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Upward Bound Summer 2009

Generations

Announcements

- Blogs?

Texting and CMC

- *txtin iz messin,
mi headn'me englis,
try2rite essays,
they all come out txtis.
gran not plsed w/letters shes getn,
swears i wrote better
b4 comin2uni.*

—Hetty Hughes

Texting and CMC

- [Texting] hinders children's ability to differentiate between what is correct and what is not correct. The barrier between SMS language and proper English weakens and eventually disappears, and the two types of communication merge into one. When children are learning how to read and write and they begin using "u" instead of "you," and "2" instead of "too," it is obvious that there is a problem. If this is what's in store for us for the future, there's not much hope for our language.

—Heidman 2008

Texting and CMC

- Comment:
I absolutely agree with that article because new generation don't know about writing English in correct way

Texting and CMC

- Textese is thin and unimaginative. It is bleak, bald, sad shorthand. [It is] comprehensible only to initiates...Linguistically it's all pig's ear. ... Texting is penmanship for illiterates.

—Sutherland 2002

Texting and CMC

- Netspeak is a development of millennial significance. A new medium of linguistic communication does not arrive very often, in the history of the race.

—Crystal 2001

In a 1947 yearbook...

- What I really want to say is that I think you swell.
- Its really been swell knowing you.

Abbreviations

- Ms., Dr., BC, AD, FYI, RA, OK...

Generation Txt (2003)

- The average teen sends more than three texts a day!
- Corpus of 544 texts
- Abbreviation in 19%
- Less than 20% had letter-number abbreviations (gr8) or emoticons

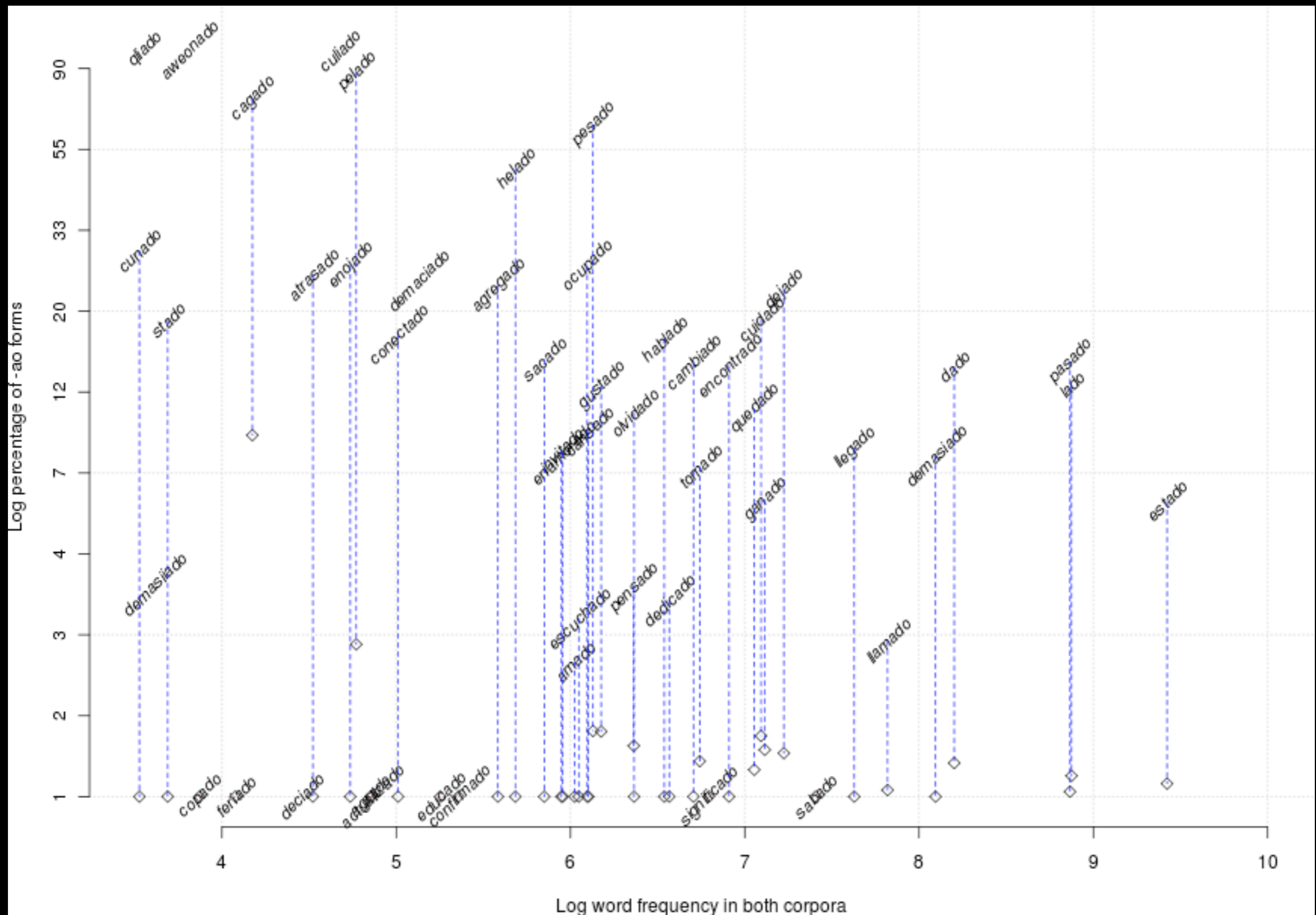
Some Gricean maxims

- Brevity and speed
- Paralinguistic restitution
- Phonological approximation

k dizez (2009)

- 2.7 million word corpus of Internet Spanish
- -ado ~ -ao
estado > estao
- ch ~ x
mucho > muxo
- Repetitions
hola > hoola

-ado d-deletion



ch ~ *x*

- *x* more likely to occur
 - at beginning of words
 - before vowels
 - especially before *a*, *o*, and *u*

Repeated characters

- Most repeated 3 or more times:
i, a, e, o

Dude

- Origins
- Meaning and users?

