

Dependency Grammar - Exercises (05.11.2010)
Due on Thursday 11.11.2010, 14:00

November 5, 2010

1. (13 points). Using Hudson's definition of adjacency principle, provide dependency trees for each of the following sentences:

- (1) What did Peter say?
- (2) What does Mary think Peter said?

Label each relation. For (1), provide the structure sharing rule which permits this sentence to happen.

2. (13 points). For the following sentences:

- (3) He kept talking.
- (4) Peter and Mary bought a car.

- (a) Provide the DG analyses.
 - (b) Provide an algorithm to convert the DG tree relations to phrase structure rules.
 - (c) Draw the phrase structure trees.
3. (34 points) Read the following paper: Michael Collins *A New Statistical Parser Based on Bigram Lexical Dependencies* (<http://acl.ldc.upenn.edu/P/P96/P96-1025.pdf>).
 - (a) Describe the dependency model presented in the paper and compare it to the models we have seen so far. Elaborate on your views.
 - (b) Is the mapping from PS trees to dependencies problematic or not? Explain your answer.

Total points: 60. Pass: 30 points.