

# **Foundations of Computational Linguistics**

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# **Part III**

## **Morphology and Syntax**

## 13. Words and morphemes

### 13.1 Words and word forms

#### 13.1.1 Different syntactic compatibilities of word forms

\*write

\*writes

\*wrote

*John has written a letter.*

\*writing

#### 13.1.2 Francis' & Kučera's 1982 definition of a graphic word

“A word is a string of continuous alphanumeric characters with space on either side; may include hyphens and apostrophes, but no other punctuation marks.”

### 13.1.3 Combination principles of morphology

1. *Inflection* is the systematic variation of a word with which it can perform different syntactic and semantic functions, and adapt to different syntactic environments. Examples are learn, learn/s, learn/ed, and learn/ing.
2. *Derivation* is the combination of a word with an affix. Examples are clear/ness, clear/ly, and un/clear.
3. *Composition* is the combination of two or more words into a new word form. Examples are gas/light, hard/wood, over/indulge, and over-the-counter.

### 13.1.4 Definition of the notion *word*

Word =<sub>def</sub> {associated analyzed word forms}

### 13.1.5 Example of an analyzed word form

[wolves (PN) wolf]

### 13.1.6 Analysis of an inflecting word

<i>word</i>	<i>word forms</i>
wolf = <sub>def</sub>	{ [wolf (SN) wolf], [wolf's (GN) wolf], [wolves (PN) wolf], [wolves' (GN) wolf] }

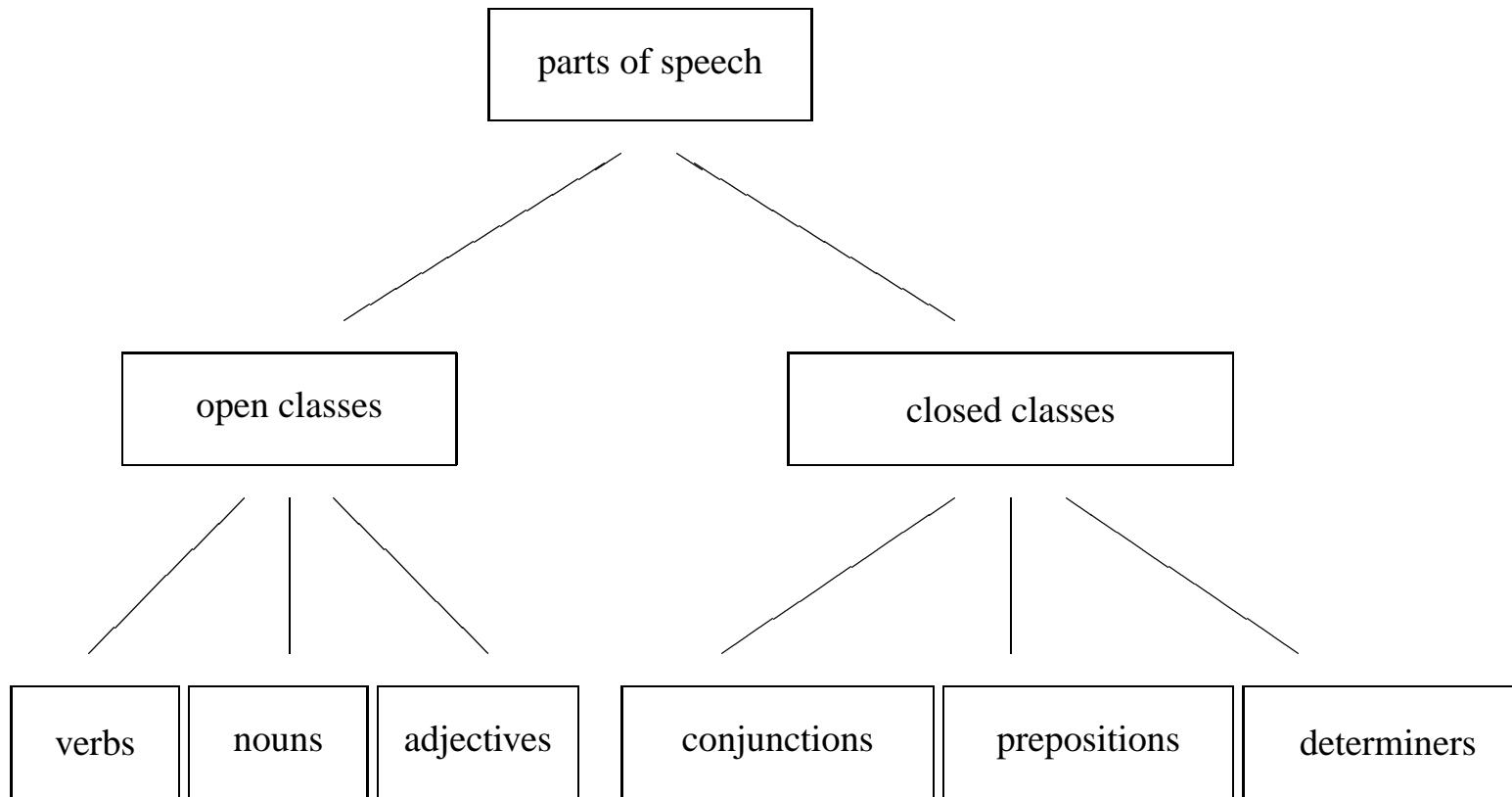
### 13.1.7 Analysis of a noninflecting word

<i>word</i>	<i>word forms</i>
and = <sub>def</sub>	{ [and (cnj) and] }

### 13.1.8 Parts of speech

- *verbs*, e.g., walk, read, give, help, teach, ...
- *nouns*, e.g., book, table, woman, messenger, arena, ...
- *adjective-adverbials*, e.g., quick, good, low, ...
- *conjunctions*, e.g., and, or, because, after, ...
- *prepositions*, e.g., in, on, over, under, before, ...
- *determiners*, e.g., a, the, every, some, all, any, ...
- *particles*, e.g., only, already, just...

### 13.1.9 Classification of the parts of speech into open and closed classes



### 13.1.10 Comparison of the open and the closed classes

- The open classes comprise several 10 000 elements, while the closed classes contain only a few hundred words.
- The morphological processes of inflection, derivation, and composition are productive in the open classes, but not in the closed classes.
- In the open classes, the use of words is constantly changing, with new ones entering and obsolete ones leaving the current language, while the closed classes do not show a comparable fluctuation.

### 13.1.11 Parts of speech and types of signs

The elements of the open classes are also called *content words*, while the elements of the closed classes are also called *function words*. In this distinction, however, the sign type must be taken into consideration besides the category.

This is because only the *symbols* among the nouns, verbs, and adjective-adverbials are content words in the proper sense. *Indices*, on the other hand, e.g. the personal pronouns *he*, *she*, *it* etc., are considered function words even though they are of the category noun. Indexical adverbs like *here* or *now* do not even inflect, forming no comparatives and superlatives. The sign type *name* is also a special case among the nouns.

## 13.2 Segmentation and concatenation

### 13.2.1 Relation of words and their inflectional forms in German

	base forms	inflectional forms
nouns:	23 000	92 000
verbs:	6 000	144 000
adjective-adverbials:	11 000	198 000
	40 000	434 000

### 13.2.2 Number of noun-noun compositions

- length two:  $n^2$   
Examples Haus/schuh, Schuh/haus, Jäger/jäger. This means that from 20 000 nouns 400 000 000 possible compounds of length 2 can be derived (base forms).
- length three:  $n^3$   
Examples: Haus/schuh/sohle, Sport/schuh/haus, Jäger/jäger/jäger. This means that an additional 8 000 000 000 000 000 (eight thousand trillion) possible words may be formed.

### 13.2.3 Possible words, actual words, and neologisms

- Possible words

Because there is no grammatical limit on the length of noun compounds, the number of possible word forms in German is infinite. These word forms exist potentially because of the inherent productivity of morphology.

- Actual words

The set of words and word forms used by the language community within a certain interval of time is finite.

- Neologisms

Neologisms are coined spontaneously by the language users on the basis of known words and the rules of word formation. Neologisms turn possible words into actual words.

### 13.2.4 Examples of neologisms in English

insurrectionist (inmate)

three-player (set)

copper-jacketed (bullets)

bad-guyness

cyberstalker

trapped-rat (frenzy)

self-tapping (screw)

Dismissiveness

migraineur

extraconstitutional (gimmick)

### 13.2.5 Definition of the notion *morpheme*

*morpheme* =<sub>def</sub> {associated analyzed allomorphs}

### 13.2.6 Formal analysis of the morpheme **wolf**

<i>morpheme</i>	<i>allomorphs</i>
<b>wolf</b> = <sub>def</sub>	{[wolf (SN SR) wolf], [wolv (PN SR) wolf]}

### 13.2.7 Comparing morpheme and word **wolf**

<i>morpheme</i>	<i>allomorphs</i>	<i>word</i>	<i>word forms</i>
<b>wolf</b> = <sub>def</sub>	{wolf, wolv}	<b>wolf</b> = <sub>def</sub>	{wolf, wolf's, wolv/es, wolv/es/'}

### 13.2.8 Alternative forms of segmentation

allomorphs:	learn/ing
syllables:	lear/ning
phonemes:	/e/r/n/i/n/g
letters:	/e/a/r/n/i/n/g

## 13.3 Morphemes and allomorphs

### 13.3.1 The regular morpheme learn

*morpheme      allomorphs*  
 $\text{learn} =_{def} \{[\text{learn } (\text{N} \dots \text{V}) \text{ learn}]\}$

### 13.3.2 The irregular morpheme swim

*morpheme      allomorphs*  
 $\text{swim} =_{def} \{[\text{swim } (\text{N} \dots \text{V1}) \text{ swim}],$   
                   $[\text{swimm } (\dots \text{B}) \text{ swim}],$   
                   $[\text{swam } (\text{N} \dots \text{V2}) \text{ swim}],$   
                   $[\text{swum } (\text{N} \dots \text{V}) \text{ swim}]\}$

### 13.3.3 An example of suppletion

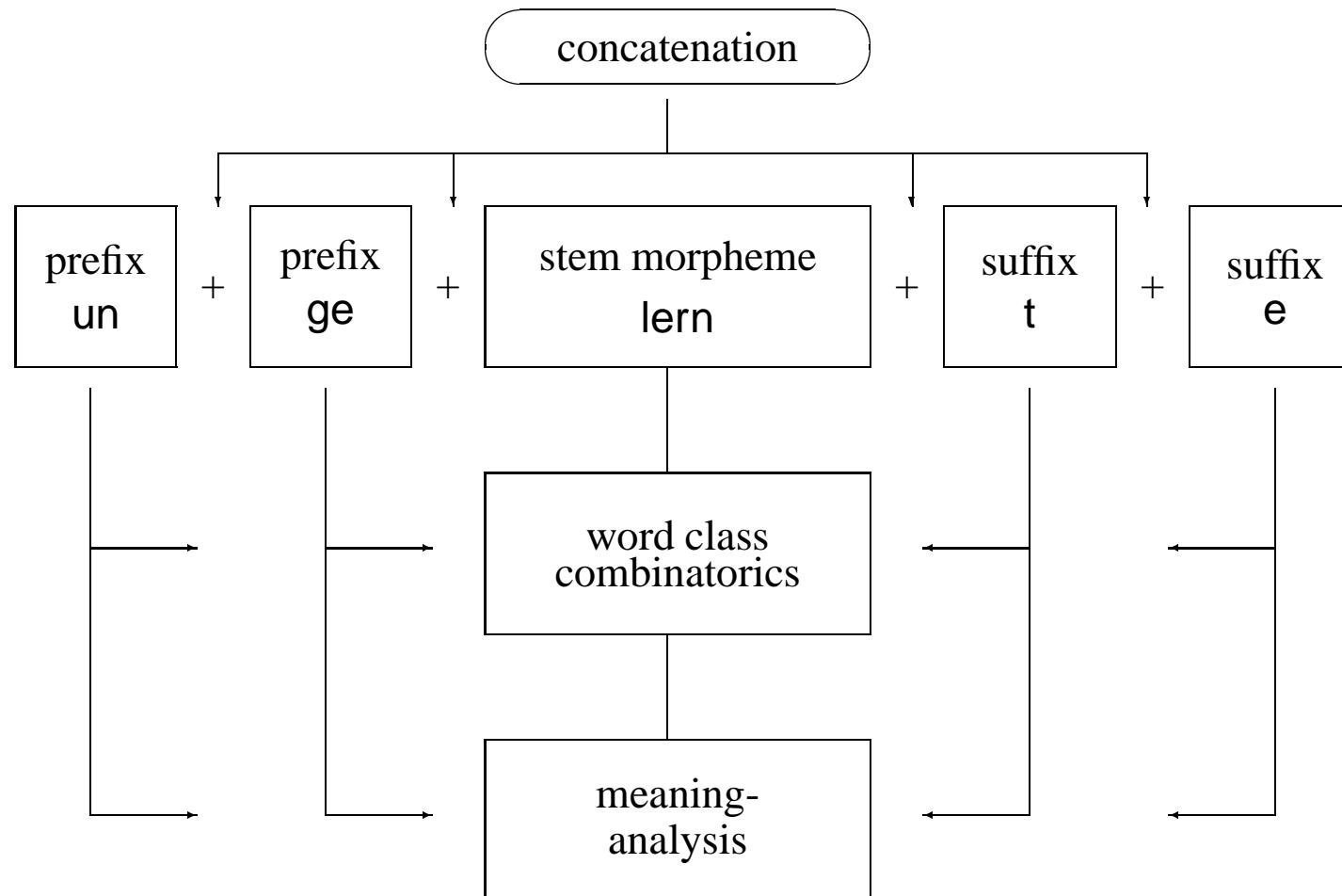
*morpheme      allomorphs*  
 $\text{good} =_{def} \{[\text{good } (\text{ADV IR}) \text{ good}],$   
                   $[\text{bett } (\text{CAD IR}) \text{ good}],$   
                   $[\text{b } (\text{SAD IR}) \text{ good}]\}$

### 13.3.4 Example of a bound morpheme (hypothetical)

<i>morpheme</i>	<i>allomorphs</i>
$-s =_{def}$	{ [s (PL1) plural], [es (PL2) plural], [en (PL3) plural], [# (PL4) plural] }

## 13.4 Categorization and lemmatization

### 13.4.1 Morphological analysis of ungelernte



### 13.4.2 Schematic derivation in LA-grammar

```
( "un" (CAT1) MEAN-a) + ("ge" (CAT2) MEAN-b)
( "un/ge" (CAT3) MEAN-c) + ("lern" (CAT4) MEAN-d)
( "un/ge/lern" (CAT5) MEAN-e) + ("t" (CAT6) MEAN-f)
( "un/ge/lern/t" (CAT7) MEAN-g) + ("e" (CAT8) MEAN-h)
( "un/ge/lern/t/e" (CAT9) MEAN-i)
```

### 13.4.3 Components of word form recognition

- *On-line lexicon*

For each element (e.g. morpheme) of the natural language there must be defined a lexical analysis which is stored electronically.

- *Recognition algorithm*

Using the on-line lexicon, each unknown word form (e.g. **wolves**) must be characterized automatically with respect to categorization and lemmatization:

- *Categorization*

consists in specifying the part of speech (e.g. noun) and the morphosyntactic properties of the surface (e.g. plural); needed for syntactic analysis.

- *Lemmatization*

consists in specifying the correct base form (e.g. **wolf**); provides access to the corresponding lemma in a semantic lexicon.

### 13.4.4 Basic structure of a lemma

[surface (lexical description)]

### 13.4.5 Lemma of a traditional dictionary (*excerpt*)

<sup>1</sup>**wolf** \ 'wʊlf\ n. pl **wolves** \ 'wʊlvz\ often attributed [ME, fr. OE *wulf*; akin to OHG *wolf*, L *lupus*, Gk *lykos*] **1** pl also **wolf**  
**a:** any of various large predatory mammals (genus *Canis* and esp. *C. lupus*) that resemble the related dogs, are destructive to game and livestock, and may rarely attack man esp. when in a pack – compare COYOTE, JACKAL **b:** the fur of a wolf ...

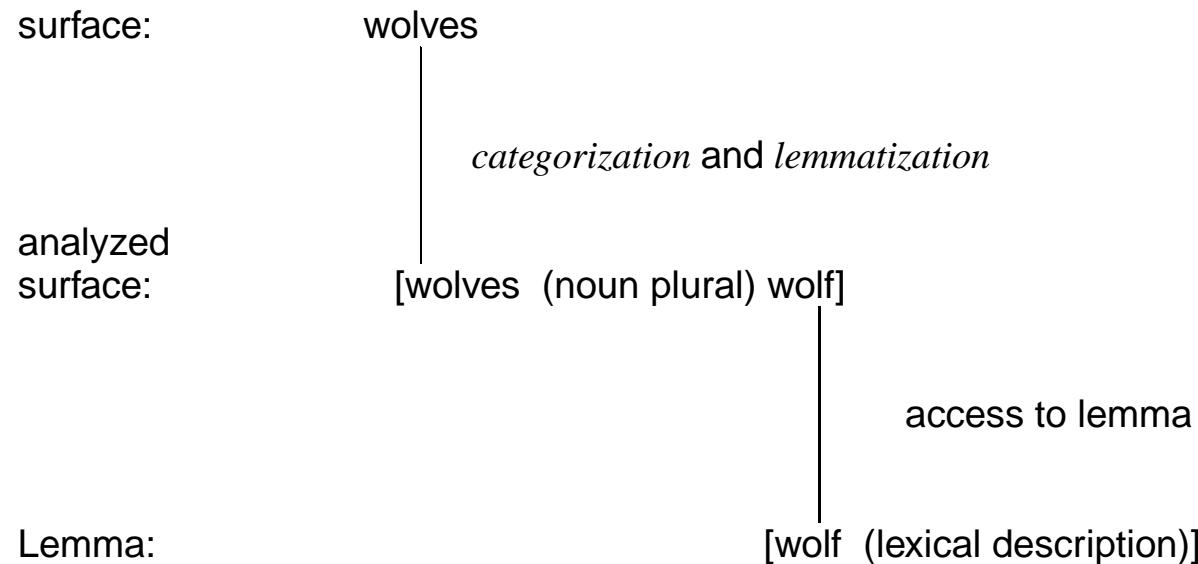
### 13.4.6 Matching a surface onto a key

word form surface:                    **wolf**



lemma:                                [ wolf (lexical description) ]

### 13.4.7 Two-step procedure of word form recognition



### 13.4.8 Reason for the Two-step procedure

In the natural languages

- the number of word forms is considerably larger than the number of words, at least in inflectional and agglutinating languages, and
- the lexical lemmata normally define words rather than word forms,

## 13.5 Methods of automatic word form recognition

### 13.5.1 Word form method

Based on a lexicon of analyzed word forms.

### 13.5.2 Analyzed word form as lexical lemma

[wolves (part of speech: Subst, num: Pl, case: N,D,A, base form: wolf)]

Categorization and lemmatization are not handled by rules, but solely by the lexical entry.

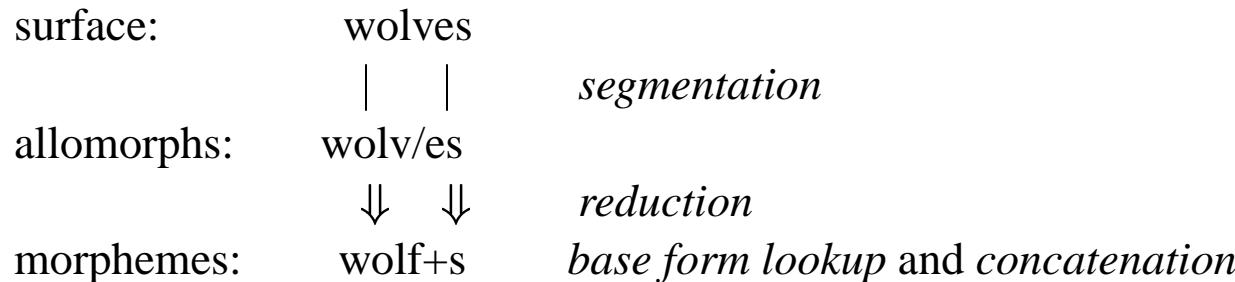
### 13.5.3 Advantages and disadvantages of the word form method

- Advantage
  - Allows for the simplest recognition algorithm because the surface of the unknown word form, e.g. wolves, is simply matched whole onto the corresponding key in the analysis lexicon.
- Disadvantages
  - The production of the analysis lexicon is costly, its size is extremely large, and there is no possibility to recognize neologisms.

### 13.5.4 Morpheme method

Based on a lexicon of analyzed morphemes.

### 13.5.5 Schema of the morpheme method



(1) segmentation into allomorphs, (2) reduction of allomorphs to the morphemes, (3) recognition of morphemes using an analysis lexicon, and (4) rule-based concatenation of morphemes to derive analyzed word form.

### 13.5.6 Advantages and disadvantages of the morpheme method

- Advantages

Uses the smallest analysis lexicon. Neologisms may be analyzed and recognized during run-time using a rule-based segmentation and concatenation of complex word forms into their elements (morphemes).

- Disadvantages

A maximally complex recognition algorithm ( $\mathcal{NP}$  complete).

### 13.5.7 Allomorph method

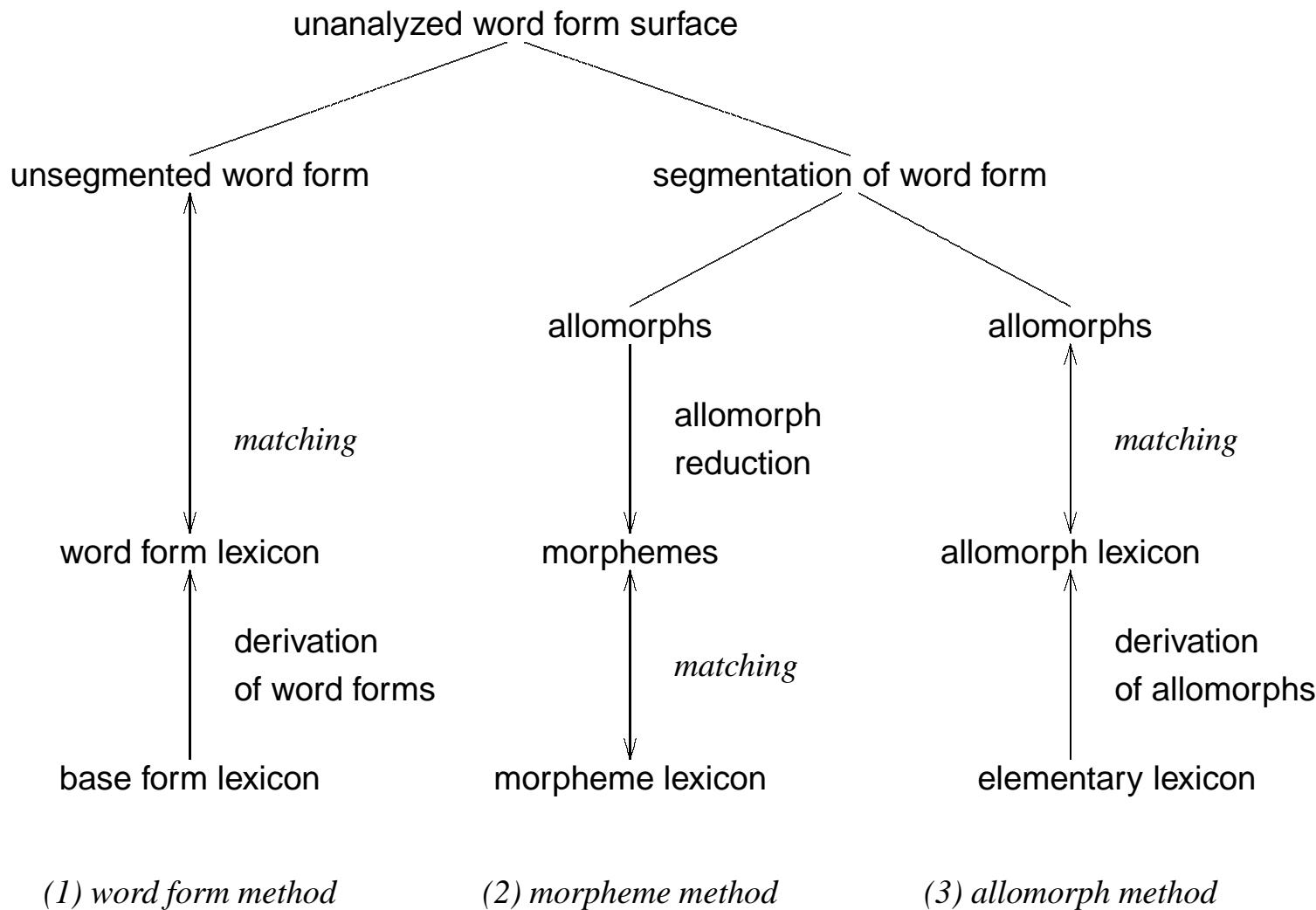
Based on a lexicon of elementary base forms, from which a lexicon of analyzed allomorphs is derived before run by means of allo-rules..

### 13.5.8 Schema of the allomorph method

surface:	wolves	
		<i>segmentation</i>
allomorphs:	wolv/es	<i>allomorph lookup and concatenation</i>
	↑ ↑	<i>derivation of allomorphs before run-time</i>
morphemes & allomorphs:	wolf s	

During run-time, the allomorphs of the allomorph lexicon are available as precomputed, fully analyzed forms, providing the basis for a maximally simple segmentation: the unknown surface is matched from left to right with suitable allomorphs – without any reduction to morphemes. Concatenation takes place on the level of analyzed allomorphs by means of combi-rules.

### 13.5.9 Schematic comparison of the three basic methods



(1) word form method

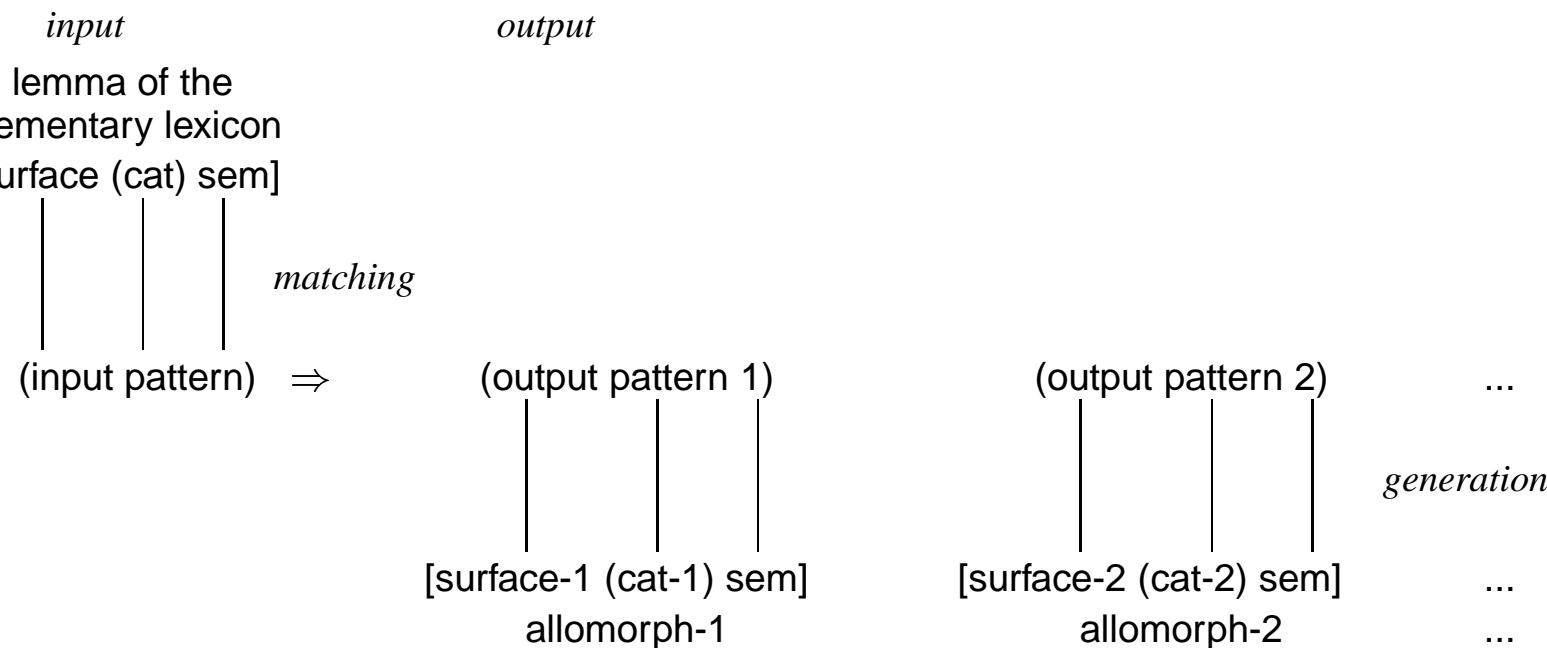
(2) morpheme method

(3) allomorph method

# 14. Word form recognition in LA-Morph

## 14.1 Allo-rules

### 14.1.1 Abstract format of an allo-rule



### 14.1.2 Example of a base form lemma

```
( "derive" (nom a v) derive)
```

### 14.1.3 Result of applying allo-rules to base form lemma

```
( "derive" (sr nom a v) derive)
( "deriv" (sr a v) derive)
```

### 14.1.4 Base form entry of schlafen

```
( "schla2fen" (KV VH N GE {hinueber VS GE } {durch VH A GE }
    {aus VH GE } {ein VS GE }\$ <be VH A GE- >
    <ent VS GE- > <ueber VH A GE- > <ver VH A GE- > )
    schlafen)
```

### 14.1.5 Output of allo-rules for schlafen

```
( "schlaf" (IV V1 VH N GE { hinüber VS GE } { durch VH A GE }
    { aus VH GE } { ein VS GE } \$ < be VH A GE- >
    < ent VS GE- > < über VH A GE- > < ver VH A GE- > )
    schlafen)
( "schläf" (IV V2 _0 N GE { hinüber VS GE } { durch VH A GE }
    { aus VH GE } { ein VS GE } \$ < be VH A GE- >
    < ent VS GE- > < über VH A GE- > < ver VH A GE- > )
    schlafen)
( "schlief" (IV V34 _0 N GE { hinüber VS GE } { durch VH A GE }
    { aus VH GE } { ein VS GE } \$ < be VH A GE- >
    < ent VS GE- > < über VH A GE- > < ver VH A GE- > )
    schlafen_i)
```

### 14.1.6 The word forms of schlafen (excerpt)

```
( "schlaf/e" (S1 {hinüber}{durch A}{aus}{ein} V) schlafen_p)
( "schlaf/e" (S13 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._k1)
( "schlaf/e/n" (P13 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._pk1)
( "schlaf/e/st" (S2 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._k1)
( "schlaf/e/t" (P2 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._k1)
( "schlaf/t" (P2 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._p)
( "schlaf/end" (GER ) schlafen)
( "schlaf/end/e" (E ) schlafen)
( "schlaf/end/en" (EN ) schlafen)
( "schlaf/end/er" (ER ) schlafen)
( "schlaf/end/es" (ES ) schlafen)
( "schlaf/end/em" (EM ) schlafen)
( "schlaf/e/st" (S2 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._k1)
( "schlaf/e/t" (P2 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._k1)
( "schläf/st" (S2 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._p)
( "schläf/t" (S3 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._p)
( "schließ" (S13 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._i)
( "schließ/e" (S13 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._k2)
( "schließ/en" (P13 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._ik2)
```

```
( "schlief/est" (S2 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._ik2)
( "schlief/et" (P2 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._ik2)
( "schlief/st" (S2 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._ik2)
( "schlief/t" (P2 {hinüber} {durch A} {aus} {ein} V ) s._i)
( "ge/schlaf/en" (H) schlafen)
( "ge/schlaf/en/e" (E) schlafen)
( "ge/schlaf/en/en" (EN) schlafen)
( "ge/schlaf/en/es" (ES) schlafen)
( "ge/schlaf/en/er" (ER) schlafen)
( "ge/schlaf/en/em" (EM) schlafen)

( "aus/schlaf/e" (S1 V) ausschlafen_pk1)
( "aus/schlaf/e" (S13 V ) ausschlafen_k1)
( "aus/schlaf/en" (P13 A V ) ausschlafen_pk1)

...
( "aus/schläf/st" (S2 V) ausschlafen_p)
( "aus/schläf/t" (S3 V) ausschlafen_p)

...
```

### 14.1.7 Four degrees of regularity in LA-Morph

- *Regular* inflectional paradigm

The paradigm is represented by one lemma without any special surface markings, from which one allomorph is derived, e.g. **learn** ⇒ **learn**, or **book** ⇒ **book**.

- *Semi-regular* inflectional paradigm

The paradigm is represented by one lemma without any special surface markings, from which more than one allomorph is derived, e.g. **derive** ⇒ **derive**, **deriv**, or **wolf** ⇒ **wolf**, **wolv**.

- *Semi-irregular* inflectional paradigm

The paradigm is represented by one lemma with a special surface marker, from which more than one allomorph is derived, e.g. **swlm** ⇒ **swim**, **swimm**, **swam**, **swum**.

- *Irregular* inflectional paradigm

The paradigm is represented by several lemmata for suppletive allomorphs which pass through the default rule, e.g. **go** ⇒ **go**, **went** ⇒ **went**, **gone** ⇒ **gone**. The allomorphs serve as input to general combi-rules, as in **go/ing**.

### 14.1.8 Tabular presentation of the degrees of regularity

	one lemma per paradigm	lemma without markings	one allomorph per lemma
regular	yes	yes	yes
semi-regular	yes	yes	no
semi-irregular	yes	no	no
irregular	no	no	yes

## 14.2 Phenomena of allomorphy

### 14.2.1 Allomorphs of semi-regular nouns

LEX	ALLO1	ALLO2
wolf	wolf	wolv
knife	knife	knive
ability	ability	abiliti
academy	academy	academi
agency	agency	agenci
money	money	moni

### 14.2.2 Allomorphs of semi-irregular nouns

LEX	ALLO1	ALLO2
analysis	analysis	analyses
larva	larva	larvae
stratum	stratum	strati
matrix	matrix	matrices
thesis	thesis	theses
criterion	criterion	criteria

tempo	tempo	tempi
calculus	calculus	calculi

### 14.2.3 Allomorphs of semi-regular verbs

LEX	ALLO1	ALLO2
derive	derive	deriv
dangle	dangle	dangl
undulate	undulate	undulat
accompany	accompany	accompani

### 14.2.4 Allomorphs of semi-irregular verbs

LEX	ALLO1	ALLO2	ALLO3	ALLO4
swIM	swim	swimm	swam	swum
rUN	run	runn	ran	run
bET	bet	bett	bet	bet

### 14.2.5 Allomorphs of semi-regular adjective-adverbials

LEX	ALLO1	ALLO2
able	able	abl
happy	happy	happi
free	free	fre
true	true	tru

### 14.2.6 Definition of the allomorph quotient

The allomorph quotient is the percentage of additional allomorphs relative to the number of base form entries.

### 14.2.7 The allomorph quotient of different languages

*Italian:* 37%

*German:* 31%

*English:* 8,97%

### 14.2.8 Compounds with ‘pseudo-’ contained in Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary

pseudoclassic

pseudopregnancy

pseudosalt

pseudoscientific

etc.

### 14.2.9 Compounds with ‘pseudo-’ not contained in Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary

pseudogothic

pseudomigrane

pseudoscientist

pseudovegetarian

etc.

### 14.2.10 Problem for recognition algorithm

In order to recognize the highly productive compositions involving the prefix *pseudo*, the LA-Morph system must provide a general rule-based analysis. As a consequence, the word forms in 14.2.8, are analyzed as ambiguous whereby the second reading stems from the compositional analysis based on the known forms, e.g. *pseudo* and *classic*.

### 14.2.11 Solution I

Automatic removal of all non-elementary base forms from the on-line lexicon.

### 14.2.12 Solution II

Leaving the non-elementary base forms like 14.2.8 in the lexicon, but selecting the most likely reading after the word form analysis.

### 14.2.13 Solution III

Using two lexica. One is an elementary lexicon which does not contain any non-elementary base forms. It is used for the categorization and lemmatization of word forms.

The other is a base form lexicon of content words. It assigns semantic representations to base forms including composita and derivata established in use. During word form analysis the two lexica are related by matching the result of lemmatization onto a corresponding – if present – key word of the base form lexicon (cf. 13.4.7).

### 14.2.14 Example of solution III

The compositional analysis of **kin/ship** would be matched onto **kinship** in the non-elementary base form lexicon, accessing the proper semantic description. In this way, (i) maximal data coverage – including neologisms – is ensured by a rule based analysis, (ii) the possibility of noncompositional meanings is accounted for, and (iii) unnecessary ambiguities are avoided.

## 14.3 Left-associative segmentation into allomorphs

### 14.3.1 Left-associative letter by letter matching

attempt 1:	W	O	L	F
				×
surface:	W	O	L	V
attempt 2:	W	O	L	V

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### 14.3.2 Hypothetical examples of English allowing alternative segmentations

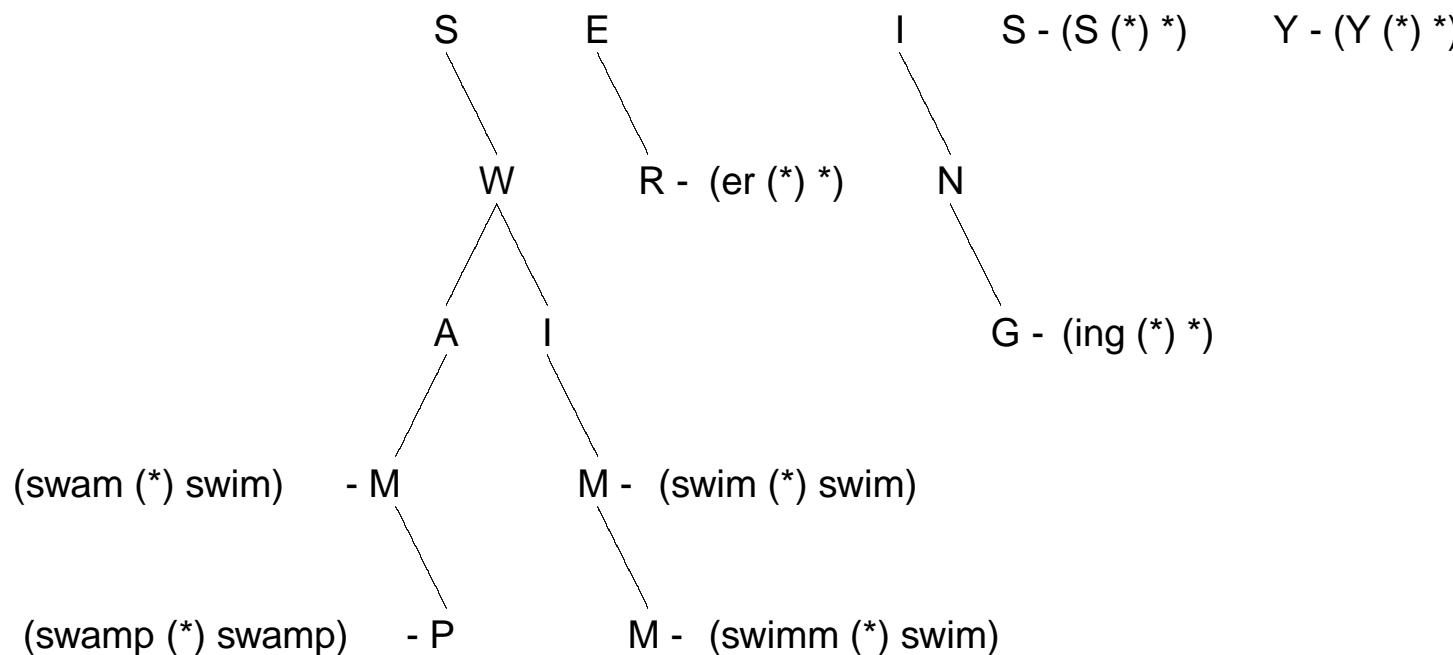
coverage	grandparent	history	lamp/light	land/s/end
cover/age	grandpa/rent	hi/story	lam/plight	land/send
cove/rage			his/tory	

rampage	rampart	scar/face	sing/able	war/plane
ramp/age	ramp/art	scarf/ace	sin/gable	warp/lane
ram/page	ram/part			

### 14.3.3 Alternative segmentations of a word form in German

<i>surface:</i>	Staubecken	Staubecken
<i>segmentation:</i>	Stau/becken	Staub/ecke/n
<i>translation:</i>	<i>reservoir</i>	<i>dust corners</i>

### 14.3.4 Storing allomorphs in a trie structure



### 14.3.5 Possibilities after finding an entry in the trie structure

- There are no letters left in the surface of the unknown word form, e.g. SWAM. Then the program simply returns the analysis stored at the last letter, here M.
- There are still letters left in the surface of the unknown word form. Then one of the following alternatives applies:
  - The allomorph found so far *is part* of the word form, as swim in SWIMS. Then the program (i) gives the lexical analysis of swim to the combi-rules of the system and (ii) looks for the next allomorph (here s), starting again from the top level of the trie structure.
  - The allomorph found so far *is not part* of the word form, as swam in SWAMPY. In this case the program continues down the trie structure provided there are continuations. In our example, it will find swamp.

Because it becomes apparent only at the very end of a word form which of these two possibilities applies – or whether they apply simultaneously in the case of an ambiguity – they are pursued simultaneously by the program.

## 14.4 Combi-rules

### 14.4.1 Structure of combi-rules

<i>input</i>	<i>output</i>
$r_n$ : (pattern of start) (pattern of next)	$\Rightarrow r p_n$ (pattern of new start)

### 14.4.2 Difference between allo- and combi-rules

Combi-rules differ from allo-rules in that they are defined for different domains and different ranges:

An *allo-rule* takes a lexical entry as input and maps it into one or more allomorphs.

A *combi-rule* takes a word form start and a next allomorph as input and maps it into a new word form start.

### 14.4.3 Tasks of combi-rules

The combi-rules ensure that

1. the allomorphs found in the surface are not combined into ungrammatical word forms,  
e.g. \*swam+ing or \*swimm+s (input condition),
2. the surfaces of grammatical allomorph combinations are properly concatenated,  
e.g. swim+s  $\Rightarrow$  swims,
3. the categories of the input pair are mapped into the correct result category,  
e.g. (NOM V) + (SX S3)  $\Rightarrow$  (S3 V),
4. the correct result is formed on the level of semantic interpretation, and
5. after a successful rule application the correct rule package for the next combination is activated.

#### 14.4.4 Derivation of unduly in LA-Morph

```

1 +u [NIL . NIL]
2 +n [NIL . (un (PX PREF) UN) ]
RP:{V-START N-START A-START P-START}; fired: P-START
3 +d [(un (PX PREF) UN) . (d (GG) NIL) ]
+d [NIL . NIL]
4 +u [(un (PX PREF) UN) . (du (SR SN) DUE (SR ADJ-V) DUE) ]
RP:{PX+A UN+V}; fired: PX+A
+u [NIL . NIL]
5 L [(un+du (SR ADJ) DUE) . (l (GG) NIL (ABBR) LITER) ]
RP:{A+LY}; fired: none
+l [(un (PX PREF) UN) . NIL]
+l [NIL . NIL]
6 +y [(un+du (SR ADJ) DUE) . (ly (SX ADV) LY) ]
RP:{A+LY}; fired: A+LY
("un/du/ly" (ADV) due)

```

#### 14.4.5 Handling of ungrammatical input in LA-Morph

```
1 +a [NIL . (a (SQ) A)]
2 +b [NIL . NIL]
3 +l [NIL . (abl (SR ADJ-A) ABLE)]
RP:{V-START N-START A-START P-START}; fired: A-START
4 +e [(abl (SR ADJ) ABLE) . NIL]
    +e [NIL . (able (ADJ) ABLE)]
RP:{V-START N-START A-START P-START}; fired: none
5 +l [(abl (SR ADJ) ABLE) . NIL]
ERROR
Unknown word form: "ablely"
NIL
```

## 14.4.6 Parsing the simplex undulate

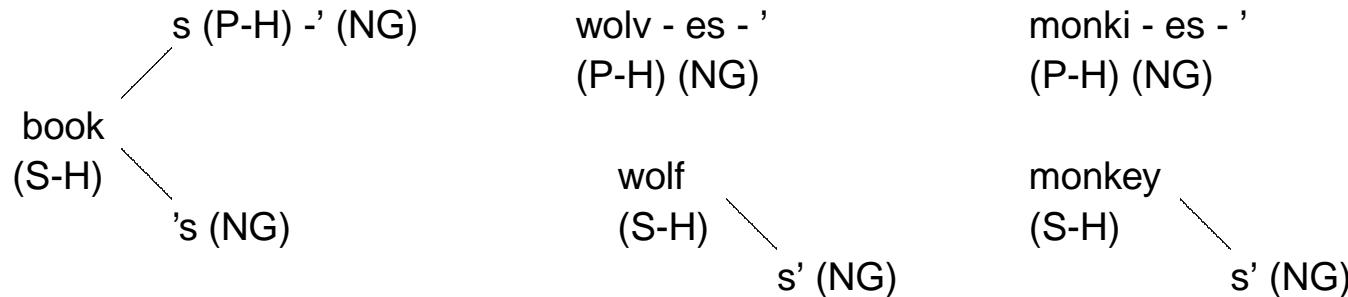
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1 +u [NIL . NIL]
2 +n [NIL . (un (PX PREF) UN)]
RP:{V-START N-START A-START P-START}; fired: P-START
3 +d [(un (PX PREF) UN) . (d (GG) NIL)]
+d [NIL . NIL]
4 +u [(un (PX PREF) UN) . (du (SR SN) DUE (SR ADJ-V) DUE)]
RP:{PX+A UN+V}; fired: PX+A
+u [NIL . NIL]
5 +l [(un+du (SR ADJ) DUE) . (l (GG) NIL (ABBR) LITER)]
RP:{A+LY}; fired: none
+l [(un (PX PREF) UN) . NIL]
+l [NIL . NIL]
6 +a [(un+du (SR ADJ) DUE) . NIL]
+a [NIL . NIL]
7 +t [(un+du (SR ADJ) DUE) . NIL]
+t [NIL . (undulat (SR A V) UNDULATE)]
RP:{V-START N-START A-START P-START}; fired: V-START
8 +e [(un+du (SR ADJ) DUE) . (late (ADJ-AV) LATE (ADV) LATE)]
RP:{A+LY}; fired: none
+e [(undulat (SR A V) UNDULATE) . NIL]
+e [NIL . (undulate (SR NOM A V) UNDULATE)]
RP:{V-START N-START A-START P-START}; fired: V-START
("undulate" (NOM A V) UNDULATE)

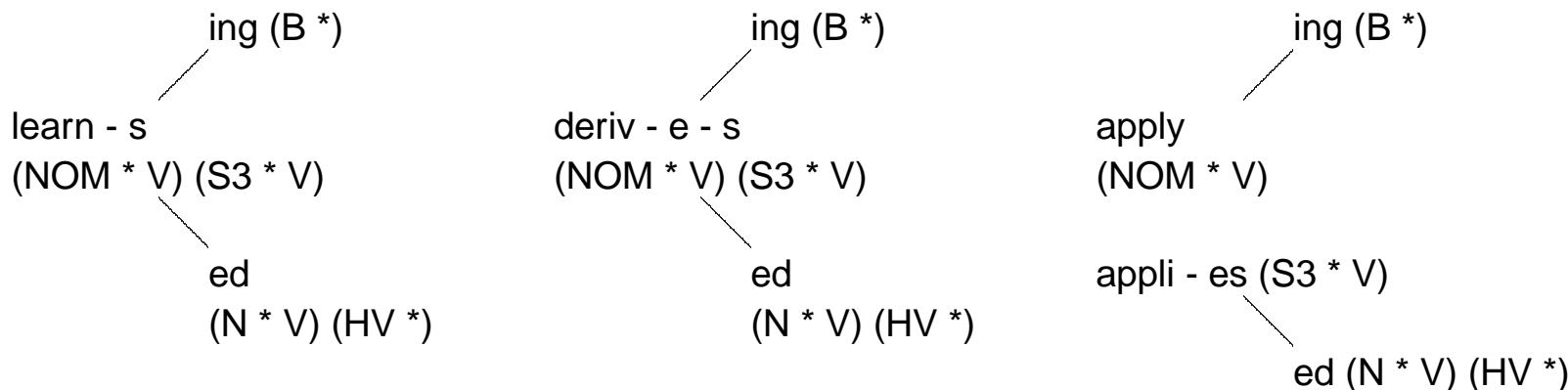
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## 14.5 Concatenation patterns

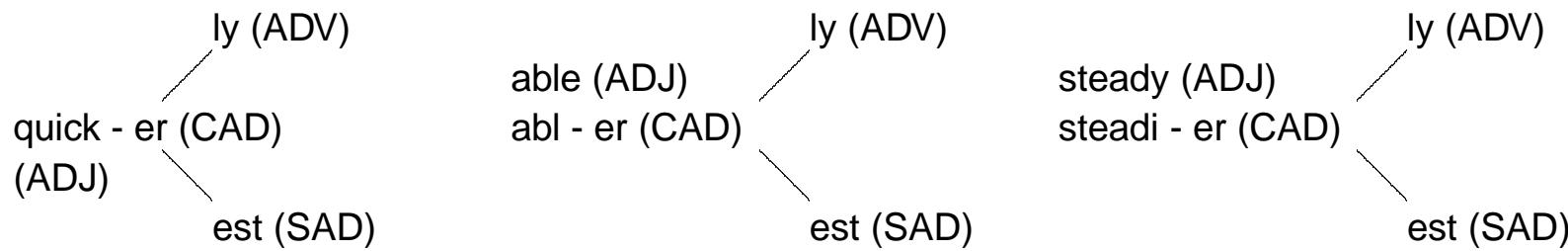
### 14.5.1 Concatenation patterns of English nouns



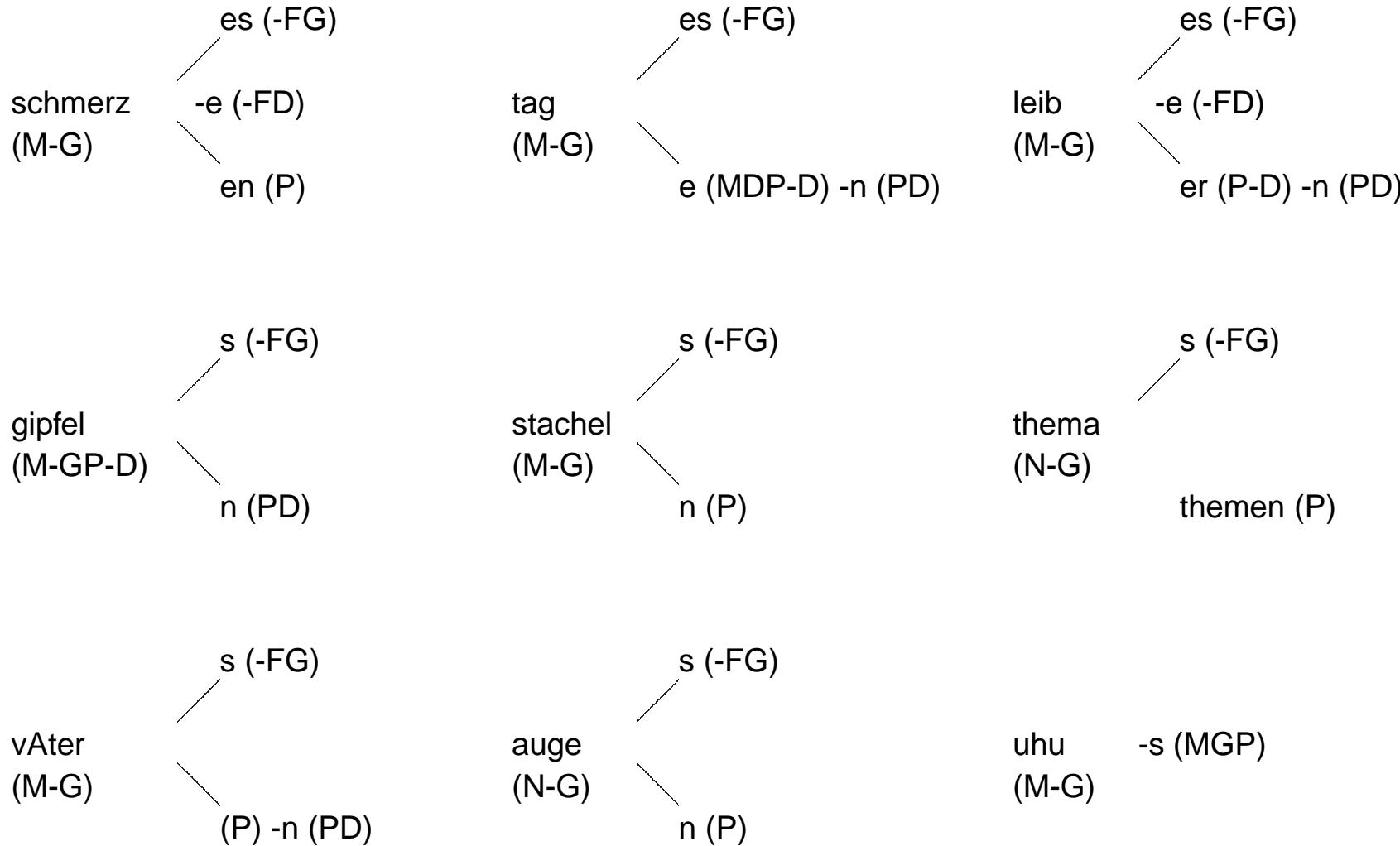
### 14.5.2 Concatenation patterns of English verbs



### 14.5.3 Concatenation patterns of adjective-adverbs



#### 14.5.4 Concatenation patterns of German nouns



braten	-s (-FG) (M-GP)	hAnd (F)	-e (P-D) -n (PD)	frau (F)	-en (P)
drangsal	-e (P-D) -n (PD) (F)	kenntnis	-se (P-D) -n (PD) (F)	mUtter	- (P-D) -n (PD) (F)

## 14.5.5 Category segments of German noun forms

MN	= Masculinum Nominativ	(Bote)
M-G	= Masculinum no Genitiv	(Tag)
-FG	= no Femininum Genitiv	(Tages, Kindes)
-FD	= no Femininum Dativ	(Schmerze, Kinde)
M-NP	= Masculinum no Nominativ or Plural	(Boten)
M-GP	= Masculinum no Genitiv or Plural	(Braten)
MGP	= Masculinum Genitiv or Plural	(Uhus)
M-GP-D	= Masculinum no Genitiv or Plural no Dativ	(Gipfel)
F	= Femininum	(Frau)
N-G	= Neutrum no Genitiv	(Kind)
NG	= Neutrum Genitiv	(Kindes)
ND	= Neutrum Dativ	(Kinde)
N-GP	= Neutrum no Genitiv or Plural	(Leben)
N-GP-D	= Neutrum no Genitiv or Plural no Dativ	(Wasser)
NDP-D	= Neutrum Dativ or Plural no Dativ	(Schafe)
P	= Plural	(Themen)
P-D	= Plural no Dativ	(Leiber)
PD	= Plural Dativ	(Leibern)

# 15. Corpus analysis

## 15.1 Implementation and application of grammar systems

### 15.1.1 Parts of a grammar system

- Formal algorithm
- Linguistic method

### 15.1.2 Options for grammar system of word form recognition

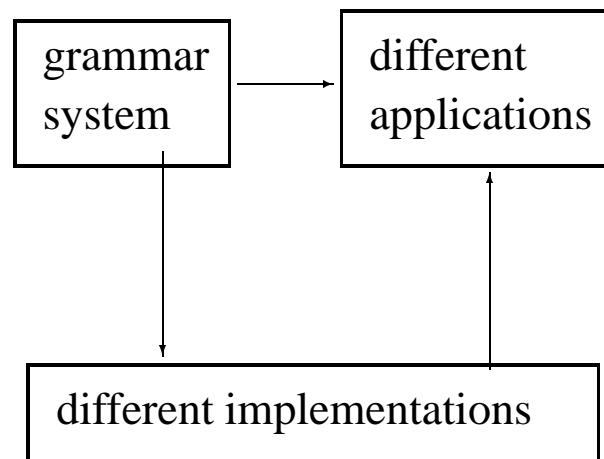
- Formal algorithm:  
C- (Section 7.4), PS- (Section 8.1), or LA-grammar (Section 10.2).
- Linguistic method:  
Word form, morpheme, or allomorph method (cf. Section 13.5).

### 15.1.3 Minimal standard of well-defined grammar systems

A grammar system is well-defined only if it simultaneously allows

1. different *applications* in a given *implementation*, and
2. different *implementations* in a given *application*.

### 15.1.4 Modularity of a grammar system



### 15.1.5 Different implementations of LA-morphology

1988 in LISP (Hausser & Todd Kaufmann)

1990 in C (Hausser & Carolyn Ellis)

1992 in C, ‘LAMA’ (Norbert Bröker)

1994 in C, ‘LAP’ (Gerald Schüller)

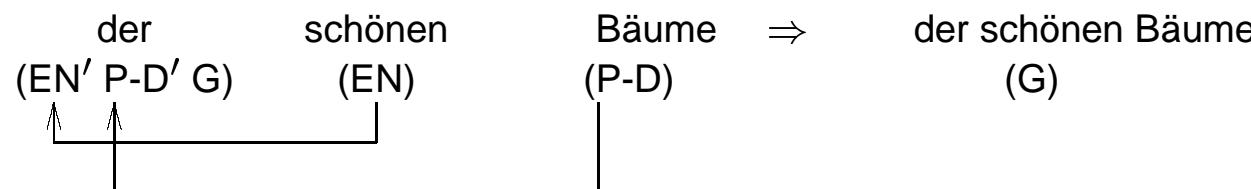
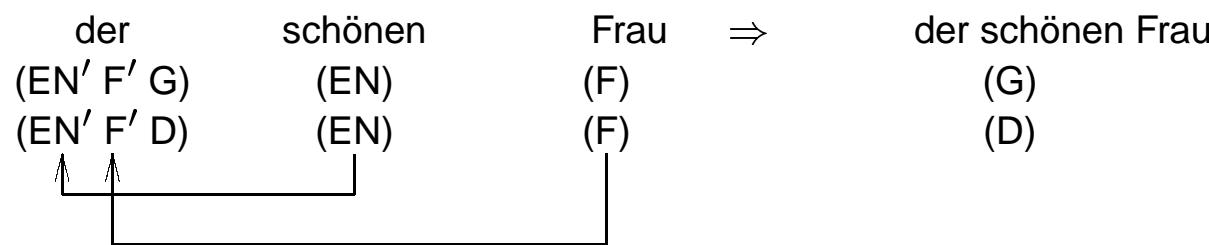
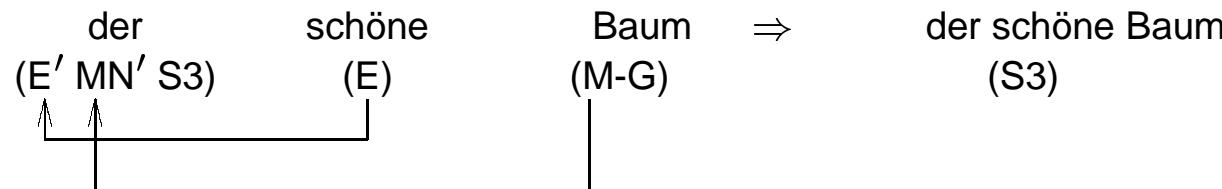
1995 in C, ‘Malaga’ (Björn Beutel)

### 15.1.6 Structural principles common to different LA-Morph implementations

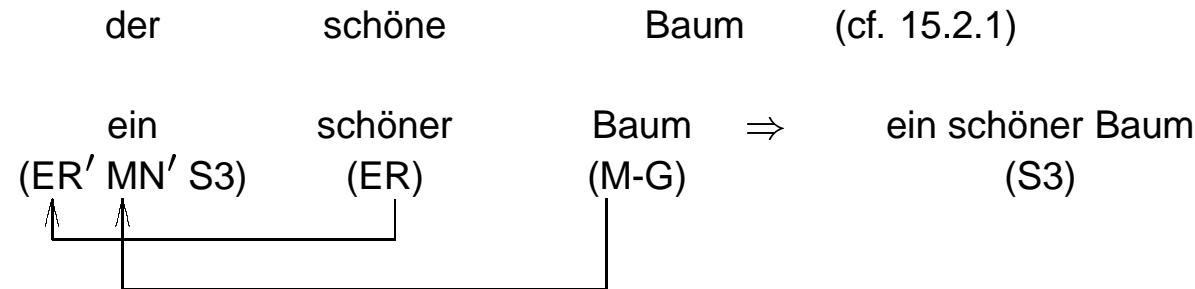
- Specification of the allo- (cf. 14.1.1) and the combi-rules (cf. 14.4.1) on the basis of patterns which are matched onto the input.
- Storage of the analyzed allomorphs in a trie structure and their left-associative lookup with parallel pursuit of alternative hypotheses (cf. Section 14.3).
- Modular separation of motor, rule components, and lexicon, permitting a simple exchange of these parts, for example in the application of the system to new domains or languages.
- Use of the same motor and the same algorithm for the combi-rules of the morphological, syntactic, and semantic components during analysis.
- Use of the same rule components for analysis and generation in morphology, syntax, and semantics.

## 15.2 Subtheoretical variants

### 15.2.1 Combinatorics of the German determiner *der*



## 15.2.2 Agreement of adjective-ending with determiner



## 15.2.3 Exhaustive versus distinctive categorization in deriving der schönen Frauen

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{der} & \text{schönen} & & \text{Frauen} & & & \\
 | & | & & | & & & \\
 6 & . & 19 & \rightarrow & 5 & . & 4 \\
 & 114 & + & & 20 & = & 1 \\
 & & & & & & 
 \end{array}
 \quad \begin{array}{l}
 \text{multiplication of } \textit{exhaustive} \text{ readings} \\
 \text{number of input pairs}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{der} & \text{schönen} & & \text{Frauen} & & & \\
 | & | & & | & & & \\
 3 & . & 1 & \rightarrow & 2 & . & 1 \\
 & 3 & + & & 2 & = & 5 \\
 & & & & & & 
 \end{array}
 \quad \begin{array}{l}
 \text{multiplication of } \textit{distinctive} \text{ readings} \\
 \text{number of input pairs}
 \end{array}$$

### 15.2.4 Representing lexical readings via different entries

[der (E' MN' S3) DEF-ART]

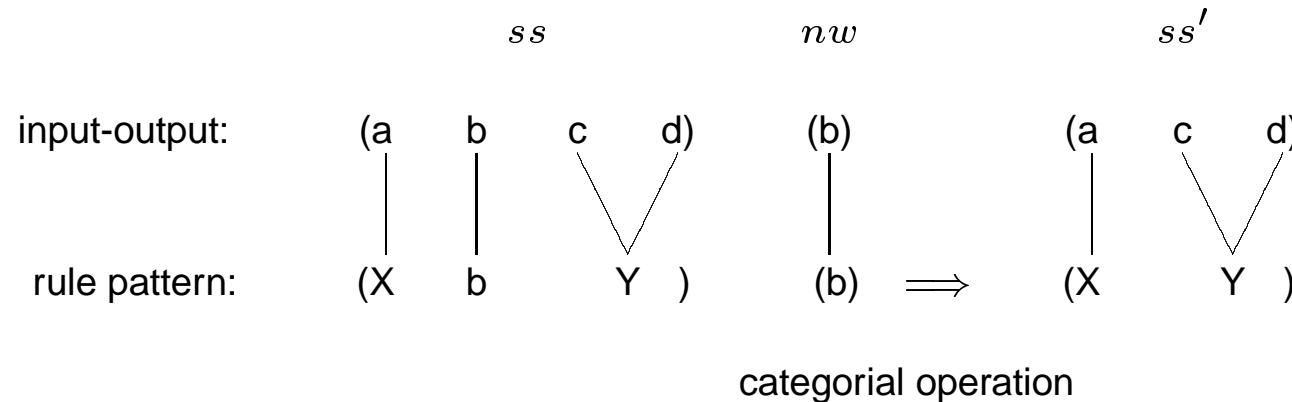
[der (EN' F' G&D) DEF-ART]

[der (EN' P-D' G) DEF-ART]

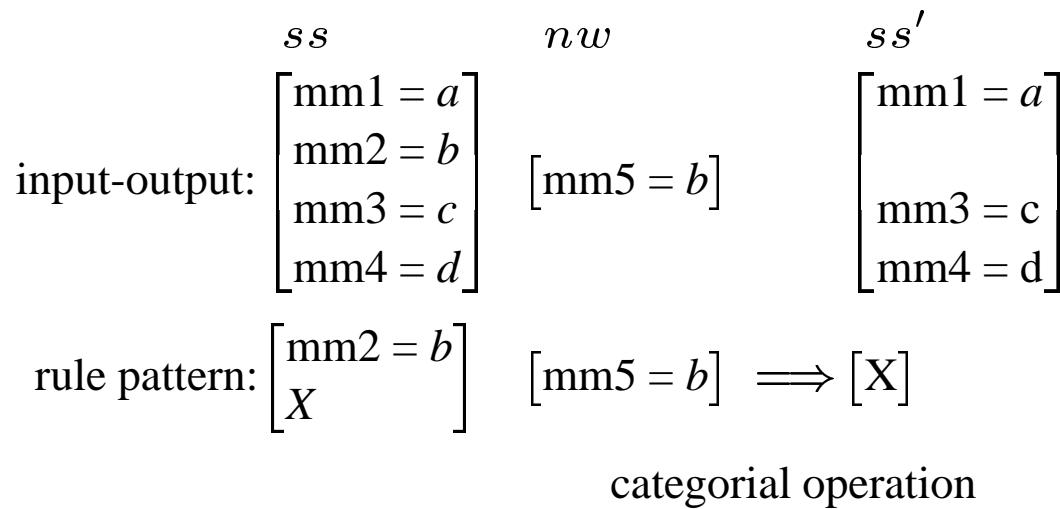
### 15.2.5 Representing lexical readings via multicats

[der ((E' MN' S3) (EN' F' G&D) (EN' P-D' G)) DEF-ART]

### 15.2.6 List-based matching (LAP)



### 15.2.7 Feature-based matching (Malaga)



## 15.3 Building corpora

### 15.3.1 Text genres of the Brown and the LOB corpus

	Brown	LOB
A Press: reportage	44	44
B Press: editorial	27	27
C Press: reviews	17	17
D Religion	17	17
E Skills, trade, and hobbies	36	38
F Popular lore	48	44
G Belle lettres, biography, essays	75	77
H Miscellaneous (government documents, foundation records, industry reports, college catalogues, industry house organ)	30	38
J Learned and scientific writing	80	80
K General fiction	29	29
L Mystery and detective fiction	24	24
M Science fiction	6	6
N Adventure and western fiction	29	29
P Romance and love story	29	29
R Humour	9	9
Total	500	500

### 15.3.2 Kučera & Francis' desiderata for the construction of corpora

1. Definite and specific delimitation of the language texts included, so that scholars using the Corpus may have a precise notion of the composition of the material.
2. Complete synchronicity; texts published in a single calendar year only are included.
3. A predetermined ratio of the various genres represented and a selection of individual samples through a random sampling procedure.
4. Accessibility of the Corpus to automatic retrieval of all information contained in it which can be formally identified.
5. An accurate and complete description of the basic statistical properties of the Corpus and of several subsets of the Corpus with the possibility of expanding such analysis to other sections or properties of the Corpus as may be required.

### 15.3.3 Difficulties with achieving a representative and balanced corpus

‘Genre’ is not a well-defined concept. Thus genres that have been distinguished so far have been identified on a purely intuitive basis. No empirical evidence has been provided for any of the genre distinctions that have been made.

N. Oostdijk 1988

## 15.4 Distribution of word forms

### 15.4.1 Definition of rank

The position of a word form in the frequency list

### 15.4.2 Definition of frequency class (F-class)

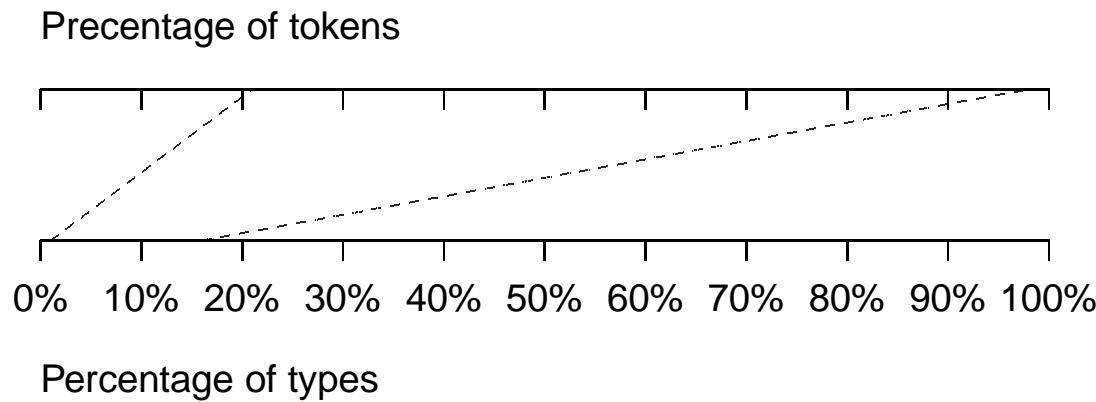
F-class  $=_{def}$  [frequency of types # number of types]

There are much fewer F-classes in a corpus than ranks. In the BNC, for example, 655 270 ranks result in 5 301 F-classes. Thus, the number of the F-classes is only 0.8% of the number of ranks. Because of their comparatively small number the F-classes are well suited to bring the type-token correlation into focus.

### 15.4.3 Type-token distribution in the BNC (*surface-based*)

F-class	start_r	end_r	types	tokens	types-%	tokens-%
beginning (the first 9 F-classes)						
1 (the)	1	1	1	5776399	0.000152	6.436776
2 (of)	2	2	1	2789563	0.000152	3.108475
3 (and)	3	3	1	2421306	0.000152	2.698118
4 (to)	4	4	1	2332411	0.000152	2.599060
5 (a)	5	5	1	1957293	0.000152	2.181057
6 (in)	6	6	1	1746891	0.000152	1.946601
7 (is)	7	7	1	893368	0.000152	0.995501
8 (that)	8	8	1	891498	0.000152	0.993417
9 (was)	9	9	1	839967	0.000152	0.935995
<hr/>			sums	9	19 648 696	0.001368 % 21.895 %
middle (9 samples)						
1000	1017	1017	1	9608	0.000152	0.010706 tokens
2001	2171	2171	1	4560	0.000152	0.005081 per
3000	3591	3591	1	2521	0.000152	0.002809 type:
3500	4536	4536	1	1857	0.000152	0.002069 1307
4000	5907	5910	4	5228	0.000607	0.005826 801
4500	8332	8336	5	4005	0.000758	0.004463 551
4750	10842	10858	17	9367	0.002579	0.010438 301
5000	16012	16049	38	11438	0.005764	0.012746 51
5250	44905	45421	517	26367	0.078420	0.029381
<hr/>			end (the last 9 F-classes)			
5292	108154	114730	6577	59193	0.997620	0.065960 9
5293	114731	122699	7969	63752	1.208763	0.071040 8
5294	122700	132672	9973	69811	1.512736	0.077792 7
5295	132673	145223	12551	75306	1.903775	0.083915 6
5296	145224	161924	16701	83505	2.533260	0.093052 5
5297	161925	186302	24378	97512	3.697732	0.108660 4
5298	186303	225993	39691	119073	6.020456	0.132686 3
5299	225994	311124	85131	170262	12.912938	0.189727 2
5300	311125	659269	348145	348145	52.807732	0.387946 1
<hr/>			sums	551 116	1 086 559	83.595012 % 1.210778 %

#### 15.4.4 Correlation of type and token frequency



#### 15.4.5 Semantic significance

The higher the frequency, the lower the semantic significance.

Examples: the, of, and, to, a, in, that, was

The lower the frequency, the higher the semantic significance.

Examples: audiophile, butternut, customhouse, dustheap

#### 15.4.6 Hapaxlegomena

Word forms in a corpus which occur only once.

### 15.4.7 Zipf's law

frequency · rank = constant

### 15.4.8 Illustration of Zipf's law

word form	rank	·	frequency	=	constant
the	1	·	5 776 399	=	5 776 399
and	2	·	2 789 563	=	5 579 126
...					
was	9	·	839 967	=	7 559 703
...					
holder	3 251	·	2 870	=	9 330 370

## 15.5 Statistical tagging

### 15.5.1 Top of Brown corpus frequency list

69971-15-500	THE	21341-15-500	IN
36411-15-500	OF	10595-15-500	THAT
28852-15-500	AND	10099-15-485	IS
26149-15-500	TO	9816-15-466	WAS
23237-15-500	A	9543-15-428	HE

The entry 9543-15-428 HE, for example, indicates that the word form HE occurs 9 543 times in the Brown corpus, in all 15 genres, and in 428 of the 500 sample texts.

### 15.5.2 Statistical tagging

is based on categorizing by hand – or half automatically with careful post-editing – a small part of the corpus, called the *core corpus*. The categories used for the classification are called *tags* or *labels*. After hand-tagging the core corpus, the probabilities of the transitions from one word form to the next are computed by means of *Hidden Markov Models* (HMMs).

### 15.5.3 Subset of the *basic (C5) tagset*

AJ0 Adjective (general or positive) (e.g. good, old, beautiful)

CRD Cardinal number (e.g. one, 3, fifty-five, 3609)

NN0 Common noun, neutral for number (e.g. aircraft, data, committee)

NN1 Singular common noun (e.g. pencil, goose, time, revelation)

NN2 Plural common noun (e.g. pencils, geese, times, revelations)

NP0 Proper noun (e.g. London, Michael, Mars, IBM)

UNC Unclassified items

VVB The finite base form of lexical verbs (e.g. forget, send, live, return)

VVD The past tense form of lexical verbs (e.g. forgot, sent, lived, returned)

VVG The -ing form of lexical verbs (e.g. forgetting, sending, living, returning)

VVI The infinitive form of lexical verbs (e.g. forget, send, live, return)

VVN The past participle form of lexical verbs (e.g. forgotten, sent, lived, returned)

VVZ The -s form of lexical verbs (e.g. forgets, sends, lives, returns)

### 15.5.4 Sample from the alphabetical word form list of the BNC

1 activ nn1-np0 1	8 activating aj0-nn1 6
1 activ np0 1	47 activating aj0-vvg 22
2 activa nn1 1	3 activating nn1-vvg 3
3 activa nn1-np0 1	14 activating np0 5
4 activa np0 2	371 activating vvg 49
1 activatd nn1-vvb 1	538 activation nn1 93
21 activate np0 4	3 activation nn1-np0 3
62 activate vvb 42	2 activation-energy aj0 1
219 activate vvi 116	1 activation-inhibition aj0 1
140 activated aj0 48	1 activation-synthesis aj0 1
56 activated aj0-vvd 26	1 activation. nn0 1
52 activated aj0-vvn 34	1 activation/ unc 1
5 activated np0 3	282 activator nn1 30
85 activated vvd 56	6 activator nn1-np0 3
43 activated vvd-vvn 36	1 activator/ unc 1
312 activated vvn 144	1 activator/ unc 1
1 activatedness nn1 1	7 activator/tissue unc 1
88 activates vvz 60	61 activators nn2 18
5 activating aj0 5	1 activators np0 1

Each entry consists (i) of a number detailing the frequency of the tagged word form in the whole corpus, (ii) the surface of the word form, (iii) the label, and (iv) the number of texts in which the word form was found under the assigned label.

### 15.5.5 Error rates in statistical tagging

The error rate of CLAWS4 is quoted by Leech 1995 at 1.7%, which may seem very good. However, given that the last 1.2% of the low frequency tokens requires 83.6% of the types (cf. 15.4.4), an error rate of 1.7% may also represent a very bad result – namely that about 90% of the types are not analyzed or not analyzed correctly. This conclusion is born out by a closer inspection of sample 15.5.4.

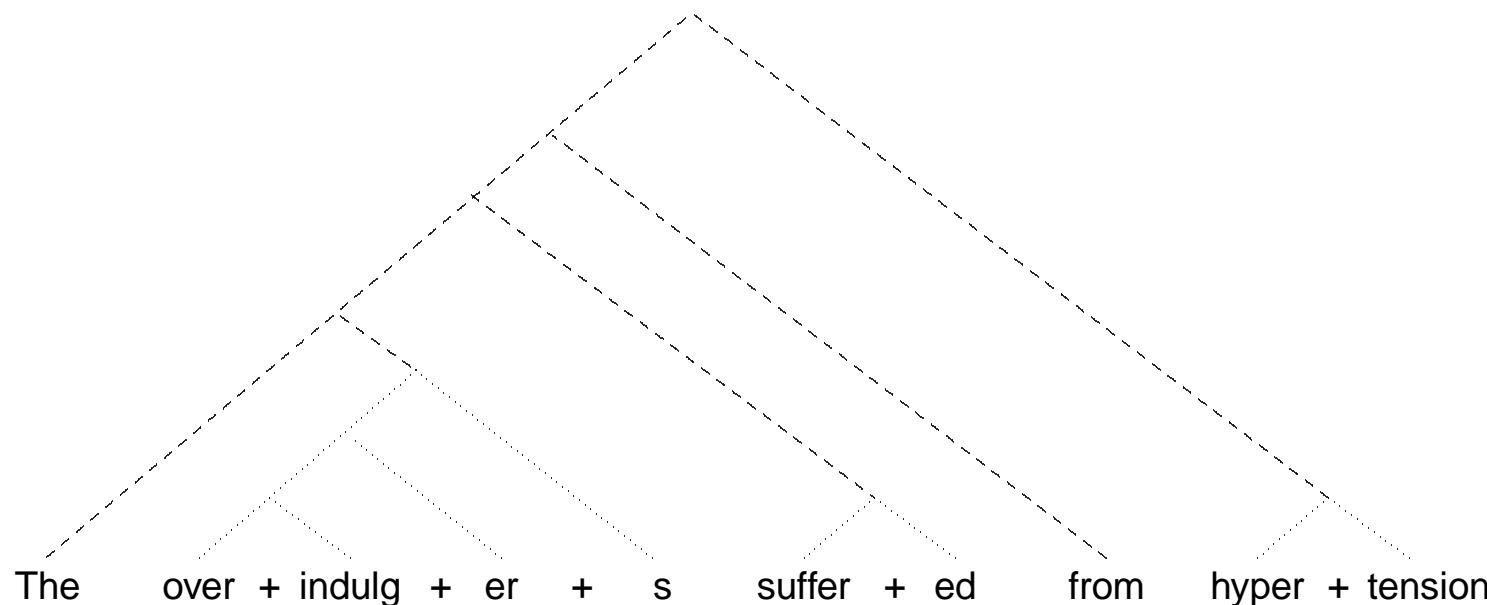
### 15.5.6 Weaknesses of statistical tagging

1. The categorization is too unreliable to support rule-based syntactic parsing.
2. Word forms can be neither reduced to their base forms (lemmatization) nor segmented into their allomorphs or morphemes.
3. The overall frequency distribution analysis of a corpus is distorted by an artificial inflation of types (e.g., 37.5% in the BNC).
4. Even if the tagger is successfully improved as a whole, its results can never be more than probabilistically-based conjectures.

# 16. Basic concepts of syntax

## 16.1 Delimitation of morphology and syntax

### 16.1.1 Correlation of LA-morphology and LA-syntax



The tree structures of LA-morphology and LA-syntax both satisfy the SLIM-theoretic principles of surface compositionality (S) and time-linear composition (L). However, their respective time-linear compositions occur in different phases.

### 16.1.2 Treatment of idioms in morphology or syntax?

A syntactic treatment is generally motivated in idioms which (i) retain their compositional meaning as an option, (ii) are subject to normal variations of word order, and (iii) exhibit internal inflectional variation. Otherwise idioms should be handled in the lexicon (e.g. *over-the-counter*).

### 16.1.3 Correlation of morphology and syntax in different types of language

Some natural languages compose meaning<sub>1</sub> mainly in the syntax (e.g. Chinese) and others mainly in morphology (e.g. Eskimo in which long chains of morphemes are concatenated into a single word form such as [a:wlis-utiss?ar-si-niarpu-na] *I am looking for something suitable for a fish-line*). This alternative exists also within a given natural language. For example, in English the complex concept denoted by the word form *overindulgers* may roughly be expressed analytically as *people who eat and drink too much*.

### 16.1.4 Combination principles of syntax

1. *Valency*
2. *Agreement*
3. *Word order*

## 16.2 Valency

### 16.2.1 The notions valency carrier and valency filler

go back to the French linguist L. TESNIÈRE 1959, who borrowed them from chemistry. The valency positions of a carrier must be filled, or canceled, by compatible fillers in order for an expression to be syntactically and semantically complete.

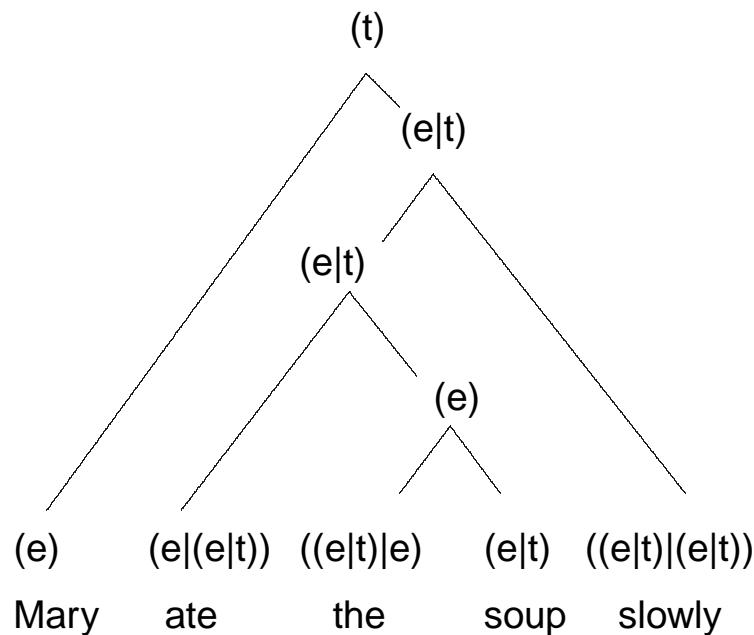
### 16.2.2 Coding the structure of valency carriers in LA-grammar

Composite syntactic categories are defined as lists of category segments. For example, the English verb form **ate** is analyzed as follows.

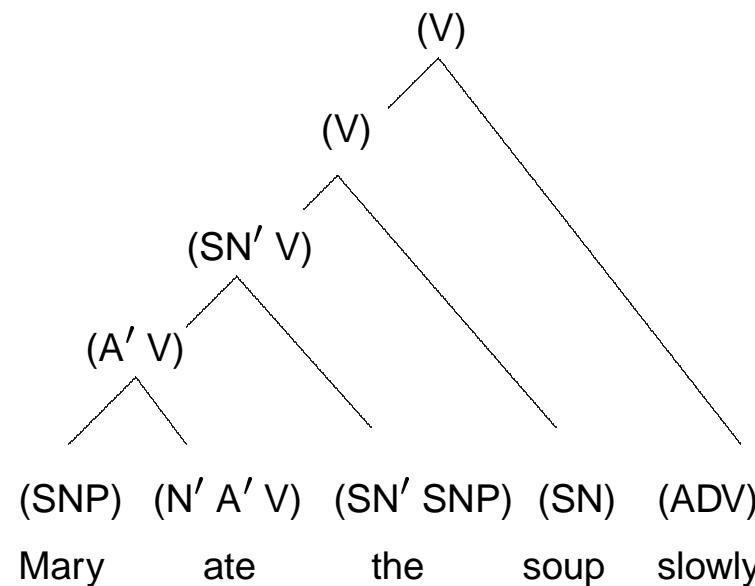
[**ate** (N' A' V) eat]

### 16.2.3 Carriers, fillers, and modifiers in CG and LAG

*C-grammar analysis*

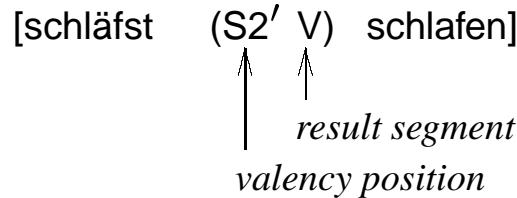


*LA-grammar analysis*

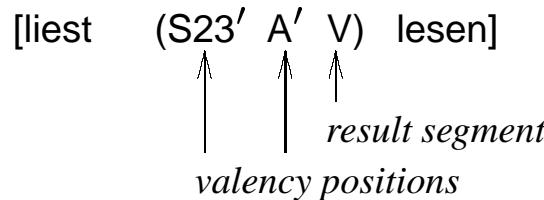


### 16.2.4 Examples of different valency carriers in German

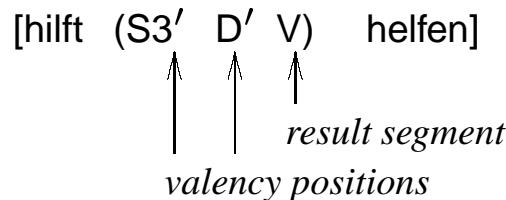
- the one-place verb form **schläfst** (*sleep*):



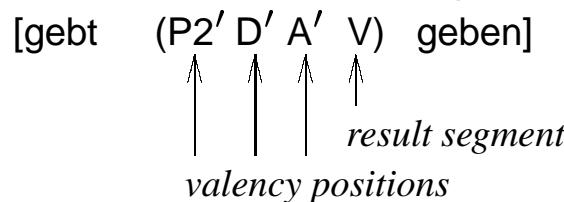
- the two-place verb form **liest** (*read*):



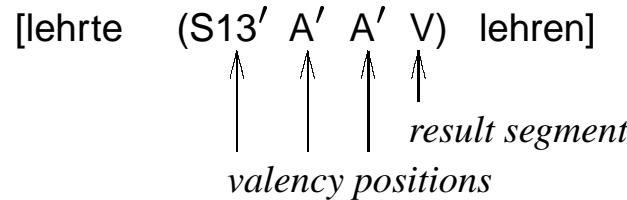
- the two-place verb form **hilft** (*help*):



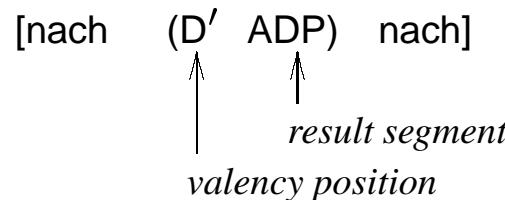
- The three-place verb form **gebt** (*give*):



- The three-place verb form **lehrte** (*taught*):



- The one-place preposition **nach** (*after*):



### 16.2.5 Category structure of valency fillers and modifiers

[Bücher (P-D) buch]

(*books*)

[ihm (D) er]

(*him*)

[gestern (ADV) gestern]

(*yesterday*)

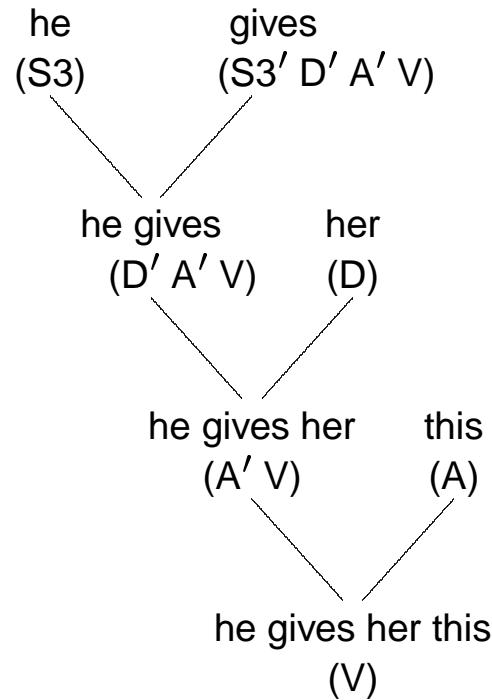
Valency carriers may also function as valency fillers using their result segment, e.g. V, as the filler segment. In this case, the segments representing valency positions are attached at the beginning of the category resulting from the composition.

## 16.3 Agreement

### 16.3.1 Agreement violation in English

\*Every girls need a mother.

### 16.3.2 Identity-based agreement in a simple LA-syntactic analysis



### 16.3.3 An LA-grammar for 6.3.2 (*LA-plaster*)

$LX =_{def} \{ [he (S3) *], [her (D) *], [this (A) *], [gives (S3' D' A' V) *] \}$

$ST_S =_{def} \{ [(S3) \{MAIN+FV\}] \}$

MAIN+FV:  $(S3) (S3' D' A' V) \Rightarrow (D' A' V) \{FV+MAIN1\}$

FV+MAIN1:  $(D' A' V) (D) \Rightarrow (A' V) \{FV+MAIN2\}$

FV+MAIN2:  $(A' V) (A) \Rightarrow (V) \{ \}$

$ST_F =_{def} \{ [(V) rp_{FV+MAIN2}] \}$

### 16.3.4 Example of an error in identity-based agreement

	+	gives	$\Rightarrow$	Error:	ungrammatical continuation
(S1)		(S3' D' A' V)			

## 16.4 Free word order in German (*LA-D1*)

### 16.4.1 Word order variations in a declarative main clause of German

Der Mann gab der Frau den Strauß.

(the man gave the woman the bouquet.)

Der Mann gab den Strauß der Frau.

(the man gave the bouquet the woman.)

Der Frau gab der Mann den Strauß.

(the woman gave the man the bouquet.)

Der Frau gab den Strauß der Mann.

(the woman gave the bouquet the man.)

Den Strauß gab der Mann der Frau.

(the bouquet gave the man the woman.)

Den Strauß gab der Frau der Mann.

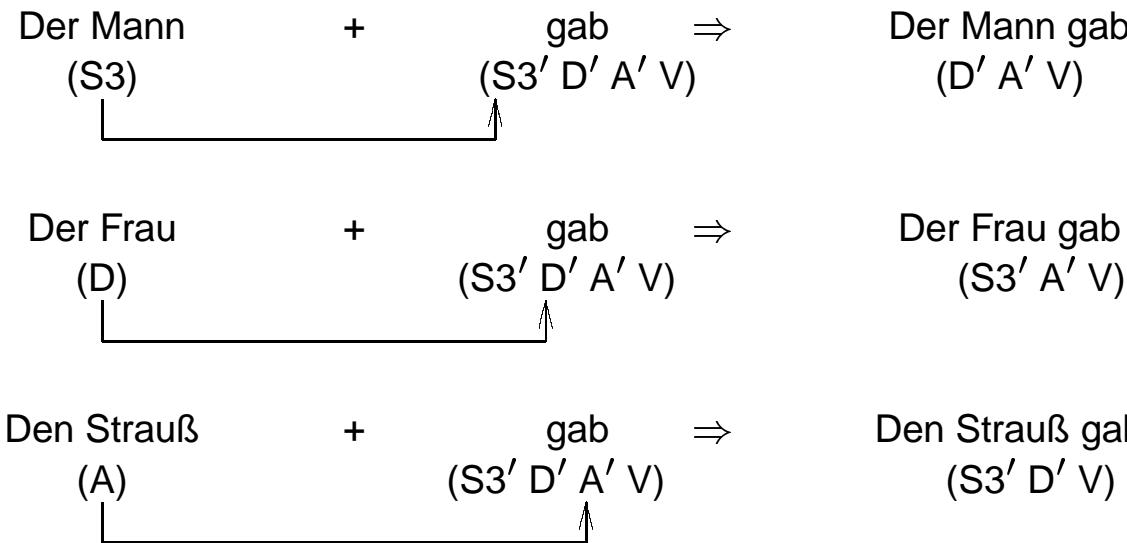
(the bouquet gave the woman the man.)

### 16.4.2 Word order violation in German

\*Der Mann der Frau gab einen Strauß.

(the man the woman gave the bouquet.)

### 16.4.3 Free canceling of valency positions in a carrier of German



### 16.4.4 German LA-grammar with partial free word order

$LX =_{def} \{ [er (S3) *], [ihr (D) *], [das (A) *], [gab (S3' D' A' V) *] \}$

Variable definition:  $np \in \{D, A\}$ , with  $np'$  correspondingly  $D'$  or  $A'$

$x, y = .??.??.?$  (i.e. an arbitrary sequence up to length 4)

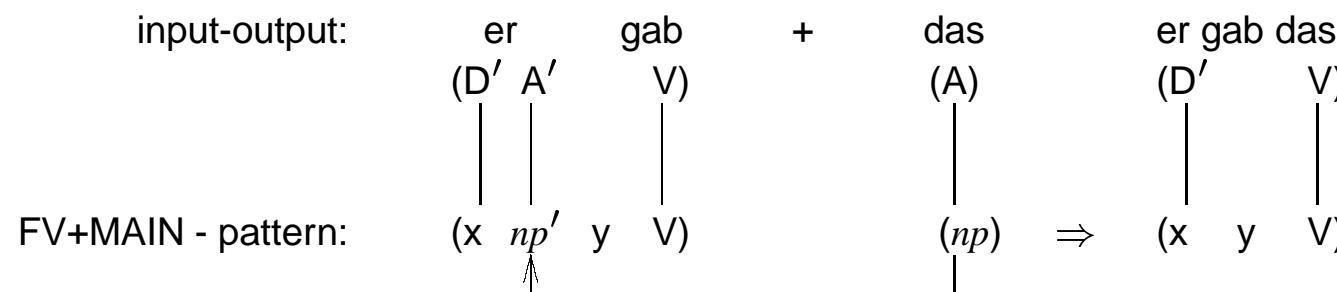
$ST_S =_{def} \{ [(S3) \{MAIN+FV\}] \}$

MAIN+FV:  $(S3) (S3' D' A' V) \Rightarrow (D A V) \{FV+MAIN\}$

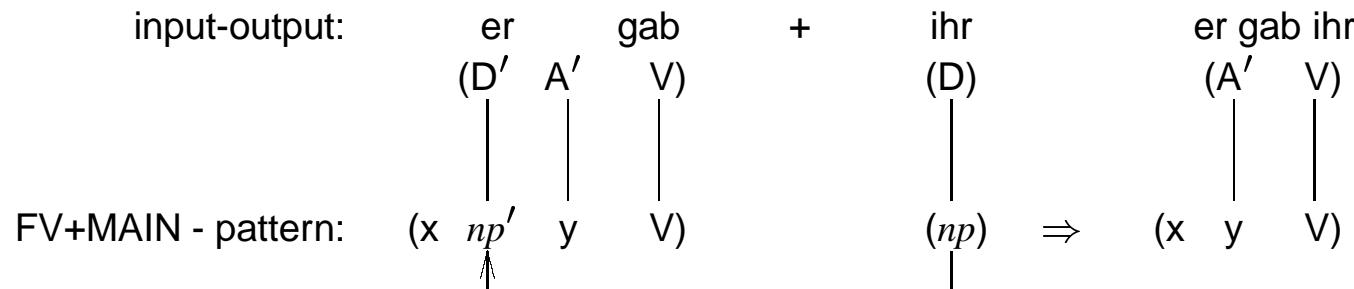
FV+MAIN:  $(x np' y V) (np) \Rightarrow (x y V) \{FV+MAIN\}$

$ST_F =_{def} \{ [(V) rp_{FV+MAIN}] \}$

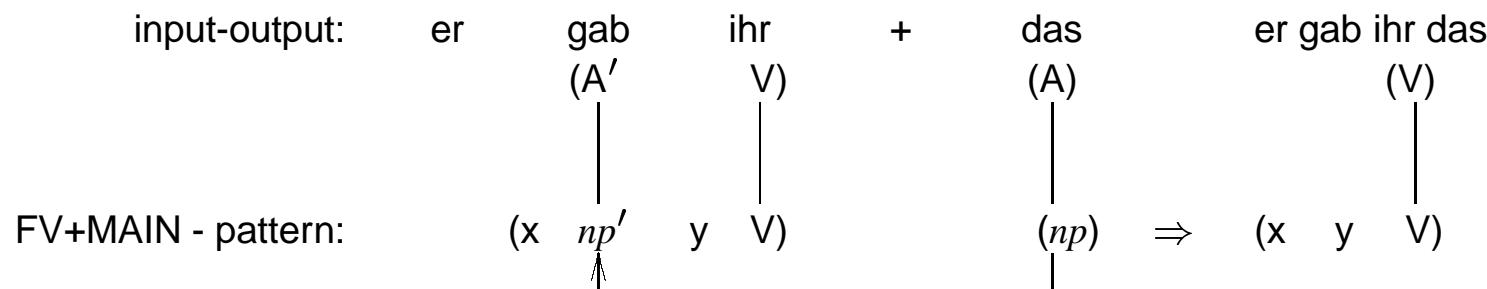
### 16.4.5 FV+MAIN matching a next word accusative



### 16.4.6 FV+MAIN matching a next word dative



### 16.4.7 Reapplication of FV+MAIN



### 16.4.8 German LA-grammar with free word order (*LA-D1*)

$$\text{LX} =_{def} \{ [\text{er } (\text{S3}) *], [\text{ihr } (\text{D}) *], [\text{das } (\text{A}) *], [\text{gab } (\text{S3}' \text{ D}' \text{ A}' \text{ V}) *] \}$$

Variable definition:  $np \in \{\text{S3}, \text{D}, \text{A}\}$ , with  $np'$  correspondingly  $\text{S3}'$ ,  $\text{D}'$  or  $\text{A}'$   
 $x, y = .?.?.?.?$  (i.e. an arbitrary sequence up to length 4)

$$\text{ST}_S =_{def} \{ [(np) \{ \text{MAIN+FV} \} ] \}$$

$$\text{MAIN+FV}: (np) (x np' y \text{V}) \Rightarrow (x y \text{V}) \{ \text{FV+MAIN} \}$$

$$\text{FV+MAIN}: (x np' y \text{V}) (np) \Rightarrow (x y \text{V}) \{ \text{FV+MAIN} \}$$

$$\text{ST}_F =_{def} \{ [(\text{V}) \text{ rp}_{\text{FV+MAIN}}] \}$$

### 16.4.9 Word order variants of *LA-D1*

er gab ihr das  
er gab das ihr

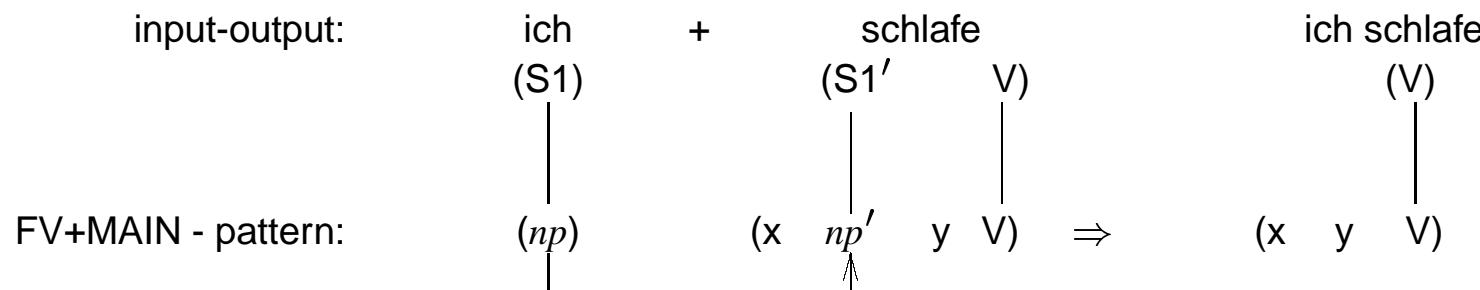
das gab er ihr  
das gab ihr er

ihr gab er das  
ihr gab das er

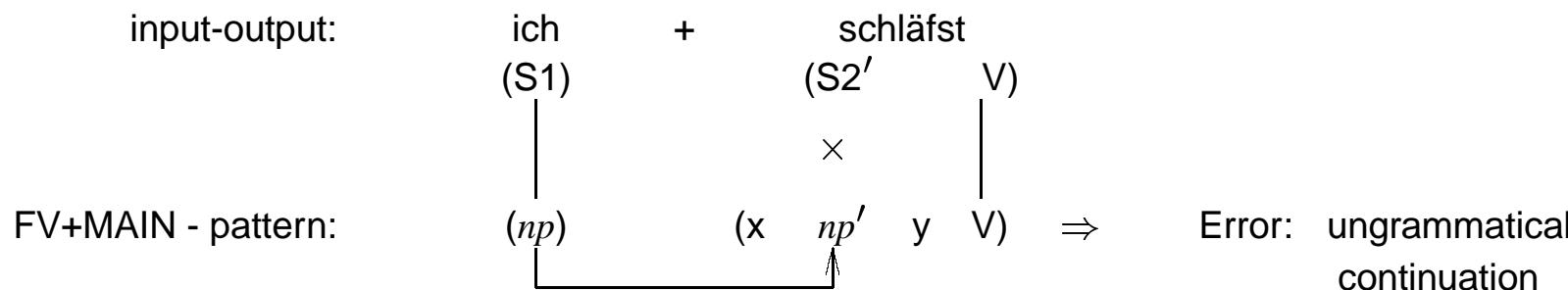
### 16.4.10 Extending the lexion of LA-DI

[ich (S1 \*)], [du (S2 \*)], [wir (P1 \*)], [schlafe (S1' V \*)], [schläfst (S2' V \*)], [schläft (S3' V \*)],  
 [schlafen (P1' V \*)], [lese (S1' A' V \*)], [liest (S2' A' V \*)], [las (S3' A' V \*)], [helfe (S1' D' V \*)],  
 [hilfst (S2' D' V \*)], [half (S3' D' V \*)], [lehre (S1' A' A' V \*)], [lehrst (S2' A' A' V \*)], [lehrt (S3' A'  
 A' V \*)], [gebe (S1' D' A' V \*)], [gibst (S2' D' A' V \*)].

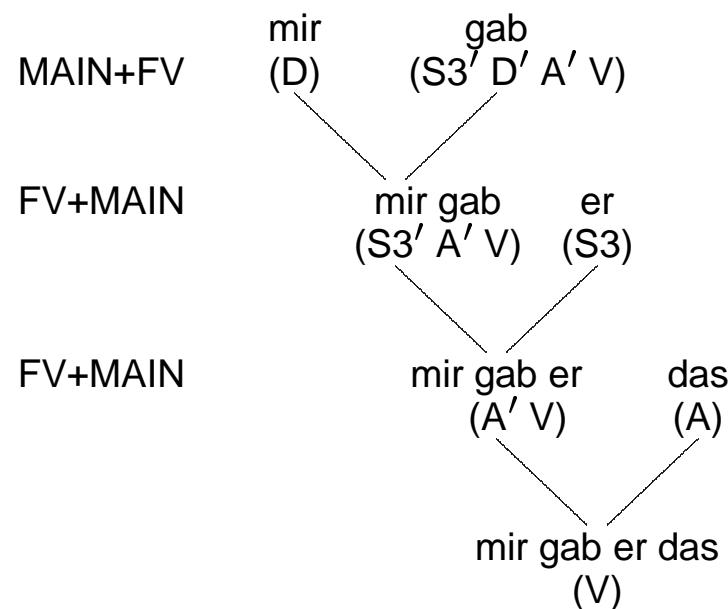
### 16.4.11 Identity-based subject-verb agreement in German



## 16.4.12 Agreement violation in German

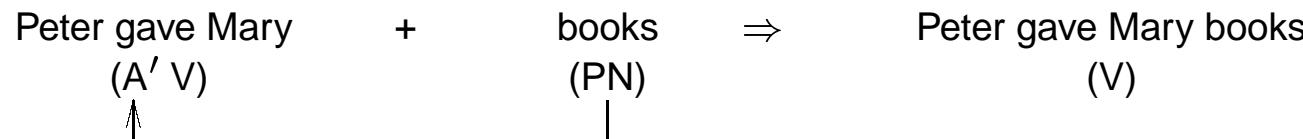
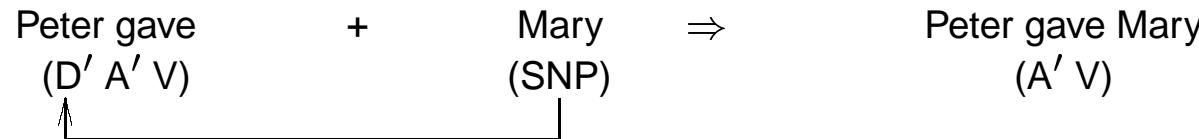
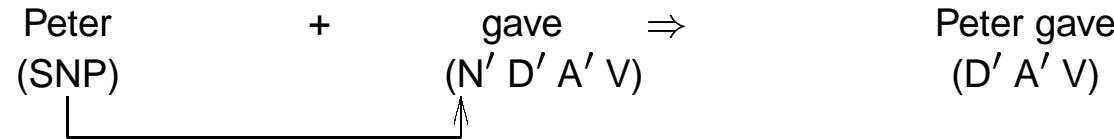


### 16.4.13 Derivation in *LA-D1* (identity-based agreement)



## 16.5 Fixed word order in English (*LA-EI*)

### 16.5.1 Fixed canceling of valency positions in a carrier of English



## 16.5.2 English LA-grammar with fixed word order (*LA-E1*)

$LX =_{def} \{ [\text{Peter (SNP)}^*], [\text{Mary (SNP)}^*], [\text{books (PN)}^*],$   
 $[\text{gave (N' D' A' V)}^*] \}$

Variable definition:  $np \in \{\text{SNP}, \text{PN}\}$ ,  $np' \in \{\text{N}', \text{D}', \text{A}'\}$ ,  
 $x = .?.?.?.?$  (i.e. an arbitrary sequence up to length 4)

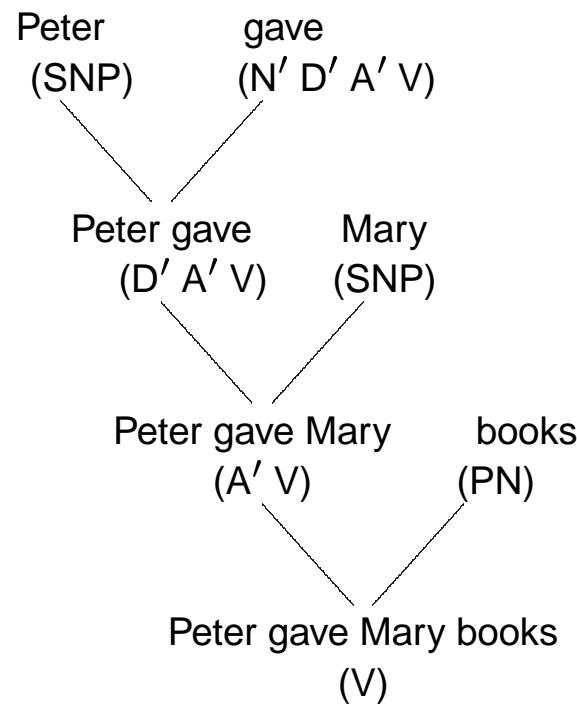
$ST_S =_{def} \{ [(x) \{\text{NOM+FV}\}] \}$

$\text{NOM+FV}: (np)(np' x V) \Rightarrow (y V) \{\text{FV+MAIN}\}$

$\text{FV+MAIN}: (np' x V)(np) \Rightarrow (y V) \{\text{FV+MAIN}\}$

$ST_F =_{def} \{ [(V) \text{ rp}_{FV+MAIN}] \}$

### 16.5.3 Derivation in *LA-EI* (definition-based agreement)



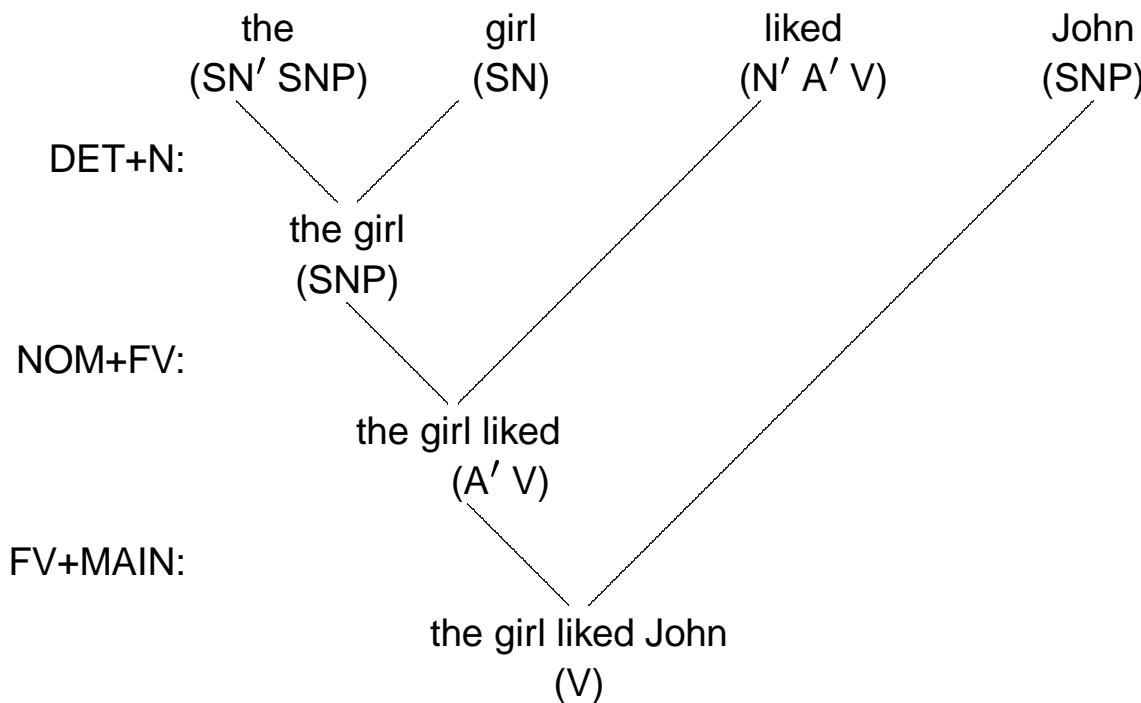
## 17. LA-syntax for English

### 17.1 Complex fillers in pre- and postverbal position

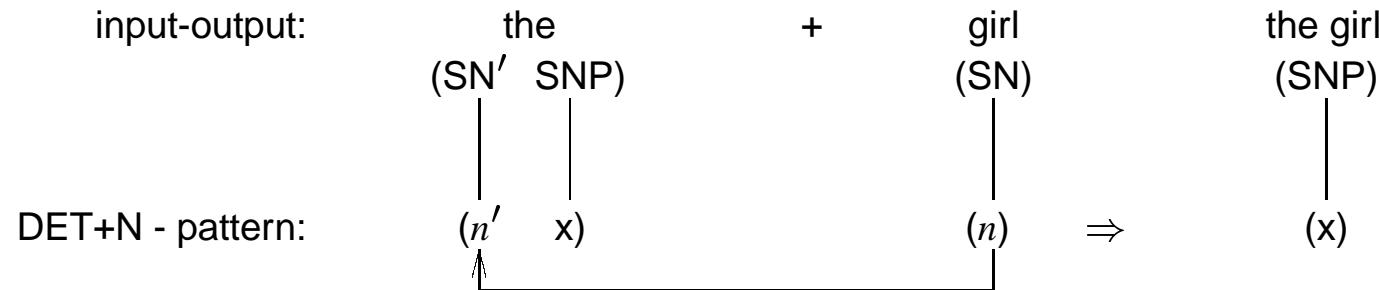
#### 17.1.1 Determiner and noun categories of English

<i>categories</i>	<i>surfaces</i>	<i>examples of lemmata</i>
singular and plural determiners:		
(SN' SNP)	a, an, every, the	[a (SN' SNP) *]
(PN' PNP)	all, several, the	[all (PN' PNP) *]
singular and plural nouns:		
(SN)	man, woman, book, car	[woman (SN) *]
(PN)	men, women, books, cars	[men (PN) *]

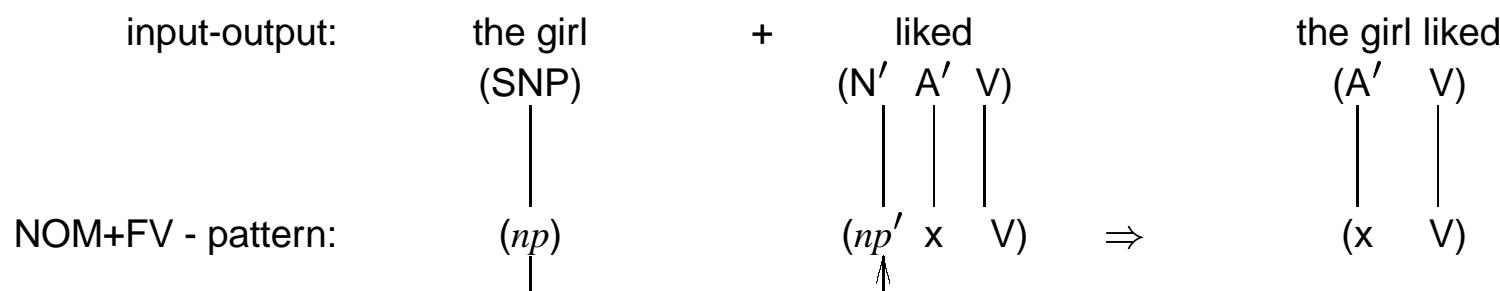
### 17.1.2 Complex noun phrase before the valency carrier



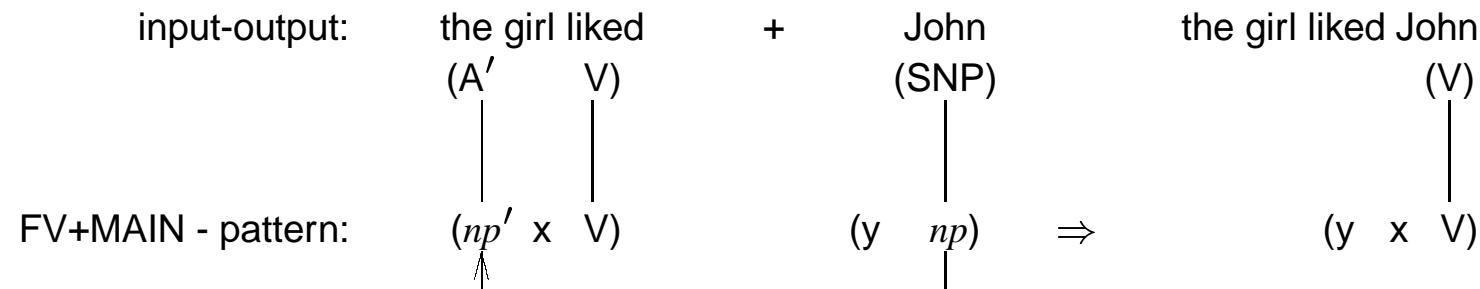
### **17.1.3 Preverbal application of Det+N**



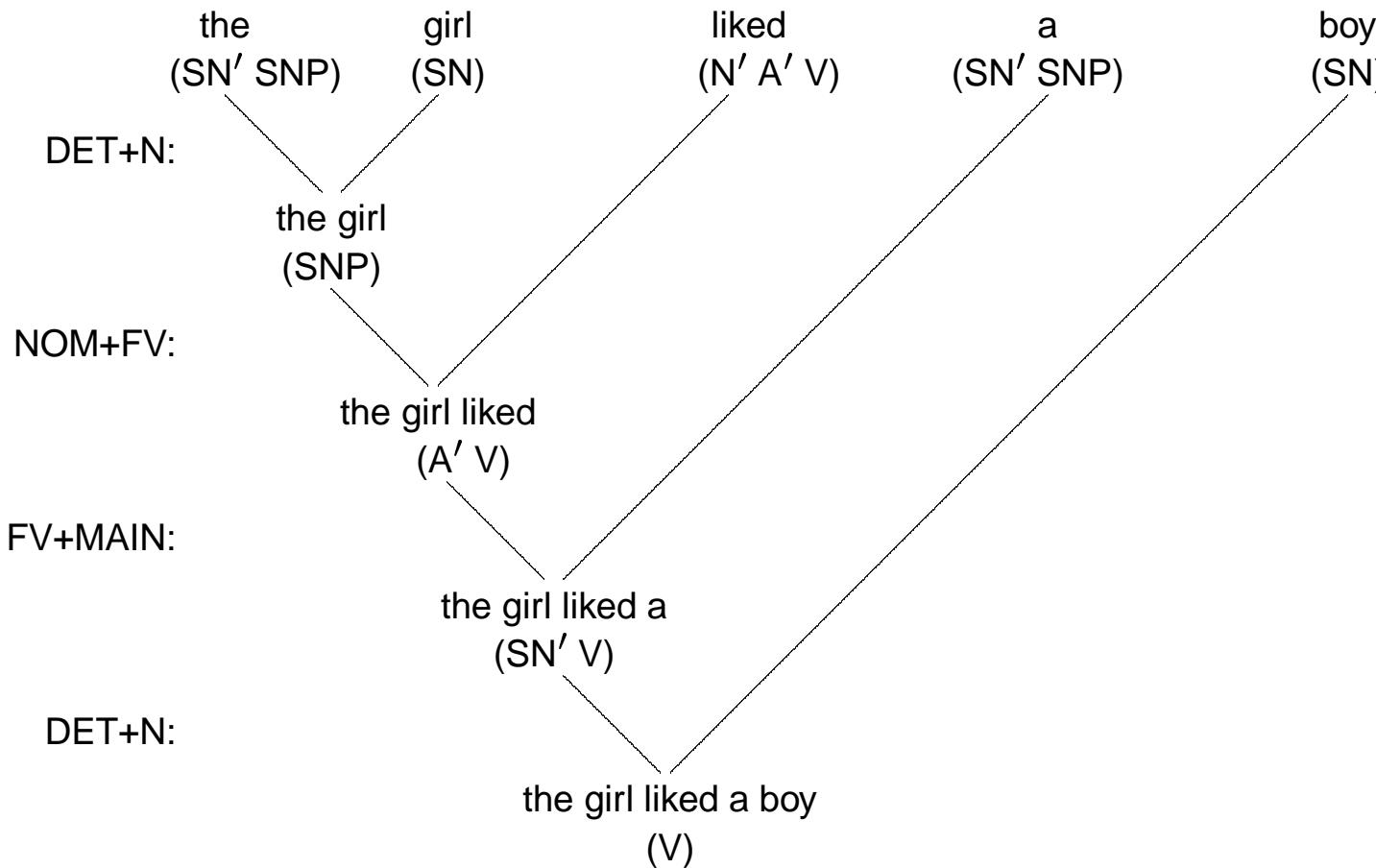
#### 17.1.4 Application of NOM+FV to complex nominative NP



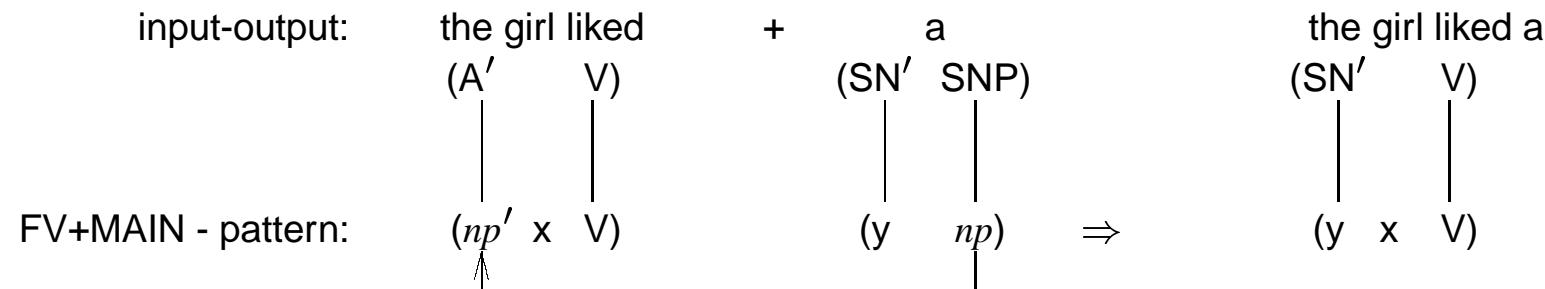
## 17.1.5 FV+MAIN adding elementary object NP



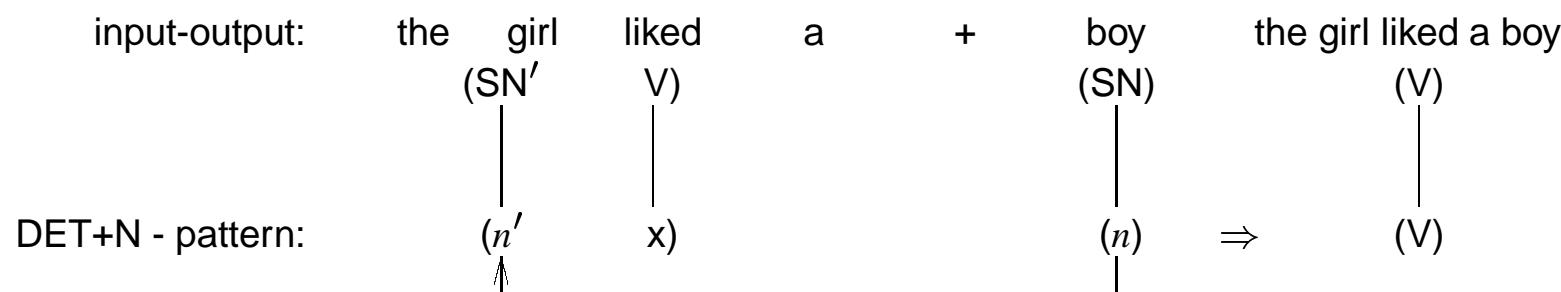
### 17.1.6 Complex noun phrase after valency carrier



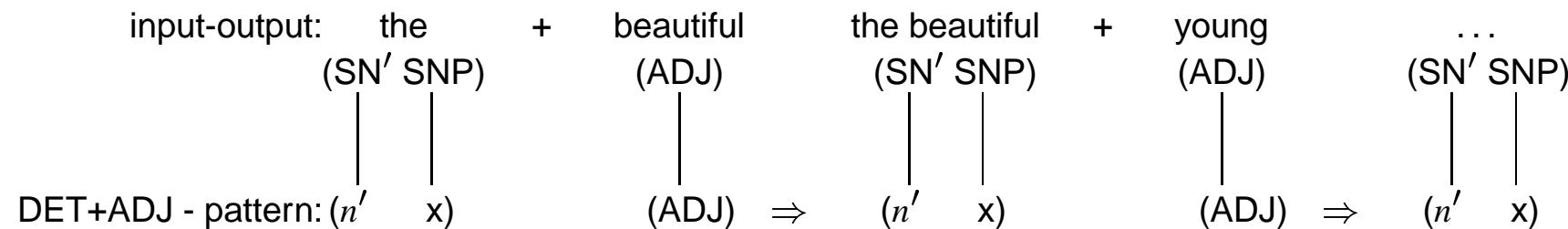
### 17.1.7 FV+Main adding beginning of complex object NP



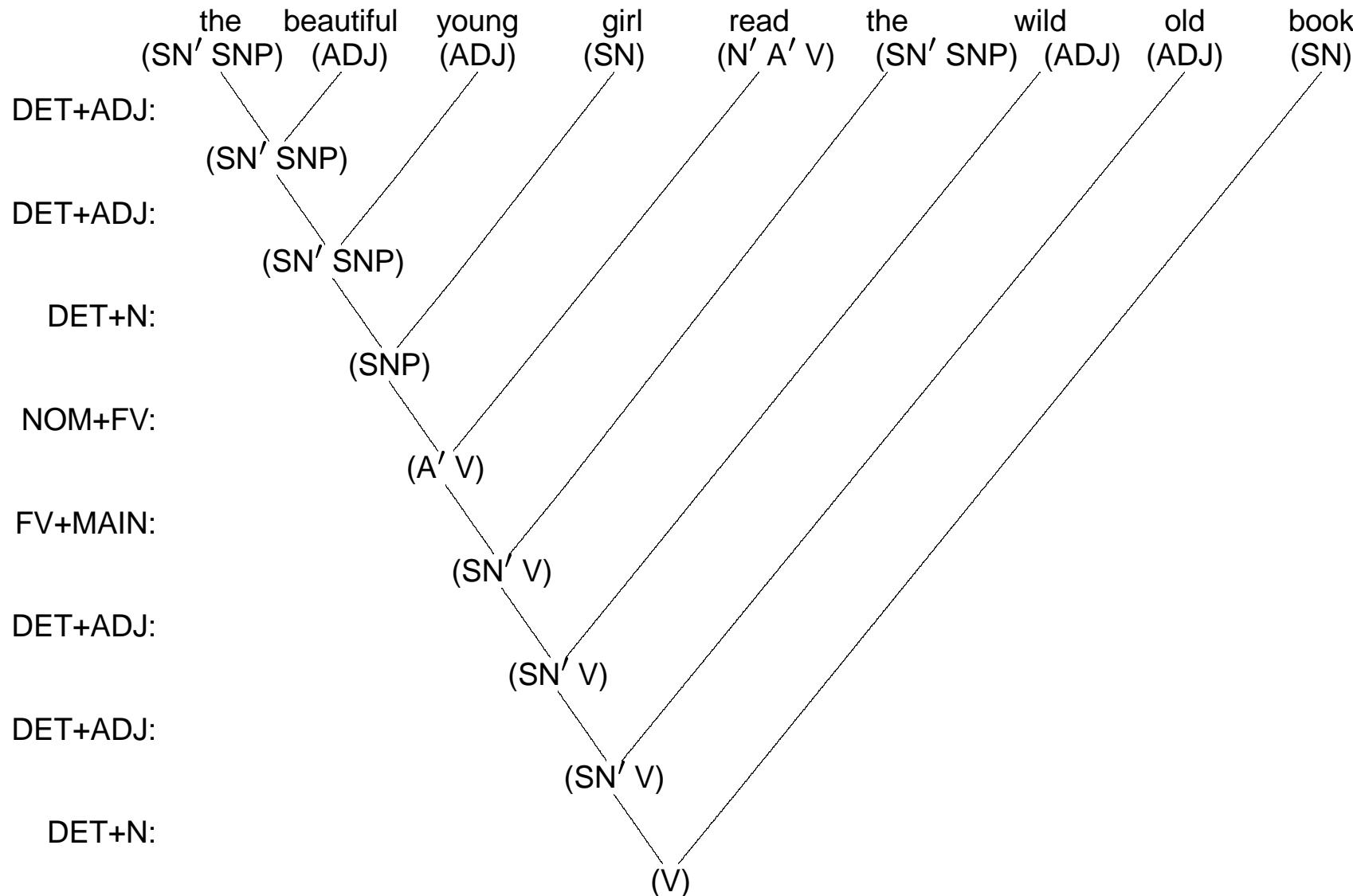
## 17.1.8 Postverbal application of Det+N



### 17.1.9 DET+ADJ recursively adding adjectives



### 17.1.10 Complex noun phrases with adjectives



## 17.2 English field of referents

### 17.2.1 Categories of nominal valency fillers in English

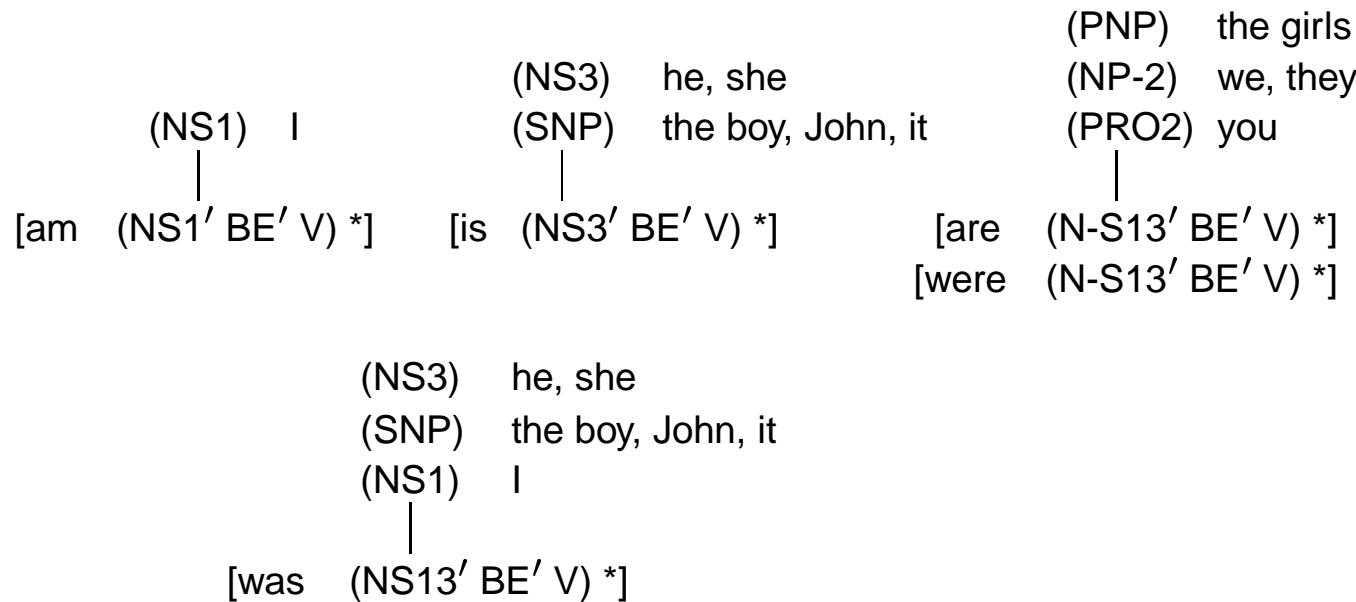
	<i>singular</i>			<i>plural</i>	
<i>nominative</i>	(SNP)	(NS3)	(NS1)	(NP-2)	(PNP)
	the boy	he she	I	we they	the boys
	John				
<i>oblique</i>		him	(PRO2) you		
	it	her	me	us	them
			(OBQ)		

## 17.2.2 Agreement of fillers and valency in main verbs

(NS1)	I	(SNP)	(SNP)	the boy, John, it
(NP-2)	we, they	(OBQ)	(OBQ)	me, him, her, us, them
(PNP)	the girls	(PNP)	(PNP)	the girls
(PRO2)	you	(PRO2)	(PRO2)	you
[give (N-S3'		D'		V) *]
[gave (N'				V) *]
[gives (NS3'		A'		V) *]
(SNP)	the boy, John, it			
(NS3)	he, she			

## 17.3 Complex verb forms

### 17.3.1 Nominative agreement of the auxiliary be



### 17.3.2 Complex verb forms of English

does                  give                  does give  
 $(NS3' DO' V)$        $(D' A' DO)$        $\Rightarrow$        $(NS3' D' A' V)$



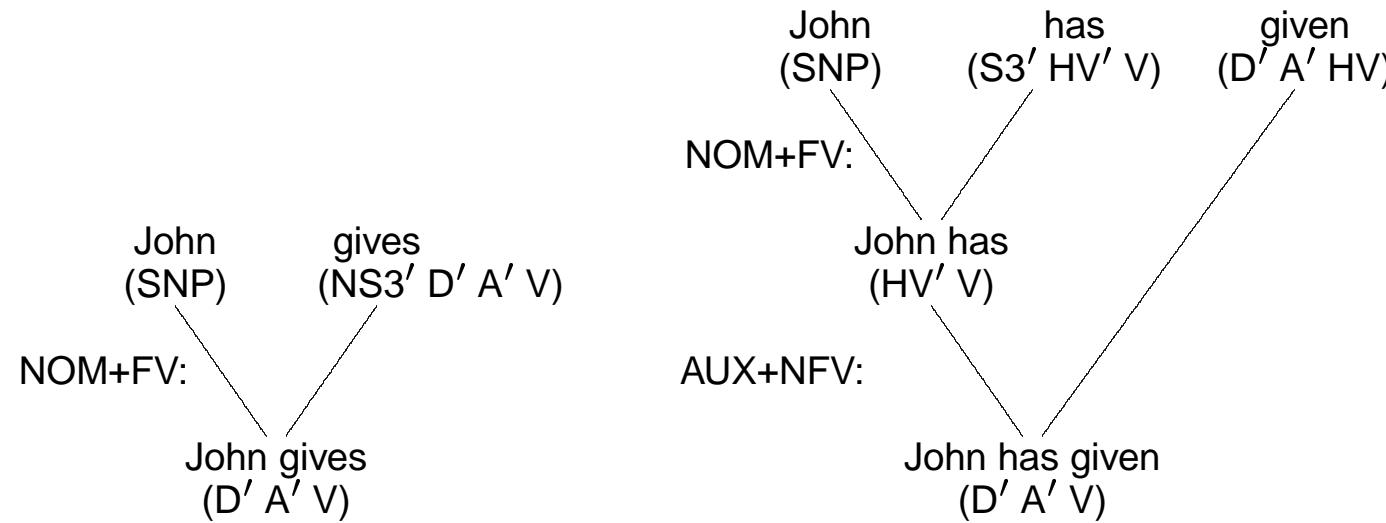
has                  given                  has given  
 $(NS3' HV' V)$        $(D' A' HV)$        $\Rightarrow$        $(NS3' D' A' V)$



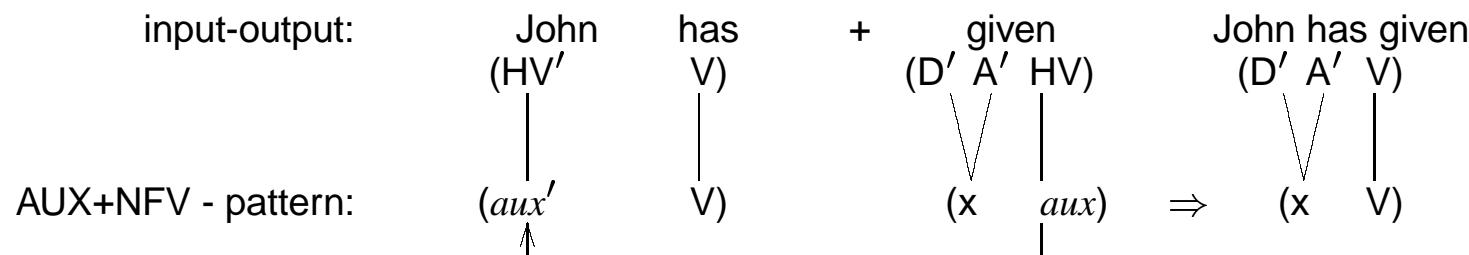
is                  giving                  is giving  
 $(NS3' BE' V)$        $(D' A' BE)$        $\Rightarrow$        $(NS3' D' A' V)$



### 17.3.3 Comparing basic and complex verb forms of English



### 17.3.4 AUX+NFV adding a nonfinite verb



## 17.4 Finite state backbone of LA-syntax (*LA-E2*)

### 17.4.1 *LA-E2*: an English LA-syntax with complex NPs

$LX =_{def} \{ [Julia (\text{SNP}) *], [John (\text{SNP}) *], [\text{Suzy} (\text{SNP}) *], [\text{it} (\text{SNP}) *],$   
 $[boy (\text{SN}) *], [boys (\text{PN}) *], [\text{girl} (\text{SN}) *], [\text{girls} (\text{PN}) *], [\text{book} (\text{SN}) *],$   
 $[\text{books} (\text{PN}) *], [a (\text{SN}' \text{ SNP}) *], [\text{every} (\text{SN}' \text{ SNP}) *], [\text{the} (\text{SN}' \text{ SNP}) *],$   
 $[\text{all} (\text{PN}' \text{ PNP}) *], [\text{several} (\text{PN}' \text{ PNP}) *], [\text{the} (\text{PN}' \text{ PNP}) *]$   
 $[\text{I} (\text{NS1}) *], [\text{you} (\text{PRO2}), [\text{he} (\text{NS3}) *], [\text{she} (\text{NS3}) *], [\text{it} (\text{SNP}) *],$   
 $[\text{we} (\text{NP-2}) *], [\text{they} (\text{NP-2}) *], [\text{me} (\text{OBQ}) *], [\text{him} (\text{OBQ}) *],$   
 $[\text{her} (\text{OBQ}) *], [\text{us} (\text{OBQ}) *], [\text{them} (\text{OBQ}) *]$   
 $[\text{am} (\text{NS1}' \text{ BE}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{is} (\text{NS3}' \text{ BE}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{are} (\text{N-S13}' \text{ BE}' \text{ V}) *]$   
 $[\text{was} (\text{NS13}' \text{ BE}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{were} (\text{N-S13}' \text{ BE}' \text{ V}) *]$   
 $[\text{have} (\text{N-S3}' \text{ HV}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{has} (\text{NS3}' \text{ HV}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{had} (\text{N}' \text{ HV}' \text{ V}) *]$   
 $[\text{do} (\text{N-S3}' \text{ DO}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{does} (\text{NS3}' \text{ DO}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{did} (\text{N}' \text{ DO}' \text{ V}) *]$   
 $[\text{give} (\text{N-S3}' \text{ D}' \text{ A}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{gives} (\text{NS3}' \text{ D}' \text{ A}' \text{ V}), [\text{gave} (\text{N}' \text{ D}' \text{ A}' \text{ V}) *],$   
 $[\text{give} (\text{D}' \text{ A}' \text{ DO}) *], [\text{given} (\text{D}' \text{ A}' \text{ HV}) *], [\text{giving} (\text{D A BE}) *]$   
 $[\text{like} (\text{N-S3}' \text{ A}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{likes} (\text{NS3}' \text{ A}' \text{ V}), [\text{liked} (\text{N}' \text{ A}' \text{ V}) *]$   
 $[\text{like} (\text{A}' \text{ DO}) *], [\text{liked} (\text{A}' \text{ HV}) *], [\text{liking} (\text{A}' \text{ BE}) *]$   
 $[\text{sleep} (\text{N-S3}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{sleeps} (\text{NS3}' \text{ V}) *], [\text{slept} (\text{N}' \text{ V}) *]$   
 $[\text{sleep} (\text{DO}) *], [\text{slept} (\text{HV}) *], [\text{sleeping} (\text{BE}) *\}]$

Variable definition:

$np' \in \{N', N\text{-}S3', NS1', NS3', NS13', N\text{-}S13', D', A'\}$ , (valency positions)

$np \in \{\text{PRO2}, \text{NS1}, \text{NS3}, \text{NP-2}, \text{SNP}, \text{PNP}, \text{PN}, \text{OBQ}\}$  (valency fillers), and

if  $np = \text{PRO2}$ , then  $np' \in \{N', N\text{-}S3', N\text{-}S13', D', A'\}$ ,

if  $np = \text{NS1}$ , then  $np' \in \{N', N\text{-}S3', NS1', NS13'\}$ ,

if  $np = \text{NS3}$ , then  $np' \in \{\text{NS3}', \text{NS13}'\}$ ,

if  $np = \text{NP-2}$ , then  $np' \in \{N', N\text{-}S3'\}$ ,

if  $np = \text{SNP}$ , then  $np' \in \{N', \text{NS3}', \text{NS13}', D', A'\}$ ,

if  $np = \text{PNP}$ , then  $np' \in \{N', N\text{-}S3', N\text{-}S13', D', A'\}$ ,

if  $np = \text{OBQ}$ , then  $np' \in \{D', A'\}$ ,

$n \in \{\text{SN}, \text{PN}\}$  and  $n'$  correspondingly  $\text{SN}'$  or  $\text{PN}'$ ,

$aux \in \{\text{DO}, \text{HV}, \text{BE}\}$  and  $aux'$  correspondingly  $\text{DO}'$ ,  $\text{HV}'$  or  $\text{BE}'$

$x, y = .?.?.?.?$  (arbitrary sequence up to length 4)

$\text{ST}_S =_{def} \{ [(\text{x}) \{1 \text{DET+ADJ}, 2 \text{DET+N}, 3 \text{NOM+FV}\}] \}$

$\text{DET+ADJ}: (n' x) (\text{ADJ}) \Rightarrow (n x) \{4 \text{DET+ADJ}, 5 \text{DET+N}\}$

$\text{DET+N}: (n' x) (n) \Rightarrow (x) \{6 \text{NOM+FV}, 7 \text{FV+MAIN}\}$

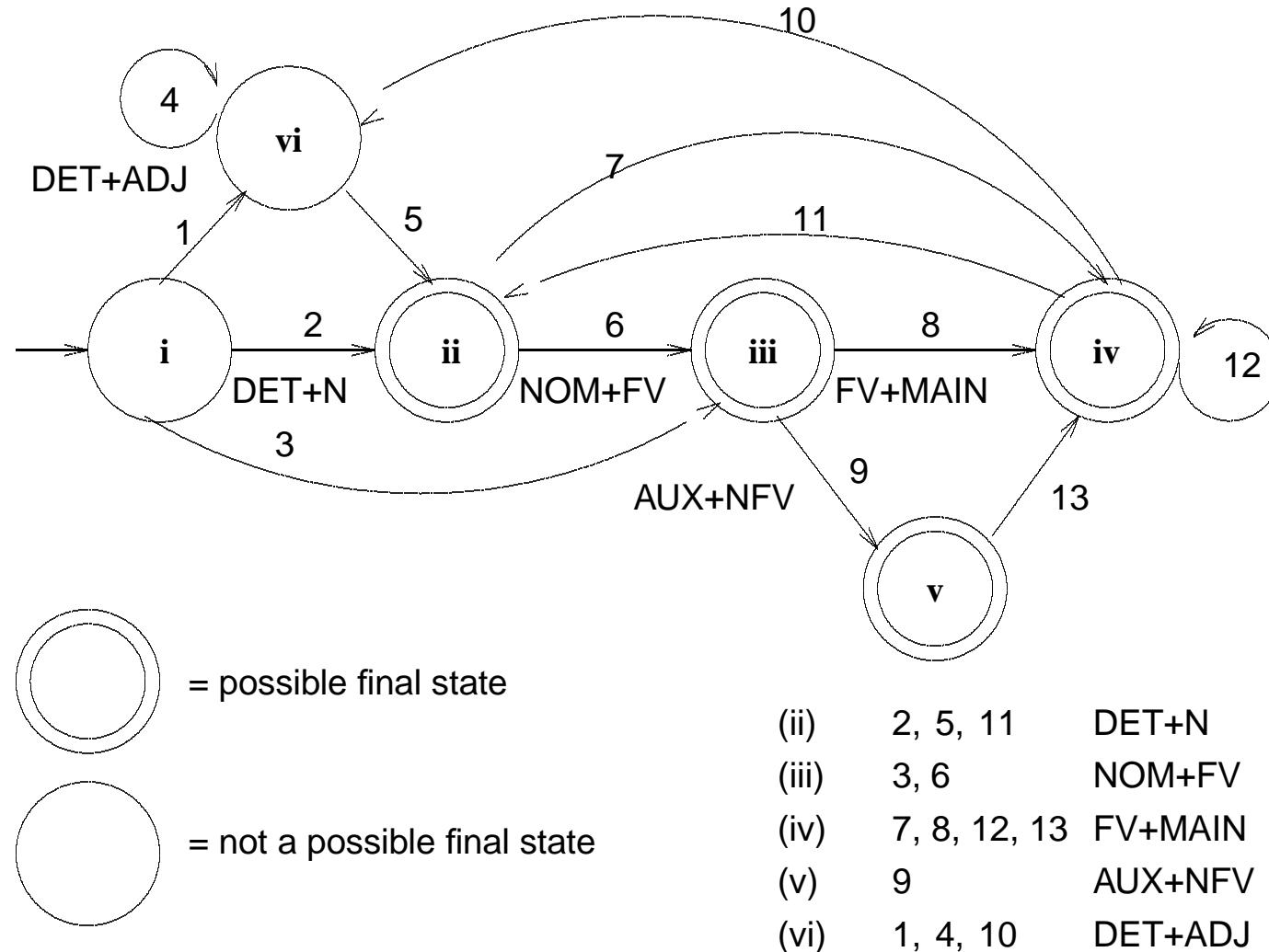
$\text{NOM+FV}: (np) (np' x V) \Rightarrow (x V) \{8 \text{FV+MAIN}, 9 \text{AUX+NFV}\}$

$\text{FV+MAIN}: (np' x V) (y np) \Rightarrow (y x V) \{10 \text{DET+ADJ}, 11 \text{DET+N}, 12 \text{FV+MAIN}\}$

$\text{AUX+NFV}: (aux' V) (x aux) \Rightarrow (x V) \{13 \text{FV+MAIN}\}$

$\text{ST}_F =_{def} \{ [(\text{V}) \text{rp}_{\text{nom+fv}}], [(\text{V}) \text{rp}_{\text{aux+nfv}}], [(\text{V}) \text{rp}_{\text{fv+main}}], [(\text{V}) \text{rp}_{\text{det+n}}] \}$

### 17.4.2 The finite state backbone of *LA-E2*



### 17.4.3 Specifying the transition numbers in the input

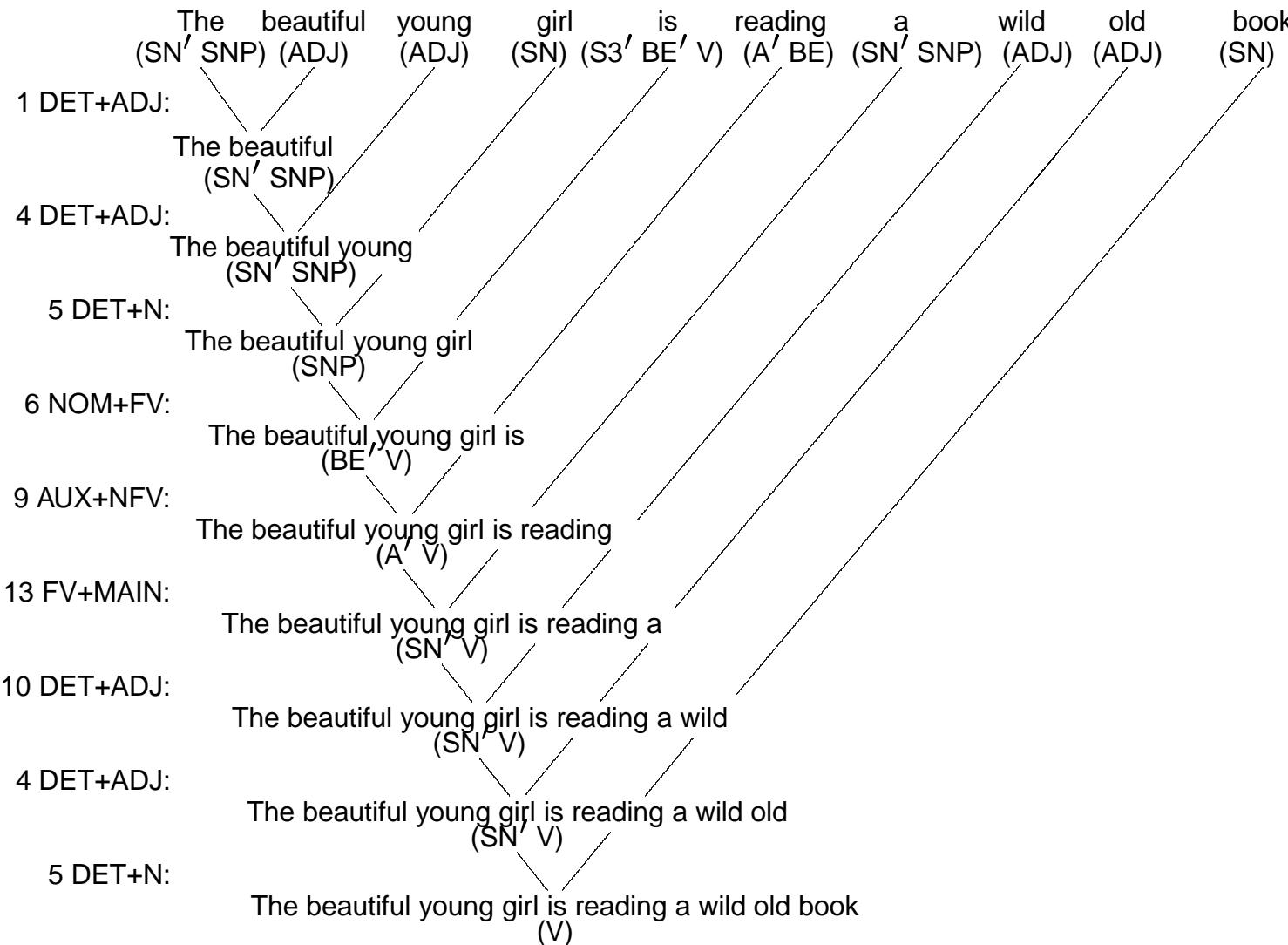
Peter 3 gave 8 Mary 12 a 11 book

the 1 beautiful 4 young 5 girl 6 is 9 reading 13 a 10 wild 4 old 5 book

the 2 boy 6 gave 8 the 11 girl 7 a 11 book

Peter 3 gave 8 Mary 12 Suzy

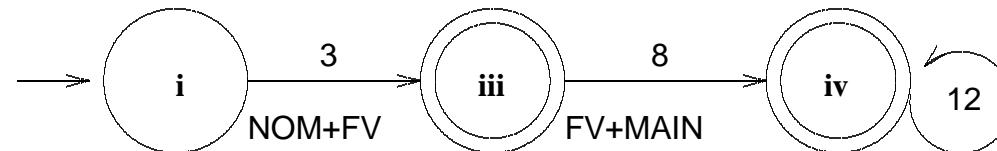
### 17.4.4 Syntactic analysis with transition numbers



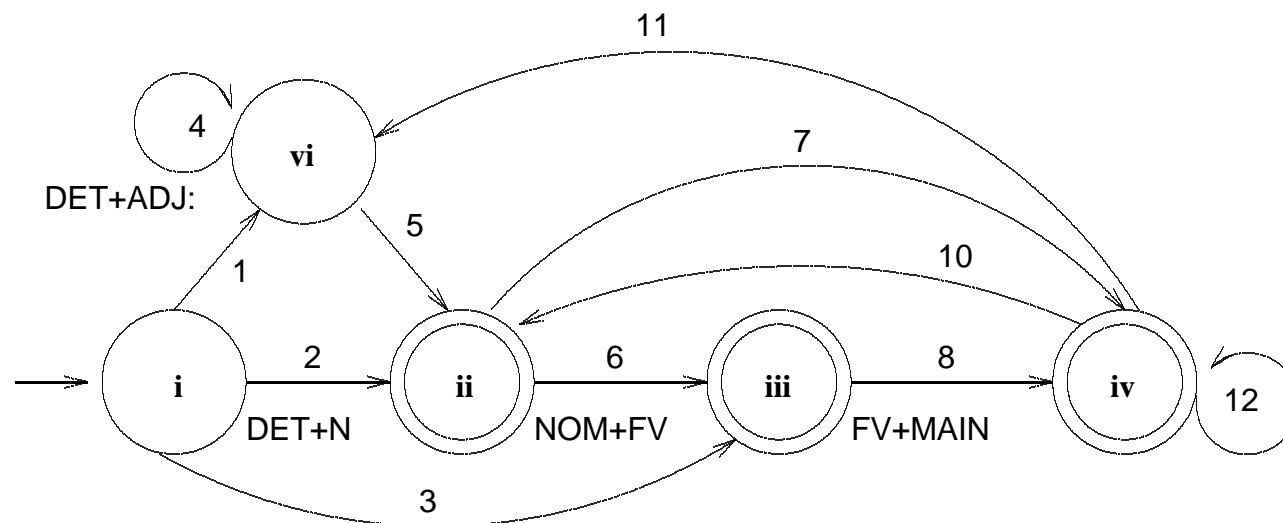
## 17.5 Yes/no-interrogatives (LA-E3) and grammatical perplexity

### 17.5.1 Expanding LA-E1 to LA-E1.5 handling complex NPs

LA-E1



LA-E1.5

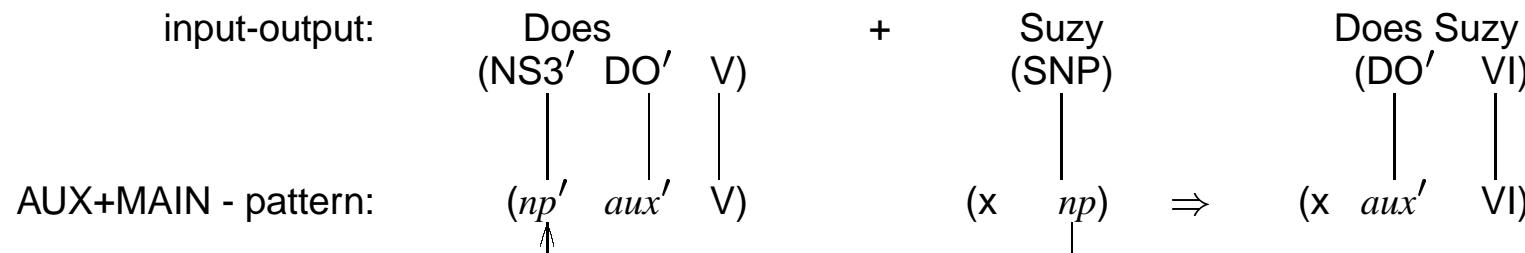


## 17.5.2 Comparing declaratives and Yes/No-Interrogatives

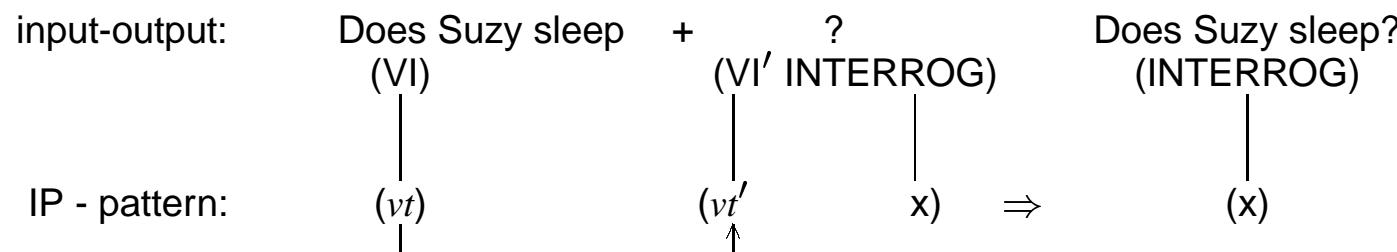
Suzy does like the book.  
Suzy has liked the book.  
Suzy is liking the book.

Does Suzy like the book?  
Has Suzy liked the book?  
Is Suzy liking the book?

### 17.5.3 Categorial operation of AUX+MAIN



#### 17.5.4 Categorial operation of IP



### 17.5.5 LA-E3 for English yes/no-interrogatives

$LX = LX \text{ of } LA-E2 \text{ plus } \{[. (V' \text{ decl}) *], [? (V' \text{ interrog}) *], [? (VI' \text{ interrog}) *]\}$

Variable definitions = that of *LA-E2* plus  $vt \in \{V, VI\}$ ,

$ST_S =_{def} \{ [(x) \{1 \text{ DET+ADJ}, 2 \text{ DET+N}, 3 \text{ NOM+FV}, 4 \text{ AUX+MAIN}\}] \}$

$\text{DET+ADJ: } (n' x) (\text{ADJ}) \Rightarrow (n' x) \{5 \text{ DET+ADJ}, 6 \text{ DET+N}\}$

$\text{DET+N: } (n' x) (n) \Rightarrow (x) \{7 \text{ NOM+FV}, 8 \text{ FV+MAIN}, 9 \text{ AUX+NFV}, 10 \text{ IP}\}$

$\text{NOM+FV: } (np) (np' x V) \Rightarrow (x V) \{11 \text{ FV+MAIN}, 12 \text{ AUX+NFV}, 13 \text{ IP}\}$

$\text{FV+MAIN: } (np' x V) (y np) \Rightarrow (y x V) \{14 \text{ DET+ADJ}, 15 \text{ DET+N}, 16 \text{ FV+MAIN}, 17 \text{ IP}\}$

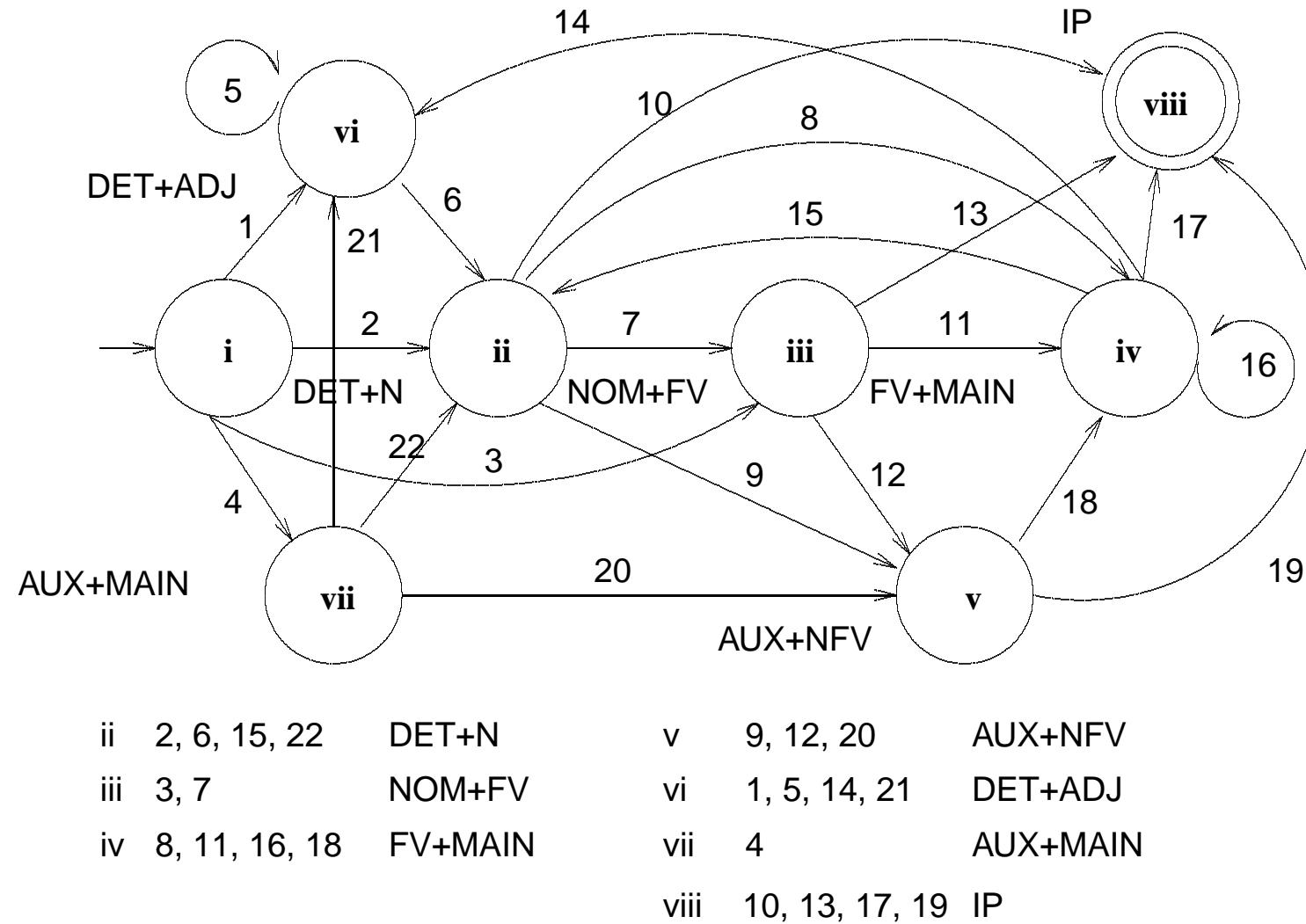
$\text{AUX+NFV: } (aux' V) (x aux) \Rightarrow (x V) \{18 \text{ FV+MAIN}, 19 \text{ IP}\}$

$\text{AUX+MAIN: } (np' aux' V) (x np) \Rightarrow (x aux' VI) \{20 \text{ AUX+NFV}, 21 \text{ DET+ADJ}, 22 \text{ DET+N}\}$

$\text{IP: } (vt) (vt' x) \Rightarrow (x) \{\}$

$ST_F =_{def} \{ [(\text{decl}) rp_{ip}], [(\text{interrog}) rp_{ip}] \}$

### 17.5.6 The finite state backbone of *LA-E3*



ii 2, 6, 15, 22

DET+N

iii 3, 7

NOM+FV

iv 8, 11, 16, 18

FV+MAIN

v 9, 12, 20

AUX+NFX

vi 1, 5, 14, 21

DET+ADJ

vii 4

AUX+MAIN

viii 10, 13, 17, 19

IP

### 17.5.7 Perplexity

Perplexity is, crudely speaking, a measure of the size of the set of words from which the next word is chosen given that we observe the history of the spoken words.

S. Roukos 1995

# 18. LA-syntax for German

## 18.1 Standard procedure of syntactic analysis

### 18.1.1 Differences between natural languages

Natural languages are all based on the same time-linear derivation order. They differ only in their language specific handling of

- *agreement*
- *word order*
- *valency structure* (lexicalization)

### 18.1.2 Phase I of standard procedure

1. Formal treatment of declarative main clauses with elementary finite verbs and elementary nominal fillers determines the basic typological properties of the natural language,
2. Extension to complex nominal fillers requires treatment of the internal and the external agreement restrictions of derived noun phrases, and the time-linear derivation of complex fillers in pre- and postverbal position.
3. The extension to complex verb phrases treats complex tenses and modalities.

### **18.1.3 What has to be done before Phase II**

A theoretically well-founded semantic and pragmatic interpretation for the syntactic analysis developed so far.

### **18.1.4 Phase II of the standard procedure**

The syntactic analyses of the second phase should be developed directly out of the semantic and pragmatic interpretation, and be provided for both, the speaker and the hearer mode.

Topics: (i) addition of basic and derived modifiers ranging from adverbs over prepositional phrases to subordinate clauses, (ii) treatment of sentential subjects and objects including infinitive constructions, (iii) handling of different syntactic moods like interrogative and different verbal moods like passive, and (iv) treatment of conjunctions including gapping constructions.

### 18.1.5 Distinctive categorization of determiners

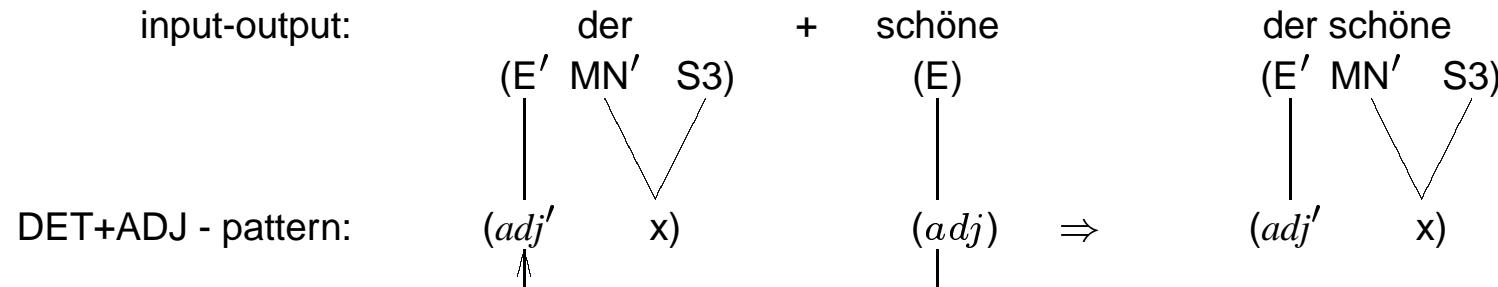
*definite article*

[der	(E' MN' S3)	
	(EN' F' G&D)	
	(EN' P-D' G)	DEF-ART]
[des	(EN' -FG' G)	DEF-ART]
[dem	(EN' -FD' D)	DEF-ART]
[den	(EN' M-N' A)	
	(EN' PD' D)	DEF-ART]
[das	(E' N-G' S3&A)	DEF-ART]
[die	(E' F' S3&A)	
	(EN' P-D' P3&A)	DEF-ART]

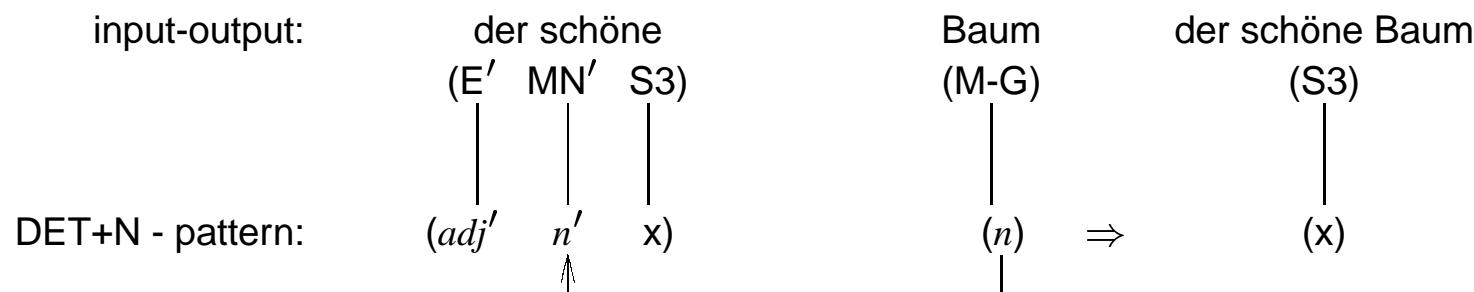
*indefinite article*

[ein	(ER' MN' S3)	
	(ES' N-G' S3&A)	INDEF-ART]
[eines	(EN' -FG' G)	INDEF-ART]
[einem	(EN' -FD' D)	INDEF-ART]
[einen	(EN' M-N' A)	INDEF-ART]
[eine	(E' F' S3&A)	INDEF-ART]
[einer	(EN' F' G&D)	INDEF-ART]

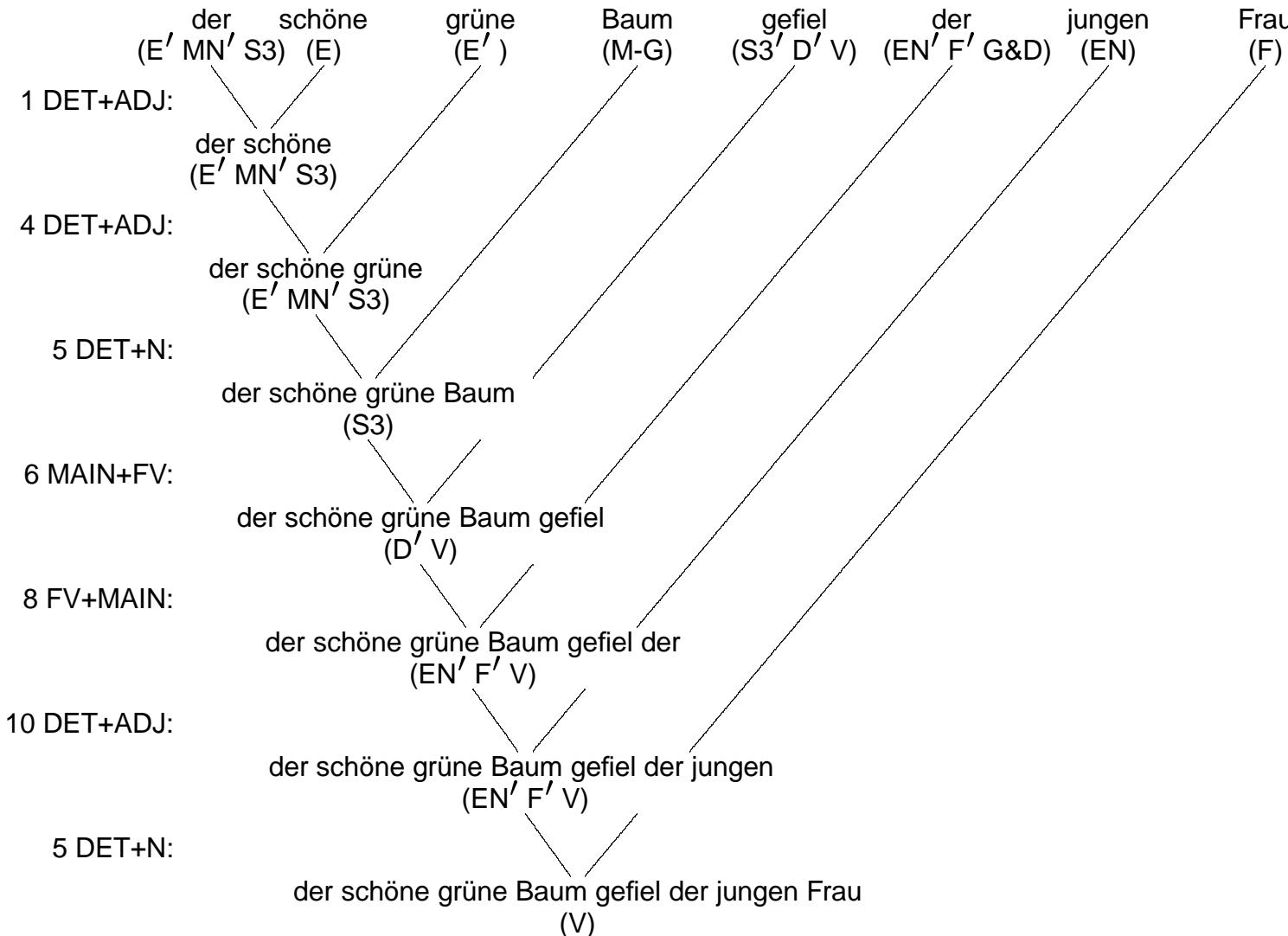
### 18.1.6 Categorial operation of DET+ADJ



### 18.1.7 Categorial operation of DET+N



### 18.1.8 Pre- and postverbal derivation of noun phrases



## 18.2 German field of referents (LA-D2)

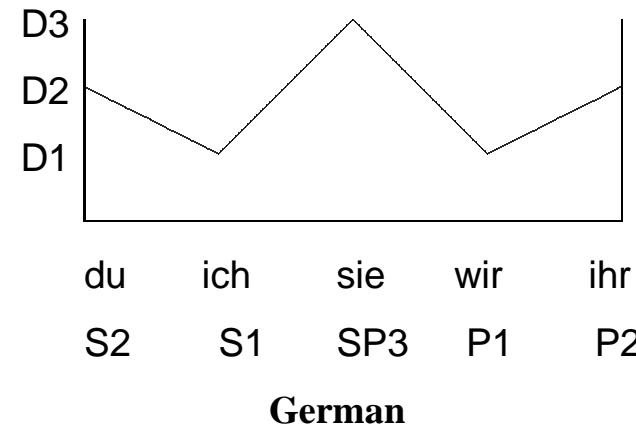
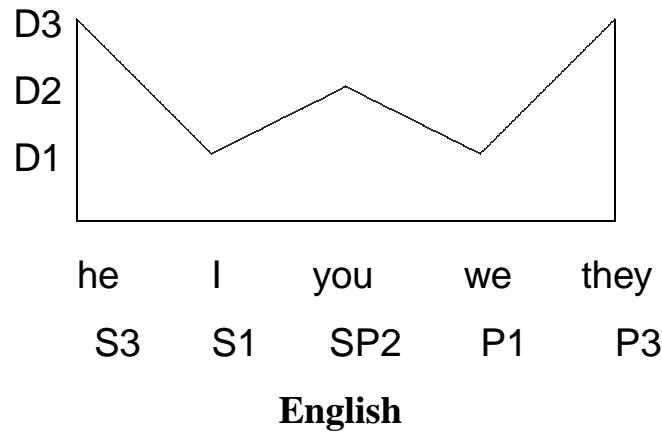
### 18.2.1 Traditional paradigms of German noun phrases

	<i>Masculinum</i>	<i>Femininum</i>	<i>Neutrum</i>	<i>Plural</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	der Mann	die Frau	das Kind	die Männer, etc.
<i>Genitive</i>	des Mannes	der Frau	des Kindes	der Männer, etc.
<i>Dative</i>	dem Mann	der Frau	dem Kind	den Männern, etc.
<i>Accusative</i>	den Mann	die Frau	das Kind	die Männer, etc.

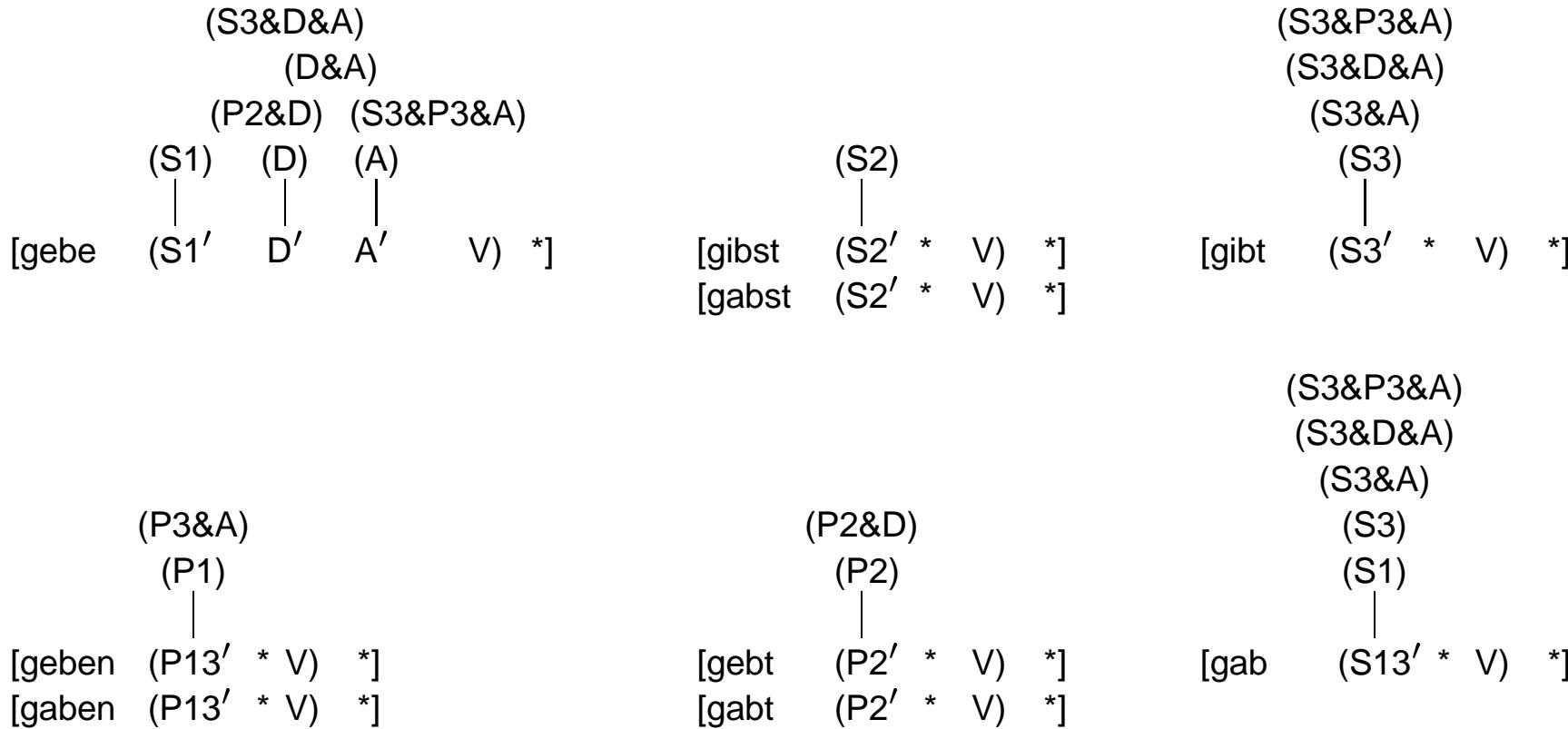
## 18.2.2 Distinctive categories of nominal fillers (German)

	Singular			Plural					
N	du (S2)	ich (S1)	er (S3)	Peter (S3& A& D)	das Kind es (S3&A)	sie (S3&P3 &A)	die Männer die Frauen die Kinder (P3&A)	wir (P1)	<i>ihr</i> (P2)
A	dich	mich	ihn (A)denMann					uns	euch (D&A)
D	dir	mir	ihm (D) demMann demKind		<i>der</i> Frau (G&D)	<i>ihr</i> <i>ihnen</i>	den Männern den Frauen den Kindern		
G		des Kindes					der Männer der Frauen der Kinder	unserer	eurer
		deiner	meiner	seiner	desMannes	<i>ihrer</i> (G)			

### 18.2.3 Centering and distance in fields of reference



### 18.2.4 Agreement of nominal fillers and verbal valencies



### 18.2.5 German LA-grammar handling complex fillers (LA-D2)

$LX = LX$  of LA-D1 plus the determiners defined in 18.1.5, the nouns defined in 14.5.1, 14.5.2, and the following pronouns

[ich (S1) \*], [du (S2) \*], [er (S3) \*], [es (S3&A) \*], [wir (P1) \*],  
 [ihr (P2&D) \*], [sie (S3&P3&A) \*], [deiner (G) \*], [uns (D&A) \*],  
 [euch (D&A) \*], [mir (D) \*], [dir (D) \*], [ihm (D) \*], [mich (A) \*],  
 [dich (A) \*], [ihn (A) \*]

plus adjectives with comparation

[schöne (E) *]	[schönere (E) *]	[schönste (E) *]
[schönen (EN) *]	[schöneren (EN) *]	[schönsten (EN) *]
[schöner (ER) *]	[schönerer (ER) *]	[schönster (ER) *]
[schönes (ES) *]	[schöneres (ES) *]	[schönstes (ES) *]

plus finite main verb forms of differing valency structures

[gebe (S1' D' A' V) *]	[lese (S1' A' V) *]	[schlafe (S1' V) *]
[gibst (S2' D' A' V) *]	[liest (S23' A' V) *]	[schläfst (S2' V) *]
[gibt (S3' D' A' V) *]	[lesen (P13' A' V) *]	[schläft (S3' V) *]
[geben (P13' D' A' V) *]	[lest (P2' A' V) *]	[schlafen (P13' V) *]
[gebt (P2' D' A' V) *]	[las (S13' A' V) *]	[schläft (P2' V) *]
[gab (S13' D' A' V) *]	[last (S2P2' A' V) *]	[schlief (S13' V) *]
[gabst (S2' D' A' V) *]	[lasen (P13' A' V) *]	[schliefst (S2' V) *]

[**gaben** (P13' D' A' V) \*]  
 [gabt (P2' D' A' V) \*]

[**schliefen** (P13' V) \*]  
 [schließt (P2' V) \*]

### variable definition

$np \in \{S1, S2, S3, P1, P2, P2\&D, G, G\&D, D, A, S3\&A, S3\&D\&A, D\&A, P3\&A, S3\&P3\&A\}$

$np' \in \{S1', S13', S2', S23', S2P2', S3', P13', P2', G', D', A'\}$

and if  $np \in \{G, D, A\}$ , then  $np'$  is correspondingly  $G'$ ,  $D'$ , or  $A'$

if  $np = P1$ , then  $np' = P13'$

if  $np = S1$ , then  $np' \in \{S1', S13'\}$

if  $np = S2$ , then  $np' \in \{S2', S23'\}$

if  $np = S3$ , then  $np' \in \{S3', S23'\}$

if  $np = P3\&A$ , then  $np' \in \{P13', A'\}$

if  $np = P2\&D$ , then  $np' \in \{P2', D'\}$

if  $np = G\&D$ , then  $np' \in \{G', D'\}$

if  $np = D\&A$ , then  $np' \in \{D', A'\}$

if  $np = S3\&A$ , then  $np' \in \{S3', S23', A'\}$

if  $np = S3\&D\&A$ , then  $np' \in \{S3', S23', D', A'\}$

if  $np = S3\&P3\&A$ , then  $np' \in \{S3', S23', P13', A'\}$

$n \in \{MN, M-G, M-NP, M-GP, MGP, M-GP-D, F, N-G, -FG, -FD, N-GP, N-GP-D,$

$\text{NDP-D, P, P-D, PD}\},$   
 $n' \in \{\text{MN}', \text{M-N}', \text{F}', \text{N-G}', \text{-FG}', \text{-FD}', \text{P-D}', \text{PD}'\}$ , and  
 if  $n \in \{\text{MN}, \text{-FG}, \text{-FD}, \text{F}, \text{P-D}, \text{PD}\}$ , then  $n'$  is corresponding  
 if  $n = \text{M-G}$ , then  $n' \in \{\text{MN}', \text{M-N}'\}$   
 if  $n = \text{M-NP}$ , then  $n' \in \{\text{-FG}', \text{-FD}', \text{P-D}', \text{PD}'\}$   
 if  $n = \text{M-GP}$ , then  $n' \in \{\text{MN}', \text{-FD}', \text{M-N}', \text{P-D}', \text{PD}'\}$   
 if  $n = \text{MGP}$ , then  $n' \in \{\text{-FG}', \text{P-D}', \text{PD}'\}$   
 if  $n = \text{M-GP-D}$ , then  $n' \in \{\text{MN}', \text{-FD}', \text{M-N}', \text{P-D}'\}$   
 if  $n = \text{N-G}$ , then  $n' \in \{\text{N-G}', \text{-FG}', \text{-FD}'\}$   
 if  $n = \text{N-GP}$ , then  $n' \in \{\text{N-G}', \text{-FG}', \text{-FD}', \text{P-D}', \text{PD}'\}$   
 if  $n = \text{N-GP-D}$ , then  $n' \in \{\text{N-G}', \text{-FG}', \text{-FD}', \text{P-D}'\}$   
 if  $n = \text{NDP-D}$ , then  $n' \in \{\text{-FD}', \text{P-D}'\}$   
 if  $n = \text{P}$ , then  $n' \in \{\text{P-D}', \text{PD}'\}$

$adj \in \{\text{e, en, es, er}\}$  and  $adj'$  is corresponding

$$\text{ST}_S =_{def} \{ [(\text{x}) \{ 1 \text{ DET+ADJ}, 2 \text{ DET+N}, 3 \text{ MAIN+FV} \}] \}$$

$$\text{DET+ADJ: } (adj' \text{ x}) (adj) \Rightarrow (adj' \text{ x}) \{ 4 \text{ DET+ADJ}, 5 \text{ DET+N} \}$$

$$\text{DET+N: } (adj' n' \text{ x}) (n) \Rightarrow (\text{x}) \{ 6 \text{ MAIN+FV}, 7 \text{ FV+MAIN} \}$$

$$\text{MAIN+FV: } (np) (\text{x} np' \text{ y V}) \Rightarrow (\text{x} \text{ y V}) \{ 8 \text{ FV+MAIN} \}$$

$$\text{FV+MAIN: } (\text{x} np' \text{ y V}) (\text{z} np) \Rightarrow (\text{z} \text{ x} \text{ y V}) \{ 9 \text{ FV+MAIN}, 10 \text{ DET+ADJ}, 11 \text{ DET+N} \}$$

$$\text{ST}_F =_{def} \{ [(\text{V}) \text{ rp}_{\text{MAIN+FV}}], [(\text{V}) \text{ rp}_{\text{FV+MAIN}}], [(\text{V}) \text{ rp}_{\text{DET+N}}] \}$$

## 18.3 Verbal positions in English and German

### 18.3.1 Finite verb position in declarative main clauses

*English:* post-nominative

1. Julia *read* a book
2. \*a book *read* Julia
3. Yesterday Julia *read* a book
4. \*Yesterday *read* Julia a book
5. Julia yesterday *read* a book
6. \*While Mary slept, *read* Julia a book
7. While Mary slept, Julia *read* a book

*German:* verb-second

- Julia *las* ein Buch  
Ein Buch *las* Julia  
\*Gestern Julia *las* ein Buch  
Gestern *las* Julia ein Buch  
\*Julia gestern *las* ein Buch  
Als Maria schlief, *las* Julia ein Buch  
\*Als Maria schlief, Julia *las* ein Buch

### 18.3.2 Nonfinite main verb position in declarative main clauses

## *English: contact position*

1. Julia *has slept*
  2. Julia *has read* a book
  3. \*Julia *has* a book *read*
  4. Yesterday Julia *has read* a book
  5. \*Yesterday *has* Julia a book *read*
  6. Julia *has given* M. a book yesterday
  7. \*Julia *has* M. yesterday a book *given*

## *German: distance position*

- Julia *hat geschlafen*
  - \*Julia *hat gelesen ein Buch*
  - Julia *hat ein Buch gelesen*
  - \*Gestern Julia *hat gelesen ein Buch*
  - Gestern *hat Julia ein Buch gelesen*
  - \*Julia *hat gegeben M. ein Buch gestern*
  - Julia *hat M. gestern ein Buch gegeben*

### 18.3.3 Satzklammer in German

Julia has the offer of the opposing party yesterday afternoon

Julia hat das Angebot der Gegenseite gestern nachmittag *abgelehnt*.      declined

*verworfen.* refused

*kritisiert.* criticized

*zurückgewiesen.* rejected

### 18.3.4 Verb position in subordinate clauses

*English:* post-nominative

1. before Julia *slept*
2. before Julia *had slept*
3. \*before Julia *slept had*
4. before Julia *bought* the book
5. \*before Julia the book *bought*
6. before Julia *had bought* the book
7. \*before the book a man *bought*

*German:* clause final

- bevor Julia *schlief*  
\*bevor Julia *hatte geschlafen*  
bevor Julia *geschlafen hatte*  
\*bevor Julia *kaufte* das Buch  
bevor Julia das Buch *kaufte*  
\*bevor Julia *hatte gekauft* das Buch  
bevor das Buch ein Mann *kaufte*

## 18.4 Complex verbs and elementary adverbs (*LA-D3*)

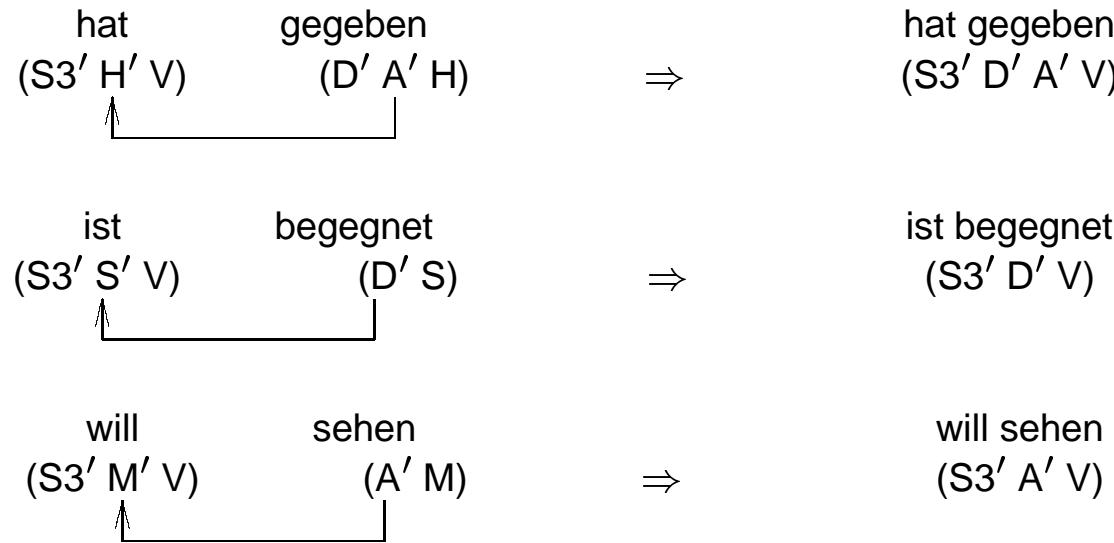
### 18.4.1 LA-paradigms of German auxiliaries and modals

[bin (S1' S' V) \*]  
[bist (S2' S' V) \*]  
[ist (S3' S' V) \*]  
[sind (P13' S' V) \*]  
[seid (P2' S' V) \*]  
[war (S13' S' V) \*]  
[warst (S2' S' V) \*]  
[waren (P13' S' V) \*]  
[wart (P2' S' V) \*]

[habe (S1' H' V) \*]  
[hast (S2' H' V) \*]  
[hat (S3' H' V) \*]  
[haben (P13' H' V) \*]  
[habt (P2' H' V) \*]  
[hatte (S13' H' V) \*]  
[hattest (S2' H' V) \*]  
[hatten (P13' H' V) \*]  
[hattet (P2' H' V) \*]

[kann (S13' M' V) \*]  
[kannst (S2' M' V) \*]  
[können (P13' M' V) \*]  
[könnt (P2' M' V) \*]  
[konnte (S13' M' V) \*]  
[konntest (S2' M' V) \*]  
[konnten (P13' M' V) \*]  
[konntet (P2' M' V) \*]

## 18.4.2 Complex verb forms of German



## 18.4.3 Declarative main clauses with a finite main verb

Die Frau *gab* dem Kind den Apfel

Dem Kind *gab* die Frau den Apfel

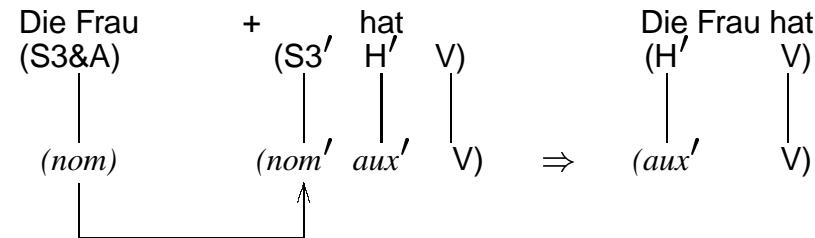
## 18.4.4 Declarative main clauses with an auxiliary construction

Die Frau *hat* dem Kind den Apfel *gegeben*

Dem Kind *hat* die Frau den Apfel *gegeben*

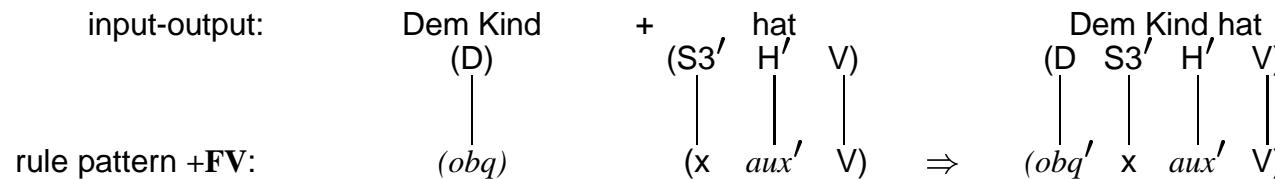
### 18.4.5 +FV alternatives of adding the auxiliary

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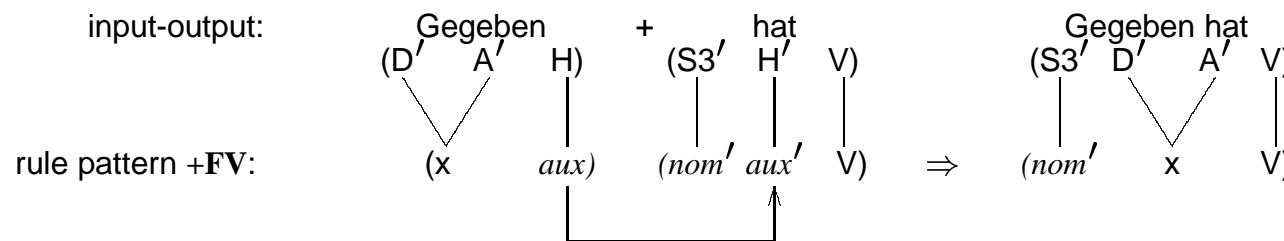
rule pattern +FV:

2. input-output:



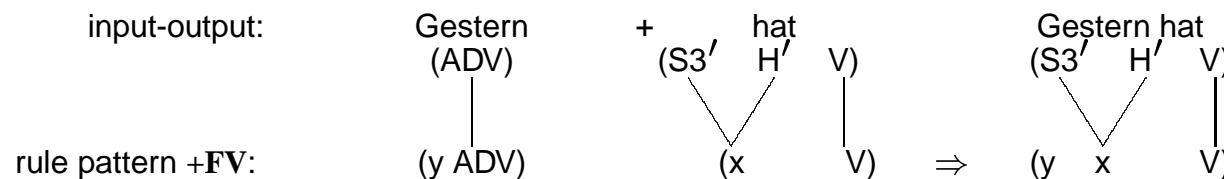
rule pattern +FV:

3. input-output:



rule pattern +FV:

5. input-output:



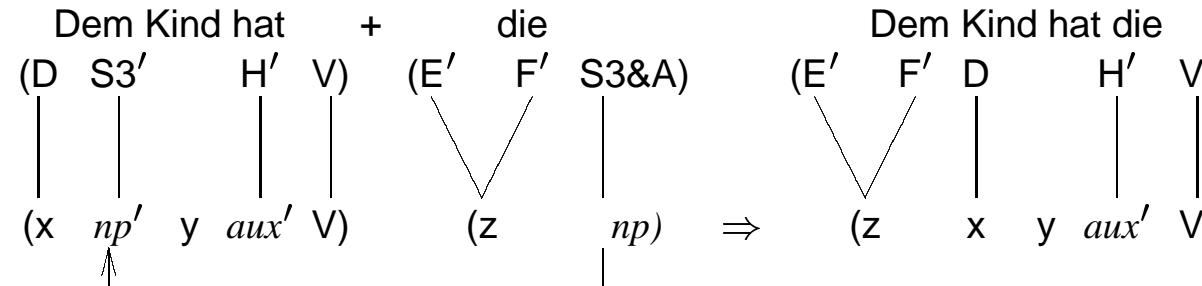
rule pattern +FV:

### 18.4.6 Extending MAIN+FV into +FV using clauses

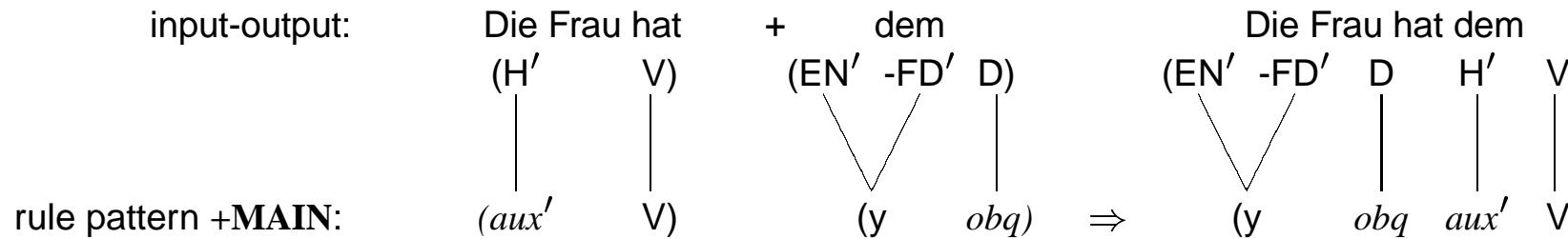
- +FV: 1.  $(nom)(nom' aux' V) \Rightarrow (aux' V)$   
2.  $(obq)(x aux' V) \Rightarrow (obq x aux' V)$   
3.  $(x aux)(nom' aux' V) \Rightarrow (nom' x V)$   
4.  $(np)(x np' y V) \Rightarrow (x y V)$   
5.  $(y ADV)(x V) \Rightarrow (y x V) \{+MAIN, +NFV, +FV, +IP\}$

### 18.4.7 +MAIN Alternatives after the auxiliary

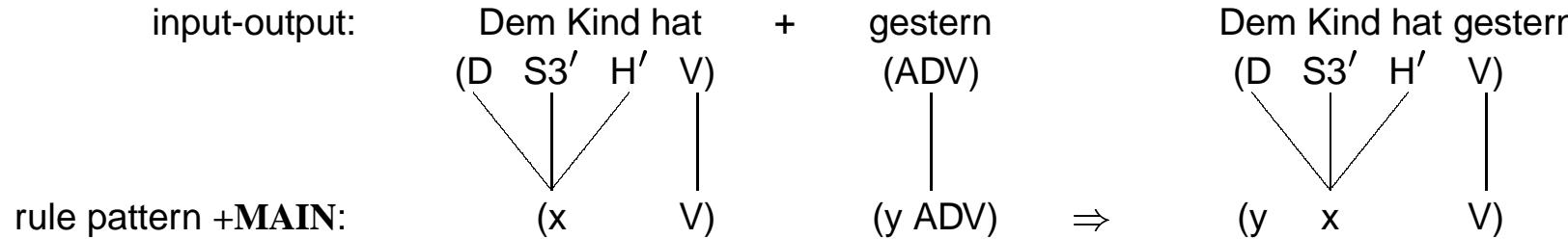
1. input-output:



2. input-output:



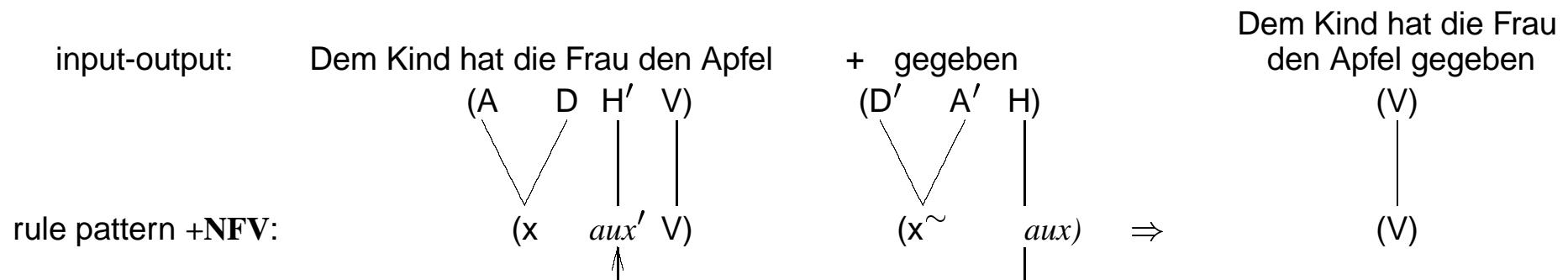
4. input-output:



### 18.4.8 Extending FV+MAIN into +MAIN using clauses

- +MAIN:**
1.  $(x \ nom' \ y \ aux' \ V)(z \ nom) \Rightarrow (z \ x \ y \ aux' \ V)$
  2.  $(x \ aux' \ V)(y \ obq) \Rightarrow (y \ obq \ x \ aux' \ V)$
  3.  $(x \ np' \ y \ V)(z \ np) \Rightarrow (z \ x \ y \ V)$
  4.  $(x \ V)(y \ ADV) \Rightarrow (y \ x \ V)$
- $\{+ADJ, +N, +MAIN, +NFV, +FV, +IP\}$

### 18.4.9 Categorial operation of +NFV



### 18.4.10 German grammar handling complex verb forms (*LA-D3*)

$LX = LX$  of *LA-D2* plus auxiliaries defined in 18.4.1, plus

nonfinite main verb form of 18.4.2, plus adverbials

[gestern (ADV \*)], [hier (ADV \*)], [jetzt (ADV \*)], plus punctuation signs  
 [. (V' DECL \*), [? (VI' INTERROG \*)], [? (V' INTERROG \*)]

variable definition = variable definition of *LA-D2* plus

$nom \in np \setminus \{D, A, D\&A\}$  nominative filler<sup>1</sup>

$nom' \in np \setminus \{D, A\}$  nominative valency positions

$obq \in \{D, A, D\&A\}$  oblique filler

$aux \in \{H, B, M\}$ , auxiliaries and modals

$vt \in \{V, VI\}$ , mood marker

$sm \in \{\text{DECL}, \text{INTERROG}\}$ , sentence mood

$ST_S =_{def} \{ [(x) \{1 +\text{ADJ}, 2 +\text{N}, 3 +\text{FV}, 4 +\text{NFV}\}] \}$

**+ADJ:**  $(adj' x) (adj) \Rightarrow (adj x) \{5 +\text{ADJ}, 6 +\text{N}\}$

**+N:**  $(adj' n' x) (n) \Rightarrow (x) \{7 +\text{FV}, 8 +\text{MAIN}, 9 +\text{NFV}, 10 +\text{IP}\}$

**+FV:**  $(nom)(nom' aux' V) \Rightarrow (aux' V)$

$(obq)(x aux' V) \Rightarrow (obq x aux' V)$

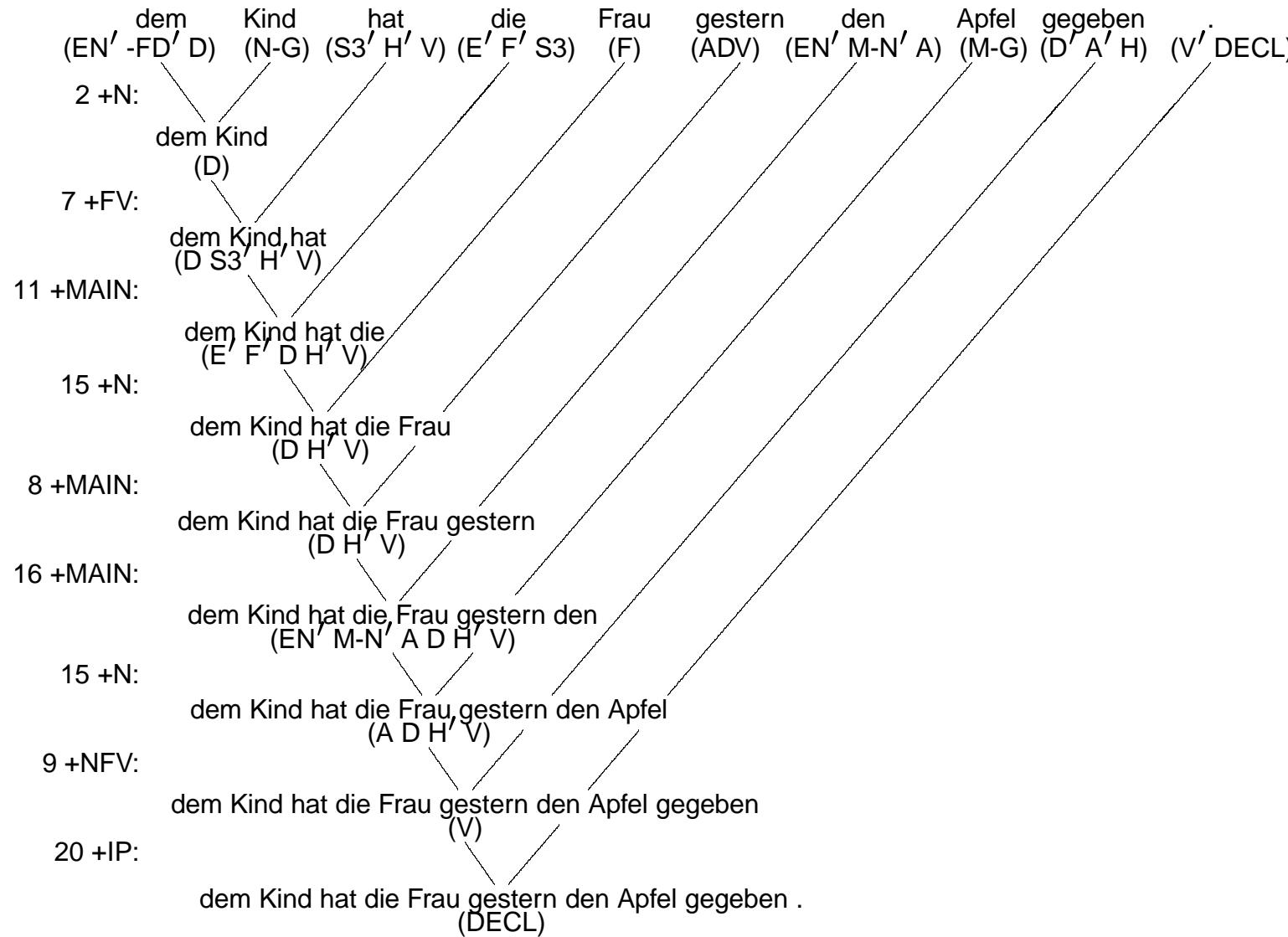
$(x aux)(nom' aux' V) \Rightarrow (nom' x V)$

$(np)(x np' y V) \Rightarrow (x y V)$

$(ADV)(x V) \Rightarrow (x V) \{11 +\text{MAIN}, 12 +\text{NFV}, 13 +\text{IP}\}$

- +MAIN:**  $(x \ nom' \ y \ aux' \ V)(z \ nom) \Rightarrow (z \ x \ y \ aux' \ V)$
- $(x \ aux' \ V)(y \ obq) \Rightarrow (y \ obq \ x \ aux' \ V)$
- $(x \ np' \ y \ V)(z \ np) \Rightarrow (z \ x \ y \ V)$
- $(x \ V)(y \ ADV) \Rightarrow (y \ x \ V) \quad \{14 \ +ADJ, 15 \ +N, 16 \ +MAIN, 17 \ +NFV,$
- $18 \ +FV, 19 \ +IP\}$
- +NFV:**  $(x \ aux' \ V)(x^{\sim} \ aux)$
- $(x = x^{\sim}) \Rightarrow (V) \quad \{20 \ +IP\}$
- +IP:**  $(vt) \ (vt' \ sm) \Rightarrow (sm) \quad \{\}$
- $ST_F =_{def} \{ [(sm) \ rp_{+ipt}] \}$

### 18.4.11 Declarative with dative preceding auxiliary



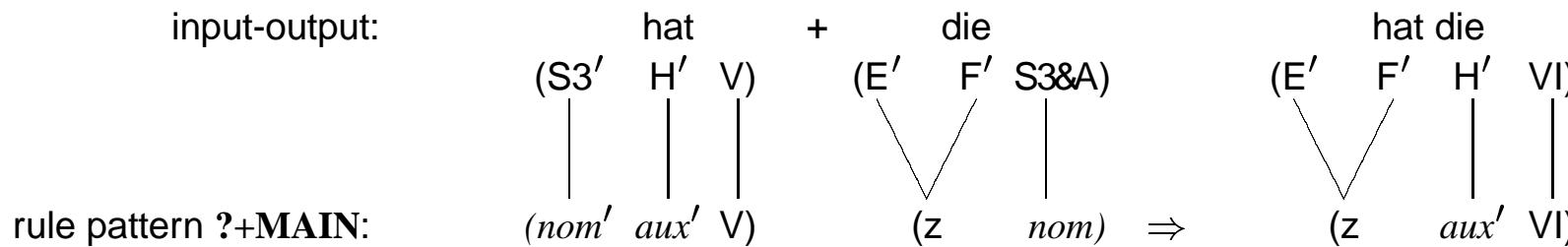
## 18.5 Interrogatives and subordinate clauses (LA-D4)

### 18.5.1 Interrogative with and without auxiliary

1. *Hat die Frau dem Kind gestern den Apfel gegeben ?*  
*(Has the woman the child yesterday the apple given ?)*
2. *Hat dem Kind gestern die Frau den Apfel gegeben?*
3. *Hat gestern die Frau dem Kind den Apfel gegeben?*
4. *Gab die Frau dem Kind gestern den Apfel ?*  
*(Gave the woman the child yesterday the apple ?)*
5. *Gab gestern die Frau dem Kind den Apfel?*

### 18.5.2 ?+MAIN starting an interrogative main clause

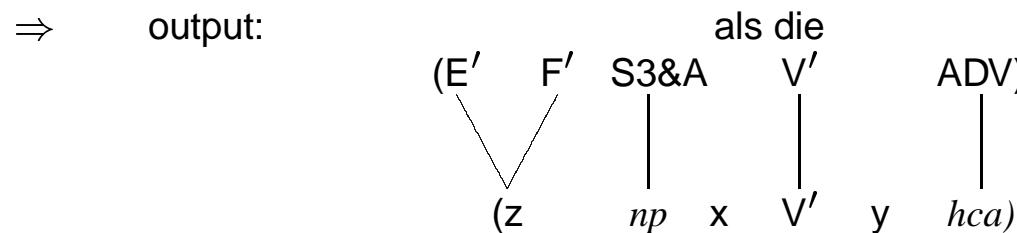
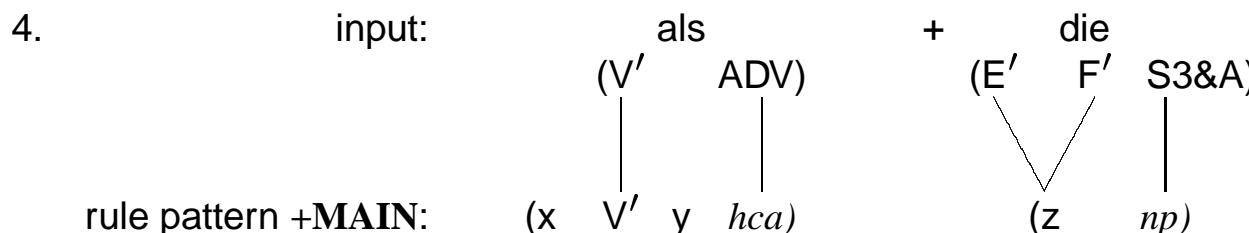
1. input-output:



### 18.5.3 Subordinate clauses with and without auxiliary

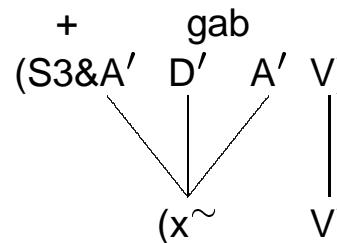
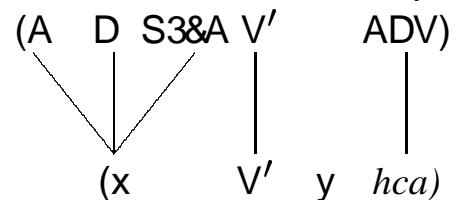
1. *Als die Frau dem Kind gestern den Apfel gegeben hat*  
(When the woman the child yesterday the apple given has)
2. *Als dem Kind gestern die Frau den Apfel gegeben hat*
3. *Als gestern die Frau dem Kind den Apfel gegeben hat*
4. *Als die Frau dem Kind gestern den Apfel gab*  
(When the woman the child yesterday the apple gave)
5. *Als gestern die Frau dem Kind den Apfel gab*

### 18.5.4 +MAIN starting an adverbial subclause



### 18.5.5 +FV concluding subclause with finite main verb

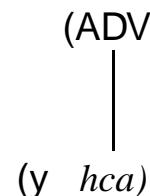
2. input: als die Frau dem Kind den Apfel



rule pattern +FV:



$\Rightarrow$  output: als die Frau dem Kind den Apfel gab



### 18.5.6 Beginning of an adverbial subclause in postverbal position

Julia las, + als  
 $(A' V)$        $(V' ADV)$        $\Rightarrow$       Julia las, als      + Maria  
 $(V' A' V)$        $(S3\&D\&A)$        $\Rightarrow$       Julia las, als Maria  
 $(S3\&D\&A V' A' V)$

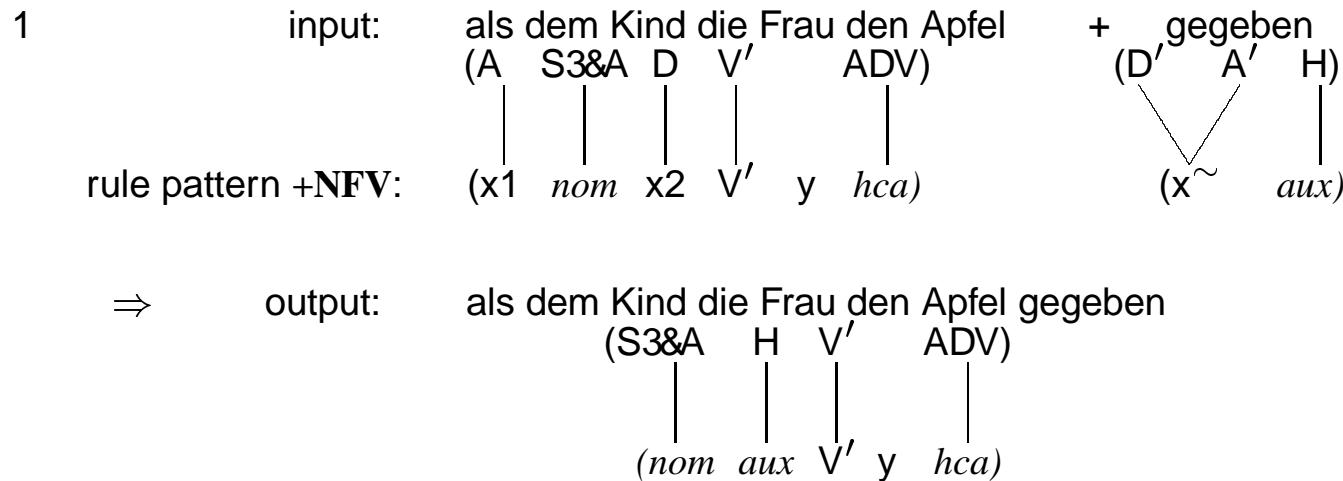
### 18.5.7 Completion of an adverbial subclause in postverbal position

Julia las, als Maria      + schlief  
 $(S3\&D\&A V' A' V)$        $(S3' V)$        $\Rightarrow$       Julia las, als Maria schlief,  
 $(A' V)$

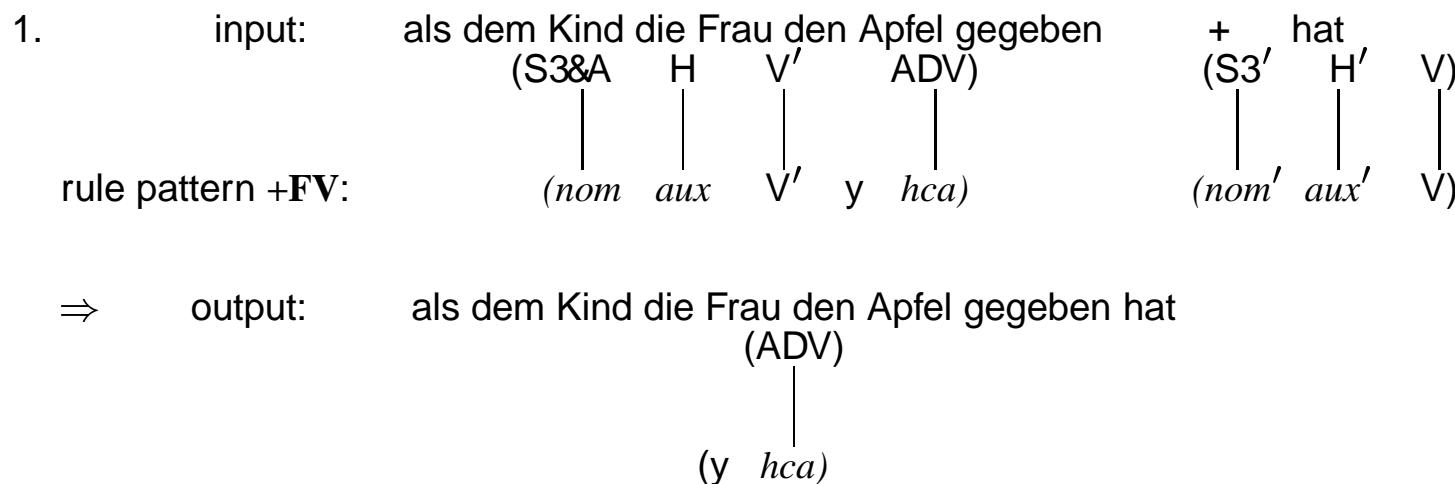
### 18.5.8 Nesting of adverbial subclauses in preverbal position

Als Maria, obwohl Julia die Zeitung  
 $(A S3\&D\&A V' S3\&D\&A V' ADV)$       + las      Als Maria, obwohl Julia die Zeitung las,  
 $(S3' A' V)$        $\Rightarrow$        $(S3\&D\&A V' ADV)$

### 18.5.9 +NFV adds nonfinite main verb to subclause



### 18.5.10 +FV concludes subclause with finite auxiliary



### 18.5.11 LAG handling interrogative and adverbial clauses (LA-D4)

$LX = LX$  of *LA-D3* plus subordinating conjunctions

[als (V' ADV) \*], [nachdem (V' ADV) \*], [obwohl (V' ADV) \*]

variable definition = variable definition of *LA-D3* plus  $hca \in \{V, VI, ADV\}$

$ST_S =_{def} \{ [(x) \{1 +ADJ, 2 +N, 3 +FV, 4 +MAIN, 5 ?+MAIN\}] \}$

+N:  $(adj' n' x)(n) \Rightarrow (x) \{6 +FV, 7 +MAIN, 8 +NFV, 9 +IP\}$

+ADJ:  $(adj' x)(adj) \Rightarrow (adj' x) \{10 +ADJ, 11 +N\}$

?+MAIN:  $(nom' aux' V)(z nom) \Rightarrow (z aux' VI)$

$(nom' aux' V)(y obq) \Rightarrow (y obq nom' aux' VI)$

$(x np' y V)(z np) \Rightarrow (z x y VI)$

$(x V)(y ADV) \Rightarrow (y x VI) \{12 +ADJ, 13 +N, 14 +MAIN, 15 +NFV, 16 +IP\}$

+FV:  $(nom aux V' y hca)(nom' aux' V) \Rightarrow (y hca)$

$(x V' y hca)(x^\sim V)$

$[x = x^\sim] \Rightarrow (y hca)$

$(nom)(nom' aux' V) \Rightarrow (aux' V)$

$(obq)(x aux' V) \Rightarrow (obq x aux' V)$

$(x aux)(np' aux' V) \Rightarrow (x np' V)$

$(np)(x np' y V) \Rightarrow (x y V)$

$(ADV)(x V) \Rightarrow (x V) \{17 +MAIN, 18 +NFV, 19 +FV, 20 +IP\}$

+MAIN:  $(x nom' y aux' V)(z nom) \Rightarrow (z x y aux' V)$

$$(x \ aux' V)(y \ obq) \Rightarrow (y \ obq \ x \ aux' V)$$

$$(x \ np' y \ V)(z \ np) \Rightarrow (z \ x \ y \ V)$$

$$(x \ V' y \ hca)(z \ np) \Rightarrow (z \ np \ x \ V' y \ hca)$$

$$(x \ V)(y \ ADV) \Rightarrow (y \ x \ V) \quad \{21 +\text{ADJ}, 22 +\text{N}, 23 +\text{MAIN}, 24 +\text{NFV}, 25 +\text{FV}, 26 +\text{IP}\}$$

**+NFV:**  $(x_1 \ nom \ x_2 \ V' y \ hca)(x \sim aux)$

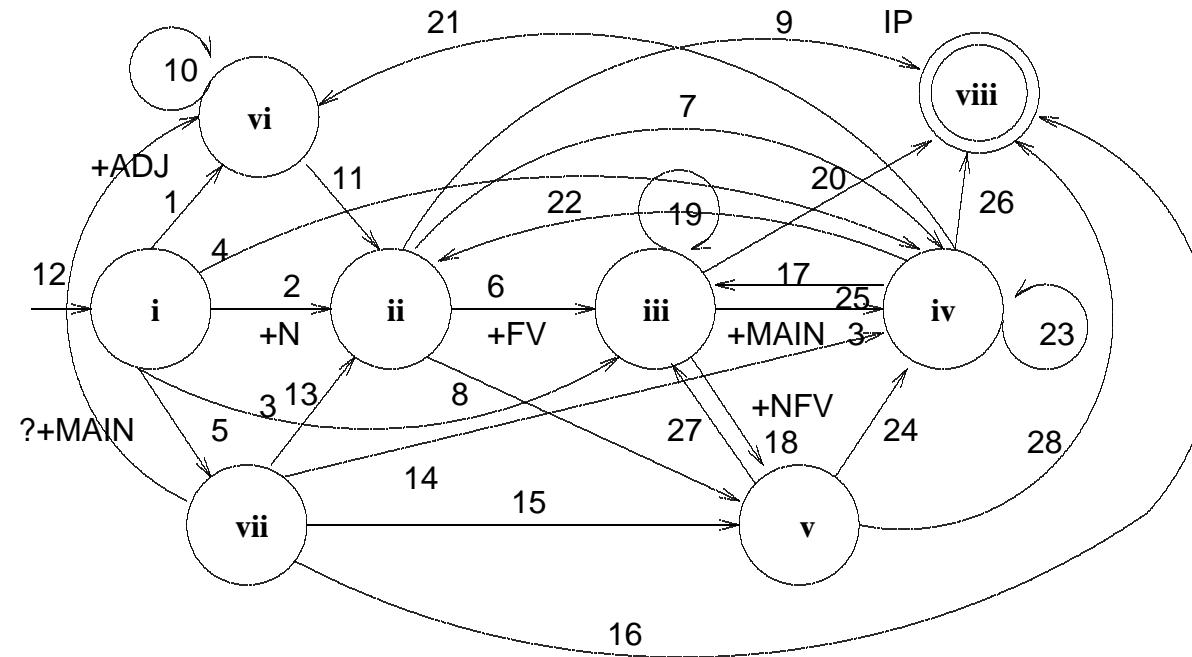
$[(x_1 \circ x_2) = x \sim] \Rightarrow (nom \ aux \ V' y \ hca)$

$$(x \ aux' V)(x \sim aux) \Rightarrow (V) \quad \{27 +\text{FV}, 28 +\text{IP}\}$$

**+IP:**  $(vt) (vt' sm) \Rightarrow (sm) \quad \{\}$

$\text{ST}_F =_{def} \{ [(V) \ rp_{+\text{ipt}}], [(VI) \ rp_{+\text{ipt}}] \}$

### 18.5.12 The finite state backbone of *LA-D4*



ii 2, 11, 13, 19, 22,    +N  
 iii 3, 6, 8, 17, 19, 27    +FV  
 iv 4, 14, 7, 23, 24, 25    +MAIN  
 v. 8, 15, 18,                +NFV

vi. 1, 10, 12, 21,    +ADJ  
 vii: 5,                    +MAIN  
 viii: 9, 16, 20, 26,    +IP

### 18.5.13 Verification of grammars

#### 1. *Syntactic verification*

The formal grammars for English and German developed so far should be implemented as parsers and tested automatically on increasing sets of positive and negative test sentences.

#### 2. *Morphological and lexical verification*

The word form recognition of these grammars should be changed from the preliminary full form lexica LX to suitable applications of LA-Morph and be tested on corpus-based word lists in order to provide extensions with sufficient data coverage of the lexicon and the morphology.

#### 3. *Functional verification in communication*

The formal grammars and parsers for natural languages should be supplemented with an automatic semantic and pragmatic interpretation that is (i) in line with the basic assumptions of the SLIM theory of language and (ii) demonstrated to be functional in automatic applications.