Wh-movement II

Based on Koeneman & Zeiljstra (2017)

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Why move a *wh*-phrase

(1) Which yellow chair has Adrian always liked <which yellow chair>?

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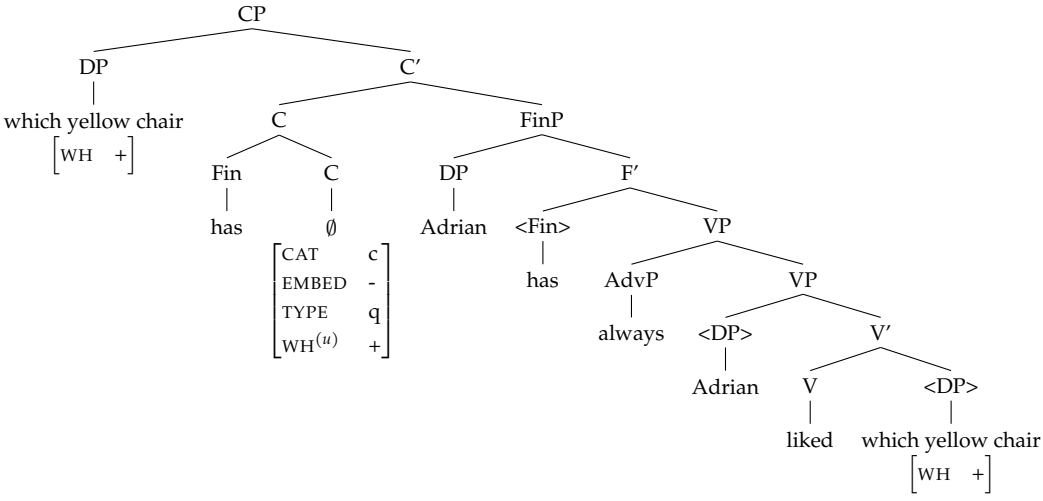

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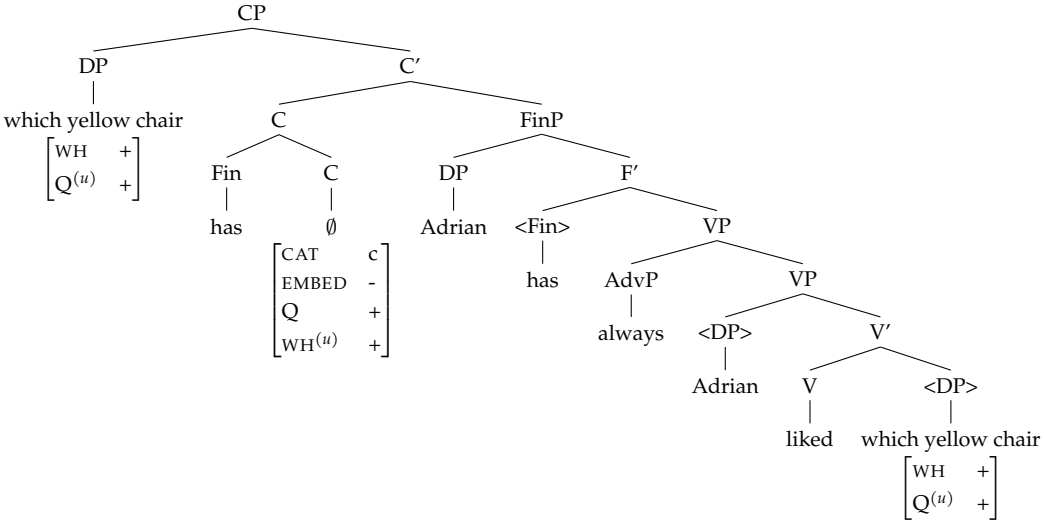

Problem 2

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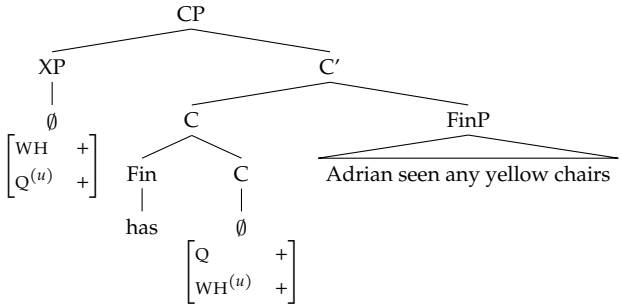

Some consequences

(4) a. Mary may wonder if John cheats on her.
b. Mary may wonder whether John cheats on her.
c. *Mary may wonder whether if John cheats on her.