

To move or not to move

Some consequences of a logical analysis of the English auxiliary system

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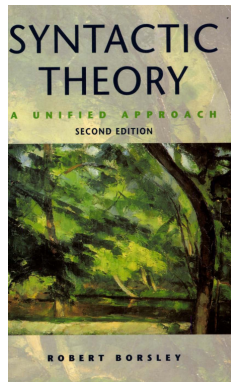
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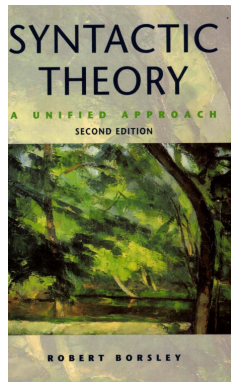
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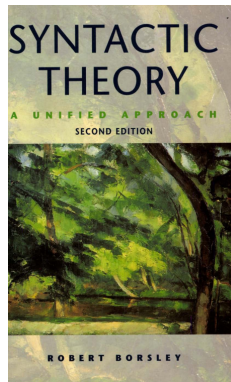
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Naïve student: But I want to know the truth... 😞



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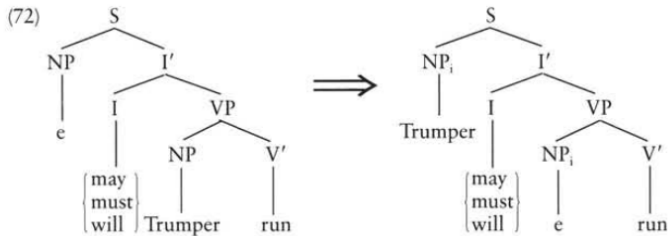
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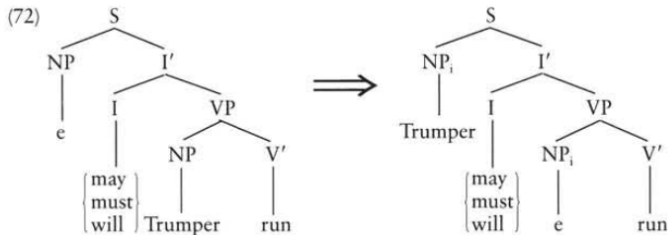
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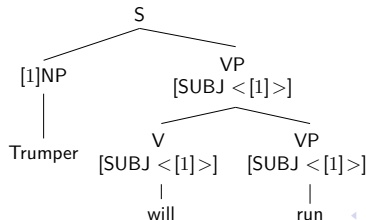
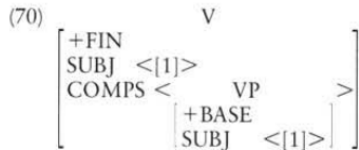
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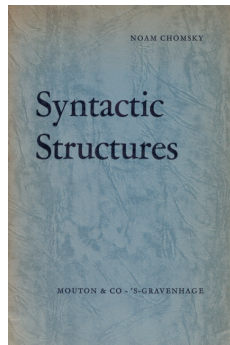


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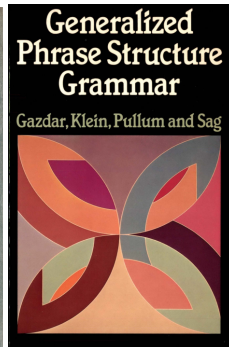
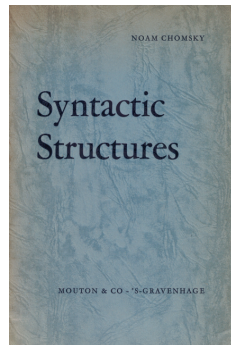
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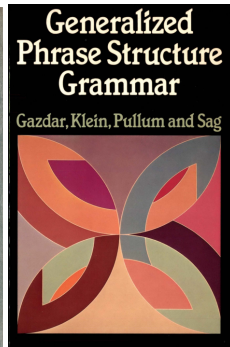
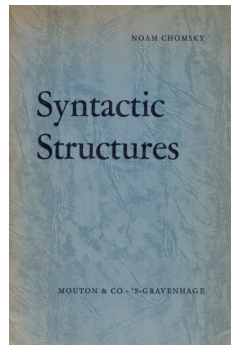
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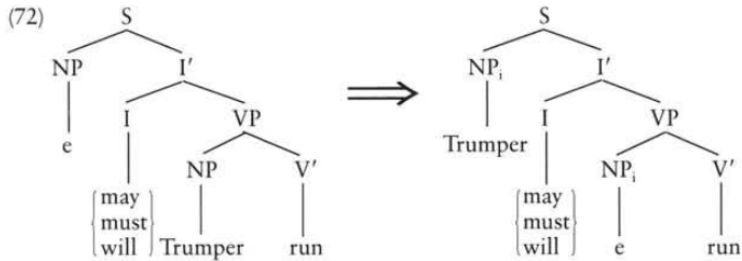
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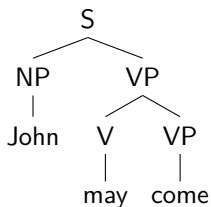


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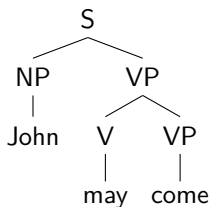
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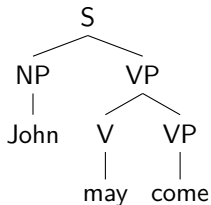
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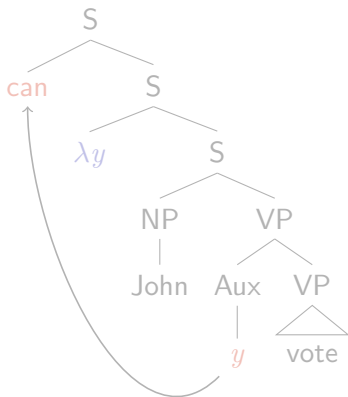
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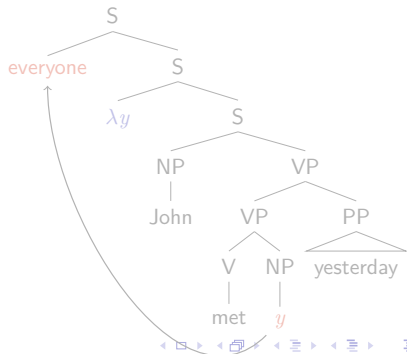
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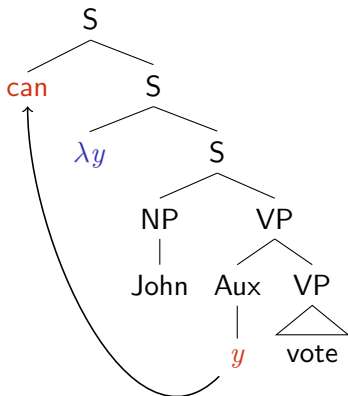
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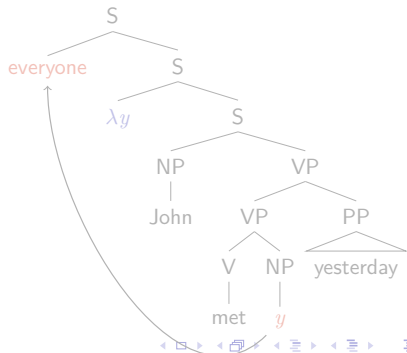
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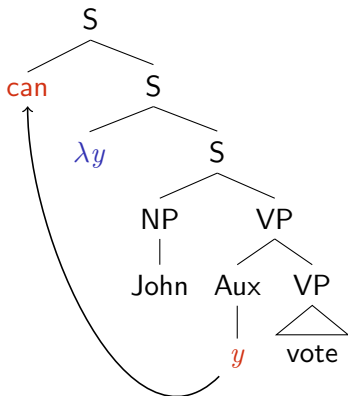
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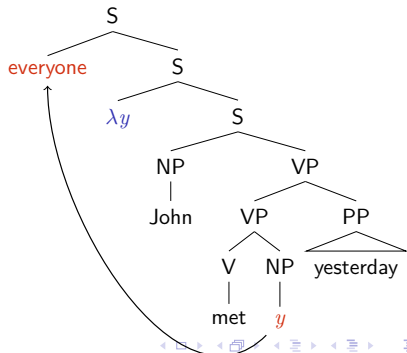
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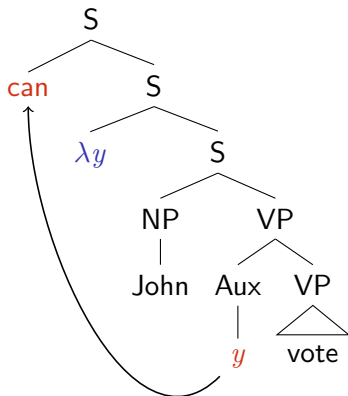


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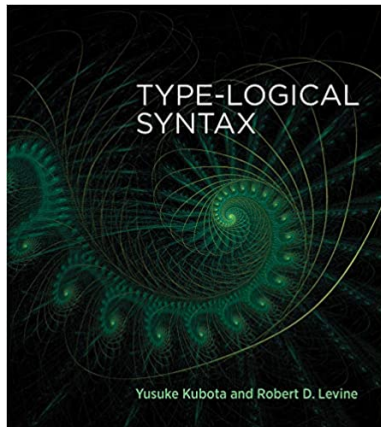
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Please read this book for details:



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⋮

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Immediate consequences (2): the VP/VP entry is a theorem

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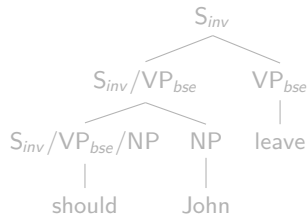
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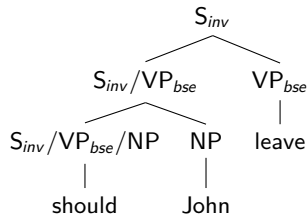
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What went wrong?

- ▶ \mathbb{L}_{EX} is a phantom auxiliary! It doesn't exist.
- ▶ We were fooled by **Do**:

(49) $\mathbf{Do}(\mathbf{NEG}/\mathbf{ELL}/\mathbf{INV}) \equiv \mathbb{L}_{EX} \circ \mathbf{NEG}/\mathbf{ELL}/\mathbf{INV}$

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- ▶ **LEX** \circ **INV** is reanalyzed as a simple tense auxiliary.
(Note that polarity happens to be an inherent property of yes/no questions—so, they ‘got it wrong’ in interpreting adult utterance.)

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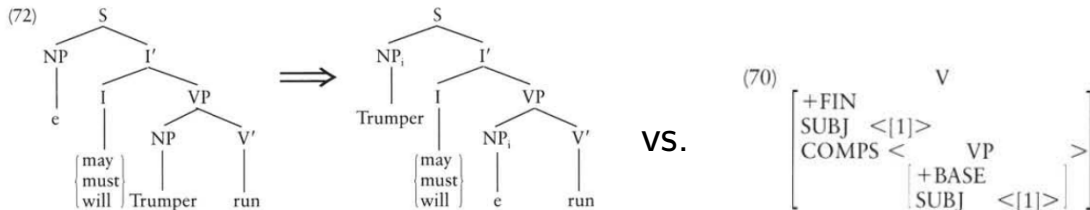
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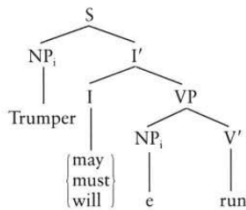
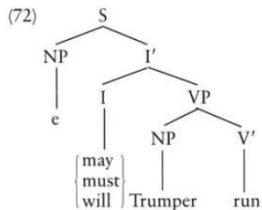
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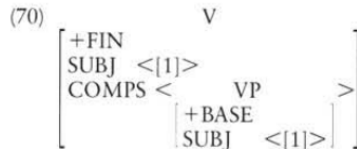


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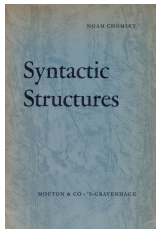
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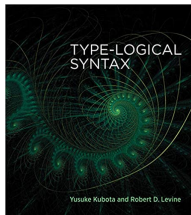
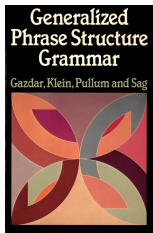
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- ▶ Integrating the insights of competing approaches can lead to new insights.

Thanks!



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N.B.: The analysis of *do* insertion in Kubota and Levine (2021) is somewhat different from the one presented in this talk.

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Appendix: Overgeneration? (Kubota and Levine, 2020, Section 9.2.2)

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