Computational Linguistics

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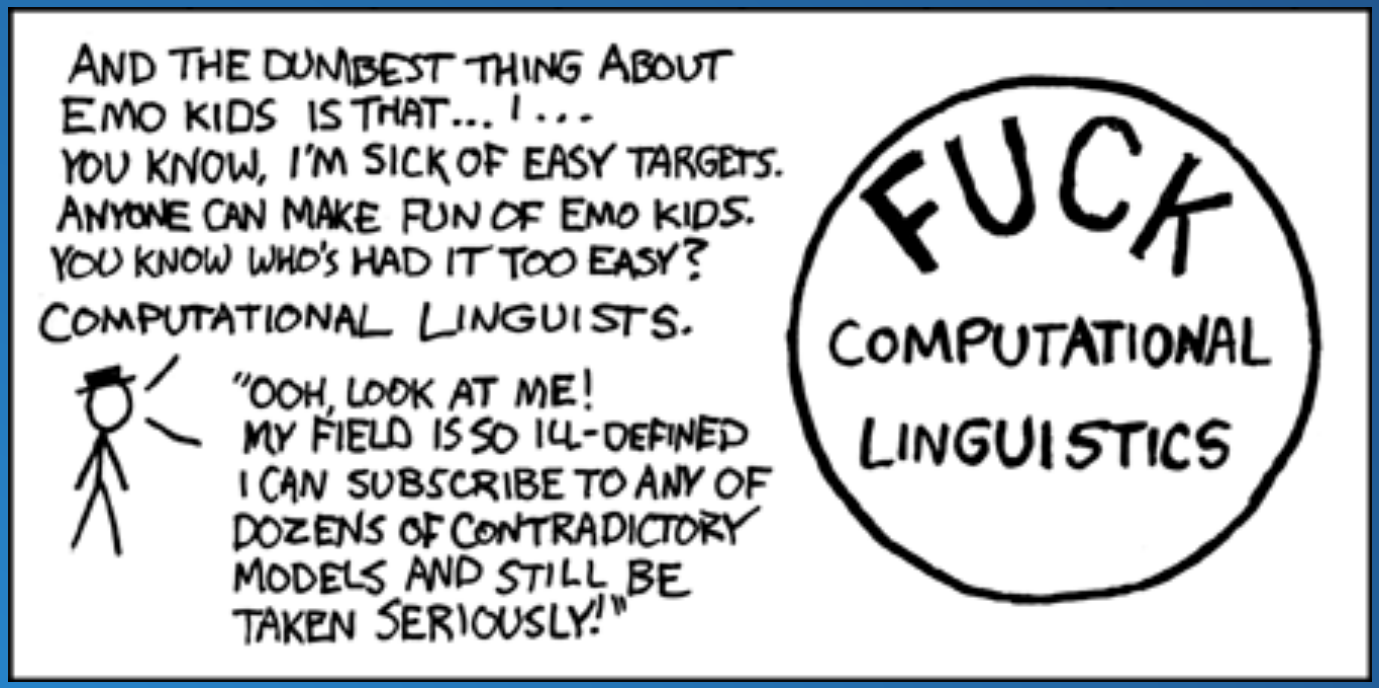

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  - sometimes becomes a philosophical question - what really is a table?
  - emotion - how do you determine if something is sad, happy, etc.?

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I'm sold! Now what?

- CSE472/LING472 - Intro to Computational Linguistics
- UW Professional Master's in Computational Linguistics
- Coursera - Stanford's NLP Course
- CS Department Website (research, talks, etc.)
- Advisors