum, and umquam.* 





(as well as) should depend on Cassio via AuxZ.

Negative particles should depend on the word that is being negated (whether a verb, adjective, etc.).



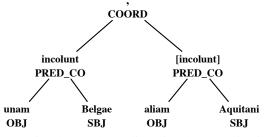
patere tua consilia non sentis

## 4 How to Annotate Specific Constructions

## 4.1 Ellipsis

Ellipsis - the omission of words in a sentence that are recoverable from contextual cues - is a ubiquitous phenomenon in literary texts. Our method of representing ellipsis attempts to preserve the structure of the tree as much as possible. We accomplish this by assigning a complex tag to orphaned words. This tag preserves the path from the word itself to the elided word's head. Consider the example of *unam incolunt Belgae, aliam Aquitani* (Caesar, *De Bello Gallico* 1.1) given in the figure below. Here, the verb *incolunt* is missing from the second clause. We can preserve the structure of the

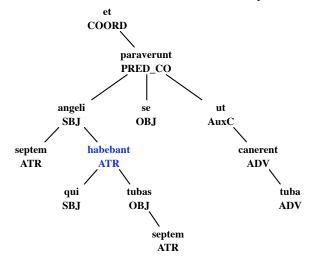
tree by assigning the head of *aliam* and *Aquitani* to be the head that *incolunt* would have if it were in the sentence (the coordinating comma), and by assigning tags to each that preserve the path: *aliam* should be the object (OBJ) of *incolunt*, which should then depend on the coordinating comma via by Pred\_Co; it therefore receives the tag OBJ\_ExD0\_PRED\_CO (like the PDT, ExD here signifies an external dependency; the following numeral indexes the ellipsis, since in some sentences multiple words are elided). Likewise, *Aquitani* should be the subject (SBJ) of the elided word; it therefore receives the tag SBJ\_ExD0\_PRED\_CO. This method allows us to use the complex tags to reconstruct the tree as necessary.



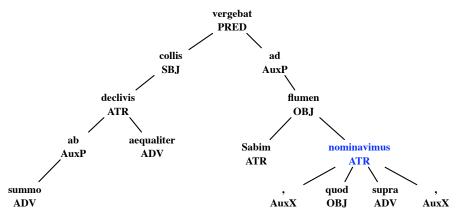
unam incolunt Belgae, aliam [incolunt] Aquitani

## 4.2 Relative Clauses

Different relative clauses must be annotated differently based on their syntactic function in the sentence. Relative clauses with antecedents, as in the following examples, are generally attributive, and should modify the antecedent via ATR. The head of a relative clause is the subordinate verb; this is the element that depends on the antecedent.

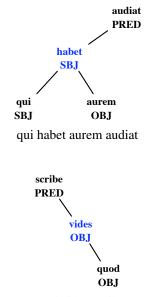


et septem angeli qui habebant septem tubas paraverunt se ut tuba canerent



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Not all relative clauses have antecedents. These should be annotated according to the syntactic function of the entire relative phrase:

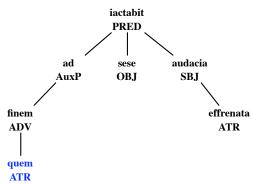


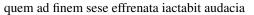
#### quod vides scribe

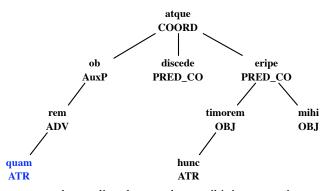
In the first example, the subject of *audiat* is the entire phrase *he who has an ear* (*qui habet aurem*). Since *habet* is the head of this phrase, it depends on *audiat* as the SBJ (within the phrase, *qui* is the SBJ of *habet* and *aurem* is its OBJ). In the second example, the object of *scribe* is the phrase *what you see* (*quod vides*). Since *vides* is the head of this phrase, it depends on *scribe* as the OBJ (within the relative phrase, *quod* is the OBJ of *vides*).

Note that this method of annotation is structurally different from that for subordinate clauses, in which the subordinate verb depends on the subordinating conjunction, which then depends on a word outside of the clause. See section 3.7.4 (AuxC) for information on annotating subordinate clauses.

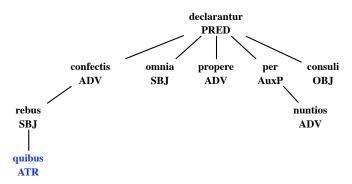
Also, not all relative pronouns signal a relative clause; some are simply attributive and modify their head via ATR.







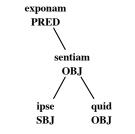
quam ob rem discede atque hunc mihi timorem eripe



quibus rebus confectis omnia propere per nuntios consuli declarantur

## 4.3 Indirect Questions

Since the interrogative word in indirect questions has a syntactic function within the subordinate clause, it should be annotated in a manner similar to self-contained relative clauses. In the sentence below, *quid* is the direct object of *sentiam* [ = "*what I think I* will explain"] and should therefore depend on it via OBJ.



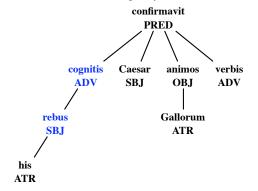
quid ipse sentiam exponam

## 4.4 The Ablative Absolute

The ablative absolute is a grammatical construction similar to the English nominative absolute, where a noun and (typically) a participle form a phrase that is disjoint from the grammar of the rest of the sentence; in Latin both the noun and participle are inflected in the ablative case, as in the following:

• his rebus cognitis Caesar Gallorum animos verbis confirmavit

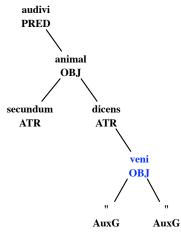
Following Pinkster [6], we treat ablative absolutes as an embedded predication that functions as an adjunct. In common absolutes (with a noun + participle), the noun should be annotated as the subject of the participle, with the participle (as the head of the ablative absolute phrase) depending on the main verb as an adverbial. We would annotate the example above in the following way:



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## 4.5 Direct Speech

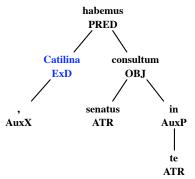
Direct speech should be annotated the same way as indirect discourse, by attaching the head of the "spoken" phrase to the predicate that introduces the speaking.



audivi secundum animal dicens "veni"

#### 4.6 Direct Address

As in the PDT, vocatives should depend on their verbal heads via ExD.

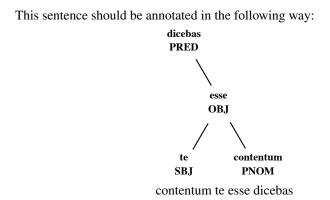


habemus senatus consultum in te, Catilina

## 4.7 Accusative + Infinitive

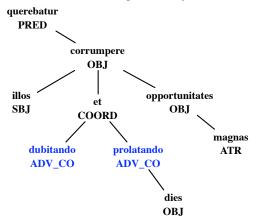
In indirect discourse and other accusative + infinitive constructions, the infinitive verb is the head of its phrase. This verb represents the entire clause and should depend via OBJ on the word that introduces the discourse. Within the phrase, standard annotation applies (so that the subject, while accusative, still depends on the indirect infinitive via SBJ).

• contentum te esse dicebas



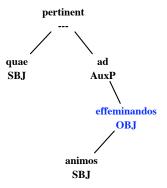
## 4.8 Gerunds and Gerundives

As a verbal noun, gerunds are relatively straightforward to annotate: they should simply be treated as nouns and annotated according to their syntactic function in the sentence:



querebatur ... illos dubitando et dies prolatando magnas opportunitates corrumpere

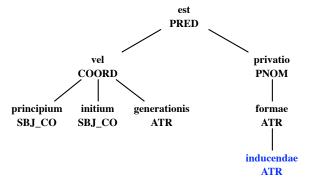
Gerundives, on the other hand, behave more like participles in that they can function either as an attribute or in a dominating construction. When attributive, gerundives should be labeled ATR; when dominating, they should be annotated according to their specific role in the sentence. A test for which tag is appropriate is whether or not the gerundive can be omitted: if it can be left out of the sentence without changing the lexical meaning of the predicate, it's ATR; if not, then it is dominating. In the example below, *effeminandos* cannot be left out of the sentence since *quae pertinent ad animos* ("which pertain to the minds") doesn't make sense on its own.



quae ad effeminandos animos pertinent

Our intuition here may be to treat the noun *animos* as the direct object of the gerundive (since we idiomatically translate the phrase with such a sense: "which pertain to effeminating the mind"), but we should keep in the mind that a gerundive is a *passive* form, which then makes *animos* a subject.

An attributive use of a gerundive can be seen in the fragment *privatio formae inducendae* ("the privation of the form to be inserted"). Here *inducendae* is omissible and should therefore be labeled with ATR.



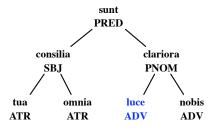
principium vel initium generationis est privatio formae inducendae When a gerundive appears in a passive periphrastic construction, it should be treated as a predicate nominal:



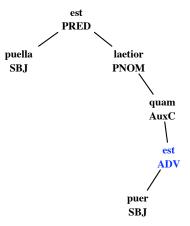
## 4.9 Comparison

Adjectives that signify comparison can appear with an overt *quam* or without one (where the compared object appears in the ablative case). These should both be annotated similarly: when *quam* is present, it is the head of an embedded predication

and should be annotated with AuxC. The subordinate verb should then modify *quam* via ADV. If *quam* is present but the subordinate verb is not (as in *puella est laetior quam puer*), it should be annotated as an instance of ellipsis. When *quam* is absent and an ablative noun is compared instead, it should modify the comparative adjective via ADV.



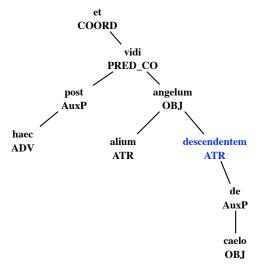
luce sunt clariora nobis tua consilia omnia



puella est lactior quam puer est

## 4.10 Participles

Active and passive participles can ambiguously modify both nouns and verbs. When attributively modifying nouns, they restrict the reference of the noun phrase: in the example below, what is seen is not simply any angel, but an "angel descending from the sky." The possible referent of "angelum" here is restricted from the set of all possible angels to the one satisfying this particular attribute.

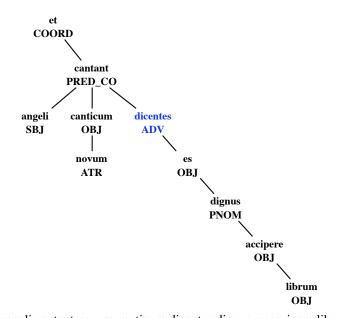


et post haec vidi alium angelum descendentem de caelo

Ambiguity arises with nominative participles: are they attributively restricting the reference of the noun phrase (=ATR), or do they further qualify the circumstances of the verb (=ADV)? In the following example, this difference can be captured in two different translations.

- et angeli cantant novum canticum dicentes dignus es accipere librum
  - ATR, modifying *angeli*: "those angels who were saying 'you are worthy to accept the book' are singing a new song"
  - ADV, modifying *cantant*: "the angels are singing a new song, saying 'you are worthy to accept the book'"

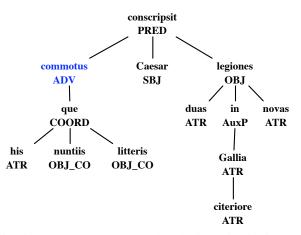
In this case, the participial phrase further expresses the conditions under which the main verb takes place: it should then modify that verb via ADV (the second option).



et angeli cantant novum canticum dicentes dignus es accipere librum Active participles are not the only kind that can modify verbs via ADV - passive participles can as well. In the following example, the ATR/ADV ambiguity produces two different translations as well.

- his nuntiis litterisque commotus Caesar duas legiones in citeriore Gallia novas conscripsit
  - ATR, modifying *Caesar*: "the Caesar who was bothered by these announcements and letters drafted a new army in hither Gaul."
  - ADV, modifying *conscripsit*: "Having been bothered by these announcements and letters, Caesar drafted a new army in hither Gaul."

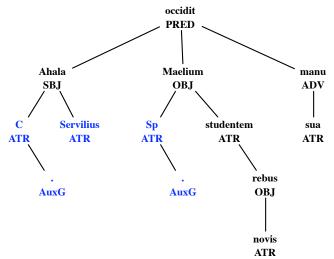
Again, the participial phrase here further expresses the conditions under which the main verb takes place and should depend on the verb via ADV.



his nuntiis litterisque commotus Caesar duas legiones in citeriore Gallia novas conscripsit

## 4.11 Names

The praenomen and nomen in all names should depend on the cognomen via ATR (if the cognomen is deficient, the praenomen should depend on the nomen). Any abbreviating periods should depend on the word they abbreviate via AuxG.



C. Servilius Ahala Sp. Maelium novis rebus studentem manu sua occidit

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