



Large-scale Paraphrasing for Natural Language Generation

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Paraphrases

Differing textual expressions of the same meaning:

cup \leftrightarrow mug

the king's speech \leftrightarrow His Majesty's address

X_1 devours X_2 \leftrightarrow X_2 is eaten by X_1

one JJ instance of NP \leftrightarrow a JJ case of NP

Paraphrasing in NLP

Recognition or generation of paraphrases plays a part in...

...information extraction, question answering, entailment recognition, summarization, translation, compression, simplification, automatic evaluation of translation or summaries, natural language generation, etc.

Data-Driven Paraphrasing

Monolingual parallel: English – English

Monolingual comparable: English ~ English

Plain monolingual: English

Bilingual parallel: English – French



What a scene! Seized by the tentacle and **glued to** its suckers, the unfortunate man was **swinging in the air** at the **mercy** of this enormous appendage. He gasped, he choked, he yelled: "Help! Help!" I'll hear his **harrowing plea** the rest of my life!
The poor fellow was done for.

What a scene! The unhappy man, seized by the tentacle and **fixed to** its suckers, was **balanced in the air** at the **caprice** of this enormous trunk. He rattled in his throat, he was stifled, he cried, "Help! help!" That **heart-rending cry!** I shall hear it all my life.
The unfortunate man was lost.

Paraphrasing with parallel monolingual data

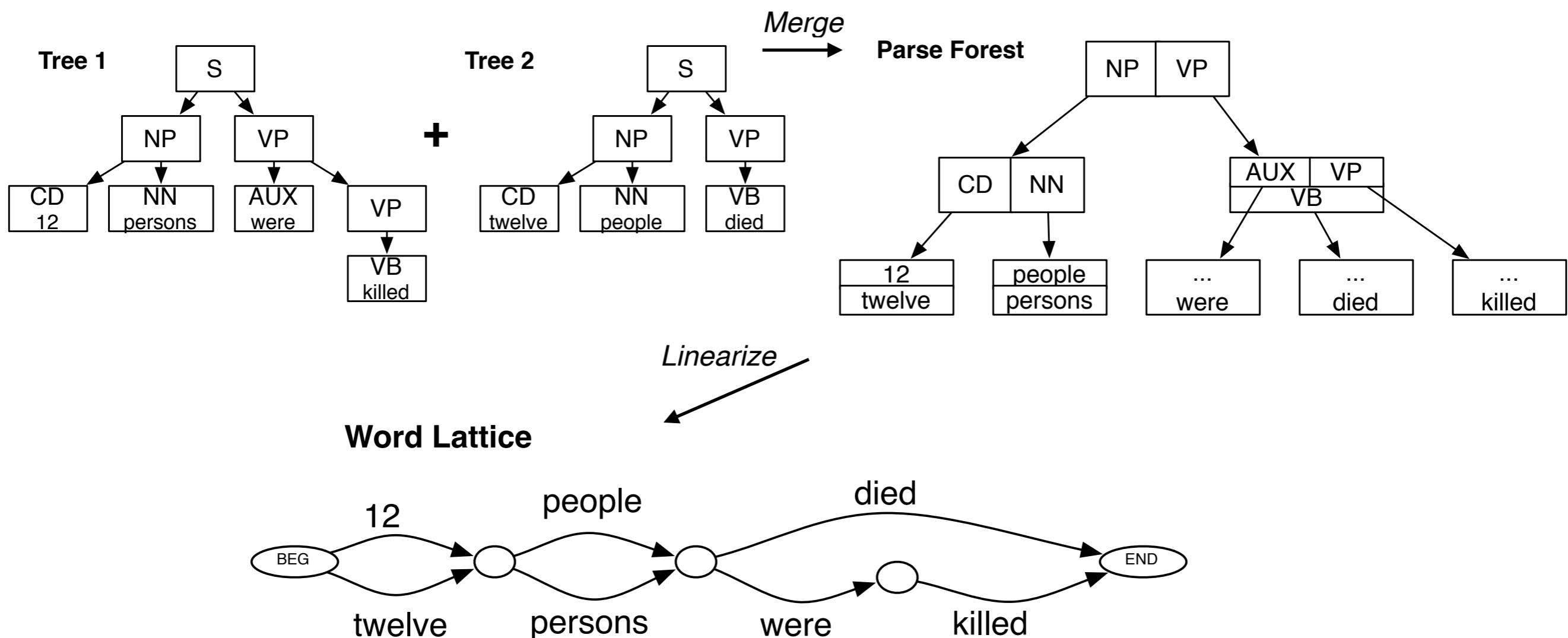
Barzilay and McKeown (2001) identify paraphrases using identical contexts in aligned sentences:

Emma burst into tears and he tried to comfort her,
saying things to make her smile.

Emma cried and he tried to console her, adorning
his words with puns.

burst into tears = cried and comfort = console

Paraphrasing with parallel monolingual data



Pang, Knight and Marcu (2003)

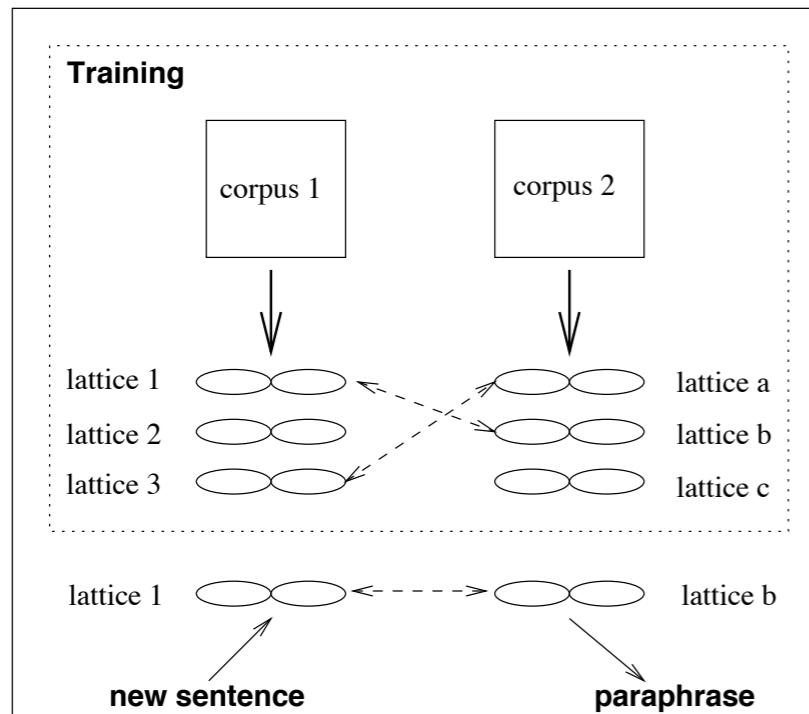
Paraphrasing with comparable texts

Dolan, Quirk, and Brockett (2004) extract sentential paraphrases from newspaper articles published on the same topic and date:

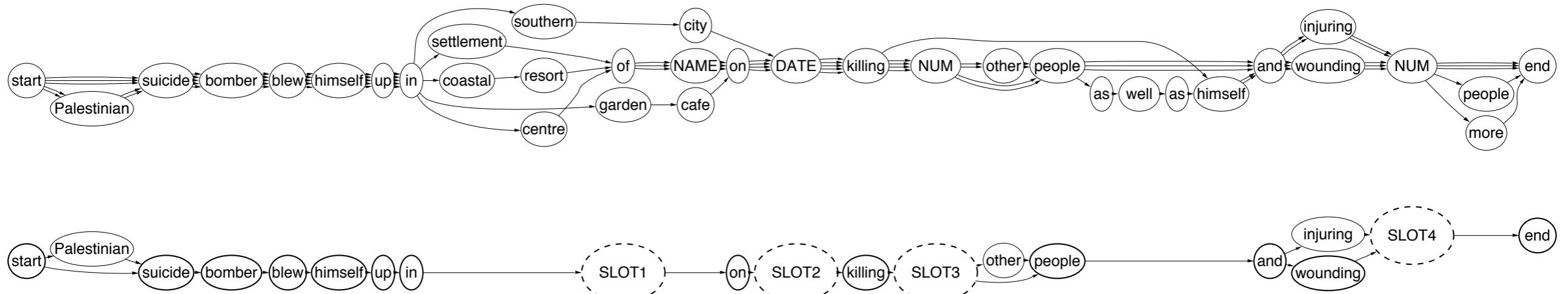
On its way to an extended mission at Saturn, the Cassini probe on Friday makes its closest rendezvous with Saturn's dark moon Phoebe.

The Cassini spacecraft, which is en route to Saturn, is about to make a close pass of the ringed planet's mysterious moon Phoebe.

Paraphrasing with comparable texts



- (1) **A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up in** a southern city Wednesday, **killing** two other people **and wounding** 27.
- (2) **A suicide bomber blew himself up in** the settlement of Efrat, on Sunday, **killing** himself **and injuring** seven people.
- (3) **A suicide bomber blew himself up in** the coastal resort of Netanya on Monday, **killing** three other people **and wounding** dozens more.
- (4) **A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up in** a garden cafe on Saturday, **killing** 10 people **and wounding** 54.
- (5) **A suicide bomber blew himself up in** the centre of Netanya on Sunday, **killing** three people as well as himself **and injuring** 40.



Barzilay and Lee (2003)

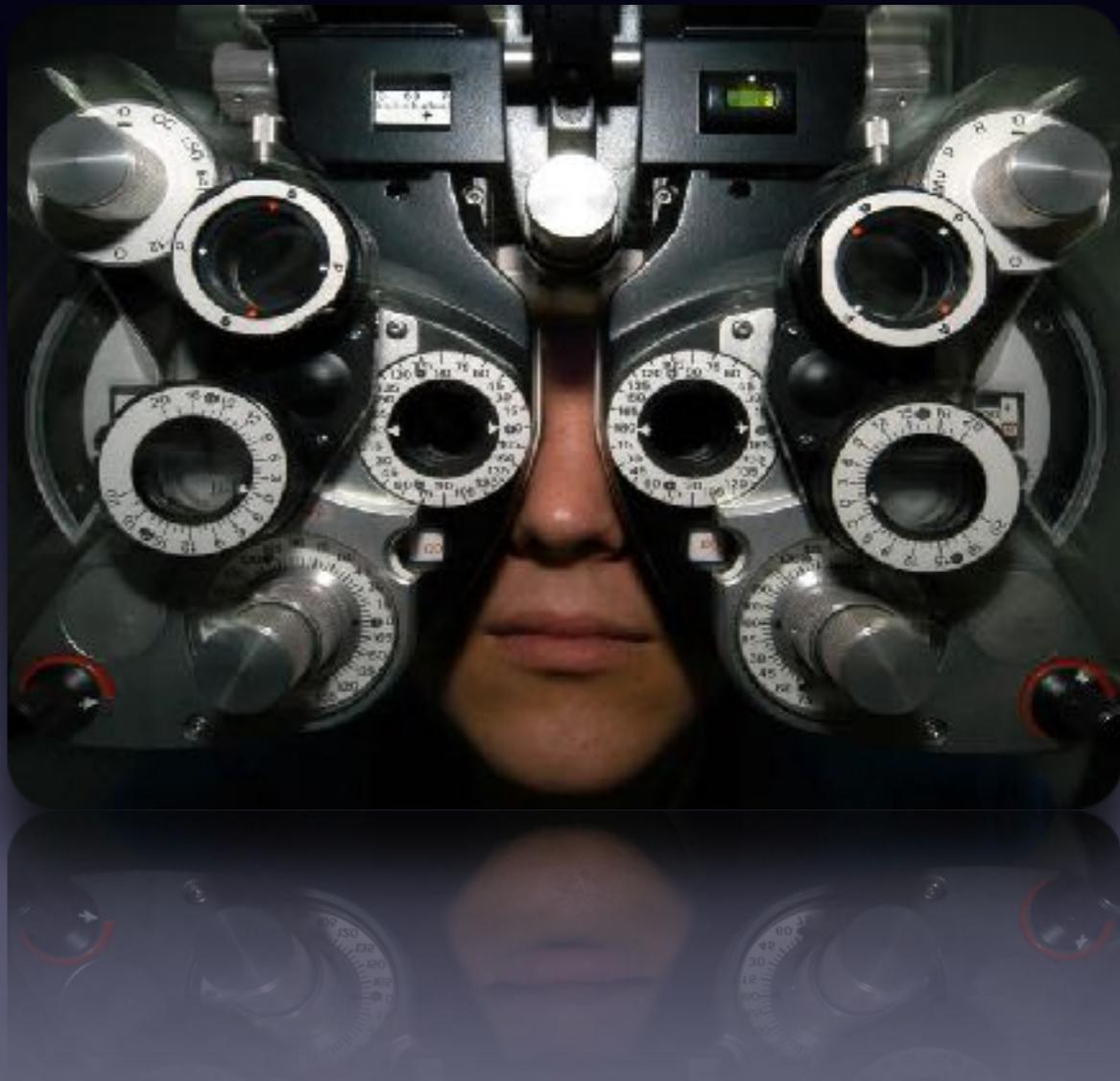
Distributional Hypothesis

If we consider **optometrist** and **eye-doctor** we find that, as our corpus of utterances grows, these two occur in almost the same environments. In contrast, there are many sentence environments in which **optometrist** occurs but **lawyer** does not...

It is a question of the relative frequency of such environments, and of what we will obtain if we ask an informant to substitute any word he wishes for **oculist** (not asking what words have the same meaning).

These and similar tests all measure the probability of particular environments occurring with particular elements... If A and B have almost identical environments we say that they are synonyms.

–Zellig Harris (1954)



DISTRIBUTIONAL CLUSTERING OF ENGLISH WORDS

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Abstract

We describe and evaluate experimentally a method for clustering words according to their distribution in particular syntactic contexts. Words are represented by the relative frequency distributions of contexts in which they appear, and relative entropy between those distributions is used as the similarity measure for clustering. Clusters are represented by average context distributions derived from the given words according to their probabilities of cluster membership. In many cases, the clusters can be thought of as encoding coarse sense distinctions. Deterministic annealing is used to find lowest distortion sets of clusters: as the annealing parameter increases, existing clusters become unstable and subdivide, yielding a hierarchical “soft” clustering of the data. Clusters are used as the basis for class models of word cooccurrence, and the models evaluated with respect to held-out test data.

INTRODUCTION

Methods for automatically classifying words according to their contexts of use have both scientific and practical interest. The scientific questions arise in connection to distributional views

sparseness problem by estimating the likelihood of unseen events from that of “similar” events that have been seen. For instance, one may estimate the likelihood of a particular direct object for a verb from the likelihoods of that direct object for similar verbs. This requires a reasonable definition of verb similarity and a similarity estimation method. In Hindle’s proposal, words are similar if we have strong statistical evidence that they tend to participate in the same events. His notion of similarity seems to agree with our intuitions in many cases, but it is not clear how it can be used directly to construct word classes and corresponding models of association.

Our research addresses some of the same questions and uses similar raw data, but we investigate how to factor word association tendencies into associations of words to certain hidden *senses classes* and associations between the classes themselves. While it may be worth basing such a model on pre-existing sense classes (Resnik, 1992), in the work described here we look at how to derive the classes directly from distributional data. More specifically, we model senses as probabilistic concepts or *clusters c* with corresponding cluster membership probabilities $p(c|w)$ for each word w . Most other class-based modeling techniques for natural

DIRT

Lin and Panel (2001) operationalize the Distributional Hypothesis using dependency relationships to define similar environments.

Duty and responsibility share a similar set of dependency contexts in large volumes of text:

modified by adjectives	objects of verbs
additional, administrative, assigned, assumed, collective, congressional, constitutional ...	assert, assign, assume, attend to, avoid, become, breach ...



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Word2vec

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

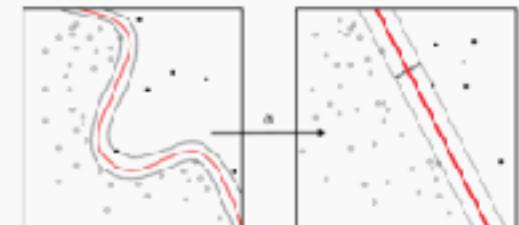
Word2vec is a group of related models that are used to produce [word embeddings](#). These models are shallow, two-layer [neural networks](#) that are trained to reconstruct linguistic contexts of words. Word2vec takes as its input a large [corpus](#) of text and produces a [high-dimensional space](#) (typically of several hundred [dimensions](#)), with each unique word in the [corpus](#) being assigned a corresponding vector in the space. [Word vectors](#) are positioned in the [vector space](#) such that words that share common contexts in the corpus are located in close proximity to one another in the space.^[1]

Word2vec was created by a team of researchers led by Tomas Mikolov at Google. The algorithm has been subsequently analysed and explained by other researchers^{[2][3]} and a [Bayesian](#) version of the algorithm is proposed as well.^[4] Embedding vectors created using the Word2vec algorithm have many advantages compared to earlier algorithms like [Latent Semantic Analysis](#).

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V*T*E

Mikolov et al (2013)

My focus: Paraphrasing & Translation

Translation is re-writing a text using words in a different language.

Paraphrasing is translation into the same language.

Inspiration from Statistical Machine Translation

We reuse & adapt:

Training data + alignment algorithms

Models + feature functions

Parameter estimation

Decoder

Bilingual Data

Sentence-aligned parallel corpora in English and any foreign language

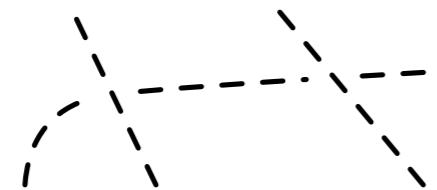
Available in large quantities

Strong meaning equivalence signal

... but different languages.

Bilingual Pivoting

... 5 farmers were



... fünf Landwirte

... oder wurden



... or have been

thrown into jail

festgenommen

festgenommen

imprisoned

in Ireland ...

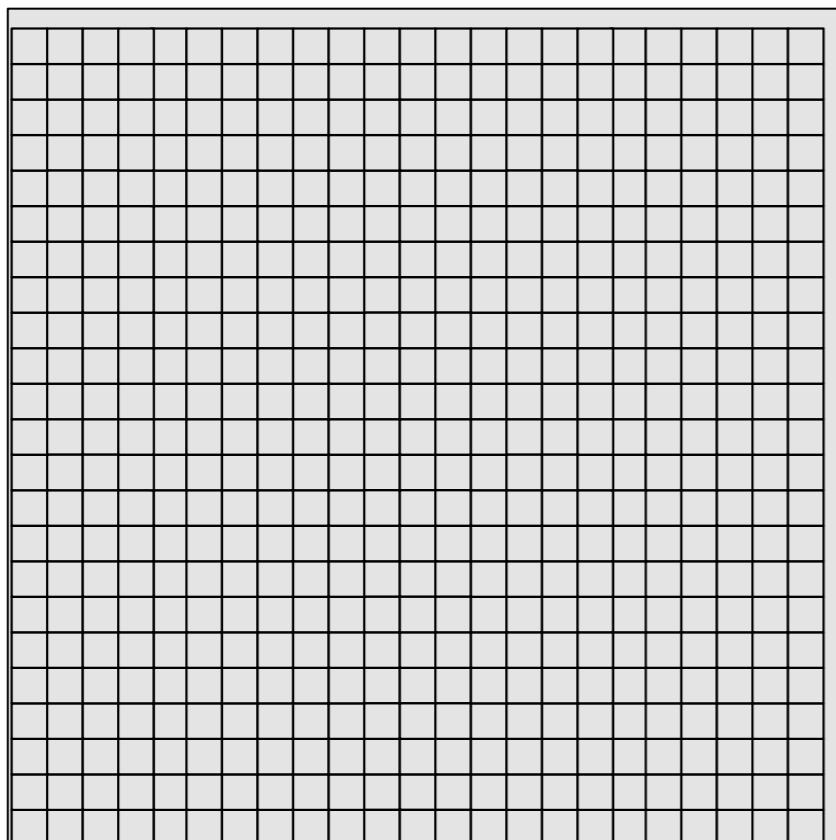
, weil ...

, gefoltert ...

, tortured ...

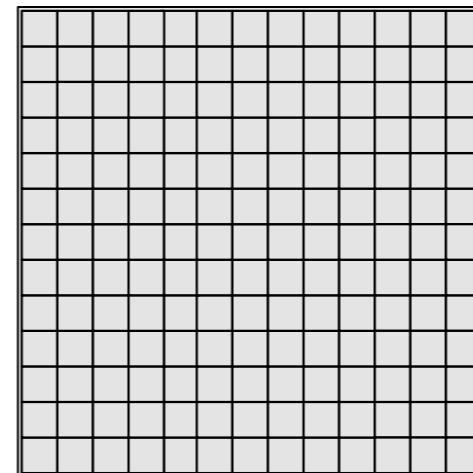
Large, diverse sets of bilingual training data

1000M



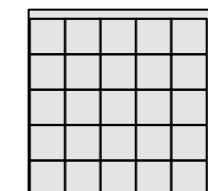
French-English
 10^9 word webcrawl

2 languages @
250M each



DARPA
GALE Program

21 languages @
50-80M each



European
Parliament

Wide range of paraphrases

thrown into jail

arrested

be thrown in prison

arrest

detained

been thrown into jail

cases

imprisoned

being arrested

custody

incarcerated

in jail

maltreated

jailed

in prison

owners

locked up

put in prison for

protection

taken into custody

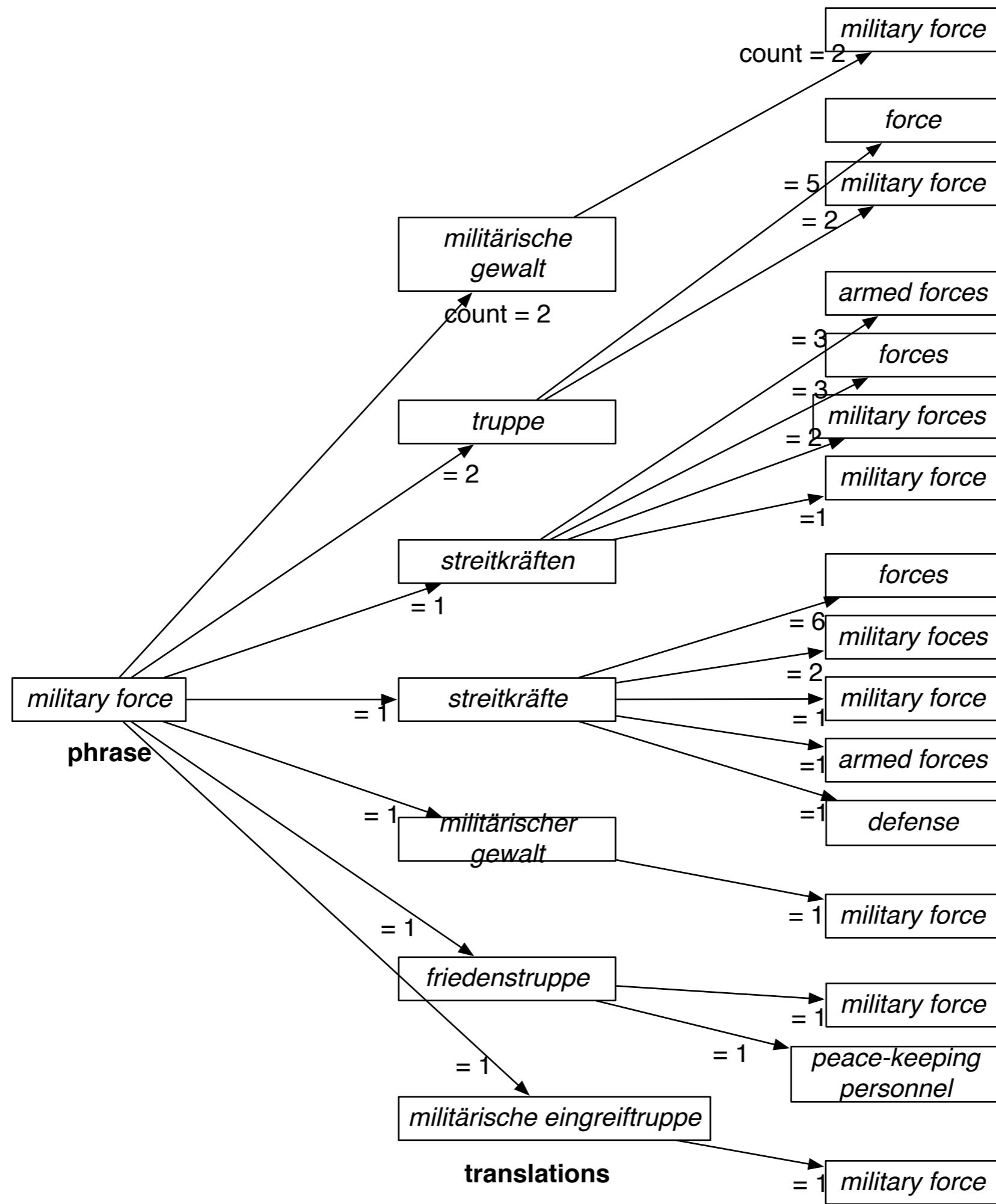
were thrown into jail

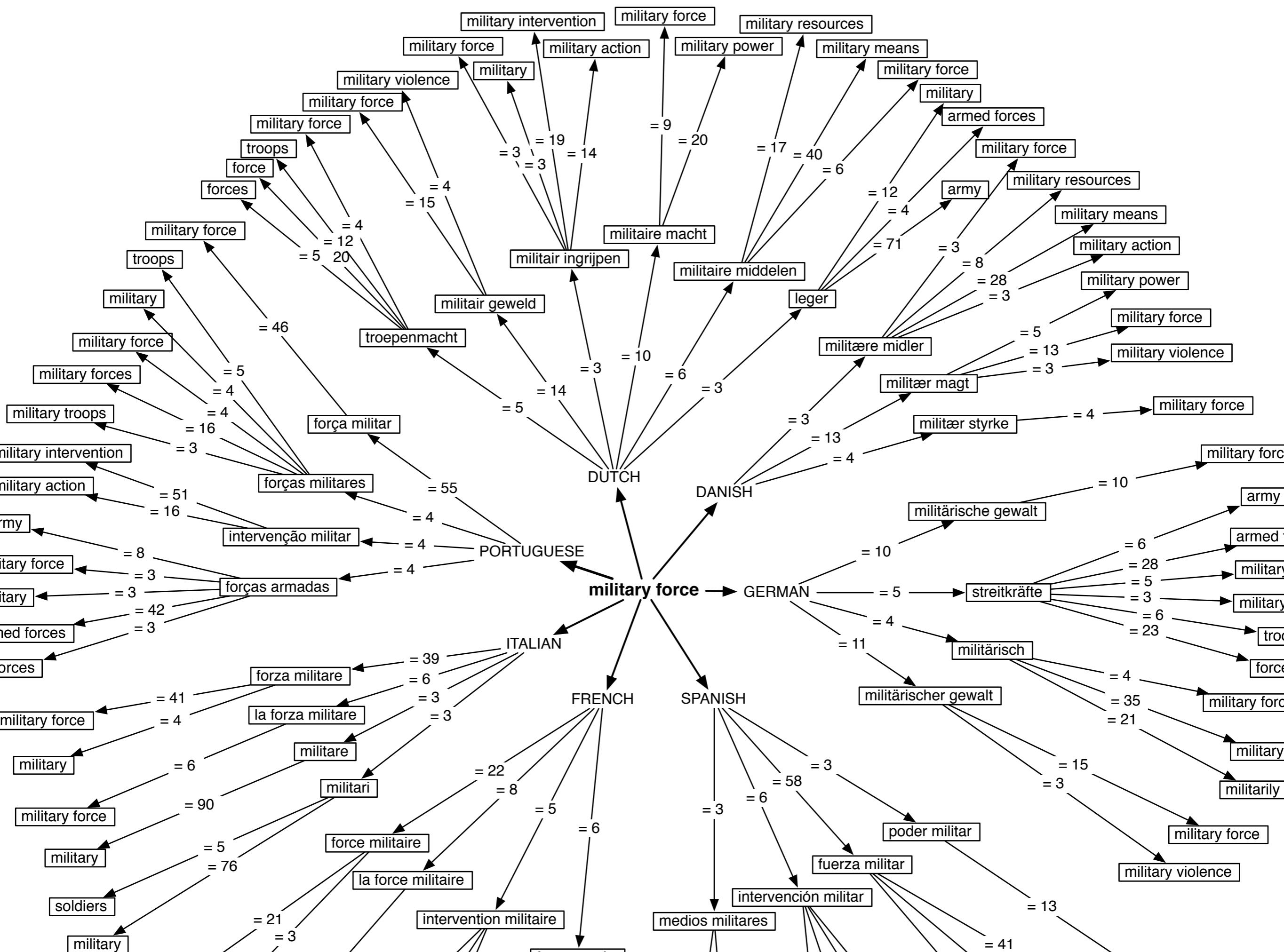
thrown

thrown into prison who are held in detention

Paraphrase Probability

$$\begin{aligned} p(e_2|e_1) &= \sum_f p(e_2, f|e_1) \\ &= \sum_f p(e_2|f, e_1)p(f|e_1) \\ &\approx \sum_f p(e_2|f)p(f|e_1) \end{aligned}$$





Syntactic constraints

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Sentential paraphrases from bitexts?

Bilingual parallel corpora provide an excellent source
of lexical and phrasal paraphrases.

Sentential | structural paraphrases are more
obviously learned from English-English sentence
pairs.

Can we learn structural paraphrases from bitexts?
How should we represent them?

Syntactic MT in the Joshua Decoder



- Synchronous context free grammars generate pairs of corresponding strings
- Can be used to describe translation and re-ordering between languages
- Because Joshua uses SCFGs, it translates sentences by parsing them

Translation

	Urdu	English
S →	NP① VP②	NP① VP②
VP →	PP① VP②	VP② PP①
VP →	V① AUX②	AUX② V①
PP →	NP① P②	P② NP①
NP →	<i>hamd ansary</i>	<i>Hamid Ansari</i>
NP →	<i>na}b sdr</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
V →	<i>namzd</i>	<i>nominated</i>
P →	<i>kylye</i>	<i>for</i>
AUX →	<i>taa</i>	<i>was</i>

NP1
hamd ansary

NP2
na}b sdr

P3
kylye

V4
namzd

AUX5
taa

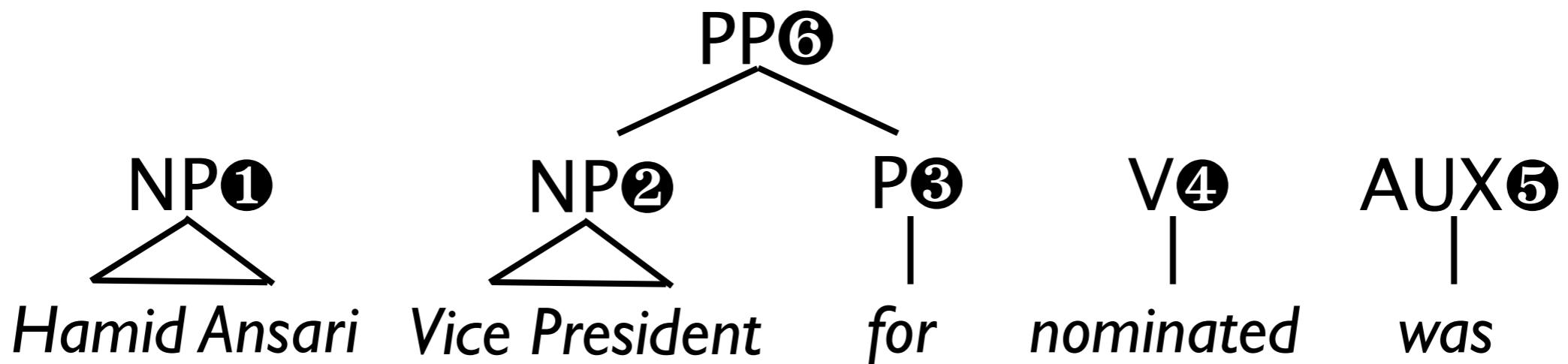
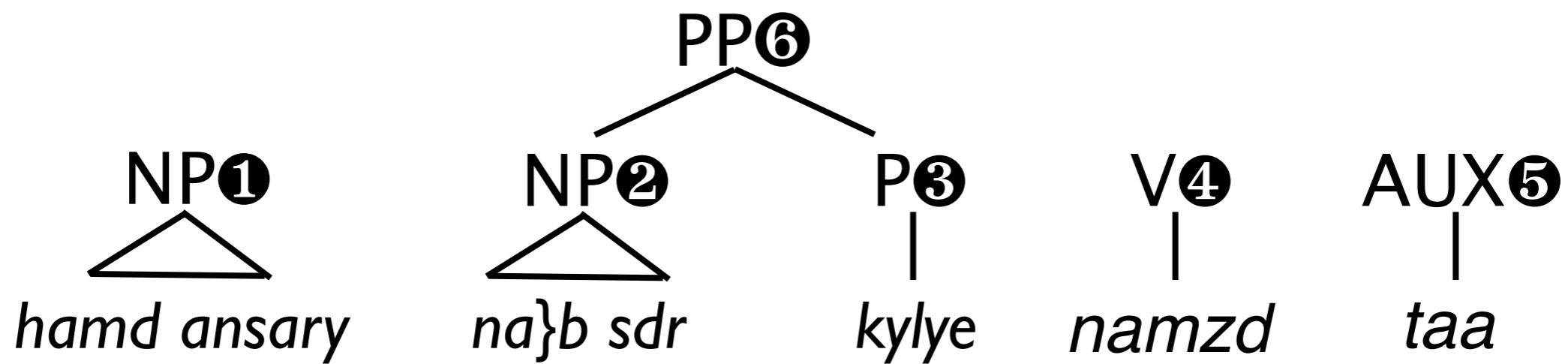
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Hamid Ansari

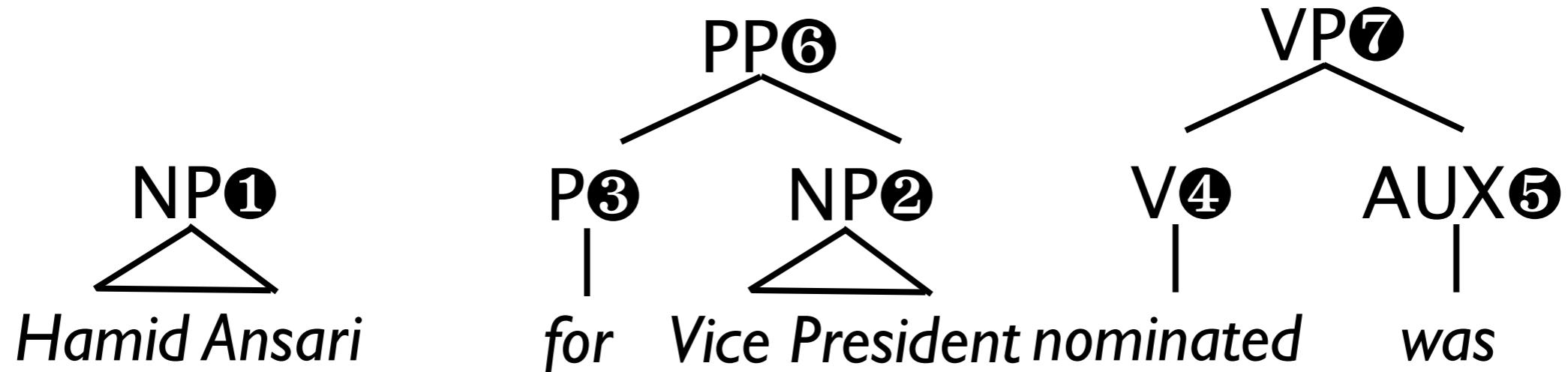
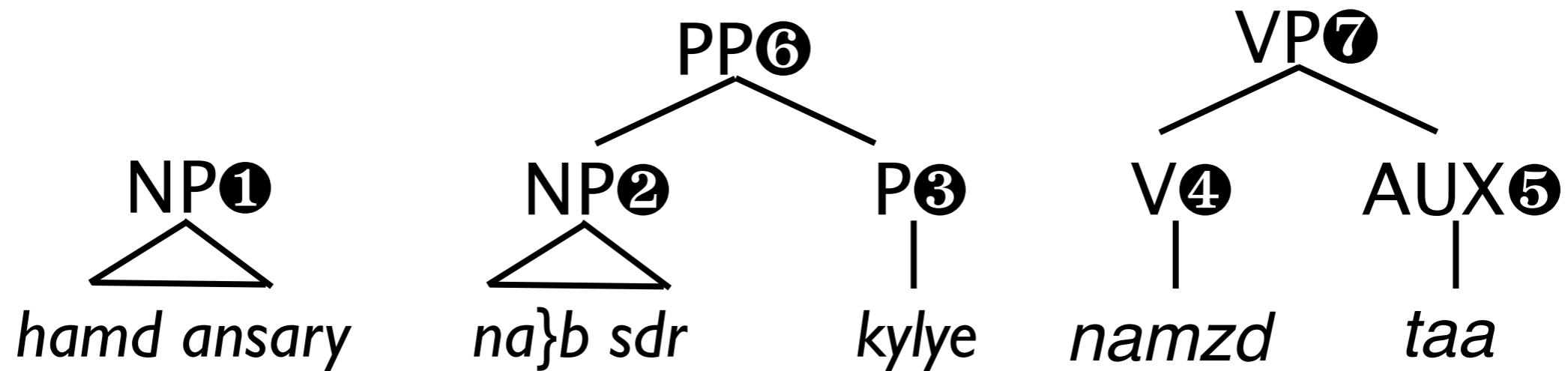
NP2
Vice President

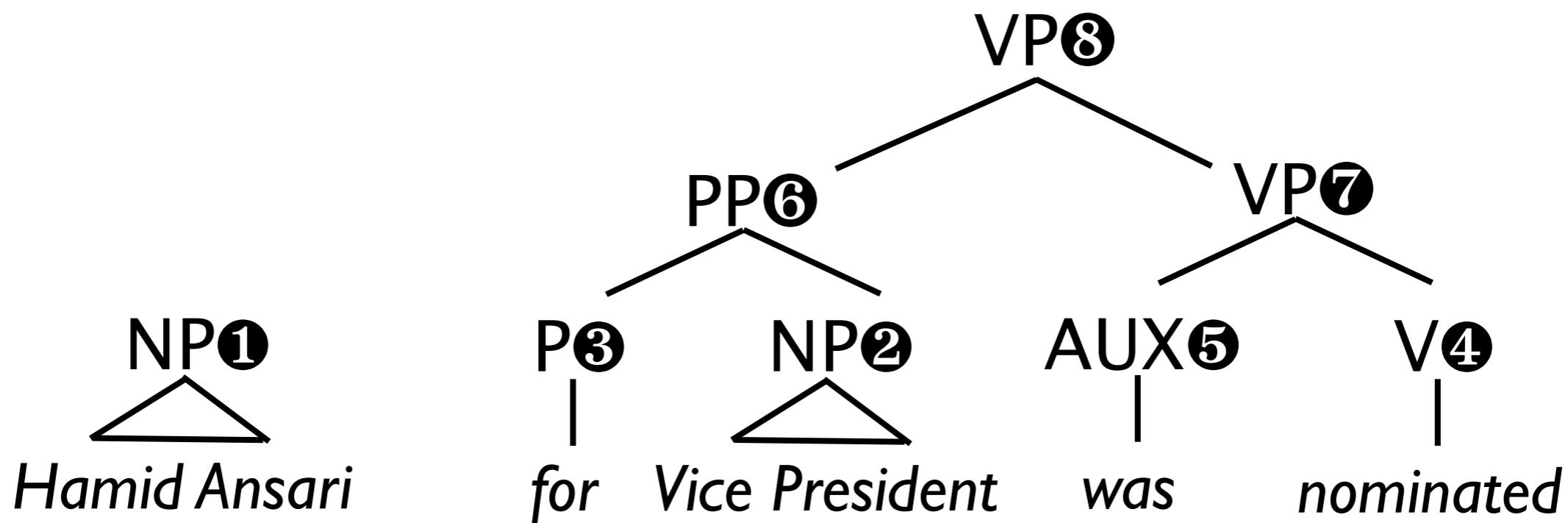
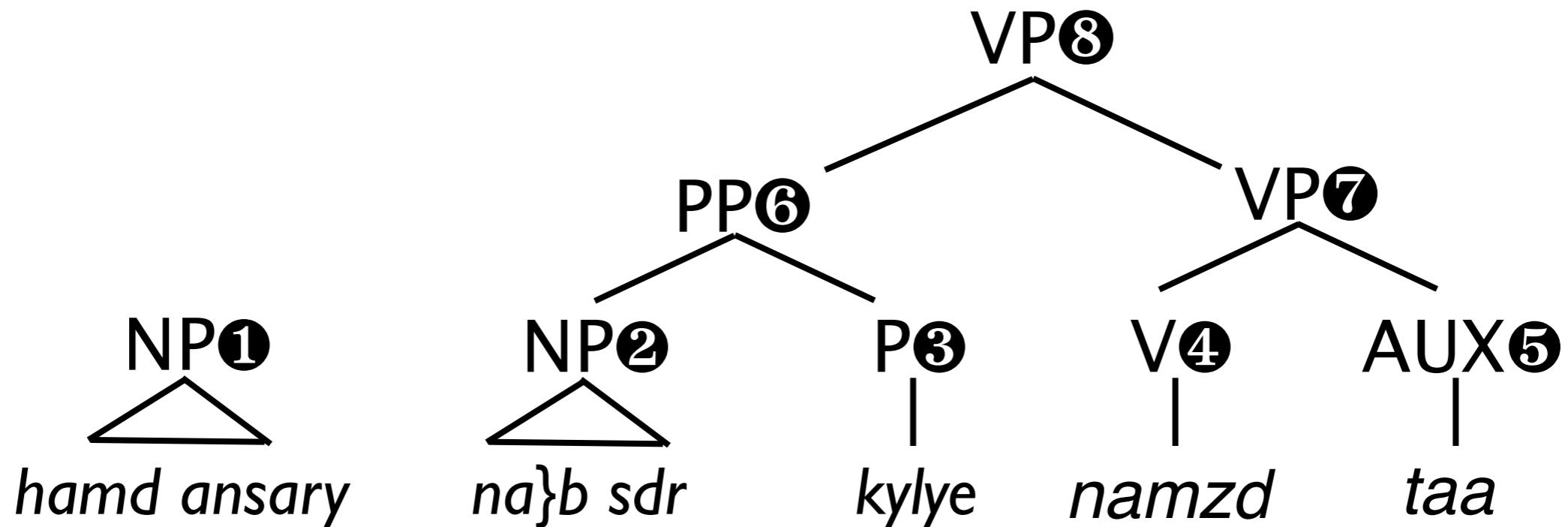
P3
for

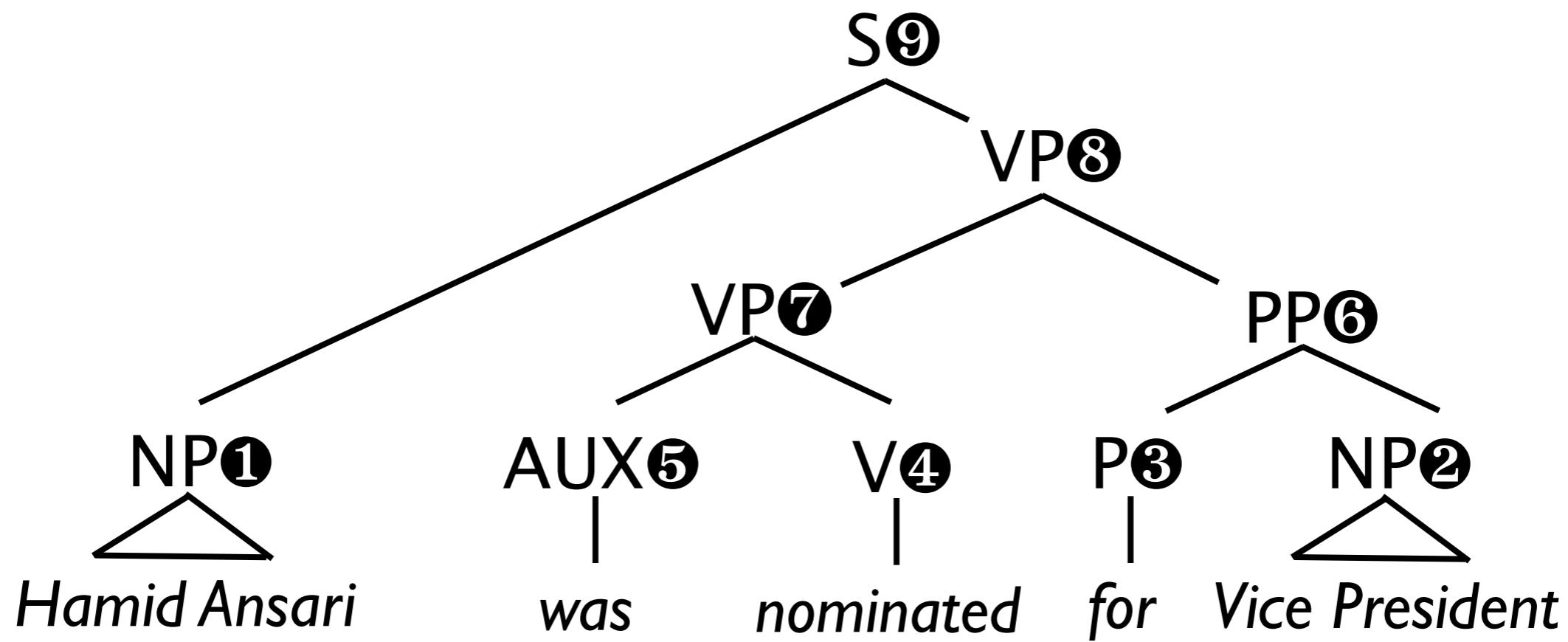
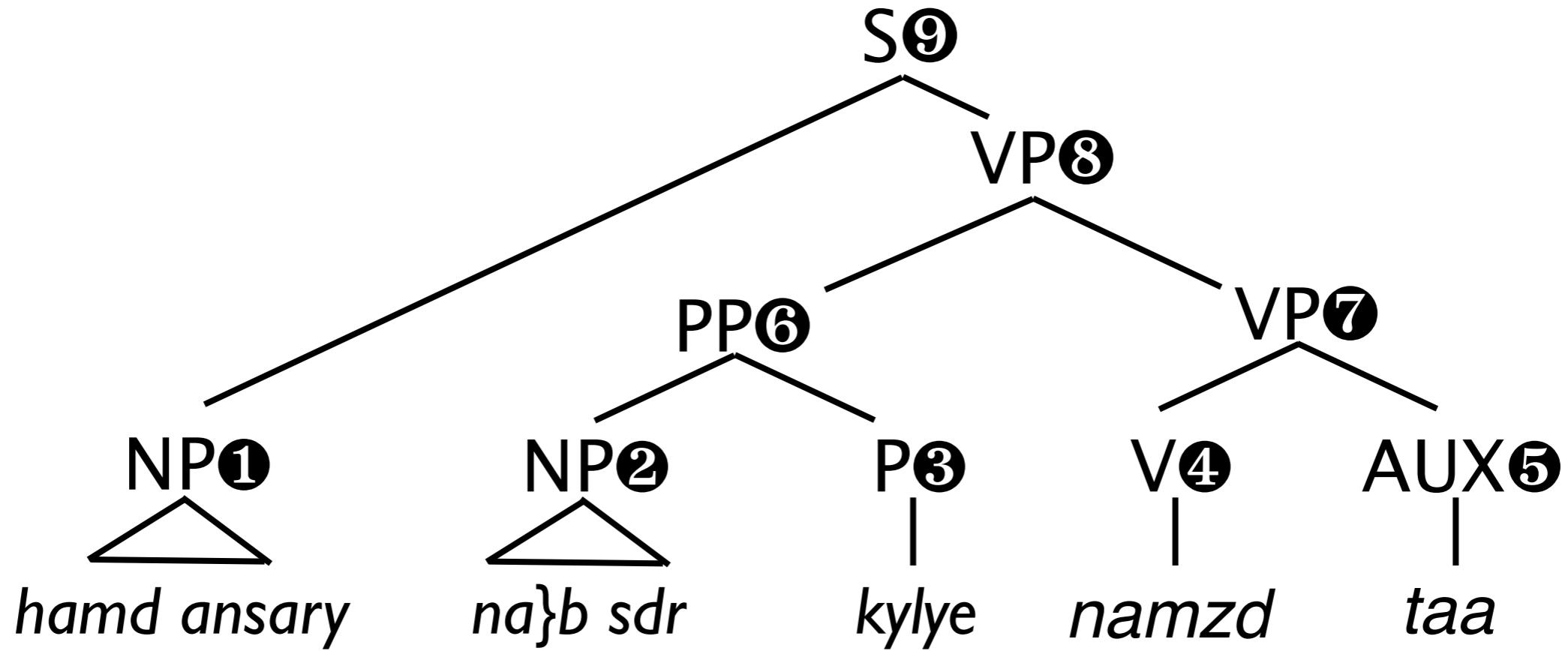
V4
nominated

AUX5
was









SCFGs via Pivoting

- Adapting our syntactic MT models, we learn structural transformations, like the English possessive rule

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{NP} \rightarrow \quad \text{NP}'s \text{ NN} \mid \text{le NN de NP} \\ \\ \text{NP} \rightarrow \quad \text{the NN of NP} \mid \text{le NN de NP} \end{array}$$

combine to

$$\text{NP} \rightarrow \quad \text{NP}'s \text{ NN} \mid \text{the NN of NP}$$

Possessive rule	NP → NP →	the NN of the NNP the NNP's NN the NNS ₁ made by the NNS ₂ the NNS ₂ 's NNS ₁
Dative shift	VP → VP →	give NN to NP give NP the NN provide NP ₁ to NP ₂ give NP ₂ NP ₁
Adv. adj. phrase move	S VP → S →	ADVP they VBD they VBD ADVP it is ADJP VP VP is ADJP
Verb particle shift	VP →	VB NP up VB up NP
Reduced relative clause	SBAR S ADJP →	although PRP VBD that although PRP VBD very JJ that S JJ S
Partitive constructions	NP → NP →	CD of the NN CD NN all DT\NP all of the DT\NP
Topicalization	S →	NP, VP. VP, NP.
Passivization	SBAR →	that NP had VBN which was VBN by NP
Light verbs	VP → VP →	take action ADVP to act ADVP to make a decision PP to decide PP

Text-to-Text Generation

T2T involves generating meaning-equivalent text that is *subject to some constraints*:

sentence compression, *shorter*

simplification, *easier to understand*

poetry from prose, *rhyme and meter*

Sentence Compression

Reduce length of a sentence (#chars) while retaining the meaning

Compression ratio: $\varphi = \frac{\text{length}_{compression}}{\text{length}_{original}}$

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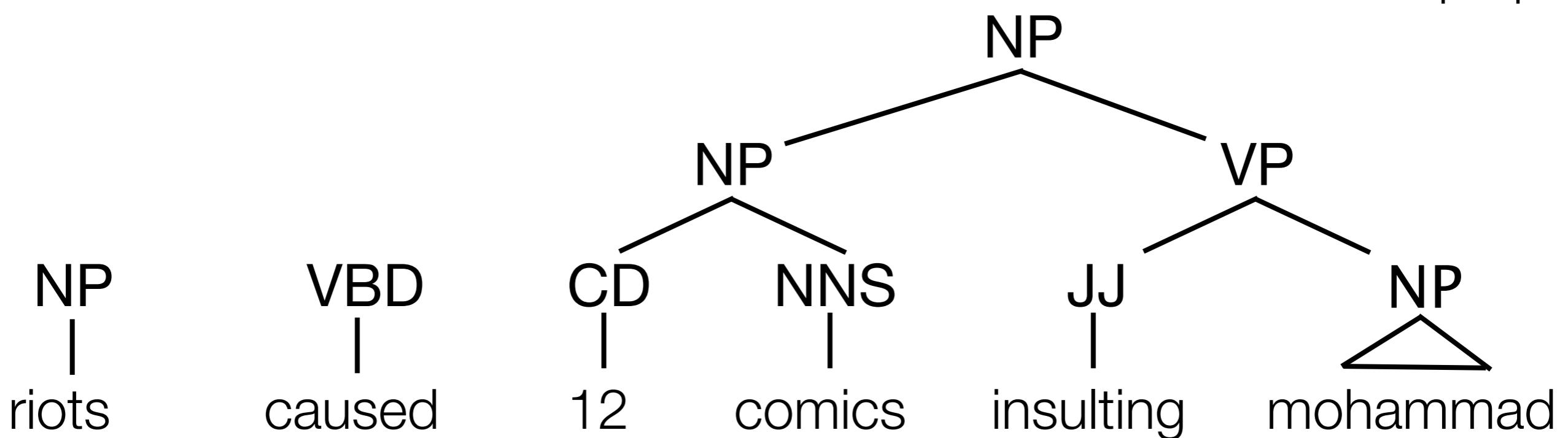
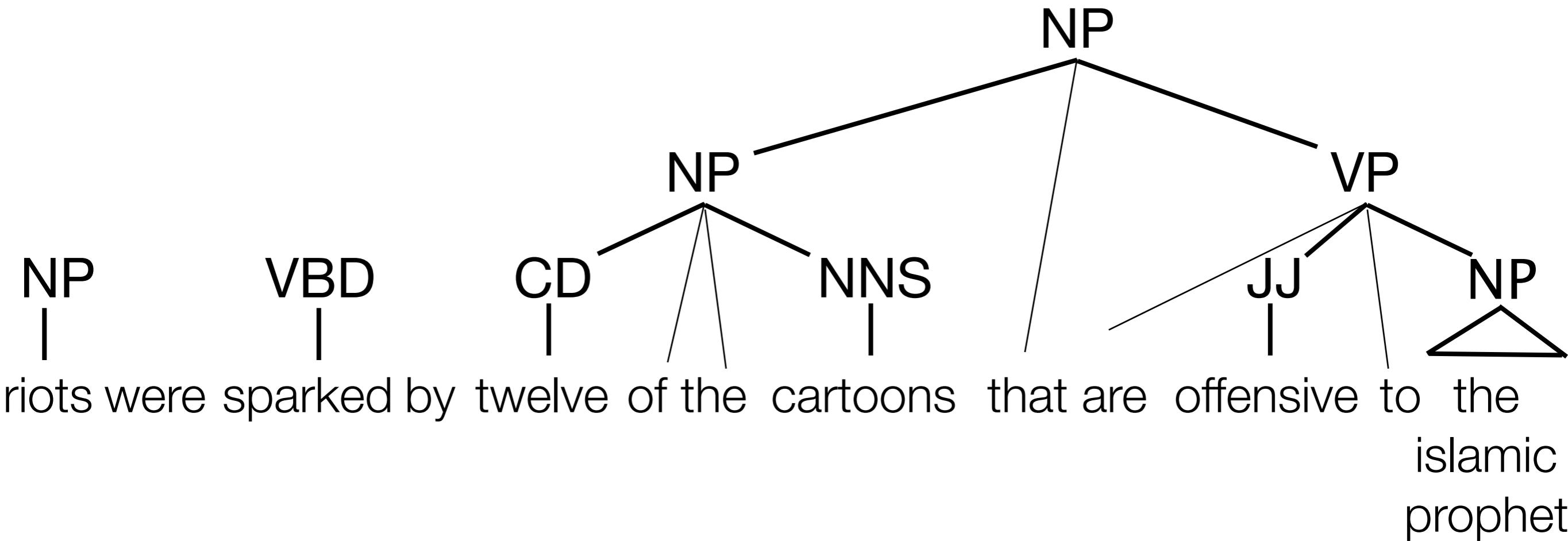
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is awesome

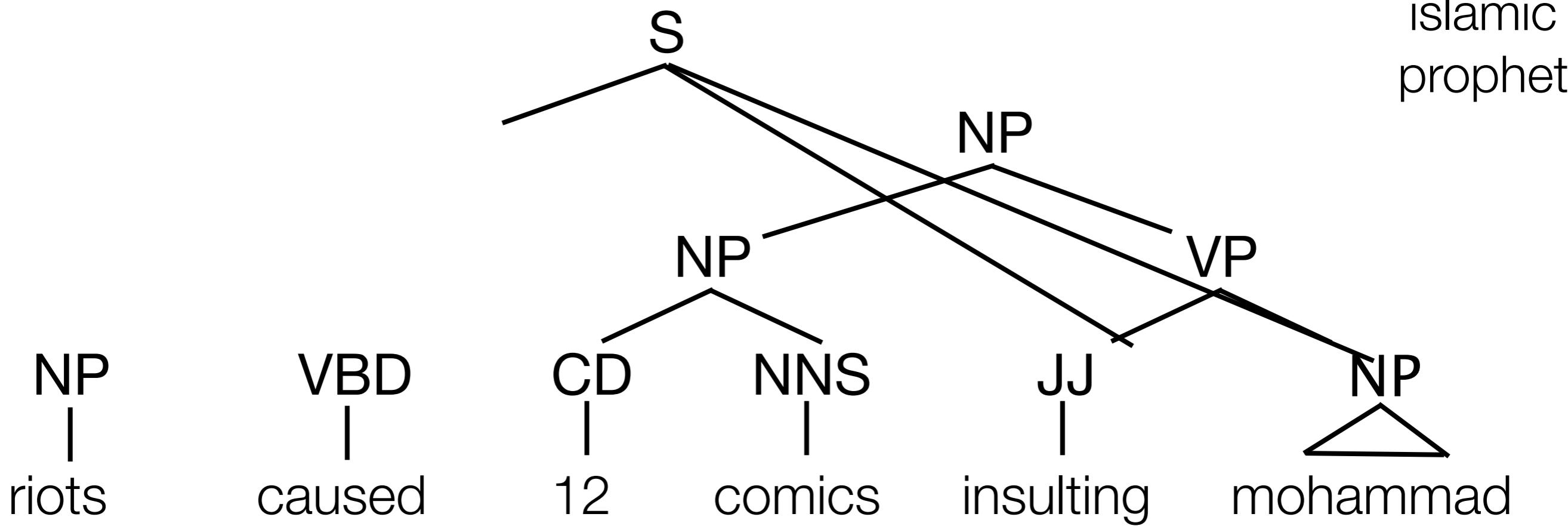
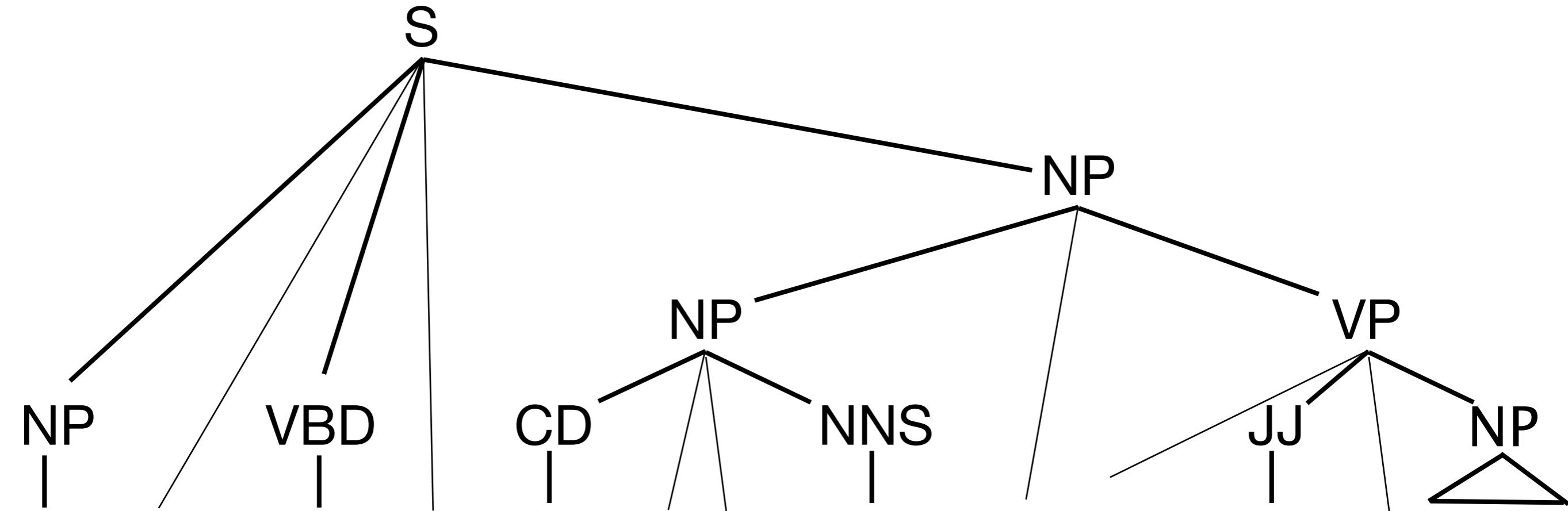
Paraphrase Grammar

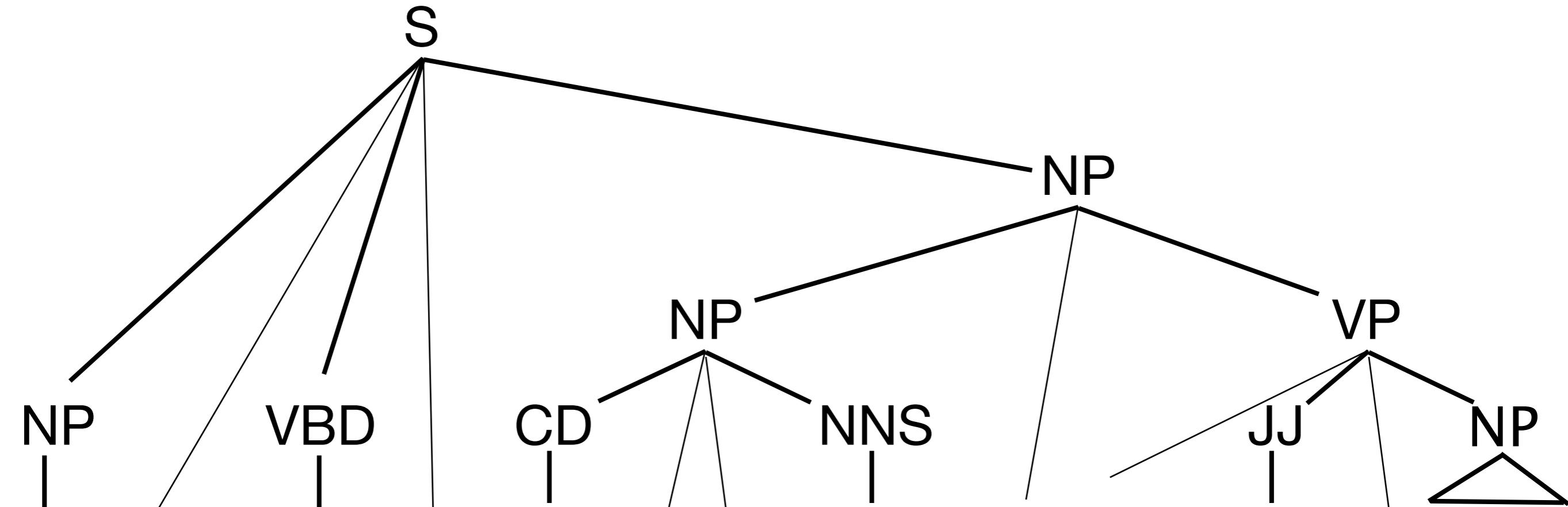
	English	English
$S \rightarrow NP① \text{ were VBD by } NP②$	$NP② \text{ VBD } NP①$	
$NP \rightarrow NP \text{ that VP}$		$NP \text{ VP}$
$VP \rightarrow \text{ are JJ to NP}$		$JJ \text{ NP}$
$NP \rightarrow CD \text{ of the NNS}$		$CD \text{ NNS}$
$CD \rightarrow \text{ twelve}$		12
$NNS \rightarrow \text{ cartoons}$		comics
$JJ \rightarrow \text{ offensive}$		insulting
$NP \rightarrow \text{ the islamic prophet}$		mohammed
$VBD \rightarrow \text{ sparked}$		caused

NP VBD CD NNS JJ NP
| | | | | |
riots were sparked by twelve of the cartoons that are offensive to the
islamic prophet

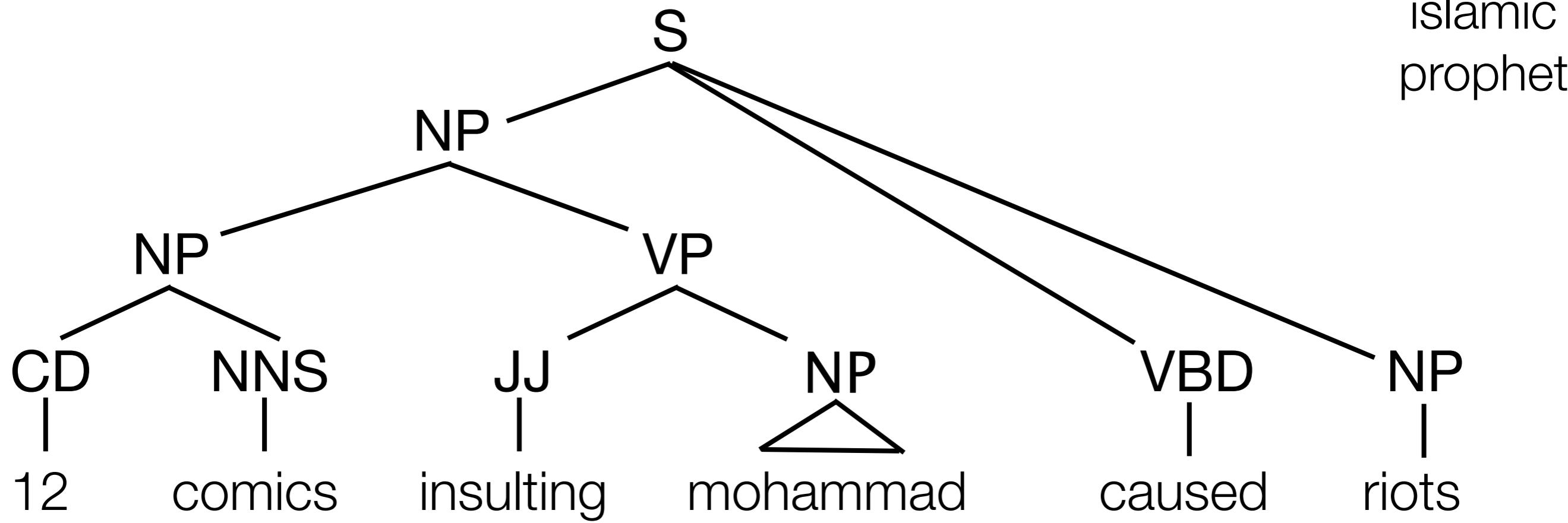
NP VBD CD NNS JJ NP
| | | | | |
riots caused 12 comics insulting mohammad







riots were sparked by twelve of the cartoons that are offensive to the
islamic prophet



12 comics insulting mohammad caused riots

Text-to-Text Applications

Claim:

Paraphrasing is suitable to tackle sentential text-to-text tasks, and we can re-use SMT machinery for T2T.

However:

Naive application of MT techniques will not work, need to adapt them

Task Adaptation

SMT	T2T
Naive application of the MT machinery to the task	Task-specific adaptations

- Development data
- Objective function
- Feature set
- Grammar augmentations

Development Data

SMT	T2T
English reference translations that are used to calculate BLEU for SMT.	Selected pairs of reference translations that significantly differ in length.

and he said that the project **will cover** the needs of the region in the long term.

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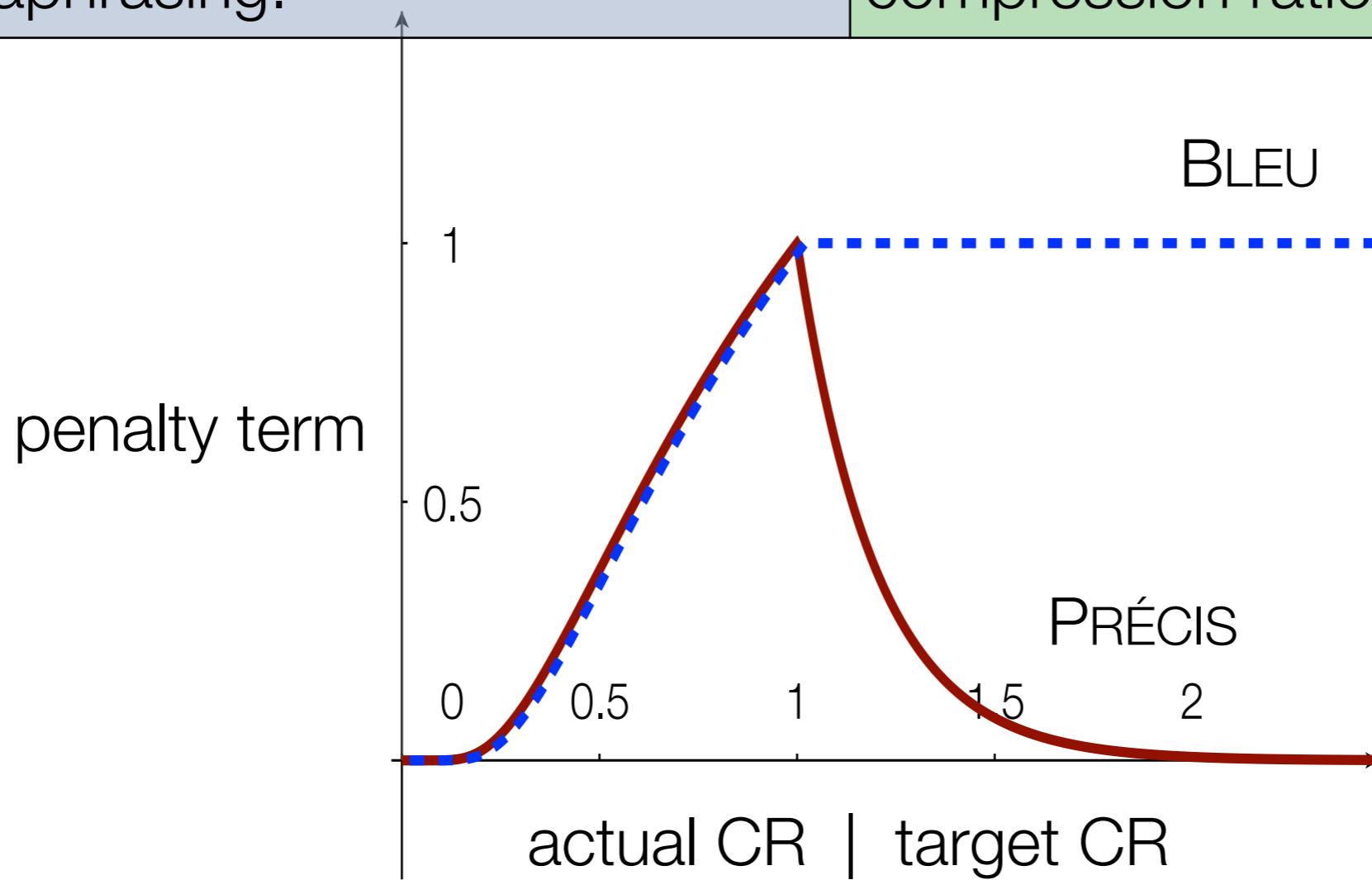
he said the project **includes** all the district's long-term needs.

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compression ratio = 0.79

Objective Function

SMT	T2T
Optimized for English-to-English BLEU score. Causes self-paraphrasing.	Add a “verbosity penalty” to BLEU that allows a target compression ratio to be set.



Features

SMT	T2T
Phrasal and lexical probabilities quantify general paraphrase quality.	Features counting number of source and target words and the difference between them.

$\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{NP}$ was eaten by NN | NN ate NP

$$p(e_1|e_2) = 0.1 \quad c_{e_1} = 14 \quad c_{e_2} = 5 \quad logCR = \log \frac{c_{e_1}}{c_{e_2}}$$
$$c_{diff} = -9$$

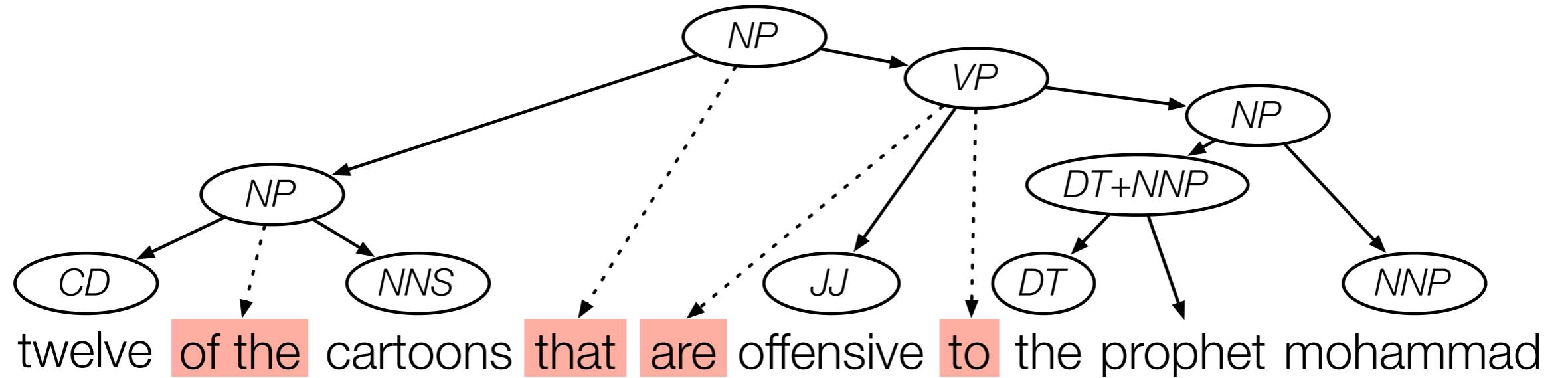
Augmentations

SMT	T2T
It is not typical for additional task-specific rules to be added in the standard SMT pipeline.	Augment the grammar with deletion rules for specific POS (JJ, RB, DT) allowing for shorter compressions.

$JJ \rightarrow \text{superfluous} \mid \epsilon$

$RB \rightarrow \text{redundantly} \mid \epsilon$

$DT \rightarrow \text{the} \mid \epsilon$



12 cartoons insulting the prophet mohammad 4.5 3.0 9.0

12 cartoons attack the prophet mohammad 10.1 2.0 7.0

twelve comics offensive to the prophet mohammad 8.0 15.4 45.0

several drawings mocking the prophet mohammad 5.5 23.2 26.0

LM PP CR

Monolingually-derived Features

SMT	T2T
All features, aside from the LM, are bilingually derived.	Calculate distributional similarity of paraphrase pairs from monolingual data

Orthogonal signal to bilingual pivoting

Even more data available

Incorporated as features in T2T model

Distributional Similarity

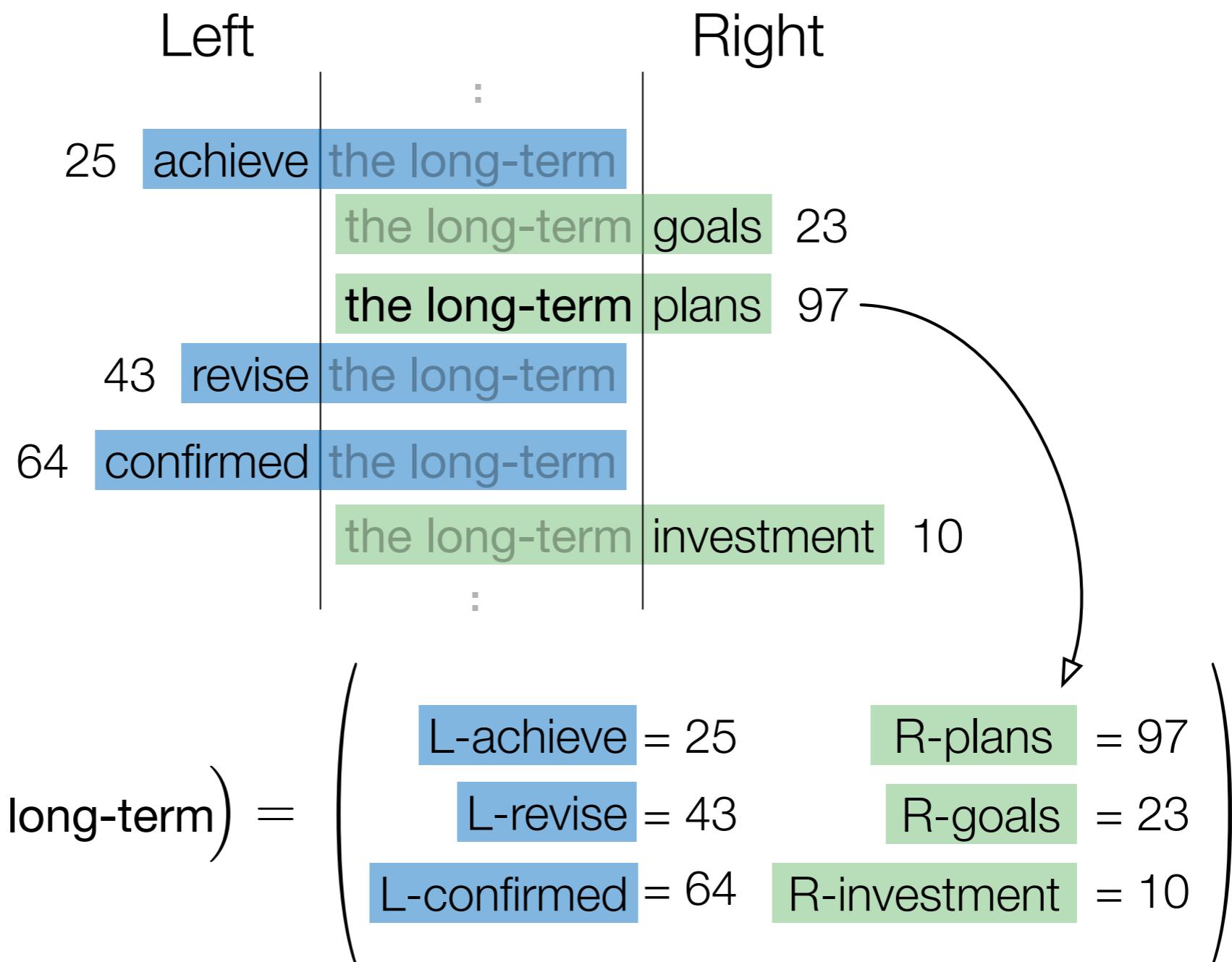
Idea: similar words occur in similar contexts.

Characterize words by their contexts

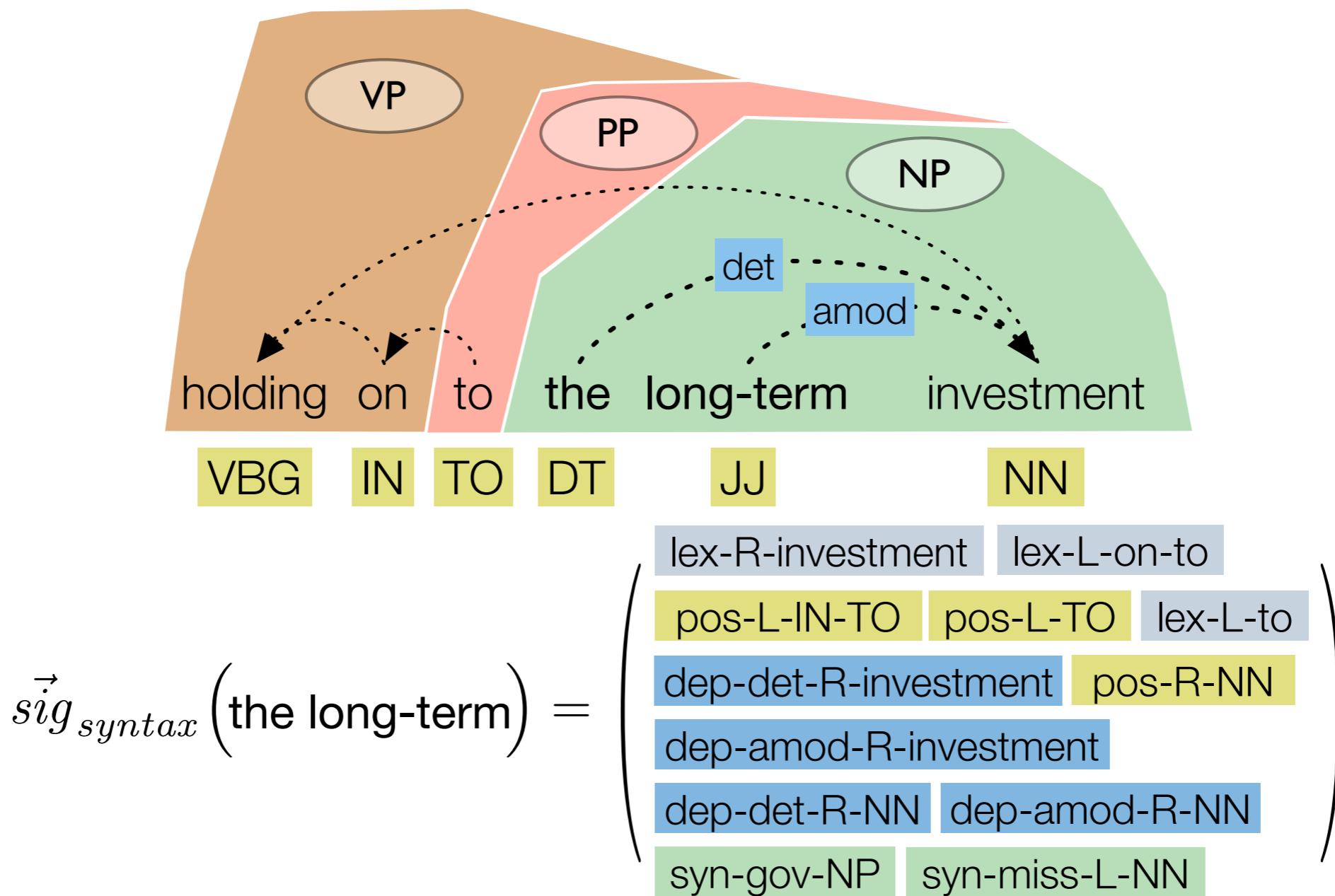
Contexts represented by co-occurrence vectors, similarity quantified by cosine

“Are these paraphrases substitutable?”

n -gram Context



Syntactic Context



Large Monolingual Data Sets

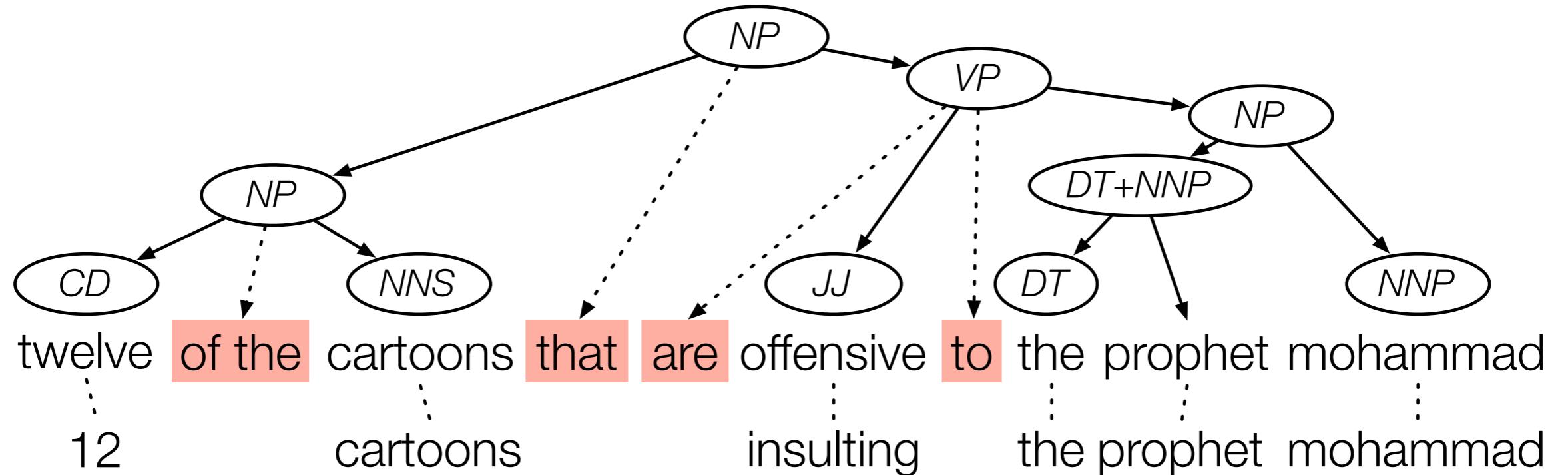
Google n-grams

Collection of 1 trillion tokens with counts

Based on vast amounts of text

Annotated Gigaword (AKBC-WEKEX '12)

Collection of 4 billion words, parsed and tagged



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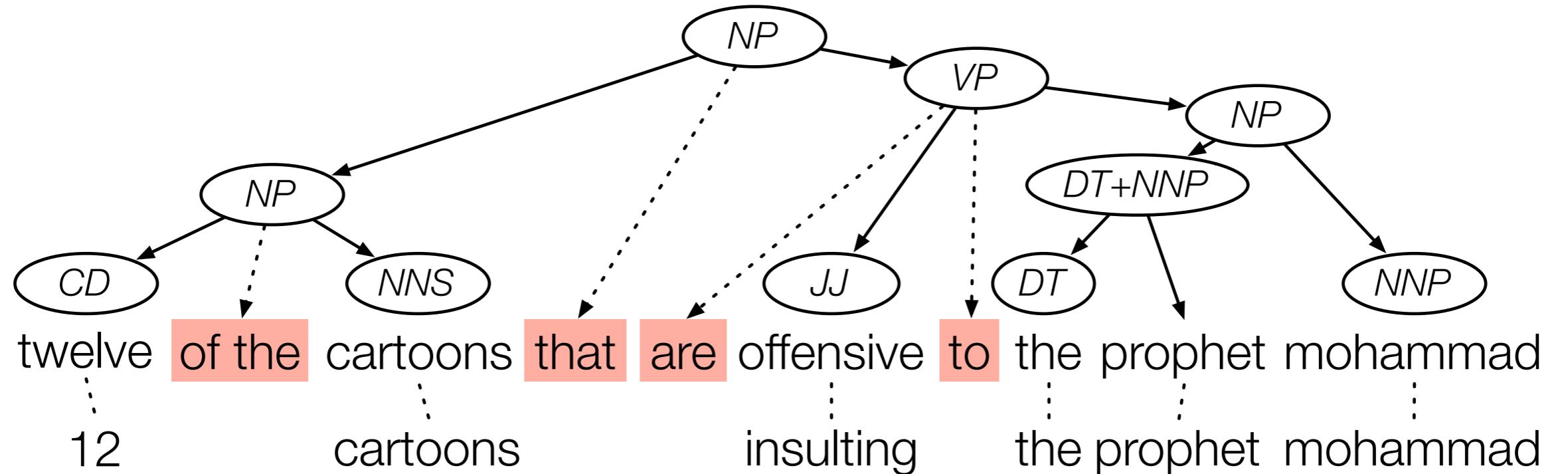
several drawings mocking the prophet mohammad

5.5

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LM PP CR SIM

Task-based Evaluation

Evaluated paraphrases in the context of a T2T compression task.

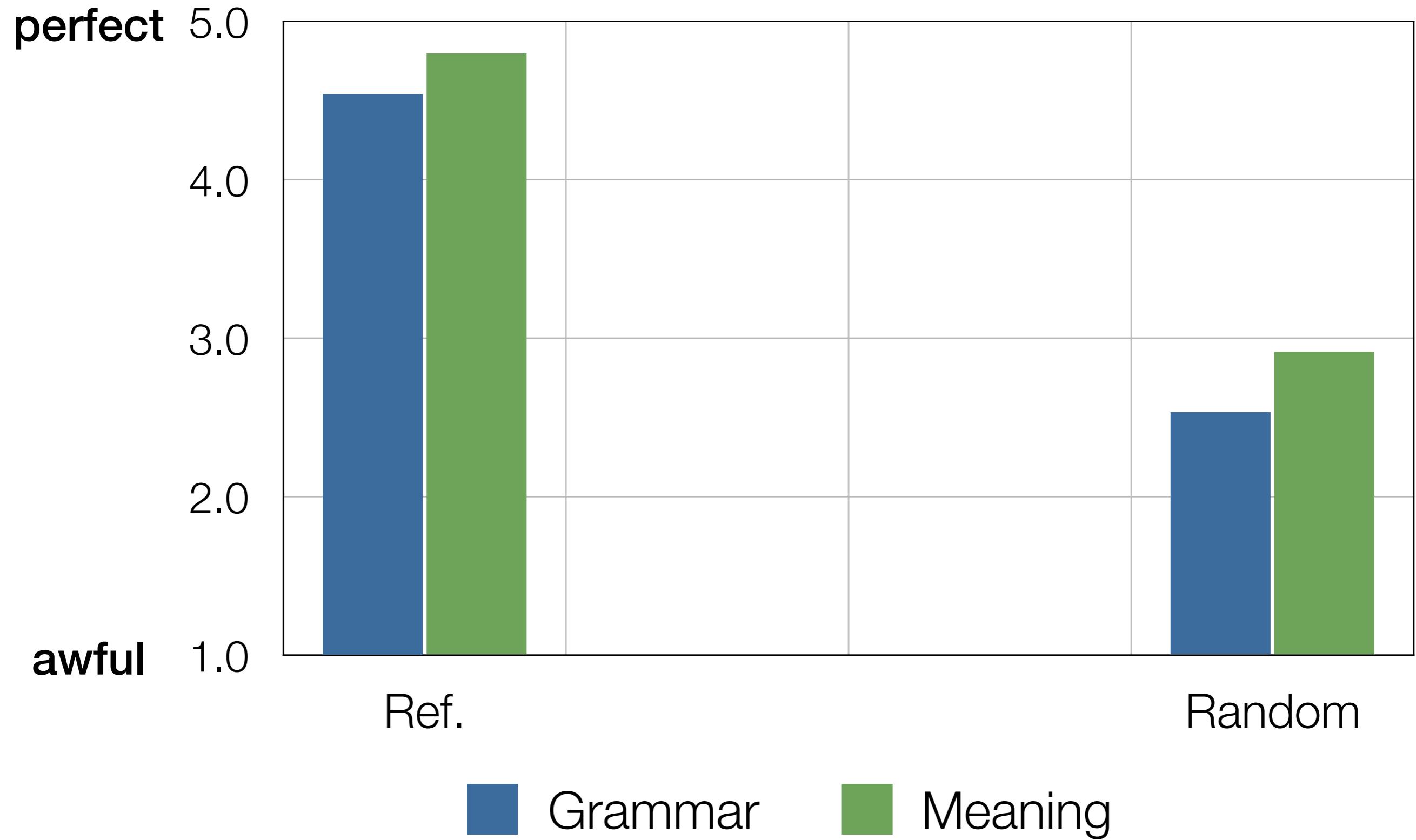
Compared against a state of the art system.

Human assessment (5-point scale):

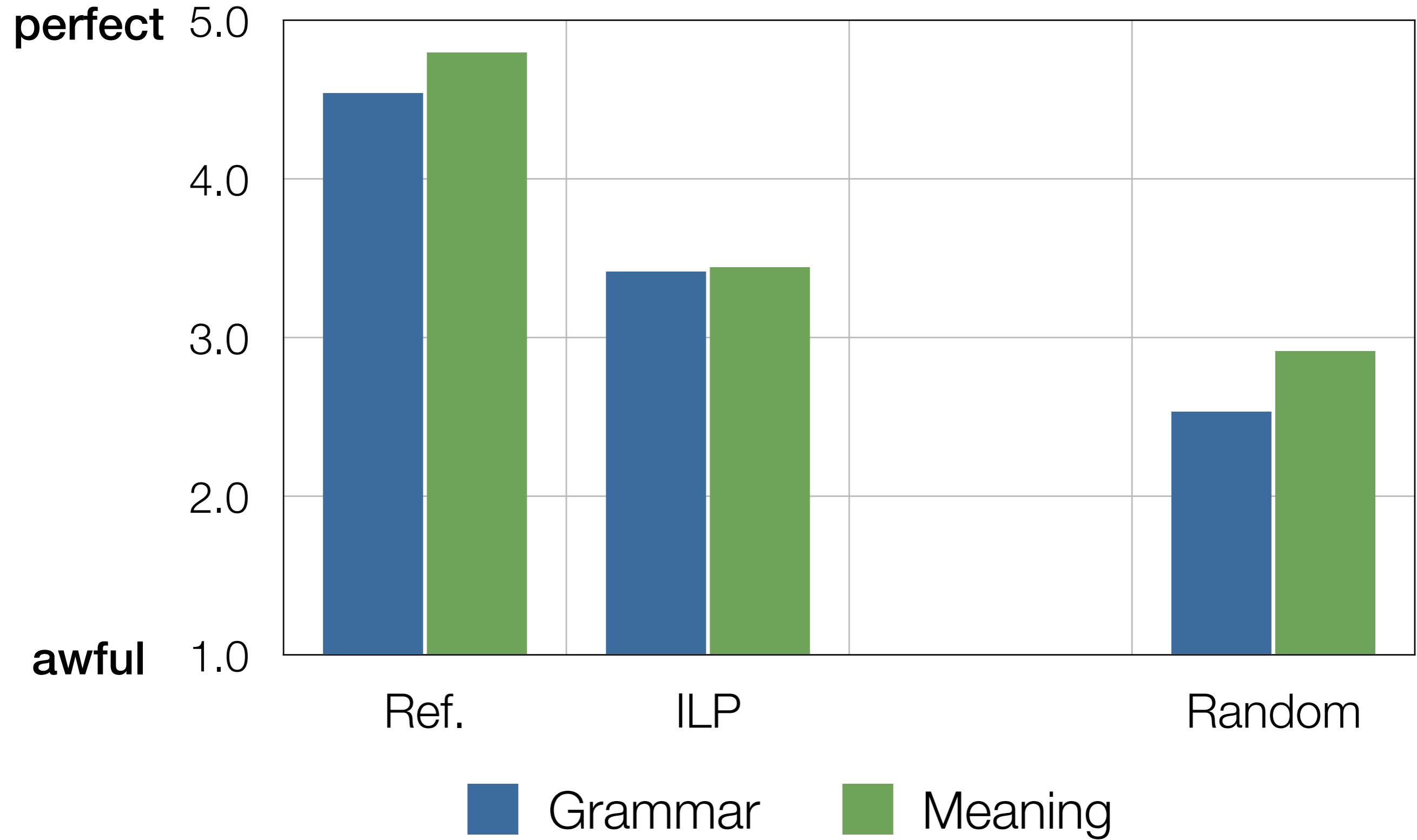
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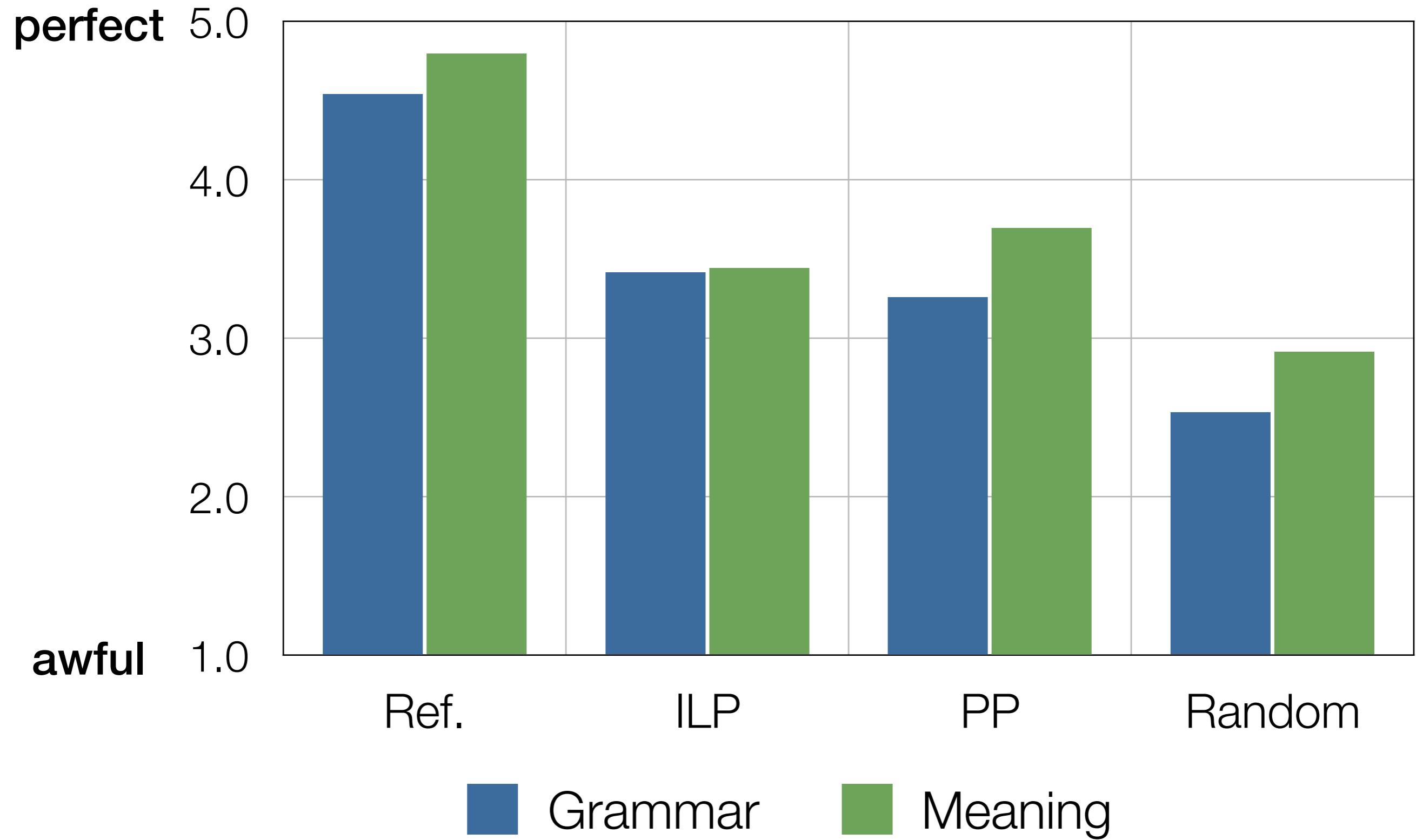
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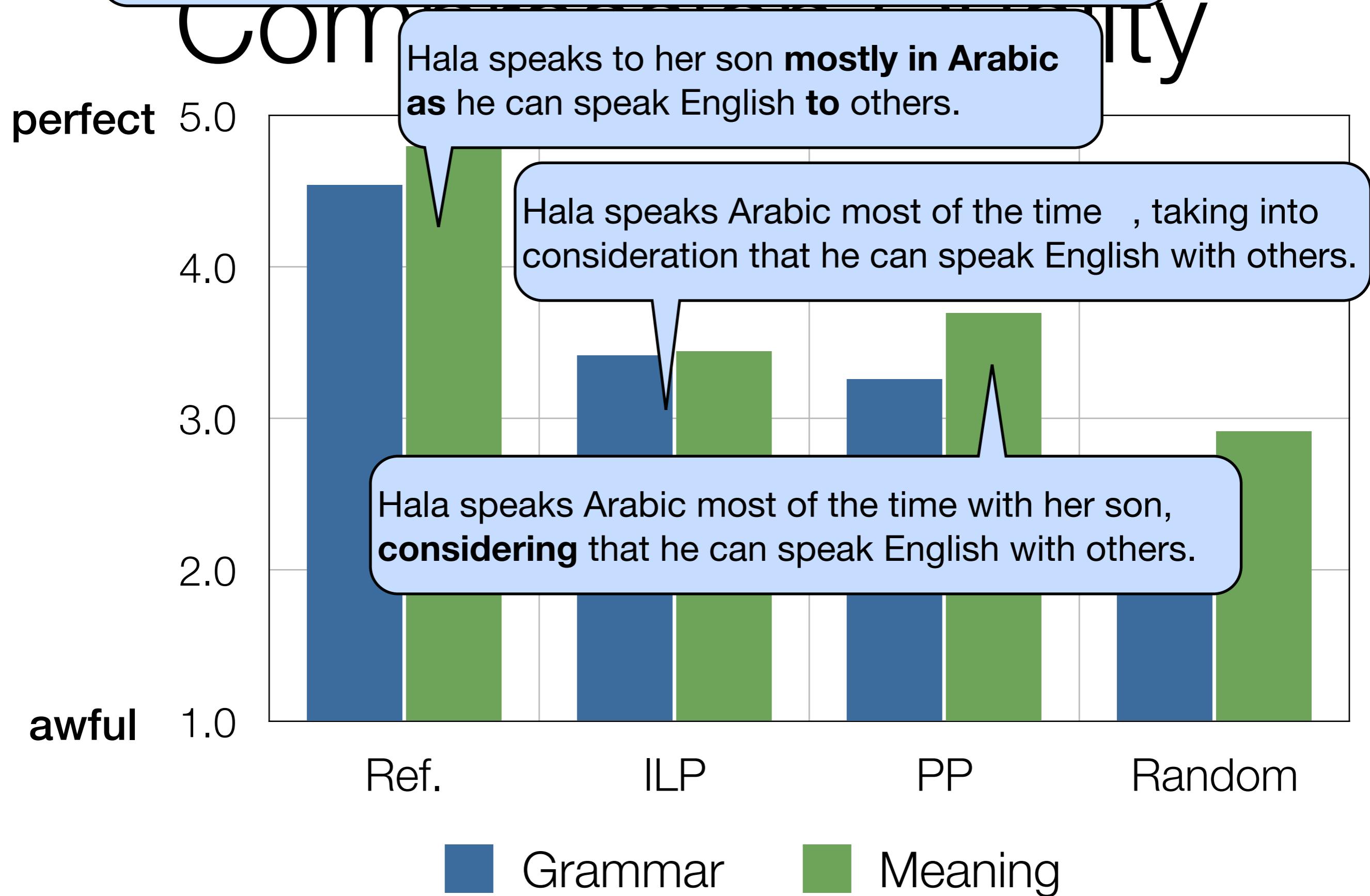
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Input: Hala speaks Arabic most of the time with her son, taking into consideration that he can speak English with others.



Adaptation in 5 easy steps

Step	SMT to T2T Adaptation
1	Dev data: Collect a set of sentence pairs that reflects the task that you are trying to model
2	Objective function: Create a new objective function that indicates how well the system output the constraints of your task
3	Task-specific features: Add new features to the model that will allow it to score its own output for the task
4	Augment the grammar: Use your domain knowledge to add any rules that would not normally be contained in a paraphrase grammar.
5	Other features: Take advantage of the English to English to add other features that model grammaticality more generally.

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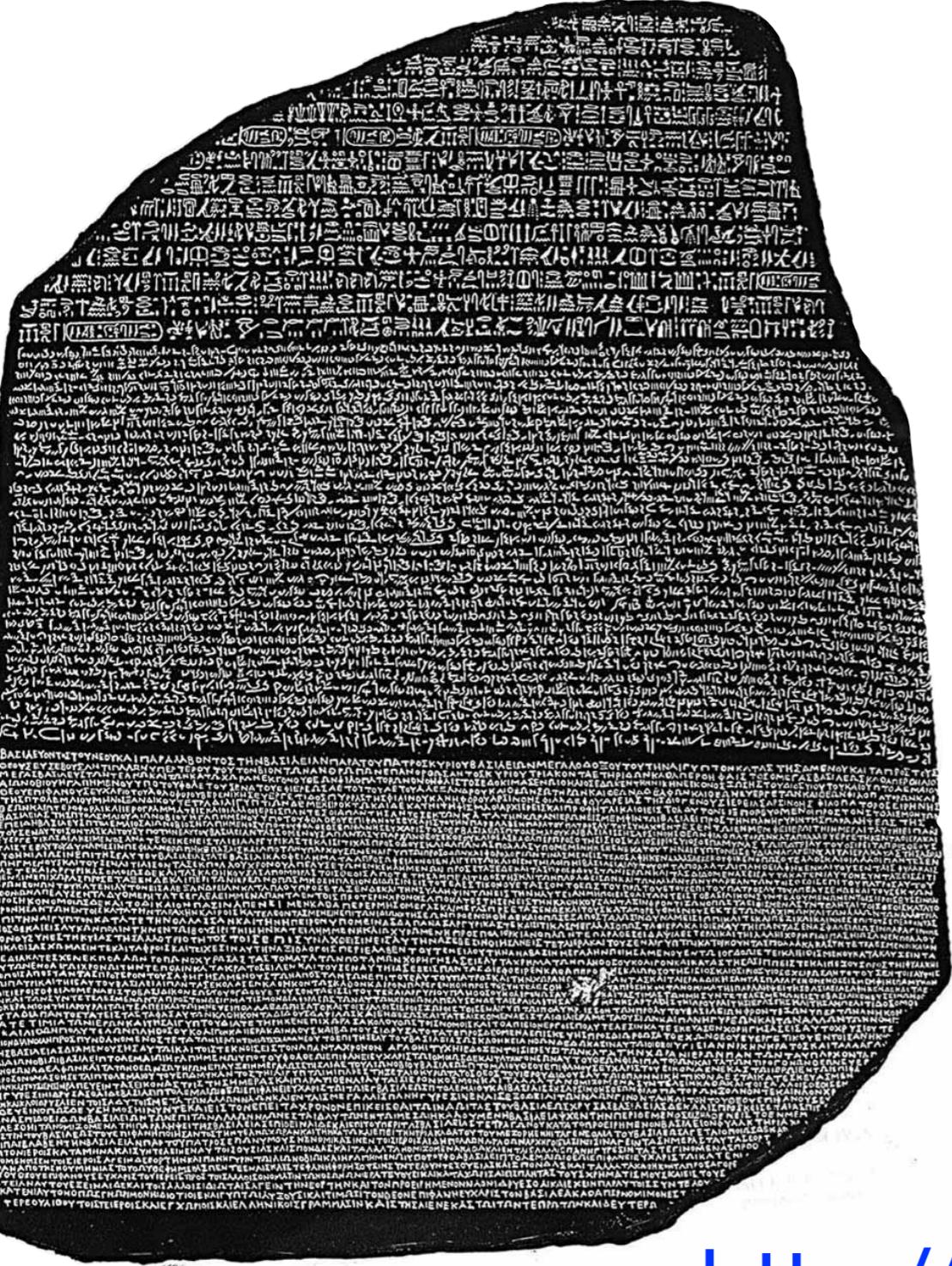
Joshua Decoder



- An open source decoder that synchronous context free grammars to translate
- Implements all algorithms needed for translating with SCFGs
- Now available: "Language Packs" for T2T generation

<http://joshua-decoder.org>

Machine Translation Class



- Developed w/Adam Lopez, Matt Post and Chris Dyer
- Project based class
- Students solve real open research problems in MT
- Projects are automatically gradable, MOOC ready

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PPDB: The Paraphrase Database

- A huge collection of paraphrases
- Extracted from 106 million sentence pairs,
2 billion English words, 22 pivot languages

	Paraphrases
Lexical	7.6 M
Phrasal	68.4 M
Syntactic	93.6 M
Total	169.6 M



huge amount

English

Go



Download PPDB

Result for **huge amount**

129 search results

1 **enormous amount**

Noun phrase missing determiner on the left



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2 **tremendous amount**

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3 **huge sum**

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7 **massive amount**

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All Lexical One-To-Many Phrasal Syntactic

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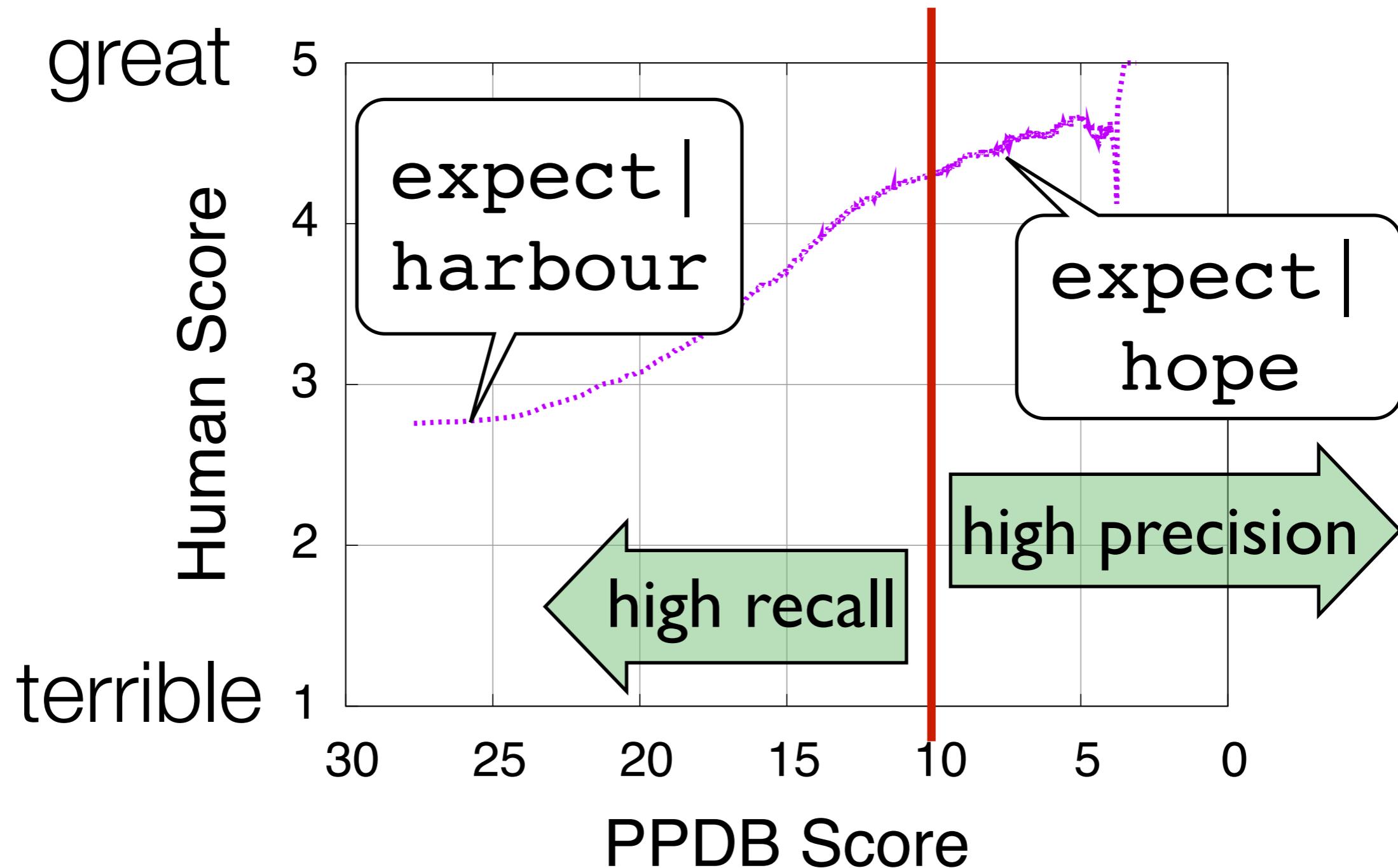
Lightbulb icon

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the PPDB (Paraphrase Database) on the paraphrase.org website. The URL in the address bar is paraphrase.org/#/download. The browser interface includes standard controls like back, forward, and search, along with a 'Reader' button and cloud storage icons.

The main content area features a search bar with placeholder text 'Search here...', a language dropdown set to 'English', and a 'Go' button with a magnifying glass icon. Below this is a 'Language' section with another language dropdown set to 'English'. Underneath are five tabs: 'All', 'Lexical', 'One-To-Many', 'Phrasal', and 'Syntactic', with 'All' currently selected.

A horizontal line labeled 'Select size of pack' separates the tabs from a row of six boxes, each containing a blue 3D cube icon and a size label: 'S Size', 'M Size', 'L Size', 'XL Size', 'XXL Size', and 'XXXL Size'. The 'XL Size' box is highlighted with a yellow background. A green lightbulb icon is located at the bottom right of this row.

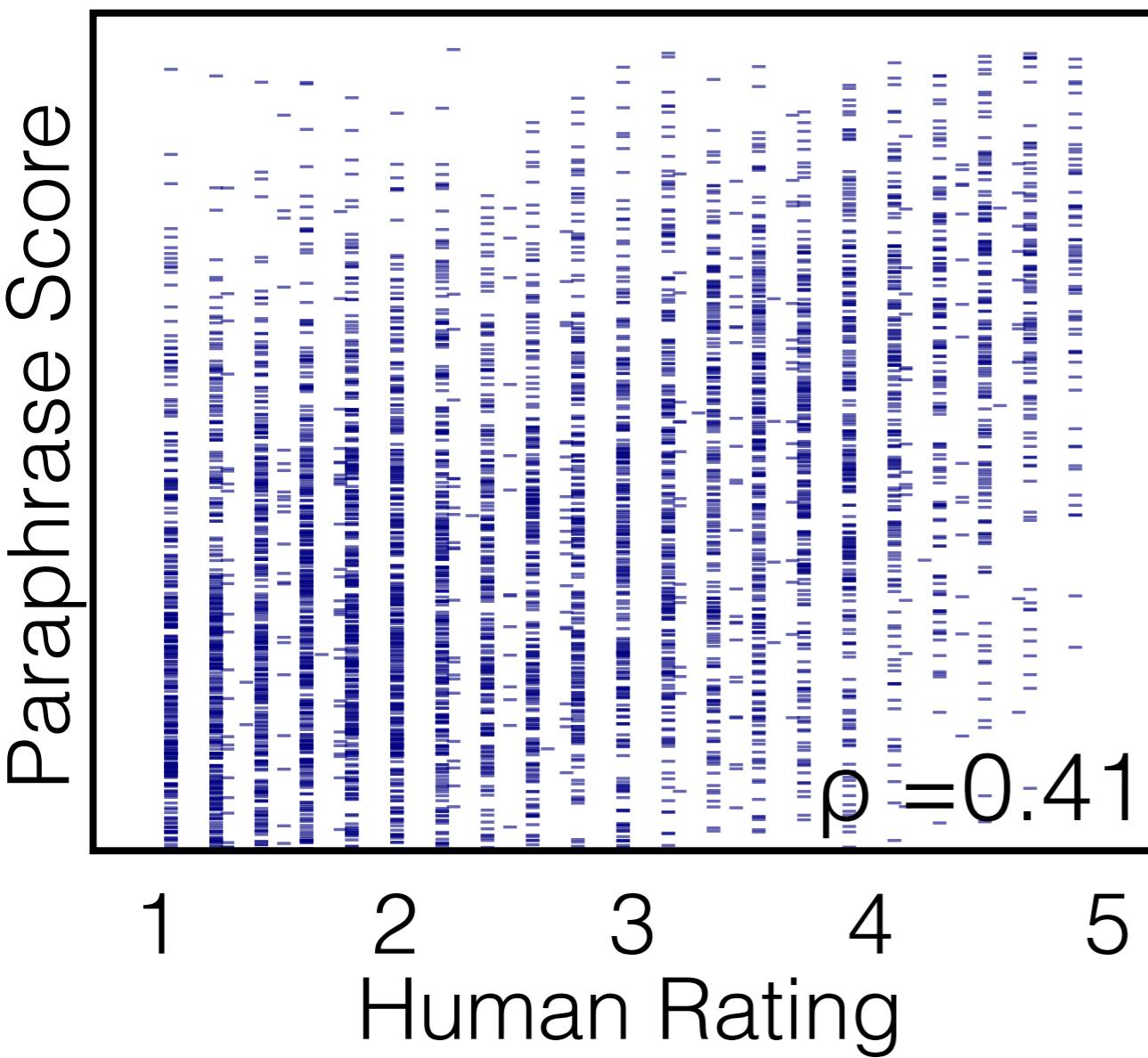
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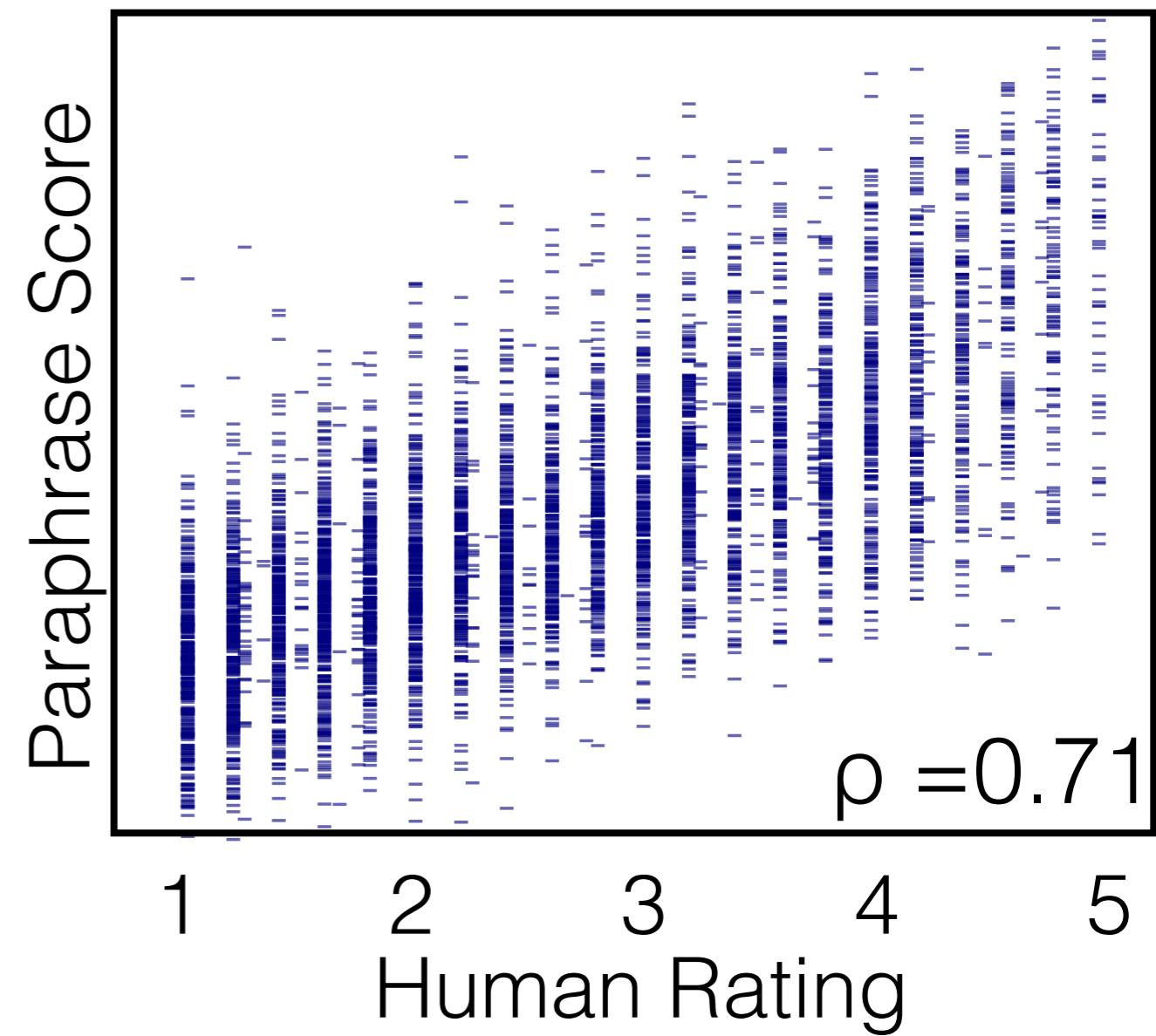
PPDB 2.0

Re-ranked paraphrases better correlate with human judgments

PPDB 1.0



PPDB 2.0



PPDB 2.0: Better paraphrase ranking, fine-grained entailment relations, word embeddings, and style classification. Ellie Pavlick, Pushpendre Rastogi, Juri Ganitkevich, Ben Van Durme, Chris Callison-Burch. ACL-2015.

Fun PPDB Examples

munchies ||| hungry



abso-fucking-lutely ||| indeed

Summary

Extraction & Representation

Extended large-scale paraphrase acquisition
from bitexts to syntactic paraphrases

Generation

Introduced a straightforward and effective
adaptation framework

Extensions beyond SMT

Improved performance by using monolingual
information

Current directions

Polysemy of paraphrases

Our method sometimes groups paraphrases that correspond to different senses of the input phrase. How can we partition them into sets?

Paraphrase recognition and entailment

The RTE problem diverges in interesting ways from paraphrasing. We are combining natural language inference and data-driven paraphrasing.

Word Sense

bug

microbe, virus,
bacterium,
germ, parasite

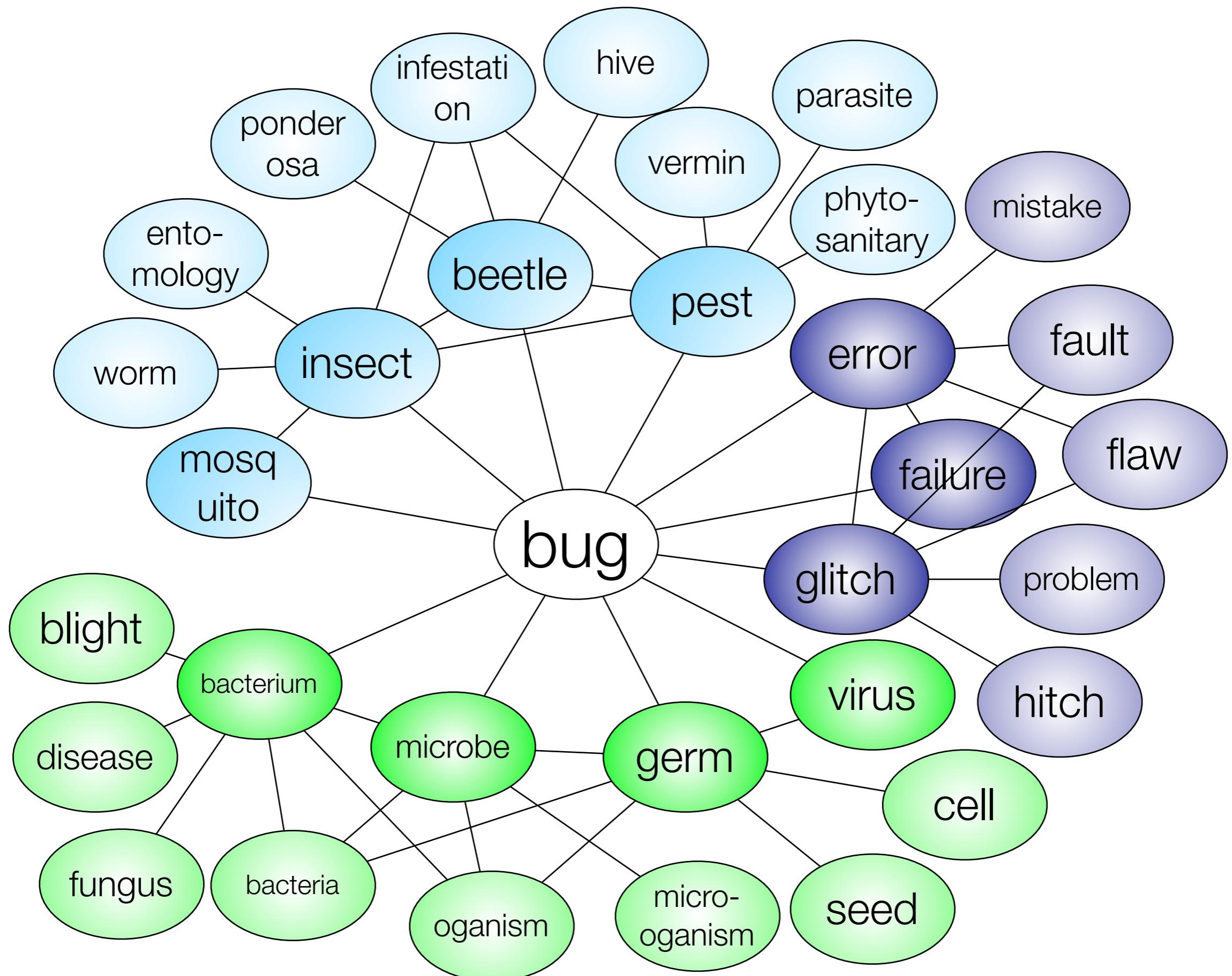
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pest, mosquito,
fly

bother, annoy,
pester

microphone,
tracker, mic,
wire, earpiece,
cookie

glitch, error,
malfunction,
fault, failure

squealer, snitch,
rat, mole



Natural Language Inference

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The following slides are from Ellie Pavlick

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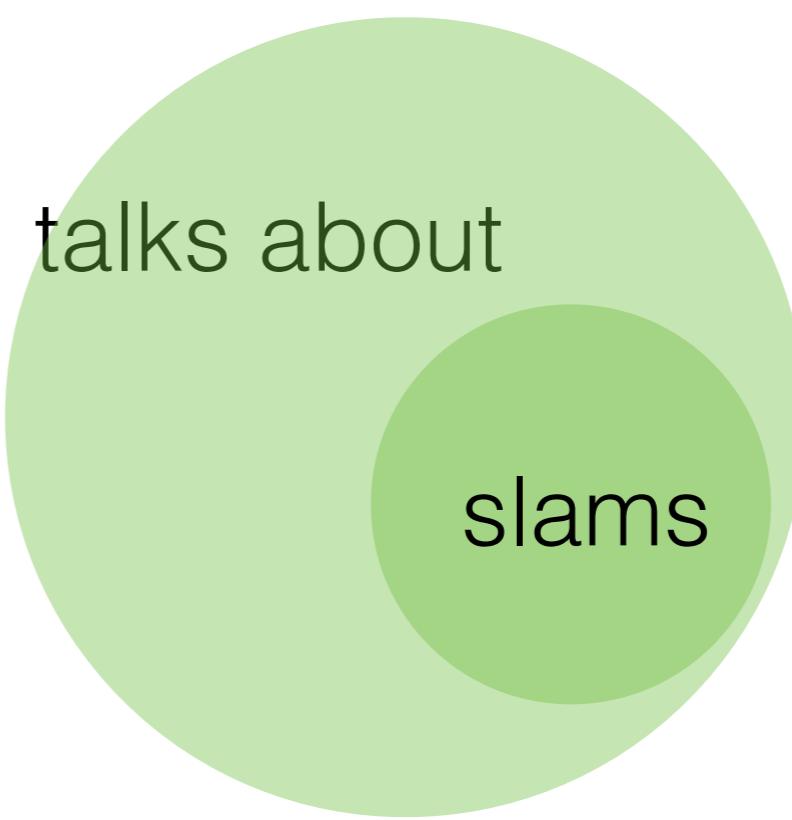
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Independent

Sanders
supporters

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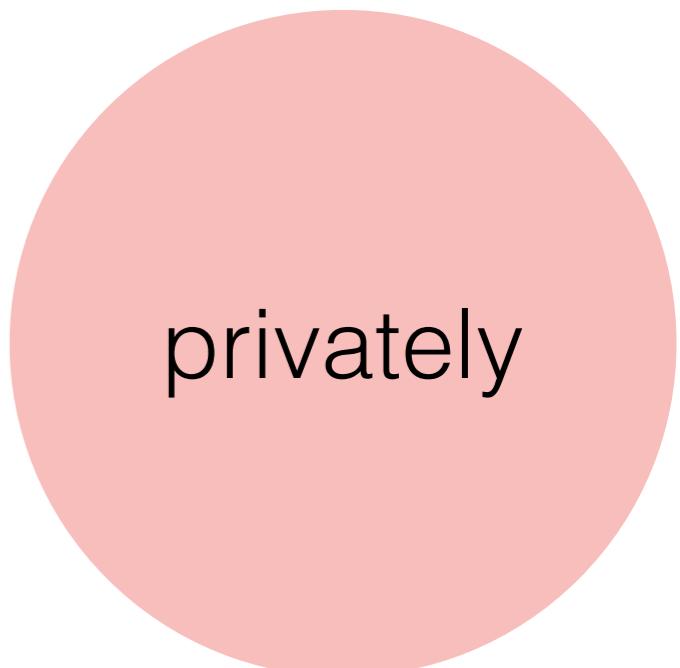
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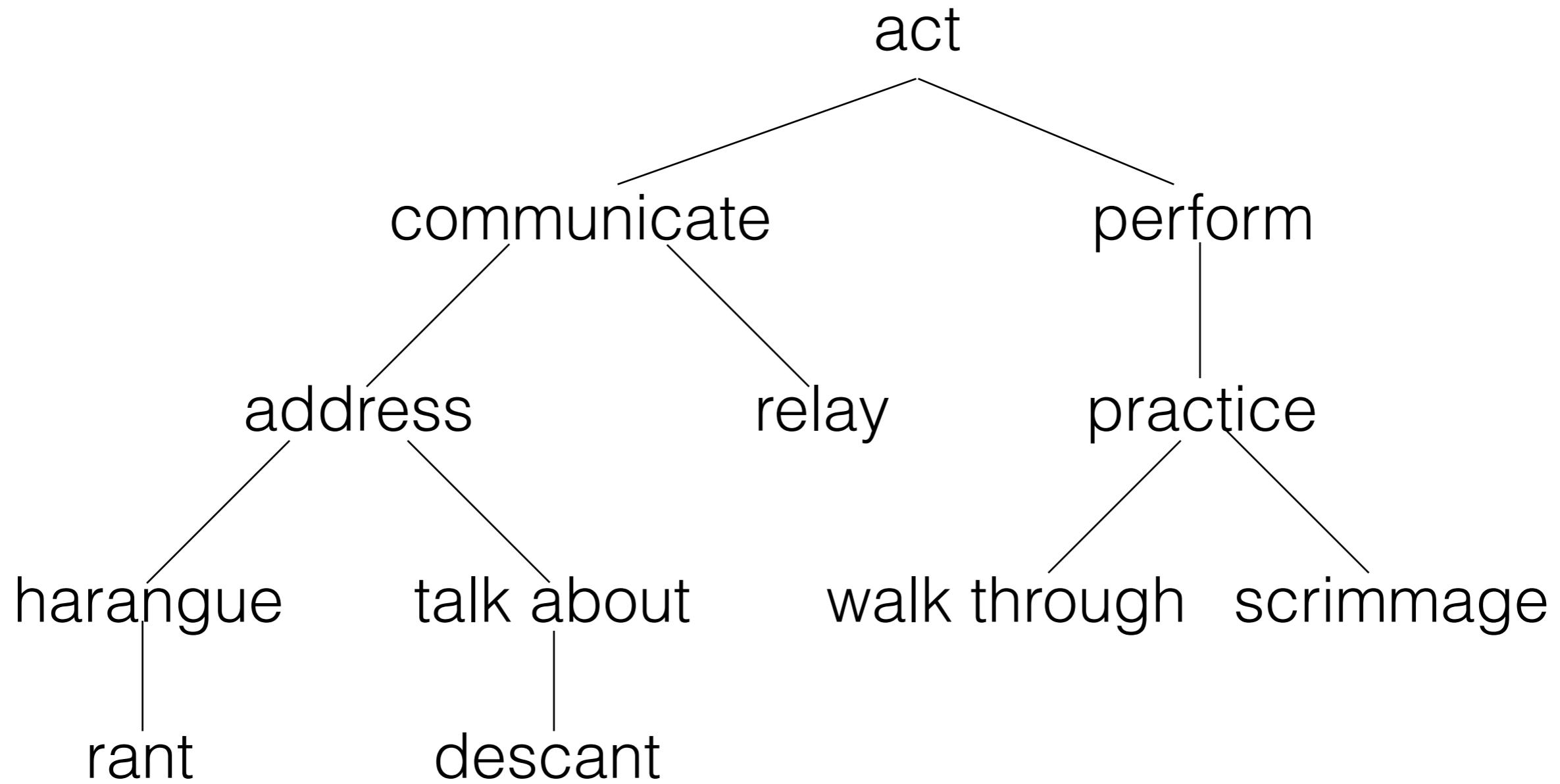


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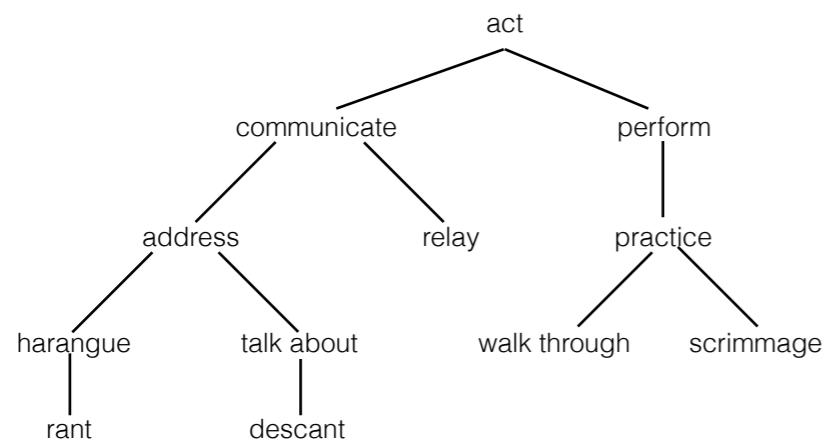


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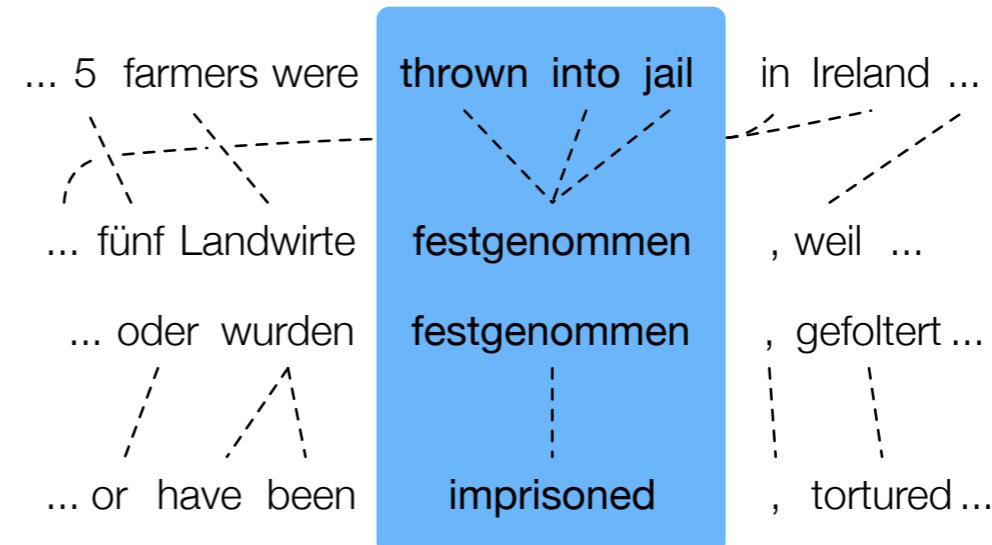
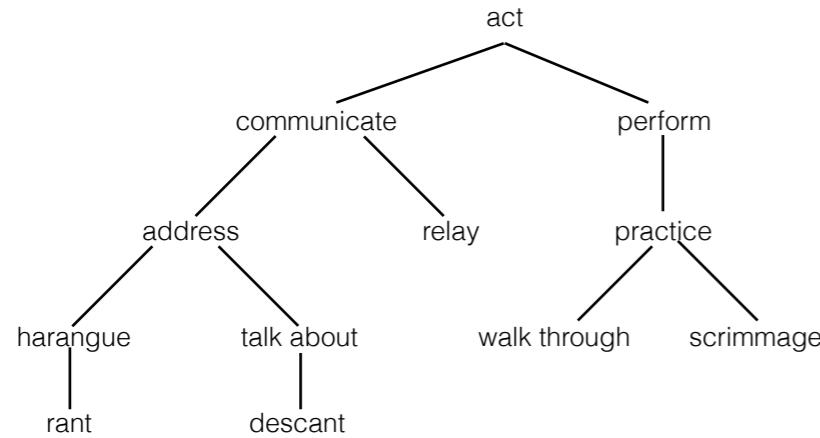
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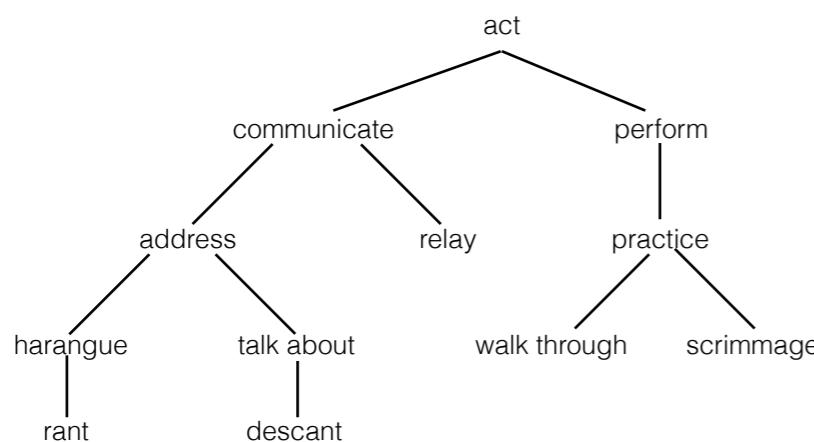
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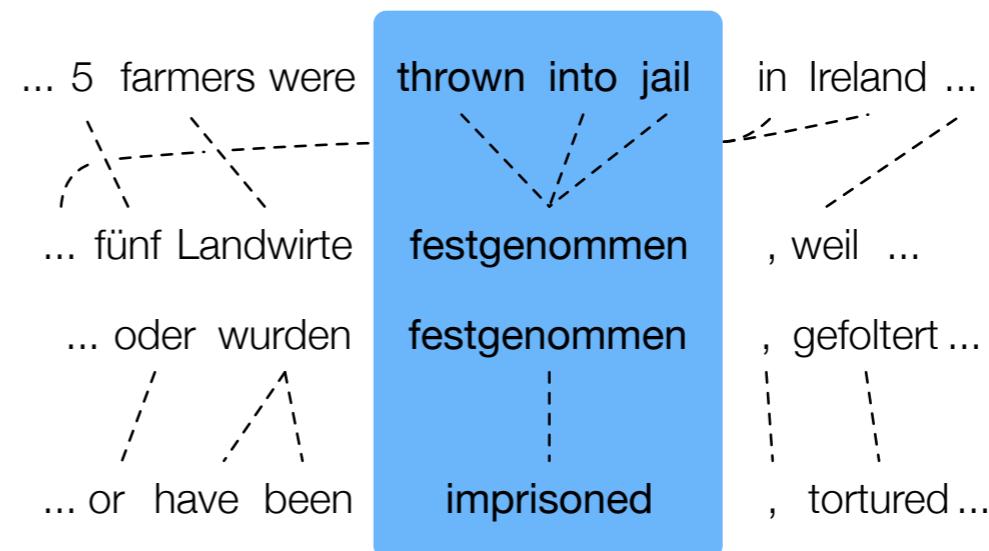
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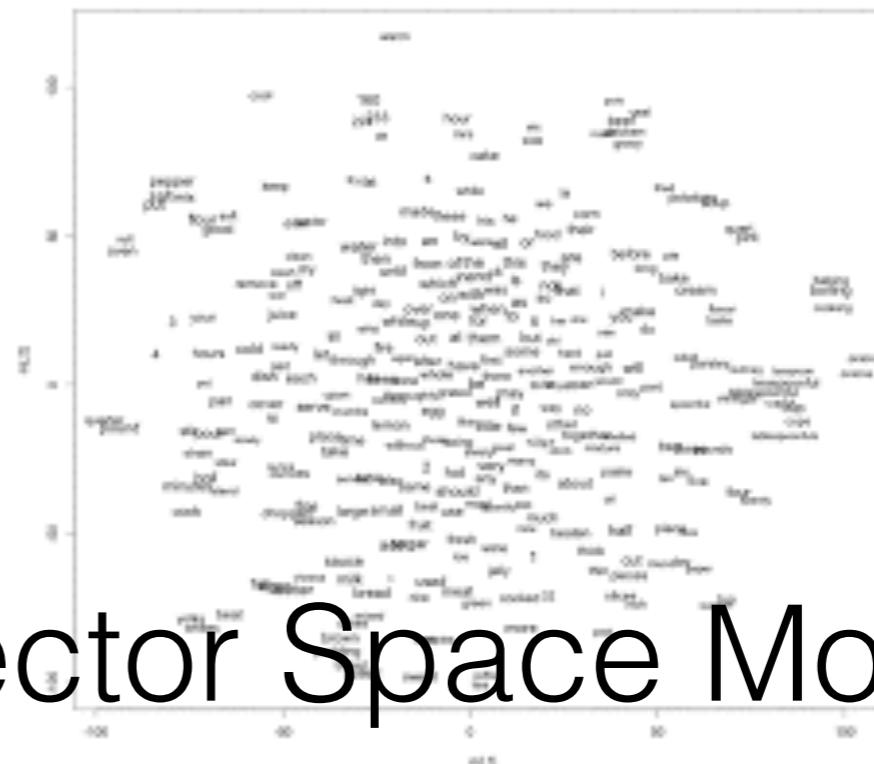
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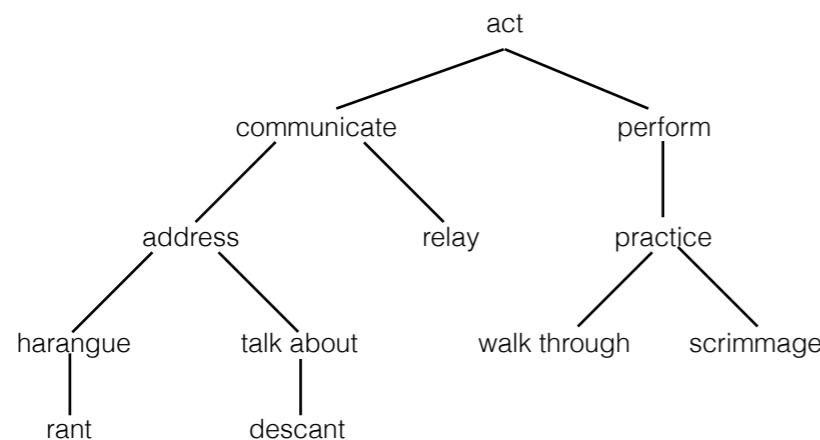


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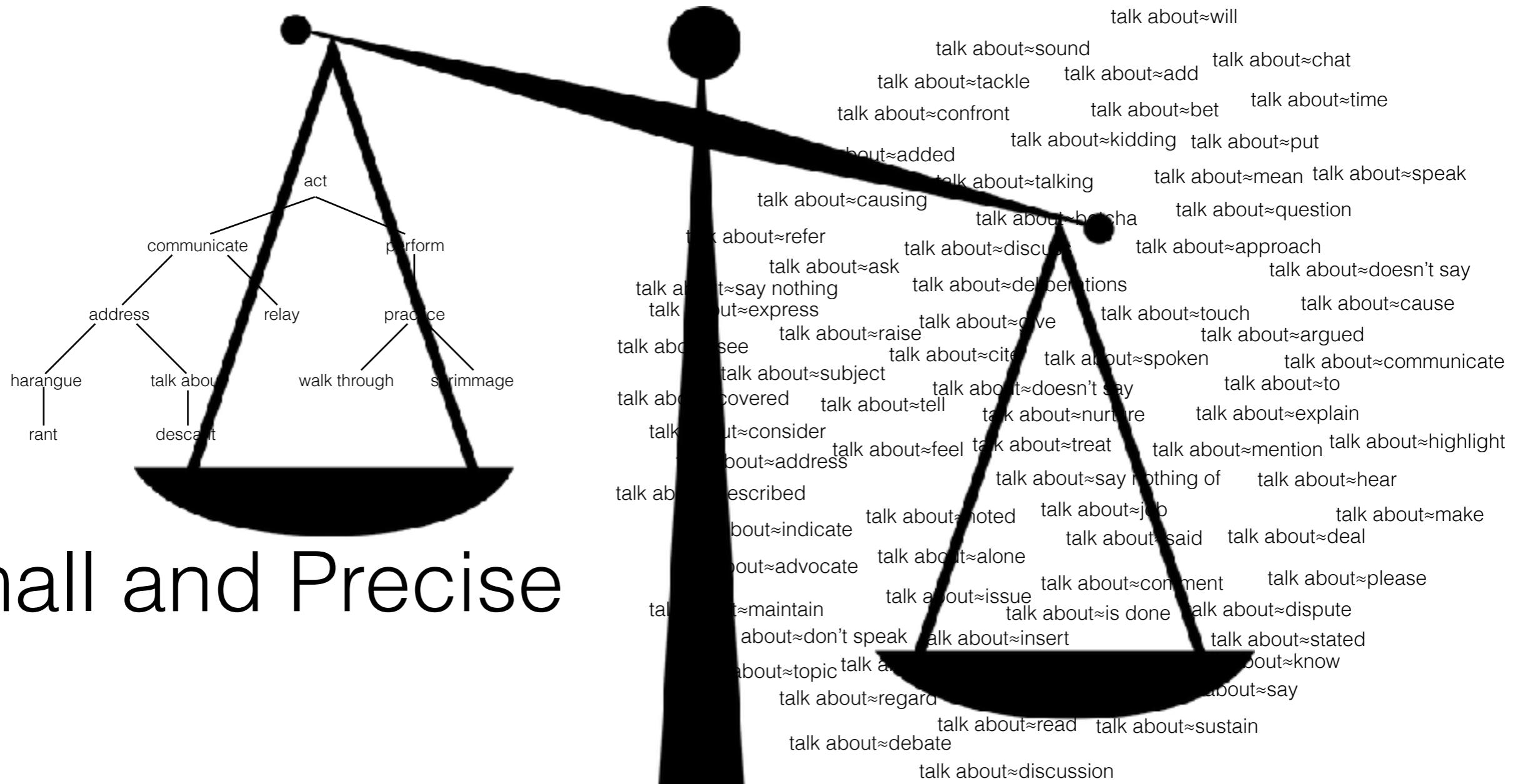
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WordNet

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Small and Precise

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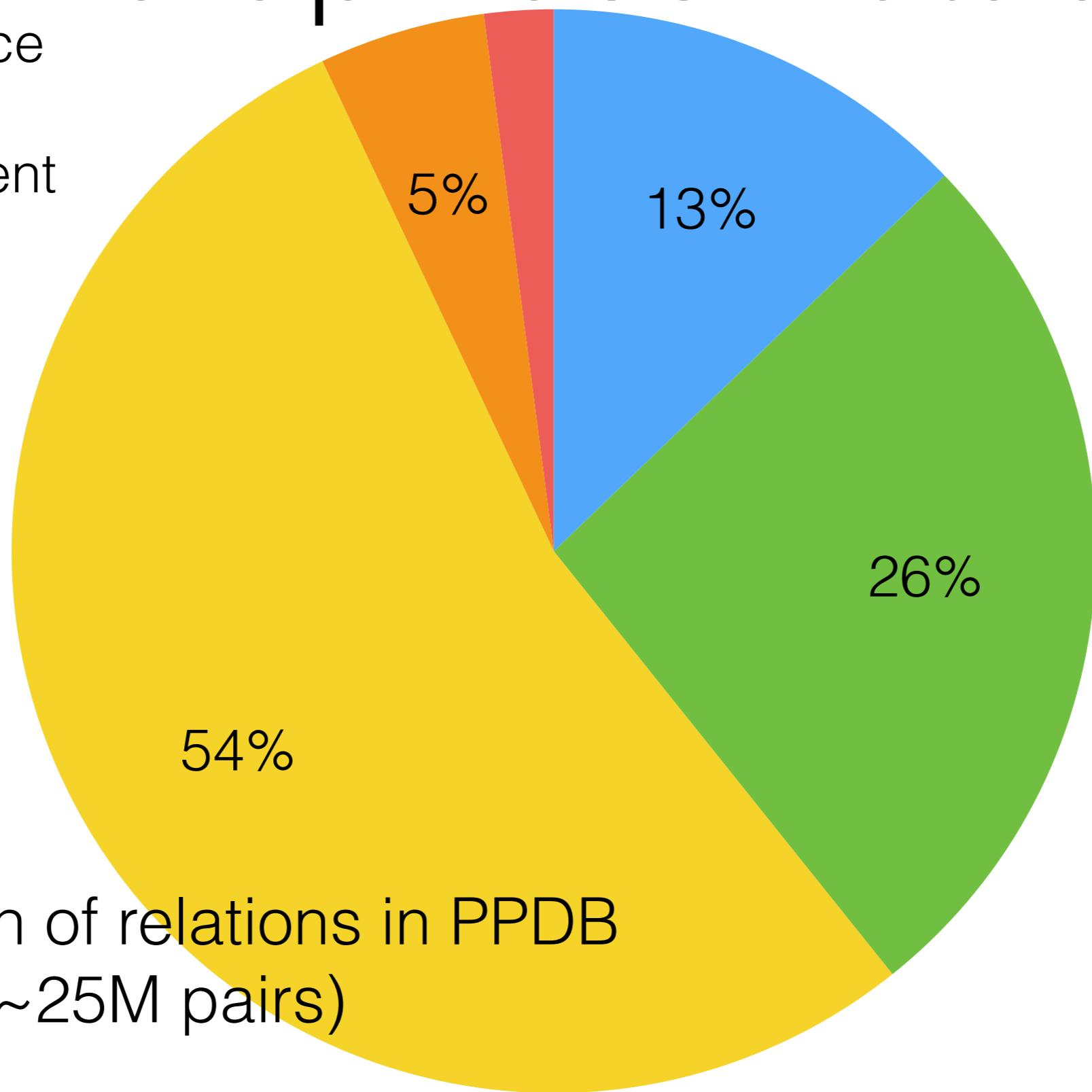
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talk about≈insert	talk about≈debate	talk about≈relate	
talk about≈give		talk about≈say nothing of	talk about≈sustain talk about≈treat
talk about≈read	talk about≈feel	talk about≈question	
talk about≈cite	talk about≈regard	talk about≈discussion	talk about≈deal

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talk about≈sound talk about≈chat talk about≈will
talk about≈betcha talk about≈added talk about≈add talk about≈time talk about≈kidding
talk about≈confront talk about≈doesn't say talk about≈bet talk about≈put talk about≈speak
talk about≈tackle talk about≈causing talk about≈mean talk about≈nurture
talk about≈ask talk about≈refer talk about≈talking talk about≈approach
talk about≈say nothing talk about≈discuss talk about≈does't say
talk about≈covered talk about≈raise talk about≈cause talk about≈express
talk about≈subject talk about≈spoken talk about≈to talk about≈touch
talk about≈consider talk about≈address talk about≈tell talk about≈highlight talk about≈explain
talk about≈see talk about≈address talk about≈noted talk about≈job talk about≈hear talk about≈communicate
talk about≈described talk about≈noted talk about≈alone talk about≈said talk about≈make
talk about≈maintain talk about≈advocate talk about≈comment talk about≈is done talk about≈please
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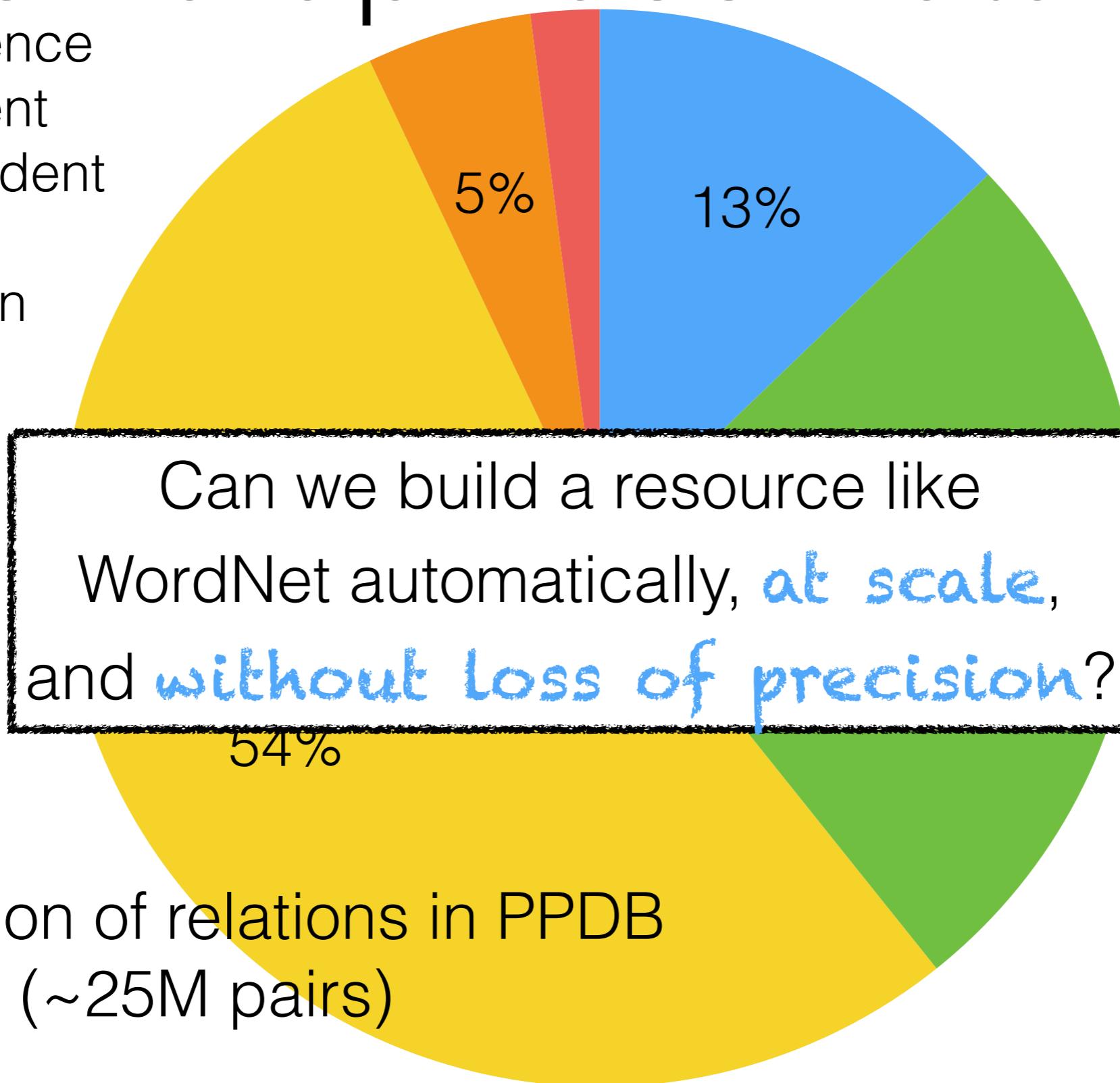
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Natural Language Inference

A man is having a conversation.

Some woman are talking.

Natural Language Inference

A man is having a conversation. Some woman are talking.

x1
man (x1)

x2 x3
patient (x2, x3) agent (x2, x1) have (x2) conversation (x3)

x1 x2
agent (x1, x2) talk (x1) woman (x2)

Natural Language Inference

A man is having a conversation. Some woman are talking.

x1	x2 x3	x1 x2
man (x1)	patient (x2, x3) agent (x2, x1) have (x2) conversation (x3)	agent (x1, x2) talk (x1) woman (x2)

$$\forall x (\text{man}(x) \Rightarrow \neg \text{woman}(x))$$

Natural Language Inference

A man is having a conversation. Some woman are talking.

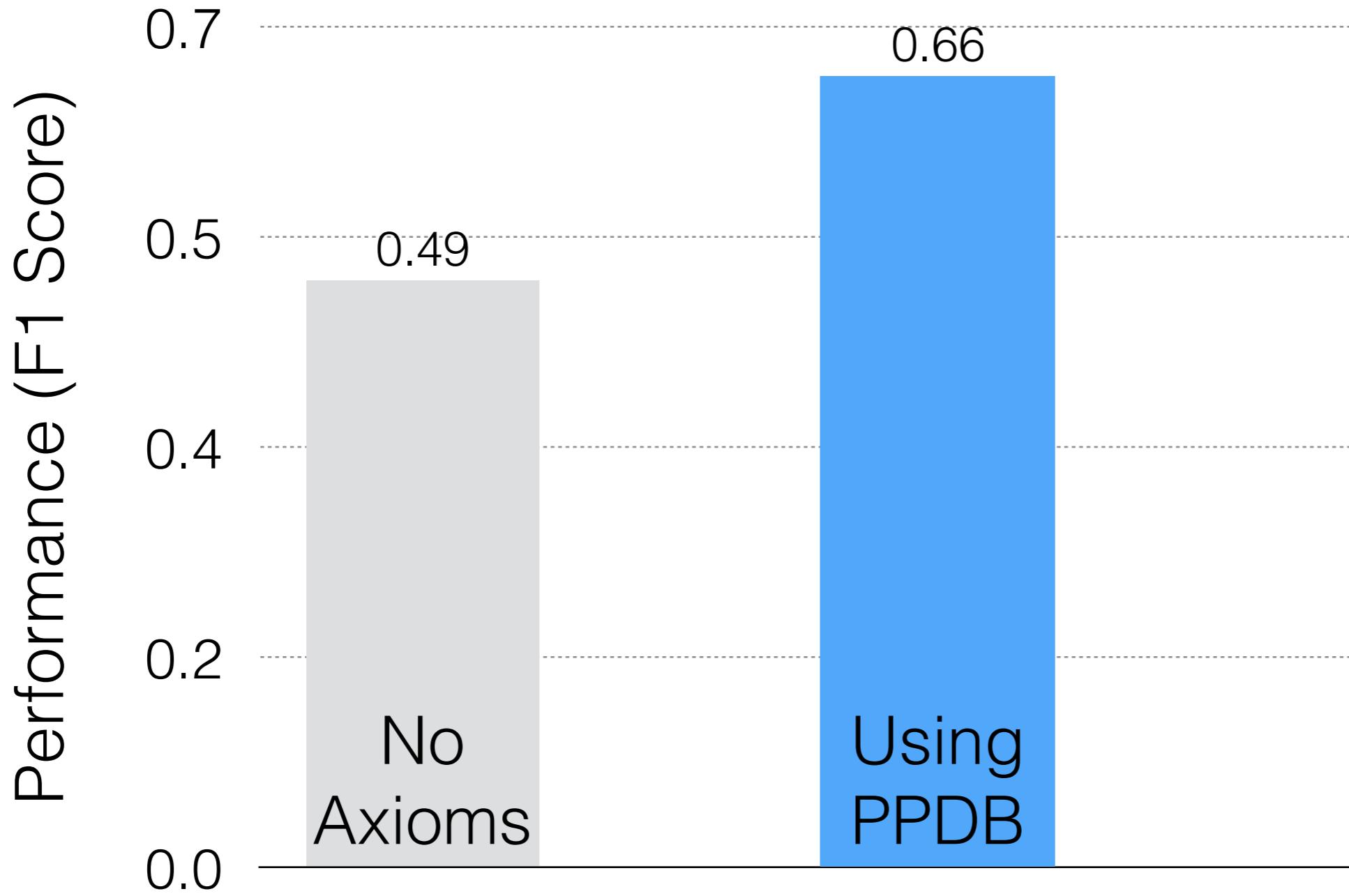
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man (x1)

x2 x3
patient(x2, x3)
agent (x2, x1)
have(x2)
conversation(x3)

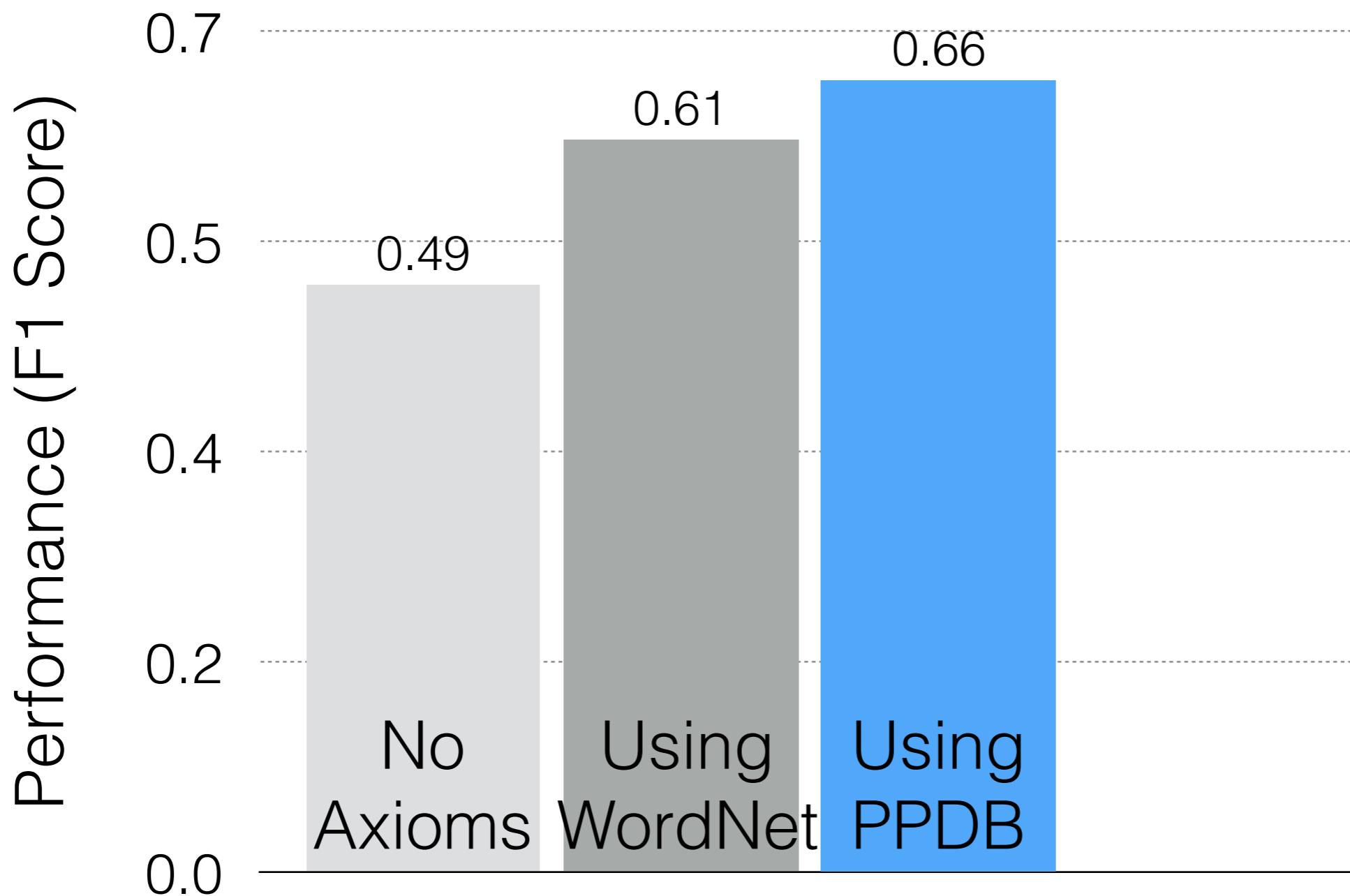
x1 x2
agent (x1, x2)
talk(x1)
woman (x2)

$$\forall x, h, c, t (\text{have}(h) \wedge \text{conversation}(c) \wedge \text{talk}(t) \\ \wedge \text{agent}(h, x) \Rightarrow \text{agent}(t, x))$$

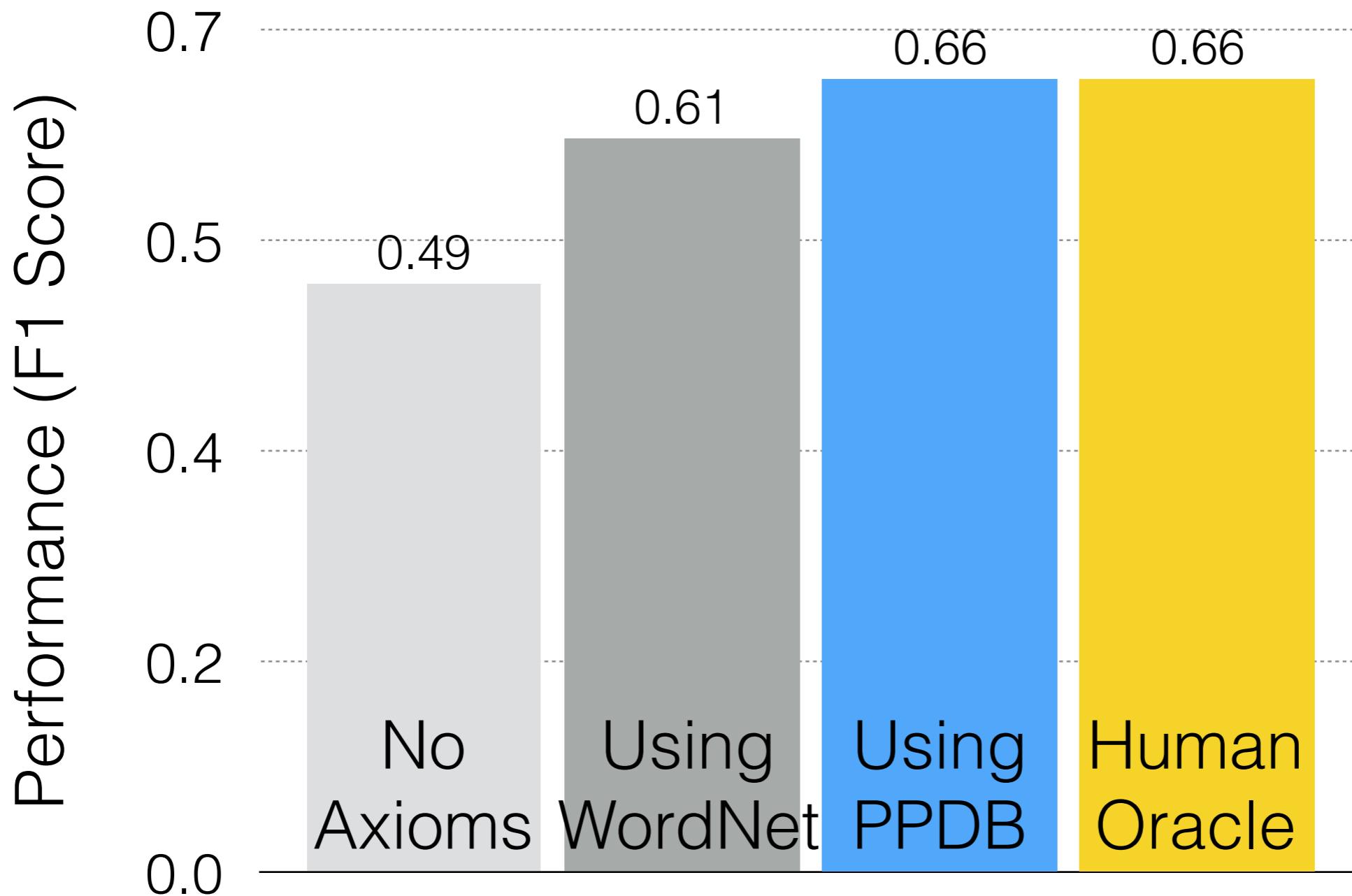
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Natural Language Inference



Natural Language Inference



thank you for your time

many thanks

here you go anyway , thanks

leave a message

gee , thanks

thanks , man you look amazing

bless you

diet coke

Thank you!

thank you very much

keep the change thank you for your attention

uh , thanks

why , thank you

don't thank me

hey , thanks

thank you , frank

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Entailment relations

Hypernym	Synonym	Antonyms	Alternations	Independent
beetle insect	icebox refrigerator	advantage disadvantage	cheese butter	advocacy spokesman
honeybee bee	impasse deadlock	competence incompetence	cliff cave	aircraft sky
fees spending	infirmary hospital	continuity discontinuity	clothing equipment	actor arena
know-how knowledge	insurrection revolt	inflow outflow	clothing housing	actor maker
pond lake	jewel gem	insanity sanity	coating asphalt	actor movie
fertilizer manure	john lavatory	legitimacy illegitimacy	columnist newspaperman	actor singer
actor entertainer	kale cabbage	niece nephew	commentator reporter	actor spokesman
actor performer	labyrinth maze	descendants ancestors	competence productivity	advantage equipment
acquisition buying	laundry washing	husbands wives	compliance enforcement	ambassador delegation