

Coreference Resolution Examples

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Example

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Heuristics: recency

- ▶ The doctor found an old map in the captain's chest.
- ▶ Jim found an even older map hidden on the shelf.
- ▶ **It** described an island.

Heuristics: prominence

- ▶ Asha loaned Mei a book on Spanish.
- ▶ **She** is always trying to help people.

Heuristics: parallelism

- ▶ Asha loaned Mei a book on Spanish.
- ▶ Olya loaned **her** a book on Portuguese.

Beyond heuristics

- ▶ The city council denied the protesters a permit because **they** *feared* violence.
- ▶ The city council denied the protesters a permit because **they** *advocated* violence.

Pronouns that do not refer to entities

- ▶ They told me I was too ugly for show business, but I didn't believe **it**.
- ▶ Asha saw Babak get angry, and I saw **it** too.
- ▶ Asha said she worked in security. **That**'s one way to put **it**.
- ▶ Every farmer who owns a donkey beats it.
- ▶ **It**'s too bad we have to work so hard.

Names

Match on heads?

- ▶ [Apple Inc Chief Executive [Tim Cook]] ... [Cook] is on his first trip ...

Nominals

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- ▶ *Talks, the firm, the firm's biggest growth market, the country*
- ▶ These seem to require world knowledge to address.