

Grammars and Generation

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- 2 Writing Grammar
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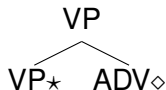
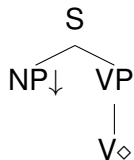
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Tree Adjoining Grammar

A set of trees

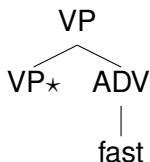
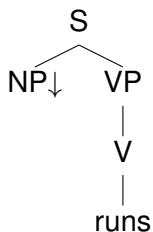
- Initial
- Auxiliary

NP \diamond



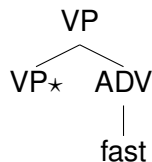
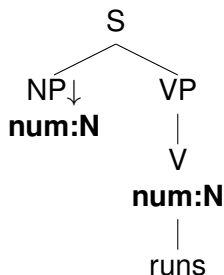
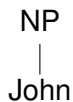
Lexicalised Tree Adjoining Grammar

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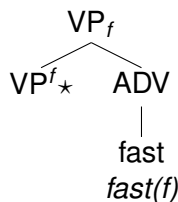
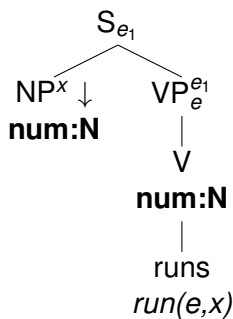
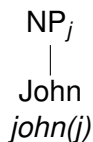
Feature-Based Lexicalised Tree Adjoining Grammar

Tree nodes are labelled with feature-structures

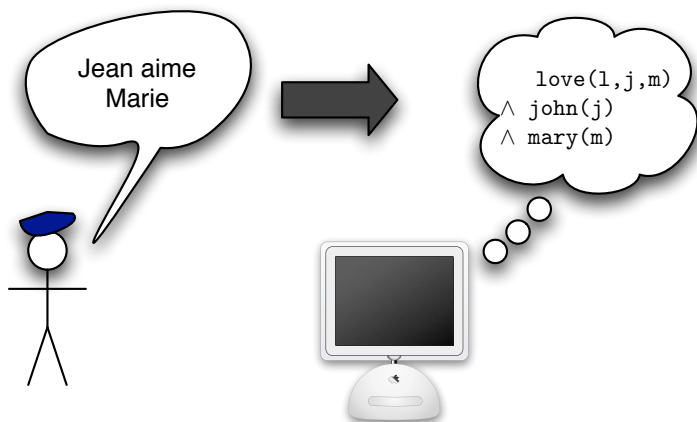


Feature-Based Lexicalised Tree Adjoining Grammar with Semantics

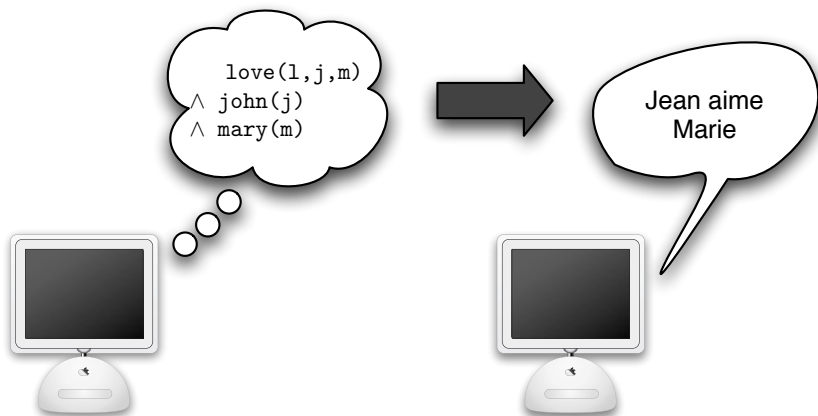
Trees are assigned a semantics



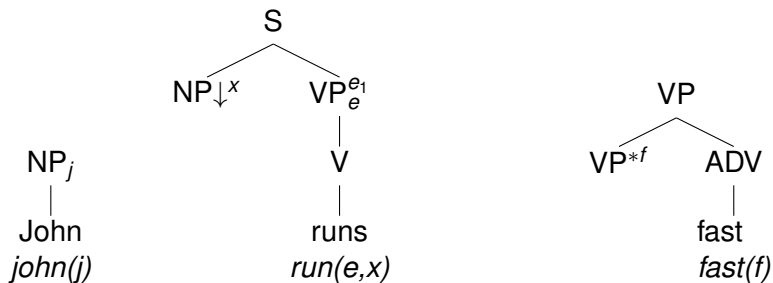
Grammar in Action: Parsing



Grammar in Action: Generation

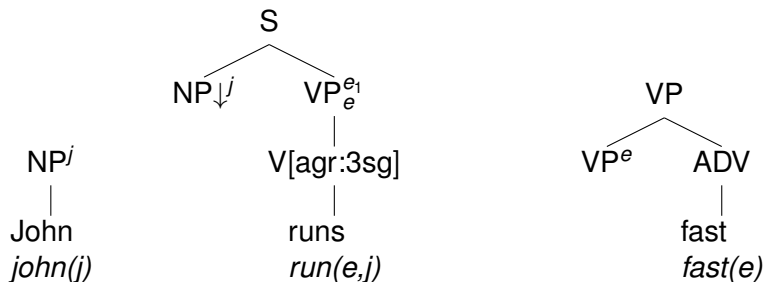


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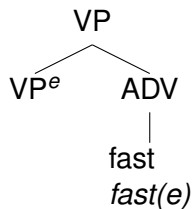
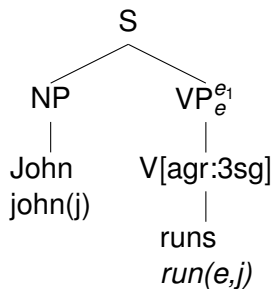
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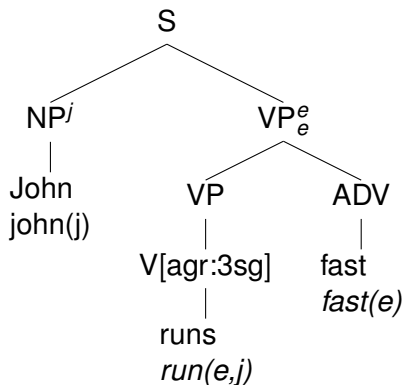
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John runs

Grammar-Based Generation



John runs fast

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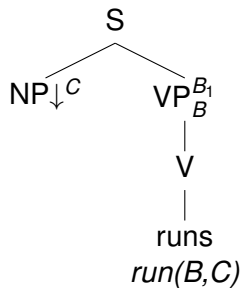
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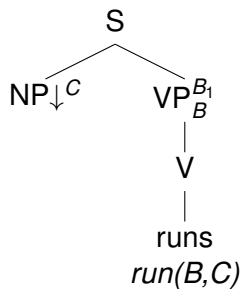
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- abstract over lexical items in the grammar
- use a lexicon to determine which grammar tree is lexicalised/anchored by which lexical items

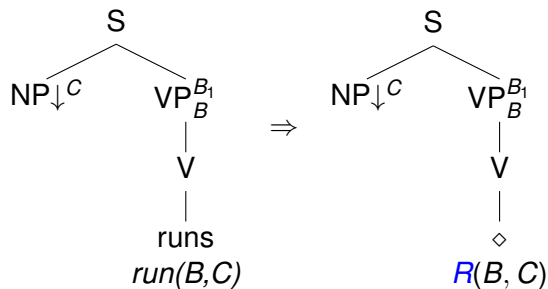
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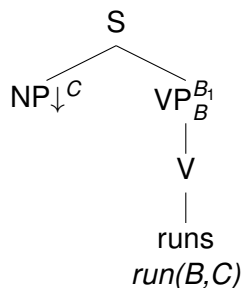
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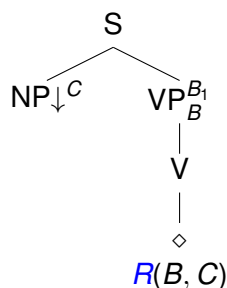
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Semantics: *departure*

Tree: nx0V

Syntax: CanonicalSubject

Anchor: *departs*

Semantics: *arrival*

Tree: nx0V

Syntax: CanonicalSubject

Anchor: *arrives*

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1 Tree Adjoining Grammar

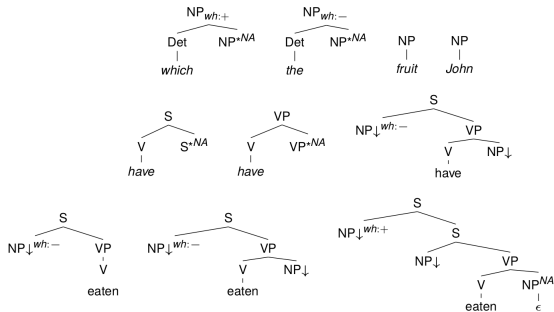
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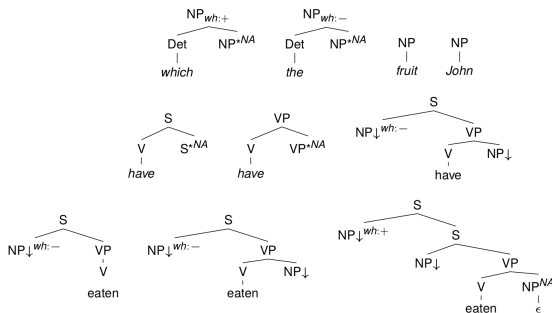
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Which fruit has John eaten?



Which fruit has John eaten?



TAG for French: 6,000 trees
(Leroux, Crabbé and Parmentier 2006)

Creating and Curating Forests of TAG trees

How to write them ?

XMG, a grammar writing environment

How to verify them ?

Error Mining: Using Generation to debug the grammar

XMG

A declarative framework for specifying tree based unification grammars

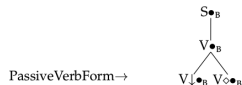
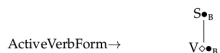
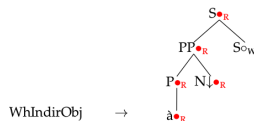
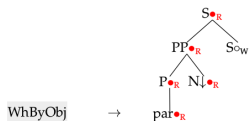
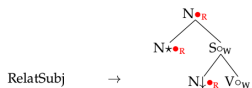
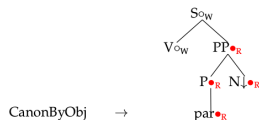
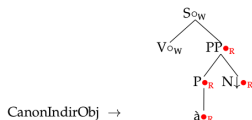


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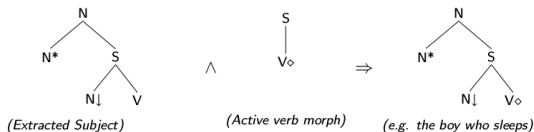
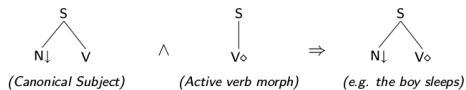
XMG, eXtensible Meta Grammar.

In *Computational Linguistics*, 39:3, Pages 581-620.

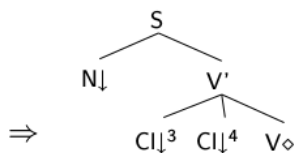
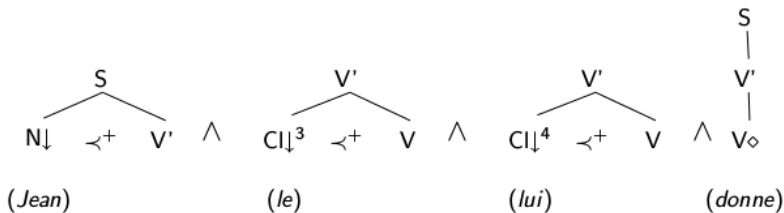
XMG Tree Fragments



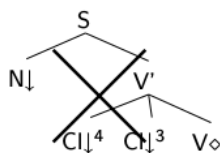
Creating Trees with XMG



Applying General Principles



(*Jean le lui donne*)



(*Jean lui le donne*)

Compact Grammar Specifications

293 tree fragments \Rightarrow 6,000 TAG tree

Large Scale XMG Grammars

FrenchTAG: a Tree Adjoining Grammar for French (Benoît Crabbé)

SemTAG: XMG-based XTAG extended with semantics (Claire Gardent)

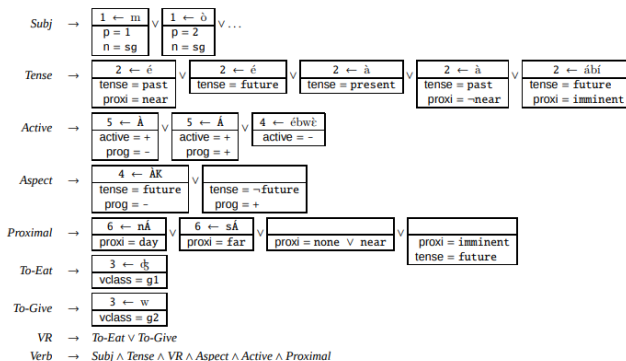
FrenchTAG + MWE: a FrenchTAG grammar updated with a number of Multi Word Expressions (Agata Savary)

XMG_GC_metagrammar: a Tree Adjoining Grammar for Guadeloupean Creole (Emmanuel Schang)

Interaction Grammar for French (Guy Perrier)

XMG-based XTAG: a Tree Adjoining Grammar for English based on XTAG (Katya Saint-Amand, Claire Gardent)

Ikota Morphology



Morphological Lexicon: 600+ trees



Denys Duchier, Brunelle Magnana Ekoukou, Yannick Parmentier, Simon Petitjean and Emmanuel Schang

Describing Morphologically-rich Languages using Metagrammars: a Look at Verbs in Ikota

Proceedings of the Workshop on Language Technology for Normalisation of Less-Resourced Languages SaLTMI 8 - AfLaT, 2012

XMG Extensions

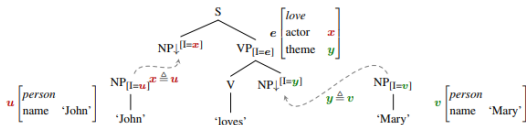


Simon Petitjean, Denys Duchier and Yannick Parmentier.
XMG 2: Describing Description Languages
LACL 2016

Laura Kallmeyer's TreeGrasp ERC Project



LTAG with Frame Semantics



Depictive grammar: an LTAG grammar fragment with semantic frames for English depictives (Benjamin Burkhardt)

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Spotting Errors

Grammar traversal

Statistical Error Mining

GraDe (Grammar Debugger)

Top-Down Grammar Traversal

Outputs the sentences generated by the grammar

User-Defined parameters control the search to ensure (i) termination and (ii) interesting linguistic coverage.



Claire Gardent and Eric Kow

Spotting overgeneration suspects.

ENLG 2007



Claire Gardent and German Kruszewski

Generation for Grammar Engineering

INLG 2012

GraDe Example: Checking for Coherence

For each grammar rule anchored by a verb, can we find at least one derivation?

```
family: VERB_FAMILY
cat: s
features: [mod:ind]
max_results: 1
max_adjunctions:
  {N: 1, NP: 0, V:1, VP: 1, ADJ: 0, S: 0}
depth: 5
```

Checking for Grammar Coherence

Tree Family	Trees	Fails	Fails/Trees
CopulaBe	60	1	1%
iIV	2	0	0%
n0V	10	0	0%
n0CIV	9	0	0%
n0CIVn1	45	2	4%
n0CIVden1	36	3	8%
n0CIVpn1	29	3	10%
n0Vn1	84	3	3%
n0Vn1Adj2	24	6	25%
n0Van1	87	3	3%
n0Vden1	38	3	7%
n0Vpn1	30	3	10%
iIVcs1	2	0	0%
n0Vcs1	30	23	74%
n0Vas1	15	10	66%
n0Vn1Adj2	24	0	0%
s0Vn1	72	9	12%
n0Vs1int	15	12	80%
n0Vn1n2	24	0	0%
n0Vn1an2	681	54	7%

Approximately 10% of the verb trees fail to licence a complete derivation.

Syntactic Variants

Which syntactic variants does the grammar generate for a given verb type ?

```
family: n0V
cat: s
features: [mod:ind]
max_results: all
adjunctions:
  {N: 2, NP: 0, V:1, VP: 1, ADJ: 0, S: 0/1}
depth: 5
```

Example Output

Elle chante (She sings), La tatou chante-t'elle? (Does the armadillo sing?), La tatou chante (The armadillo sings), Chacun chante -t'il (Does everyone sing?), Chacun chante (Everyone sings), Quand chante chacun? (When does everyone sing?), Quand chante la tatou? (When does the armadillo sing?) Quand chante quel tatou? (When does which armadillo sing?), Quand chante Tammy? (When does Tammy sing?), Chante-t'elle? (Does she sing?) Chante -t'il? (Does he sing?), Chante! (Sing!), Quel tatou chante ? (Which armadillo sing?), Quel tatou qui chante ..? (Which armadillo who sings ..?) Tammy chante-t'elle? (Does Tammy sing?), Tammy chante (Tammy sings), une tatou qui chante chante (An armadillo which sings sings), C'est une tatou qui chante (It is an armadillo which sings), ...

Some incorrect cases

Chacun chante-t'elle?

(Everyone sings?)

Missing agreement constraint between the inverted subject clitic and the subject.

La tatou qui chante-t'elle?

(The armadillo which does she sing?)

Missing constraint on the inverted subject clitic
(should be disallowed in embedded clauses)

Generation-Based Grammar Analysis

- Can all rules in the grammar be used in at least one derivation?
- Are all possible syntactic realisations of the verb and of its arguments generated and correct?
- Does the grammar correctly capture the interactions between basic clauses and modifiers?
- etc.

Statistical Error Mining

Generate from large corpus of input meaning representations

Divide the input into FAIL and PASS

Use statistics to identify **subtrees (forms)** in the set of inputs which frequently associate with failure and rarely with success



[Shashi Narayan and Claire Gardent](#)

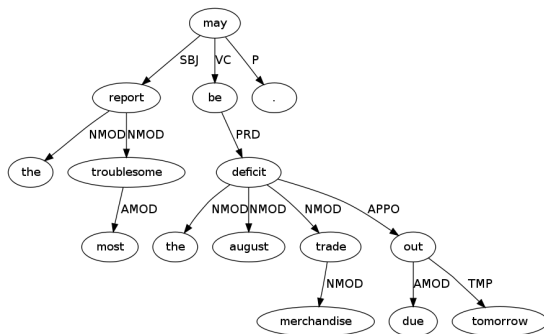
Error Mining with Suspicion Trees: Seeing the Forest for the Trees
[COLING 2012](#)



[Claire Gardent and Shashi Narayan](#)

Error Mining on Dependency Trees
[ACL 2012](#)

Error Mining using Generation



The most troublesome report is the August merchandise trade effect deficit due out tomorrow.

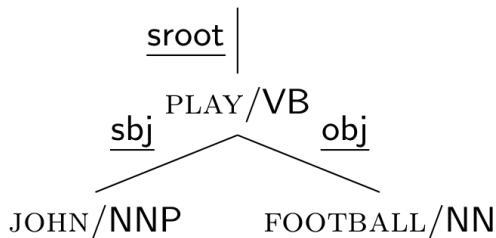
Error Mining on trees

Input tree \Rightarrow FAIL | PASS

Calculate a **suspicion score** for each subtree in the input

Structure the **suspicious subtrees** into a tree

Suspicious Forms



Subtrees of the input dependency trees labelled with lemma, parts-of-speech and/or dependency information

Suspicion Score Metrics

Adapted from ID3 decision tree algorithm

The suspicion score of a form f

$$S_{score}(f) = \frac{1}{2}(\text{Fail}(f) * \ln \text{count}(f) + \text{Pass}(\neg f) * \ln \text{count}(\neg f))$$

FAIL score

$$\text{Fail}(f) = \frac{\text{count}(f|\text{FAIL})}{\text{count}(f)}$$

PASS score

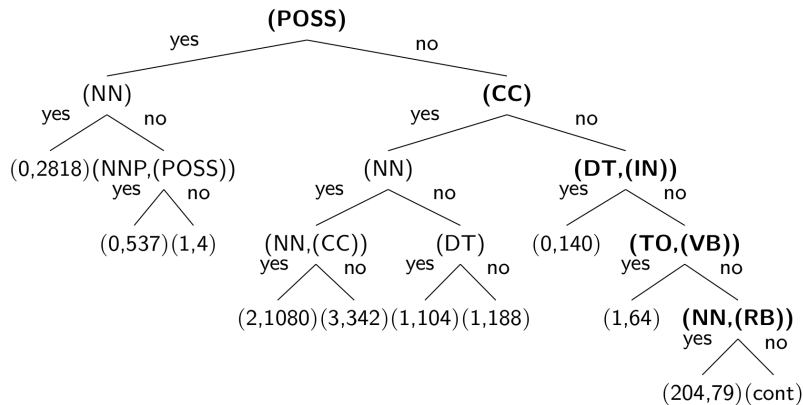
$$\text{Pass}(\neg f) = \frac{\text{count}(\neg f|\text{PASS})}{\text{count}(\neg f)}$$

Ranked List of Suspicious Forms

- 1 **(POSS)**
- 2 (NNP, (POSS))
- 3 **(CC)**
- 4 (NN, (POSS))
- 5 (NN, (NNP, (POSS)))
- 6 (NN, (NN, (POSS)))
- 7 (NN, (CC))
- 8 (NNP, (NNP), (POSS))
- 9 (NN,(NNP,(NNP),(POSS)))
- 10 (NN, (NNP, (NNP)))
- 11 (CC, (JJ))
- 12 (JJ, (CC))
- 13 (NNP, (NNP, (POSS)))
- 14 (NN, (NN), (POSS))
- 15 **(DT, (IN))**
- 16 ...

Tree of suspicious forms

The Right Frontier shows the most important sources of errors

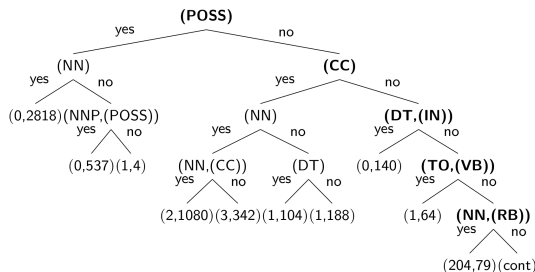


Building the Tree of suspicious forms

The decision tree algorithm recursively partitions the data by

- 1 selecting the most suspicious form
- 2 splitting the data into two subsets, a subset of the data that contain that suspicious form (**yes**) and a subset that does not (**no**) .

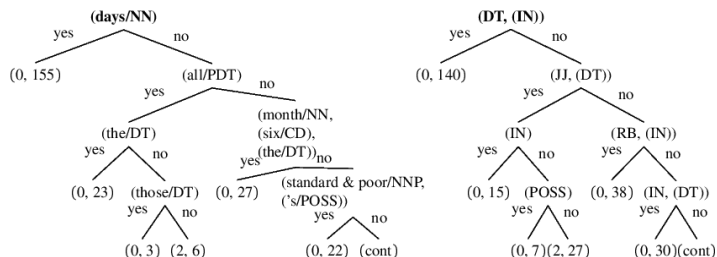
Example Suspicion Tree



- **(POSS)** A mismatch between input and grammar representation
(DAD/NN, (JOHN/NNP, ('s/POSS)))
(DAD/NN, ('s/POSS, (JOHN/NNP)))
- **(CC)** conflicting feature values in the grammar of NP coordination
- **(DT, (IN))** POS tag mismatch
some DT/PRP of the audience

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Different Views highlight Different Errors



(days/NN) POS tag assignment error.

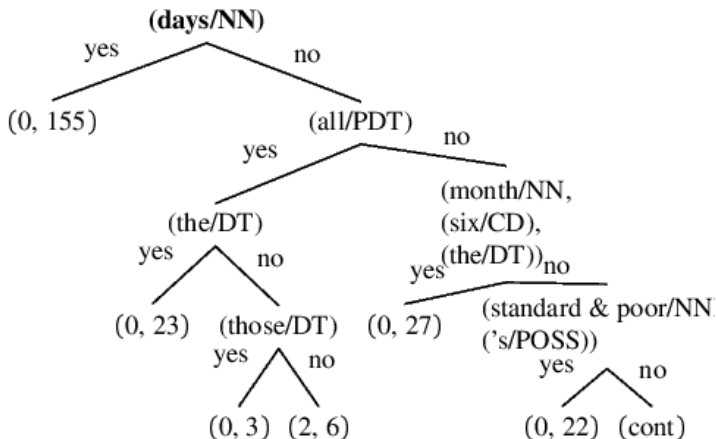
DAYS/NN mapped to the wrong TAG family

(DT, (IN)) POS tag mismatch

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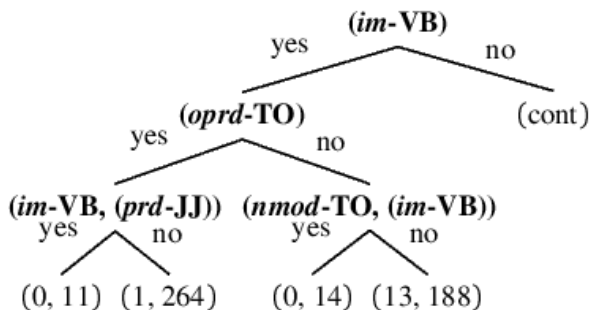
Cases that always fail

Single source of error



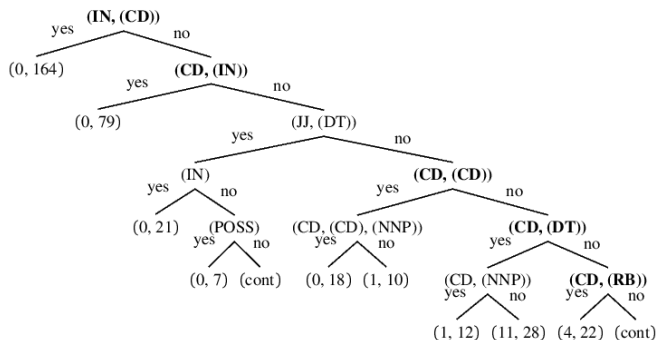
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Several sources of error



- *(im-VB)* – infinitival verbs.
- *(oprd-TO)* – control / raising cases
- *(im-VB, (prd-JJ))* – adjectival complement
- *(nmod-TO, (im-VB))* – infinitival is a noun modifier

Cases that sometimes fail



Cardinals lead to generation failure in the contexts shown but not in all context (CD does not occur)

Experiment

Surface Realisation Challenge Dataset (Belz et al. 2011).

26,725 input dependency trees derived from the Penn Treebank

XMG induced FB-LTAG Grammar (K. Alahverdizhva)

Grammar-Based Surface Realiser (Narayan and Gardent, COLING 2012)

Results

Corrections

- 11 rewrite rules (Gen-1, Dt-4, Adv-1, Inf-3, Aux-1 and Final-1),
- 2 grammar corrections and
- a few lexicon updates

	Input Data	Initial Failures	Final Failures
S-ALL	26725	19280 (72.1)	5157 (19.3)

- Sentence length – min:1, max:134, avg:22
- Coverage: 81.74% , BLEU:0.73 (for the covered data)

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Generating Grammar Exercises

Generate sentences

Use the detailed linguistic information output by the generator to select and build exercises

Three types of exercises: FIB, Shuffle and Reformulation



[C. Gardent and L. Perez-Beltrachini.](#)

Using FB-LTAG Derivation Trees to Generate Transformation-Based Grammar Exercises.

[TAG+11: The 11th International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms, Paris, France, September 2012.](#)



[L. Perez-Beltrachini, C. Gardent and G. Kruszewski](#)

Generating Grammar Exercises.

[The 7th Workshop on Innovative Use of NLP for Building Educational Applications, NAACL-HLT Workshop 2012, Montreal, Canada, June.](#)

Grammar Exercises

Built from **a single sentence**.

[FIB] Complete with an appropriate personal pronoun.

(S) *Elle adore les petits tatous*

(She loves the small armadillos)

(Q) _____ adore les petits tatous (gender=fem)

(K) elle

[Shuffle] Use the words below to make up a sentence.

(S) *Tammy adore les petits tatous*

(Tammy loves the small armadillos)

(Q) tatous / les / Tammy / petits / adore

(K) Tammy adore les petits tatous.

Grammar Exercises

Built from **a pair of syntactically related sentences**

[Reformulation] Rewrite the sentence using passive voice

(Q) C'est Tex qui a fait la tarte.

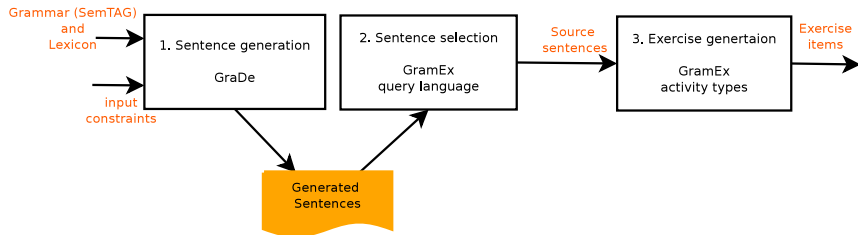
(It is Tex who has baked the pie.)

(K) C'est par Tex que la tarte a été faite.

(It is Tex by whom the pie has been baked.)

Active/Passive, NP/Pronoun, Assertion/Wh-Question, Assertion/YN-Question

The *GramEx* framework: generating and selecting sentences to build exercises



Creating a grammar exercise

aime(e,be,bi),bijou(bi),les(bi),betty(be)



Creating a grammar exercise

aime(e,be,bi),bijou(bi),les(bi),betty(be)

Bette aime le bijou.

C'est Bette qui aime les bijoux.

Bette aime les bijoux.



Creating a grammar exercise

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Goal: Plural form of irregular nouns.

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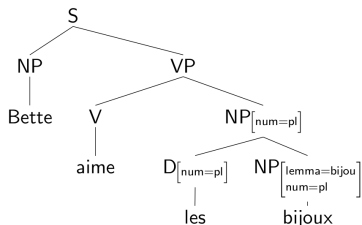
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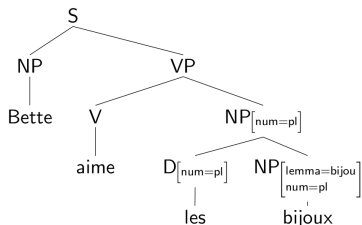
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$NP[num = pl] \Rightarrow$ blank

$NP[lemma = bijou] \Rightarrow$ hint

Selecting appropriate sentences

GramEx's boolean constraint language: syntax and use

Boolean constraint language

- conjunction, disjunction and negation of **morpho-syntactic** and **syntactic** properties

Describes the linguistic requirements imposed by pedagogical goals

- Permits retrieving appropriate sentences from the DB

Selecting appropriate sentences

Some examples

Pedagogical goal: *Pre/post nominal irregular adjectives*

[Epith \wedge flexion: irreg]

✓ *Tammy a une voix douce* (Tammy has a soft voice)

✗ *Tammy a une jolie voix* (Tammy has a nice voice)

Pedagogical goal: *Prepositions with infinitives; Simple Clause*

POBJinf \wedge CLAUSE

POBJinf \equiv (DE-OBJinf \vee A-OBJinf)

CLAUSE \equiv Vfin \wedge \neg Mod \wedge \neg CCoord \wedge \neg Sub

✓ *Tammy refuse de chanter* (Tammy refuses to sing)

✗ *Jean dit que Tammy refuse de chanter* (John says that Tammy refuses to sing)

Transformation-based grammar exercises

Finding syntactically related sentences (e.g. active/passive)

(Q) *C'est Tex qui a fait la tarte.*

(It is Tex who baked the pie.)

X (K) *Tex a fait la tarte.*

(Tex baked the pie.)

X (K) *La tarte a été faite par Tex.*

(The pie was baked by Tex.)

X (K) *C'est par Tex que la tarte sera faite.*

(It is Tex who will bake the pie.)

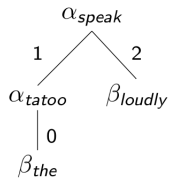
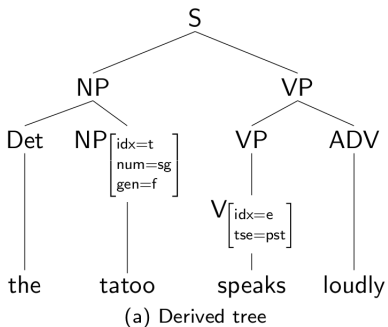
X (K) *Est-ce que la tarte a été faite par Tex ?*

(Has the pie been baked by Tex ?)

✓ (K) *C'est par Tex que la tarte a été faite.*

(It is Tex by whom the pie was baked.)

Derived and Derivation Tree

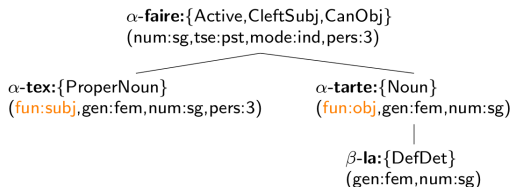


(b) Derivation tree

Creating transformation-based grammar exercises

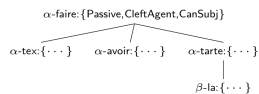
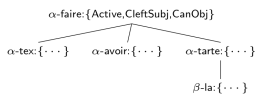
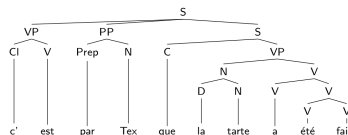
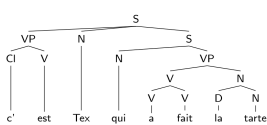
- Define **tree filters** on pairs of derivation trees
- Retrieve sentences pairs that match those tree filters

Why Derivation Trees?



Detailed syntactic information

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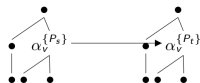


More compact than derived trees. Allow fewer and simpler filters.

Derivation Tree Filters

Tree filter types

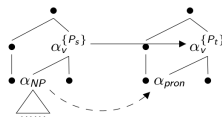
Tree filter types



e.g. active/passive

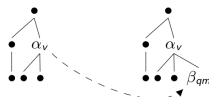
$\bullet_s\{\text{Active, CleftSubj, CanObj}\}$

$\leftrightarrow \bullet_t\{\text{Passive, CleftAgent, CanSubj}\}$



e.g. NP/Pronoun

$\bullet_s\{\text{CanSubj}\} \leftrightarrow \bullet_t\{\text{CleftSubj}\}$



e.g. Assertion/YN-Question

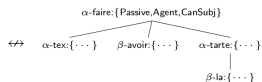
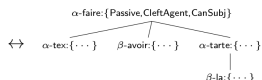
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Meaning Preserving Transformations

Same core meaning (e.g. active/passive)

- (Q) *C'est Tex qui a fait la tarte.* ↔ (K) *C'est par Tex que la tarte a été faite.*
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•_s {Active, CleftSubj, CanObj}

↔ •_t {Passive, CleftAgent, CanSubj}

Meaning Altering Transformations

Related core meaning: content deleted, added or replaced
(e.g. Assertion/Wh-Question)

α -dort: { CanSubj }
|
 α -tatou: { ... }
|
 β -chante: { ... }
|
 β -petit: { ... }
|
 β -le: { defDet }

Le petit tatou qui chantera dort.
The small armadillo that will sing sleeps

α -dort: { whSubj }
|
 α -tatou: { ... }
|
 β -petit: { ... }
|
 β -quel: { WhDet }

Quel petit tatou dort?
Which small armadillo sleeps?

α -dort: { whSubj }
|
 α -tatou: { ... }
|
 β -quel: { WhDet }

Quel tatou dort?
Which armadillo sleeps?

α -dort: { whSubj }
|
 β -qui: { WhPron }

Qui dort?
Who sleeps?

Evaluation

Correctness

- around 80% of the automatically generated exercises are correct (Manual annotation of a sample of generated exercises)

Productivity

- 52 input formulae \Rightarrow around 5000 exercises (using SemFraG and lexicon tailored to *Tex's French Grammar* vocabulary)

Integration

- Exercises generated by *GramEx* are integrated in I-FLEG (serious game) and WFLEG (web interface)

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Welcome!

ALLEGRO is an EU funded INTERREG IV A project which focuses on the development of new technologies for second language learning. Our aim is to exploit research technologies from Natural Language Generation to automatically generate grammar exercises and Learner/Computer Dialog Systems which enable self practice. While the learner has full autonomy to decide on the exercises to be practiced, the system keeps tracks of the learner's activities and results. This in turn opens the door for adaptive training systems i.e., systems which promote learning by suggesting new activities based on the learner's history.

To showcase the power of our technology, we embedded our exercise generator tool both in WFLEG (this web service) and in the IFLEG (Interactive French Learning Game) serious game.

Please select the exercise you want to play with during this session:

Vocabulary exercises

I-FLEG Grammar exercises

Tex and Tammy exercises

W-FLEG Vocabulary exercises

W-FLEG includes exercises designed to help learning French vocabulary. The learner is shown an image depicting an object and prompted for its name. All interactions are logged in a database thereby supporting a detailed analysis of the learner's activities. In the future, we plan to use this data to develop adaptive learning systems which make use of a learner's history to assist the learner in choosing activities likely to enhance his/her progress. The database recording WFLEG activities (vocabulary and grammar) is common to the IFLEG serious game so that a learner's activities in both IFLEG and WFLEG can equally be taken into account to analyse his/her progress.

Anyone can play with W-FLEG!
Register [WFLEG](#) & OpenIRM [IFLEG](#) [here](#)

I-FLEG Grammar exercises

WFLEG proposes grammar exercises which were automatically generated using Natural Language Generation techniques. The WFLEG grammar exercises can be practiced using the IFLEG serious games where the learner practice by walking through a house, clicking on objects and selecting a training activity related to that object.

IFLEG is a game to help you learn French. Developed by university researchers, it is a currently a research prototype, but our goal is to transform it into a full 3D game that will help people learn French. More can be found [here](#)

We provide you with simple yet compelling exercises based on this technology.

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Tex and Tammy exercises

These exercises follow the curriculum proposed in the **Tex and Tammy** French Grammar course which is arranged like many other traditional reference grammars with the parts of speech (nouns, verbs, etc.) used to categorize specific grammar items (gender of nouns, irregular verbs).

NOTE:

-The original Tex & Tammy is about the epic love story of Tex and Tammy, two star-struck amateurs, and Betty, the sexy kitten bent on destroying their love. In addition to this ménage à trois, the cast of characters include Edouard, a pretentious French snail, Joe-Bob, a dim-witted squirrel from College Station, and Corey, a cockroach who prefers getting high and watching the X-Files on TV to doing his French homework...

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Chapter 1 : Bonjour!

1.1 : Subject pronouns
▾

Grammar topic : Pronoun
▾

Hello! Try and answer the exercise above!

Need help ?
Below are some links to Tex & Tammy original website:

[See Tex and Tammy Index](#)
[See Chapter](#)
[See Subchapter](#)

Fill in the blank -missing word: Subject pronouns

Fill in the blank with the appropriate subject pronoun. Remplir le trou avec le pronom personnel approprié.

_____ adore l'odeur des pesticides

Type your answer here

Time and score

Question time.....	00:00:21
Exercise time.....	00:00:21
Session time.....	00:00:21
Current Exercise score.....	0
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Tex and Tammy grammar exercises

Amount of tests done 616
 Average score 43.67 %
 Average time 00:01:39



Last Tests results



- 1 Tree Adjoining Grammar
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Natural Language Interfaces

Open Query

I am looking for a car.

Scramble Clear

- ▽ it should be equipped with an equipment
 - ▽ with an engine
 - ▽ with a diesel engine
 - ▽ with an electric engine
 - ▽ with a gasoline engine
 - ▽ with a natural gas engine
 - ▽ with a propane engine
 - ▽ with an optional feature
 - ▽ with a transmission system
- ▽ it should be located in a country
- ▽ it should be produced by something
- ▽ it should be sold by a car dealer
- ▽ it should produce something

Quelo NLI v2011.07.14-beta

Incremental Query Refinement

The user queries the KB using NL

- Possible extensions of the current user query are computed by an automated reasoner
- Each formal extension is then verbalised using NLG
- grammar based generation is used to convert KB formulae into text
- a statistical module is used to choose the best output



[L. Perez-Beltrachini and C. Gardent](#)

Incremental Query Generation

EACL 2014. Gothenburg, Sweden, April 2014.



[C. Gardent and L. Perez-Beltrachini](#)

A Statistical, Grammar-Based Approach to Micro-Planning

Computational Linguistics, 43:1, March 2017.

A Statistical Grammar-Based Approach

Input = KB Query

```
Professor  $\sqcap$  Researcher  $\sqcap$   $\exists$ teach.LogicCourse  
 $\sqcap$   $\exists$ worksAt.AlicanteUniversity
```

I am looking for a professor who is a researcher and teaches a course on logic. He should work for Alicante University.

Microplanning Task: Segment, lexicalise, aggregate and realise

A Statistical Grammar-Based Approach

The grammar

- Enforces grammaticality
- Accounts for language variability (paraphrasing)

The Statistical Module (Hypertagger)

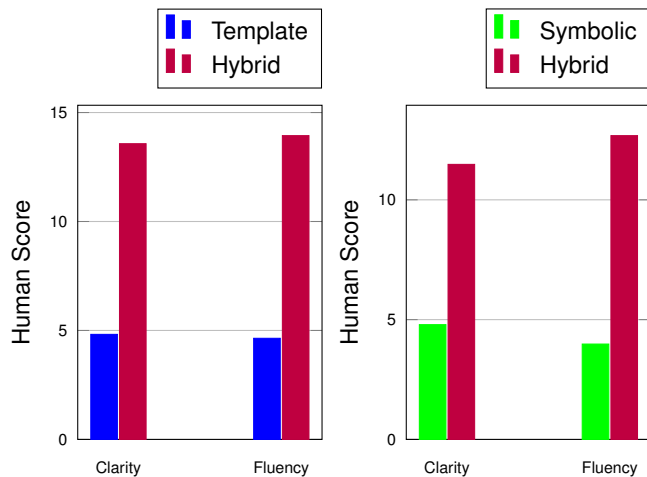
- Enforces microplanning choices (fluency)
- Enhances efficiency (speed)

Results: Output quality

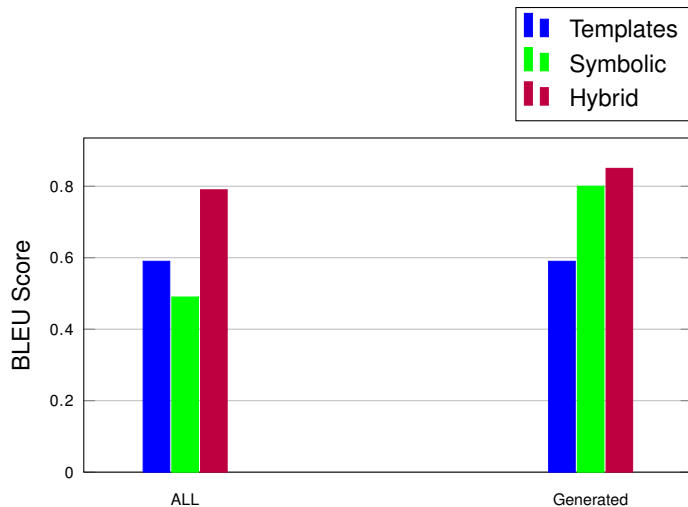
Human Evaluation

- 48 input queries
- from 13 knowledge bases (2 not used in training corpus)
- 24 raters
- Online evaluation
- Sliding ruler
- Scale 0-50
- Latin Square design

Results: Output quality



Results: Output quality (BLEU Scores)



Example Output: Sentence Segmentation

3 relations, 4 concepts: 1 sentence

I am looking for a used car whose color should be white, which should be located in a France and whose model should be a toyota 4 runner.

4 relations, 5 concepts: 2 sentences

I am looking for a new car whose exterior color should be beige and whose body style should be a utility vehicle. The new car should run on a natural gas and should be located in a country.

3 relations, 5 concepts: 2 sentences

I am looking for a new car whose body style should be a utility vehicle, an off road. The new car should run on a natural gas and should be located in a country.

Example Output: Syntactic Variation

*I am looking for a car dealer **located in a country** and who should sell a car whose make should be a toyota. The car should run on a fuel and should be equipped with a manual gear transmission system.*

(Participial)

*I am looking for a car dealer who sells a car whose model is a toyota. **It should be located in a country.*** (Sentence with Pronominal Subject)

*I am looking for a new car, an off road whose body style should be a utility vehicle. The new car should run on a natural gas **and should be located** in a country.* (Coordinated VP)

*I am looking for a car produced by a car make. The car make should be the make of a toyota. The car make **should be located** in a city and should produce a land rover freelanders. (Canonical Declarative Sentence)*

Example Output: Aggregation

VP Coordination

NewCar (...) $\sqcap \exists \text{runOn.NaturalGas} \sqcap \exists \text{locatedInCountry.Country}$

I am looking for a new car (...). This new car (should run on natural gas and should be located in a country)_{VP}. N1 (V1 N1 and V2 N2)

Relative Clause Coordination

CommunicationDevice $\sqcap \exists \text{assistsWith.Understanding}$

$\sqcap \exists \text{assistsWith.HearingDisability}$

I am looking for a communication device (which should assist with a understanding and which should assist with a hearing disability)_{RelCl}.

Example Output: Aggregation

NP Coordination

`CarDealer \sqcap \exists sell.CrashCar \sqcap \exists sell.NewCar`

I am looking for a car dealer who should sell (a crash car and a new car)_{NP}.

N-Ary NP Coordination

`Car \sqcap \exists equippedWith.ManualGearTransmission`

`\sqcap \exists equippedWith.AlarmSystem \sqcap \exists equippedWith.NavigationSystem`

`\sqcap \exists equippedWith.AirBagSystem`

I am looking for a car equipped with (a manual gear transmission system, an alarm system, a navigation system and an air bag system)_{NP}.

Summary

Ambiguous Grammar = High Expressivity, Large Search Space

Hypertagging = Making Choices

Thanks!