The Turkish Language and its Challenges for Language Processing

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Turkish is the language of over 70 million people in and around Turkey and the Turkic language family has over 150M speakers. Yet work on Turkish NLP has had a relatively short history. This talk aims to present an overview of aspects of Turkish that makes it interesting for NLP in general, and the challenges one faces as the language evolves relatively rapidly. The talk will cover the current state of Turkish NLP and computational resources available for the community.