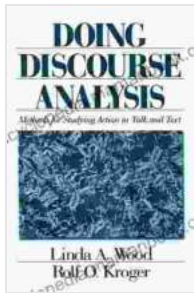


Methods for Studying Action in Talk and Text

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Conversation Analysis

Conversation analysis is a method for studying the sequential organization of talk. It focuses on the ways in which speakers take turns, repair communication breakdowns, and manage the flow of conversation. Conversation analysis has been used to study a wide range of topics, including politeness, conflict, and humor.

Strengths of conversation analysis include its focus on the sequential organization of talk, its detailed analysis of interaction, and its ability to uncover the underlying social and cognitive processes involved in communication. Limitations of conversation analysis include its focus on small-scale interactions, its reliance on audio or video recordings, and its lack of attention to the broader context of communication.

Discourse Analysis

Discourse analysis is a method for studying the ways in which language is used to construct social and cultural reality. It focuses on the ways in which language is used to create and maintain power relations, to construct identities, and to negotiate meaning. Discourse analysis has been used to study a wide range of topics, including racism, sexism, and nationalism.

Strengths of discourse analysis include its focus on the broader context of communication, its ability to uncover the ways in which language is used to construct social and cultural reality, and its ability to provide insights into the ideologies and power relations that shape communication. Limitations of discourse analysis include its lack of attention to the sequential organization of talk, its reliance on textual data, and its difficulty in generalizing findings to other contexts.

Interaction Analysis

Interaction analysis is a method for studying the ways in which people interact with each other. It focuses on the ways in which people use language and nonverbal cues to communicate their intentions, manage their emotions, and negotiate social relationships. Interaction analysis has been used to study a wide range of topics, including nonverbal communication, social skills, and interpersonal conflict.

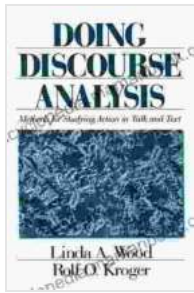
Strengths of interaction analysis include its focus on the interaction between people, its ability to capture the nonverbal aspects of communication, and its ability to provide insights into the social and emotional processes involved in communication. Limitations of interaction analysis include its reliance on observation, its lack of attention to the sequential organization of talk, and its difficulty in generalizing findings to other contexts.

Choosing a Method

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No single method is perfect for all research questions. The best approach is to choose a method that is well-suited to the specific research questions being investigated.

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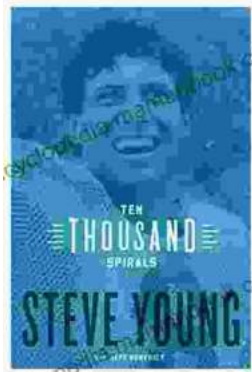


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