Tree Transducers in Machine Translation

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— *We stayed in rooms classified as "superior" because they had been renovated in the last year or two. Our rooms had wood floors and were roomy. You didn't have to walk sideways to move around.*

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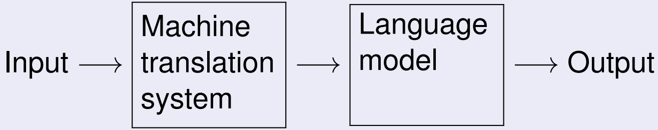

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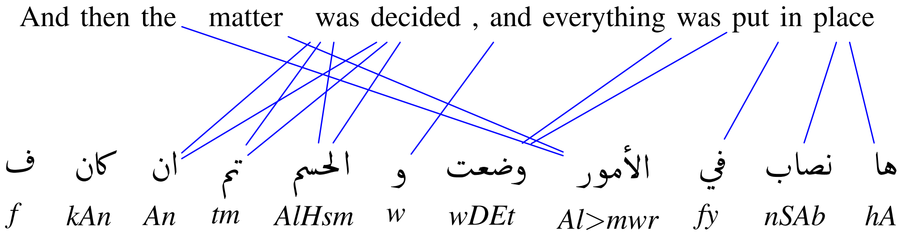

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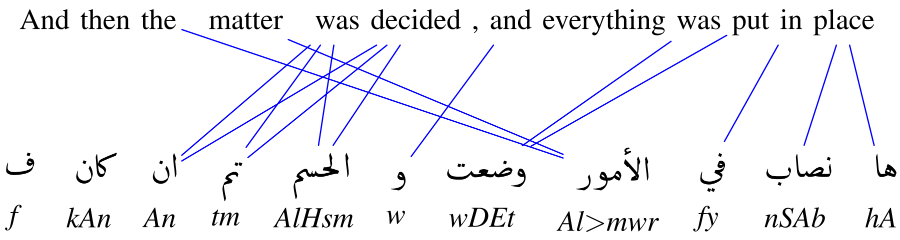

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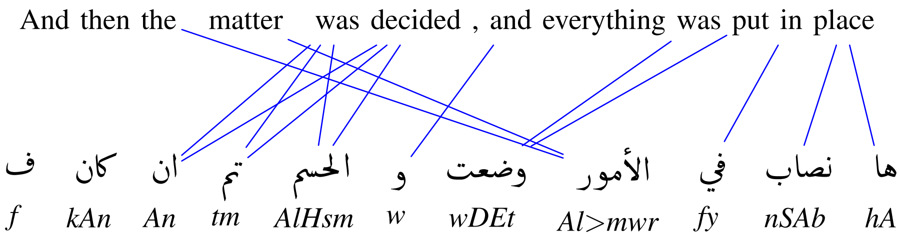

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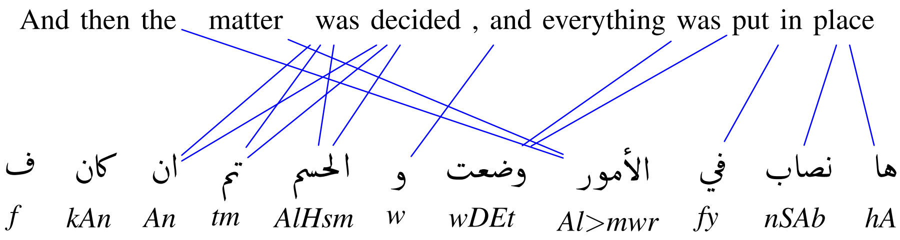

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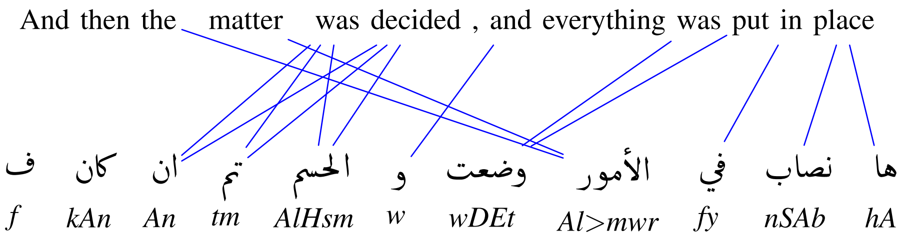

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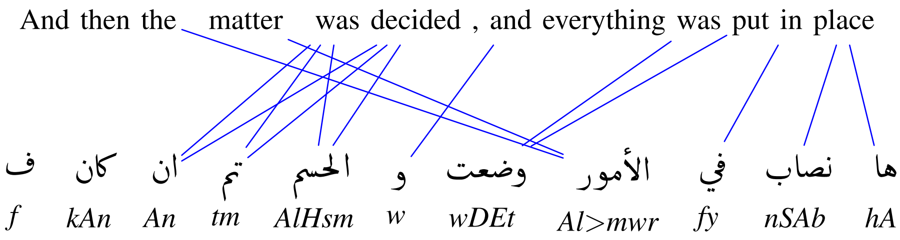

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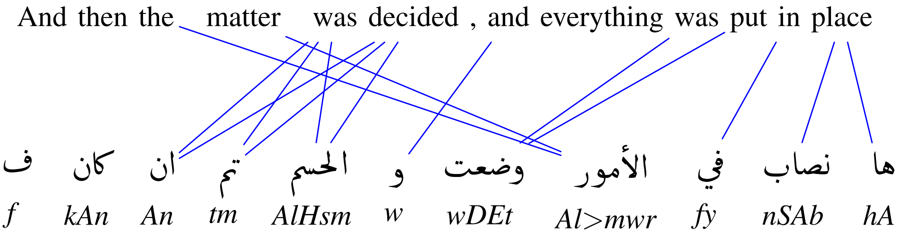

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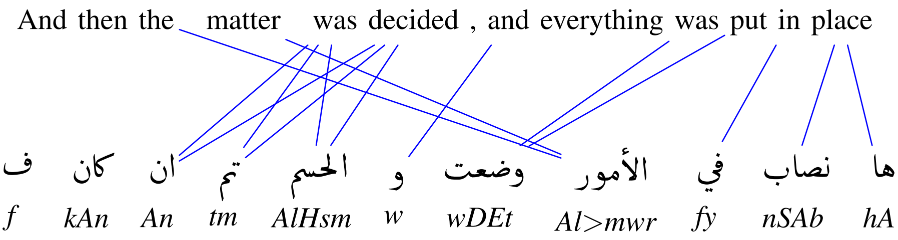

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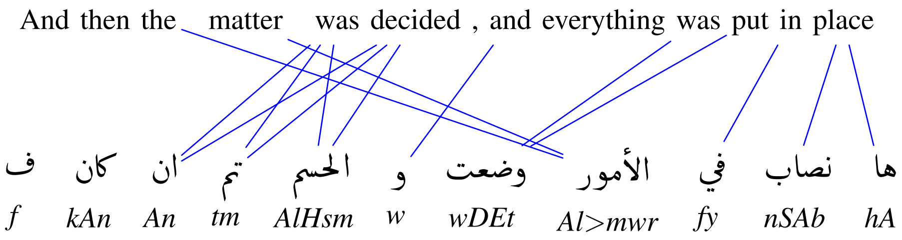

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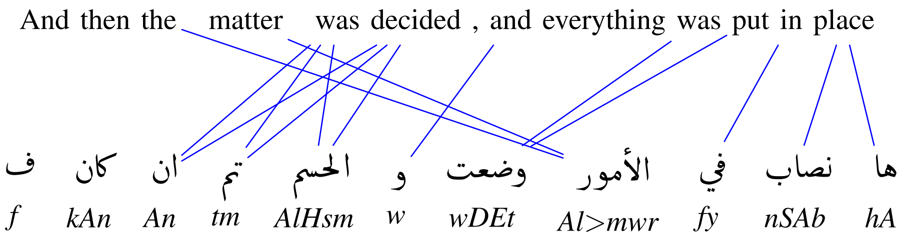

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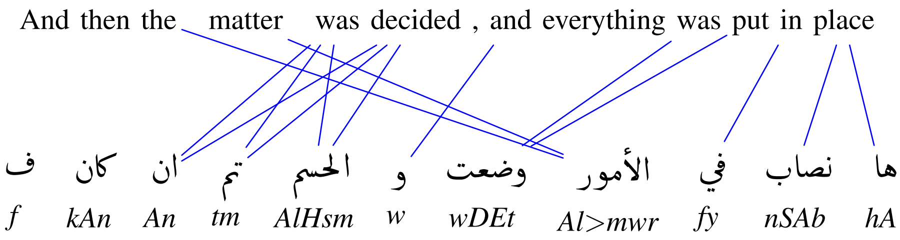

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Output:

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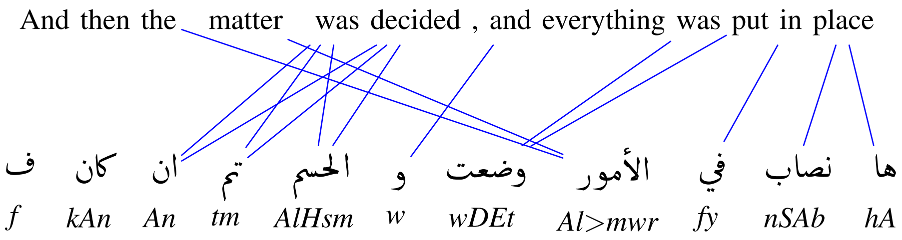

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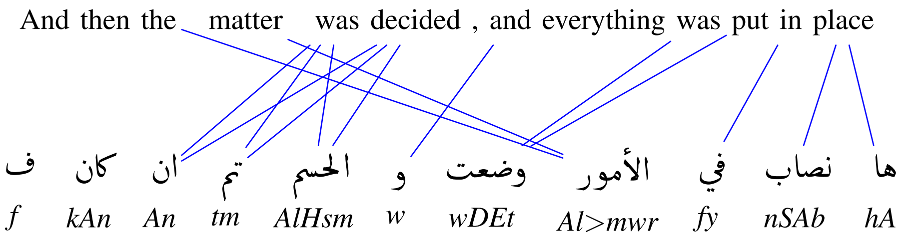

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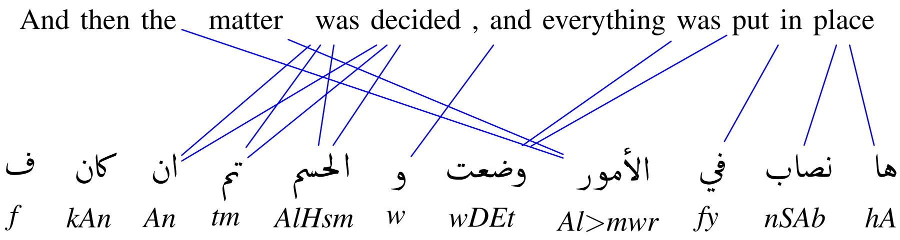

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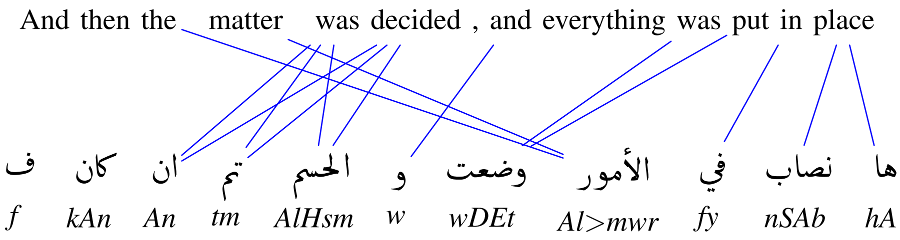

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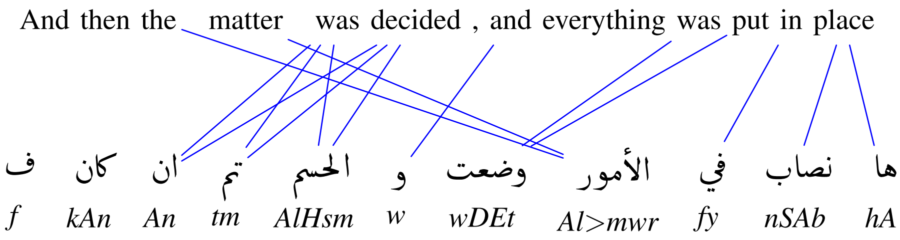

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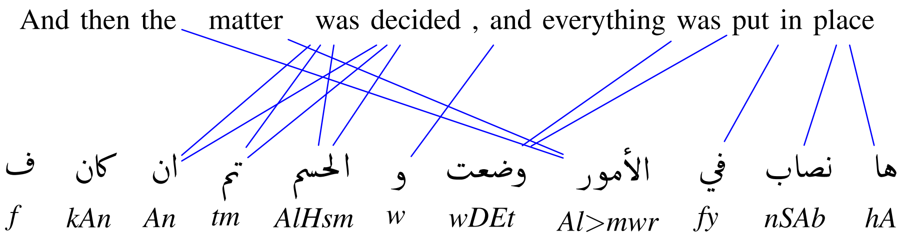

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Phrase-based machine translation

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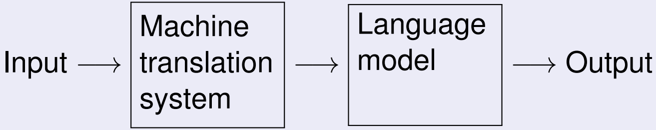

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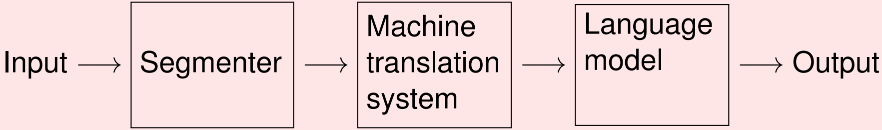

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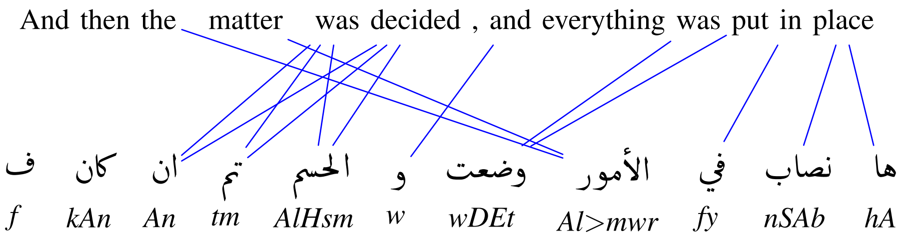

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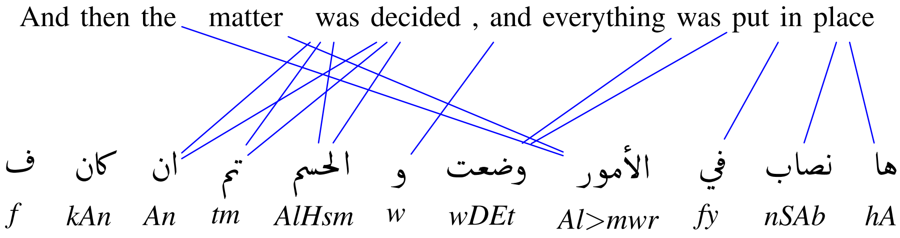

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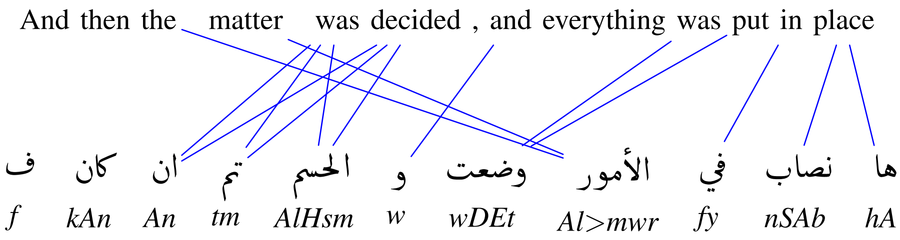

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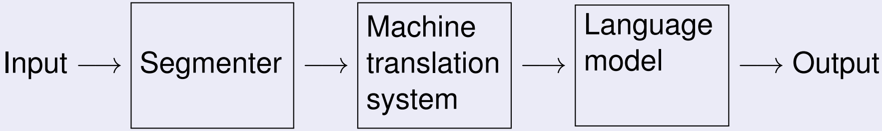

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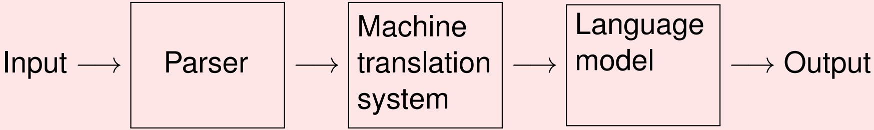

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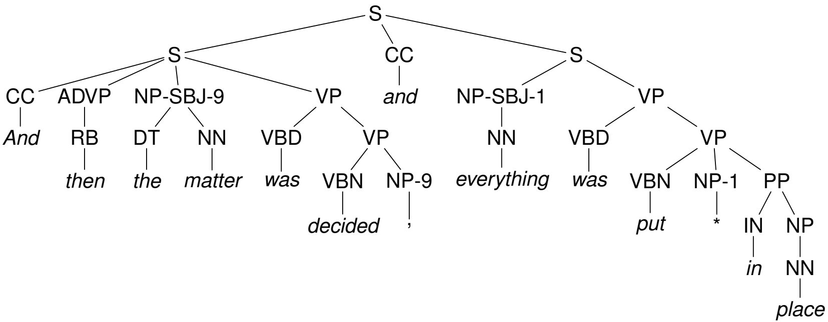

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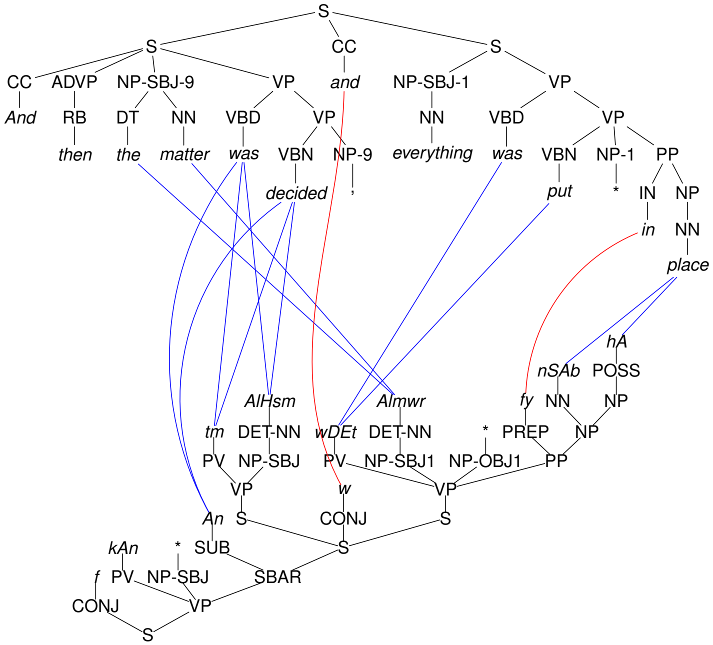
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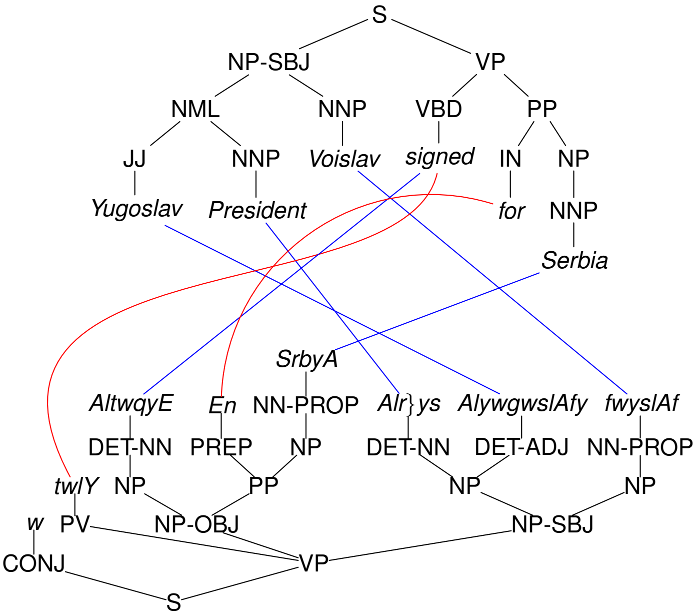
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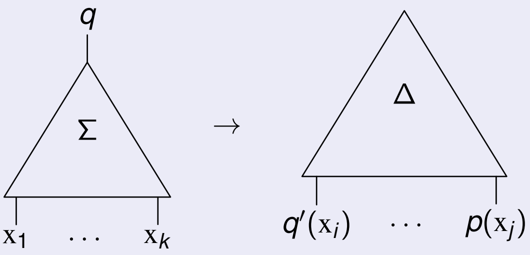
Definition (Arnold, Dauchet 1976, Graehl, Knight 2004)

Extended top-down tree transducer (XTOP) $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, I, R)$ with finitely many rules



- $q, q', p \in Q$ are states
- $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$

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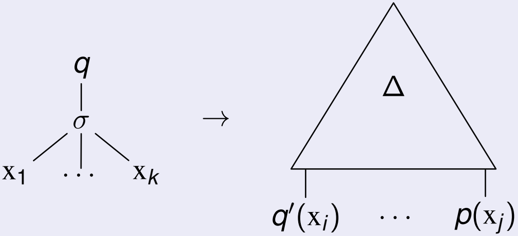

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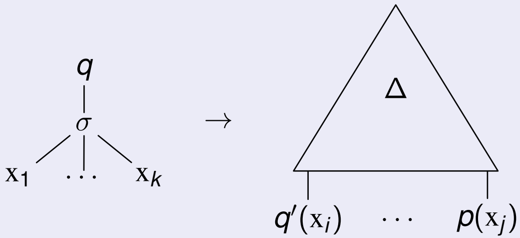

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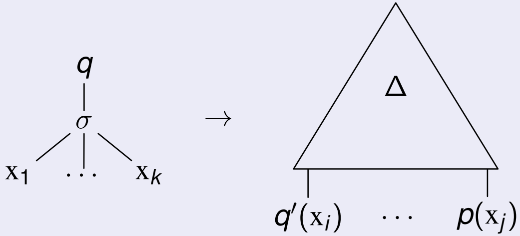

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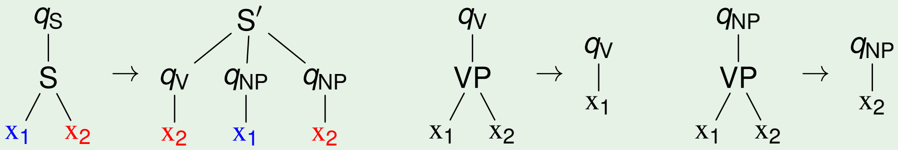
Semantics

Example

States $\{q_S, q_V, q_{NP}\}$ of which only q_S is initial



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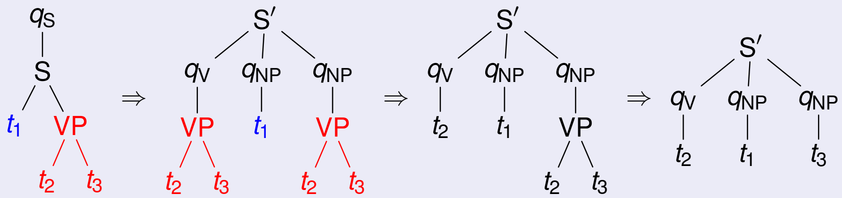
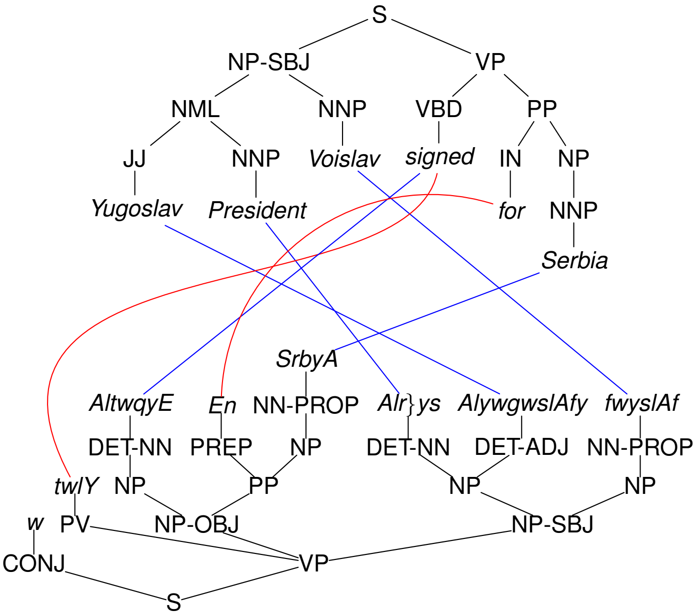


Semantics (cont'd)

Definition

Computed transformation:

$$\tau_M = \{(t, u) \in T_\Sigma \times T_\Delta \mid \exists q \in I \colon q(t) \Rightarrow^* u\}$$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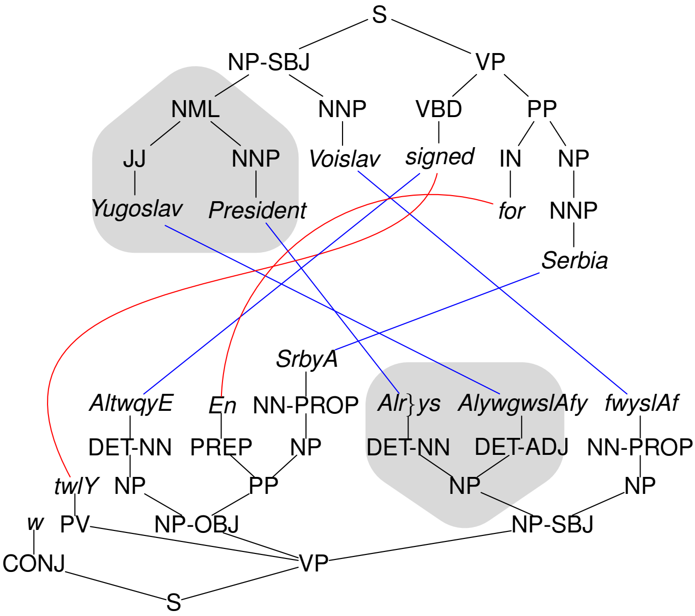
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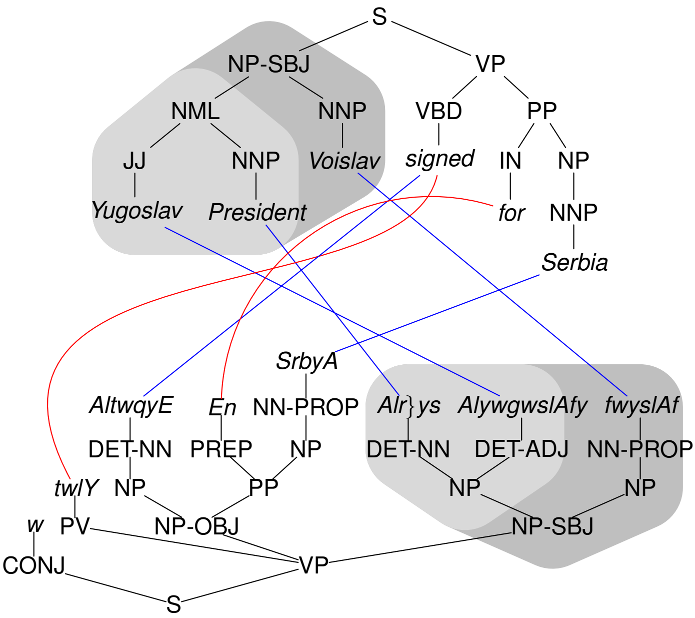
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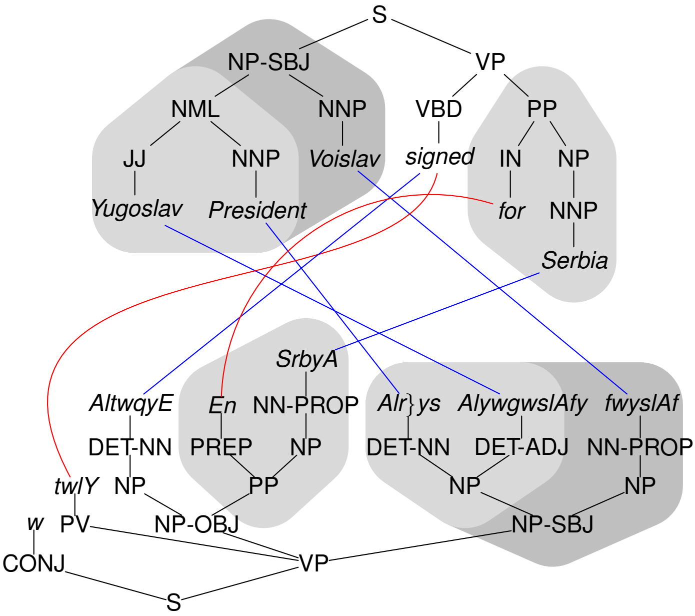

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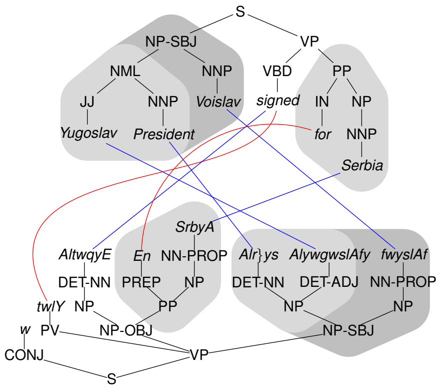

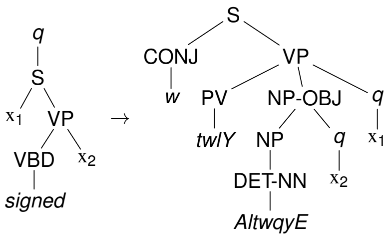

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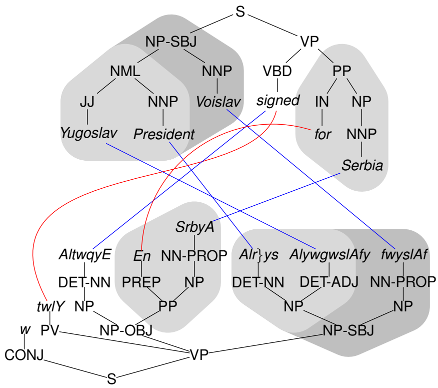

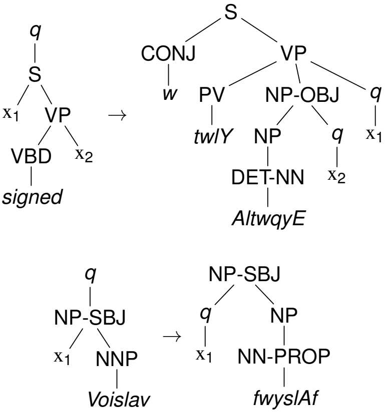

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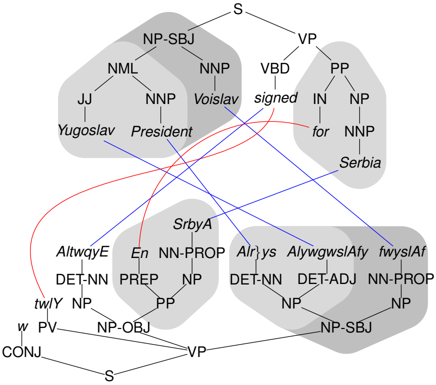

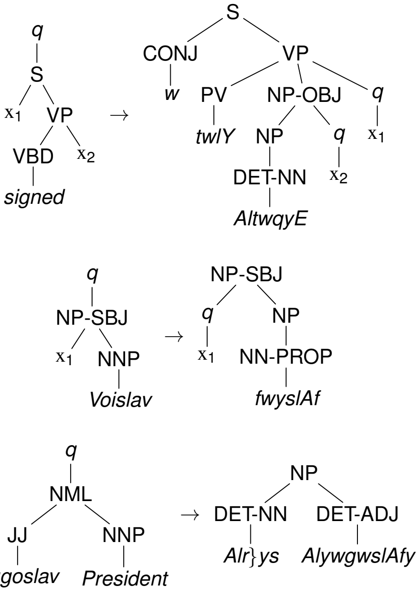

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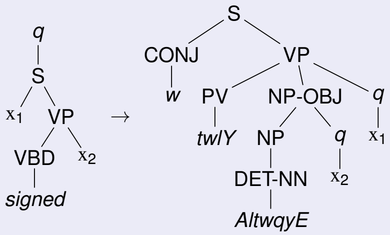

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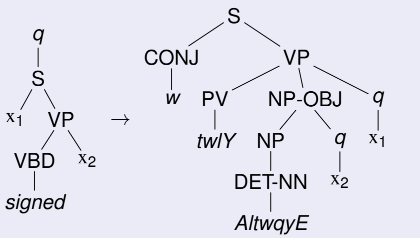

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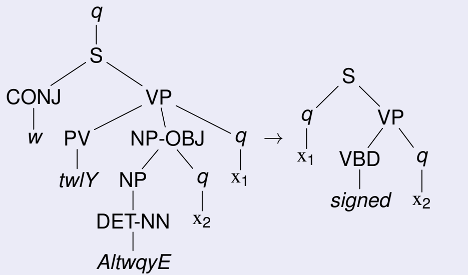

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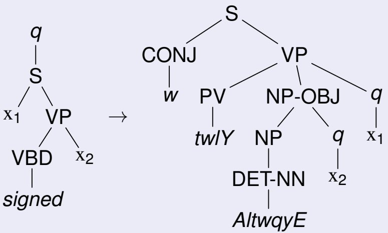

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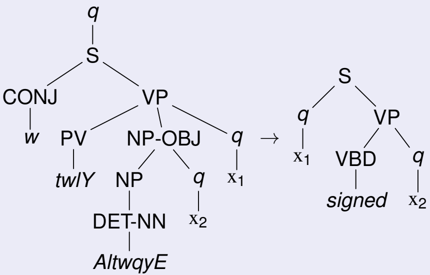

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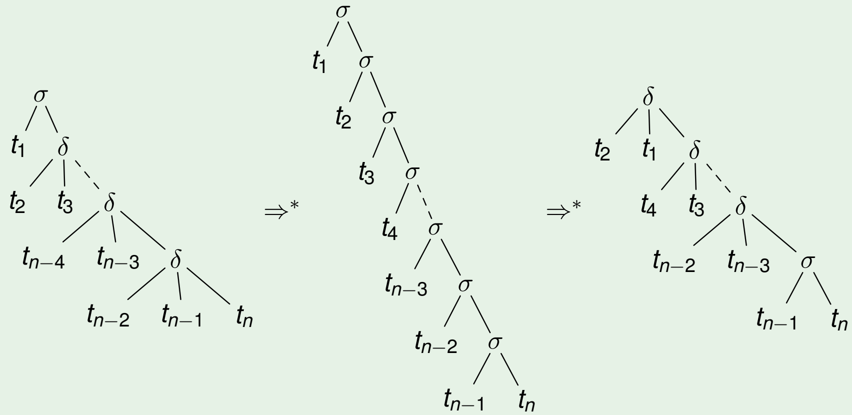

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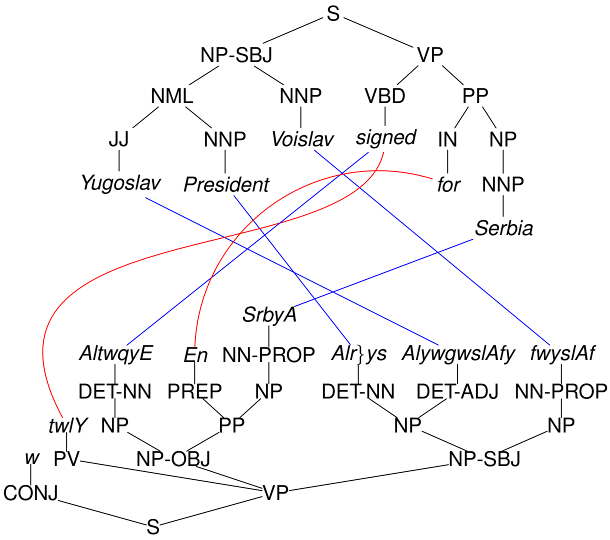

Syntax

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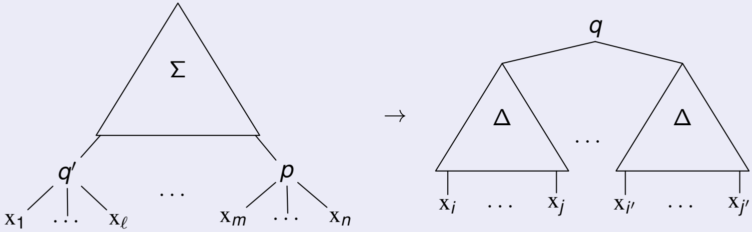
Extended multi bottom-up tree transducer (XMBOT) is $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, F, R)$ with finitely many rules



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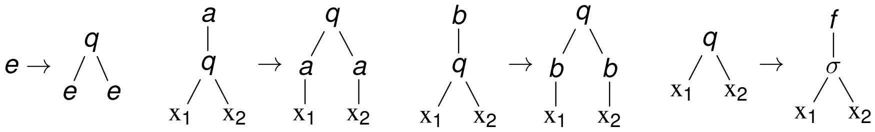

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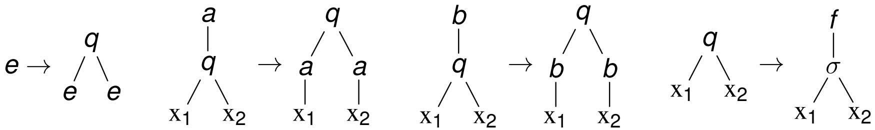

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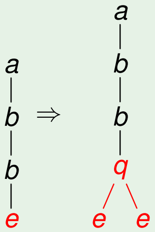

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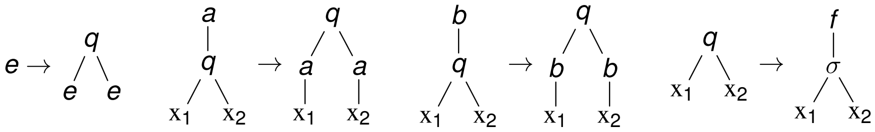

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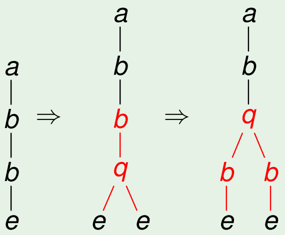

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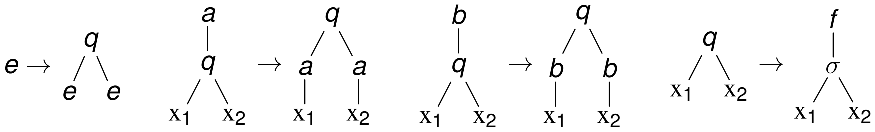

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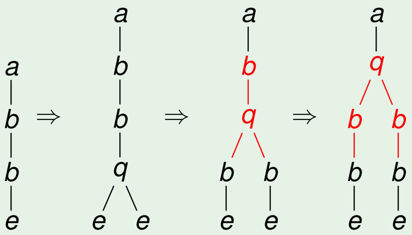

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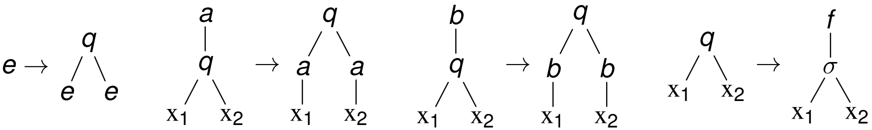

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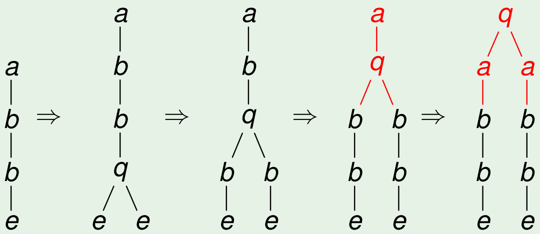

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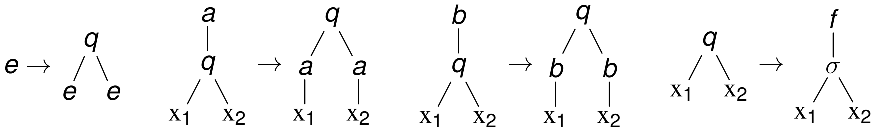

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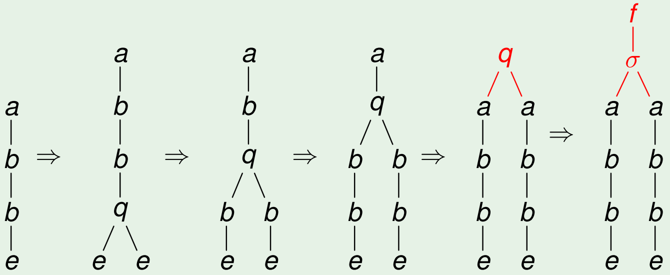

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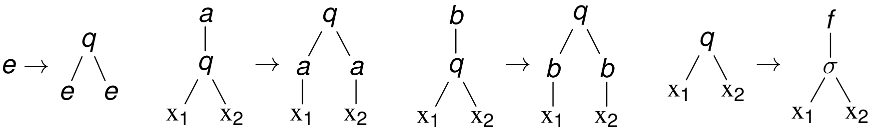

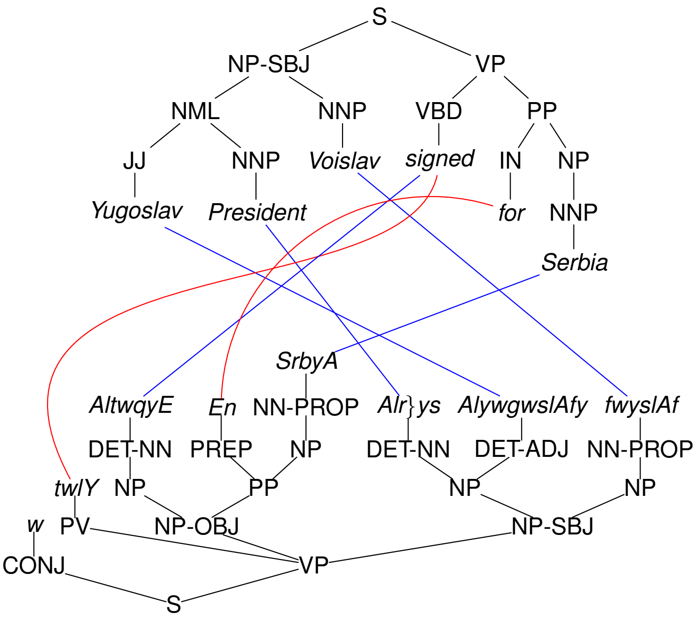
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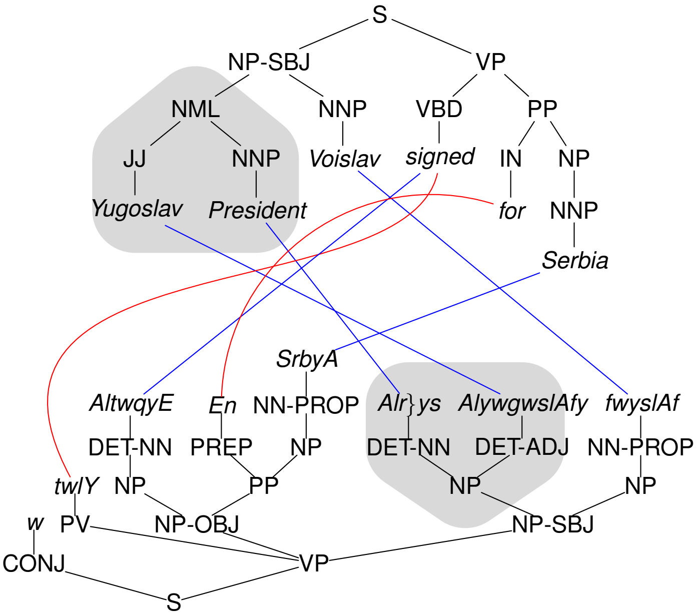
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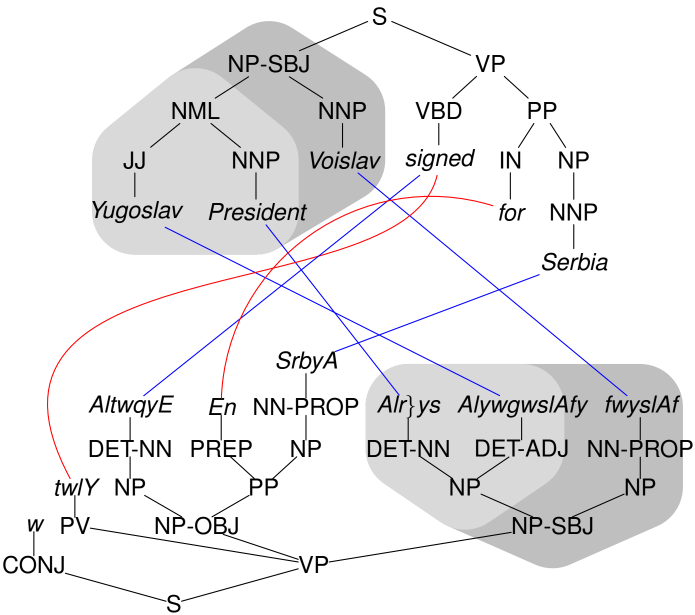
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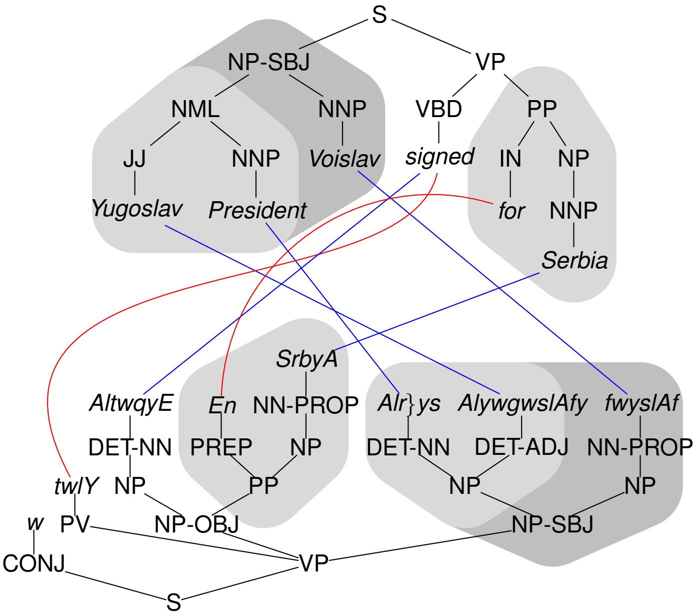
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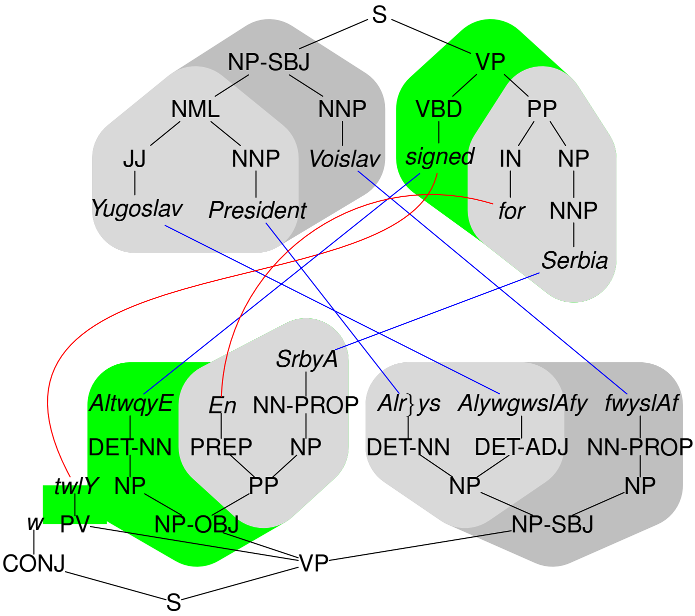
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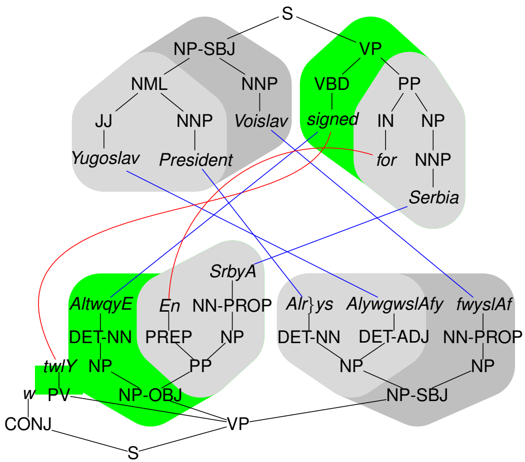

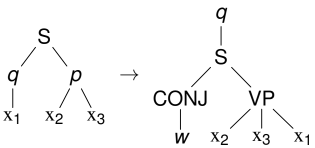

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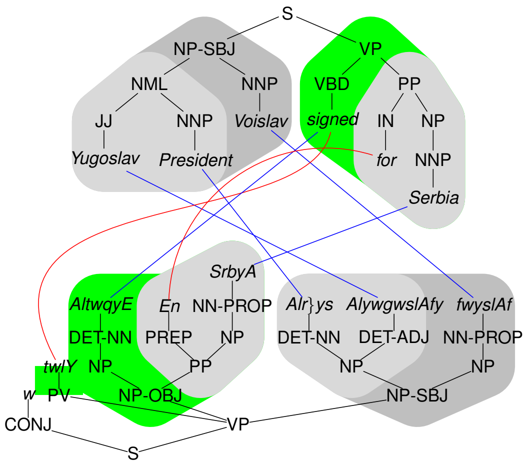

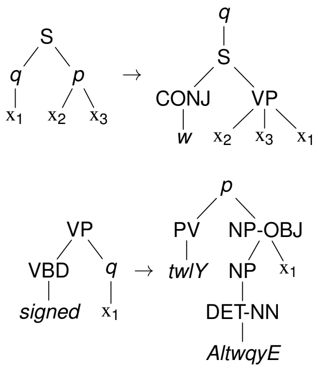

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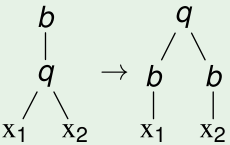

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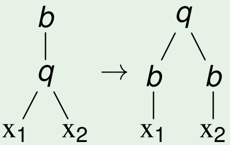

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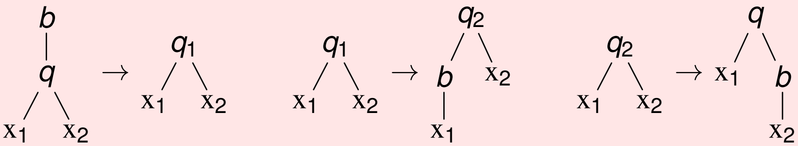

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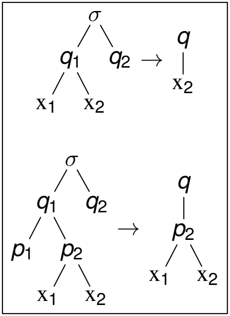

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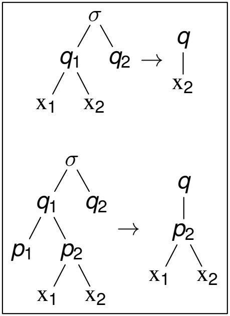

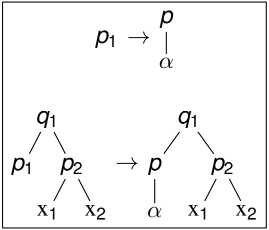

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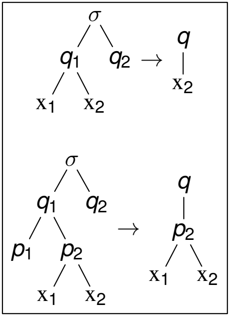

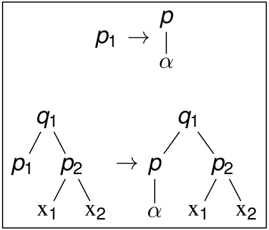

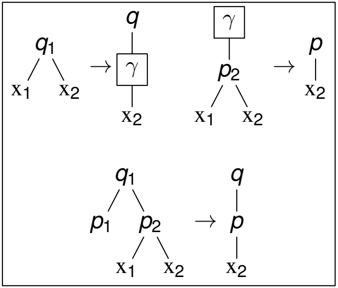

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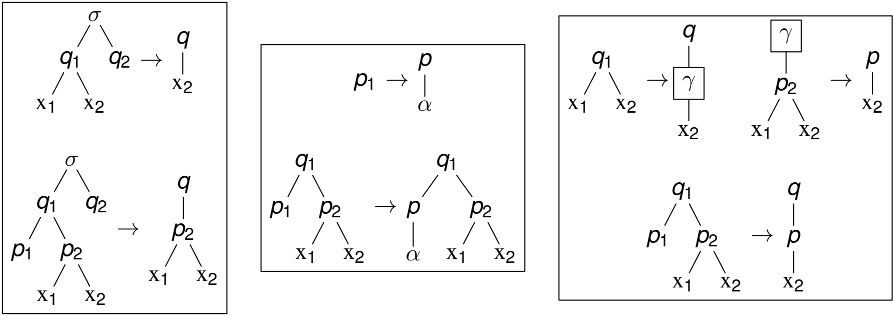

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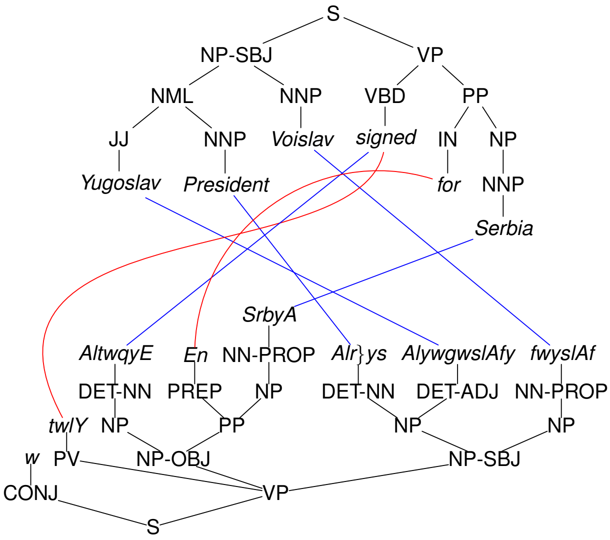

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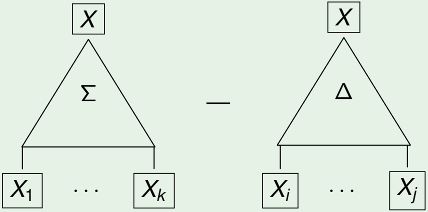

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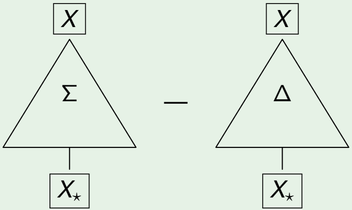

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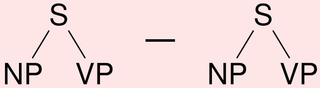

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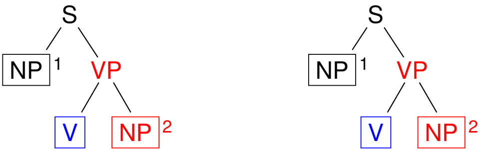

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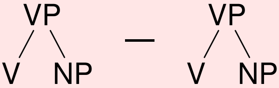

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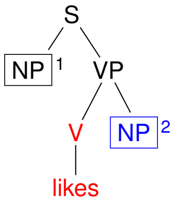

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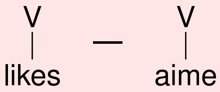

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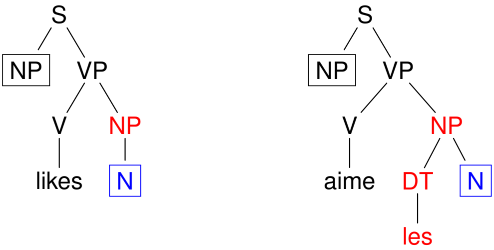

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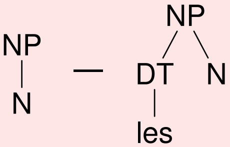

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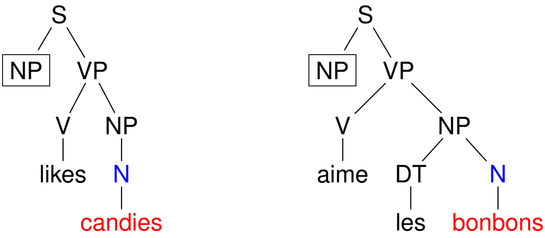

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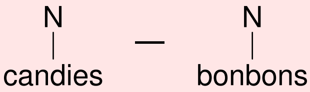

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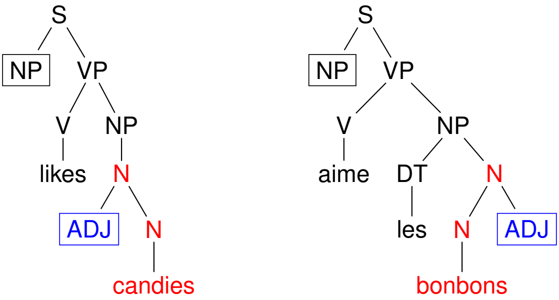

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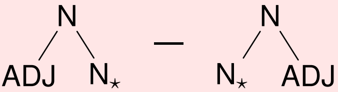

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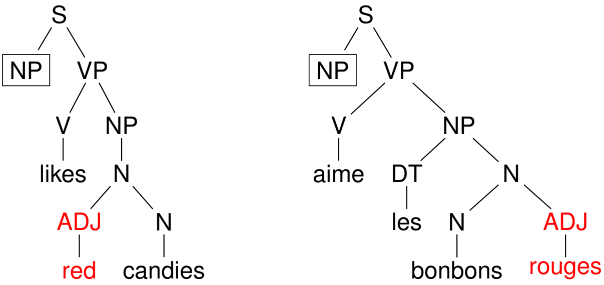

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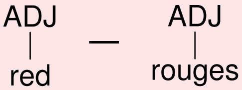

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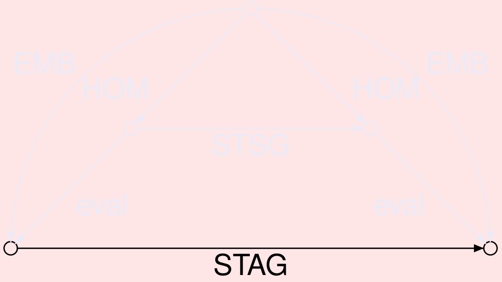

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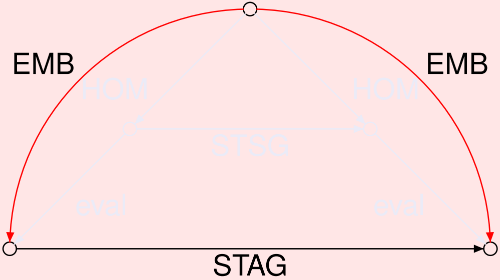

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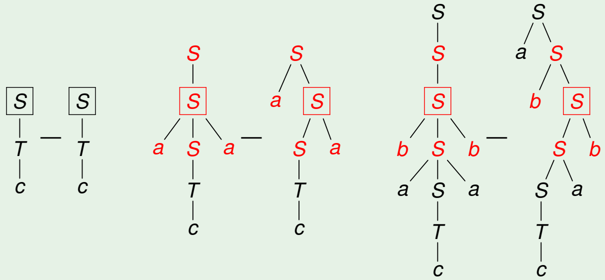

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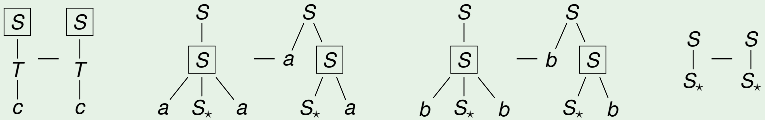

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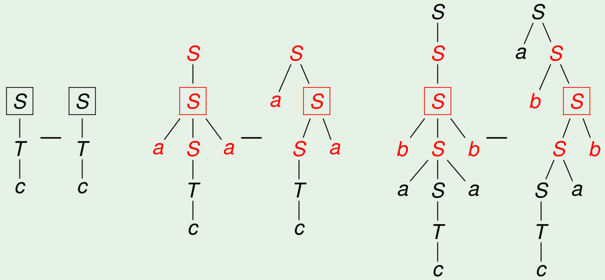

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