Tree Adjoining Grammars Exercises

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Exercise 1 (15.01.2016) Consider an MCTAG with terminals $\{a, b, c\}$, nonterminals $\{S, T, U\}$, no adjunction constraints and the following elementary tree sets:

$$\left\{\begin{array}{c}S\\\hline a & T\\\hline b & U\\\downarrow\\ & \vdots\\c\end{array}\right\} \qquad \left\{\begin{array}{c}S & T & U\\\hline a & S^* & b & T^* & c & U^*\end{array}\right\}$$

Which language does this MCTAG generate if

- 1. it is taken to be a tree-local MCTAG?
- 2. it is taken to be a set-local MCTAG?

Solution:

a

- 1. $\{abc, aabbcc\}$
- 2. $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \ge 1\}$

Exercise 2 (15.01.2016) Consider the following sentence:

dass ernom esakk ihm_{dat} zu reparieren zu versprechen versuchte (1)

Show that with elementary tree sets along the line of slide 22, one can obtain a tree-local MCTAG analysis for (1). (The "zu versprechen" tree needs more than two VP nodes, similar to the "zu reparieren" tree.)

Solution: The tree sets are the following:



A derivation for (1) is possible if first the versprechen set adoins as follows to reparieren: the dat tree adjoins at node address 2 and the versprechen tree at node address ε . Then the versuchte set adjoins to the *versprechen* tree, targeting the root node and its daughter.