

Assignment 4: Ambiguity and Relations on Trees

1. Problem 1 from Chapter 3 of the textbook (page 83).
2. Draw trees for the following ambiguous sentences. Indicate which meaning goes with which tree. Limit yourself to the rules discussed in class/the textbook.
 - (1) a. The teacher with the bear from Bolvangar likes parrots.
b. Sam decided that he would resign on Monday.

Next consider the sentences in (2), which are minimal modifications of the sentences in (1). You will see that some of the meanings that were available to their counterparts in (1) are no longer (easily) accessible. Discuss which meanings are still available, draw trees for the sentences in (2), and using these trees explain why certain meanings are blocked in (2).

- (2) a. The teacher from Bolvangar with the bear likes parrots.
b. Sam decided on Monday that he would resign.