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Quantitative and corpus linguistics is often considered a young discipline without any serious historical background. Its most salient characteristics are methodology borrowed from the natural sciences and I argue that quantitative and corpus approach is deeply rooted in the tradition of language studies and the humanities in general. I draw attention to the fact that in ancient Greece and Rome constitutive ideas appeared and some practical enterprises took place. They ultimately allowed further progress in quantitative studies. I stress the role played by great libraries in this process, as well as some philological techniques involving elements of quantitative text processing, i.e. stychometry, colometry and attribution studies.

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