

Equivalence to Minimalist Grammars: All boils down to overt phrasal movement

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 - Redefining the formalism (almost as MCFGs)
- Multiple context-free grammars
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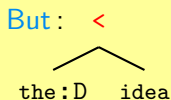
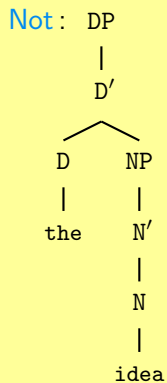
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- the **resource sensitivity** (encoded in the checking mechanism)
- the **shortest move condition** (as a locality constraint)

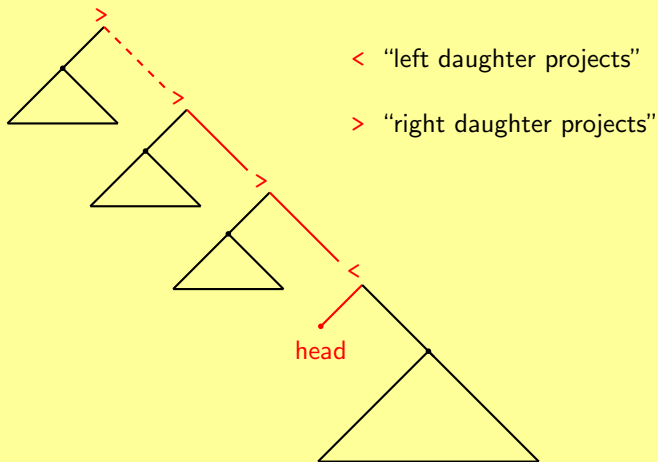
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- Work on MGs defined in this sense can, thus, be seen as having led to a **realignment of “grammars found ‘useful’ by linguists” and formal complexity theory.**
- In fact, MGs are capable of integrating (if needed) a variety of (arguably) “odd” items from the syntactician’s toolbox, e.g.,
 - head movement (Stabler 1997, 2001)
 - (strict) remnant movement (Stabler 1997, 1999)
 - affix hopping (Stabler 2001)
 - adjunction and scrambling (Frey & Gärtner 2002)
 - late adjunction and extraposition (Gärtner & Michaelis 2008)
 - copy-movement (Kobele 2006)
 - relativized minimality (Stabler 2011)

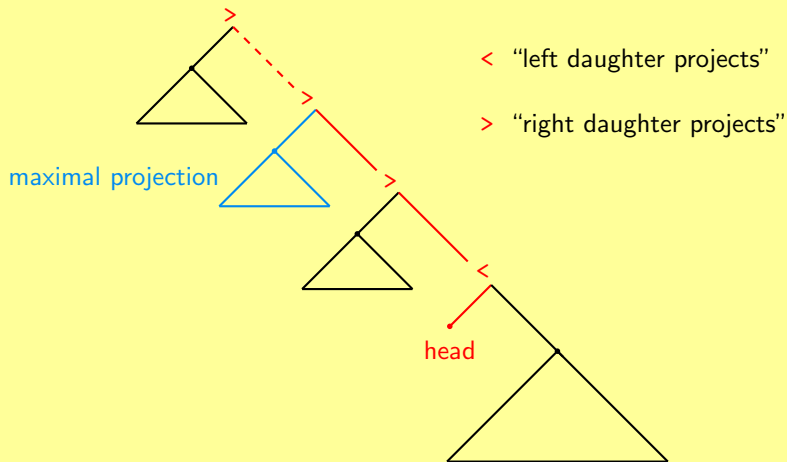
- The objects generated by an MG: **minimalist expressions**



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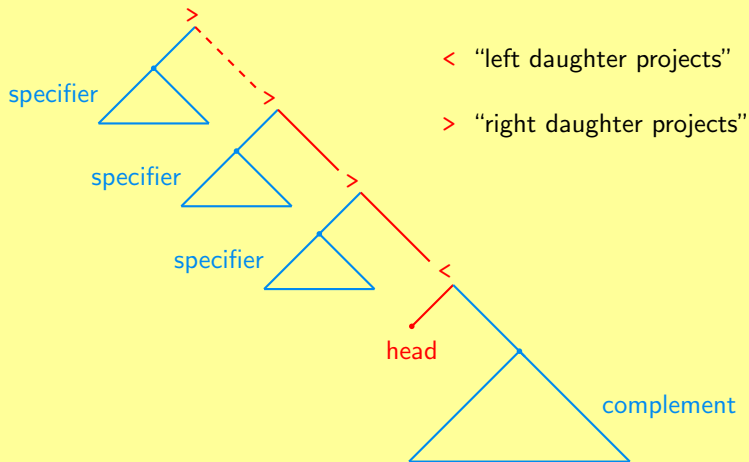


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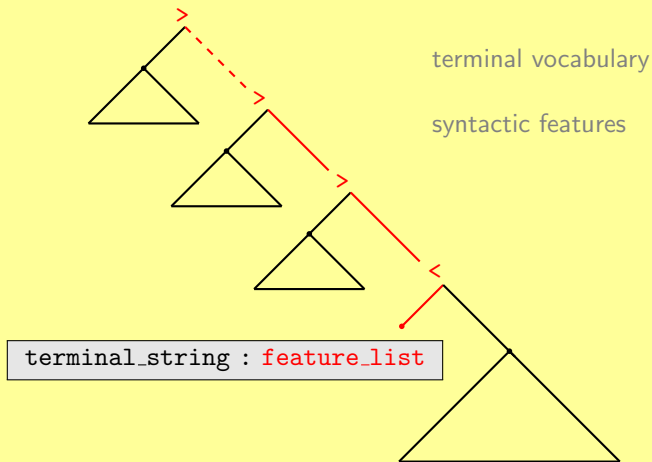
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- There are **different types of syntactic features**.

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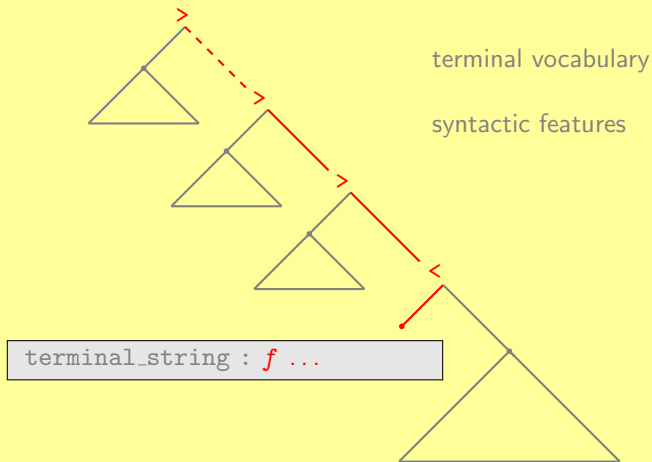
selectors: $=x$

licensees: $-x$

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- **Starting from a lexicon**, a finite set of simple expressions, **minimalist expressions can be built up recursively** by checking off instances of syntactic features “from left to right.”
- Different types of syntactic features trigger **different structure building functions**.



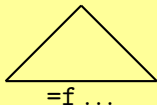
head-label is of the form

terminal_string : f ...

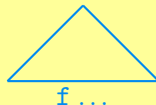
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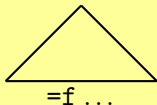
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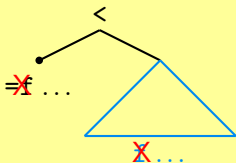
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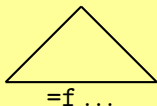


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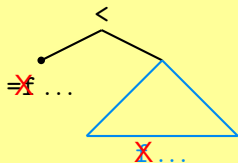
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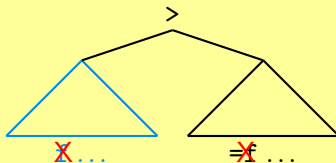
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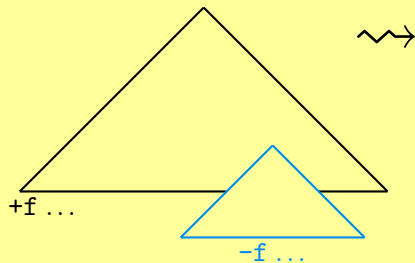
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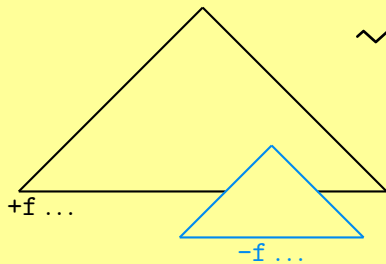
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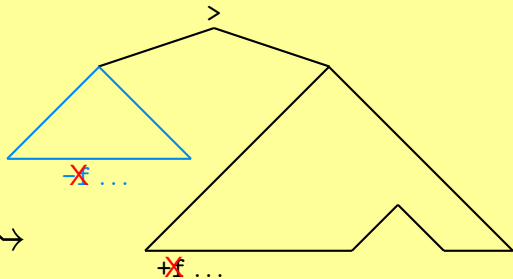
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Structure building functions

- A simple example of an embedded interrogative clause shows the different types of features at work in order to serve as a demonstration of the general cases.
 - merge :
 - right selection
 - left selection
 - move:
 - overt phrasal movement

Example of a lexicon

(a set of single noded labeled trees)

that :: =I C

the :: =N D -k

[] :: =I +wh C

which :: =N D -k -wh

does :: =v +k I

sleep :: =D +k v

[] :: =V =D v

cat :: N

bite :: =D +k V


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
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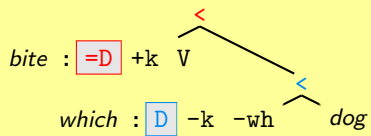
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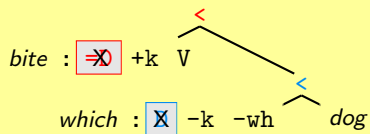
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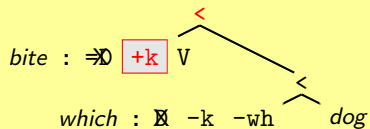
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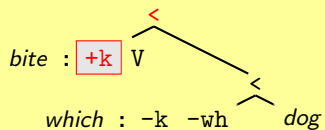
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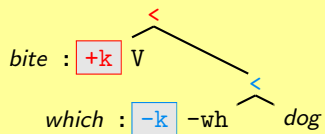


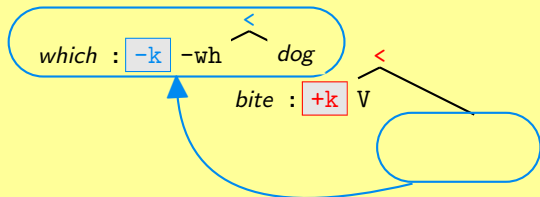


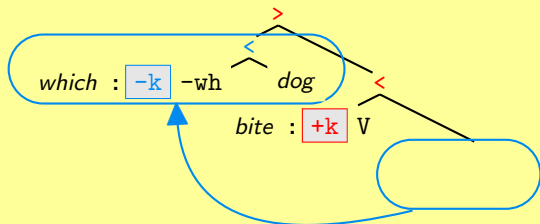


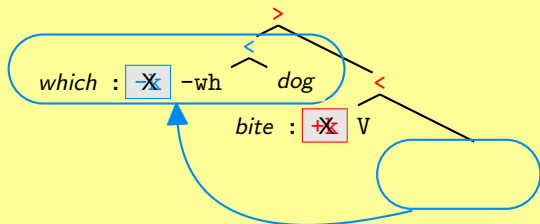
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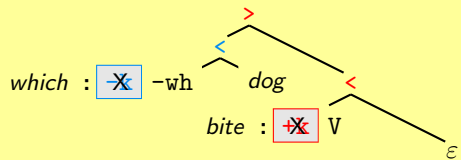
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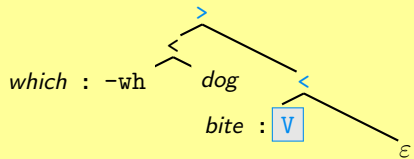


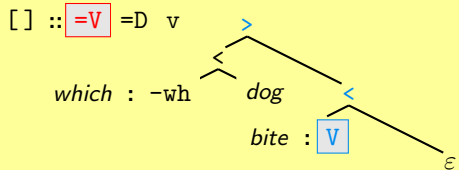


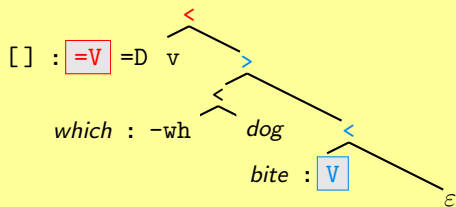


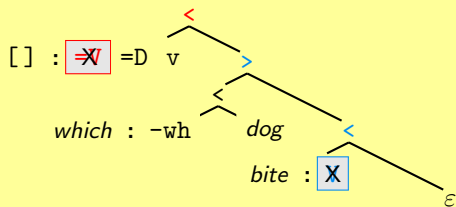




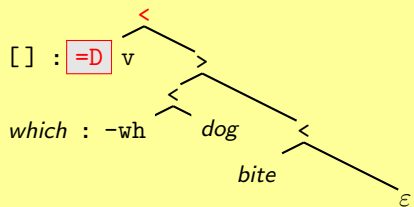


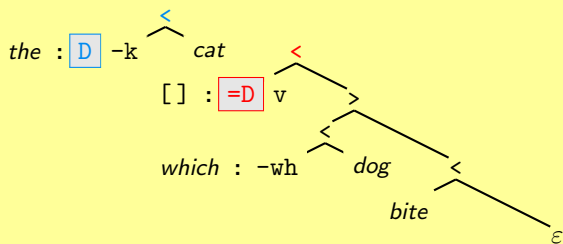


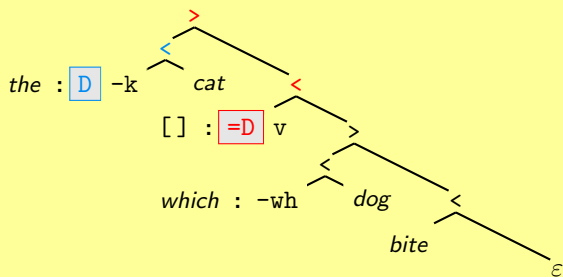


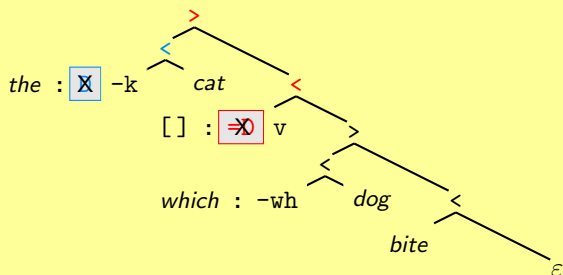


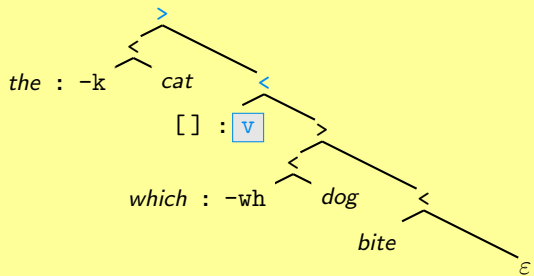
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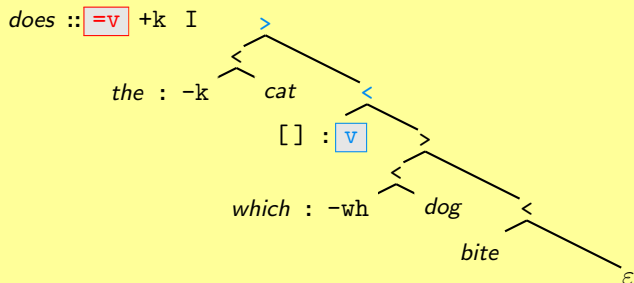


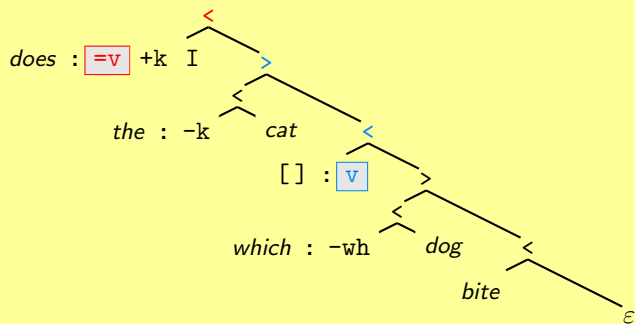


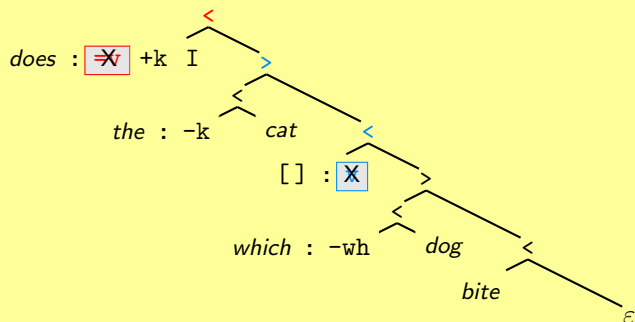


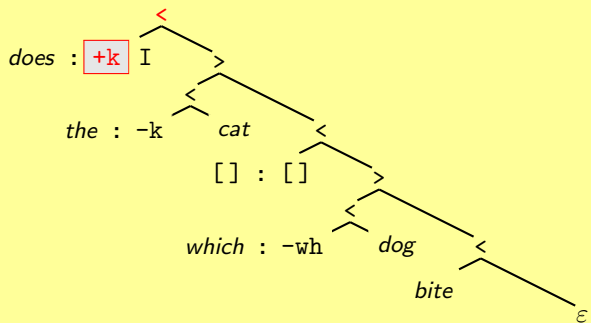


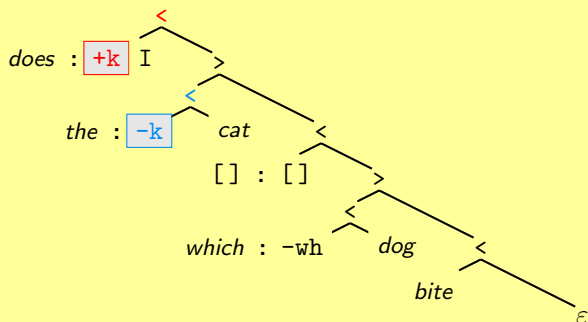


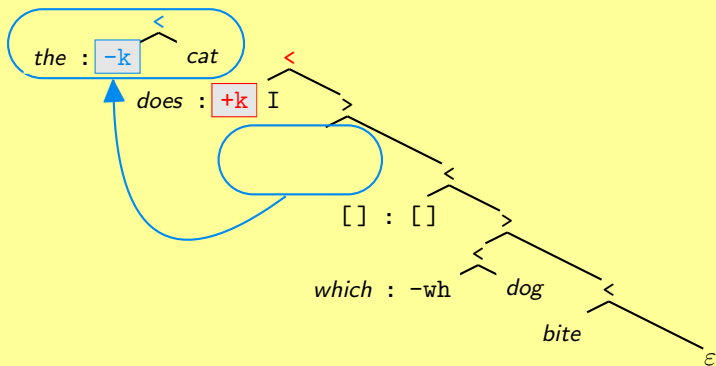


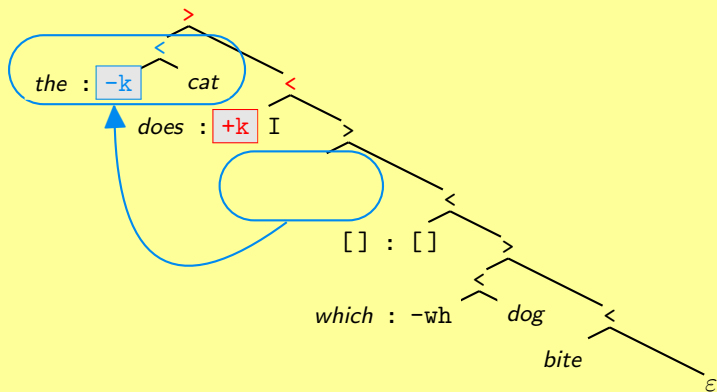


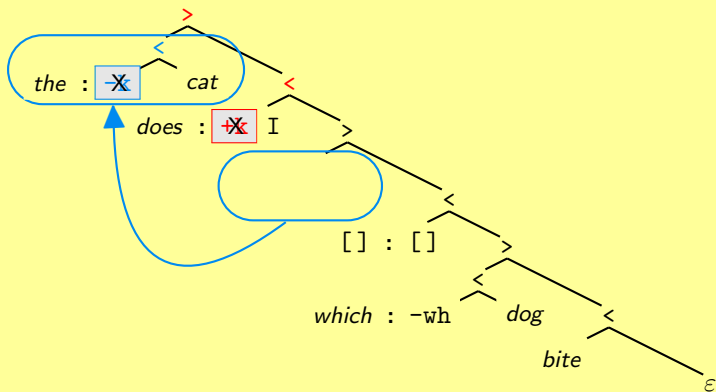


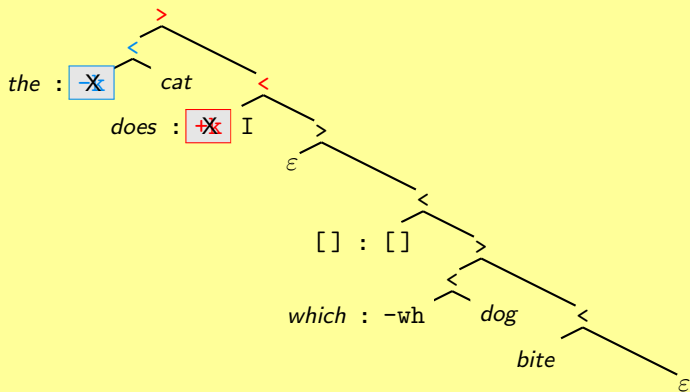


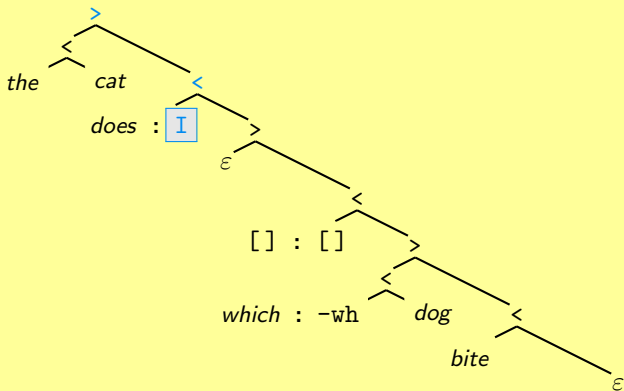


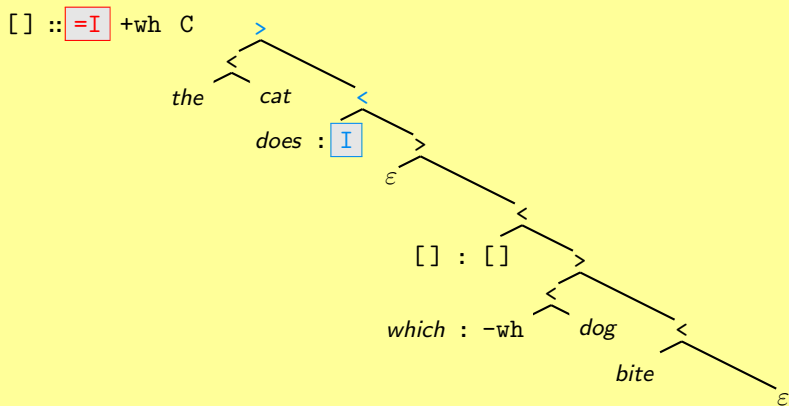


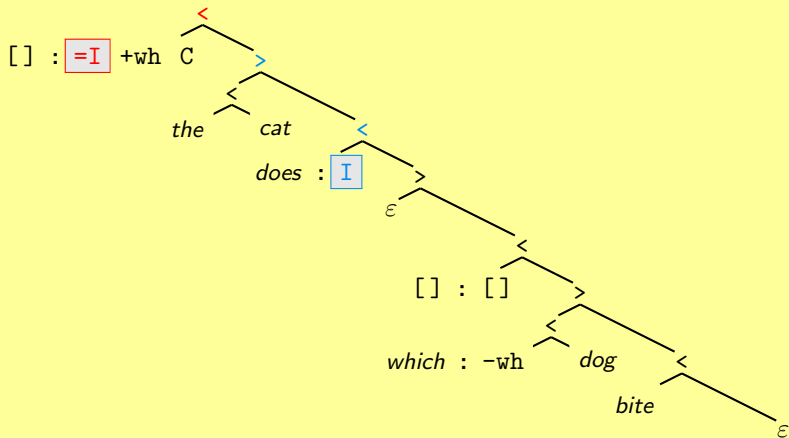


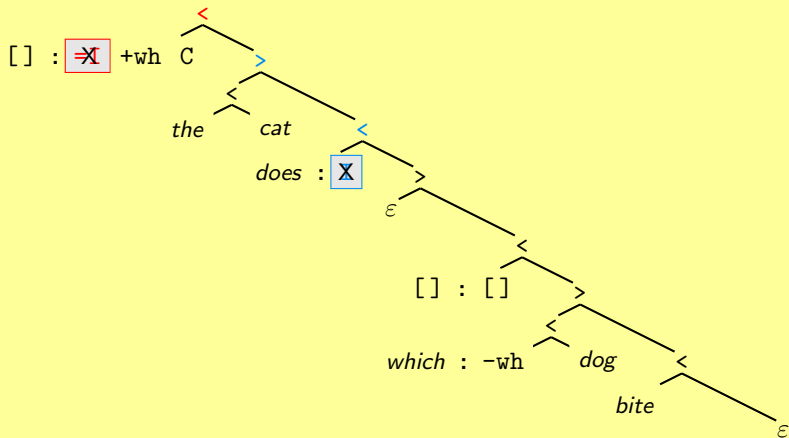


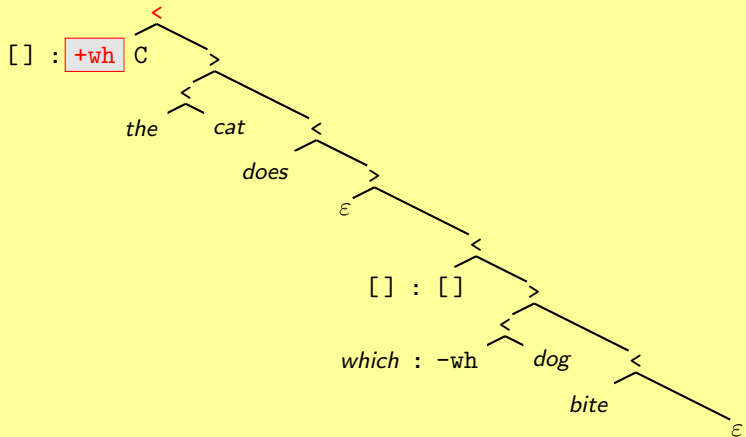


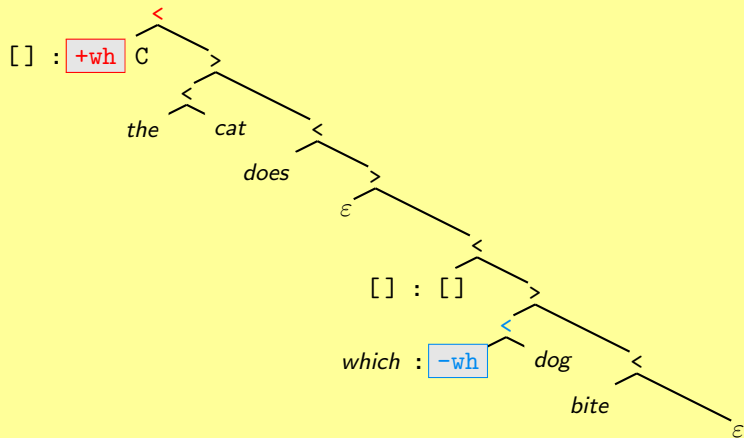


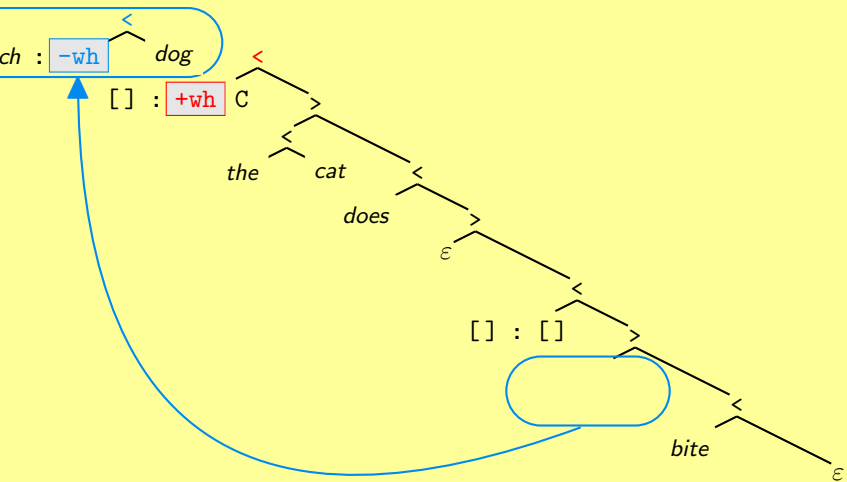


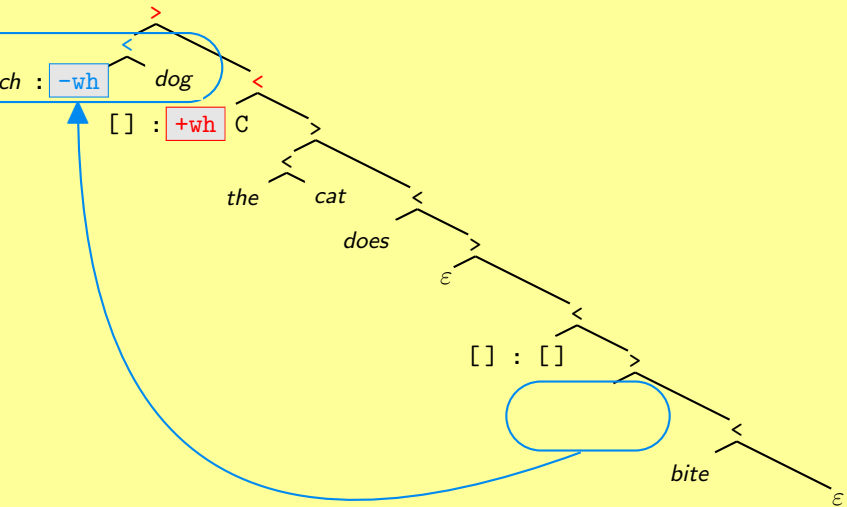


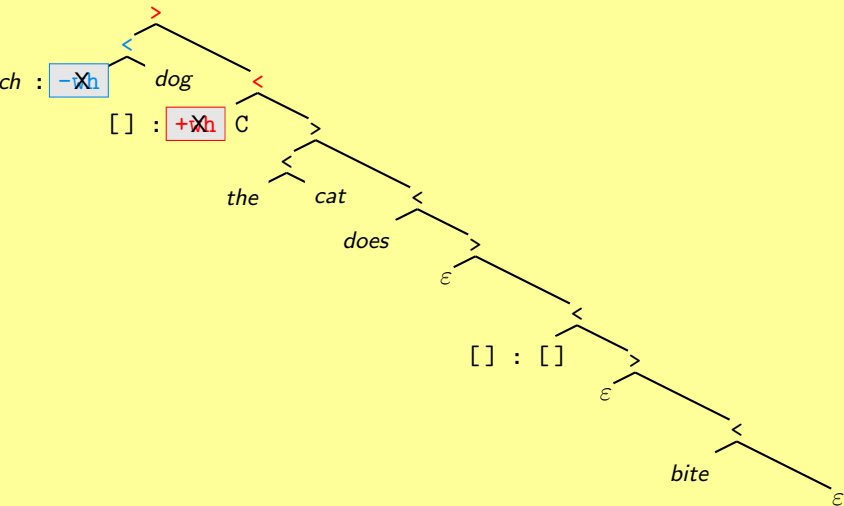






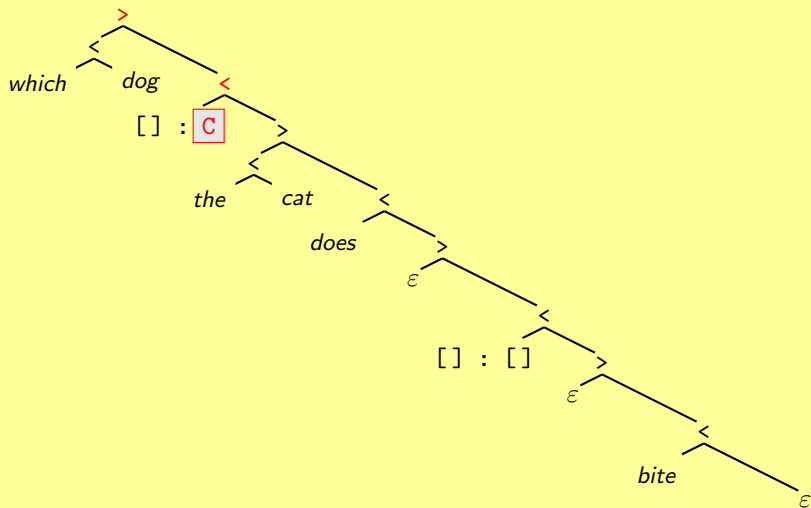


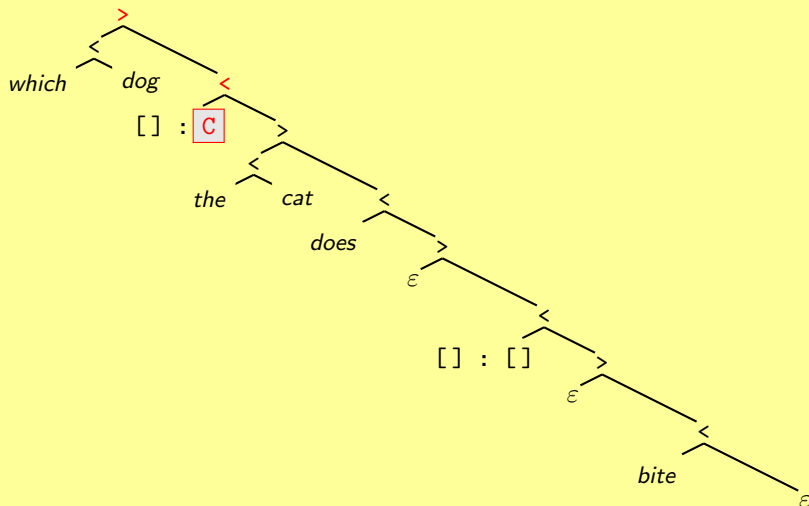




Complete tree

"accepted as category C"



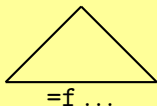


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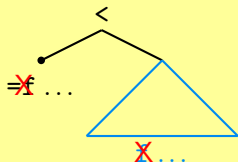
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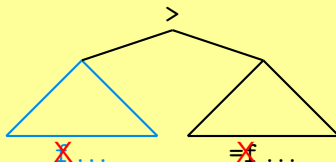
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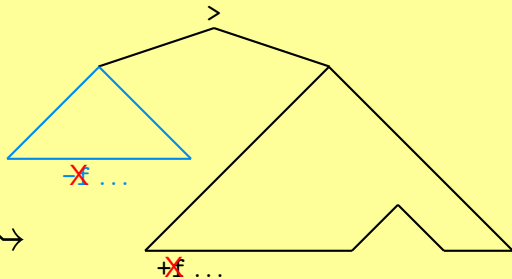
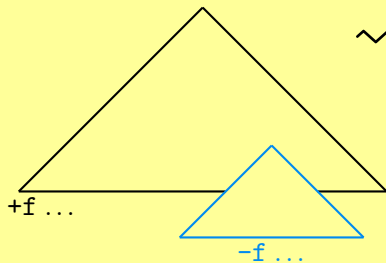
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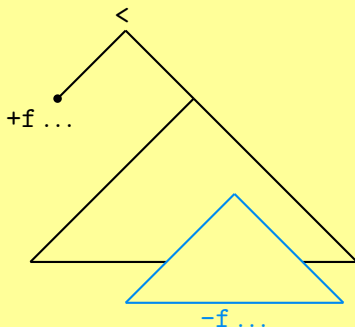
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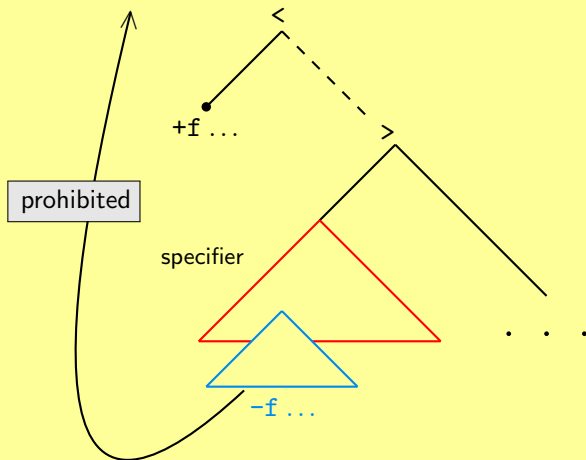
maximal projection displays feature -f

- The number of competing licensee features triggering a movement is (finitely) bounded by some number n .

In the strictest version $n = 1$: **move only applies, if there is at most one maximal projection displaying a matching licensee feature.**



- Proper “extraction” from specifiers is blocked.



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• $\Omega = \{ \text{merge}, \text{move} \}$ [structure building functions]

• $c \in \text{Selectees}$ [distinguished category]

The **closure** of G [$\text{Closure}(G)$] : \iff

closure of the lexicon under **finite applications** of the functions in Ω .

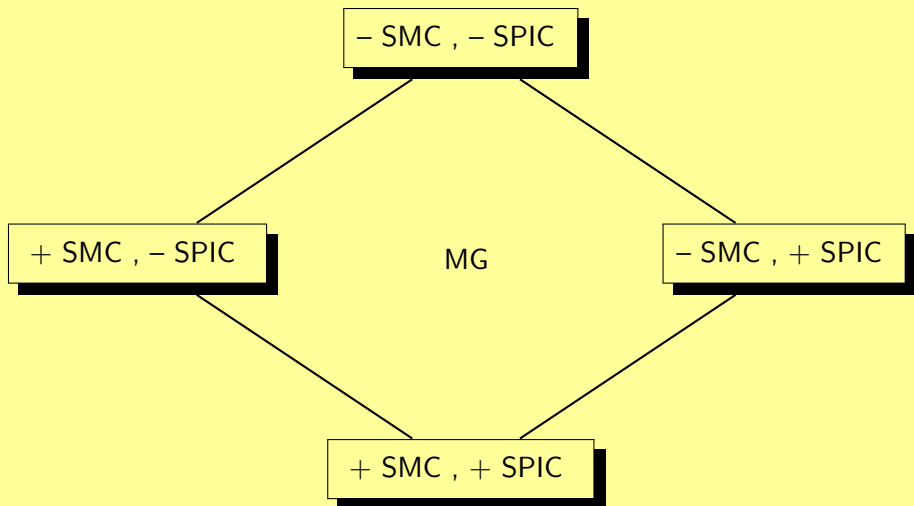
The **tree language** of G [$\text{Trees}(G)$] : \iff

trees in the closure with **essentially no unchecked syntactic features**
— only head-label contains exactly one unchecked instance of c .

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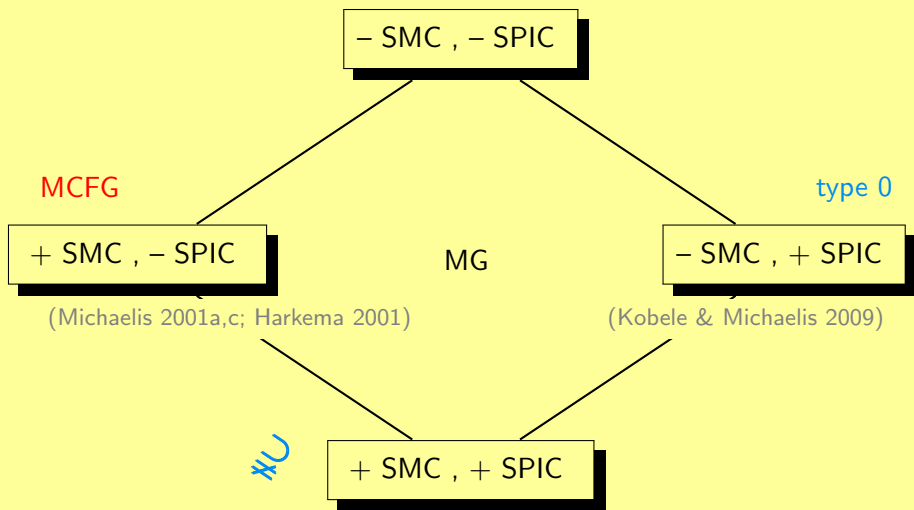
(**terminal**) **yields** of the trees belonging to the tree language.

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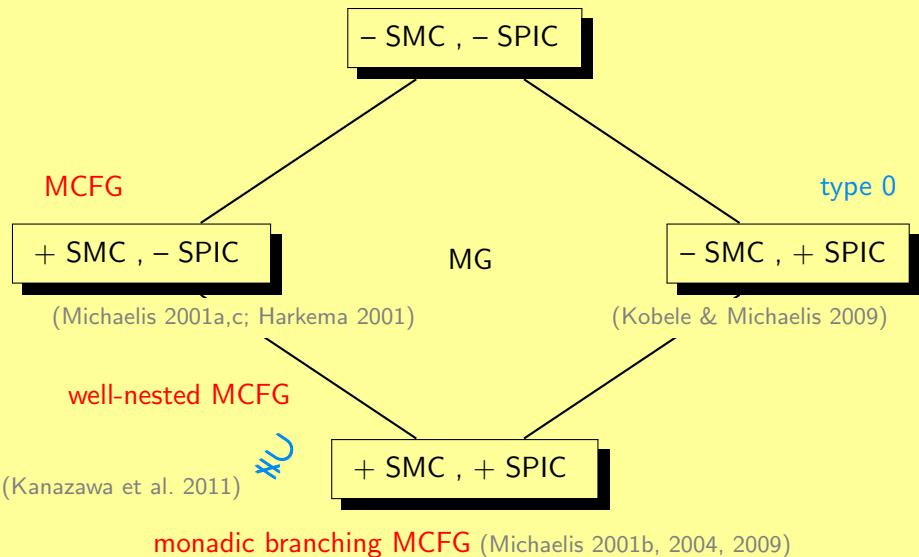
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monadic branching MCFG (Michaelis 2001b, 2004, 2009)

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- The method

essentially developed to prove that the MG-string languages provide a subclass of MCFLs in Michaelis 2001a, and

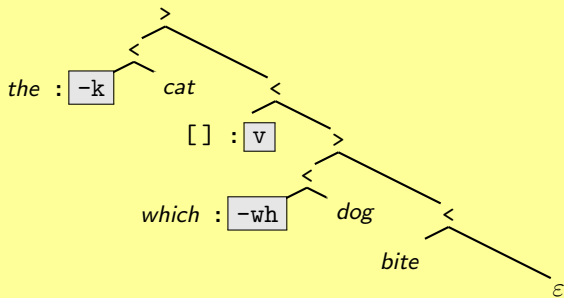
leading to the succinct, chain-based MG-reformulation presented in Stabler & Keenan 2003, reducing “classical” MGs to their “bare essentials:”

- Defining a finite partition on the “relevant” MG-tree set,
 - giving rise to a finite set of nonterminals in MCFG-terms,
 - nevertheless deriving all possible “terminal yields.”

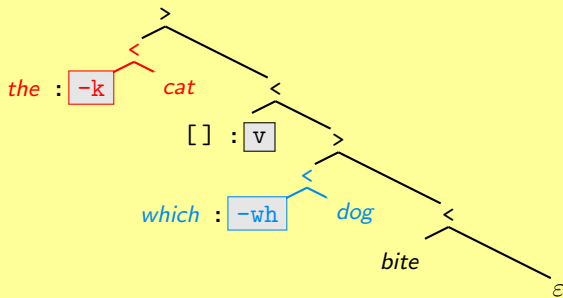
- **General idea:**
compact tuple representation reducing minimalist trees to exactly the information which is relevant within a (proceeding) derivation.
- **Put differently:**
every part of a maximal projection not related to some unchecked feature, i.e. every part of a constituent being an “unextractable” part of a higher constituent the latter providing some unchecked feature, is compactly represented with this higher constituent.

Doing so, information about the tree structure and the relation between “still active” constituents can be ignored to a large extent.
- Examples . . .

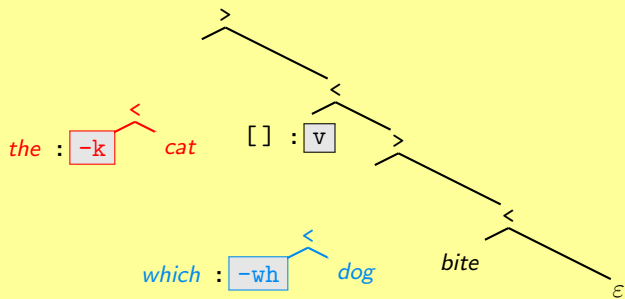
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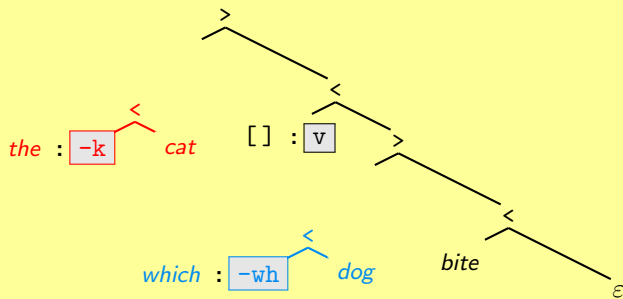
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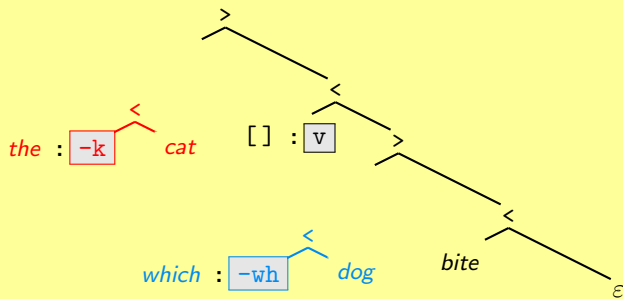


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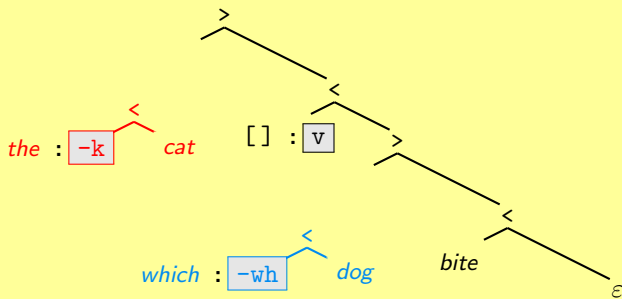
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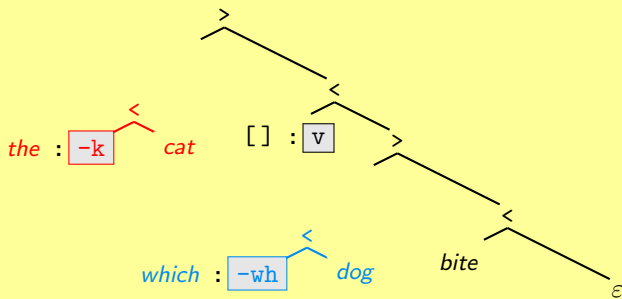
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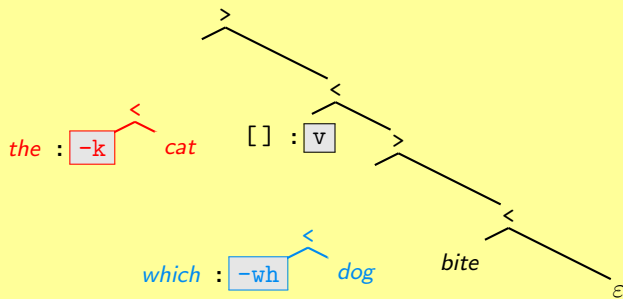
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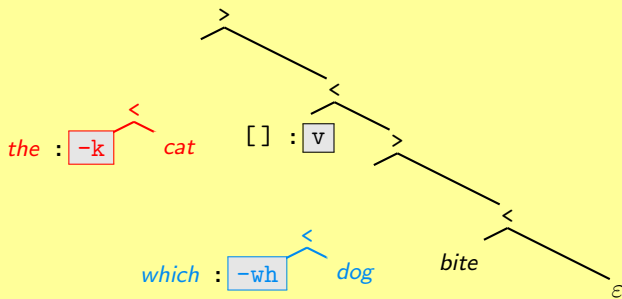
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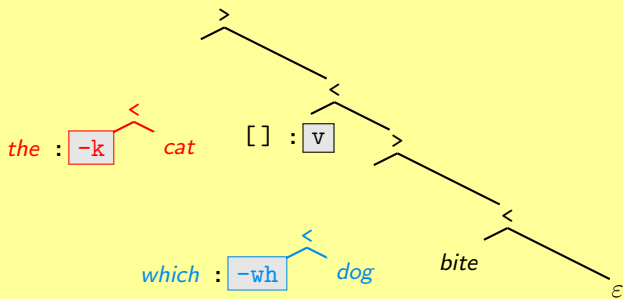
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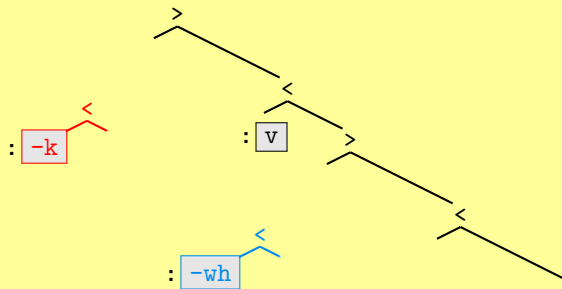
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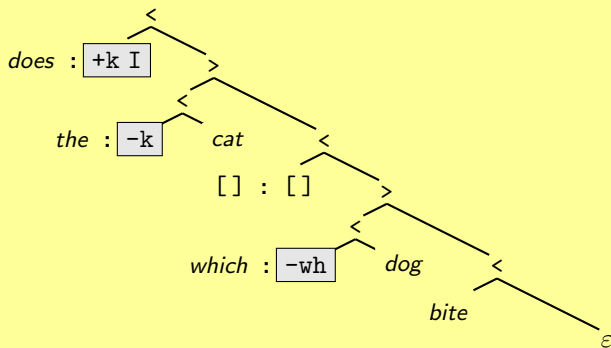
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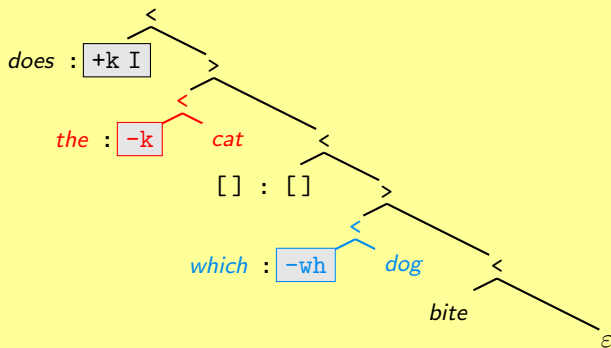


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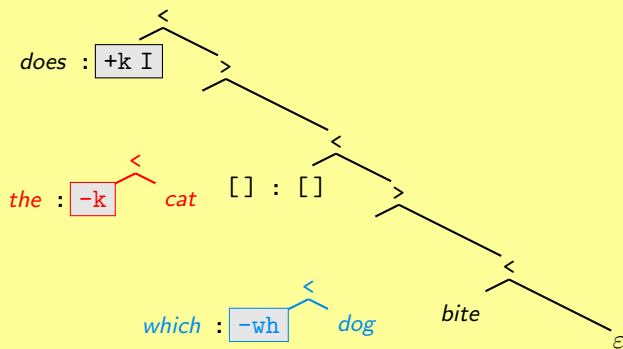
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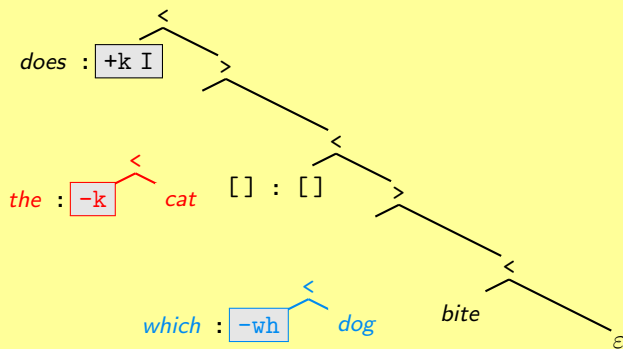


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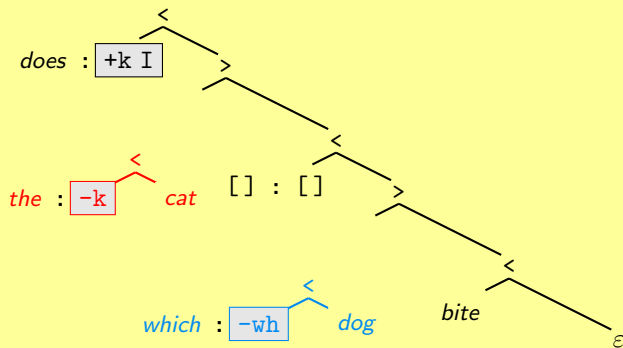
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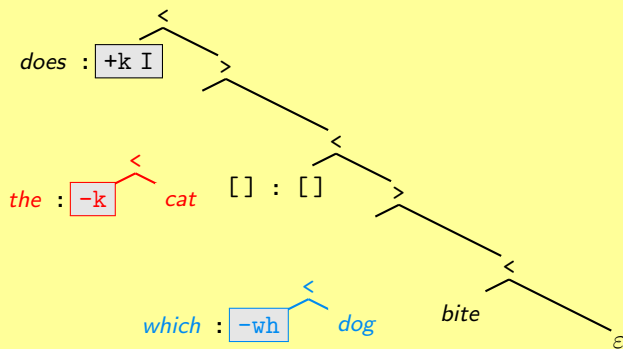
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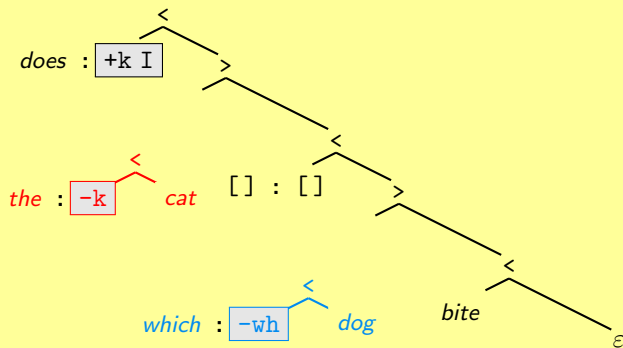
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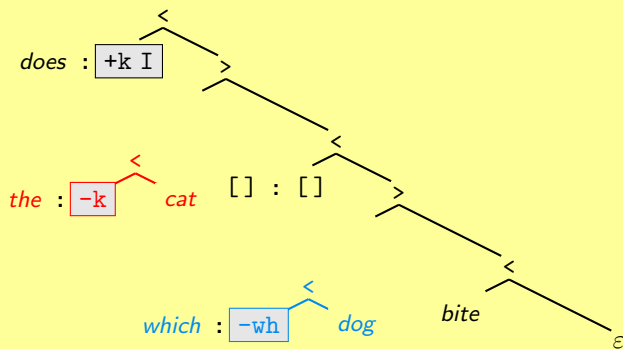
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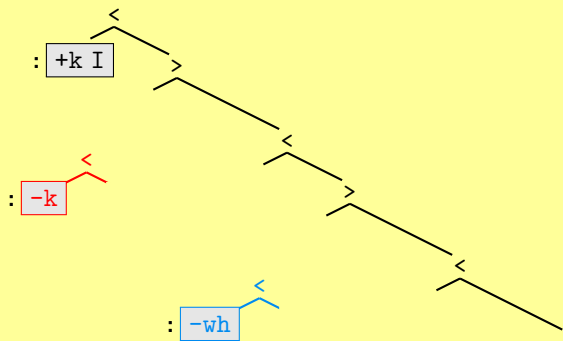
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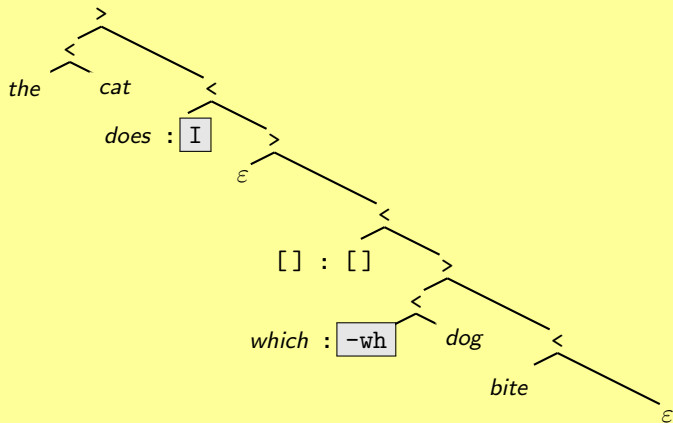
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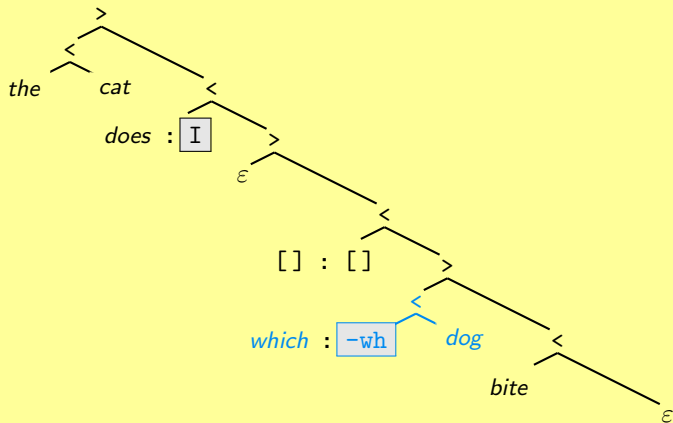


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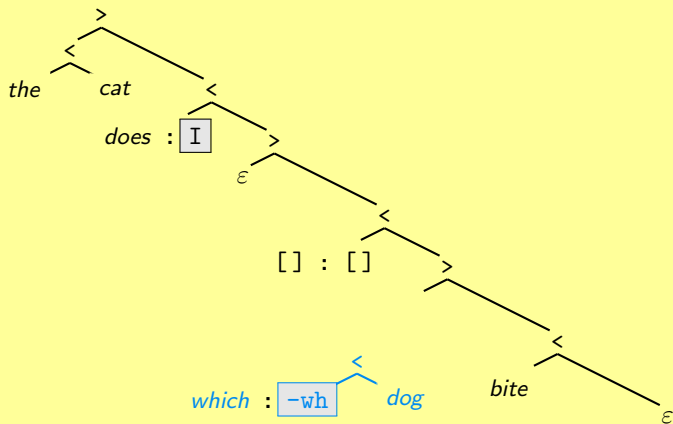
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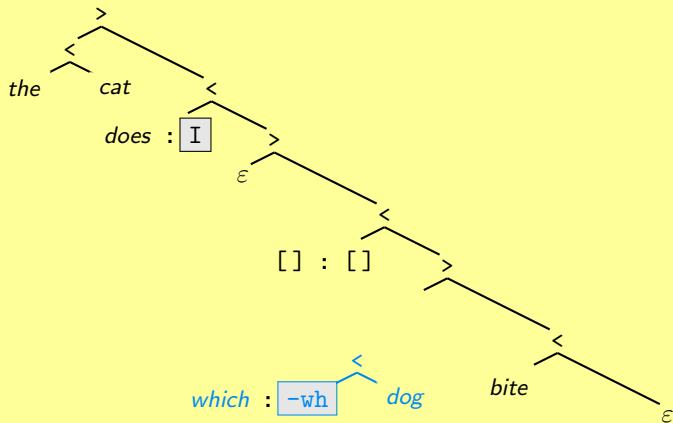
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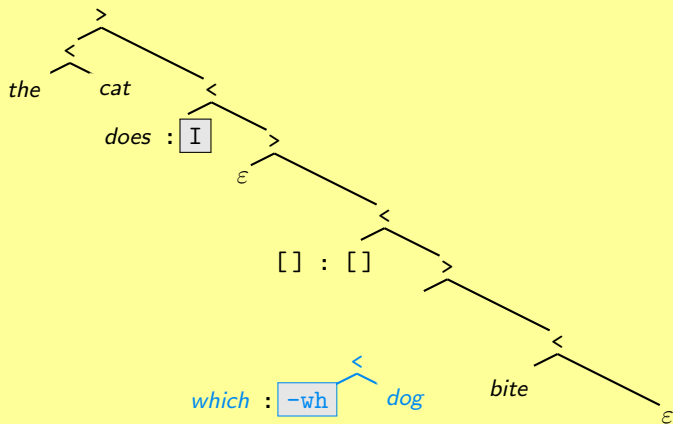


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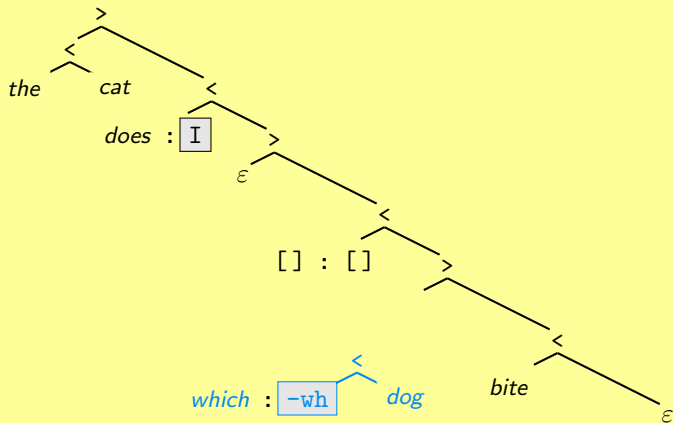
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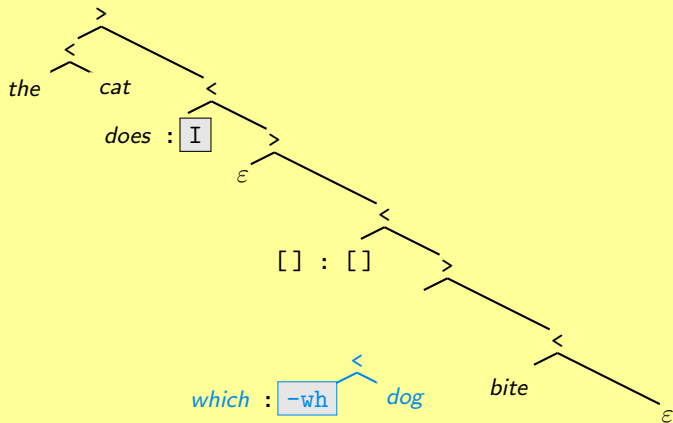
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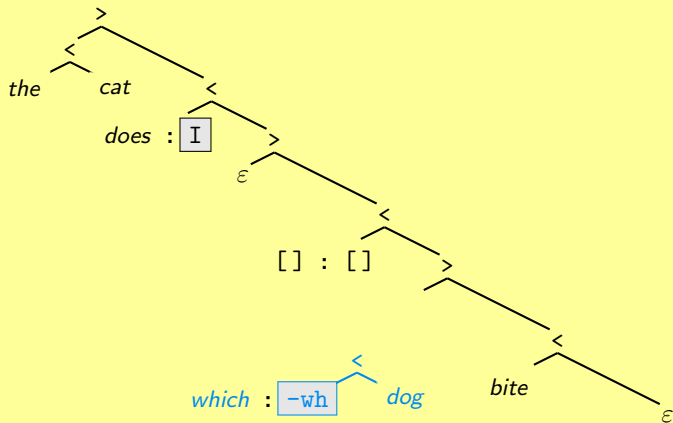
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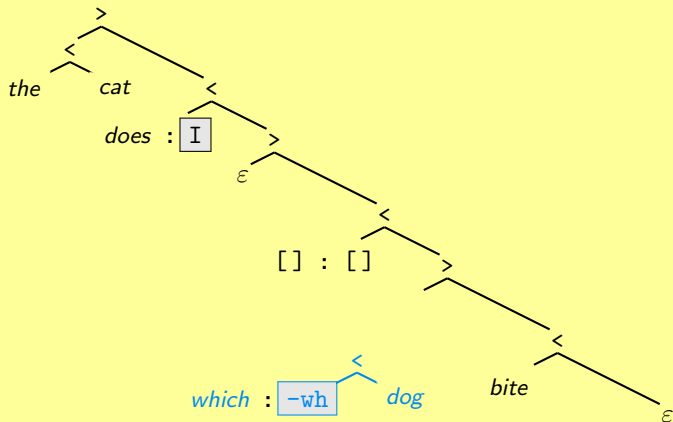
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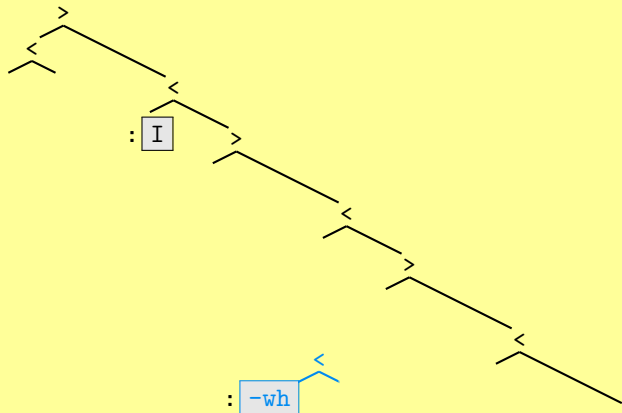
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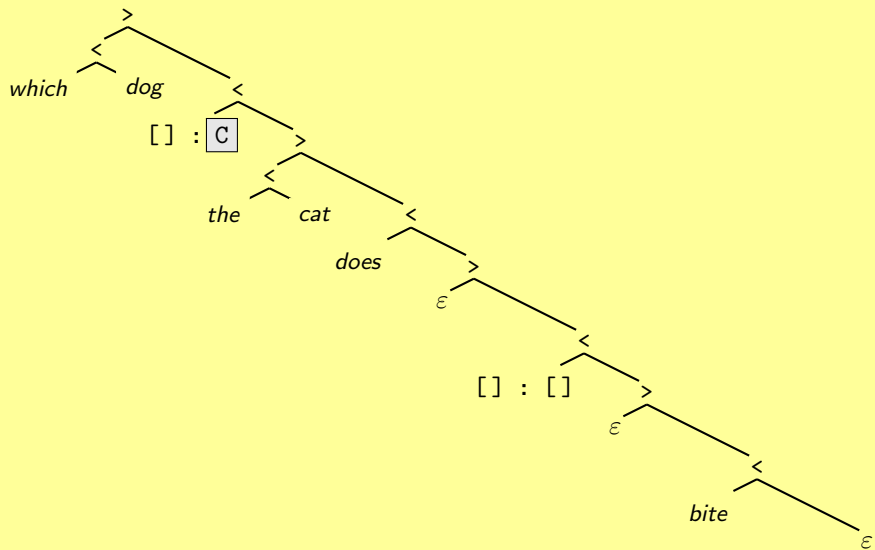
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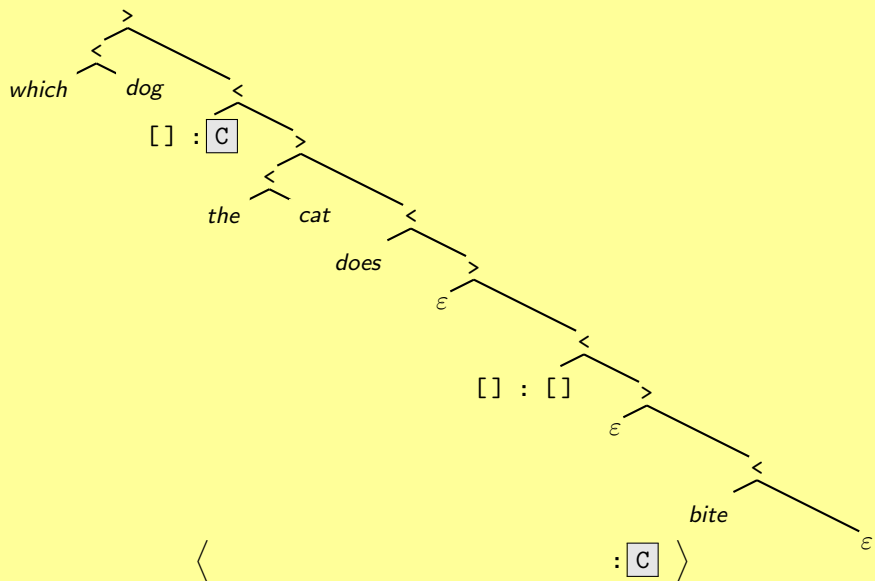


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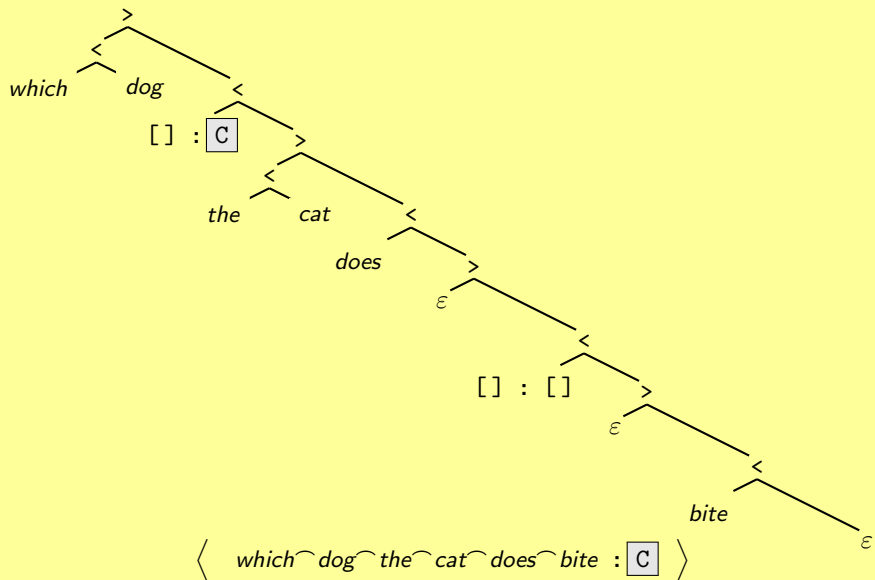
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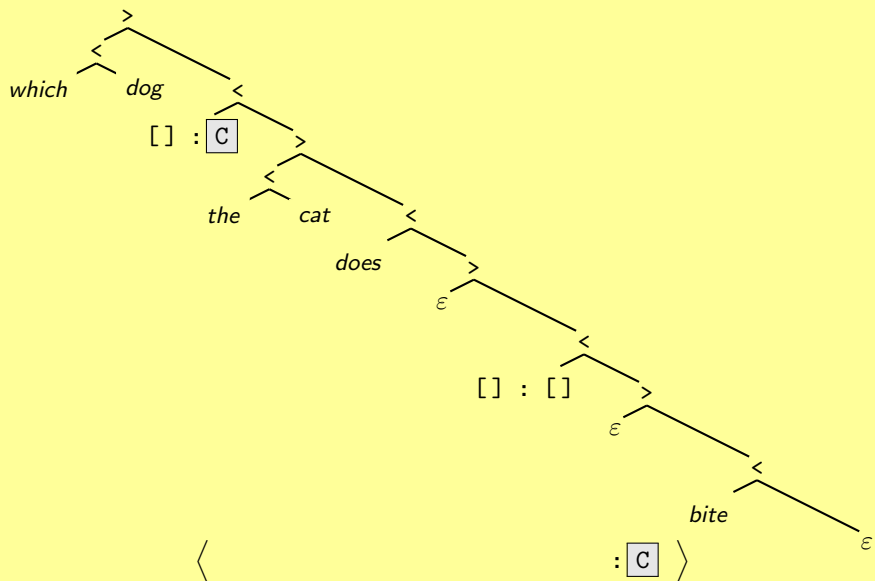
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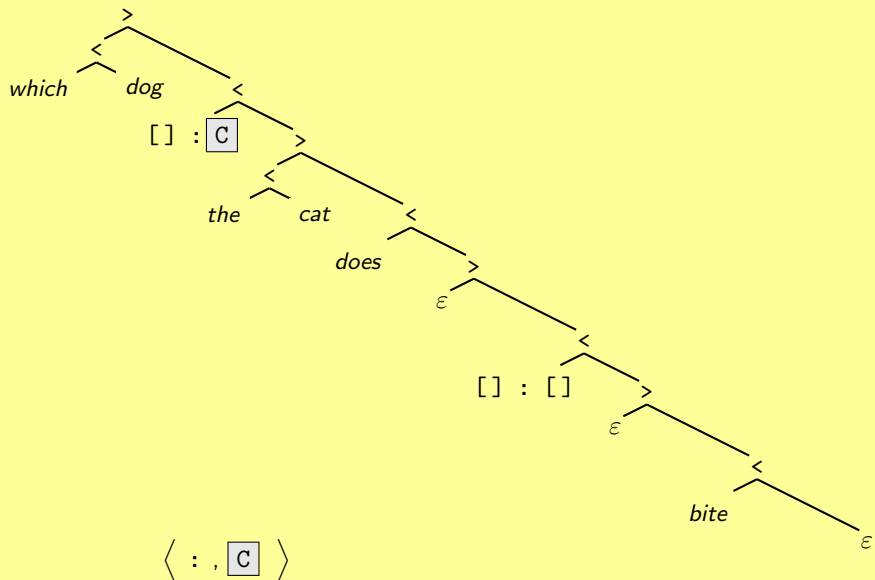
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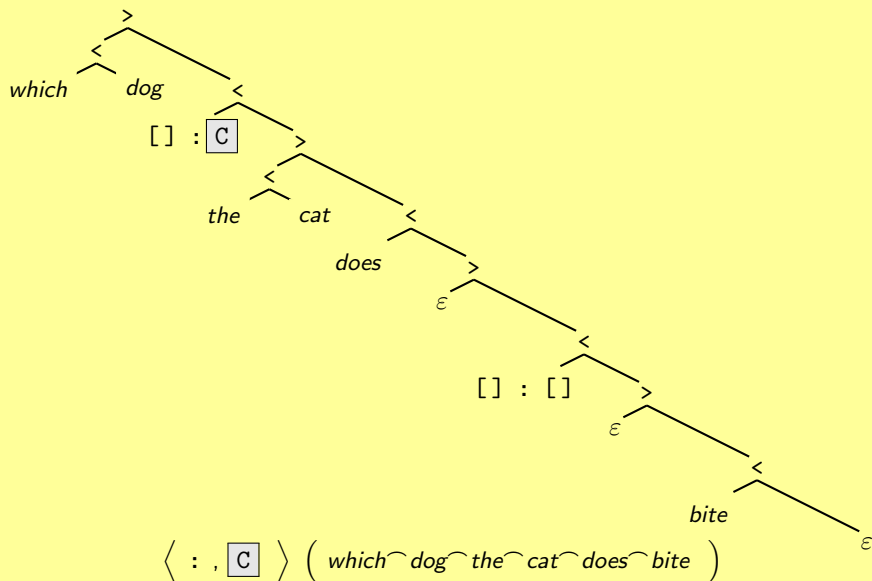
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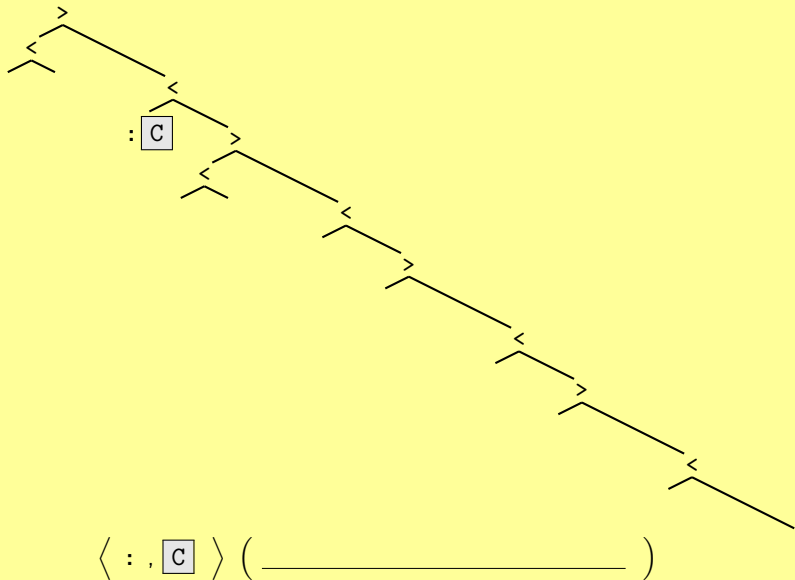
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- There are only finitely many possibilities for γ_i .

“structure building by feature checking” and $\tau \in \text{Closure}(G)$ implies:
 γ_i is the suffix of the syntactic feature part of the label of a lexical item

$$x :: \lambda \gamma_i \in \text{Lex}$$

Trees as tuples

- The tuple representation is compatible with the structure building operators, that is to say “merge” and “move,” can be canonically reformulated.
- The tuple representation is exactly what can be employed to define an equivalent MCFG. The only things missing are
 - the replacement of the terminal strings by variables as far as “merge” and “move” are concerned,
 - the introduction of terminating rules simulating “lexical insertion,” and
 - a reduction to a finite number of nonterminals and rules.

merge 1:

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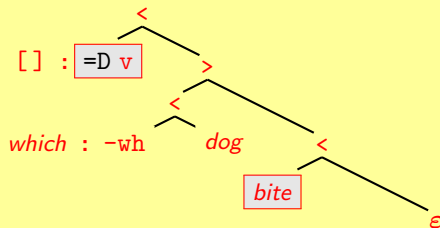
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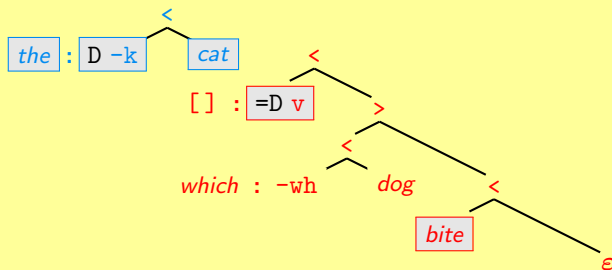
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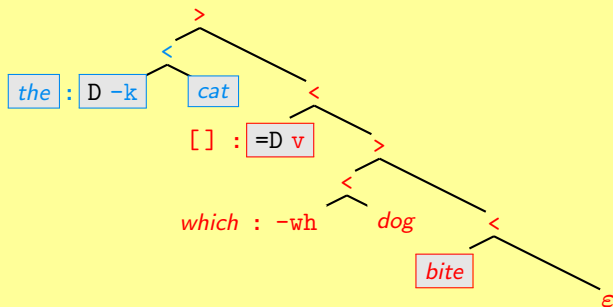
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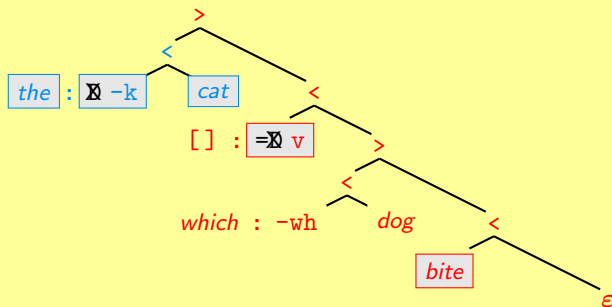
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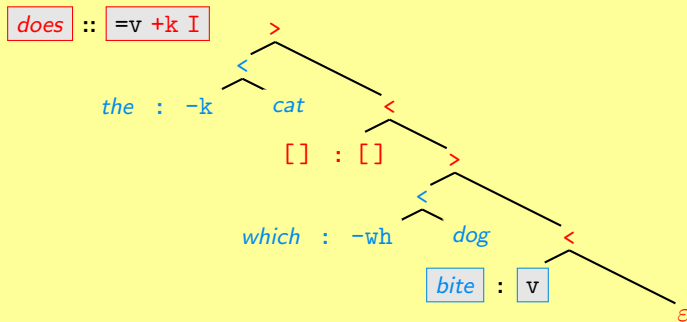
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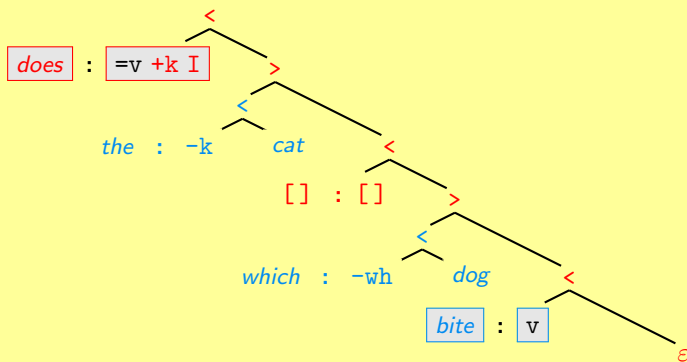
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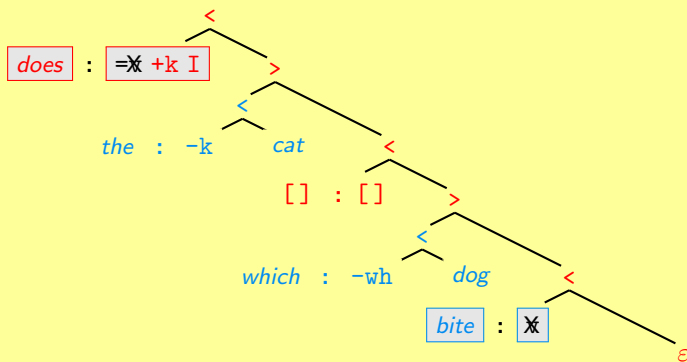
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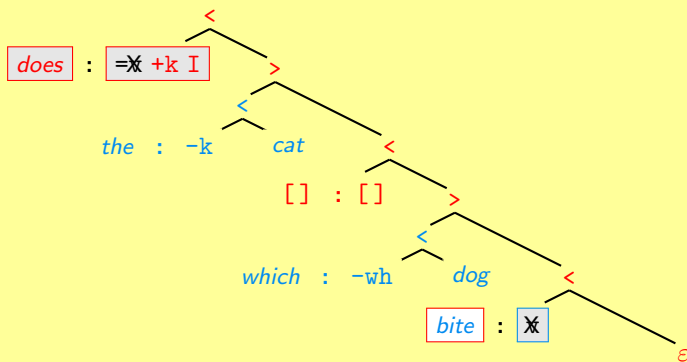
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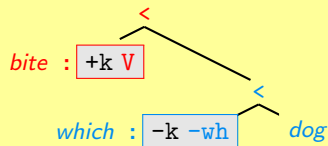
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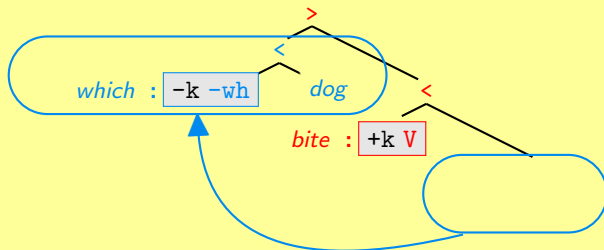
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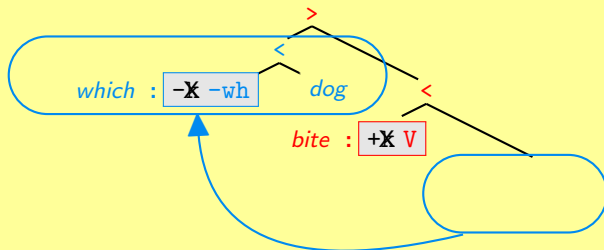
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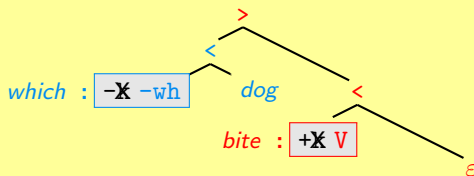


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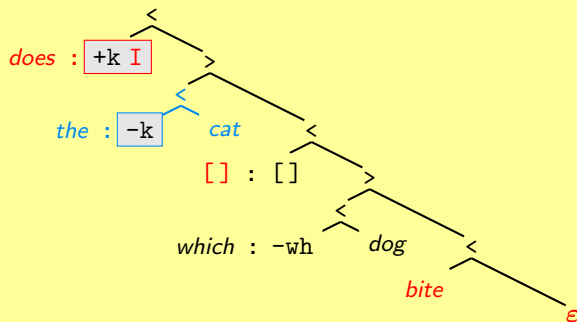
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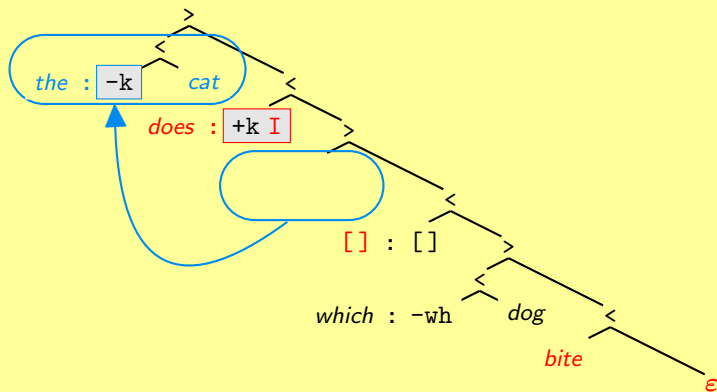
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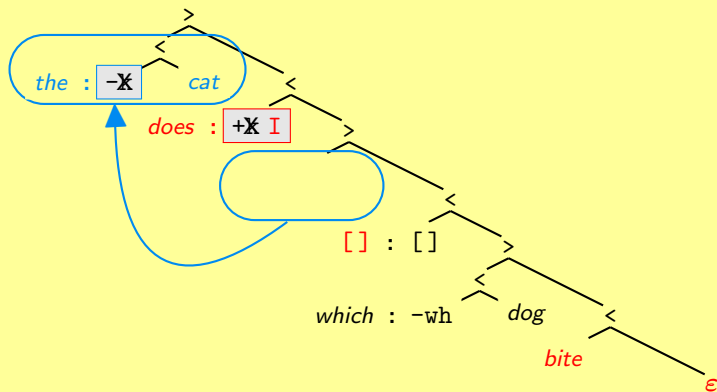
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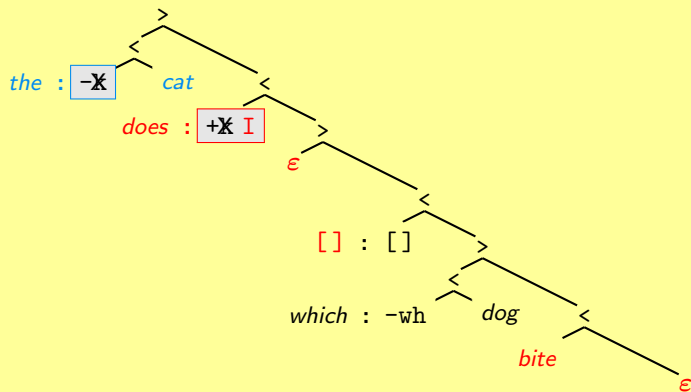
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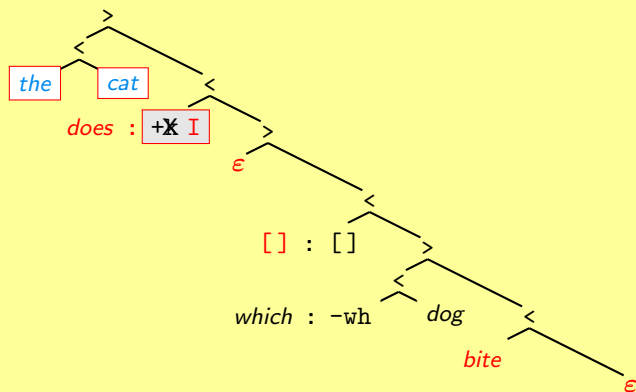
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Equivalent MCFG

(in terms of its rules)

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Remarks: MG \rightarrow MCFG

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- cf. Harkema 2001, Michaelis 2001c, Michaelis 2004

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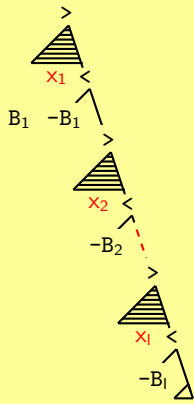
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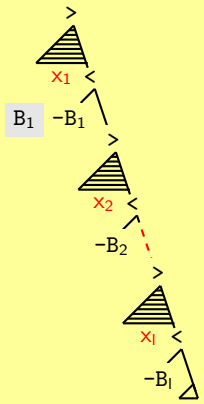
“completor”, MCFG-rule independent

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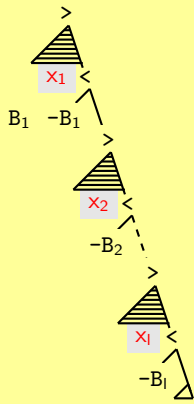
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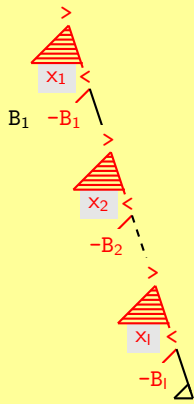
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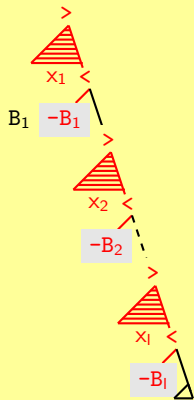
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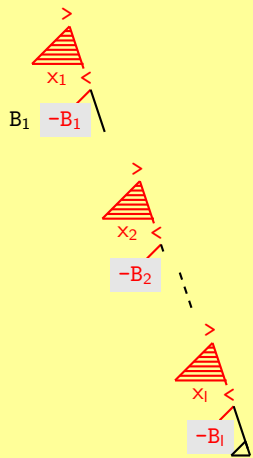
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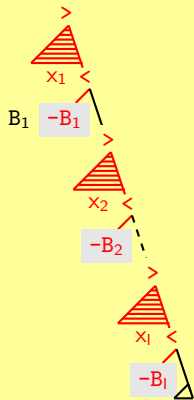
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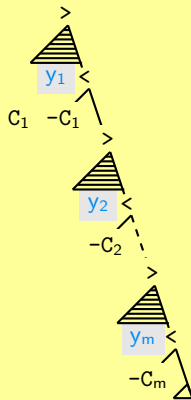
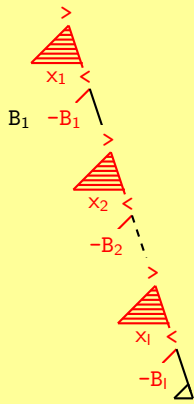
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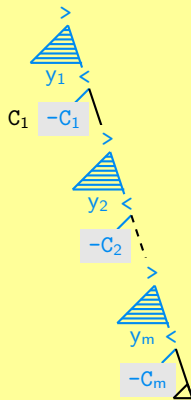
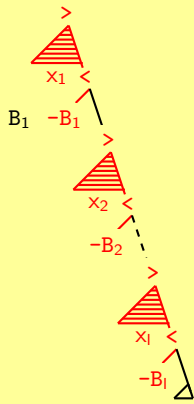
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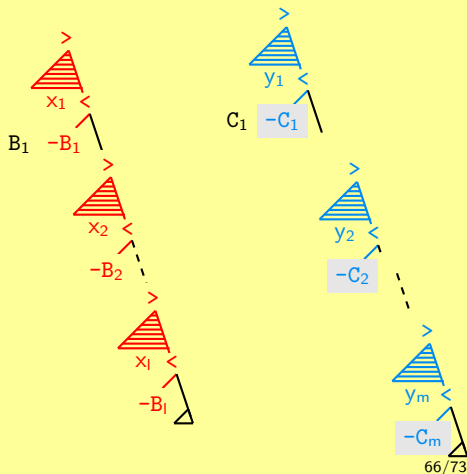
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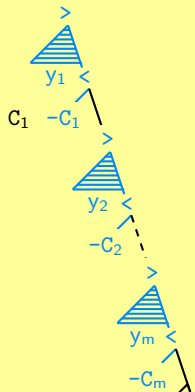
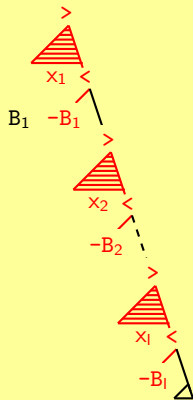
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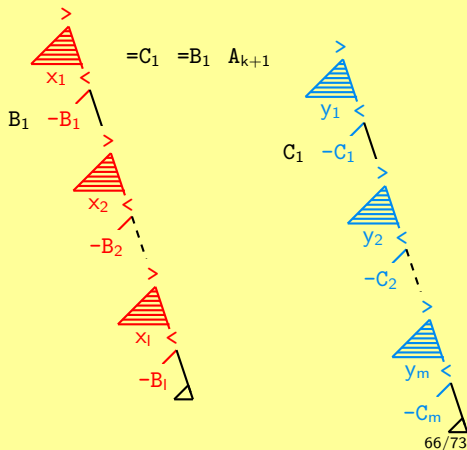
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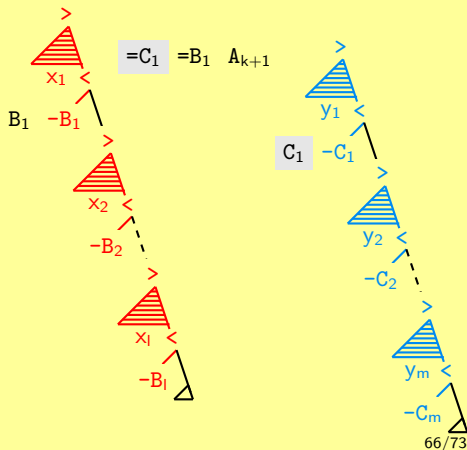
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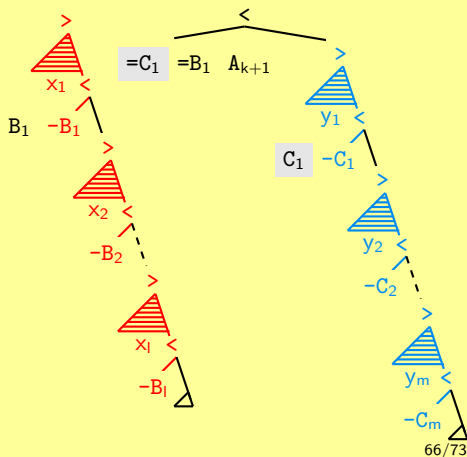
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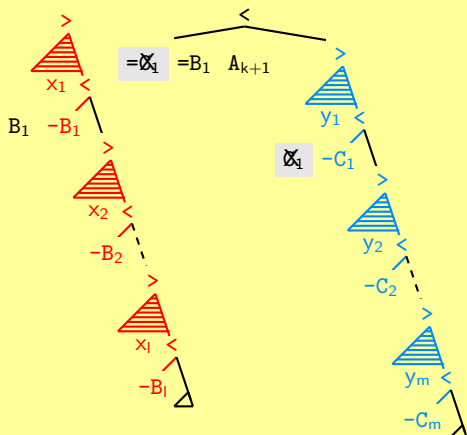
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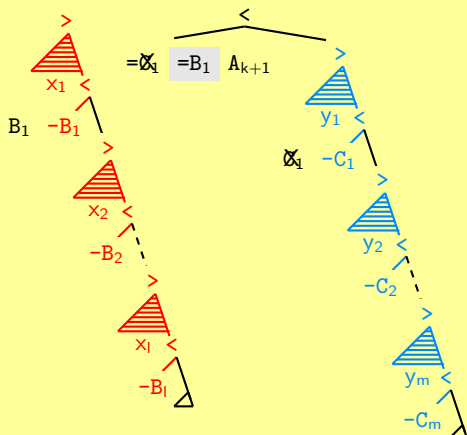
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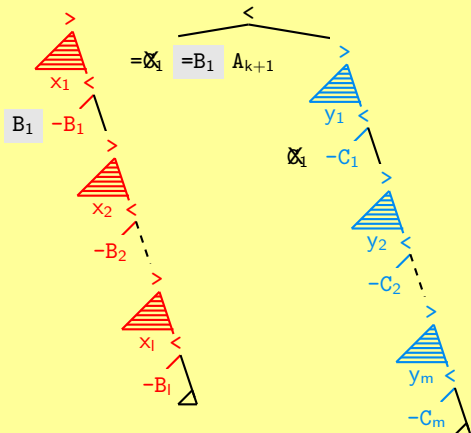
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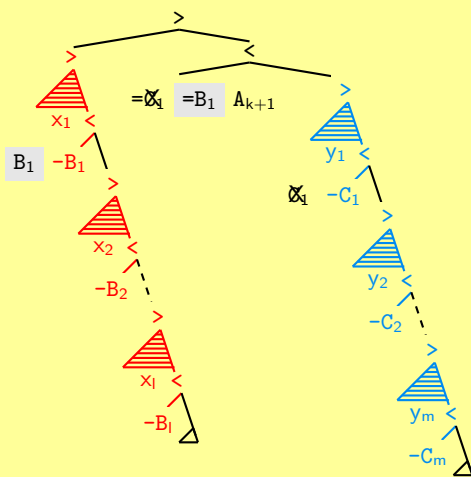
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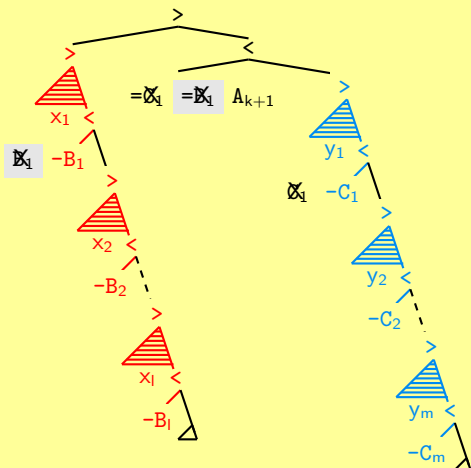
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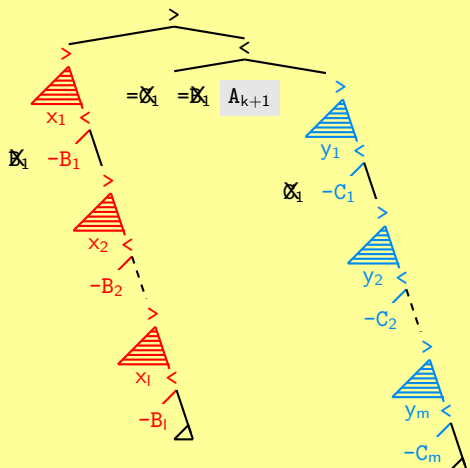
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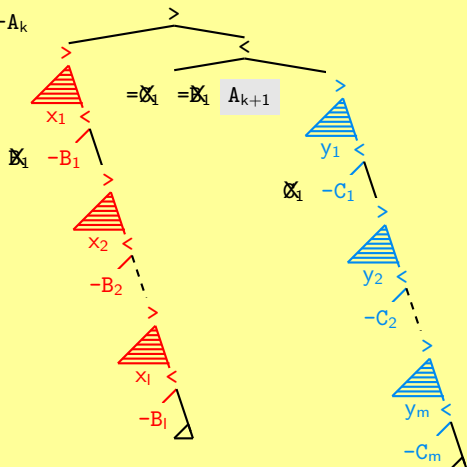


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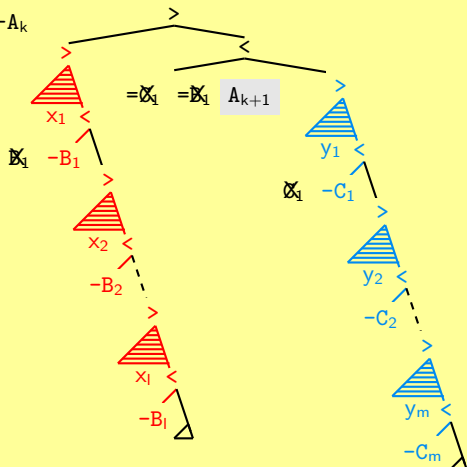
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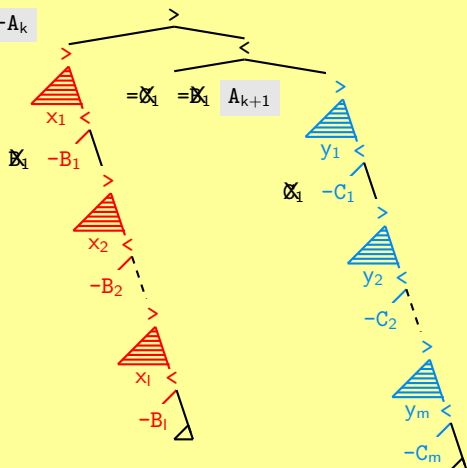
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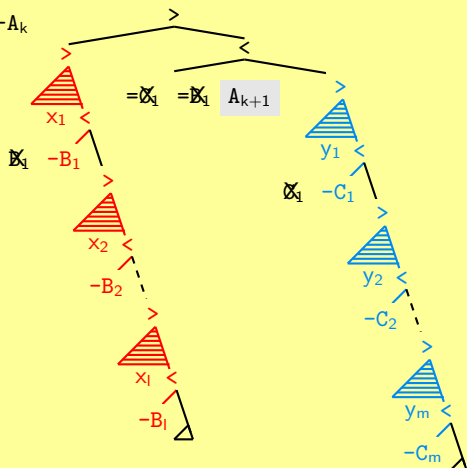
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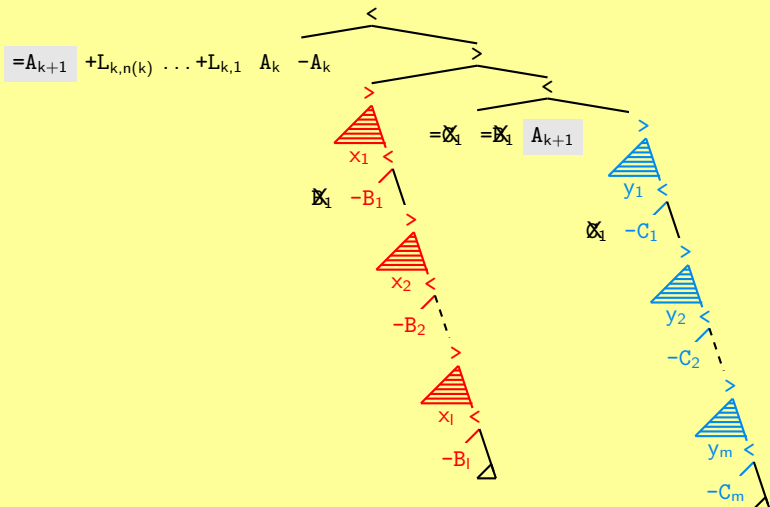


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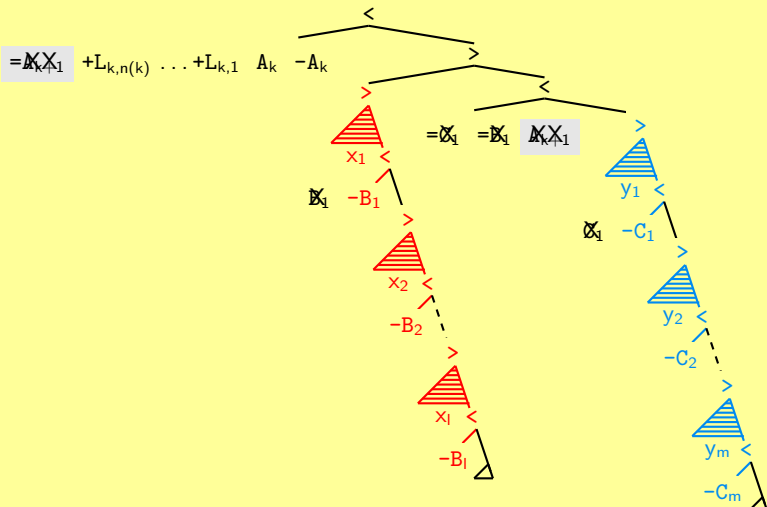
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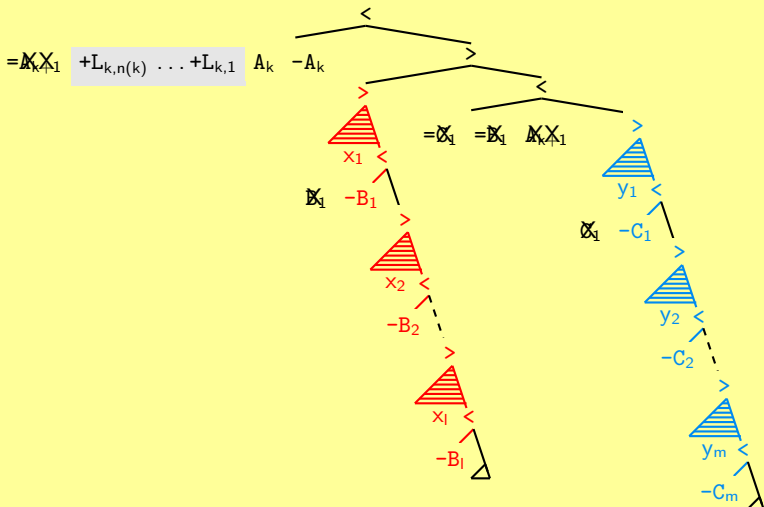
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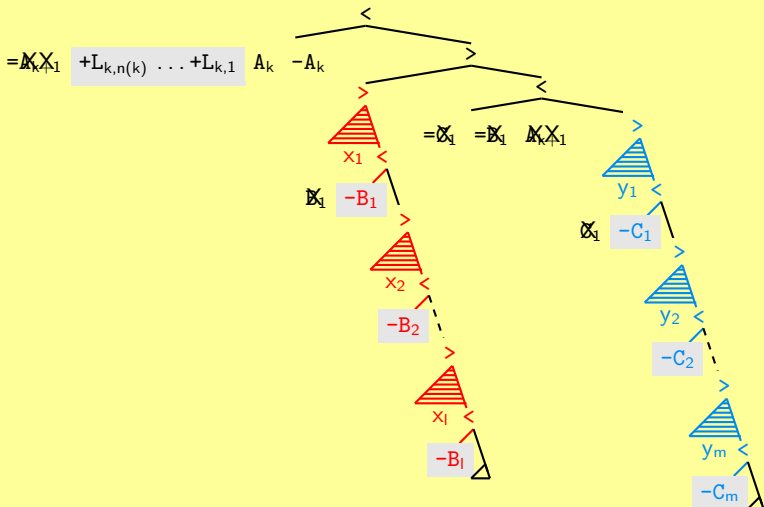
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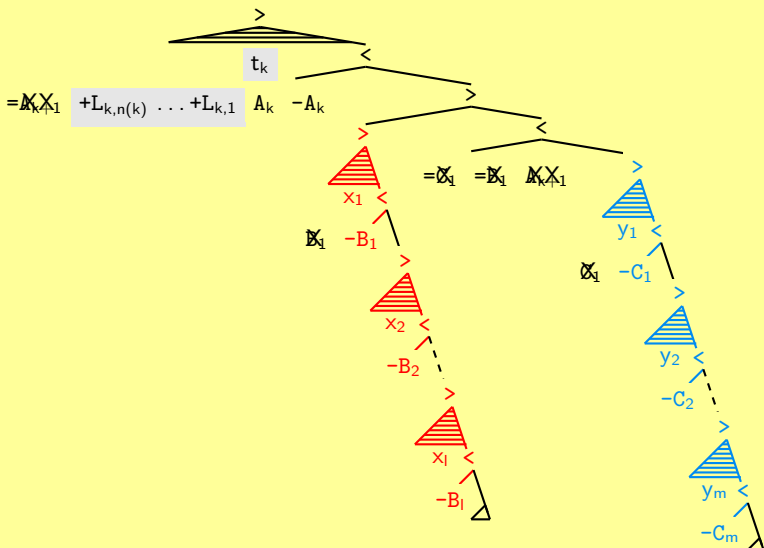
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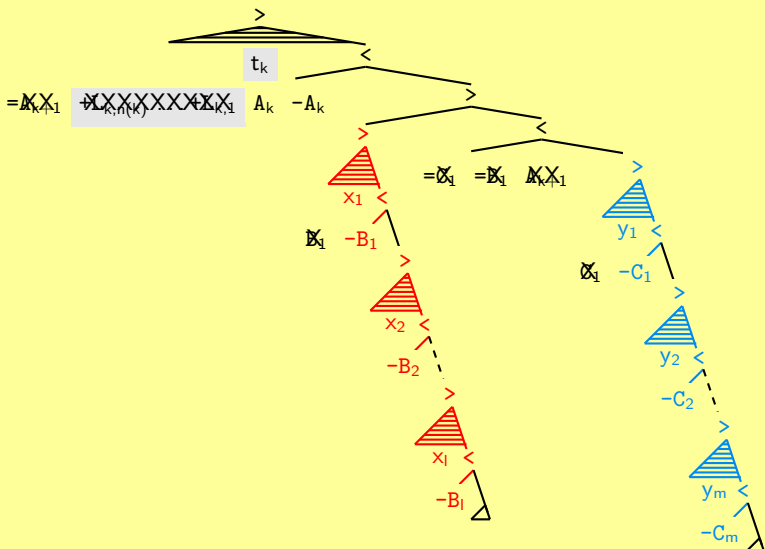
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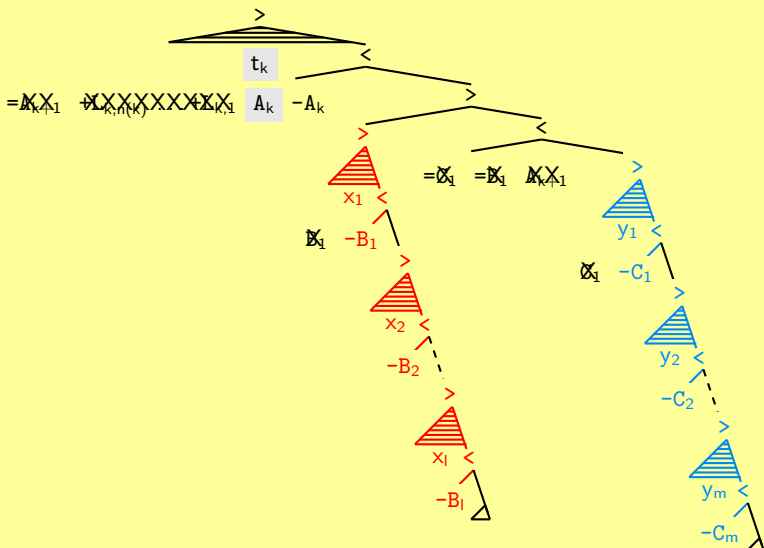
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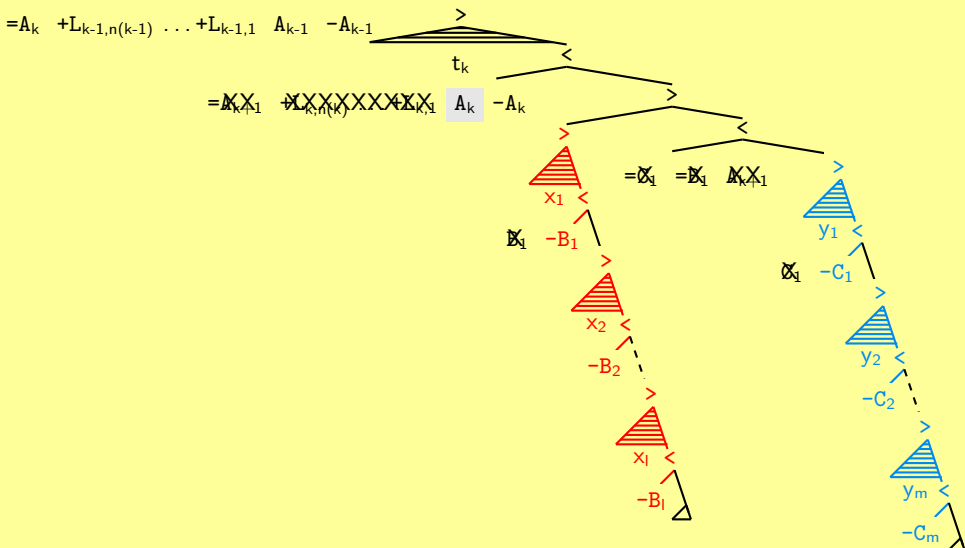
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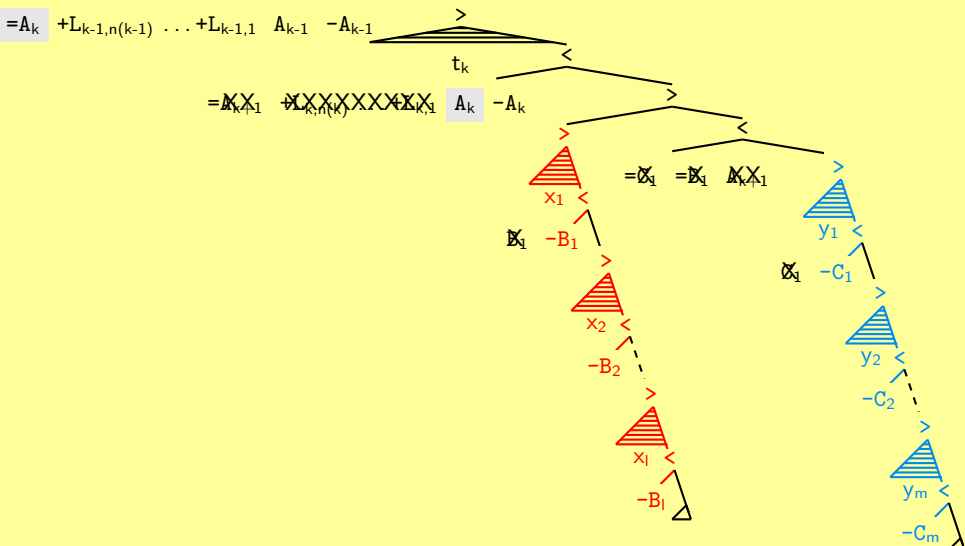
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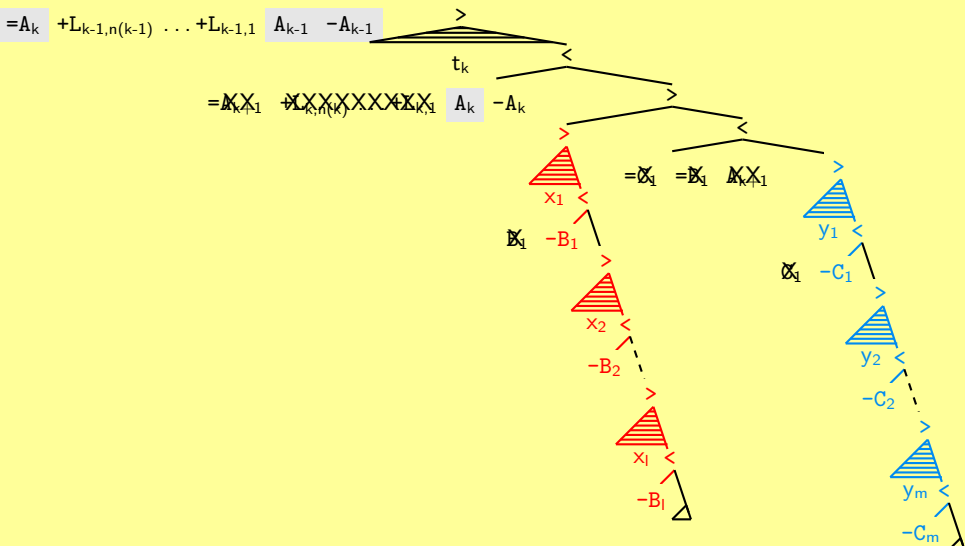
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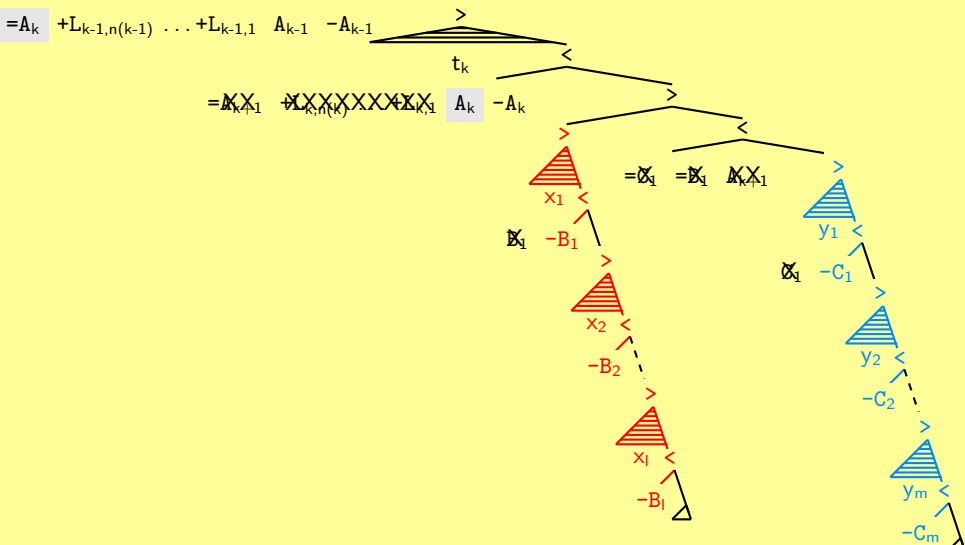
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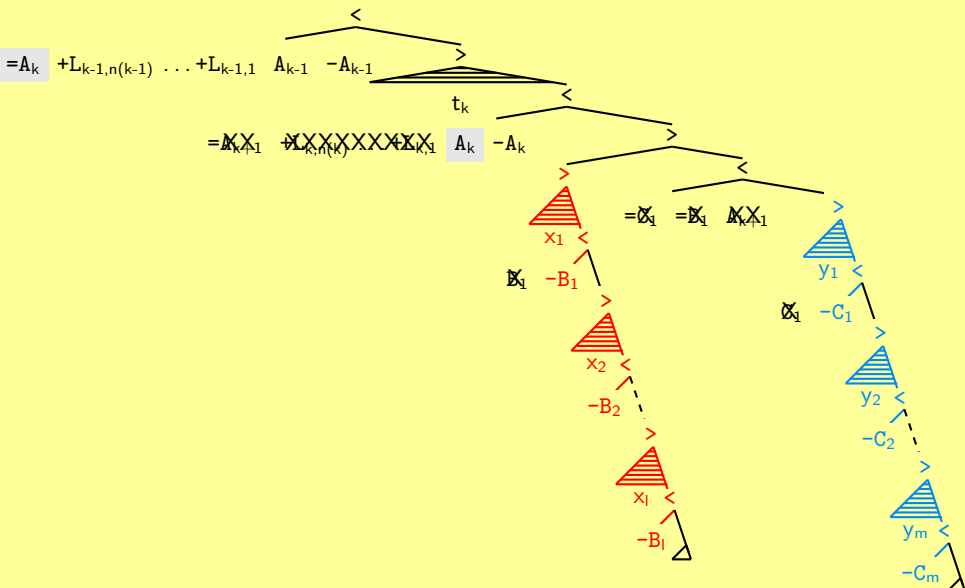
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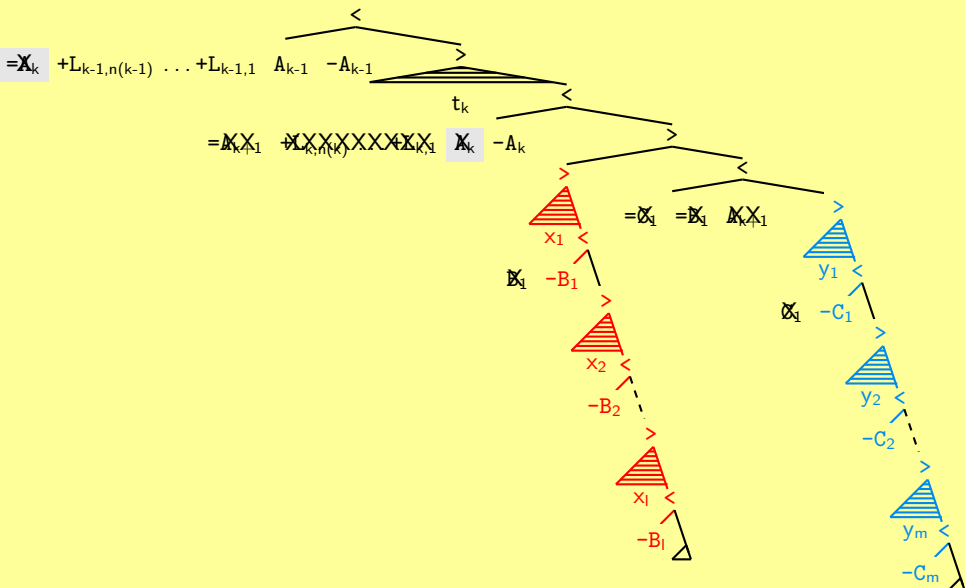
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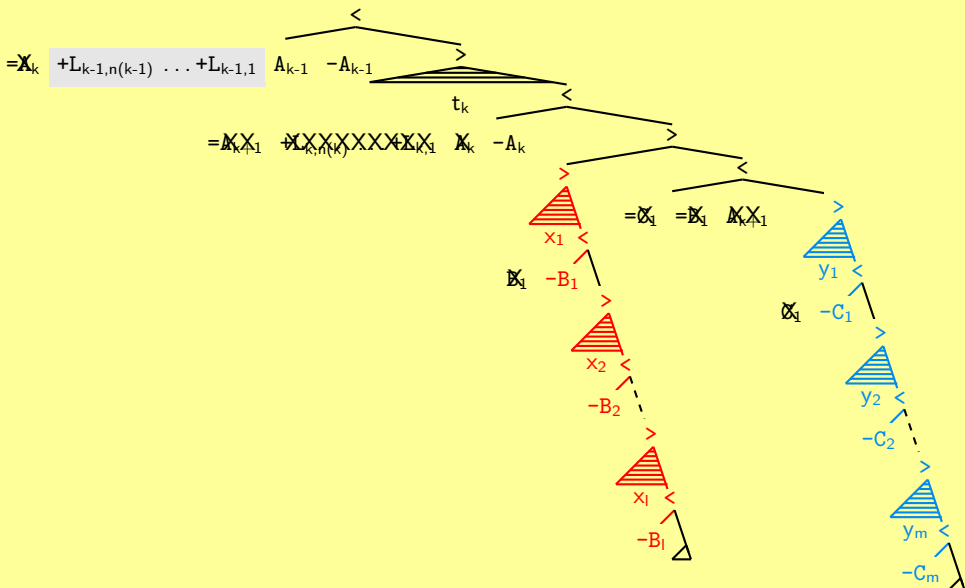
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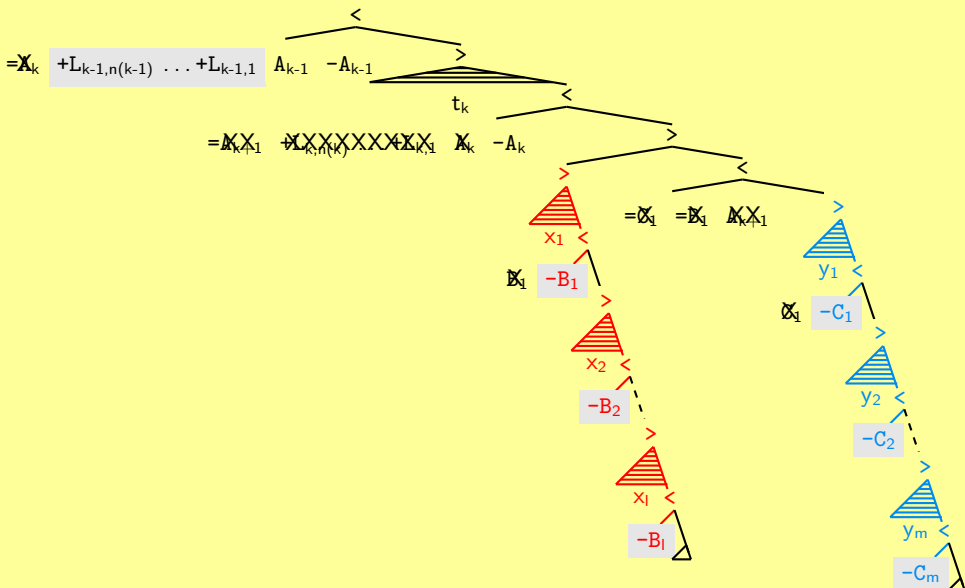
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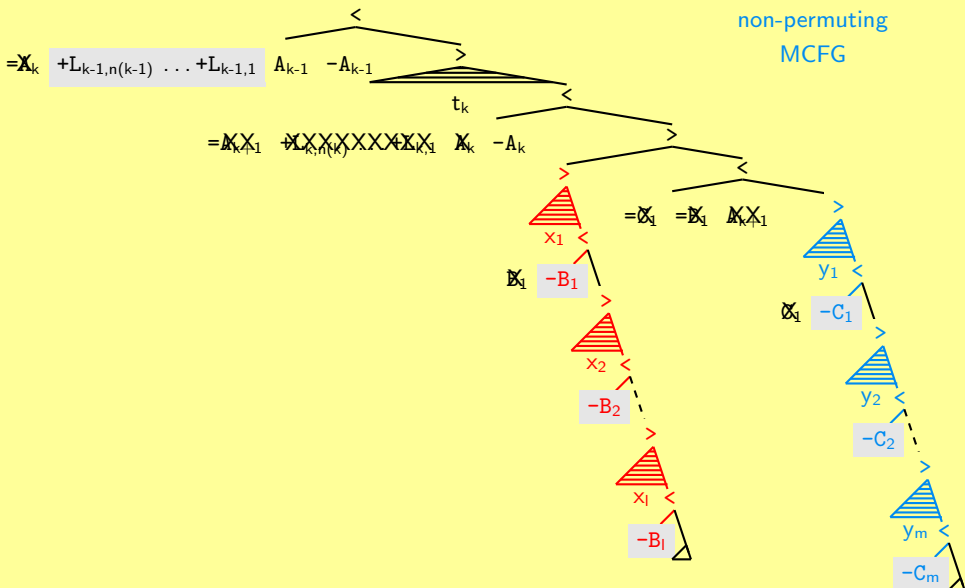
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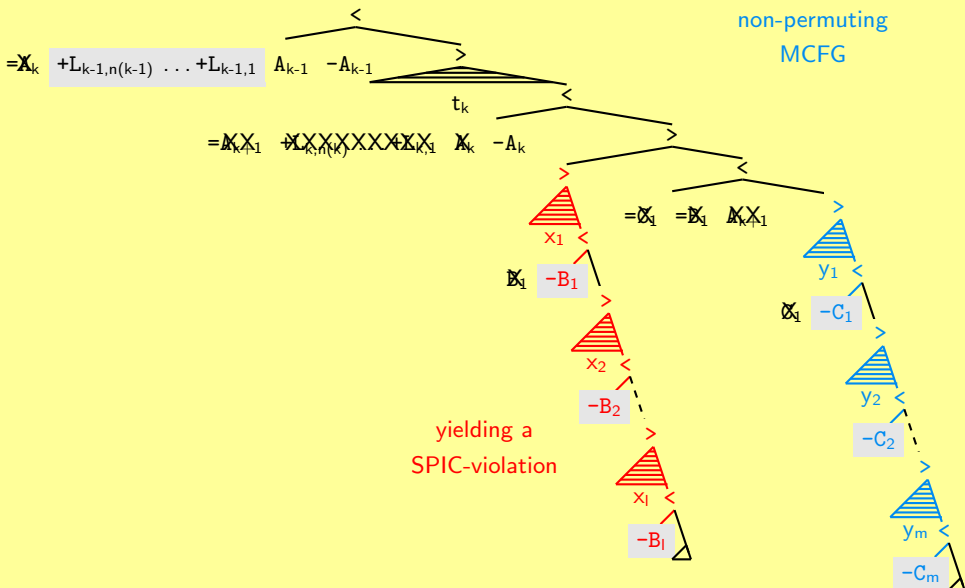
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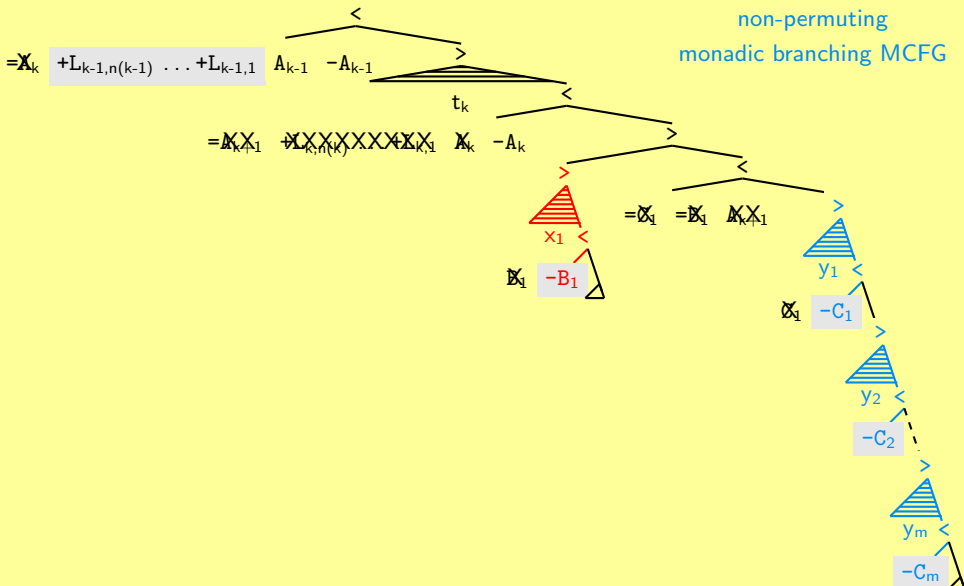
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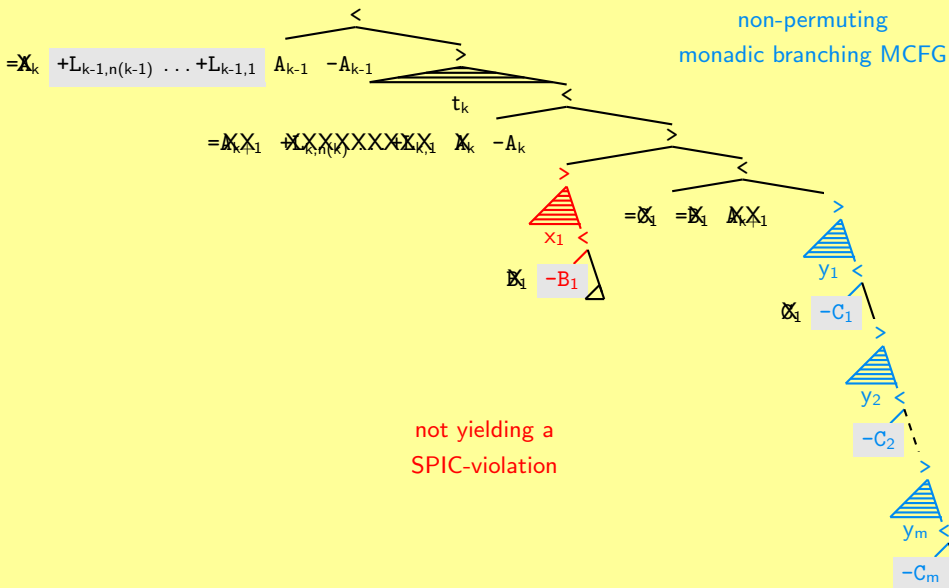
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Concluding remarks: MCFG \rightarrow MG

- non-deletion condition on transformed MCFG cannot be dropped
- every other condition imposed on transformed MCFG could be generally dropped taking into account a necessary adaption of the transformation procedure
- non-permuting condition in the general case yields an MG obeying $SPIC_{\text{move}}$
- non-permuting condition necessary to show an MCFGmb results in an $MG(+SMC,+SPIC)$
- if there is no doublet-freeness, implementation of an additional “move-cycle” is necessary to arrive in an equivalent MG

Concluding remarks: MCFG \rightarrow MG

- if syncategorematic material appears in non-terminating rules, additional selectors in the defined lexical items are necessary, as well as additional “non-movable” lexical items representing the syncategorematic material
- terminating rules in general MCFG-form need both: “licensees and selectors,” that is to say, those rules need more than one laxical MG-entry.
- it is also possible to construct the resulting MG such that there is only one specifier per head, and such that specifiers are additionally non-movable in the $MCFG_{mb}$ -case, the latter leading to a strict MG in the sense of Stabler 1999.

- Feature consumption plus SMC are the crucial ingredients.
- Proof is more than a proof of just an embedding of string language classes.
- Adaption is possible, when **head movement**, **left complement selection**, **rightward movement/extraposition** and/or **covert movement/agree** is incorporated into the MG-formalism.
- Adaption is also possible, when **late adjunction** together with **adjunct island condition** is incorporated into the MG-formalism. This, in fact, is “more strictly” about string language equivalence.
- Adding SPIC yields monadic branching MCFGs as output. Note that the set of relevant trees can be reduced in this case.

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