Introduction to Computational Linguistics UBG Parsing Exercises

1 Subsumption

Define (in pseudocode or implemented) a subsumption algorithm for (typed) feature structures. Assume the function subsumes(type0, type1) to be given.

2 Parsing

Modify a chart parsing algorithm to deal with unification-based grammars (with subsumption packing) and discuss points of inefficiency. Try to present a solution in pseudo-code. Assume the lexicon lookup, returning strings for input words, to be given.

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