Partitive Case

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Matrix

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(1) a. Skolko   knig   prochital   Ivan?
       how.many book.PL.PART read.3SG.PST Ivan.NOM
       'How many books did Ivan read?' [rus]

   b. *Skolko   knigi   prochital   Ivan?
       how.many book.PL.ACC read.3SG.PST Ivan.NOM
       Intended: 'How many books did Ivan read?'

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(2) a. Ivan vidit   knigi
  Ivan.NOM see.3SG.PRES book.PL.ACC
  'Ivan sees books.' [rus]

  b. *Ivan vidit   knig
   Ivan.NOM see.3SG.PRES book.PL.PART
   Intended: 'Ivan sees books.'

  c. Ivan ne vidit   knig
   Ivan.NOM NOT see.3SG.PRES book.PL.PART
   'Ivan does NOT see books.' [rus]

  d. Ivan vidit   mnogo knig
   Ivan.NOM see.3SG.PRES many book.PL.PART
   'Ivan sees lots of books.' [rus]

Partitive Case contd.

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(3) a. Ivan   vypil   chaju
     Ivan.NOM drink.3sg.pst tea.PART
     'Ivan drank some tea.' [rus]

     b. Ivan   vypil   chaj
     Ivan.NOM drink.3sg.pst tea.ACC
     'Ivan drank the tea.' [rus]

     c. Ivan vidit chaj
     Ivan.NOM see.3sg.pres tea.ACC
     'Ivan sees tea.' [rus]

     d. *Ivan vidit chaju
     Ivan.NOM see.3sg.pres tea.PART
     Intended: 'Ivan sees some tea.'

     e. Ivan ne vidit chaju
     Ivan.NOM NOT see.3sg.pres tea.PART
     'Ivan does not sees tea.' [rus]

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Free word order and info structure

(4) a. Ivan   dal sobake **kost'**.
        Ivan.NOM gave dog.DAT bone.ACC
        'Ivan gave the dog a bone.' [rus]

     b. Ivan   dal kost'   **sobake**.
        Ivan.NOM gave bone.ACC dog.DAT
        'Ivan gave a bone to the dog.' [rus]

     c. Ivan   dal **kost'**   sobake.
        Ivan.NOM gave bone.ACC dog.DAT
        'Ivan gave the dog a bone.' [rus]

- ▶ Used Info Structure library as a starting point
- ▶ Continued a bit differently (but kind of the same) to support ditransitive constructions
- ▶ Result: Lots of rules and some spurious trees