

Generation with Grammars enriched with Lexical Semantics Information

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Introduction

- ▶ Goal: extend parsing techniques on ACG by adding new operation (here: deletion)
 - ▶ Parsing ACG \Rightarrow Natural Language Generation
- ▶ Deletion can be used to represent lexical semantics information in our grammar
 - ▶ No intension of creating a new lexical semantics theory.

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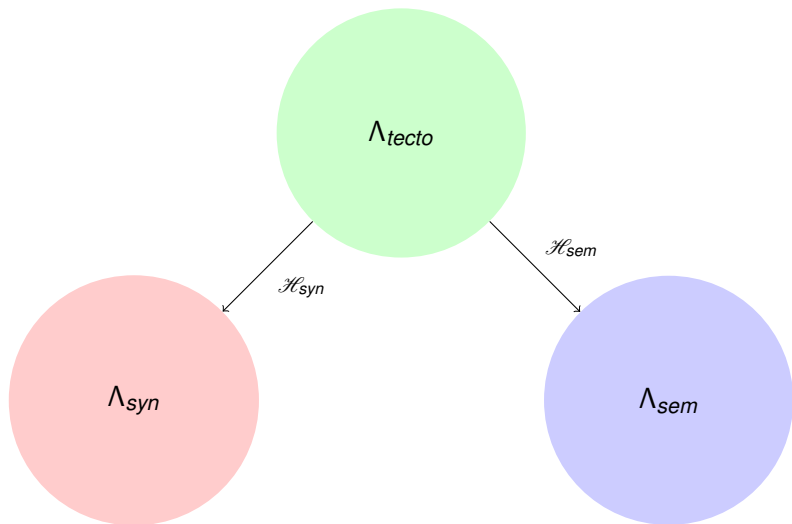
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- ▶ Plus, uniformity of the formalism: use of the λ -calculus to describe every module/grammar

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- ▶ $eat:np \rightarrow np \rightarrow s$
 - ▶ $\mathcal{H}_{syn}(np)=str$
 - ▶ $\mathcal{H}_{syn}(s)=str$
 - ▶ $\mathcal{H}_{syn}(\lambda xy. eatxy)=\lambda x_1 x_2. x_2 + \mathbf{eat} + x_1$

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Formally

Higher-Order Signature

A higher-order signature $\Sigma = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}, \tau)$:

- ▶ \mathcal{A} a finite set of atomic types
- ▶ \mathcal{C} a finite set of constants
- ▶ τ the typing function $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{A})$

Derivation system

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \overline{x : \alpha \vdash_{\Sigma} x : \alpha} \quad \overline{\vdash_{\Sigma} \mathbf{c} : \tau(\mathbf{c})} \\
 \\
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} M : \beta}{\Gamma - \{x : \alpha\} \vdash_{\Sigma} \lambda x. M : \alpha \rightarrow \beta} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} M : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \quad \Delta \vdash_{\Sigma} N : \alpha}{\Gamma \cup \Delta \vdash_{\Sigma} MN : \beta}
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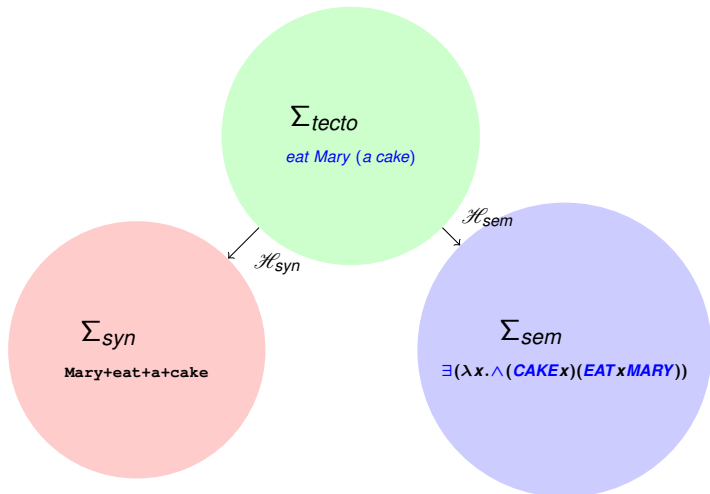
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NL Generation \equiv NL Parsing

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$\lambda x^a y^b. f^{a \rightarrow a \rightarrow c} x^a x^a$ **but not** $\lambda x^a y^b. f^{a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a} (f^{a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a} x^a x^a) x^a$

Almost affine ACG

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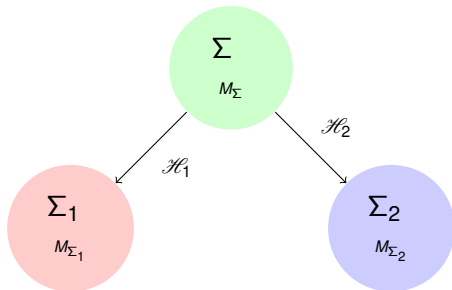
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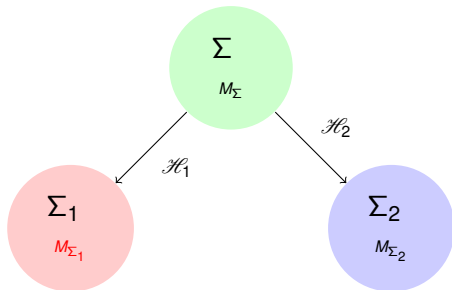
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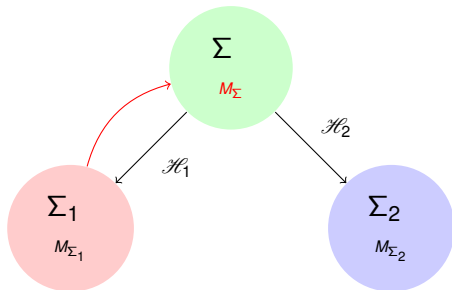
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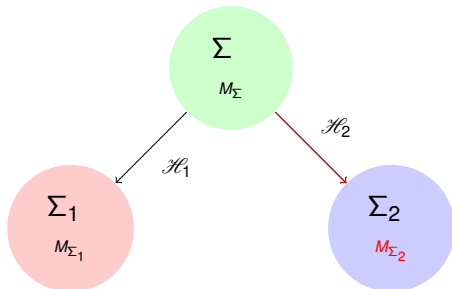
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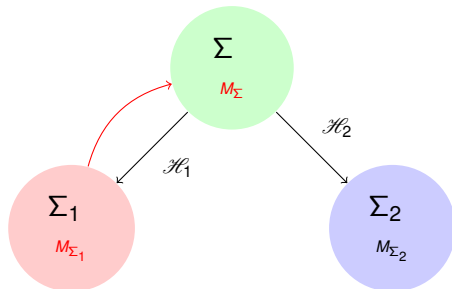
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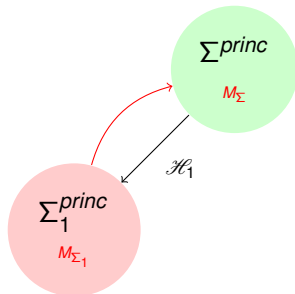
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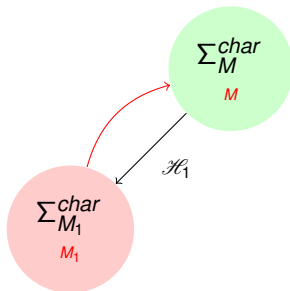
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Moreover, we show **almost affine terms M and M' in Λ_{Σ_M} verify $M =_{\beta} M'$ iff they share the same characteristic typing.**

Idea: Use Types



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