Annotation of English

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Overview

Why UCCA?

- UCCA provides a blueprint of conceptual compositionality in a text,
 with a focus on robustness to variation. It recognizes that sometimes
 - Semantic headedness ≠ syntactic headedness
 - Semantic predicate ≠ syntactic predicate (e.g. nouns can denote events)
 - Semantic "word"/minimal unit ≠ syntactic word (multiword expressions)
 - Semantic combinations may not be intuitively binary
 - A semantic dependent may be shared by multiple heads (syntax, inference)
 - Different languages use different grammatical trappings to convey information
- KEY DESIGN PRINCIPLES: Foundational semantic graph structure, anchored in tokens, organized in terms of scenes, intuitive for annotators, multilingual, extensible with more layers

Preliminaries

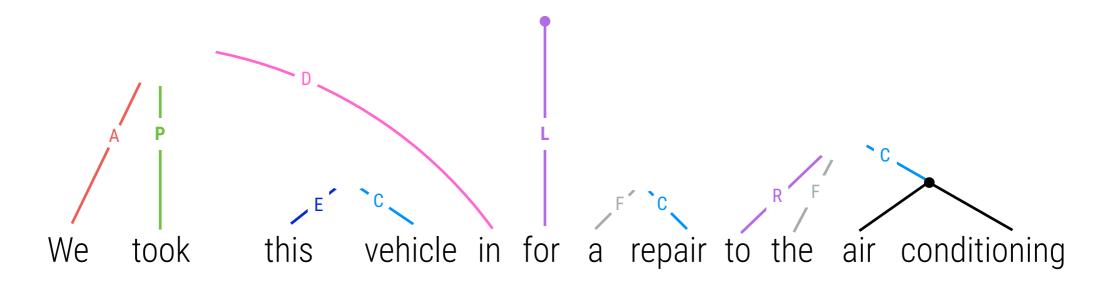
- Level of annotation: Passage
- Base annotation layer: Tokenization
- This talk: the Foundational Layer (FL)
 - Main semantic graph structure in terms of scenes
 - FL depends on the tokenization + excluding punctuation
 - Other layers (e.g., tense/aspect/modality, semantic roles, coreference) can rest atop the FL

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 - Version 2.1 Guidelines (December 2020): https://github.com/UniversalConceptualCognitiveAnnotation/docs/

Based on tokenized passage

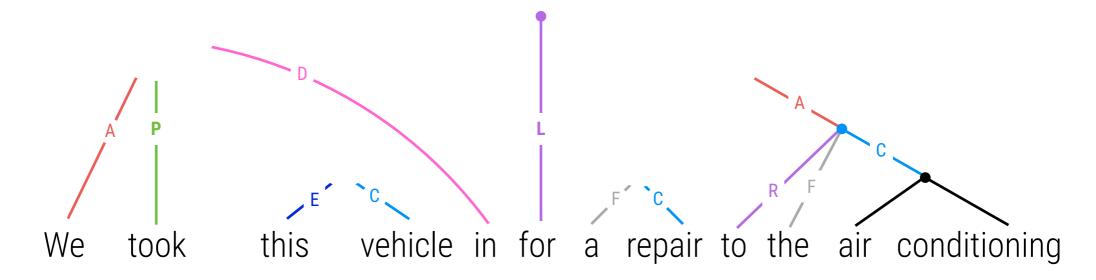
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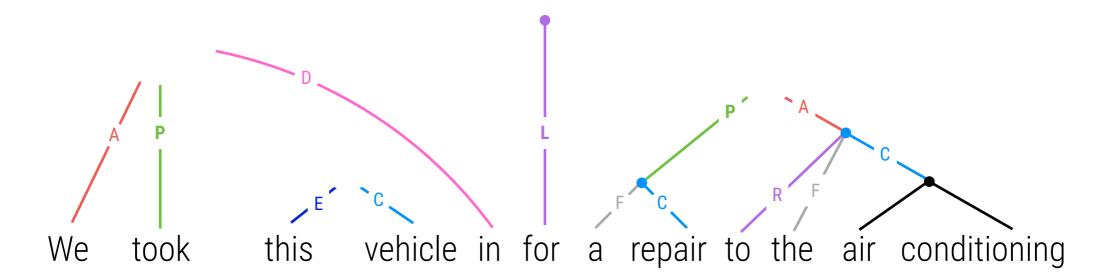
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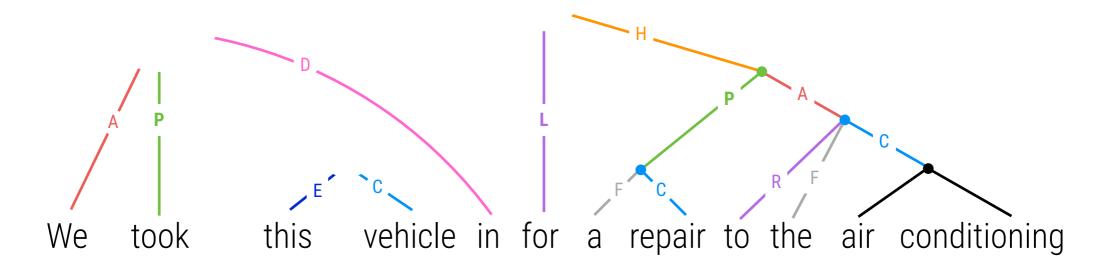
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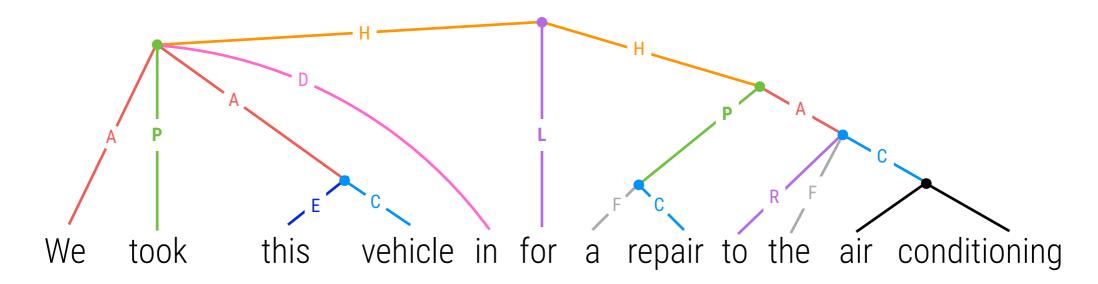
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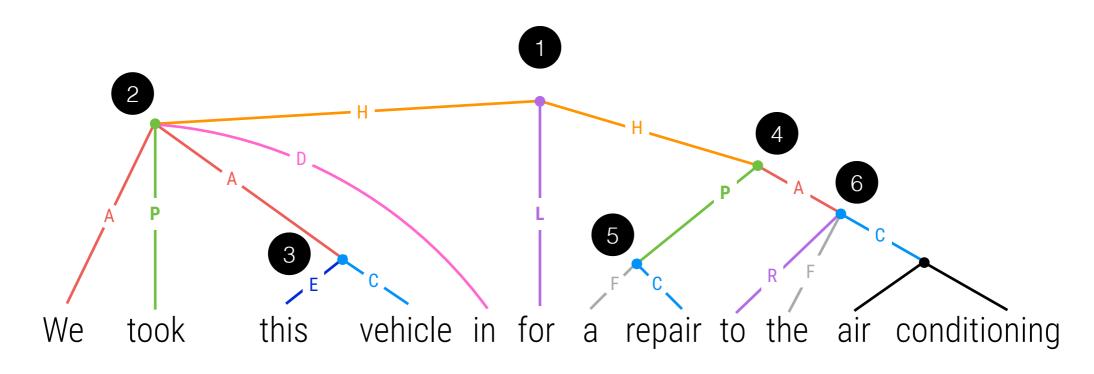
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Subsets of tokens form nested **units**

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6 nonlexical units including root

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(Technically, "unprepared" in the first sentence is evokes a separate scene—see Secondary Predicates below—so there are 11 top-level scenes here.)

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 - Either_L [you come with me]_H or_L [you stay at home]_H
 - After_L [Abbey's party]_H [we went to a bar]_H



Scene Structure

- Main relation (scene-evoking unit): State or Process
- Participant (A) units
 - non-scene units (for most non-temporal NPs, PPs), as well as
 - scene units typically in a core syntactic position (subject, object/complement)
- Modifier units
 - Adverbial (D): manner/degree modifiers, modals, negation, spatial particles, ...
 - Time: modifier (e.g. PP, adverb, adjective) expressing when or how often something happens without constituting its own scene
 - Ground: extra-propositional element that relates a semantic unit to the speech event (speaker-oriented adverbial, interjection, vocative)

Main Relations: S vs. P

- Process: a dynamic event
 - ► [Zoey presumably **graduates**_P from Georgetown tomorrow]_H
 - ► [Zoey's **graduation**_P at Georgetown]_H
 - cognitive activities like seeing & thinking: P

State

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Participant vs. Adverbial

- Individuals, instruments, locations/destinations in an event are invariably A
 - ▶ [Oliver_A shattered_P [the dictaphone]_A [with a hammer]_A]_H
 - ► [Leo_A told_P Bartlet_A [the news]_A [in his office]_A]_H
- D applies only to units that do <u>not</u> introduce another participant or scene
 - YouA shouldD notD behaveD recklesslyD H
 - ► [They treated him [with disrespect]] H

Participant Scenes

- Scenes expressed with subjects, objects, and complement clauses can be A
 - [[the confirmation_P]_A exhausted_P Toby_A]_H
 - ► [She_A announced_P [that he had resigned_P]_A]_H
 - They broadcast [her announcement [that he had resigned]] A] A
- scene unit = any unit containing a P or S daughter.

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Non-Scene Units

- If a non-scene unit has multiple children, the main one (semantic head): Center
 - certain constructions warrant multiple Centers
- Quantity units
- Connector (N) units
- Elaborator units
 - scene or non-scene
 - in general, **modifiers of non-scenes**: attributive adjective modifier, noun modifier in noun-noun compound, PP, apposition, relative clause, title, demonstrative determiner, degree modifier, ...
 - * (later: details on adjectives, appositions, relative clauses, PPs)

[both presidential candidatesc with their wives]

[all_Q 17_Q people_C]

[Edc and Larryc]

[thise chocolatee cakec]

[Dr. E Bartletc]

[Governorc [of Maine]]

[Lord_E [John Marbury]_C]

[very_E angrily_C]

Functional Units

- Usually these are terminal units (no children)
- Relator units provide functional cues regarding a nested unit
 - prepositions
 - complementizers, relativizers: that, which
 - subordinators that are not Linkers
- Function units
 - articles
 - non-modal auxiliaries
 - copula with predicate adjective or relational noun
 - expletive it
 - polite forms
 - infinitive to when not a purposive Linker

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[babiesc [with hatsc] _{\rm E}]
[plenty _{\rm Q} [of hatsc] _{\rm C}]
[He left _{\rm P} [on Mondayc] _{\rm T}] _{\rm H}
[lasaw _{\rm P} [that he left _{\rm P}] _{\rm A}] _{\rm H}
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[ther carc]
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[It<sub>F</sub> will<sub>F</sub> be<sub>F</sub> raining<sub>P</sub>]<sub>H</sub>
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[Could_F you_A please_F leave_P?]_H

[I waited [[for_R him_C]_A to_F leave_P]_A]_H

Lexical Units

- Unanalyzable units (UNA): multiple tokens forming a named entity or multiword expression where internal semantic structure is unclear. These multiword lexical units serve as leaves in the UCCA graph:
 - Personal names: John Spencer
 - Titles of works of art/literature/law: The West Wing
 - Foreign phrases: Los Angeles, post hoc
 - Idiomatic multiword expressions with opaque meanings: hot dog, give up, in order to, as well as, according to, due to
- Generally analyzable: proper names of places, organizations, and events, along with many specialized terms. Thus each token = 1 lexical unit.
 - University_C [of_R California_C]_E

time_E signature_C (in music)

- Dates and addresses have a "flat" structure with multiple Centers:
 - vote $[in_R [Washington_C, DC_C, USA_C]_C]_A [on_R [Tuesday_C November_C 3_C, 2020_C]_C]_T$

Categories: Summary

Unit type:	Superparallel unit	Scene unit	Sub-scene unit	Lexical unit
Required elements	Parallel Scene (<mark>H</mark>)	Process xor State	Center	Token(s)
Optional elements	Linker	Participant (A), Adverbial (D), Time, Ground	Quantity) xor Connector (N)	
Function, Relator				
Legal parentage	root, A, E, C	A , E , C , H	any but F , R , root	any category

Secondary categories:

UNAnalyzable may be combined with any category in the table on a lexical unit; Coordinated Main Relation (CMR) may occur with P or S

Basics: Practice

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Technically, determiners are attached to nouns within the main relation, creating a discontinuous unit [the meeting $_{\mathbb{C}}$]

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Simple Examples

- 1. Over the summer John read two books
- 2. Mary has been going to the gym every day for the last two years
- 3. John is speaking quietly and calmly to the children
- 4. Because we ate so early, we should bring a snack

Ctercise

Simple Examples

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- 2. [Mary_A has_F been_F going_P [to_R the_F gym_C]_A [every_Q day_C]_T [for_R the_F last_E two_Q years_C]_T]_H
- 3. [John_A is_F speaking_P [quietly_C and_N calmly_C]_D [to_R the_F children_C]_A]_H
- 4. Because_L [we_A ate_P [so_E early_C]_T]_H, [we_A should_D bring_P [a_F snack_C]_A]_H

English Constructions: A Tour

Adjectives / Remotes

- Predicative adjectives typically denote states:
 - ▶ [[the_F car_C]_A is_F red_S]_H
- Most attributive adjectives ("red car") can be paraphrased as predicative.
 - To preserve scene structure, make the adjective both a State and an Elaborator, with a remote unit—a reentrancy for the modified noun—denoted in parentheses:
 - [IA boughtp [the [reds (car)A]E carc]A]H
 - Thus the car token is shared between two units:
 - * primary edge Center in sub-scene unit for the full NP
 - * remote edge Participant in scene unit evoked by the adj.
- I bought the red car

 Every lexical unit has exactly 1 primary edge and may have 0 or more remote edges. We will see other uses of remote edges later.

Adjectives / Remotes

- However, not all uses of adjectives are states: exceptions include
 - Quantities: numerouso cookieso
 - Pertainyms: a scientific_E paper_C
 - Inherent composition descriptors: sugary drinks
 - Modifiers of scene-evoking nouns: a beautiful wedding per wedd
 - * Only a non-scene unit can serve as Adverbial within a scene

CMR

- When predicate lexical units are coordinated it is tedious to annotate them as separate scenes with remote participants. A shorthand is to treat as non-scene coordination and mark the unit as Coordinated Main Relation (CMR):
 - Adjectives: [HeA isF [quietc andN shyc]S+CMR]H
 - Verbs: [Walden_A [wrote_C and_N recorded_C]_{P+CMR} [the score]_A]_H
- In postprocessing, these are <u>normalized</u> to the full form:
 - ► [He_A is_F quiet_S]_H and_L [(He)_A shy_S]_H
 - * The Function category is considered semantically void, so remote **F**'s are not permitted (the copula appears just once)
 - [Walden_A wrote_P [the score]_A]_H and_L [(Walden)_A recorded_P (score)_A]_H

Degree Modifiers

- Degree of a scene
 - ► [The plate is **very** hots]_H
- Degree of a non-scene
 - You won [quite handily] H
 - ► [a [very_E beautiful_C]_D wedding_P]_H

Adjective+Main Relation

- Infinitive complement (incl. tough-constructions)
 - ► [HeA isF easyD toF pleaseP]H
 - ► [He_A is_F ready/likely_D to_F leave_P]_H
- Prepositional complement
 - ▶ [London_A is_F great_D for_F music_P]_H

Secondary Predicates

- VP may contain adjective that serves as predicate to the subject or object of the verb.
 - In UCCA this is treated as a parallel scene with a remote Participant.

Depictives

► [John_A left_P home_A]_H [young_S (John)_A]_H

Resultatives

► [Mary_A painted_P [the_F fence_C]_A]_H [blue_S (fence)_A]_H

Role Nominals

- A noun which denote an occupation (scientist) or role within an activity (voter, contestant) automatically has an associated scene with a Process and Participant:
 - John_A is_F a_F superb_D English_A teacher_P]_H − compare:
 [John_A is_F a_F superb_D teacher_P [of_R English_C]_A]_H
 [John_A teaches_P English_A superbly_D]_H
- If the filler of the role is not mentioned separately, the role noun doubles as a Participant:
 - ► [[the_F superb_D English_A teacher_{P+A}]_A arrived_P]_H
 - [[the_F [tall_S (teacher)_A]_E [English_A teacher_{P+A}]_C]_A arrived_P]_H
 - ► [[The_F series_S]_A features_S [many_Q [young_S (actor)_A]_E [actors_{P+A}]_C]_A]_H
- Note that scene-modifiers (superb) are distinguished from entitymodifiers (tall, young).

Light/Secondary Verbs

- Many English verbs primarily contribute modal, evidential, aspectual, or causal meaning to a scene. These "secondary verbs" are annotated as Adverbial elements:
 - Modal auxiliaries: [You_A should_D go_P home_A]_H
 - ► Aspectual/change-of-state verbs: [CJ_A began_D singing_P]_H [Josh grew_D weak_S]_H
 - Verbs of necessity, desire, trying/succeeding/failing, helping, causing, allowing/preventing w.r.t. a situation:
 - * [Donna wants to go home] H
 - * [Ainsley helped Sam write [the memoc] | (secondary verb adds a Participant)
- Other verbs are light verbs that combine with a scene noun which carries most of the semantic content. The verb is annotated with the Function category, and the noun as Center, within a State or Process unit:
 - ▶ [Amy_A [took_F a_F shower_C]_P]_H
 - Discontinuous units: I took a short break [AmyA [gaveF]P- JoshA [aF smileC]-P]H

Raising & Control

- With a secondary verb or a speaker's-perception verb like seem, only one scene:
 - Secondary verb: [Donna_A wants_D to_F go_P home_A]_H
 - Speaker as implied perceiver—Ground: [Josh seems to be fines]
- Raising with two scenes—syntactic argument of one is Participant of the other:
 - ▶ [Donna_A proved_P [Josh_A to_F be_F a_F liar_P]_A]_H
- Control with two scenes—shared Participant (remote in embedded scene):
 - Subject control verb: [Donna_A promised_P [to_F be_F better_S (Donna)_A]_A]_H
 - Object control verb: [Donna asked Josh [to be careful (Josh)]
 - Purpose clause adjunct: [Josh_A went_P there_A]_H to_L [buy_P coffee_A (Josh)_A]_H

Reflexives

- Reflexive marking (which in English is on pronouns: myself, etc.)
 canonically signals that a single Participant is filling multiple roles of an
 event. The reflexive is annotated as forming an unanalyzable unit with
 the verb:
 - ► [MaryA [introduced herself]P+UNA [toR everyonec]A]H
- The same analysis applies when the reflexive gives the verb an idiomatic meaning (which is very common e.g. in Romance languages):
 - [[The dogc] [relieved himself] P+UNA outside] H
- English reflexive pronouns have other uses, however:
 - ► Entity emphasis—Function: [[The president himself] [paid a visit] | Function: [The president himself] | Function | Fun
 - In a PP meaning 'alone': [I_A solved_P [the_F mystery_C]_A [by_R myself_C]_A]_H

Relative Clauses

- E-scenes with a noun
 - [the_F person_C [who_R resigned_P (person)_A]_E]
 - [the_F car_C [you_A wanted_P (car)_A]_E]
 - * want-to-have sense; would be D for want-to-do sense
 - [the_F car_C [you_A were_F looking_P [for_R (car)_C]_A]_E]
 - [the_F car_C [that_R is_F red_S (car)_A]_E]
 - See guidelines for considerations where the modified noun is scene-evoking
- Free relative clauses: Fused E-scenes
 - ► [IA wonderp [whatc [theyA 'ver been eatingp (what)A]E]A]H
 - [John_A will_F explain_P [how_C [it_A works_P (how)_D]_E]_A]_H

Scenes within Scenes

A-Scenes

Complementation

- ▶ [She promised to be betters (She) A A H
- ► [She_A announced_P [that_R he_A had_F resigned_P]_A]_H
- ▶ [She_A talked_P [about_R resigning_P (She)_A]_A]_H

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E-Scenes

Attributive adjectives

[IA boughtP [theF [redS (car)A]E carc]A]H

Relative Clauses

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[I_A \text{ asked/bought}_P [ ... ]_A]_H
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- the person [who resigned (person)] E
- the_F car_C [you_A wanted_P (car)_A]_E
- ther carc [youA were looking [for (car) A] A] E
- the_F car_C [that_R is_F red_S (car)_A]_E
- → how_C [it_A works_P (how)_D]_E

Questions

- Question words should be annotated with the same category as their respective component in a given answer.
 - ▶ [Who_A did_F you_A meet_P ?]_H
 - ► [HowD didF youA fixP [theF carc]A?]H
- Yes/No questions
 - ► [Will_F John_A be_F coming_P ?]_H [Yes_G (John)_A (coming)_P .]_H

Copula Constructions

- Predicate complement is scene-evoking, e.g. attributing a property or relational noun to an entity: copula = F
 - ► [CJ_A is_F tall_s]_H
 - [[The ambassador]_A is_F in_S [the Mural Room]_A]_H
 - ► [John_A is_F an_F English_A teacher_P]_H
- Complement contributes an attribute of the scene denoted by the subject:
 copula = F
 - ▶ [[The service]_P was_F slow_D]_H
 - → [[The election]_P is_F [on Tuesday]_T]_H
- Otherwise (equation of two entity references): copula = S
 - ► [ThisA iss [aF carc]A]H
 - This is [ar [reds (car)A] carc]A H

Existentials

- Expressing that something exists in a particular location:
 locative relation = S, there = F
 - [There_F is_F [a_F turkey]_A on_S [the_F desk_C]_A]_H \approx [[a_F turkey]_A is_F on_S [the_F desk_C]_A]_H

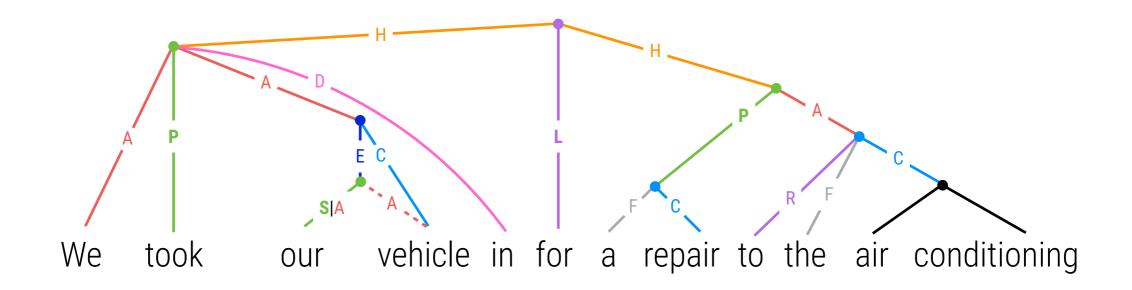


- [There is [ar [greats (restaurant)] restaurant] nearbys+A]
- Otherwise (only relation is assertion of existence): there = S
 - ► [Theres are [thousands [of R usc]c]A]H
- Note that be = F with existential there subject

Possessives

- Possessive can mark a Participant of a scene-evoking noun such as an eventive or relational noun:
 - ► [[Zoey_C 'S_R]_A graduation_P [at Georgetown]_A]_H
 - [[[Zoeyc 's_R]_A boyfriend_{S+A}] attended_P]_H
 - [[Zoeyc 's_R]_A boyfriends is_F JP_A]_H
- When it marks an ownership relation, possessive = S:
 - [[[Simon_A 's_S (car)_A]_E car_C]_A is_F parked_S outside_A]_H
 - $[[[His_{S+A} (car)_A]_E car_C]_A is_F parked_S outside_A]_H$
 - * Possessive pronoun doubles as State and Participant
 - → [[Thise carc] is mines+A] H
- · Likewise for an social/organizational relationship absent a relational noun:
 - ► [SheA wasF proudD toF representP [[herS+A (school)A]E schoolC]A]H
- · Other forms of inalienable possession (body parts, attributes) are non-scene-evoking:
 - $[Zoey_{\mathbb{C}} 's_{\mathbb{R}}]_{\mathbb{E}}$ name/arm $_{\mathbb{C}}$

Possessive Example



[WeA tookp [[ours+A (vehicle)A]E vehiclec]A inD]H

forL

[[a_F repair_C]_P [to_R the_F [air conditioning]_C]_A]_H

Modifier + "of" + Noun

 Of can connect an amount (Q) with the item quantified or measured:

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    Quantities: thousands<sub>Q</sub> [of<sub>R</sub> books<sub>C</sub>]<sub>C</sub> [a lot]<sub>Q</sub> [of<sub>R</sub> trouble<sub>C</sub>]<sub>C</sub>
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- ► Portions: $some_Q [of_R the_F cats_C]_C$ $3_Q [of_R the_F 12_Q trees_C]_C$ $80\%_O [of_R women_C]_C$ the_F rest_O [of_R the_F cake_C]_C
- Unitizers: a_F box_Q [of_R chocolates_C]_C a_F bottle_Q [of_R champagne_C]_C
- It can also a connect a word like kind or type (E) to a category:
 - thise kinde [of musicc]c

Appositions

- When two phrases are related by apposition,
 - if one of them is a name and the other is a description, the name is the Center and the description is the Elaborator
 - * Sheen portrays [[a fictional president]_E, [Josiah Bartlet]_C].
 - * Sheen portrays [[Josiah Bartlet]_C, [a fictional president]_E].
 - otherwise the syntactic head (usually the first item) is the Center and the other item is the Elaborator
 - * Sheen portrays [[the president]_C, [a Democrat]_E].

Implicit Units

- When a syntactic construction involves a locally missing argument (e.g., relative clause, passive, imperative, control, ellipsis, pro-drop), it is filled in with a remote unit if possible.
- If no available unit in the passage, an implicit unit (i.e. a lexical unit with 0 tokens) is specified.
 - [(IMP)_A Go_P!]_H
 - ► [[The_E car_C]_A was_F stolen_P (IMP)_A]_H
 - ► [It_F is_F unhealthy_S [to_F smoke_P (IMP)_A]_A]_H
 - ▶ [[Smoking_P (IMP)_A] is_F unhealthy_S]_H

More on implicit units:

<u>Cui & Hershcovich, DMR 2020</u>

Strict interpretation of the guidelines:
 Most other types of arguments (Has he arrived Ø_{Place}? We ate Ø_{Food}.) are
 not represented with implicit or remote units. (But some annotators use
 implicit units more liberally.)

Ellipsis

- Remote units allow "copying" of elements in ellipsis constructions and shared subject VP coordination. Try annotating:
 - Josh stepped outside and slipped on ice.
 - John bought eggs and Mary, gum.
 - You bought three horses, I bought one.
 - John will go to school tomorrow and so will Mary.
- Note that remote F's are prohibited.

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 - ► [Josh_A stepped_P outside_A]_H and_L [(Josh)_A slipped_P [on_R ice_C]_A]_H
 - [John_A bought_P eggs_A]_H and_L [Mary_A, (bought)_P gum_A]_H
 - YouA boughtP [threeQ horsesC]A]H, [IA boughtP [oneQ (horses)C]A]H
 - ▶ [John_A will_F go_P [to_R school_C]_A tomorrow_T]_H and_L [so_D will_F Mary_A (go)_P ([to_R school_C])_A (tomorrow)_T]_H
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Speech Act Phenomena

- Interjections are labeled G.
- · Vocatives: A vocative addressee is labeled G (G+A in an imperative):
 - [Joey_G, I_A want_P numbers_A!]_H
 - ▶ [Gop, Donnag+A!]H
- **Yes and No:** As responses, these are labeled **G** in a scene alongside the response content (which may be remote):
 - [No_G, I_A do_F n't_D kill_P [[my_{S+A} (pets)_A] pets_C]_A]_H
- Quotations generally consist of one or more Parallel Scenes—either at the top level or embedded as a Participant of a speech event.
- Please: The politeness marker please is labeled F.
- **Thanks:** The <u>subjectless</u> expressions *thank you* and *thanks* are treated as Processes with an implicit Participant (the grateful person); otherwise *thank* is a regular Process:
 - [[Thank you]_{P+UNA} (IMP)_A [for_R leaving_P (Josh)_A]_A, Josh_G]_H
 - $[I_A \text{ should}_D \text{ thank}_P \text{ you}_A [for_R \text{ leaving}_P]_A]_H$

More in Guidelines

- Comparatives
- · Ordinals
- Directional particles
- Coordination
- Focus modifiers ("also", "even", "only")
- Expletive it
- German compound splitting

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Summary

Formal Properties of Foundational Layer

Rooted DAG. Each edge has one or more category labels.

Primary Edges

- Form a tree (not necessarily projective in sentence order)
- Lexical unit: 0 or more non-punctuation tokens (2+ = unanalyzable unit); overt (non-implicit) units must be disjoint
- Units may be **nested** within other units, including unary nesting
- Units may be discontinuous
- Some simplifications are made prior to parser evaluation, which is span-based and forgiving w.r.t. attachment of F units (see later)

Remote Edges

- These are **reentrancies** within a passage (not necessarily same sentence)
- Grammatically required (e.g. control, ellipsis, relative clause)
- Coreference between overt mentions (including pronouns) is NOT indicated in the foundational layer (but see section on extensions)

Categories: Summary

Unit type:	Superparallel unit	Scene unit	Sub-scene unit	Lexical unit
Required elements	Parallel Scene (<mark>H</mark>)	Process xor State	Center	Token(s)
Optional elements	Linker	Participant (A), Adverbial (D), Time, Ground	Quantity) xor Connector (N)	
Function, Relator				
Legal parentage	root, A, E, C	A, E, C, H	any but F , R , root	any category

Secondary categories:

UNAnalyzable may be combined with any category in the table on a lexical unit; Coordinated Main Relation (CMR) may occur with P or S

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https://github.com/UniversalConceptualCognitiveAnnotation/tutorial

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