REG with MRS Composition

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Overview

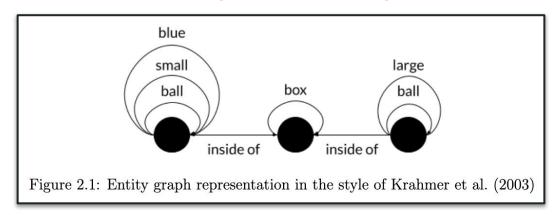
- REG as a task
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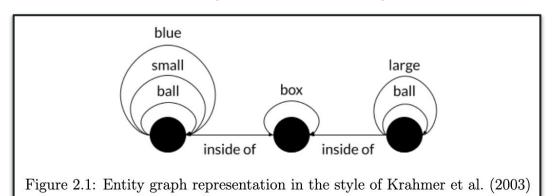
- Task: Given some description of an entity or entities, generate an (English) referring expression for that entity
- Can often be divided into two subtasks:
 - Content selection
 - Surface string generation
 - This is what my project addresses

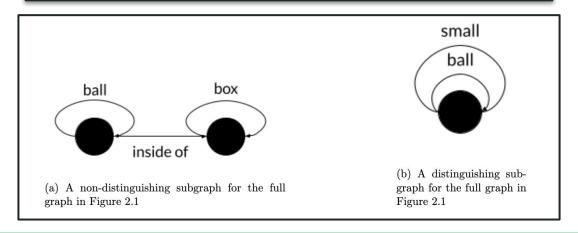
Content Selection via Graphical Comparison (Krahmer et al. 2003)



- Nodes represent entities
- Self-pointing edges represent properties of the entity
- Edges between nodes represent relationships between entities
- Suitable for ensuring distinguishing properties are selected in content selection

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Modified graphs for surface string generation

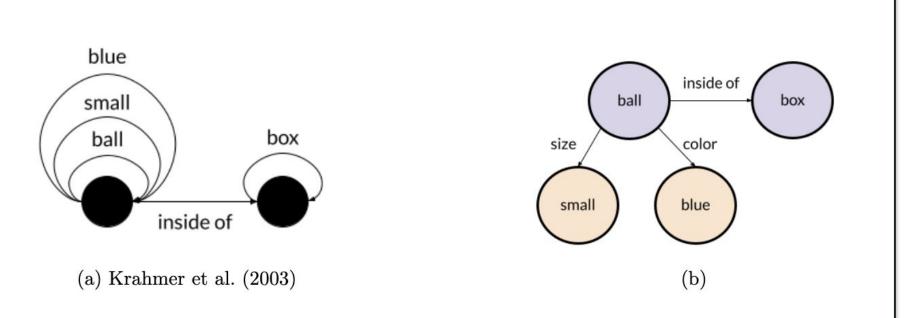


Figure 3.1: A comparison between the Krahmer et al. (2003) style of graph with the graph structure used for this project for the same entities.

POGG

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 - Graph-to-MRS Algorithm
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Graph-to-MRS Recursive Algorithm

- Recurse from the root to leaf nodes and produce basic MRS fragments along the way for each entity/property node
- By "basic" I mean that, in most cases, the MRS that represents a node contains only one EP
- When returning back up the call stack, combine the fragments to create larger fragments based on what type of composition the edge calls for

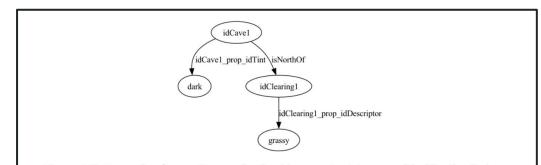
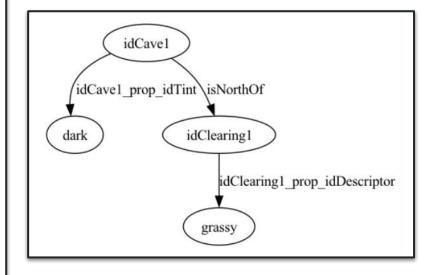


Figure 4.3: Example of an entity graph, should generate strings roughly like the dark cave north of the grassy clearing

Graph-to-MRS Recursive Algorithm

Step	Graph Component	Rough Surface String
Produce SEMENT	idCave1 node	cave
Recurse downward ↓	dark node	
Produce SEMENT	dark node	dark
Return upward ↑		
Compose SEMENTs	idTint edge	dark cave
Recurse downward \downarrow	idClearing1 node	
Produce SEMENT	idClearing1 node	clearing
Recurse downward \downarrow	grassy node	
Produce SEMENT	grassy node	grassy
Return upward ↑		
Compose SEMENTs	idDescriptor edge	grassy clearing
Return upward ↑		
Compose SEMENTs	isNorthOf edge	the dark cave north of the grassy clearing
Return result		the dark cave north of the grassy clearing



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Composition Library

Composition Library

- The library of composition functions that a user of POGG would use when filling out their lexicon
- Functions are largely named after syntactic constructions as that feels more intuitive, but technically under the hood they are only performing semantic composition
- Some functions take as input some predicate label and return an MRS fragment for that predicate, such as adjective_sement, which could produce an MRS like red
- Some functions are designed to take two MRS fragments and compose a larger fragment, such as adjective, which could produce an MRS like *red ball*

Current functions in the composition library

Functions that (for the most part) take a predicate label as input and return an MRS fragment

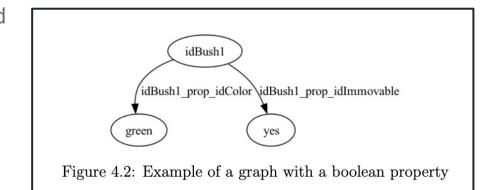
- 1. basic
- 2. noun_sement
- 3. adjective_sement
- 4. verb_sement
- 5. preposition_sement
- 6. pronoun_sement
- 7. quant_sement
- 8. boolean_adjective_sement
- 9. boolean_pass_part_sement

Functions that take two MRS fragments as input and return a larger MRS fragment

- 1. adjective (red ball)
- 2. compound (cake box)
- 3. passive_participle (broken bottle)
- 4. possessive (student's homework)
- 5. prefix (*un-locked*)
- 6. quantify (the ball)
- 7. relative_direction (*north of here*)
- 8. descriptor
- 9. boolean

Boolean???

- Some properties are boolean, such as idlmmovable in this example
- Unlike green, which can be specified to one specific ERG label, when idlmmovable appears in a graph it has two possibilities for surface realization depending on the child node
- So the boolean functions are meant to handle these cases



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MRS Algebra Implementation

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- SEMENT class which is an extension of the MRS class from PyDelphin
 - o formally, an MRS does not include a list of holes or list of eqs which I needed to implement the algebra, so I made a subclass of MRS to add these elements
- Five primary functions:
 - create_base_sement
 - op_nonscopal_label_shared
 - op_nonscopal_label_unshared
 - op_scopal
 - o op_final

op_nonscopal_

- 1. Res.hook = FUNC.hook
- 2. Res.holes = (func.holes func.holes.x) \oplus arg.holes
- 3. $Res.rels = Func.rels \oplus Arg.lzt$
- 4. RES.eqs = $Tr(\text{FUNC.eqs} \cup \text{Arg.eqs} \cup \{\text{FUNC.holes.x} = \text{Arg.hook}\})$, where Tr is a transitive closure²
- 5. Res.hcons = $FUNC.hcons \oplus ARG.hcons$
- Both nonscopal functions do this, but the label_shared version ensures that the LTOP of each fragment is shared
- Question: does the algebra paper discuss the difference in these two cases?

op_scopal

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5. Res.hcons = func.hcons \oplus arg.hcons \oplus [func.holes.rstr = q^4 arg.hook.lbl]

Revisiting the Composition Library

```
# COMPOSITION FUNCTIONS

def adjective(adj_ssement, nom_ssement):

return op_non_scopal_lbl_shared(adj_ssement, nom_ssement, 'ARG1')
```

```
# check if possessor is quantified

if not GG.mrs_util.check_if_quantified(possessor_ssement):

quant_possessor = GG.mrs_util.wrap_with_quantifier(possessor_ssement)

else:

quant_possessor = possessor_ssement

# mark possessed argument as INDEX

poss_rel = basic('poss', {}, 'ARG1')

# plug ARG1 with possessor

poss_possessed_plugged = op_non_scopal_lbl_shared(poss_rel, possessed_ssement, 'ARG1')

# plug ARG2 with possessed

poss_possessor_plugged = op_non_scopal_lbl_unshared(poss_possessed_plugged, quant_possessor, 'ARG2')

return poss_possessor_plugged
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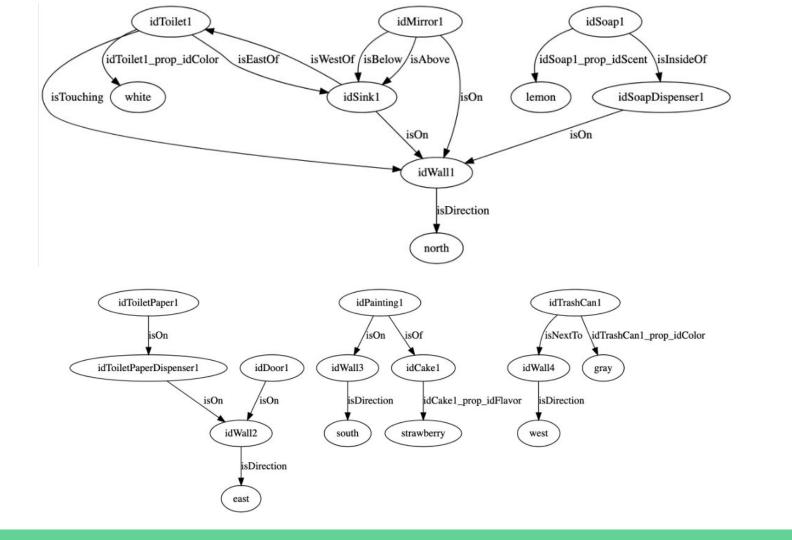
- Specifics of MRS composition are contained in the algebra implementation
- Composition library functions make use of the basic composition functions from the MRS algebra

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Lexicon



```
"propertyValues":
"idWall": "_wall_n_of",
                                            "properties":
                                              "idFlavor": "adjective",
                                              "isNorthOf": {
                                                "direction": "_north_a_1"
  "predicates": [
"idTrashCan": {
  "composition": "compound",
  "predicates": {
                                                "direction": "_west_a_1"
    "modifier": "_trash_n_1"
                                                "preposition": "_above_p"
"idPainting": "_painting_n_of",
                                                "preposition": "_next+to_p"
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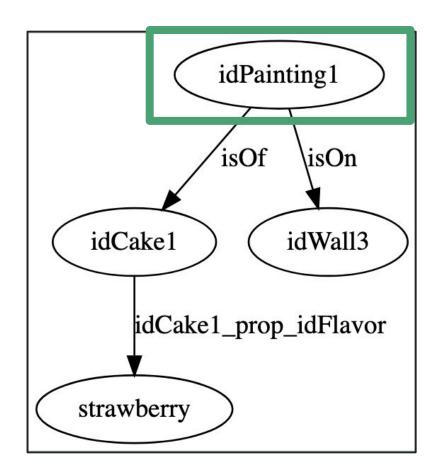
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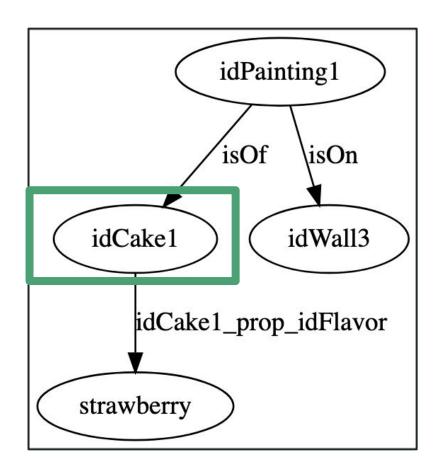
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Example

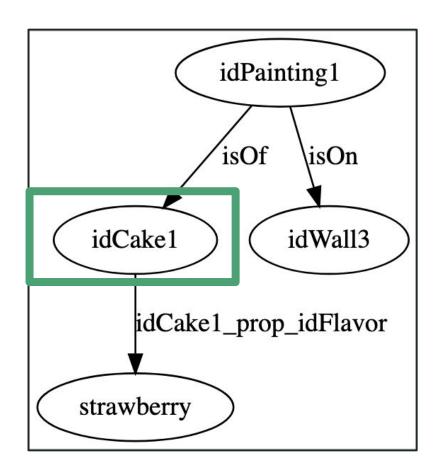
- Graph-to-MRS algorithm starts recursion at root, idPainting1
 - a. Produce MRS fragment for painting
 - i. Consult lexicon
 - ii. "idPainting": "_painting_n_of",
 - iii. Produce MRS fragment with EP for _painting_n_of



- Graph-to-MRS algorithm starts recursion at root, idPainting1
- Recurse to idCake1
 - a. Produce MRS fragment for cake
 - i. Consult lexicon
 - ii. "idCake": "_cake_n_1",
 - iii. Produce MRS fragment with EP for _cake_n_1

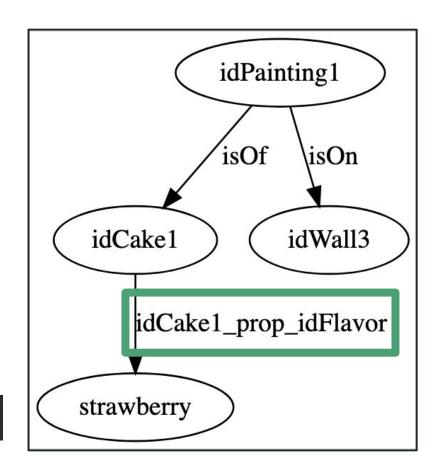


- Graph-to-MRS algorithm starts recursion at root, idPainting1
- 2. Recurse to idCake1
- 3. Recurse to **strawberry**
 - a. Produce MRS fragment for strawberry
 - i. Consult lexicon
 - ii. "strawberry": "_strawberry_a_1"
 - iii. Produce MRS fragment with EP for _strawberry_a_1



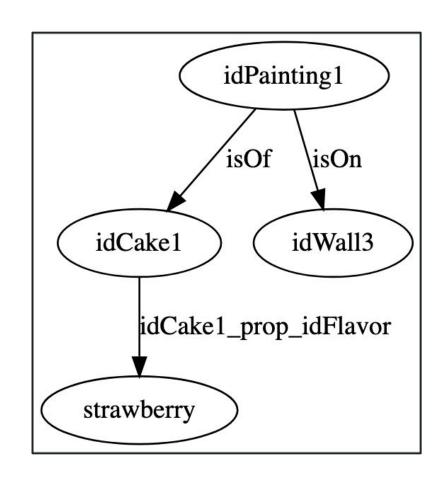
- Graph-to-MRS algorithm starts recursion at root, idPainting1
- Recurse to idCake1
- 3. Recurse to **strawberry**
- 4. Return up call stack
 - a. Perform composition between *cake* and *strawberry*
 - i. Consult lexicon
 - ii. "idFlavor": "adjective",
 - iii. Consult composition library

```
Idef adjective(adj_ssement, nom_ssement):
    return op_non_scopal_lbl_shared(adj_ssement, nom_ssement, 'ARG1')
```



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- Recurse to idCake1
- 3. Recurse to **strawberry**
- 4. Return up call stack
- 5. etc.

The role of each component should now be clear



Evaluation

Evaluation Metrics

- Graph Coverage how many graphs result in English strings?
- Node Coverage how many nodes in a graph produced an MRS segment?
- Edge Coverage how many edges in a graph were successfully used for composition?
- Node Inclusion how many nodes contributed semantic information to the final MRS?
- Edge Inclusion how many edges contributed semantic information to the final MRS?

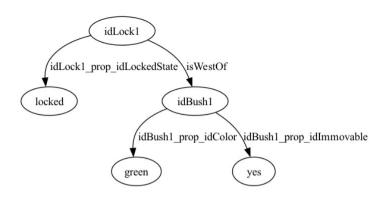


Figure 5.1: Sample graph for illustrating quantitative metrics

Imagine that everything in the graph can be lexicalized and composed with the exception of isWestOf. This would result in referring expressions roughly like the locked lock.¹ In this case, node coverage would be 100%, as every node produced a SEMENT and edge coverage would be 75% since only one of the four failed. But node inclusion and edge inclusion would only be 40% and 25%, respectively. This makes the inclusion metric a better reflection of the output, but the coverage metric a better window into what went wrong. If I only kept track of what wound up in the result, how would I tell if it was just the one edge that failed? Perhaps all of the child nodes of the isWestOf edge failed, perhaps

Results

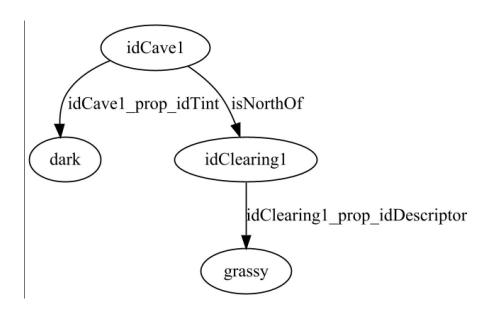
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Heal_TheCar	full	89.66%	95.52%	96.27%	94.39%	94.39%
Heal_TheCar	trim	89.66%	79.85%	96.27%	74.77%	74.77%
Heal_TheTrees	full	62.50%	97.26%	100.00%	96.67%	96.67%
Heal_TheTrees	trim	81.25%	83.56%	95.89%	80.00%	80.00%
Tutorial	full	86.67%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Tutorial	trim	86.67%	80.00%	100.00%	73.81%	73.81%
TOTAL	full	81.67%	96.95%	98.09%	96.17%	96.17%
TOTAL	trim	86.67%	80.92%	96.95%	76.08%	76.08%

Table 5.1: Evaluation metric results for the development set.

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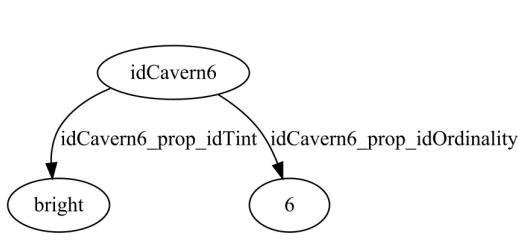
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AtomicCity	full	89.39%	85.77%	92.31%	84.02%	85.05%
AtomicCity	trim	90.91%	81.15%	91.92%	77.84%	78.87%
baby	full	86.75%	84.00%	92.86%	80.30%	81.78%
baby	trim	87.95%	60.29%	92.57%	49.44%	50.19%
Heal_TheCave	full	85.37%	89.57%	90.18%	86.07%	86.07%
Heal_TheCave	trim	90.24%	84.05%	88.96%	78.69%	78.69%
Heal_TheFlashback	full	85.71%	98.35%	98.35%	98.46%	98.46%
Heal_TheFlashback	trim	85.71%	85.19%	98.35%	82.05%	82.05%
Heal_TheLake	full	82.61%	99.17%	100.00%	98.98%	98.98%
Heal_TheLake	trim	100.00%	91.74%	96.69%	89.80%	89.80%
kidneykwest	full	83.33%	77.73%	91.59%	73.39%	73.68%
kidneykwest	trim	83.33%	70.91%	91.59%	64.62%	64.91%
Scenario	full	77.08%	68.78%	79.37%	65.03%	71.33%
Scenario	trim	77.08%	68.25%	79.37%	64.34%	70.63%
TOTAL	full	84.71%	86.60%	92.02%	81.95%	83.13%
TOTAL	trim	86.65%	74.63%	91.56%	69.04%	70.07%

Table 5.5: Evaluation metric results for the test set.



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TOP: h35
  INDEX: e32
  RELS: < [ unknown LBL: h34 ARG: x28 ARG0: e32 ]
          [ def_udef_a_q LBL: h31 ARGO: x28 RSTR: h29 BODY: h30 ]
          [ loc_nonsp LBL: h1 ARGO: i24 ARG1: x28 ARG2: x18 ]
          [ _dark_a_1 LBL: h1 ARGO: e2 ARG1: x28 ]
          [ cave n 1 LBL: h1 ARGO: x28 ]
          [ def_implicit_q LBL: h23 ARGO: x18 RSTR: h21 BODY: h22 ]
          [ _north_a_1 LBL: h13 ARGO: i10 ARG1: x18 ARG2: x14 ]
          [ def_udef_a_q LBL: h17 ARGO: x14 RSTR: h15 BODY: h16 ]
          [ _grassy_a_1 LBL: h9 ARG0: e7 ARG1: x14 ]
          [ _clearing_n_1 LBL: h9 ARG0: x14 ]
          [ place_n LBL: h13 ARGO: x18 ] >
  HCONS: < h15 geg h9 h21 geg h13 h29 geg h1 h35 geg h34 > ]
GENERATED RESULTS ...
A dark cave north of the grassy clearings
The dark cave north of the grassy clearings
A dark cave north of a grassy clearing
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The dark cave north of the grassy clearings.



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[ TOP: h1713
  INDEX: e1710
  RELS: < [ unknown LBL: h1712 ARG: x1706 ARG0: e1710 ]
          [ def_udef_a_q LBL: h1709 ARGO: x1706 RSTR: h1707 BODY: h1708 ]
          [ _bright_a_1 LBL: h1702 ARG0: e1703 ARG1: x1706 ]
          [ _cavern_n_1 LBL: h1702 ARG0: x1706 ] >
  HCONS: < h1707 geg h1702 h1713 geg h1712 > ]
GENERATED RESULTS ...
The bright cavern
A bright cavern
Bright caverns
The bright caverns
The bright caverns.
Bright cavern
Bright caverns.
The bright cavern.
A bright cavern.
Bright cavern.
TOTAL RESULTS: 10
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Edges

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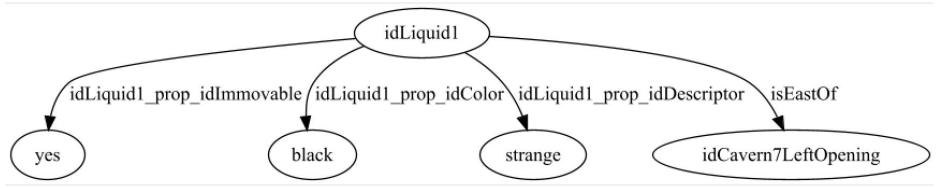
Produced

Included

Node	MRS	Produced	Reas	son 			Included in M	RS 	Reason
6_3	Fals	е	'6'	has no value	in the l	exicon	False		'6' has no value in the lexicon
bright_2	True		MRS	fragment pro	duced		True		Included in MRS
idCavern_1	True		MRS	fragment pro	duced		True		Included in MRS
Edge		MRS Composed		Reason		Incl	uded in MRS	Reaso	on
idOrdinality	y_2	False		Inbound to f	ailed node	e Fals	e	Inbou	und to failed node
idTint_1		True		MRS composed		True		Incl	uded in MRS
Graph Compo	nent	Metric	\$	Successful	Total	Covera	ge		
Nodes		Produced		2	3	0.6666	67		
Nodes		Included		2	3	0.6666	67		

0.5

0.5



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TOP: h462
 INDEX: e459
 RELS: < [ unknown LBL: h461 ARG: x455 ARG0: e459 ]
         [ def_udef_a_g LBL: h458 ARGO: x455 RSTR: h456 BODY: h457 ]
         [ loc_nonsp LBL: h454 ARGO: i451 ARG1: x455 ARG2: x445 ]
          [ _strange_a_to LBL: h454 ARGO: e420 ARG1: x455 ARG2: i422 ]
          [ _black_a_1 LBL: h454 ARG0: i417 ARG1: x455 ]
         [ _liquid_n_1 LBL: h454 ARG0: x455 ]
          [ def_implicit_q LBL: h450 ARGO: x445 RSTR: h448 BODY: h449 ]
         [ _east_a_1 LBL: h446 ARGO: i437 ARG1: x445 ARG2: x441 ]
          [ def_udef_a_g LBL: h444 ARGO: x441 RSTR: h442 BODY: h443 ]
         [ compound LBL: h425 ARGO: e433 ARG1: x441 ARG2: x426 ]
         [ udef_q LBL: h432 ARGO: x426 RSTR: h430 BODY: h431 ]
          [ _left_n_of LBL: h428 ARG0: x426 ARG1: i427 ]
          [ _opening_n_1 LBL: h425 ARG0: x441 ]
         [ place_n LBL: h446 ARGO: x445 ] >
 HCONS: < h430 geg h428 h442 geg h425 h448 geg h446 h456 geg h454 h462 geg h461 > ]
GENERATED RESULTS ...
TOTAL RESULTS: 0
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TOTAL RESULTS: 0

Node		MRS Pro	oduced		son			d in MRS	Reason		
black_3		True		MRS	fragment	produced	True		Include	ed in MRS	
idCavern7Left0p	ening_5	True		MRS	fragment	produced	True		Include	ed in MRS	
idLiquid_1		True		MRS	fragment	produced	True		Include	ed in MRS	
strange_4		True		MRS	fragment	produced	True		Include	ed in MRS	
yes_2		True		MRS	fragment	produced	False		Descend	ds from failed edge	
Edge	MRS Com	posed						Included	in MRS	Reason	
idColor_2	True		MRS comp					True		Included in MRS	
idDescriptor_3	True		MRS comp	osed	1			True		Included in MRS	
idImmovable_1	False		'idImmov	able	e' has no	value in	lexicon	False		'idImmovable' has no value in	lexicon
isEastOf_4	True		MRS comp	osed	ı			True		Included in MRS	
Graph Component	Metr		Successfu								
Nodes	Prod				5	1					
Nodes	Incl	uded		4	5	0.8					
Edges	Prod	uced		3	4	0.75					
Edges	Incl	uded		3	4	0.75					

EVALUATION SUMMARY

	37	41	Θ	.902439
Graph Name			Results	Reason
idBoulder1_subgraph			10	Successfully generated
idBoulder2_subgraph			10	Successfully generated

Graph Coverage

500

2199

2400

2400

Successfully generated

ERG did not generate

564 Successfully generated

Graphs Generated From Total Graphs

idCavern1FrontOpening_subgraph

idCavern1LeftOpening_subgraph

idCavern1RightOpening_subgraph

idCavern2RightOpening_subgraph

idCavern3LeftOpening_subgraph

idCavern4BackOpening_subgraph

idCavern4FrontOpening_subgraph

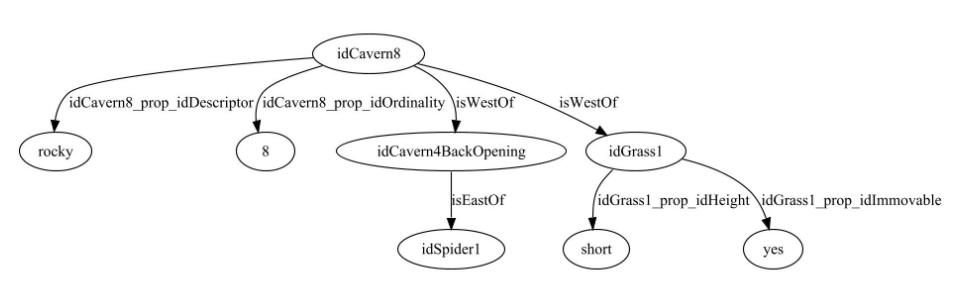
idCavern1_subgraph

idCavern2_subgraph

idCavern3_subgraph

idCavern4_subgraph

Graph Component	Metric	Successful	Total	Coverage
Nodes	Produced	145	163	0.889571
Nodes	Included	137	163	0.840491
Edges	Produced	96	122	0.786885
Edges	Included	96	122	0.786885



GENERATED RESULTS ... Rocky caverns west of the back opening east of the spiders west of the short grasses Rocky caverns west of the short grasses west of the back opening east of the spiders Rocky caverns west of a back opening east of the spiders west of the short grasses Rocky caverns west of a back opening east of the spider west of the short grasses Rocky caverns west of the short grasses west of a back opening east of the spider

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TOTAL RESULTS: 1505

Node		MRS Proc	duced R	leason			Included in MRS		
8_3		False		8' has	no v	alue in the lexicor		'8' has no value in the lexicon	
idCavern4BackOpe	ening_4	True	M	IRS fra	gment	produced	True	Included in MRS	
idCavern_1		True	M	IRS fra	gment	produced	True	Included in MRS	
idGrass_6		True	M	IRS fra	gment	produced	True	Included in MRS	
idSpider_5		True	M	IRS fra	gment	produced	True	Included in MRS	
rocky_2		True	M	IRS fra	gment	produced	True	Included in MRS	
short_7		True	M	IRS fra	gment	produced	True	Included in MRS	
yes_8		True	М	IRS fra	gment	produced	False	Descends from failed edge	
Edge	MRS Comp	oosed	Reason				Included in MRS	Reason	
idDescriptor_1	True		MRS compo	sed			True	Included in MRS	
idHeight_5	True MRS co		MRS compo	omposed			True	Included in MRS	
idImmovable_6	False		'idImmova	ble' h	as no	value in lexicon	False	'idImmovable' has no value in lexico	
idOrdinality_2	False		Inbound t	o fail	ed no	de	False	Inbound to failed node	
isEastOf_3	True		MRS compo	sed			True	Included in MRS	
isWestOf_4	True		MRS compo	sed			True	Included in MRS	
isWestOf_7	True		MRS compo	sed			True	Included in MRS	
Graph Component		ic S	Successful	. То	tal	Coverage			
Nodes	Produ	Jced	7		8	0.875			
Nodes	Incl	uded	6		8	0.75			
Edges	Produ	uced	5		7	0.714286			
Edges	Incl	Jded	5		7	0.714286			

Error Analysis

- Types of errors:
 - Phenomena unaccounted for
 - proper names, numbers (cardinal and ordinal), nouns that take complements
 - Issues with algebra implementation
 - dropping holes that are required later
 - un- + locked
 - since un- is the semantic functor, the holes from locked are dropped but they are needed later because I have to specify what it is that is unlocked
 - ERG won't generate for unknown reason
 - e.g. the go button
 - Selecting the wrong synopsis

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_strange_a_to : ARGO e, ARG1 u, [ ARG2 i ].

_strange_a_to : ARGO e, ARG1 e.
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Questions

Questions (from me to you)

- Why is it that in the algebra it works out to pass up the slots from both the functor and argument?
 - Any ideas for how I can address this for my use case where I am not relying on syntax?
- Can you provide more clarity on the distinction between an MRS and a SEMENT?
 - DELPH-IN QA conversation: https://delphinga.ling.washington.edu/t/differences-between-mrs-and-sement/1055/5

Questions (from you to me)

Any questions?:)