

CSE 517: Winter 2015

Textual Entailment

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The Holy grail of NLP....

- Understanding Natural Language Text

British left waffles on nukes

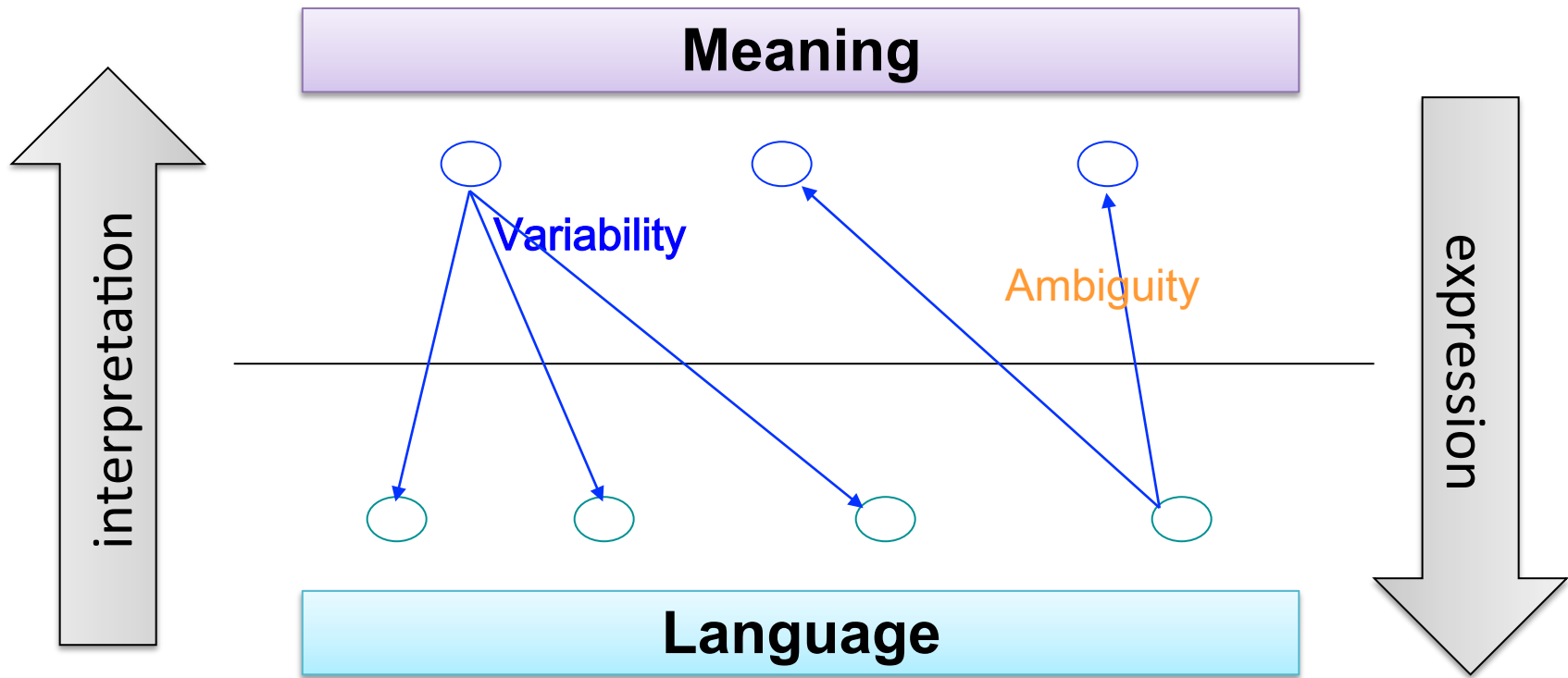
- Traditional approach: **map it to a canonical form**
- Can then (in theory) integrate multiple statements from diverse sources to derive “new” facts
- Question #1: How to represent its meaning?

$\exists_x \exists_y \exists_z \text{British}(x) \wedge \text{Waffles}(y) \wedge \text{Nukes}(z) \wedge \text{leave_on}(x, y, z)$

- Question #0.5: What *is* its meaning?
- Question #0.1: What does *understand* mean?

Natural Language and Meaning

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Logical Inference VS Textual Entailment

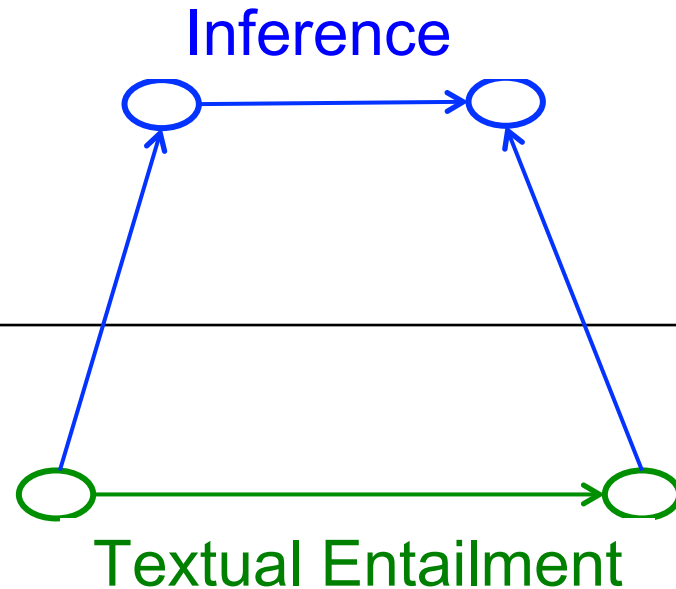
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- symbolic – logical forms
- statistical – embeddings

**Meaning
Representation**

**Natural
Language**



Entailment VS Paraphrasing

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 255

Dow ends up 255

Dow climbs 255



Dow gains 255 points

Stock market hits a record high

Equivalence: $text1 \Leftrightarrow text2$ (paraphrasing)

Entailment: $text1 \Rightarrow text2$

Textual Entailment: Definition

- A directional relation between two text fragments:
Text (t) and *Hypothesis (h)*:

***t entails h* ($t \Rightarrow h$) if**

humans reading *t* will infer that *h* is **most likely** true

- Assuming “common background knowledge” –
which is indeed expected from applications

Some Examples

[Braz et. al. IJCAI
workshop' 05;PARC

Corpus]

- T: Legally, John could drive.
- H: John drove.
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- S: Bush said that Khan sold centrifuges to North Korea.
- H: Centrifuges were sold to North Korea.
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- S: No US congressman visited Iraq until the war.
- H: Some US congressmen visited Iraq before the war.
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- S: The room was full of men.
- H: The room was full of intelligent men.
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- S: The New York Times reported that Hanssen sold FBI secrets to the Russians and could face the death penalty.
- H: Hanssen sold FBI secrets to the Russians.
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- S: All soldiers were killed in the ambush.
- H: Many soldiers were killed in the ambush.

Textual Entailment with *Knowledge*

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- For textual entailment to hold we require:
 - *text AND knowledge* $\Rightarrow h$but
 - *knowledge* should not entail *h* **alone**
 - Justification: consider time-dependent information, e.g. PresidentOf(US, X)
- Systems are **not supposed to validate *h*'s truth regardless of *t*** (e.g. by searching *h* on the web)

[id: 5T-39 entail]

TEXT: ...While no one accuses Madonna of doing anything illegal in adopting the 4-year-old girl, reportedly named Mercy, there are questions nonetheless about how Madonna is able to navigate Malawi's 18-to-24 month vetting period in just a matter of days or weeks...

HYPOTHESIS:

Madonna is 50 years old.



Contradiction: Definition

- Definition:

The Hypothesis H of an entailment pair **contradicts** the Text T if the relations/events described by H are **highly unlikely to be true** given the relations/events described by T.
- Justification: filtering facts from diverse/noisy sources, detecting state changes

Entailment / Contradiction / Unknown?

- Text:

The purchase of Houston-based LexCorp by BMI for \$2Bn prompted widespread sell-offs by traders as they sought to minimize exposure. LexCorp had been an employee-owned concern since 2008.

- Hyp 1: BMI acquired an American company.

Entailment / Contradiction / Unknown?

- Text:

The purchase of Houston-based LexCorp by BMI for \$2Bn prompted widespread sell-offs by traders as they sought to minimize exposure. LexCorp had been an employee-owned concern since 2008.

- Hyp 2: BMI bought employee-owned LexCorp for \$3.4Bn.

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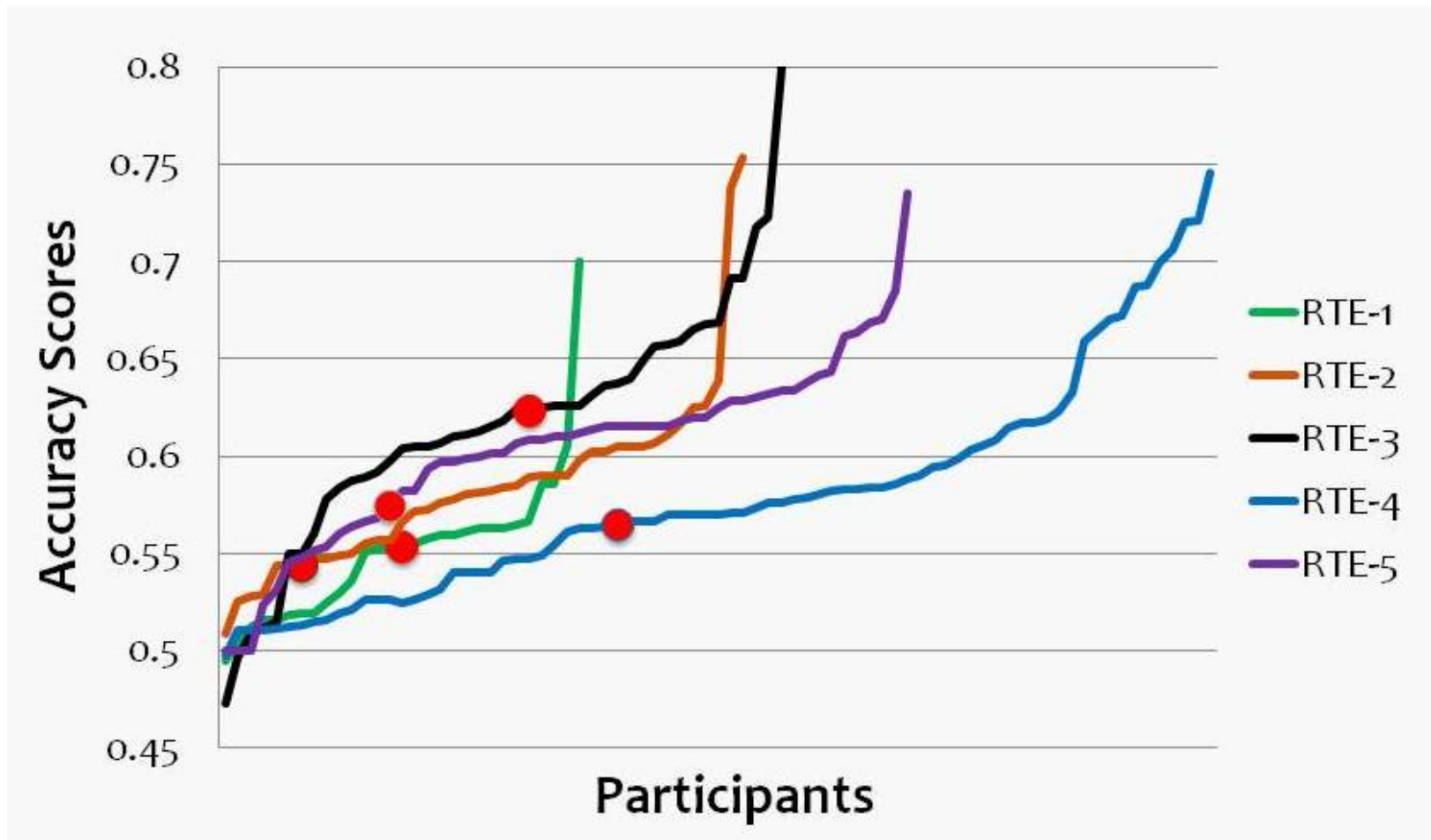
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- Hyp 3: BMI is an employee-owned concern.

RTE Evaluation

- Examples drawn from NLP tasks/domains
- **~90% pairwise inter-annotator agreement**
- RTE 1-3: ~800 dev, 800 test RTE pairs each ('05- '07)
 - Boolean label: “entailed” vs. “not entailed”
 - BALANCED data set
- RTE 4-5: Ave. text length = 40,100 words ('08, '09) respectively, **2-way and 3-way tasks**
 - “entailed”, “contradicted”, and “unknown”
- Some pilot RTE task data sets as well
- RTE 6 (2010): shift to application focus: IR-like setting

How well are we doing?



Why Textual Entailment?

Question

Who bought Overture?

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Expected answer form

X bought Overture

Overture's acquisition
by Yahoo

entails

Yahoo bought Overture

text

hypothesized answer

- IE
- IR
- Summarization
- MT

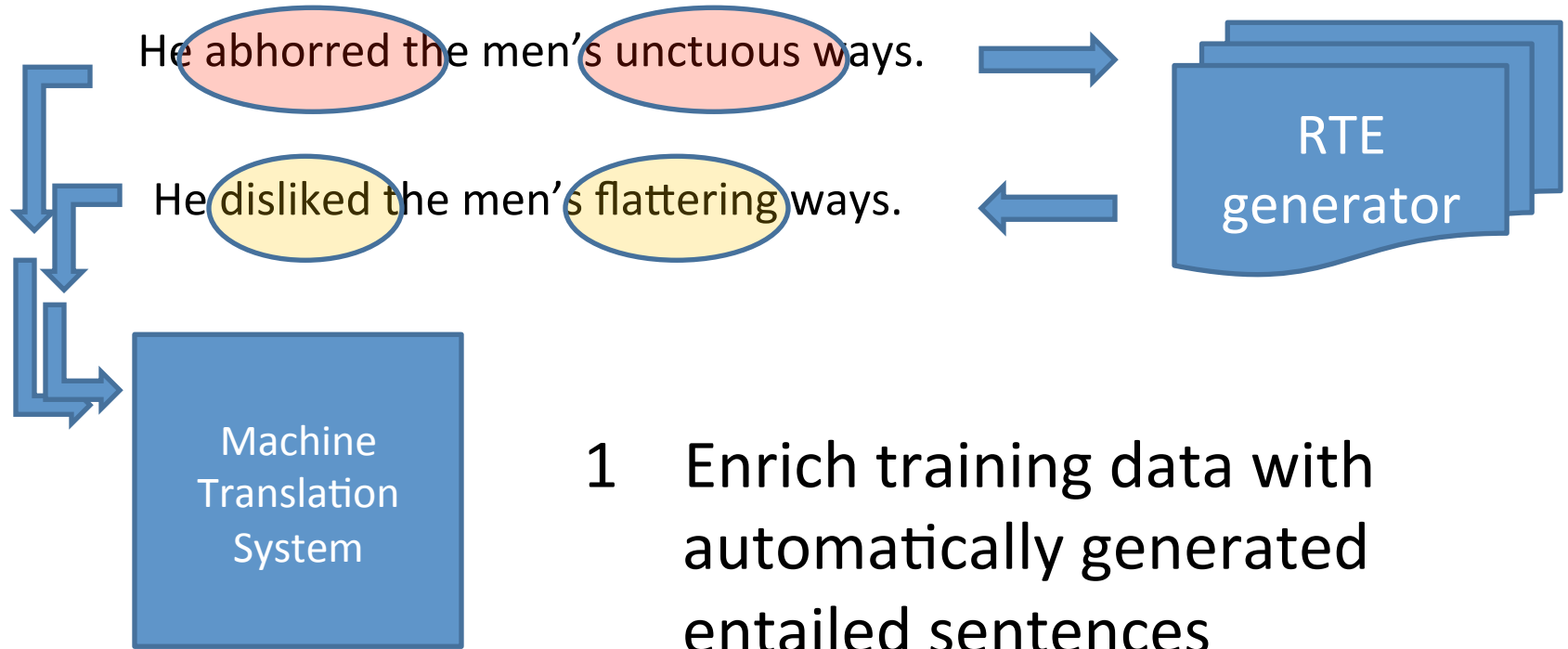
Scalable RTE for exhaustive search

(Roth et al., 2009)

- Target applications like **document downgrading** (detect classified information): must retrieve **ALL instances of specified query**
- Two-stage architecture:
 - **Push some RTE capabilities into Retrieval step**; index shallow semantic markup (NE, NQ, MWE), use similarity metrics in retrieval
 - Post-retrieval RTE step filters results using deeper structure

Textual Entailment for MT

(Mirkin et al., 2009)



- 1 Enrich training data with automatically generated entailed sentences
- 2 Improve MT evaluation

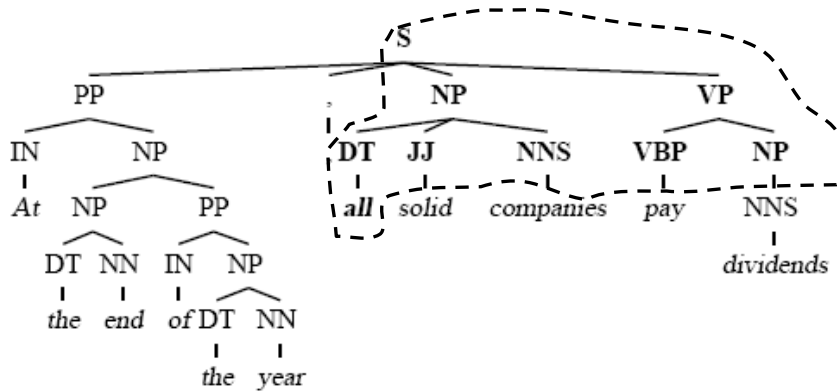
Tree Rewrite Rules for RTE

Learning Rewrite Rules for TE

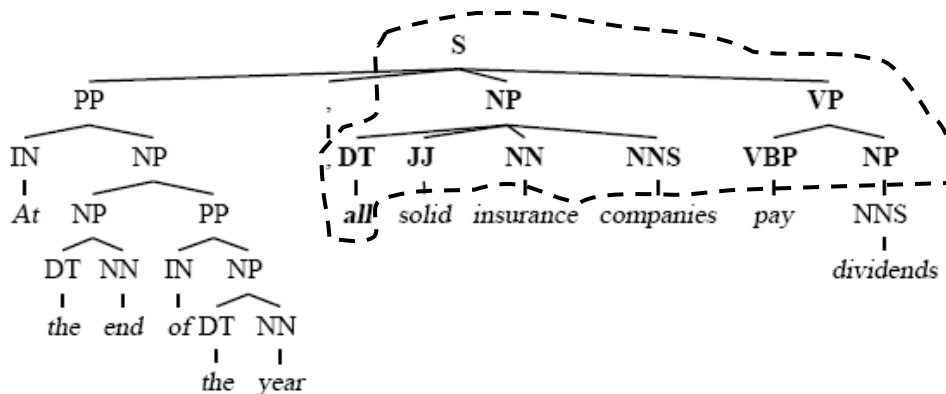
(Zanzotto, Moschitti, 2006)

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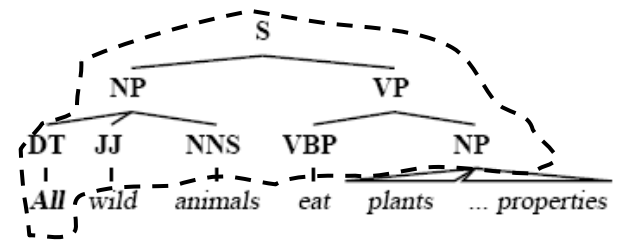
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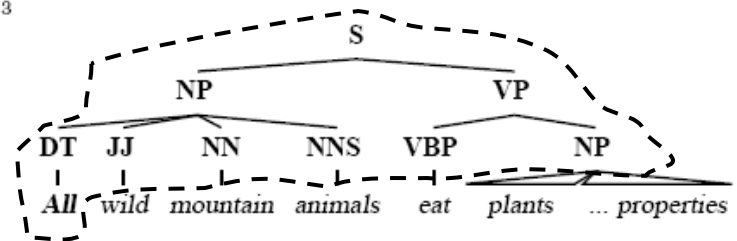
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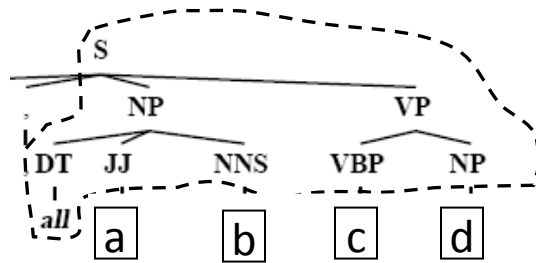


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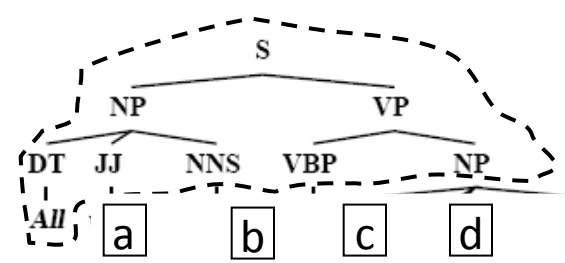
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Implied structures can lead to *rewrite rules*

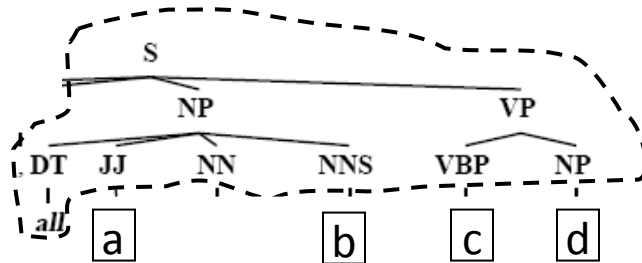
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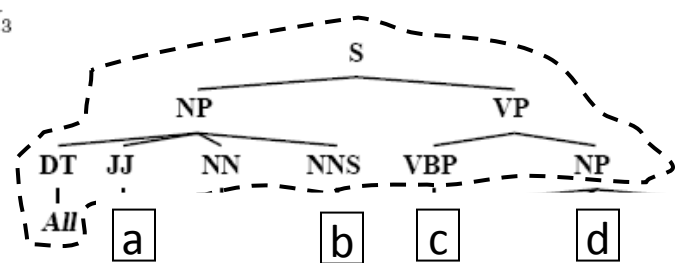
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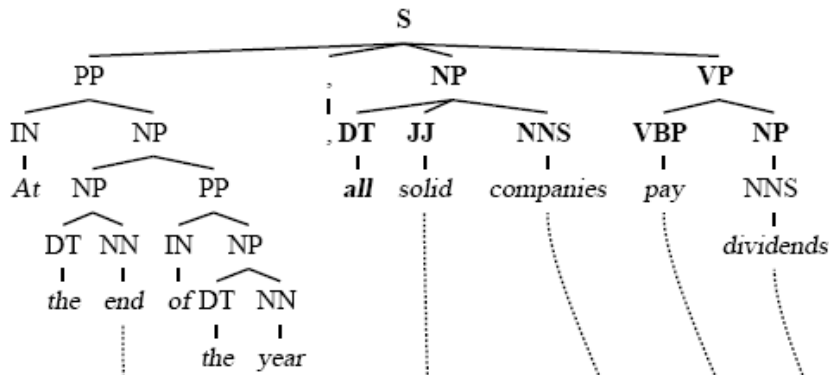
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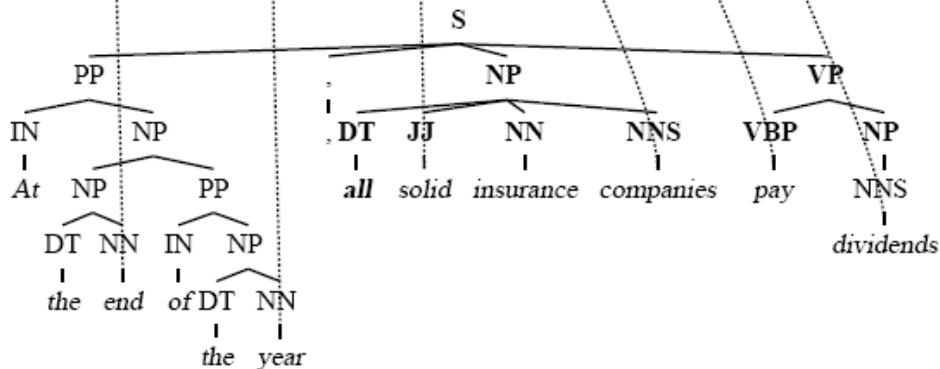
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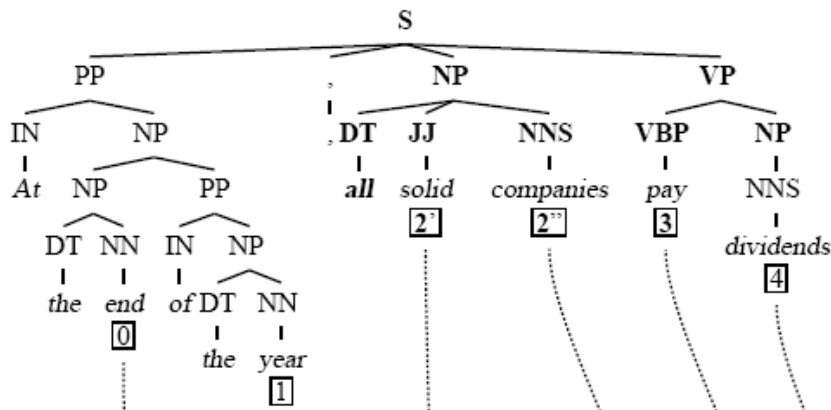
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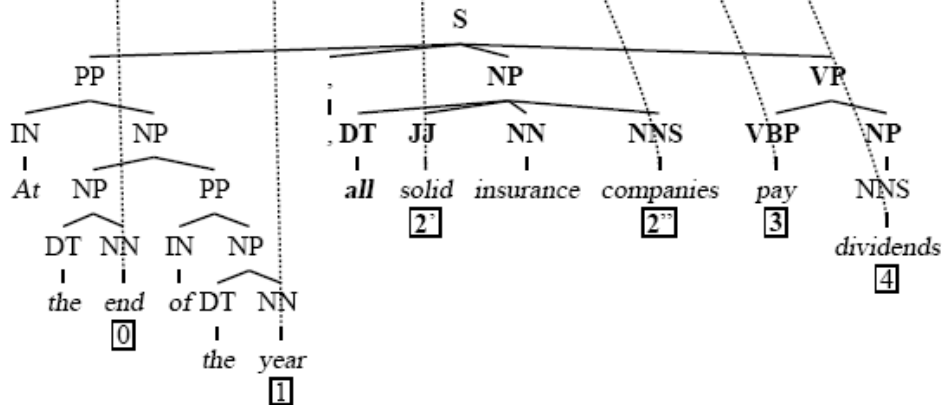
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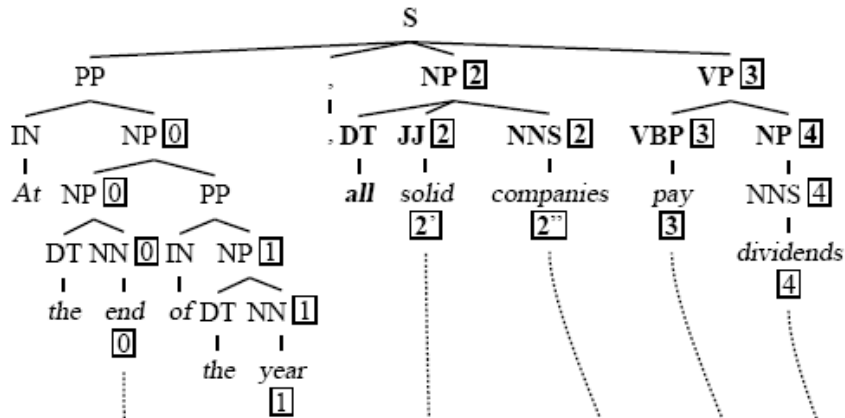
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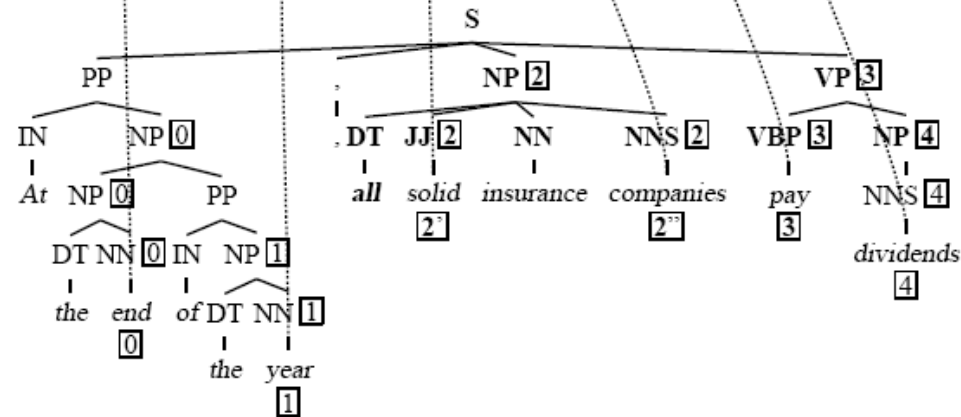
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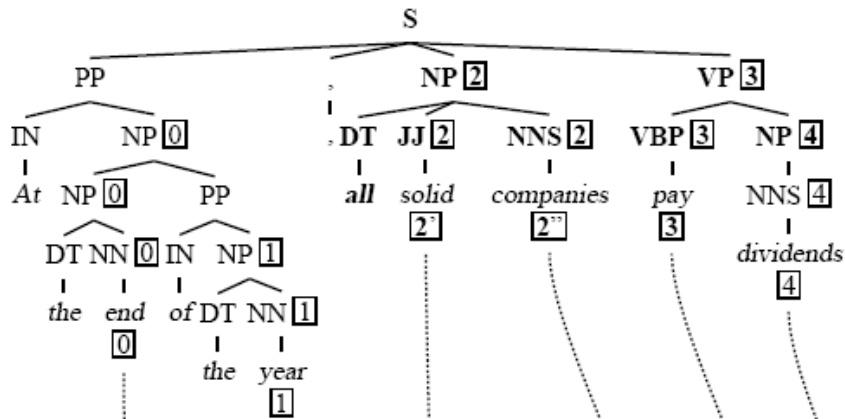
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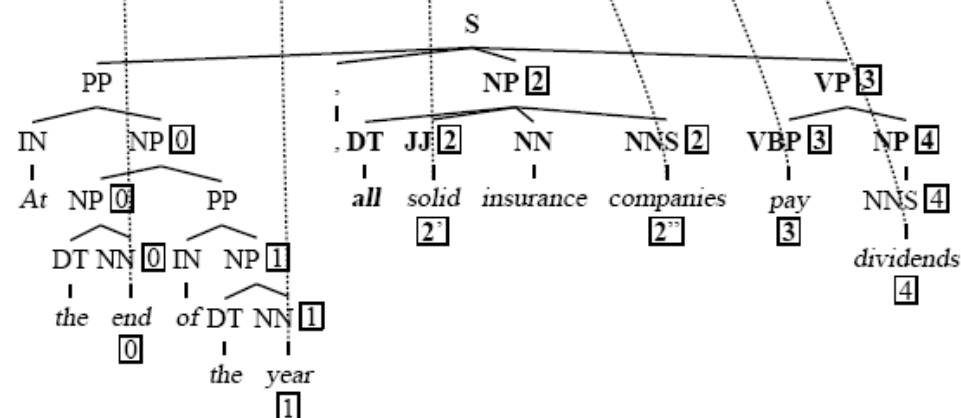
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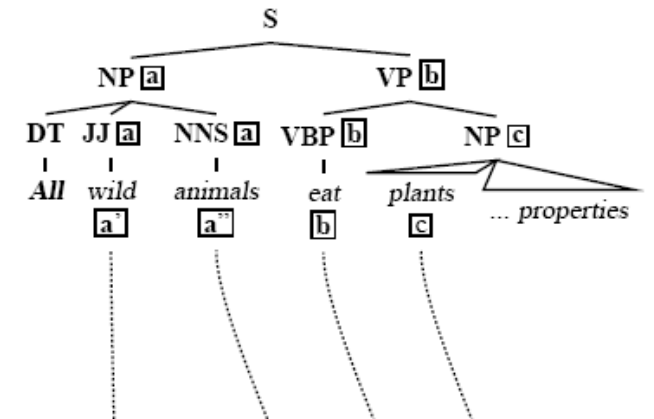
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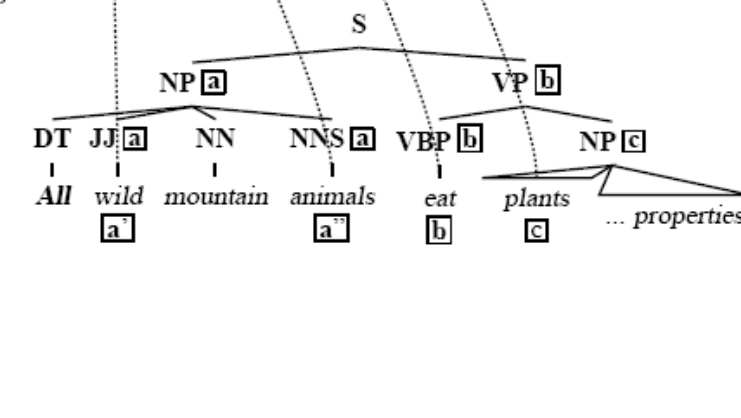
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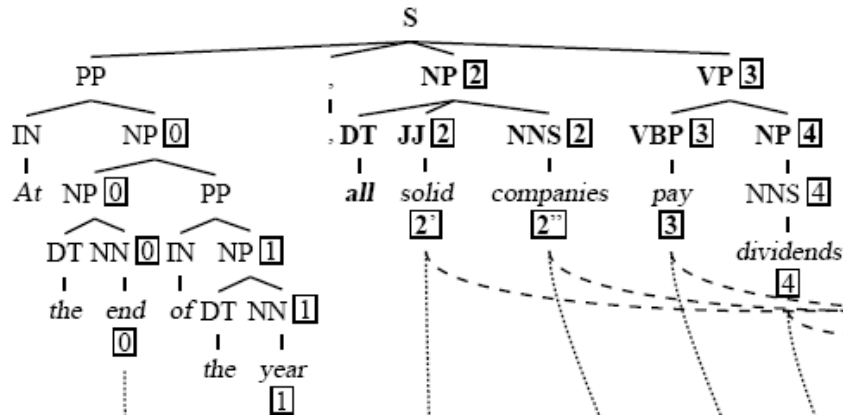
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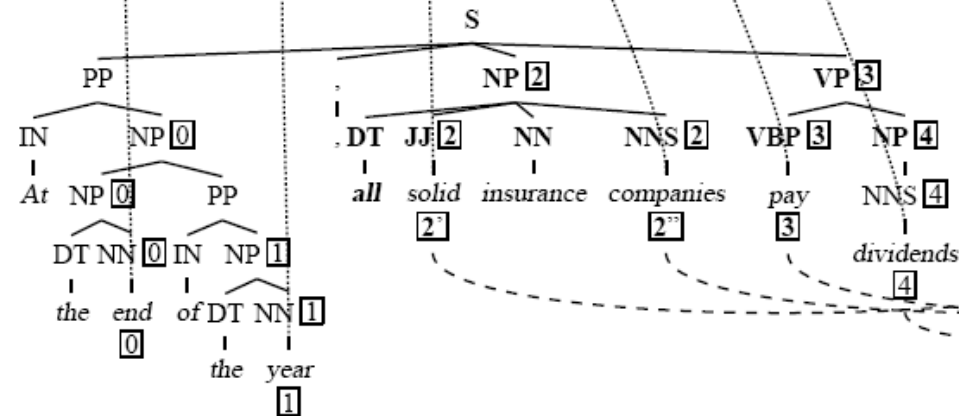
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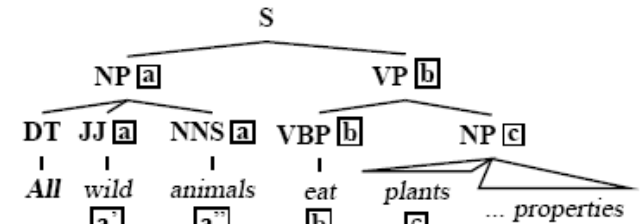
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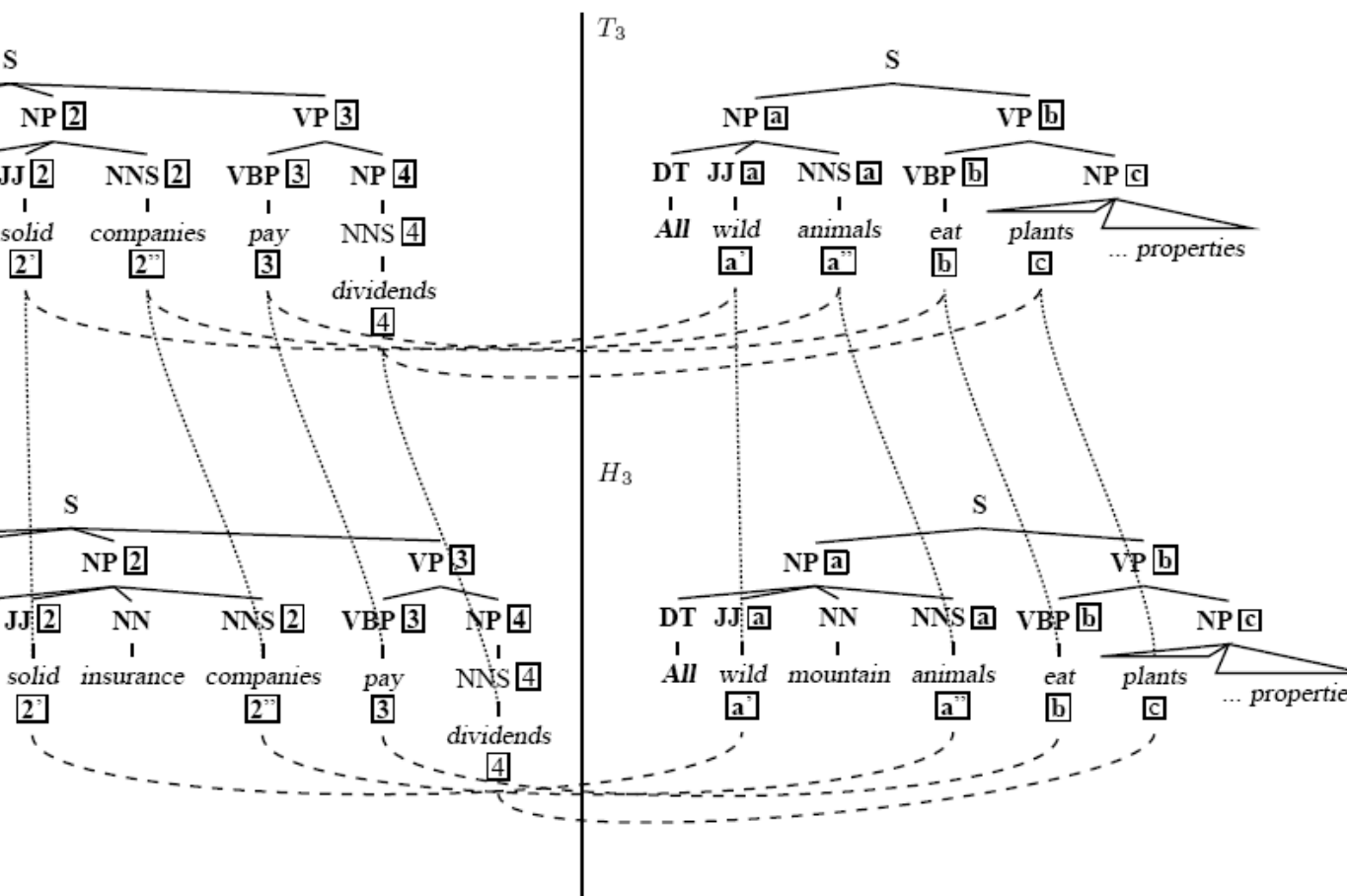
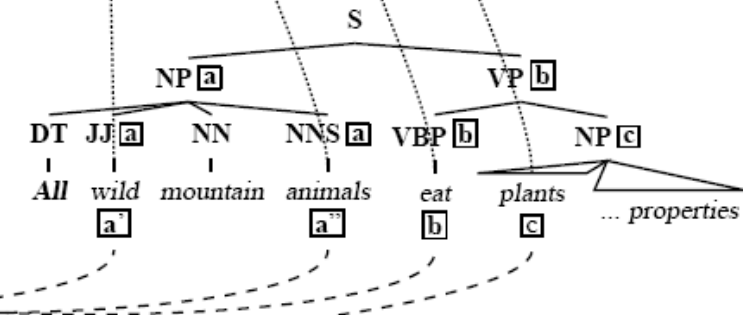
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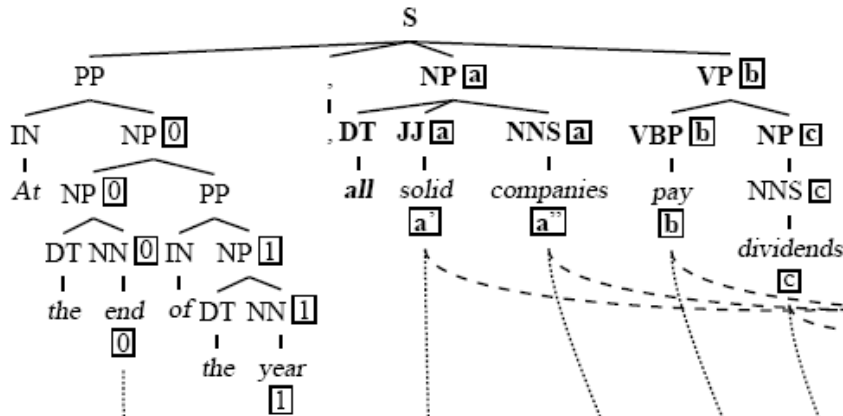
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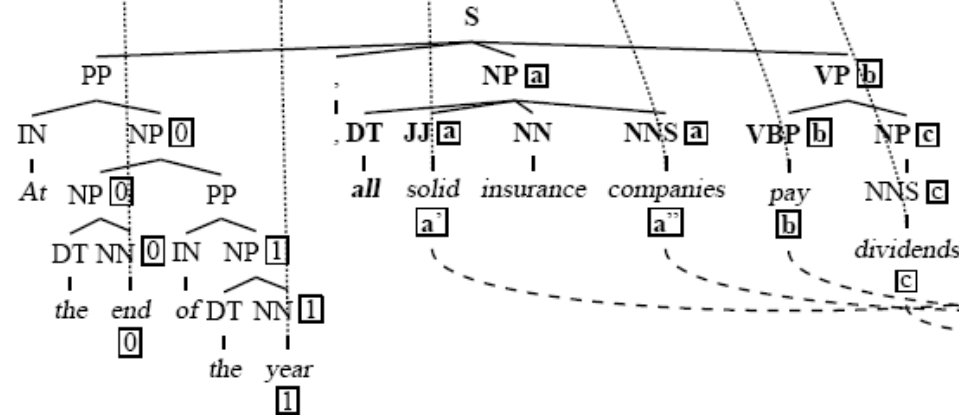
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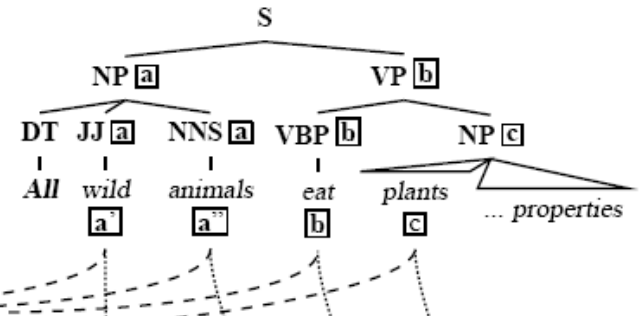
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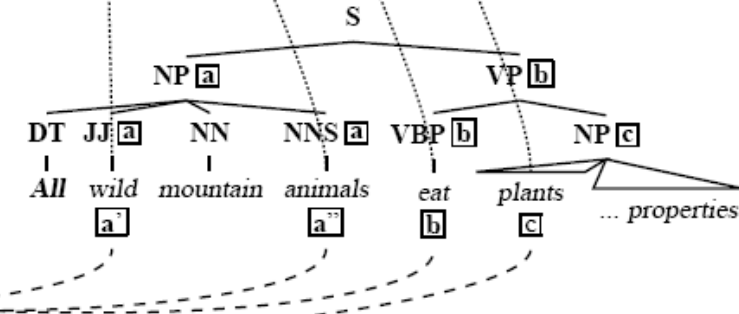
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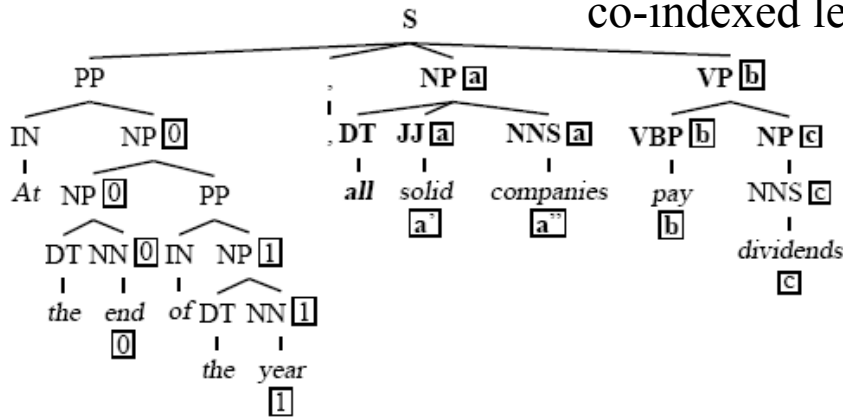
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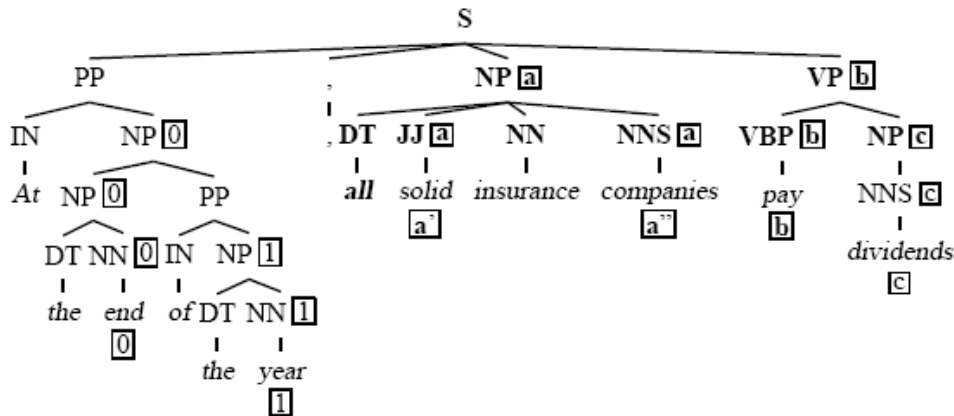
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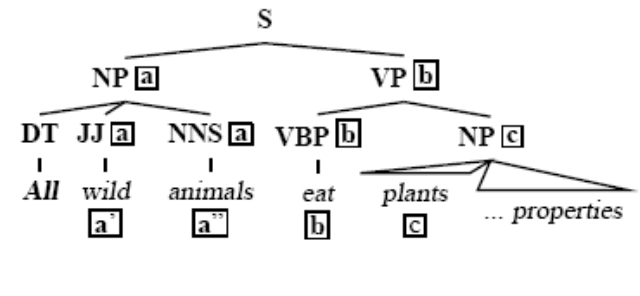
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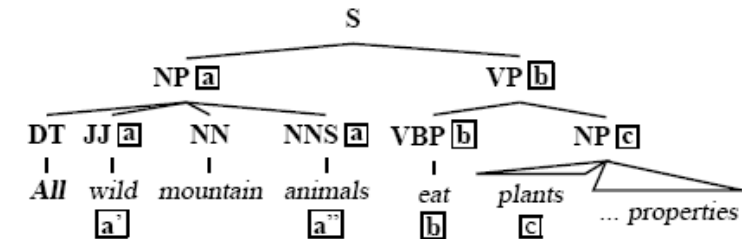
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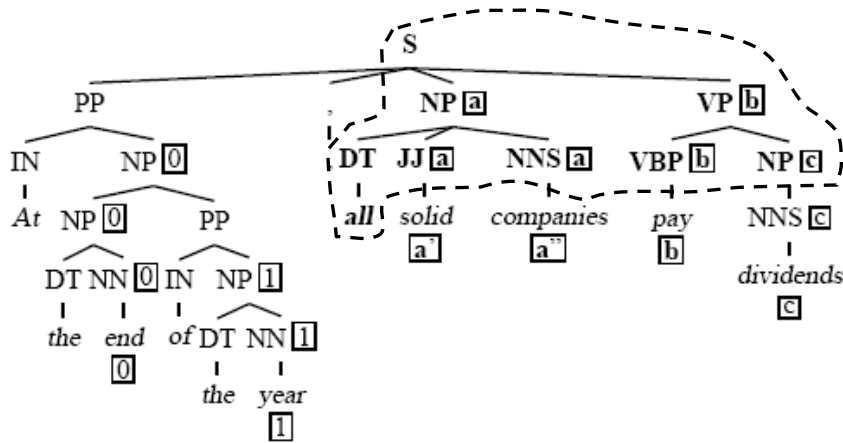
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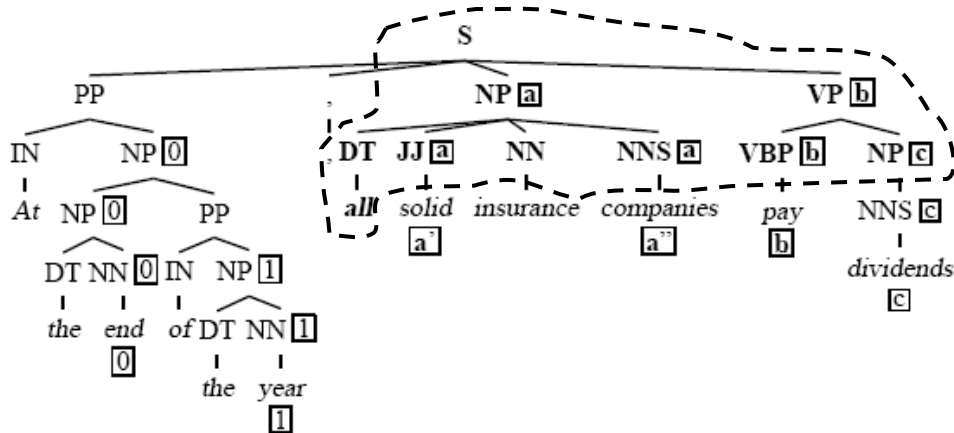
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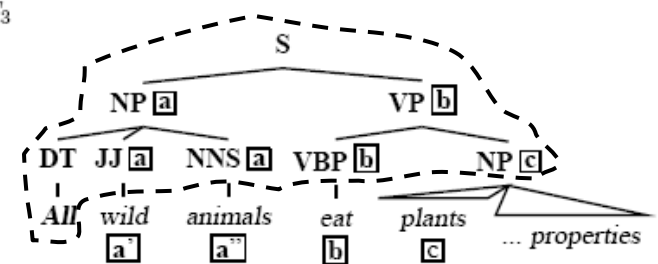
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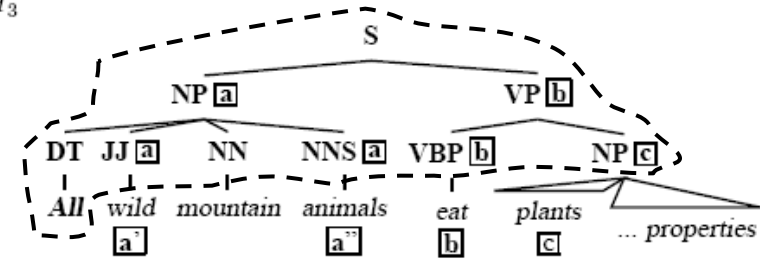
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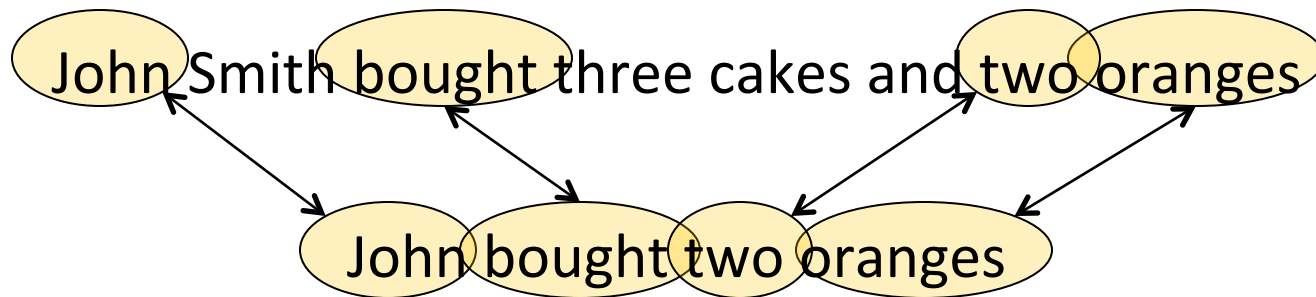
Alignment for RTE

- **Idea: break entailment into smaller decisions**
- Alignment as a way to recognize relevant Text portions
- Portions of text compared using closed set of operations
 - Operations include lexical similarity, structural similarity
 - Possible to define concepts such as semantic containment and semantic exclusion
 - May be extended using Knowledge bases

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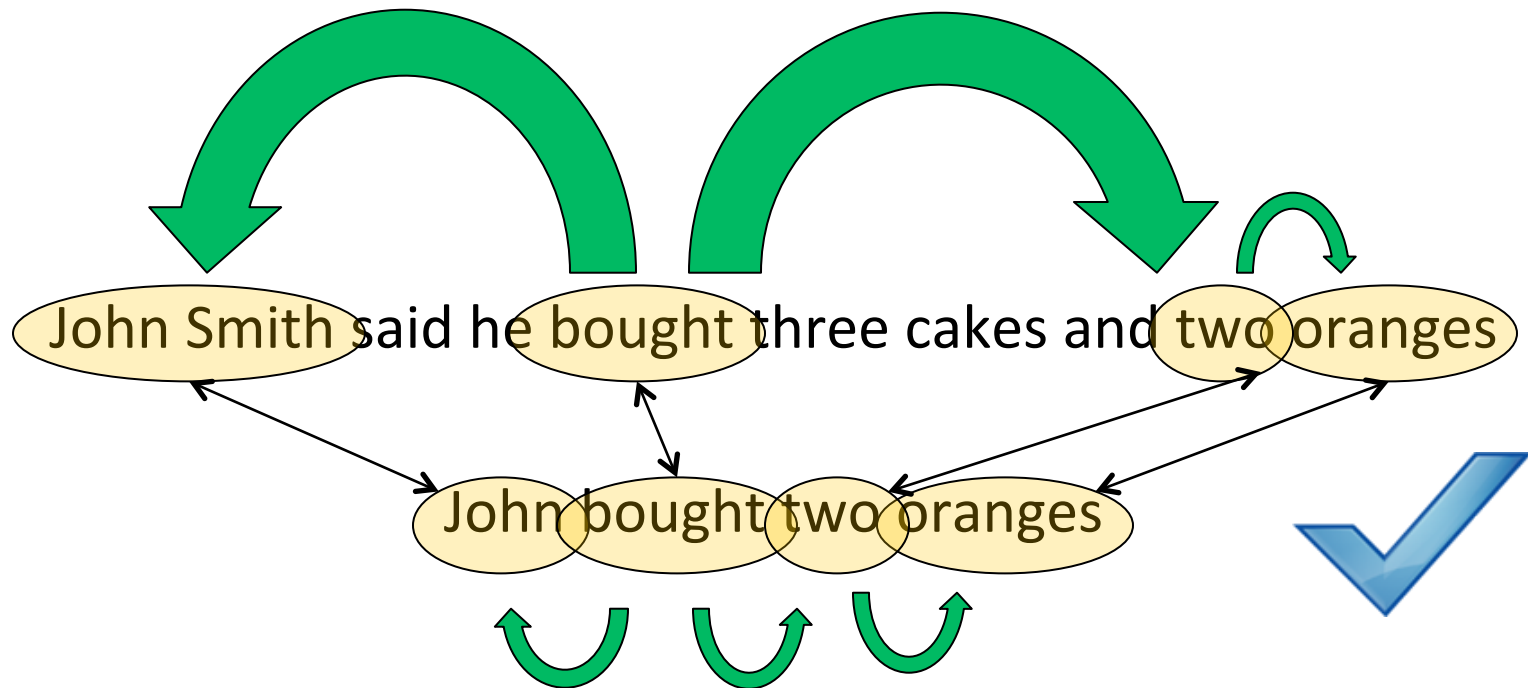
- Impose ***constraints*** on the aggregate set of comparisons we entertain
- E.g. each Hypothesis element can match at most one Text element

Alignment: a mapping from elements in the Hypothesis to elements in the Text under specified constraints



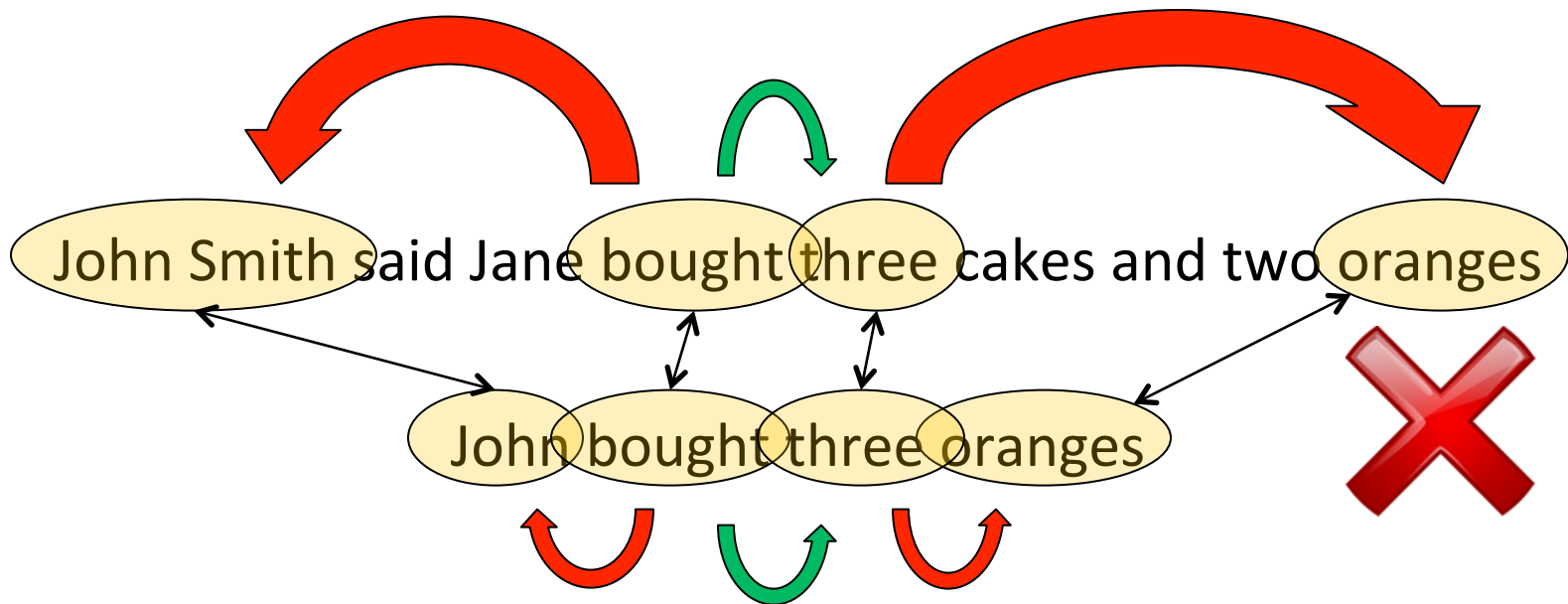
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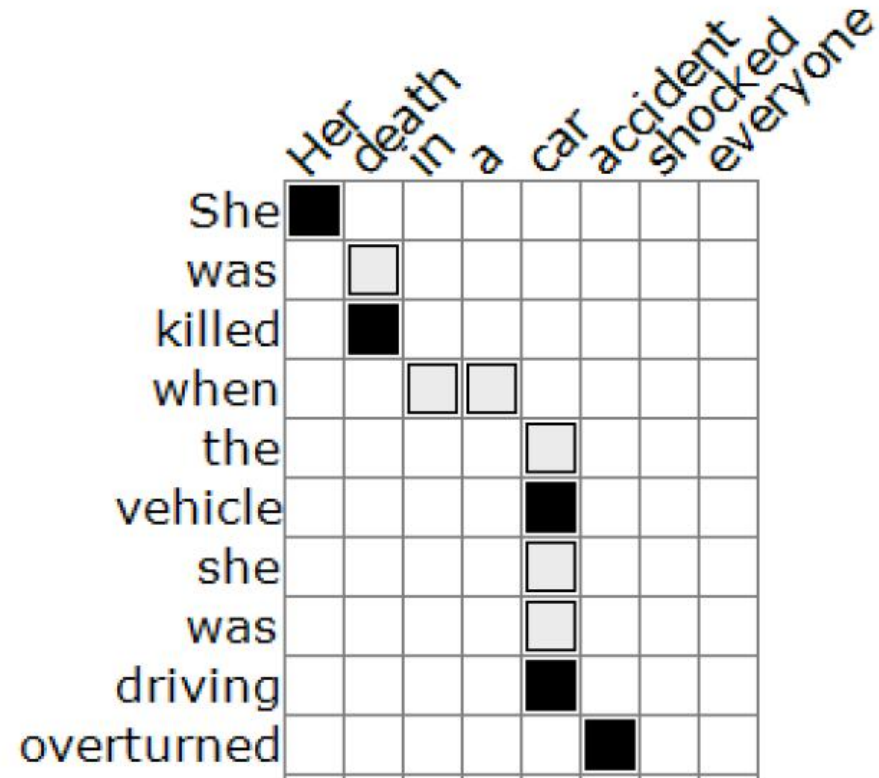
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Alignment for RTE

Chambers et al. 2007, deMarneffe et al. 2007

- learn “alignment” from lexical-level labelings
 - Intuition: **abstract away some logical structure, irrelevant content**
 - Identify **the parts of T that “support” H**
- Identify “relevant” parts of T via **word, edge weight vectors**



Alignment for RTE

Chambers et al. 2007, deMarneffe et al. 2007

- Use alignment to **extract features** for discerning “entailed” from “not entailed”, using deeper semantic structure

	Her	death	in a	car	accident	shocked	everyone
She	■						
was		□					
killed		■					
when			□	□			
the					□		
vehicle					■		
she					□		
was					□		
driving					■		
overturned						■	

$$\text{score}(a) = \sum_{i \in h} \text{score}_w(h_i, a(h_i)) + \sum_{(i,j) \in e(h)} \text{score}_e((h_i, h_j), (a(h_i), a(h_j)))$$

Why does alignment work? (when it does...)

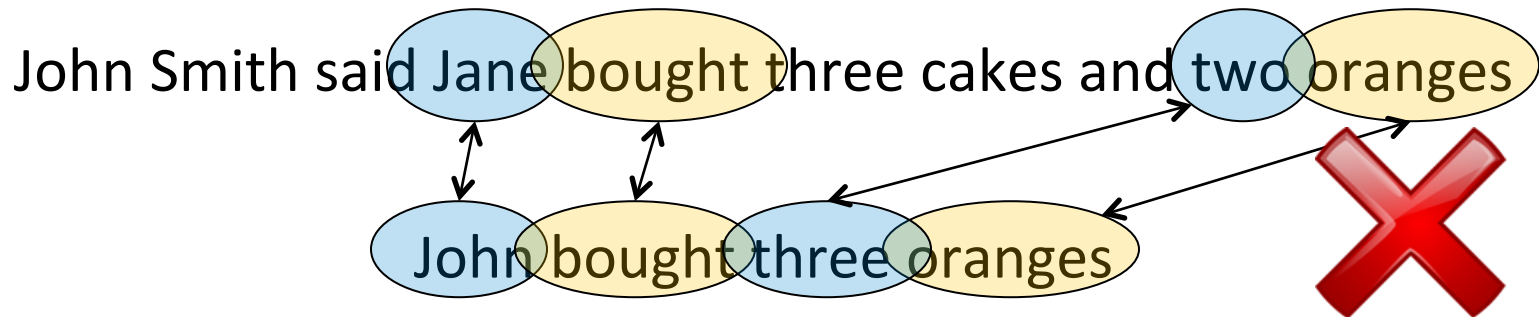
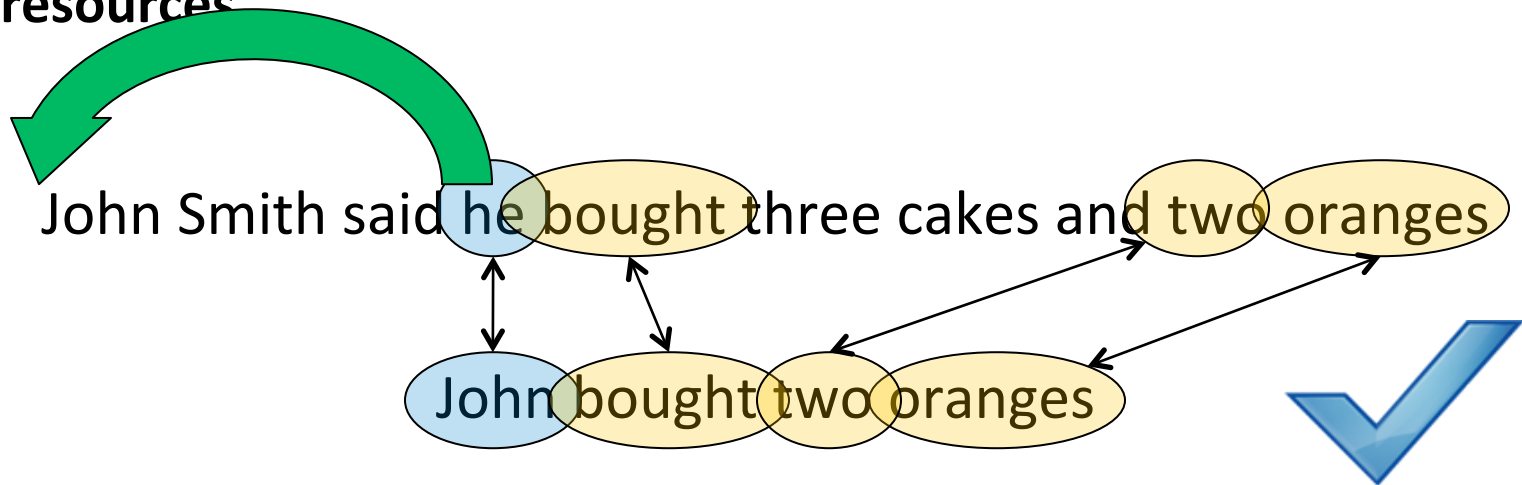
- Comparable to similarity metric approach
 - Trying to capture deeper structure
- Supports discriminative ML by generating sufficiently coarse features
- Works best on cases where content in H is explicit in T
 - But with better deep structure/appropriate representation, expect to do better
- Better inputs => better alignments
 - Problem: pipeline effect for erroneous annotations AND for erroneous alignment

Problems with alignment

- Mapping “relevant” parts may be correct intuition, but “relevant” seems to depend on deep structure
 - Fixed heuristic/learned mapping based on shallow cues is problematic
 - Distance is not a reliable proxy for deep structure
- May be multiple match candidates for many H constituent (i.e., shallow alignment may pick the wrong one)
 - Alignment constraints introduce a problem in fixed two-stage system

Alternative: Using Structure as Focus Of Attention

- Find best structural match
- Base entailment results on results of shallow comparison resources



Deep-first approach

- Getting correct structure is HARD
 - $P(\text{all correct}) = 0.9^3$ per predicate-argument structure*
 - *based on SRL training domain, i.e. optimistic
- Errors in deep structure → problem selecting correct local decision
- Other preprocessing errors – e.g. Coreference – will propagate in same way as shallow-first approach

Insights

Semantic Phenomena

- **Conjunctions**

- Jake and Jill ran up the hill Jake ran up the hill
- Jake and Jill met on the hill *Jake met on the hill

- **Clausal modifiers**

T: But celebrations were muted as many Iranians observed a Shi'ite mourning month.

H: Many Iranians observed a Shi'ite mourning month.

- **Relative clauses**

- The assailants fired six bullets at the car, which carried Vladimir Skobtsov.
- The car carried Vladimir Skobtsov.

Semantic Phenomena

- Appositives

- Frank Robinson, a one-time manager of the Indians, has the distinction for the NL...
- Frank Robinson is a one-time manager of the Indians.

- Passive/active

- We have been approached by the investment banker.
- The investment banker approached us.

- Genitive modifier

- Malaysia's crude palm oil output has risen.
- The crude palm oil output of Malaysia has risen.

Logical Structure

- **Factivity**: Uncovering the context in which a verb phrase is embedded
 - We **believe** the terrorists entered the building.
- **Polarity** : negative markers or a negation-denoting verb (e.g. *deny, refuse, fail*)
 - The terrorists **failed** to enter the building.
 - Terrorists **never** entered the building.
- **Modality/Negation** Dealing with modal auxiliary verbs (can, must, should), that modify verbs' meanings
 - The terrorists **might not have** entered the building.
- Can be hard to identify the scope of the modifier.

Logical structure cont'd

- Superlatives/Comparatives/Monotonicity:
inflecting adjectives or adverbs.

– Examples:

TEXT: All **companies** are required to file **reports**
at the end of the fiscal year.

HYP 1: All **tax companies** are required to file reports. ✓

Hyp 2: All companies are required to file **tax reports**. ✗

- Quantifiers, determiners and articles

Hyp 3: **Some** companies are required to file reports. ✓

Hyp 4: **300** companies are required to file reports. ✗

Knowledge Acquisition for Entailment



The Knowledge Bottleneck

- Linguistic and world knowledge – integral part of RTE
- Missing knowledge resources – a barrier for further advances in RTE (Bar-Haim et al., 2006, Giampiccolo et al., 2007)

We need:

- Broad-coverage entailment knowledge resources
- Models for applying knowledge selectively in context
 - Even using WordNet effectively is still an open issue (WSD)

Entailment Rules

- Most of the knowledge utilized by TE systems may be represented by entailment rules
- Entailment rule: entailment relation between two text fragments, possibly with variables
 - $lhs \rightarrow rhs$ (entailing \rightarrow entailed)
 - Paraphrases: bidirectional entailment rules

New York \rightarrow *city* (lexical rule)

X buy Y from Z \leftrightarrow *Z sell Y to X* (template-based rule)

Y is V[ed] by X \rightarrow *X V Y*

- Local inferences – combined to form complex entailments

Template-based Rules

- Rules between templates with shared arguments
 - Templates are text fragments with variables
 - Highly generic representation – useful also for syntactic-based rules

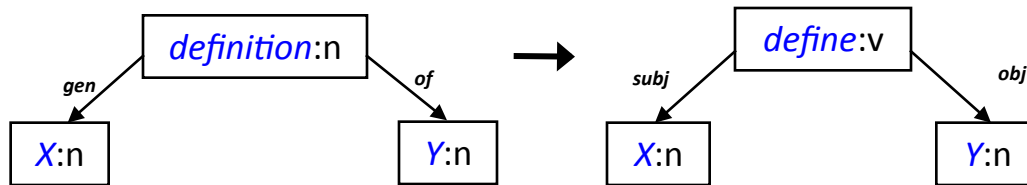
$X \text{ buy } Y \rightarrow X \text{ pay for } Y$

$X \text{ snore} \rightarrow X \text{ sleep}$

$X\text{'s definition of } Y \leftrightarrow X \text{ define } Y$

$X\text{'s definition by } Y \leftrightarrow Y \text{ define } X$

- Typically represented as transformations between parse sub-trees



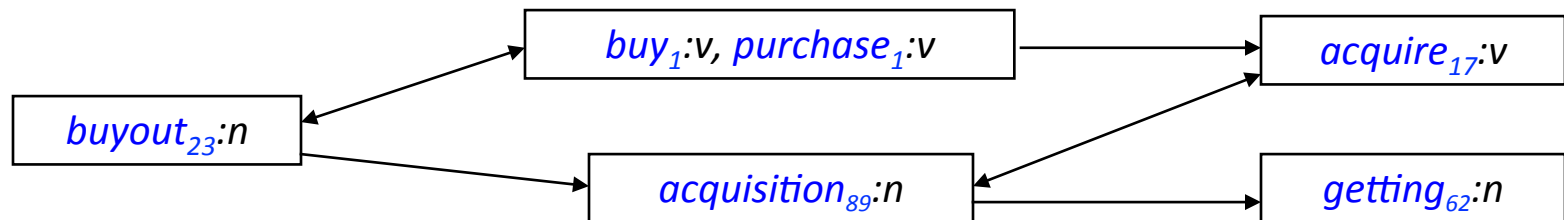
- Additional syntactic annotation for semantic disambiguation
(Macleod et al., 1998; Szpektor and Dagan, 2009)

$X \text{ broke}_{\textit{intransitive}} \rightarrow X \text{ was damaged}$ vs. $X \text{ broke}_{\textit{transitive}} \rightarrow X \text{ damaged}$

Entailment Rule Acquisition

The WordNet Lexicon (Miller, 1995)

- WordNet – lexical database organized by meanings (*synsets*)
 - S1: buy, purchase (obtain by purchase)*
 - S2: bribe, corrupt, buy, ... (make illegal payments to in exchange for favors ...)*
- WordNet contains lexical relations – some useful for inference
 - hypernymy (*capital* → *city*), instance-of (*Paris* → *city*), derivationally-related (*acquire* ↔ *acquisition*), meronymy (*car* → *wheel*)
- Relations define a directed “entailment” graph for terms
 - Traverse the graph to generate entailment rules
 - Measure distance between terms on the graph (WordNet similarity)



WordNet Extensions

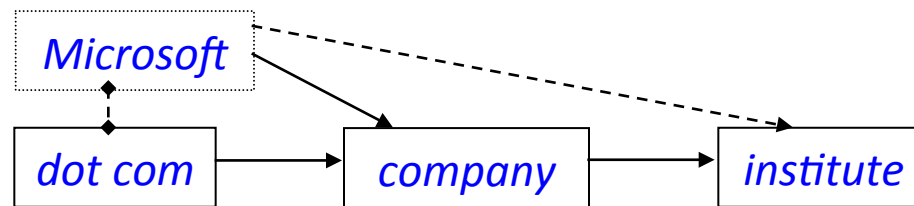
- *eXtended WordNet* (Moldovan and Rus, 2001)
automatically generate rules from WordNet glosses

S: excellent, first-class (of the highest quality)



X is excellent → X is of the highest quality

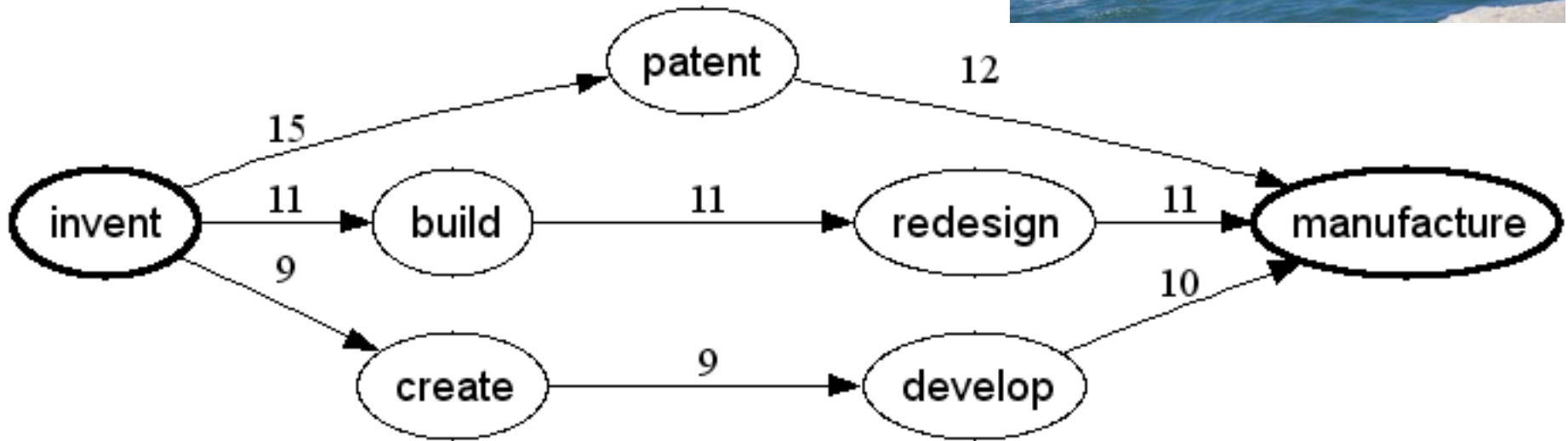
- *Augmented WordNet* (Snow et al., 2006)
automatically add new terms to the WordNet graph
 1. Extract hyponym candidates using a *hypernymy* classifier
 2. Greedily add the candidate that best meets the transitivity constraints in the graph



VerbOcean

(Chklovski and Pantel, 2004)

... Jump Right In!



Example: VerbOcean's temporal precedence chains (the "happens-before" relation) between *invent* and *manufacture* shown with edge weights

VerbOcean (Chklovski and Pantel, 2004)

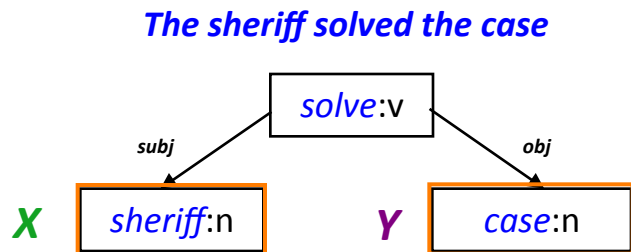
- Pattern-based approach for broad-coverage semantic network of verbs

similarity (produce :: create)
strength (permit :: authorize)
antonymy (open :: close)
happens-before (buy :: own)
enablement (fight :: win)

1. Start with highly associated candidate verb-pair (*fight* :: *win*)
2. Query the Web with manually constructed patterns for each relation
 - *enablement*: Xed * by Ying the (*won by fighting the*)
 - *happens-before*: Xed and then Yed (*fought and then won*)
3. Score each verb-pair/pattern co-occurrence (PMI)
 - A relation is considered correct if its pattern score exceeds a threshold
4. Prune based on consistency of selected relations with each other
 - “*If happens-before is not detected, ignore detection of enablement*”

Distributional Similarity between Frames

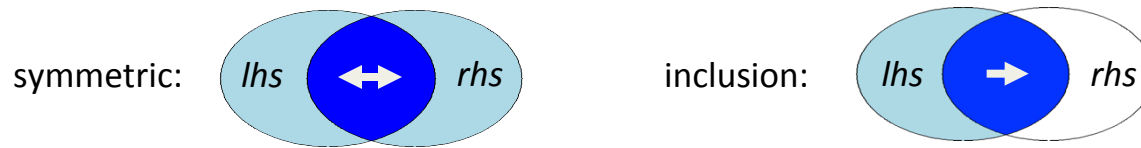
- Similar to the lexical case
 - Templates – often paths in dependency parse-trees
 - Features – argument instantiations
- DIRT: (Lin and Pantel, 2001)
 1. Create a word co-occurrence vector for each variable in a binary template
 2. Templates with similar vectors are considered semantically related
 - Lin similarity measure



<i>X find a solution to Y</i>		<i>X solve Y</i>	
Slot X	Slot Y	Slot X	Slot Y
commission	strike	committee	problem
committee	crisis	clout	crisis
government	problem	government	mystery
legislator	budget deficit	petition	woe
sheriff	murder	sheriff	case

Directional Similarity Measures

- How to find the direction of asymmetric relations?
 - Feature distribution (Lee, 1999)
 - Feature inclusion (Weeds and Weir, 2003; Geffet and Dagan, 2005)



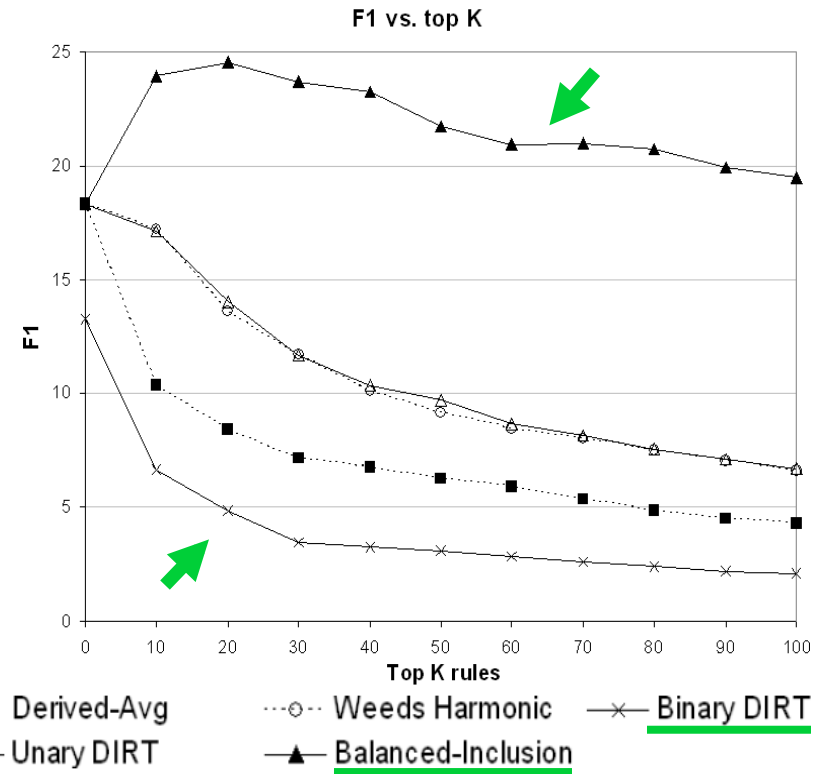
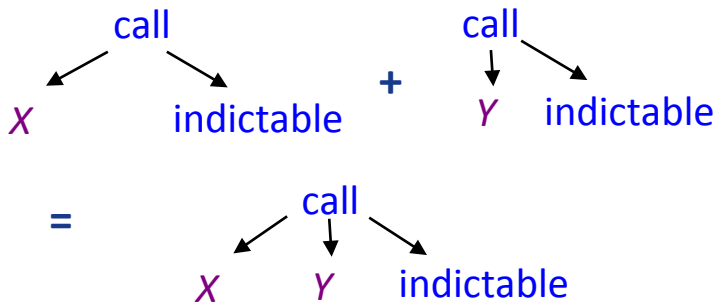
Top-10 entailing words for *food*

symmetric (Lin 1998)	<i>meat, beverage, goods, medicine, drink, clothing, food stuff, textile, fruit, feed</i>
<i>directional</i> (Kotlerman et al. 2009)	<i>food stuff, food product, food company, noodle, canned food, feed, salad dressing, bread, food aid, drink</i>

Directional Distributional Similarity

IE experiment

- Directional measure outperformed symmetric measures
- Unary rules outperformed binary rules



Entailment Rule Application

Ambiguity in Rule Application

- A rule is considered correct if it yields correct inferences when applied in valid contexts

$X \text{ charge } Y \rightarrow X \text{ bill } Y$

valid context: *“Telemarketers charged the account”*
 → *Telemarketers billed the account*

invalid context: *“Prosecutors charged Nichols with bombing”*
 → *Prosecutors billed Nichols*

- Problem: term disambiguation in context
 - Known problem in many NLP apps, e.g. QA, IE, RTE search task
 - Less dominant in classic RTE datasets
 - The T-H pairs were usually chosen within the same context

Unsupervised Context Models

- Task: decide whether a context is valid for rule application
 - t*: ~~Children~~ *acquire new languages*
 - r*: *acquire* → *own*
- Typical Word Sense Disambiguation (WSD) is not enough
 - No sense-annotated training data for large-scale resources
 - Inference applicability goes beyond senses
 - produce milk* vs. *produce eggs* for *produce* → *lay*
- Use unsupervised context models
 - Strategy: detect contexts that are common to *lhs* and *rhs*
 - Unlike WordNet, “senses” are modelled by surface words
 - Not explicit sense-ids

Graph-based Textual Entailment

Predicative Entailment Rules

- Extracting Knowledge from medical text
- NLP for Health Intelligence

Y is a symptom of X \Rightarrow X cause Y

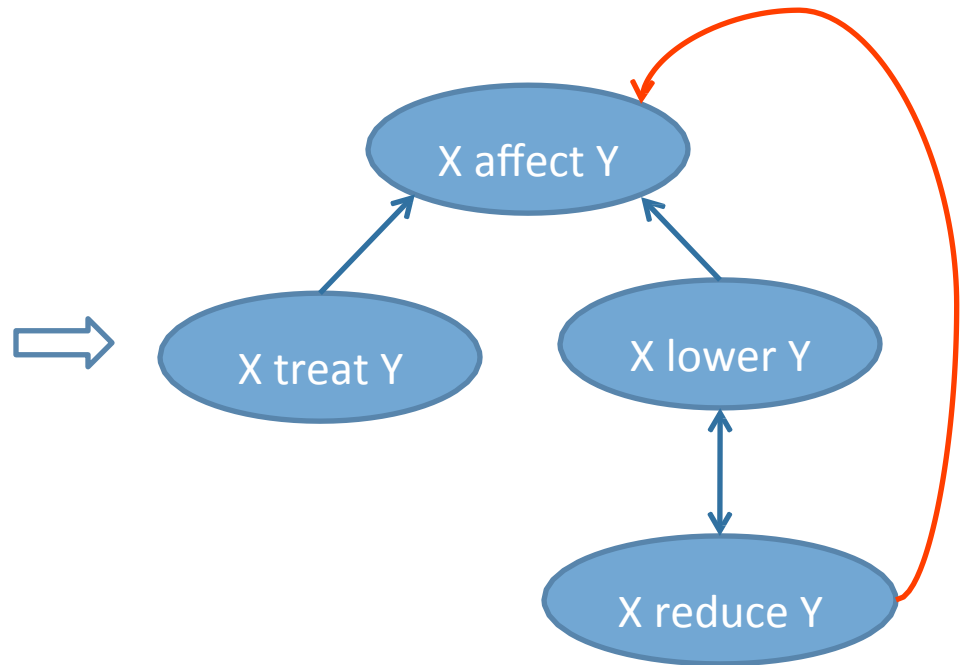
X cause an increase in Y \Rightarrow X affect Y

X's treatment of Y \Rightarrow X treat Y

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treat(Norvasc,BP)
affect(Norvasc,BP)
treat(insulin,metab.)
affect(diet,diabetes)
raise(wine,faRgue)
lower(wine,BP)
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Entailment Graphs

$X \text{ affect } Y \Rightarrow X \text{ treat } Y$	✗
$X \text{ treat } Y \Rightarrow X \text{ affect } Y$	✓
$X \text{ affect } Y \Rightarrow X \text{ lower } Y$	✗
$X \text{ lower } Y \Rightarrow X \text{ affect } Y$	✓
...	
...	
$X \text{ lower } Y \Rightarrow X \text{ reduce } Y$	✓
$X \text{ reduce } Y \Rightarrow X \text{ lower } Y$	✓



Learning rules automatically from data

Berant et al system learns ~10,000,000 (noisy) rules

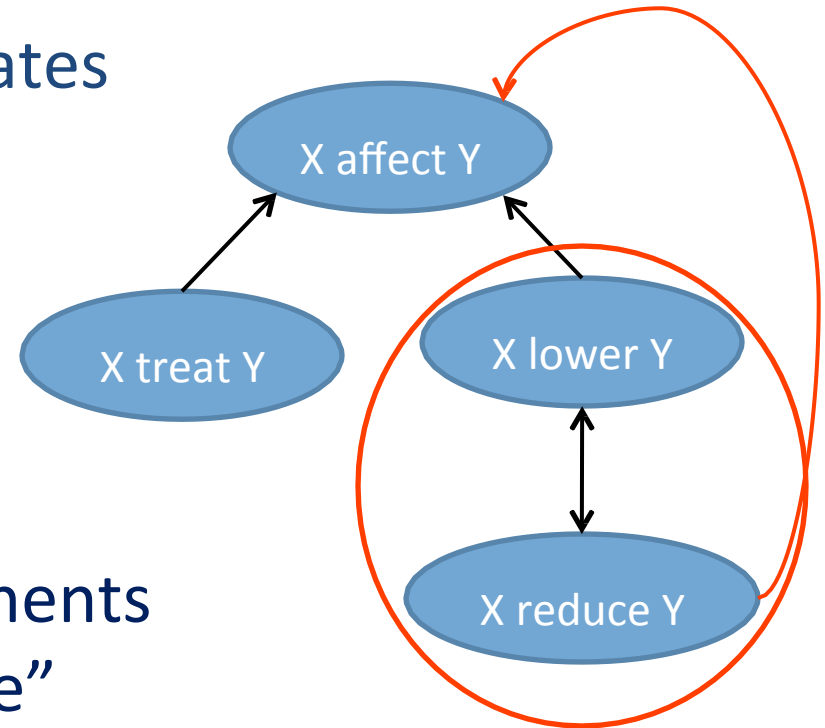
Structural constraints help reducing the noise in the learned rules

Entailment Graphs

- Nodes: propositional templates
- Edges: entailment rules

Properties

- Entailment is **transitive**
- Strong connectivity components correspond to “equivalence”
 - Caveat: ambiguity



Learning Entailment Graph Edges

Input: Corpus C

Output: Entailment graph $G = (P, E)$

- 1 Extract propositional templates P from C
- 2 Train a **local** entailment classifier: given (p_1, p_2) , estimate whether $p_1 \rightarrow p_2$
- 3 Decoding: Find the edges of the graph using the local probabilities and a **transitivity constraint**

Constrained Optimization
with
Integer Linear Programming

Graph Objective Function

- Use local classifier probabilities p_{ij} to express the graph probability:

$$\hat{G} = \arg \max_X \sum_{i \neq j} w_{ij} \cdot x_{ij}$$

$\left[\begin{array}{ll} 1 & i \rightarrow j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{array} \right.$

$$w_{ij} = \log \frac{p_{ij} \cdot \theta}{(1 - p_{ij}) \cdot (1 - \theta)}$$

“density” prior

Global Learning of Edges

Input: Set of nodes V , weighting function $w:V \times V \rightarrow \rightarrow R$

Output: Set of directed edges E that maximizes the objective function under a **global transitivity constraint**

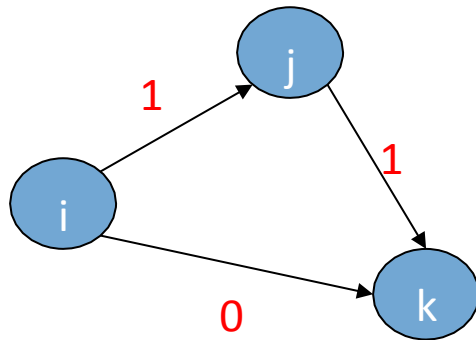
- Problem is NP---hard:
 - Reduction from “Transitive Subgraph” (Yannakakis, 1978)

Input: Directed graph $G = (V, E)$

Output: Maximal set of edges $A \subseteq E$ such that $G' = (V, A)$ is transitive

- Integer Linear Programming Formulation

Integer Linear Program



$$\hat{G} = \arg \max \sum_{i \neq j} w_{ij} \cdot x_{ij}$$

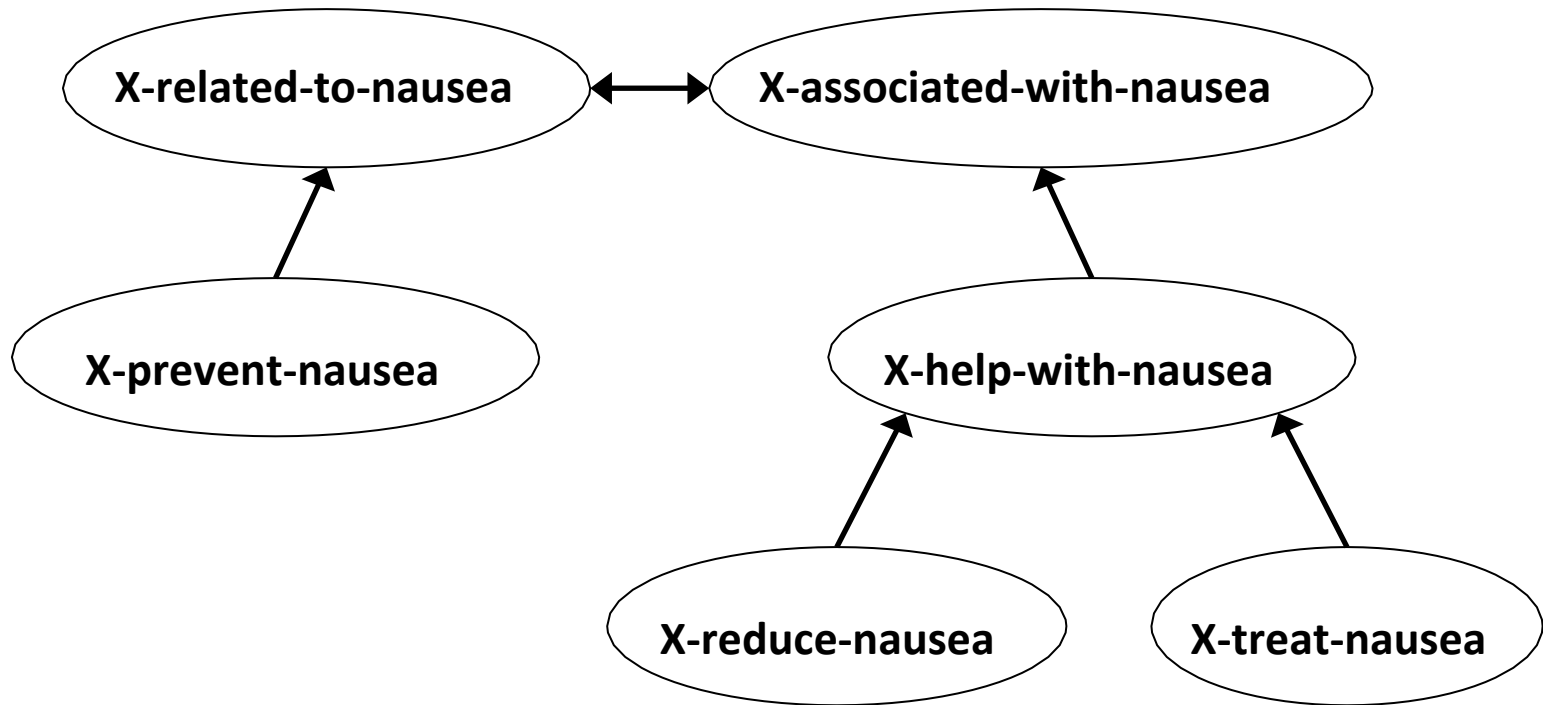
$$\forall i, j, k \in V, x_{ij} + x_{jk} - x_{ik} \leq 1$$

$$1 + 1 - 0 = 2 > 1$$

$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$$

- Variables: x_{ij}
- Objective function: maximizes $P(G)$
- Global transitivity constraint: --- $O(|V|^3)$ constraints

Concept-Focused Entailment Graphs

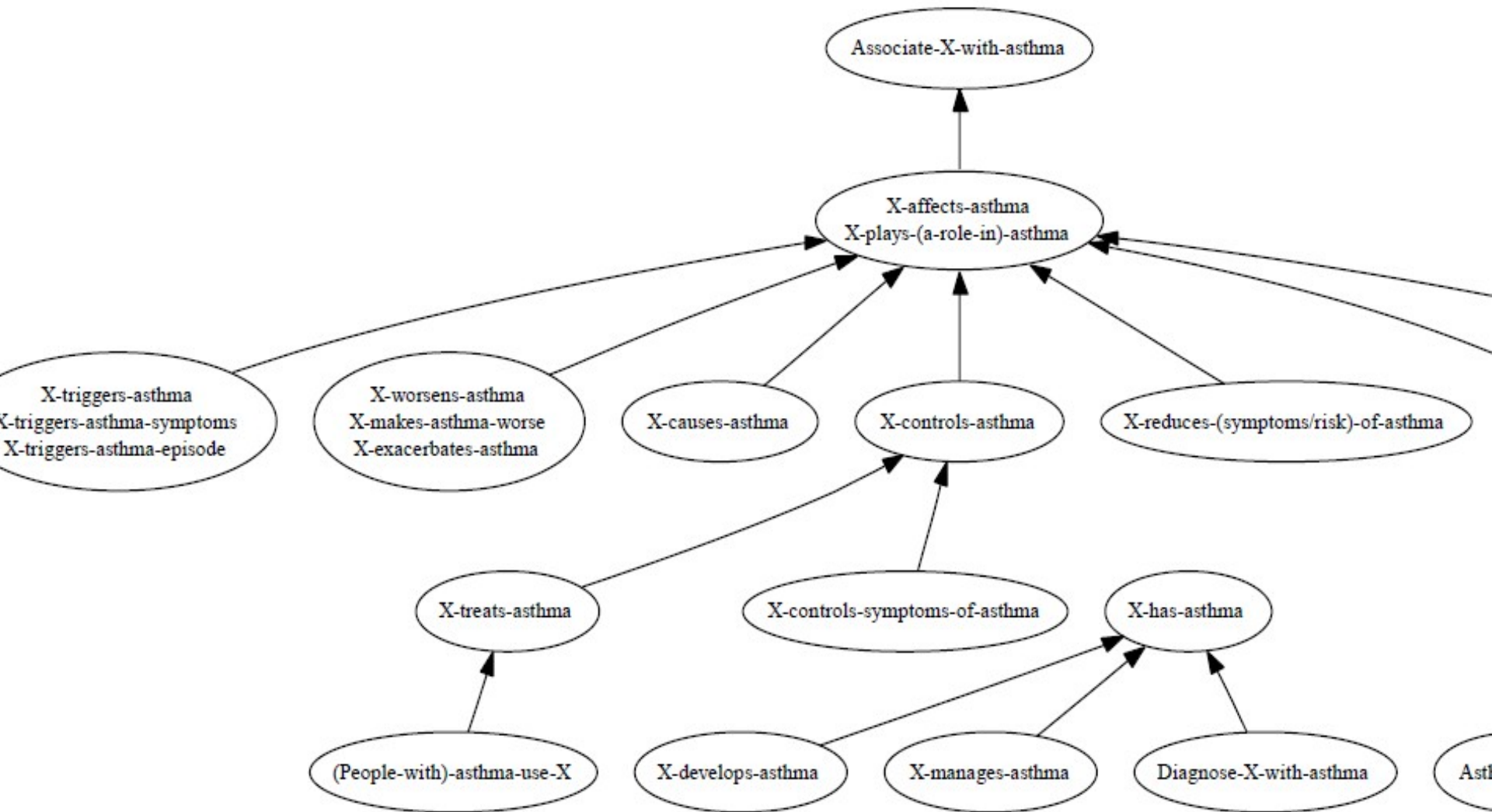


- Argument is instantiated by a target concept (*nausea*)
- Instantiating an argument reduces ambiguity

Evaluation

- 50 million word tokens **healthcare** corpus
- Ten medical students prepared gold standard graphs for 23 medical concepts:
 - Smoking, seizure, headache, lungs, diarrhea, chemotherapy, HPV, Salmonella, Asthma, etc.
- Evaluation:
 - F_1 on set of learned edges vs. gold standard

Gold Standard Graph --- Asthma



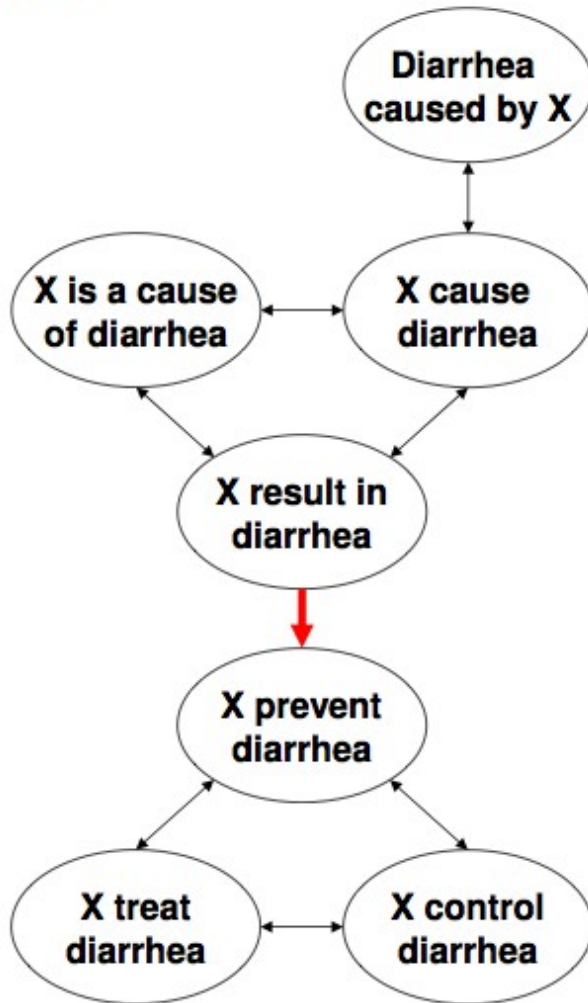
Experimental Results

	recall	Precision	F ₁
ILP---global	46.0	50.1	43.8*
Greedy	45.7	37.1	36.6
ILP---local	44.5	45.3	38.1
Local ₁	53.5	34.9	37.5
Local ₂	52.5	31.6	37.7
Local* ₁	53.5	38.0	39.8
Local* ₂	52.5	32.1	38.1
WordNet	10.8	44.1	13.2

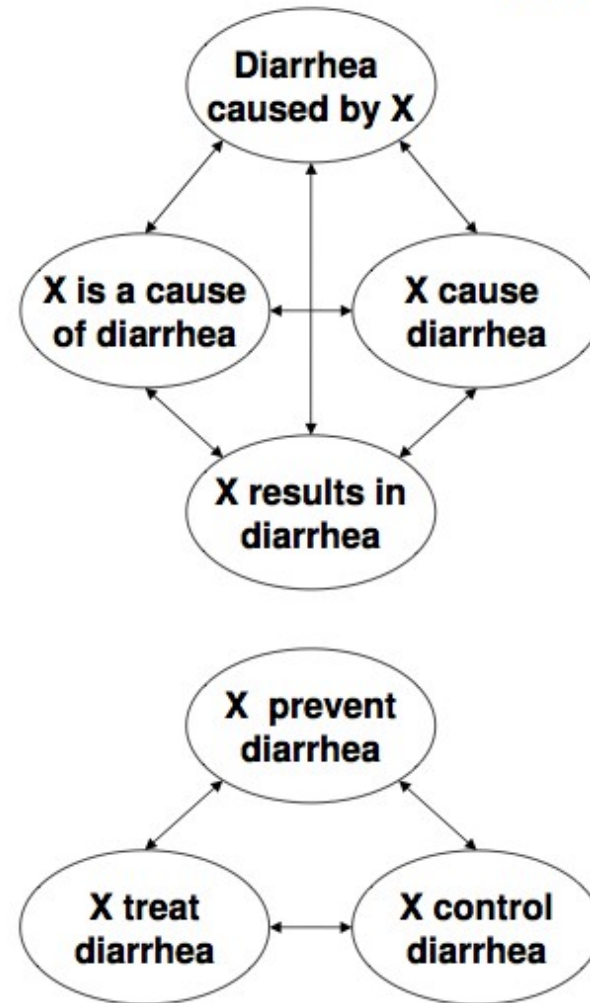
- Local algorithms
 - Distributional similarity
 - WordNet
 - Local classifier
- Global algorithms
 - ILP/Snow et al. (greedy optimization)

	Global=true/Local=false	Global=false/Local=true
Gold standard = true	48	42
Gold standard = false	78	494

Local



Global






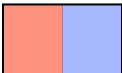
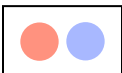
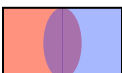

Natural Logic Inference (Natural-LI)

Natural logic (NatLog)

- MacCartney, Manning, Angeli (at Stanford)
- Use **natural logic representation** for TE
- Initial implementation of **alignment based entailment inference**
- Inference patterns built over shallow surface forms, instead of full semantic interpretation

7 basic entailment relations

Slides based out of Bill MacCartney and Chris Manning's talk in COLING 2008.

Venn	symbol	name	example
	$P = Q$	equivalence	<i>couch</i> = <i>sofa</i>
	$P \sqsubset Q$	forward entailment (strict)	<i>crow</i> \sqsubset <i>bird</i>
	$P \sqsupset Q$	reverse entailment (strict)	<i>European</i> \sqsupset <i>French</i>
	$P \wedge Q$	negation (exhaustive exclusion)	<i>human</i> \wedge <i>nonhuman</i>
	$P \mid Q$	alternation (non-exhaustive exclusion)	<i>cat</i> <i>dog</i>
	$P _ Q$	cover (exhaustive non-exclusion)	<i>animal</i> $_$ <i>nonhuman</i>
	$P \# Q$	independence	<i>hungry</i> # <i>hippo</i>

Relations are defined for all semantic types: *tiny* \sqsubset *small*, *hover* \sqsubset *fly*, *kick* \sqsubset *strike*, *this morning* \sqsubset *today*, *in Beijing* \sqsubset *in China*, *everyone* \sqsubset *someone*, *all* \sqsubset *most* \sqsubset *some*

Entailment & semantic composition

- Ordinarily, semantic composition preserves entailment relations:

pork \sqsubset *meat* \Rightarrow *eat pork* \sqsubset *eat meat*

bird | *fish* \Rightarrow *big bird* | *big fish*

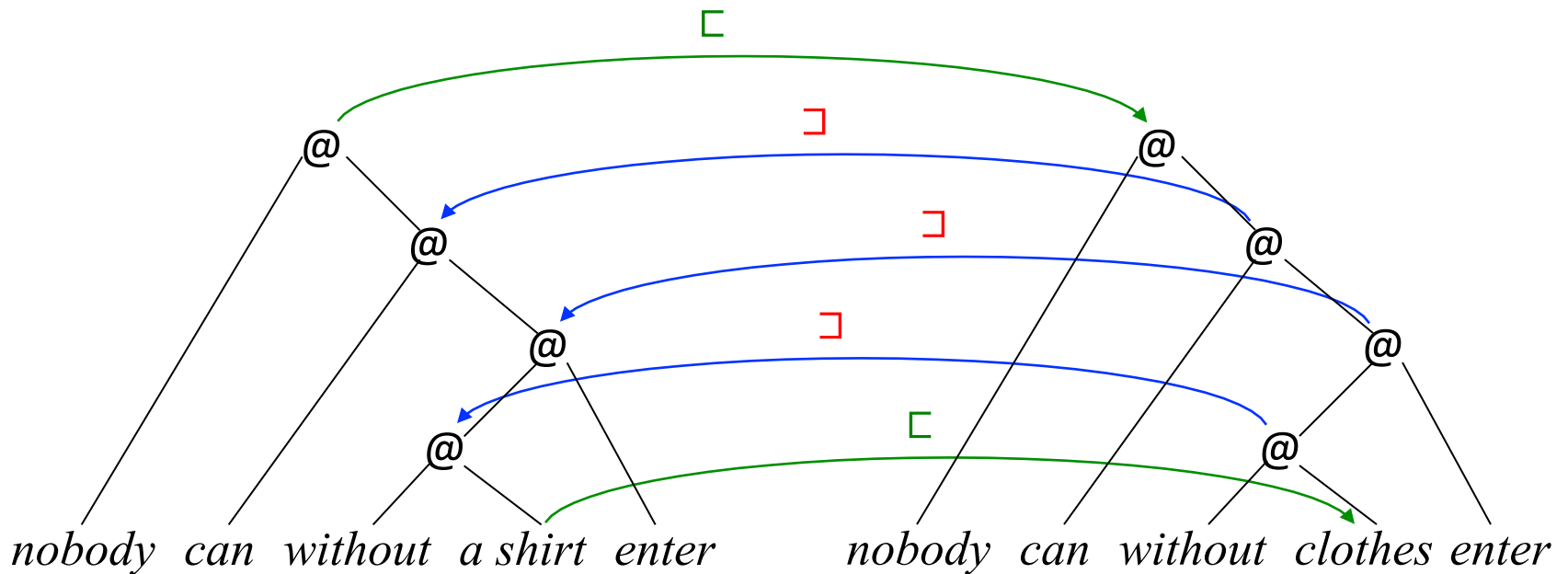
- But many semantic functions behave differently:

tango \sqsubset *dance* \Rightarrow *refuse to tango* \sqsupset *refuse to dance*

French | *German* \Rightarrow *not French* _ *not German*

Projecting entailment relations upward

- Assume idealized semantic composition trees
- Propagate entailment relation between atoms upward, according to projectivity class of each node on path to root



A (weak) inference procedure

1. Find sequence of edits connecting P and H
 - Insertions, deletions, substitutions, ...
2. Determine lexical entailment relation for each edit
 - Substitutions: depends on meaning of substituends: *cat* | *dog*
 - Deletions: \sqsubset by default: *red socks* \sqsubset *socks*
 - But some deletions are special: *not ill* \wedge *ill*, *refuse to go* | *go*
 - Insertions are symmetric to deletions: \sqsupset by default
3. Project up to find entailment relation across each edit
4. Compose entailment relations across sequence of edits
 - à la Tarski's relation algebra

Entailment composition

P	<i>Jimmy Dean</i>	<i>refused to</i>			<i>move</i>	<i>without</i>	<i>blue</i>	<i>jeans</i>
H	<i>James Dean</i>		<i>did</i>	<i>n't</i>	<i>dance</i>	<i>without</i>		<i>pants</i>
edit index	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
edit type	SUB	DEL	INS	INS	SUB	MAT	DEL	SUB
lex feats	strsim= 0.67	implic: -/o	cat:aux	cat:neg	hypo			hyper
lex entrel	=		=	^	⊃	=	⊃	⊃
projectivity	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑
atomic entrel	=		=	^	⊃	=	⊃	⊃
composition	=			⊃	⊃	⊃	⊃	⊃

final answer