1 Subsumption and unification

Define (in pseudocode or implemented) a subsumption algorithm for (typed) feature structures. Assume the function subsumes(type0, type1) to be given.

Optional: adapt it for (destructive or non-destructive) unification.

2 Parsing

Modify a chart parsing algorithm to deal with unification-based grammars (without subsumption packing) and discuss points of inefficiency. Try to present a solution (in pseudo-code or implemented form) for at least one of them.

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