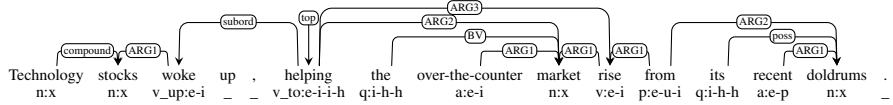
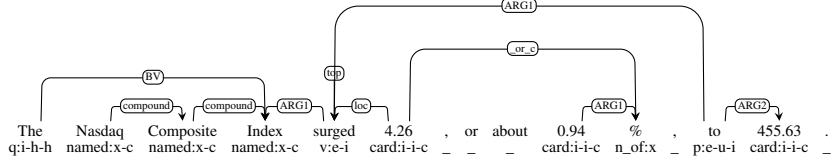


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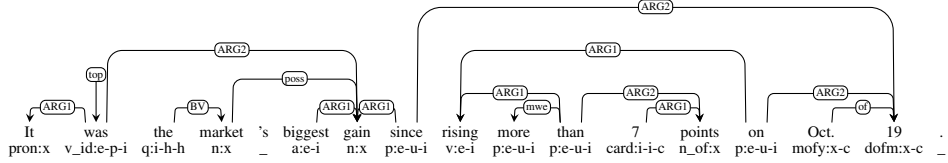
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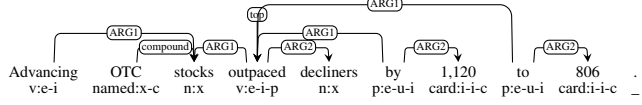
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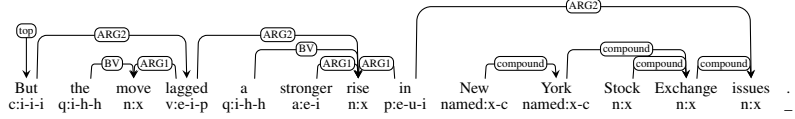
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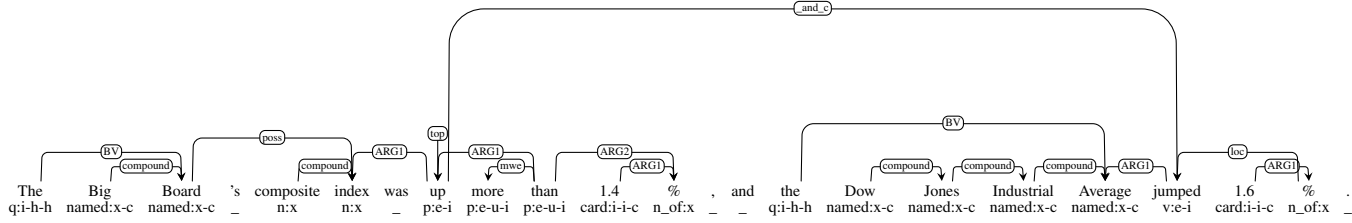
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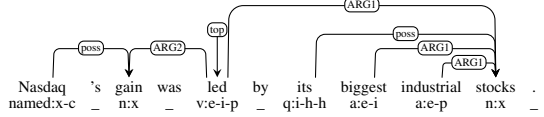
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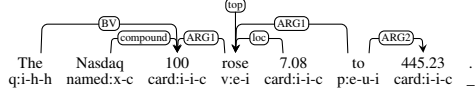
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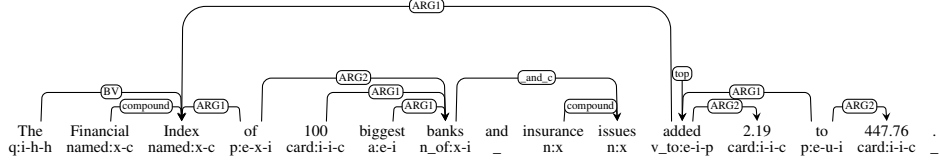
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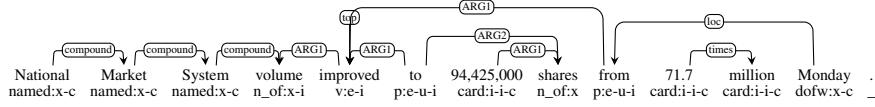
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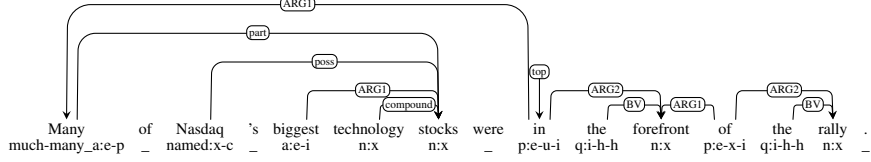
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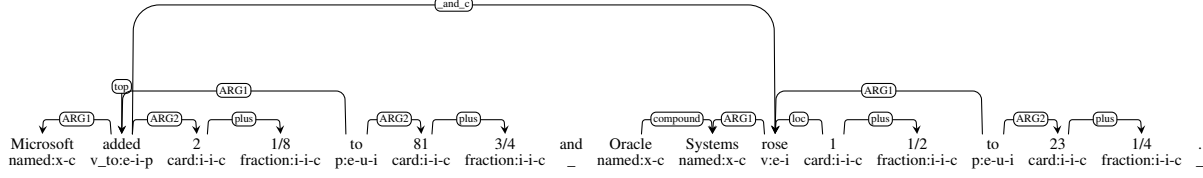
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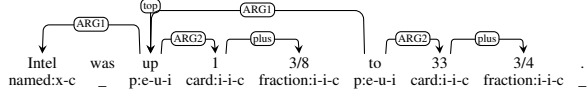
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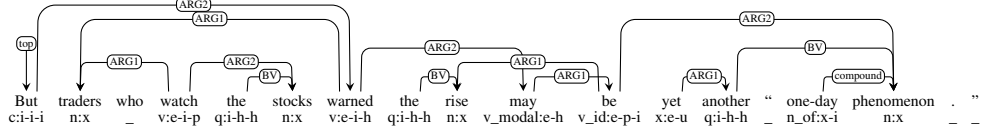
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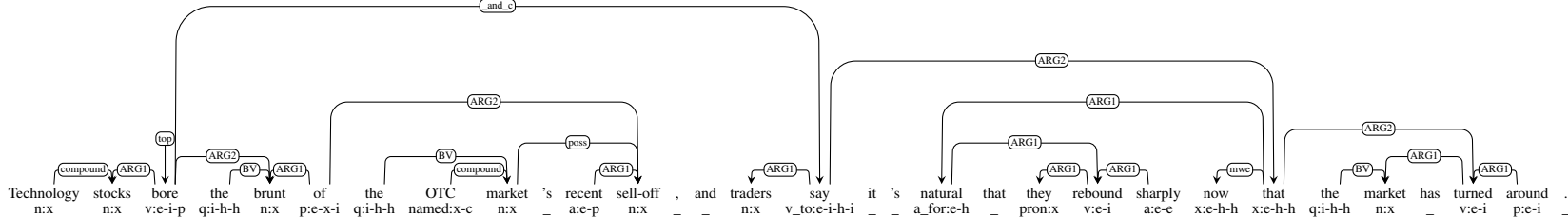
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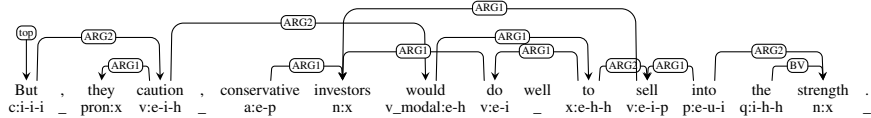
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[20327018]

“ They are always the first to be sold when people are taking profits , because people are most scared of the high-technology stocks . ”  
\_ pron:x vjde-p-i a-e-e qi-h-h ord-i-i-c \_ \_ v-e-i-p x-e-h-h n\_ofx-i \_ v-e-i-p u x-e-h-h n\_ofx-i \_ superle-u a\_ofe-p-i \_ qi-h-h n:x \_ \_ v\_toe-i-h-i named:x-c named:x-c \_ n\_ofx-i \_ n:x p-e-u-i named:x-c named:x-c \_

[20327019]

The technology group includes many of the OTC market 's biggest stocks , which dominate the market-weighted Nasdaq Composite Index .  
qi-h-h n:x n\_ofx v-e-i-p much-many\_ae-p p-e-x-i qi-h-h named:x-c n:x \_ ae-i n:x \_ \_ v-e-i-p qi-h-h v-e-i-p named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c \_

[20327020]

Analysts say rallies in the group historically have lifted the market , while weakness in the sector often sank unlisted share prices broadly .  
n:x v\_toe-i-h-i n:x p-e-u-i qi-h-h n\_ofx a-e-e \_ v\_causee-i-p qi-h-h n:x \_ x-e-h-h n:x p-e-u-i qi-h-h n:x a-e-e v\_causee-i-p v-e-i-p n\_ofx n\_ofx a-e-e \_

[20327021]

But increasing volatility in the sector has exhausted investors who try to follow its dips and swings .  
ci-i-i v\_causee-i-p n:x p-e-u-i qi-h-h n:x \_ v-e-i-p n:x \_ v-e-i-h \_ v-e-i-p qi-h-h n:x \_ n:x \_

[20327022]

The stocks have been pummeled repeatedly by inventory gluts and disappointing earnings as the industry matures and slows .  
qi-h-h n:x \_ \_ v-e-u-p ae-e \_ n:x \_ v-e-i-p n:x x-e-h-h qi-h-h n:x v-e-i \_ v-e-i-p \_

[20327023]

Some even claim the group has become a lagging , not leading , indicator .  
qi-h-h ae-e v-e-i-h-i qi-h-h n\_ofx \_ vjde-i-i qi-h-h v-e-i-p \_ \_ v-e-i-p \_ n\_ofx-i \_

[20327024]

The technology sector of the Dow Jones Equity Market Index has risen only about 6.24 % this year , while the Nasdaq Composite Index has gained 18.35 % .  
qi-h-h n:x n:x p-e-x-i qi-h-h named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c \_ v-e-i x-e-u x-e-u card-i-i-c n\_ofx q\_demi-h-h n:x \_ x-e-h-h qi-h-h named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c \_ v-e-i-p card-i-i-c n\_ofx \_

[20327025]

While the composite index lost less than a third of its year-to-date gains in the market 's recent decline , the technology group 's gains were more than halved .  
x-e-h-h qi-h-h n:x n:x v-e-i-p little-few\_ae-i \_ qi-h-h n\_ofx-i \_ qi-h-h n:x p-e-u-i qi-h-h n:x \_ ae-p n:x \_ qi-h-h n:x n\_ofx \_ n:x \_ ae-e ae-e v\_causee-i-p \_

[20327026]

The OTC technology sector is far from a cohesive unit .  
qi-h-h named:x-c n:x n:x \_ x-e-u qi-h-h ae-p n\_ofx-i \_

[20327027]

The group is divided primarily between software , semiconductors and computers .  
qi-h-h n\_ofx \_ v\_causee-i-p ae-e p-e-u-i n:x \_ n:x \_ n:x \_

[20327028]

While computer stocks have taken the biggest hit from the slowdown in the industry , many software and semiconductor stocks have continued to outperform the market .  
x-e-h-h n:x n:x \_ v-e-i-p u qi-h-h ae-i n:x p-e-u-i qi-h-h n:x p-e-u-i qi-h-h n:x \_ much-many\_ae-p n:x \_ semiconductor n:x n:x \_ v-e-h \_ v-e-i-p qi-h-h n:x \_

[20327029]

Microsoft is up more than 50 % this year , while Intel is up more than 40 % .  
named:x-c \_ p-e-u-i much-many\_ae-i \_ card-i-i-c n\_ofx q\_demi-h-h n:x \_ x-e-h-h named:x-c \_ p-e-u-i much-many\_ae-i \_ card-i-i-c n\_ofx \_

[20327032]

The brokerage firm tracks technology stocks with its Technology Index , which appreciated only 10.59 % in the first nine months of this year .  
qi-h-h n:x n:x v-e-i-p n:x p-e-u-i qi-h-h named:x-c named:x-c \_ \_ v-e-i x-e-u card-i-i-c n\_ofx p-e-u-i qi-h-h ord-i-i-c card-i-i-c n:x p-e-x-i q\_demi-h-h n:x \_

[20327033]

But the firm also tracks smaller technology companies as a subset of the larger group .  
ci-i-i qi-h-h nx ac-h ve-i-p ac-i nx n\_of-x-i pe-u-i qi-h-h n\_of-x-i \_ qi-h-h ac-i n\_of-x- \_

[20327034]

That index , which contains technology companies with annual revenues of \$ 200 million or less , gained 17.97 % by Sept. 30 this year - still lagging the S&P 500 , but leading larger technology firms .  
q-dem-i-h-h nx \_ \_ ve-i-p nx n\_of-x-i pe-u-i ac-p nx pe-x-i nx card-i-i-c card-i-i-c \_ little-few\_ac-i \_ ve-i-p card-i-i-c n\_of-x pe-u-i mofy-x-c dofmx-c q-dem-i-h-h nx \_ ac-e ve-i-p qi-h-h named-x-c card-i-i-c \_ \_ ve-i-p ac-i nx nx \_

[20327035]

Yesterday , bank stocks lagged behind the overall OTC market .  
time\_nx \_ n\_of-x-i nx ve-i-p pe-u-i qi-h-h ac-i named-x-c nx \_

[20327036]

The Nasdaq Bank Index rose 0.17 to 432.78 .  
qi-h-h named-x-c named-x-c named-x-c ve-i card-i-i-c pe-u-i card-i-i-c \_

[20327037]

George Jennison , who trades bank stocks for Shearson Lehman Hutton , said the stocks tend to fall behind because they are n't traded as much as many other issues .  
named-x-c named-x-c \_ \_ ve-i-p n\_of-x-i nx pe-u-i named-x-c named-x-c named-x-c \_ v\_toe-i-h-i qi-h-h nx ve-h ve-i pe-i x-c-h-h pronx \_ neg-e-h ve-i-p \_ ac-e \_ much-many\_ac-p ac-i nx \_

[20327038]

But , he added , interest-rate-sensitive stocks in general are stalled .  
ci-i-i \_ pronx v\_toe-i-h-i \_ a\_toe-p-i nx ac-e ac-e \_ v\_cause-c-i-p \_

[20327040]

He said that investors will scour the October employment report , due out Friday , for clues about the direction of the economy and the immediate outlook for interest rates .  
pronx v\_toe-i-h-i \_ nx \_ ve-i-p qi-h-h mofy-x-c nx n\_of-x-i \_ ac-p pe-i dofmx-c \_ pe-u-i nx pe-u-i qi-h-h n\_of-x-i \_ qi-h-h nx \_ qi-h-h ac-p nx pe-u-i n\_inx-i n\_of-x-i \_

[20327041]

On the other hand , Mr. Jennison noted that the recent slide in bank and thrift stocks was at least halted yesterday .  
pe-u-i qi-h-h ac-i nx \_ nx named-x-c v\_toe-i-h-i \_ qi-h-h ac-p nx pe-u-i n\_of-x-i \_ nx nx \_ ac-e ac-e ve-i-p time\_nx \_

[20327042]

Shearson Lehman Hutton gave small investors some welcome news by announcing that it would no longer handle index-arbitrage-related program trades for its accounts .  
named-x-c named-x-c named-x-c ve-i-i-i ac-p nx qi-h-h ac-p n\_ofx pe-u-i v\_toe-i-h-i \_ pronx v\_modac-h ac-e ac-e ve-i-p v\_toe-i-p n\_of-x-i n\_of-x-i pe-u-i qi-h-h n\_of-x-i \_

[20327043]

Shearson , with its in-house order execution system , has handled the bulk of such program trades in the over-the-counter market .  
named-x-c pe-u-i qi-h-h ac-p n\_ofx nx n\_ofx-i \_ \_ ve-i-p qi-h-h nx pe-x-i qi-h-h n\_ofx-i n\_ofx-i pe-u-i qi-h-h ac-i nx \_

[20327044]

The trading has been blamed for much of the market 's recent volatility .  
qi-h-h ve-i-p \_ \_ v\_force-i-p-i \_ much-many\_ac-p \_ qi-h-h nx \_ ac-p nx \_

[20327046]

Britain would waive its " golden share " in the luxury auto maker if shareholders vote to allow a suitor to acquire more than 15 % of the company .  
named-x-c v\_toe-i-h-i pronx v\_modac-h ve-i-p qi-h-h \_ ac-p n\_ofx pe-u-i qi-h-h nx nx n\_ofx-i x-c-h-h nx ve-h \_ ve-i-i-h qi-h-h nx \_ ve-i-p much-many\_ac-i \_ card-i-i-c n\_ofx pe-x-i qi-h-h n\_ofx-i \_

[20327047]

The announcement effectively removes the British government as an impediment to a takeover of the company , which is being stalked by General Motors and Ford .  
qi-h-h n\_ofx-i ac-e ve-i-p qi-h-h ac-p n\_ofx-i pe-u-i qi-h-h nx pe-u-i qi-h-h n\_ofx-i \_ qi-h-h n\_ofx-i \_ \_ \_ ve-u-p \_ named-x-c named-x-c \_ named-x-c \_

[20327048]

Gen-Probe was another active takeover stock .  
named-x-c v\_ide-p-i qi-h-h ac-p n\_ofx-i nx \_

[20327050]

Prim Corp. lost 5/32 to 3/32 after filing for protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the federal Bankruptcy Code .  
named-x-c nx ve-i-p \_ pe-u-i \_ pe-u-i v\_force-i-i \_ n\_ofx-i pe-u-i qi-h-h nx pe-u-i named-x-c card-i-i-c pe-x-i qi-h-h ac-p nx nx \_

[20327051]

