

Reasoning about Natural Language: (Monoids, Tensors)

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Natural Language

Natural languages have different characteristic features and computational linguists look for mathematical structures that model and reason about them.

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Rules of Grammar

Patterns of Meaning

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Rules of Grammar

Syntax

Patterns of Meaning

Semantics

Rules of Grammar

Rules of Grammar tell us how to put the words of a language together to form sentences.

I have a car.

x have a I car.

x I car a have.

Examples

Context Free Grammar

(N, Σ, R, S)

Grammar Rules

$S \rightarrow NP VP$

$NP \rightarrow Pronoun$

| Proper-Noun

| Det Nominal

$Nominal \rightarrow Nominal Noun$

| Noun

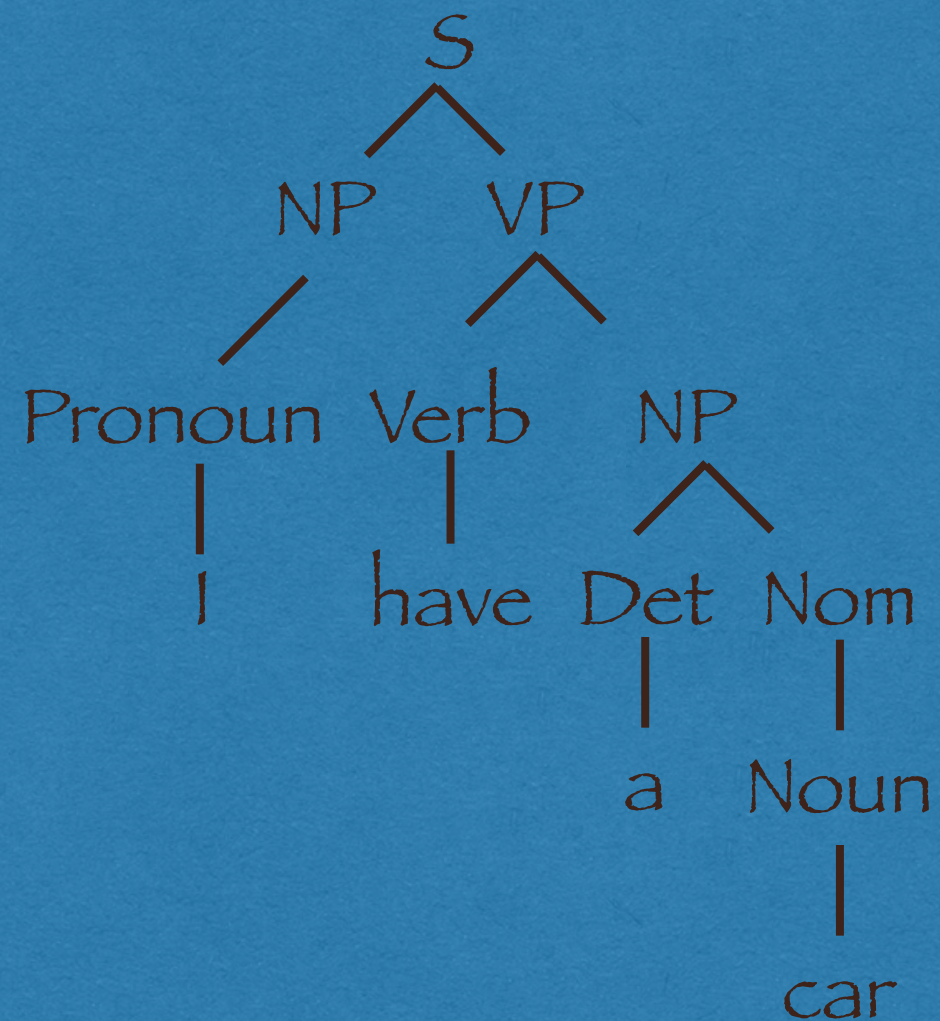
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| Verb NP

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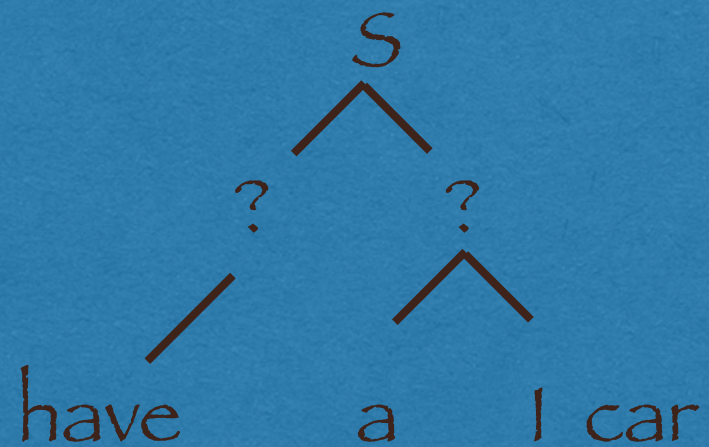
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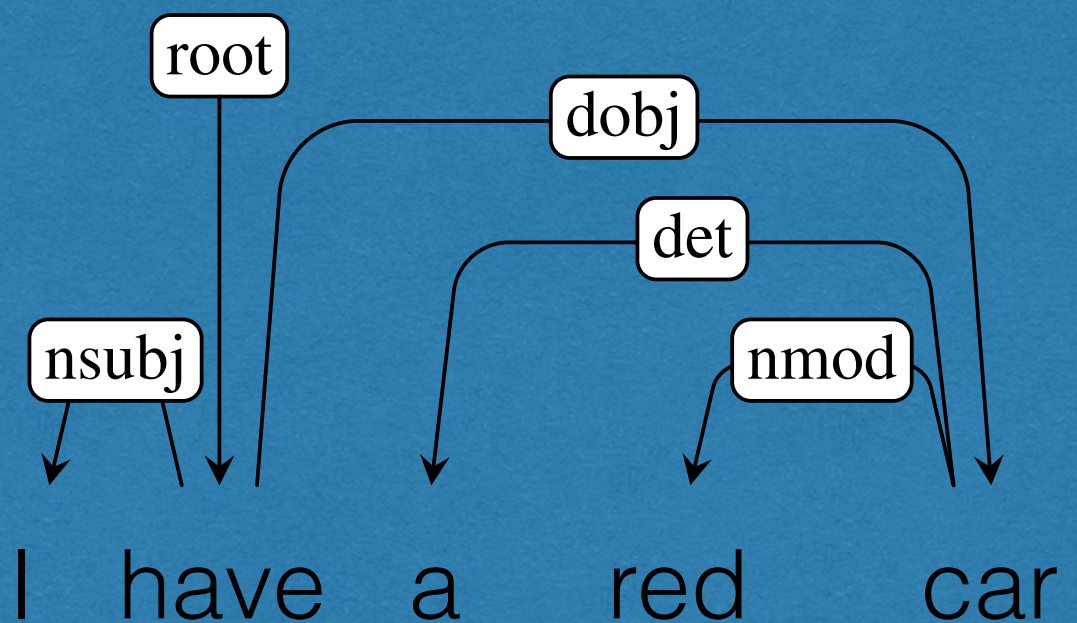


Example

Dependancy Graphs

$$G = (V, A, L)$$

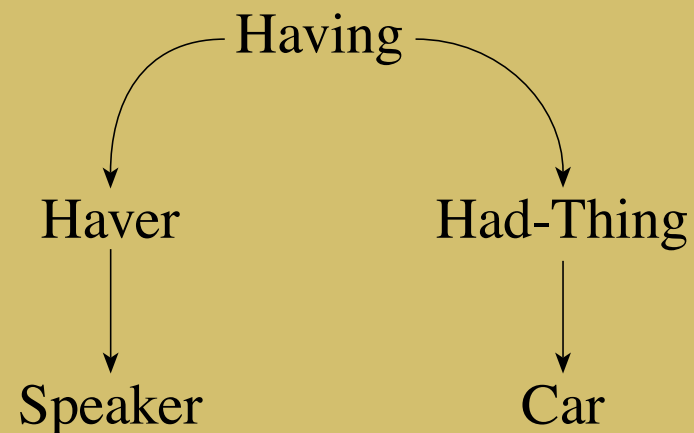
Clausal Argument Relations	Description
NSUBJ	Nominal subject
DOBJ	Direct object
IOBJ	Indirect object
CCOMP	Clausal complement
XCOMP	Open clausal complement
Nominal Modifier Relations	Description
NMOD	Nominal modifier
AMOD	Adjectival modifier
NUMMOD	Numeric modifier
APPOS	Appositional modifier
DET	Determiner
CASE	Prepositions, postpositions
Other Notable Relations	Description
CONJ	Conjunct
CC	Coordinating conjunction



Patterns of Meaning

Words have different meanings attached to them, these get composed to form a meaning for sentences that contain them.

I have a car.



Examples

AMR

Car
↑ POSS-BY
Speaker

Record Semantics

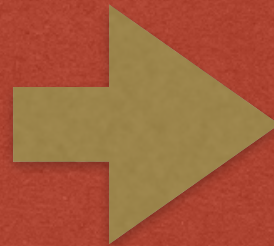
Having
Haver: Speaker
HadThing: Car

First Order Logic

$$\exists x, y \textit{Having}(x) \wedge \textit{Haver}(\textit{Speaker}, x) \wedge \textit{HadThing}(y, x) \wedge \textit{Car}(y)$$

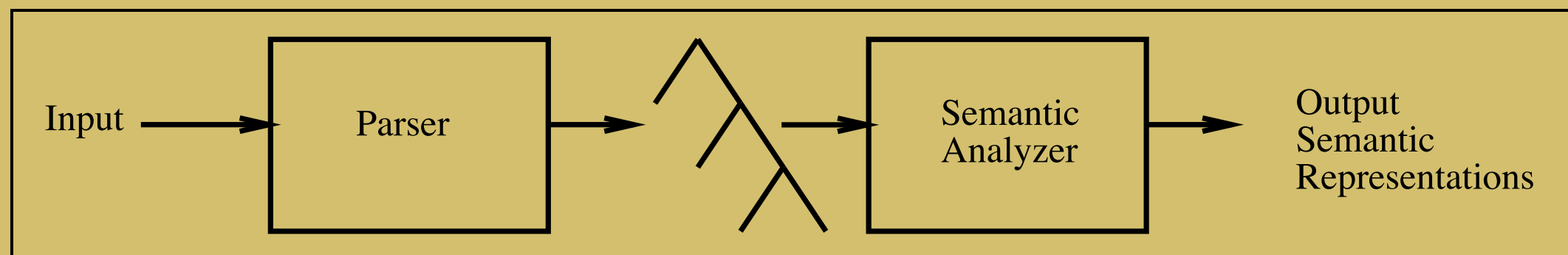
The Natural Language Challenge

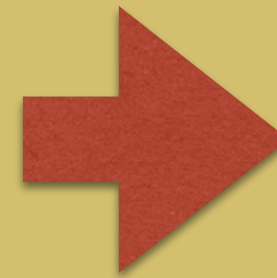
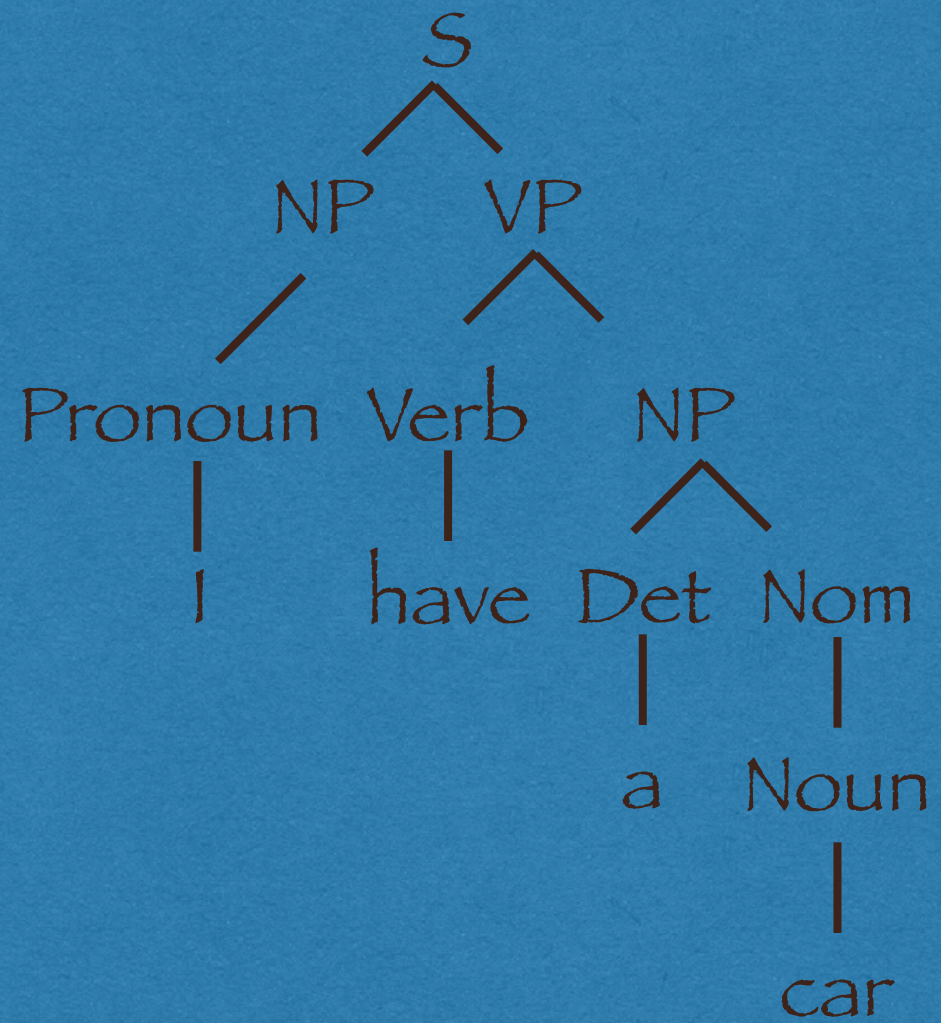
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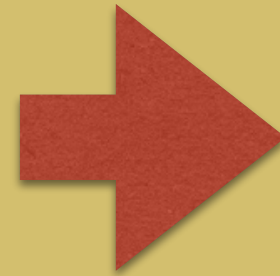
How to design a formal grammar and a formal semantics, such that the former can be applied to meanings of words to obtain meanings for sentences.





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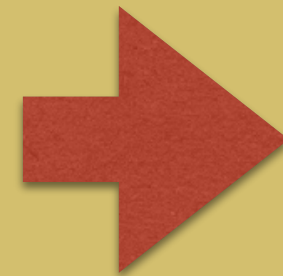


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Algebraic Grammars



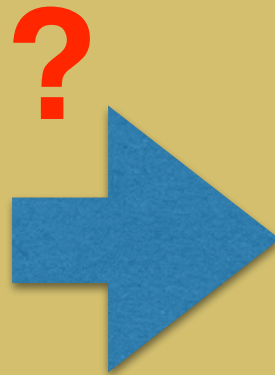
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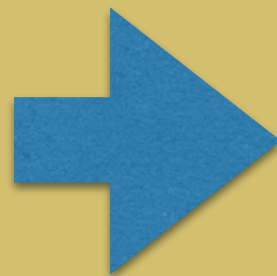
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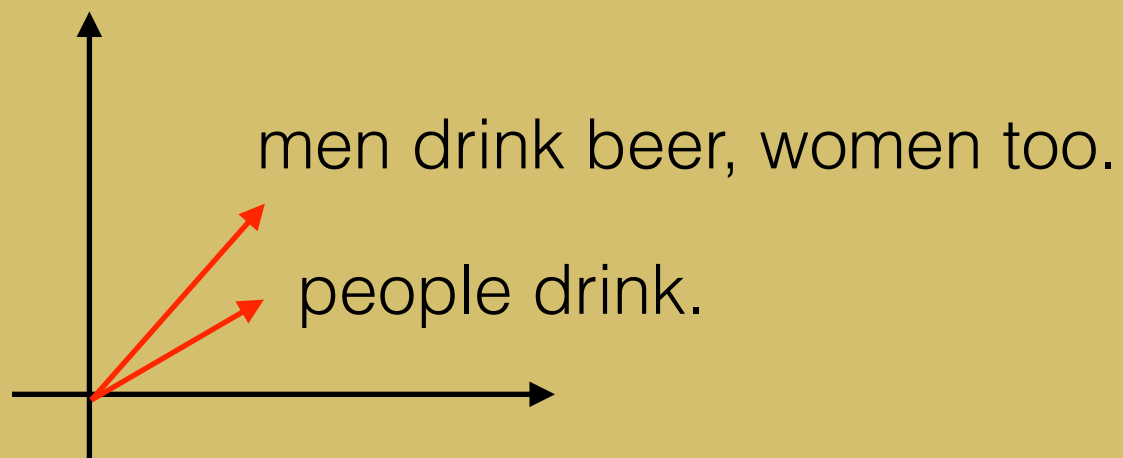
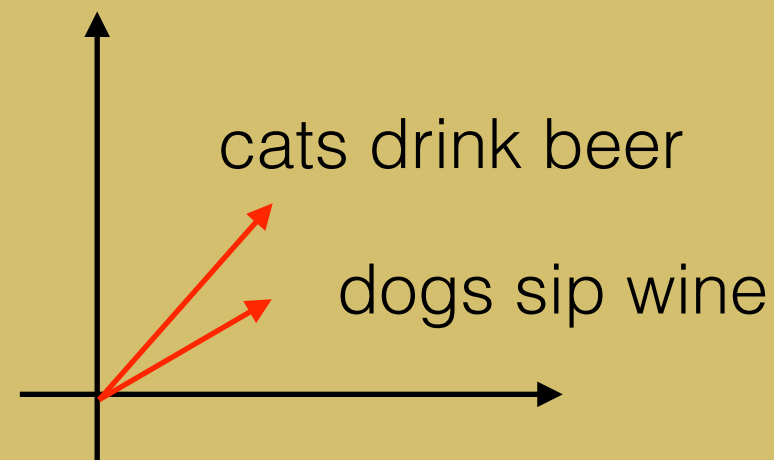
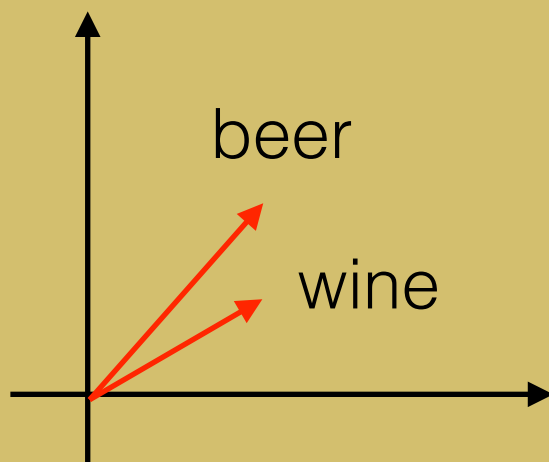
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Experimental Contributions

Algebraic Grammars



Tensor Algebras



a bit of History

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ऽपि त्वां न भविष्यन्ति सं
येऽवस्थिताः प्रत्यनीकेषु यो

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The first algebraic grammar was written 2000 years ago by Panini for Sanskrit.

Panini used a format resembling our modern day algebraic thinking of Sanskrit expressions.

These rules are still in use.

1935: Ajdukiewicz introduced the first formal algebraic grammar. This has only one rule:

$$B|A \quad A \Rightarrow B$$

expressing a cancelation scheme:

If an expression of grammatical type A is preceded by an expression of type $B|A$, we obtain an expression of type B .

The grammatical type $B|A$ was thought of as

the fraction B over A

The cancelation scheme can be thought of as a
multiplication.

$$B|A \quad A \Rightarrow B$$

The grammatical type $B|A$ was thought of as

a function from A to B

The cancelation scheme can be thought of as a
application.

$$B|A \quad A \Rightarrow B$$

Grammaticality

A string of words has a *satisfying syntactic* connection, iff some ordering of its word types reduce to the distinguished type *S* via successive uses of the *cancelation scheme*.

I Prefer a morning flight

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NP	(S NP) NP	NP NP	NP NP	NP
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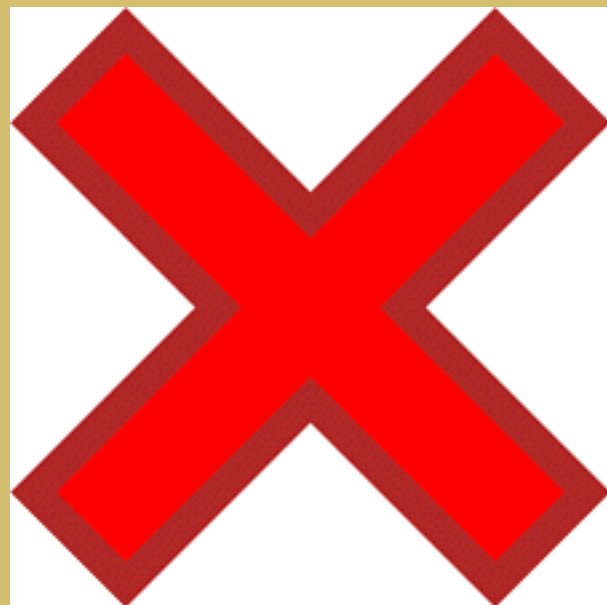
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S|NP

I Prefer a morning fight



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S|NP

Reordering

I

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a

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NP

(S|NP)|NP

NP|NP

NP|NP

NP

NP

NP

S|NP

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(S|NP)|NP NP|NP NP|NP NP NP

NP

NP

S|NP

S

A refinement.

In 1953 Bar-Hillel introduced directional division types:

$A \backslash B$ and B / A

together with **directional** cancelation schema:

$$A \quad A \backslash B \Rightarrow B$$

$$B / A \quad A \Rightarrow B$$

Backwards

Forwards

The resulting system is called the **AB calculus**.

I Prefer a morning fight

$\boxed{\text{NP}}$ $\boxed{(\text{NP} \backslash \textcolor{red}{S}) / \text{NP}}$ $\boxed{\text{NP} / \text{NP}}$ $\boxed{\text{NP} / \text{NP}}$ $\boxed{\text{NP}}$

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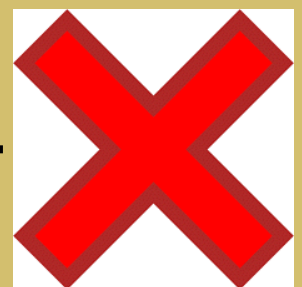
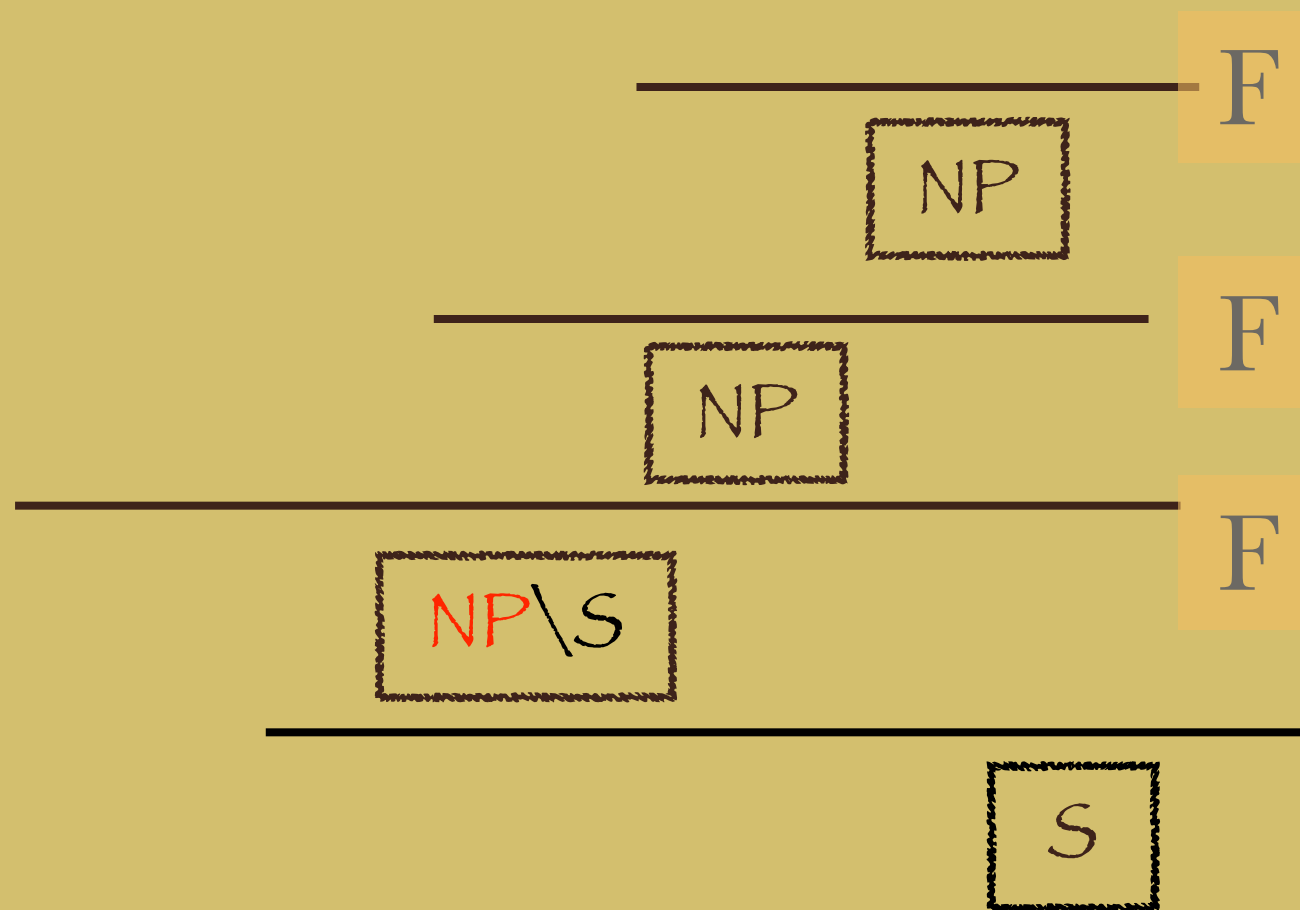
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$(NP \backslash S) / NP$ NP / NP NP / NP NP NP



Residuated Monoid

J. Lambek, 1958

Fix the language

Consider an elementary fragment of English consisting of nouns, adjectives, intransitive, transitive verbs.

Consider the rules:

- 1- An adjective noun phrase is formed by an adjective preceding a noun, as in **cute dogs**.
- 2- An intransitive sentence is formed by a noun phrase preceding an intransitive verb, as in **men kill**.
- 3- A transitive sentence is formed by a transitive verb occurring between two noun phrases, as in **men kill dogs**.

Fix a vocabulary

$$\Sigma = \{\text{men, dogs, cute, kill}\}$$

Fix a set of basic types

$$\mathcal{B} = \{n, s\}$$

Define a type assignment

$$\mathcal{D} \subseteq \Sigma \times \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{B}).$$

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An algebra of types

Residuated Monoids

$$(L, \cdot, 1)$$

A monoid is a set endowed with a multiplication \cdot that has a unit 1 .

A monoid without a unit is a semigroup.

Residuated Monoids

$$(L, \leq, \cdot, 1)$$

A partially ordered monoid has a partial ordering on it that preserves the multiplication.

$$a \leq c \implies a \cdot b \leq c \cdot b \quad \text{and} \quad b \cdot a \leq b \cdot c$$

Residuated Monoids

$$(L, \leq, \cdot, 1, \rightarrow, \leftarrow)$$

A residuated monoid is a partially ordered monoid where the multiplication has an adjoint on each of its arguments:

$$\begin{aligned} c \cdot a \leq b &\iff a \leq c \rightarrow b, \\ a \cdot c \leq b &\iff a \leq b \leftarrow c. \end{aligned}$$

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$$c \wedge c \rightarrow b \leq b$$

Example

An example of a residuated monoid is the set of functions on natural numbers with composition of functions as multiplication and the identity function as its unit.

The ordering is the natural number ordering extended to functions point wisely.

The adjoints are defined using min and max:

$$\begin{aligned} c \rightarrow b &:= \max\{a \in \mathbb{N} \mid c \cdot a \leq b\}, \\ b \leftarrow c &:= \max\{a \in \mathbb{N} \mid a \cdot c \leq b\}. \end{aligned}$$

back to example

$$\Sigma = \{\text{men, dogs, cute, kill}\}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{n, s\}$$

$$\mathcal{D} \subseteq \Sigma \times \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{B}).$$

The type assignment takes element from the residuated monoid generated over the basic types.

$$\mathcal{D} =$$

$$\{(\text{men}, n), (\text{dogs}, n), (\text{cute}, n \leftarrow n), \\ (\text{kill}, n \rightarrow s), (\text{kill}, (n \rightarrow s) \leftarrow n)\}.$$

Example Deductions

men kill

$$n \cdot (n \rightarrow s) \leq s .$$

men kill dogs

$$\begin{aligned} n \cdot ((n \rightarrow s) \leftarrow n) \cdot n \\ \leq n \cdot (n \rightarrow s) \\ \leq s . \end{aligned}$$

men kill cute dogs

$$\begin{aligned} n \cdot ((n \rightarrow s) \leftarrow n) \cdot (n \leftarrow n) \cdot n \\ \leq n \cdot ((n \rightarrow s) \leftarrow n) \cdot n \\ \leq n \cdot (n \rightarrow s) \\ \leq s . \end{aligned}$$


... to wrap up

We define a *monoid grammar* to be a tuple

$$(\Sigma, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D}, \{s\})$$

where a sequence of words $w_1 w_2 \cdots w_n$
to be a grammatical sentence whenever for $(w_i, t_i) \in \mathcal{D}$
we have:

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a grammatical
reduction

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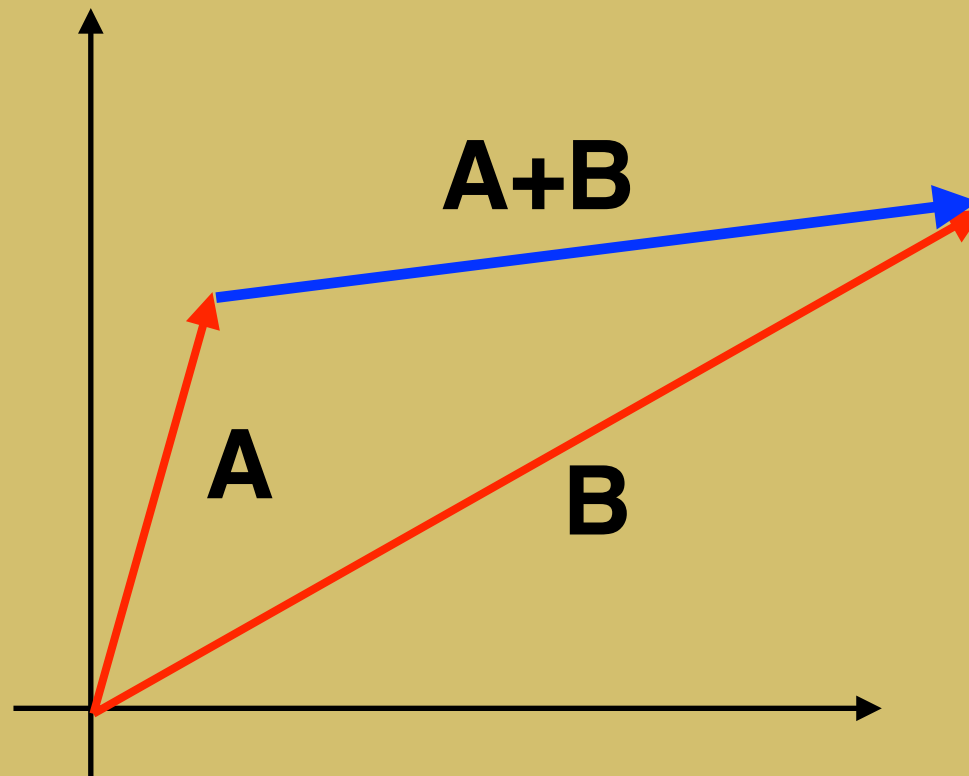
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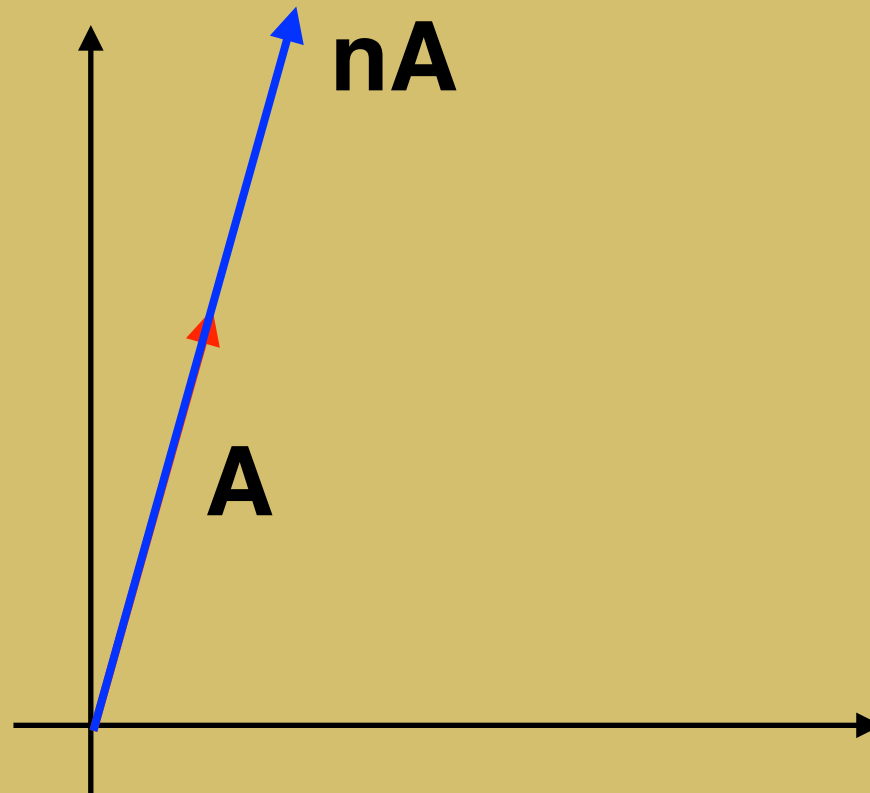
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Vector Algebra



Vector Algebra



$$n(A+B) = nA + nB$$

Tensor Algebra

1-Dim Tensors

$$T_i \rightsquigarrow \sum_i C_i \vec{b}_i$$

n-Dim Tensors

$$T_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_n} \rightsquigarrow \sum_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_n} C_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_n} \vec{b}_{i_1} \otimes \vec{b}_{i_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \vec{b}_{i_n}$$

Tensor Algebra

For $T_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_n}$ in $\underbrace{W \otimes W \otimes \cdots \otimes W}_n$

and $T_{i_n i_{n+1} \cdots i_{n+k}}$ in $\underbrace{W \otimes W \otimes \cdots \otimes W}_{k+1}$

a tensor contraction is

$$T_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_{n+1} \cdots i_{n+k}}$$

in $\underbrace{W \otimes W \otimes \cdots \otimes W}_{n+k-1}$.

Monoid to Tensor Mapping

$$\mathcal{F}$$

A mapping between a monoid grammar and tensor products of a finite dimensional vector space W with a fixed set of orthonormal basis is defined as follows:

Monoid to Tensor Mapping

Basic types

$$\mathcal{F}(t) = W \quad t \in \mathcal{B}.$$

All other types

$$\mathcal{F}(t_1 \cdot t_2) = \mathcal{F}(t_1) \otimes \mathcal{F}(t_2),$$

$$\mathcal{F}(t_1 \rightarrow t_2) = \mathcal{F}(t_1) \otimes \mathcal{F}(t_2),$$

$$\mathcal{F}(t_1 \leftarrow t_2) = \mathcal{F}(t_1) \otimes \mathcal{F}(t_2).$$

Monoid to Tensor Mapping

Words with atomic type

$$\mathcal{F}(w) = T_i \in W \quad (w, t) \in \mathcal{D}.$$

All other words

$$\mathcal{F}(w) = T_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_n} \in \underbrace{W \otimes \cdots \otimes W}_n$$

where

$$(w, t_1 \circ \cdots \circ t_n) \in \mathcal{D}$$

Monoid to Tensor Mapping

The tensor semantics of a string of words

$$w_1 w_2 \cdots w_n$$

is

$$\mathcal{F}(w_1) \mathcal{F}(w_2) \cdots \mathcal{F}(w_n) .$$

Examples

men kill

$$T_{ij}^{\text{kill}} T_j^{\text{men}}$$

men kill dogs

$$(T_{ijk}^{\text{kill}} T_k^{\text{dogs}}) T_j^{\text{men}}$$

men kill cute dogs

$$(T_{ijl}^{\text{kill}} (T_{lk}^{\text{cute}} T_k^{\text{dog}})) T_j^{\text{men}}$$

Examples

$n \rightarrow s$

$W \otimes W$

n

W

men kill

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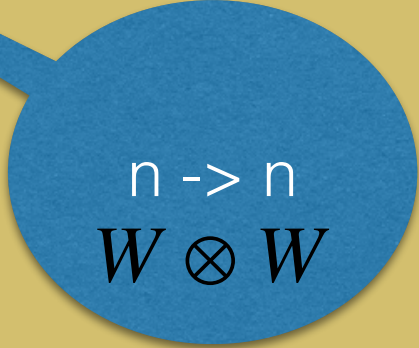
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$$n \rightarrow n$$
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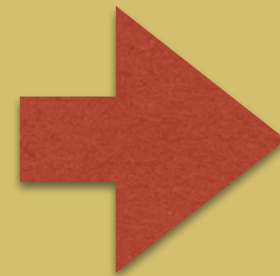
Categorical Semantics

Experimental Contributions

Open Problem: from Sentence to Discourse

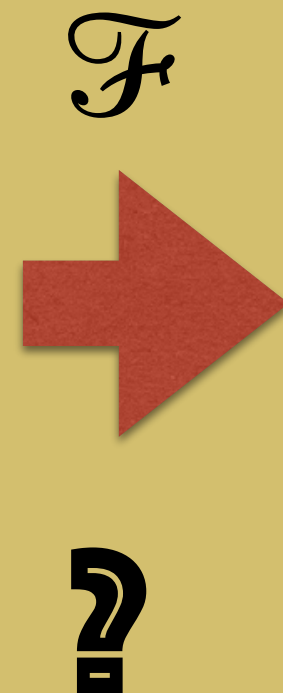
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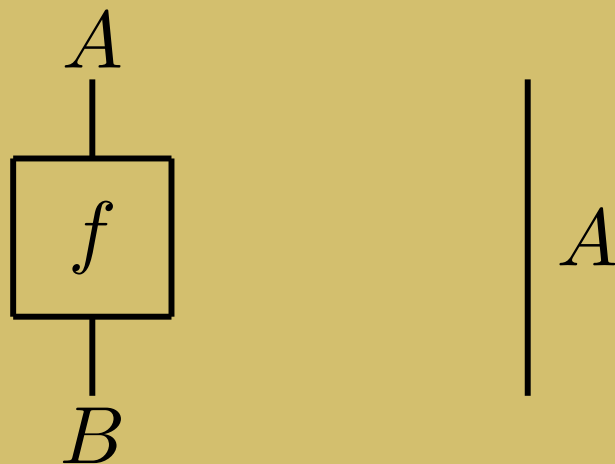
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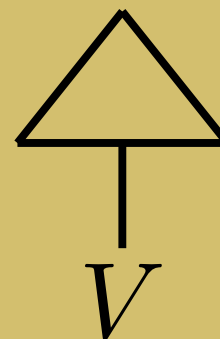
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Objects and morphisms



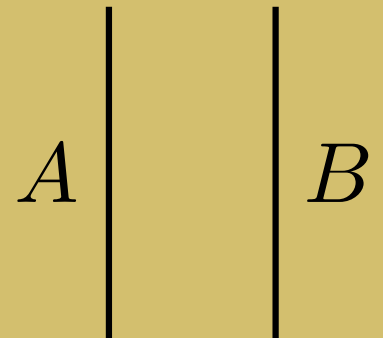
Elements within objects



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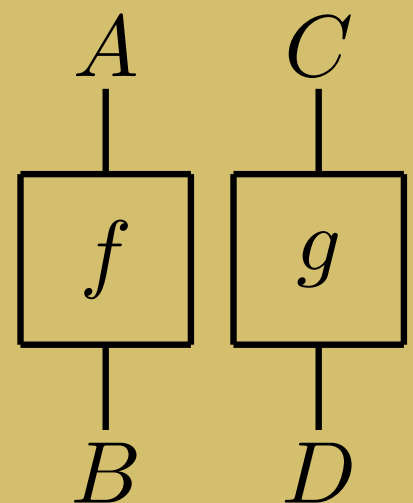
Tensors of objects

$$A \otimes B$$



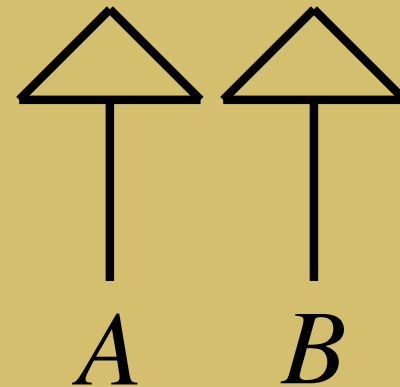
Tensors of morphisms

$$f \otimes g$$

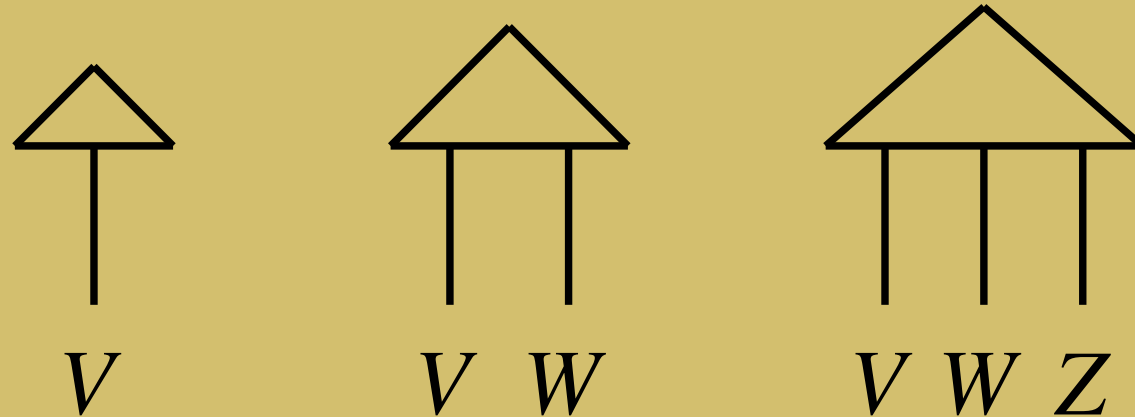


Compact Closed Category

Tensors of elements



Elements of tensors of various ranks



Non Symmetric CCC

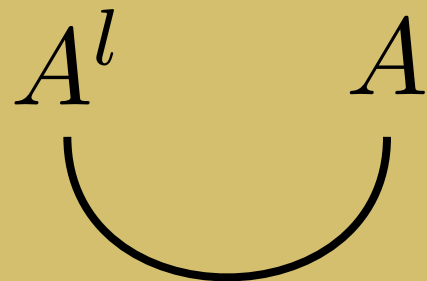
Left and right epsilon and eta maps

$$\epsilon_A^r : A \otimes A^r \rightarrow I$$

$$\eta_A^r : I \rightarrow A^r \otimes A$$

$$\epsilon_A^l : A^l \otimes A \rightarrow I$$

$$\eta_A^l : I \rightarrow A \otimes A^l$$



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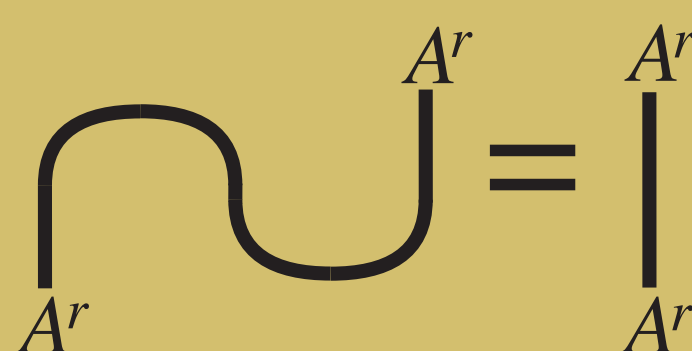
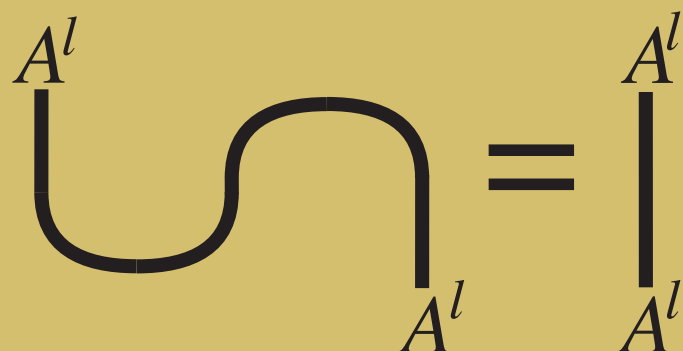
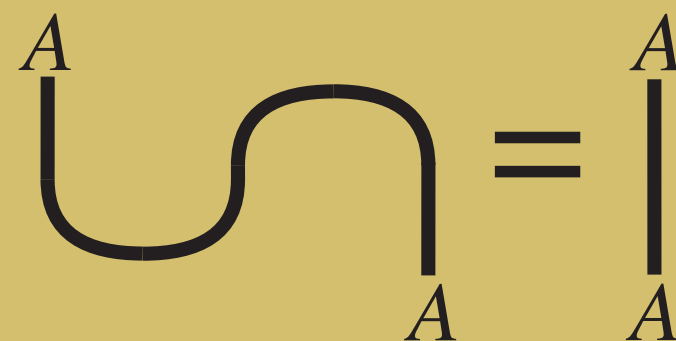
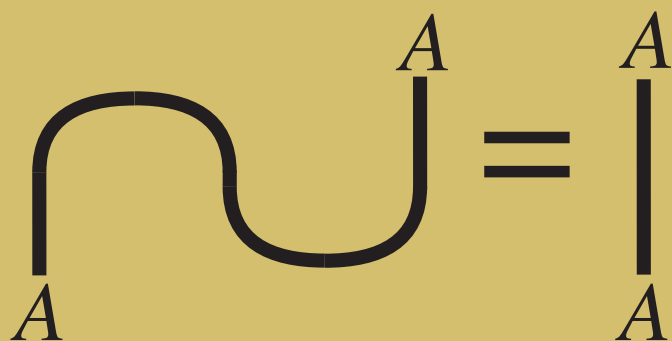
satisfying

$$(1_A \otimes \epsilon_A^l) \circ (\eta_A^l \otimes 1_A) = 1_A$$

$$(\epsilon_A^l \otimes 1_{A^l}) \circ (1_{A^l} \otimes \eta_A^l) = 1_{A^l}$$

$$(\epsilon_A^r \otimes 1_A) \circ (1_A \otimes \eta_A^r) = 1_A$$

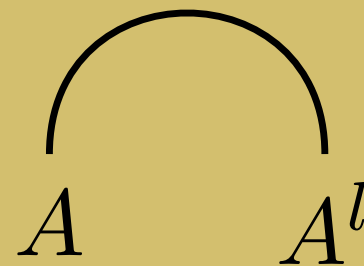
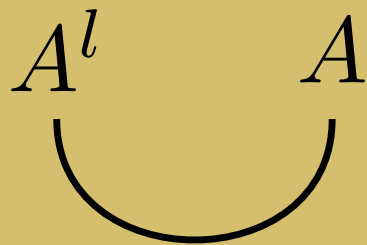
$$(1_{A^r} \otimes \epsilon_A^r) \circ (\eta_A^r \otimes 1_{A^r}) = 1_{A^r}$$



Non Symmetric CCC

For example

$$\epsilon^l: A^l \otimes A \rightarrow I, \eta^l: I \rightarrow A \otimes A^l$$



Satisfies

A diagrammatic equation showing that the counit map ϵ^l satisfies a property. On the left, there is a diagram with three vertical lines. The leftmost line is labeled A^l and has a downward-pointing line segment. The middle line is labeled A and has an upward-pointing line segment. The rightmost line is labeled A^l and has a downward-pointing line segment. A curved line connects the bottom of the A^l line to the bottom of the A line, and another curved line connects the top of the A line to the top of the A^l line. This is followed by an equals sign and a single vertical line labeled A .

Monoidal Functors

A functor between two monoidal categories

$$\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

is monoidal if exists a unit morphism

$$I \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(I)$$

and a natural transformation

$$\mathcal{F}(A) \otimes \mathcal{F}(B) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(A \otimes B)$$

A monoidal functor **strong** if the above have **inverses**.

These preserve the compact structure.

A strongly monoidal functor on compact closed categories **preserves the compact structure**.

$$\mathcal{F}(A^l) = \mathcal{F}(A)^l \qquad \mathcal{F}(A^r) = \mathcal{F}(A)^r$$

To see this, chase the following morphisms:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(A^l) \otimes \mathcal{F}(A) &\rightarrow \mathcal{F}(A^l \otimes A) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(I) \rightarrow I \\ I &\rightarrow \mathcal{F}(I) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(A \otimes A^l) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(A) \otimes \mathcal{F}(A^l) \end{aligned}$$

and recall the **uniqueness of adjoints**.

... from Residuated Monoids to Pregroups

$$a/b \leadsto ab^l \qquad a \setminus b \leadsto a^r b$$

Pregroup Algebras

Lambek, 1997, LACL

A *pregroup algebra* is a partially ordered monoid, where each element has a left and a right adjoint.

$$P = (P, \leq, \cdot, 1, (-)^l, (-)^r)$$

$$\forall p \in P, \quad \exists p^l, p^r \in P$$

$$p \cdot p^r \leq 1 \leq p^r \cdot p \qquad p^l \cdot p \leq 1 \leq p \cdot p^l$$

PA's are Compact Closed Categories

elements, adjoints  objects, adjoints

partial orders  arrows

monoid multiplication, I  tensor product, unit

$$\epsilon_p^r : p \cdot p^r \rightarrow 1$$

$$\epsilon_p^l : p^l \cdot p \rightarrow 1$$

contraction

$$\eta_p^r : 1 \rightarrow p^r \cdot p$$

$$\eta_p^l : 1 \rightarrow p \cdot p^l$$

expansion

Categorification of Syntax

Preller-Lambek, 2007, MSCS

Grammatical structures become morphisms.

cute dogs

$$nn^l \quad n \xrightarrow{1_n \otimes \epsilon_n^l} n$$



men kill

$$n \quad n^r s \xrightarrow{\epsilon_n^r \otimes 1_s} s$$

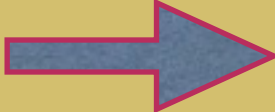
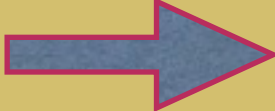
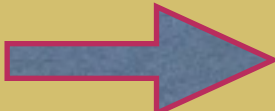


men kill dogs

$$n \quad n^r s n^l \quad n \xrightarrow{\epsilon_n^r \otimes 1_s \otimes \epsilon_n^l} s$$



FVect are Compact Closed Categories

vector spaces, adjoints		<i>objects, dual spaces</i>
linear maps		<i>arrows</i>
tensor product, R		tensor product, unit

Symmetry of tensor

$$\epsilon_V^l = \epsilon_V^r = \epsilon_V : V \otimes V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \qquad \eta_V^l = \eta_V^r = \eta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow V \otimes V$$

Epsilon map

$$\sum_{ij} C_{ij} \overrightarrow{v}_i \otimes \overrightarrow{v}_j \mapsto \sum_{ij} C_{ij} \langle \overrightarrow{v}_i \mid \overrightarrow{v}_j \rangle$$

Eta map

$$1 \mapsto \sum_i \overrightarrow{v}_i \otimes \overrightarrow{v}_i$$

The **Passage** is a Strongly Monoidal Functor

$$n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} N$$

$$s \xrightarrow{\quad} S$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{\quad} I$$

$$x^r, x^l \xrightarrow{\quad} F(x^l) \cong F(x^r) \cong F(x)^*$$

$$xy \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{F}(x) \otimes \mathcal{F}(y)$$

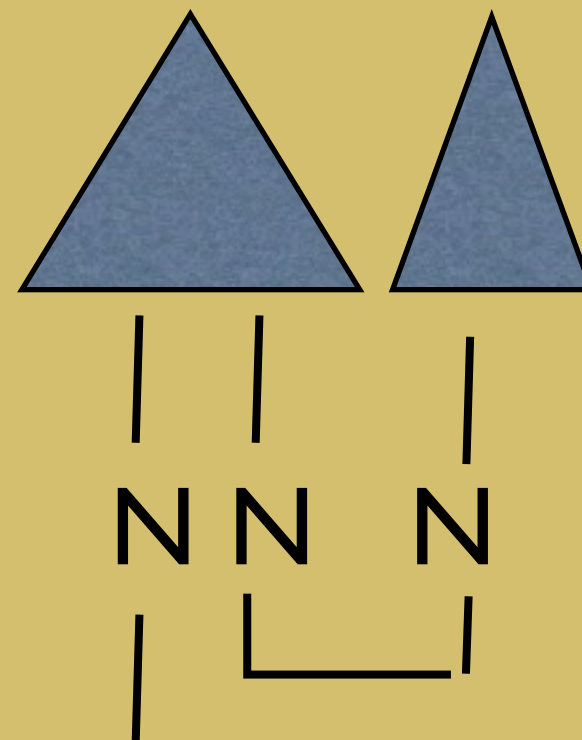
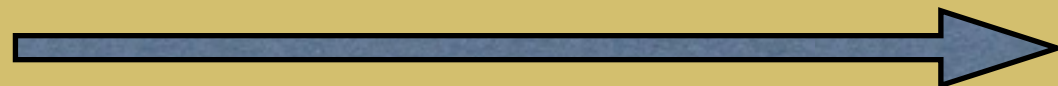
$$xx^r \rightarrow 1, x^l x \rightarrow 1 \xrightarrow{\quad} F(x) \otimes F(x)^* \rightarrow I$$

cute dogs

nn^l n



\mathcal{F}

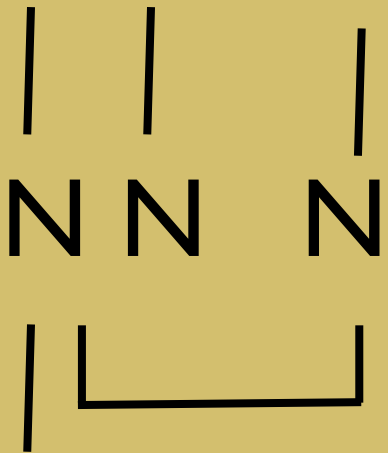
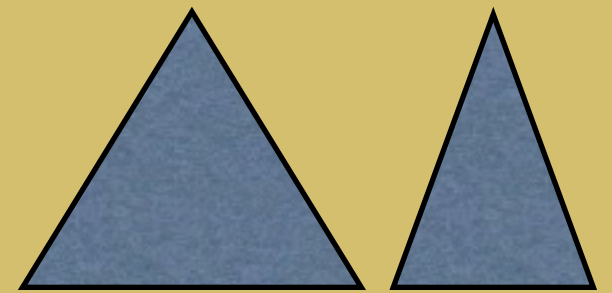


cute dogs

$nn^l \quad n$



\mathcal{F}

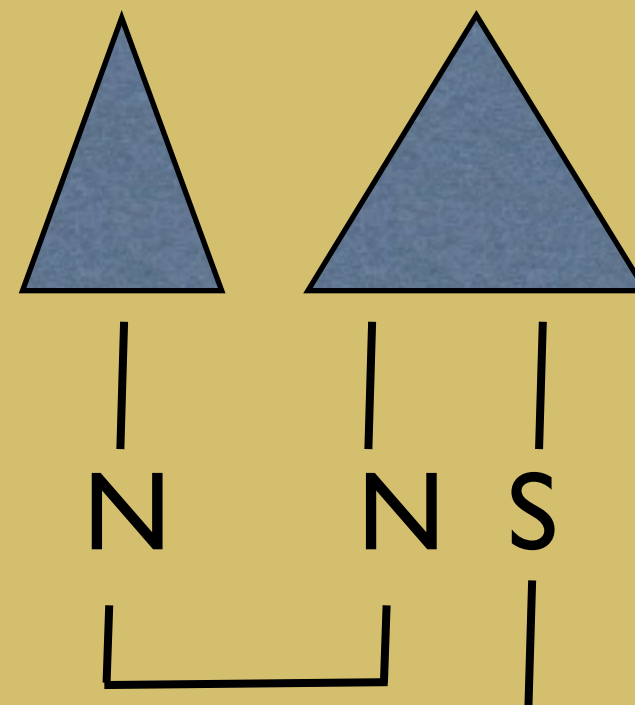


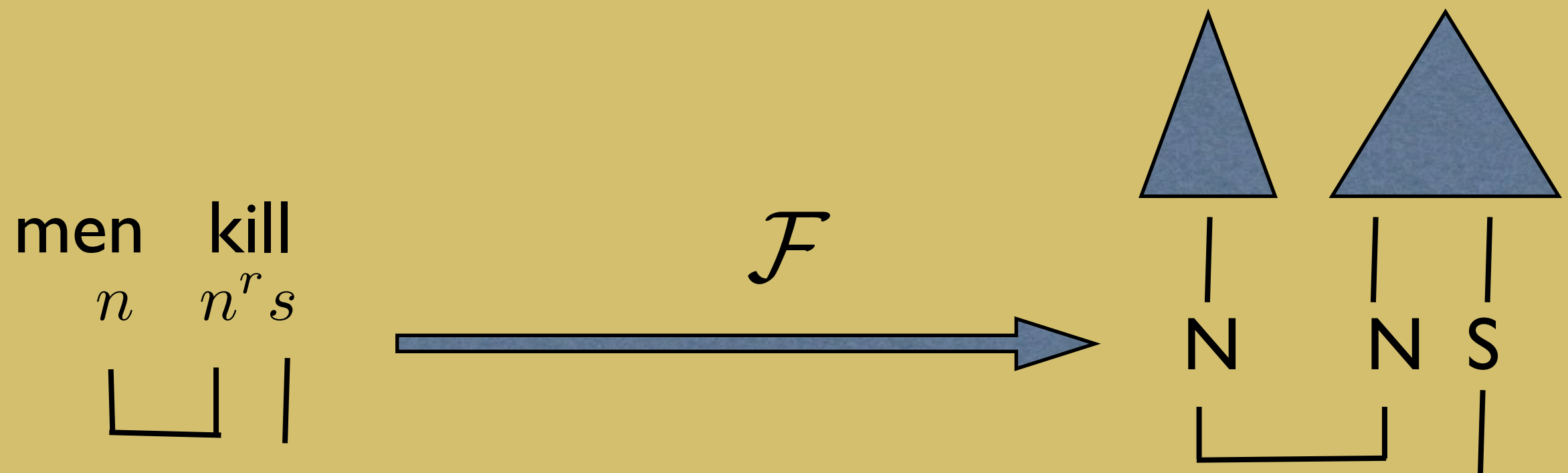
$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{\text{cute dogs}} &= (1_N \otimes \epsilon_N) \left(\sum_{ij} C_{ij} \vec{n}_i \otimes \vec{n}_j \otimes \sum_k C_k \vec{n}_k \right) \\ &= \sum_{ijk} C_{ij} C_k \vec{n}_i \langle \vec{n}_j | \vec{n}_k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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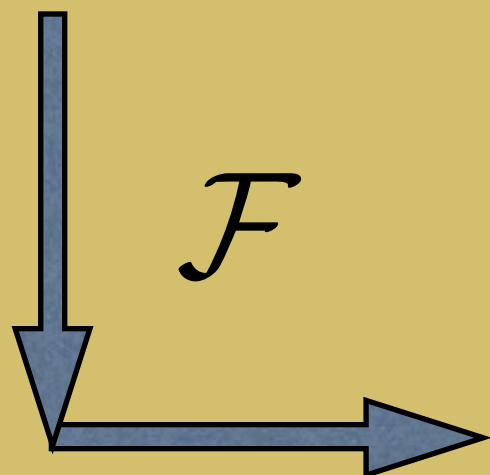
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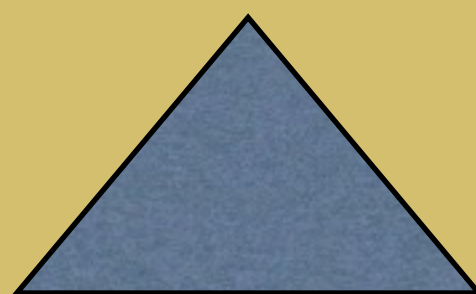
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 \overrightarrow{\text{men kill}} &= (\epsilon_N \otimes 1_S) \left(\sum_i C_i \vec{n}_i \otimes \sum_{jk} C_{jk} \vec{n}_j \otimes \vec{s}_k \right) \\
 &= \sum_{ijk} C_i C_{jk} \langle \vec{n}_i | \vec{n}_j \rangle \vec{s}_k
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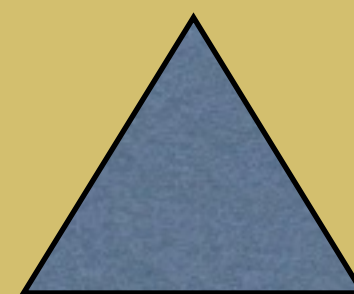
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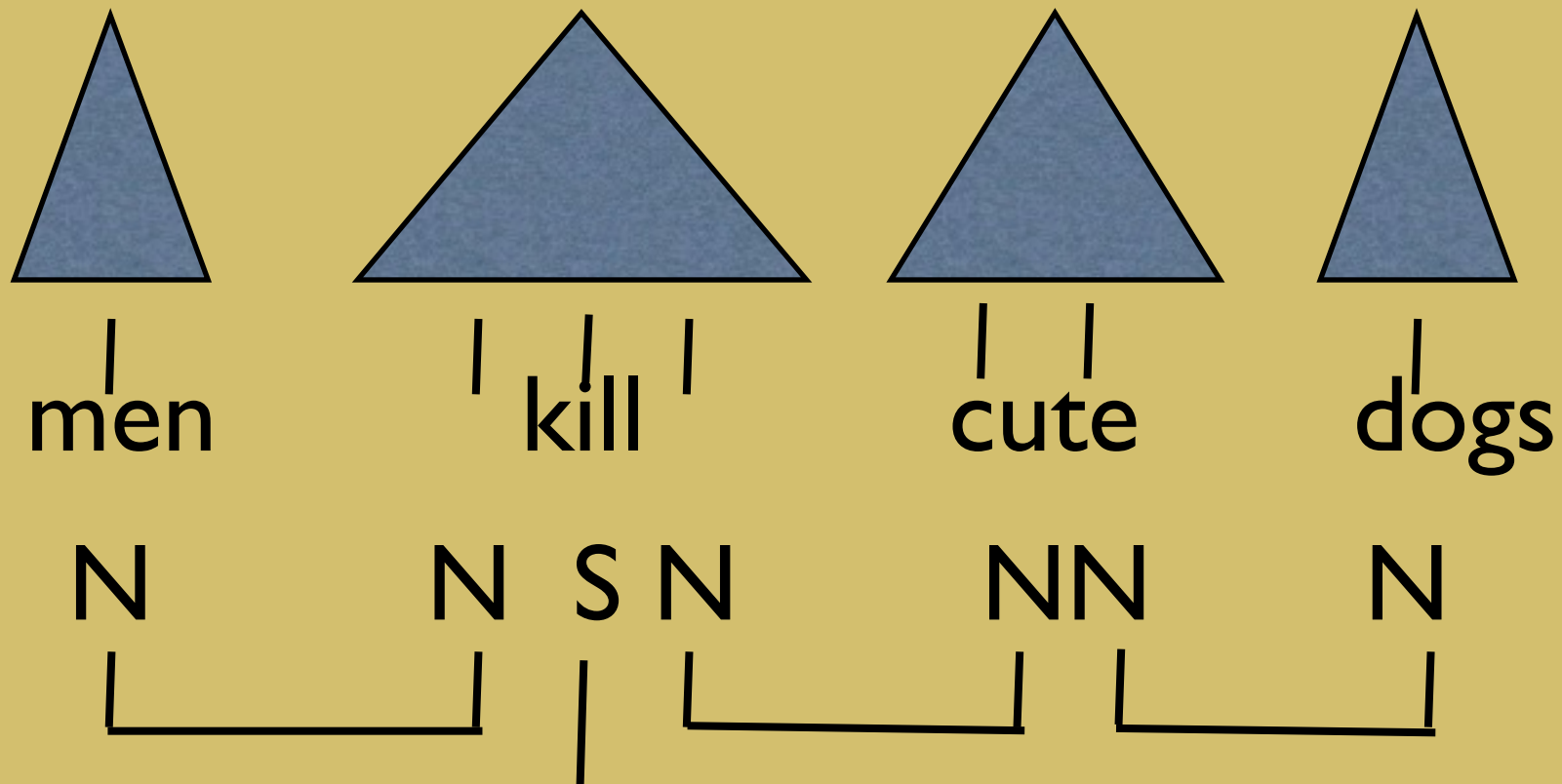
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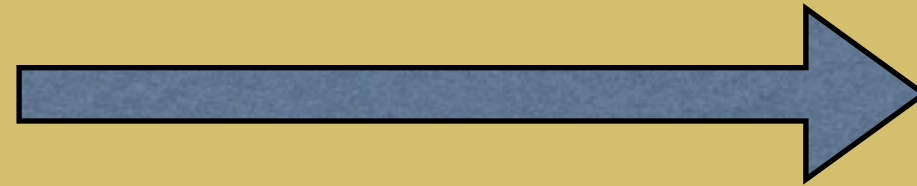
$\overrightarrow{\text{men kill cute dogs}} =$

$$(\epsilon_N \otimes 1_S \otimes \epsilon_N) \circ (1_{N \otimes N \otimes S \otimes N} \otimes 1_N \otimes \epsilon_N) \left(\sum_i C_i \vec{n}_i \otimes \sum_{jkl} C_{jkl} \vec{n}_j \otimes \vec{n}_k \otimes \vec{n}_l \otimes \sum_{mn} C_{mn} \vec{n}_m \otimes \vec{n}_n \otimes \sum_o C_o \vec{n}_o \right)$$

$$= \sum_{ijklmno} C_i C_{jkl} C_{mn} C_o \langle \vec{n}_i | \vec{n}_j \rangle \vec{s}_k \langle \vec{n}_i | \vec{n}_m \rangle \langle \vec{n}_n | \vec{n}_o \rangle$$

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Strongly Monoidal Functor



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Spaces

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Google Books: 25 million books and magazines.

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Wikipedia: 40 million articles, 301 languages.

British National Corpus: 100 million words

ukWaCkypedia: 200 billion words

Distributional Semantics

“oculist and eye-doctor . . . occur in almost the same environments”

“If A and B have almost identical environments. . . we say that they are synonyms.”

Harris (1954)

“You shall know a word by the company it keeps!”

Firth (1957)

Words that occur in similar contexts tend to have similar meanings.

Imagine you had never seen the word *marinee*, but given a context:

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People are scared of *marinee*.

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Guess the missing word

Butterflies are beautiful, flying insects with large scaly wings. Like all insects, they have six jointed legs, 3 body parts, a pair of antennae, compound eyes, and an exoskeleton. The three body parts are the head, thorax (the chest), and abdomen (the tail end). The **butterfly**'s body is covered by tiny sensory hairs. The four wings and the six legs of the **butterfly** are attached to the thorax. The thorax contains the muscles that make the legs and wings move. **Butterflies** are very good fliers. They have two pairs of large wings covered with colorful, iridescent scales in overlapping rows. Lepidoptera (**butterflies** and moths) are the only insects that have scaly wings. The wings are attached to the **butterfly**'s thorax (mid-section). Veins support the delicate wings and nourish them with blood.

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Co-Occurrence Matrices

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pineapple	0	...	0	0	1	0	1	
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Co-Occurrence Matrices

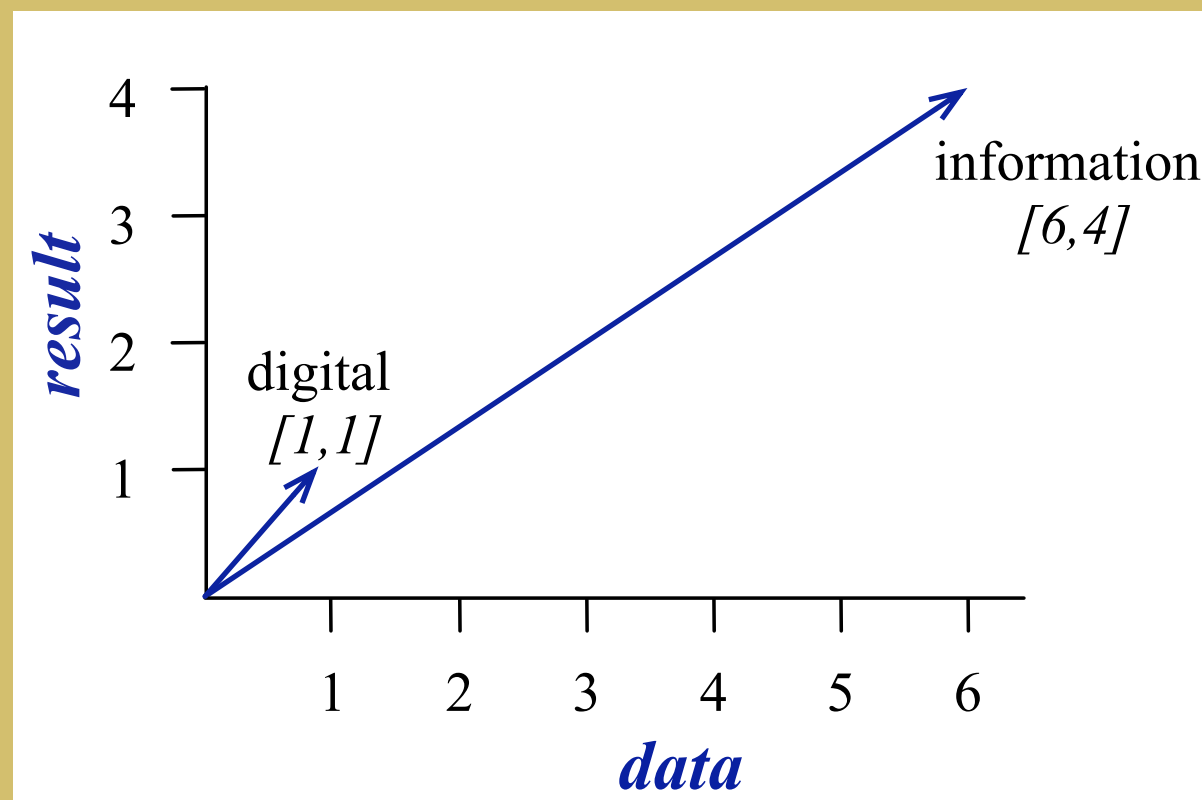
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pineapple	0	0	2.25	0	2.25
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information	0	0.57	0	0.47	0


$$\log_2(.05/ (.16 * .58)) = -0.618$$

$$\text{PPMI}(w, c) = \max\left(\log_2 \frac{P(w, c)}{P(w)P(c)}, 0\right)$$

Similarity Measure

PPMI	computer	data	pinch	result	sugar
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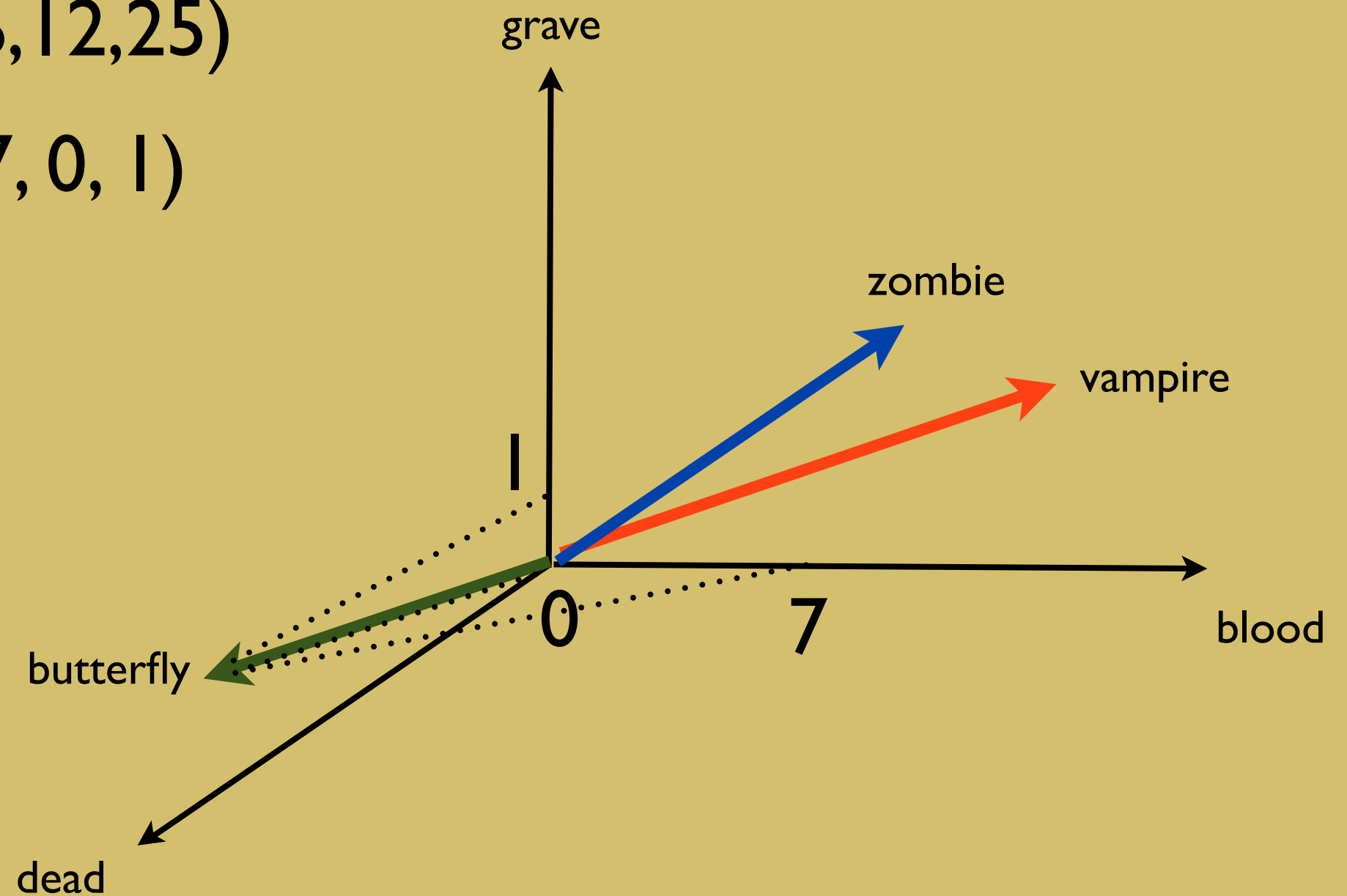


Example

$\overrightarrow{\text{vampire}} = (17, 13, 15)$

$\overrightarrow{\text{zombie}} = (16, 12, 25)$

$\overrightarrow{\text{butterfly}} = (7, 0, 1)$



Evaluations/Applications

WordSim-353: noun pairs

(cup, coffee)

SimLex-999: adjective, noun, and verb pairs

(cup, drink)

TOEFL: 80 questions

“Levied” is closest in meaning to
imposed, believed, requested, correlated

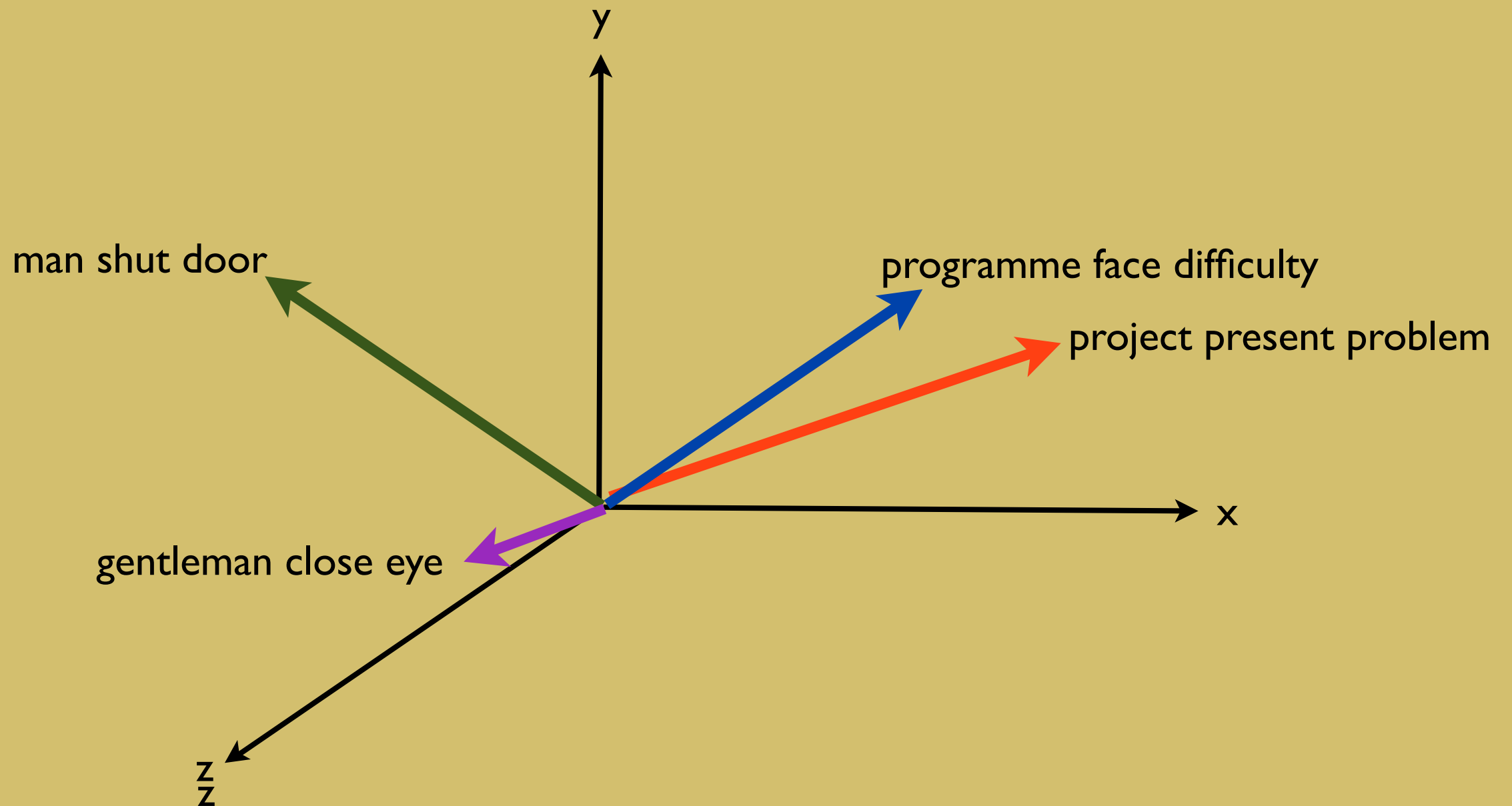
SCWS: 2003 words in sentences

Analogy: a to b is like c to do

Athens to Greece is like Oslo to Norway

At the Sentence Level?

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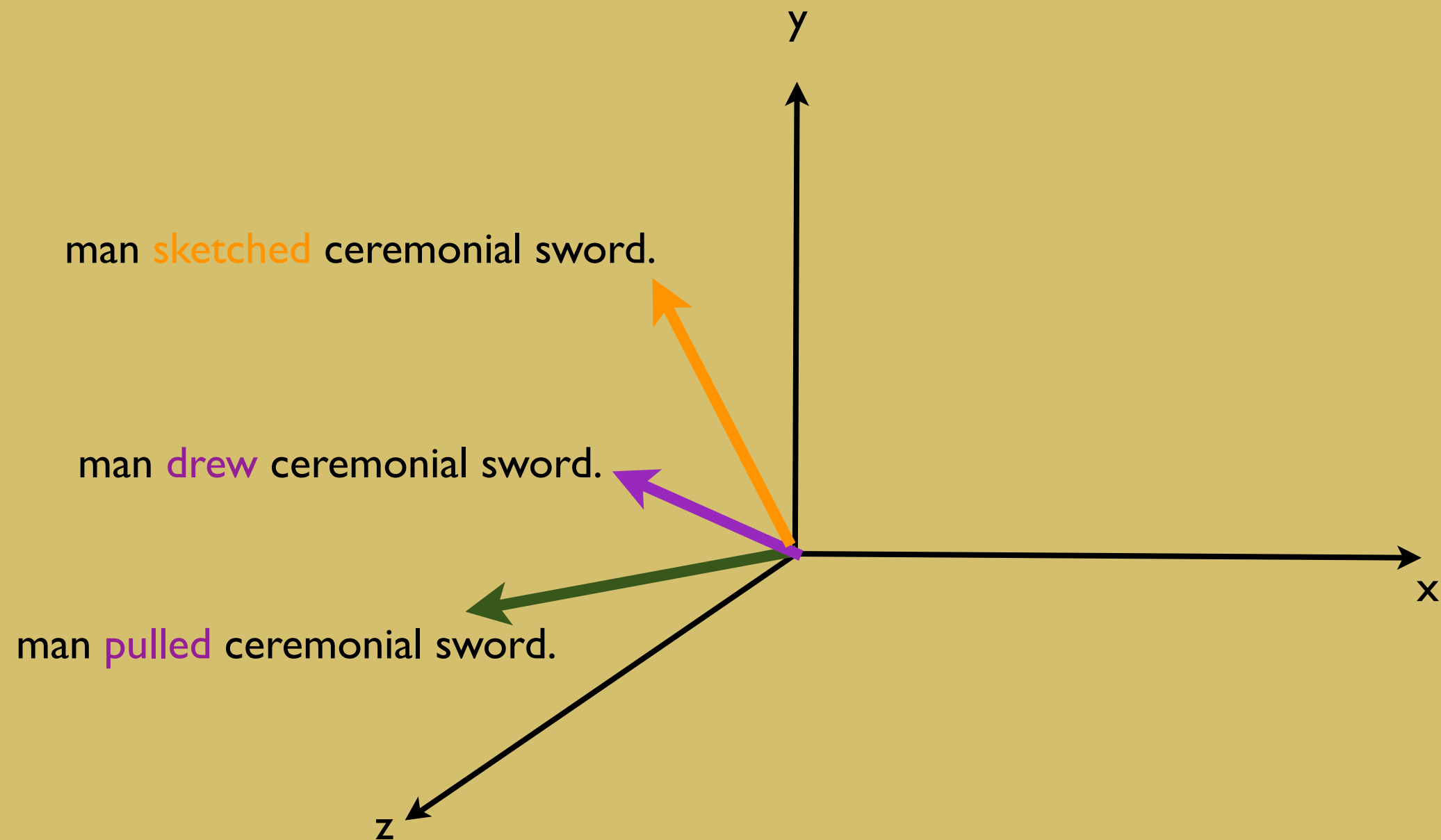


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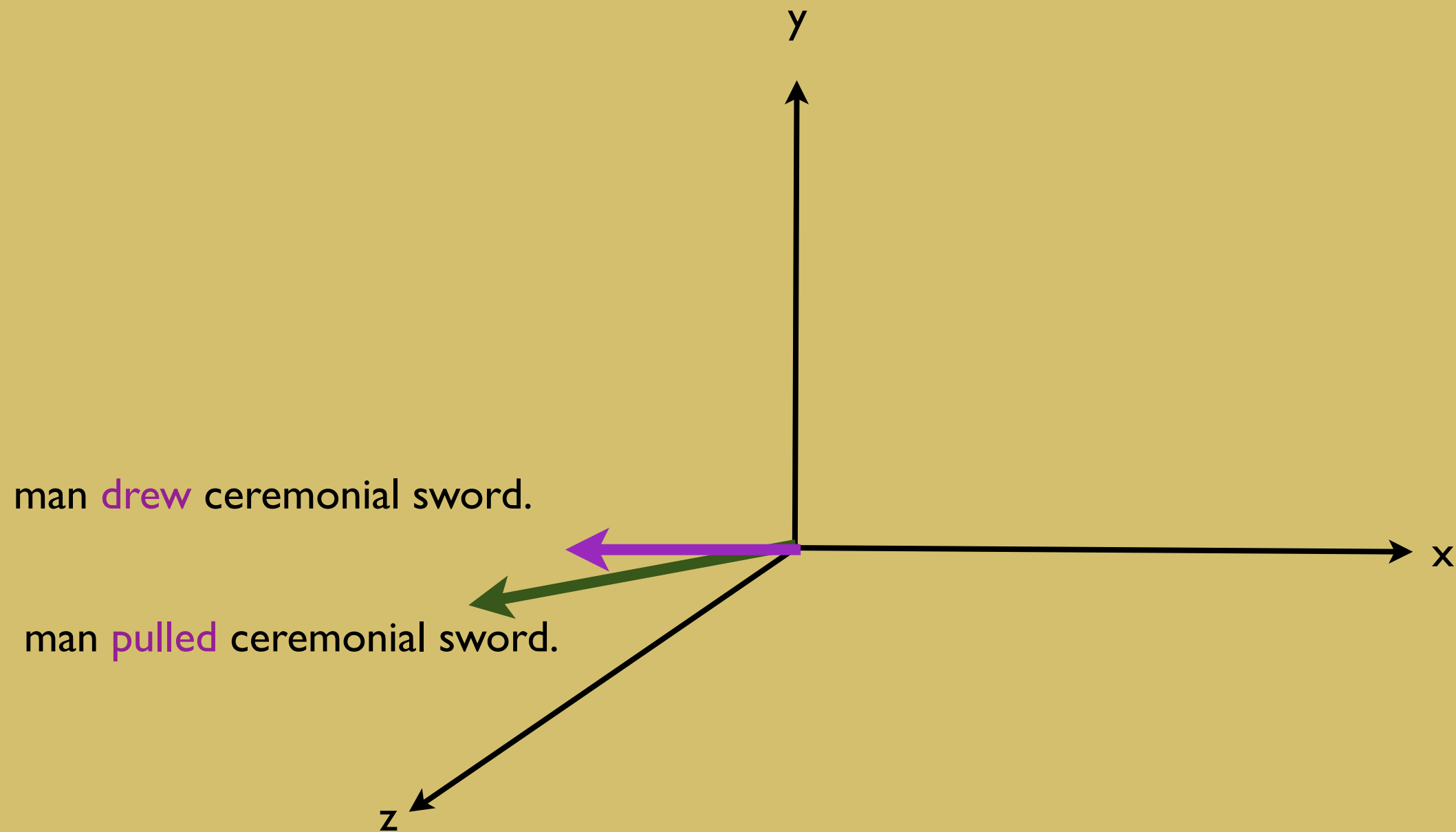
Karsaklis, Sadrzadeh, EMNLP 2013, ACL 2014, CoNLL 2013

	Model	Ambig.		Disamb.
BL	Verbs only	0.310	≪	0.341
M1	Multiplicative	0.325	≪	0.404
M2	Additive	0.368	≪	0.410
T1	Relational	0.368	≪	0.397
T2	Kronecker	0.404	<	0.412
T3	Copy-subject	0.310	≪	0.337
T4 _z	Copy-object	0.321	≪	0.368
	Human agreement		0.550	

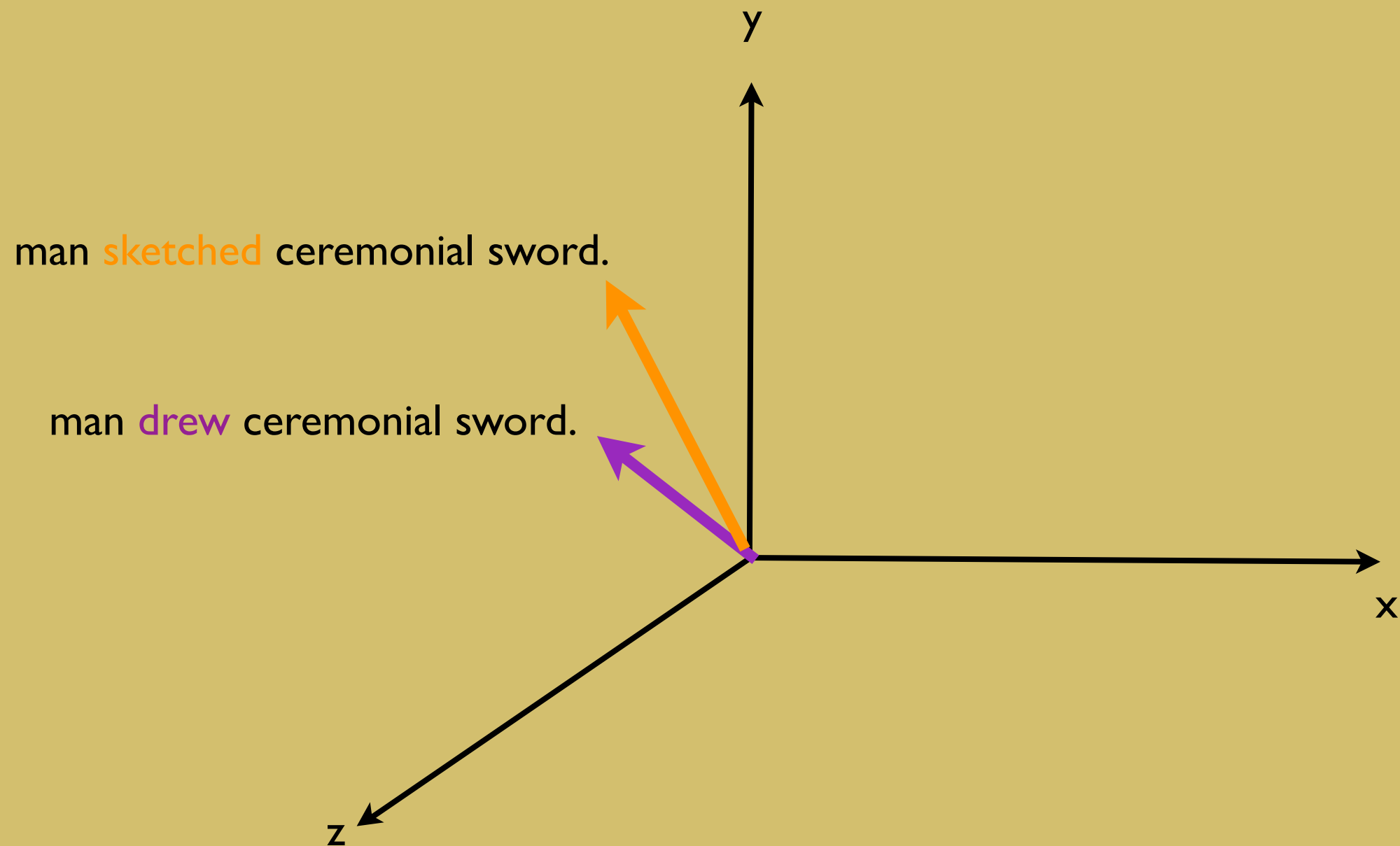
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Verb Disambiguation

Milajevs, Kartsaklis, Sadrzadeh, Purver EMNLP 2014

Method	GS11	KS14	NWE
Verb only	0.212	0.325	0.107
Addition	0.103	0.275	0.149
Multiplication	0.348	0.041	0.095
Kronecker	0.304	0.176	0.117
Relational	0.285	0.341	0.362
Copy subject	0.089	0.317	0.131
Copy object	0.334	0.331	0.456
Frobenius add.	0.261	0.344	0.359
Frobenius mult.	0.233	0.341	0.239
Frobenius outer	0.284	0.350	0.375

Sentence Entailment

Subject-verb-object

report describe result \vdash document explain process
report outline progress \vdash document describe change
value suit budget \vdash number meet standard
book present account \vdash work show evidence
woman marry man \vdash female join male
author retain house \vdash person hold property

Sentence Entailment

Balkir, Kartsaklis, Sdrzadeh, ISAIM, LACL, COLING 2016

Annals of Maths and AI, 2018

Model	Inclusion	KL-div	α Skew	WeedsPrec	ClarkeDE	APinc	balAPinc	SAPinc	SBalAPinc
Verb	0.61	0.61	0.66	0.69	0.58	0.74	0.67	0.59	0.63
\odot	0.55	0.65	0.74	0.79	0.67	0.76	0.71	0.80	0.80
min	0.55	0.71	0.74	0.78	0.63	0.77	0.71	0.73	0.76
+	0.58	0.54	0.71	0.59	0.60	0.65	0.64	0.67	0.67
max	0.58	0.55	0.68	0.58	0.58	0.63	0.61	0.60	0.61
Least-Sqr	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\otimes_{rel}	0.51	0.64	0.78	0.79	0.69	0.79	0.72	0.84	0.83
\otimes_{proj}	0.64	0.60	0.70	0.69	0.61	0.74	0.70	0.75	0.76
\otimes_{CpSbj}	0.57	0.65	0.73	0.77	0.63	0.73	0.68	0.79	0.78
\otimes_{CpObj}	0.54	0.62	0.73	0.72	0.64	0.76	0.71	0.81	0.79
\otimes_{FrAdd}	0.60	0.60	0.75	0.72	0.67	0.77	0.75	0.84	0.82
\otimes_{FrMul}	0.55	0.62	0.76	0.81	0.68	0.78	0.73	0.86	0.83

At the Discourse Level?

Anaphora and Ellipsis

Cats chase dogs, children too.

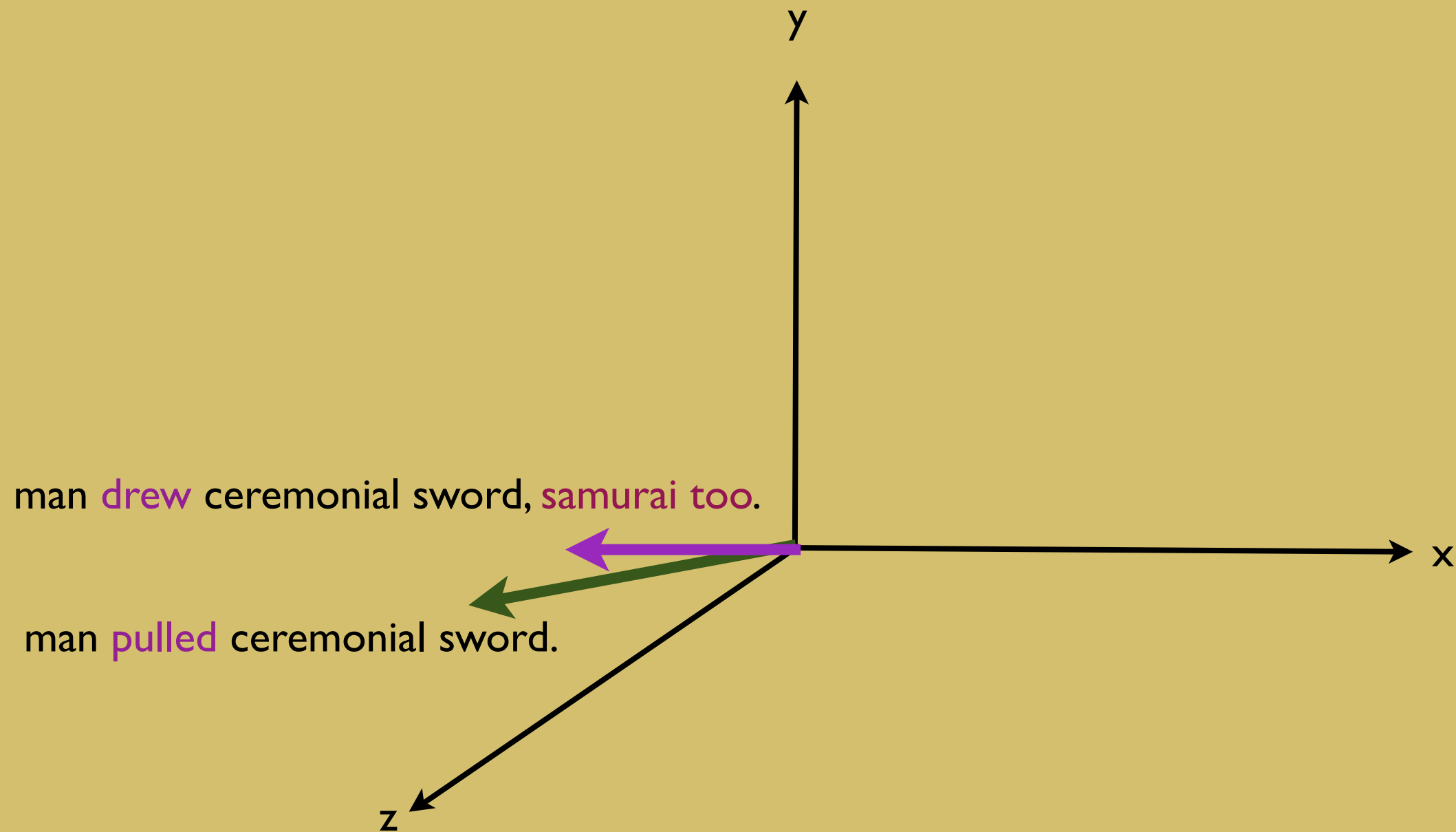
Cats chase dogs. Children do too.

Cats chase their tails, dogs too.

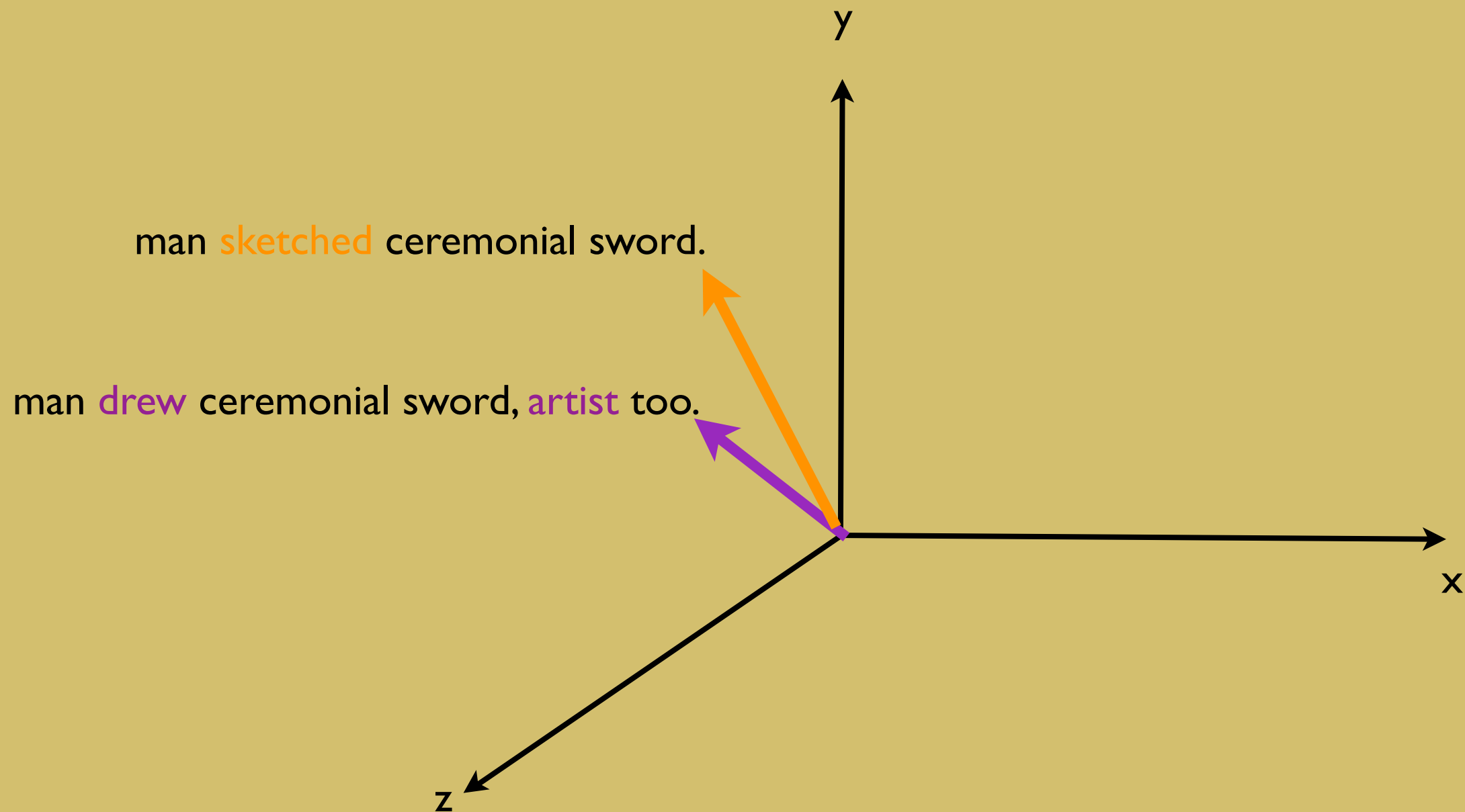
Cats chase themselves, dogs too.

Cats miaow. They are cute.

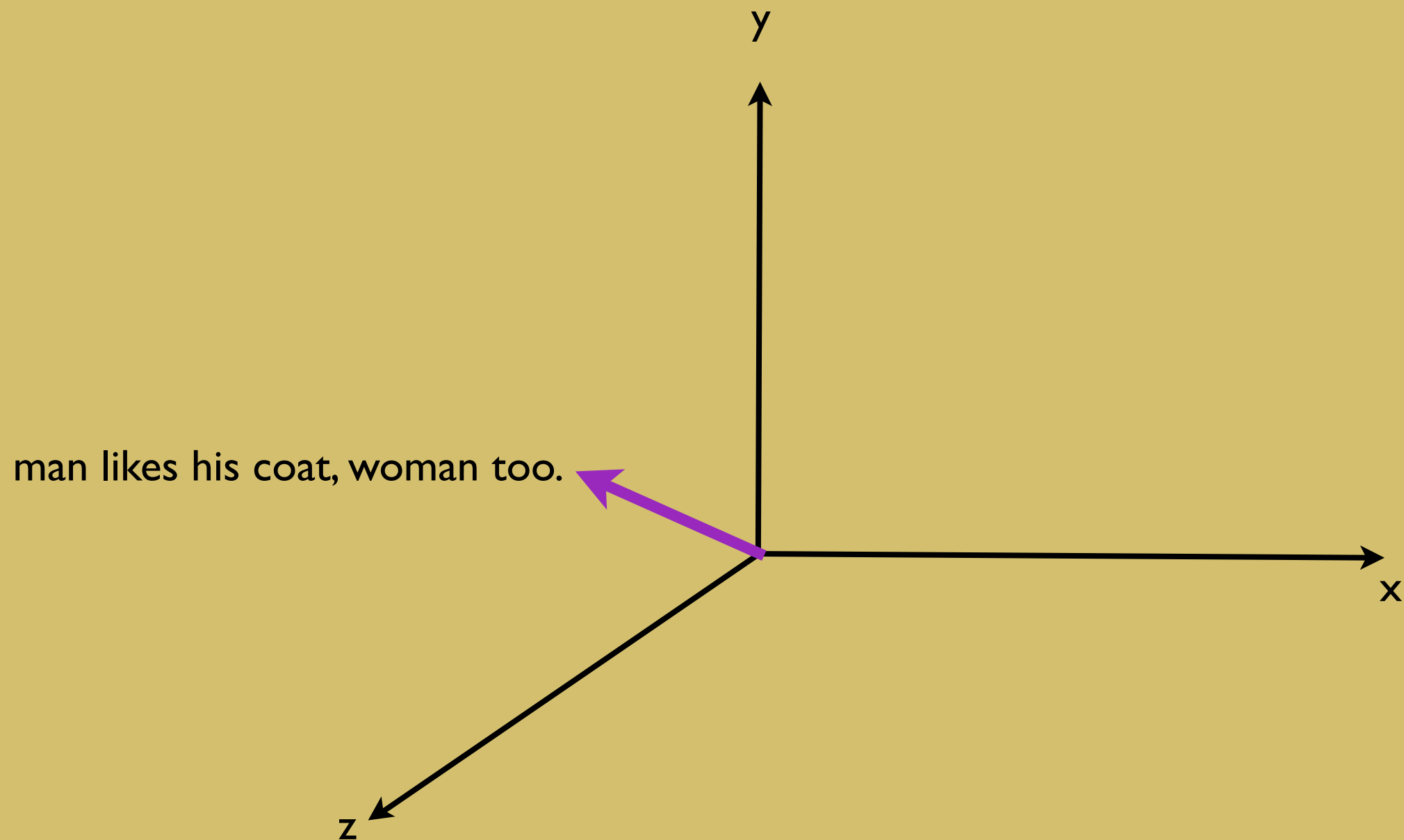
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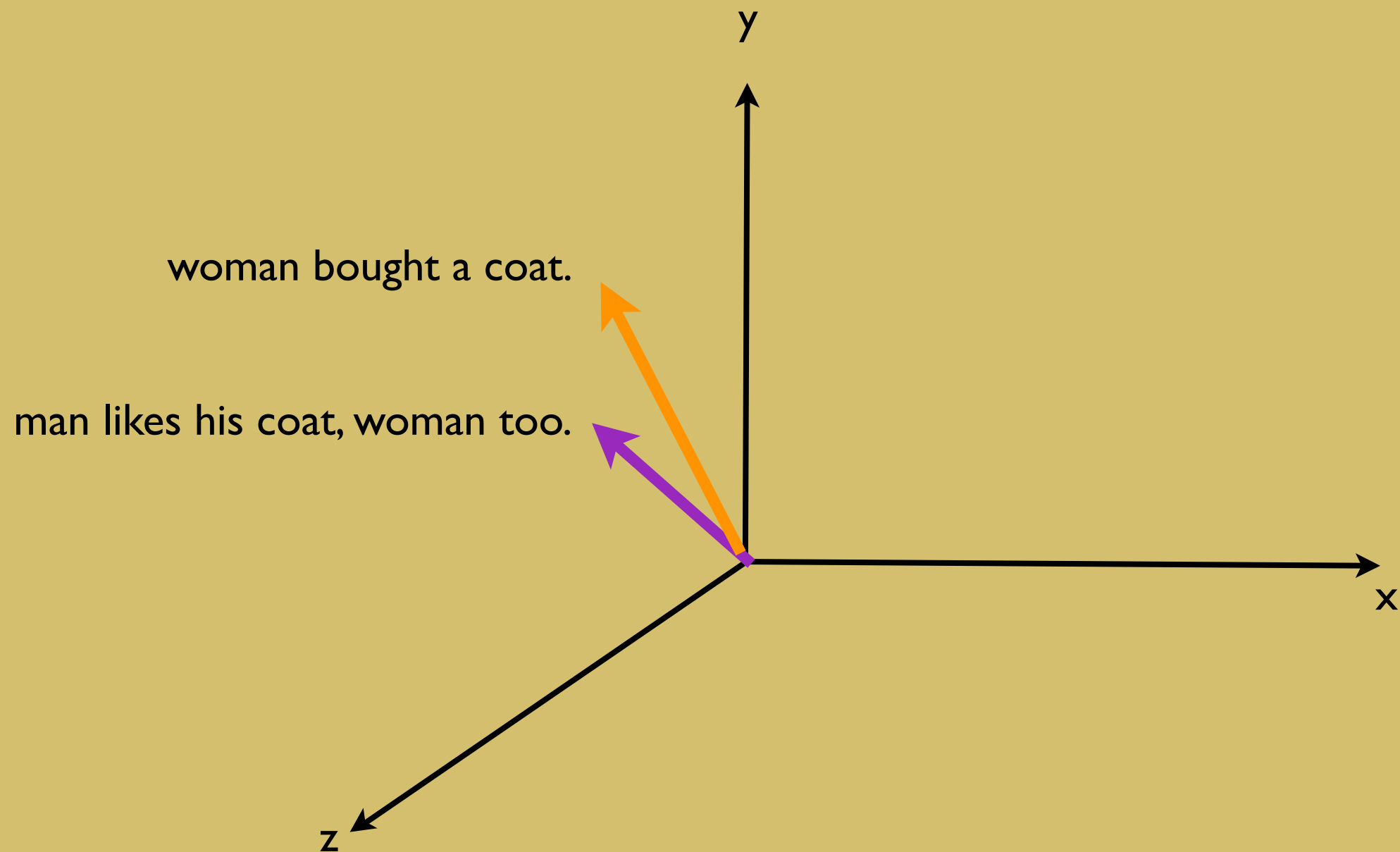
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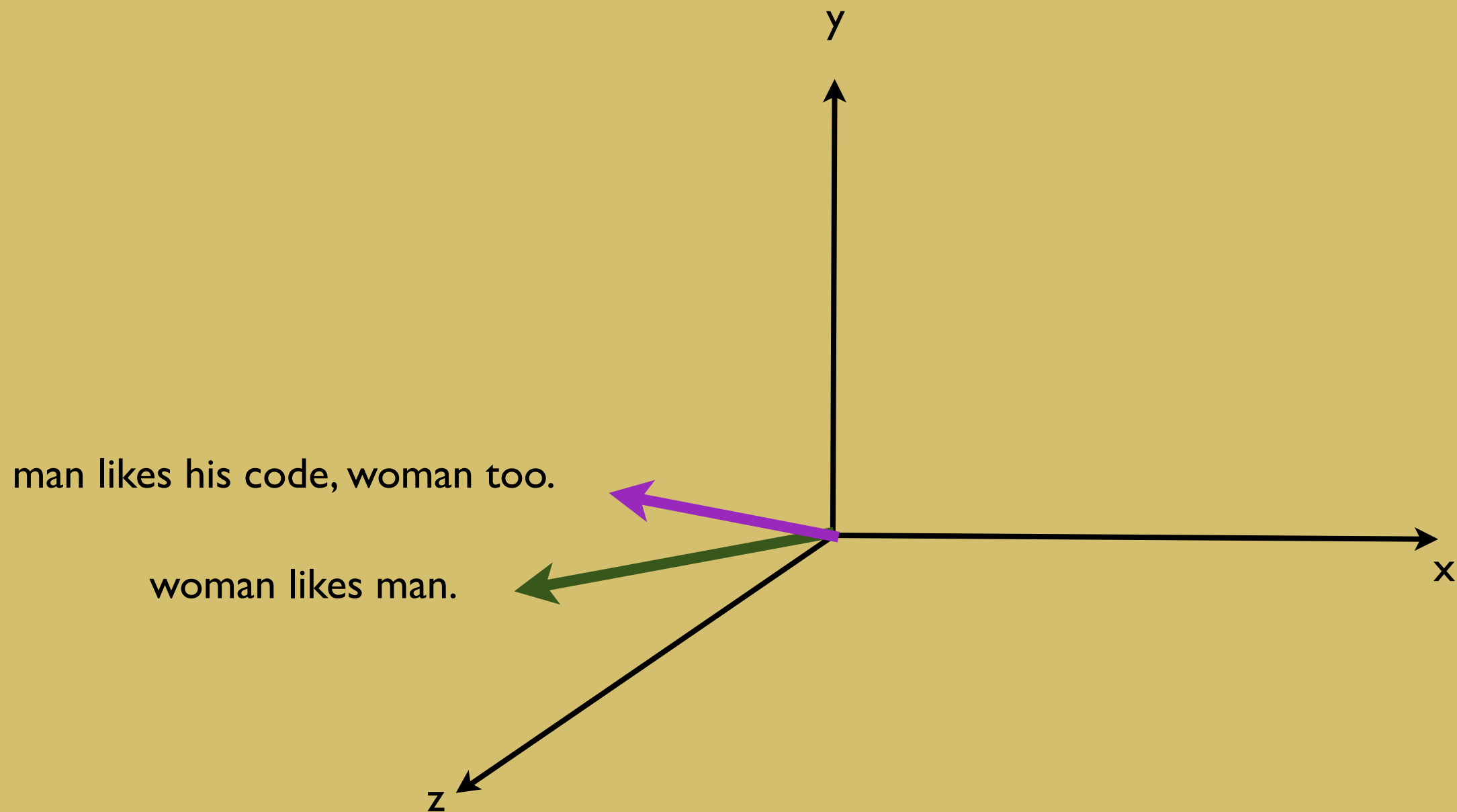
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Improves Entailment

KL($\overrightarrow{\text{a cat miaowed}}$, $\overrightarrow{\text{an animal made a noise}}$)

KL($\overrightarrow{\text{cats run across roads}}$, $\overrightarrow{\text{animals move.}}$)

Degrees of Inclusion

Improves Entailment

KL($\xrightarrow{\text{a cat miaowed, a dog did too.}}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{an animal made a noise}}$)

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Increase/Decrease
Degrees of Inclusion

Evaluation

	race	stands
	swm1	swm2
man runs	0.88	0.78

UnResolved

man runs, governor does-too.

0.91

man runs, athlete does-too.

0.92

Resolved

man runs, governor does-too.

0.98

man runs, athlete does-too.

0.95

Large Scale Evaluation

Wijholds, Sadrzadeh, JoLLI 2019, NAACL 2019

export boom and economy does too

gun boom and cannon does too

export prosper and economy does too

gun thunder and cannon does too

export thunder and economy does too

gun prosper and cannon does too

frequency search

economy: occurs with boom, but much more with *prosper* than *thunder*.

cannon: occurs with boom, but much more with *thunder* than *prosper*.

Disambiguation with Transitive Elliptical Phrases

MLELLDIS		word2vec	Count Based
UnResolved	Verb Only Vector	0.274	0.078
	Verb Only Tensor	0.060	0.108
	Additive	0.292	0.040
	Multiplicative	0.068	0.206
Resolved	Multiplicative	0.213	0.391
	Additive	0.298	0.078

Disambiguation with Transitive Elliptical Phrases

	CB	W2V	GloVe	FT
Verb Only Vector	.4363	.2406	.4451	.2290
Verb Only Tensor	.3295	.4376	.3942	.3876
UnResolved				
Add. Linear	.4416	.2728	.3046	.1409
Mult. Linear	.3250	-.0123	.1821	.2928
Resolved				
Add. Non-Linear	.4448	.3275	.3262	.1399
Mult. Non-Linear	.5029	.2087	.2446	.0440
Resolved w Tensors				
Best Tensor	.5385	.4621	.3688	.4937
2nd Best Tensor	.5263	.4544	.3581	.4652

A Problem:

What is the algebra of discourse and how
does its interface to tensor semantics work?

(I) Copying and Moving

- Jaeger, A multimodal analysis of anaphora with ellipsis, 1998.
- Morrill & Saladrigas, Generalising discontinuity, 1996.
- Hendriks, Ellipsis and multimodal categorial type logic, 1995.
- M. Kanovich, Kuznetsov, Schedrov, Lambek Calculus with a Relevant Modality, 2017.

(II) Bidirectional Implication

- Kubota and Levine, Gapping and like-category coordination, 2012.
- Kubota and Levine, Pseudo gapping as pseudo vp-ellipsis, 2017.
- Jaeger, Anaphora and Type-Logical Grammars, 2006.

Modal Residuated Monoids

$$(M, \cdot, 1, \leq, \backslash, /, \Diamond)$$

Copying

$$a \leq \Diamond a \cdot a \qquad a \leq a \cdot \Diamond a$$

Moving

$$\Diamond b \cdot a \leq a \cdot \Diamond b$$

$$a \cdot \Diamond b \leq \Diamond b \cdot a$$

Bidirectional Implication

$$[N : A]_i \quad \dots \quad \frac{M : A \mid B}{M \ N : B} \ E|, i$$

$$(M, \cdot, 1, \leq, \backslash, /, |)$$

New Rule

$$a \cdot b \cdot a|c \leq a \cdot b \cdot c$$

Modal Residuated Monoids are Bidirectional!

Definition

$$a|c := \Diamond a \setminus c$$

Lemma

$$a \cdot b \cdot \Diamond a \setminus c \leq$$

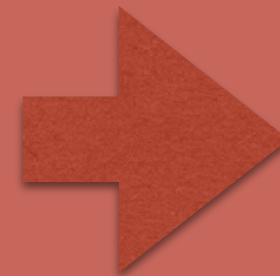
$$a \cdot \Diamond a \cdot b \cdot \Diamond a \setminus c \leq$$

$$a \cdot b \cdot \Diamond a \cdot \Diamond a \setminus c \leq$$

$$a \cdot b \cdot c$$

Monoid Grammar

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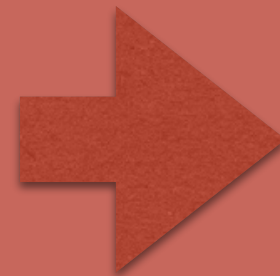


**Tensor
Algebras**

Strongly Monoidal Functor

**Modal Monoid
Grammer**

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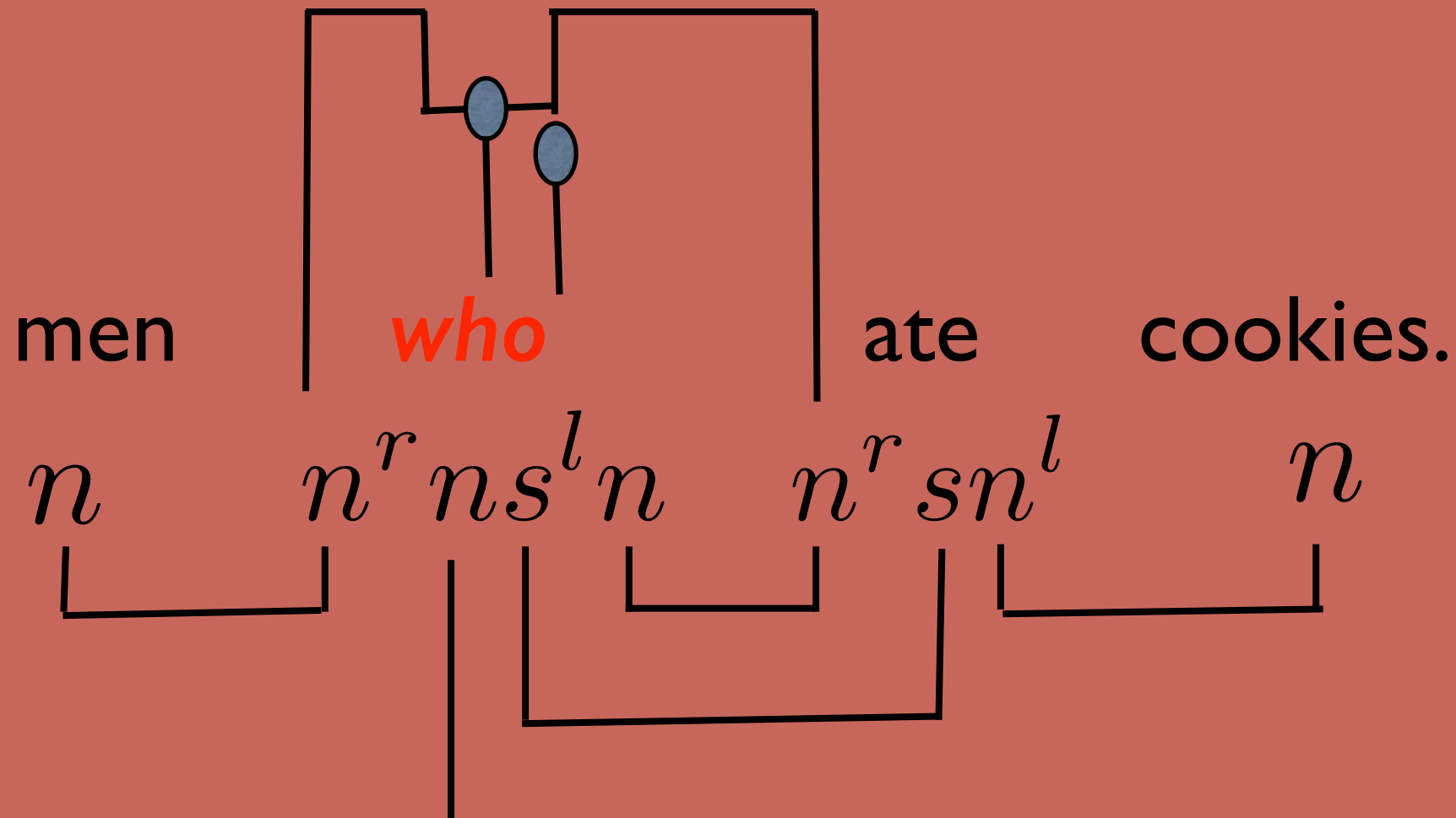


**Tensor
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Relative Pronouns via Frobenius Algebras

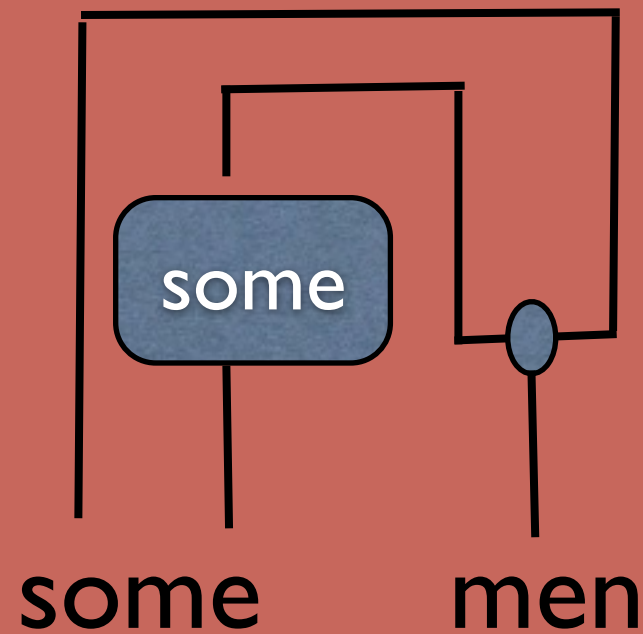
Clark-Coecke, Sadrzadeh [MoL 2013](#), [JLC 2013](#), [JLC 2014](#)



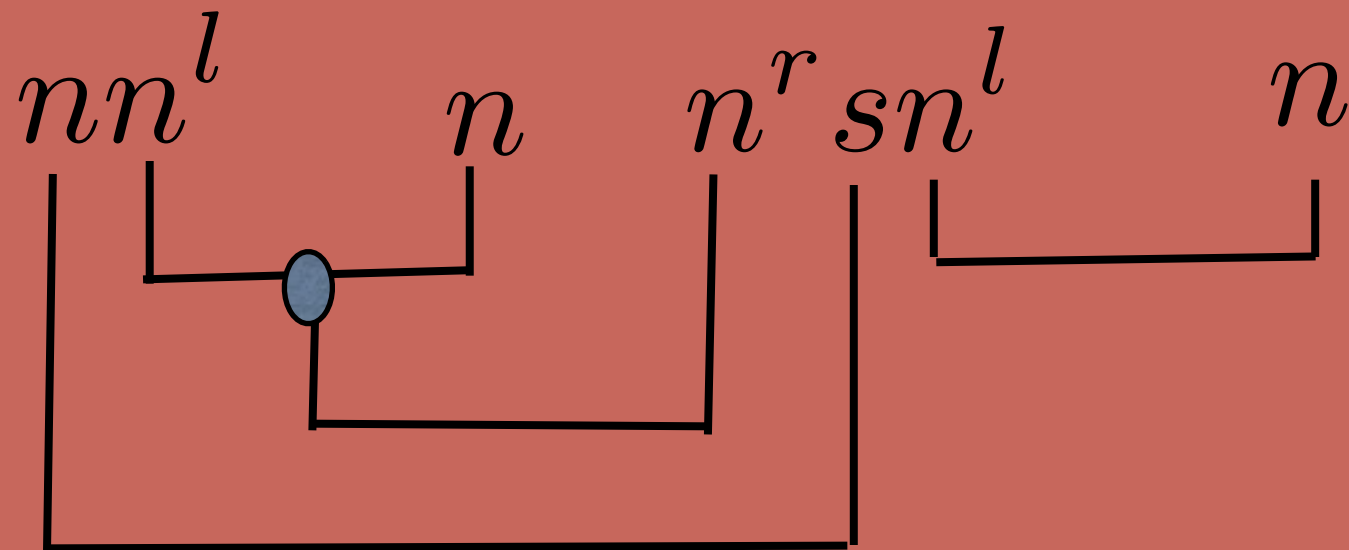
$$\overrightarrow{\text{men}}^T \odot (\overrightarrow{\text{ate}} \times \overrightarrow{\text{cookies}})$$

Quantification via Bi Algebras

Hedges, Sadrzadeh [QPL 2016, MSCS 2019](#)



like cookies.



$$(\overrightarrow{\text{some}} \times \overrightarrow{\text{men}})^T \odot (\overrightarrow{\text{like}} \times \overrightarrow{\text{cookies}})$$

Failure of Frobenius for Copying

Wijnholds, Sadrzadeh, CAPNS EPTCS 2018,

Kim likes his code, so does Sandy.

Strict Reading \longrightarrow Kim likes his code, Sandy
likes Kim's code.

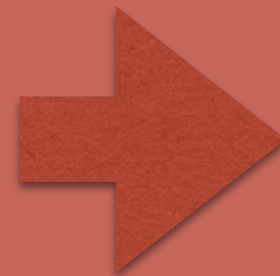
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Modal Monoid Grammar

Kanovich, Kuznetsov, Schedrov
Linear Logic !

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**Tensor
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$$!A \mapsto A \oplus A$$

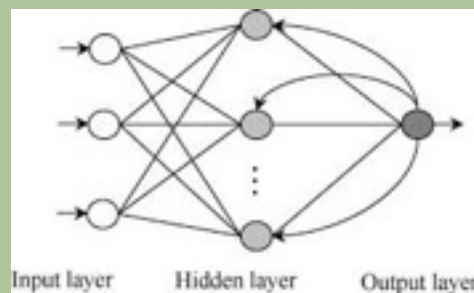
$$\oplus \equiv \otimes$$

A Promise:

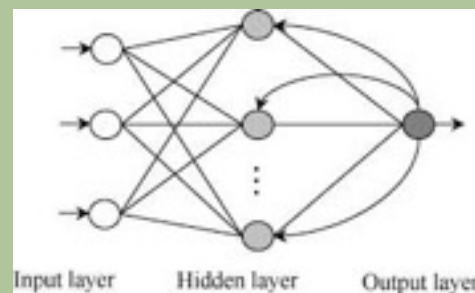
Learning the tensors using neural nets

Learning the Tensors: Neural Networks

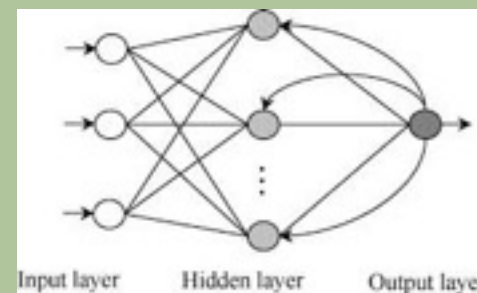
Dogs



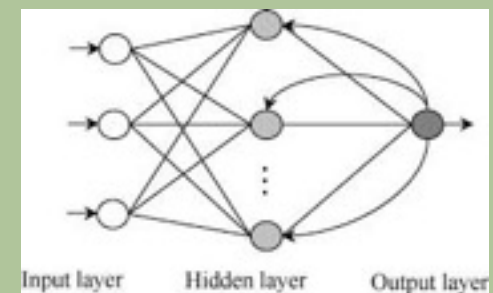
Chase



White



Cats



Wijnholds, Sadrzadeh, Clark,
under review

$$T_{ij}^{red} T_j^{car} \sim T^{men}, T^{love}, T^{large}, T^{Teenagers}$$

$$T_{ij}^{red} T_j^{car} \not\sim T^{sky}, T^{spider}, T^{sofa}, T^{dance}$$

Thank ☒ you ☒ for ☒ listening!