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Abstract Categorical Grammar Parsing

the general case

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$$\eta : A_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(A_2),$$

$$\theta : C_1 \rightarrow \Lambda(\Sigma_2),$$

such that

$$\vdash_{\Sigma_2} \theta(c) : \eta(\tau_1(c)).$$

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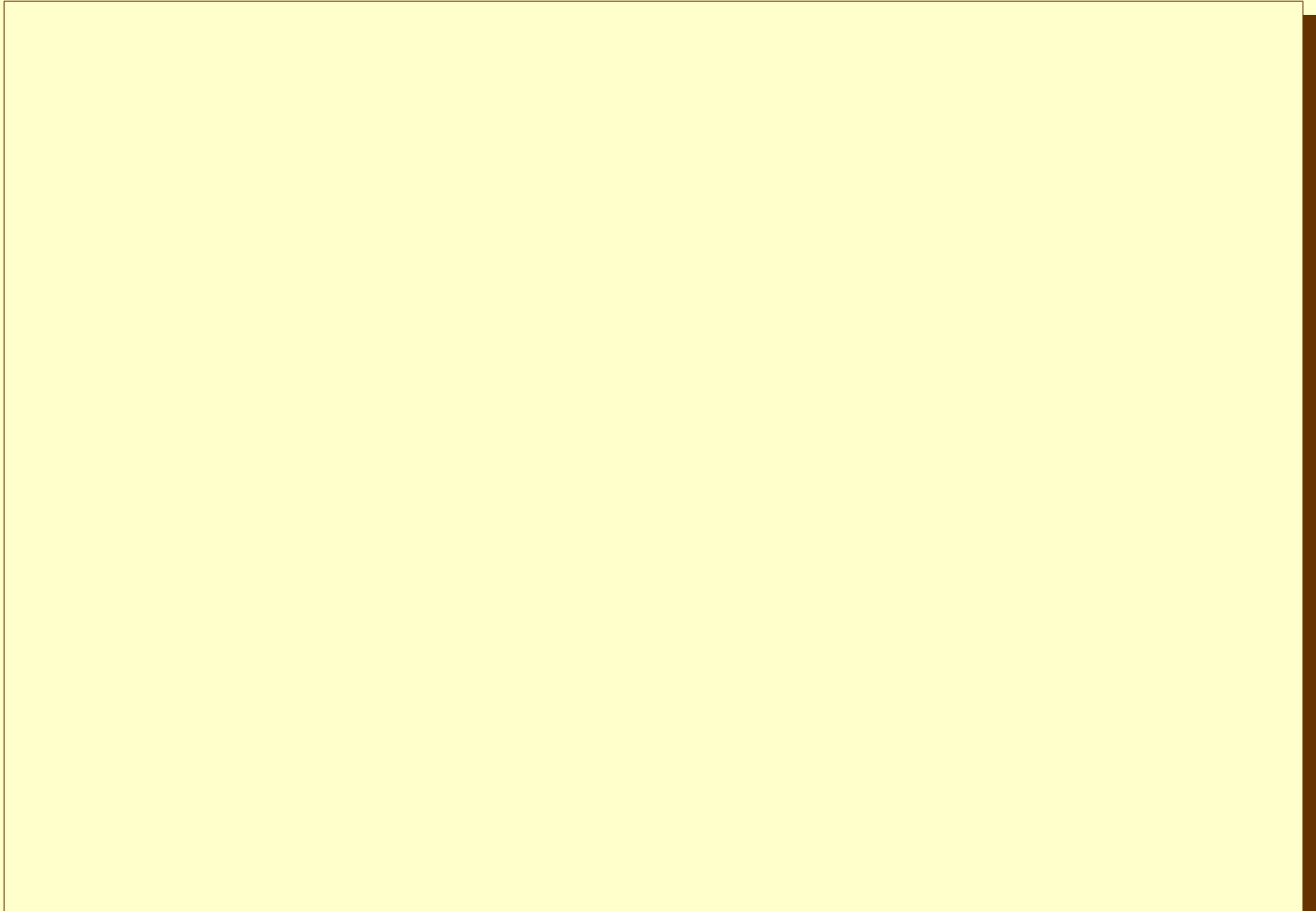
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Typically:

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3. Try to prove $\langle S, s_0 \multimap s_6 \rangle$ using:

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Query (coming from the term to be parsed):

$$a[5, 6], c[4, 5], b[3, 4], a[2, 3], b[1, 2], c[0, 1] \vdash S[0, 6]$$

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- CFG, TAG, LCFRS, ... as 2nd-order ACGs.