

Discourse Representation Theory
an Updated Survey

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Reading: H. Kamp, U. Reyle and J. van Genabith, *Discourse Representation Theory*, Handbook of Philosophical Logic, (ed.) D. Gabbay, Kluwer Academic Press, (rough draft ;-).

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Bottom-Up DRS Construction

- new DRT architecture
- presupposition [Heim,83], [Zeevat,92], [van der Sandt,92]
 - from: obstacle to logical transparency
 - to: centre stage in dynamic semantics
 - presupposition/anaphora: different aspects of single process
- two stage processing architecture:
 - presupposition computation
 - presupposition justification/accommodation

Bottom-Up DRS Construction

The Plan . . .

- “old” top-down DRS construction algorithm [Kamp,81] [Kamp & Reyle,93]
- presupposition (“a taste”)
- underspecification
 - storage [Cooper,83]
 - UDRT [Reyle,92,93]
- presupposition (“main course”)
- “new” bottom-up DRS construction
 - presupposition computation (preliminary representations)
 - presupposition justification/accommodation
- a P-UDRT fragment (generic unification formalism)
- DRT calculus

Top-Down DRS Construction

(1) A delegate¹ arrived. She₁ registered.

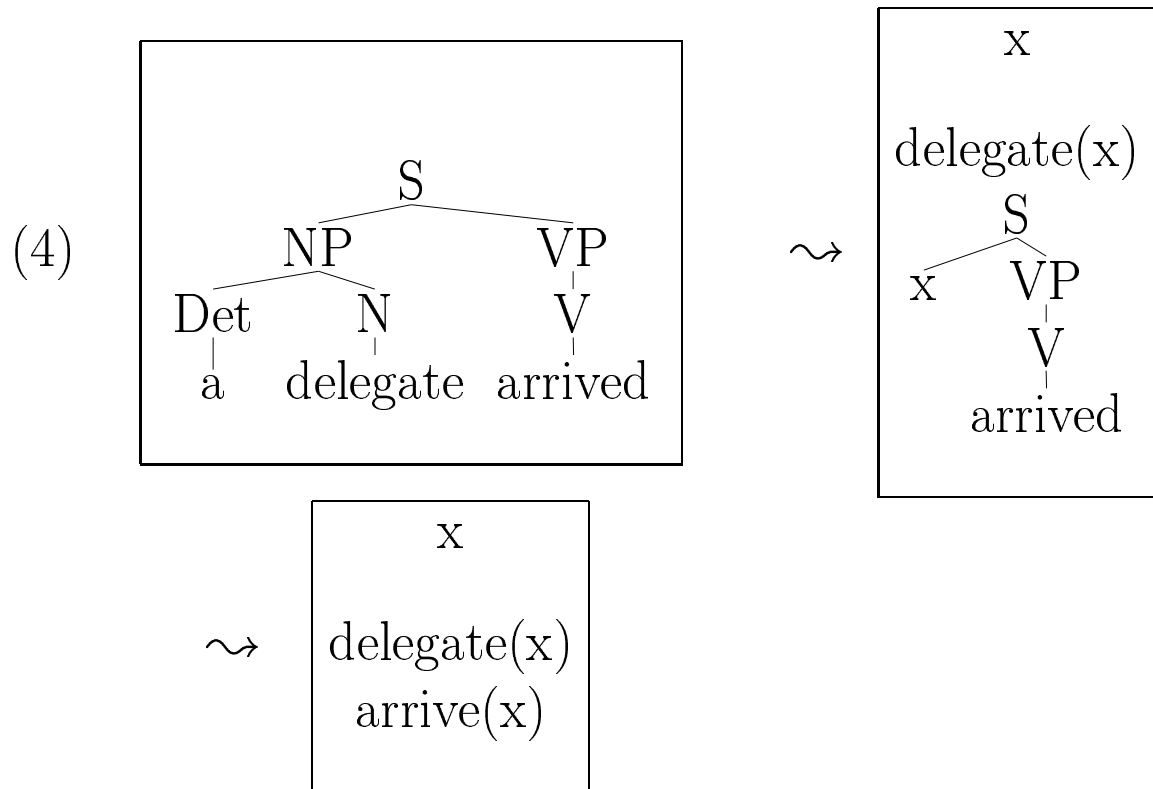
(2)

x y
delegate(x)
arrive(x)
register(y)
y = x

Top-Down DRS Construction

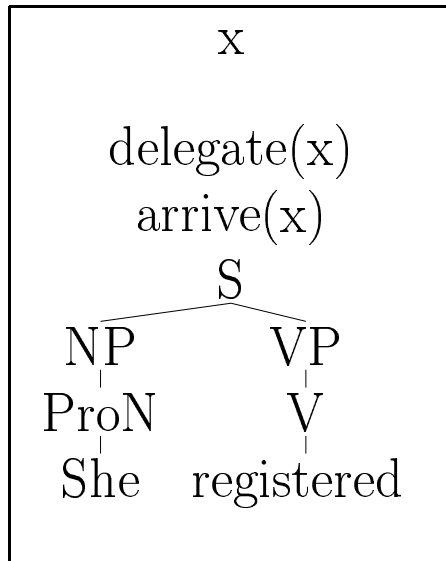
DRS construction rules, $CR-NP_{InDef}$, $CR-VP_{InTr}$,
..., triggering configurations

(3) A delegate arrived.

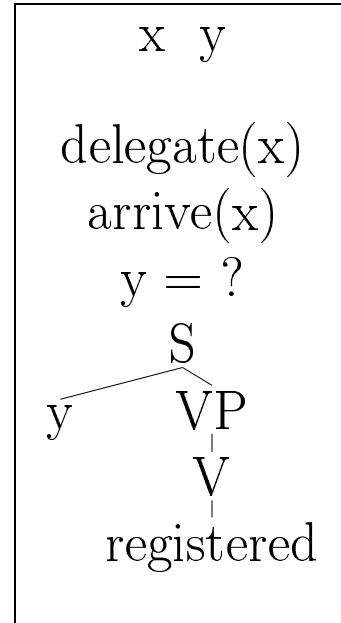


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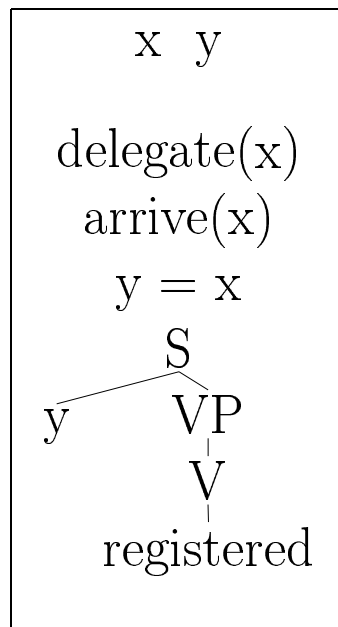
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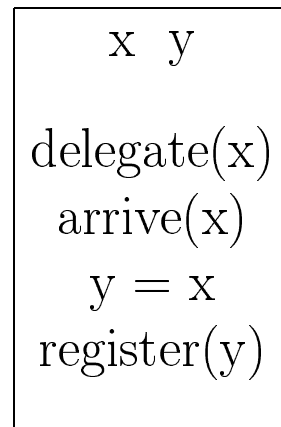
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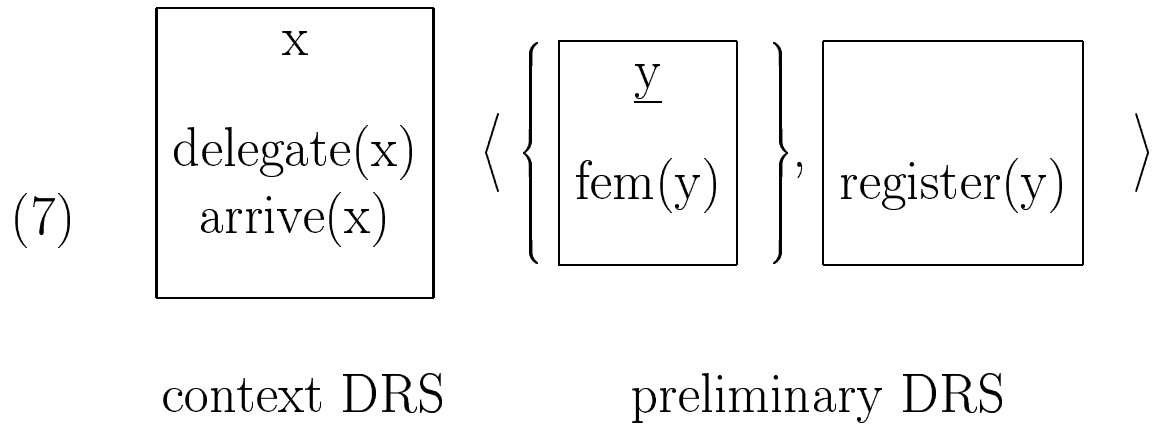
Top-Down DRS Construction

- $\langle \underbrace{S_1, \dots, S_i}_{K_{1,i}}, S_{i+1} \dots, S_n \rangle$
- insert $\text{tree}(S_{i+1})$ into context DRS $K_{1,i}$ as decomposable condition
- construction rules
 - triggering configurations
- rational reconstruction of on-line incremental interpretation by human interpreter
- meaning: instruction to dynamically update mental representation
- meaning: complete(ed) DRSs: truth conditions
- practical and theoretical reasoning

Bottom -Up DRS Construction

Sneak Preview: preliminary DRSs

(6) A delegate¹ arrived. She₁ registered.



Bottom -Up DRS Construction

Presuppositions

- multiple
- nested

Two stage processing architecture:

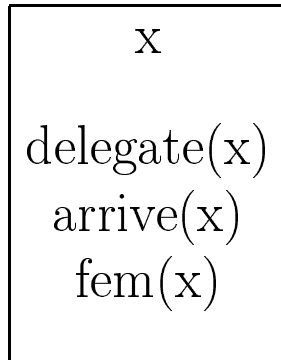
1. Construction (of P-DRSs)
 - make presuppositions (demands on context) explicit
 - presuppositional/non-presuppositional part
2. Resolution (of presuppositions)
 - presupps. need to be satisfied by context
 - or context accommodated so that satisfies presupps.

Resolution involves world knowledge ...

If (2) succeeds presupps “disappear” from P-DRS, merge of non-presupp part with context

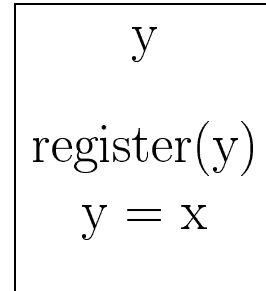
Bottom -Up DRS Construction

Sneak Preview (contnd):



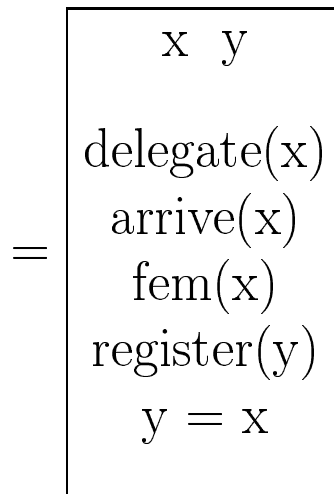
context DRS

\uplus



non-presuppositional
DRS

(8)



Underspecification

- ambiguity ...
- lexical (POS, word class)
following: V, ADJ, N
- structural
unpackable
conservative party leader
crazy semanticists and syntacticians
A saw B with a telescope ...
- semantic (word sense, scope ...)
bank
every candidate made a crucial mistake
take two pills with a glass of water
every day for three weeks
John rang Tom. He was furious.
- ...
- ambiguities can multiply !

Underspecification

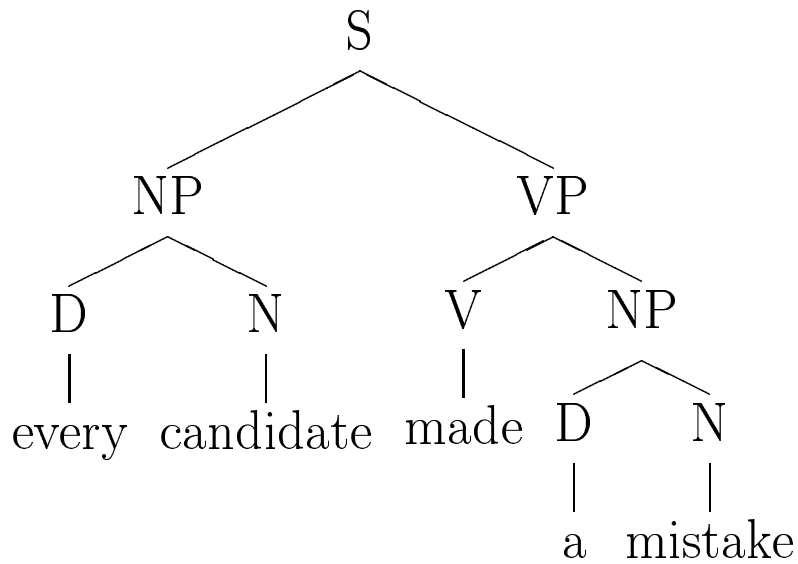
- ambiguity (contnd):
- Montague Grammar: different derivation trees
+ quantifying in
- Cooper storage (procedure to construct LFs)
 - Keller storage
- underspecification (partial descriptions of LFs)
 - UDRT [Reyle, 92,93, ...]
 - QLF [Alshawi & Crouch, 92]
 - Hole Semantics [Bos,96], linear logic (glue) semantics [Crouch et. al, 01], Ambiguous Logical forms [Muskens,95], Constraint Language for Lambda Structures (CLLS) [Egg et. al,98], MRS [Copestake et. al, 95], ...

Cooper Storage

FOPL LF construction:

(9) Every candidate made a mistake.

- $\forall x(\text{cand}(x) \rightarrow \exists y(\text{mis}(y) \wedge \text{make}(x, y)))$
- $\exists y(\text{mis}(y) \wedge \forall x(\text{cand}(x) \rightarrow \text{make}(x, y)))$



Cooper Storage

FOPL LF construction:

Normally:

FORMATION	INTERPRETATION
$S \rightarrow NP VP$	$S^\circ := NP^\circ VP^\circ$
$NP \rightarrow D N$	$NP^\circ := D^\circ N^\circ$
$VP \rightarrow V NP$	$VP^\circ := \lambda x.NP^\circ(V^\circ x)$
$D \rightarrow a$	$\lambda P \lambda Q \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$
$D \rightarrow \text{every}$	$\lambda P \lambda Q \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$
$N \rightarrow \text{candidate}$	$\lambda x.cand(x)$
$N \rightarrow \text{mistake}$	$\lambda x.mis(x)$
$V \rightarrow \text{made}$	$\lambda x \lambda y.make(x, y)$

Cooper Storage

Complicate semantic representation!

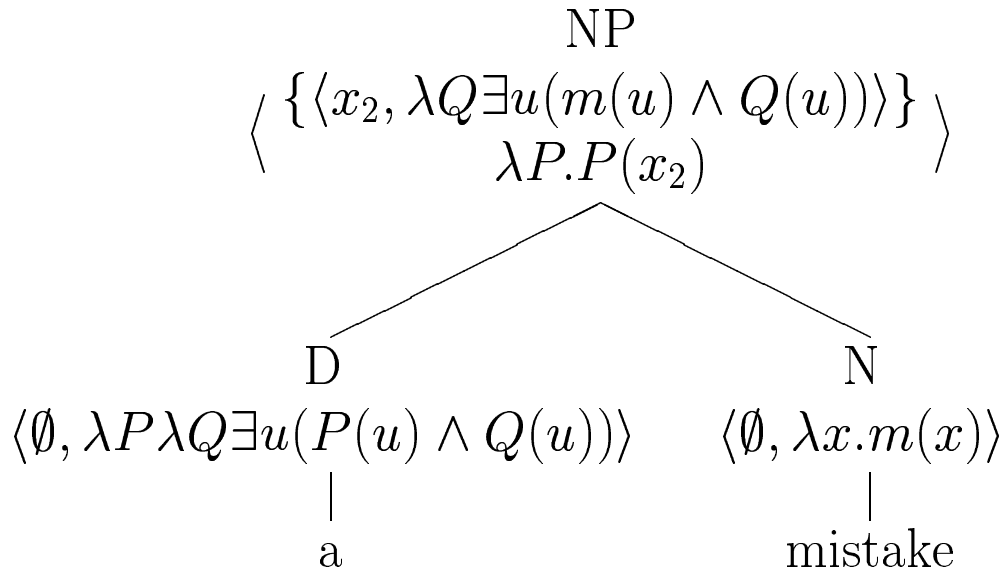
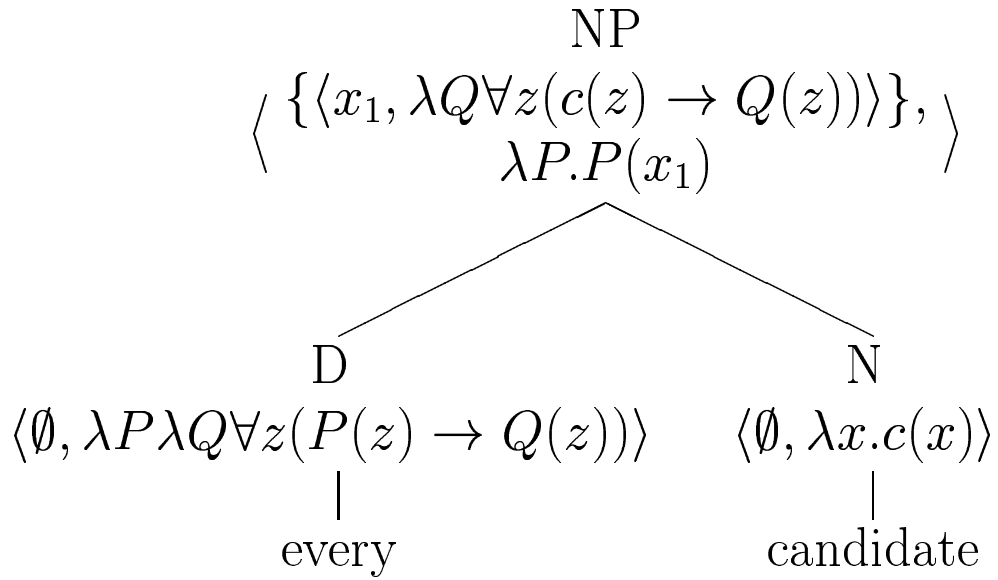
- each syntactic node is associated with two semantic components
 - Store
 - Core
 - $\langle \text{Store} , \text{Core} \rangle$
- Store is a set of store elements of the form $\langle x_i, \text{Sem} \rangle$
where x_i is an indexed variable and Sem is a semantic representation (usually of a quantified NP)
- Core is a “dummy” semantic representation containing occurrences of indexed variables

Cooper Storage

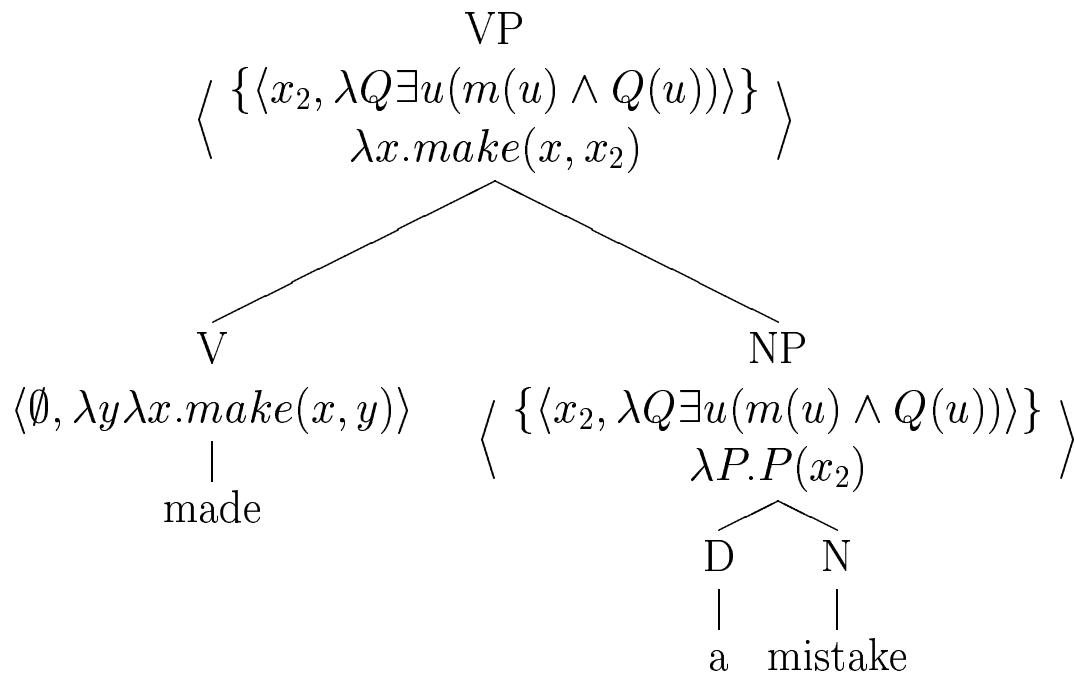
Trick: complicate semantic representation
 $\langle \text{Store}, \text{Core} \rangle$

FORMATION	INTERPRETATION
$S \rightarrow NP VP$	$S^s := NP^s \cup VP^s$ $S^c := NP^c VP^c$
$VP \rightarrow V NP$	$VP^s := V^s \cup NP^s$ $VP^c := NP^c V^c$
$NP \rightarrow D N$	$NP^s := \{ \langle x_i, D^c N^c \rangle \}$ $NP^c := \lambda P. P(x_i)$
$D \rightarrow a$	$\langle \emptyset, \lambda P \lambda Q \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rangle$
$D \rightarrow \text{every}$	$\langle \emptyset, \lambda P \lambda Q \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \rangle$
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$N \rightarrow \text{mistake}$	$\langle \emptyset, \lambda x. \text{mis}(x) \rangle$
$V \rightarrow \text{made}$	$\langle \emptyset, \lambda y \lambda x. \text{make}(x, y) \rangle$

Cooper Storage



Cooper Storage



Cooper Storage

Retrieval:

given $\langle \text{Store}, \text{Core} \rangle$

where $\text{Store} = \{\langle v_1, \text{NP}_1^\circ \rangle, \dots, \langle v_n, \text{NP}_n^\circ \rangle\}$

- repeat until $\text{Store} = \emptyset$:
 - $\text{Store} := \text{Store} - \{\langle v_i, \text{NP}_i^\circ \rangle\}$
 - $\text{Core} := \text{NP}_i^\circ(\lambda v_i. \text{Core})$
- write Store

Different orders of retrieval will give different scopes: if $|\text{Store}| = n$ then $n!$ scopes.

A form of underspecification ...

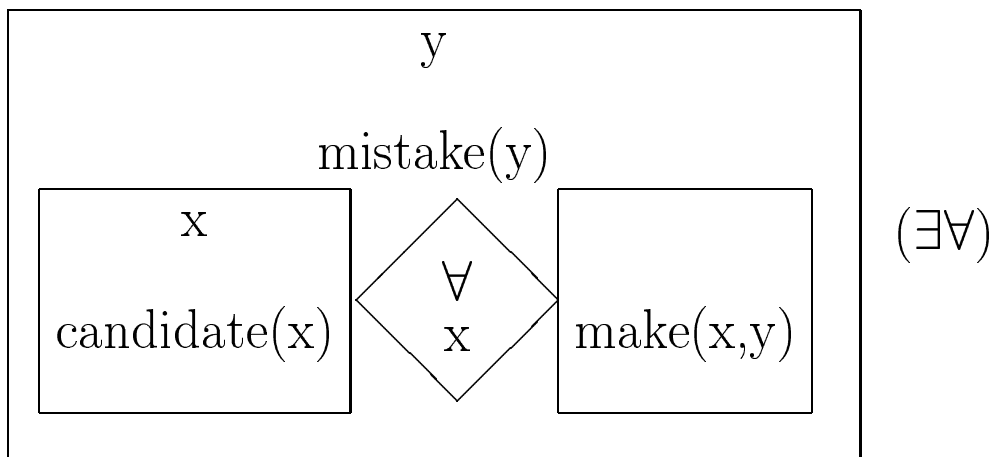
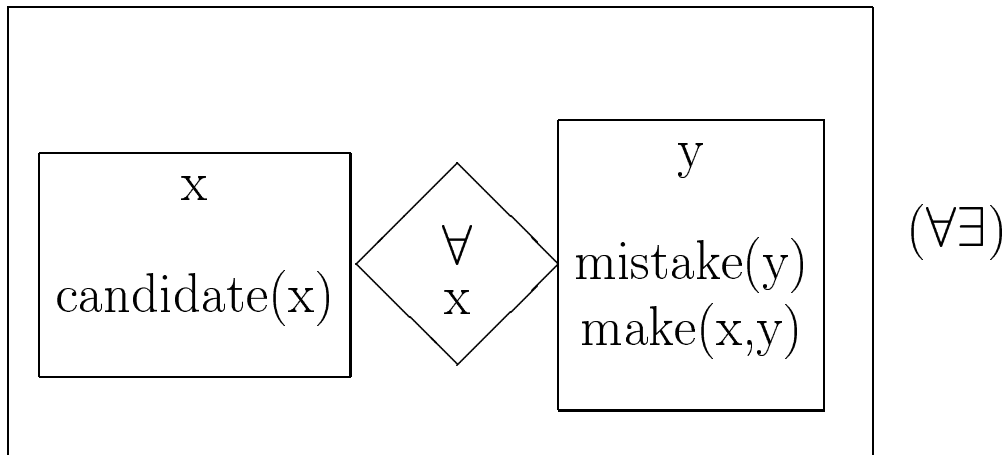
Cooper Storage

- $\left\langle \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle x_1, \lambda Q \forall z (c(z) \rightarrow Q(z)) \rangle \\ \langle x_2, \lambda Q \exists u (m(u) \wedge Q(u)) \rangle \end{array} \right\} \right\rangle$
 $make(x_1, x_2)$
 - $\lambda Q \forall z (c(z) \rightarrow Q(z)) (\lambda x_1. make(x_1, x_2))$
 $\rightsquigarrow \forall z (c(z) \rightarrow make(z, x_2))$
- $\left\langle \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle x_2, \lambda Q \exists u (m(u) \wedge Q(u)) \rangle \\ \forall z (c(z) \rightarrow make(z, x_2)) \end{array} \right\} \right\rangle$
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 $\rightsquigarrow \exists u (m(u) \wedge \forall z (c(z) \rightarrow make(z, u)))$
- $\left\langle \begin{array}{c} \emptyset \\ \exists u (m(u) \wedge \forall z (c(z) \rightarrow make(z, u))) \end{array} \right\rangle$

A procedure to compute fully scoped LFs.

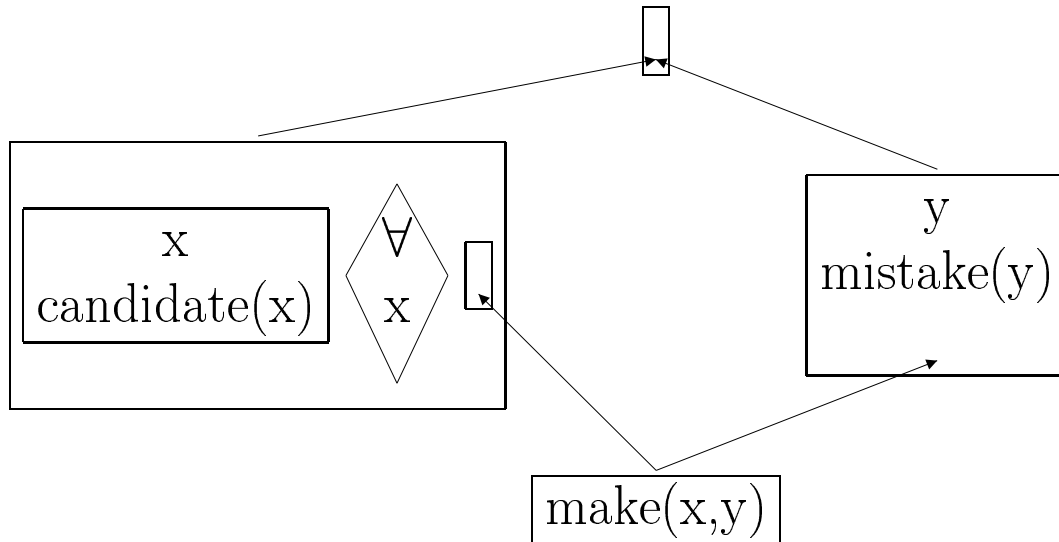
UDRT

(10) Every candidate made a mistake.



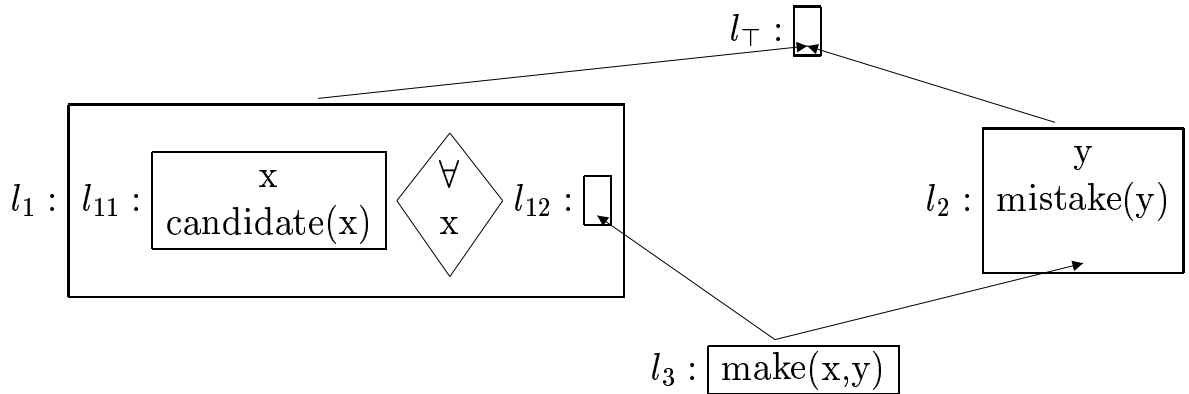
UDRT

(11) Every candidate made a mistake.



- graphical representation of UDRT shows what the two fully scoped reps have in common
- this is not what is constructed in semantics construction ...
- but **descriptions** of it ... how? Labels ...

UDRT



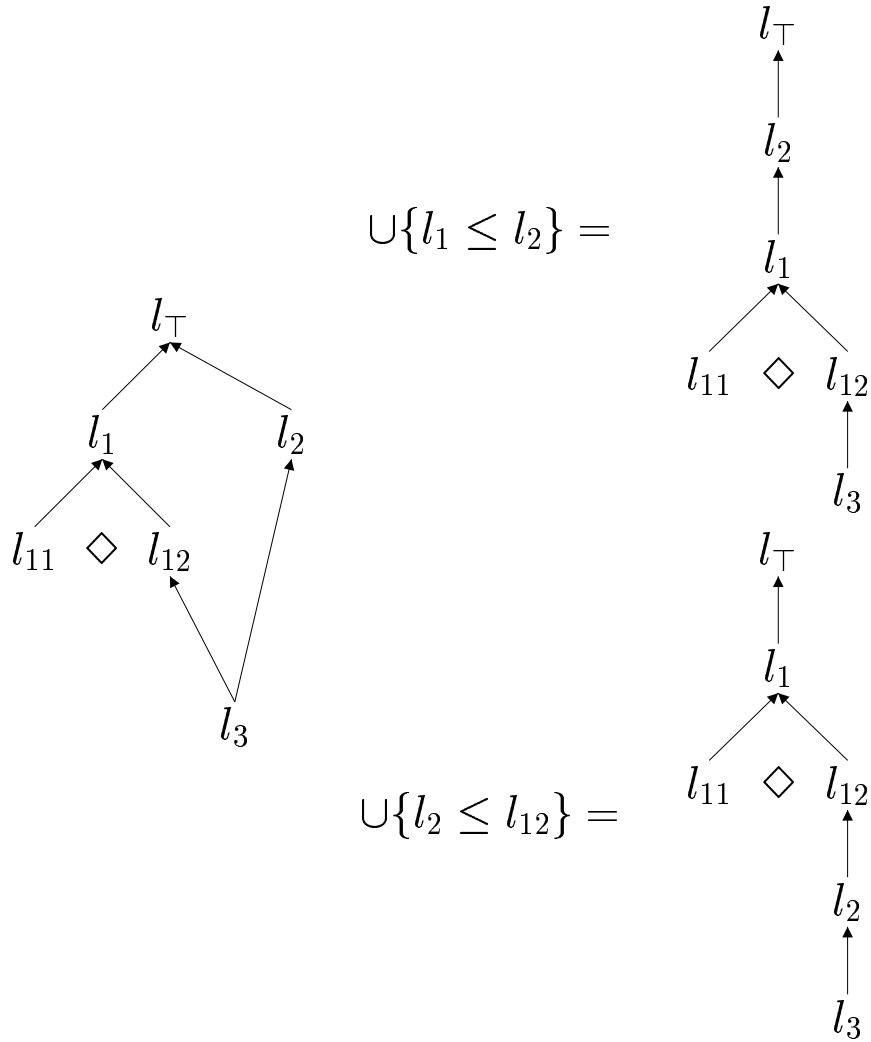
UDRS = $\langle \{\text{Structural Constr.}\}, \{\text{Content Constr.}\} \rangle$

$$\langle \{ l_1 \leq l_T, l_2 \leq l_T, l_3 \leq l_{12}, l_3 \leq l_2 \}, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l_1 : l_{11} \boxed{\forall x} l_{12}, l_{11} : x, l_{11} : \text{candidate}(x), \\ l_2 : y, l_2 : \text{mistake}(y), l_3 : \text{make}(x,y) \end{array} \right\} \rangle$$

plus closure under transitivity of \leq and subordination constraints induced by complex conditions.

UDRT

Disambiguation: add structural subordination constraints:



Monotonic process (both on representation and interpretation).

UDRT

Satisfiability of dominance constraints (as logical descriptions) NP-hard [Koller, Niehren, Treinen, 01]. *Normal* dominance constraints . . . polynomial algorithms [Althaus et al.,??].

Presupposition

- obstacle to logical transparency
- presupposition is about interpretation in context
- strongly contributes to text cohesion
- parallels with anaphora ..
- \Rightarrow presupposition occupies centre stage in dynamic semantics
- cf. [Heim,83], [van der Sandt,92], [Zeevat,92]
...

\Rightarrow Motivates architectural changes in the DRT setup (DRS construction).

Two stage process

- presupposition computation
- presupposition resolution

Presupposition

What is presupposition?

- in most general terms: **“a demand/requirement on context”**
- presupposition triggers
 - lexical/syntactic
 - * again, also, ...
 - * different, ...
 - * surprise, regret ... (factive verbs)
 - * definite NPs: definite descriptions, proper names, demonstratives, pronouns
 - * ...
- presuppositions need to be
 - satisfied by (local) context
 - (local) context is accommodated
 - or a mix of the two (“justification”)
- projection problem


Presupposition

Definite description “the N_{sg}”

context

sent. with presupp.

Walter has a rabbit *and a guinea pig.* The rabbit *is white.*



Presupposition: (local/relevant) context provides exactly one rabbit (existence and uniqueness) and this is what definite description “*the rabbit*” refers to.

If presupposition not satisfied sentence fails to have truth value.

Here context (together with world knowledge) satisfies presupposition:

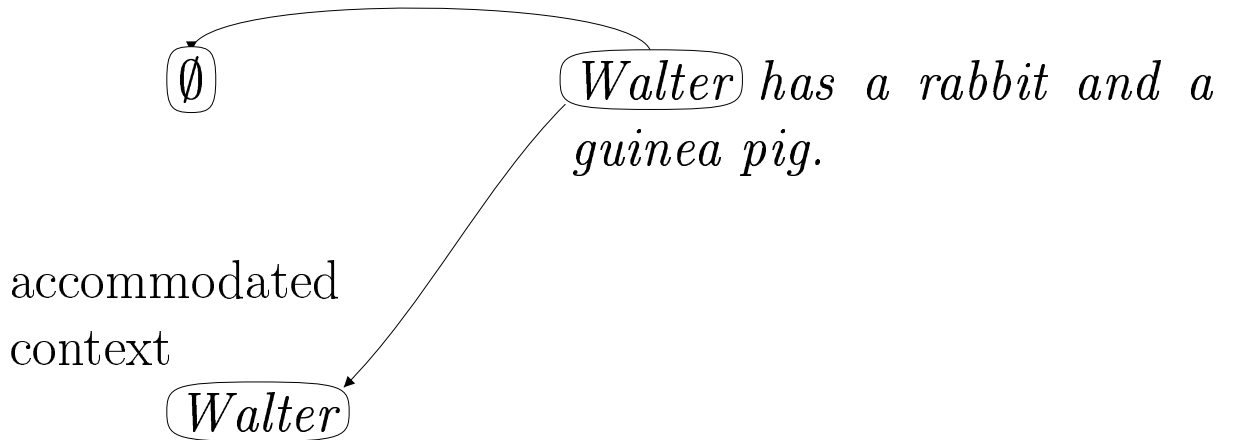
$$\text{Cntxt} \vdash_{\text{wk}} \text{Prs}$$

Presupposition

Proper names

context

sent. with presupp.



Presupposition: individual named Walter provided by context.

Accommodation: context is adjusted so that

$$\text{ACC}(\text{Cntxt}) \vdash_{\text{wk}} \text{Pres}$$

Presupposition

again

John made a mistake again

Presupposition: John already made a mistake before the mistake talked about here.

Presupposition

Test(s) for presupposition

Negation:

- presuppositions of S are the presuppositions of $\neg S$: $P(S) = P(\neg S)$
- negation “hole” for presuppositions

S	:	<i>Walter overfeeds the rabbit.</i>
$P(S)$:	There is exactly one rabbit.
$\neg S$:	<i>Walter doesn't overfeed the rabbit.</i>
$P(\neg S)$:	There is exactly one rabbit.
S	:	<i>John made a mistake again.</i>
$P(S)$:	...
$\neg S$:	<i>John didn't make a mistake again.</i>
$P(\neg S)$:	...

Presupposition

Presupposition filtering/projection

Logically complex sentences

S: If a friend of mine has both a rabbit and a guinea pig, he overfeeds the rabbit.

$P(S) \neq$ there is exactly one rabbit ...

Presupposition absorbed/satisfied by local (sentence internal) context: antecedent of implication.

Basic projection facts follow in dynamic semantics setting [Heim,83].

Presupposition

Presupposition projection/ anaphoric pronouns

S: *Every friend of mine who has a rabbit overfeeds it*

⇒ close parallel between presupposition and anaphoric pronouns [van der Sandt,92], [Zeevat,92]

⇒ instances of same general process

⇒ naturally accounted for in dynamic semantics setting

Presupposition

- (12) John owns a rabbit and a cat. **The cat** is overfed.
- (13) John made a mistake **again**.
- (14) John made a **different** mistake.
- (15) Carl is **surprised** that John made a mistake.
- (16) If John makes a mistake, **the mistake** is desasterous.
- (17) John owns a cat. **It** is overfed.
- (18) John is a cat owner. **The cat** is overfed.
- (19) ?? John is a cat owner. **It** is overfed.

Presupposition

Consequences for DRT architecture:

Presuppositions have to be

- computed
- justified (i.e. satisfied, accommodated or both)

That suggests a 2-stage processing architecture [van der Sandt,92]. Given a context DRS $K_{1,n}$ for the first n sentences in a discourse we

1. compute a **preliminary DRS** K'_{n+1} for sentence S_{n+1} (in isolation) that makes fully explicit the presuppositional and the non-presuppositional content of S_{n+1}
2. we then justify all presuppositions of DRS K'_{n+1} in the available context (satisfaction or accommodation or both)

If (2) succeeds we merge nonpresuppositional part of K'_{n+1} with $K_{1,n}$ to get updated context $K_{1,n+1}$ for next sentence in discourse.

Presuppositions

Such an architecture is naturally implemented through a bottom-up DRS (or a constraint-based) construction process.

Sources of complexity:

- multiple presuppositions (generated within same sentence)
- nested presuppositions
- interaction with other sources of complexity/ambiguity

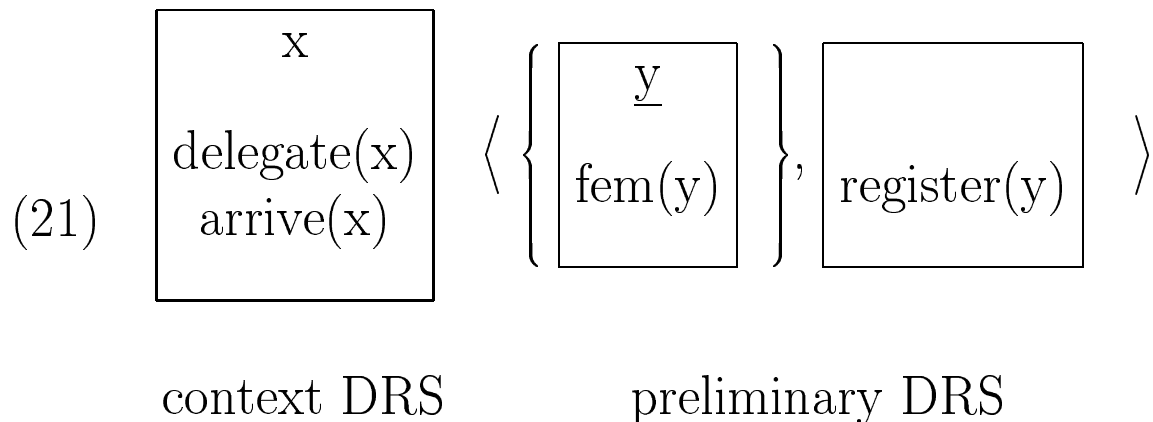
⇒ storage mechanisms and UDRSs!

Presuppositions

First some examples of preliminary representations in the pictorial DRS box notation ...

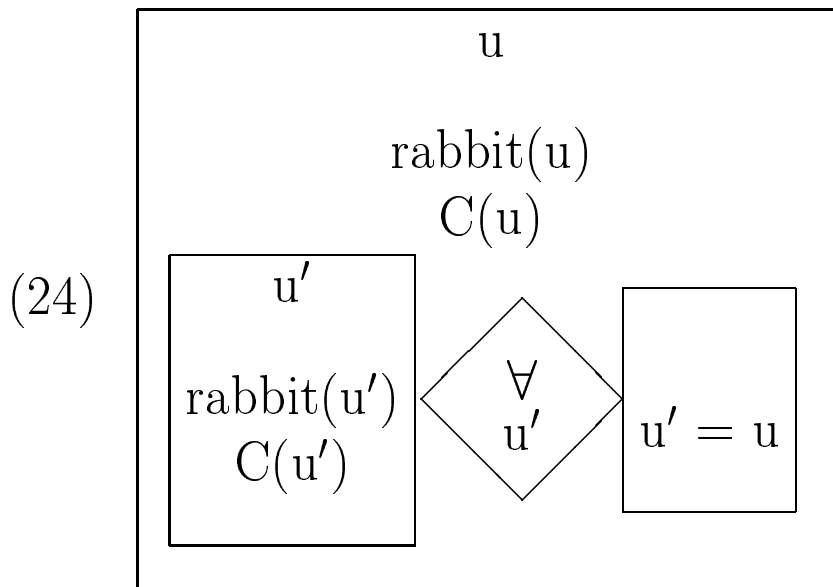
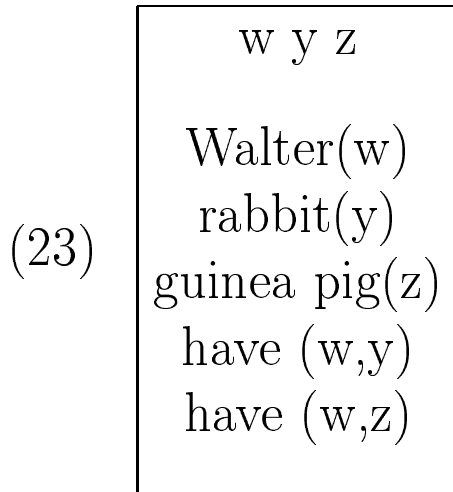
From sneak preview ...

(20) A delegate¹ arrived. **She**₁ registered.



Presuppositions

- (22) Walter has a rabbit and a guinea pig. **The rabbit** is white.



Presuppositions

$$(25) \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c} u=1 \\ \text{rabbit}(u) \\ C(u) \end{array}}$$

$$\left\langle \left\langle \left\langle \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \underline{C} \ r \\ C(r) \\ \text{rabbit}(r) \end{array}} \right\rangle, \boxed{\begin{array}{c} u=1 \\ \text{rabbit}(u) \\ C(u) \end{array}} \right\rangle, \boxed{\begin{array}{c} v \\ \text{rabbit}(v) \\ C(v) \\ \text{white}(v) \end{array}} \right\rangle$$

Aside (justification):

$$\left\langle \left\langle \boxed{\begin{array}{c} u=1 \\ \text{rabbit}(u) \\ u \in \{w,y,z\} \end{array}} \right\rangle, \boxed{\begin{array}{c} v \\ \text{rabbit}(v) \\ v \in \{w,y,z\} \\ \text{white}(v) \end{array}} \right\rangle$$

Presupposition

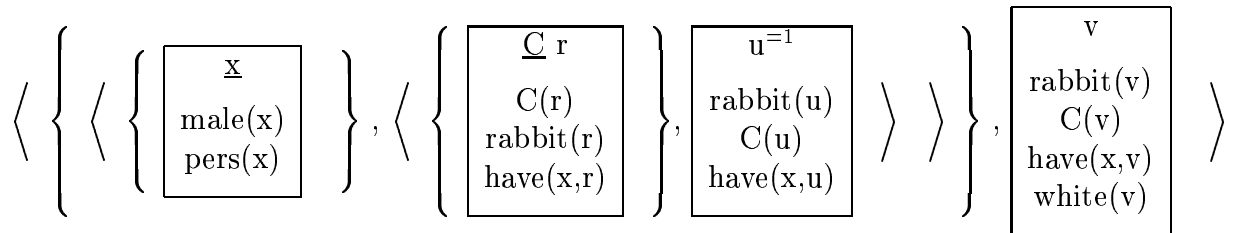
Aside (justification contnd):

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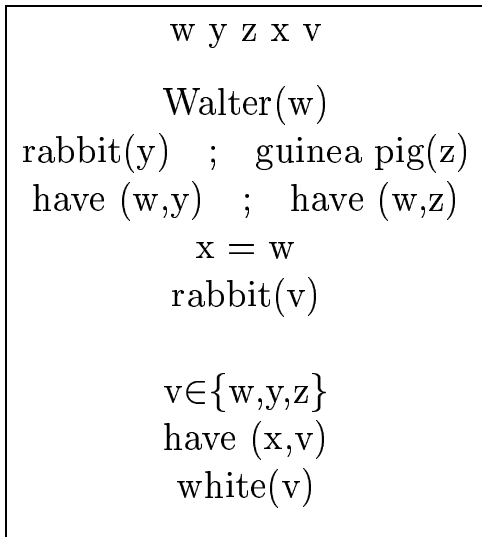
w y z v
Walter(w)
rabbit(y) ; guinea pig(z) ; rabbit(v)
have (w,y) ; have (w,z)
$v \in \{w,y,z\}$
white(v)

Presupposition

(27) Walter has a rabbit and a guinea pig. **His rabbit** is white.

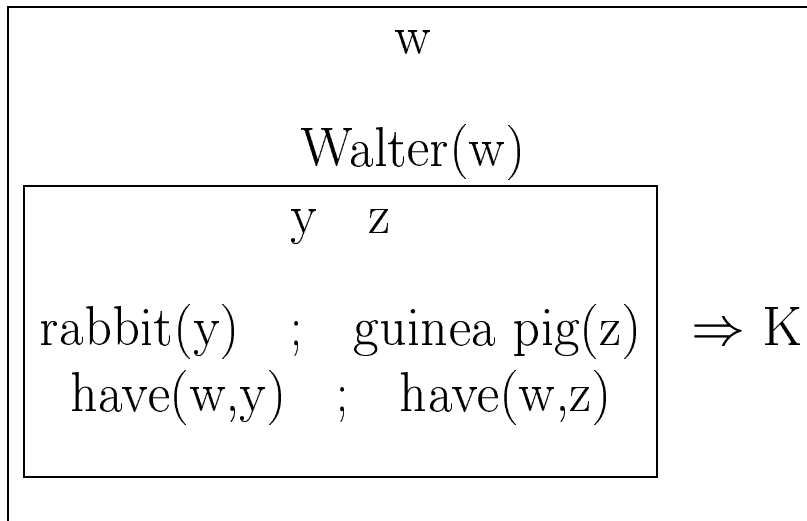


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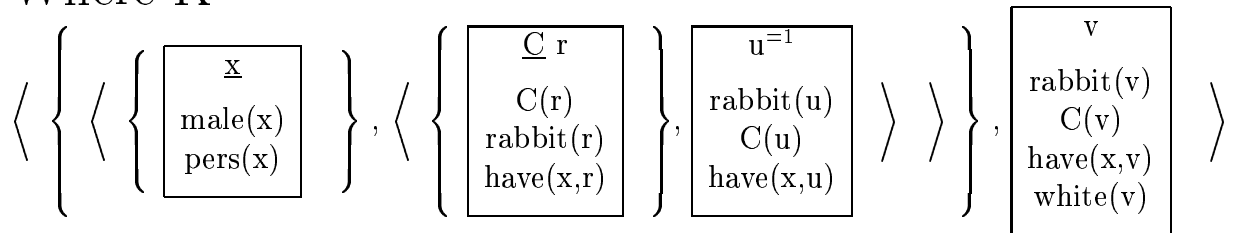


Presupposition

(28) (It is a peculiar fact, but) If Walter has both a rabbit and a guinea pig, **the rabbit** is white.



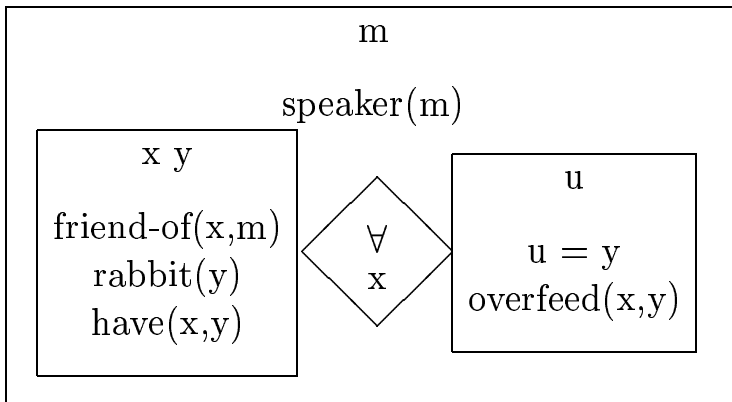
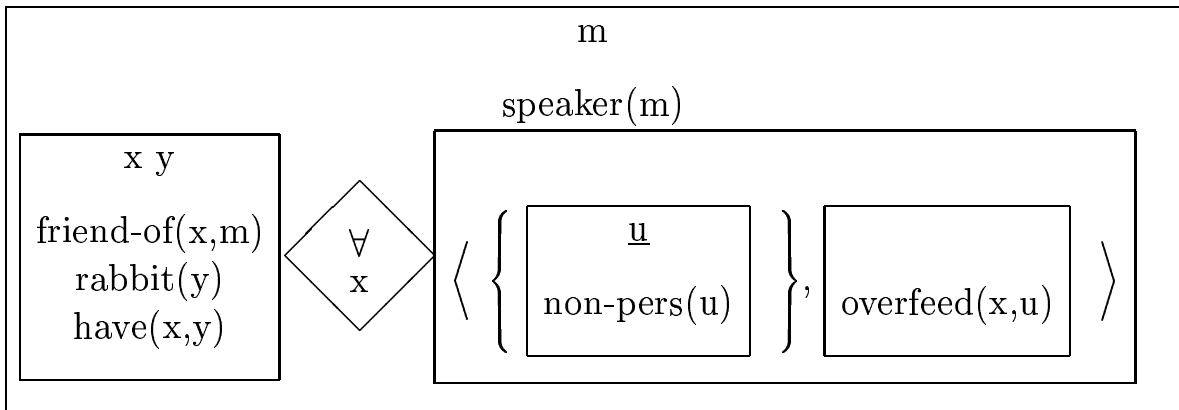
Where K =



Cf. example 27 previous slide

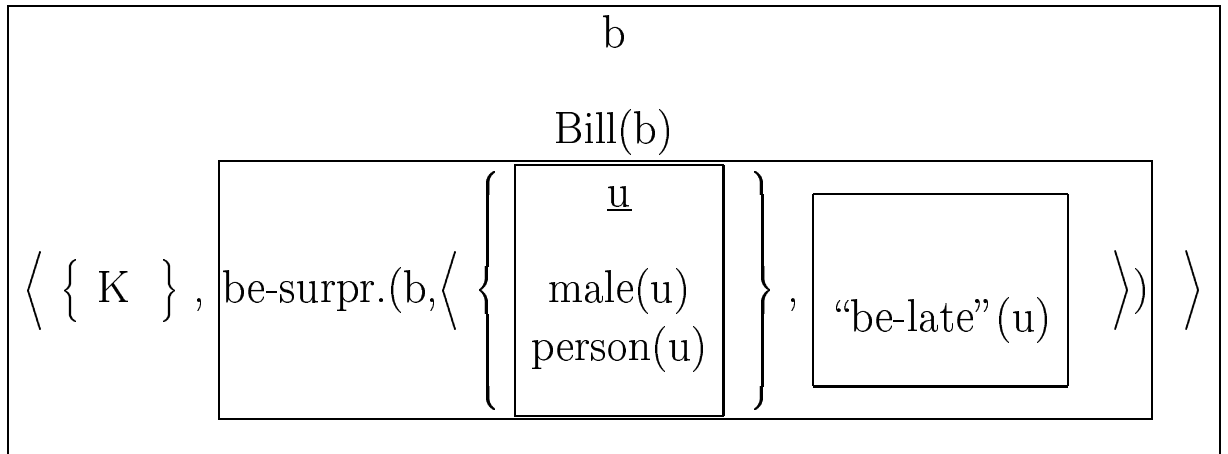
Presupposition

(29) Every friend of mine who has a rabbit overfeeds **it**.



Presupposition

(30) Bill is **surprised** that **he** is late.



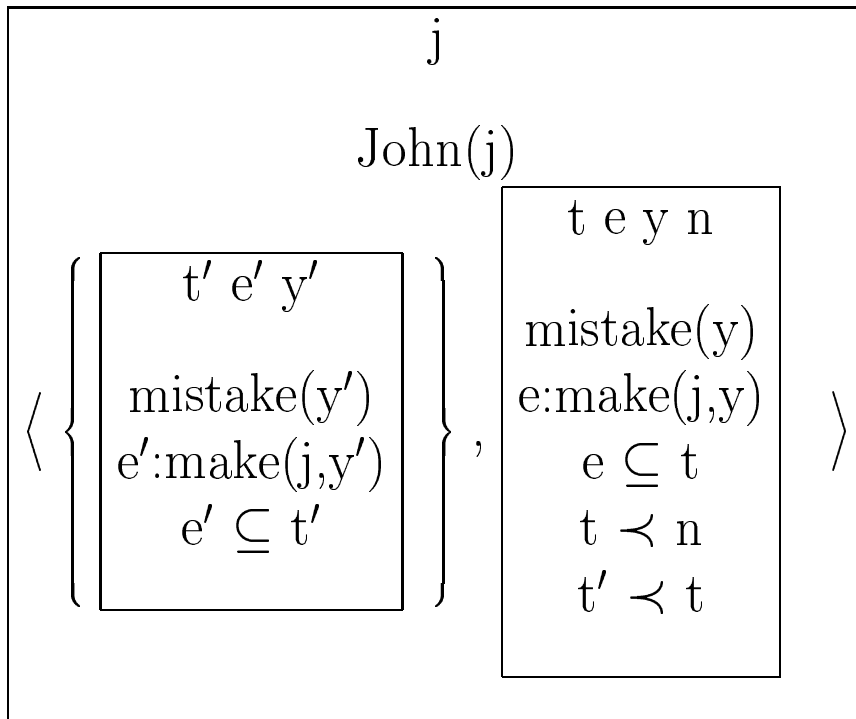
where K is $\left\langle \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{u'} \\ \text{male}(u') \\ \text{person}(u') \end{array} \right\}, \left[\text{“be-late”(u')} \right] \right\rangle$

(31) John was late and that's what he told Bill.
Bill isn't surprised that he was late.

Copying, parallelism (ellipsis)

Presupposition

(32) John made a mistake **again**.



Presupposition

Presuppositional account of anaphoric properties of tense ...

(33) Contribution of tense:

<i>past</i>	<i>pres</i>	<i>fut</i>
t_t	t_t	t_t
$t_t < n$	$t_t = n$	$n < t_t$

(Preliminary) DRS Construction

- unification based
 - simple, efficient
 - LFG, HPSG, PATR-II ...
 - problems: no clean distinction between “unification variables” and “semantic variables”, coordination
 - hacks to get around this in implementations (copying) or complex underlying logic (HPSG)
- lambda calculus based
 - clean
 - bulky ...

⇒ simple, generic approach in PATR-II

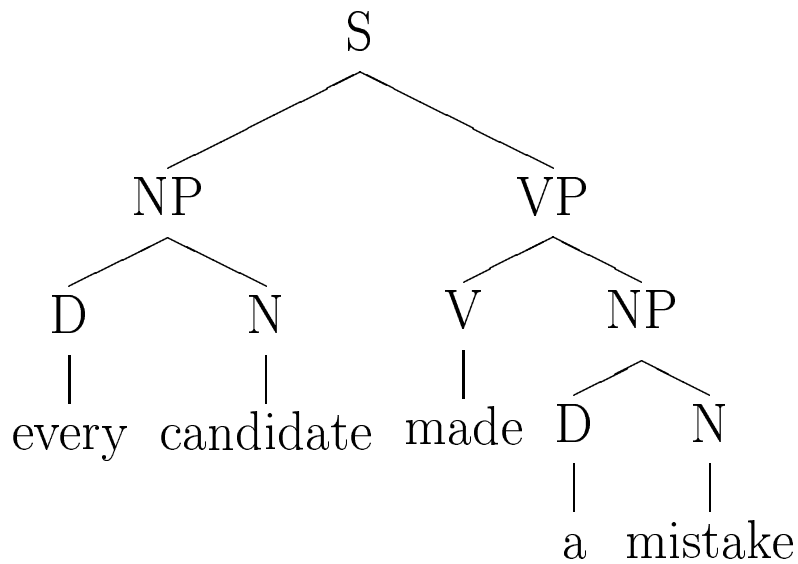
(Preliminary) DRS Construction

- FOPL semantics construction in PATR-II
- UDRS construction in PATR-II
 - UDRT in HPSG [Frank & Reyle,95]
- syntax Preliminary DRSs
 - based on (some basic) DRS language L
 - PR-DRS is DRS of L or pair $\langle \mathcal{K}, K \rangle$ where \mathcal{K} set of PR-DRSs and K a PR-DRS
 - (preliminary conditions ...)
- P-UDRS (Preliminary UDRS) construction in PATR-II
 - left adjunction of presupposition set to (labelled) content conditions
- construction principles

PATR-II Semantics Construction

(34) Every candidate made a mistake.

- $\forall x(\text{cand}(x) \rightarrow \exists y(\text{mis}(y) \wedge \text{make}(x, y)))$
- $\exists y(\text{mis}(y) \wedge \forall x(\text{cand}(x) \rightarrow \text{make}(x, y)))$



PATR-II Semantics Construction

Need some lexical entries and rules:

$$N \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{SEM } \text{cand}(\boxed{1}) \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{candidate/mistake}$$

$$D \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{RES } \boxed{2} \\ \text{SCO } \boxed{3} \\ \text{SEM } \forall \boxed{1} (\boxed{2} \rightarrow \boxed{3}) \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{every}$$

$$D \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{RES } \boxed{2} \\ \text{SCO } \boxed{3} \\ \text{SEM } \exists \boxed{1} (\boxed{2} \wedge \boxed{3}) \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{a}$$

$$NP \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{SCO } \boxed{3} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{4} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow D \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{RES } \boxed{2} \\ \text{SCO } \boxed{3} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{4} \end{array} \right] N \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{2} \end{array} \right]$$

PATR-II Semantics Construction

VP (made a mistake)

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{SEM } \exists \boxed{2} (\text{mist}(\boxed{2}) \wedge \text{make}(\boxed{1}, \boxed{2})) \end{array} \right]$$

PATR-II Semantics Construction

$$S \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{SEM } \boxed{3} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow NP \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{SCO } \boxed{2} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{3} \end{array} \right] VP \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{2} \end{array} \right]$$

$$VP \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{4} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow V \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR1 } \boxed{1} \\ \text{VAR2 } \boxed{2} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{3} \end{array} \right] NP \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{2} \\ \text{SCO } \boxed{3} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{4} \end{array} \right]$$

$$NP \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{SCO } \boxed{3} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{4} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow D \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{RES } \boxed{2} \\ \text{SCO } \boxed{3} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{4} \end{array} \right] N \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{SEM } \boxed{2} \end{array} \right]$$

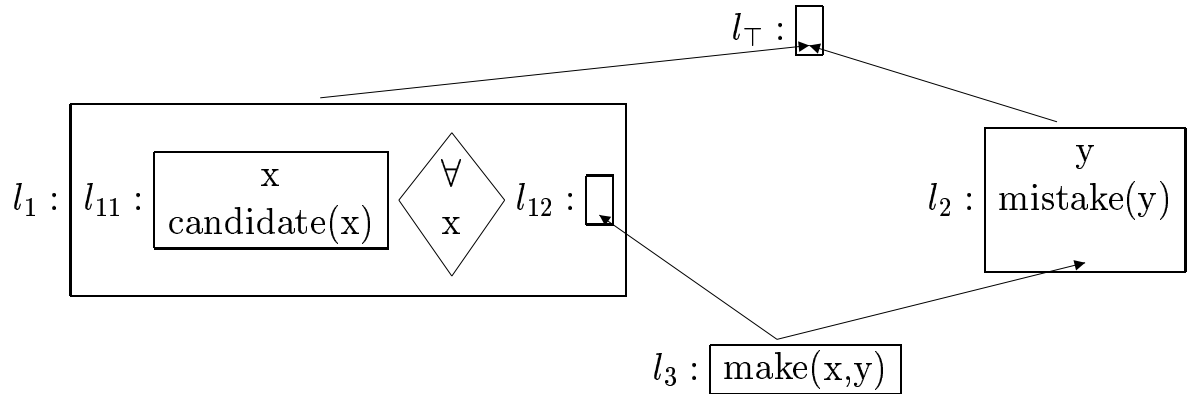
$$N \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{SEM } \text{cand}(\boxed{1}) \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{candidate}$$

$$D \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR } \boxed{1} \\ \text{RES } \boxed{2} \\ \text{SCO } \boxed{3} \\ \text{SEM } \forall \boxed{1} (\boxed{2} \rightarrow \boxed{3}) \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{every}$$

$$V \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{VAR1 } \boxed{1} \\ \text{VAR2 } \boxed{2} \\ \text{SEM } \text{make}(\boxed{1}, \boxed{2}) \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{made}$$

PATR-II UDRS Construction

(35) Every candidate made a mistake.



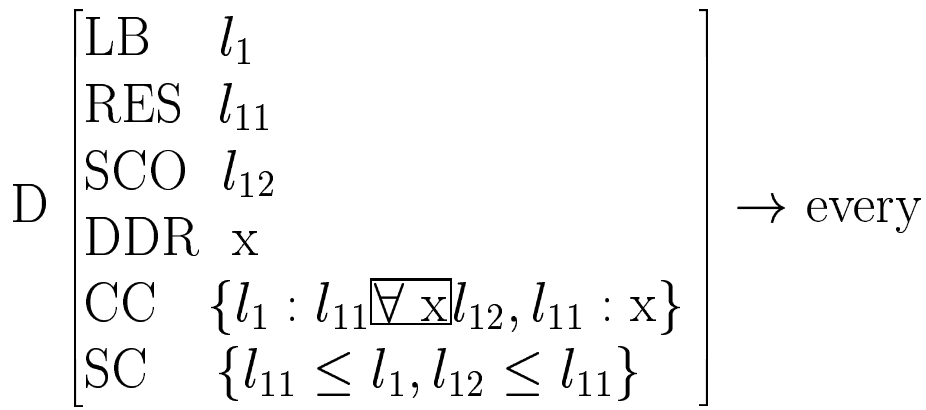
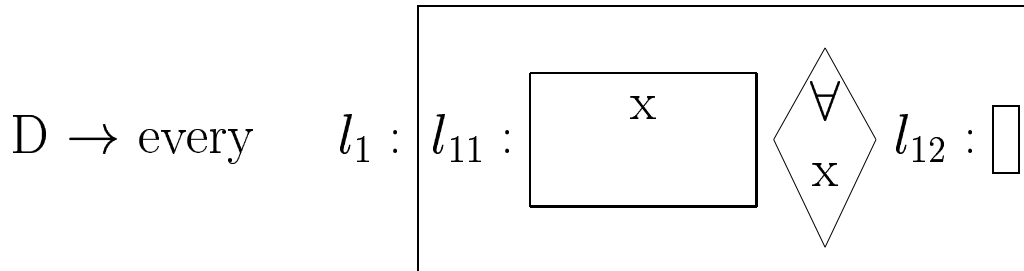
UDRS = $\langle \{ \text{Structural Constr.} \}, \{ \text{Content Constr.} \} \rangle$

$$\langle \{ \{ l_1 \leq l_T, l_2 \leq l_T, l_3 \leq l_{12}, l_3 \leq l_2 \}, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l_1 : l_{11} \forall x l_{12}, l_{11} : x, l_{11} : \text{candidate}(x), \\ l_2 : y, l_2 : \text{mistake}(y), l_3 : \text{make}(x,y) \end{array} \right\} \} \rangle$$

UDRSs are descriptions of logical forms ...

PATR-II UDRS Construction

First some lexical entries ...



Note that the l_i here are **meta**-variables over label names to aid readability (i.e. each l_i should properly be a tag \boxed{i}).

PATR-II UDRS Construction

$$D \rightarrow a \quad l_1: \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$D \left[\begin{array}{ll} \text{LB} & l_1 \\ \text{RES} & l_1 \\ \text{SCO} & l_1 \\ \text{DDR} & x \\ \text{CC} & \{l_1 : x\} \\ \text{SC} & \emptyset \end{array} \right] \rightarrow a$$

$$N \left[\begin{array}{ll} \text{LB} & l_1 \\ \text{DDR} & x \\ \text{CC} & \{l_1 : \text{cand}(x)\} \\ \text{SC} & \emptyset \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{candidate}$$

PATR-II UDRS Construction

$$\text{NP} \begin{bmatrix} \text{LB} & \boxed{1} \\ \text{SCO} & \boxed{3} \\ \text{DDR} & \boxed{4} \\ \text{CC} & \boxed{5} \cup \boxed{6} \\ \text{SC} & \boxed{7} \cup \boxed{8} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{D} \begin{bmatrix} \text{LB} & \boxed{1} \\ \text{RES} & \boxed{2} \\ \text{SCO} & \boxed{3} \\ \text{DDR} & \boxed{4} \\ \text{CC} & \boxed{5} \\ \text{SC} & \boxed{7} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{N} \begin{bmatrix} \text{LB} & \boxed{2} \\ \text{DDR} & \boxed{4} \\ \text{CC} & \boxed{6} \\ \text{SC} & \boxed{8} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{NP} \begin{bmatrix} \text{LB} & l_1 \\ \text{SCO} & l_{12} \\ \text{DDR} & x \\ \text{CC} & \{l_1 : l_{11} \boxed{\forall x} l_{12}, l_{11} : x, l_{11} : \text{cand}(x)\} \\ \text{SC} & \{l_{11} \leq l_1, l_{12} \leq l_{11}\} \end{bmatrix}$$

→ every candidate

$$\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{every candidate} \quad l_1 : l_{11} : \boxed{\begin{array}{c} x \\ \text{cand}(x) \end{array}} \quad \diamond \begin{array}{c} \forall \\ x \end{array} \quad l_{12} : \boxed{}$$

PATR-II UDRS Construction

$$\text{NP} \left[\begin{array}{ll} \text{LB} & l_1 \\ \text{SCO} & l_1 \\ \text{DDR} & x \\ \text{CC} & \{l_1 : x, l_1 : \text{mist}(x)\} \\ \text{SC} & \emptyset \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{a mistake}$$

$$\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{a mistake} \quad l_1: \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x \\ \hline \text{mist}(x) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

PATR-II UDRS Construction

Verbs do a lot of work in this approach ...

$$V \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{LB} \quad l_1 \\ \text{CC} \quad \{l_1 : \text{make}(\boxed{3}, \boxed{4})\} \\ \text{SC} \quad \{l_1 \leq \boxed{1}, l_1 \leq \boxed{2}\} \\ \\ \text{SUBCAT} \quad \left\langle \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{SCO} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \text{DDR} \quad \boxed{3} \end{array} \right]_S, \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{SCO} \quad \boxed{2} \\ \text{DDR} \quad \boxed{4} \end{array} \right]_O \right\rangle \end{array} \right]$$

→ made

$$VP \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{CC} \quad \boxed{1} \cup \boxed{2} \\ \text{SC} \quad \boxed{3} \cup \boxed{4} \\ \text{SUBCAT} \quad \langle \boxed{5} \rangle \end{array} \right] \rightarrow V \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{CC} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \text{SC} \quad \boxed{3} \\ \text{SUBCAT} \quad \langle \boxed{5}, \boxed{6} \rangle \end{array} \right] NP \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{CC} \quad \boxed{2} \\ \text{SC} \quad \boxed{4} \end{array} \right] \boxed{6}$$

PATR-II UDRS Construction

$$\text{VP} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{CC} \quad \{l_2 : y, l_2 : \text{mist}(y), l_3 : \text{make}(\boxed{6}, y)\} \\ \text{SC} \quad \{l_3 \leq \boxed{5}, l_3 \leq l_2\} \\ \text{SUBCAT} \quad \left\langle \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{SCO} \quad \boxed{5} \\ \text{DDR} \quad \boxed{6} \end{array} \right]_S \right\rangle \end{array} \right]$$

→ made a mistake

$$S \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{CC} \quad \boxed{1} \cup \boxed{2} \\ \text{SC} \quad \boxed{3} \cup \boxed{4} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{NP} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{CC} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \text{SC} \quad \boxed{3} \end{array} \right]_{\boxed{5}} \text{VP} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{CC} \quad \boxed{2} \\ \text{SC} \quad \boxed{4} \\ \text{SUBCAT} \quad \langle \boxed{5} \rangle \end{array} \right]$$

PATR-II UDRS Construction

$$S \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{CC} \\ \text{SC} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l_1 : l_{11} \boxed{\nabla x} l_{12}, l_{11} : x, l_{11} : \text{cand}(x), \\ l_2 : y, l_2 : \text{mist}(y), l_3 : \text{make}(x,y) \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

→ every candidate made a mistake

$$\text{UDRS} = \langle \{ \text{Structural Constr.} \}, \{ \text{Content Constr.} \} \rangle$$

$$\left\langle \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{ l_1 \leq l_{\top}, l_2 \leq l_{\top}, l_3 \leq l_{12}, l_3 \leq l_2 \}, \\ l_1 : l_{11} \boxed{\nabla x} l_{12}, l_{11} : x, l_{11} : \text{candidate}(x), \\ l_2 : y, l_2 : \text{mistake}(y), l_3 : \text{make}(x,y) \end{array} \right\} \right\rangle$$

Spot the difference: a UDRS is an upper semi-lattice ... use max projection of verb ...

PATR-II UDRS Construction

$$S \begin{bmatrix} CC & \boxed{1} \cup \boxed{2} \\ SC & \boxed{3} \cup \boxed{4} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow NP \begin{bmatrix} CC & \boxed{1} \\ SC & \boxed{3} \end{bmatrix} \boxed{5} \quad VP \begin{bmatrix} CC & \boxed{2} \\ SC & \boxed{4} \\ SUBCAT & \langle \boxed{5} \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

$$VP \begin{bmatrix} CC & \boxed{1} \cup \boxed{2} \\ SC & \boxed{3} \cup \boxed{4} \\ SUBCAT & \langle \boxed{5} \rangle \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow V \begin{bmatrix} CC & \boxed{1} \\ SC & \boxed{3} \\ SUBCAT & \langle \boxed{5}, \boxed{6} \rangle \end{bmatrix} \quad NP \begin{bmatrix} CC & \boxed{2} \\ SC & \boxed{4} \end{bmatrix} \boxed{6}$$

$$NP \begin{bmatrix} LB & \boxed{1} \\ SCO & \boxed{3} \\ DDR & \boxed{4} \\ CC & \boxed{5} \cup \boxed{6} \\ SC & \boxed{7} \cup \boxed{8} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow D \begin{bmatrix} LB & \boxed{1} \\ RES & \boxed{2} \\ SCO & \boxed{3} \\ DDR & \boxed{4} \\ CC & \boxed{5} \\ SC & \boxed{7} \end{bmatrix} \quad N \begin{bmatrix} LB & \boxed{2} \\ DDR & \boxed{4} \\ CC & \boxed{6} \\ SC & \boxed{8} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D \begin{bmatrix} LB & l_1 \\ RES & l_{11} \\ SCO & l_{12} \\ DDR & x \\ CC & \{l_1 : l_{11} \nabla x l_{12}, l_{11} : x\} \\ SC & \{l_{11} \leq l_1, l_{12} \leq l_{11}\} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{every } N \begin{bmatrix} LB & l_1 \\ DDR & x \\ CC & \{l_1 : \text{cand}(x)\} \\ SC & \emptyset \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{candidate}$$

$$V \begin{bmatrix} LB & l_1 \\ CC & \{l_1 : \text{make}(\boxed{3}, \boxed{4})\} \\ SC & \{l_1 \leq \boxed{1}, l_1 \leq \boxed{2}\} \\ SUBCAT & \left\langle \left[\begin{array}{cc} SCO & \boxed{1} \\ DDR & \boxed{3} \end{array} \right]_S, \left[\begin{array}{cc} SCO & \boxed{2} \\ DDR & \boxed{4} \end{array} \right]_O \right\rangle \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{made}$$

PATR-II P-UDRS Construction

Presuppositions in UDRT - Preliminary UDRS (P-UDRS) construction based on previous UDRS construction.

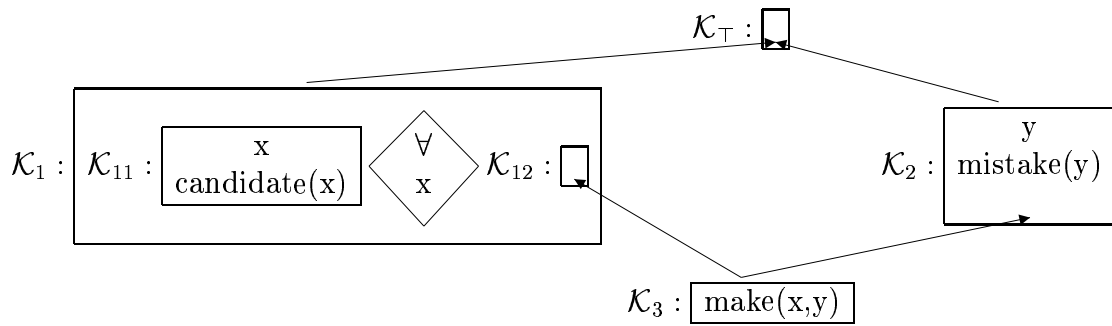
Recall what preliminary DRSs looked like:

- NP → John $\langle \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x \\ \hline \text{John}(x) \\ \hline \end{array} \right\}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \rangle$
- NP → the cat $\langle \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline u=1 \\ \hline \text{cat}(u) \\ \hline \end{array} \right\}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x \\ \hline \text{cat}(x) \\ \hline \end{array} \rangle$
- ...

PATR-II P-UDRS Construction

- syntax Preliminary DRSs
 - based on (some basic) DRS language L
 - P-DRS is DRS of L or pair $\langle \mathcal{K}, K \rangle$ where \mathcal{K} set of P-DRSs and K a P-DRS
 - (preliminary conditions ...)
- P-UDRS (Preliminary UDRS) construction in PATR-II
 - left adjunction of presupposition set to (labelled) content conditions and sub-DRSs of such conditions
- construction principles

PATR-II P-UDRS Construction



Add set valued PR (presupposition) feature to representation:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \dots \\ \text{CC} \quad \{\dots\} \\ \text{SC} \quad \{\dots\} \\ \text{PR} \quad \{\dots\} \end{array} \right]$$

Some definite NP examples ...

PATR-II P-UDRS Construction

Proper names go into the “top level” DRS universe.

Use designated label l^\top .

$$\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{John} \left\langle \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x \\ \hline \text{John}(x) \\ \hline \end{array} \right\}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \right\rangle$$

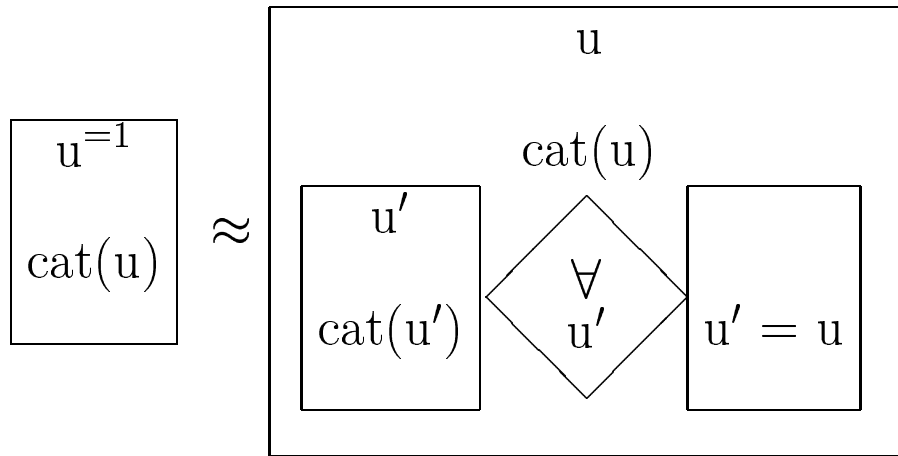
$$\text{NP} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{LB } l^\top \\ \text{SCO } l^\top \\ \text{DDR } x \\ \text{CC } \emptyset \\ \text{SC } \emptyset \\ \text{PR } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LB } l^\top \\ \text{SCO } l^\top \\ \text{DDR } x \\ \text{CC } \{l^\top : x, l^\top : \text{John}(x)\} \\ \text{SC } \emptyset \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{John}$$

PATR-II P-UDRS Construction

Definite descriptions: existential and uniqueness presuppositions:

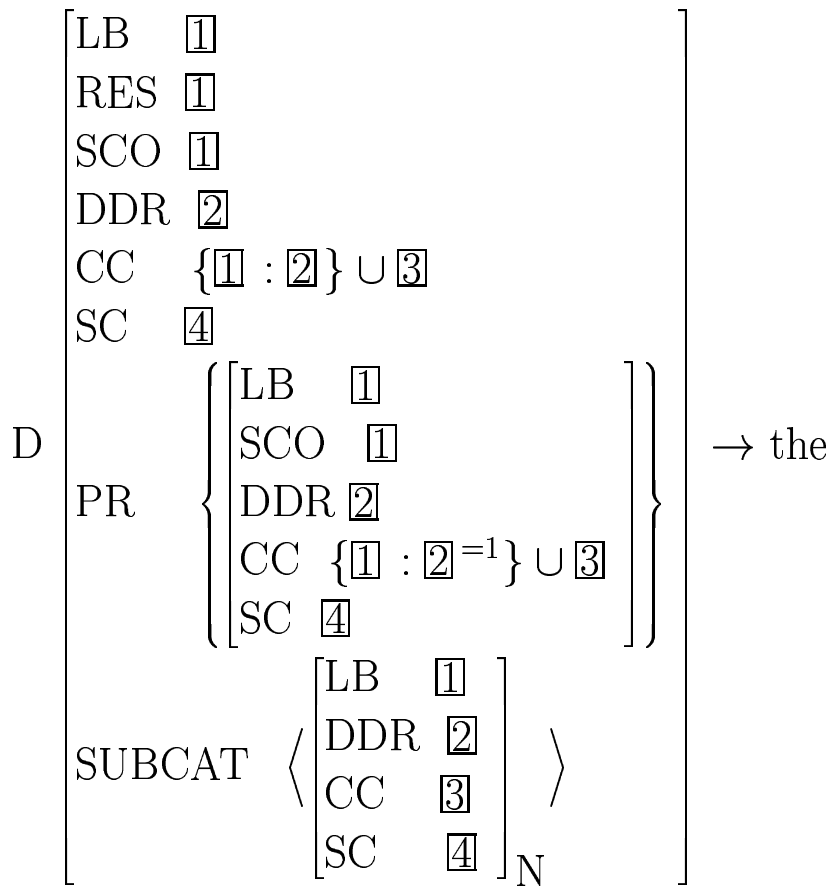
$$\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{the cat} \left\langle \left\{ \begin{array}{c} u=1 \\ \text{cat}(u) \end{array} \right\}, \begin{array}{c} x \\ \text{cat}(x) \end{array} \right\rangle$$

Abbreviation:



PATR-II P-UDRS Construction

How do we implement this? We'll make the determiner (the) do the work . . . :



by subcategorising for the noun argument.

PATR-II P-UDRS Construction

$$\text{NP} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{LB} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \text{SCO} \quad \boxed{2} \\ \text{DDR} \quad \boxed{3} \\ \text{CC} \quad \boxed{4} \\ \text{SC} \quad \boxed{5} \\ \text{PR} \quad \boxed{7} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{D} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{LB} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \text{SCO} \quad \boxed{2} \\ \text{DDR} \quad \boxed{3} \\ \text{CC} \quad \boxed{4} \\ \text{SC} \quad \boxed{5} \\ \text{PR} \quad \boxed{6} \\ \text{SUBCAT} \langle \boxed{8} \rangle \end{array} \right] \text{N} [\] \boxed{8}$$

and **copy**($\boxed{6}$, $\boxed{7}$) to get an instance of PR with fresh variables ... outside pure unification!!

$$\text{NP} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{LB} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \text{SCO} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \text{DDR} \quad \boxed{2} \\ \text{CC} \quad \{\boxed{1} : \boxed{2}, \boxed{1} : \text{cat}(\boxed{2})\} \\ \text{SC} \quad \boxed{4} \\ \text{PR} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LB} \quad \boxed{5} \\ \text{SCO} \quad \boxed{5} \\ \text{DDR} \quad \boxed{6} \\ \text{CC} \quad \{\boxed{5} : \boxed{6}^{-1}, \boxed{5} : \text{cat}(\boxed{6})\} \\ \text{SC} \quad \emptyset \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{the cat}$$

PATR-II P-UDRS Construction

(36) his rabbit

$$\langle \left\langle \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \underline{x} \\ \text{male}(x) \\ \text{pers}(x) \end{array} \right\rangle, \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \underline{C} \ r \\ C(r) \\ \text{rabbit}(r) \\ \text{have}(x,r) \end{array} \right\rangle, \begin{array}{c} u^{-1} \\ \text{rabbit}(u) \\ C(u) \\ \text{have}(x,u) \end{array} \right\rangle, \begin{array}{c} v \\ \text{rabbit}(v) \\ C(v) \\ \text{have}(x,v) \end{array} \right\rangle$$

simplified:

$$\langle \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \underline{x} \\ \text{male}(x) \\ \text{pers}(x) \end{array} \right\rangle, \begin{array}{c} u^{-1} \\ \text{rabbit}(u) \\ \text{have}(x,u) \end{array} \right\rangle, \begin{array}{c} v \\ \text{rabbit}(v) \\ \text{have}(x,v) \end{array} \right\rangle$$

PATR-II P-UDRS Construction

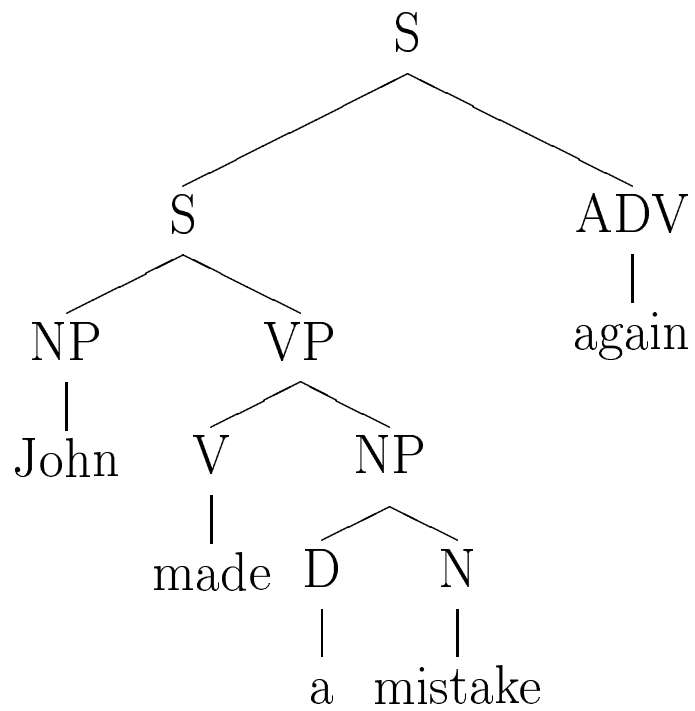
$$\left[\begin{array}{l}
 \text{LB } \boxed{1} \\
 \text{RES } \boxed{1} \\
 \text{SCO } \boxed{1} \\
 \text{DDR } \boxed{2} \\
 \text{CC } \{ \boxed{1} : \boxed{2}, \text{have}(\boxed{6}, \boxed{2}) \} \cup \boxed{3} \\
 \text{SC } \boxed{4} \\
 \text{D} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \text{PR} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \text{LB } \boxed{1} \\
 \text{SCO } \boxed{1} \\
 \text{DDR } \boxed{2} \\
 \text{CC } \{ \boxed{1} : \boxed{2} = 1, \text{have}(\boxed{6}, \boxed{2}) \} \cup \boxed{3} \\
 \text{SC } \boxed{4} \\
 \text{PR} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \text{LB } \boxed{7} \\
 \text{DDR } \boxed{6} \\
 \text{CC } \{ \boxed{7} : \boxed{6}, \boxed{7} : \text{male}(\boxed{6}), \boxed{7} : \text{pers}(\boxed{6}) \}
 \end{array} \right\}
 \end{array} \right\} \\
 \text{SUBCAT} \left\langle \begin{array}{l}
 \text{LB } \boxed{1} \\
 \text{DDR } \boxed{2} \\
 \text{CC } \boxed{3} \\
 \text{SC } \boxed{4}
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 \right.$$

→ his

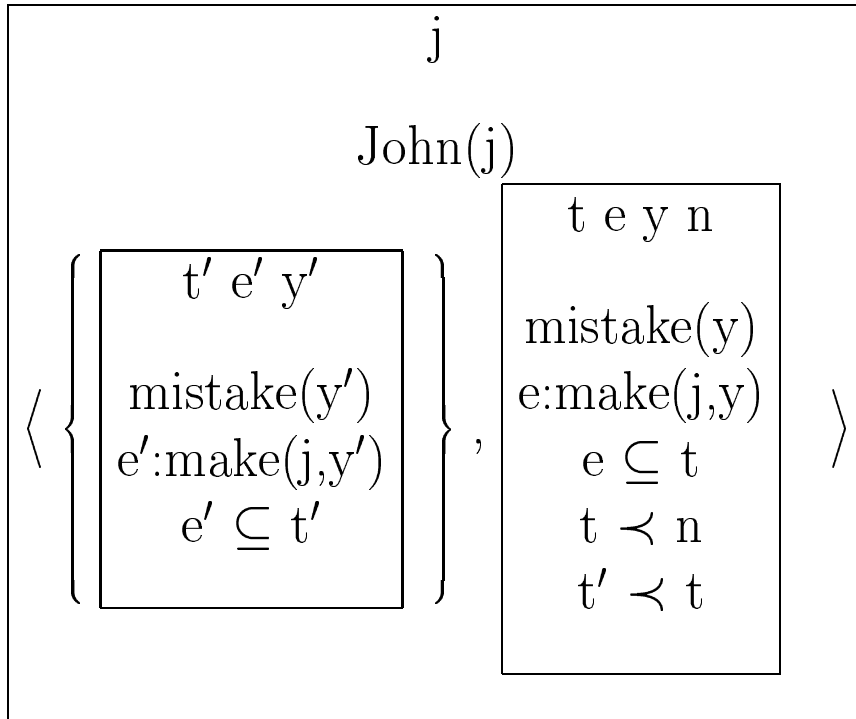
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PATR-II P-UDRS Construction

(37) John made a mistake again.



PATR-II P-UDRS Construction



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