Wh-movement II

Based on Koeneman & Zeiljstra (2017)

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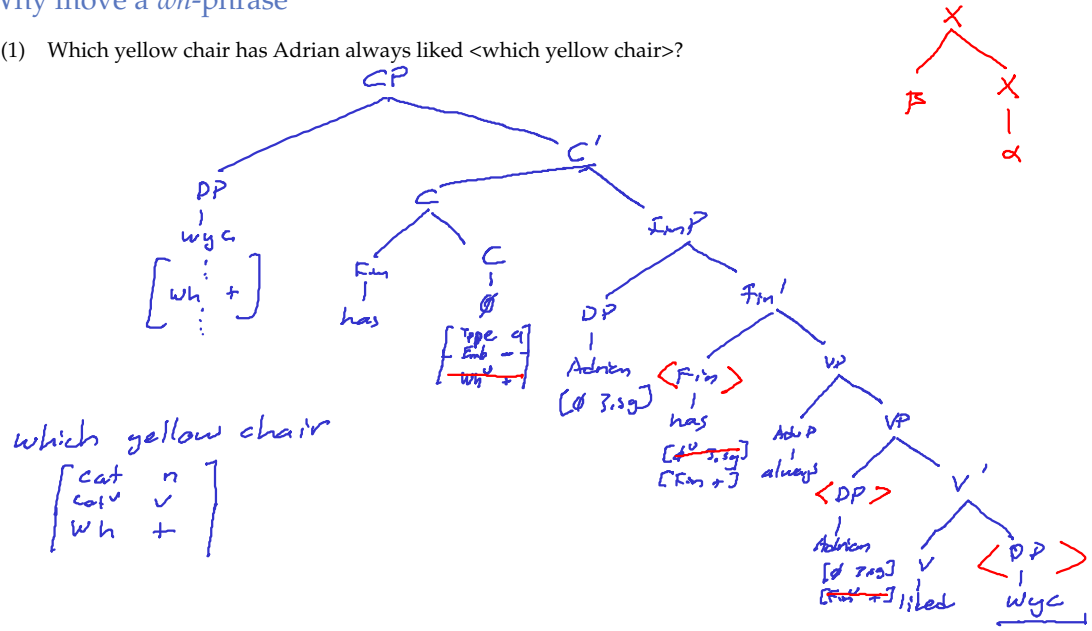
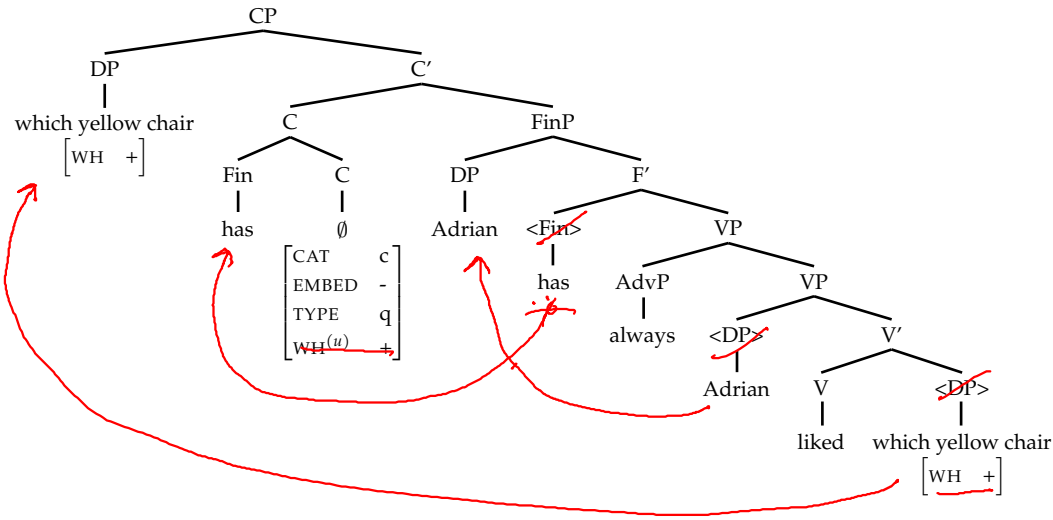
Why move a *wh*-phrase

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



Why move a *wh*-phrase



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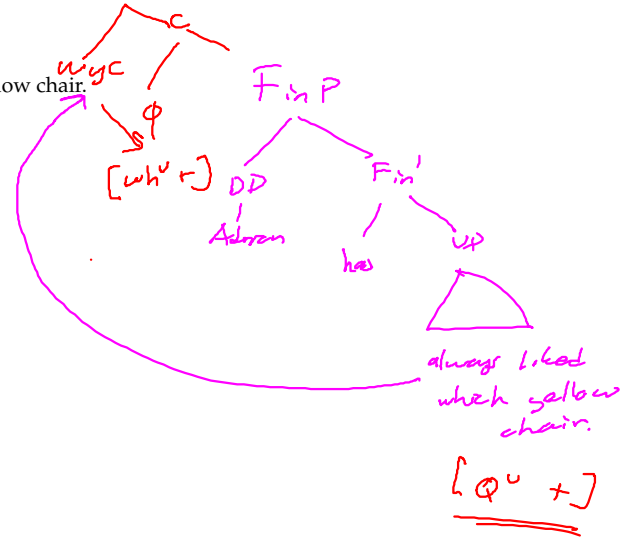

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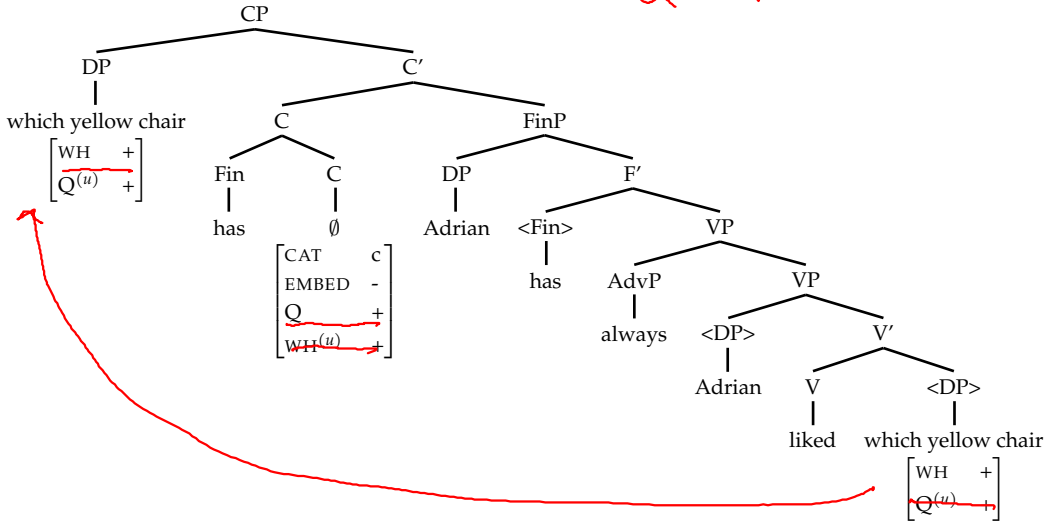
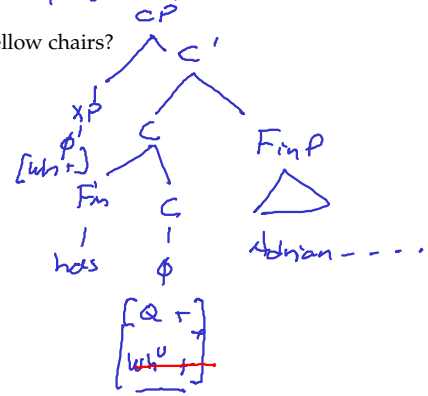


Problem 2

Y/N question

(3) Has Adrian always liked yellow chairs?

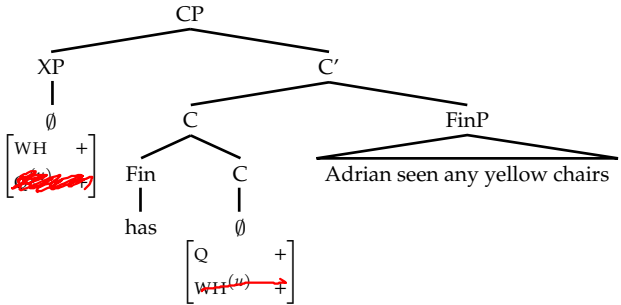


Problem 2

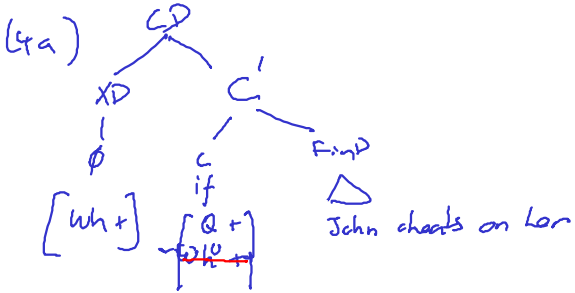
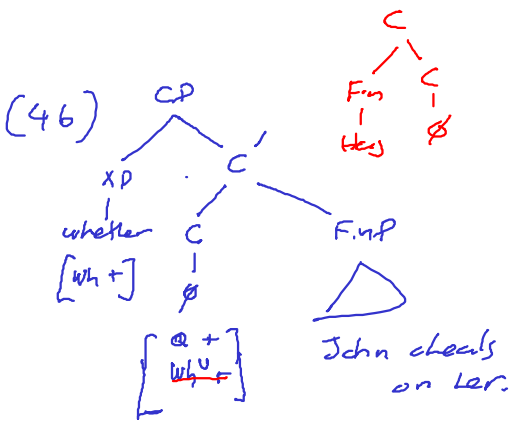
(3) Has Adrian ~~always liked yellow chairs~~?

seen any yellow chairs ?

"whether"



Some consequences

Has A. liked yellow chairs?

(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.