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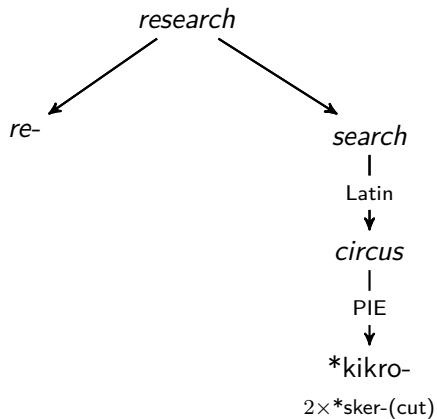
Revisit the Development of Probabilistic Symbol-Refined Grammars

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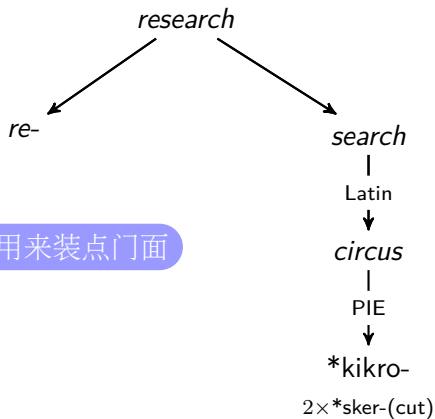
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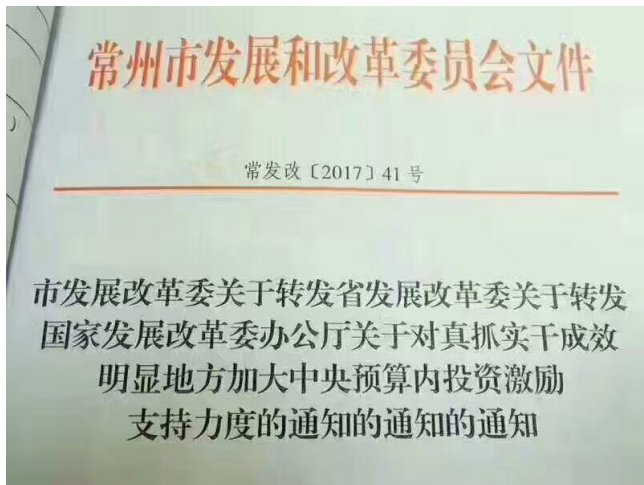
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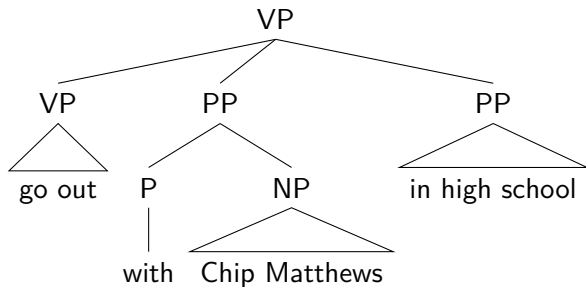
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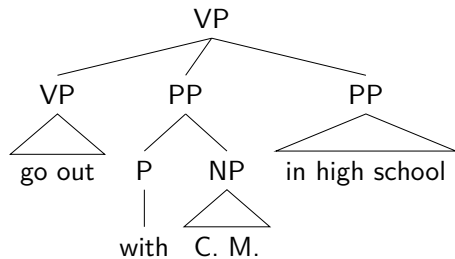
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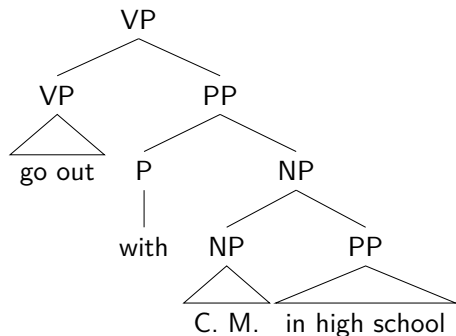
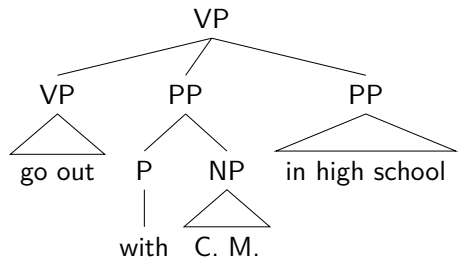
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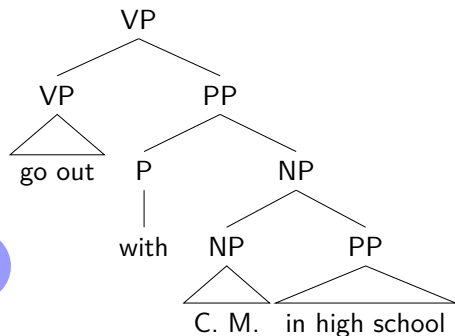
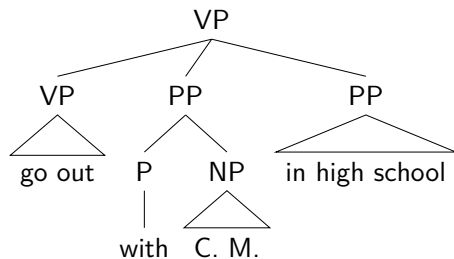
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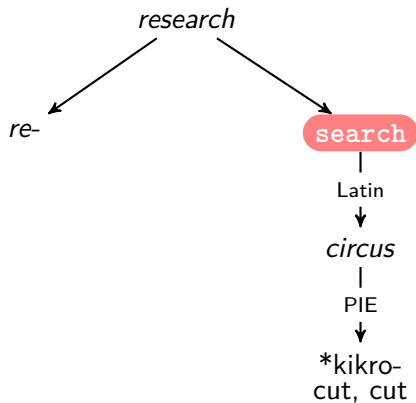
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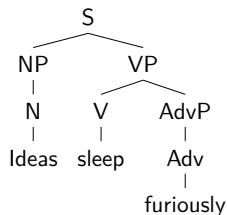
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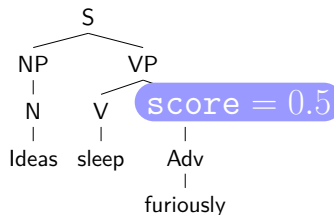
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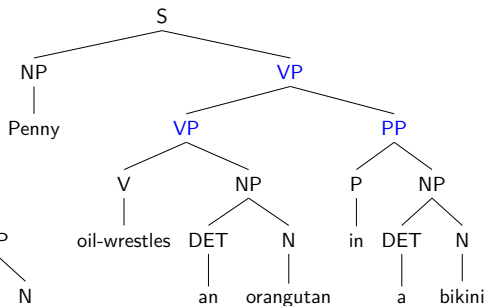
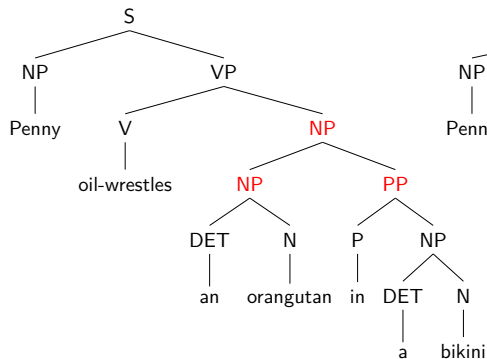
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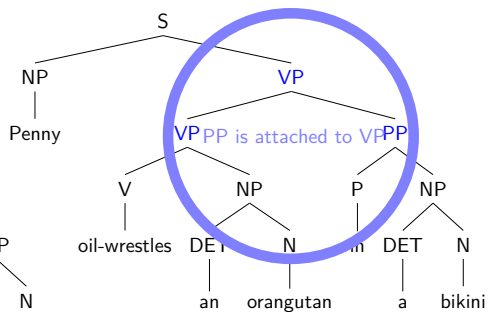
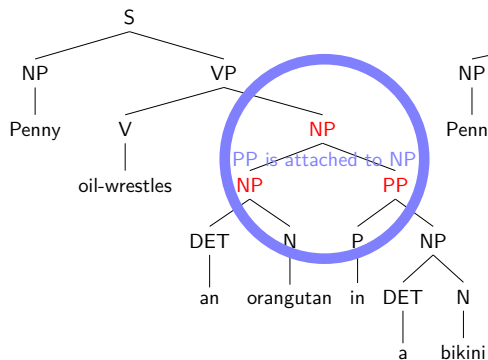


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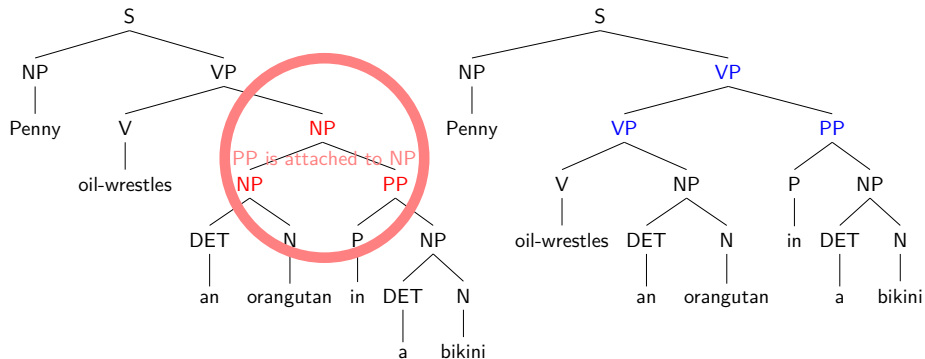
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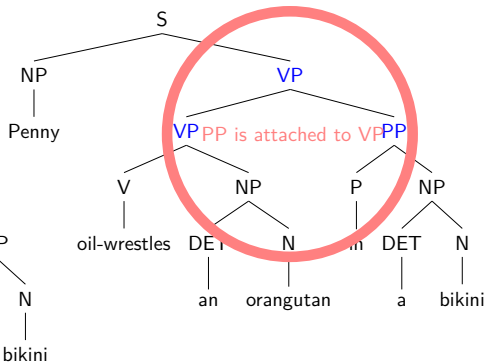
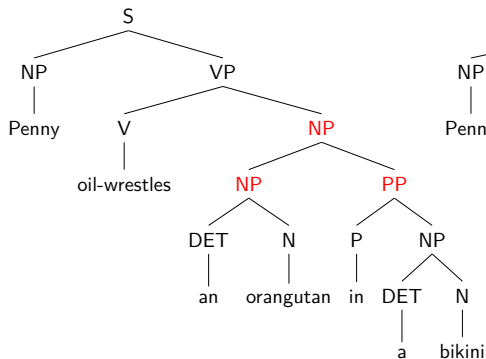
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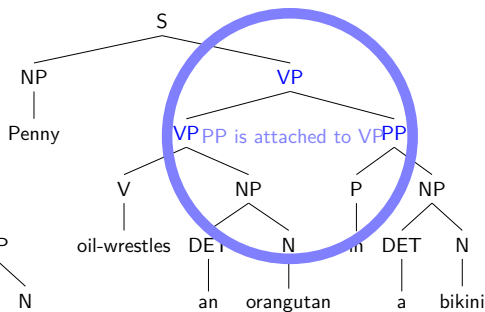
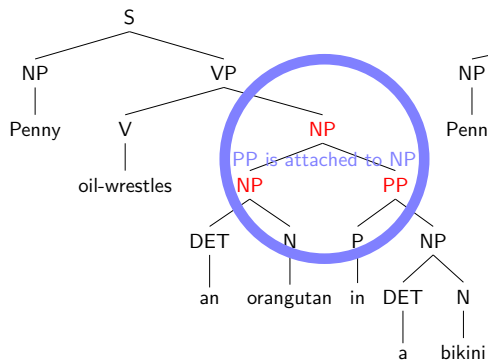
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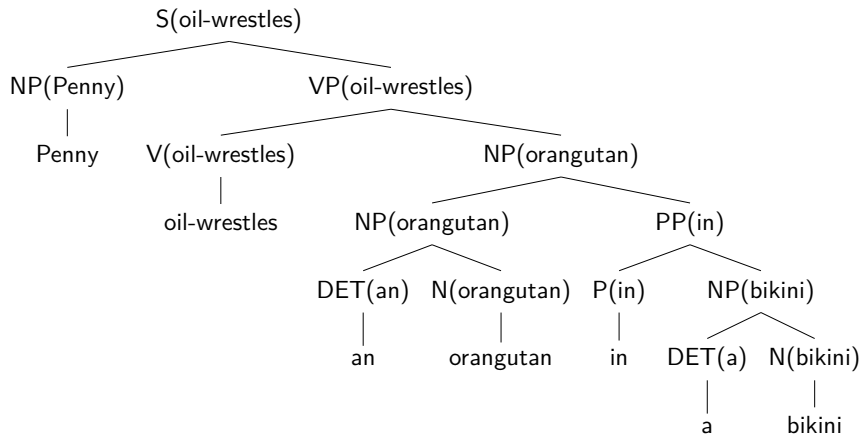
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Solution (Collins, 1999)

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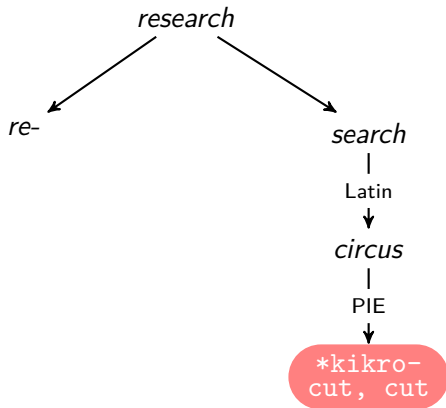
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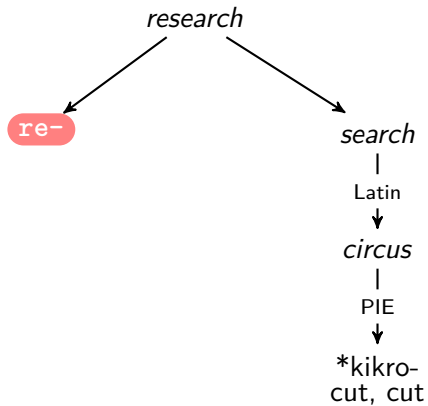
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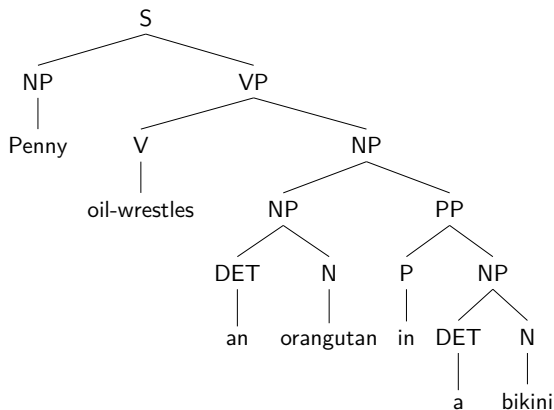
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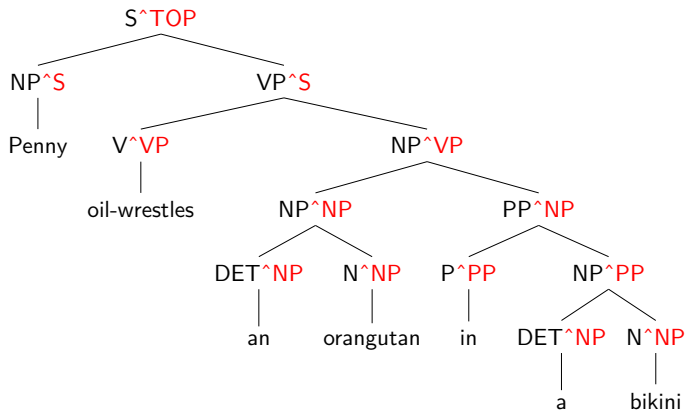
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Klein & Manning (2003)

Vertical and horizontal Markovization

Vertical Order		Horizontal Markov Order				
		$h = 0$	$h = 1$	$h \leq 2$	$h = 2$	$h = \infty$
$v = 1$	No annotation	71.27 (854)	72.5 (3119)	73.46 (3863)	72.96 (6207)	72.62 (9657)
$v \leq 2$	Sel. Parents	74.75 (2285)	77.42 (6564)	77.77 (7619)	77.50 (11398)	76.91 (14247)
$v = 2$	All Parents	74.68 (2984)	77.42 (7312)	77.81 (8367)	77.50 (12132)	76.81 (14666)
$v \leq 3$	Sel. GParents	76.50 (4943)	78.59 (12374)	79.07 (13627)	78.97 (19545)	78.54 (20123)
$v = 3$	All GParents	76.74 (7797)	79.18 (15740)	79.74 (16994)	79.07 (22886)	78.72 (22002)

Figure 2: Markovizations: F_1 and grammar size.

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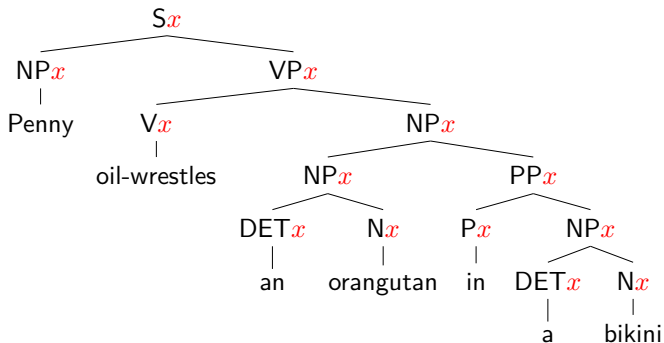
Further annotation enrichment

Annotation	Cumulative			Indiv.
	Size	F_1	ΔF_1	ΔF_1
Baseline ($v \leq 2, h \leq 2$)	7619	77.77	–	–
UNARY-INTERNAL	8065	78.32	0.55	0.55
UNARY-DT	8066	78.48	0.71	0.17
UNARY-RB	8069	78.86	1.09	0.43
TAG-PA	8520	80.62	2.85	2.52
SPLIT-IN	8541	81.19	3.42	2.12
SPLIT-AUX	9034	81.66	3.89	0.57
SPLIT-CC	9190	81.69	3.92	0.12
SPLIT-%	9255	81.81	4.04	0.15
TMP-NP	9594	82.25	4.48	1.07
GAPPED-S	9741	82.28	4.51	0.17
POSS-NP	9820	83.06	5.29	0.28
SPLIT-VP	10499	85.72	7.95	1.36
BASE-NP	11660	86.04	8.27	0.73
DOMINATES-V	14097	86.91	9.14	1.42
RIGHT-REC-NP	15276	87.04	9.27	1.94

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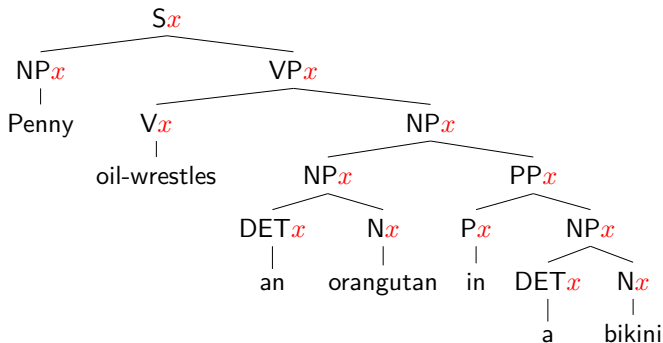
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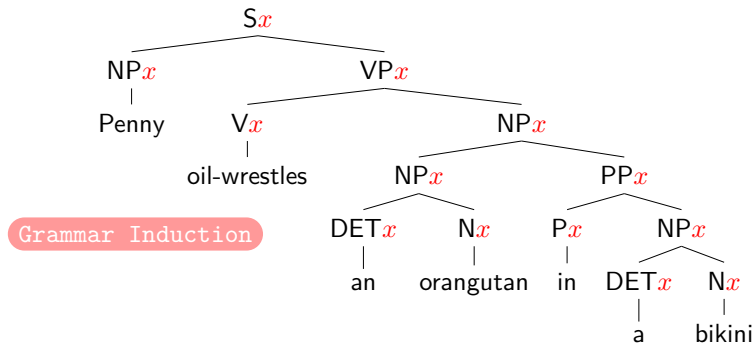


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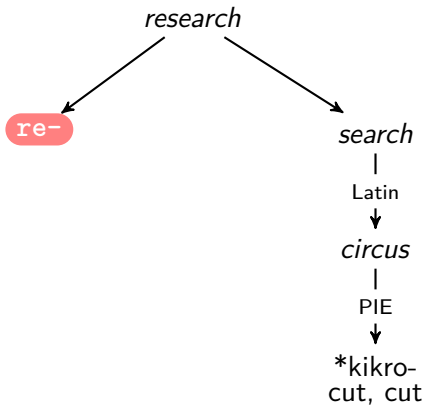
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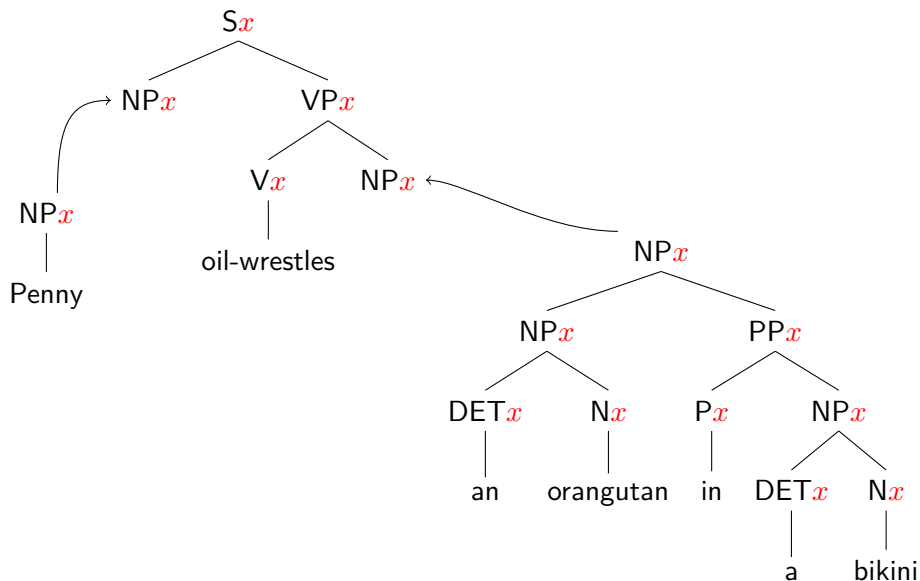
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Tree Substitution Grammar (Joshi & Schabes, 1997)




Numbers


System name	Short description	Main publications	Software	Result (PARSE)
Charniak & Johnson's Parser	Lexicalized N-Best PCFG + Discriminative reranking	Johnson and Charniak (2005)	Download	91.4%
Self-trained Charniak & Johnson Parser	Above + self-training on ~2 million raw sentences from NANC	McClosky, Charniak, and Johnson (2006)	Download	92.1%
Collins' Parser	Lexicalized PCFG	Collins (1999), Bikel (2004)	Dan Bikel's implementation	?
Berkeley Parser	Automatically induced PCFG	Petrov et al. (2006), Petrov and Klein (2007)	Berkeley Parser	90.1%
Link Grammar	Dependency grammar	Temperley, Sleator, Lafferty, others (1995-2006)	Actively supported project	?

Model	LP	LR	LF
Klein & Manning (2003)	86.9	85.7	86.3
Matsuzaki et al. (2005)	86.1	86.0	
Petrov et al. (2006)	89.8	89.6	
Shindo et al. (2012)			91.1
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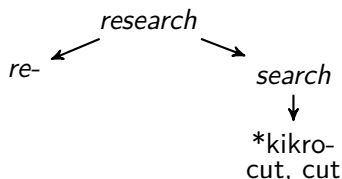
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Lessons that I've learned

Too many; a short list:

- Diversity
- Interpretability
- Revisit old things



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