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Sign-Based Construction Grammar

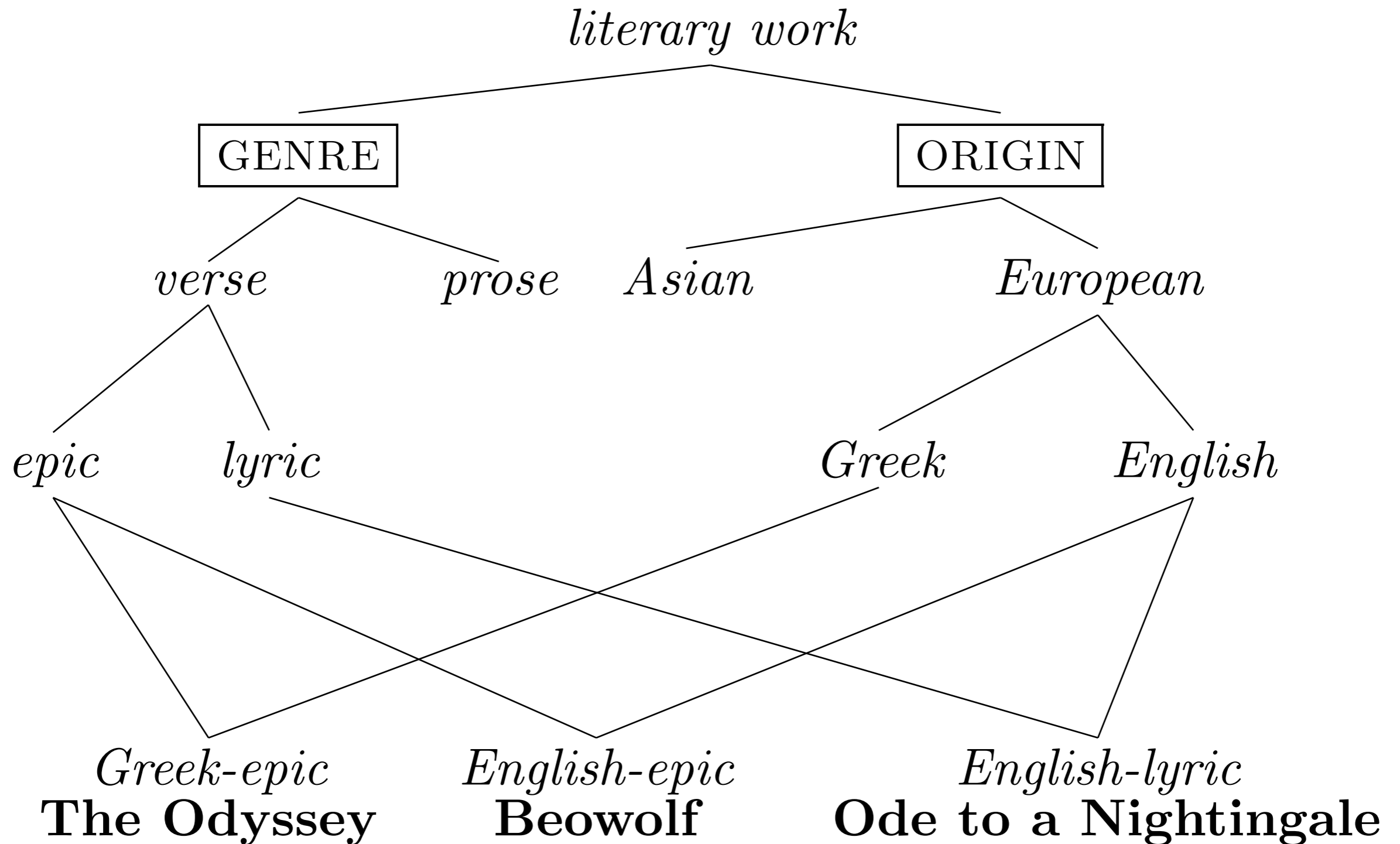
# Overview

- Final exam posted
- Chapter 16 framework (same analyses, different underlying system)
- General wrap up

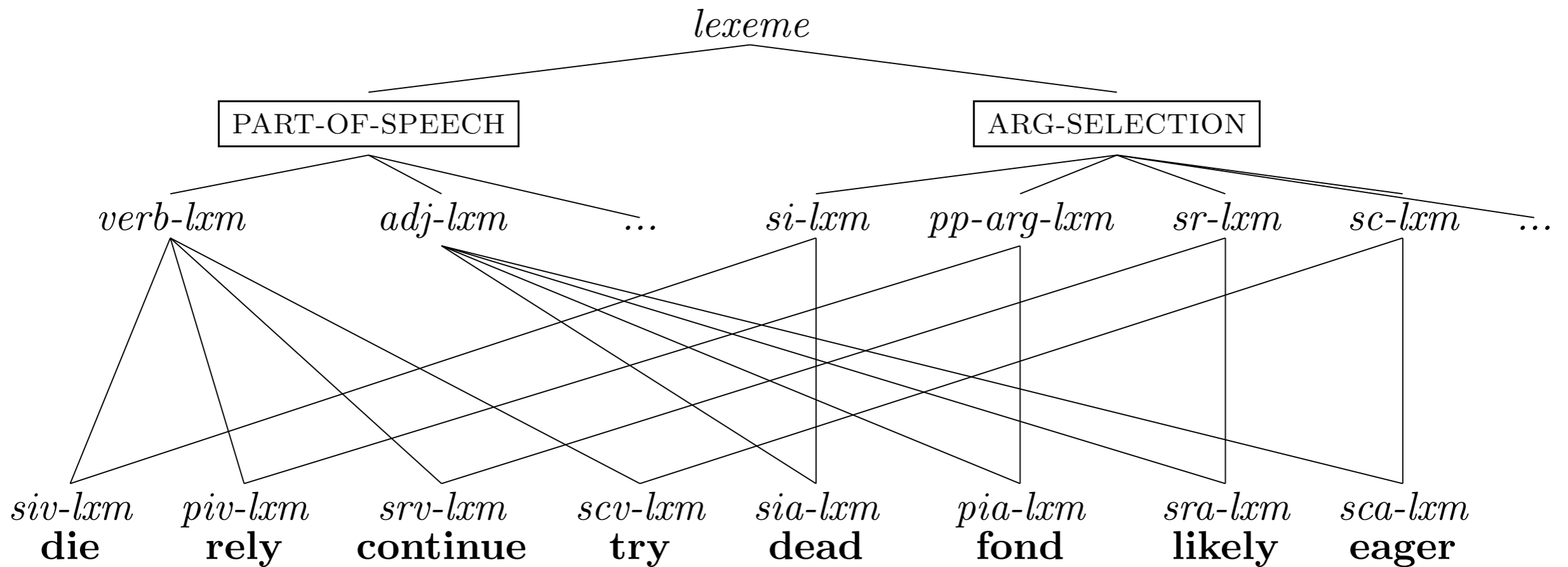
# Overview of Differences

- Multiple Inheritance
- Signs
- Grammar rules form a hierarchy
- Every tree node has its own phonology
- Many principles become constraints on grammar rules
- The definition of well-formedness is simplified

# Multiple Inheritance Hierarchies



# Lexeme Hierarchy



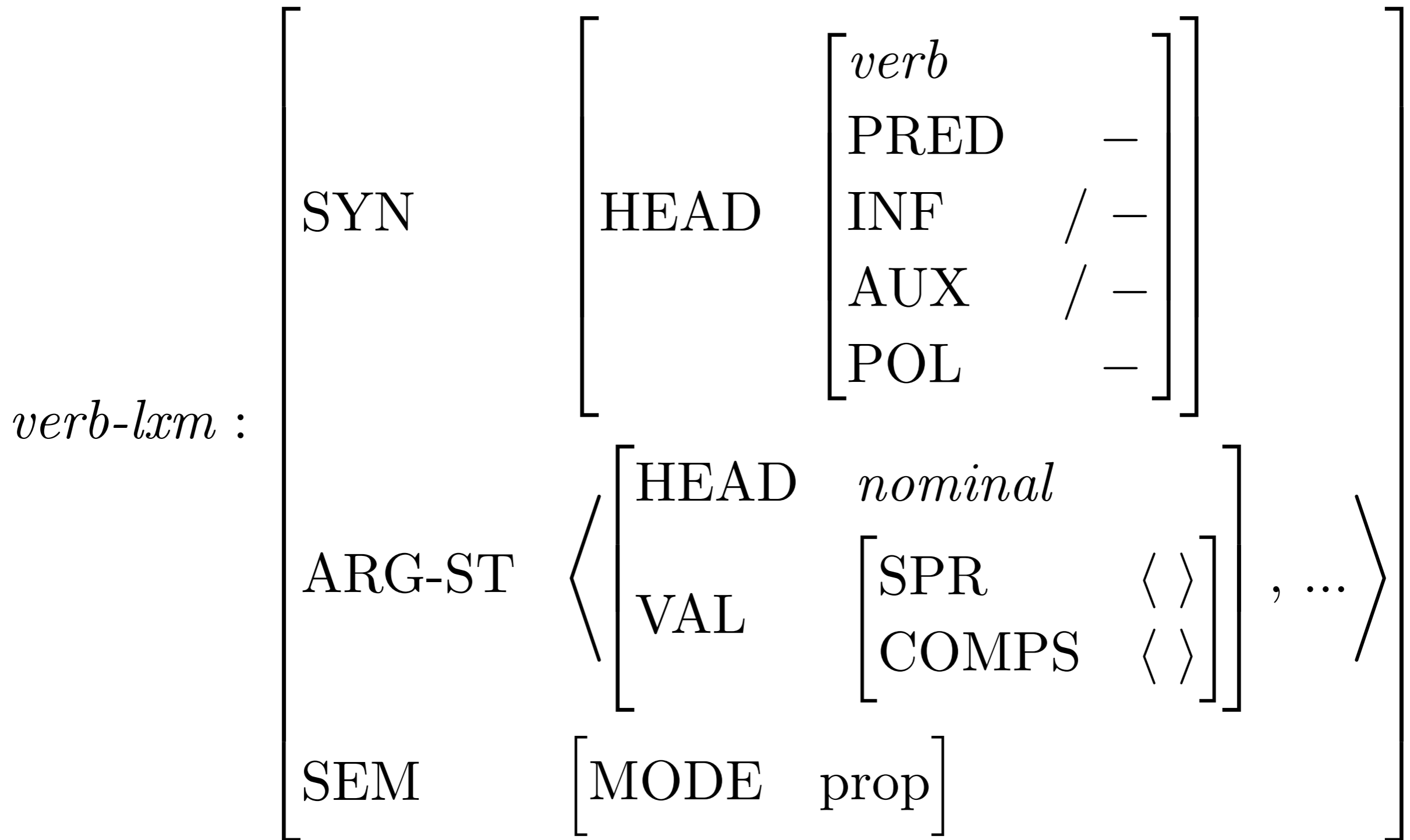
# Lexeme Abbreviations

- *si-lxm* : *strict-intransitive-lexeme*
- *pp-arg-lxm* : *PP-argument-lexeme*
- *sr-lxm* : *subject-raising-lexeme*
- *sc-lxm* : *subject-control-lexeme*
- *siv-lxm* : *strict-intransitive-verb-lexeme*
- *piv-lxm* : *PP-intransitive-verb-lexeme*
- *srv-lxm* : *subject-raising-verb-lexeme*
- *scv-lxm* : *subject-control-verb-lexeme*
- *sia-lxm* : *strict-intransitive-adjective-lexeme*
- *pia-lxm* : *PP-intransitive-adjective-lexeme*
- *sra-lxm* : *subject-raising-adjective-lexeme*
- *sca-lxm* : *subject-control-adjective-lexeme*

# Lexeme Constraints

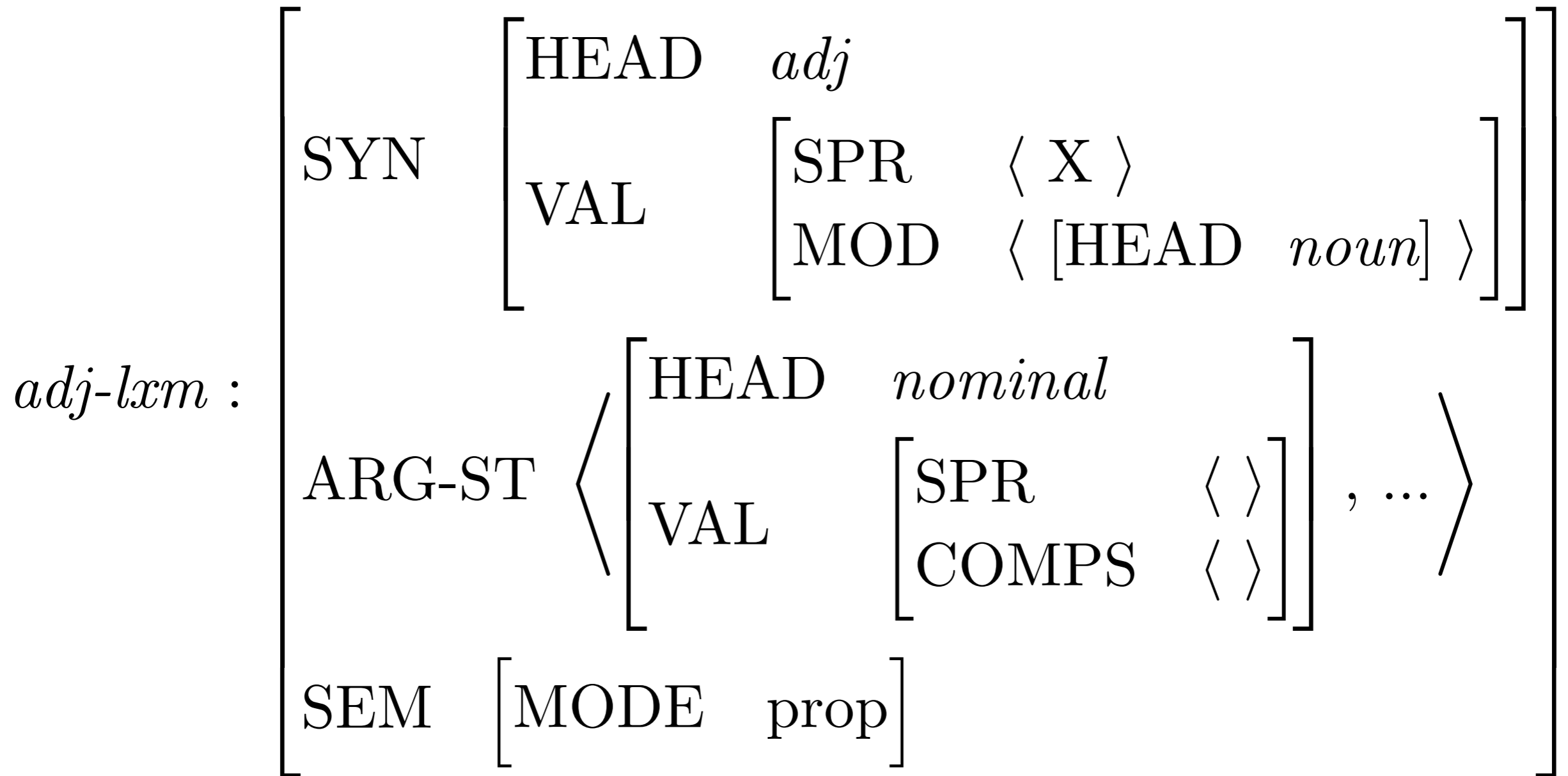
- $si-lxm : \left[ \text{ARG-ST} \langle X \rangle \right]$
- $pp-arg-lxm : \left[ \text{ARG-ST} \langle X, PP \rangle \right]$
- $sr-lxm : \left[ \text{ARG-ST} \left\langle \boxed{1}, \left[ \text{SPR} \langle \boxed{1} \rangle \right] \right\rangle \right]$
- $sc-lxm : \left[ \text{ARG-ST} \left\langle \text{NP}_i, \left[ \text{SPR} \langle \text{NP}_i \rangle \right] \right\rangle \right]$

# Another Lexeme Constraint

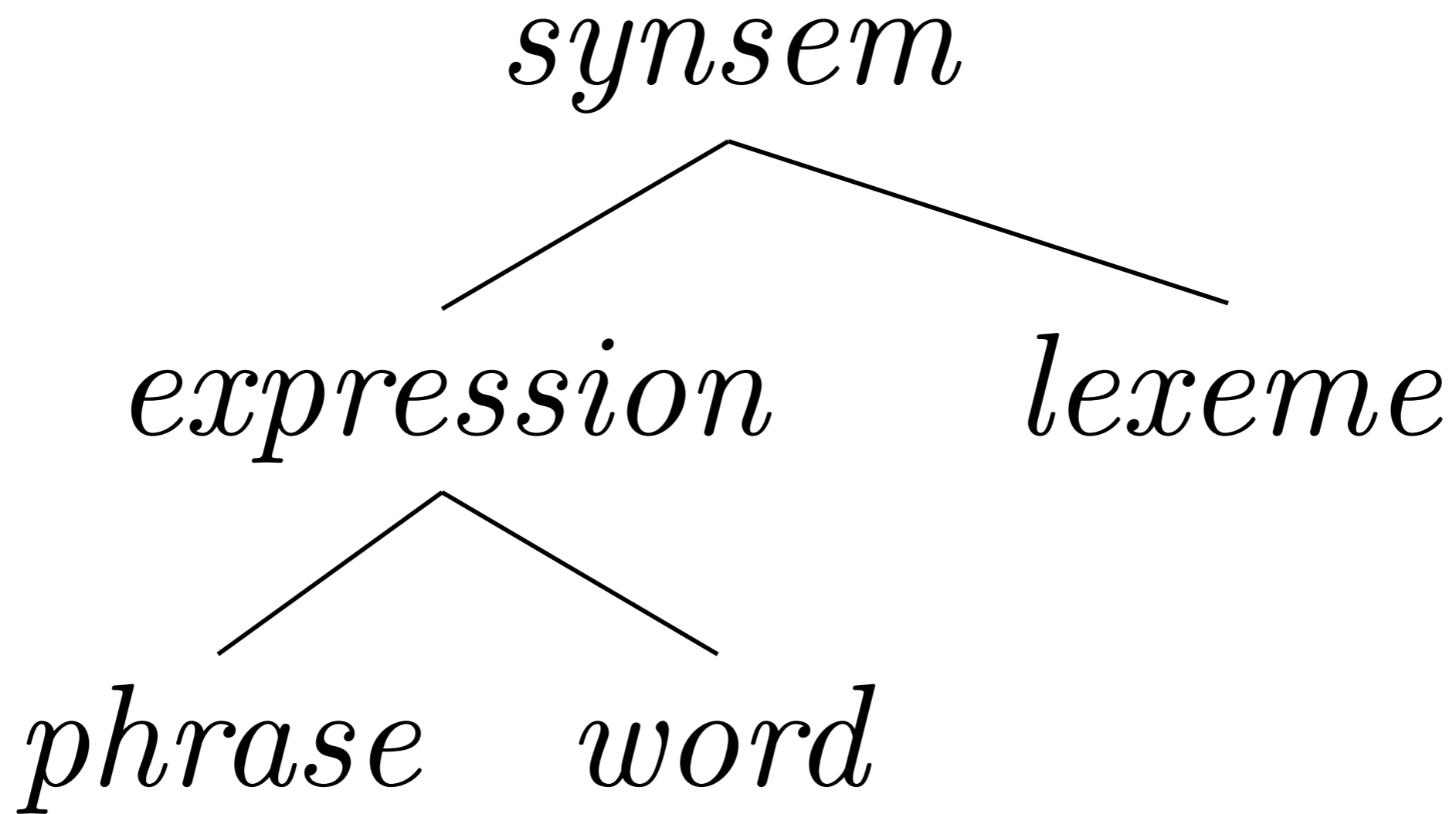




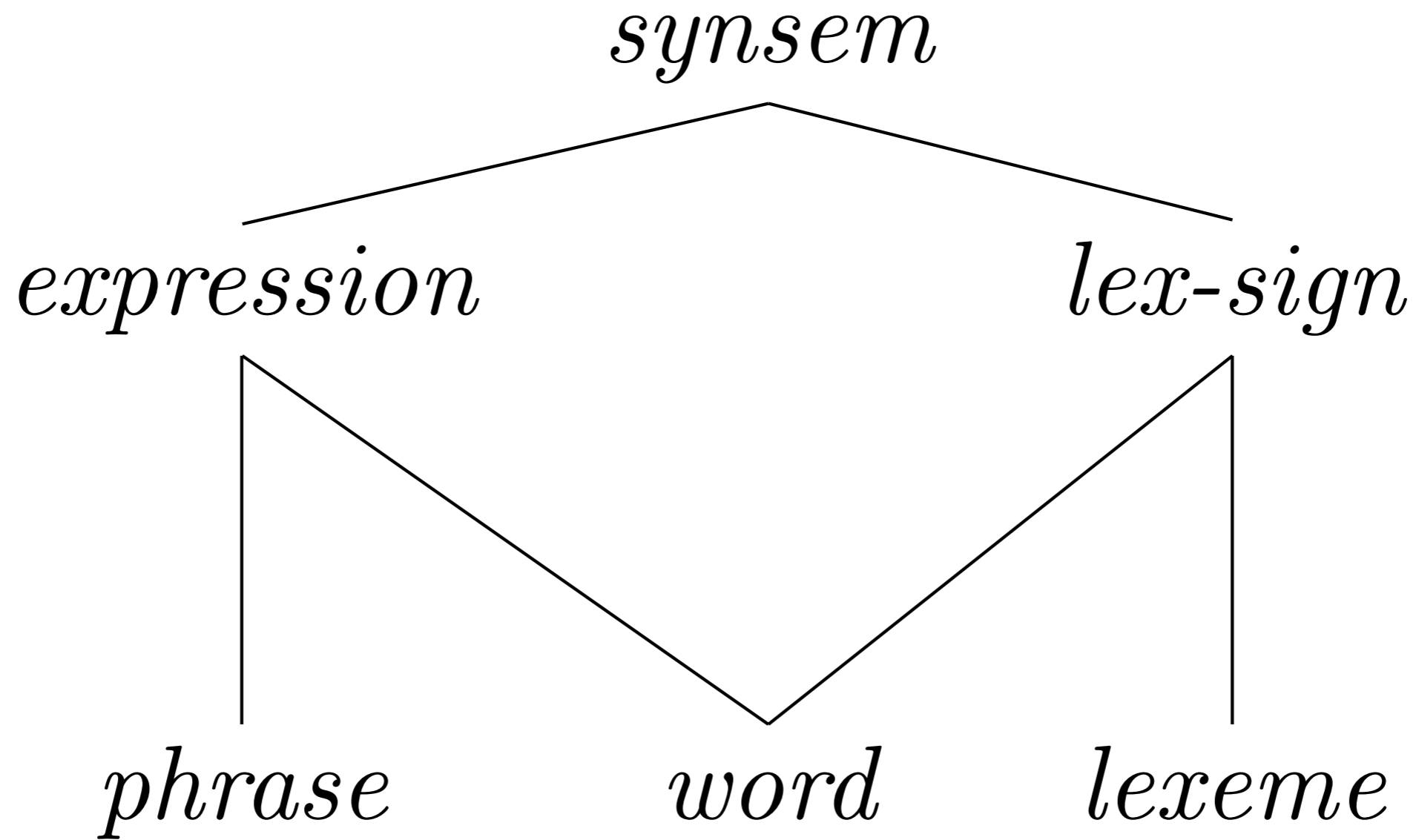
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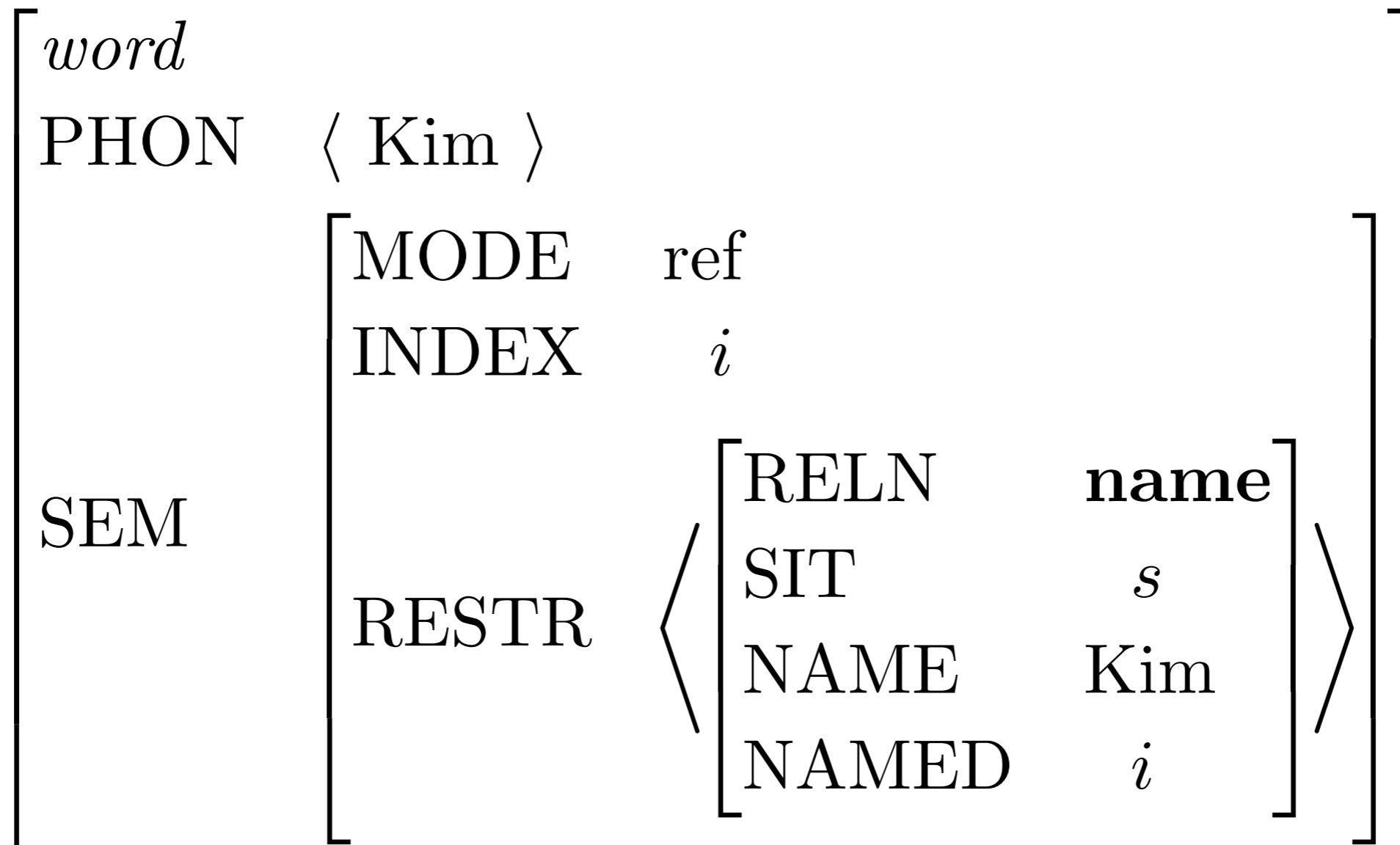
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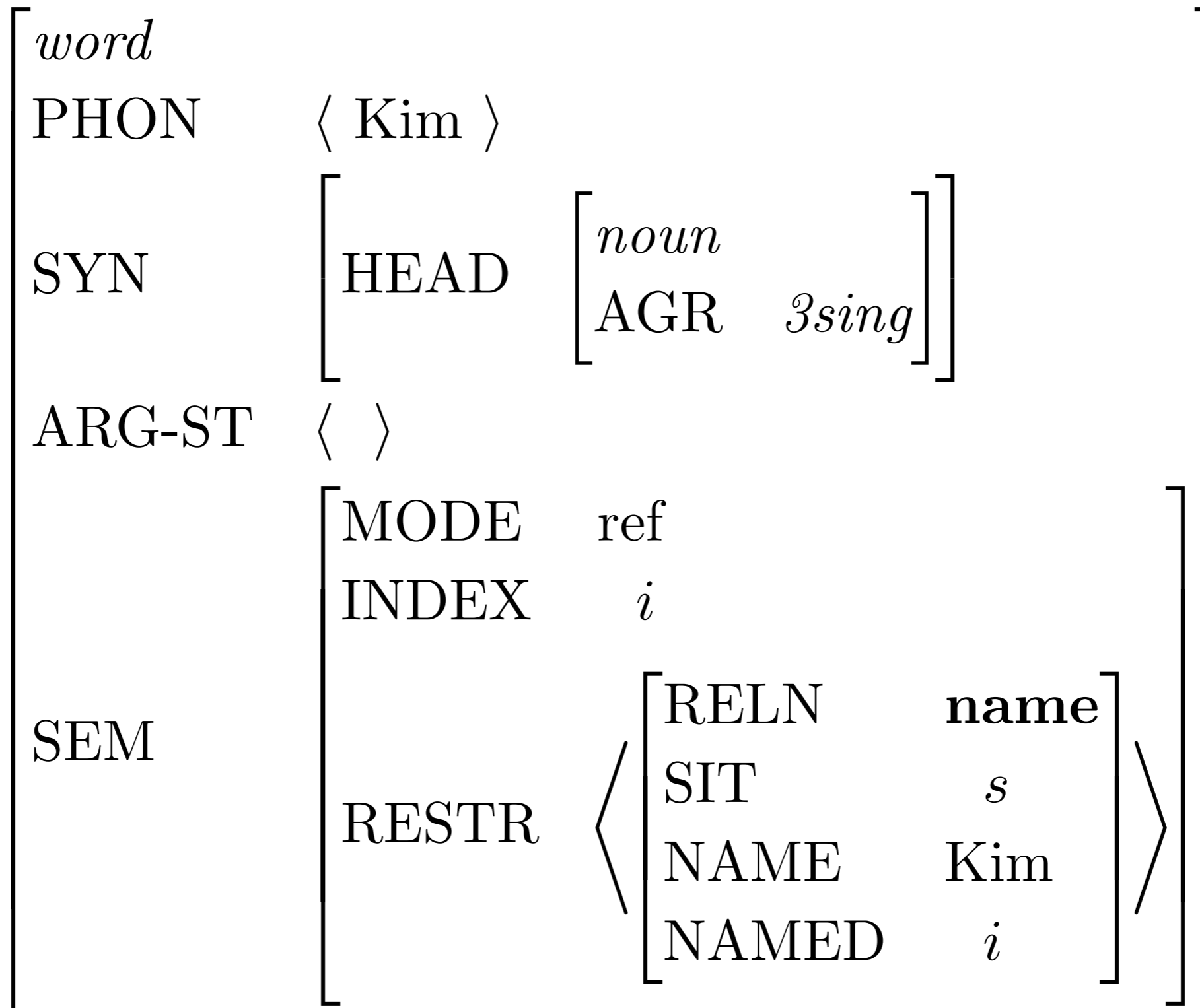
# Give ARG-ST a Unique Home



# Words and Phrases as Saussurean Signs



# Augmented Signs



# Phrases as Signs

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# Types and Constraints

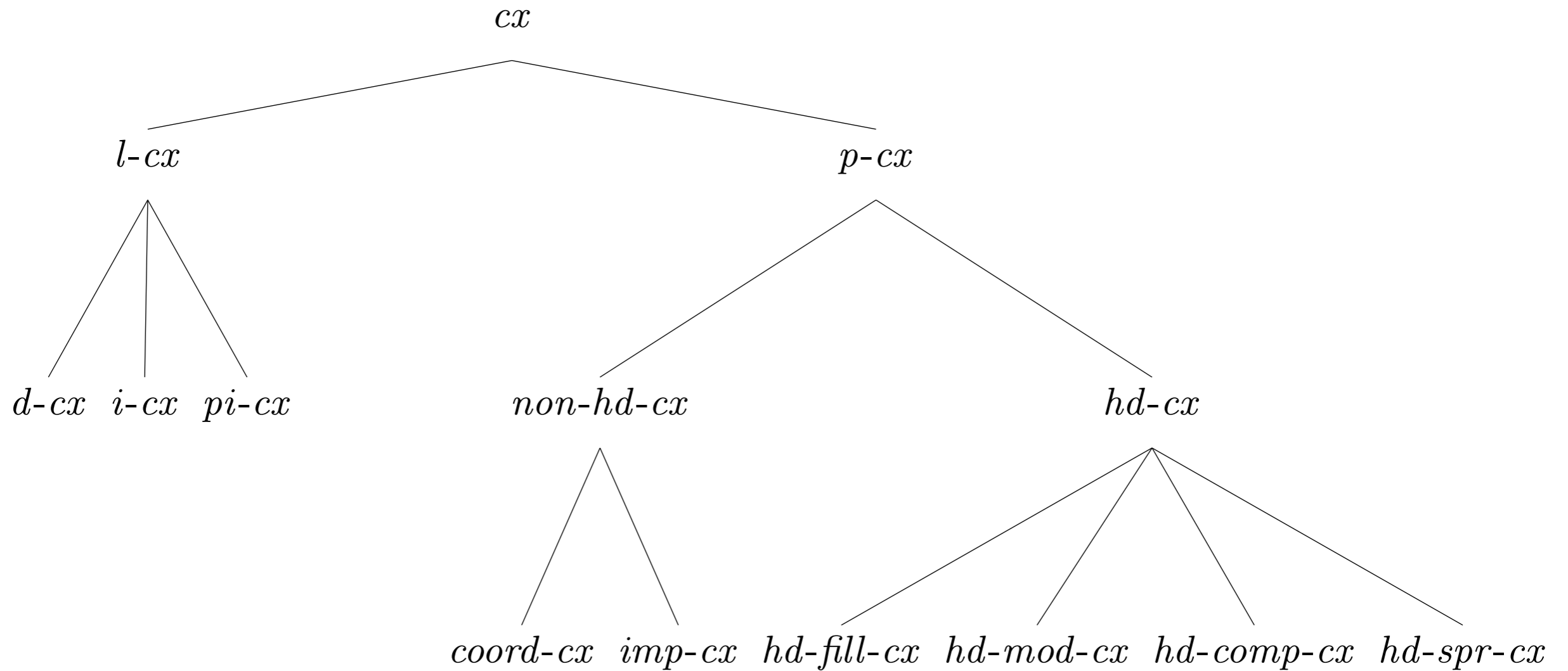
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<i>sign</i>	$\left[ \begin{array}{ll} \text{PHON} & \textit{list(form)} \\ \text{SYN} & \textit{syn-cat} \\ \text{SEM} & \textit{sem-cat} \end{array} \right]$	<i>feat-struct</i>
<i>expression</i>		<i>sign</i>
<i>lex-sign</i>	$\left[ \text{ARG-ST} \quad \textit{list(expression)} \right]$	<i>sign</i>
<i>phrase</i>		<i>expression</i>
<i>word</i>		<i>expression &amp; lex-sign</i>
<i>lexeme</i>		<i>lex-sign</i>

# Constructions: Some Abbreviations

<i>cx</i>	<i>construction</i>
<i>l-cx</i>	<i>lexical-construction</i>
<i>d-cx</i>	<i>derivational-construction</i>
<i>i-cx</i>	<i>inflectional-construction</i>
<i>pi-cx</i>	<i>postinflectional-construction</i>
<i>p-cx</i>	<i>phrasal-construction</i>
<i>non-hd-cx</i>	<i>non-headed-construction</i>
<i>hd-cx</i>	<i>headed-construction</i>
<i>coord-cx</i>	<i>coordinate-construction</i>
<i>imp-cx</i>	<i>imperative-construction</i>
<i>hd-fill-cx</i>	<i>head-filler-construction</i>
<i>hd-comp-cx</i>	<i>head-complement-construction</i>
<i>hd-spr-cx</i>	<i>head-specifier-construction</i>
<i>hd-mod-cx</i>	<i>head-modifier-construction</i>



# The World of Constructions



# Properties of Constructions

TYPE	FEATURES/VALUE TYPES	IST
<i>cx</i>	$\left[ \begin{array}{ll} \text{MOTHER} & \textit{sign} \\ \text{DTRS} & \textit{list(sign)} \end{array} \right]$	<i>feat-struct</i>
<i>l-cx</i>	$\left[ \begin{array}{ll} \text{MOTHER} & \textit{lex-sign} \\ \text{DTRS} & \langle \textit{lex-sign} \rangle \end{array} \right]$	<i>cx</i>
<i>p-cx</i>	$\left[ \begin{array}{ll} \text{MOTHER} & \textit{phrase} \\ \text{DTRS} & \textit{list(expression)} \end{array} \right]$	<i>cx</i>

# Well-Formed Tree Structure

$\Phi$  is a Well-Formed Structure according to a grammar  $G$  if and only if

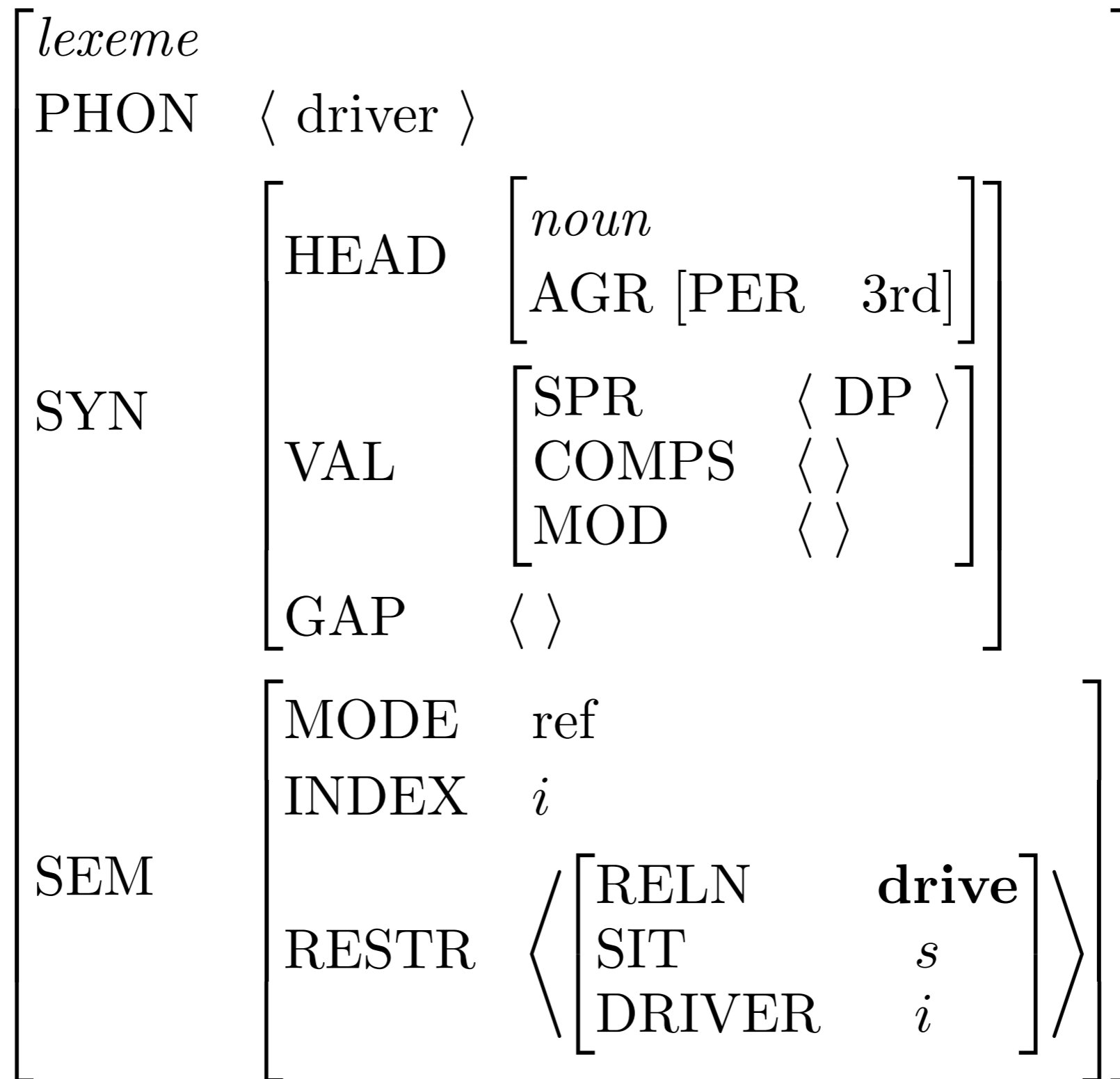
1. there is some construction  $C$  in  $G$ , such that
2. there is a feature structure  $I$  that is an instantiation of  $C$ , such that  $\Phi$  is the value of the MOTHER feature of  $I$ .

# A Well-Formed Feature Structure

The grammar licenses a feature structure of type *phrase* whose PHON value is  $\langle ate , a , pizza \rangle$  because there is a feature structure instantiating the head-complement construction that has that feature structure as its MOTHER value. This phrasal construct satisfies the following description:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l}
 \textit{phrase} \\
 \text{PHON} \quad \langle ate , a , pizza \rangle \\
 \text{SYN} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l}
 \text{HEAD} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \textit{verb} \\ \text{FORM} \quad \textit{fin} \end{array} \right] \\
 \text{VAL} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{SPR} \quad \langle \text{NP} \rangle \\ \text{COMPS} \quad \langle \rangle \\ \text{MOD} \quad \langle \rangle \end{array} \right] \\
 \text{GAP} \quad \langle \rangle
 \end{array} \right] \\
 \text{SEM} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l}
 \text{MODE} \quad \textit{prop} \\
 \text{INDEX} \quad \textit{s} \\
 \text{RESTR} \quad \left\langle \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{RELN} \quad \textit{eat} \\ \text{SIT} \quad \textit{s} \\ \text{EATER} \quad \textit{i} \\ \text{EATEN} \quad \textit{j} \end{array} \right] , \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{RELN} \quad \textit{a} \\ \text{BV} \quad \textit{j} \end{array} \right] , \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{RELN} \quad \textit{pizza} \\ \text{INST} \quad \textit{j} \end{array} \right] , \right\rangle
 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array} \right]$$

# Another Well-Formed Feature Structure



# Two Constraints

## Root Constraint:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{SYN} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{HEAD} \\ \text{VAL} \\ \text{GAP} \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{verb} \\ \text{FORM} \quad \text{fin} \end{array} \right] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{COMPS} \quad \langle \rangle \\ \text{SPR} \quad \langle \rangle \end{array} \right] \\ \langle \rangle \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right]$$

## Principle of Order:

$$cx : \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{MOTHER} \\ \text{DTRS} \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ \text{PHON} \boxed{A1} \oplus \dots \oplus \boxed{An} \right] \\ \langle \left[ \text{PHON} \boxed{A1} \right], \dots, \left[ \text{PHON} \boxed{An} \right] \rangle \end{array} \right]$$

# Semantic Compositionality Principle

$$cx : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{MOTHER} \\ \text{DTRS} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} [\text{SEM} [\text{RESTR} \boxed{A1} \oplus \dots \oplus \boxed{An}]] \\ \langle [\text{SEM} [\text{RESTR} \boxed{A1}]] , \dots , [\text{SEM} [\text{RESTR} \boxed{An}]] \rangle \end{array} \right]$$

## Alternative Version:

$$cx : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{MOTHER} \\ \text{DTRS} \\ \text{CX-SEM} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} [\text{SEM} [\text{RESTR} \boxed{A0} \oplus \boxed{A1} \oplus \dots \oplus \boxed{An}]] \\ \langle [\text{SEM} [\text{RESTR} \boxed{A1}]] , \dots , [\text{SEM} [\text{RESTR} \boxed{An}]] \rangle \\ \boxed{A0} \end{array} \right]$$

# Headed Constructions

TYPE	FEATURES/VALUE TYPES	IST
<i>hd-cx</i>	[HD-DTR <i>sign</i> ]	<i>cx</i>

## Head Feature Principle:

$$hd-cx : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{MOTHER} \quad [\text{SYN} \quad [\text{HEAD} \quad \boxed{1}]] \\ \text{HD-DTR} \quad [\text{SYN} \quad [\text{HEAD} \quad \boxed{1}]] \end{array} \right]$$



# Two More Principles

## Semantic Inheritance Principle:

$$hd-cx : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{MOTHER} \\ \text{HD-DTR} \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{SEM} \\ \text{SEM} \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{MODE} \\ \text{INDEX} \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{2} \end{array} \right] \right] \right] \right]$$

## Valence Principle:

$$hd-cx : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{MOTHER} \\ \text{HD-DTR} \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{[SYN [VAL / } \boxed{1} \text{]]} \\ \text{[SYN [VAL / } \boxed{1} \text{]]} \end{array} \right] \right]$$

# The GAP Principle

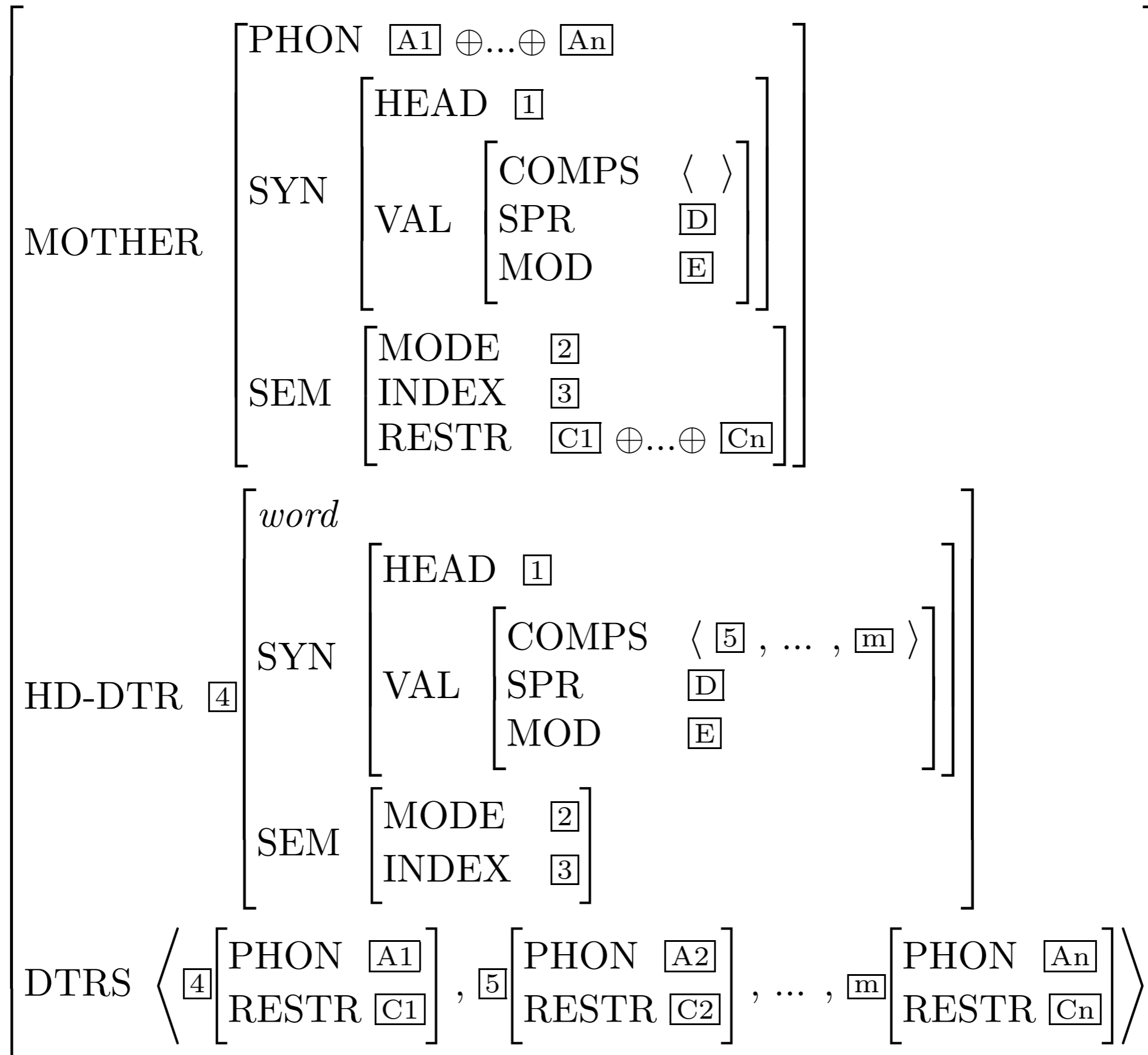
*hd-cx:*

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{MOTHER} \\ \text{HD-DTR} \\ \text{DTRS} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} [\text{SYN} [\text{GAP} ( \boxed{A1} \oplus \dots \oplus \boxed{An} ) \ominus \boxed{A0} ] ] \\ [\text{SYN} [\text{STOP-GAP} \boxed{A0} ] ] \\ \langle [\text{SYN} [\text{GAP} \boxed{A1} ] ] , \dots , [\text{SYN} [\text{GAP} \boxed{An} ] ] \rangle \end{array} \right]$$

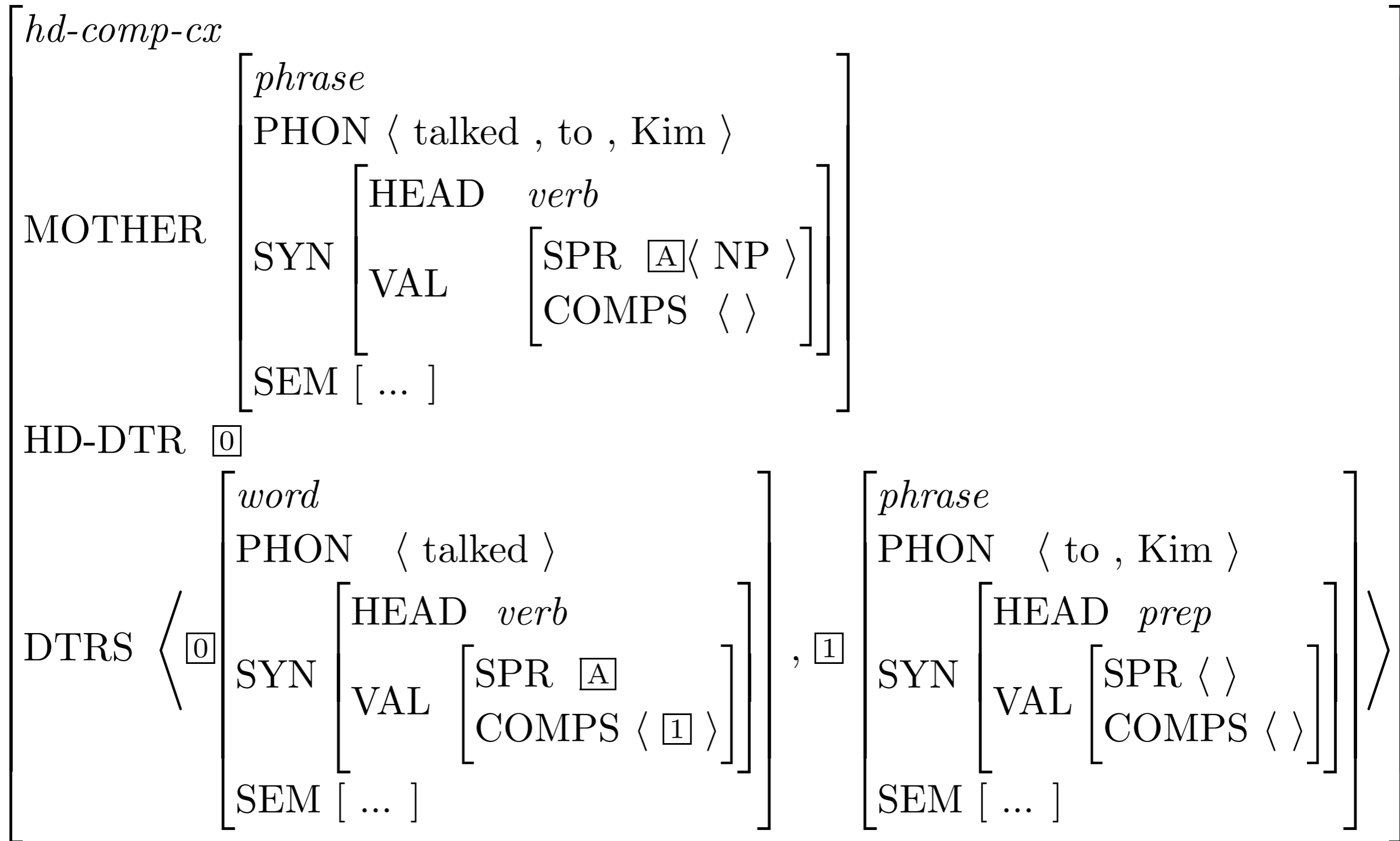
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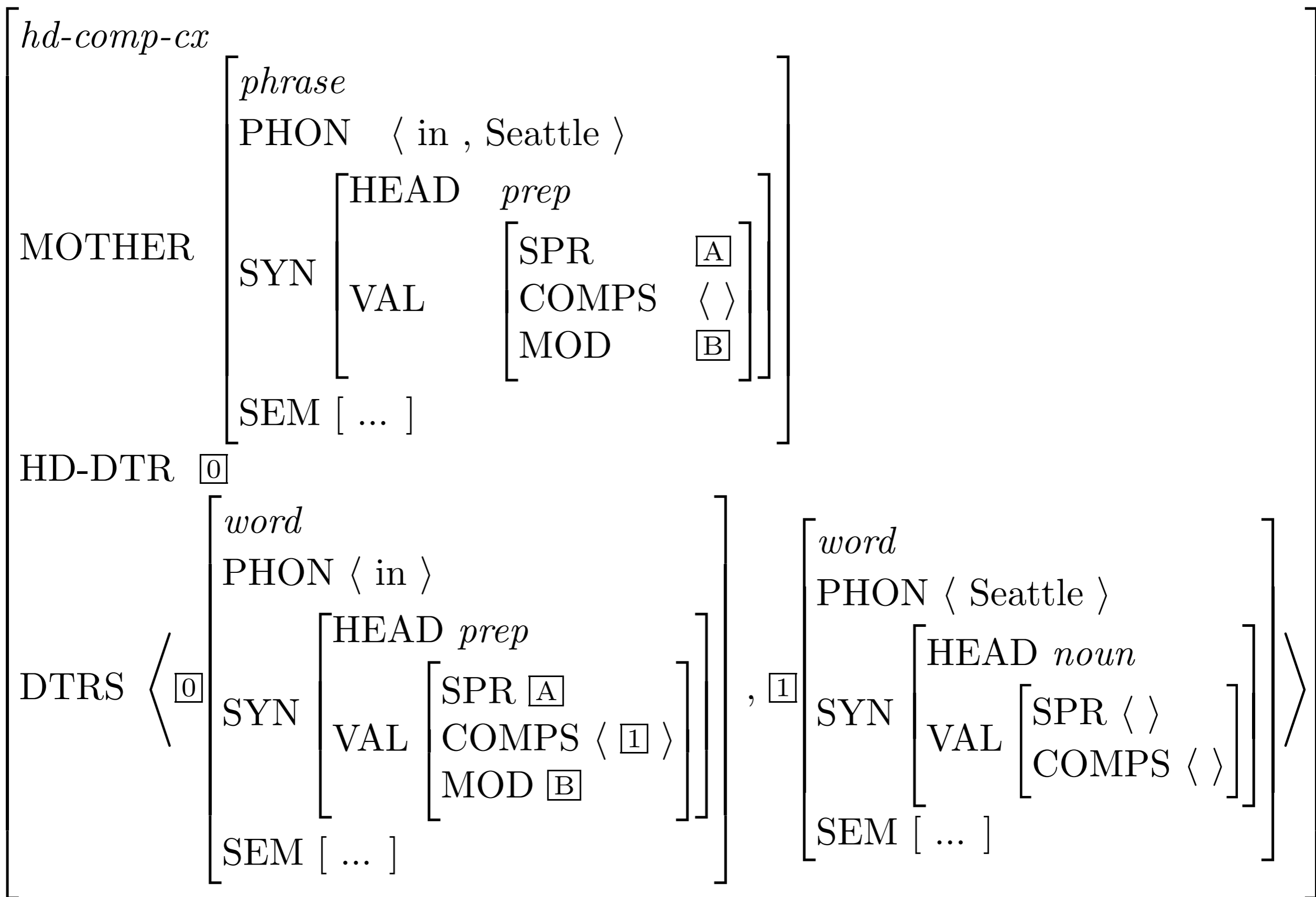
$$hd-comp-cx : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{MOTHER} \quad [\text{SYN} \quad [\text{VAL} \quad [\text{COMPS} \quad \langle \rangle ] ] ] \\ \text{HD-DTR} \quad \boxed{0} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \textit{word} \\ \text{SYN} \quad [\text{VAL} \quad [\text{COMPS} \quad \boxed{A} ] ] \end{array} \right] \\ \text{DTRS} \quad \langle \boxed{0} \rangle \oplus \boxed{A} \textit{nelist} \end{array} \right]$$

And with inherited constraints....



# An Instance of the HCC



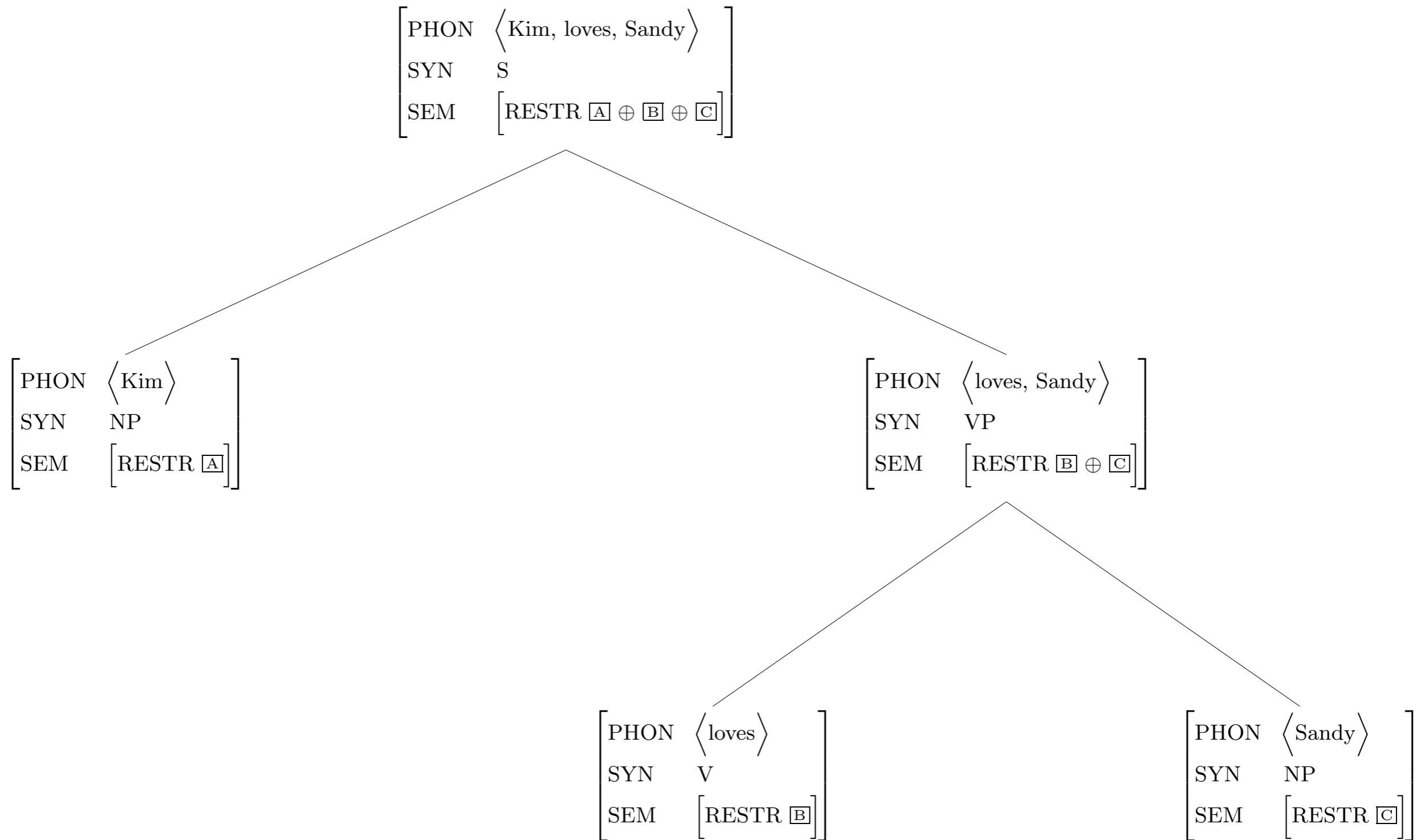


# Two More Constructions

$$\textit{hd-spr-cx} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{MOTHER} \left[ \text{SYN} \left[ \text{SPR} \langle \rangle \right] \right] \\ \text{HD-DTR} \boxed{0} \left[ \text{SYN} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{SPR} \langle \boxed{1} \rangle \\ \text{COMPS} \langle \rangle \\ \text{STOP-GAP} \langle \rangle \end{array} \right] \right] \\ \text{DTRS} \langle \boxed{1}, \boxed{0} \rangle \end{array} \right]$$

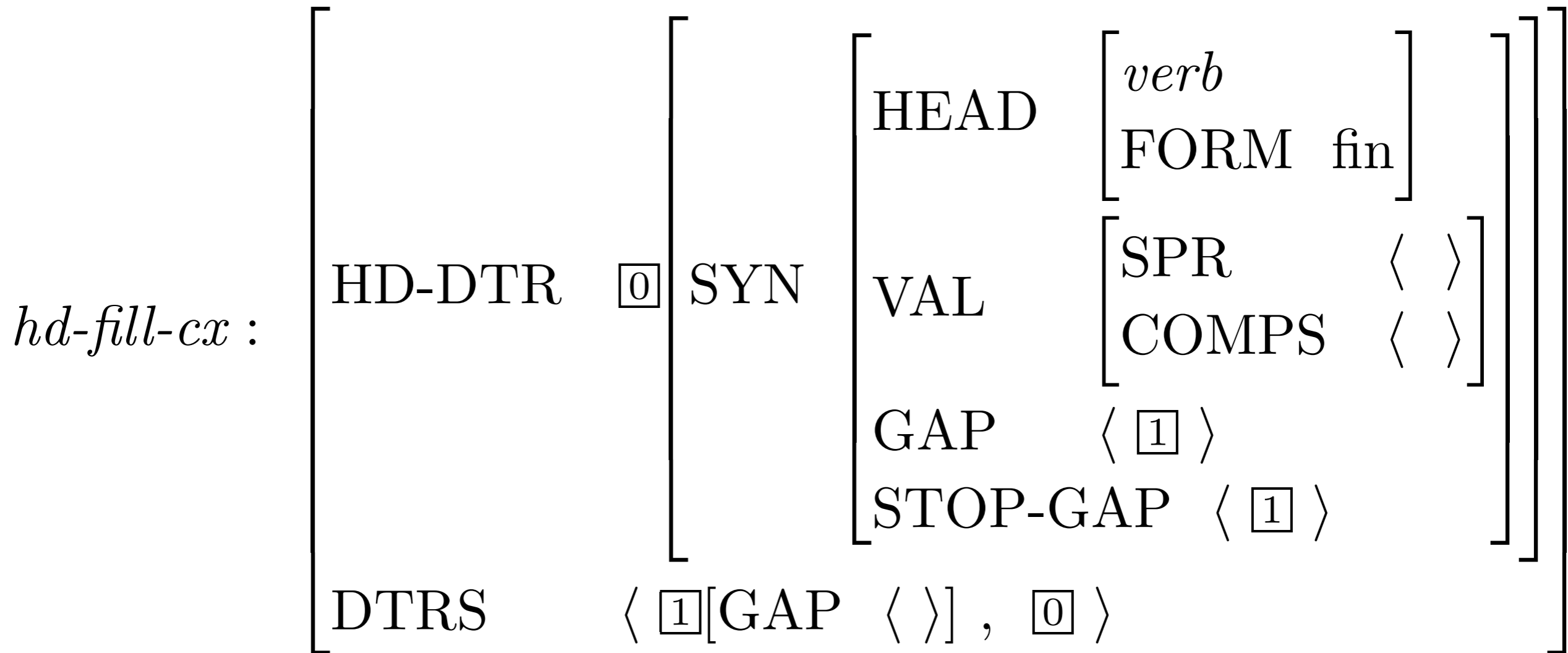
$$\textit{hd-mod-cx} : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{HD-DTR} \boxed{1} \left[ \text{SYN} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{VAL} \left[ \text{COMPS} \langle \rangle \right] \\ \text{STOP-GAP} \langle \rangle \end{array} \right] \right] \\ \text{DTRS} \left\langle \boxed{1}, \left[ \text{SYN} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{VAL} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{COMPS} \langle \rangle \\ \text{MOD} \langle \boxed{1} \rangle \end{array} \right] \right] \right] \right\rangle \end{array} \right]$$

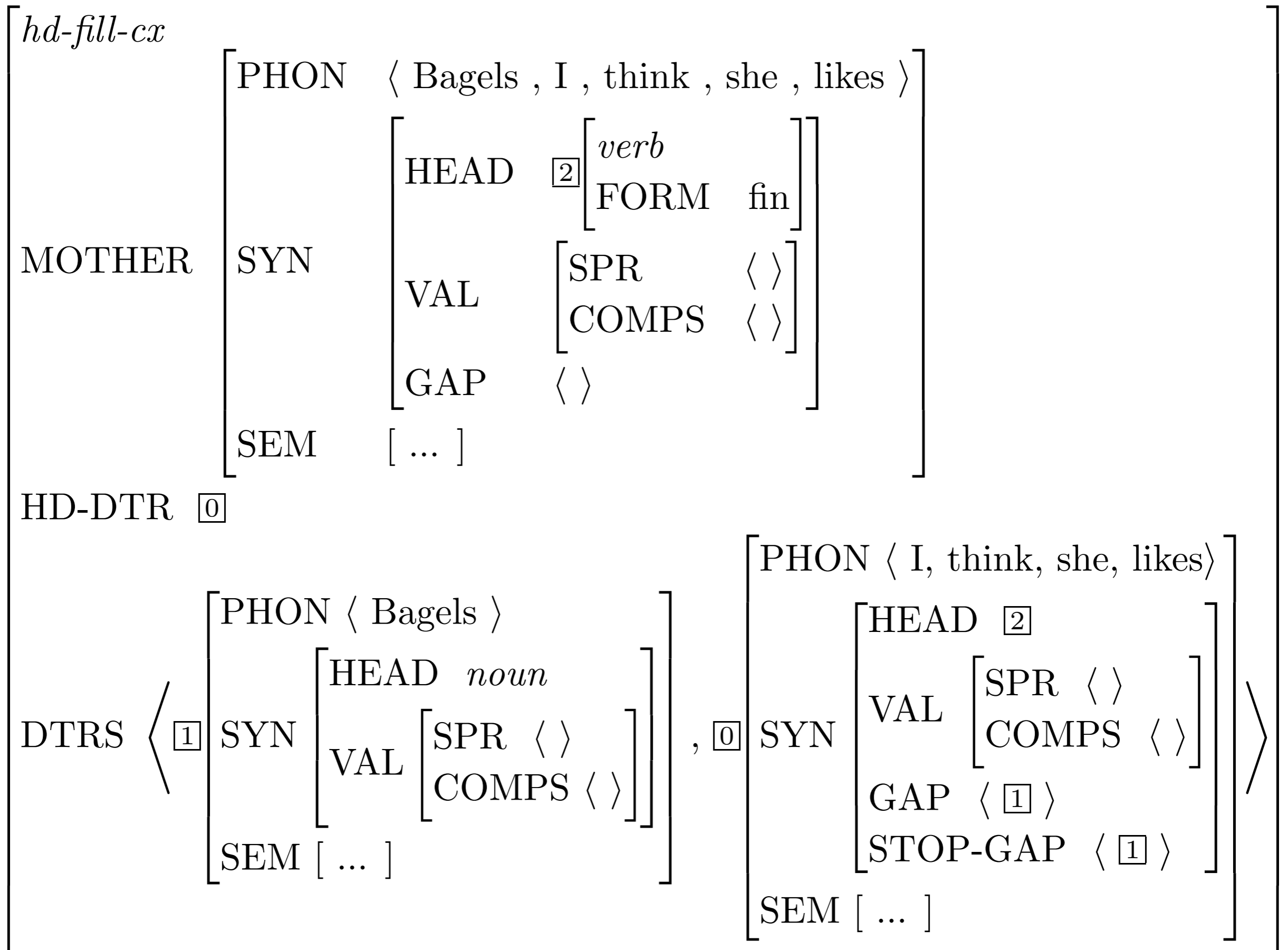
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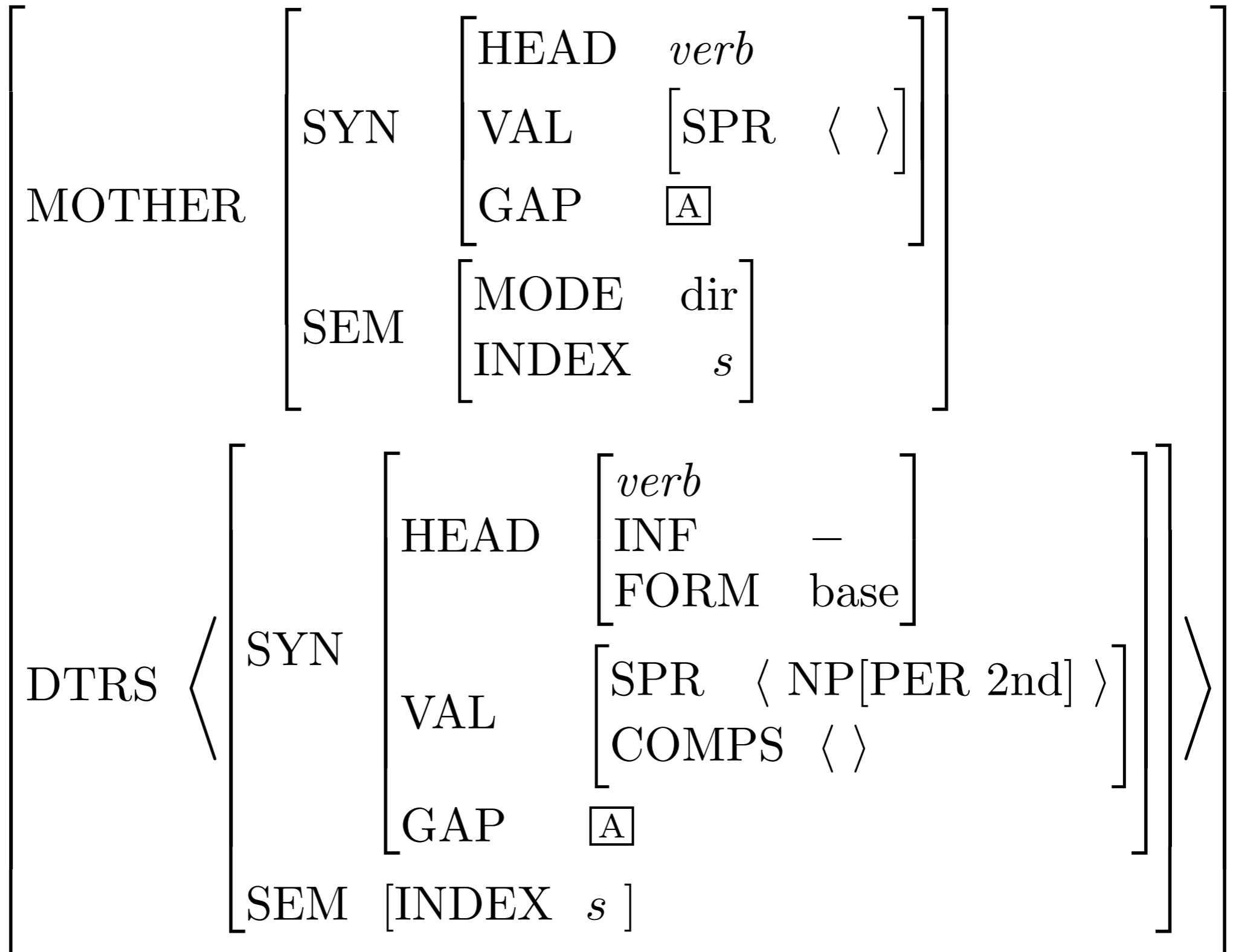


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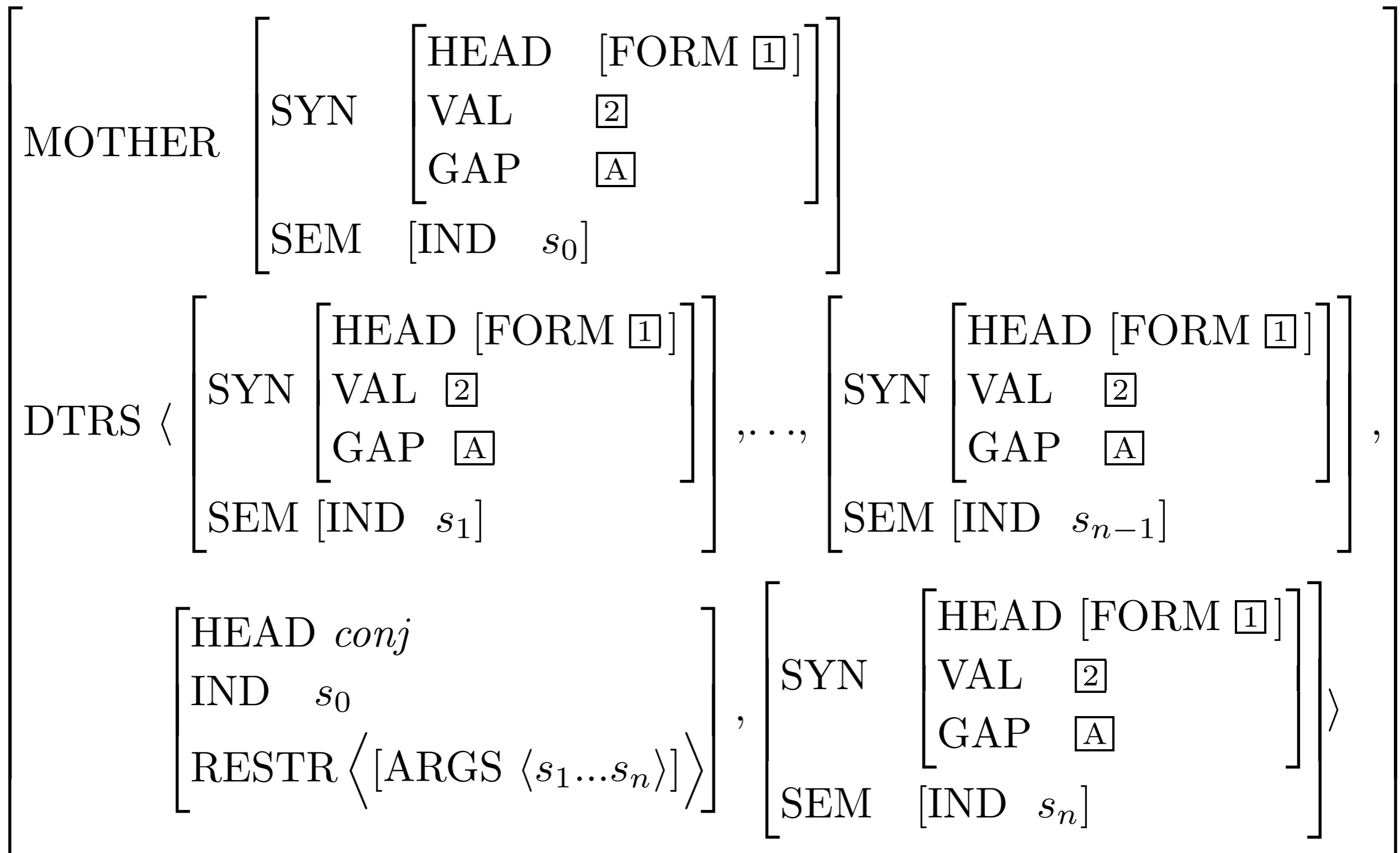




# The Imperative Construction



# Coordination Construction

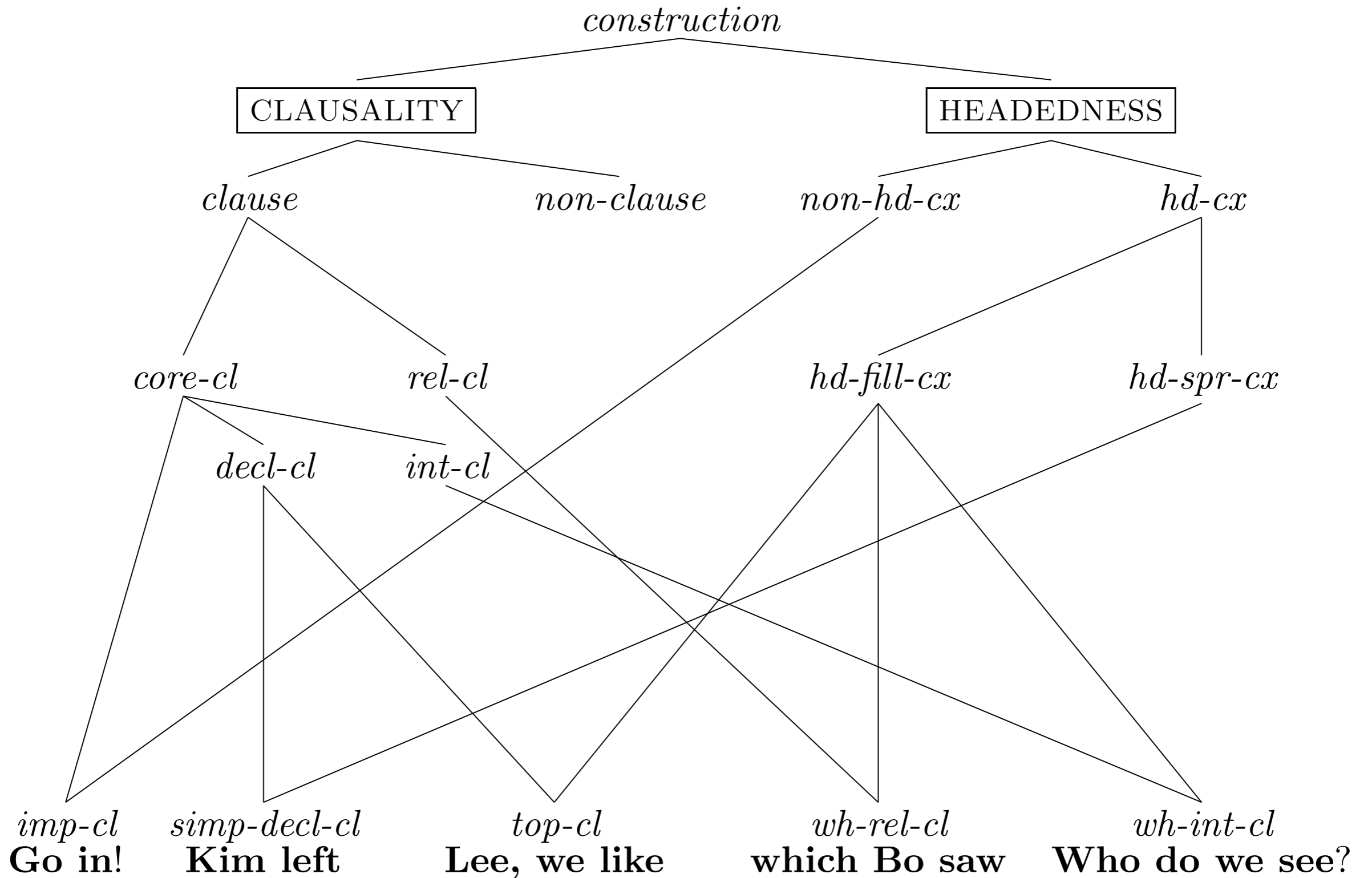


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# Some More Abbreviations

<i>imp-cl</i>	<i>imperative-clause</i>
<i>decl-cl</i>	<i>declarative-clause</i>
<i>simp-decl-cl</i>	<i>simple-declarative-clause</i>
<i>top-cl</i>	<i>topicalized-clause</i>
<i>wh-rel-cl</i>	<i>wh-relative-clause</i>
<i>wh-int-cl</i>	<i>wh-interrogative-clause</i>
<i>core-cl</i>	<i>core-clause</i>

# A Construction Hierarchy



# Locality

- Like CFG rules, constructions involve only mothers and daughters.
- A lexical head can place constraints on its sisters or on an appropriate maternal dependent.
- Unbounded dependencies are localized.  
*Sandy is hard ((for us) to continue) to please\_\_\_\_*  
*Getting it done is hard for us to imagine them considering\_\_\_\_*
- Our principles provide a theory of what information (reflected in terms of HEAD, VAL, GAP, etc.) is passed up within the domain projected by a lexical head (including subjects and modifiers) and hence a theory of what information is locally accessible at any given point in a tree.



# Course overview

- Survey of some phenomena central to syntactic theory
- Introduction to the HPSG framework
- Process over product: How to build a grammar fragment
- Value of precise formulation (and of getting a computer to do the tedious part for you!)

# Reflection

- What was the most surprising thing in this class?
- What do you think is most likely wrong?
- What do you think is the coolest result?
- What do you think you're most likely to remember?
- How do you think this course will influence your work as a computational linguist?

# Overview

- Final exam posted
- Chapter 16 framework (same analyses, different underlying system)
- General wrap up