Prague Dependency Treebank: Introduction

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NPFL075 Prague Dependency Treebank

Lectures:

Markéta Lopatková ~~Thu, S1, 15:40-17:10 (cz)~~
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Practical sessions:

Jiří Mírovský Fri, SU2, 9:00-10:30

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Requirements:

- Homework (45%)
- Activity (15%)
- Final test (40%)

Assessment:

- excellent (= 1) > 90%
- very good (= 2) > 70%
- good (= 3) > 50%

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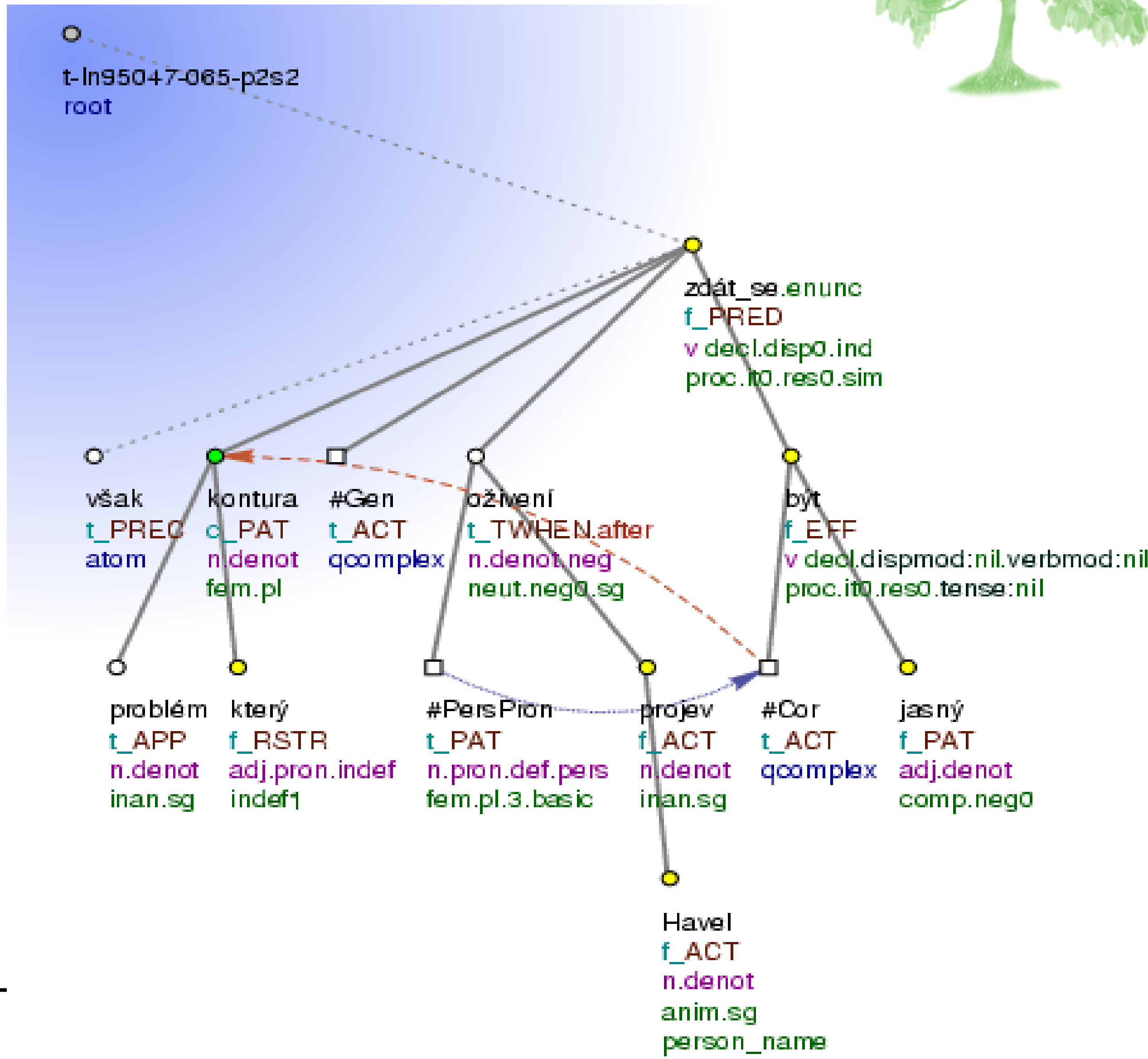
Another point of view:

- annotation scheme
- framework for annotation of different languages
- underlying linguistic theory (Functional Generative Description)

Outline of the lecture

- trees (graph theory and data format)
- phrase structure trees and dependency trees
- dependency and non-dependency relations
- non-projectivity

How to capture sentence structure?



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directed tree … directed graph

- which would be tree
  - if the directions on the edges were ignored, or
  - all edges are directed towards (or away from) a particular node ~ the ***root***

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- (linear) ordering of nodes:
  the children of each node have a specific order

Data structure: tree (properties)

tree as a data structure:

- "tree-ordering" D … partial ordering on nodes
  $u \leq v \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}}$ the unique path from the root to *v* passes through *u*
  (weak ordering ~ reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive)

- "linear ordering" … (partial) ordering on nodes
  (strong ordering ~ antireflexive, asymmetric, transitive)

Tree-based structures in CL

two types of tree-based structures in CL:

- phrase structure tree / constituent structure tree
- dependency tree

Phrase structure tree

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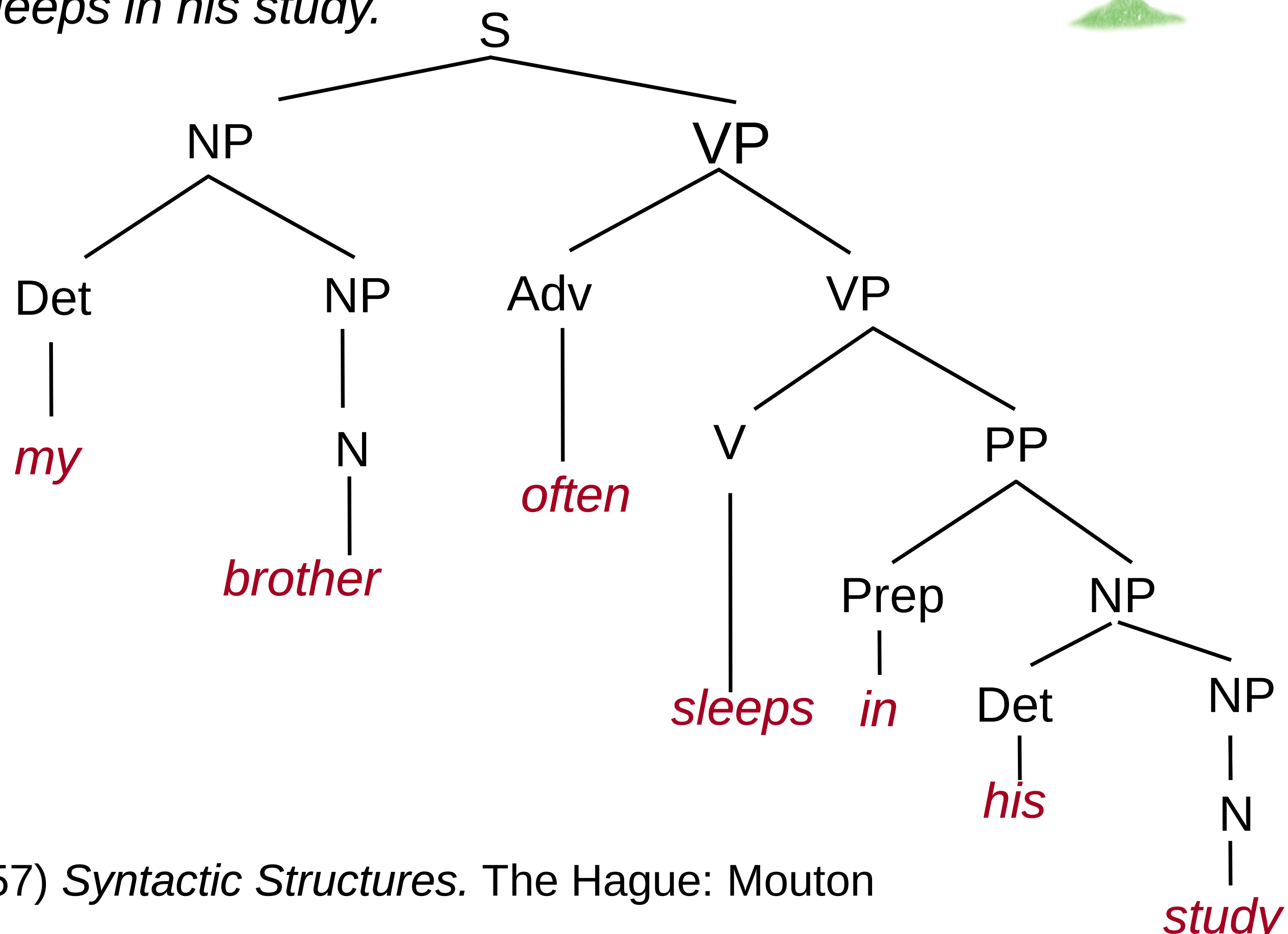

Noam Chomsky (1957) *Syntactic Structures.* The Hague: Mouton

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Relating dominance and precedence relations:

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- *'nontangling'* condition

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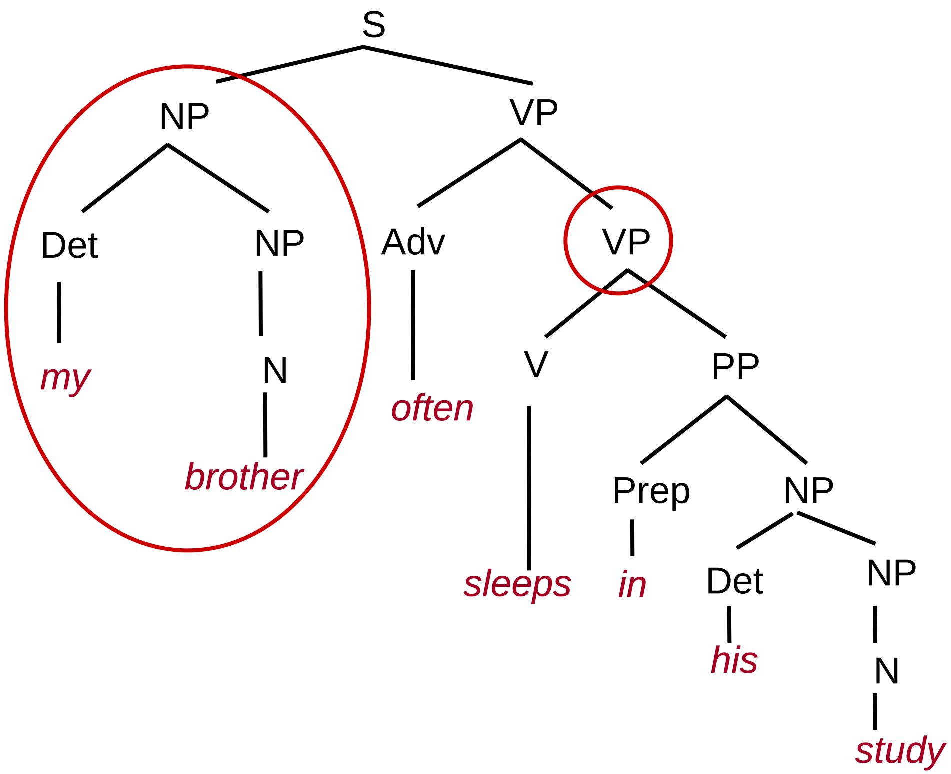

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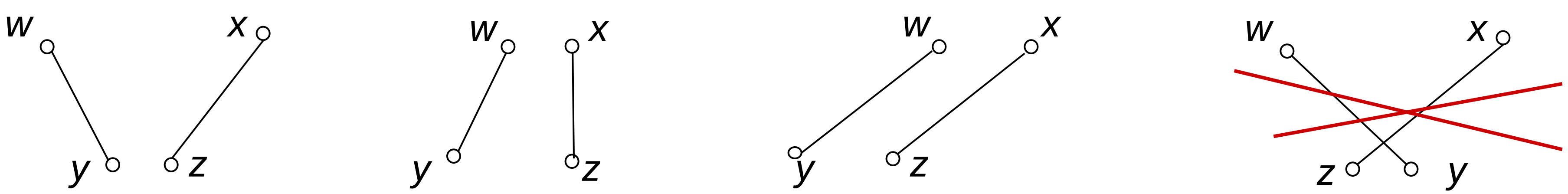

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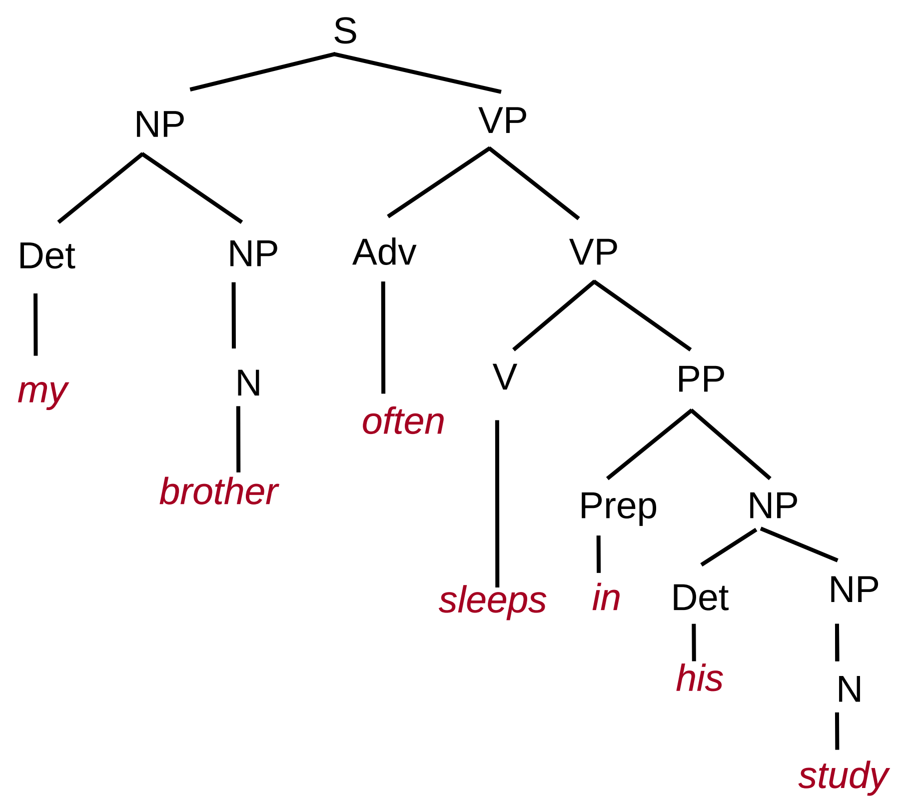
T = $\langle$ N,D,Q, P,L $\rangle$ phrase structure tree

- $\forall\;\; x,y \in$ N siblings $\Rightarrow [x,y\,] \in$ P
- the set of its leaves is totally ordered by P

Phrase structure tree

Pros

- derivation history / ‘closeness’ of a complementation
- coordination, apposition
- CFG-like
- derivation of a grammar



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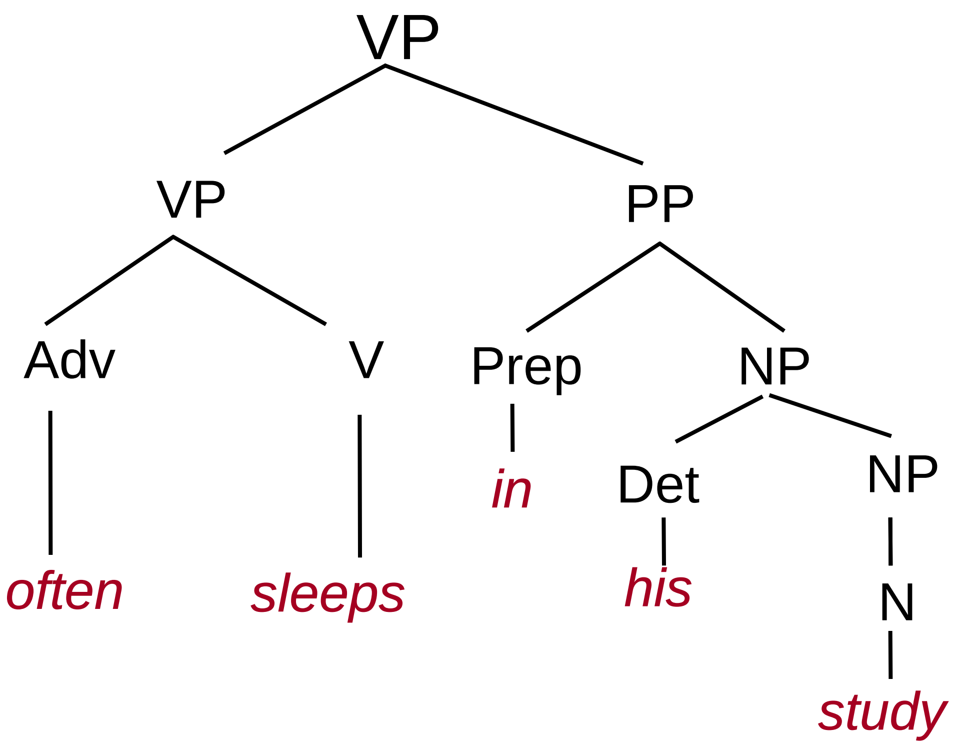

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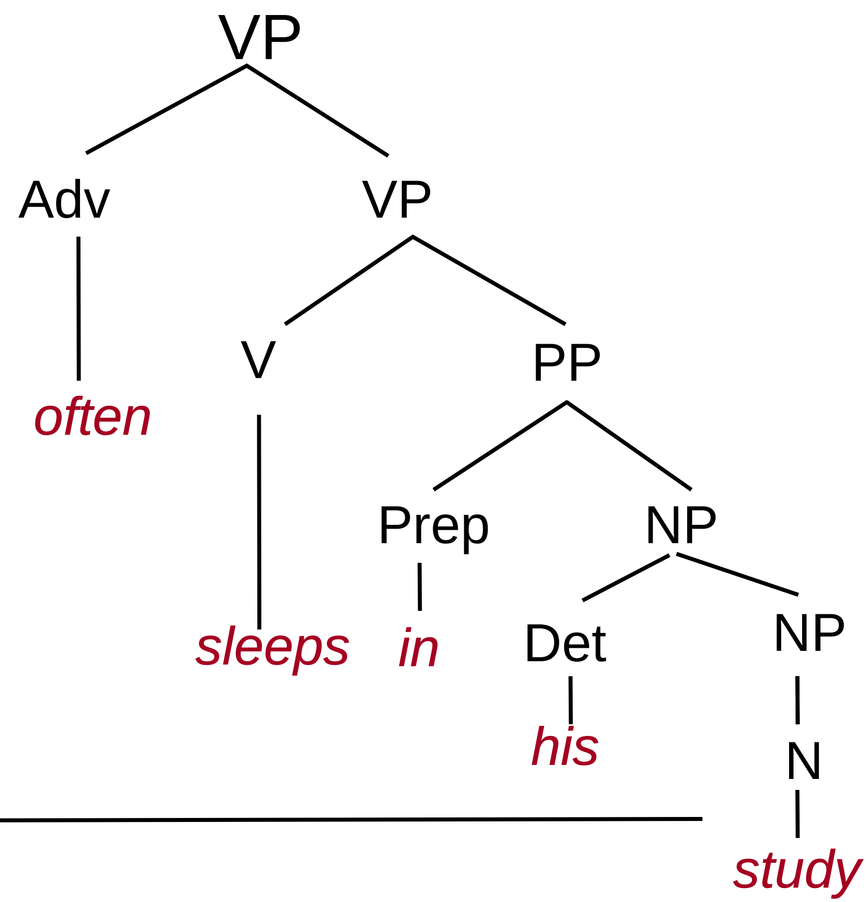

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Contras

- complexity
  (number of non-terminal symbols)
- complement
  (‘two dependencies’)
  přiběhl bos
  [(he) arrived barefooted]
- *free word order*
  discontinuous ‘phrases’
  non-projectivity

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discontinuous ‘phrases’:

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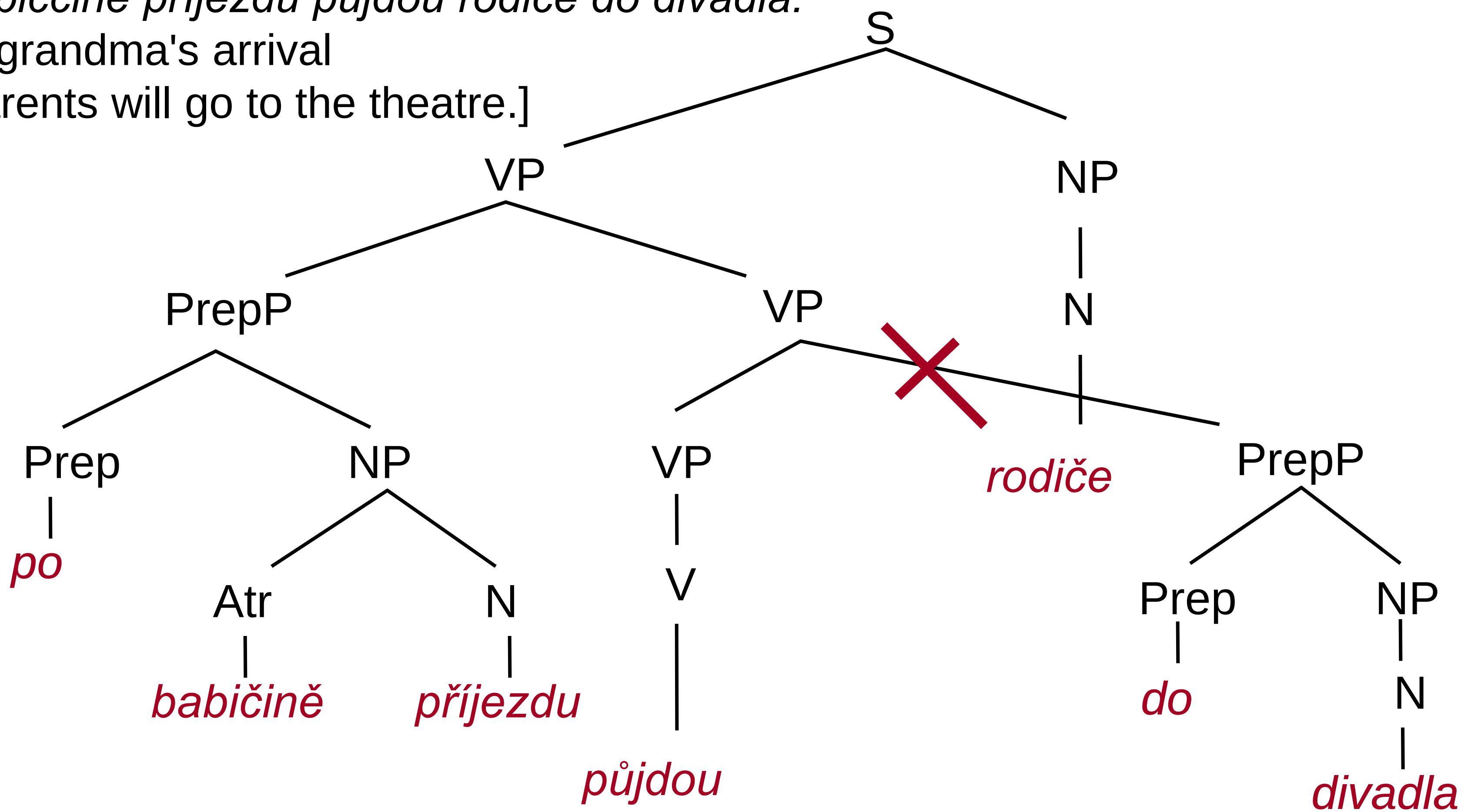

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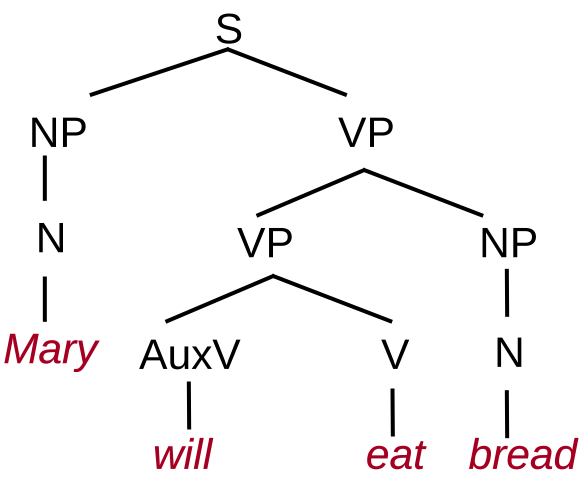

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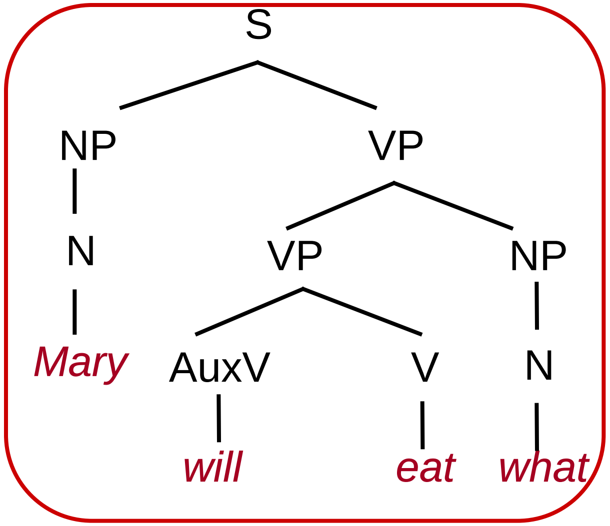

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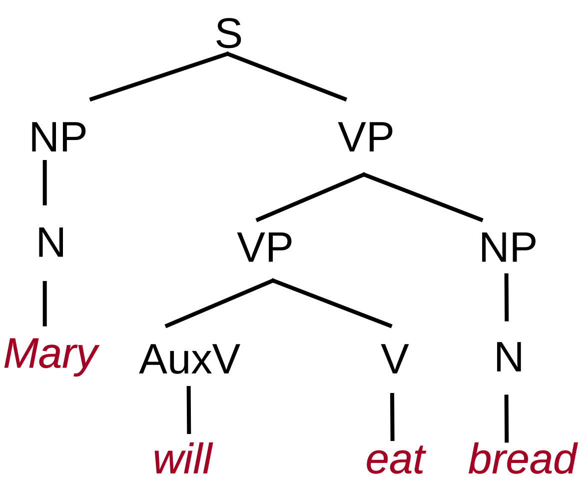

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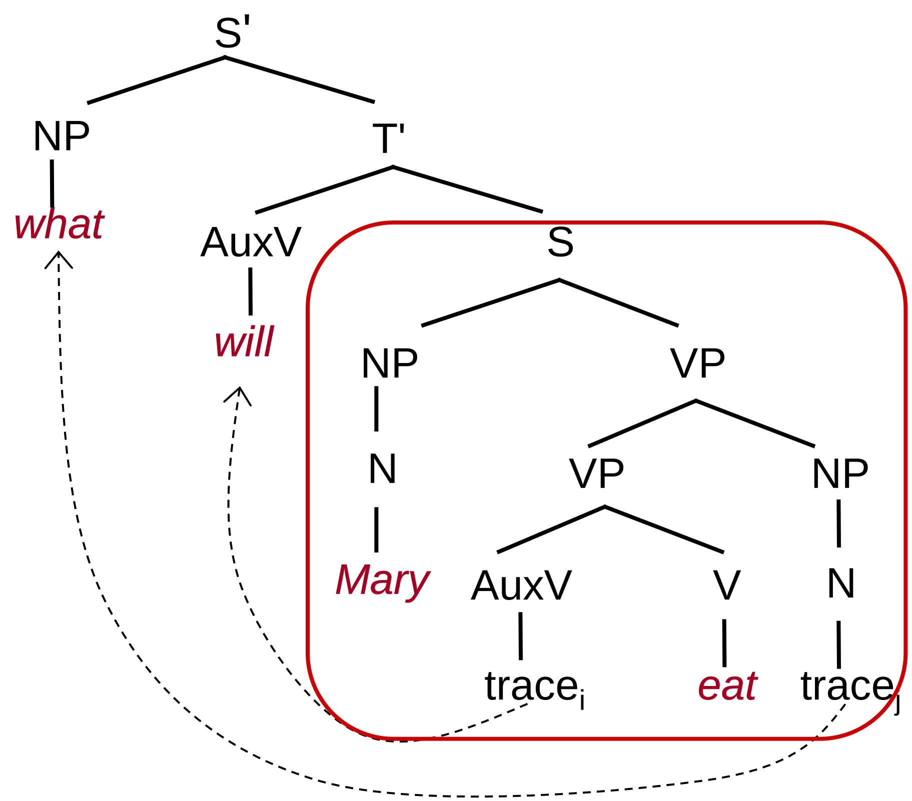

Corpora with phrase structure trees

- Penn Treebank (1995)
  Mitchel Marcus (1993) Computational Linguistics, vol. 19
  http://www.cis.upenn.edu/~treebank/

  Penn Arabic Treebank, Penn Chinese Treebank
- International English Treebank (ICE)
  http://ice-corpora.net/ice/index.htm
- Paris 7
  http://www.llf.cnrs.fr/Gens/Abeille/French-Treebank-fr.php
- Szeged Treebank 2.0
  http://www.inf.u-szeged.hu/projectdirs/hlt/en/Szeged%20Treebank%202.0_en.html
- many others

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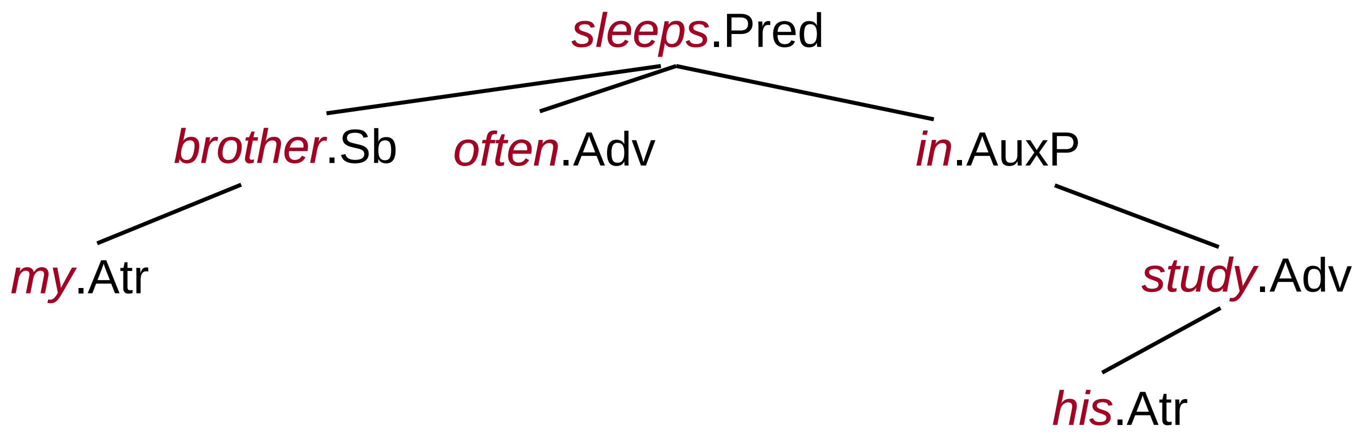

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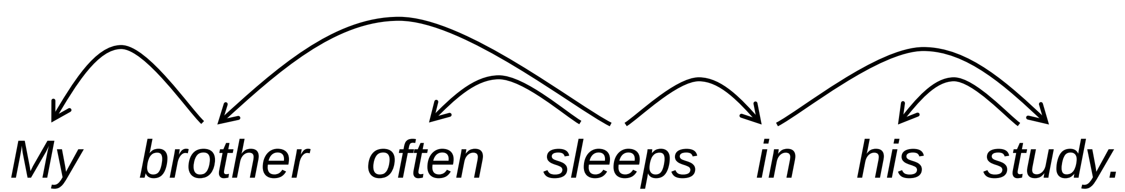

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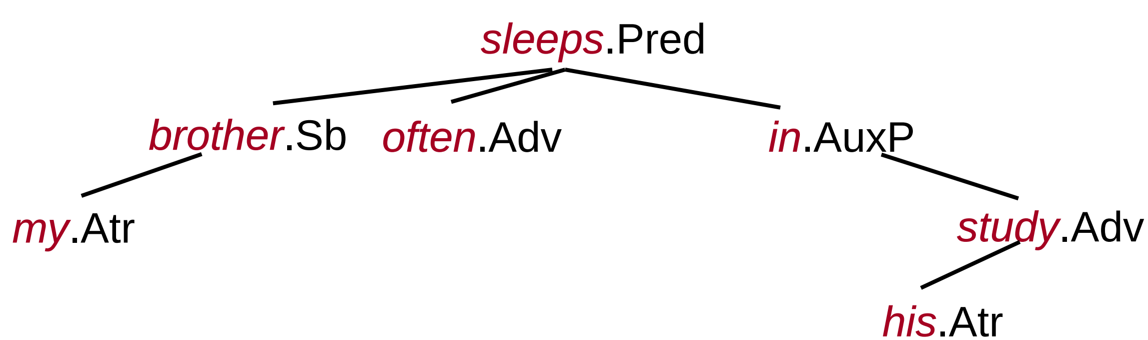
‘dependency’ relation

WO ... relation on N ~ (strong total ordering on N) …

word order



Dependency tree

Pros

- economical, clear
  (complex labels, ‘word’~ node)
- free word order
- head of a phrase

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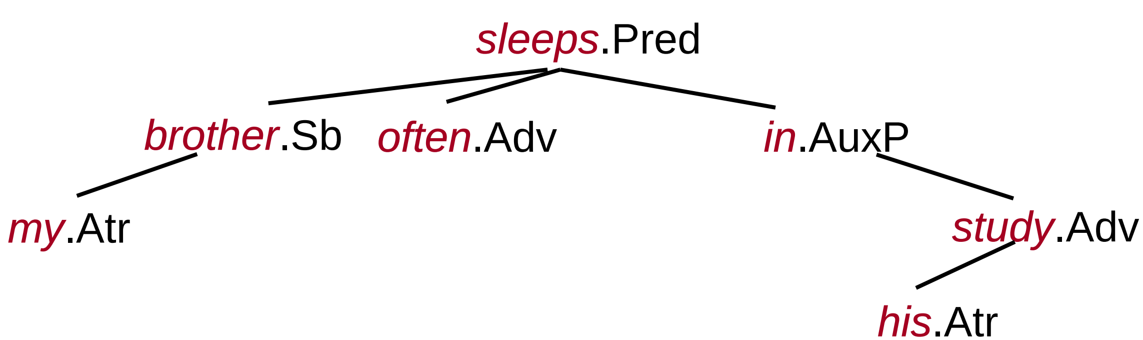
- complement



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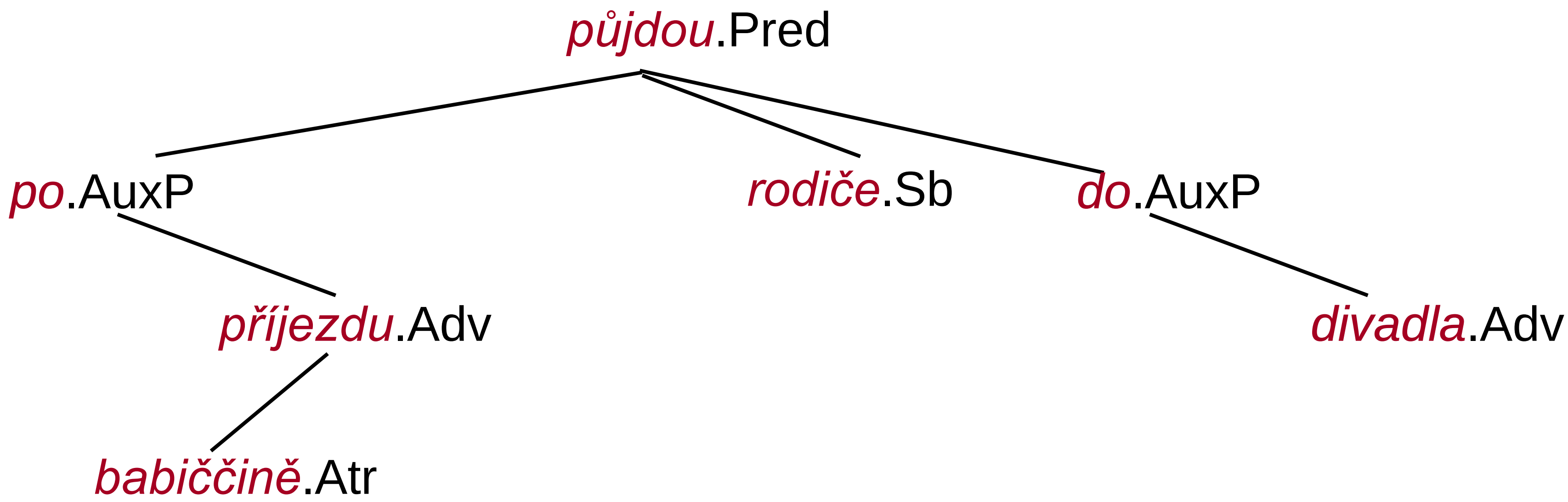

Corpora with dependency trees

- PropBank (1995)
- family of Prague dependency treebanks: Czech, Arabic, English
  http://ufal.mff.cuni.cz/pdt.html
- Danish Dep. Treebank
  http://code.google.com/p/copenhagen-dependency-treebank/wiki/CDT
- Finnish: Turku Dependency Treebank
  http://bionlp.utu.fi/fintreebank.html
- Negra corpus
  http://www.coli.uni-saarland.de/projects/sfb378/negra-corpus/negra-corpus.html
- TIGERCorpus
  http://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/projekte/TIGER/
- SynTagRus Dependency Treebank for Russian

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  - endocentric constructions … OK

    malý stůl [small table], *přišel včas* [(he) came in time], *velmi brzo* [very soon]

  - exocentric constructions … ***principle of analogy*** on word classes

    Prší. [(It) rains.] … ∃ subjectless verbs
    ⇒ *Král zemřel.* [The king died.] … a verb rather than a noun is the head

    The girl painted a bag. → *The girl painted. ...* ∃ objectless verbs
    ⇒ *The girl carried a bag* … an object is considered as depending on a verb

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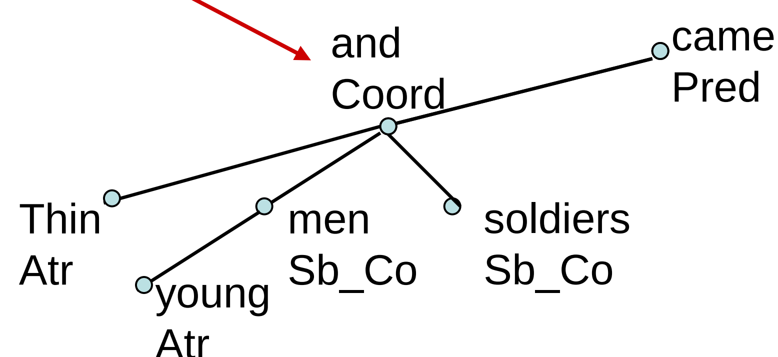

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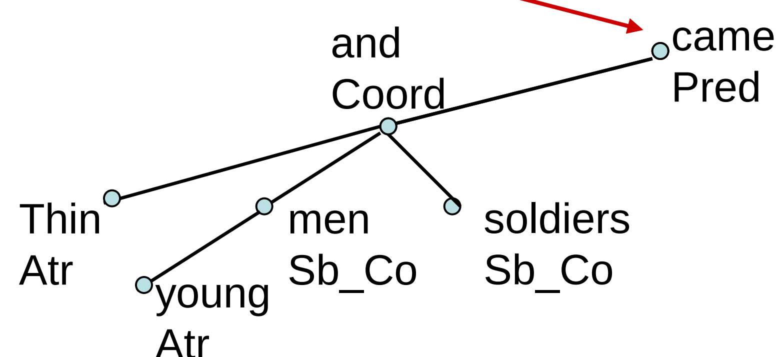

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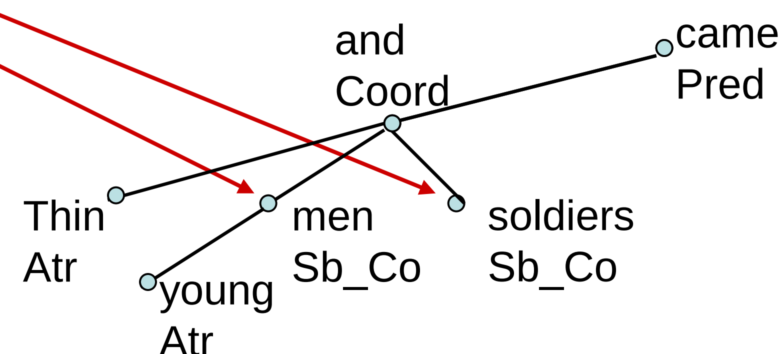

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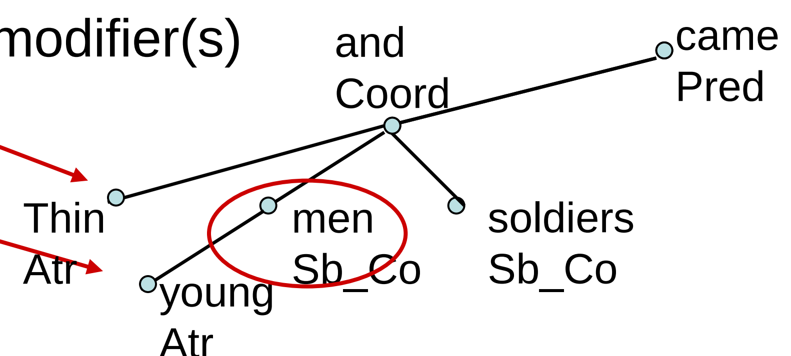
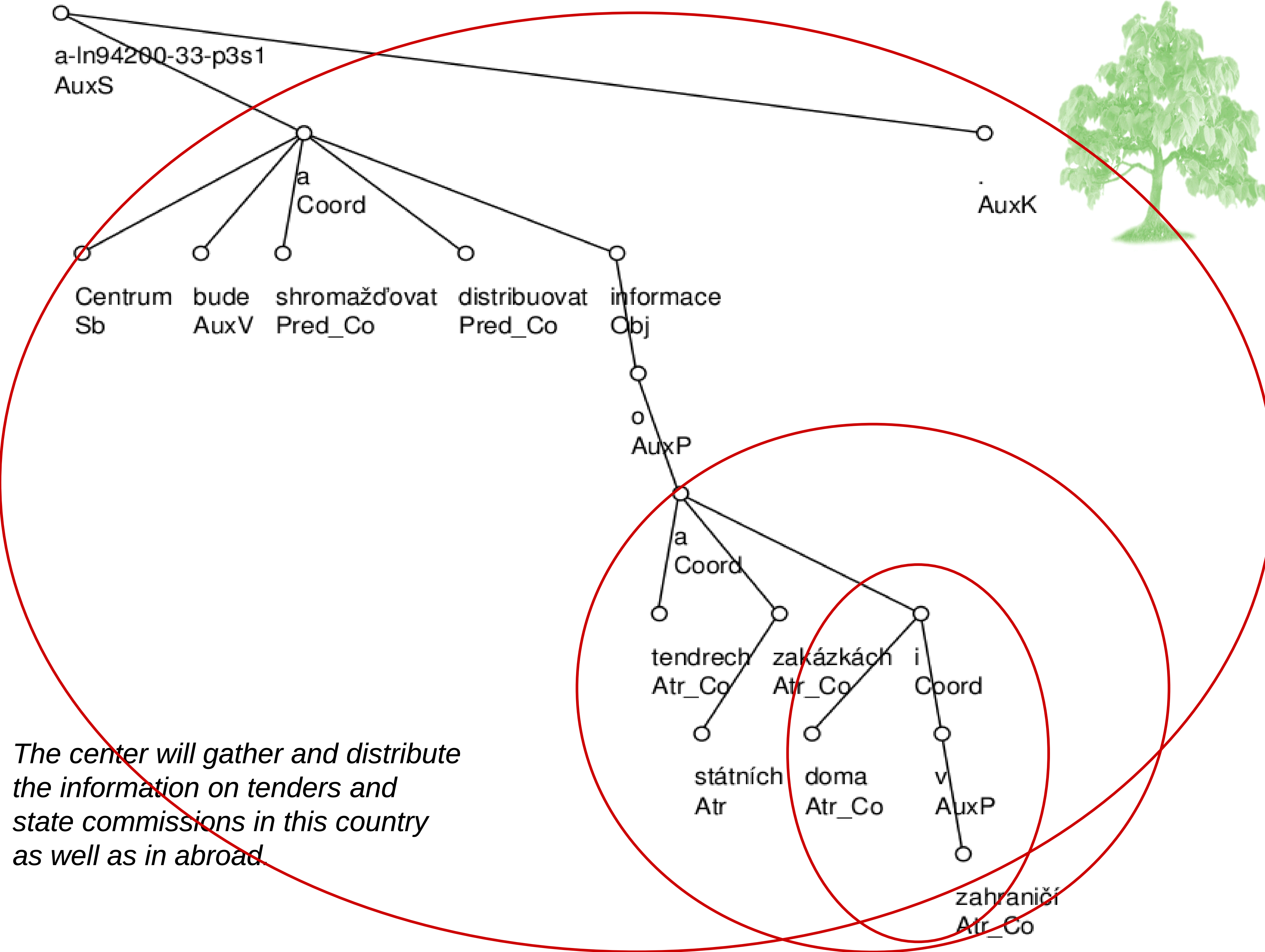
- *effective child(ren)* … modification(s) of the individual member of the connecting construction **+** common/shared modifier(s)



- *'pass-through' nodes*



The center will gather and distribute the information on tenders and state commissions in this country as well as in abroad.

Coordination/apposition in dependency trees

PDT 2.0:

- embedded connecting constructions ⇒ recursivity

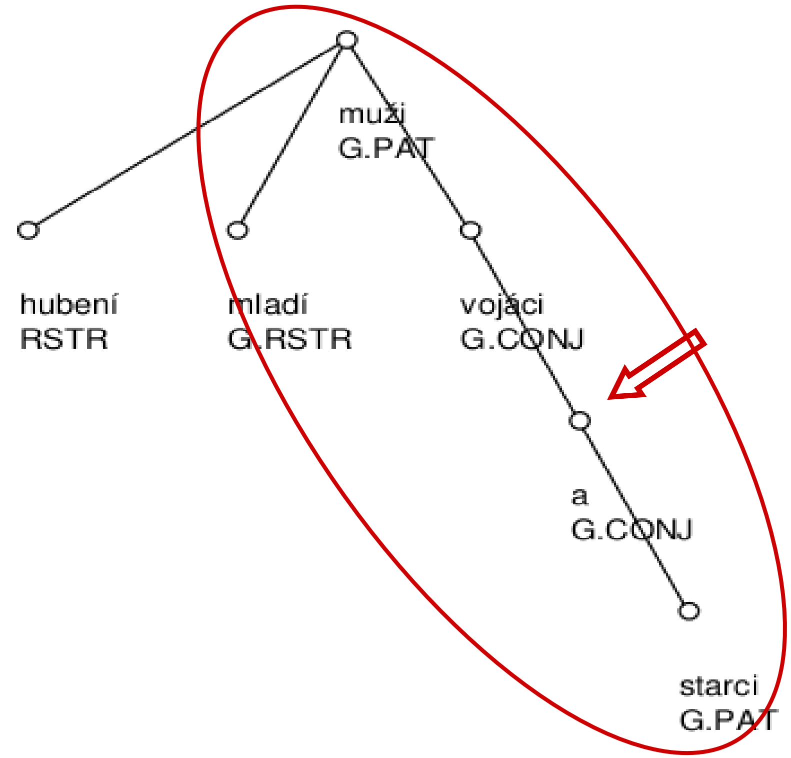
- *TrEd* (Tree Editor, Pajas):

functions `GetEChildren, GetEParents`

Coordination/apposition in dependency trees

Mel'čuk (1988):

‘grouping’ (G) … shared modification vs. modification of a single member



Hubení ((mladí muži) , vojáci a starci)
[Thin young men, soldiers and old-men]

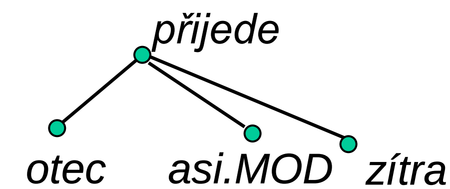
Dependency and non-dependency relations

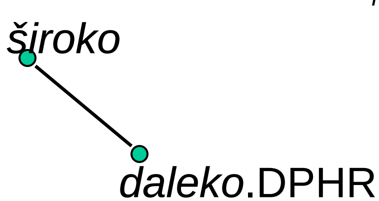
other non-dependency relations in PDT:

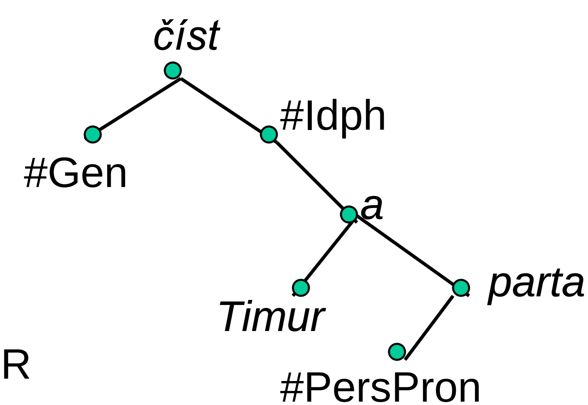
- technical root – effective root of a sentence
- syntactically unclear expressions

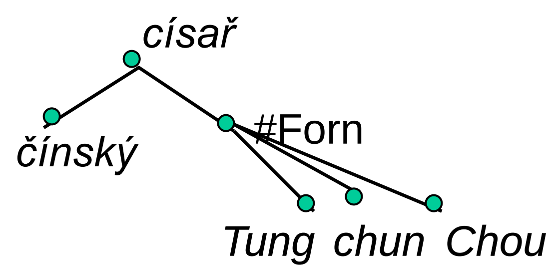
  rhematizers; sentence, linking and modal adverbial expressions, conjunction modifiers
- list structures

  names, foreign expressions
- phrasemes









Projectivity and non-projectivity

Projectivity and non-projectivity (definition)

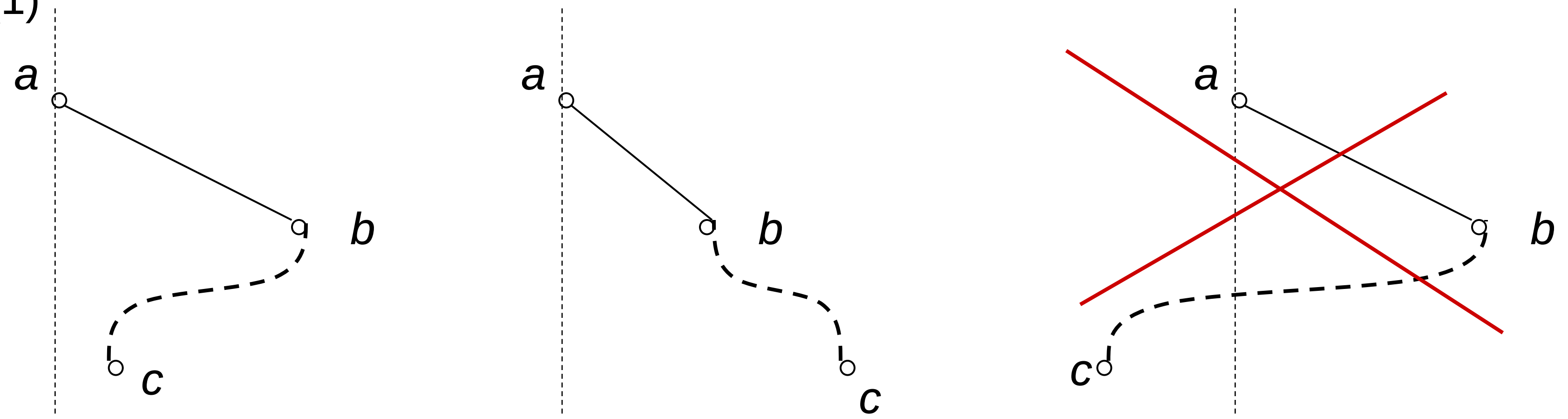
A subtree *S* of a rooted dependency tree *T* is ***projective*** iff for all nodes *a*, *b* and *c* of the subtree *S* the condition holds:

(1) $(a \leq_D b)\ \&\ (a <_{WO} b)\ \&\ (b \leq_D^* c) \Rightarrow (a <_{WO} c)$

<u>and</u>

(2) $(a \leq_D b)\ \&\ (b <_{WO} a)\ \&\ (b \leq_D^* c) \Rightarrow (c <_{WO} a)$

(1)



Projectivity and free word order

free word order:

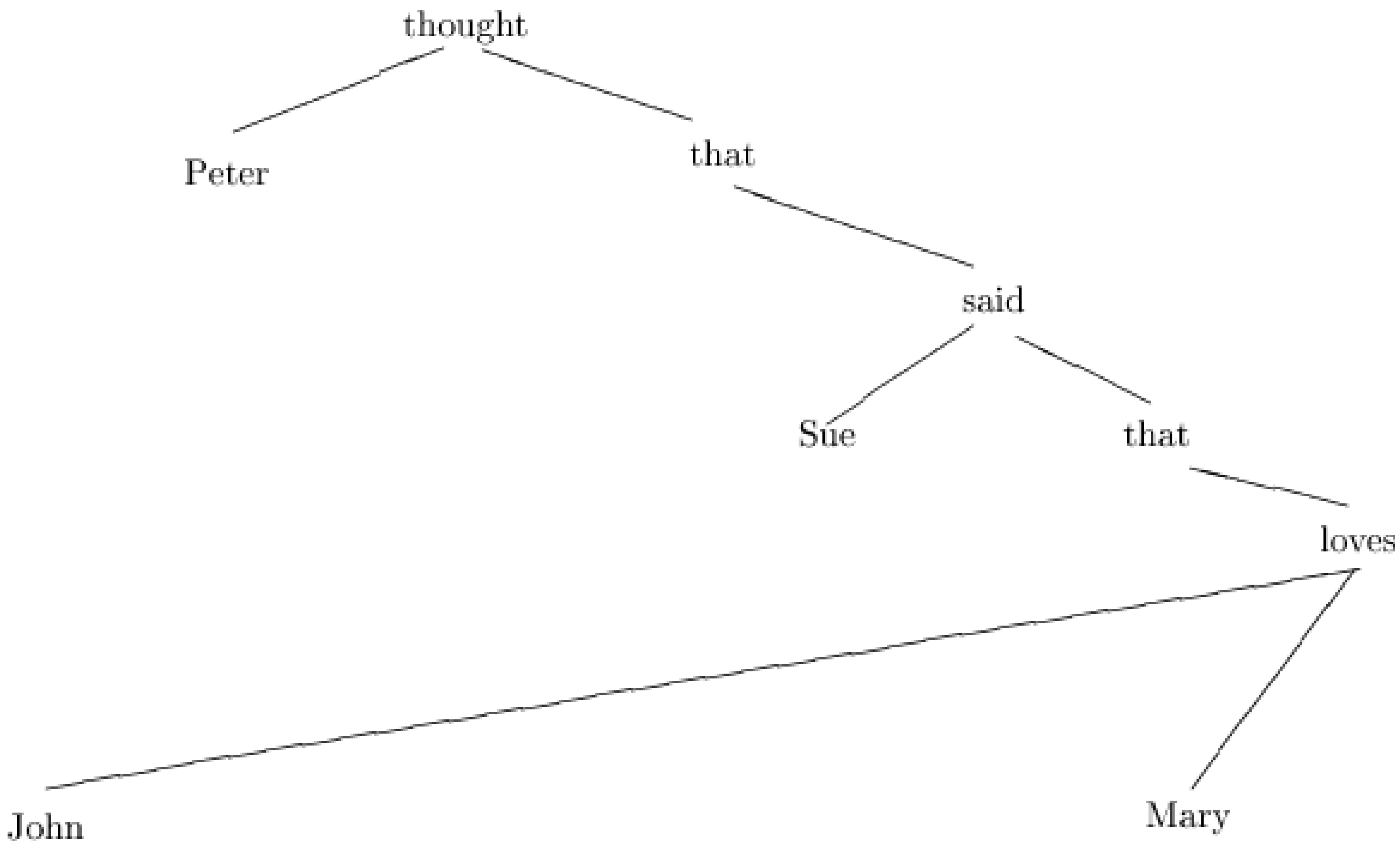
- freedom of word order of dependents within a continuous ‘head domain’ (i.e., substring of head + its dependents)
- relaxation of continuity of a head domain

German:
Maria hat einen Mann kennengelernt der Schmetterlinge sammelt.
Mary has a man met who butteries collects
Mary has met a man who collects butteries

Projectivity and free word order

English: long-distance unbounded dependency

John, Peter thought that Sue said that Mary loves.



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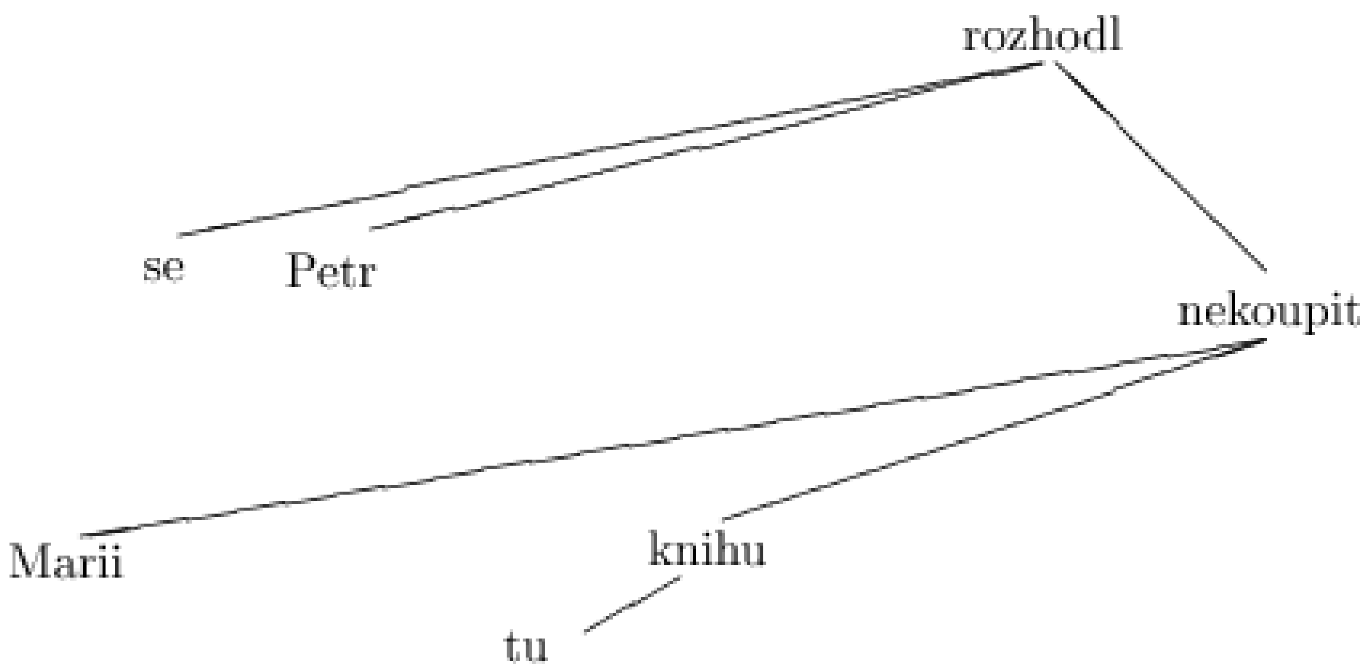
Czech:
Marii se Petr tu knihu rozhodl nekoupit.
to-Mary PART Peter that book decided not-buy
[Peter decided not to buy that book to Mary.]



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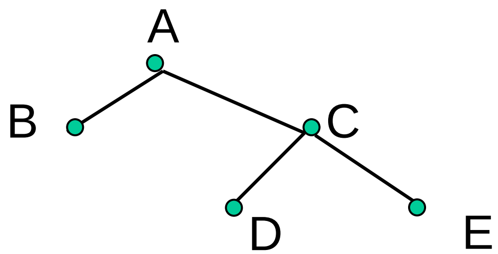
Projective dependency trees can be encoded by *linearization*:

- string of nodes, edges ~ brackets



A (B C (D)) without WO ordering

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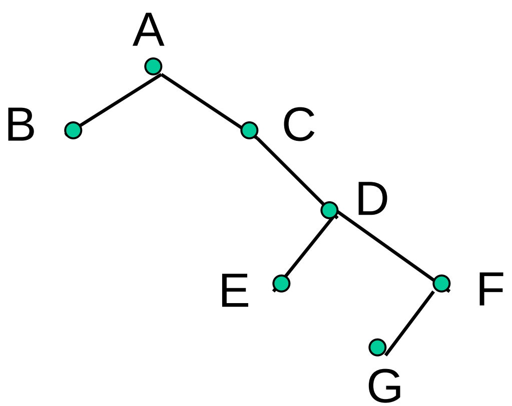

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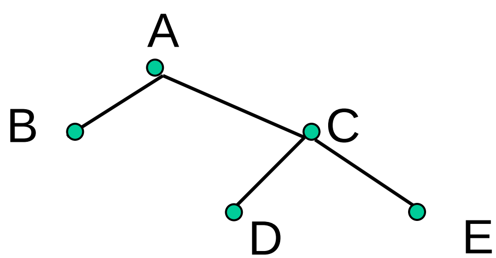

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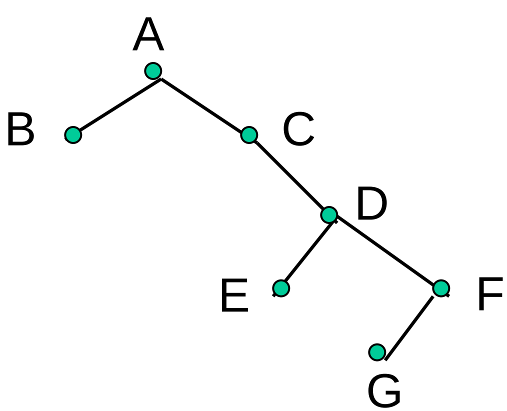

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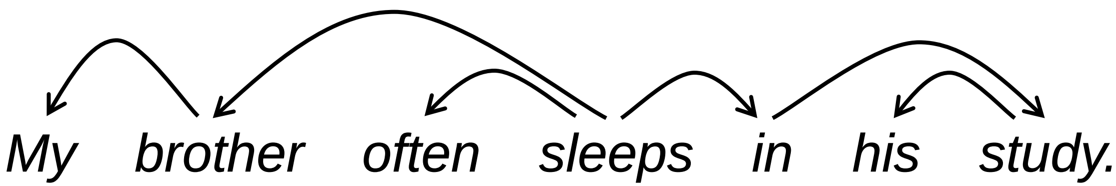

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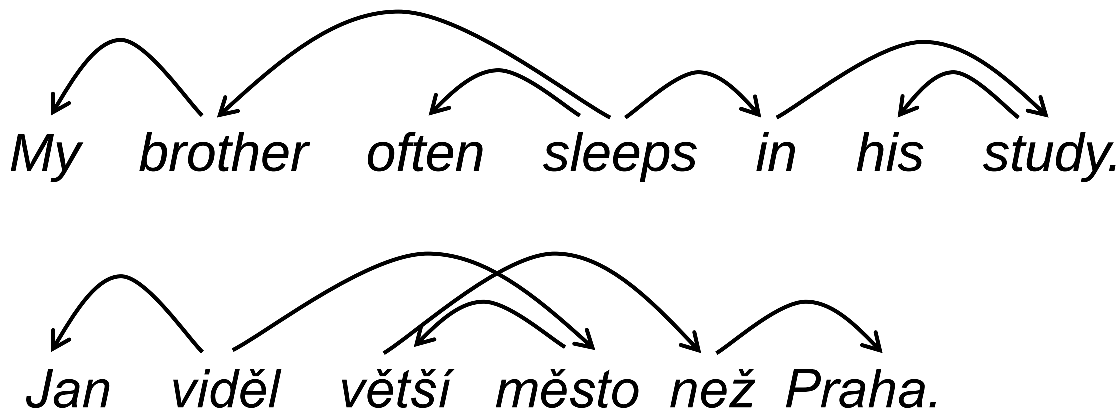

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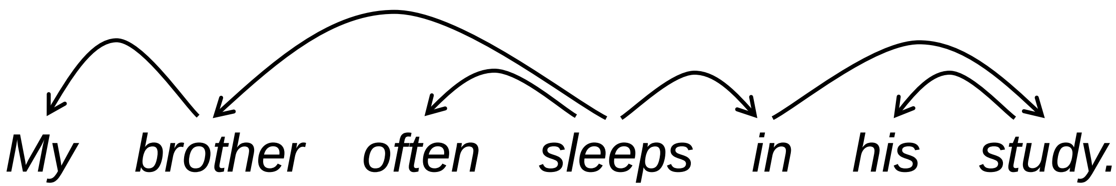

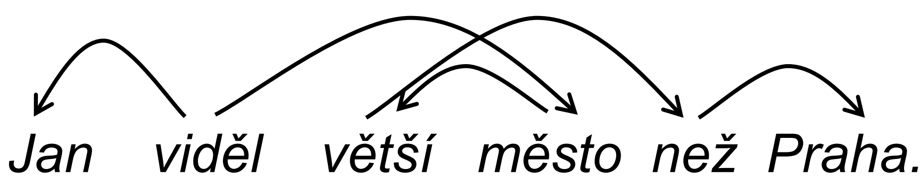

Informally, a dependency graph is planar, if its edges can be drawn above the sentence without crossing.

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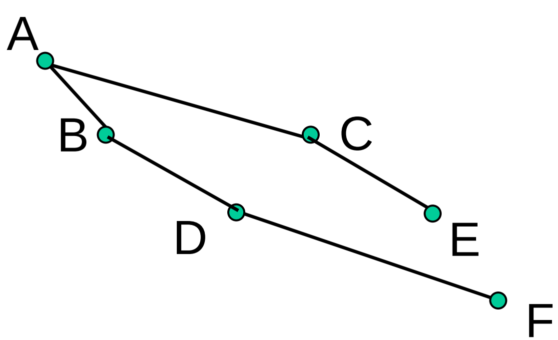

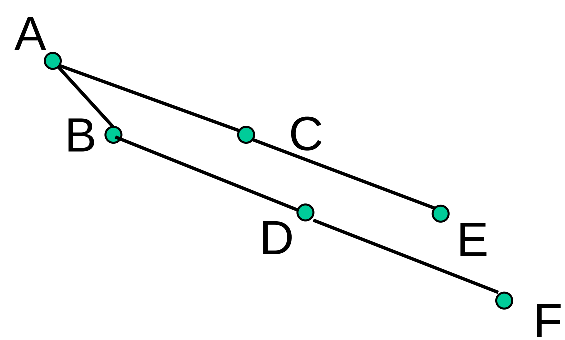

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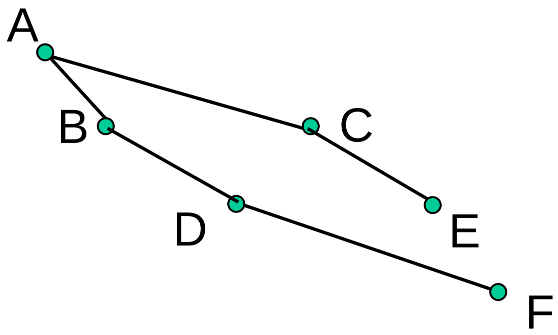

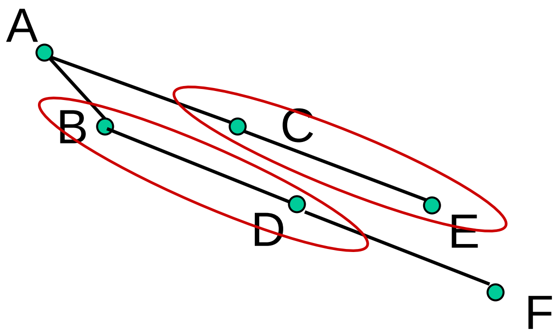

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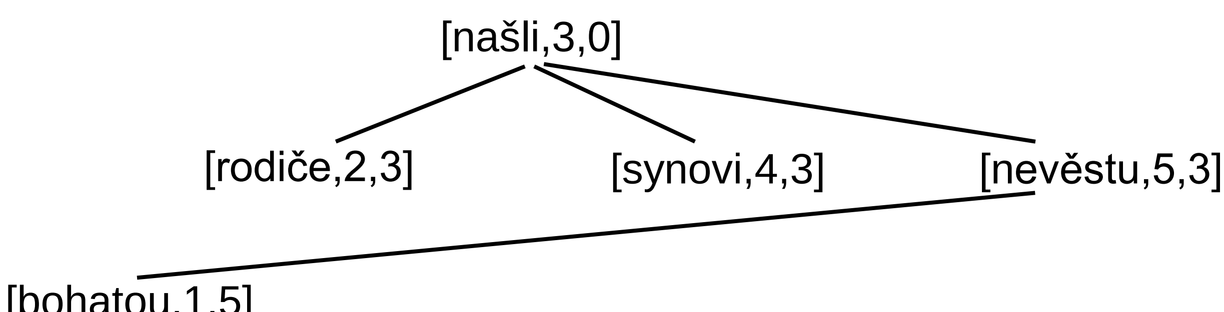

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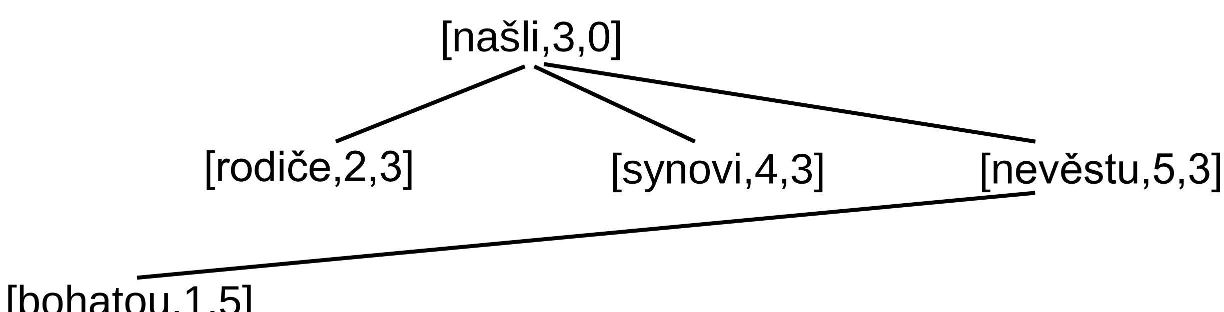

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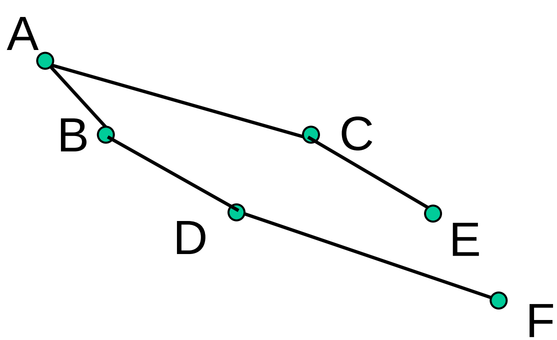

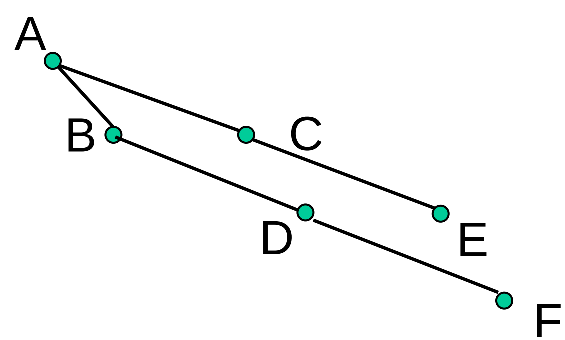

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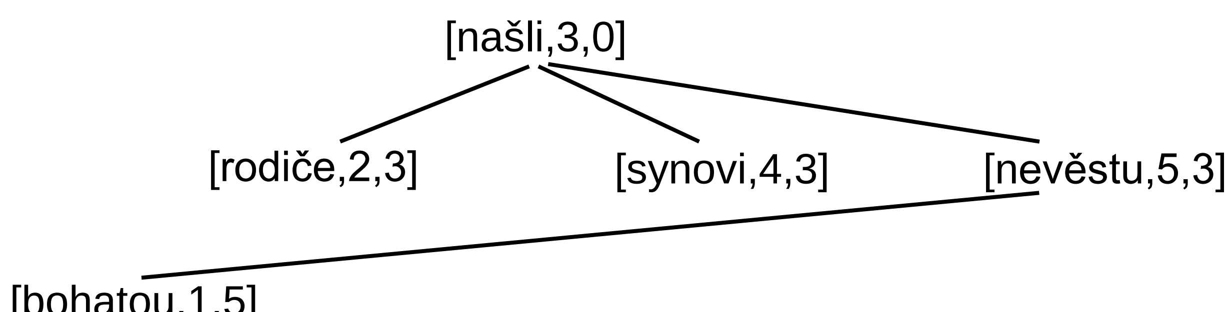

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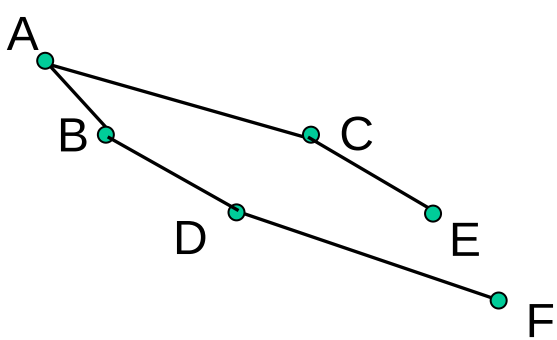
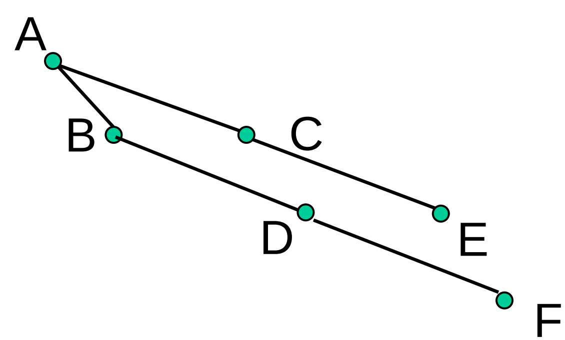
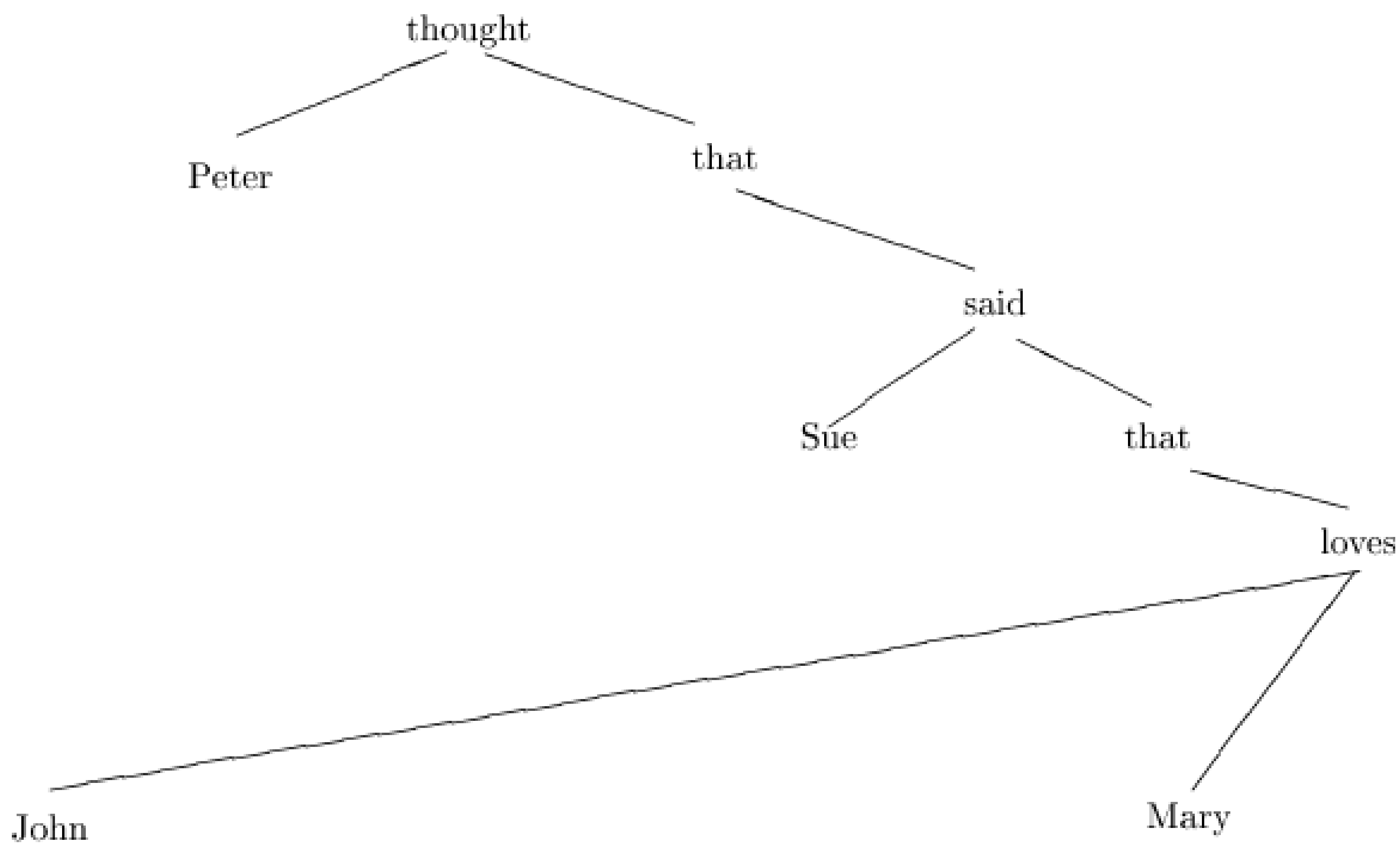




Projectivity and free word order

English: long-distance unbounded dependency

John, Peter thought that Sue said that Mary loves.



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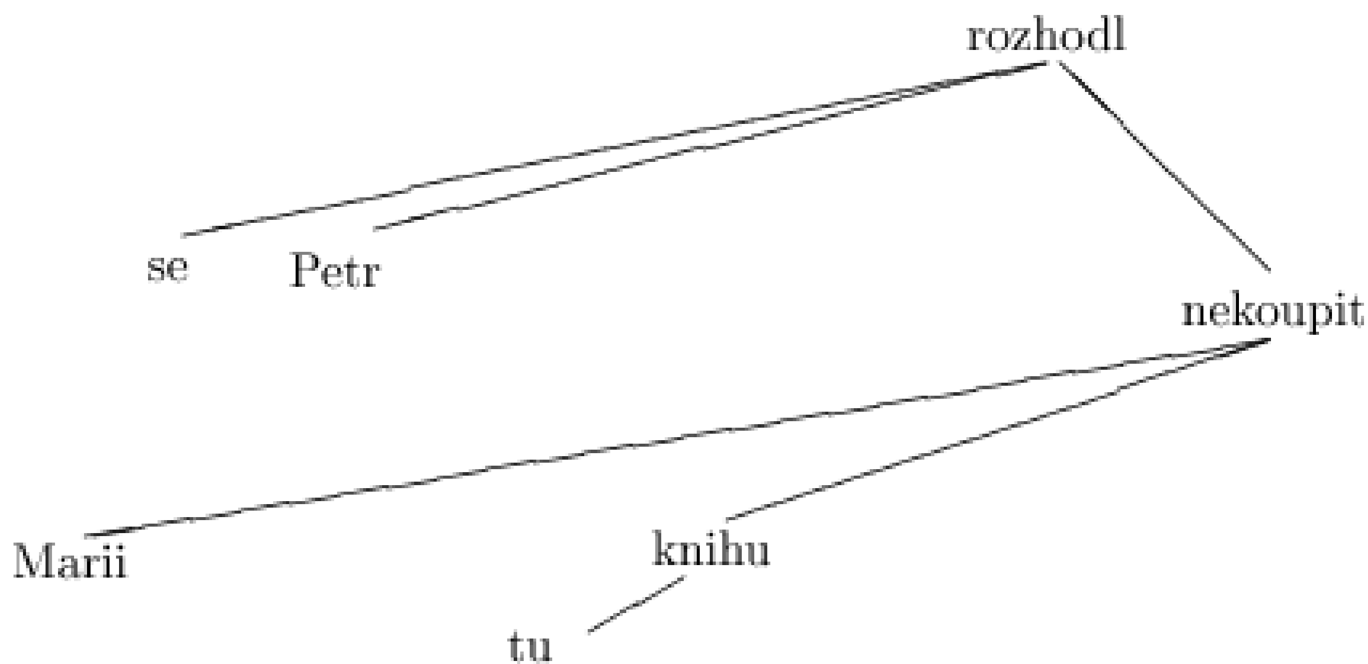
Czech:
Marii se Petr tu knihu rozhodl nekoupit.
to-Mary PART Peter that book decided not-buy
[Peter decided not to buy that book to Mary.]



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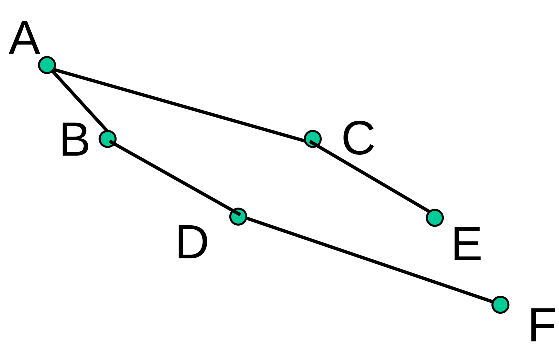

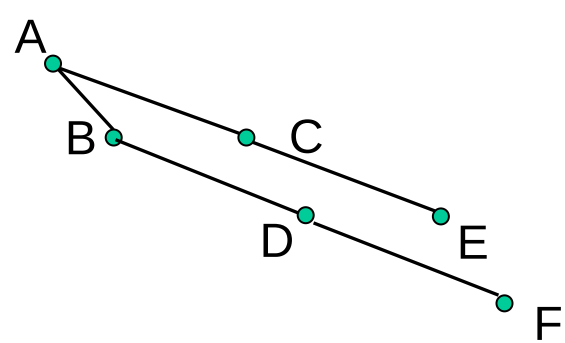

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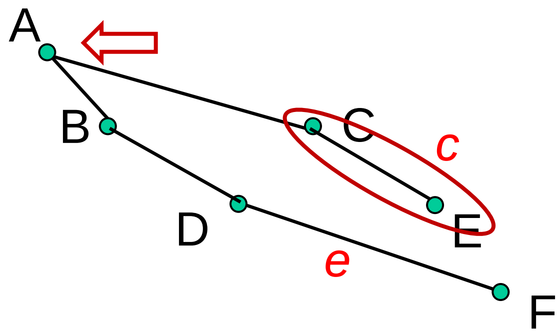

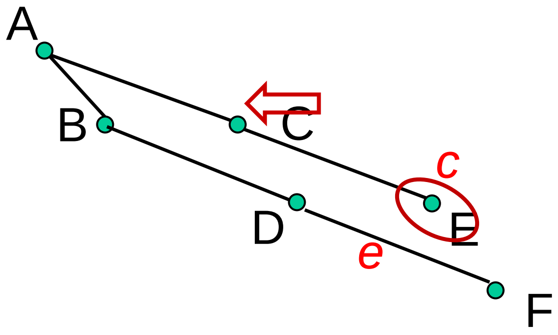

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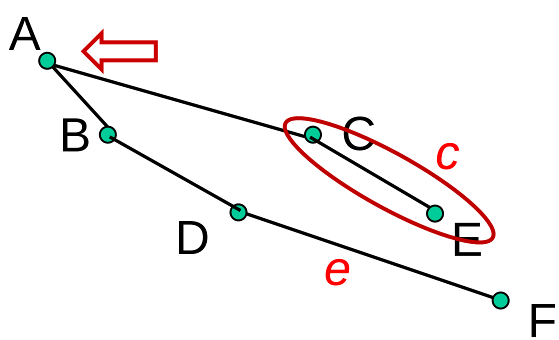

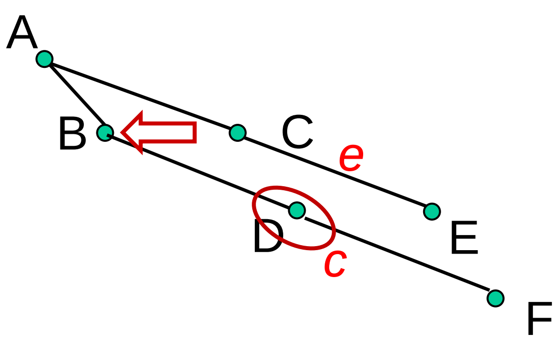

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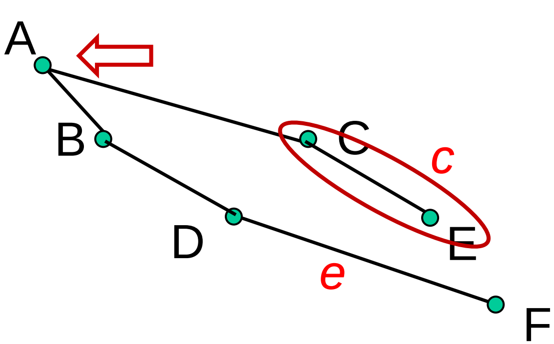

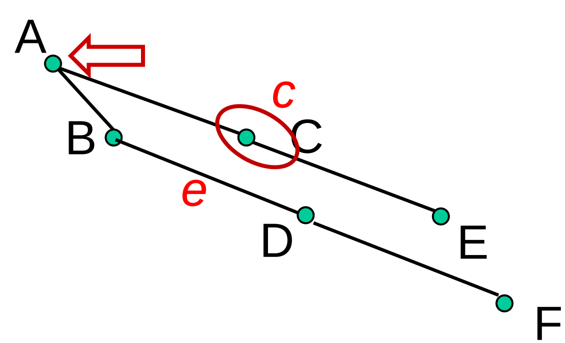

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gap degree 3	–	–	4	0.01%
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edge degree 4	2	0.05%	10	0.01%
edge degree 5	–	–	2	< 0.01%
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planar	3796	86.41%	60048	82.16%
well-nested	4388	99.89%	73010	99.89%
non-projective structures only	$n = 661$		$n = 16920$	
planar	64	9.68%	3880	22.93%
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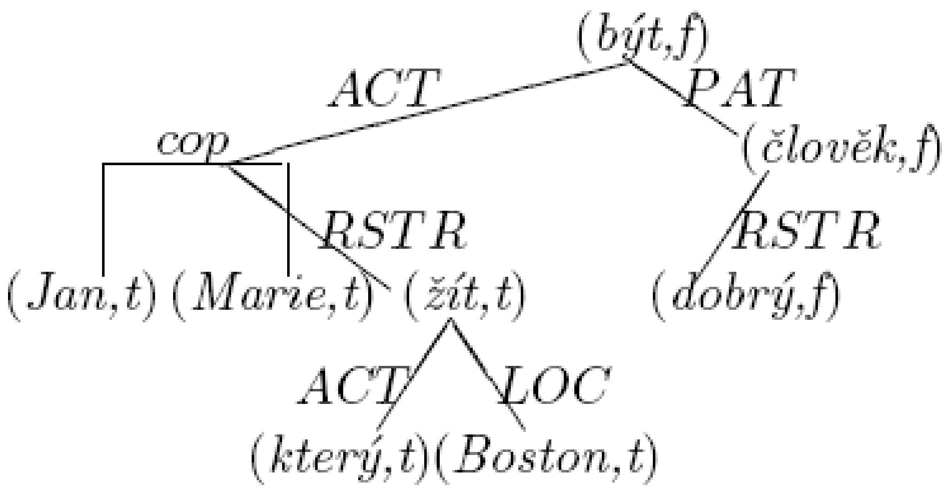
Coordination/apposition in dependency trees

Petkevič (1995) … formal representation of FGD



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