SUMMARY OF NEW CONCLUSIONS OF PHD THESIS

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New conclusions

- Connectors are linguistic elements that link components of argumentation. According to the findings of the project, there are 212 Vietnamese argumentative connectors: 125 two-position connectors and 87 three-position connectors. In terms of functions, Vietnamese two-position connectors are divided into two sub-groups: 87 two-position argument introducing connectors and 38 two-position conclusion introducing connectors. Based on ability of argumentative orientation, Vietnamese three-position connectors are divided into two sub-groups: 48 three-position same direction connectors and 39 three-position opposite direction connectors.

- Two-position connectors can be used in minimal argumentation, same direction argumentation and opposite direction argumentation in order to introduce, link argumentative components and indicate argumentative relationships. Two-position connectors have the most important role in minimal argumentation which often mobilizes two-position connectors but cannot use any three-position connectors. In same direction argumentation and opposite direction argumentation, two-position connectors still take specific functions but have a smaller role: in many cases, they are not present or omitted.

- Three-position connectors can be used in same direction argumentation and opposite direction argumentation in order to introduce, link argumentative components and indicate argumentative relationships. Three-position connectors have the most important role in same direction argumentation: they are regularly used and are the stable and clear signs of same direction relationship between arguments. In opposite direction argumentation, three-position same direction connectors have a smaller role: they only indicate same direction relationship between co-oriented arguments. Unlike three-position same direction connectors, three-position opposite direction connectors have the most important role in opposite direction argumentation: they are rarely absent and are the stable and clear signs of opposite direction relationship between counter-oriented arguments.

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