

Case competition in headless relatives

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that believe_[DAT] RP.DAT -COMP send_[ACC] he
'that you believe in him whom he sent'
(Gothic, John 6:29)

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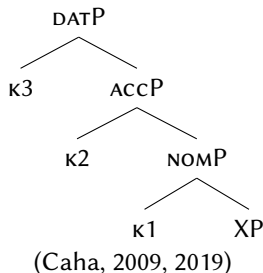
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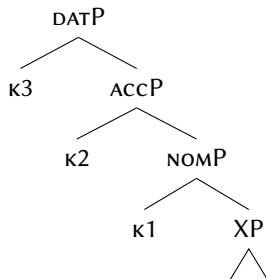
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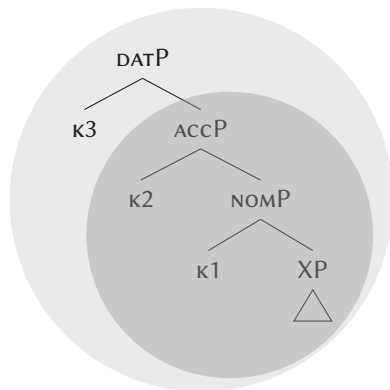
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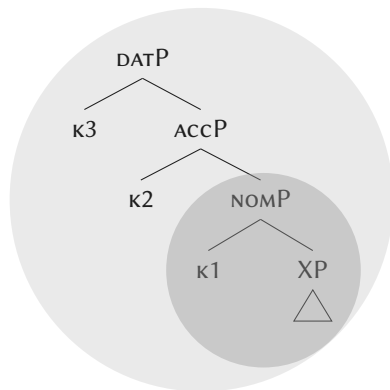
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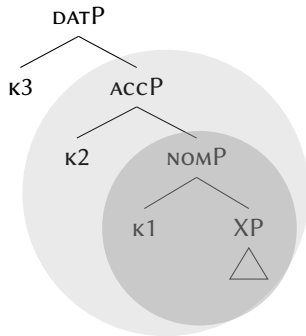
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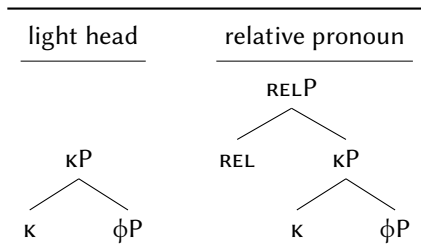
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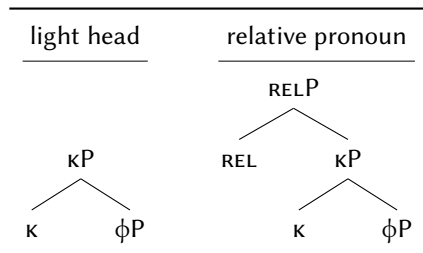
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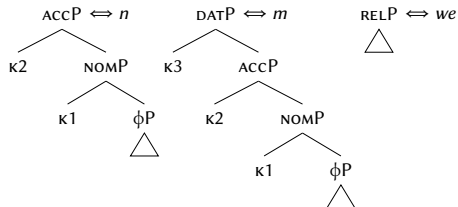
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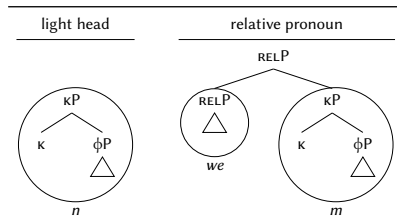
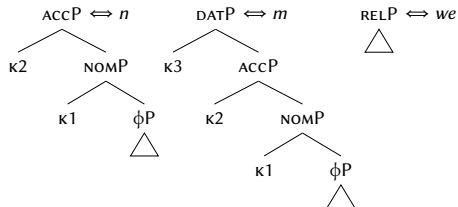
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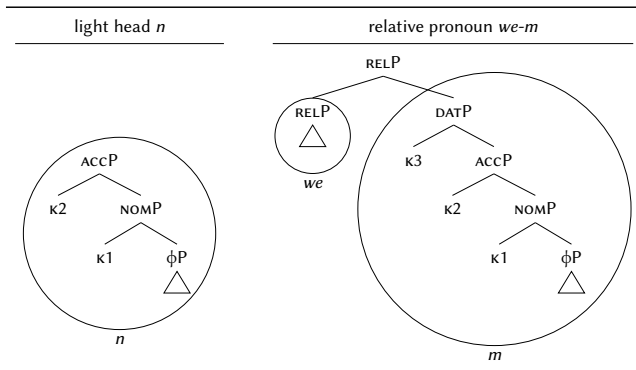
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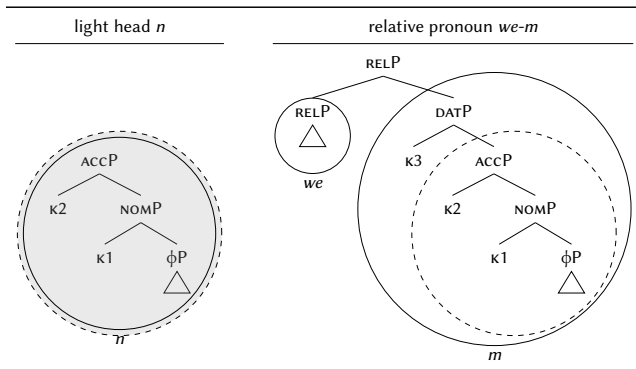
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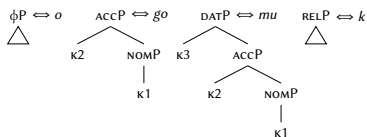
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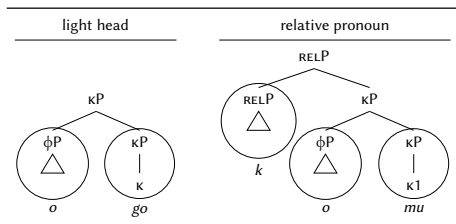
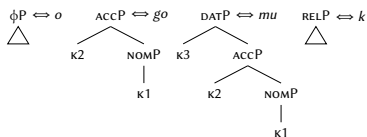
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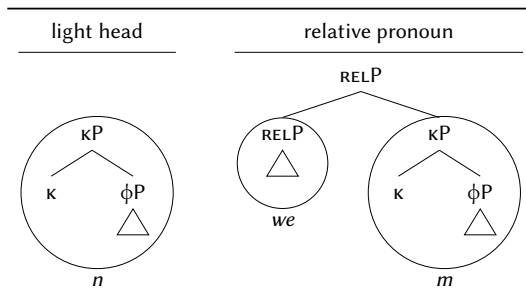
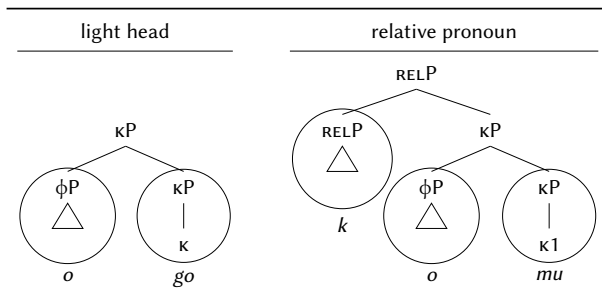
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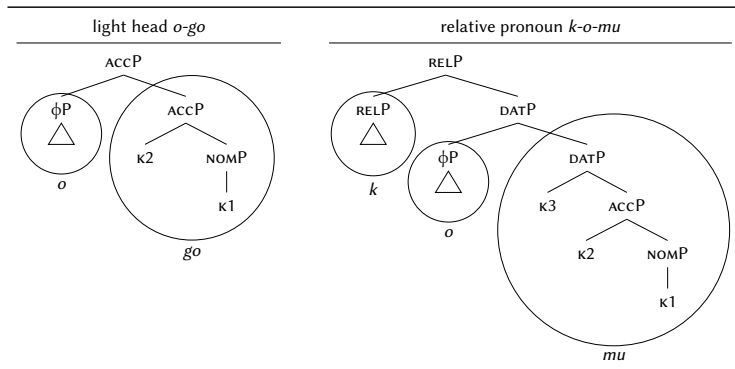
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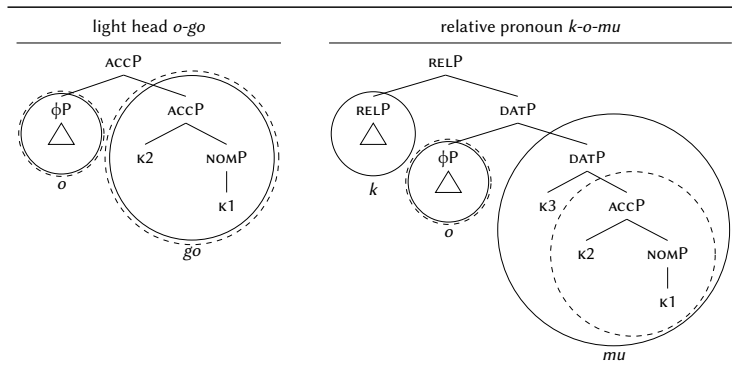
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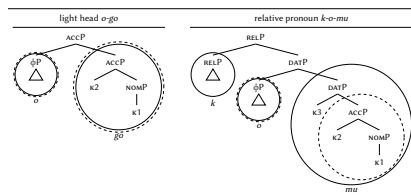
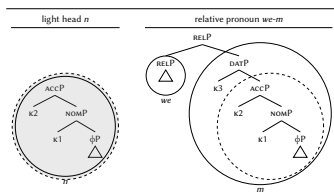
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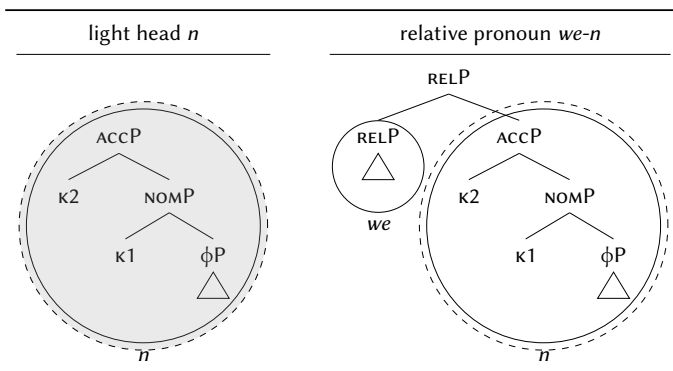
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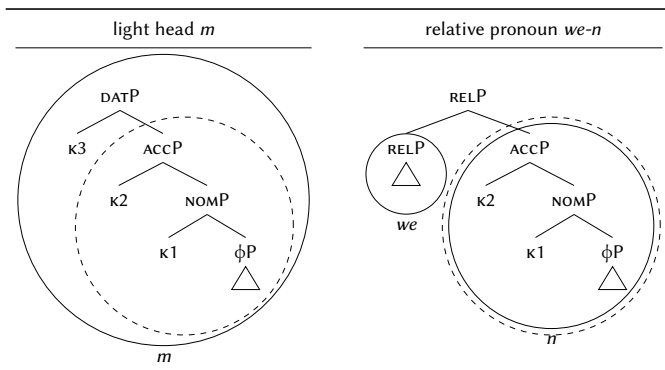
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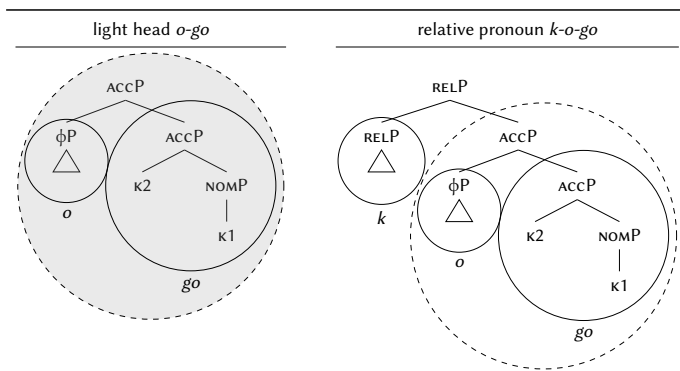
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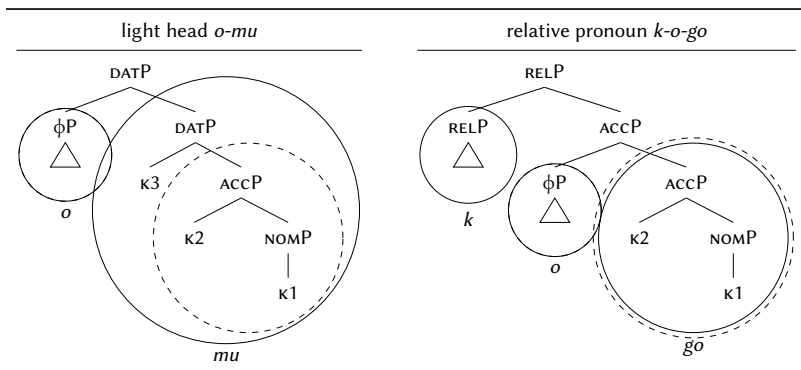
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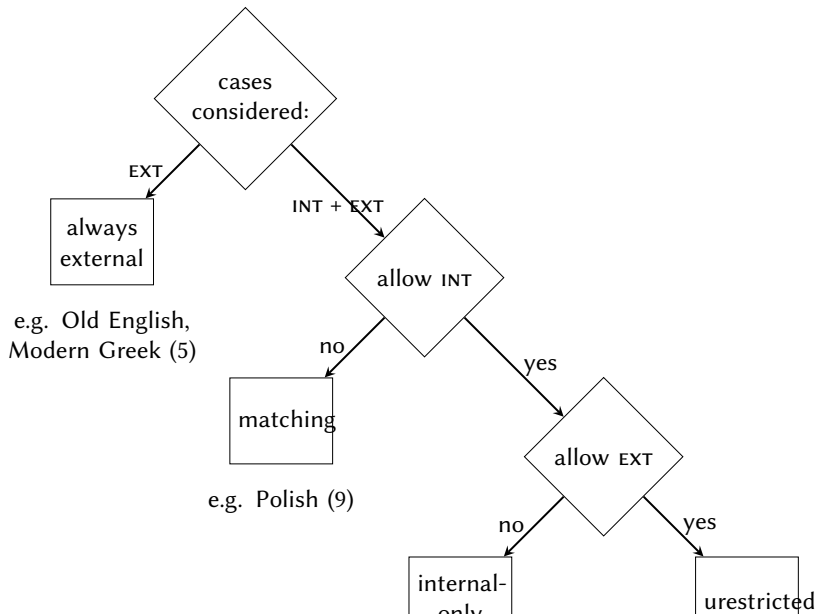
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extra stuff * cinque trees * ohg comparisons