

Abstract Families of Abstract Categorical Languages

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- Focuses on (a generalization of) closure under **intersection with regular sets**.

Outline

- Abstract categorial grammar: an informal idea
- Abstract categorial grammar: formal definitions and known results
- Closure under intersection with regular sets (generalized)

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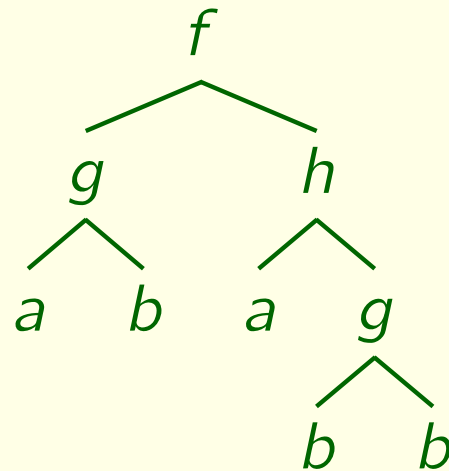
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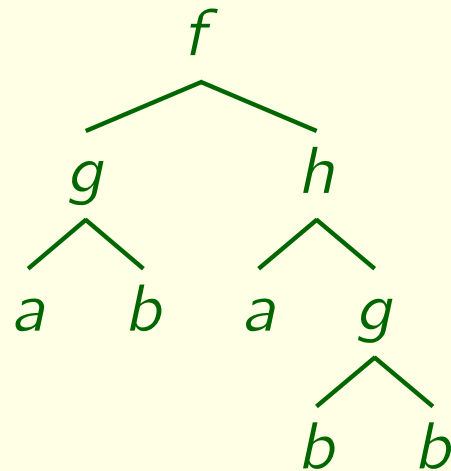
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- * logical formulae

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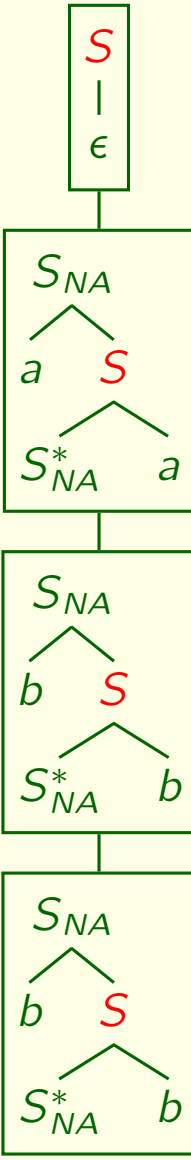
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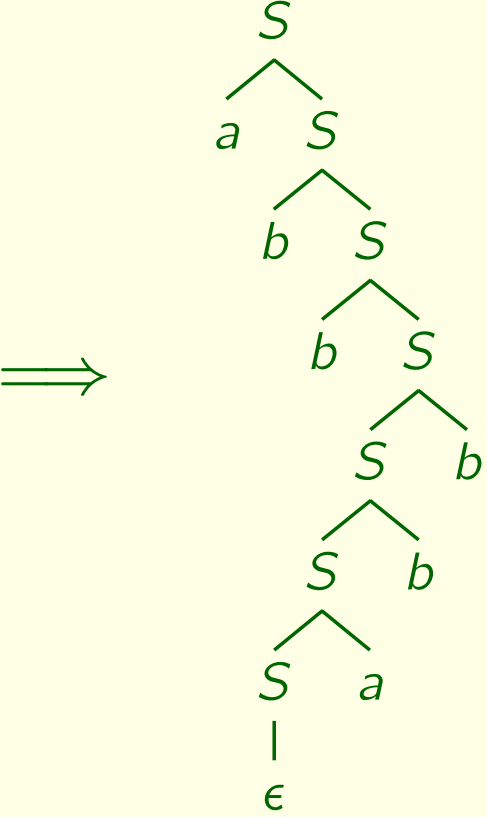
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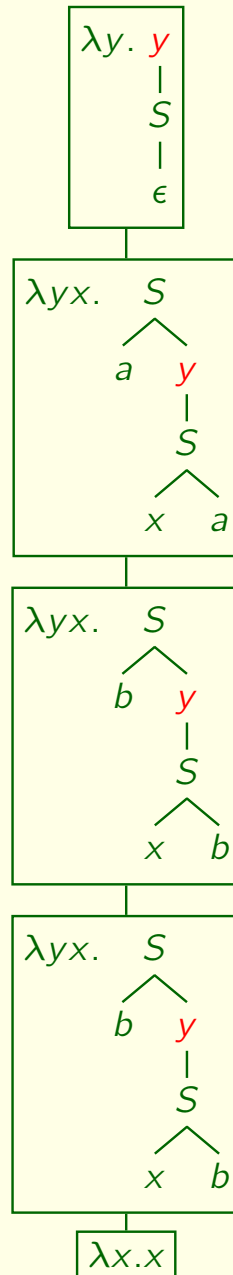
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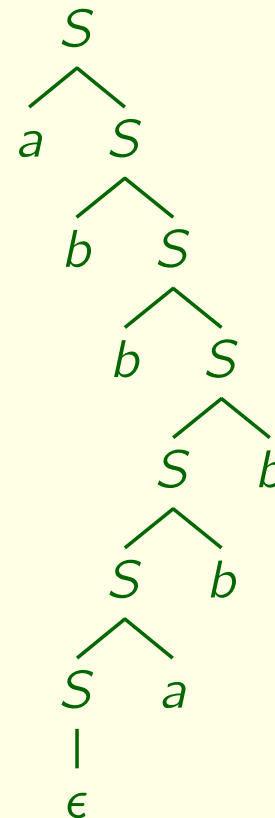
Tree-adjoining grammar as abstract categorial grammar

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Montague semantics (Heim & Kratzer-style)

word meanings

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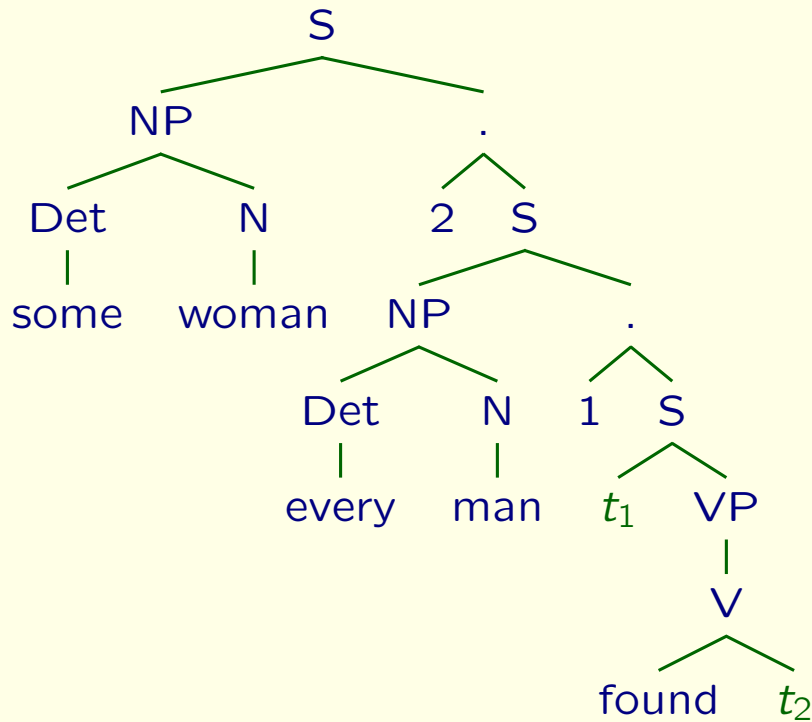
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{ord}(p) &= 1 \quad \text{if } p \text{ is atomic,} \\ \text{ord}(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) &= \max(\text{ord}(\alpha) + 1, \text{ord}(\beta)). \end{aligned}$$

The order of Σ is $\text{ord}(\Sigma) = \max\{ \text{ord}(\tau(c)) \mid c \in C \}$.

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MNP for $(MN)P$,

$\lambda x.MN$ for $\lambda x.(MN)$,

$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n.M$ for $\lambda x_1.(\lambda x_2 \dots (\lambda x_n.M) \dots)$.

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M is

- closed if $FV(M) = \emptyset$
- pure if $\overrightarrow{Con}(M) = \epsilon$.

β -reduction

$$\dots (\lambda x.M)N \dots \rightarrow_{\beta} \dots M[x := N] \dots$$

This β -reduction step is

- non-erasing if $x \in FV(M)$,
- non-duplicating if x occurs free in M at most once.

Write $|M|_{\beta}$ for the β -normal form M .

Type assignment system $\lambda \rightarrow_{\Sigma}$

$\Gamma = x_1 : \alpha_1, \dots, x_n : \alpha_n$: type environment

$\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} M : \alpha$: typing judgment

$$\vdash_{\Sigma} c : \tau(c) \quad x : \alpha \vdash_{\Sigma} x : \alpha$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} M : \beta}{\Gamma - \{x : \alpha\} \vdash_{\Sigma} \lambda x. M : \alpha \rightarrow \beta} \rightarrow I \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} M : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \quad \Delta \vdash_{\Sigma} N : \alpha}{\Gamma \cup \Delta \vdash_{\Sigma} MN : \beta} \rightarrow E$$

Write Λ and \vdash for $\Lambda(\Sigma)$ and \vdash_{Σ} when $\Sigma = \langle A, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle$.

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String signature $\Sigma_V = \langle \{o\}, V, \tau \rangle$:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(a) = o &\rightarrow o = \text{str} \quad \text{for every } a \in V, \\ \vdash_{\Sigma_V} /w/ &: \text{str} \quad \text{for every } w \in V^*. \end{aligned}$$

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\mathcal{G} is **m -th order** if $\mathcal{G} \in \mathbf{G}(m, n)$ for some n .

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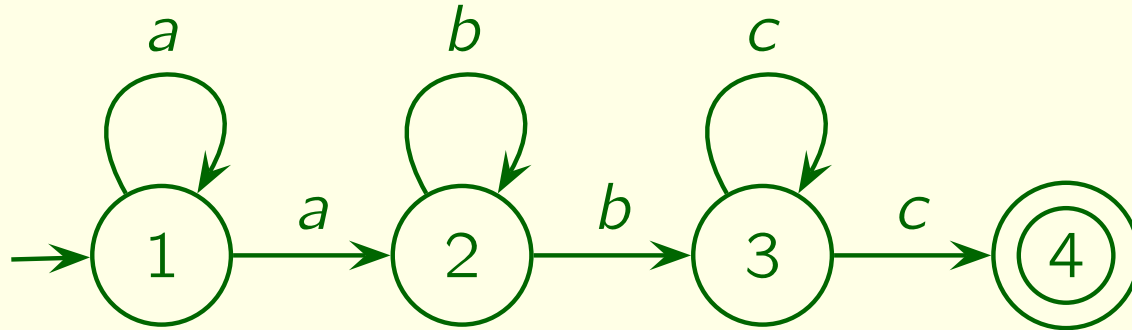
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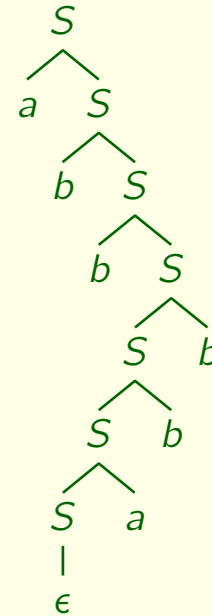
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