

# Parsing TAGs and beyond

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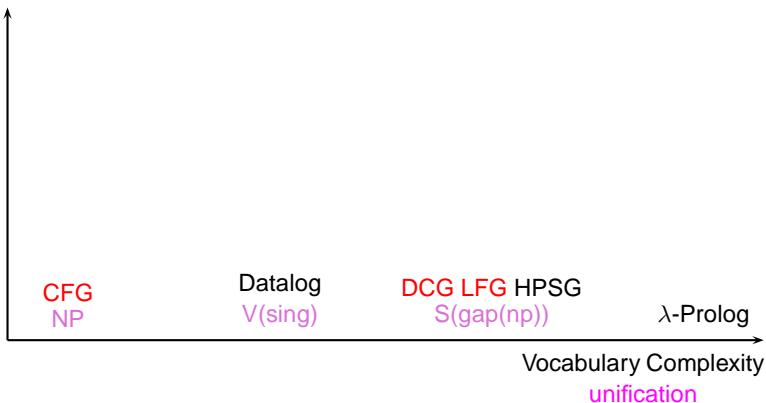
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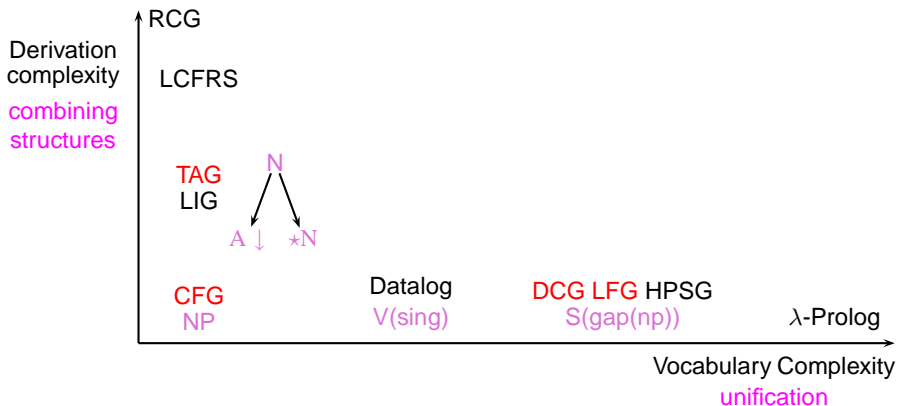
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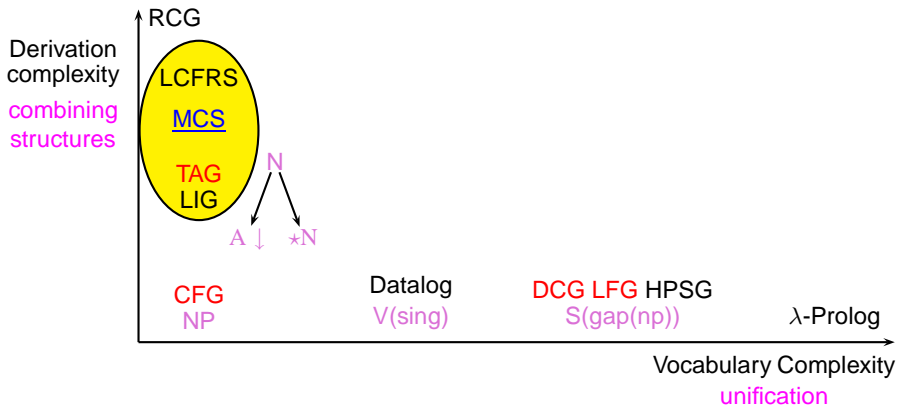
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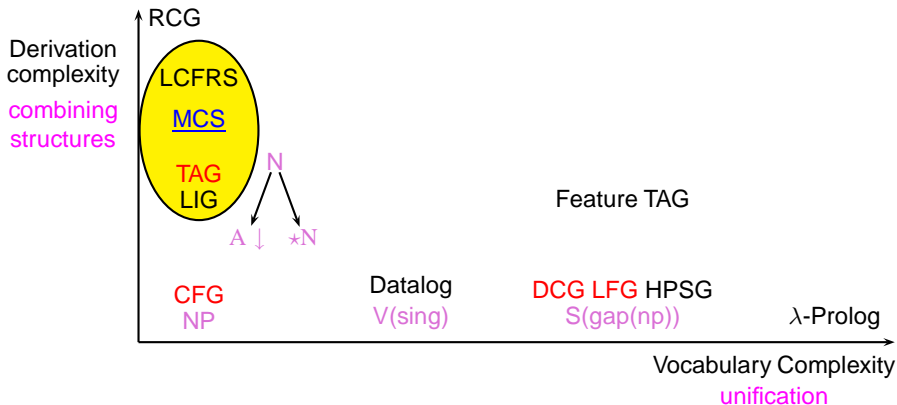
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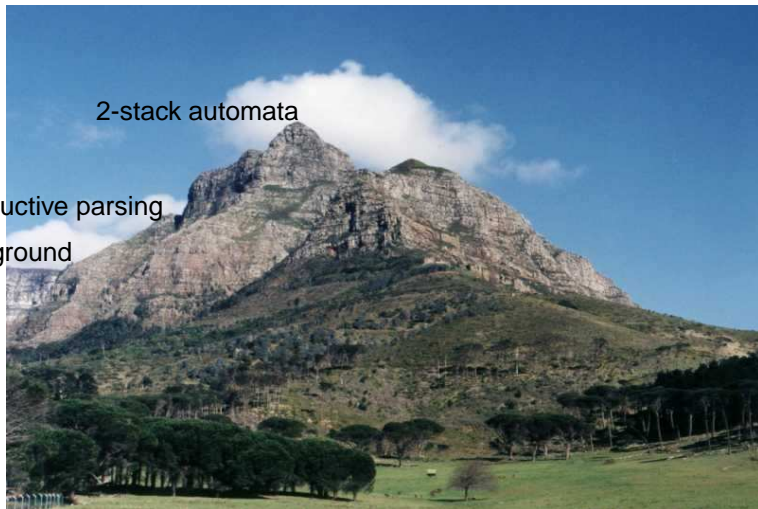
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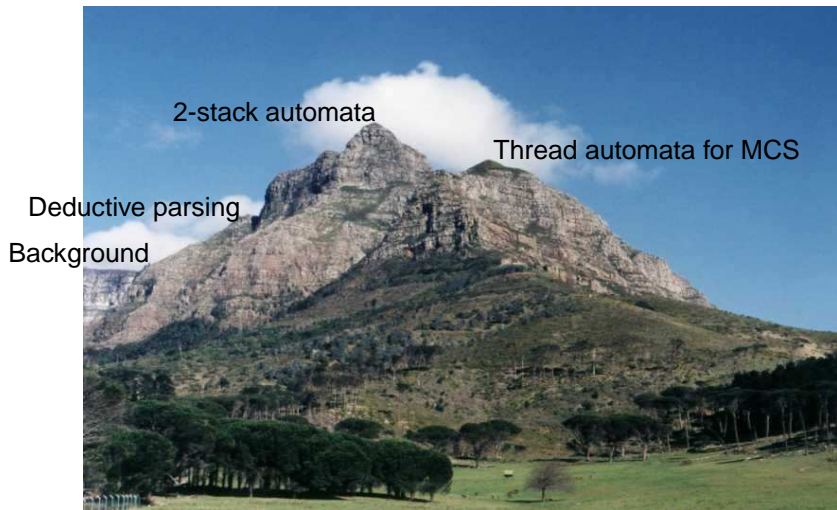




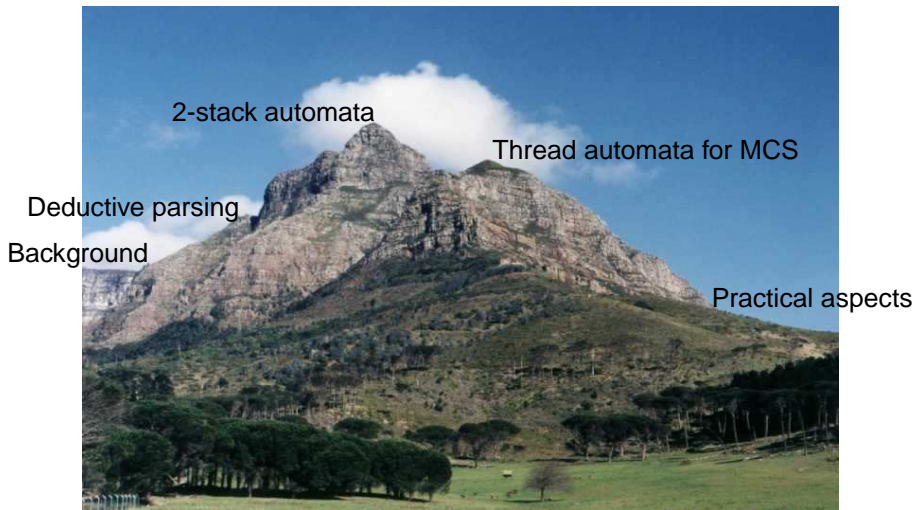
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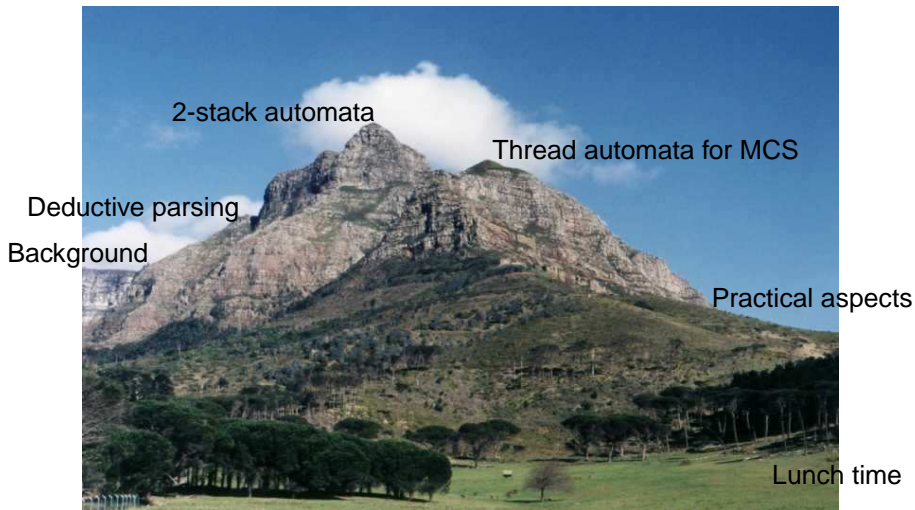
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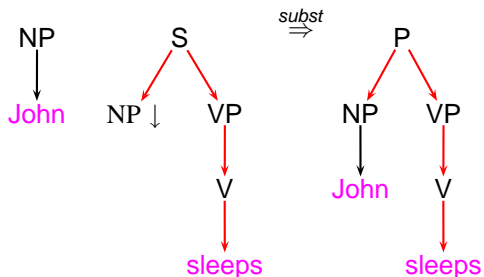
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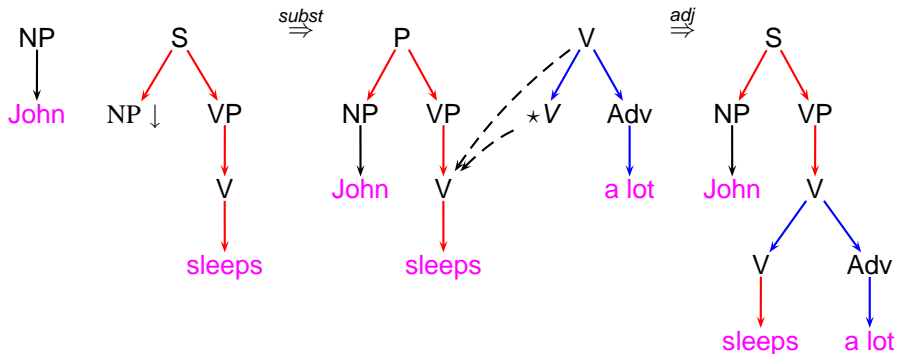
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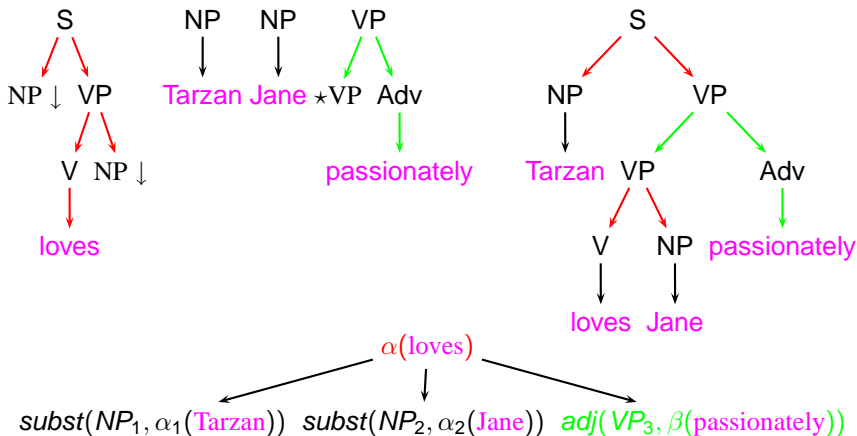


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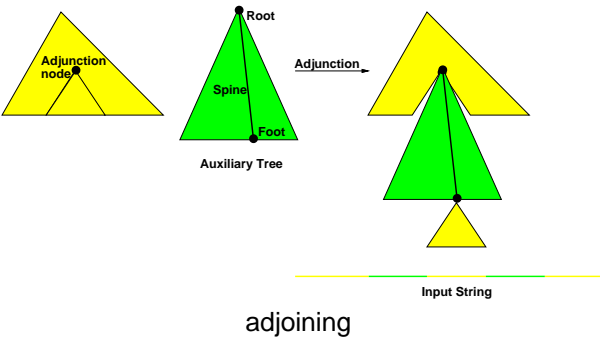


For TAGs, **derivation tree** not isomorphic to parse tree but close from semantic level.

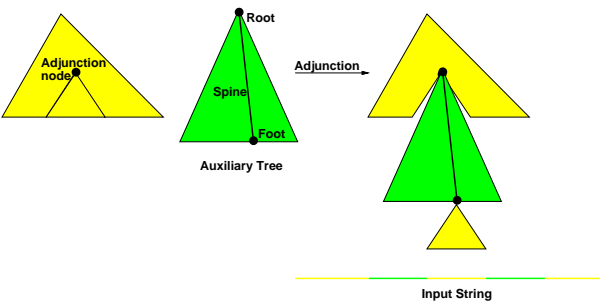


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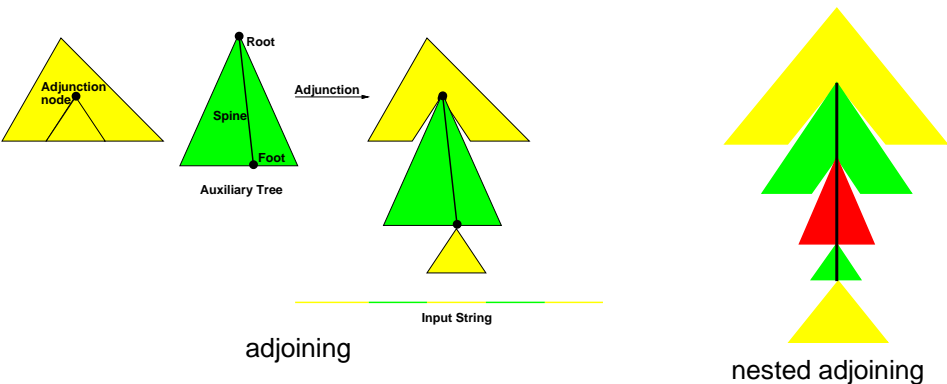
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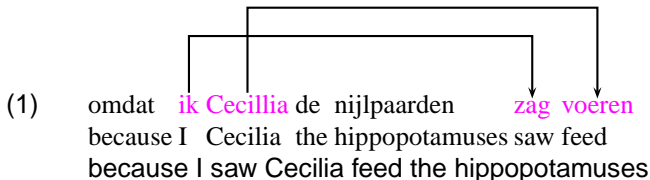
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- discontinuity (hole in aux tree)
- crossing (both sides of the hole)
- unbounded synchronization (both sides of spine)

The adjoining operation extends the expressive power of TAGs w.r.t. CFGs.

- long distance dependencies (wh-pronoun extraction for instance)
- crossed dependencies as given by copy language “ $ww$ ” or by language “ $a^n b^n c^n$ ”



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## Formalization of chart parsing

### Use of

- universe of tabulable **items**, representing (set of) partial parses
- items often build upon **dotted rules**
- chart edges labeled by dotted rules ( items  $\equiv \langle i, j, A \leftarrow \alpha \bullet \beta \rangle$  )
- a **deductive system** specifying how to derive items

$$A_0 \leftarrow A_1 \dots A_i \bullet A_{i+1} \dots A_n$$

# CKY as a deductive system (for CFGs)

$$\frac{}{\langle i, i, A \leftarrow \bullet \alpha \rangle} \quad \exists A \leftarrow \alpha \quad \begin{array}{c} A \leftarrow \bullet \alpha \\ \text{---} \\ i \end{array} \quad \text{(Seed)}$$

$$\frac{\langle i, j, A \leftarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta \rangle}{\langle i, j+1, A \leftarrow \alpha a \bullet \beta \rangle} \quad a = a_{j+1} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ i \quad \xrightarrow{A \leftarrow \alpha a \bullet \beta} \quad j \quad \xrightarrow{A \leftarrow \alpha \bullet a \beta} \quad j+1 \end{array} \quad \text{(Scan)}$$

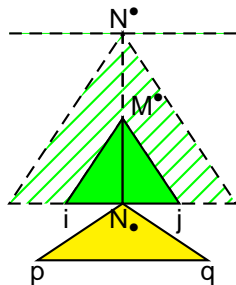
$$\frac{\langle i, j, A \leftarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta \rangle \quad \langle j, k, B \leftarrow \gamma \bullet \rangle}{\langle i, k, A \leftarrow \alpha B \bullet \beta \rangle} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ i \quad \xrightarrow{A \leftarrow \alpha \bullet B \beta} \quad j \quad \xrightarrow{B \leftarrow \gamma \bullet} \quad k \end{array} \quad \text{(Complete)}$$



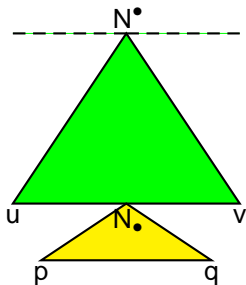
## CKY algorithm for TAGs [Vijay-Shanker & Joshi 85]

Presentation:

- **Dotted trees**  $N^\bullet$  and  $N_\bullet$  where  $N$  is a node of an elementary tree
- Items  $\langle N^\bullet, i, p, q, j \rangle$  and  $\langle N_\bullet, i, p, q, j \rangle$  with  $p, q$  possibly covering a foot node.



$\langle M_\bullet, i, p, q, j \rangle$



Without adjoining:  $\langle N_\bullet, p, -, -, q \rangle$

With adjoining:  $\langle N^\bullet, u, -, -, v \rangle$

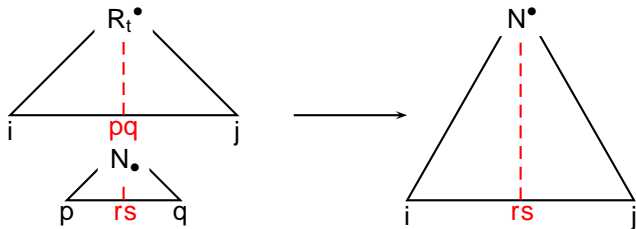
# Rule (Adjoin)

Gluing a sub-tree at a foot node.

$$\frac{\langle N_{\bullet}, p, r, s, q \rangle \langle R_t^{\bullet}, i, p, q, j \rangle}{\langle N^{\bullet}, i, r, s, j \rangle}$$

$$\text{label}(N) = \text{label}(R_t)$$

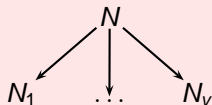
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# Rule (Complete)

## Gluing all node's children

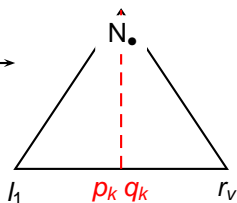
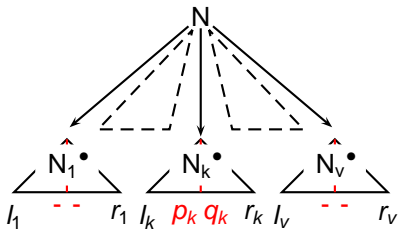
$$\frac{\langle N_i^\bullet, l_i, p_i, q_i, r_i \rangle}{\langle N_\bullet, l_1, \cup p_i, \cup q_i, r_v \rangle}$$



and  $l_{i+1} = r_i$

(Complete)

Note: At most one child ( $k$ ) covers a foot node with  $(\cup p_i, \cup q_i) = (p_k, q_k)$



Other deductive rules needed to handle

- 1 substitution
- 2 terminal scanning
- 3 node without adjoining

Time complexity  $O(n^{\max(6, 1+v+2)})$  with

- $v$  : maximal number of children per node
- 2 : number of indexes to cover a possible unique foot node

Normalization using [binary-branching trees](#) ( $v = 2$ )  $\Rightarrow$  complexity  $O(n^6)$

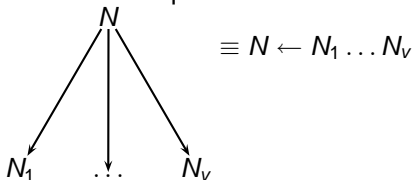
4 indexes per item  $\Rightarrow$  Space complexity in  $O(n^4)$  for a recognizer  
 $O(n^6)$  for a parser, keeping [backpointers](#) to parents

Optimal worst-case complexities  
but practically, even less efficient than CKY for CFGs

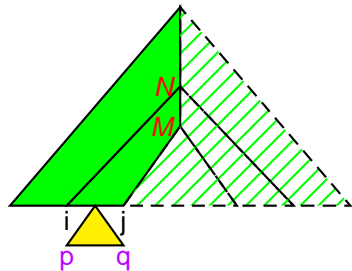
# Prediction, dotted trees and dotted productions

To mark prediction, new dotted trees [Shabes]:  $\bullet N$  and  $\cdot N$

Alternative: equivalence with dotted productions



dotted tree	dotted production
$N_k^\bullet, \bullet N_{k+1}$	$N \leftarrow N_1 \dots N_k \bullet N_{k+1} \dots N_v$
$\bullet R$ (root)	$\top \leftarrow \bullet R$
$R^\bullet$ (root)	$\top \leftarrow R^\bullet$
$\cdot N$	$N \leftarrow \bullet N_1 \dots N_v$
$N_\bullet$	$N \leftarrow N_1 \dots N_n \bullet$



$$\langle N \leftarrow \alpha \bullet M \beta, i, p, q, j \rangle$$

- Glue a sub-tree at foot node  $F_t$  (not necessarily correct)

$$\frac{\langle M \leftarrow \gamma \bullet, p, r, s, q \rangle \quad \langle T \leftarrow R_t \bullet, i, p, q, j \rangle}{\langle M \leftarrow \gamma \bullet, i, r, s, j \rangle} \quad \text{label}(M) = \text{label}(R_t) \quad (\text{Adjoin})$$

- Advance in recognition of  $N$ 's children

$$\frac{\langle N \leftarrow \alpha \bullet M \beta, i, u, v, j \rangle \quad \langle M \leftarrow \gamma \bullet, j, r, s, k \rangle}{\langle N \leftarrow \alpha M \bullet \beta, i, u \cup r, v \cup s, k \rangle} \quad (\text{Complete})$$

(Adjoin) and (Complete) similar to CKY (binary form)

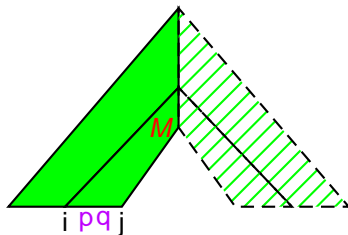
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Predict adjoining at  $M$

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(CallAdj)



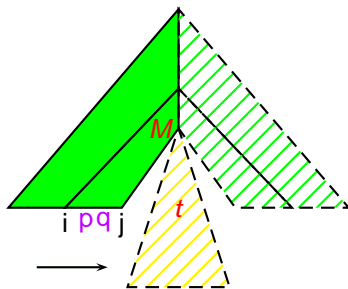
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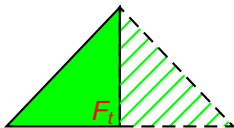


Predict a sub-tree root at  $M$  to recognize below foot node  $F_t$

$$\langle \underline{F_t \leftarrow \bullet \perp, i, -, -, i} \rangle$$

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(CallFoot)



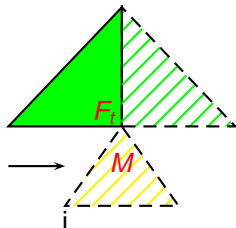
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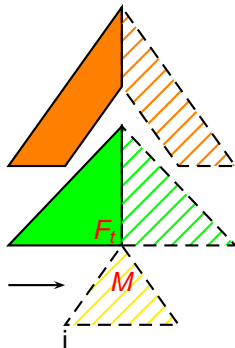
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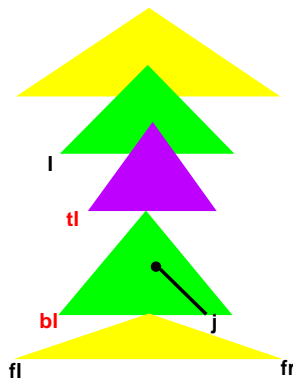


The prediction of  $M$  not related to the node  $M'$  having triggered the adjoining of  $t$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Non prefix valid parsing strategy

- Space complexity remains  $O(n^4)$
- Dotted productions  $\Rightarrow$  implicit binarization  $\Rightarrow$  time in  $O(n^6)$
- Non prefix valid: impact difficult to evaluate in practice
- **Note:** Dotted productions also applicable to improve CKY

# Prefix valid Early [Shabes]

Complexities time in  $O(n^9)$  and space in  $O(n^6)$  due to 6-index items

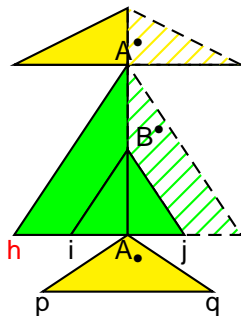


Actually, *tl* and *bl* may be avoided using dotted productions

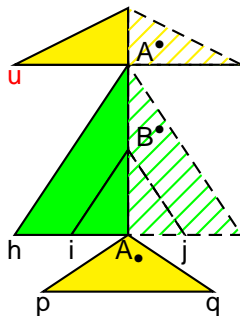
# Prefix valid Earley [Nederhof]

Item with only an extra index  $h$ :  $\langle h, N \leftarrow \alpha \bullet \beta, i, p, q, j \rangle$

$h$  states starting (leftmost) position of on-going adjoining



$\langle h, N \leftarrow \alpha B \bullet \beta, i, p, q, j \rangle$



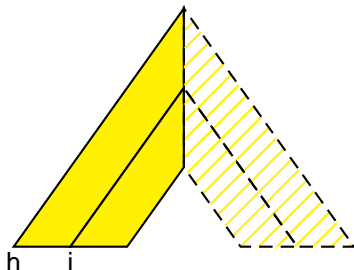
$\langle u, A \leftarrow \gamma \bullet, p, -, -, q \rangle$

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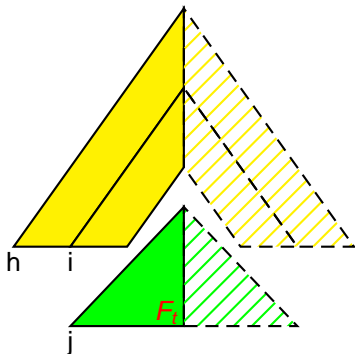
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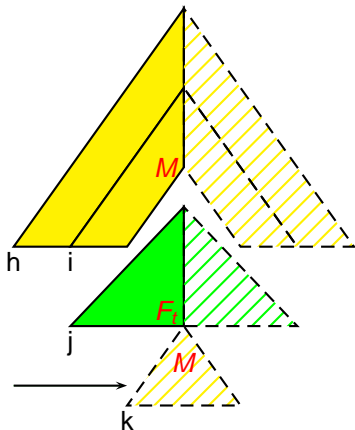




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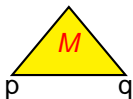
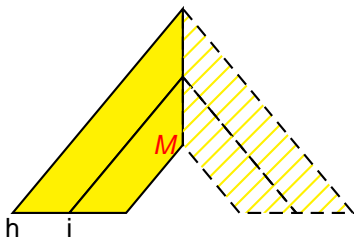
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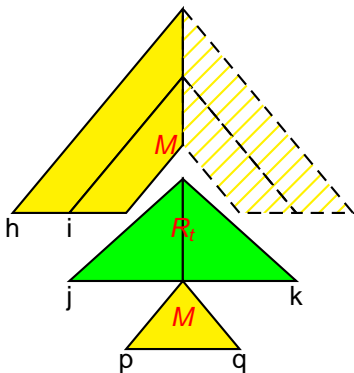


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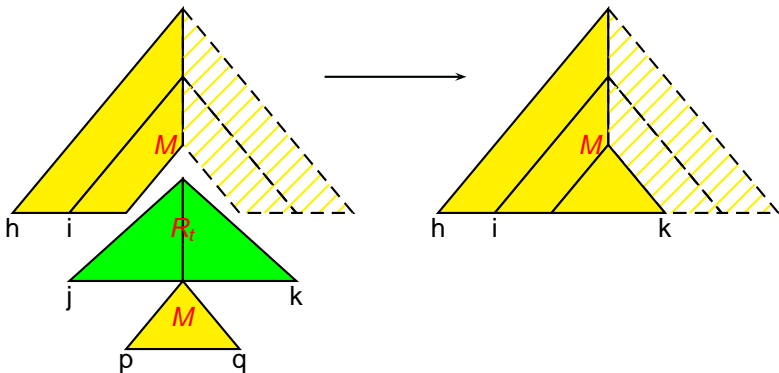
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Maximal time complexity provided by (AdjoinPf) :  $O(n^{10})$  because of 10 indexes

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But  $(u, v)$  or  $(r, s)$  equals  $(-, -)$

$\Rightarrow$  (Case analysis) splitting rule into 2 sub-rules  $\Rightarrow O(n^8) \Rightarrow$  not sufficient !

# Splitting and intermediary structures

Split (AdjoinPf) into 2 successive steps with an intermediary structure

$$[M \leftarrow \gamma \bullet, j, r, s, k]$$

This intermediary structure combines the aux. tree with the subtree rooted at  $M$

$$\frac{\langle j, \top \leftarrow R_t \bullet, j, p, q, k \rangle \quad \langle h, M \leftarrow \gamma \bullet, p, r, s, q \rangle}{[M \leftarrow \gamma \bullet, j, r, s, k]}$$

(AdjoinPf-1)

$$\frac{\langle h, N \leftarrow \alpha \bullet M \beta, i, u, v, j \rangle \quad [M \leftarrow \gamma \bullet, j, r, s, k] \quad \langle h, M \leftarrow \gamma \bullet, p, r, s, q \rangle}{\langle h, N \leftarrow \alpha M \bullet \beta, i, u \cup r, v \cup s, k \rangle}$$

(AdjoinPf-2)

$$\frac{\langle j, \top \leftarrow R_{t\bullet}, j, p, q, k \rangle \quad \langle h, M \leftarrow \gamma_{\bullet}, p, r, s, q \rangle}{[M \leftarrow \gamma_{\bullet}, j, r, s, k]} \quad (\text{AdjoinPf-1})$$

Involves 7 indexes  $\{j, p, q, k, h, r, s\}$  but  $h$  not consulted

$$\frac{\langle h, M \leftarrow \gamma_{\bullet}, p, r, s, q \rangle}{\langle \star, M \leftarrow \gamma_{\bullet}, p, r, s, q \rangle} \quad (\text{Proj})$$

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Finally,  $O(n^6)$  time complexity

$$\frac{\langle h, N \leftarrow \alpha \bullet M \beta, i, u, v, j \rangle \quad [M \leftarrow \gamma \bullet, j, r, s, k]}{\langle h, N \leftarrow \alpha M \bullet \beta, i, u \cup r, v \cup s, k \rangle}$$

(AdjoinPf-2)

10 indexes  $\Rightarrow$  Raw complexity in  $O(n^{10})$

At least one pair in  $(u, v)$  or  $(r, s)$  equals  $(-, -)$ ;

Case splitting  $\Rightarrow O(n^8)$

Pair  $(p, q)$  not consulted; projection  $\Rightarrow O(n^6)$



Rule splitting, intermediary structures, and projections decrease complexities but increase the number of steps  
To be practically validated !

Designing a tabular algorithm for TAGs is complex!

- Designing items
- Understanding the invariants
- Formulating the deductive rules (simultaneously handling tabulation and strategy)
- Optimizing rules (splitting and projections)

How to adapt for close formalisms such as [Linear Indexed Grammars](#) [LIG]?

$$A_0([\circ \circ x]) \leftarrow A_1([\ ])\dots A_k([\circ \circ y])\dots A_n([\ ])$$

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# From formalisms to automata

## Methodology:

- Automata are operational devices used to describe the steps of [Parsing Strategies](#)
- Dynamic Programming interpretations of automata used to identify [context-free subderivations](#) that may be tabulated.

Formalisms	Automata	Tabulation	Notes
RegExp	FSA	-	
CFG	PDA	$O(n^3)$	Lang
TAG / LIG	2-Stack Automata Embedded PDA	$O(n^6)$ $O(n^6)$	Becker, Clergerie & Pardo Nederhof

**Problem:** 2-stack automata (or EPDA) have the power of Turing Machine (intuition) moving left- or rightward  $\equiv$  pushing on first or second stack & popping the other one

$\Rightarrow$  need restrictions

# 2-stack automata for TAGs

Solution: **stack asymmetry**

**Master Stack:** to keep trace of uncompleted tree traversals

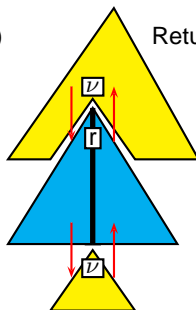
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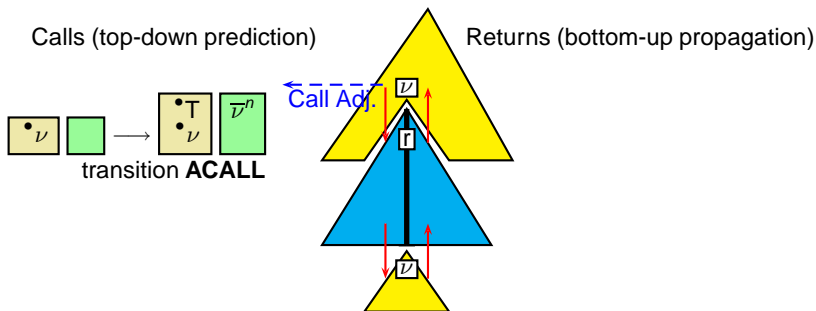
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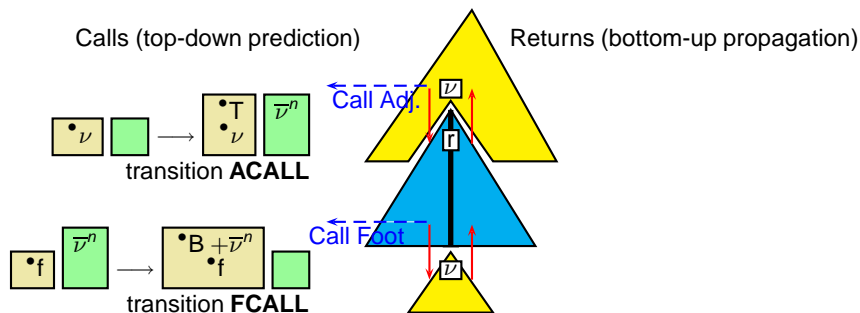
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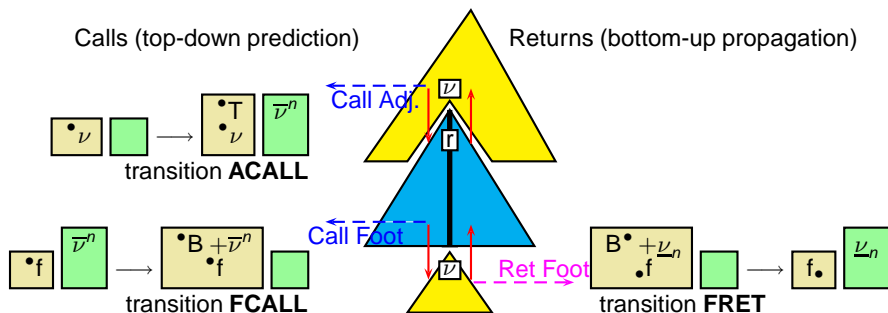
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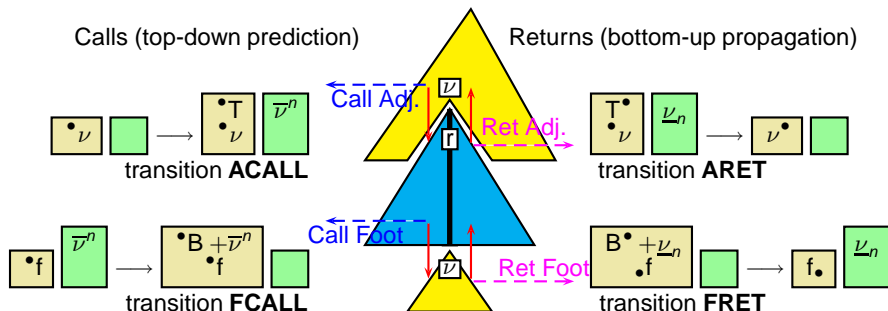
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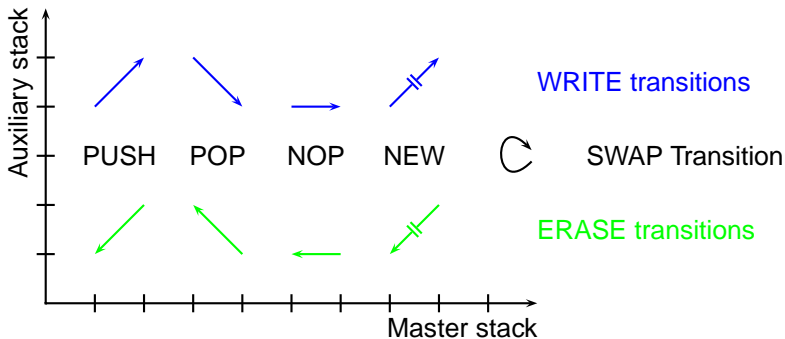


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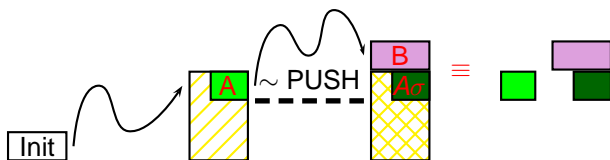


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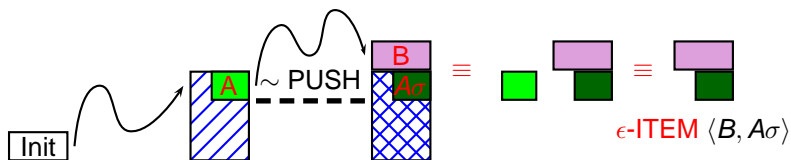
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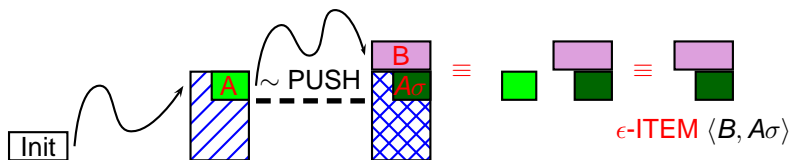
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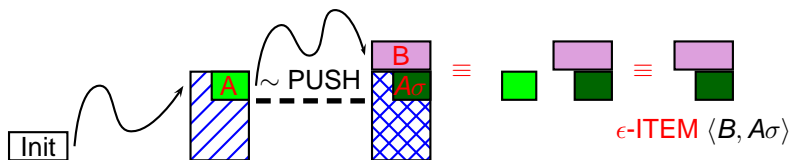
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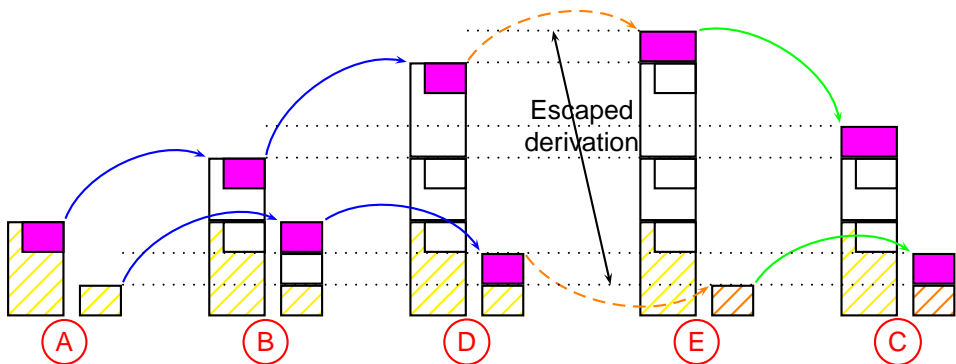
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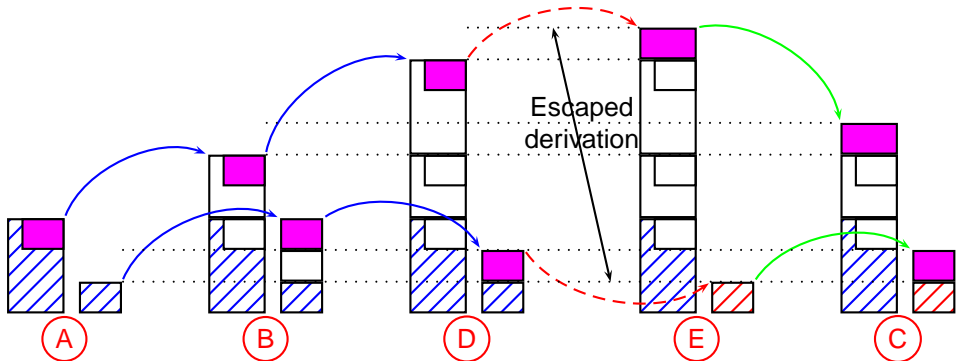


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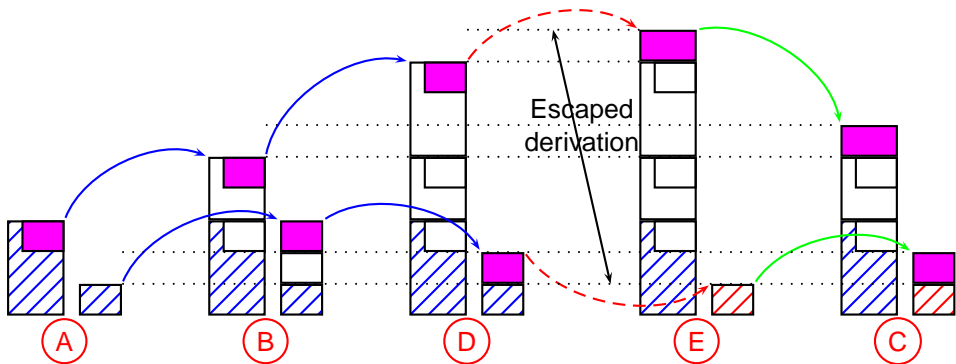


$\Rightarrow$  5-point xCF items  $AB[DE]C = \langle \epsilon A \rangle \langle \epsilon B, b \rangle [ \langle \epsilon D, d \rangle \langle E \rangle ] \langle C, c \rangle$   
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When no escaped part  $\Rightarrow$  3-point CF items  $ABC = \langle \epsilon A \rangle \langle \epsilon B, b \rangle \langle C \rangle$

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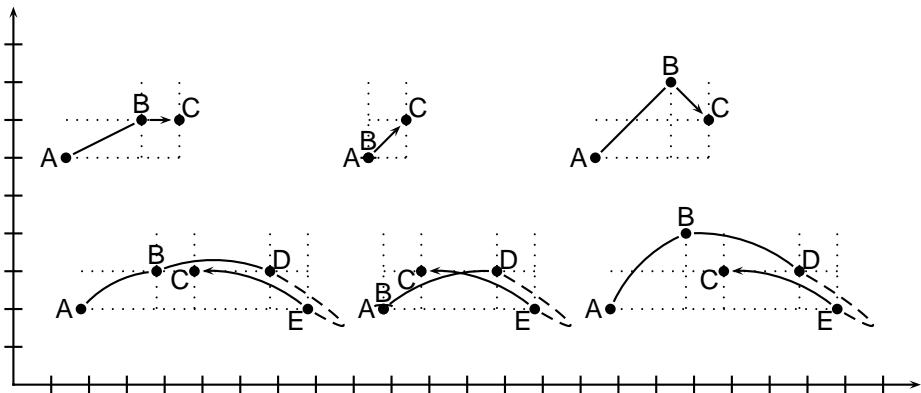


- *A* root of elementary tree
- *B* start of adjoining
- *C* current position in the tree
- *D* and *E* left and right borders of the foot

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At most 5 indexes per items  $\Rightarrow$  Space complexity in  $O(n^5)$

SD-2SA restrictions & transition kinds  $\Rightarrow$  6 possible item shapes



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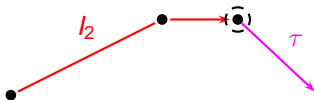
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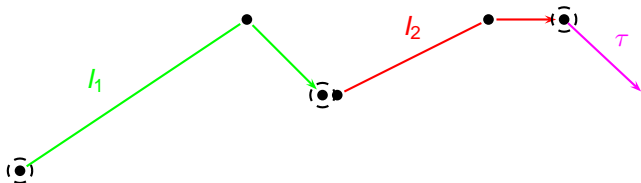


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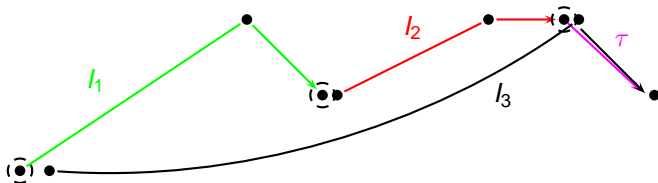


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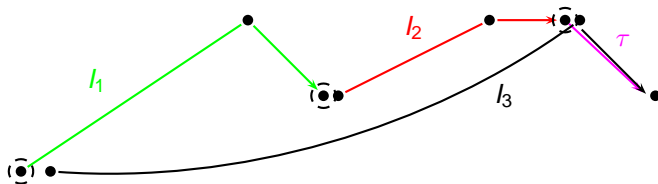
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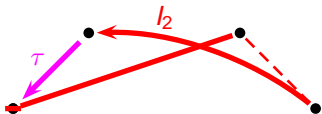
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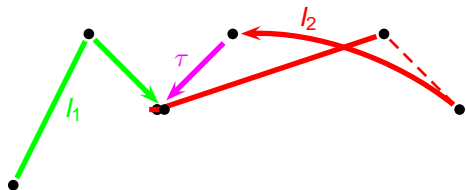
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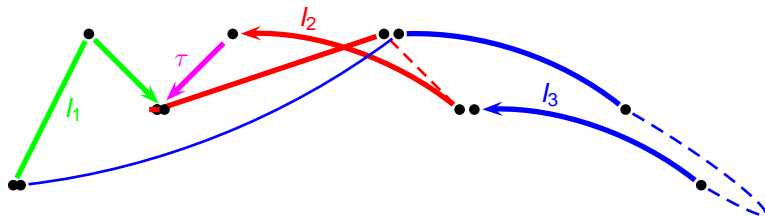
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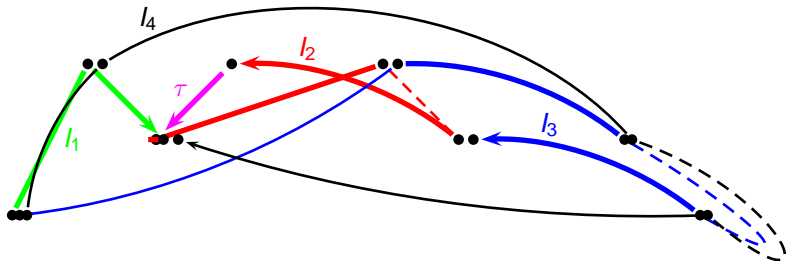
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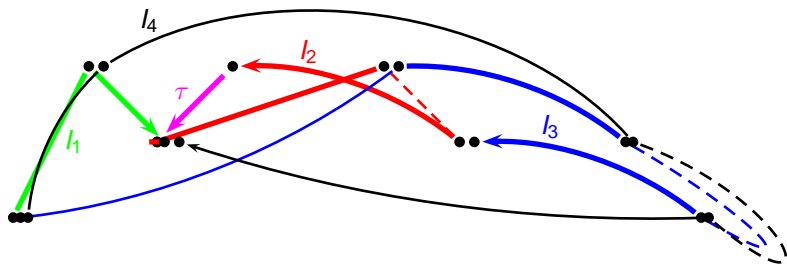
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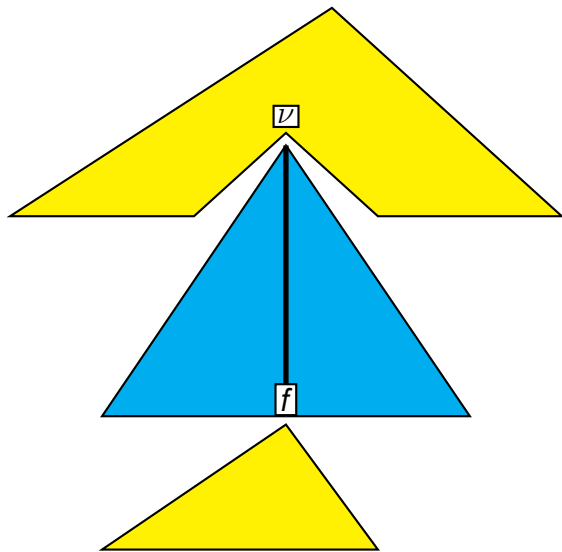
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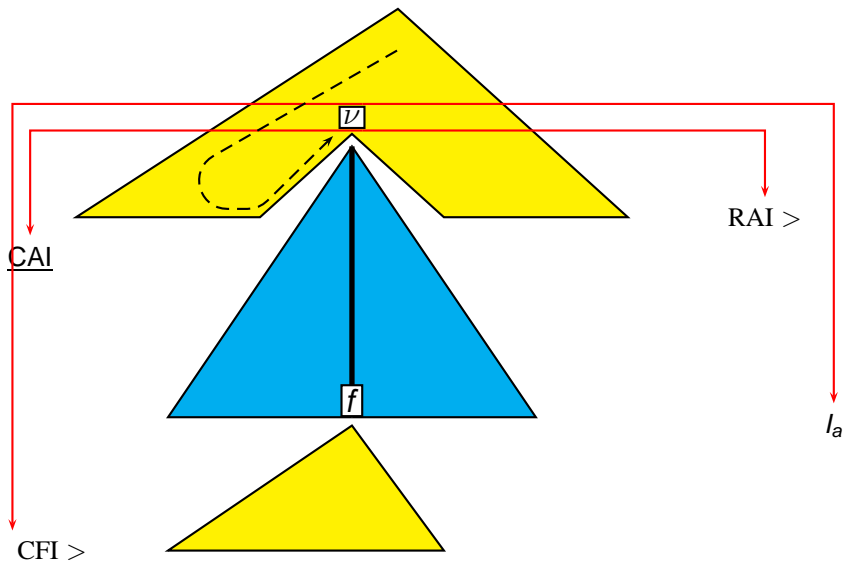


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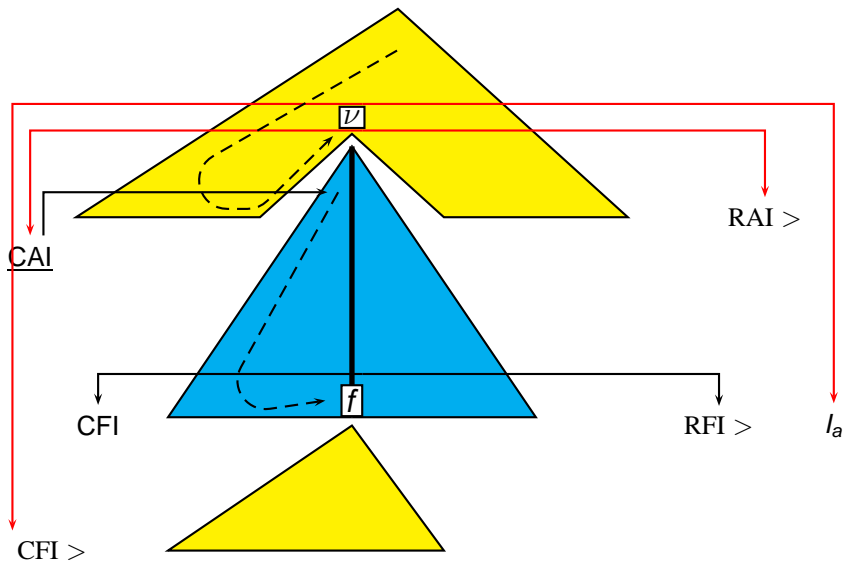
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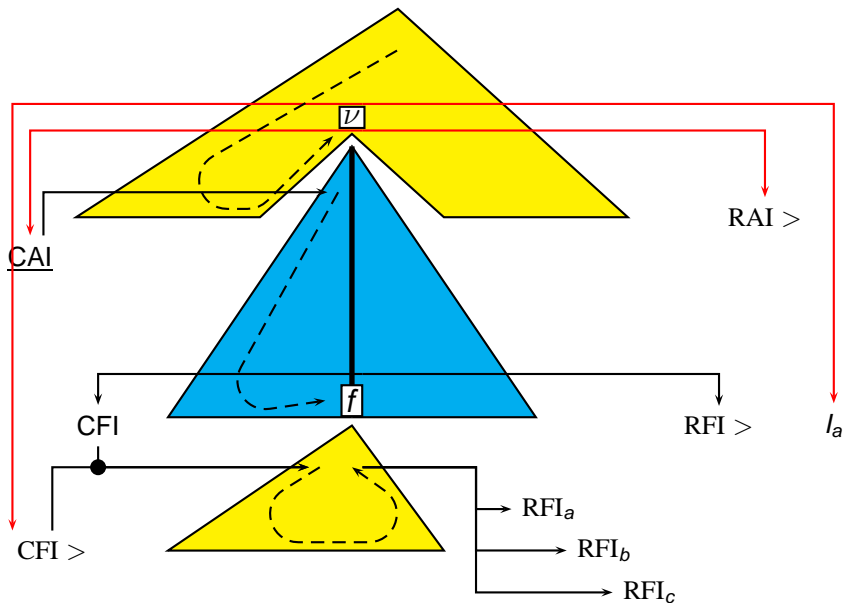


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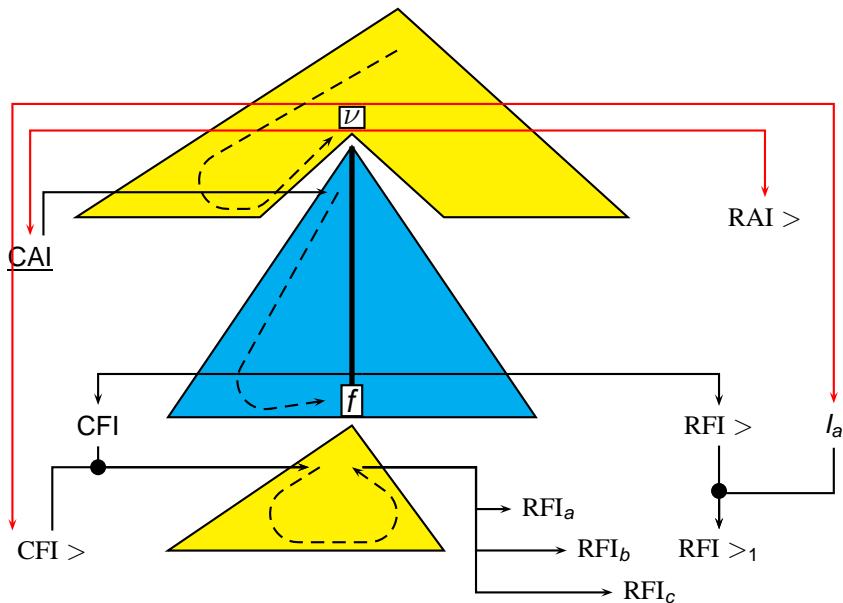




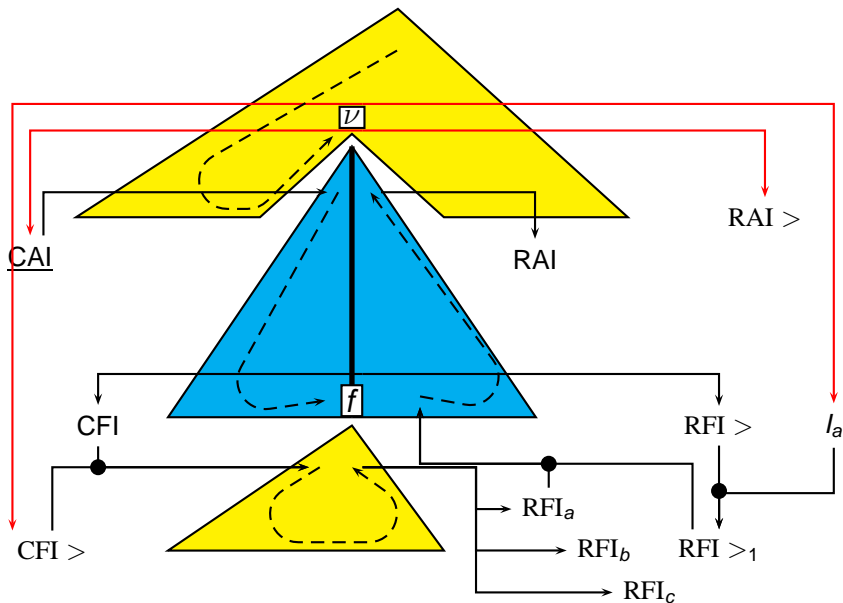
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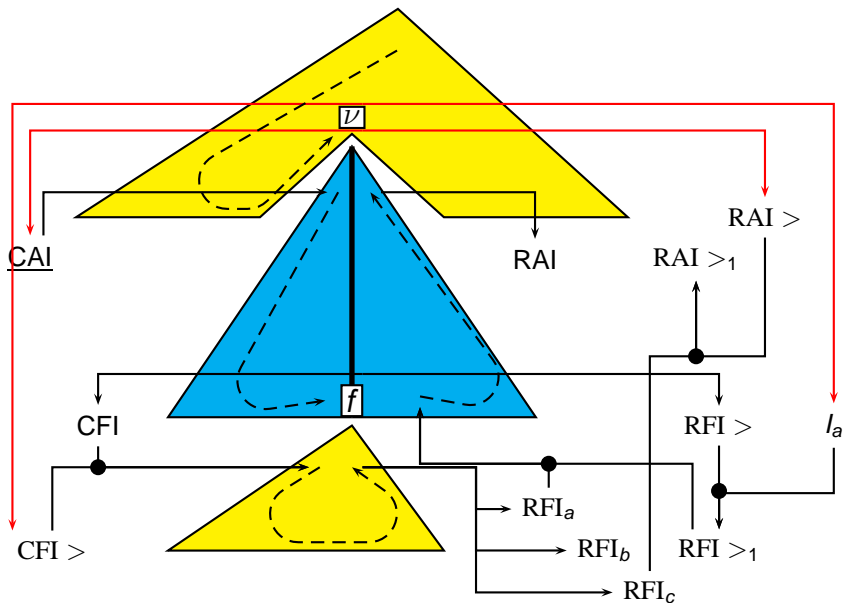
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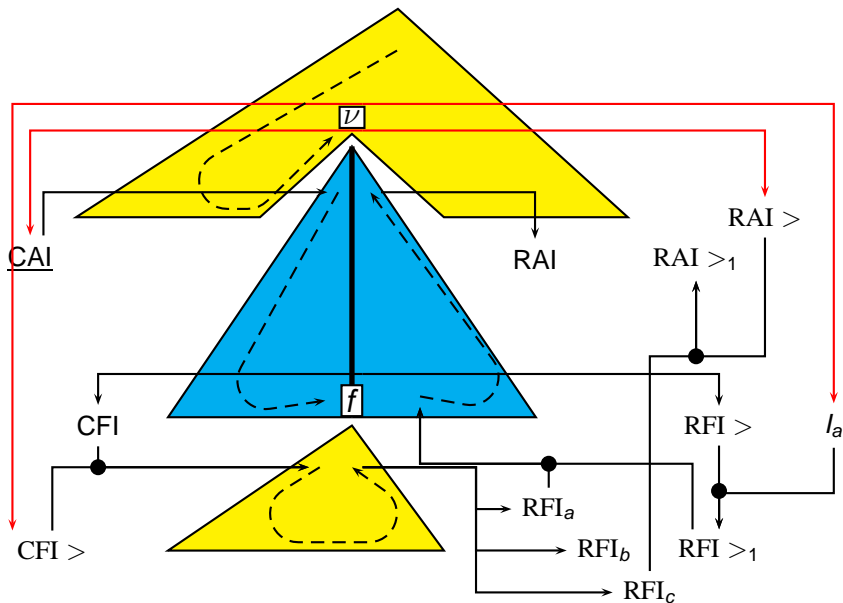
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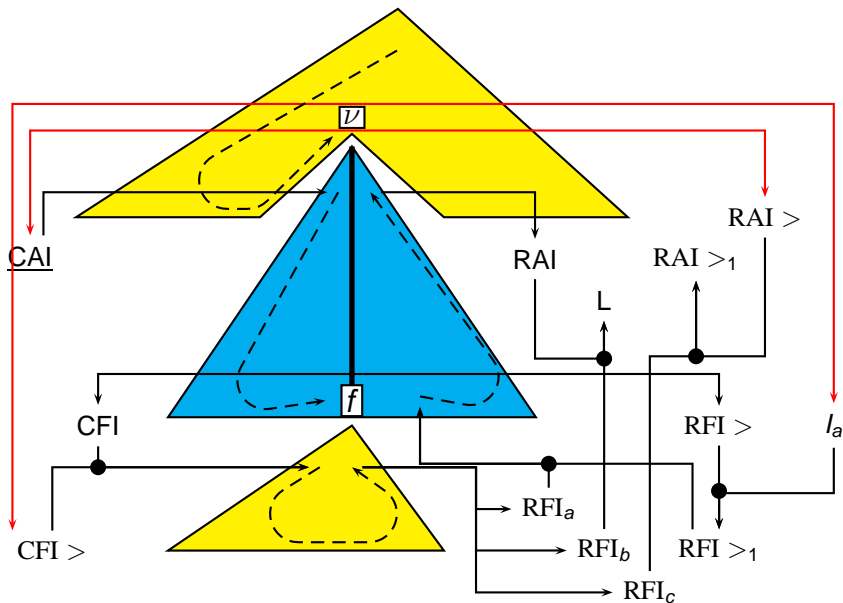
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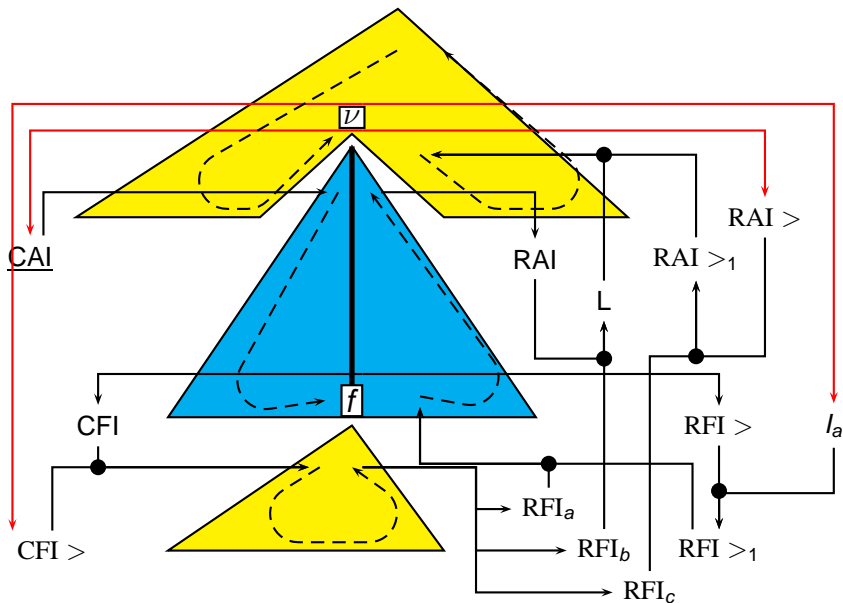
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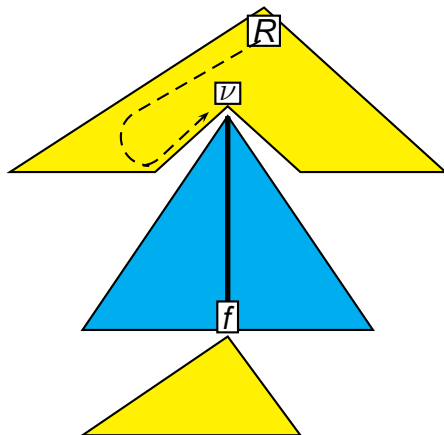
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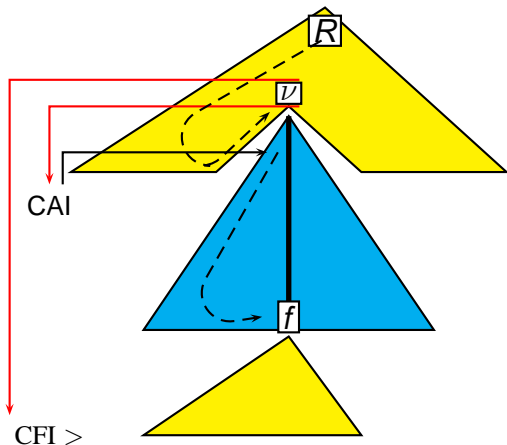
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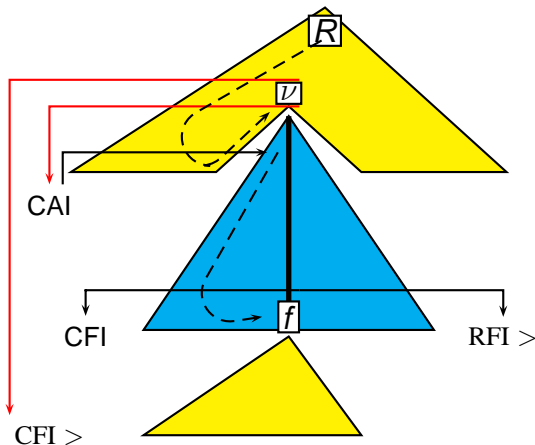


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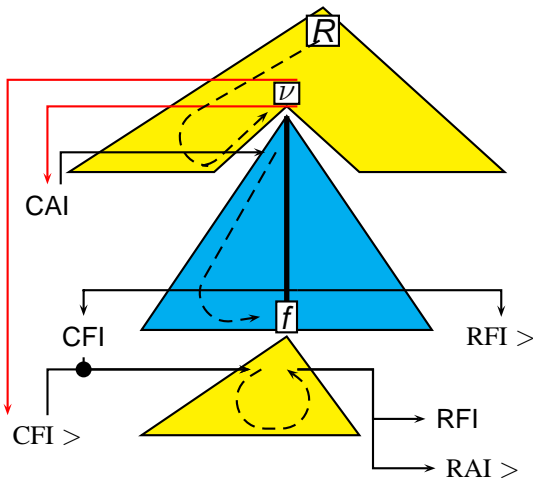
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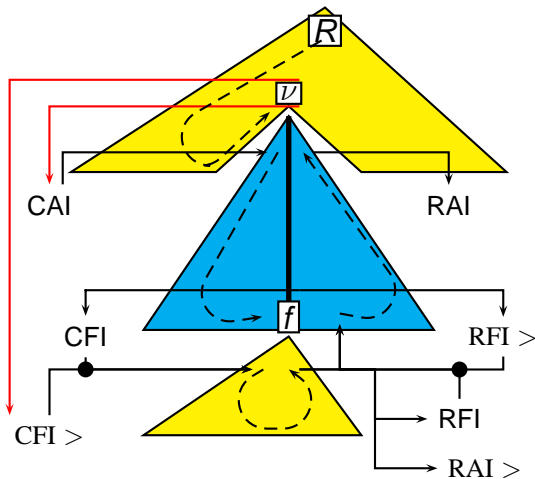
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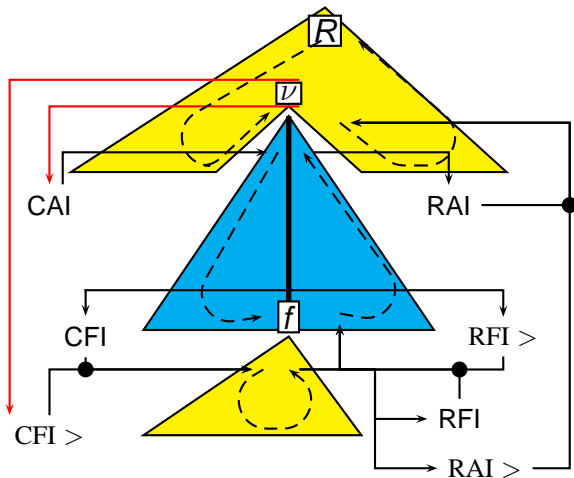
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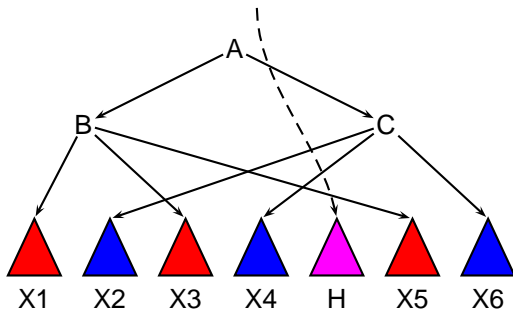


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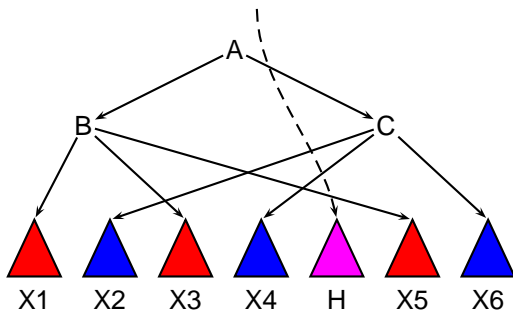
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- **sRCG**  $A(x_1.x_2.x_3.x_4, x_5.x_6) \leftarrow B(x_1, x_3, x_5), C(x_2, x_4, x_6)$   
range variables  $x_i$ ; concatenation “.”; holes “,”

- MCS have theoretical polynomial complexity  $O(n^u)$  depending upon
  - ▶ degree of **discontinuity**, (also **fanout**, **arity**)
  - ▶ degree of **interleaving**, (also **rank**)
- But no uniform framework to express parsing strategies and tabular algorithms
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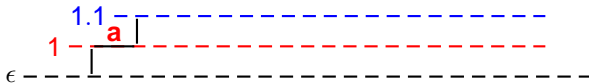


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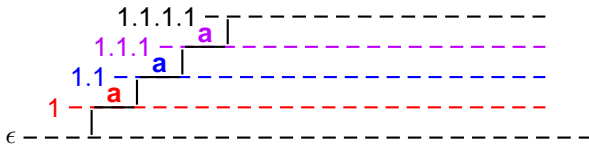


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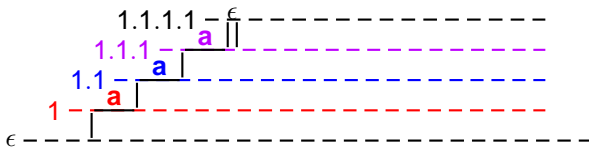


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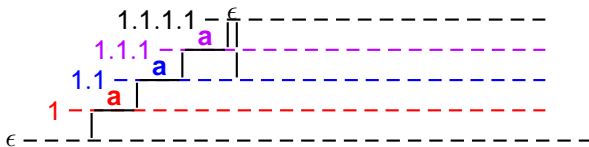


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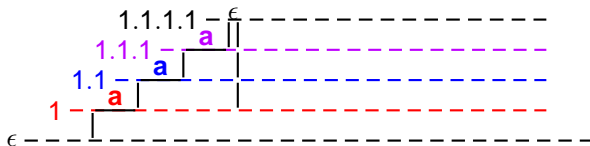


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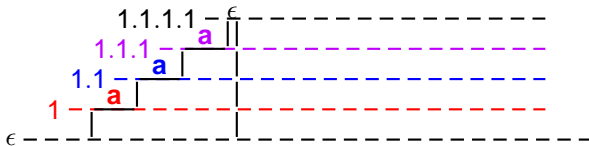


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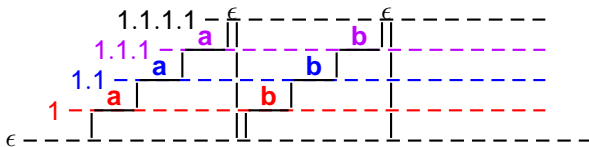


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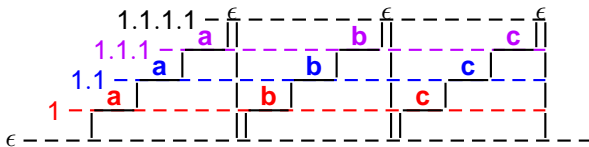


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# Formal presentation of TA (cont'd)

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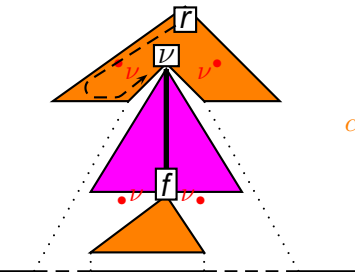
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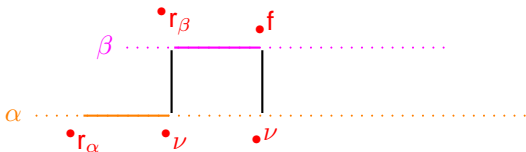
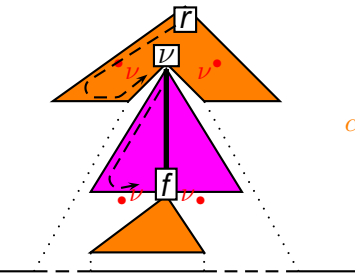
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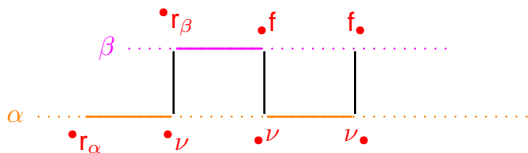
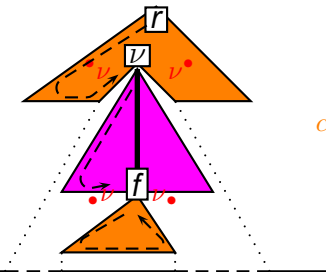
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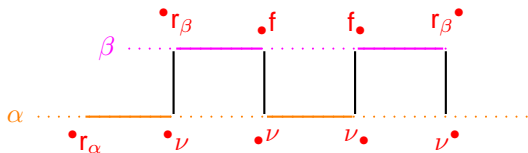
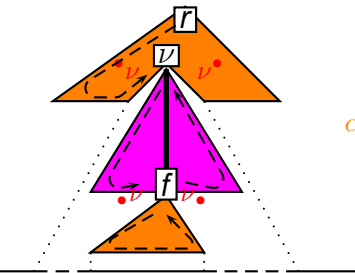
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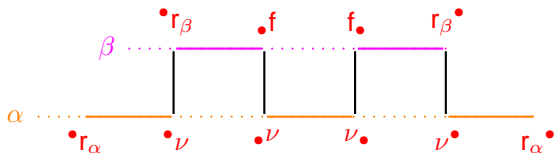
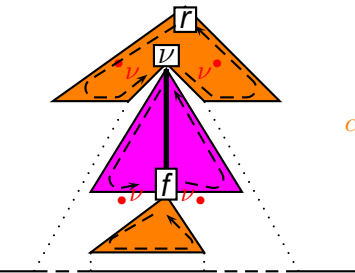
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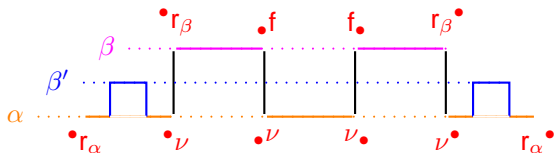
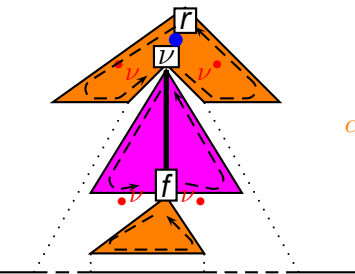
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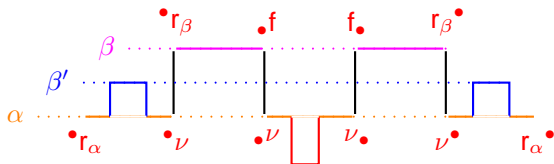
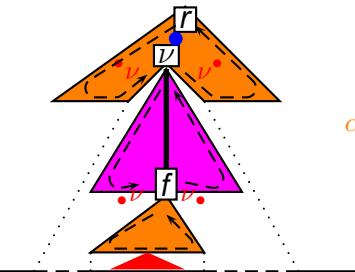
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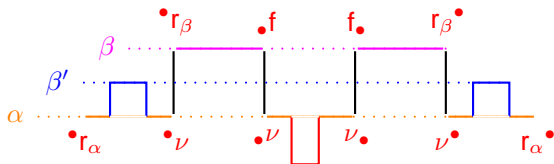
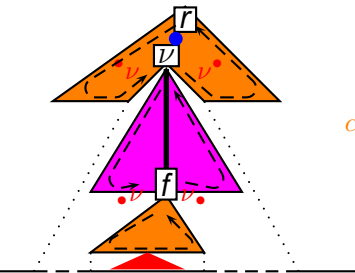
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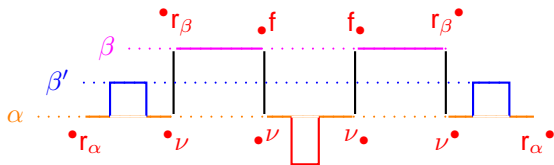
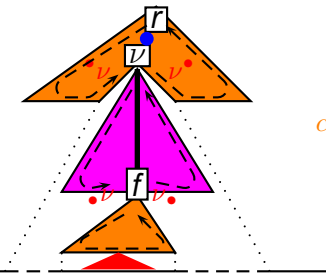
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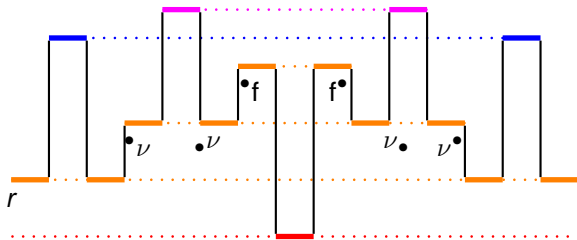
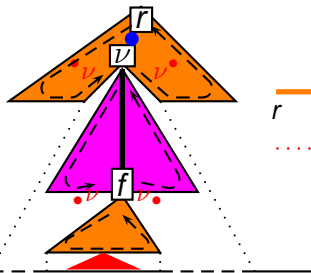
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$\Rightarrow$  implicit extraction of subtrees

$\Rightarrow$  implicit normal form (using a third kind of tree operation)

$\Rightarrow$  usual  $n^6$  time complexity



**Note:** Similar to a TAG encoding in RCG proposed by [Boullier](#)



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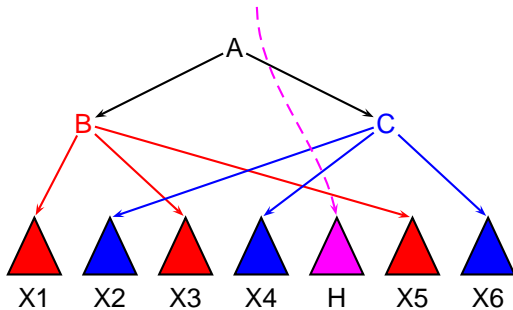
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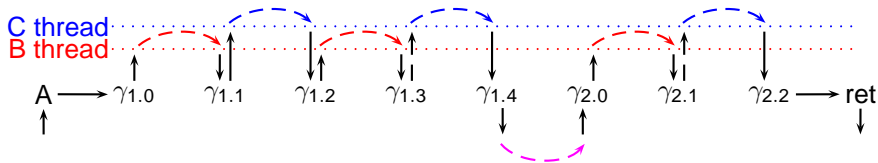
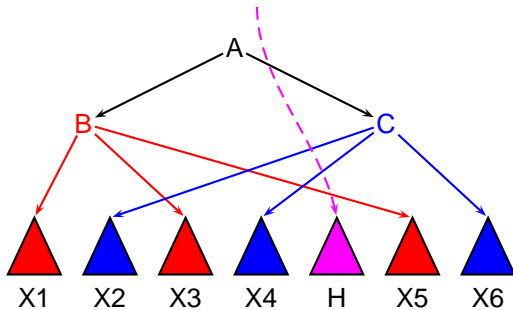


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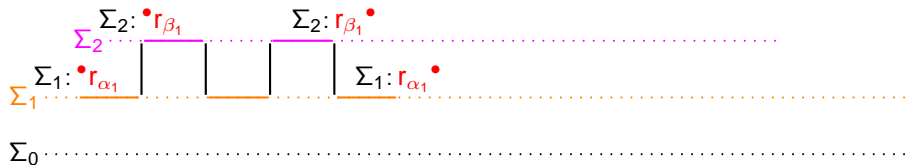
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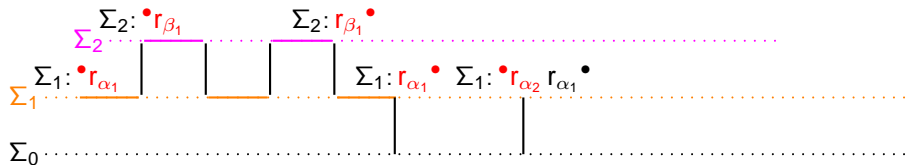


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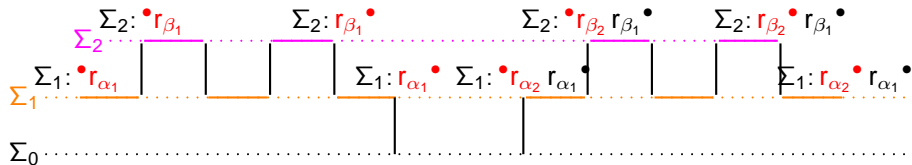


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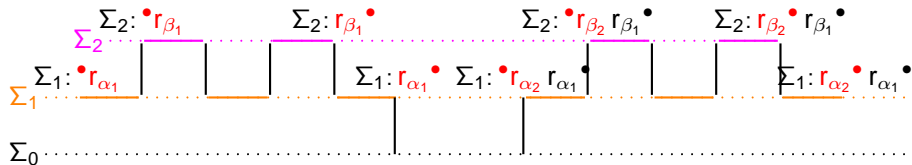


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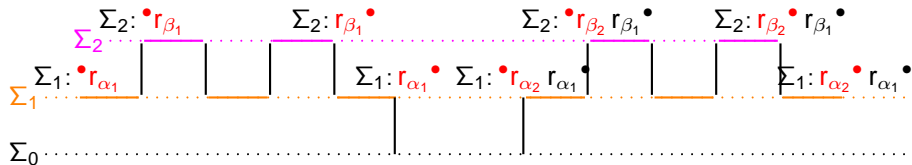


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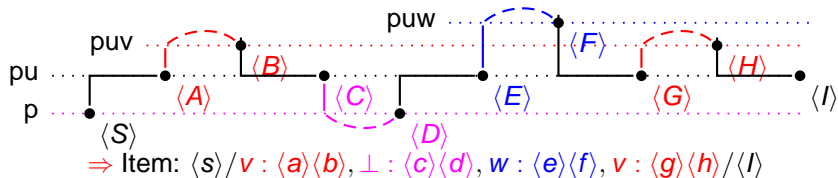
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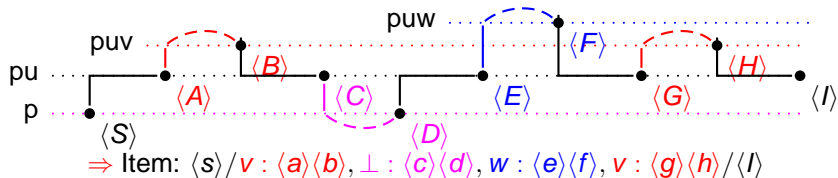
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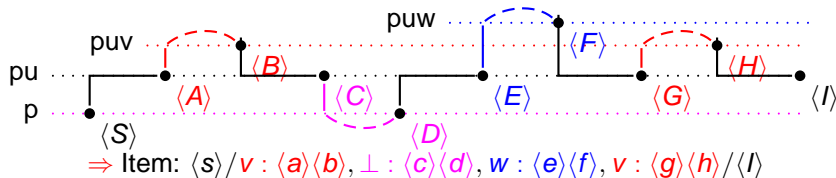


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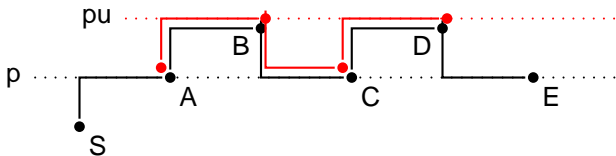
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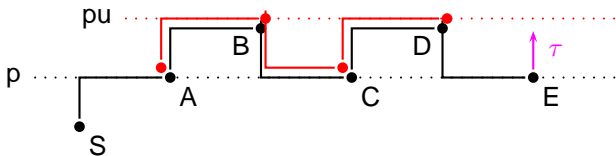
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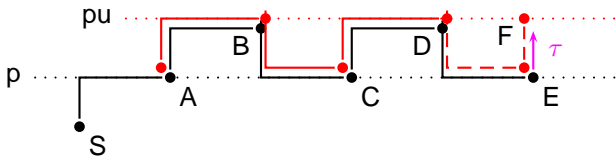
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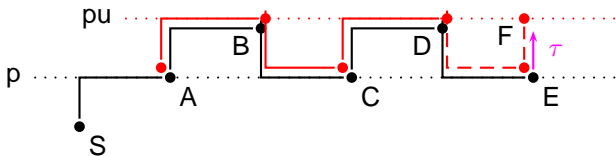
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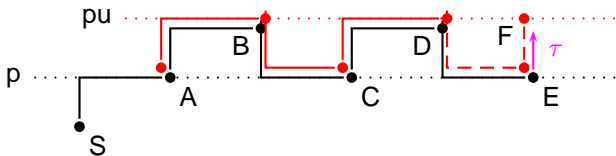
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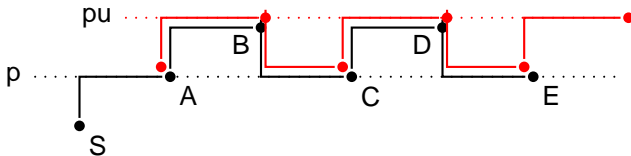
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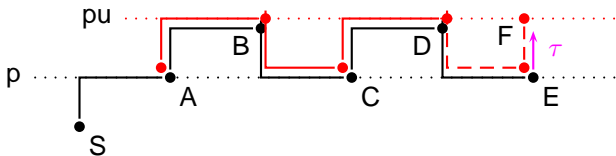
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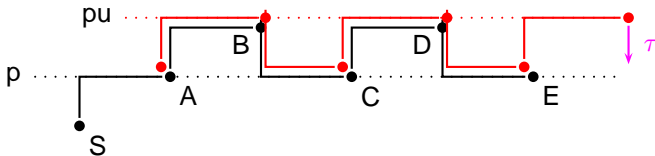
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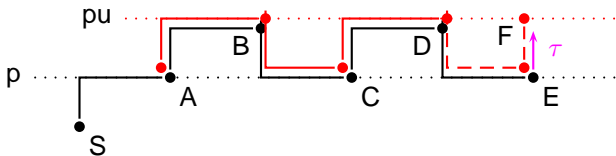
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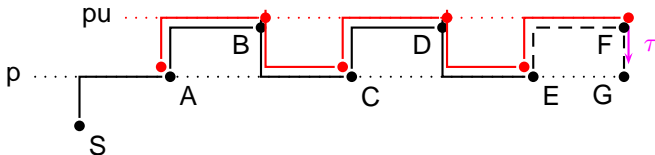
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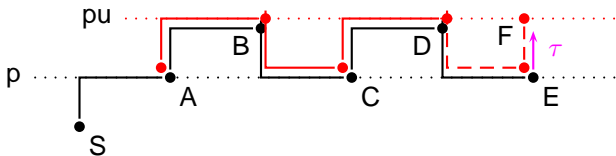
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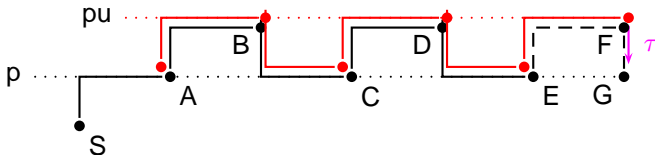
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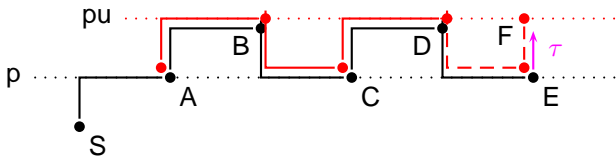
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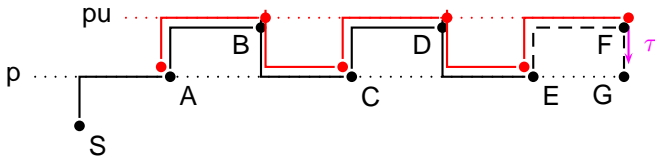
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Time complexity: all indices of parent item + end position of son item  
ignore indices of son item not related to parent suspensions

$$\frac{B \xrightarrow{\alpha} C \quad \langle a \rangle / S / \langle B \rangle}{\langle a \rangle / S / \langle C \rangle}$$

$a_r = \alpha$  if  $\alpha \neq \epsilon$  (SWAP)

$$\frac{b \mapsto [b]C \quad \star / \star / \langle B \rangle^I}{\langle b \rangle // \langle C \rangle}$$

$\{ (b, u) \in \kappa\delta(B) \wedge u \notin \text{ind}(I) \}$  (PUSH)

$$\frac{[B]C \mapsto D \quad \langle a \rangle / S / \langle B \rangle^I \quad J}{\langle a \rangle / S_{/u} / \langle D \rangle}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} J \xrightarrow{u} I \wedge (b, u) \in \kappa\delta(B) \\ J^\bullet = \langle C \rangle \wedge \text{ind}(J) \subset \{\perp\} \end{array} \right.$  (POP)

$$\frac{b[C] \mapsto [b]D \quad I \quad \langle a \rangle / S / \langle C \rangle^J}{\langle a \rangle / S, \perp : \langle c \rangle \langle b \rangle / \langle D \rangle}$$

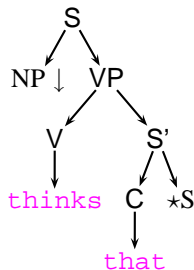
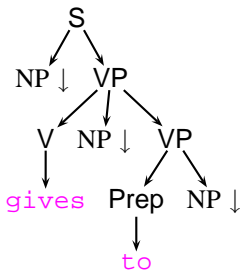
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$$\frac{[B]c \mapsto D[c] \quad \langle a \rangle / S / \langle B \rangle^I \quad J}{\langle a \rangle / S, u : \langle b \rangle \langle c \rangle / \langle D \rangle}$$

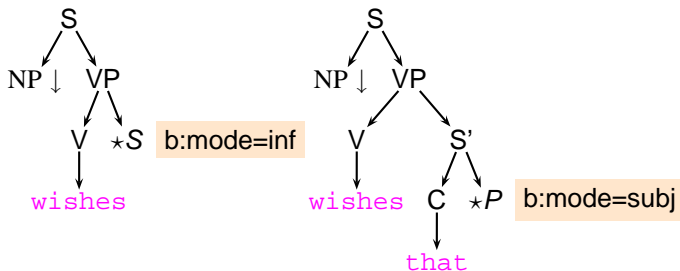
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The **extended domain of locality** provided by trees allows (for instance) specifying the argument structure expected by a verb

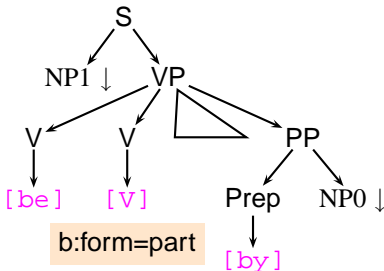
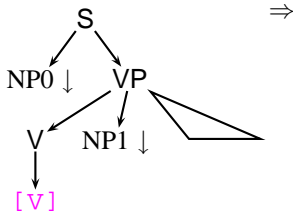


Node decoration top and bot:



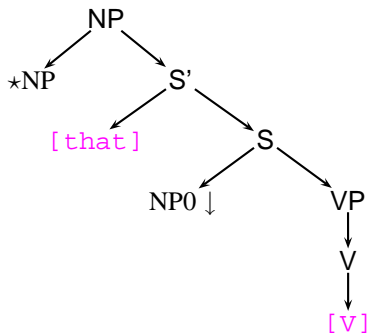
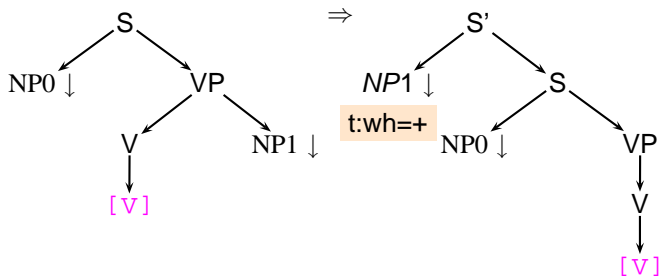
# Family: passive

Transformation to handle passive voice





# Family: Extraction



- Large grammar size, in terms of trees  
due to lexicalization and extended domain of locality  
⇒ several thousand tree schema, maybe more than ten thousands  
#args.#realizations.#extractions. . . .
- Complexity of adjoining
- Handling unification-based decorations (large feature structures)

Lexicalized TAGs (LTAGs):

- each tree has to be anchored by a lexical (+ possibly lexical coanchors)
- the input words used to filter out non anchorable trees
- still many possible trees per words (specially for verbs)

*tagging words with information to anchor trees, depending on local contexts*

Motivation: reducing the number of selected trees for a given word.

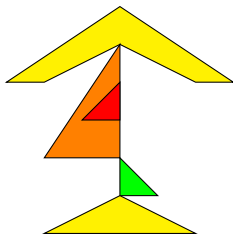
- **supertagging**: tree or family names  
but still many possible names per words (specially for verbs)
- **hypertagging**: (underspecified) feature structures, with feature characterizing syntactic properties (such as verb valence, diathesis, ...)

promettre

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{arg0} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{kind} \text{ subj} \mid - \\ \text{pcas} \text{ -} \end{array} \right] \\ \text{arg1} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{kind} \text{ obj} \mid \text{scomp} \mid - \\ \text{pcas} \text{ -} \end{array} \right] \\ \text{arg2} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{kind} \text{ prepobj} \mid - \\ \text{pcas} \text{ à} \mid - \end{array} \right] \\ \text{refl} \text{ -} \end{array} \right]$$

# Hybrid TIG/TAG parsing

TIG are a TAG variant (Schabes) where one adjoining step can only insert material on left or right side of the adjoining node.



- Tree Insertion Grammars [TIG] have equivalent to CFGs (with  $O(n^3)$  time complexity)
- Real life TAGs are mostly TIG and possible to automatically detect TIG and TAG parts of a grammar  
⇒ pay higher complexity only for wrapping adjoining
- May switch to multiple adjoining on nodes getting more natural derivation forests

# Tree factorization

**Idea** : putting more in a single tree, because the trees share many common subparts

- defining more than one traversal path per tree (Harbush)
- using regular operators on trees:

**disjunctions**  $T[t_1; t_2] \equiv T[t_1] \cup T[t_2]$

**repetitions** (Kleene Stars)  $t@* \equiv \text{kleene}_t(\epsilon) \cup \text{kleene}_t(t, \text{kleene}_t)$

**interleaving** (free ordering between node sequences)

$(t_1, t_2)##t_3 \equiv (t_1, t_2, t_3; t_1, t_3, t_2; t_3, t_1, t_2)$

**optionality** (optional node)  $t? \equiv (t; \epsilon)$

**guards** (guarded nodes)  $T[G_+, t; G_-] \equiv T[t].\sigma_+ \cup T[\epsilon].\sigma_-$

guards: boolean formula over equation between feature structure paths

These operators

- ▶ do not modify expression power or complexity
- ▶ may be removed by expansion  
but resulting trees exponential wrt number of operators
- ▶ more efficient to evaluate them without expansion  
 $\Rightarrow$  more natural analysis
- ▶ very generic operators (not specific to TAGs, TIGs, or DCGs)

- good indexing mechanisms
- identifying related `top` and **bottom** feature values that stay identical, even when adjoining
- efficient representations: for instance, bit vectors for finite sets of values (such as `mood` or `tense`)
- transformation into TAGs with no decoration but huge set of non-terminals but already dealing with large grammars !

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French metagrammar **FRMG** with compiler generator **DyALog**;

- 2-SA based variant similar to non-optimal thread automata interpretation
- lexical filtering (even if the grammar is not 100% lexicalized)
- left-corner filtering
- hybrid TIG/TAG (almost 100%TIG), automatically detected by **DyALog**
- tree factoring (disjunction, Kleene stars, guards)  
thanks to generation from the meta-grammar  
⇒ 169 factorized trees
- (**DyALog**) bit vector for finite sets, table indexing, structure sharing
- no tagging, supertagging or hypertagging  
but planned when good training data for French  
and already using hypertags for tree anchoring
- returns shared derivation forests, converted into shared dependency forests

# What is missing in this tutorial

- (n-best) shared derivation forests (Chiang & Huang)
- stochastic TIG/TAG parsing (Sarkar)
- machine learning techniques

*I don't understand exactly what you are doing  
but it doesn't look very useful*

*Romane, 8 years old*