

# FoLT Lecture 1 Summary

## PART 1:

- Linguistic Analysis:

I/*Morphology*

II/*Syntax*

III/*Semantics*

IV/*Pragmatics*

V/*Discourse*

### **I/ Morphology:**

#### *Definition*

- Morphology is the study of words, how they are built up from smaller meaning-bearing units, and how they are related to other words of the same language.
  - Examples:
    - cat(s)
    - read(ing)
    - (un)break(able)
    - (im)poss(ible)

#### *Two types of morphemes:*

1. Free morphemes: can stand alone as words
  - Examples: cat, read, break... (basically stems)
2. Bound morphemes: cannot stand alone as words
  - Examples: -s, -ing, un-, im- (basically affixes)

#### *Types of affixes:*

- Examples:
  1. Prefixes: un-, im-
  2. Suffixes: -s, -ing
  3. Infixes: -freakin' -, -freakin' -in-
  4. Circumfixes: en-...-en

#### *Stemming:*

- The process of removing affixes from a word to get its stem
  - Examples:
    - cats -> cat
    - reading -> read
    - impossible -> possible

#### *Lemmatization:*

- determines that two words have the same root, despite their surface differences
  - Examples:
    - is, are, am -> be
    - car, cars, car's, cars' -> car

### **II/ Syntax:**

## Definition

- Syntax refers to the way words are arranged together.
- Syntax == Ordering of sequences of words
  - Example:  
cats chase mice **VS** mice chase cats
- Probabilities of sequences of words:
  - Example  
cats eat fish **VS** fish eat cats **VS** eat cats fish
- Part of speech of words:
  - Example:  
noun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition, conjunction, interjection

## The use of "Part of speech" tagging:

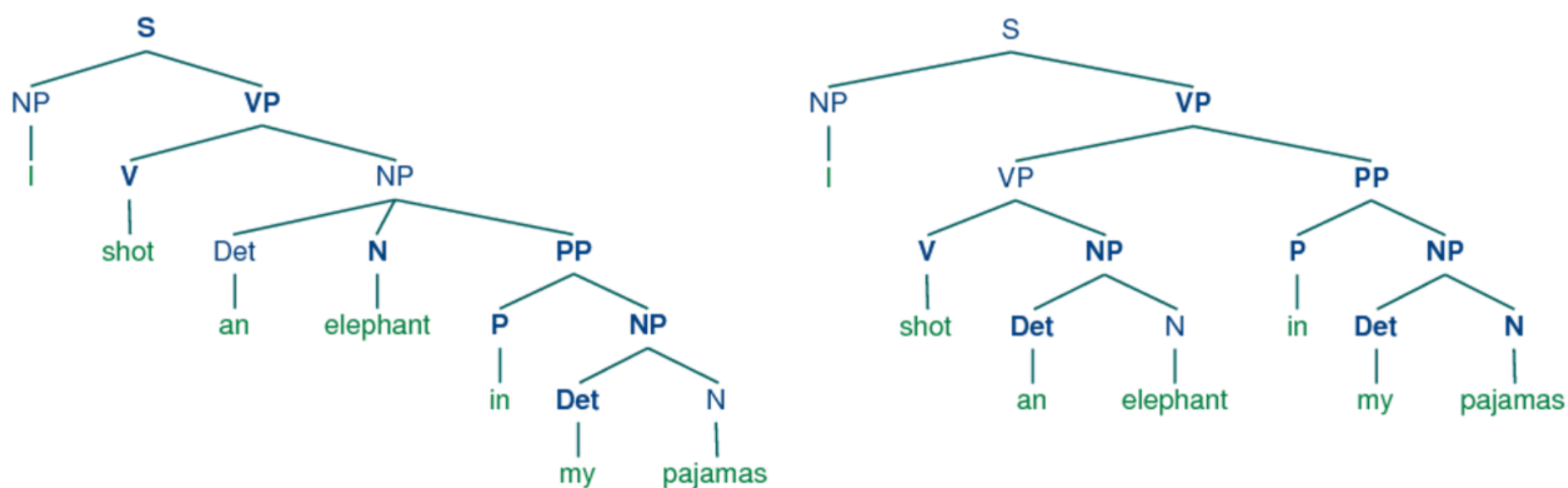
- For NLP tasks:
  - Examples:  
sentiment analysis  
question answering  
text summarization  
machine translation etc.
- For linguistic or language-analytic tasks:
  - study linguistic change, eg. new words, new meanings, etc.

## Syntactic Parsing:

- The process of analyzing a sentence into its component parts and describing their syntactic roles.
  - Examples:  
cats chase mice -> (S (NP (NNS cats)) (VP (VBP chase) (NP (NNS mice))))

## Constituent grammar:

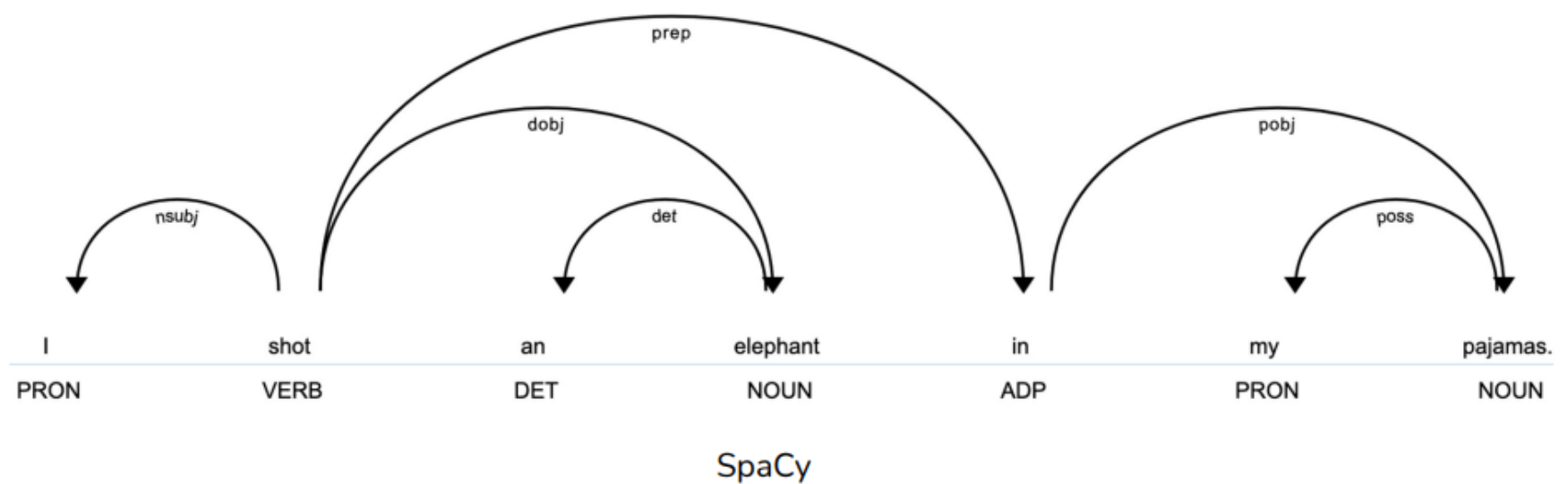
- A grammar that describes the syntactic structure of well-formed sentences.
  - Example:



## Dependency grammar:

- Basically the relationship between words in a sentence
- SpaCy uses dependency grammar: <https://spacy.io/usage/linguistic-features#dependency-parse>
  - Spacy Example:

# Directed binary grammatical relations between words



## Why is parsing important?

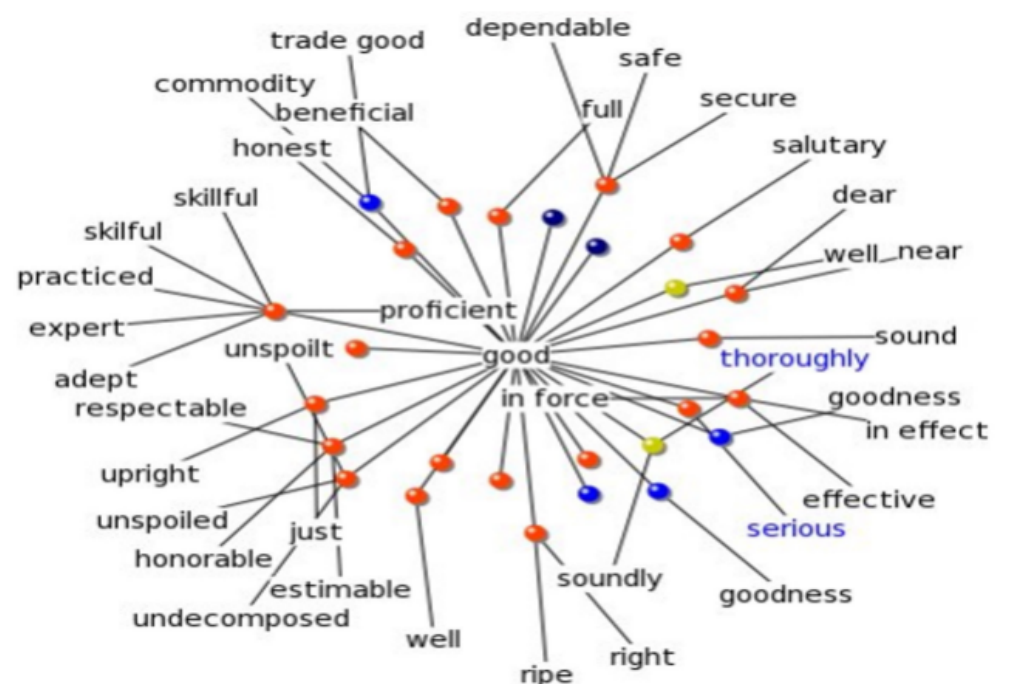
- Grammar checker
- Information extraction
- Question answering
- Machine translation, etc.

## III/ Semantics:

### Definition:

- Semantics are the study of words, phrases, sentences, or documents.
  - Lexical semantics: the meaning of words; Eg. how close are words in meaning?
  - Semantic role labeling: the meaning of the predicate with respect to its arguments; Eg. who did what to whom?
- Example (WordNet):

WordNet is a semantically-oriented dictionary of English  
Similar to a thesaurus, but richer in structure  
155,287 words  
117,659 synonym sets



## IV/ Pragmatics:

### Definition:

- Pragmatics are the study of language use in context, and the context-dependence of various aspects of linguistic interpretation.
- Example:
  - Utterance: "It's hot in here."
  - Implicature: "Please open the window."
  - Exchange: Have you seen spider man? I don't like Marvel.
  - Premise: Spider man is from Marvel.
  - Conclusion: I has not seen it and, maybe, does not intend to see it.

## V/ Discourse:

### Definition:

- A discourse is a coherent structured group of sentences.
- Coherence is the relationship between sentences that makes real discourses different than just random assemblages of sentences.

#### Example:

- The movie is interesting. → Tim wants to watch it.
- The movie is interesting. × Tim likes pizza.

### Types of Coherence:

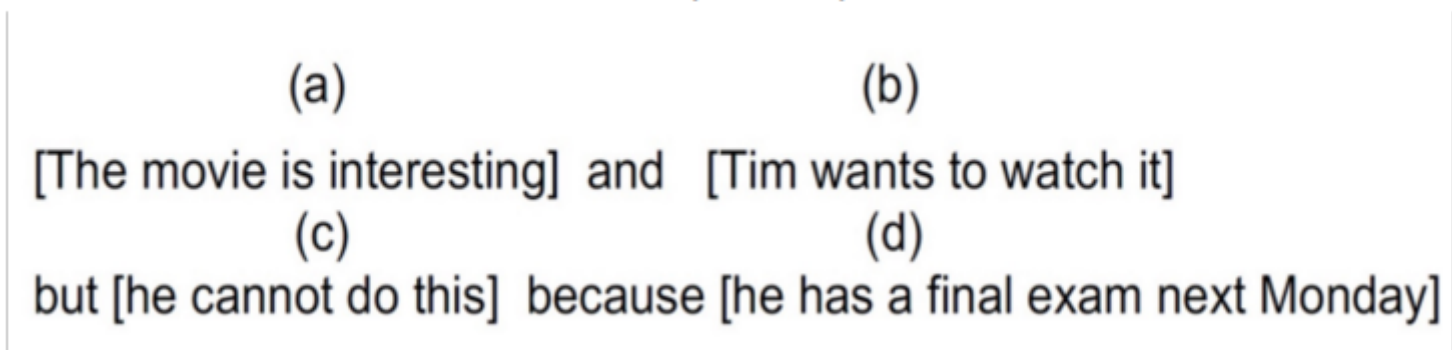
- Local coherence: sentence/clause coherence, entity-based coherence; topical coherence
  - Example:  
The movie(1) is interesting. Tim wants to watch it(1).
- Global coherence: conventional discourse structures.
  - Examples:  
Academic articles: abstract->introduction->method->result->discussion->conclusion

### Discourse parsing:

- The process of analyzing the discourse structure of a text.
- Examples:

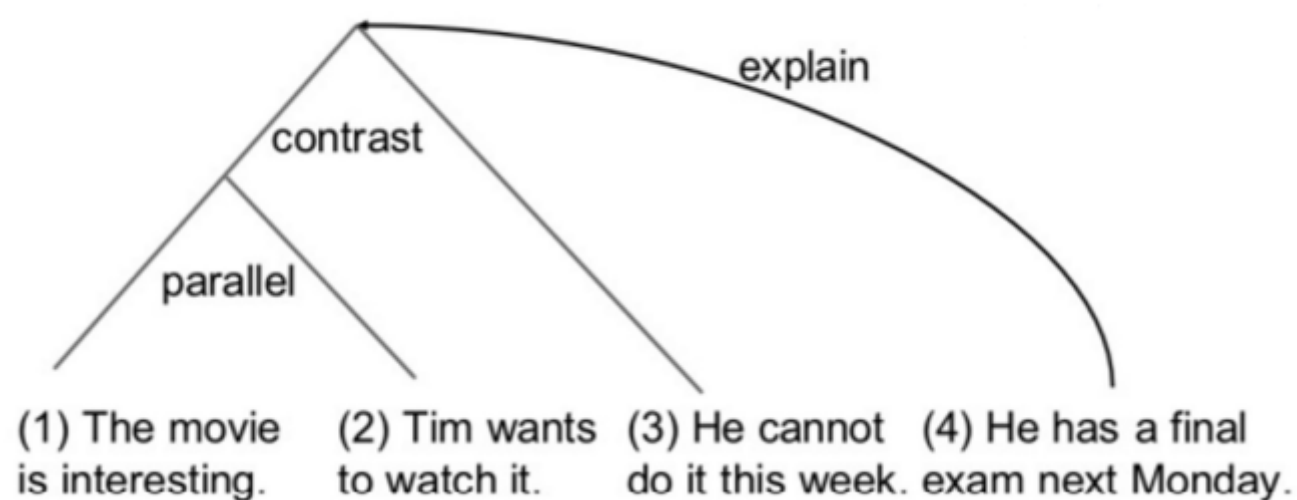
Penn Discourse Treebank (PDTB) with examples: <https://www.seas.upenn.edu/~pdtb/>

### Penn Discourse TreeBank (PDTB)



Rhetoric structure theory (RST): <https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/J93-2002.pdf>

### Rhetoric structure theory



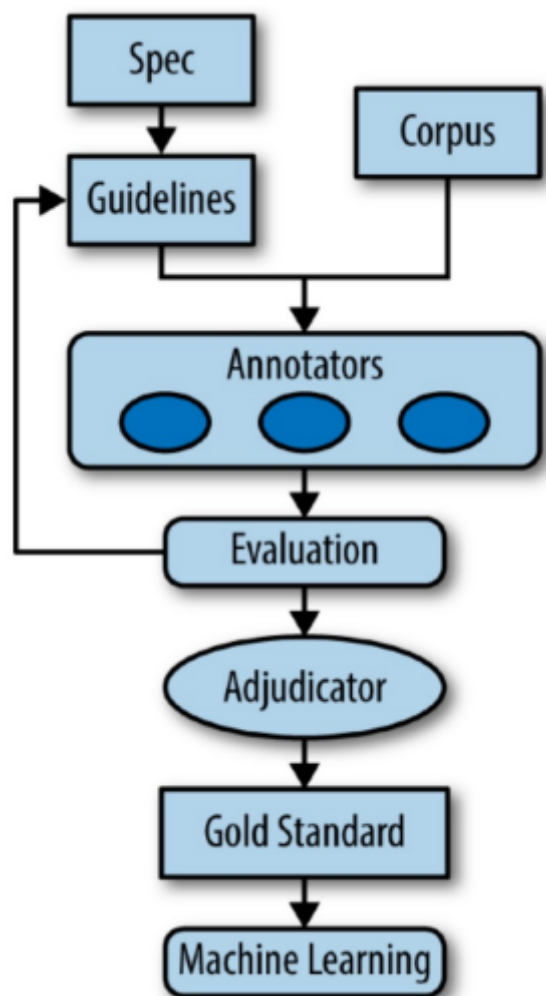
## PART 2:

### Data Annotation:

- Meta Data about the text: author, title, date, etc.
- User contributed data: comments, ratings, etc.
- Factors in human annotation:
  - source data(genre,size?)

- annotation scheme(guidelines? ambiguities?)
  - annotators(with training?)
  - annotation tool
  - quality control(multiple?), etc.
- Annotation is not easy: any annotation scheme for language will have some difficult cases, grey areas, and ambiguities, because human language needs to be flexible, it cuts corners and is reshaped over time.

### **Annotation pipeline:**



- Annotation Quality: Gold data will have some tarnish, how can we measure it?
  - Inter-annotator agreement: the degree to which two or more annotators give the same annotation to the same data.
  - The agreement rate can be thought of as an upper bound on accuracy of a system evaluated on the same data.
- Validity and Reliability:
  - Validity is the degree to which an annotation scheme measures what it is supposed to measure.
  - Reliability is the degree to which an annotation scheme produces consistent results.
  - Higher reliability is a prerequisite for higher validity.

### **Measuring agreement:**

- Formula for Observed Agreement:

$$\frac{agreement(item1) + agreement(item2) + \dots + agreement(itemN)}{item1 + item2 + \dots + itemN}$$

- Example :

**Observed Agreement:** proportion of items on which the two annotators agree

	Apple	Orange	Total
Apple	30	15	45
Orange	10	45	55
Total	40	60	100

$$\text{Agreement:} \\ (30 + 45) / 100 = 0.75$$

- Chance Agreement:
  - Some agreement is expected by chance: two annotators are asked to pick Apple and Orange randomly, they might agree with each other half of the time
- Chance-corrected agreement:
  - Agreement beyond chance
    - Observed agreement  $A_0$ : proportion of actual agreement
    - Expected agreement  $A_e$ : expected value of  $A_0$
    - Amount of agreement beyond chance:  $A_0 - A_e$
    - Maximum agreement beyond chance:  $1 - A_e$
  - Proportion of the possible agreement beyond chance:  $\frac{A_0 - A_e}{1 - A_e}$

• **How to get expected Agreement  $A_e$**

Expected agreement  $A_e$  is the probability of the two annotators  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  agreeing on any given category  $k$

$$A_e = \sum_{k \in K} P(k | c_1) \cdot P(k | c_2)$$

• **How to get Cohen's Kappa**

Cohen's  $\kappa$  assumes the random assignment of categories to items is governed by prior distributions that are unique to each other (annotator bias).

$$P(k | c_i) = \hat{P}(k | c_i) = \frac{\mathbf{n}_{c_i k}}{\mathbf{i}}$$

*The actual number of assignment to  $k$  by  $c_i$*   
*The number of items*

$$A_e^\kappa = \sum_{k \in K} \hat{P}(k | c_1) \cdot \hat{P}(k | c_2) = \sum_{k \in K} \frac{\mathbf{n}_{c_1 k}}{\mathbf{i}} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{n}_{c_2 k}}{\mathbf{i}} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{i}^2} \sum_{k \in K} \mathbf{n}_{c_1 k} \mathbf{n}_{c_2 k}$$



- Cohen's Kappa quality table:

“Good” values are subject to interpretation, but rule of thumb:

0.80-1.00	Very good agreement
0.60-0.80	Good agreement
0.40-0.60	Moderate agreement
0.20-0.40	Fair agreement
< 0.20	Poor agreement

- Cohen's Kappa examples with steps and illustrations:

$$\kappa = \frac{p_o - p_e}{1 - p_e}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{0.88 - p_e}{1 - p_e}$$

annotator A

	puppy	fried chicken
annotator B	puppy	7
	fried chicken	81

$$p_e = P(A = \text{puppy}, B = \text{puppy}) + P(A = \text{chicken}, B = \text{chicken})$$

$$= P(A = \text{puppy})P(B = \text{puppy}) + P(A = \text{chicken})P(B = \text{chicken})$$

P(A=puppy)	15/100 = 0.15
P(B=puppy)	11/100 = 0.11
P(A=chicken)	85/100 = 0.85
P(B=chicken)	89/100 = 0.89

$$= 0.15 \times 0.11 + 0.85 \times 0.89$$

$$= 0.773$$

$$\kappa = \frac{p_o - p_e}{1 - p_e}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{0.88 - p_e}{1 - p_e}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{0.88 - 0.773}{1 - 0.773}$$

$$= 0.471$$

annotator A

	puppy	fried chicken
annotator B	puppy	7
	fried chicken	8

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	puppy	fried chicken
annotator B	puppy	7
	fried chicken	8

- Adjudication:
  - The process of deciding on a single annotation for a piece of text, using information about the independent annotations.

## Part 3 (Corpus Statistics) :

### Definitions:

- Token: a sequence of characters that we want to treat as a group.
  - Example:
    - "I love you" -> "I", "love", "you"
    - "Learn from yesterday" -> "Learn", "from", "yesterday"
- Tokenization: Segmenting a text into an ordered sequence of tokens.
  - A system which splits texts into word tokens is called a tokenizer.
    - Very simple example:
      - Input text: Learn from yesterday
        - Tokens: {"Learn", "from", "yesterday"}
  - Issues in tokenization: periods don't always mean the end of a sentence, single quotes, Celtics (We're = We are), Multiword Expressions (New York, Rock 'n' Roll)
- How to deal with periods:
  - Common Solution:



## Common algorithm:

Tokenize first: use rules or ML to classify a period as either

- (a) part of the word
- (b) a sentence-boundary

An abbreviation dictionary can help