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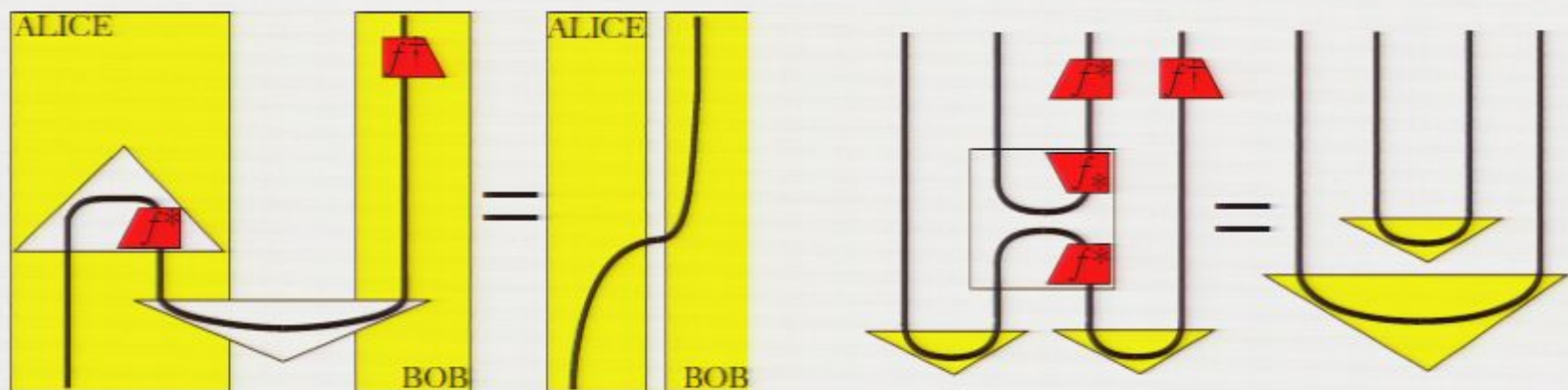
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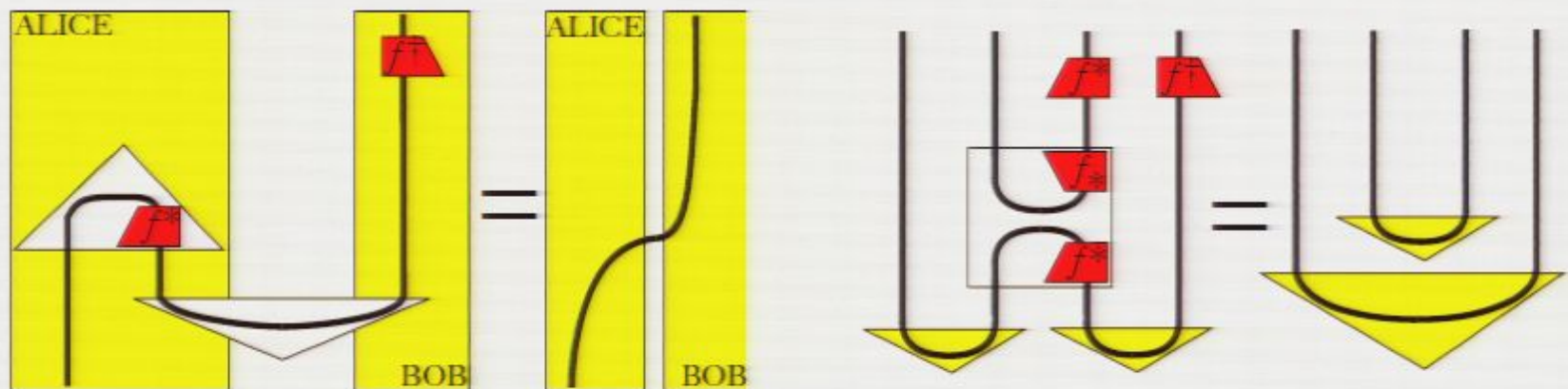
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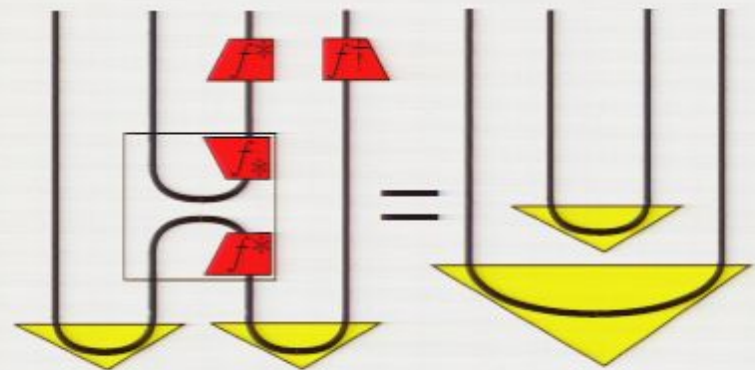
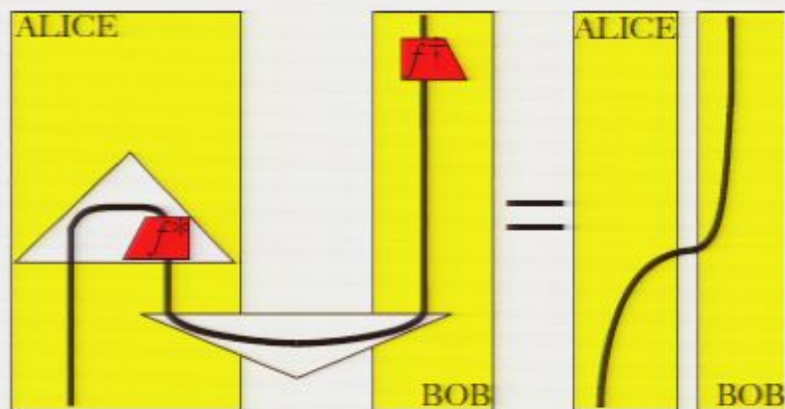
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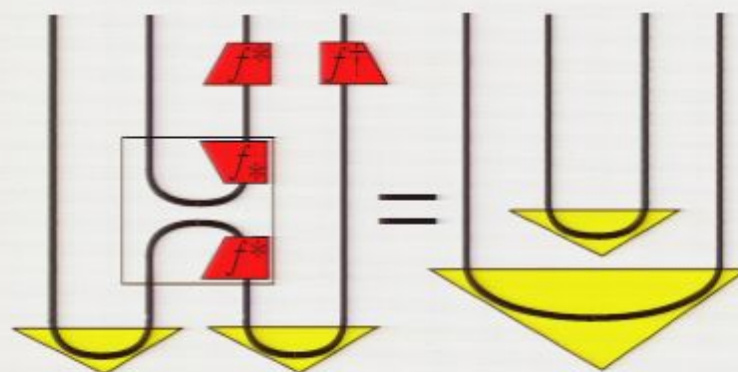
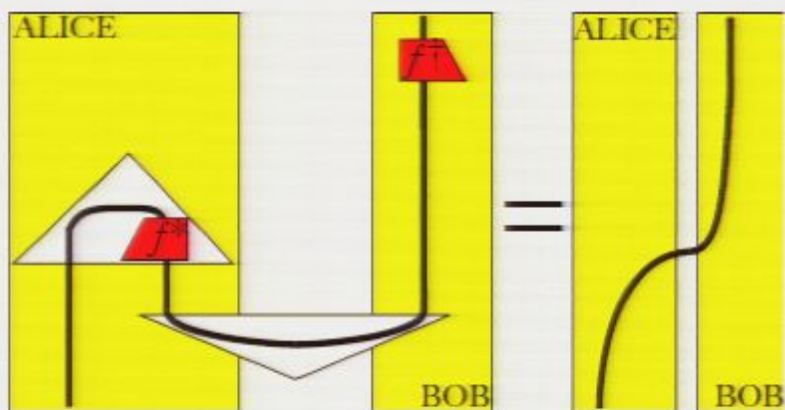
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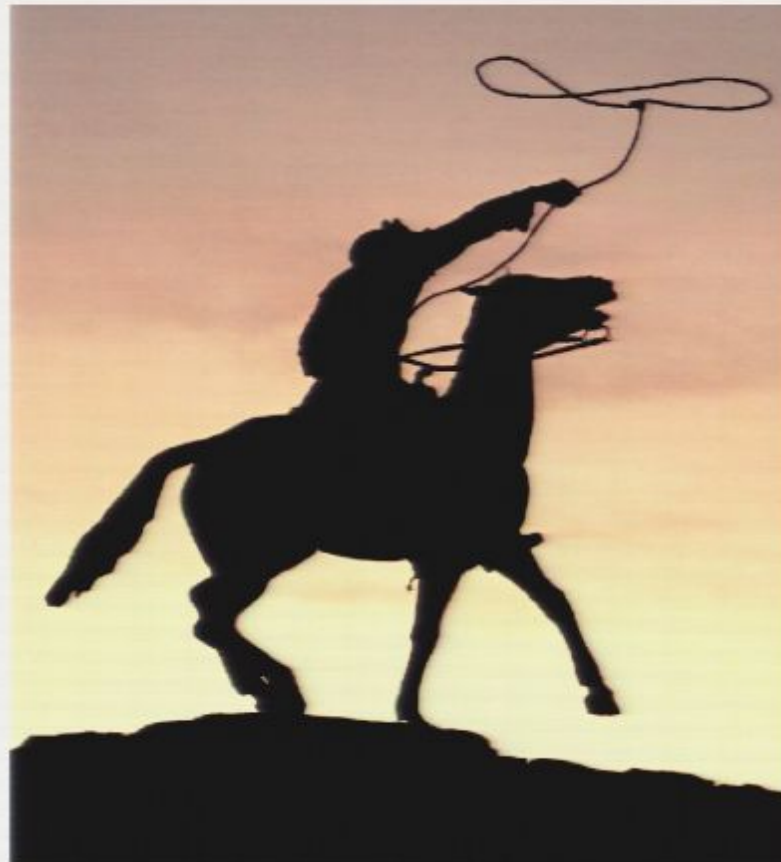
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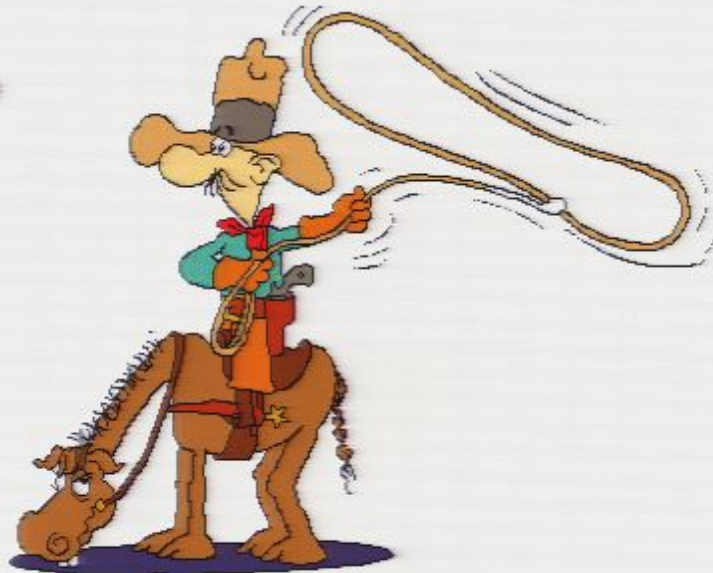


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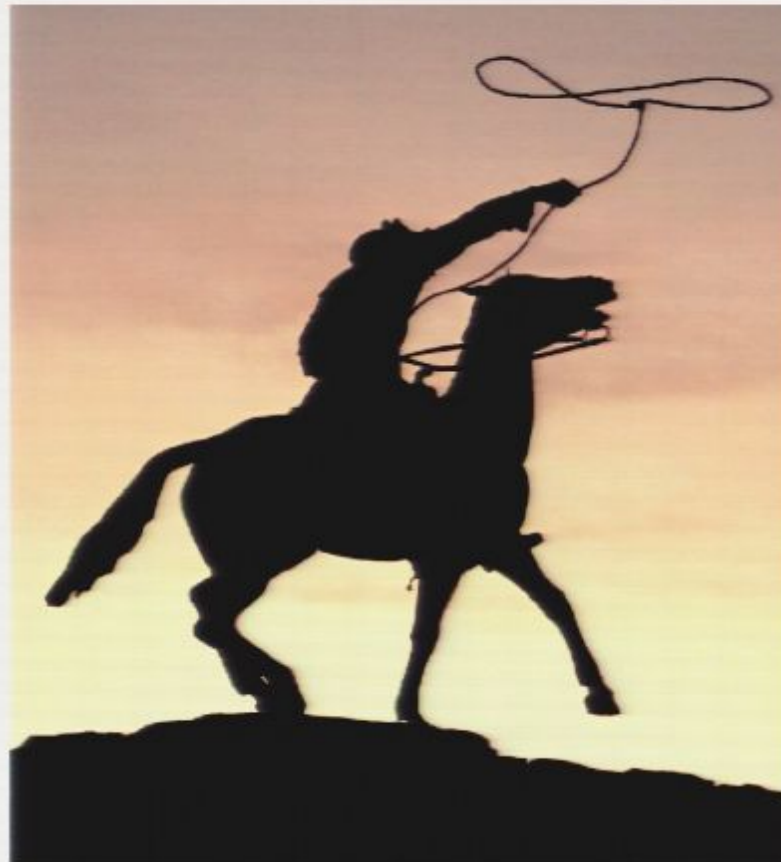




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String diagrams at lunch



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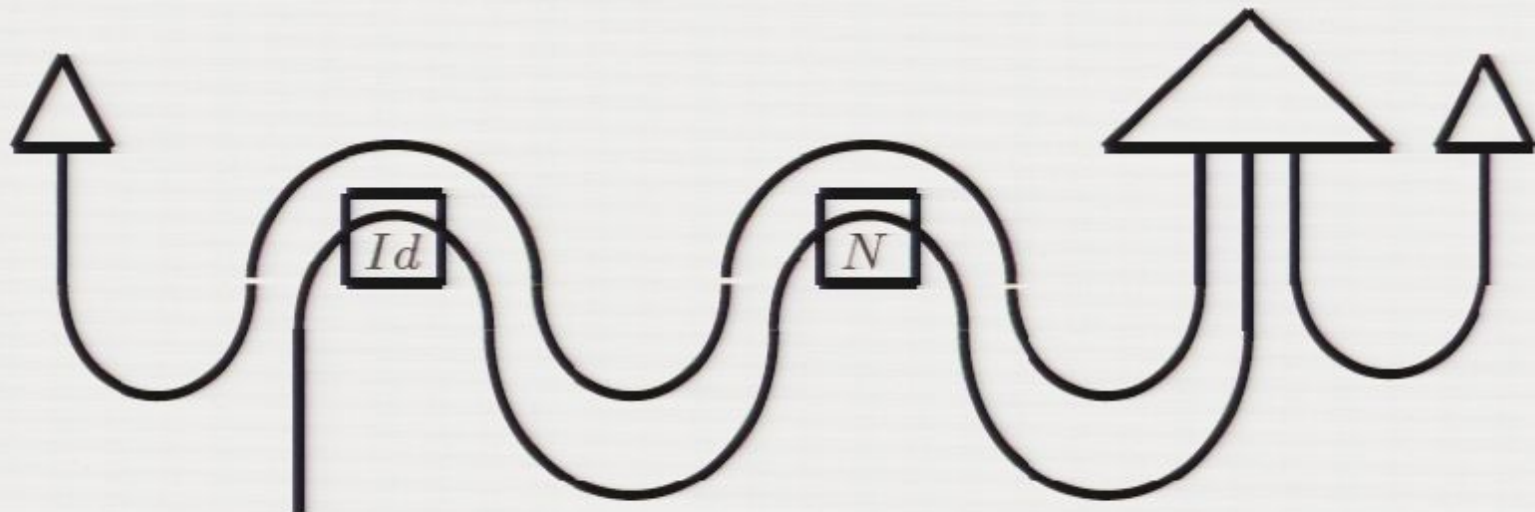


## String diagrams in heaven

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## String diagrams in natural languages



What is the vector space content of what we say?

## A Categorical Approach to Distributed Meaning

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Linguistics

Analyzing Natural Languages

{ Grammar  
Meaning

Mathematical Linguistics

Mathematical Structures for Analyzing Natural Languages

{ Syntax  
Semantics

## Analyzing syntax

(I) The algebraic way: type-logical (categorical) grammars

- { Assign types to constituents of a phrase
- { Compose the types to get the type of the phrase

(II) The Chomsky way: write the grammatical rules of a language as rewrite rules to generate the syntax of a language.



## Analyzing semantics

### (I) Symbolic meaning

Assigning sets to types,  
use logical connectives to connect them.

### (II) Distributional (vector space) meaning

Assigning vectors to words in a high-dimensional vector space,  
bases are chosen according to the domain of meaning.

## Analyzing semantics

### (I) Symbolic meaning

{	Pros:	{	Compositional, Model-theoretic semantics (Montague), Automated inferences.
	Cons:	{	Qualitative (true-false), Says very little about lexical semantics, Not very suitable for real world text.

## Analyzing semantics

### (II) Distributional (vector space) meaning

{ Cons: Non-compositional.  
Pros: { Quantitative,  
All about lexical semantics.

Can we develop a formalism that has the best of the two?

{ Pros : Compositional,  
Pros : Quantitative.

Compact Closed Categories  
via  
Quantum Informatique Diagrams

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Syntax Calculus. PO Monoid with residuated multiplication

$$(P, \leq, \bullet, 1, \rightarrow, \leftarrow)$$

Pregroups. PO Monoid with residuated elements

$$(P, \leq, \bullet, 1, (-)^l, (-)^r)$$

Google	bought	Microsoft.		
$np$	$vp$	$np$	$\leq$	$?$
$np$	$(np^r \text{ } s \text{ } np^l)$	$np$	$\leq$	$s$



## Pregroup

$$(P, \leq, \bullet, 1, (-)^l, (-)^r)$$

A partially ordered monoid whose every element has a left and a right adjoint.

$(P, 1)$  a monoid

$$p, q \in P \implies pq \in P, \quad qp \in P, \quad p1 = 1p = p$$

$(P, 1, \leq)$  po-monoid

$$p \leq q \implies pp1 \leq qp1 \quad p1p \leq p1q$$

Each element has a left & a right adjoint

$$p \in P \implies p^r \in P, \quad p^l \in P$$

$$p^l p \leq 1 \leq p p^l \quad p p^r \leq 1 \leq p^r p$$



## Some Properties of a Pregroup

Adjoint are unique and anti-tone

$$p \leq q \implies q^l \leq p^l, \quad q^r \leq p^r$$

The unit is self adjoint

$$1^l = 1^r = 1$$

The multiplication is self adjoint

$$(p \bullet q)^l = q^l \bullet p^l \quad (p \bullet q)^r = q^r \bullet p^r$$

## Pregroup Grammars

Let  $\Sigma$  be the set of words of a natural language and  $\mathcal{B}$  a POset.

**Def1.** A **Pregroup dictionary** for  $\Sigma$  based on  $\mathcal{B}$  is a binary relation

$$D \subseteq \Sigma \times T(\mathcal{B})$$

where  $T(\mathcal{B})$  is the **free pregroup** generated over the partial order  $\mathcal{B}$ , as constructed by Lambek.

**Def2.** A **Pregroup grammar** is a pair

$$G = \langle D, \alpha \rangle$$

of a pregroup dictionary and a set of distinguished elements  $\alpha \subset \mathcal{B}$ .

**Def3.** A string of words  $w_1 \dots w_n$  of  $\Sigma$  is **grammatical** if and only if

$$t_1 \cdots t_n \leq s \in \alpha$$

in  $T(\mathcal{B})$ , where each  $(w_i, t_i)$  is a element in  $D$ .

## Example of a Pregroup Grammar

A dictionary that generates sentences "Bob likes beer." and "Bob does not like beer." has the following types

Bob	:	$n$	does	:	$n^r s j^l \sigma$
likes	:	$n^r s n^l$	not	:	$\sigma^r j j^l \sigma$
beer	:	$n$	like	:	$\sigma^r j n^l$

The basic types  $n, s, j$  stand for noun phrase, statement and infinitive;  $\sigma$  is an index type.

Based on these types, the above sentences are grammatical; their reductions are morphisms in  $T(\mathcal{B})$ .

## Analyzing syntax with Pregroups

Assign types to constituents

Bob likes beer  
 $n \quad (n^r s n^l) \quad n$

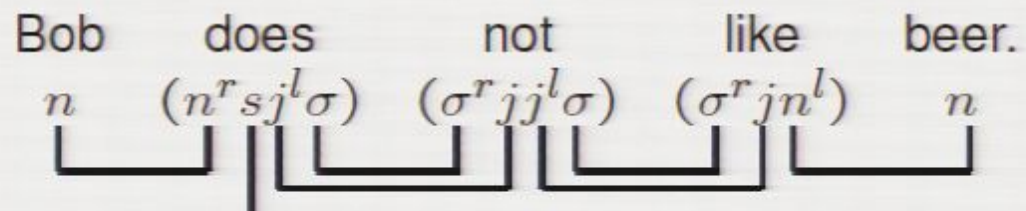
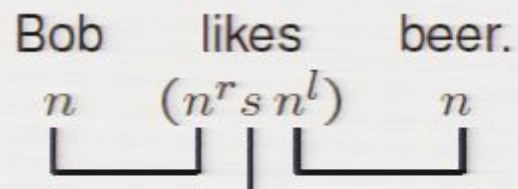
Use axioms of the pregroups to reduce the composition of types

Bob likes beer.  $\Rightarrow$  statement  
 $n \quad (n^r s n^l) \quad n \quad \leq \quad s$

Bob does not like beer.  $\Rightarrow$  statement  
 $n \quad (n^r s j^l \sigma) \quad (\sigma^r j j^l \sigma) \quad (\sigma^r j n^l) \quad n \quad \leq \quad s$



## Diagrammatic Analysis of Syntax in Pregroups



## Pregroups and Natural Languages

English, French, Italian, German, Latin, Polish, Turkish, Japanese, Arabic, Persian, Hebrew, Mandarine, .....

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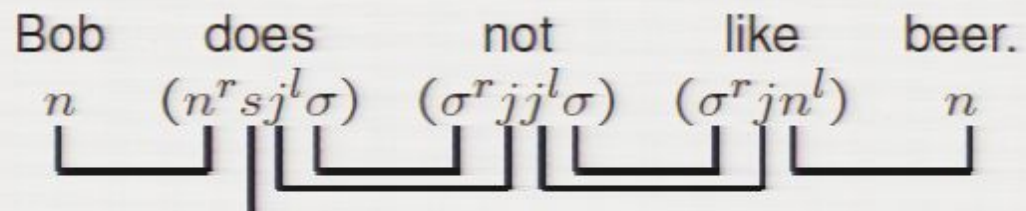
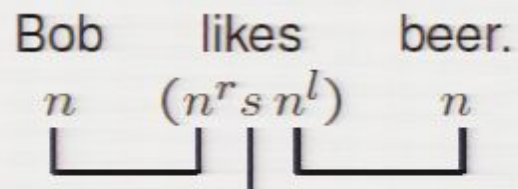
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## Comparing Syntactic Structure of Sentences in Pregroups

English and French



Arabic and Hebrew



Persian and Hindi



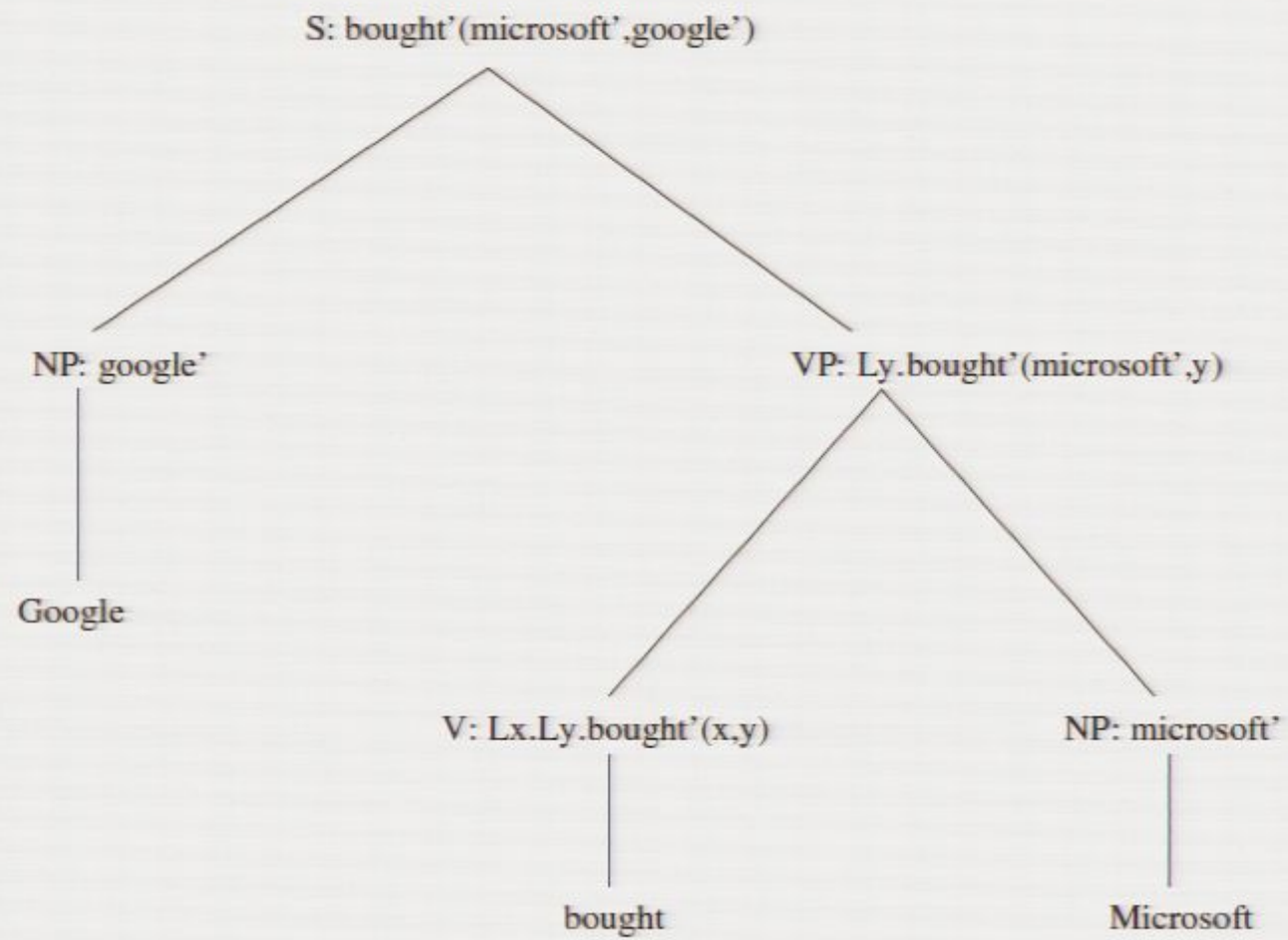
## Symbolic Model of Meaning

Meaning of a sentence is a function of meaning of its constituents.

This function is obtained by composing the meaning functions of the words within the sentence.

Some makes sense: verbs are relations

Some do not make sense: nouns are sets





## Distributional (Vector-Based) Model of Meaning

Firth: "You shall know a word by the company it keeps".

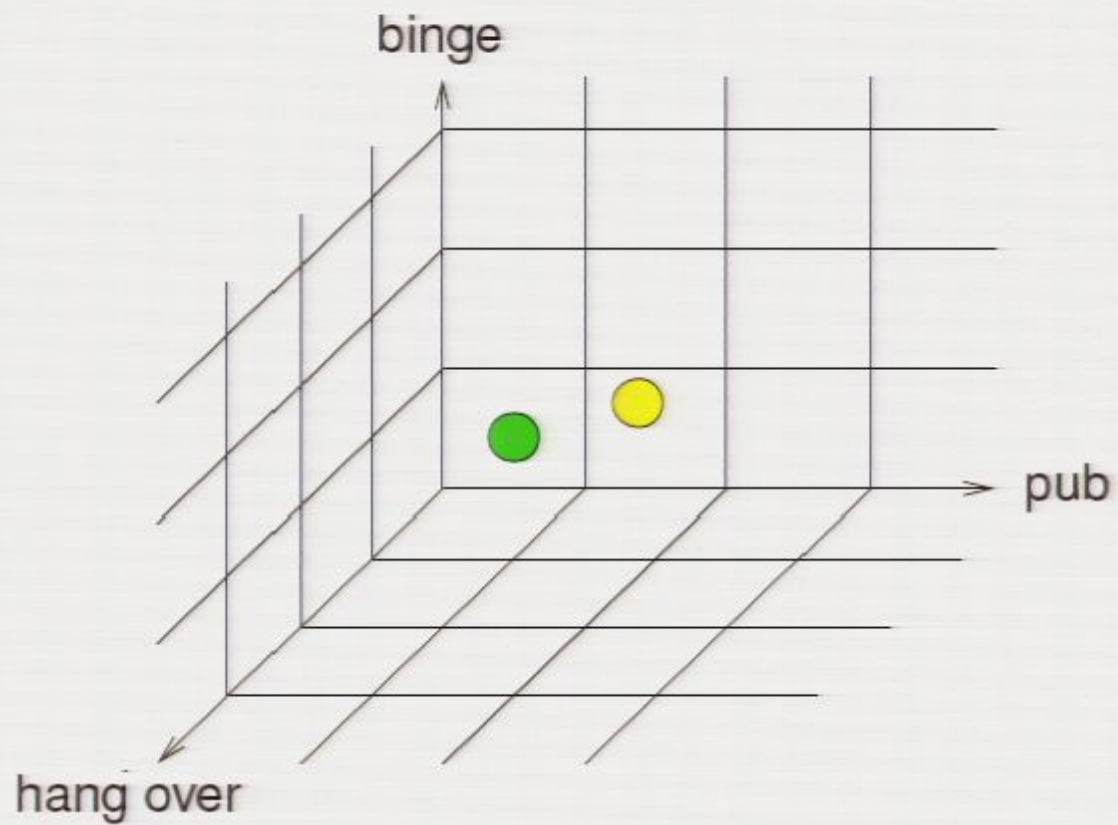
**Intuition:** the meanings of *beer* and *whisky* are similar (in some way) because they both get you drunk, are served at the pub, have alcohol, damage your liver, cause a hang over if binged on, etc.

These facts are reflected in text: *beer* and *whisky* both appear close to the words *drunk*, *pub*, *alcohol*, *liver*, *hang over*, *binge*.

In the same way, there is a similarity between the words *cat* and *dog*, also between *ship* and *boat*, etc.

In this approach meaning vectors live in a high-dimensional "semantic space", where **context** is often just an  $n$ -word window.

## Meanings as Context Vectors



## Thesaurus Construction

Curran (2003): *From Distributional to Semantic Similarity*

Created context vectors from 2 billion words of text

Compare context vectors to find pairs of synonyms

## Example Thesaurus

**introduction:** launch, implementation, advent, addition, adoption, arrival, absence, inclusion, creation

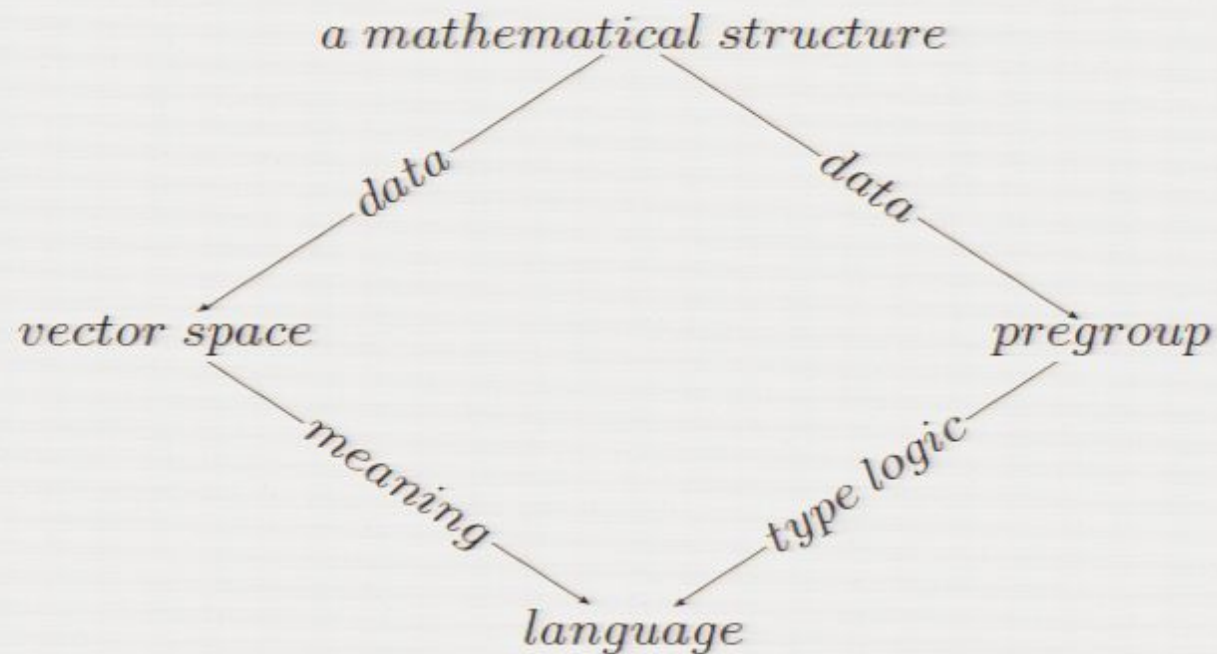
**evaluation:** assessment, examination, appraisal, review, audit, analysis, consultation, monitoring, testing, verification

**methods:** technique, procedure, means, approach, strategy, tool, concept, practice, formula, tactic



Question:

How to bring the compositionality of the algebraic typing to the lexical ability of distributed meaning?





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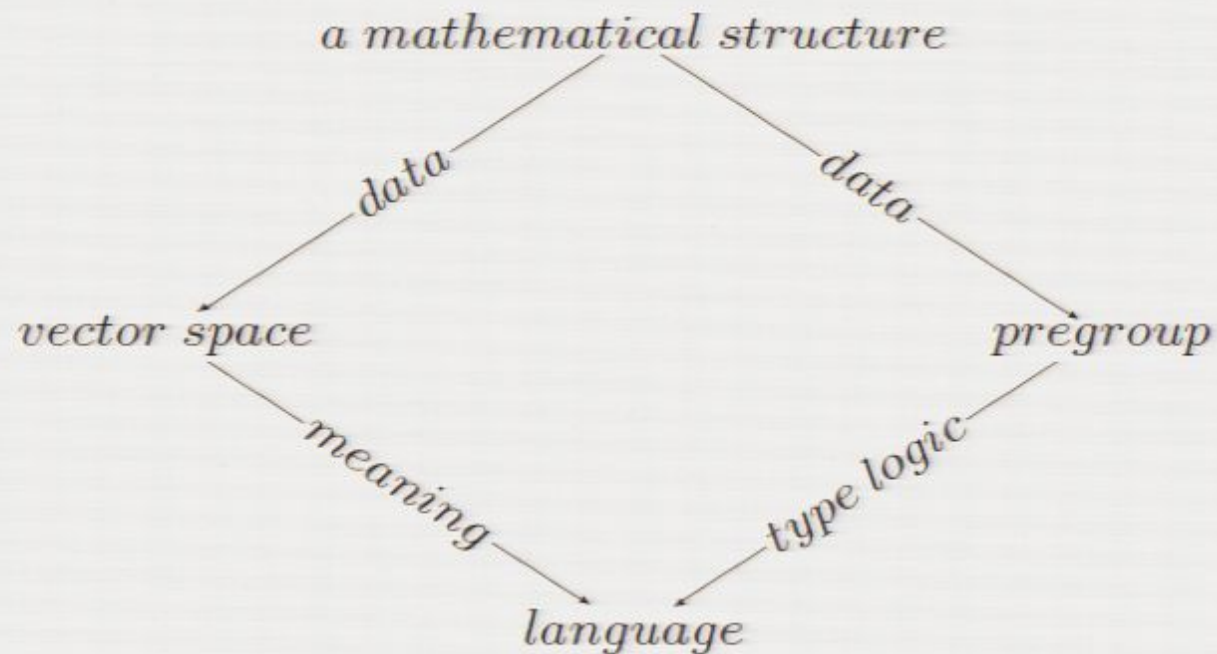
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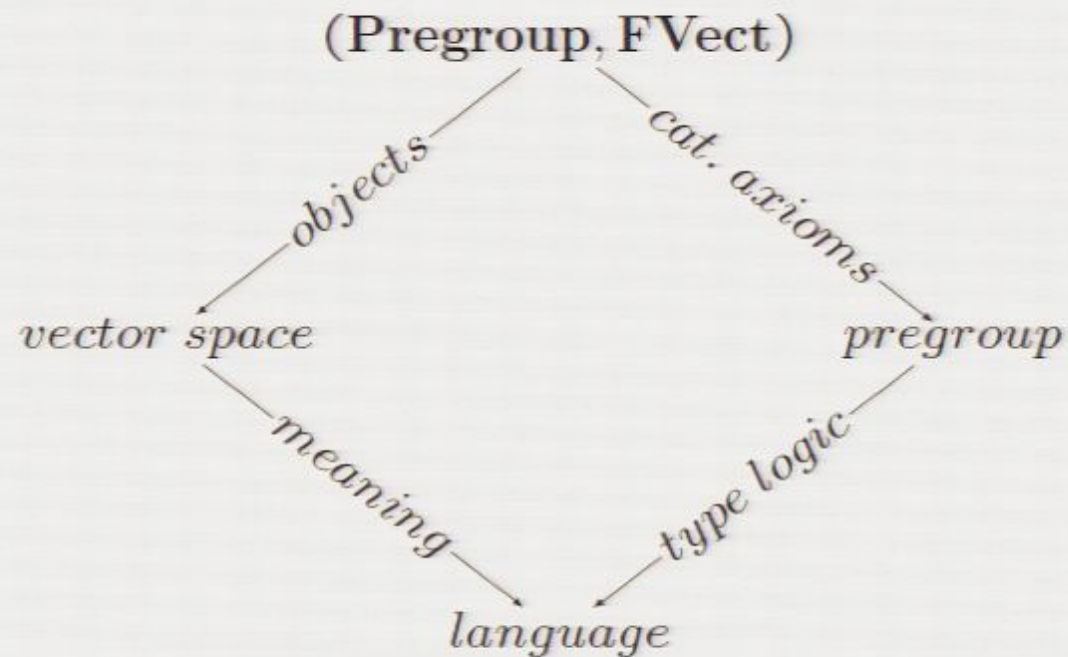


Finite dimensional vector spaces are compact closed categories.

Pregroups are compact closed categories.

Answer:

### Compact Closed Categories

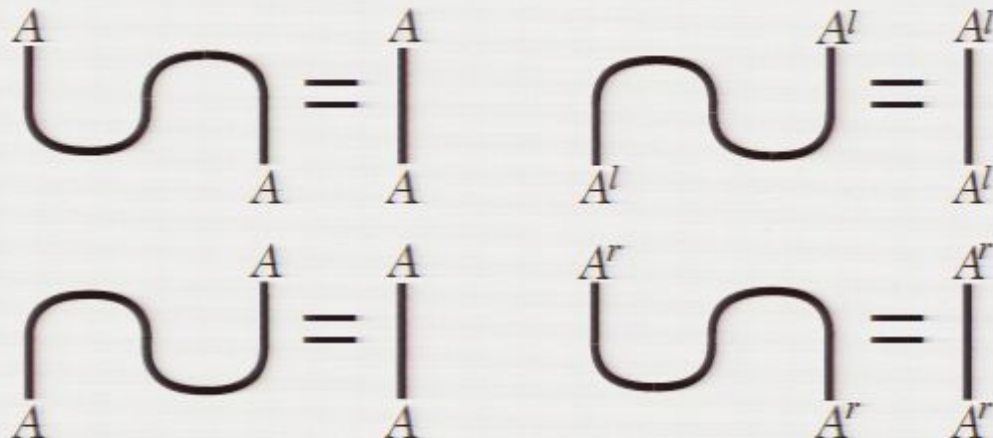


## Compact Closed Category

A monoidal closed category, where each object has a left & a right adjoint satisfying yanking axioms.

$$\eta^l : I \rightarrow A \otimes A^l \quad \epsilon^l : A^l \otimes A \rightarrow I$$

$$\eta^r : I \rightarrow A^r \otimes A \quad \epsilon^r : A \otimes A^r \rightarrow I$$





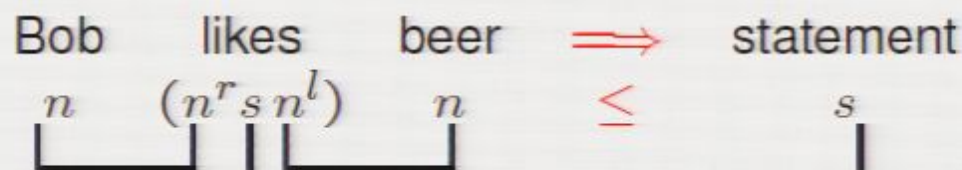
## A Pregroups is Compact Closed.

- 1- Elements of pregroup are **objects**  $p, q \in P$
- 2- Partial order is the **morphism**  $p \rightarrow q$  iff  $p \leq q$
- 3- **Tensor** is monoid multiplication  $p \otimes q$  iff  $pq$ , unit is 1
- 4- **Adjoints** are adjoints.
- 5- **Epsilon maps** are

$$\epsilon^r = [pp^r \leq 1] \quad \epsilon^l = [p^l p \leq 1]$$

- 6- Eta maps are

$$\eta^r = [1 \leq p^r p] \quad \eta^l = [1 \leq p p^l]$$



The reduction of types becomes a morphism in the category

$$\epsilon_n^r \otimes 1_s \otimes \epsilon_n^l : n \otimes n^r \otimes s \otimes n^l \otimes n \rightarrow s$$

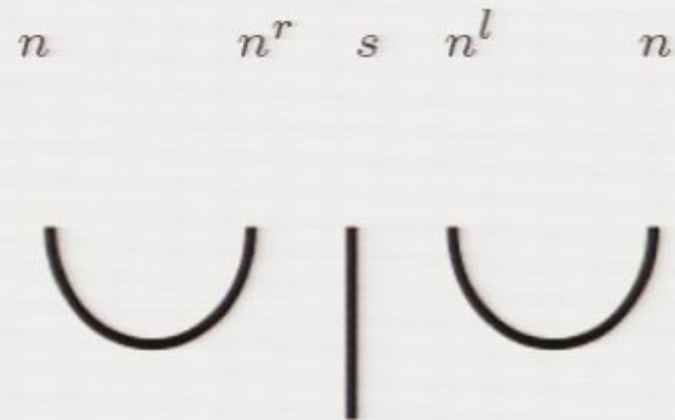


## Reductions become Morphisms

The reduction morphism of "Bob likes beer" is

$$\epsilon_n^r \otimes 1_s \otimes \epsilon_n^l$$

depicted as



## Reduction become Morphisms

The reduction morphism of "Bob does not like beer" is

$$\left(1_s \otimes \epsilon_j^l \otimes \epsilon_j^l\right) \circ \left(\epsilon_n^r \otimes 1_{sj^l} \otimes \epsilon_\sigma^r \otimes 1_{jj^l} \otimes \epsilon_\sigma^r \otimes 1_j \otimes \epsilon_n^l\right)$$

It is depicted as follows

$$n \quad n^r s j^l \sigma \quad \sigma^r j j^l \sigma \quad \sigma^r j n^l \quad n$$



## FVector Spaces are Compact Closed.

- 1- Vector spaces are **objects**  $V, W$
- 2- Linear maps are **morphisms**  $f: V \rightarrow W$
- 3- **Tensor** is tensor  $V \otimes W$ , unit is  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- 4- **Adjoints** are identity  $V^l = V = V^r$
- 5- Given a base  $\{r_i\}_i$ , **epsilon maps** are inner products

$$\epsilon^l = \epsilon^r: V \otimes V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\sum_{ij} c_{ij} \psi_i \otimes \phi_j \mapsto \sum_{ij} c_{ij} \langle \psi_i | \phi_j \rangle .$$

- 6- Eta maps create Bell states

$$\eta^l = \eta^r: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow V \otimes V$$

$$1 \mapsto \sum_i e_i \otimes e_i$$

These are maximally entangled states that allow for the non-local correlations of Quantum Mechanics.

## Semantics for Pregroups: Quantizing Functor

Pregroups  $\xrightarrow{\llbracket ? \rrbracket}$  Vector Spaces

For a pregroup dictionary

$$D \subseteq \Sigma \times T(\mathcal{B})$$

and a finite dimensional vector space  $FVect$ , let the following

$$\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket : T(D) \rightarrow FVect$$

be a strongly monoidal functor that moreover satisfies

$$\llbracket t^l \rrbracket = \llbracket t \rrbracket^* = \llbracket t^r \rrbracket$$

for  $t$  an object of  $T(D)$ .

### Example of a Quantizing Functor

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket (\text{Bob}, n) \rrbracket &= V \\ \llbracket (\text{beer}, n) \rrbracket &= W \\ \llbracket (\text{likes}, n^r \otimes s \otimes n^l) \rrbracket &= V^* \otimes S \otimes W^* \\ \llbracket (\text{like}, \sigma^r \otimes j \otimes n^l) \rrbracket &= V^* \otimes J \otimes W^* \\ \llbracket (\text{does}, n^r \otimes s \otimes j^l \otimes \sigma) \rrbracket &= V^* \otimes S \otimes J^* \otimes V \\ \llbracket (\text{not}, \sigma^r \otimes j \otimes j^l \otimes \sigma) \rrbracket &= V^* \otimes J \otimes J^* \otimes V \end{aligned}$$



## Compositional Meaning

The meaning vector of a string of words from a language  $\Sigma$

$$w_1 \dots w_n$$

with type assignments  $(w_i, t_i) \in D$  and a syntactic reduction map

$$t_1 \dots t_n \xrightarrow{f} s$$

is


$$\overrightarrow{w_1 \dots w_n} := \langle \llbracket f \rrbracket \circ \tilde{\eta} \mid \overrightarrow{w_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \overrightarrow{w_n} \rangle$$

where  $\tilde{\eta}$  is a series of  $\eta$  maps and each  $w_i$  lives in  $\llbracket (w_i, t_i) \rrbracket$ .

## Example: Positive Transitive Sentence

Meaning of "Bob likes beer" is obtained by applying the semantic map of its syntactic reduction to the tensor product of vectors of the words therein:

$$\overrightarrow{Bob\ likes\ beer} = \left( \langle \epsilon_V | \otimes \mathbf{1}_S \otimes \langle \epsilon_W | \right) \left| \overrightarrow{Bob} \otimes \overrightarrow{likes} \otimes \overrightarrow{beer} \right\rangle$$

$$\langle \text{Diagram} \mid \overrightarrow{Bob} \otimes \overrightarrow{does} \otimes \overrightarrow{not} \otimes \overrightarrow{like} \otimes \overrightarrow{beer} \rangle$$


## Concrete Calculations

Given

$$\overrightarrow{Bob} \in V, \quad \overrightarrow{beer} \in W \quad \overrightarrow{likes} = \sum_{ikj} C_{ikj} \overrightarrow{v}_i \otimes \overrightarrow{s}_k \otimes \overrightarrow{w}_j$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{Bob \text{ likes } beer} &= \left( \langle \epsilon_V | \otimes 1_S \otimes \langle \epsilon_W | \right) \left| \overrightarrow{Bob} \otimes \overrightarrow{likes} \otimes \overrightarrow{beer} \right\rangle = \\ &\sum_k \left( \sum_{ij} C_{ik} \langle \overrightarrow{Bob} | \overrightarrow{v}_i \rangle \langle \overrightarrow{w}_j | \overrightarrow{beer} \rangle \right) \overrightarrow{s}_k. \end{aligned}$$

## Concrete Calculations for Boolean Meaning

$V$  is spanned by all men  $\{\vec{m}_i\}_i$

$W$  is spanned by all drinks  $\{\vec{d}_j\}_j$

$S$  is spanned by two vectors  $|1\rangle$  and  $|0\rangle$ , denoting *true* and *false*.

The verb "likes" becomes the following superposition

$$\overrightarrow{\text{likes}} = \sum_{ij} \vec{m}_i \otimes \vec{s}_{ij} \otimes \vec{d}_j$$

## Concrete Calculations for Boolean Meaning

To get a truth-theoretic meaning we can set

$$\vec{s}_{ij} = \begin{cases} |1\rangle & m_i \text{ likes } d_j \\ |0\rangle & o.w. \end{cases}$$

Assume Bob is  $m_3$  and beer is  $d_4$ .

The meaning of our sentence becomes

$$\sum_{ij} \langle \vec{m}_3 | \vec{m}_i \rangle \otimes \vec{s}_{ij} \otimes \langle \vec{d}_j | \vec{d}_4 \rangle = \sum_{ij} \delta_{3i} \vec{s}_{ij} \delta_{j4} = \vec{s}_{34}$$

This is *true* if "Bob likes beer" and *false* otherwise.



## Weighted Meaning

Assume 'like' has degrees of "love" and "hate", e.g.

$$\overrightarrow{\text{likes}} = \frac{3}{4}\overrightarrow{\text{loves}} + \frac{1}{4}\overrightarrow{\text{hates}}$$

$$\overrightarrow{\text{loves}} = \sum_{ij} \vec{m}_i \otimes \overrightarrow{\text{loves}}_{ij} \otimes \vec{d}_j, \quad \overrightarrow{\text{hates}} = \sum_{ij} \vec{m}_i \otimes \overrightarrow{\text{hates}}_{ij} \otimes \vec{d}_j$$

where  $\overrightarrow{\text{loves}}_{ij}$  and  $\overrightarrow{\text{hates}}_{ij}$  have Boolean meanings.

Assume  $S$  is spanned by "love" and "hate".

Now the meaning of sentence "Bob likes beer" is a vector in the vector space whose basis are "love" and "hate".

In particular, it is true whenever

$$\overrightarrow{\text{Bob likes beer}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/4 \\ 1/4 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Example: Negative Transitive Sentence

The meaning map of the sentence "Bob does not like beer" is

$$\overrightarrow{Bob\ does\ not\ like\ beer} =$$

$$\langle f \circ \tilde{\eta} \mid \overrightarrow{Bob} \otimes \overrightarrow{does} \otimes \overrightarrow{not} \otimes \overrightarrow{like} \otimes \overrightarrow{beer} \rangle$$

## Meaning Morphisms for Negative Sentence

The process of computing meaning will have two steps:

(I) Eta maps to create extra space for temporary substitutions  $\tilde{\eta}$

$$(1_V \otimes V^* \otimes \eta_{S=J} \otimes 1_V \otimes V^* \otimes \eta_J \otimes 1_V \otimes 1_{V^*} \otimes J \otimes W^* \otimes 1_W) \circ (1_V \otimes \eta_V \otimes \eta_V \otimes 1_{V^*} \otimes J \otimes W^* \otimes 1_W)$$

(II) Epsilon maps for substitution  $f$

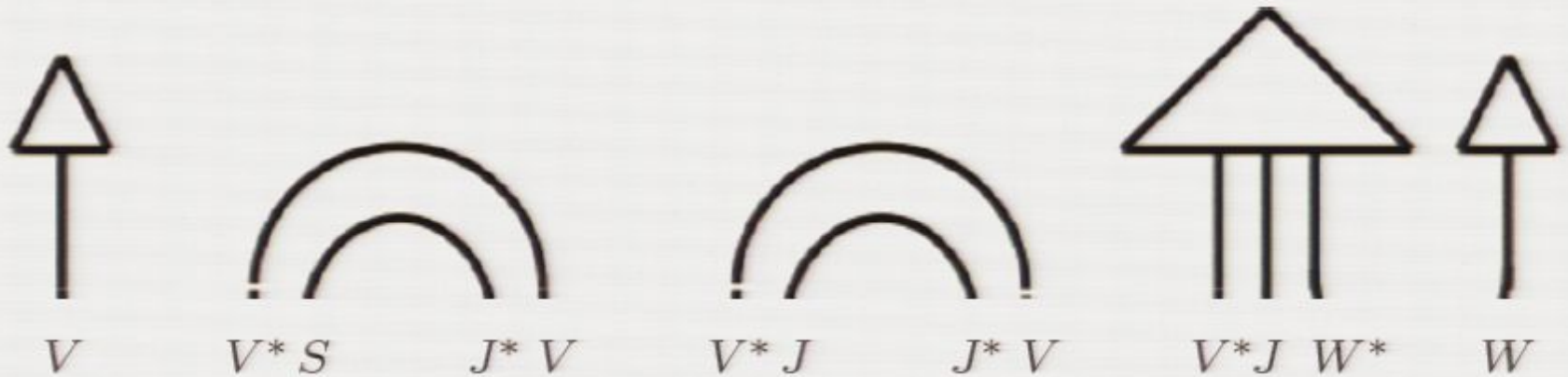
$$(1_S \otimes \epsilon_J \otimes \epsilon_J) \circ (\epsilon_V \otimes 1_S \otimes 1_{J^*} \otimes \epsilon_V \otimes 1_J \otimes 1_{J^*} \otimes \epsilon_V \otimes 1_J \otimes \epsilon_W)$$

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Assume  $S = J$  and create 4 Bell states, i.e. functions

$$V^* \otimes V \equiv V \rightarrow V \quad J^* \otimes S \equiv J \rightarrow S \quad J^* \otimes J \equiv J \rightarrow J$$



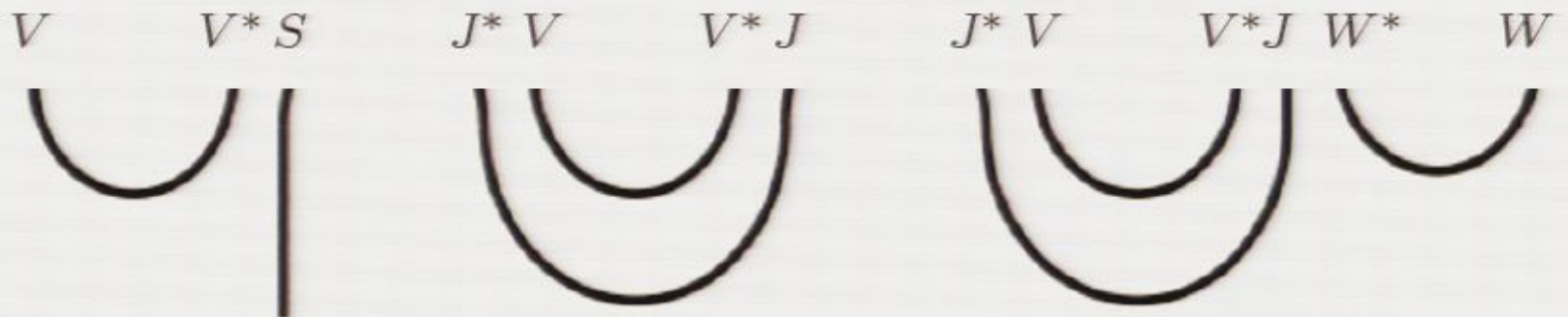


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Substitution

$$\epsilon_V^*: V \otimes V \rightarrow 1 \quad \epsilon_J: J^* \otimes J \rightarrow 1$$

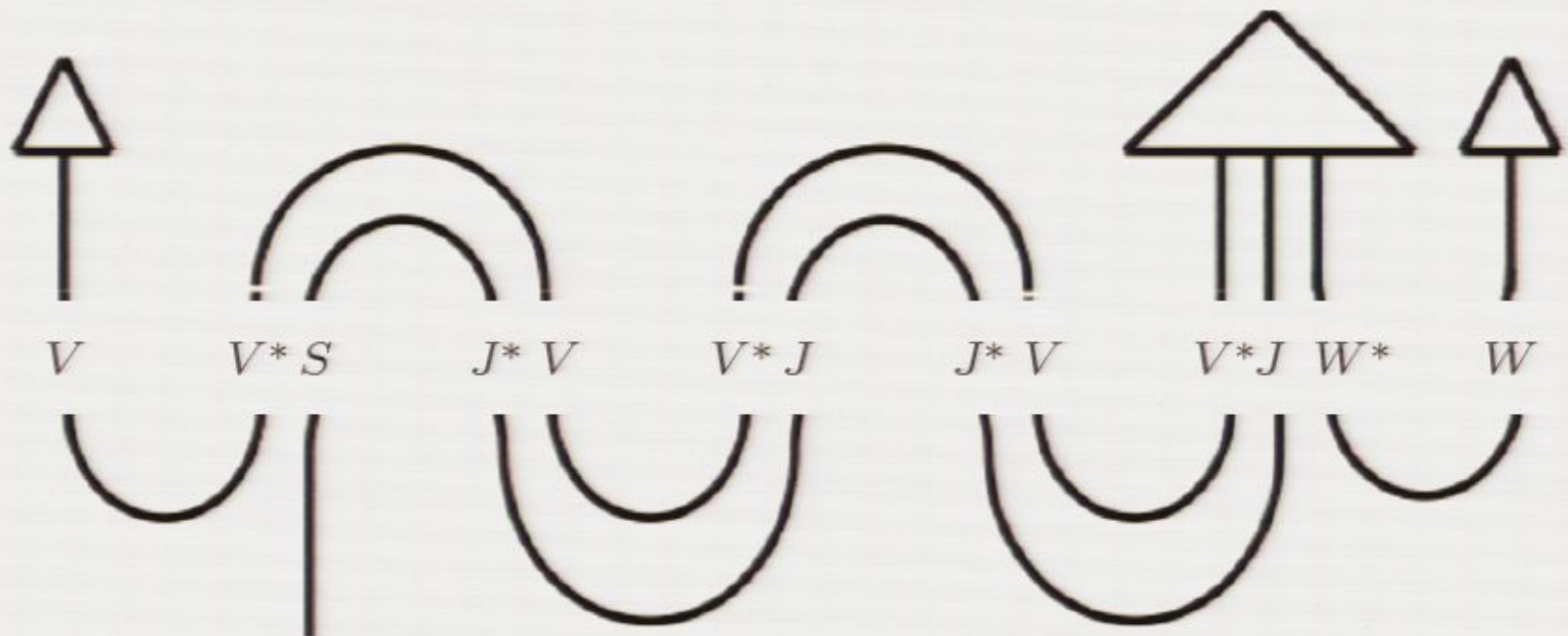




## Meaning Morphisms for Negative Sentence

The full map of the meaning is obtained by the composition

$$f \circ \tilde{\eta}$$



$$\overrightarrow{\text{Bob does not like beer}} =$$

$$\langle \text{wavy line with three upward arrows} | \overrightarrow{\text{Bob}} \otimes \overrightarrow{\text{does}} \otimes \overrightarrow{\text{not}} \otimes \overrightarrow{\text{like}} \otimes \overrightarrow{\text{beer}} \rangle$$

## Concrete Calculations for Boolean Meaning

$$\overrightarrow{\text{like}} = \sum_{ij} \vec{m}_i \otimes \vec{\mu}_{ij} \otimes \vec{d}_j \in V^* \otimes J \otimes W^* \quad \text{where} \quad \vec{\mu}_{ij} = \begin{cases} |1\rangle & m_i \text{ likes } d_j \\ |0\rangle & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\overrightarrow{\text{not}} = \sum_k \vec{m}_k \otimes (|10\rangle + |01\rangle) \otimes \vec{m}_k \in V^* \otimes J \otimes J^* \otimes V$$

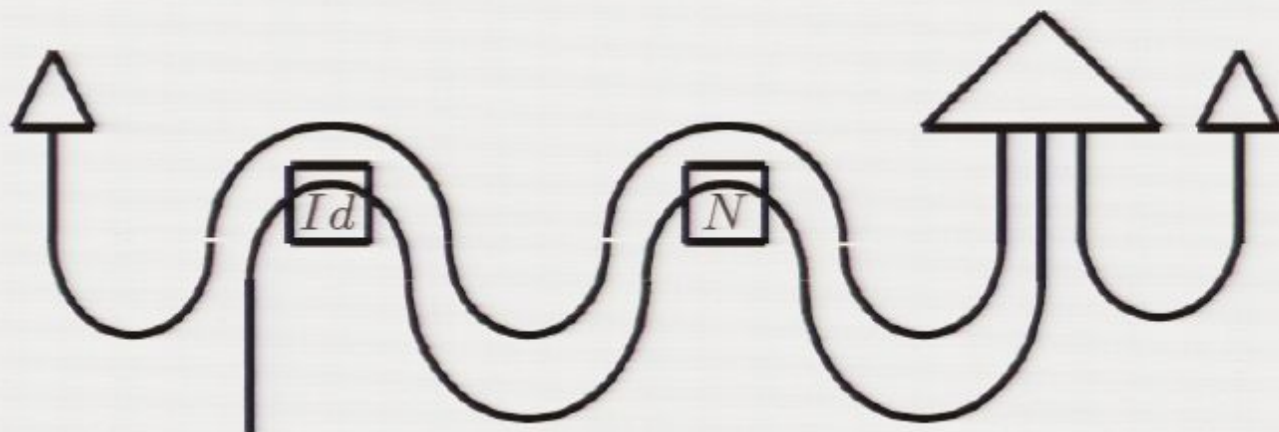
$$\overrightarrow{\text{does}} = \sum_l \vec{m}_l \otimes (|11\rangle + |00\rangle) \otimes \vec{m}_l \in V^* \otimes S \otimes J^* \otimes V$$

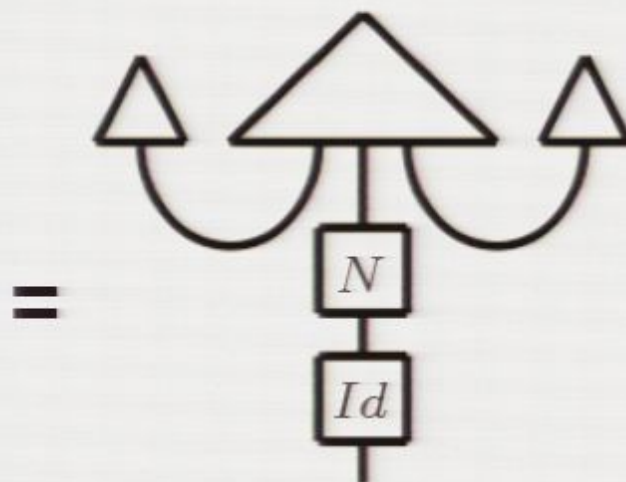
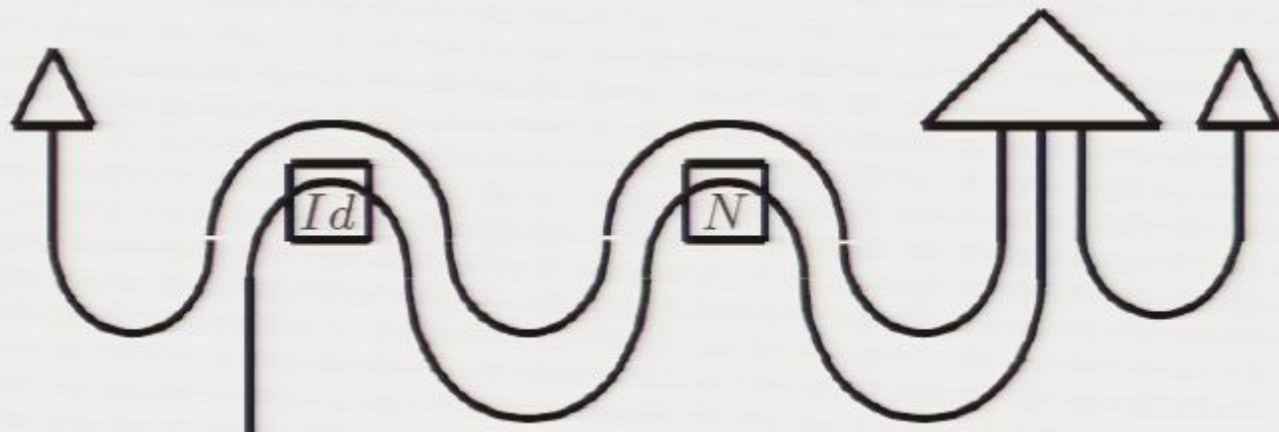
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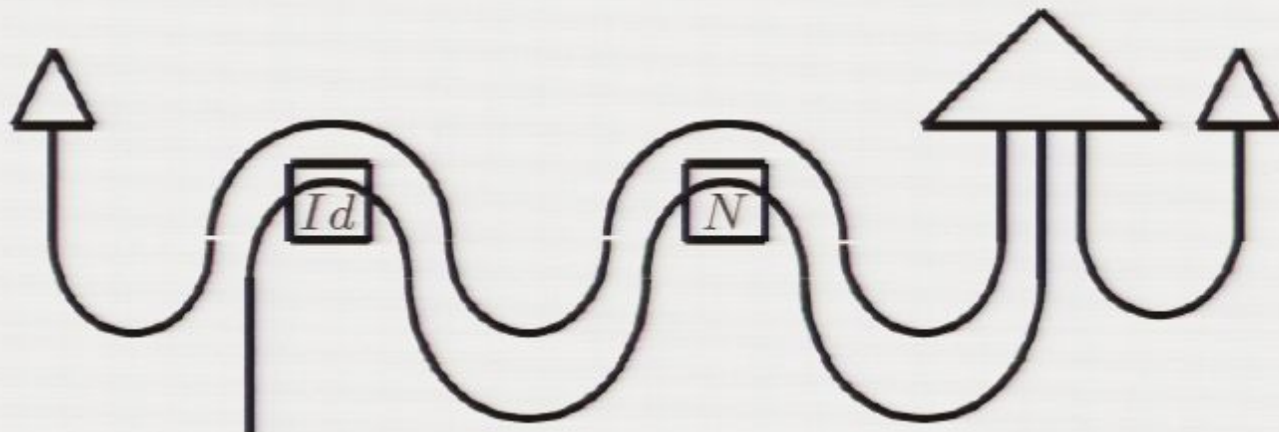
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Having fixed matrices for "does", "not" the meaning map becomes:









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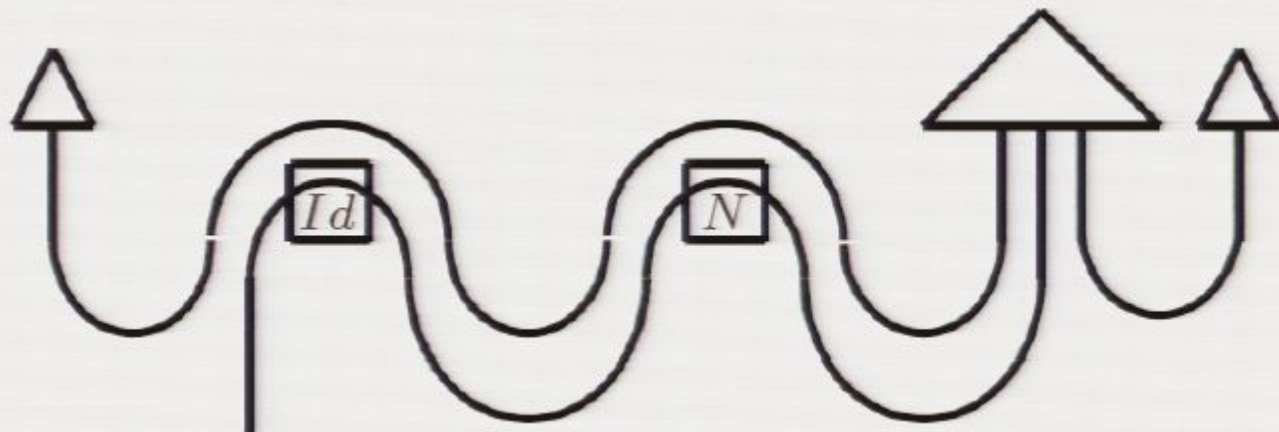
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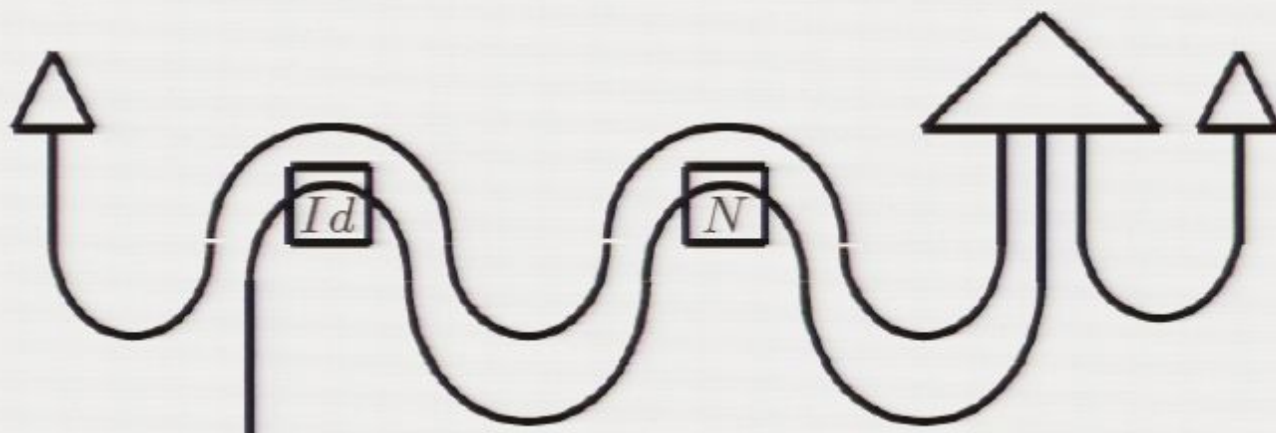
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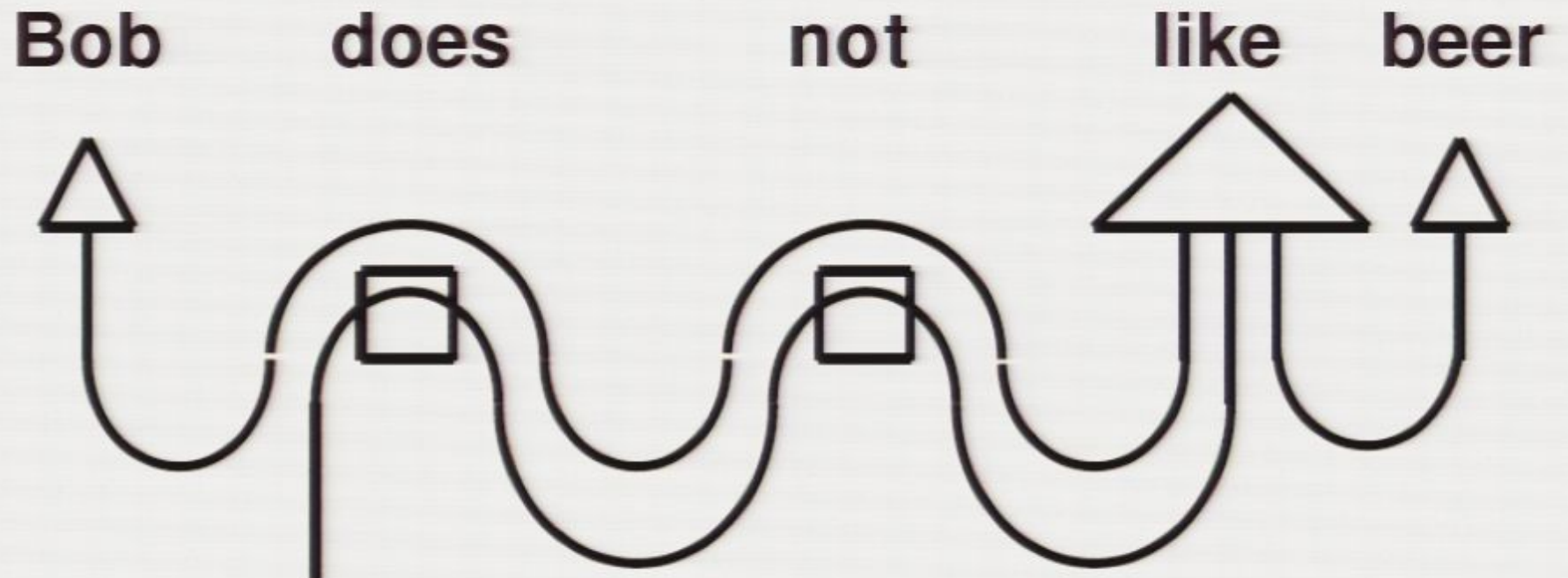
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