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Aims of the Course

- introduction to the basic ideas of Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar
- in particular nonlocal dependencies
- application to relative clauses
- discussion of free relative clauses
- on the way: motivation of the feature geometry that is used in current publications

enable you to read HPSG specific publications



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Why Formal?

Precisely constructed models for linguistic structure can play an important role, both negative and positive, in the process of discovery itself. By pushing a precise but inadequate formulation to an unacceptable conclusion, we can often expose the exact source of this inadequacy and, consequently, gain a deeper understanding of the linguistic data. More positively, a formalized theory may automatically provide solutions for many problems other than those for which it was explicitly designed. Obscure and intuition-bound notions can neither lead to absurd conclusions nor provide new and correct ones, and hence they fail to be useful in two important respects. I think that some of those linguists who have questioned the value of precise and technical development of linguistic theory have failed to recognize the productive potential in the method of rigorously stating a proposed theory and applying it strictly to linguistic material with no attempt to avoid unacceptable conclusions by ad hoc adjustments or loose formulation. (Chomsky, 1957, p. 5)

As is frequently pointed out but cannot be overemphasized, an important goal of formalization in linguistics is to enable subsequent researchers to see the defects of an analysis as clearly as its merits; only then can progress be made efficiently. (Dowty, 1979, p. 322)

- What does an analysis mean?
- What does it predict?
- Why are alternative analyses excluded?
- Only formal grammars can be used with computers.





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VP_1_sę	$g \rightarrow V_1_sg, NP$	$Pron_3_sg \rightarrow he$
VP_2_sę	$g \rightarrow V_2_sg, NP$	$Pron_3_sg \rightarrow \textit{him}$
VP_3_sę	$g \rightarrow V_3_sg, NP$	$Pron_3_sg \rightarrow her$
		$V_3_{sg} \rightarrow knows$

Problems with this Approach

- the number of non-terminal symbols explodes
- in rules like

 $VP_1_sg \rightarrow V_1_sg, \, NP$

 $VP_2_sg \rightarrow V_2_sg, NP$

 $VP_3_sg \rightarrow V_3_sg, NP$

what does NP stand for?

Instead we had to write NP_1_sg or NP_2_sg or ... in each rule

- \rightarrow explosion of the number of rules
- missing generalization
- Solution: Features

Person Number Agreement: Rules with Features

- (4) a. l/you/we/you/they sleep.
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- (5) I am / you are / he is / we/you/they are ...
- S \rightarrow NP(Per,Num), VP(Per,Num)
- $VP(Per,Num) \rightarrow V(Per,Num), NP(Per2,Num2)$
- $NP(Per,Num) \rightarrow Pron(Per,Num)$
- $\mathsf{Pron(3,sg)} \longrightarrow he$
- $V(3,sg) \qquad \rightarrow \textit{knows}$

things in the brackets written in capital letters are variables

the value of Per and Num in the rules does not matter

important: Per and Num of NP and VP are equal

Per2, Num2 do not matter since they do not appear anywhere else

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- structuring of information: Per and Num are grouped together and referred to with Arg:

S \rightarrow NP(Agr), VP(Agr)

 $VP(Agr) \longrightarrow V(Agr), NP(Agr2)$

 $\mathsf{NP}(\mathsf{Agr}) \longrightarrow \mathsf{Pron}(\mathsf{Agr})$

 $Pron(agr(3,sg)) \rightarrow he$

 $V(agr(3,sg)) \rightarrow knows$

- value of Agr is a complex structure that contains information about person and number
- important in HPSG: information is shared by mothers and daughters or between daughters in a rule

Heads

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main categories are:

category	projected features			
verb	part of speech, verb form (<i>fin</i> , bse,)			
noun	part of speech, case			
preposition	part of speech, form of the preposition			
adjective	part of speech			

Abstraction over Rules

 \overline{X} -Theory (Jackendoff, 1977):



X stands for an arbitrary category (the head), '*' for arbitrarily many repetitions

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Overall Approach

- Surface-Based
- Monostratal Theory
- Lexicalized (Head-Driven)
- Sign-Based (Saussure, 1915)
- Typed Feature Structures (Lexical Entries, Morphology, Phrases, Principles)
- Multiple Inheritance



Feature Structures

- feature structure
- attribute-value matrix
- feature matrix
- Shieber (1986), Pollard and Sag (1987), Johnson (1988), Carpenter (1992), King (1994)

Def. 1 (Feature Structure—Preliminary Version)

A feature structure is a set of pairs of the form [ATTRIBUTE value].

ATTRIBUTE is an element of the set of feature names ATTR.

The component value is

- atomic (a string)
- or again a feature structure.

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How do we represent the daughters									

or sons of a human being?

Types • feature structures are of a certain type • the type is written in *italics*: A1 *W1* type





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our agreement example

 $S \rightarrow NP(Agr), \, VP(Agr)$

rewritten with feature descriptions:

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[\mathsf{CAT}\ S] \to [\mathsf{CAT}\ \mathsf{NP}, \mathsf{AGR}\ \fbox{1}], [\mathsf{CAT}\ \mathsf{VP}, \mathsf{AGR}\ \fbox{1}]
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Valence and Grammar Rules: PSG

- huge amount of grammar rules:
 - $VP \ \rightarrow \ V \qquad sleep$
 - $VP \quad \rightarrow \quad V, NP \qquad \quad \text{love}$
 - $VP \quad \rightarrow \quad V, PP \qquad \quad talk \ about$
 - $VP \quad \rightarrow \quad V \text{, NP, NP} \quad \text{give X Y}$
 - $VP \quad \rightarrow \quad V \text{, NP, PP} \quad \text{give Y to X}$
- verbs have to be used with an appropriate rule
- subcategorization is encoded twice: in rules and in lexical entries
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- $\mathsf{P}[\mathsf{SUBCAT}\,\,\underline{1}] \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{P}[\mathsf{SUBCAT}\,\,\underline{1}\oplus<\underline{2}>]\,\,\underline{2}$
- generalized, abstract schema (H = head):

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Representation of Valence in Feature Descriptions • a lexical entry consists of: gibt ('gives' finite form): PHON $\langle gibt \rangle$ PART-OF-SPEECH verb - phonological information - information about part of speech





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Representation of Grammar Rules (I)

- same description inventory for
 - morphological schemata,
 - lexical entries, and
 - phrasal schemata

everything is modeled in feature structures

- distinction between immediate dominance and linear precedence
- dominance is encoded in the daughter features of a structure (heads, non-heads)
- precedence is contained implicitly in the PHON value of a sign





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- possible instantiation:
 - N[SUBCAT 1] \rightarrow Det N[SUBCAT 1 \oplus < Det >]
 - $V[SUBCAT] \longrightarrow V[SUBCAT] \oplus \langle NP[dat] \rangle NP[dat]$











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Different Heads Project Different Features

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- adjectives and nouns project case
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• better solution: different types of feature structures











Head Feature Principle (HFP)

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headed-structure \rightarrow
\left[ HEAD \square \\ HEAD-DTR | HEAD \square \\ \right]
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- encoding of principles in the type hierarchy: Krieger (1994) and Sag (1997)
- head-complement-structure inherits constraints of headed-structure



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- the upper part of a type hierarchy is relevant for all languages (Universal Grammar)
- more specific types may be specific for classes of languages or for one particular language






Head Complement Structure with Head Information Shared



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- semantic roles: Fillmore (1968, 1977), Kunze (1991)
 AGENT, PATIENT, EXPERIENCER, SOURCE, GOAL, THEME, LOCATION, TRANS-OBJ, INSTRUMENT, MEANS, and PROPOSITION
- roles are needed in order to capture generalizations: linking

Parameterized State of Affairs

- State of Affairs: state of affairs (soa)
- Verb: \ll beat, agent : X, patient : Y; 1 \gg
- Adjective: $\ll red, theme: X; 1 \gg$
- Noun: \ll man, instance : X; 1 \gg
- parameterized state of affairs (psoa)
- Verb
 - (7) The man beats the dog.

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- Adjective
 - (8) The girl is smart.

 \ll smart, theme : X; 1 \gg X | \ll girl, instance : X; 1 \gg

Circumstances and Feature Structure Representations



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- $\bullet \ \rightarrow$ sharing of syntactic information can be expressed easily
- example: symmetric coordination: the CAT values of conjuncts are identical
 - (9) a. the man and the woman
 - b. He knows and loves this record.
 - c. He is stupid and arrogant.









The Feature Structure Representation of Circumstances



Representation in Feature Descriptions and Linking

- linking between valence and semantic contribution
- type-based
- various valance/linking patterns









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- adjuncts can be iterated (11a), complements cannot (11b)
 - (11) a. a smart beautiful woman
 - b. * The man the man sleeps.







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- the adjunct must be saturated (SUBCAT $\langle\rangle)$:
 - (13) a. the sausage in the cupboard
 - b. * the sausage in

Why is MOD a Head Feature?

- like adjectives, prepositional phrases can modify
- adjuncts must be saturated in order to be able to modify
- the feature that selects the head to be modified has to be present at the maximal projection of the adjunct
- P + NP = PP PP modifies \overline{N}
- MOD has to be present in the lexicon (P) and at a phrasal level (PP) project it explicitly or put it in a place that is projected anyway

 → head feature






• semantic contribution of the phrase is projected from the modifier (1)

Entry of the Adjective with Semantic Contribution



- adjective selects noun to be modified via MOD →
 adjective can access CONT value of the noun (index and restrictions) →
 adjective may include restrictions (2) into its own semantic contribution
 identification of indices 1) ensures that adjective and noun refer to the same discourse referent
- semantic contribution of the complete structure is projected from the adjunct







The Semantics Principle

In headed structures which are not head adjunct structures, the semantic contribution of the mother is identical to the semantic contribution of the head daughter.

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Headed structures (*headed-structure*) are subtypes of either *head-non-adjunct-structure* or *head-adjunct-structure*.

Valence in Head Adjunct Structures

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Remark:

head-non-complement-structure and *head-complement-structure* have a complementary distribution in the type hierarchy.

I.e., all structures of type *headed-structure* that are not of type *head-complement-structure* are of type *head-non-complement-structure*.

Subcat Principle

In headed structures the subcat list of the mother is the subcat list of the head daughter minus the complements that were realized as complement daughters.







The Locality of Selection

- with the present feature geometry, a head can access phonological form and internal structure of complements
- head may say: I want something that has a daughter with a PHON value man
- this possability should be excluded \rightarrow modification in the feature geometry
- all features that can be selected are grouped together
- both syntactic and semantic information can be selected

The Locality of Selection: The Data Structure

• data structure of headed phrasal signs which we have now:

PHON	list of phonemes	
	HEAD head	
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 new data structure with syntactic and semantic information under SYNTAX-SEMATICS (SYNSEM):

PHON	list of phonemes
SYNTAX-SEMANTICS	CATHEADhead SUBCATCATSUBCATlist of synsem-objects catCONTcont synsem
HEAD-DTR	sign list of signs

- only marked area is selected \rightarrow no daughters or PHON
- elements in subcat-lists are synsem objects

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- SLASH: list of *local* objects (topicalization)
- The name SLASH is historical (GPSG).
- We will only consider SLASH and REL.



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Lexicon Underspecification

Bouma, Malouf and Sag (2001)

- two lists:
 - Argument Structure
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Outline

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Relative Clauses: Structure (I)

- Relative phrase followed by a finite clause with the verb in last postion from which the relative phrase is extracted
 - (23) a. der Mann, [der] Maria küßt the man who_{nom} Maria kisses
 'the man who is kissing Maria'
 - b. der Mann, [*den*] Maria küßt
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 - c. der Mann, [*dem*] Maria zuhöhrt the man who_{*dat*} Maria listens.to 'the man Maria is listening to'
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Relative Clauses: Structure (II)

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- two kinds of relative clauses
 - modify a noun (with antecedent)
 - (25) der Mann, der schläft the man who sleeps
 - appear as a direct argument or adjunct of a possibly non-verbal head (without antecedent = free relative clause)
 - (26) Wer schläft, sündigt nicht.who sleeps sins not'He who sleeps does not sin.'
- I will argue that free relative clauses have to be analyzed as 'relative clauses'. We will deal with relative clauses with antecedent first.

Extraction of the Relative Phrase

The relative phrase is extracted from a finite clause:

- (27) a. der Mann, [von dessen Schwester]_{*i*} Maria [ein Bild __*i*] gemalt hat, the man of whose sister Maria a picture drawn has 'the man a picture of whose sister Maria has drawn'
 - b. * der Mann, Maria ein Bild von dessen Schwester gemalt hat, the man Maria a picture of whose sister painted has
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- (28) das Thema, [über das]_{*i*} er Peter gebeten hat, [$_{VP}$ [einen Vortrag $_{-i}$] zu halten], the topic about which he Peter asked has a talk to give
- (29) Wollen wir mal da hingehen, wo_i Jochen gesagt hat, [daß es $_{-i}$ so gut schmeckt]? want we there towards.go where Jochen said has that it so good tastes

An analysis as linearization variant inside of a head domain is impossible.

Clearly a nonlocal dependency.

It is the same kind of phenomenon as topicalization in English and fronting in German.

Percolation of the Index Information

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Properties of Relative Clauses

- They are modifiers and behave like adjectives or PPs.
 - (31) a. die Frau, die schläft
 - b. die schöne Frau
 - c. die Frau im Cafe
- select \overline{N} via MOD feature
- integrate semantic contribution of the noun
- \rightarrow behave differnt from normal finite clauses
- two possibilities
 - phonologically empty head that takes the relative phrase and the finite clause as complements and acts as modifier
 - rule that combines relative phrase and finite clause and yields the modifier







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But: coordination of NPs may also be singular

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 - b. Bei mir geht prinzipiell jeder Montag und jeder Donnerstag. (Verb*mobil*) at me goes_{sg} in principal every Monday and every Thursday 'In principal every Monday and every Thursday is okay for me.'
- (47) Wer erster wird und wer den letzten Platz belegt müssen sich umarmen. (Alexander Grosu, p.c. 2002)

Coordination with NPs

- no fully worked out theory of coordination
- symmetrical coordination is unproblematic
- coordination data can be taken into account as weak evidence
- (48) is unproblematic if FRC correspond to phrases with properties of their relative phrase:
 - (48) Das Motiv ist klar: Haß auf den technischen Fortschritt und seine Repräsentanten, auf [$_{NP}$ [$_{NP}$ Naturwissenschaftler],
 - [NP Computerexperten],
 - [NP Vertreter der Holzindustrie] oder
 - [NP [RS wen immer er für die Zerstörung der Natur verantwortlich machte]]]. (taz, 08.11.97)
- Jackendoff's approach and the approach with empty head or unary projection is compatible with the data
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Linearisation Properties: Ordering in the Mittelfeld

- FR behave like their relative phrase complement FRs can be serialized in the Mittelfeld
 - (49) a. Sie hat, was sie geschenkt bekommen hat, sofort in den Schrank she has what she given got has instantly in the cupboard gestellt. (Bausewein, 1990) put

'She put what she was given into the cupboard instantly.'

- b. Schon heute muß, wer harte Informationen oder lockere Unterhaltung haben will, blechen, portionenweise, (c't, 10/96)
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- cannot be explained with Jackendoffs analysis (NP → NP S/NP): was er gestohlen hat is NP,
 - (52) Der Hans hat zurückgegeben, $[_{NP} [_{NP} was] [_{S/NP} er gestohlen hat]].$

NP extraposition: (52b) should be as grammatical as (52c)

Conclusion of the Data Section

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inearisation in the Mittelfeld	yes	no	yes
inearisation in the Nachfeld	no	yes	yes

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• the only option is the unary projection

The Analysis in HPSG

 (56) [_{NP} [_{RC} Wer schläft]], sündigt nicht. who sleeps sins not
 'He who sleeps does not sin.'

semantic contribution of the FRC:







- The semantic contribution of the modified noun (2) is instantiated as {}.
- We get the contribution that we want for the FRC.

Projection of the Properties of the Relative Phrase

- information about the relative phrase must be accessible in the description of a relative clause
- three options
 - information in the daughters of the relative clause
 - the information could be projected by a nonlocal dependency
 - special feature for relative clauses
 (value identical to the head value of the relative phrase)

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- This is not just a design issue:
 - (57) [[Wer erster wird] und [wer letzter wird]] müssen sich umarmen. who first becomes and who last becomes must self embrace
 Two relative clauses are coordinated, i.e., we cannot say something like: Look at the first daughter.
- In order to find the relative phrases in (57) we had to dig around in structures.

Projecting the Nonlocal-Information about the Relative Phrase

- Relative Clauses are finite clauses with one element extracted.
- The relative phrase binds off a gap in a finite clause.
- We could decide to not bind the gap off.
- not compatible with the treatment of extraposition as a nonlocal dependency, as was suggested by Keller (1995) and Bouma (1996):



ALternative: Explicit Projection

- explicit projection of the properties of the relative phrase
- only head features have to be projected since FRC stand for maximal NPs, PPs or whatever
- feature RP-HEAD for all relative clauses that contains the head features of the relative phrase
- special rule that accesses this feature and projects the appropriate phrase





- The properties of the relative phrase (1) get projected.
- The resulting projection is maximal (SUBCAT $\langle \rangle$).
- The RESTR set in the MOD value of the relative clause is instantiated as {}. This corresponds to the intuition that an empty element is modified.
- The semantic contribution of the relative clause is taken over.



Demo

- (58) a. Wer schläft, sündigt nicht.
 - b. Wen er liebt, lädt er ein.
 - c. Wem er vertraut, hilft er auch. (Engel, 1977)
- (59) a. Wem der Termin paßt, kann kommen.

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