Introduction to Parsing

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What is parsing?

- *Parsing* is the task of analyzing a string of symbols to discover its (inherent) structure
- Typically, the structure (and the valid strings in the language) is defined by a *grammar*
- The output of a parser is a structured representation of the input string, often a tree
- *Recognition* is an intimately related task which determines whether a given string is in a language

Ingredients of a parser

(for natural language parsing)

- A formal grammar defining a language of interest
- An algorithm that (efficiently) verifies whether a given string is in the language (recognizer) and enumerates the grammar rules used for verification (parser)
- A system for ambiguity resolution (not in this course)

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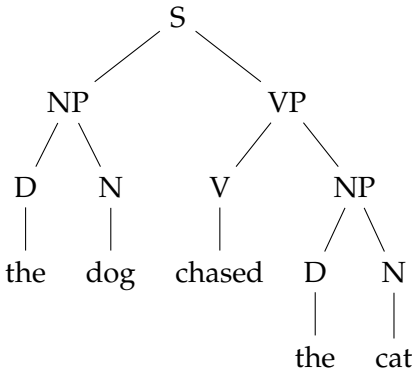

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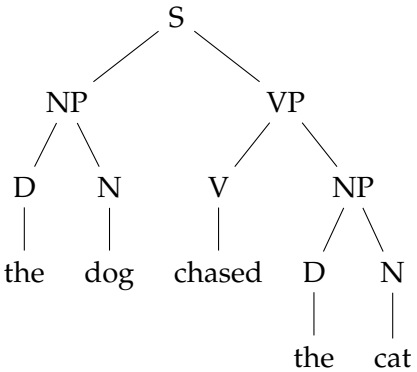

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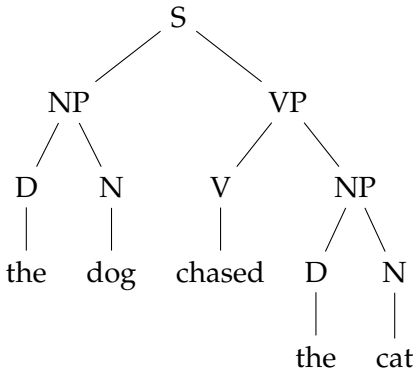
  - Grammar checking
  - Sentiment analysis
  - Information (e.g., relation) extraction
  - Argument mining
  - ...



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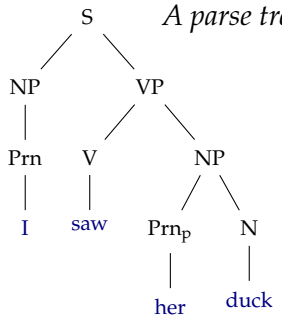

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I saw her duck	N	$\Rightarrow$	duck

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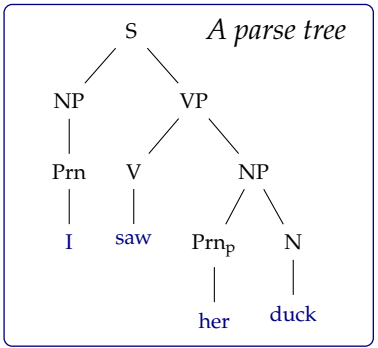

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Relation between different representations

- The parse tree and the bracket representation is equivalent
  - parse trees are easier to read by humans
  - brackets are easier for computers
  - brackets are the typical representation for treebanks
- A parse tree (or bracket representation) can be obtained with a different order of production rules

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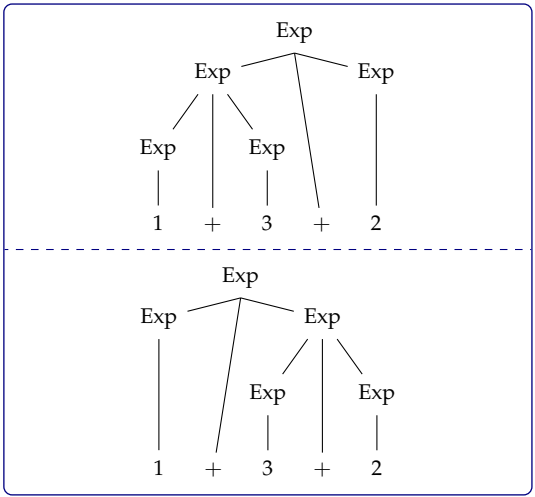

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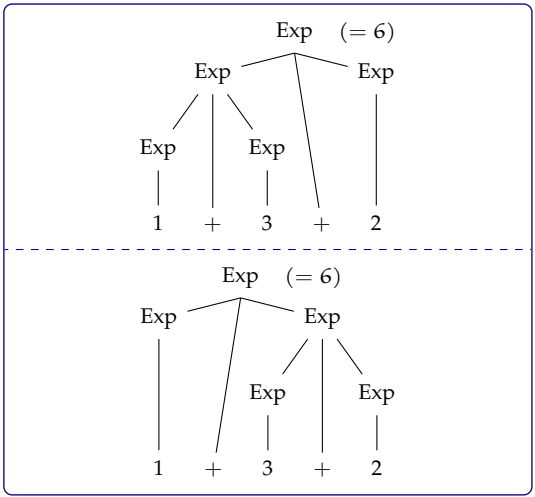

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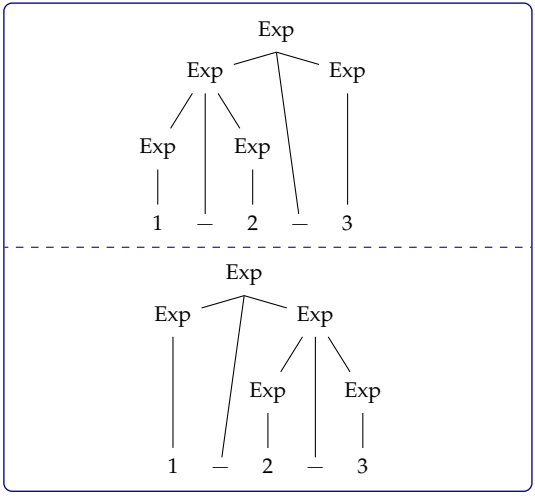

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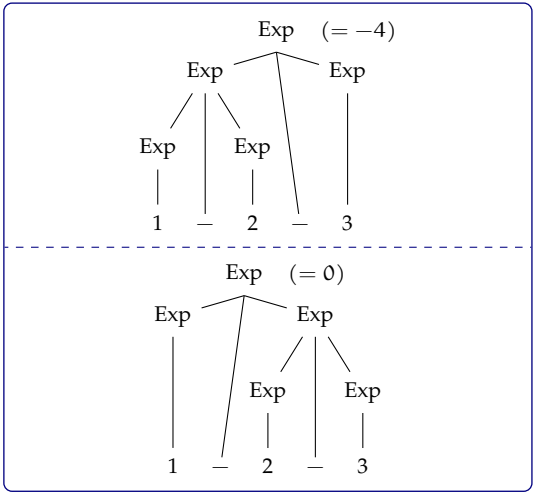
- If different structures yield different semantics, the ambiguity is *essential*



Ambiguity can be removed from a grammar

if the language is not ambiguous

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- The grammar above does not have the ambiguity of

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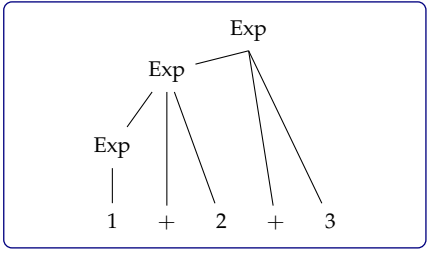
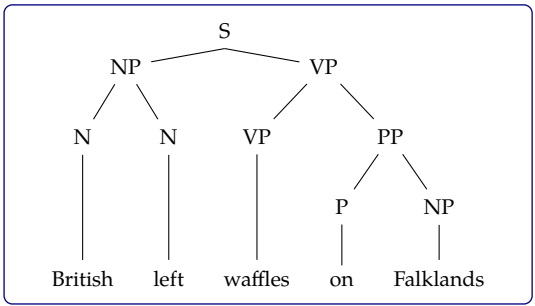
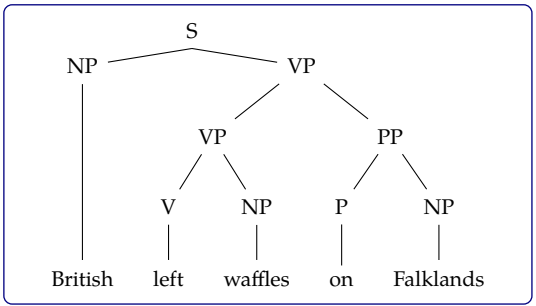
- Both grammars define the same language



Natural languages are ambiguous





- The grammars we define have to distinguish between two different structures
- We need methods for ranking analyses

Top-down parsing

general idea

- Start from S, find a sequence of derivations that yield the sentence
- This is simply the same as the generation procedure we discussed earlier
- Attempt to generate all strings from a grammar, but allow only the productions that 'produce' the input string

Top-down: demonstration

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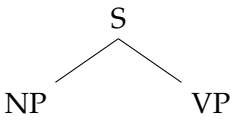

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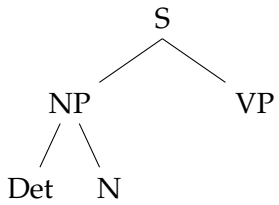

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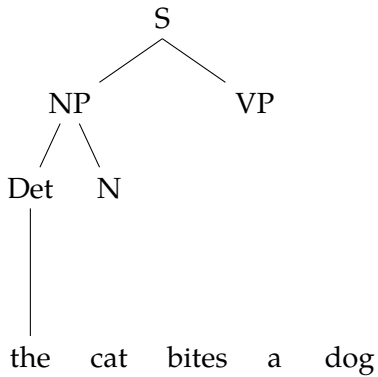

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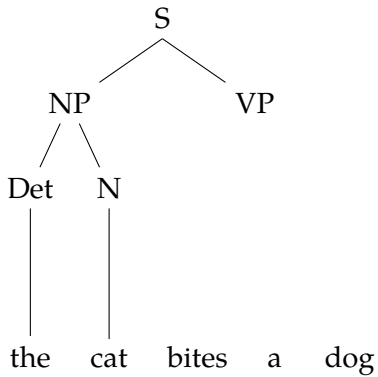

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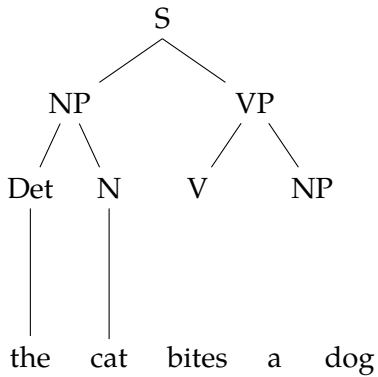

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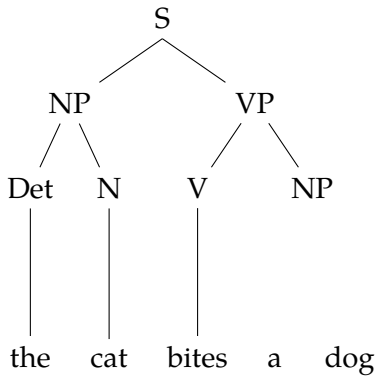

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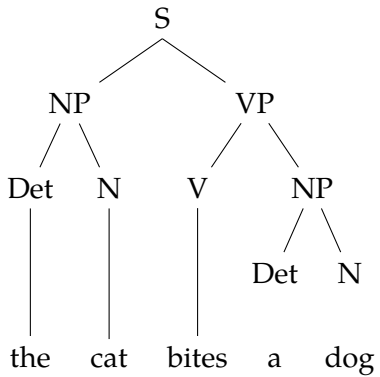

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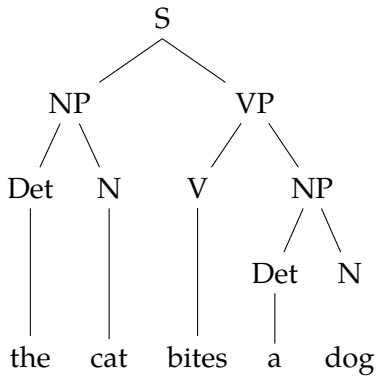

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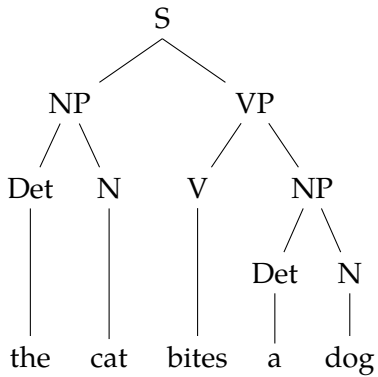

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From demonstration to parsing

- There may be multiple productions applicable
- We need an automatic mechanism to select the correct productions
- We have two actions:

  predict generate a hypothesis based on the grammar

  match when a terminal symbol is produced, check if it matches with the one in the expected position
  - if matched, continue
  - otherwise, backtrack
- if we eliminate all non terminals from the sentential form, and the complete input string is matched (produced), then parsing successful

Top-down parsing: another demonstration

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Note that the valid productions yield the parse tree.

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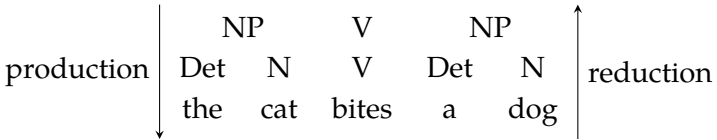
  some rules may cause infinite loops
- Notice that if we knew which terminals are possible as the initial part of a non-terminal symbol, we can eliminate the unsuccessful matches earlier

Bottom-up parsing

general idea

- Start from from the input symbols, and try to *reduce* the input to start symbol
- We need to match parts of the sentential form (starting from the input) to the RHS of the grammar rules
- While top-down process relies on *productions* the bottom-up process relies on *reductions*



Bottom-up: demonstration

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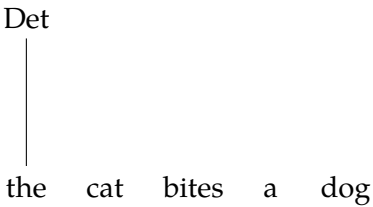

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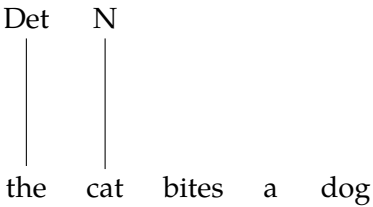

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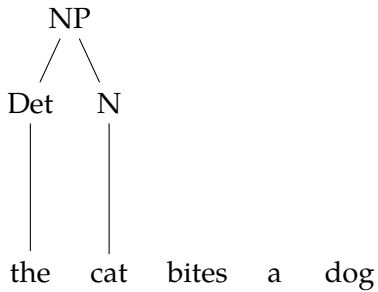

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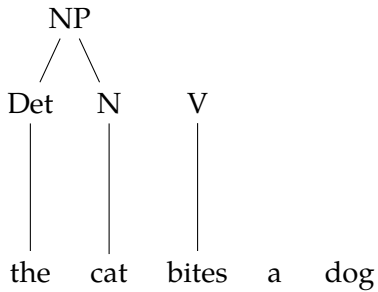

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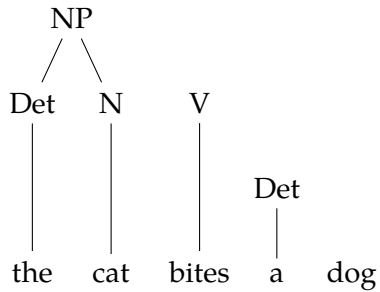

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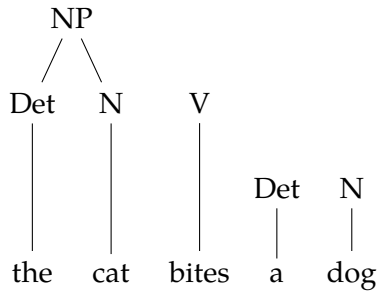

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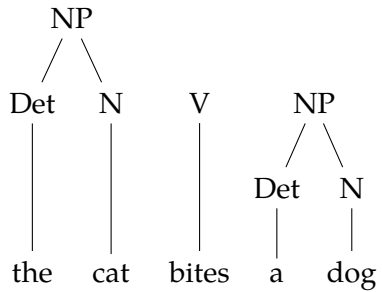

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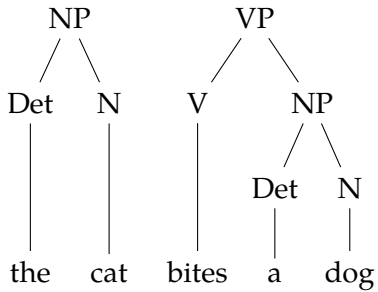

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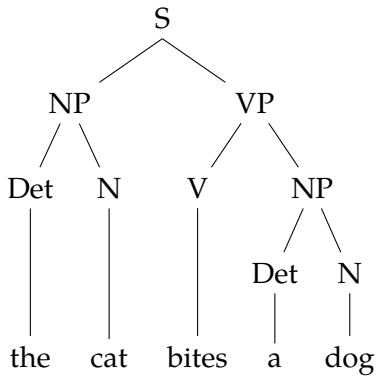

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A (first) introduction to shift-reduce parsing

- We keep two data structures:
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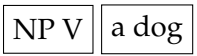
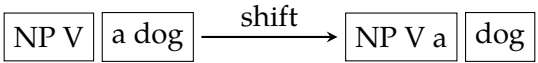
  - an input queue that contains only terminal symbols



- We use two operations:

  shift shifts a terminal to stack



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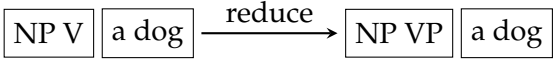

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