Chapter 31

HPSG and Lexical Functional Grammar

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This chapter compares two closely related grammatical frameworks, Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar (HPSG) and Lexical Functional Grammar (LFG). Among the similarities: both frameworks draw a lexicalist distinction between morphology and syntax, both associate certain words with lexical argument structures, both employ semantic theories based on underspecification, and both are fully explicit and computationally implemented. The two frameworks make available many of the same representational resources. Typical differences between the analyses proffered under the two frameworks can often be traced to concomitant differences of emphasis in the design orientations of their founding formulations: while HPSG's origins emphasized the formal representation of syntactic locality conditions, those of LFG emphasized the formal representation of functional equivalence classes across grammatical structures. Our comparison of the two theories includes a point by point syntactic comparison, after which we turn to an exposition of Glue Semantics, a theory of semantic composition closely associated with LFG.

1 Introduction

Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar is similar in many respects to its cousin framework, Lexical Functional Grammar or LFG (Bresnan et al. 2016; Dalrymple et al. 2019). Both HPSG and LFG are lexicalist frameworks in the sense that they distinguish between the morphological system that creates words and the syntax proper that combines those fully inflected words into phrases and sentences. Both frameworks assume a lexical theory of argument structure (Müller

& Wechsler 2014; compare also Wechsler, Koenig & Davis 2020, Chapter 9 of this volume) in which verbs and other predicators come equipped with valence structures indicating the kinds of complements that the word is to be combined with. Both theories treat certain instances of control (equi) and raising as lexical properties of control or raising predicates (on control and raising in HPSG see Abeillé 2020, Chapter 12 of this volume). Both theories allow phonologically empty nodes of the constituent structure, although researchers in both theories tend to avoid them unless they are well-motivated (Sag & Fodor 1995; Berman 1997; Dalrymple et al. 2019: 734–742). Both frameworks use recursively embedded attribute-value matrices (AVMs). These structures directly model linguistic expressions in LFG, but are understood in HPSG as grammatical descriptions satisfied by the directed acyclic graphs that model utterances.[1]

There are also some differences in representational resources, especially in the original formulations of the two frameworks. But each framework now exists in many variants, and features that were originally exclusive to one framework can often now be found in some variant of the other. HPSG's valence lists are ordered, while those of LFG usually are not, but Andrews & Manning (1999) use an ordered list of terms (subject and objects) in LFG. LFG represents grammatical relations in a *functional structure* or f-structure that is autonomous from the constituent structure, while HPSG usually lacks anything like a functional structure. But in Bender's (2008) version of HPSG, the COMPS list functions very much like LFG's f-structure (see Section 10). This chapter explores the utility of various formal devices for the description of natural language grammars, but since those devices are not exclusively intrinsic to one framework, this discussion does not bear on the comparative utility of the frameworks themselves. In other words, our comparison of HPSG and LFG is intended to be theoretical and not political.

We start with a look at the design considerations guiding the development of the two theories (Section 2), followed by point by point comparisons of syntactic issues organized by grammatical topic. Then we turn to the semantic system of LFG, beginning with a brief history by way of explaining its motivations (Section 12.1), and continuing with a presentation of the semantic theory itself. A comparison with HPSG semantics is impractical and will not be attempted here, but see Koenig & Richter (2020), Chapter 22 of this volume for an overview of HPSG semantics.

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[1]Both frameworks are historically related to unification grammar (Kay 1984). Unification is defined as an operation on feature structures: the result of unifying two mutually consistent feature structures is a feature structure containing all and only the information in the original two feature structures. Neither framework actually employs a unification operation, but unification can produce structures resembling the ones in use in LFG and HPSG.

2 Design principles in the origins of HPSG and LFG

The HPSG and LFG frameworks were originally motivated by rather different design considerations. In order to make a meaningful comparison between the frameworks, it is helpful to understand those differences.

HPSG grew out of the tradition, established by Chomsky (1957), of studying the computational properties of natural language syntax as a window onto the capabilities of human cognitive processes. The advent of Generalized Phrase Structure Grammar (Gazdar et al. 1985) was an important milestone in that tradition, bringing as it did the surprising prospect that the entire range of syntactic phenomena known to exist at the time could be described with a context-free grammar (CFG). If this could be maintained, it would mean that natural language is context-free in the sense of the Chomsky Hierarchy (Chomsky 1957), which is an answer to the question raised by Chomsky that was very different from, and more interesting than, Chomsky's own answer. Then Shieber (1985) and Culy (1985) showed that certain phenomena such as recursive cross-serial dependencies in Swiss German and Bambara exceeded the generative capacity of a context-free grammar.

Despite that development, it nonetheless appeared that languages for the most part hewed rather closely to the context-free design. Thus began the search for more powerful grammatical formalisms that would preserve the insight of a context-free grammar while allowing for certain phenomena that exceed that generative capacity.[2] HPSG grew out of this search. As Sag et al. (2003: 83) observe, HPSG "is still closely related to standard CFG". In fact, an HPSG grammar largely consists of constraints on local sub-trees (i.e., trees consisting of a node and its immediate daughters), which would make it a context-free grammar were it not that the nodes themselves are complex, recursively-defined feature structures. This CFG-like character of HPSG means that the framework itself has the potential to embody an interesting theory of locality. At the same time, the original theory also allowed for the description of non-local relations, and new non-local devices were added in versions of the theory developed later (a proposal to add functional structure was mentioned in Section 1, and others will be described below). The flexibility of HPSG thus provides for the study of locality and non-locality, while also allowing for grammatical description and theory construction by syntacticians with no interest in locality.

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[2]There were also some problems with the GPSG theory of the lexicon, in which complement selection was assimilated to the phrase structure grammar. For discussion see Müller & Wechsler (2014: Section 4.1).

The architecture of LFG was originally motivated by rather different concerns: an interest in typological variation from a broadly functionalist perspective, from which one studies cross-linguistic variation in the expression of functionally equivalent elements of grammar. For this reason two levels of representation are discerned: a functional structure or *f-structure* representing the internal grammatical relations in a sentence that are largely invariant across languages, and a categorial constituent structure or *c-structure* representing the external morphological and syntactic expression of those relations, which vary, often rather dramatically, across different typological varieties of language. For example, probably all (or nearly all) languages have subjects and objects, hence those relations are represented in f-structure. But languages vary as to the mechanisms for signaling subjecthood and objecthood, the three main mechanisms being word order, head-marking, and dependent-marking (Nichols 1986), hence those mechanisms are distinguished at c-structure. The word *functional* in the name of the LFG framework is a three-way pun, referring to the grammatical *functions* that play such an important role in the framework, the mathematical *functions* that are the basis for the representational formalism, and the generally *functionalist*-friendly nature of the LFG approach.

Despite these differing design motivations, there is no dichotomy between the frameworks with respect to the actual research undertaken within the two research communities. Typological variation within almost every area of grammar has been studied in HPSG, and locality is studied within LFG by developing theories of the mapping between c-structure and f-structure (see Bresnan et al. 2016: 88–128). In the remainder of this chapter we will survey various phenomena and compare HPSG and LFG approaches.

3 Phrases and endocentricity

A phrasal node shares certain grammatical features with specific daughters. In HPSG, this is accomplished by means of structure-sharing (reentrancies) in the immediate dominance schemata and other constraints on local sub-trees such as the Head Feature Principle. LFG employs essentially the same mechanism for feature sharing in a local sub-tree but implements it slightly differently, so as to better address the design motivations of the theory. Each node in a phrase structure is paired with an f-structure, which is formally a set of attribute-value pairs. It is through the f-structure that the nodes of the phrase structure share features. The phrase structure is referred to as *c-structure*, for categorial or constituent structure, in order to distinguish it from f-structure. Context-free phrase

structure rules license c-structures, and the c-structure elements are annotated with *functional equations* which describe the corresponding f-structure. The correspondence function from c-structures to f-structures, ϕ, defines and constrains the f-structure on the basis of the equations collected from the c-structure annotations and from lexical entries of the terminal nodes.[3] For example, the phrase structure grammar in (1) and lexicon in (2) license the tree in Figure 1.[4,5]

(1) a. S → NP   VP
                  (↑ SUBJ) = ↓   ↑ = ↓

  b. NP → $\begin{pmatrix} \text{Det} \\ \uparrow = \downarrow \end{pmatrix}$ N
                                          ↑ = ↓

  c. VP → V $\begin{pmatrix} \text{NP} \\ (\uparrow \text{OBJ}) = \downarrow \end{pmatrix}$
                  ↑ = ↓

(2) a. *this*: Det   (↑ PROX) = +
                          (↑ NUM) = SG

  b. *lion*: N   (↑ PRED) = 'lion'
                          (↑ NUM) = SG

  c. *roar*: V   (↑ PRED) = 'roar⟨(↑ SUBJ)⟩'
      -*s*: *infl*   (↑ TENSE) = PRES
                          (↑ SUBJ) = ↓
                              (↓ PERS) = 3
                              (↓ NUM) = SG

Each node in the c-structure maps to an f-structure, that is, to a set of attribute-value pairs. Within the equations, the up and down arrows are metavariables over f-structure labels, interpreted as follows: the up arrow refers to the f-structure to which the c-structure mother node maps, and the down arrow refers to the

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[3]Taken together, the set of equations in a c-structure is called the functional description or *f-description*.

[4]In (2c) the verb is broken down into the root *roar* and third person singular suffix -*s* to show the functional equations contributed by each morpheme. However, LFG does not require that words be analyzed into morphemes. It is compatible with morpheme-based (e.g., Ishikawa 1985; Bresnan et al. 2016: 384–385, 395–396) or realizational morphology (Dalrymple et al. 2019: Chapter 12) or any other theory of morphology that associates word forms with grammatical features.

[5]For simplicity's sake, in this basic example we assume an NP analysis rather than a DP one (Brame 1982). However, much recent LFG work assumes DP; see Bresnan et al. (2016) and Dalrymple et al. (2019) for further discussion.
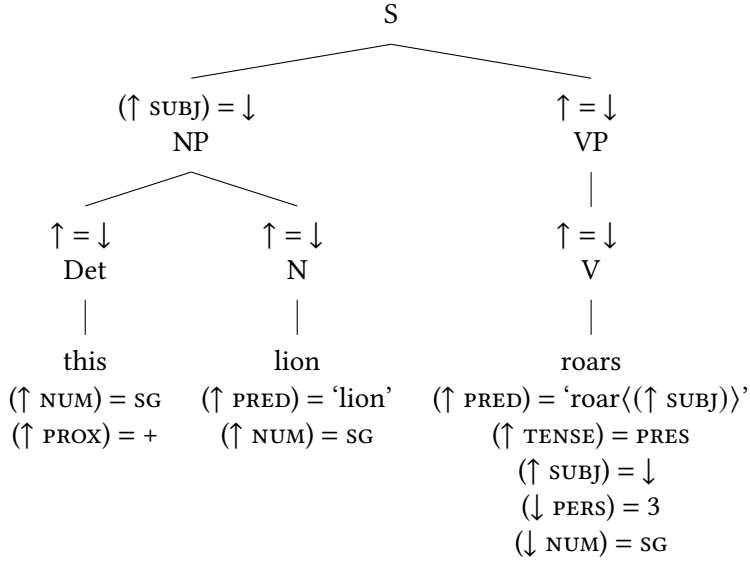
Figure 1: C-structure in LFG

f-structure that its own c-structure node maps to. To derive the f-structure from (1), we instantiate the metavariables to specific function names and solve for the f-structure associated with the root node (here, S). In Figure 2, the f-structure labels f_1, f_2, etc. are subscripted to the node labels. The arrows have been replaced with those labels.

Collecting all the equations from this tree and solving for f_1, we arrive at the f-structure in (3):

$$(3) \quad f_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} \text{SUBJ} & \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED 'lion'} \\ \text{NUM SG} \\ \text{PERS 3} \\ \text{PROX +} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{PRED} & \text{'roar} \langle (\text{F}_1 \text{ SUBJ}) \rangle \text{'} \\ \text{TENSE PRES} \end{bmatrix}$$

F-structures are subject to three general well-formedness conditions/principles:[6]

(4) *Uniqueness*: Every attribute has a unique value.

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[6]Here we state them informally, just to capture the key intuitions, but see Kaplan & Bresnan (1982: 37 (reprint pagination)) or Dalrymple et al. (2019: 52–53) for precise definitions.

$$S_{f_1}$$

$$(f_1 \text{ SUBJ}) = f_2$$
$$\text{NP}_{f_2}$$

$$f_1 = f_3$$
$$\text{VP}_{f_3}$$

$$f_2 = f_4$$
$$\text{Det}_{f_4}$$

$$f_2 = f_5$$
$$\text{N}_{f_5}$$

$$f_3 = f_6$$
$$\text{V}_{f_6}$$

$$\text{this}_{f_7}$$
$$(f_4 \text{ NUM}) = \text{SG}$$
$$(f_4 \text{ PROX}) = +$$

$$\text{lion}_{f_8}$$
$$(f_5 \text{ PRED}) = \text{'lion'}$$
$$(f_5 \text{ NUM}) = \text{SG}$$

$$\text{roars}_{f_9}$$
$$(f_6 \text{ PRED}) = \text{'roar}\langle(\uparrow \text{ SUBJ})\rangle\text{'}$$
$$(f_6 \text{ TENSE}) = \text{PRES}$$
$$(f_6 \text{ SUBJ}) = f_9$$
$$(f_9 \text{ PERS}) = 3$$
$$(f_9 \text{ NUM}) = \text{SG}$$

Figure 2: Deriving the f-description

(5)   *Completeness*: All grammatical functions governed by an f-structure's PRED feature must occur in the f-structure.

(6)   *Coherence*: Only grammatical functions governed by an f-structure's PRED feature may occur in the f-structure.

Completeness and Coherence together play a similar role to the Valence Principle in HPSG (Pollard & Sag 1994: 348) in that they guarantee that only exactly the right number of syntactic dependents are in the structure. Uniqueness means that an f-structure has to be consistent in its feature values[7] and also means that the f-structure is a function in the mathematical sense, a set of ordered pairs such that no two pairs have the same first member. Moreover, each PRED value is assumed to bear a unique index (normally suppressed, as we do here), so that even two instances of apparently the "same" PRED value cannot be identical; this plays an important role in LFG's analysis of pronominal affixes and agreement (see Section 7).

Since the up and down arrows refer to nodes of the local sub-tree, LFG annotated phrase structure rules like those in (1) can often be directly translated into HPSG immediate dominance schemata and principles constraining local

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[7]In fact, another name for the uniqueness principle is *Consistency* (Dalrymple et al. 2019: 53).

sub-trees. By way of illustration, let ꜰꜱ (for *f-structure*) be an HPSG attribute corresponding to the f-structure projection function. Then the LFG rule in (7a) (repeated from (1a) above) is equivalent to the HPSG rule in (7b):

(7) a. S → NP VP
$\qquad\qquad$ (↑ ꜱᴜʙᴊ) = ↓ $\quad$ ↑ = ↓

 b. S[ꜰꜱ ①] → NP[ꜰꜱ ②] VP[ꜰꜱ ①[ꜱᴜʙᴊ ②]]

Let us compare the two representations with respect to heads and dependents.

Taking heads first, the VP node annotated with ↑ = ↓ is an *f-structure head*, meaning that the features of the VP are identified with those of the mother S. This effect is equivalent to the tag ① in (7b). Hence ↑ = ↓ has an effect similar to HPSG's Head Feature Principle. However, in LFG the part of speech categories and their projections such as N, V, Det, NP, VP, DP, etc. belong to the c-structure and not the f-structure. As a consequence, those features are not subject to sharing, and any principled correlations between such categories, such as the fact that N is the head of NP, V the head of VP, C the head of CP, and so on, are instead captured in an explicit version of (extended) X-bar theory applying exclusively to the c-structure (Grimshaw 1998). The version of extended X-bar theory in Bresnan et al. (2016: Chapter 6) assumes that all nodes on the right side of the arrow of the phrase structure rule are optional, with many unacceptable partial structures ruled out in the f-structure instead. Also, not all structures need to be endocentric (i.e., not all structures have a head daughter in c-structure). The LFG category S shown in (7a) is inherently exocentric, lacking a c-structure head whose c-structure category could influence its external syntax (the f-structure head of S is the daughter with the ↑ = ↓ annotation, here the VP). (English is also assumed to have endocentric clauses of category IP, where an auxiliary verb of category I (for Inflection) serves as the c-structure head.) S is used for copuleless clauses and also for the flat structures of nonconfigurational clauses in languages such as Warlpiri (see Section 10 below).

Functional projections like DP, IP, and CP are typically assumed to form a "shell" over the lexical projections NP, VP, AP, and PP (plus CP can appear over S). While this assumption is widespread in transformational approaches, its origins can be found in non-transformational research, including early LFG: CP was proposed in Fassi-Fehri's (1981: 141) LFG treatment of Arabic, and IP (the idea of the sentence as functional projection) is found in Falk's (1983) LFG analysis of the English auxiliary system (Falk called it "MP" instead of "IP").[8]

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[8]For more on the origins of extended projections see Bresnan et al. (2016: 124–5).

Extended projections are formally implemented in LFG by having the functional head (such as D) and its lexical complement (such as NP) be f-structure co-heads. See for example the DP *this lion* in Figure 3, where D, NP, and N are all annotated with ↑ = ↓ , hence the DP, D, NP, and N nodes all map to the same f-structure. What makes this identity possible is that function words lack a PRED feature that would otherwise indicate a semantic form.[9] Content words such as *lion* have such a feature ([PRED 'lion']), and so if the D had one as well, then they would clash in the f-structure. Note more generally that the f-structure flattens out much of the hierarchical structure of the corresponding c-structure.

DP

↑ = ↓
D

↑ = ↓
NP

↑ = ↓
N

this
(↑ NUM) = SG
(↑ PROX) = +

lion
(↑ PRED) = 'lion'
(↑ NUM) = SG
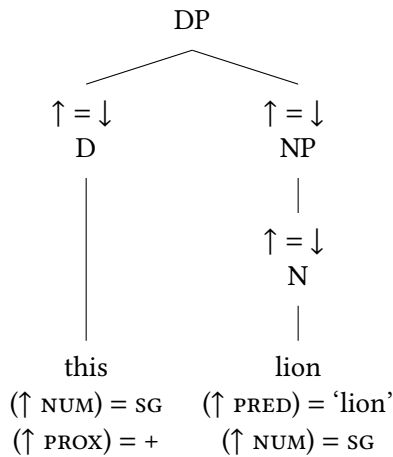
Figure 3: Functional heads in LFG

Complementation works a little differently in LFG from HPSG. Note that the LFG rule (7a) indicates the SUBJ grammatical function on the subject NP node, while the pseudo-HPSG rule (7b) indicates the SUBJ function on the VP functor selecting the subject. A consequence of the use of functional equations in LFG is that a grammatical relation such as SUBJ can be locally associated with its formal exponents, whether a configurational position in phrase structure (as in (1)), head-marking (agreement, see (2c)), or dependent marking (case). A nominative case affix specialized for exclusively marking subjects can introduce a so-called "inside-out" functional designator, (SUBJ ↑), which requires that the f-structure of the NP or DP bearing that case ending be the value of a SUBJ attribute (Nordlinger

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[9]The attribute PRED ostensibly stands for "predicate", but really it means something more like "has semantic content", as there are lexical items, such as proper names, which have PRED features but are not predicates under standard assumptions.

1998).[10] Other argument cases effectively resolve an annotation on the NP or DP node to the appropriate grammatical function. In all of these situations, the attribute encoding a grammatical function, such as SUBJ or OBJ, is directly associated with an element filling that function. This aspect of LFG representations makes it convenient for functionalist and typological work on grammatical relations.

4 Grammatical functions and valence

Grammatical functions (or *grammatical relations*) like subject and object play an important role in LFG theory, and it is worthwhile to compare the status of grammatical functions in LFG and HPSG. Grammatical functions in LFG are best understood in the context of the break with transformational grammar that led to LFG and other alternative frameworks. Chomsky (1965: 68–74) argued that while grammatical functions clearly play a role in grammar, they need not be explicitly incorporated into the grammar as such. Instead he proposed to define them in phrase structural terms: the "subject" is the NP immediately dominated by S, the "object" is the NP immediately dominated by VP, and so on. This theoretical assumption necessitated the use of transformations and a profusion of certain null elements: an affixal subject, for example, would have to be inserted under an NP node that is the daughter of S, and then moved to its surface position as affix; a subject that is phonologically null but anaphorically active would have to be generated in that position as well, hence the need for "null *pro*". Early alternatives to transformational grammar such as Relational Grammar (Perlmutter 1983) and LFG also sought to capture the equivalence across different alternative expressions of a single argument, but rejected the transformational model. Instead the grammar licenses an abstract representation of the "subject", for example, essentially as a set of features. The language-specific grammar maps a predicator's semantic roles to these abstract representations (named "subject", "object", and so on), and also maps those representations onto the expressions in the language.

As a non-transformational theory, HPSG breaks down the relation between semantic roles and their grammatical expressions into two distinct mappings, in roughly the same way that LFG does. The intermediate representations of argu-

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[10]Inside-out designators can be identified by their special syntax: the attribute symbol (here SUBJ) precedes instead of following the function symbol (here the metavariable ↑). They are defined as follows: for function *f*, attribute *a*, and value *v*, $(f\ a) = v$ iff $(a\ v) = f$. If *f* is the f-structure representing a nominal in nominative case, then (SUBJ *f*) refers to the f-structure of the clause whose subject is that nominal.

ments consists of sets of features, just like in LFG. However, while LFG provides a consistent cross-linguistic representation of each grammatical function type, many variants of the HPSG framework allow the representation to vary from language to language. For example, LFG identifies subjects in every language with the attribute SUBJ, while HPSG identifies the subject, if at all, as a specific element of the ARG-ST list, but which element it is can vary with the language. An English subject is usually assumed to be the first element in the list, or ARG-ST|FIRST, while the definition of a German subject necessarily involves the CASE feature (Reis 1982). Note that it would not work to represent German subjects as ARG-ST|FIRST, because in German subjectless sentences with arguments (such as datives), the first item in the ARG-ST list is a non-subject. Also, the HPSG valence feature SUBJ (or SPR "specifier") does not represent the subject grammatical function in the LFG sense, but is instead closer to Chomsky's (1965: 68–74) definition of subject as an NP in a particular phrase structural position. However, nothing precludes an HPSG practitioner from adopting LFG-style grammatical function features within HPSG, and many have done so, such as the QVAL feature of Kropp Dakubu et al. (2007) or the ERG feature proposed by Pollard (1994). Similarly, Andrews & Manning (1999) present a version of LFG that incorporates an HPSG-style valence list.

This illustrates once again LFG's orientation towards cross-linguistic grammar comparison. HPSG practitioners who do not adopt an LFG-style SUBJ feature can still formulate theories of "subjects", comparing subjects in English, German, Icelandic, and so on, but they lack a formal correlate of the notion "subject" comparable to LFG's SUBJ feature. Meanwhile from the perspective of a single grammar, the original motivation for adopting grammatical functions, in reaction to the pan-phrase-structural view of the transformational approach, informed both LFG and HPSG in the same way.

In LFG, a lexical predicator such as a verb selects its complements via grammatical functions, which are native to f-structure, rather than using c-structure categories. A transitive verb selects a SUBJ and OBJ, which are features of f-structure, but it cannot select for the category DP because such part of speech categories belong only to c-structure. For example, the verb stem *roar* in (2c) has a PRED feature whose value contains (↑ SUBJ), which has the effect of requiring a SUBJ function in the f-structure. The f-structure (shown in (3)) is built using the defining equations, as described above. Then that f-structure is checked against any *existential constraints* such as the expression (↑ SUBJ), which requires that the f-structure contain a SUBJ feature. That constraint is satisfied, as shown in (3). Moreover, the fact that (↑ SUBJ) appears in the angled brackets means that it ex-

presses a semantic role of the 'roar' relation, hence the sᴜʙᴊ value is required to contain a ᴘʀᴇᴅ feature, which is satisfied by the feature [ᴘʀᴇᴅ 'lion'] in (3).

Selection for grammatical relations instead of formal categories enables LFG to capture the flexibility in the expression of a given grammatical relation described at the end of the previous section. As noted there, in many languages the subject can be expressed either as an independent NP/DP phrase as in English, or as a pronominal affix on the verb. As long as the affix introduces a ᴘʀᴇᴅ feature and is designated by the grammar as filling the sᴜʙᴊ relation, then it satisfies the subcategorization requirements imposed by a verb. A more subtle example of flexible expression of grammatical functions can be seen in English constructions where an argument can in principle take the form of either a DP (as in (8a)) or a clause (as in (8b)) (the examples in (8) are from Bresnan et al. 2016: 11–12).

(8)   a.   That problem, we talked about for days.
      b.   That he was sick, we talked about for days.
      c.   We talked about that problem for days.
      d.   * We talked about that he was sick for days.

The preposition *about* selects neither a DP nor a CP *per se*, but rather selects the grammatical function ᴏʙᴊ.

(9)   *about*: P $(\uparrow \text{ᴘʀᴇᴅ}) = \text{'about}\langle(\uparrow \text{ᴏʙᴊ})\rangle\text{'}$

It is not the preposition but the local c-structure environment that conditions the category of that argument: the canonical prepositional object position right-adjacent to *about* can only house a DP (compare (8c) and (8d)), while the topic position allows either DP or CP (compare (8a) and (8b)). In LFG, the grammatical functions such as sᴜʙᴊ and ᴏʙᴊ represent equivalence classes across various modes of c-structure expression.

Some HPSG approaches to filler-gap mismatches are presented in Borsley & Crysmann (2020: Section 9), Chapter 13 of this volume. They are essentially similar to the LFG account just presented, in that they work by allowing the preposed clause and the gap to differ in certain features. The main difference between research on this problem in the two frameworks is that in LFG the bifurcation between matching and non-matching features of filler/gap is built into the framework in the separation between f-structure and c-structure.[11]

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[11]Note that c-structure and f-structure are autonomous but not independent. To constrain the relation between the c-structure category and f-structure, one can use either metacategories (Dalrymple et al. 2019: 691-698) or the CAT function (Dalrymple et al. 2019: 265).

5 Head mobility

The lexical head of a phrase can sometimes appear in an alternative position apparently outside of what would normally be its phrasal projection. Assuming that an English finite auxiliary verb is the (category I) head of its (IP) clause, then that auxiliary appears outside its clause in a yes/no question:

(10)   a.   [IP she is mad]
        b.   Is [IP she ___ mad]?

Transformational grammars capture the systematic relation between these two structures with a head-movement transformation that leaves the source IP structure intact, with a trace replacing the moved lexical head of the clause. The landing site of the moved clausal head is often assumed to be C, the complementizer position, as motivated by complementarity between the fronted verb and a lexical complementizer. This complementarity is observed most strikingly in German verb-second versus verb-final alternations, but is also found in other languages, including some English constructions such as the following:

(11)   a.   I wonder whether [IP she is mad].
        b.   I wonder, is [IP she ___ mad]?
        c.   *I wonder whether is she mad.

Non-transformational frameworks like HPSG and LFG offer two alternative approaches to head mobility, described in the HPSG context in Müller (2020: Section 5), Chapter 10 of this volume. Let us consider these in turn.

In the constructional approach, the sentences in (11) have been treated as displaying two distinct structures licensed by the grammar (Sag et al. 2020 and other references in Müller 2020: Section 5, Chapter 10 of this volume). For example, assuming ternary branching in (10b), then the subject DP *she* and predicate AP *mad* would normally be assumed to be sisters of the fronted auxiliary *is*. On that analysis, the phrase structure is flattened out so that *she mad* is not a constituent. In fact, for English the fronting of *is* can even be seen as a consequence of that flattening: English is a head-initial language, so the two dependents *she* and *mad* are expected to follow their selecting head *is*. This analysis is common in HPSG, and it could be cast within the LFG framework as well.

The second approach is closer in spirit to the head movement posited in transformational grammar. It is found in both HPSG and LFG, but the formal implementation is rather different in the two frameworks. The HPSG "head movement" account due to Borsley (1989) posits a phonologically empty element that

can function as the verb in its canonical position (such as 10a), and that empty element is structure-shared with the verb that is fronted. This treats the variation in head position similarly to non-local dependencies involving phrases. See Müller (2020: Section 5.1), Chapter 10 of this volume.

The LFG version of "head movement" takes advantage of the separation of autonomous c- and f-structures. Recall from the above discussion of the DP in Figure 3 that functional heads such as determiners, auxiliaries, and complementizers do not introduce new f-structures, but rather map to the same f-structure as their complement phrases. The finite auxiliary can therefore appear in either the I or C position without this difference in position affecting the f-structure, as we will see presently. Recall also that c-structure nodes are optional and can be omitted as long as a well-formed f-structure is generated. Comparing the non-terminal structures of Figure 4 and Figure 5, the I preterminal node is omitted from the latter structure, but otherwise they are identical. (The lexical equations in Figure 5 are the same as the ones in Figure 4 but are omitted for clarity.) Given the many ↑ = ↓ annotations, the C, I, and AP nodes (as well as IP and CP) all map to the same f-structure, namely the one shown in (12).

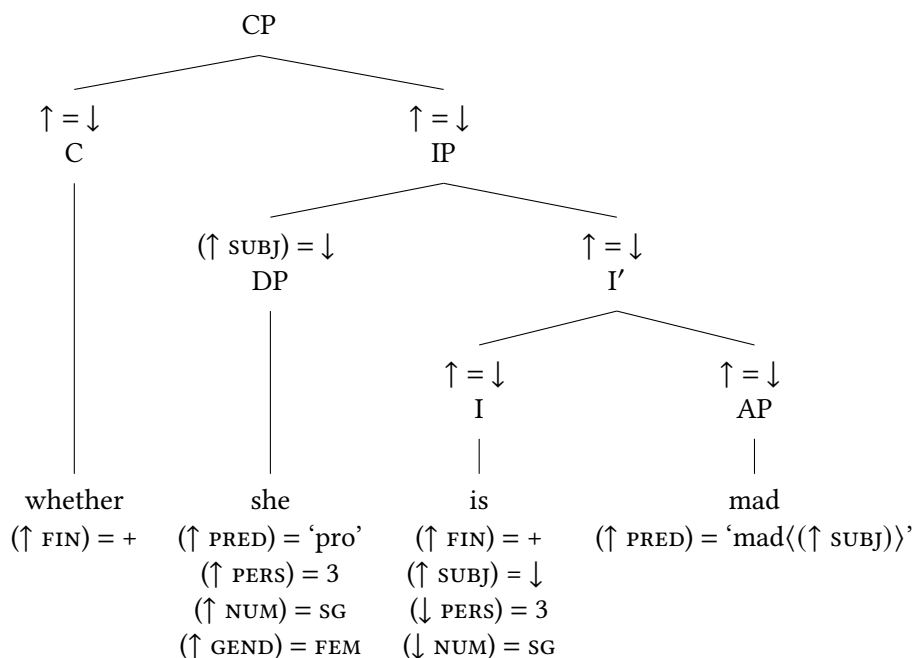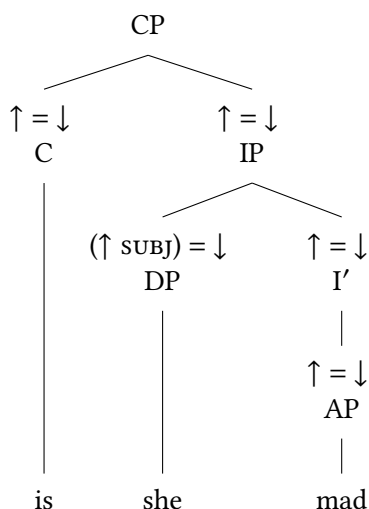Figure 4: Functional projections in LFG

Figure 5: Head mobility in LFG

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(12) \quad f \begin{bmatrix} \text{SUBJ} \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED 'pro'} \\ \text{NUM SG} \\ \text{PERS 3} \\ \text{GEND FEM} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{PRED 'mad}\langle\, (\text{F SUBJ})\,\rangle\text{'} \\ \text{FIN} \quad + \end{bmatrix}
$$

The C and I positions are appropriate for markers of clausal grammatical features such as finiteness ([FIN ±]), encoded either by auxiliary verbs like finite *is* or complementizers like finite *that* and infinitival *for*: *I said that/*for she is present* vs. *I asked for/*that her to be present.* English has a specialized class of auxiliary verbs for marking finiteness from the C position, while in languages like German all finite verbs, including main verbs, can appear in a C position that is unoccupied by a lexical complementizer. Summarizing, the LFG framework enables a theory of head mobility based on the intuition that a clause has multiple head positions where inflectional features of the clause are encoded.

6 Agreement, case, and constraining equations

The basic theory of agreement is the same in LFG and HPSG (see Wechsler 2020, Chapter 6 of this volume): agreement occurs when multiple feature sets arising

from distinct elements of a sentence specify information about a single abstract object, so that the information must be mutually consistent (Kay 1984). The two forms are said to agree when the values imposed by the two constraints are compatible, while ungrammaticality results when they are incompatible. An LFG example is seen in (1) above, where the noun, determiner, and verbal suffix each specify person and/or number features of the same subj value.

The basic mechanism for case marking works in essentially the same way as agreement in both frameworks: in case marking, distinct elements of a sentence specify case information about a single abstract object, hence that information must be compatible. To account for the contrast in (13a), nominative CASE equations are associated with the pronoun *she* and added to the entry for the verbal agreement suffix *-s*:

(13) a. She/*Her/*You rules.

    b. *she*: D   ($\uparrow$ PRED) = 'pro'
                         ($\uparrow$ CASE) = NOM
                         ($\uparrow$ PERS) = 3
                         ($\uparrow$ NUM) = SG
                         ($\uparrow$ GEND) = FEM

    c. *her*: D   ($\uparrow$ PRED) = 'pro'
                         ($\uparrow$ CASE) = ACC
                         ($\uparrow$ PERS) = 3
                         ($\uparrow$ NUM) = SG
                         ($\uparrow$ GEND) = FEM

    d. *-s*: *infl*   ($\uparrow$ TENSE) = PRES
                         ($\uparrow$ SUBJ) = $\downarrow$
                               ($\downarrow$ PERS) = 3
                               ($\downarrow$ NUM) = SG
                               ($\downarrow$ CASE) = NOM

The variant of (13a) with *her* as subject is ruled out due to a clash of CASE within the subj f-structure. The variant with *you* as subject is ruled out due to a clash of PERS features. This mechanism is essentially the same as in HPSG, where it operates via the valence features.

This account allows for underspecification of both the case assigner and the case-bearing element, and of both the trigger and target of agreement. In English, for example, gender is marked on some pronouns but not on a verbal affix, and (nominative) case is not marked on nominals, with the exception of pronouns,

but is governed by the finite verb. But certain case and agreement phenomena do not tolerate underspecification, and for those phenomena LFG offers an account using a *constraining equation*, a mechanism absent from HPSG and indeed ruled out by current foundational assumptions of HPSG theory (Richter 2020, Chapter 3 of this volume). (Some early precursors to HPSG included a special feature value called ANY that functioned much like an LFG constraining equation, e.g. Shieber 1986: 36–37, but that device has been eliminated from HPSG.) The functional equations described so far in this chapter work by building the f-structure, as illustrated in (1) and (3) above; such equations are called *defining equations*. A constraining equation has the same syntax as a defining equation, but it functions by checking the completed f-structure for the presence of a feature. An f-structure lacking the feature designated by the constraining equation is ill-formed.

The following lexical entry for *she* is identical to the one in (13b) above, except that the CASE equation has been replaced with a constraining equation, notated with $=_c$.

(14) *she*: D $(\uparrow$ PRED$) = $ 'pro'
                     $(\uparrow$ CASE$) =_c$ NOM
                     $(\uparrow$ PERS$) = 3$
                     $(\uparrow$ NUM$) = $ SG
                     $(\uparrow$ GEND$) = $ FEM

The f-structure is built from the defining equations, after which the SUBJ field is checked for the presence of the [CASE NOM] feature, as indicated by the constraining equation. If this feature has been contributed by the finite verb, as in (13), then the sentence is predicted to be grammatical; if there is no finite verb (and there is no other source of nominative case) then it is ruled out. This predicts the following grammaticality pattern:

(15)   Who won the popular vote in the 2016 election?
    a.   She did! / *Her did!
    b.   * She! / Her!

English nominative pronouns require the presence of a finite verb, here the finite auxiliary *did*. Constraining equations operate as output filters on f-structures and are the primary way to grammatically specify the obligatoriness of a form, especially under the assumption that all daughter nodes are optional in the phrase structure. As described in Section 4 above, obligatory dependents are specified

in the lexical form of a predicator using existential constraints like (↑ subj) or (↑ obj). These are equivalent to constraining equations in which the particular value is unspecified, but some value must appear in order for the f-structure to be well-formed.

A constraining equation for case introduced by the case-*assigner*, rather than the case-bearing element, predicts that the appropriate case-bearing element must appear. A striking example from Serbo-Croatian is described by Wechsler & Zlatić (2003: 134), who give this descriptive generalization:

(16)　*Serbo-Croatian Dative/Instrumental Case Realization Condition*

If a verb or noun assigns dative or instrumental case to an NP, then that case must be morphologically realized by some element within the NP.

In Serbo-Croatian most common nouns, proper nouns, adjectives, and determiners are inflected for case. An NP in a dative position must contain at least one such item morphologically inflected for dative case, and similarly for instrumental case. The verb *pokloniti* 'give' governs a dative object, such as *ovom studentu* in (17a). But a quantified NP like *ovih pet studenata* 'these five students' has invariant case, namely genitive on the determiner and noun, and an undeclinable numeral *pet* 'five'. Such a quantified NP can appear in any case position, except when it fails to satisfy the condition in (16), such as this dative position (Wechsler & Zlatić 2003: 125):

(17)　a.　pokloniti knjige　　ovom　　　studentu　　　(Serbo-Croatian)
　　　　　give.INF　books.ACC this.DAT.SG student.DAT.SG
　　　　　'to give books to this student'

　　　b.　*pokloniti knjige　　[ovih　　　pet studenata]
　　　　　give.INF　books.ACC　this.GEN.PL five student.GEN.PL
　　　　　intended: 'to give books to these five students'

Similarly, certain foreign names such as *Miki* and loanwords such as *braon* 'brown', 'brunette' are undeclinable, and can appear in any case position, except those ruled out by (16). Thus example (18a) is unacceptable, while the inflected possessive adjective *mojoj* 'my' saves it, as shown in (18b). When the possessive adjective realizes the case feature, it is acceptable. In (18c) we contrast the undeclined loan word *braon* 'brown' with the inflected form *lepoj* 'beautiful'. The example is acceptable only with the inflected adjective (Wechsler & Zlatić 2003: 134).

(18) a. * Divim   se   Miki.
         admire.1SG REFL Miki
         'I admire (my) Miki.'

     b. Divim   se   mojoj   Miki.
         admire.1SG REFL my.DAT.SG Miki
         'I admire (my) Miki.'

     c. Divim   se   *braon / lepoj   Miki.
         admire.1SG REFL brown / beautiful.DAT.SG Miki
         intended: 'I admire brunette / beautiful Miki.'

This complex distribution is captured simply by positing that the dative (and instrumental) case assigning equations on verbs and nouns, such as the verbs *pokloniti* and *divim* in the above examples, are constraining equations:

(19) $(\uparrow \text{OBL}_{dat} \text{ CASE}) =_c \text{DAT}$

Any item in dative form within the NP, such as *ovom* or *studentu* in (17a) or *mojoj* or *lepoj* in (18b,c), could introduce the [CASE DAT] feature that satisfies this equation, but if none appears then the sentence fails. In contrast, other case-assigning equations (e.g., for nominative, accusative, or genitive case, or for cases assigned by prepositions) are defining equations, which therefore allow the undeclined NPs to appear. This sort of phenomenon is easy to capture using an output filter such as a constraining equation, but rather difficult otherwise. See Wechsler & Zlatić (2001) for further examples and discussion.

7 Agreement and affixal pronouns

Agreement inflections that include the person feature derive historically from incorporated pronominal affixes. Distinguishing between agreement markers and affixal pronouns can be a subtle and controversial matter. LFG provides a particular formal device for representing this distinction within the f-structure: a true pronoun, whether affixal or free, introduces a semantic form (formally a PRED feature) with the value 'pro', while an agreement inflection does not. For example, Bresnan & Mchombo (1987) argue that the Chicheŵa (Bantu) object marker (OM) is an incorporated pronoun, while the subject marker (SM) alternates between agreement and incorporated pronoun, as in this example:

(20) Njûchi zi-ná-wá-lum-a   a-lenje.   (Chicheŵa)
      10.bee 10.sm-pst-2.om-bite-fv 2-hunter
      'The bees bit them, the hunters.'

According to Bresnan & Mchombo (1987: 745), the class 2 object marker *wá-* is
a pronoun, so the phrase *alenje* 'the hunters' is not the true object, but rather a
postposed topic cataphorically linked to the object marker, with which it agrees
in noun class (a case of *anaphoric agreement*). Meanwhile, the class 10 subject
marker *zi-* alternates: when an associated subject NP (*njûchi* 'bees' in (20)) ap-
pears, then it is a grammatical agreement marker, but when no subject NP ap-
pears, then it functions as a pronoun. This is captured in LFG with the simplified
lexical entries in (21):

(21) a. *lum*: V   ($\uparrow$ PRED) = 'bite$\langle$($\uparrow$ SUBJ)($\uparrow$ OBJ)$\rangle$'
      b. *wá-*: *Aff*   ($\uparrow$ OBJ GEND) = 2
                         ($\uparrow$ OBJ PRED) = 'pro'
      c. *zi-*: *Aff*   ($\uparrow$ SUBJ GEND) = 10
                         (($\uparrow$ SUBJ PRED) = 'pro')

The PRED feature in (21b) is obligatory while that of (21c) is optional, as indi-
cated by the parentheses around the latter. These entries interact with the gram-
mar in the following manner. The two grammatical functions governed by the
verb in (21a) are SUBJ and OBJ (the *governed* functions are the ones designated in
the predicate argument structure of a predicator). According to the Principle of
Completeness, a PRED feature must appear in the f-structure for each governed
grammatical function that appears within the angle brackets of a predicator (in-
dicating assignment of a semantic role). By the uniqueness condition it follows
that there must be *exactly one* PRED feature, since a second such feature would
cause a clash of values.[12]

The OM *wá-* introduces the [PRED 'pro'] into the object field of the f-structure
of this sentence; the word *alenje* 'hunters' introduces its own PRED feature with
value 'hunter', so it cannot be the true object, and instead is assumed to be in
a topic position. Bresnan & Mchombo (1987: 744–745) note that the OM can be
omitted from the sentence, in which case the phrasal object (here, *alenje*) is fixed
in the immediately post-verbal position, while that phrase can alternatively be
preposed when the OM appears. This is explained by assuming that the post-
verbal position is an OBJ position, while the adjoined TOPIC position is more flex-
ible.

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[12]Recall that each PRED value is assumed to be unique, so that two 'pro' values cannot unify.

The subject *njûchi* can be omitted from (20), yielding a grammatical sentence meaning 'They (some class 10 plural entity) bit them, the hunters.' The optional PRED feature equation in (21c) captures this pro-drop property: when the equation appears, then a phrase such as *njûchi* cannot appear in the subject position, since this would lead to a clash of PRED values ('pro' versus 'bee'); but when the equation is not selected, then *njûchi* must appear in the subject position in order for the f-structure to be complete.

The diachronic process in which a pronominal affix is reanalyzed as agreement has been modeled in LFG as the historic loss of the PRED feature, along with the retention of the pronoun's person, number, and gender features (Coppock & Wechsler 2010). The anaphoric agreement of the older pronoun with its antecedent then becomes reanalyzed as grammatical agreement of the inflected verb with an external nominal. Finer transition states can also be modeled in terms of selective feature loss. Clitic doubling can be modeled as optional loss of the PRED feature with retention of some semantic vestiges of the pronominal, such as specificity of reference.

The LFG analysis of affixal pronouns and agreement inflections can be translated into HPSG by associating the former but not the latter with pronominal semantics in the CONTENT field. The complementarity between the appearance of a pronominal inflection and an analytic phrase filling the same grammatical relation would be modeled as an exclusive disjunction between those two options, which captures the effects of the uniqueness of PRED values in LFG.

8 Lexical mapping

LFG and HPSG both adopt *lexical approaches to argument structure* in the sense of Müller & Wechsler (2014): a verb or other predicator is equipped with a valence structure indicating the grammatical expression of its semantic arguments as syntactic dependents. Both frameworks have complex systems for mapping semantic arguments to syntactic dependents that are designed to capture prevailing semantic regularities within a language and across languages. The respective systems differ greatly in their notation and formal properties, but it is unclear whether there are any theoretically interesting differences, such as types of analysis that are available in one but not the other. This section identifies some of the most important analogues across the two systems, namely LFG's Lexical Mapping Theory (LMT; Bresnan et al. 2016: Chapter 14) and the theory of macroroles proposed by Davis and Koenig for HPSG (Davis 1996; Davis & Koenig 2000;

see Wechsler, Koenig & Davis 2020, Chapter 9 of this volume).[13]

In LMT, the argument structure is a list of a verb's argument slots, each labeled with a thematic role type such as Agent, Instrument, Recipient, Patient, Location, and so on, in the tradition of Charles Fillmore's *Deep Cases* (Fillmore 1968; 1977) and Pāṇini's *kārakas* (Kiparsky & Staal 1969). The ordering is determined by a thematic hierarchy that reflects priority for subject selection.[14] The thematic role type influences a further classification by the features $[\pm o]$ and $[\pm r]$ that conditions the mapping to syntactic functions (this version is from Bresnan et al. 2016: 331):

(22)   **Semantic classification of argument structure roles for function**:
   patientlike roles: θ
                                                $[-r]$

   secondary patientlike roles: θ
                                                $[+o]$

   other semantic roles: θ
                                                $[-o]$

The features $[\pm r]$ (thematically *restricted*) and $[\pm o]$ (*objective*) cross-classify grammatical functions: subject is $[-r, -o]$, object is $[-r, +o]$, obliques are $[+r, -o]$ and restricted objects are $[+r, +o]$. A monotonic derivation (where feature values cannot be changed) starts from the argument list with the Intrinsic Classification (I.C. in example (23) below), then morpholexical operations such as passivization can suppress a role (not shown), then the thematically highest role (such as the Agent), if $[-o]$, is selected as Subject, and then any remaining features receive positive values by default.

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[13]A recent alternative to LMT based on Glue Semantics has been developed by Asudeh & Giorgolo (2012) and Asudeh et al. (2014), incorporating the formal mapping theory of Findlay (2016), which in turn is based on Kibort (2007). It preserves the monotonicity of LMT, discussed below, but uses Glue Semantics to model argument realization and valence alternations. Müller (2018) discusses this Glue approach in contrast to HPSG approaches in light of lexicalism and argument structure. Note, though, that despite what might be implied by the title of the Müller volume, the Asudeh et al. treatment is not *necessarily* "phrasal" (i.e., non-lexicalist). Our formal framework can accommodate either a lexicalist or non-lexicalist position. It is a theoretical matter as to which is correct.

[14]The particular ordering proposed in Bresnan & Kanerva (1989: 23) and Bresnan et al. (2016: 329) is the following: *agent > beneficiary > experiencer/goal > instrument > patient/theme > locative.*

(23) Derivation of *eat* as in *Pam ate a yam.*

a-structure:	*eat*	<	*agent*	*theme*	>
	I.C.		$[-o]$	$[-r]$	
	Subject		$[-r]$		
	Default			$[+o]$	
f-structure:			SUBJ	OBJ	

In the macro-role theory formulated for HPSG, the analogues of $[-o]$ and $[-r]$ are the macro-roles Actor (ACT) and Undergoer (UND), respectively. The names of these features reflect large general groupings of semantic role types, but there is not a unique semantic entailment such as "agency" or "affectedness" associated with each of them. Actor and Undergoer name whatever semantic roles map to the subject and object, respectively, of a transitive verb.[15] On the semantic side they are disjunctively defined: x is the Actor and y is the Undergoer iff "x causes a change in y, or x has a notion of y, or …" (quoted from Wechsler, Koenig & Davis 2020: 317, Chapter 9 of this volume). Such disjunctive definitions are the HPSG analogues of the LMT "semantic classifications" shown in (22) above. In the HPSG macro-role system, linking constraints dictate that the ACT argument maps to the first element of ARG-ST, and that the UND argument maps to some nominal element of ARG-ST; (24) and (25) are from Wechsler, Koenig & Davis (2020), Chapter 9 of this volume (each set of dots in the list value of ARG-ST represents zero or more list items):

(24) $\begin{bmatrix} \text{CONTENT|KEY} & \left[\text{ACT } \boxed{1}\right] \\ \text{ARG-ST} & \left\langle \text{NP}_{\boxed{1}}, … \right\rangle \end{bmatrix}$

(25) $\begin{bmatrix} \text{CONTENT|KEY} & \left[\text{UND } \boxed{2}\right] \\ \text{ARG-ST} & \left\langle …, \text{NP}_{\boxed{2}}, … \right\rangle \end{bmatrix}$

The first element of ARG-ST maps to the subject of an active voice verb, so (24)–(25) imply that if there is an ACT, then that ACT is the subject, and otherwise the UND is the subject (in the latter case NP$_{\boxed{2}}$ is the initial item in the list, given that the ellipsis represents zero or more items). Similarly, in LMT as described above, the subject is the $[-o]$ highest argument, if there is one, and otherwise it

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[15]Note, for example, that within this system the "Undergoer" argument of the English verb *undergo*, as in *John underwent an operation*, is the object, and not the subject as one might expect if being an Undergoer involved actually undergoing something.

is the [−r] argument. In this simple example we can see how the two systems accomplish exactly the same thing. A careful examination of more complex examples might point up theoretical differences, but it seems more likely that the two systems can express virtually the same set of mappings.

In LFG the *argument structure* (or *a-structure*) contains the predicator and its argument roles classified and ordered by thematic role type and further classified by Intrinsic Classification. It is considered a distinct level of representation, along with c-structure and f-structure. As a consequence, the grammar can make reference to the initial item in a-structure, such as the agent in (23), which is considered the "most prominent" role and often called the *a-subject* ("argument structure subject") in LFG parlance. To derive the passive voice mapping, the a-subject is suppressed in a morpholexical operation that crucially takes place before the subject is selected:

(26)   Derivation of *eaten* as in *A yam was eaten (by Pam).*
       a-structure: *eat*   <   *agent*   *theme*   >
                      I.C.   [−o]   [−r]
                      Passive   Ø
                      Subject   [−o]
                                                |
       f-structure: SUBJ

(The optional *by*-phrase is considered to be an adjunct realizing the passivized a-subject.) Note that the passive alternation is *not* captured by a procedural rule that replaces one grammatical relation (such as OBJ) with another (such as SUBJ). The mapping from word strings to f-structures in LFG is monotonic, in the sense that information cannot be destroyed or changed. As a result, the mapping between internal and external structures is said to be transparent in the sense that the grammatical relations of parts of the sentence are preserved in the whole (for discussion of this point, see Bresnan et al. 2016: Chapter 5). In early versions of LFG, monotonicity was assumed for the syntax proper, while destructive procedures were permitted in the lexicon. This was canonized in the *Principle of Direct Syntactic Encoding*, according to which all grammatical relation changes are lexical (Kaplan & Bresnan 1982: 180; Bresnan et al. 2016: 77). At that time, an LFG passive rule operated on fully specified predicate argument structures, replacing OBJ with SUBJ, and SUBJ with an OBL$_{by}$ or an existentially bound variable. The advent of LMT brought monotonicity to the lexicon as well. The HPSG lexicon is also monotonic, if lexical rules are formulated as unary branching rules (see Davis & Koenig 2020, Chapter 4 of this volume).

9 Long distance dependencies

In LFG a long distance dependency is modeled as a reentrancy in the f-structure. The HPSG theory of long distance dependencies is based on that of GPSG (Gazdar 1981) and uses the percolation of a SLASH feature through the constituent structure. But LFG and HPSG accounts are essentially very similar, both working by decomposing a long distance dependency into a series of local dependencies. As we will see, there are nevertheless some minor differences with respect to what hypothetical extraction patterns can be expressed.

Both frameworks allow accounts either with or without gaps: regarding LFG see Bresnan et al. (2016: Chapter 9) for gaps and Dalrymple et al. (2019: Chapter 17) for gapless; regarding HPSG see Pollard & Sag (1994: Chapter 4) for gaps and Sag et al. (2003: Chapter 14) for gapless. Gaps have been motivated by the (controversial) claim that the linear position of an empty category matters for the purpose of weak crossover and other binding phenomena (Bresnan et al. 2016: 210–223). In this section we compare gapless accounts.

LFG has two grammaticalized discourse functions, TOP (topic) and FOC (focus). A sentence with a left-adjoined topic position is depicted in Figure 6. The topic phrase *Ann* serves as the object of the verb *like* within the clausal complement of *think*. This dependency is encoded in the second equation annotating the topic node, where the variable x ranges over strings of attributes representing grammatical functions such as SUBJ, OBJ, OBL, or COMP. These strings describe paths through the f-structure. In this example x is resolved to the string COMP OBJ, so this equation has the effect of adding to the f-structure in (27) the curved line representing token identity.

(27) f $\begin{bmatrix} \text{TOP} & [\text{"Ann"}] \\ \text{SUBJ} & [\text{"I"}] \\ \text{PRED} & \text{'think}\langle (\text{F SUBJ})(\text{F COMP}) \rangle \text{'} \\ \text{COMP } g & \begin{bmatrix} \text{SUBJ} & [\text{"he"}] \\ \text{PRED} & \text{'like}\langle (\text{G SUBJ})(\text{G OBJ}) \rangle \text{'} \\ \text{OBJ} & \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$

HPSG accounts are broadly similar. One HPSG version relaxes the requirement that the arguments specified in the lexical entry of a verb or other predicator must all appear in its valence lists. Arguments are represented by elements of the ARG-ST list, so the list for the verb *like* contains two NPs, one each for the subject and object. In a sentence with no extraction, those ARG-ST list items map
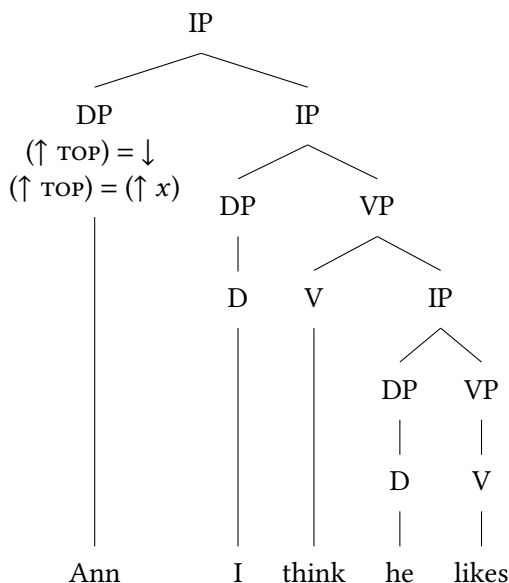
Figure 6: Long distance dependencies in LFG

to the valence lists, the first item appearing in SUBJ and any remaining ones in COMPS. To allow for extraction, one of those ARG-ST list items is permitted to appear on the SLASH list instead. The SLASH list item is then passed up the tree by means of strictly local constraints, until it is bound by the topicalized phrase (see Borsley & Crysmann 2020, Chapter 13 of this volume and Bouma et al. 2001).

The LFG dependency is expressed in the f-structure, not the c-structure. Bresnan et al. (2016: Chapter 2) note that this allows for category mismatches between the phrases serving as filler and those in the canonical, unextracted position. This was discussed in Section 4 and illustrated with example (8) above.

Constraints on extraction such as accessibility conditions and island constraints can be captured in LFG by placing constraints on the attribute string x (Dalrymple et al. 2019: Chapter 17).[16] If subjects are not accessible to extraction, then we stipulate that SUBJ cannot be the final attribute in x; if subjects are islands, then we stipulate that SUBJ cannot be a non-final attribute in x. If the f-structure is the only place such constraints are stated, then this makes the inter-

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[16] Asudeh (2012) shows that LFG's *off-path constraints* (Dalrymple et al. 2019: 225–230) can even capture quite strict locality conditions on extraction, in the spirit of *successive cyclicity* in movement-based accounts (Chomsky 1973; 1977), but without movement/transformations.

esting (but unfortunately false; see presently) prediction that the theory of extraction cannot distinguish between constituents that map to the same f-structure. For example, as noted in Section 5, function words like determiners and their contentful sisters like NP are usually assumed to be f-structure co-heads, so the DP *the lion* maps to the same f-structure as its daughter *lion* (see Figure 3). This predicts that if the DP can be extracted, then so can the NP, but of course that is not true:

(28) a.   The lion, I think she saw.
      b.   * Lion, I think she saw the.

These two sentences have exactly the same f-structures, so any explanation for the contrast in acceptability must involve some other level. For example, one could posit that the phrase structure rules can introduce some items obligatorily (see Snijders 2015: 239), such as an obligatory sister of the determiner *the*.[17]

10 Nonconfigurationality

Some languages make heavy use of case and agreement morphology to indicate the grammatical relations, while allowing very free ordering of words within the clause. Such radically nonconfigurational syntax receives a straightforward analysis in LFG, due to the autonomy of functional structure from constituent structure. Indeed, the notion that phrasal position and word-internal morphology can be functionally equivalent is a foundational motivation for that separation of structure and function, as noted in Section 2 above. As Bresnan et al. (2016: 5) observe, "The idea that words and phrases are alternative means of expressing the same grammatical relations underlies the design of LFG, and distinguishes it from other formal syntactic frameworks."

The LFG treatment of nonconfigurationality will be illustrated with a simplified analysis, from Bresnan et al. (2016: 352–353), of the clausal syntax of Warlpiri, a Pama-Nyungan language of northern Australia. The following example gives three of the many possible grammatical permutations of words, all expressing the same truth-conditional content.

(29) a. Kurdu-jarra-rlu wita-jarra-rlu   ka-pala   maliki wajilipi-nyi.
          child-DUAL-ERG small-DUAL-ERG PRES-DUAL dog.ABS chase-NONPAST
          'The two small children are chasing the dog.'

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[17]This would depart from the assumption that all nodes are optional, adopted in Bresnan et al. (2016).

   b. Kurdu-jarra-rlu ka-pala   maliki wajilipi-nyi   wita-jarra-rlu.
      child-DUAL-ERG PRES-DUAL dog.ABS chase-NONPAST small-DUAL-ERG
      'The two small children are chasing the dog.'

   c. Maliki   ka-pala   kurdu-jarra-rlu wajilipi-nyi   wita-jarra-rlu.
      dog.ABS PRES-DUAL child-DUAL-ERG chase-NONPAST small-DUAL-ERG
      'The two small children are chasing the dog.'

The main constraint on word order is that the auxiliary (here, the word *kapala*) must immediately follow the first daughter of S, where that first daughter can be any other word in the sentence, or else a multi-word NP as in (29a). Apart from that constraint, all word orders are possible. Any word or phrase in the clause can precede the auxiliary, and the words following the auxiliary can appear in any order.

   The LFG analysis of these sentences works by directly specifying the auxiliary-second constraint within the c-structure rule in (30a).[18] Then the lexical entries directly specify the case, number, and other grammatical features of the word forms, including case-assignment properties of the verb (see (32)). The framework does the rest, licensing all and only grammatical word orderings and generating an appropriate f-structure (see (33)).

(30)   a. S   →   X   (Aux)   X*   where X = NP or V
      b. NP   →   N*

(31)   a. Assign ($\uparrow$ SUBJ) = $\downarrow$ or ($\uparrow$ OBJ) = $\downarrow$ freely to NP.
      b. Assign $\uparrow$ = $\downarrow$ to N, V and Aux.

(32)   a. *kurdu-jarra-rlu*: N   ($\uparrow$ PRED) = 'child'
                                ($\uparrow$ NUM) = DUAL
                                ($\uparrow$ CASE) = ERG

      b. *maliki*: N   ($\uparrow$ PRED) = 'dog'
                                  ($\uparrow$ NUM) = SG
                                  ($\uparrow$ CASE) = ABS

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[18]The c-structure is slightly simplified for illustrative purposes. In the actual c-structure proposed for Warlpiri, the second position auxiliary is the c-structure head (of IP) taking a flat S as its right sister (see Austin & Bresnan 1996: 225). Because the IP functional projection and its complement S map to the same f-structure (as discussed in Section 5 above), the analysis presented here works in exactly the same way regardless of whether this extra structure appears.

c. *wita-jarra-rlu*: N $(\uparrow \text{ADJ PRED}) = \text{'small'}$
$(\uparrow \text{NUM}) = \text{DUAL}$
$(\uparrow \text{CASE}) = \text{ERG}$

d. *wajilipi-nyi*: V $(\uparrow \text{PRED}) = \text{'chase}\langle(\uparrow \text{SUBJ})(\uparrow \text{OBJ})\rangle\text{'}$
$(\uparrow \text{TENSE}) = \text{NONPAST}$
$(\uparrow \text{SUBJ CASE}) = \text{ERG}$
$(\uparrow \text{OBJ CASE}) = \text{ABS}$

e. *ka-pala*: Aux $(\uparrow \text{ASPECT}) = \text{PRESENT.IMPERFECT}$
$(\uparrow \text{SUBJ NUM}) = \text{DUAL}$

(33) f
$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED} & \text{'chase} \langle (\text{F SUBJ})(\text{F OBJ})\rangle\text{'} \\ \text{SUBJ} & \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED 'child'} \\ \text{NUM DUAL} \\ \text{CASE ERG} \\ \text{ADJ} & [\text{PRED 'small'}] \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{OBJ} & \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED 'dog'} \\ \text{NUM SG} \\ \text{CASE ABS} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{TENSE} & \text{NONPAST} \\ \text{ASPECT} & \text{PRESENT.IMPERFECT} \end{bmatrix}$$

The functional annotations on the NP nodes (see (31)) can vary as long as they secure Completeness and Coherence, given the governing predicate. In this case the main verb is transitive, so SUBJ and OBJ must be realized, each with exactly one PRED value.[19] The noun *wita* 'small' is of category N, as Warlpiri does not distinguish between nouns and adjectives; but it differs functionally from the nouns for 'child' and 'dog' in that it modifies another noun. This is indicated by embedding its PRED feature under the ADJ ("adjunct") attribute (see the first equation in (32c)).[20]

Comparing HPSG accounts of nonconfigurationality is instructive. Two HPSG approaches are described in Müller (2020), Chapter 10 of this volume: the *domain*

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[19]By the Principle of Completeness, both SUBJ and OBJ appear in the f-structure; by the Principle of Coherence, no other governable grammatical function appears in the f-structure.

[20]The value of LFG's ADJ feature is normally a set of f-structures, as there can be multiple adjuncts, in fact indefinitely many. We simplify things here by assuming that the value is just an f-structure, rather than a set of f-structures. The standard approach would require the relevant equation to instead be $(\uparrow \text{ADJ} \in \text{PRED}) = \text{'small'}$, which would result in the f-structure for 'small' being in a set, by using the set membership symbol as an attribute (Dalrymple et al. 2019: 229–230).

order approach (Donohue & Sag 1999) and the *non-cancellation* approach (Bender 2008). In the *domain order* approach, the words of Warlpiri are combined into constituent structures resembling those of a configurational language like English. For example, in a domain order analysis of the Warlpiri sentences in (29), as well as all other acceptable permutations of those word forms, the words for 'two small children' together form an NP constituent. However, a domain feature DOM lists the phonological forms of the words in each constituent, and allows that list order to vary freely relative to the order of the daughters. This effective shuffling of the DOM list applies recursively on the nodes of the tree, up to the clausal node. It is the DOM list order that determines the order of words for pronunciation of the sentence. That function of the DOM feature is carried out in LFG by the c-structure.

The *non-cancellation* approach effects a separation into HPSG correlates of c-structure and f-structure. In essence, an f-structure is added to HPSG in the form of a feature, much like the FS feature in the pseudo-HPSG rule in (7b) above. Instead of FS, that feature is called COMPS and has a list value. Unlike the valence feature normally called COMPS, items of this COMPS feature are not canceled from the list (and unlike ARG-ST, this feature is shared between a phrase and its head daughter, so it appears on non-terminal nodes). The items of that list are referenced by their order in the list. Special phrasal types define grammatical relations between a non-head daughter and an item in the COMPS list of the head daughter. These phrasal types are equivalent to LFG annotated phrase structure rules. For example, suppose the second item in COMPS (*2nd-comp*) is the object. Then *head-2nd-comp-phrase* in Bender (2008: 12) is equivalent to an LFG rule where the non-head daughter has the OBJ annotation (see (31a)). Since the list item is not canceled from the list, it remains available for other items to combine and to modify the object, using a different phrasal type. Non-cancellation mechanisms bring HPSG closer to LFG by relying on a level of structure that is autonomous from the constituent structure responsible for the grouping and ordering of words for pronunciation.

11 Control and raising

Raising and control (equi) words are treated in virtually the same way in LFG and HPSG: a subject control word (such as *hope* in (34)) specifies that its subject is (also) the subject of its predicate complement (see Abeillé (2020), Chapter 12 of this volume).

(34)   Pam hopes to visit Fred.

　　a.　*hope*:　(↑ PRED) = 'hope⟨(↑ SUBJ)(↑ XCOMP)⟩'
　　　　　　　　(↑ SUBJ) = (↑ XCOMP SUBJ)

　　b.　*hope*:　[ARG-ST ⟨ ①NP, VP[*inf*, SUBJ ⟨ ① ⟩]⟩]

The LFG entry for *hope* in (34a) contains the grammatical function XCOMP ("open complement"), the function reserved for predicate complements such as the infinitival phrase *to visit Fred*. The control equation specifies that its subject is identical to the subject of the verb *hope*; the tag ① plays the same role in the simplified HPSG entry in (34b).

　　The f-structure for (34) is shown here (with simplified structures for *Pam* and *Fred*):

(35) f $\begin{bmatrix} \text{SUBJ} & [\text{"Pam"}]\text{——} \\ \text{PRED} & \text{'hope}\langle\,(\text{F SUBJ})(\text{F XCOMP})\,\rangle\text{'} \\ \text{XCOMP } g & \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED} & \text{'visit}\langle\,(\text{G SUBJ})(\text{G OBJ})\,\rangle\text{'} \\ \text{SUBJ} & \text{——} \\ \text{OBJ} & [\text{"Fred"}] \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$

One interesting difference between the two frameworks concerns the representation of restrictions on the grammatical function of the controllee. The basic HPSG theory of control and raising (for example, the one presented in Pollard & Sag 1994: 132-145) allows only for control (or raising) of subjects and not complements. More precisely, it allows for control/raising of the outermost or final dependent to be combined with the verbal projection that is a complement of the control verb. This is because of the list cancellation regime that operates with valence lists (on non-cancellation theories, see Section 10). The expression VP in (34b) represents an item with an empty COMPS list. In a simple English clause, the verb combines with its complement phrases to form a VP constituent, with which the subject is then combined to form a clause. Assuming the same order of combination in the control structure, it is not possible to control the complement of a structure that contains a structural subject, as in (36a):

(36)   a.　* Fred hopes Pam to visit.

　　b.　Fred hopes to be visited by Pam.

　　c.　?! (↑ SUBJ) = (↑ XCOMP OBJ)

The intended meaning would be that of (36b). The passive voice is needed in order to make the intended controllee (*Fred*) the subject of *visit* and thus available to be controlled. This restriction of controllees to subjects follows from the basic

HPSG theory of Pollard & Sag (1994: 132-145), while in LFG it follows only if control equations like the one in (37) are systematically excluded.

(37) ?! (↑ SUBJ) = (↑ XCOMP OBJ)

At the same time, the HPSG framework allows for mechanisms that can be used to violate the restriction of controllees to subjects, and many such mechanisms have been proposed, including the adoption of an f-structure into HPSG (this is the non-cancellation theory described in Section 10). This illustrates the point made in Section 2 above, that the framework was originally designed to capture locality conditions, but is flexible enough to capture non-local relations as well.

This raises the question of whether the restriction to subject controllees is universal. In fact, it appears that some languages allow the control of non-subjects, but it is still unclear whether these control relations are established via the grammatical relations and therefore justify equations such as (37). For instance, Kroeger (1993) shows that Tagalog has two types of control relation. In the more specialized type, which occurs only with a small set of verbs or in a special construction in which the downstairs verb appears in non-volitive mood, both the controller and controllee must be subjects. Kroeger analyzes this type as functional control using a control equation like the one in (34a). In the more common type of Tagalog control, the controllee must be the Actor argument, while the grammatical relations of controllee and controller are not restricted. (Tagalog has a rich voice system, often called a focus marking system, regulating which argument of a verb is selected as its subject.) This latter type of Tagalog control is defined on argument structure (Actors, etc.), so a-structure rather than f-structure is appropriate for representing the control relations.

Instead of functional control, Kroeger analyzes this latter type of control within LFG as *anaphoric control*, in which the controllee has the status of a null pronoun whose antecedent is the controller. In anaphoric control, the f-structures of the controller and controllee are not identified, and instead each has its own PRED feature. An anaphoric control analysis of (34) would involve a structure resembling (35) except that the curved line would be eliminated and the SUBJ of *visit* would contain the feature [PRED 'pro']. In the HPSG analogue of anaphoric control, an element of a valence list represents a null pronoun in the following sense: the rules mapping the valence lists to the phrase structure do not project such an element, and it is accorded the semantic and syntactic properties of a pronoun, such as definiteness and/or specificity, and binding features.

12 Semantics

HPSG was conceived from the start as a theory of the *sign* (de Saussure 1916), wherein each constituent is a pairing of form and meaning. So semantic representation and composition were built into HPSG (and the related framework of Sign-Based Construction Grammar; Boas & Sag 2012), as reflected in the title of the first HPSG book (Pollard & Sag 1987), *Information-Based Syntax and Semantics*. LFG was not founded as a theory that included semantics, but a semantic component was developed for LFG shortly after its foundation (Halvorsen 1983). The direction of semantics for LFG changed some ten years later and the dominant tradition is now Glue Semantics (Dalrymple et al. 1993; Dalrymple 1999; 2001; Asudeh 2012; Dalrymple et al. 2019).

This section presents a basic introduction to Glue Semantics (Glue); this is necessary to fully understand a not insignificant portion of LFG literature of the past fifteen years, which interleaves LFG syntactic analysis with Glue semantic analysis. The section is not meant as a direct comparison of LFG and HPSG semantics, for two reasons. First, as explained in the previous paragraph, HPSG is inherently a theory that integrates syntax and semantics, but LFG is not; the semantic module that Glue provides for LFG can easily be pulled out, leaving the syntactic component exactly the same.[21] Second, as will become clear in the next section, at a suitable level of abstraction, Glue offers an underspecified theory of semantic composition, in particular scope relations, which is also the goal of what is arguably the most influential recent HPSG semantic approach, Minimal Recursion Semantics (MRS; Copestake et al. 2005). But beyond observing this big-picture commonality, comparison of Glue and MRS would require a chapter in its own right. Our goal is to present enough of Glue Semantics for readers to grasp the main intuitions behind it, without presupposing much knowledge of formal semantic theory. The references listed at the end of the previous paragraph (especially Dalrymple et al. 2019) are good places to find additional discussion and references.

The rest of this section is organized as follows. In Section 12.1 we present some more historical background on semantics for LFG and HPSG. In Section 12.2, we present Glue Semantics, as a general compositional system in its own right. Then, in Section 12.3, we look at the syntax–semantics interface with specific reference to an LFG syntax. For further details on semantic composition and the syntax–semantics interface in constraint-based theories of syntax, see Koenig & Richter (2020), Chapter 22 of this volume for semantics for HPSG and Asudeh (2020) for

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[21]On the relation between the PRED feature and the semantic component, see footnote 24 below.

Glue Semantics for LFG.

12.1 Brief history of semantics for LFG and HPSG

Various theories of semantic representation have been adopted by the different non-transformational syntactic frameworks over the years. The precursor to HPSG, GPSG (Gazdar et al. 1985), was paired by its designers with a then fairly standard static Montogovian semantics (Montague 1973), but GPSG itself was subsequently adopted as the syntactic framework used by Kamp & Reyle (1993: 9) for Discourse Representation Theory, a dynamic theory of semantics. Initial work on semantics for LFG also assumed a Montogovian semantics (Halvorsen 1983; Halvorsen & Kaplan 1988). But with the increasing interest in Situation Semantics (Barwise & Perry 1983a) in the 1980s at Stanford University and environs (particularly SRI International and Xerox PARC), the sites of the foundational work on both HPSG and LFG, both frameworks incorporated a Situation Semantics component (on LFG see Fenstad et al. 1987). Interest in the use of Situation Semantics did not last as long in LFG as it did in HPSG, where Situation Semantics was carried over into the second main HPSG book (Pollard & Sag 1994) and beyond (Ginzburg & Sag 2000).

Beginning in the nineties, the focus subsequently shifted in new directions due to a new interest in computationally tractable theories of the syntax–semantics interface, to support efforts at large-scale grammar development, such as the ParGram project for LFG (Butt et al. 1999; 2002) and the LinGO/Grammar Matrix and CoreGram projects for HPSG (Flickinger 2000; Bender et al. 2002; 2010; Müller 2015).[22] This naturally led to an interest in underspecified semantic representations, so that semantic ambiguities such as scope ambiguity could be compactly encoded without the need for full enumeration of all scope possibilities. Two examples for HPSG are *Lexical Resource Semantics* (Richter 2004; Penn & Richter 2004) and *Minimal Recursion Semantics* (Copestake et al. 2005). Similarly, focus in semantics for LFG shifted to ways of encoding semantic ambiguity compactly and efficiently. This led to the development of Glue Semantics.

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[22]Readers can explore the current incarnations of these projects at the following links (checked May 9, 2020):

ParGram https://pargram.w.uib.no

LinGO http://lingo.stanford.edu

Grammar Matrix http://matrix.ling.washington.edu/index.html

CoreGram https://hpsg.hu-berlin.de/Projects/CoreGram.html

12.2 General Glue Semantics

In this section, we briefly review Glue Semantics itself, without reference to a particular syntactic framework. Glue Semantics is a general framework for semantic composition that requires *some* independent syntactic framework but does not presuppose anything about syntax except headedness, which is an uncontroversial assumption across frameworks. This makes the system flexible and adaptable, and it has been paired not just with LFG, but also with Lexicalized Tree-Adjoining Grammar (Frank & van Genabith 2001), HPSG (Asudeh & Crouch 2002b), Minimalism (Gotham 2018), and Universal Dependencies (Gotham & Haug 2018).

In Glue Semantics, meaningful linguistic expressions—including lexical items but possibly also particular syntactic configurations—are associated with *meaning constructors* of the following form:[23]

(38) $\mathcal{M} : G$

$\mathcal{M}$ is an expression from a *meaning language* which can be anything that supports the lambda calculus; G is an expression of *linear logic* (Girard 1987), which specifies the semantic composition (it "glues meanings together"), based on a syntactic parse. By convention a colon separates them. Glue Semantics is related to (Type-Logical) Categorial Grammar (Carpenter 1997; Morrill 1994; 2011; Moortgat 1997), but the terms of the linear logic specify just semantic composition without regard to word order (see Asudeh 2012 for further discussion). Glue Semantics is therefore useful in helping us focus on semantic composition in its own right.

The principal compositional rules for Glue Semantics are those for the linear implication connective, $\multimap$, which are here presented in a natural deduction format, in which each connective has an elimination rule ($\multimap_{\mathcal{E}}$, in this case) and an introduction rule ($\multimap_{\mathcal{I}}$, in this case).:

(39) Functional application : Implication elimination (modus ponens)

$$\frac{f : A \multimap B \quad a : A}{f(a) : B} \multimap_{\mathcal{E}}$$

(40) Functional abstraction : Implication introduction (hypothetical reasoning)

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[23]It is in principle possible for a linguistic expression to have a phonology and syntax but not contribute to interpretation, such as the expletives *there* and *it* or the *do*-support auxiliary in English; see Asudeh (2012: 113) for some discussion of expletive pronouns in the context of Glue.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [a : A]^1 \\ \vdots \\ f : B \end{array}}{\lambda a.f : A \multimap B} \; {\multimap}_{I,\,1}$$

Focusing first on the right-hand, linear logic side, the implication elimination rule is just standard modus ponens. The implication introduction rule is hypothetical reasoning. A hypothesis is made in the first line as an assumption, indicated by presenting it in square brackets with an index that flags the particular hypothesis/assumption. Given this hypothesis, if through some series of proof steps, indicated by the vertical ellipsis, we derive a term, then we are entitled to discharge the assumption, using its flag to indicate that it is this particular assumption that has been discharged, and conclude that the hypothesis implies the term so-derived. In each of these rules, the inference over the linear logic term corresponds to an operation on the meaning term, via the Curry-Howard Isomorphism between formulas and types (Curry & Feys 1958; 1995; Howard 1980). The rule for eliminating the linear implication corresponds to functional application. The rule for introducing the linear implication corresponds to functional abstraction. These rules will be seen in action shortly.

In general, given some head h and some arguments of the head $a_1, \ldots, a_n$, an implicational term like the following models consumption of the arguments to yield the saturated meaning of the head: $a_1 \multimap \ldots \multimap a_n \multimap h$. For example, let us assume the following meaning constructor for the verb *likes* in the sentence *Max likes Sam*:

(41) $\lambda y.\lambda x.\textbf{like}(y)(x) : s \multimap m \multimap l$

Let's also assume that s is mnemonic for the semantic correspondent of the (single word) phrase *Sam*, m similarly mnemonic for *Max*, and l for *likes*. In other words, the meaning constructor for *likes* would be associated with the lexical entry for the verb and specified in some general form such that it can be instantiated by the syntax (we will see an LFG example shortly); here we are assuming that the instantiation has given us the meaning constructor in (41).

Given this separate level of syntax, the glue logic does not have to worry about word order and is permitted to be commutative (unlike the logic of Categorial Grammar). We could therefore freely reorder the arguments for *likes* in (41) above, as in (42) below, such that we instead first compose with the subject and then the object, but still yield the meaning appropriate for the intended sentence *Max likes Sam* (rather than for *Sam likes Max*):

(42) $\lambda x.\lambda y.\textbf{like}(y)(x) : m \multimap s \multimap l$

As we will see below, the commutativity of the glue logic yields a simple and elegant treatment of quantifiers in non-subject positions, which are challenging for other frameworks (see, for example, the careful pedagogical presentation of the issue in Jacobson 2014: 244–263).

First, though, let us see how this argument reordering, otherwise known as Currying or Schönfinkelization, works in a proof, which also demonstrates the rules of implication elimination and introduction:

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              \lambda y.\lambda x.f(y)(x) : a \multimap b \multimap c \quad [v:a]^1
            }{
              \lambda x.f(v)(x) : b \multimap c
            }{}^{\multimap \mathcal{E}} \quad [u:b]^2
          }{
            f(v)(u) : c
          }{}^{\multimap \mathcal{E}}
        }{
          \lambda v.f(v)(u) : a \multimap c
        }{}^{\multimap \mathcal{I},1}
      }{
        \lambda y.f(y)(u) : a \multimap c
      }{}^{\Rightarrow_\alpha}
    }{
      \lambda u.\lambda y.f(y)(u) : b \multimap a \multimap c
    }{}^{\multimap \mathcal{I},2}
  }{
    \lambda x.\lambda y.f(y)(x) : b \multimap a \multimap c
  }{}^{\Rightarrow_\alpha}
}{}
$$

The general structure of the proof is as follows. First, an assumption (hypothesis) is formed for each argument, in the order in which they originally occur, corresponding to a variable in the meaning language. Each assumed argument is then allowed to combine with the implicational term by implication elimination. Once the implicational term has been entirely reduced, the assumptions are then discharged in the same order that they were made, through iterations of implication introduction. The result is the original term in curried form, such that the order of arguments has been reversed but without any change in meaning. The two steps of α-equivalence, notated $\Rightarrow_\alpha$, are of course not strictly necessary, but have been added for exposition.

This presentation has been purposefully abstract to highlight what is intrinsic to the glue logic, but we need to see how this works with a syntactic framework to see how Glue Semantics actually handles semantic composition and the syntax–semantics interface. So next, in Section 12.3, we will review LFG+Glue.

12.3 Glue Semantics for LFG

Glue for LFG will be demonstrated by analyses of the following three examples:

(44)   a.   Blake called Alex.

   b.   Blake called everybody.

   c.   Everybody called somebody.

Example (44a) is a simple case of a transitive verb with two proper name arguments, but is sufficient to demonstrate the basics of the syntax–semantics interface in LFG+Glue. Example (44b) is a case of a quantifier in object position, which is challenging to compositionality because there is a type clash between the simplest type we can assign to the verb, $\langle e, \langle e, t \rangle \rangle$, and the simplest type that would be assigned to the quantifier, $\langle \langle e, t \rangle, t \rangle$. In other theories, this necessitates either a syntactic operation which is undermotivated from a purely syntactic perspective, e.g. Quantifier Raising (QR) in interpretive theories of composition, such as Logical Form semantics (May 1977; 1985; Heim & Kratzer 1998), or a type shifting operation of some kind in directly compositional approaches, as in categorial or type-logical frameworks; see Jacobson (2014: Chapter 14) for further discussion and references. Example (44c) also demonstrates this point, but it more importantly demonstrates that quantifier scope ambiguity can be handled in Glue without positing an undermotivated syntactic ambiguity, but nevertheless while maintaining the simplest types for both quantifiers.

The relevant aspects of the lexical entries involved are shown in Table 1. Other syntactic aspects of the lexical items, such as the fact that *called* has a SUBJ and an OBJ, are specified in its meaning constructor. Minimal f-structures are provided below for each example. The subscript σ indicates the semantic structure that corresponds to the annotated f-structure term. The types for the lexical items are the minimal types that would be expected. Note that in Glue these are normally associated directly with the semantic structures, for example $\uparrow_{\sigma_e}$ and $(\uparrow \text{OBJ})_{\sigma_e} \multimap (\uparrow \text{SUBJ})_{\sigma_e} \multimap \uparrow_{\sigma_t}$, but they have been presented separately for better exposition; see Dalrymple et al. (2019: 299–305) for further discussion. We do not show semantic structures here, as they are not necessary for this simple demonstration.

The functions associated with *everybody* and *somebody* are, respectively, **every** and **some** in the meaning language, where these are the standard quantificational determiners from generalized quantifier theory (Montague 1973; Barwise & Cooper 1981; Keenan & Faltz 1985). The function **every** returns true iff the set characterized by its restriction is a subset of the set characterized by its scope. The function **some** returns true iff the intersection of the set characterized by its restriction and the set characterized by its scope is non-empty. The universal quantification symbol ∀ in the glue logic/linear logic terms for the quantifiers ranges over semantic structures of type t. It is unrelated to the meaning language functions **every** and **some**. Hence even the existential word *somebody* has the universal ∀ in its linear logic glue term. The ∀-terms thus effectively say that *any* type t semantic structure S that can be found by application of proof rules

such that the quantifier's semantic structure implies S can serve as the scope of the quantifier; see Asudeh (2005: 393–394) for basic discussion of the interpretation of $\forall$ in linear logic. This will become clearer when quantifier scope is demonstrated shortly.

Table 1: Relevant lexical details for the three examples in (44)

Expression	Type	Meaning Constructor
Alex	e	$\textbf{alex} : \uparrow_\sigma$
Blake	e	$\textbf{blake} : \uparrow_\sigma$
called	$\langle e, \langle e, t \rangle \rangle$	$\lambda y.\lambda x.\textbf{call}(y)(x) : (\uparrow \text{OBJ})_\sigma \multimap (\uparrow \text{SUBJ})_\sigma \multimap \uparrow_\sigma$
everybody	$\langle \langle e, t \rangle, t \rangle$	$\lambda Q.\textbf{every}(\textbf{person}, Q) : \forall S.(\uparrow_\sigma \multimap S) \multimap S$
somebody	$\langle \langle e, t \rangle, t \rangle$	$\lambda Q.\textbf{some}(\textbf{person}, Q) : \forall S.(\uparrow_\sigma \multimap S) \multimap S$

Let us assume the following f-structure for (44a):

$$(45) \quad c \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED 'call'} \\ \text{SUBJ } b \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED 'Blake'} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{OBJ } \quad a \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED 'Alex'} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that here, unlike in previous sections, the PRED value for the verb does not list its subcategorization information. This is because we've made the move that is standard in much Glue work to suppress this information.[24] The f-structures are named mnemonically by the first character of their PRED value. All other f-structural information has been suppressed for simplicity. Based on these f-structure labels, the relevant meaning constructors in the lexicon in Table 1 are instantiated as follows (σ subscripts suppressed):

(46)   *Instantiated meaning constructors*
   $\textbf{blake} : b$
   $\textbf{alex} : a$
   $\lambda y.\lambda x.\textbf{call}(y)(x) : a \multimap b \multimap c$

These meaning constructors yield the following proof, which is the only available normal form proof for the sentence, where $\Rightarrow_\beta$ indicates β-equivalence:[25]

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[24]Indeed, one could go further and argue that PRED values do not list subcategorization at all, in which case the move is not just notational, and that the Principles of Completeness and Coherence instead follow from the resource-sensitivity of Glue Semantics; for some discussion, see Asudeh (2012: 112–114) and Dalrymple et al. (2019: 299–301).

[25]The reader can think of the normal form proof as the minimal proof that yields the conclusion,

(47)   *Proof*

$$\cfrac{\cfrac{\cfrac{\lambda y.\lambda x.\textbf{call}(y)(x) : a \multimap b \multimap c \qquad \textbf{alex} : a}{(\lambda y.\lambda x.\textbf{call}(y)(x))(\textbf{alex}) : b \multimap c} {\scriptstyle\multimap\mathcal{E}}}{\lambda x.\textbf{call}(\textbf{alex})(x) : b \multimap c} {\scriptstyle\Rightarrow\beta} \qquad \textbf{blake} : b}{\cfrac{(\lambda x.\textbf{call}(\textbf{alex})(x))(\textbf{blake}) : c}{\textbf{call}(\textbf{alex})(\textbf{blake}) : c} {\scriptstyle\Rightarrow\beta}} {\scriptstyle\multimap\mathcal{E}}$$

The final meaning language expression, $\textbf{call}(\textbf{alex})(\textbf{blake})$, gives the correct truth conditions for *Blake called Alex*, based on a standard model theory.

Let us next assume the following f-structure for (44b):

(48) $c \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED} & \text{'call'} \\ \text{SUBJ} & b \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED 'Blake'} \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{OBJ} & e \begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED 'everybody'} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$

Based on these f-structure labels, the meaning constructors in the lexicon are instantiated as follows (σ subscripts again suppressed):

(49)   *Instantiated meaning constructors*
$\lambda y.\lambda x.\textbf{call}(y)(x) : e \multimap b \multimap c$
$\lambda Q.\textbf{every}(\textbf{person}, Q) : \forall S.(e \multimap S) \multimap S$
$\textbf{blake} : b$

These meaning constructors yield the following proof, which is again the only available normal form proof:[26]

(50)   *Proof*

$$\cfrac{\cfrac{\lambda Q.\textbf{every}(\textbf{person}, Q) : \forall S.(e \multimap S) \multimap S}{\lambda Q.\textbf{every}(\textbf{person}, Q) : (e \multimap c) \multimap c} {\scriptstyle\forall\mathcal{E}[c/S]} \qquad \cfrac{\cfrac{\cfrac{\cfrac{\lambda y.\lambda x.\textbf{call}(y)(x) : e \multimap b \multimap c \qquad [z : e]^1}{\lambda x.\textbf{call}(z)(x) : b \multimap c} {\scriptstyle\multimap\mathcal{E},\Rightarrow\beta} \qquad \textbf{blake} : b}{\textbf{call}(z)(\textbf{blake}) : c} {\scriptstyle\multimap\mathcal{E},\Rightarrow\beta}}{\lambda z.\textbf{call}(z)(\textbf{blake}) : e \multimap c} {\scriptstyle\multimap\mathcal{I},1}}{\textbf{every}(\textbf{person}, \lambda z.\textbf{call}(z)(\textbf{blake})) : c} {\scriptstyle\multimap\mathcal{E},\Rightarrow\beta}}$$

The final meaning language expression, $\textbf{every}(\textbf{person}, \lambda z.\textbf{call}(z)(\textbf{blake}))$, again gives the correct truth conditions for *Blake called everybody*, based on a standard model theory with generalized quantifiers.

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without unnecessary steps of introducing and discharging assumptions; see Asudeh & Crouch (2002a) for some basic discussion.

[26]We have not presented the proof rule for Universal Elimination, $\forall\mathcal{E}$, but it is trivial; see Asudeh (2012: 396).

Notice that the quantifier does not move in the syntax, contra QR analyses; see Gotham (2018) for contrastive discussion. The quantifier is just an obj in f-structure, and no special type shifting was necessary. This is because the proof rules allow us to temporarily fill the position of the object quantifier with a hypothetical meaning constructor that consists of a type e variable paired with the linear logic term for the object; this assumption is then discharged to return the scope of the quantifier, $e \multimap c$, and the corresponding variable is bound, to yield the function that maps individuals called by Blake to a truth value. In other words, we have demonstrated that this approach scopes the quantifier without positing an *ad hoc* syntactic operation and without complicating the type of the object quantifier or the transitive verb. This is ultimately due to the commutativity of the glue logic, linear logic, since the proof does not have to deal with the elements of composition (words) in their syntactic order, because the syntax is separately represented by c-structure (not shown here) and f-structure.

Lastly, let us assume the following f-structure for (44c), *Everybody called somebody*:

(51) c $\begin{bmatrix} \text{PRED 'call'} \\ \text{SUBJ } e \left[\text{PRED 'everybody'} \right] \\ \text{OBJ } s \left[\text{PRED 'somebody'} \right] \end{bmatrix}$

Based on these f-structure labels, the meaning constructors in the lexicon are instantiated as follows:

(52) *Instantiated meaning constructors*
$\lambda y.\lambda x.\textbf{call}(y)(x) : s \multimap e \multimap c$
$\lambda Q.\textbf{some}(\textbf{person}, Q) : \forall S.(s \multimap S) \multimap S$
$\lambda Q.\textbf{every}(\textbf{person}, Q) : \forall S.(e \multimap S) \multimap S$

These meaning constructors yield the following proofs, which are the only available normal form proofs, but there are two distinct proofs, because of the scope ambiguity:[27]

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[27]We have made the typical move in Glue work of not showing the trivial universal elimination step this time.

(53) *Proof 1 (subject wide scope)*

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\cfrac{
\lambda Q.\textbf{every}(\textbf{person}, Q):\atop \forall S.(e \multimap S) \multimap S
\quad
\cfrac{
\lambda Q.\textbf{some}(\textbf{person}, Q):\atop \forall S.(s \multimap S) \multimap S
\quad
\cfrac{
\cfrac{
\cfrac{
\lambda y.\lambda x.\textbf{call}(y)(x):\atop s \multimap e \multimap c
\quad [v:s]^1
}{\lambda x.\textbf{call}(v)(x):e\multimap c}{\scriptstyle \multimap\mathcal{E},\Rightarrow_\beta}
\quad [u:e]^2
}{\cfrac{\textbf{call}(v)(u):c}{\lambda v.\textbf{call}(v)(u):s\multimap c}{\scriptstyle \multimap_{\mathcal{I},1}}}{\scriptstyle \multimap\mathcal{E},\Rightarrow_\beta}
}{\cfrac{\textbf{some}(\textbf{person},\lambda v.\textbf{call}(v)(u)):c}{\lambda u.\textbf{some}(\textbf{person},\lambda v.\textbf{call}(v)(u)):e\multimap c}{\scriptstyle \multimap_{\mathcal{I},2}}}{\scriptstyle \multimap\mathcal{E},\forall_\mathcal{E}[c/S],\Rightarrow_\beta}
}{\scriptstyle \multimap\mathcal{E},\forall_\mathcal{E}[c/S],\Rightarrow_\beta}
}{
\cfrac{
\cfrac{
\textbf{every}(\textbf{person},\lambda u.\textbf{some}(\textbf{person},\lambda v.\textbf{call}(v)(u))):c
}{\textbf{every}(\textbf{person},\lambda u.\textbf{some}(\textbf{person},\lambda y.\textbf{call}(y)(u))):c}{\scriptstyle \Rightarrow_\alpha}
}{\textbf{every}(\textbf{person},\lambda x.\textbf{some}(\textbf{person},\lambda y.\textbf{call}(y)(x))):c}{\scriptstyle \Rightarrow_\alpha}
}
$$

(54) *Proof 2 (object wide scope)*

$$
\small
\cfrac{
\lambda Q.\textbf{some}(\textbf{person}, Q):\atop \forall S.(s \multimap S) \multimap S
\quad
\cfrac{
\lambda Q.\textbf{every}(\textbf{person}, Q):\atop \forall S.(e \multimap S) \multimap S
\quad
\cfrac{
\cfrac{
\lambda y.\lambda x.\textbf{call}(y)(x):\atop s \multimap e \multimap c
\quad [v:s]^1
}{\lambda x.\textbf{call}(v)(x):e\multimap c}{\scriptstyle \multimap\mathcal{E},\Rightarrow_\beta}
}{\cfrac{\textbf{every}(\textbf{person},\lambda x.\textbf{call}(v)(x)):c}{\lambda v.\textbf{every}(\textbf{person},\lambda x.\textbf{call}(v)(x)):s\multimap c}{\scriptstyle \multimap_{\mathcal{I},1}}}{\scriptstyle \multimap\mathcal{E},\forall_\mathcal{E}[c/S],\Rightarrow_\beta}
}{
\cfrac{
\textbf{some}(\textbf{person},\lambda v.\textbf{every}(\textbf{person},\lambda x.\textbf{call}(v)(x))):c
}{\textbf{some}(\textbf{person},\lambda y.\textbf{every}(\textbf{person},\lambda x.\textbf{call}(y)(x))):c}{\scriptstyle \Rightarrow_\alpha}
}{\scriptstyle \multimap\mathcal{E},\forall_\mathcal{E}[c/S],\Rightarrow_\beta}
$$

The final meaning language expressions in (53) and (54) give the two possible readings for the scope ambiguity, again assuming a standard model theory with generalized quantifiers. Once more, notice that neither quantifier moves in the syntax (again, contra QR analyses): they are respectively just a SUBJ and an OBJ in f-structure. And, once more, no special type shifting is necessary. It is a key strength of this approach that even quantifier scope ambiguity can be captured without positing *ad hoc* syntactic operations (and, again, without complicating the type of the object quantifier or the transitive verb). Again, this is ultimately due to the commutativity of the glue logic.

13 Conclusion

HPSG and LFG are rather similar syntactic frameworks, both of them important declarative lexicalist alternatives to transformational grammar. They allow for the expression of roughly the same set of substantive analyses, where analyses are individuated in terms of deeper theoretical content rather than superficial properties. The same sort of analytical options can be compared under both systems, answers to questions such as whether a phenomenon is to be captured on a

lexical level or in the syntax, whether a given word string is a constituent or not, the proper treatment of complex predicates, and so on. Analyses in one framework can often be translated into the other, preserving the underlying intuition of the account.

Against the backdrop of a general expressive similarity, we have pointed out a few specific places where one framework makes certain modes of analysis available that are not found in the other. The main thesis of this chapter is that the differences between the frameworks stem from different design motivations, reflecting subtly different methodological outlooks. HPSG is historically rooted in context-free grammars and an interest in the study of locality. LFG is based on the notion of functional similarity or equivalence between what are externally rather different structures. For example, fixed phrasal positions, case markers, and agreement inflections can all function similarly in signaling grammatical relations. LFG makes this functional similarity highly explicit.

Abbreviations

FV   final vowel

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