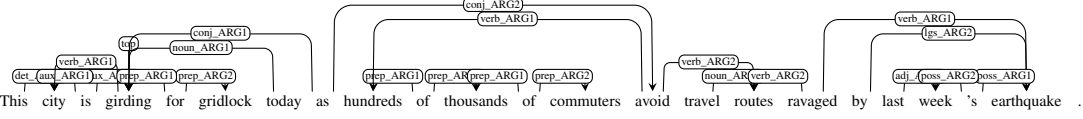
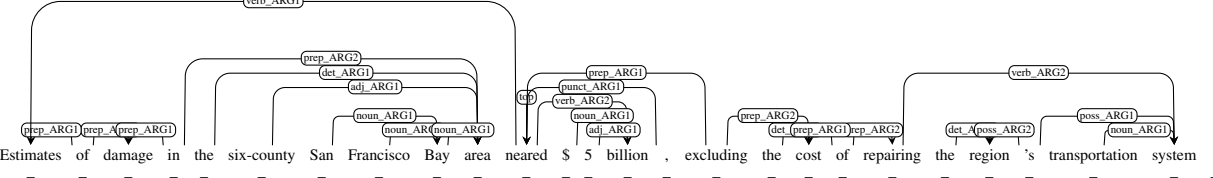


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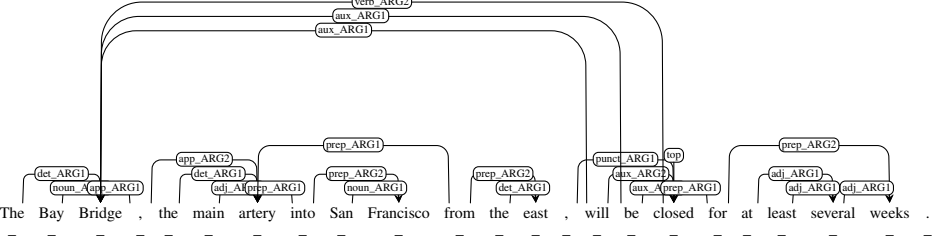
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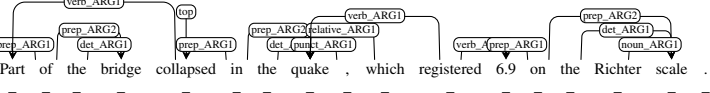
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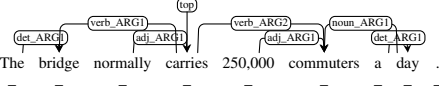
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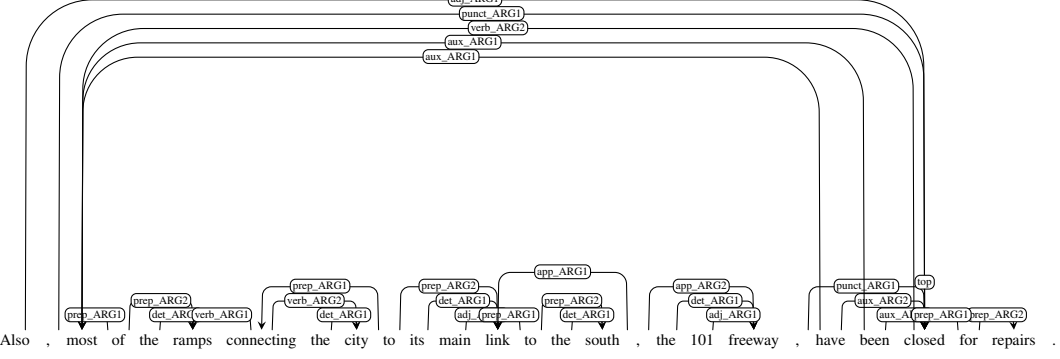
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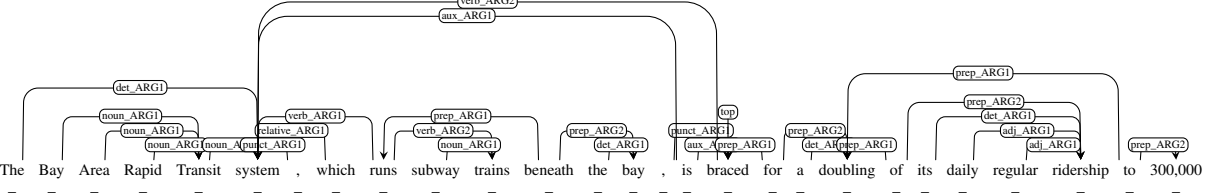
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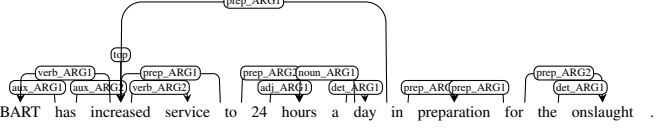
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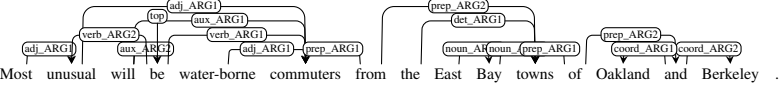
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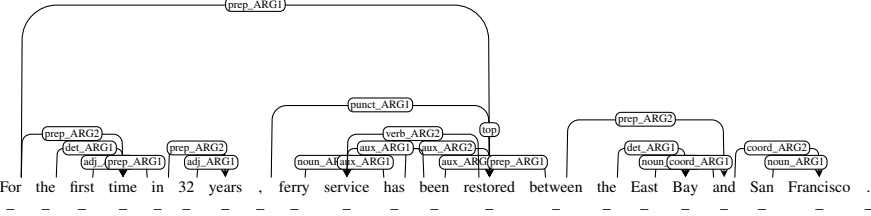
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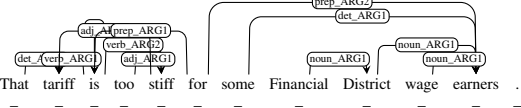
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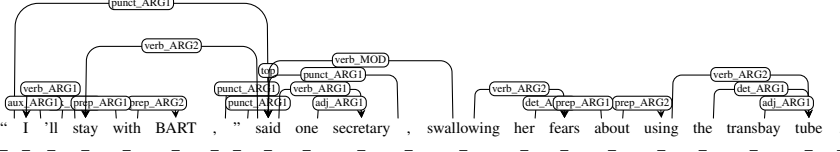
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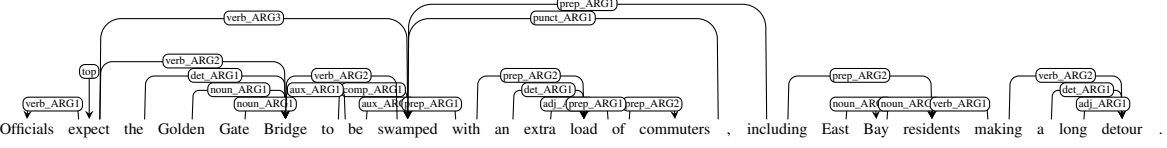
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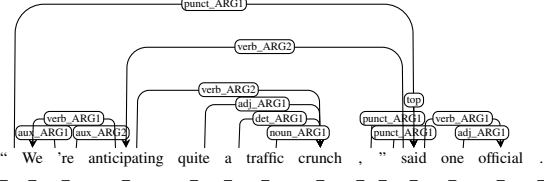
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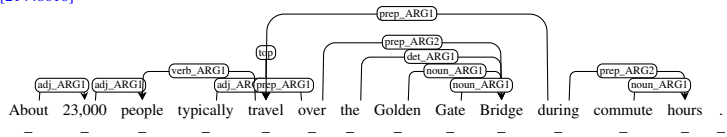
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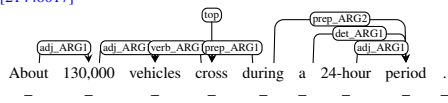


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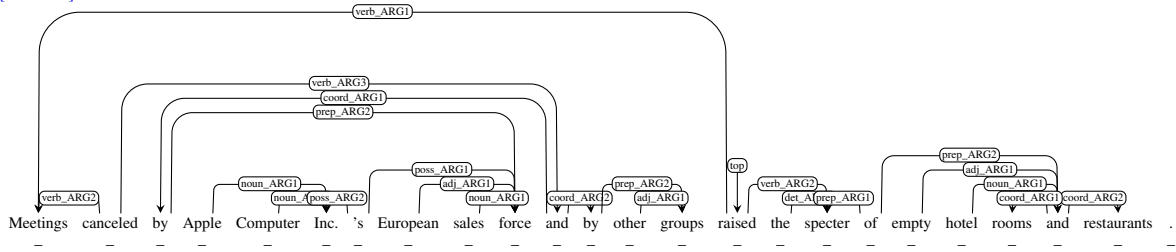
About 23,000 people typically travel over the Golden Gate Bridge during commute hours .

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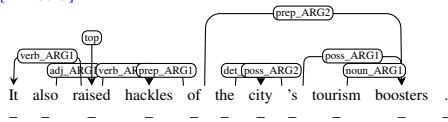
About 130,000 vehicles cross during a 24-hour period .

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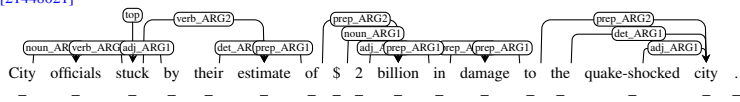
Meetings canceled by Apple Computer Inc.'s European sales force and by other groups raised the specter of empty hotel rooms and restaurants .

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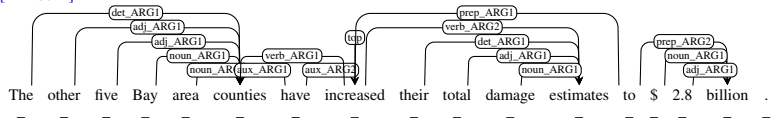
It also raised hackles of the city's tourism boosters .

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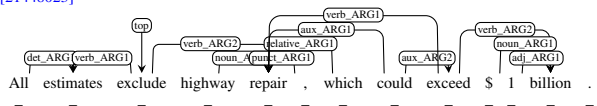
City officials stuck by their estimate of \$ 2 billion in damage to the quake-shocked city .

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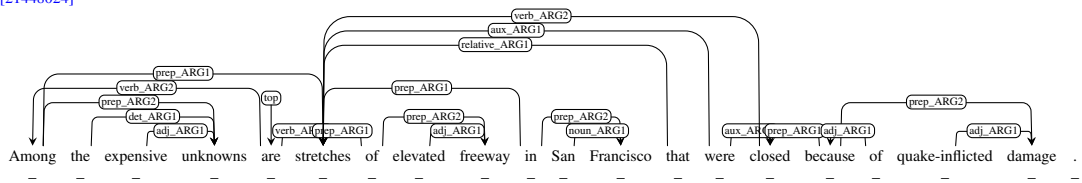
The other five Bay area counties have increased their total damage estimates to \$ 2.8 billion .

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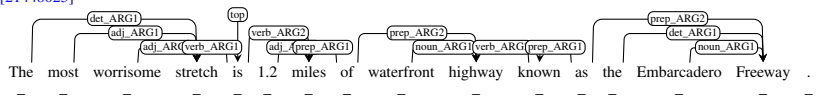
All estimates exclude highway repair, which could exceed \$ 1 billion .

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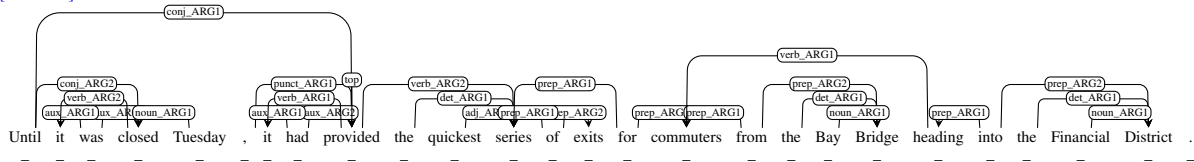
Among the expensive unknowns are stretches of elevated freeway in San Francisco that were closed because of quake-inflicted damage .

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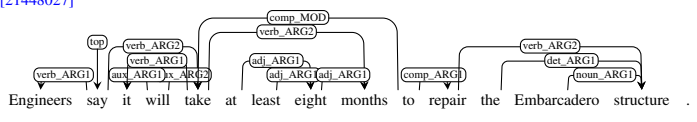
The most worrisome stretch is 1.2 miles of waterfront highway known as the Embarcadero Freeway .

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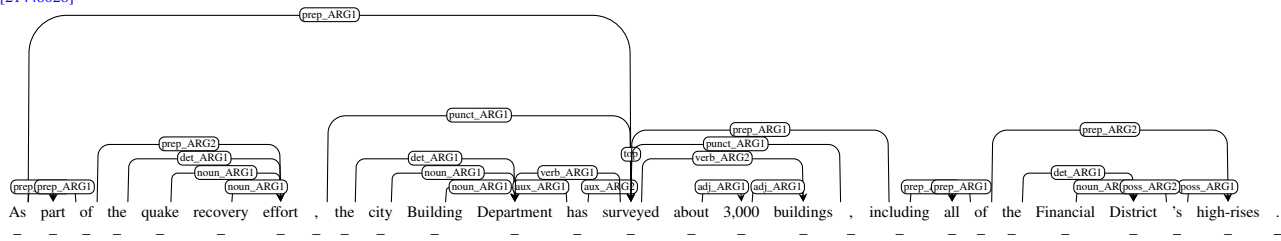
Until it was closed Tuesday, it had provided the quickest series of exits for commuters from the Bay Bridge heading into the Financial District .

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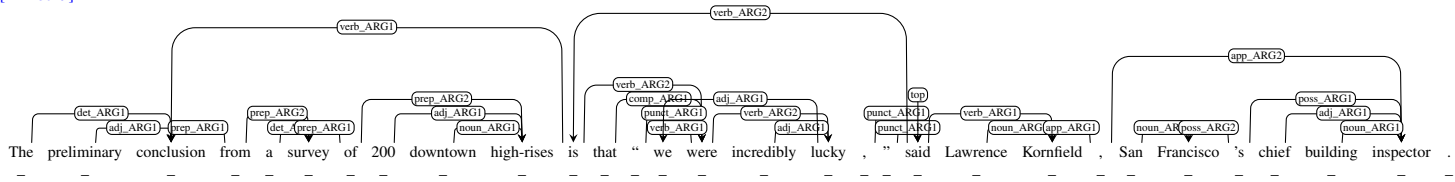
Engineers say it will take at least eight months to repair the Embarcadero structure .

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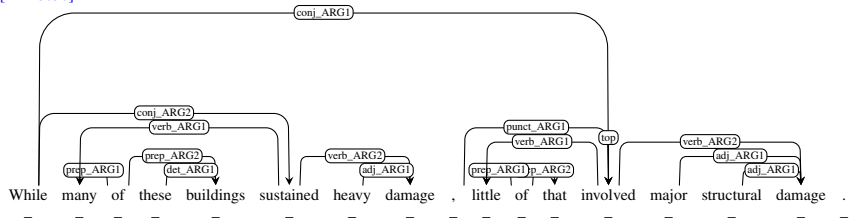
As part of the quake recovery effort, the city Building Department has surveyed about 3,000 buildings, including all of the Financial District's high-rises .

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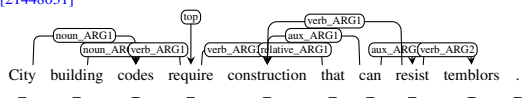
The preliminary conclusion from a survey of 200 downtown high-rises is that "we were incredibly lucky," said Lawrence Kornfield, San Francisco's chief building inspector .

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While many of these buildings sustained heavy damage, little of that involved major structural damage .

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City building codes require construction that can resist temblors .

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In England , Martin Leach , a spokesman for Lloyd 's of London , said the insurance market has n't yet been able to estimate the total potential claims from the disaster .

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" The extent of the claims wo n't be known for some time , " Mr. Leach said .

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On Friday , during a visit to California to survey quake damage , President Bush promised to " meet the federal government 's obligation " to assist relief efforts .

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California officials plan to ask Congress for \$ 3 billion or more of federal aid , in the form of grants and low-interest loans .

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The state has a \$ 1 billion reserve , and is expected to add \$ 1 billion to that fund in the next year .

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Some of that money will be available for highway repair and special emergency aid , but members of the legislature are also mulling over a temporary state gasoline tax to raise money for earthquake relief .

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However , state initiatives restrict the ability of the legislature to raise such taxes unless the voters approve in a statewide referendum .

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