

Annotation Guidelines for QUD Trees

Understanding the text

- Read the complete text first and try to find the underlying structure afterwards
- The texts are already segmented into assertions. Please keep this segmentation.

Formulating Questions under Discussion

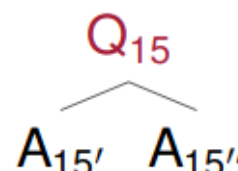
The basic intuition of each question under discussion should be seeing it as a connector between the previous utterance and the following part of the text. It should be only based on the previous part having the general structure of the discourse in mind.

- The initial question of a text is always the “Big Question”: What is the way things are?
- **Q-A-Congruence:** QUDs must be answerable by the assertion(s) that they immediately dominate.
- **Maximize-Q-Anaphoricity:** Implicit QUDs should contain as much given material as possible. QUDs should make reference to the immediately preceding discourse
- **Q-Givenness:** Implicit QUDs can only consist of given (or, at least, highly salient) material.
- **Parallelism:**
 - several parallel answers correspond to one QUD
 - the alternating parts correspond to the wh-word in the QUD

> *Whom can you wire tap?*

>> *You can wire tap the president of the United States*

>> *you can wire tap a Federal Judge*



- QUD is not answered directly
 - Two or more assertions contrasted at two different positions:

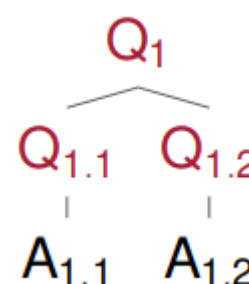
> *Who can spy on whom?*

>> *Who can the Brits spy on?*

>>> *The Brits can spy on everybody but the Brits*

>> *Who can the NSA spy on?*

>>> *but the NSA can conduct surveillance in England*



The Format:

What is the way things are?

>###Q_1###

>>###Answer_1'###

>>###Question_2###

>>>###Answer_2'###

>>>###Answer_2''###

>>###Question_3###

>>>###Answer_3###

>>>###Question_4###

>>>>###Answer_4###

>>###Answer_1''###

