

## ASSIGNMENT 2

(Q1)

- 1) Define discourse and pragmatic analysis. Discuss reference resolution problem in detail.

→ \* Structural definition: Discourse is a particular unit of language (above the sentence)  
eg: (from the color purple, Alice Walker)

Jack is tall and kind and dont hardly say anything  
love children. Respect his wife, adessa and all  
odessa Amazon sisters (celie's diary)

\* Functional Definition: Discourse is a particular focus of language use.

\* Pragmatic analysis: Pragmatics is defined as subfield of linguistics that studies the way in which context contributes to meaning. Pragmatics encompasses speech act theory, conversational implicature, talk in interaction and other approaches to language behaviour in philosophy, sociology conventional or "coded" in given language

Eg: You invited your friend over for dinner your child seen your friend reach for some cookies and says, "never eat those, or you'll get even bigger". You can't believe your child could be so rude.

## \* Reference Resolution Problem

The process by which REFERENCE speakers use expressions (like John went to Bill's car dealership to check out an Acura integra - he looked at it for about an hour) to denote a person named John our discussion require that we first define some terminology.

A natural language expression used to perform reference is called a referring expression, and the entity that is referred to is called the referent. Thus, John and he in passage and referring expression, and John is their referent (To distinguish between referring expressions and their referents, we italicize the former)

2) Explain hierarchical discourse structure & reference resolution.

→ The coherence of entire discourse can also be considered by hierarchical structure between coherence relations.

For eg., the following passage can be represented as hierarchical structure -

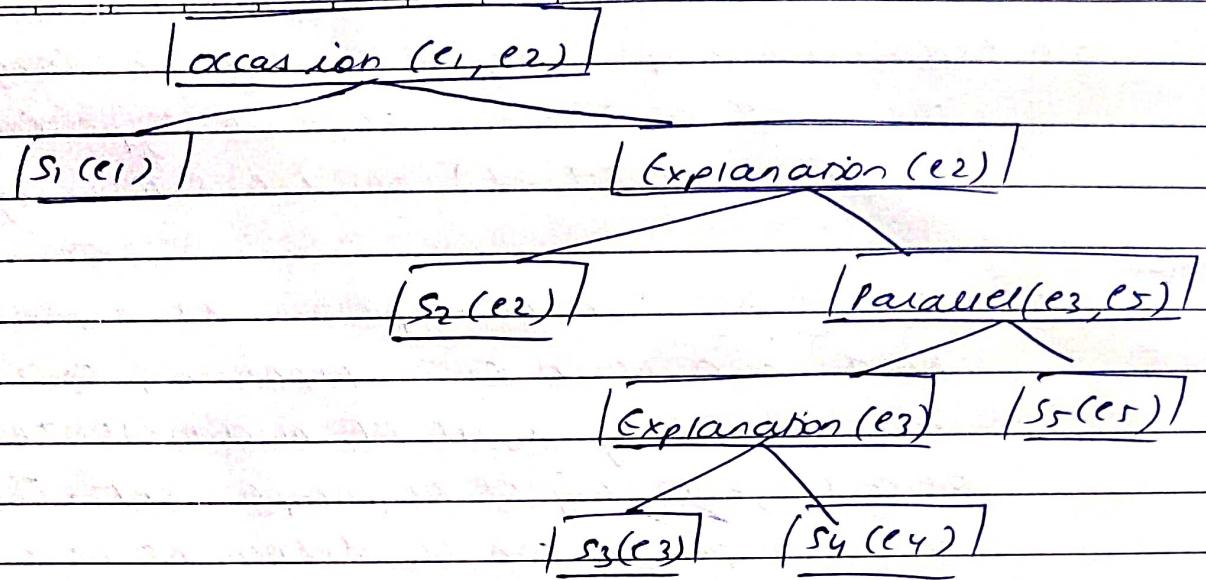
S1 - Ram went to bank to deposit money

S2 - He then took a train to shayan's cloth shop

S3 - He wanted to buy some clothes

S4 - He do not have new clothes for party

S5 - He also wanted to talk to shyan regarding his health.



### \* Reference Resolution

Interpretation of the sentences from any discourse is another important task and to achieve this we need to know who are what entity is being talked about. Here interpretation sequence is the key element. Reference may be defined as the linguistic expression to denote an entity or an individual. For eg in the passage, Ram the manager of ABC bank, saw his friend chyam at shop. He went to meet him, the linguistic expression like Ram, his, He are reference.

On the same note, reference resolution may be defined as the task of determining what entities are referred to by which linguistic expression.

3) Explain noun phrase, verb phrase in language. Identify the head and morphological type (noun, verb, adjective, adverbial) of the following sentence.

→ Noun phrase: A noun phrase is a phrase whose head is a noun or a pronoun, optionally accompanied by a set of modifiers. It can function as a subject, object or complement. The modifiers of a noun phrase can be determiners or adjective phrase.

NP → Pronoun

NP → Det. Noun

NP → Noun

We can combine all these rules in single phrase structure rules as follows:

NP → (Det) (Adj) Noun / Pronoun

Verb phrase: Analogous to the noun phrase is the verb phrase, which is headed by verbs. There is a fairly wide range of reasons that can modify verbs. This makes verb phrase a bit more complex. The verb phrase organises various elements of the sentence that depends syntactically on the verb. Find the following are some example of phrases.

- i) President of the company → Noun phrase
- ii) Look up the chimney → Verb phrase
- iii) Angry as a hippo → Adjective phrase
- iv) Rapidly like a bat → Adverbial phrase.

Q2. Explain with suitable example following relationships between word meaning : Homonymy, polysemy, antonymy, hyponymy, hyperonymy, meronymy.

→ \* Homonymy: It may be defined as the words having same spelling or same form but having different and unrelated meaning.

For eg: The word "Bat" is a homonymy word because bat can be implement to hit a ball or bat is a flying mammal.

\* Polysemy: This means "many signs" - It is a word or phrase with different but related sense. Polysemy has the same spelling but different meaning.

For eg: "Bank"

meanings i) Financial institution

ii) Synonym for "to rely on"

\* Antonymy: It is the relation between 2 lexical items having symmetry between their semantic components relative to the axis.

For eg: rich/poor, life/death, etc.

\* Hyperonymy: Hyperonymy is the condition of being inclusive of all other synonymy of a given synonyms.

For eg:

look (Hyperonym)  
view stare glare glace

\* Hyponomy: It may be defined as the relationship between a generic term and instance of that generic term. Here generic term is called as hyperonymy and its instance are called as hyponymys.

For eg: The word color is hyponomy and color blue, yellow, etc are hyponymy.

\* Meronymy: It may be defined as a semantic relation specific to linguistics. A meronymy denotes a constituent part of a member or something.

For eg: finger is meronymy of hand

similarly, wheels are meronymy of automobile

Q3. Why is word sense disambiguation is challenging problem in natural language processing?

→ In natural language processing, word sense disambiguation is the problem of determining by a 'sense' (meaning) of a word is activated by the uses of the word in a particular context, a process which appears to be largely unconscious in people.

WSD is a natural classification problem: Given a word and its possible senses, as defined by a dictionary, classify an occurrence of the word into context into one or more of its sense classes. The features of the context provide the evidence for classification.

For eg: little John was looking for mystery box. Finally he found it. The box was in the pen. John was very happy.

1) pen - a writing implement with a point from which ink flows

2) pen - an enclosure for confining livestock

3) pen - a portable enclosure in which babies may be left to play.

4) pen - a correctional institution for those convicted  
of major crimes

5) pen - female swan

words are typically assumed to have a finite  
and discrete set of senses, a gross simplification  
of the complexity of word meaning. There  
are different algorithms for different  
applications. In machine translation, the problem  
takes the form of target word selection. Here  
the 'senses' are words in the target language  
which often correspond to significant meaning  
distinctions in the source language.

For eg: Bank could translate into Financial  
Bank or edge of river.

Q4. Draw and explain shift reduce parsing in  
natural language processing.

→ The shift-reduce parser by maintaining a state  
of the current parsed tree with the words  
of the sentence on a queue and partially  
computed trees on a stack and applying transitions  
to the state until the queue is empty and  
the current stack only contains a finished tree.

The initial state is to have all of the words in order on the queue with an empty stack. The transitions which can be applied are:

\* Shift: A word moves from the queue onto the stack

\* Unary Reduce: A label of the first constituent on the stack changes. There is a different unary transition for every possible unary nodes in the tree bank used for training.

\* Binary reduce: The first two nodes on the stack are combined into a new label. Thus are either right sided or left sided indicating which child is treated as the head.

\* Finalize: A tree is not considered finished until the parser chooses the finalize transition

Part of speech tags are not assigned by the parser and are in fact used as features - this is accomplished by parttagging the text, meaning the POS annotated needs to be used.

For eg: "The dog saw a man in the park"

i) Initial state

stack

## remaining text

The dog saw a man in the park

- 2) After the shift

stack

## remaining text

the dog saw a man in the park

- 3) reduce shift reduce

crack

## remaining text

set  $\approx n$

I saw a man in the park

1 1000

- 4) After recognizing the second NP

STOCK

## remaining test

- 3) After building a complex NP

Stack

remaining text

- 6) Build a complete parse tree

stack

## remaining Text

The diagram shows the following structure:

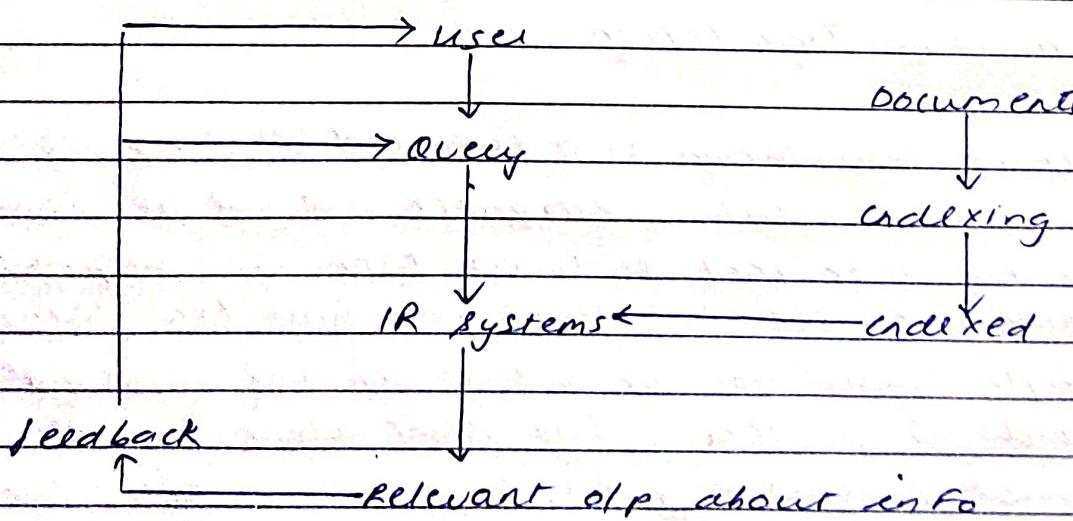
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  NP VP
 / | \
 Det N V
 "the" dog saw
      |
      NP
     / | \
    Det N P
   "a" man in
      |
      NP
     / | \
    Det N
   "a" park
  
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Q5. write a short note on:

a) Information Retrieval

→ Information retrieval (IR) may be defined as a software program that deals with organization, storage, retrieval and evaluation of information from document repositories particularly textual information. The system assists user in finding information they require but it does not explicitly return the answers of the questions. It informs the existence and location of documents that might consist of the required information. The documents that satisfy user's requirement are called relevant documents. A perfect IR system will retrieve only relevant documents.



From the above diagram, it is clearly shown that user who needs info will have to formulate a query in the form of a query in natural language. Then the IR systems will respond by retrieving the relevant QLP in the form of documents, about the need information.

Mathematically, a retrieval model consist of:

D - representation of documents

R - representation for queries

F - The modelling framework for D, C along with the relationships b/w them.

$R(a, d_i)$  - A similarity function which orders the doc wrt query. It is also called as ranking.

### b) machine Translation

Machine Translation is a subfield of computational linguistics that investigates the use of software to translate text or speech from one language to another. On the basic level, machine translation performs simple substitution of words in one language for words in another, but that alone usually cannot produce a good translation of a text because recognition of whole phrases and their closest counter parts in the target language is needed.

Improved off quality can also be achieved by human investigation. For eg: some systems are able to translate more accurately if the user has unambiguously identified which word in the text are proper names.

With the assistance of such techniques, machine translation has proven useful as a tool to assist human translators and in very limited number of cases can even produce off that can be used as eg: weather reports

Major issues:

- \* machine translation could produce some non-understandable phrases
- \* Ambiguity
- \* Non-standard speech
- \* Named entities.

### (c) Word net

→ word net is a lexical database of semantic relations between words in more than 200 languages. word net links words, into semantic relations including synonyms, metonymy etc. The synonyms are grouped into synsets with short definitions and usage examples. word net can thus be seen as a combination of dictionary and thesaurus. While it is accessible to human users via a web browser, its primary use is in automatic text analysis and artificial intelligence applications.

WORDNET was first created in English language and tools and WORDNET database have been released and are freely available for download from their WORDNET website.

### Limitations

- It is easy to create hyponyms relationship to capture that a 'center' is a type of 'tree' but it is difficult to classify emotions like "fear" or "happiness" into really deep and well defined hyponyms relationships.
- WORDNET database include info about etymology and pronunciation of words and it contains only limited info about usage.
- WORDNET does not include much domain specific terminology.