IIIT Hyderabad, Introduction to Linguistics - I

Assignment 8

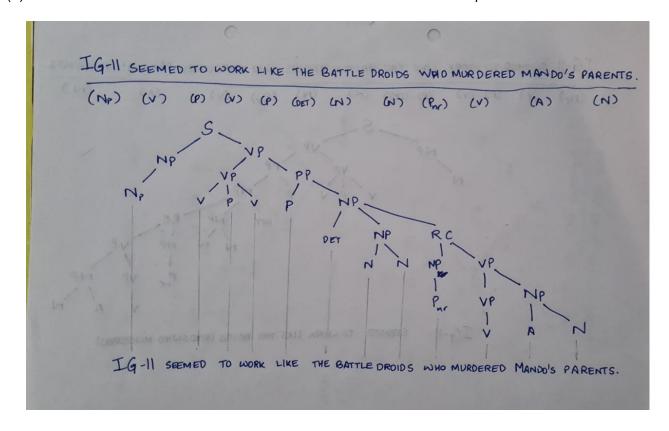
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1. Trees

The PSG trees for the 7 sentences (there are two trees for sentence 4) are as follows: (i) The Mandalorian found Grogu on Arvala-7.

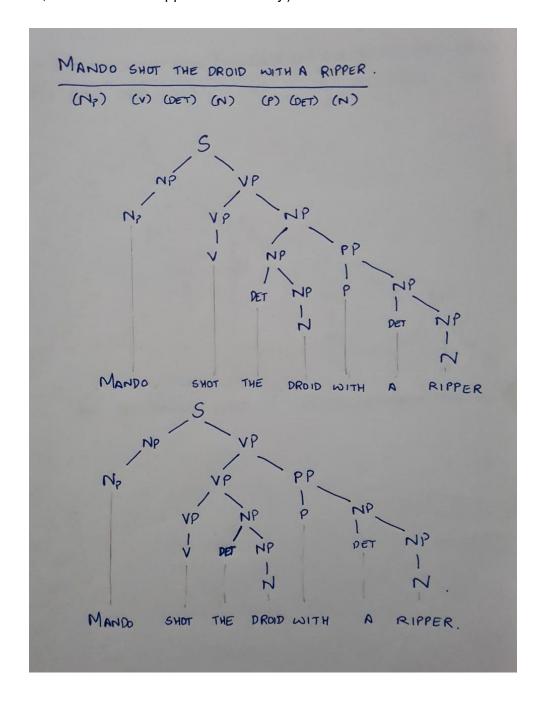
(ii) He scanned IG-11 under all that metal.

(iii) IG-11 seemed to work like the battle droids who murdered Mando's parents.

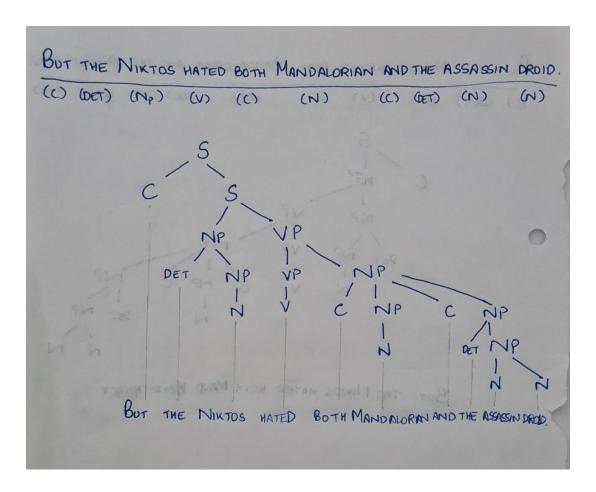


(iv) Mando shot the droid with a Ripper.

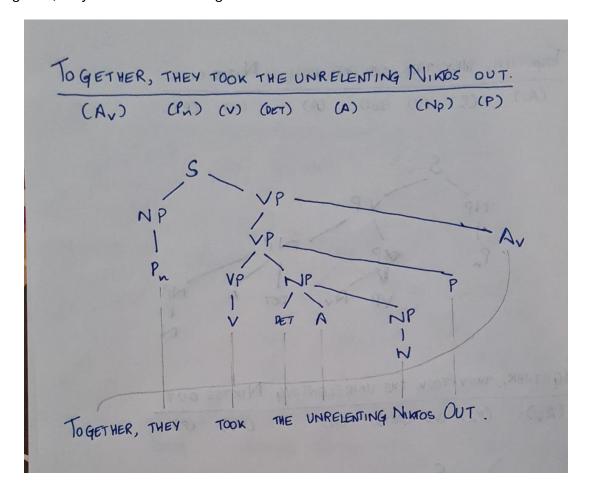
(From context, the second tree appears more likely.)



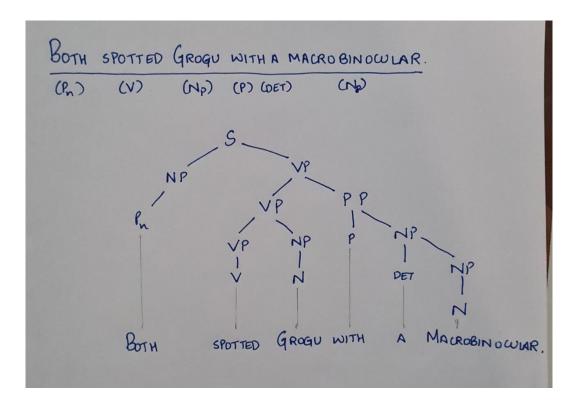
(v) But the Niktos hated both Mandalorian and the assassin droid.



(vi) Together, they took the unrelenting Niktos out.



(vii) Both spotted Grogu with a Macrobinocular.



2. Grammar

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The following rules account for all the sentences [N<sub>p</sub> is equivalent to N]:
(i) Substitution
S \rightarrow NP VP \mid C S
NP \rightarrow (Q) Det (A) NP (RC) | NP PP | C NP C NP | N | P_n | P_{nr} | N
VP \rightarrow VP PP \mid VP NP \mid VP A_v \mid V P V \mid V
PP \rightarrow P NP
RC → NP VP
Det → the | that | a
N → Mandalorian | Grogu | Arvala-7 | IG-11 | metal | battle | droid(s) |
parents | ripper | Niktos | assassin | Macrobinocular
V → spotted | took | hated | shot | seemed | work | murdered | scanned |
found
P → on | under | to | like | with | out
P_n \rightarrow both \mid they \mid he
P_{nr} \rightarrow who
A → unrelenting
C → but | both | and
Q → all
A<sub>v</sub> → together
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(ii) Movement

The adverb can be moved to the beginning of the sentence.

Legend

NP – Noun Phrase VP – Verb Phrase

Det – Determiner

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N – Noun
V – Verb
P – Preposition
Pn – Pronoun
Q – Relative Pronoun
Q – Qualifier
A – Adjective
C – Conjunction
RC – Relative Clause
Av – Adverb

 A_v – Adverb