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Sub:	Natural Language Processing				Sub Code:	18CS74, 15CS741 & 17CS741	Branch:	CSE		
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<u>Answer any FIVE FULL Questions</u>								MARKS	CO	RBT
1 (a)	What is Natural Language Processing? Explain two major approaches to NLP						[04]	CO1	L2	
(b)	List and explain different levels of processing involved in NLP.						[06]	CO1	L2	
2 (a)	Explain the components of transformational grammar						[8]	CO1	L2	
(b)	Write the transformational grammar for the sentence – “The boy hit the girl.”						[02]	CO1	L3	
3 (a)	List and explain application of NLP						[10]	CO1	L2	
4 (a)	List and explain two approaches of language modelling. List the various grammar-based model.						[06]	CO1	L2	
(b)	Explain the challenges of NLP						[04]	CO1	L2	
5 (a)	What is Government and Binding theory? Explain with an example						[04]	CO1	L2	
(b)	Explain components and organization of GB						[06]	CO1	L2	
6 (a)	Explain X-bar theory with example.						[10]	CO1	L2	
7 (a)	Explain Lexical functional grammar (LFG) model for the sentence “She saw stars in the sky”						[10]	CO1	L3	

Extra

X-bar theory

- 1) It is the central concept of Government and Binding theory.
- 2) Instead of considering several phrase and sentence structure, X-bar theory considers Maximal projections of some head.

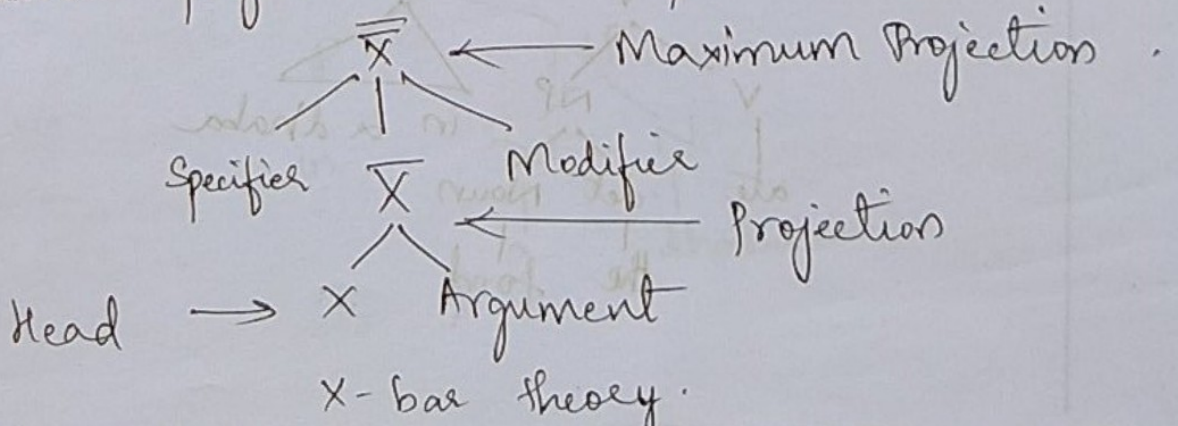
The maximal projections

- (i) NP Noun Phrase
- (ii) VP Verb Phrase
- (iii) AP Adjective Phrase
- (iv) PP Preposition Phrase

are the maximal projections of Noun, Verb, adjective and Preposition respectively.

3) Government and Binding theory considers two levels of projections namely:

- (i) Projection of head at semi-phrase level (\bar{X})
- (ii) Maximal projection at the phrase level ($\bar{\bar{X}}$)

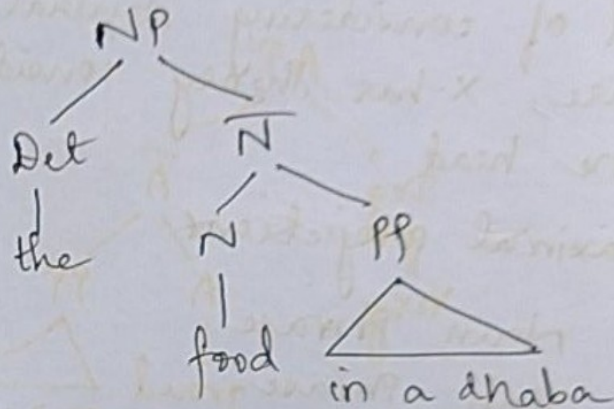




The components are:

(i) NP (Noun Phrase)

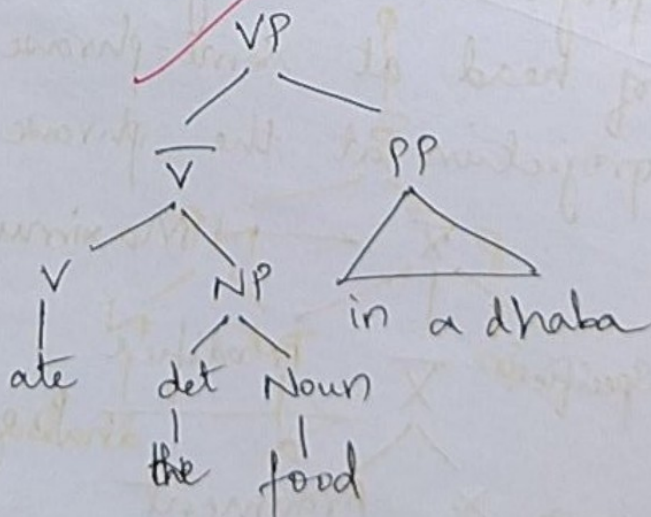
[_{NP} the [_N food] [_{PP} in a dhaba]]



Tree representation.

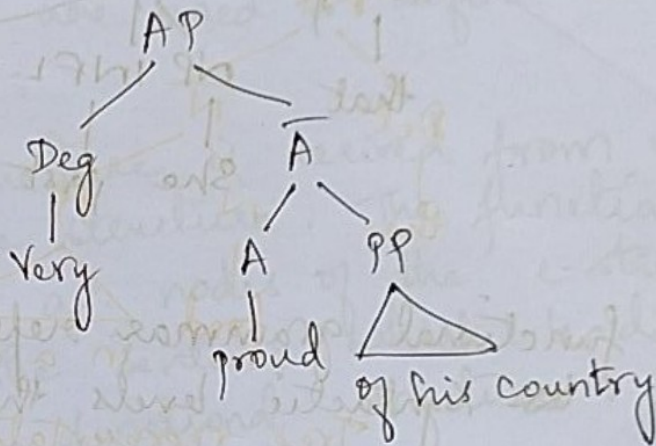
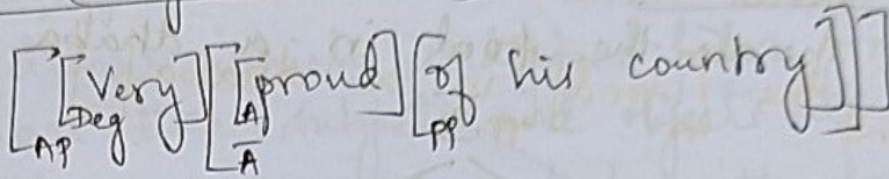
(ii) VP (Verb Phrase)

~~[_V ate] [_{NP} the food] [_{PP} in a dhaba]]~~



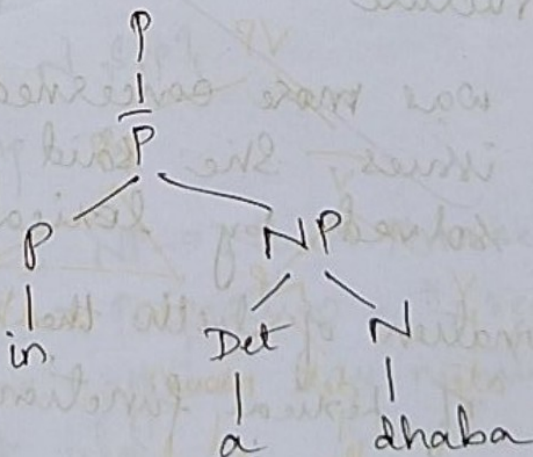
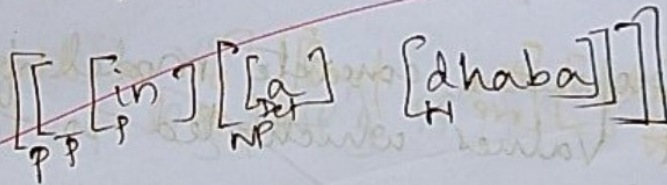
(iii)

AP (Adjective Phrase)



(iv)

PP (Preposition phrase)

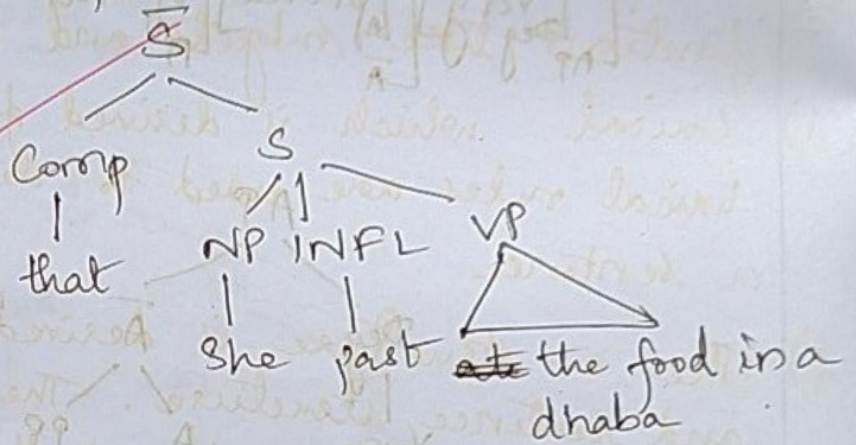


(v)

S (Sentence)

that she ate the food in a dhaba

(10)



7a) Lexical functional grammar represents a sentence in two ~~two~~ syntactic levels that is

(i) c-structure (Constituent Structure)

(ii) f-structure (functional Structure)

b) Kaplan proposed a concrete model for register of names and values which led to the formation of f-structure.

c) Bresnan was more concerned with dealing with linguistic issues. She said that this problem can be solved by lexical recursive rule.

d) The combination of both the theories led to the formation of lexical functional grammar.

- e) Lexical functional has two parts
- (i) Functional which is derived from grammatical functions like subjects and objects in a sentence.
 - (ii) Lexical which is derived from the fact that lexical rules are used to define the structure of a sentence.
- f) The c-structure is derived from usual phrase and sentence structure. The functional specifications is annotated as nodes of the c-structure. It is applied to the sentence which leads to the formation of functional structure.

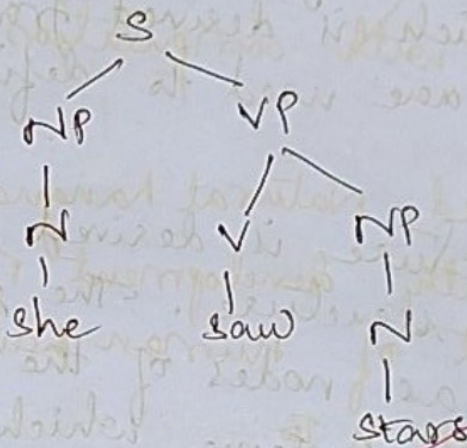
The CFG rules for 'she saw stars in sky' is

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &\rightarrow NP VP \\
 VP &\rightarrow V \{NP\} \{NP\} PP^* \{S'\} \\
 PP &\rightarrow P NP \\
 NP &\rightarrow Det N \{PP\} \\
 S' &\rightarrow Comp S
 \end{aligned}$$

$S \rightarrow$ Sentence, $NP \rightarrow$ Noun Phrase, $VP \rightarrow$ Verb Phrase
 $V \rightarrow$ Verb, $P \rightarrow$ Preposition, * - represents that the phrase can appear any number of times or can be blank also.
 $S' \rightarrow$ clause, $N \rightarrow$ Noun
 $Det \rightarrow$ Determiner, $\{ \}$ - optional

c-structure

She saw stars



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f-structure

obj	subj	Pers	3
		Num	SG
		Gen	FEM
		Case	NOM
		Pred	'PRO'

obj	Pers	3
	Num	PL
	Pred	'stae'

Pred 'see' < (subj) (obj) >

1a) * NLP is called Natural language Processing.

~~It is defined as
It deals with computation~~

* NLP deals with computation of

1a) * NLP is called Natural language processing.

* It deals with development of computational models as an aspect of human language processing.

The main aim is to:

- (i) Develop automated tools for language processing
- (ii) To gain better understanding of human communication.

The two approaches to NLP are:

(i) Rationalist - They follow early NLP. According to them humans are born with some language faculty. But the supporters argue that it is not possible for a child to learn such complex thing like Natural language.

(ii) Empiricist - They are opposite to Rationalist. They don't believe in inborn language faculty. Instead they believe in some general organizational principles which include pattern recognition, generalization and associations.

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b) The different levels of processing in NLP are:

1. Lexical Analysis - It is the first and basic level of in language processing.

* It deals with analysis of words.

* Words are fundamental unit of Natural language text.

* Lexical Analysis needs Morphological knowledge.

* Morphological knowledge - knowledge of structure and formation of words from basic units called Morphemes.

* Morphemes - Meaningful morphological units that cannot be further divided.

Eg: -un, -break, -able → unbreakable.

2. Syntactic Analysis - It deals or considers representation sequence of words as a single unit usually a sentence and finds its structure.

* It breaks down a sentence into words and tries to find the relationship between them.

* It captures the grammaticality and non-grammaticality of a sentence seeing the word order and number.

* Not all sentences are valid.

Eg: 'I went to the market' is a valid sentence

whereas 'went to the market' is not.

- * Therefore it needs
- * Syntactic Analysis requires syntactic knowledge
 - It considers sequence of words as a single unit and finds its structure. It also considers the constraints.

3. Semantic Analysis - It deals with the meaning of the language.

Eg. Kabir and Ayan are married.
Kabir and Suha are married.

- * In the first sentence, it states that both are married.
- * But in the second sentence it states that both Kabir and Suha are married to each other. This implies, the meaning of the sentence not only depends on the meaning of the words alone.
- * It requires pragmatic knowledge.
- * Pragmatic Knowledge - It deals with how the language is used in different ways for different purposes.

4. Discourse Analysis - It deals with interpreting the structure and meaning of even larger units like paragraphs, documents which consists of words, sentences etc.

* Discourse analysis needs:

(i) Resolution of anaphoric references

(ii) Discourse knowledge - It tells how the one sentence is determined by the preceding sentence.

Eg: ~~How~~ Pronoun refers to the preceding noun.

* ~~Anaph~~ Resolution of Anaphoric references need pragmatic knowledge.

Eg: 1) The district administration refused to give the trade union to give permission for the meeting as they feared violence.

2) The district administration refused the trade union to give permission for the meeting as they opposed government.

* In the 1st sentence, they refers to the district administration whereas in the 2nd sentence, they refer to the trade union.

5a) * Government and Binding theory was proposed by Noam Chomsky.

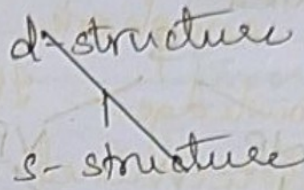
* Transformational grammar has two levels

(i) surface structure level

(ii) deep root structure level

* GB theory then renamed these Surface &

level as s-level and deep root level as d-level.



* In addition to these two levels, Government and Binding theory identified or defined two more levels called phonetic form and logical form.

d-structure

s-structure

phonetic form

logical form

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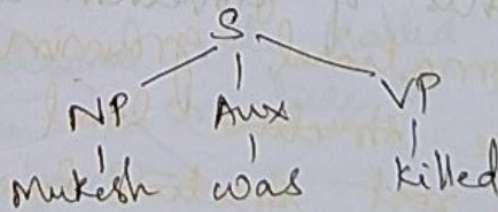
* Language is ~~some~~ representation of some meaning in sound form.

meaning - logical form

sound - phonetic form

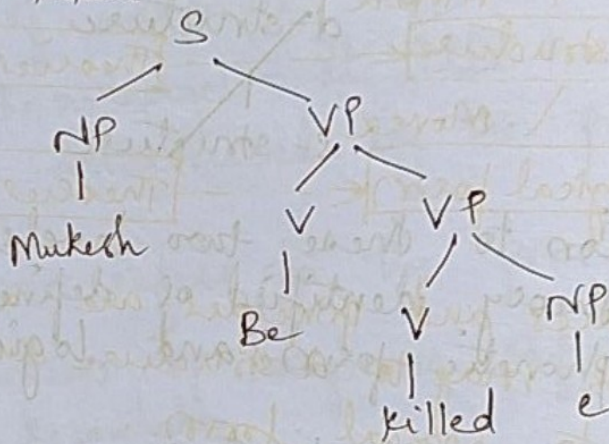
* GB deals only with logical form.

Eg:- Mukesh was killed.



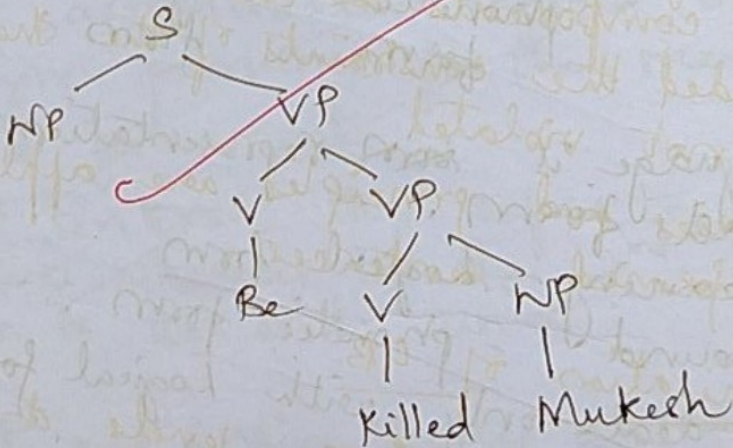
Representation in Transformational grammar

s-structure
Mukesh was killed.

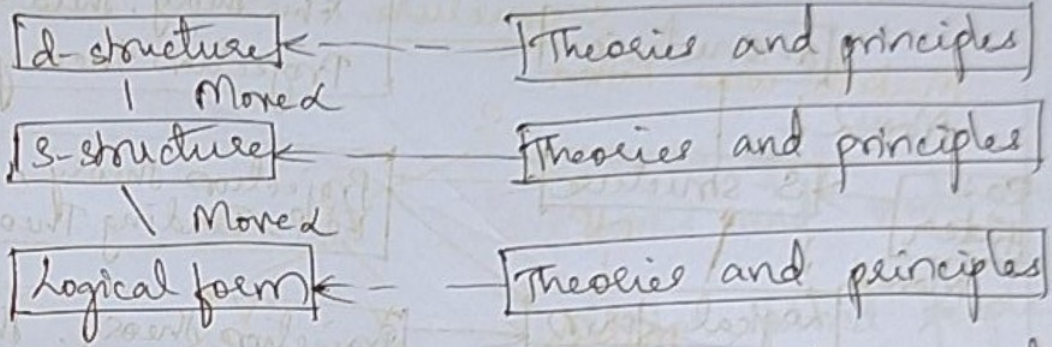


d-structure

killed Mukesh (e)



b) Components of Government and Binding theory.

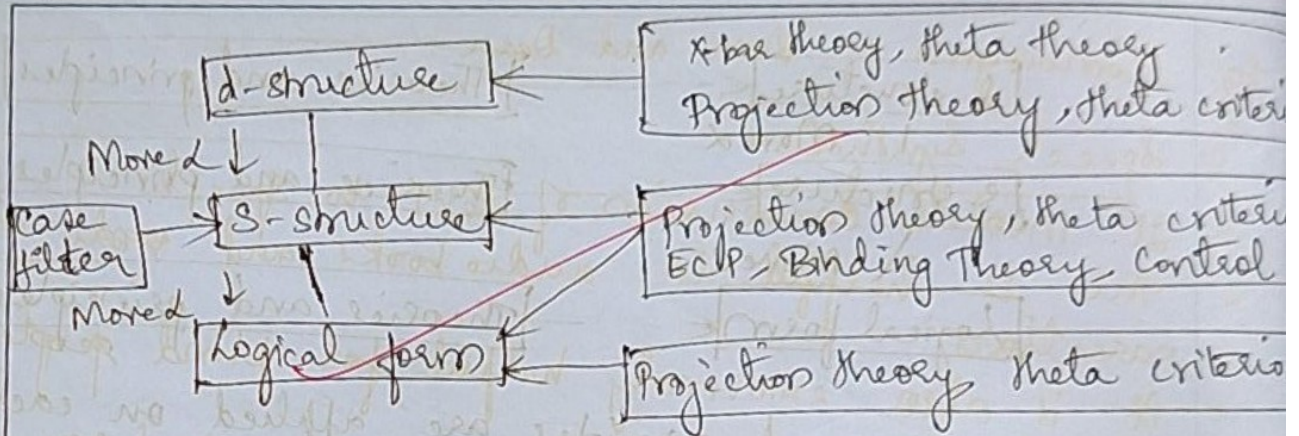


- * The theories and principles are applied on each level or map to d-structure and s-structure and further to logical form.
- * Transformational rule called 'Mapped' is used to transform the d-structure to s-structure and then to logical form.
- * The components can be transformed anywhere provided the constraints of the theories and principles are not violated.
- * ~~Theories and principles are applied to prevent the ill-formed sentences.~~

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Organization of GB

- * It consists of three levels: d-structure, s-structure and logical form.
- * The transformational rule called 'Mapped' is used to transform the d-structure to s-structure and then to logical form.
- * Case filter is applied to s-structure.
- * The theories and principles are further defined.



3. The applications of NLP are:

- a) Machine translation
- b) Speech Recognition
- c) Speech Synthesis
- d) Natural language inference to data base
- e) Information Retrieval
- f) Information extraction
- g) Question Answering System
- h) Text Summarization

a) Machine translation - It involves automated translation of text from one language to other. For this the knowledge of words, phrases and grammar in both the languages is necessary.

b) Speech Recognition - It is the conversion of ~~text to speech~~. speech to text.

* During this process problems arise due to pronunciation.

Eg: Homonyms :- Deer and Dead.

c) Speech Synthesis

- * It involves conversion of text to speech.
- * This is helpful in audio books and video narrations.
- * It is also extremely helpful for blind people.

d) Natural Language Inference to database

- * This involves writing queries for the database.

e) Information Retrieval

- * Retrieving the information or document based on users query is called information retrieval.
- * It is used to retrieve information from large set of text in electronic form.
- * It returns a hierarchical set of list of documents.
- * It is unstructured.

f) Information Extraction

- * Extracting the information from a document is called information extraction.
- * Given a document
- * It involves searching and extracting information from a particular document.

g) Question Answering Systems

- * Given a question and set of documents, the system tries to find the answer.
- * This involves comparison of the given documents.

h) Text summarization

- * Summaries of the documents are prepared.
- * This requires syntactic, ~~sy~~ semantic level of processing.

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2a) The components of transformational grammar are:

i) Phrase structure grammar

- * This ~~contains~~ grammar contains a set of rules which generate sentences and assign structural description to them.

* Rules for phrase structure grammar

$$S \rightarrow NP + VP$$

$$VP \rightarrow V + NP$$

$$NP \rightarrow Det + Noun$$

$$V \rightarrow Aux + Verb$$

Noun - cat, bat etc

Verb - eat, catch etc

Det - the, a, an

Aux - will, is, can

NP - Noun phrase

VP - Verb phrase

V - Verb

N - Noun

S - Sentence

Eg: Pooja Plays Veena

- S → NP + VP
- VP → V + NP
- NP → Det + Noun
- V → Aux + Verb
- NP → Pooja, Veena
- VP → Plays

e) Transformational rules

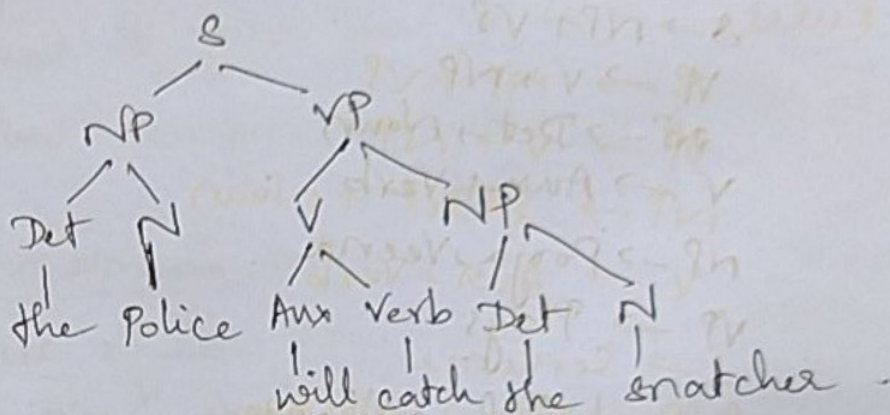
- * It is used to transform one phrase make to another.
- * It is at the terminal of the string generated by Phrase structure grammar.
- * It contains ~~more than one~~ symbol on left hand side of the rule.

Eg: ~~The police~~ will catch the snatches
 The snatches will be caught by the police

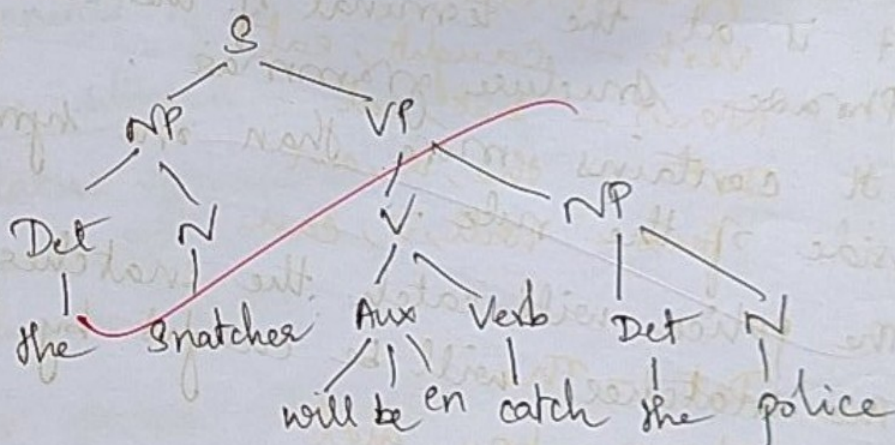
Rules

$$NP1 - Aux - V - NP2 \rightarrow NP2 - Aux + be + en - NP1$$

Eg: The Police will catch the snatcher



The snatcher will be caught by the police



3) Morphophonemic rules.

* The transformational rule converts 'en + catch' to 'catch + en' which is then converted to caught by morphophonemic rule
 'en + catch' + 'catch + en' → caught

b) The boy hit the girl

Rules

- S → NP + VP
- VP → V + NP
- NP → ~~Det + Noun~~
- V → Aux + Verb

- S → sentence
- NP - Noun phrase
- VP - Verb phrase
- ~~V → Verb~~
- ~~N → noun~~

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- Verb - caught, eat
- Noun - bat, eat
- Det - the, a, an
- Aux - will, is, can

- Det - The
- Noun - boy, girl
- Verb - hit

Q1. a. Language is the primary means of communication by humans. It is the tool we use to express the greater part of our ideas and emotions. It shapes thought, has a structure and carries meaning.

Natural Language Processing is concerned with the development of computational models of human language processing. There are two reasons for such development.

★ To develop automated tools for language understanding

★ To gain a better understanding of human communication.

Development of computational models with human natural language processing abilities requires a knowledge of how humans acquire, store and process language. It also requires a knowledge of the world and of language.

Historically there have been two major approaches to NLP - rationalist and empiricist approach. Early NLP research took a rationalist approach which assumes the existence of a language faculty in the human brain. Supporters of this approach believe that it is not possible for a child to learn a complex thing like natural language with limited sensory inputs. Empiricists do not believe in the existence of a language faculty. They believe in the

4. Evidence of general organization principles such that pattern recognition, generalisation and association. Learning of detailed structures can be done through the application of these principles on sensory inputs available to the child.

Q1.b.

Language Processing has different levels of processing each associated with a different set of knowledge. They are:

1. Lexical Analysis
2. Syntactic analysis
3. Semantic analysis
4. Discourse analysis
5. Pragmatic analysis

1. Lexical Analysis

★ It is the simplest analysis involving the analysis of words.

★ Words are the fundamental unit of any natural language.

★ Word level analysis requires morphological knowledge i.e.

how words are formed from morphemes.

★ Building of words from morphemes are language specific.

2. Syntactic analysis

★ It is the analysis of a group of words usually a sentence and finds its meaning.

★ A sentence is decomposed to words and are found how words are

related to each other.

- ★ It finds grammatically correct and incorrect sentences by looking at constraints such as word order, etc.
- ★ It requires syntactic knowledge.
- ★ eg: 'I went to the market' is a valid sentence whereas 'went the market I to' is not.

3. Semantic analysis

- ★ It is concerned with a meaning of a sentence.
- ★ It's main idea is to create a meaningful representation of linguistic inputs.
- ★ The concern is to take natural language utterances and map them into some representation of particular meaning.
 - eg: Kalie and Ayon are married
 - Kalie and Suha are married
- ★ In the second sentence we can see that Kalie and Suha are married but this meaning does not come in the first sentence.
- ★ Syntactic structure and compositional semantics is not sufficient and also requires pragmatic knowledge.

4.

Discourse analysis

* It is the analysis of paragraphs and document level in terms of sentences, words and clauses.

* The idea is to resolve anaphoric references and identification of discourse knowledge.

* It decides how the meaning of a sentence depends on the previous sentence - eg: a pronoun referencing noun.

* eg: The district administration refused to give the trade unions permission for the meeting because they feared violence.

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~~The district administration refused to give the trade unions permission for the meeting because they opposed government.~~

* Here 'they' is an anaphoric reference.

5.

Pragmatic analysis

* It deals with the purposeful use of sentences. It requires world knowledge - knowledge beyond context of text.

* The Cyc Project at the University of Austin finds the use of world knowledge

Q3.

The main applications of NLP are:

1. Machine Translation
2. Speech Recognition
3. Speech Synthesis
4. Natural Language Interfaces to databases
5. Information Retrieval
6. Information Extraction
7. Question Answering
8. Text Summarisation

1. Machine Translation

★ It deals with the automatic translation of text from one human language to another.

★ It requires an understanding of words and phrases, grammars, semantics of the two languages and also of world knowledge.

2. Speech Recognition

★ It deals with the mapping of acoustic speech signals into a set of words.

- ★ Problems may arise due to wide variations in pronunciation and acoustic differentiations in hearing.

3. Speech Synthesis

- ★ It deals with the production of speech or analysis of text.
- ★ It can read out mails from telephone or even a story book.
- ★ Natural Language Processing is required for this because for producing speech, text has to be processed.

4. Natural Language Interfaces for Databases

- ★ It involves querying a structured database using natural language sentences.

5. Information Retrieval

- ★ The main idea is to identify documents matching user's query.
- ★ Indexing, word sense disambiguation, generating modifying and knowledge bases are effectively used for this.

6. Information Extraction

* An IE system captures and outputs factual information from a document.

7. Question Answering

* Given a question and set of documents, this system finds the precise answer or the relevant portion of text.

* It requires more NLP than IR or IE system.

8. Text Summarisation

* It is concerned with the summarisation of text and requires syntactic, semantic and discourse knowledge.

Q.4a. The two approaches of language modelling are:

1. Grammar based model

2. Statistical based model

The explanation are as follows:

1.

Grammar based language modelling

- ★ Language modelling is viewed as a problem of grammar rules.
- ★ We define a grammar that can handle language.
- ★ We can identify grammatical sentences from non-grammatical ones.
- ★ It uses grammar of a language to create its model. The grammar is represented as syntactic structures of the language.
- ★ For example, a sentence consists of noun, verb phrases. This model uses these phrases and the relationships between each other to create a grammar of the sentence.

2.

Statistical language modelling

- ★ Language modelling is viewed as a problem of probability estimation.
- ★ We can identify pattern rules in a sentence statistically.
- ★ It is the ability to identify a sentence as a probability measure.

★ It involves building a model by training it from a corpus.

★ To capture the regularities of a language, the training corpus must be sufficiently large.

Statistical language modelling aims at capturing regularities of a language to improve its performance in various natural language applications.

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★ It has found many applications in machine translation, information retrieval, question answer finding and so on.

The various grammar based models are:

1. Generative grammar
2. Hierarchical grammar
3. Government and Binding
4. Lexical Functional grammar
5. Minimalist grammar.

Q4b.

The challenges of NLP are as follows:

1. Problem of representation and identification
2. The inability to capture all the sources of required knowledge is another challenge.
3. Greatest challenge is to identify the meaning of its semantics
4. Idioms, metaphors and ellipses add to the complexity of a sentence.
5. Quantifier scoping - The scope of a quantifier may not be clear and may create confusions.

6. Ambiguity

There are two levels of ambiguity:

- i. First level - Word level eg: bat, bark

Ambiguity may be in its meaning or subject verb agreement

- ii. Second level - sentence level eg: Stolen rifle found by the

The words have meaning but the sentence does not. called structural ambiguity. Verb subcategorization may solve this.

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Word level - eg: bat, bark → Word sense disambiguation
 Sentence level - eg: ~~Stolen rifle found by tree~~ → Verb subcategorisation

Q6. X-bar theory is the central concept of Government and Binding.

* Instead of defining several phrase structure rules and sentence structure defined by a different set of rules, it can be maximally projected of some head.

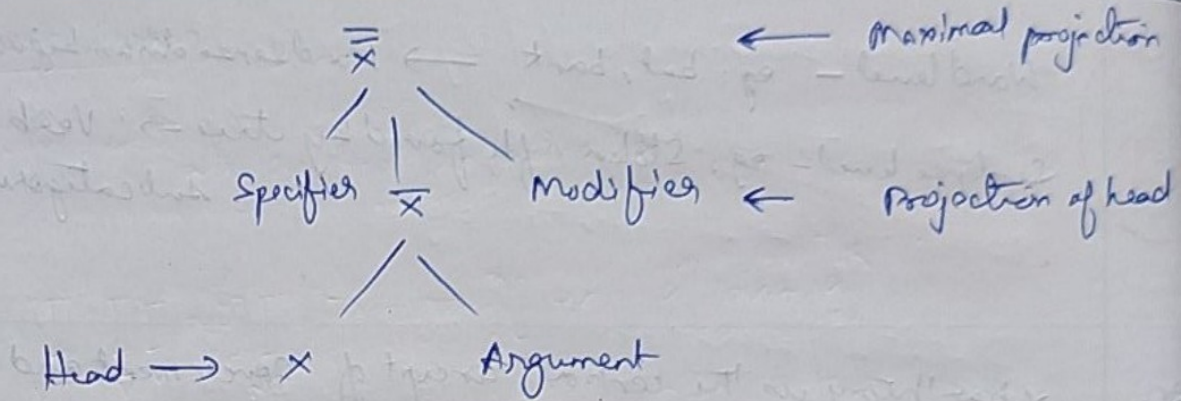
* The maximal projections are as follows:

- i. The Noun phrase is maximal projection of a noun.
- ii. The Verb phrase is maximal projection of verb.
- iii. Adjective phrase is maximal projection of adjective.
- iv. Preposition phrase is a maximal projection of preposition.

* The heads of maximal projection, can be represented by X.
 where X = noun, verb, adjective, preposition.

* There are two levels of projection:

- 1. The maximal projection at the phrase level (represented by \bar{X})
- 2. The projection of head at the subphrase level (represented by \bar{X})



The projection of various types are as follows:

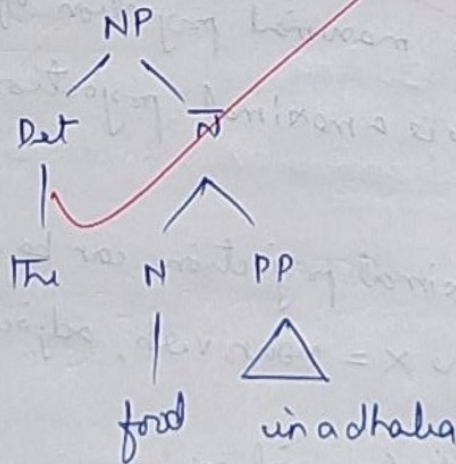
i. Noun Phrase

the food in a dhaba

Therefore,

[[the] [[food] [in a dhaba]]]

NP_{Det} \bar{N} N PP

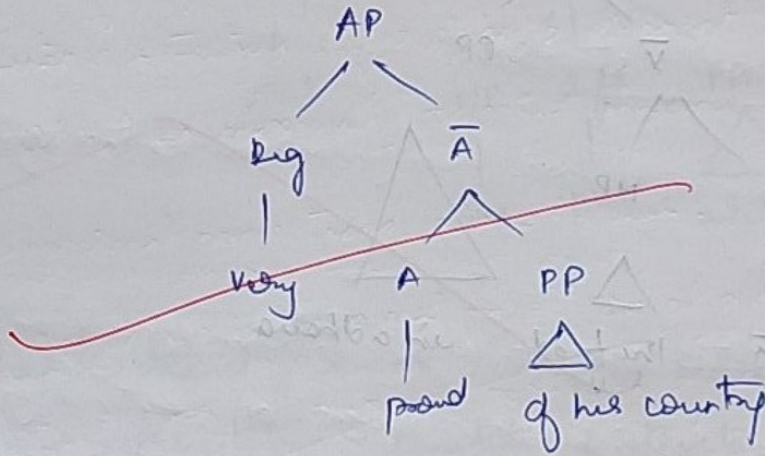


ii.

Adjective Phrase

very proud of his country

[[very] [[proud] [of his country]]]
 AP Deg \bar{A} A PP

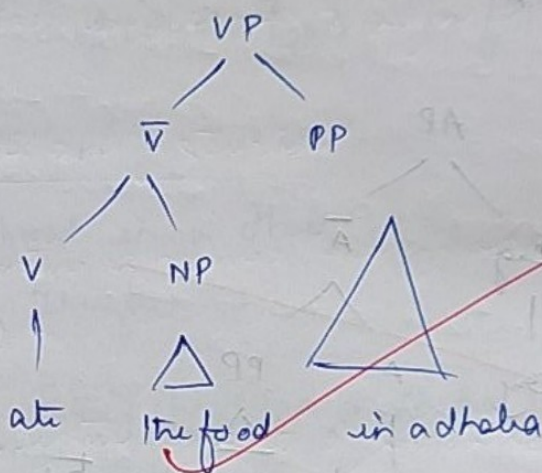


iii.

Verb Phrase

ate the food in a dhaba

[[[ate] [the food]] [in a dhaba]]
 VP \bar{V} V NP PP

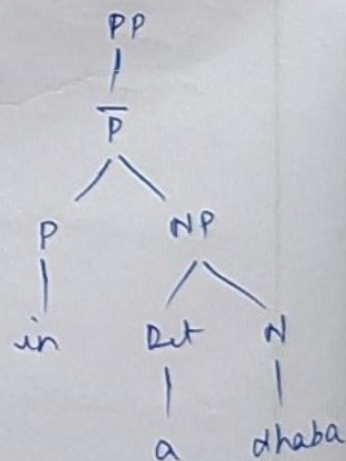


iv.

Preposition Phrase

in a dhaba

[[[in] [[a] [dhaba]]]]
 PP \bar{P} P NP Det N



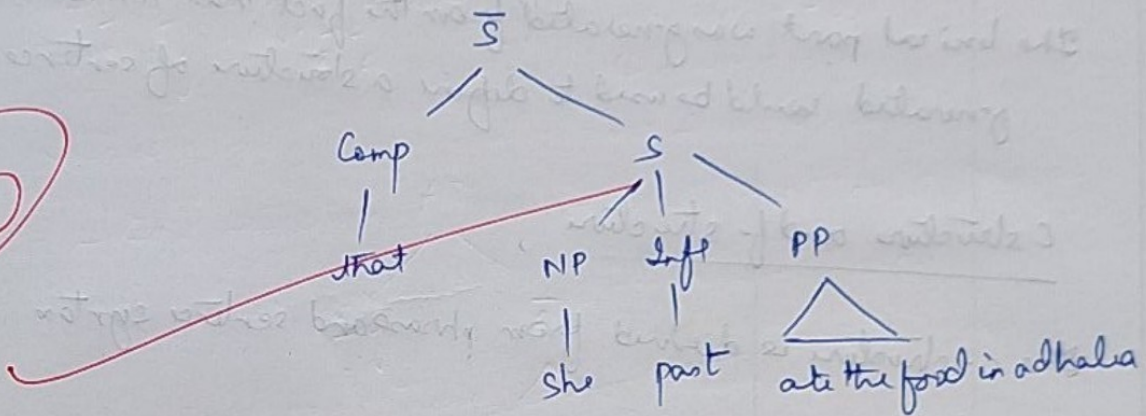
v.

Sentence

that she ate the food in a dhaba

[[that] [she] [ate] [the food in a dhaba]]]
 \bar{S} Comp S NP VP PP

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Q7.

Lexical Functional grammar is represented by two syntactic levels of representation - constituent structure (c-structure) and functional structure (f-structure)

★ Kaplan introduced a very complex form of register names and values used in the ATN theory which formed the basis for functional part of the sentence.

★ Beesman on other hand was interested to solve problems of linguistic issues such as active and passive sentences. She clarified that lexical redundancy rules can be used to

Solve each problems.

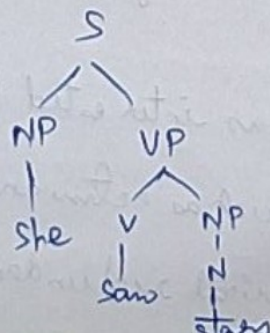
- * The functional structure is derived from the various grammatical functions such as subject and verb, object and also the roles played by each argument in a sentence.
- * The lexical part was generated from the fact that lexical rules generated could be used to define a structure of sentence.

C-structure and f-structure

- * The c-structure is derived from phrase and sentence syntax constructs.
- * The f-structure consists of annotations of nodes on the c-structure which when applied on a sentence gives us the required structure.

The c structure and f-structure are as follows:

She saw stars in the sky



subj

Person	3
Num	SG
GEN	FEM
Case	Nom
Pred	'PRO'

obj

Person	3
Num	PL
Pred	'star'

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Pred 'see' < (↑subj) (↑obj) >