



## SPAGAD 4: Sequencing and Referencing Speech acts

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### Characterizing Response Spaces in Dialogue

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In this talk I will present a general method how to characterize responses to initial utterances in dialogue. My main focus will be on responses to questions: I will offer a detailed taxonomy based on corpus studies of the BNC, BEE, Maptask, and CornellMovie corpora, as well as the Spokes corpus of spoken Polish. This taxonomy builds on an earlier taxonomy for question responses to questions (Lupkowski and Ginzburg, 2017) from which emerges the hypothesis: responses belong to three classes—responses that address the question, metacommunicative responses, and evasion responses. I will show how each class of the taxonomy can be formalized using a dialogical semantics. I will also sketch how the taxonomy can be extended to other initial moves like assertions and close by considering whether monological coherence is derivable from dialogical relevance notions.