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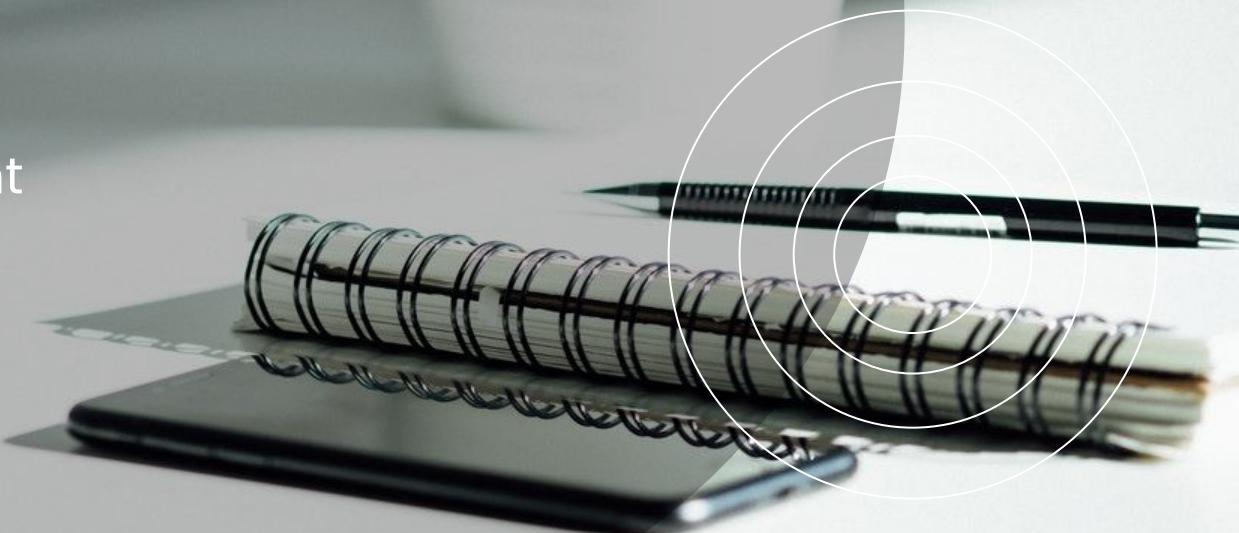
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- From Cyc (adapted) (I)
 - Fred saw the plane flying over Zurich.

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- From Cyc (adapted) (II)
 - Fred saw the train flying over Zurich.

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- From Cyc (adapted) (III)
 - Fred saw the plane flying over Zurich.
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Fred saw a **plane** flying over Zurich.

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Fred saw a **train** flying over Zurich.

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Fred saw a **plane/train** flying over Zurich.

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- From Winograd Schema Challenge (I):
 - The trophy would not fit in the brown suitcase because it was too big (small). What was too big (small)?
 - Answer 0: the trophy
 - Answer 1: the suitcase

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- From Winograd Schema Challenge (II):
 - The bee landed on the flower because **it** had pollen.
 - The bee landed on the flower because **it** wanted pollen.

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- Setting
 - Difficulty of NLP
 - Levels of NLP processing
 - Research areas related to NLP

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- Difficulty of NLP
 - Language is dynamic!
 - More than 5000 languages!
 - ... and ~6000 millions of people!
 - Complexity: several and complex levels of processing
 - Ambiguity!
 - Incomplete knowledge, fuzzy, ...
 - Requires World Knowledge!
 - Within a social interaction system!

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- Levels of NLP processing (I)
 - Phonetic: relating sounds with words
 - Morphologic: building words: puño, empuñar, ...
 - Syntactic: building sentences with words and the role they play:
 - *E.on will buy Endesa / Endesa will be acquired by por E.on*
 - Semantic: denoting meaning from words and sentences
 - *Zapatos de piel de señora / Lady leather shoes*
 - Pragmatic: ... in a context
 - *Me dás hora? Tienes hora? ... in the street / in the dentist*

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- Levels of NLP processing (II)
 - Discourse:
 - *Él le dijo después que lo pusiera encima.*
 - World knowledge: how to manage (and acquire)
 - *Lucy in the sky with diamonds*
 - *Clever & Smart*
 - *GM drives to make Saturn a star again*
 - *They are to see you better- said the wolf imitating the grandmother's voice.*
 - Generation: how to generate correct text/sounds
 - *16/02/2007 => dieciséis de febrero del dos mil siete*

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- Levels of NLP processing (III)
 - Different types of ambiguity:
 - Lexical ambiguity
 - Sintactic ambiguity
 - Semantic ambiguity
 - Reference

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- Lexical ambiguity (examples):
 - *Mi amigo Juan Mesa se mesa la barba al lado de la mesa.*
 - *El cura recibió una cura completa.*
- From Financial Times
 - *US officials has expected Basra to fall early*
 - *Music sales will fall by up to 15% this year*
 - *No missiles have fallen and ...*

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- Levels of NLP processing (III)

Sense 10

fall -- (be captured; "The cities fell to the enemy")
=> yield -- (cease opposition; stop fighting)

Sense 2

descend, fall, go down, come down -- (move downward but not necessarily all the way; "The temperature is going down"; "The barometer is falling"; "Real estate prices are coming down")
=> travel, go, move, locomote -- (change location; ...)

Sense 1

fall -- (descend in free fall under the influence of gravity; "The branch fell from the tree"; "The unfortunate hiker fell into a crevasse")
=> travel, go, move, locomote -- (change location; ...)

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- Levels of NLP processing (III)

Sintactic ambiguity (examples):

- *La vendedora de periódicos del barrio.*
- *El policía observó al sospechoso con unos prismáticos.*

Different meanings depending on parsing!

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- Levels of NLP processing (III)

Semantic ambiguity (examples):

Para el cumpleaños les daré un pastel a los niños
One for all? One to one?

Reference ambiguity (examples):

Él le dijo después que lo pusiera encima.
Who? To whom? After what? What? Where?

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- Levels of NLP processing (III)

Semantic:

John is sick. He has the flu.

Pragmatic:

John cannot come. He has the flu.

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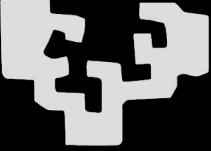
- Levels of NLP processing (III)

Exercice:

*John was hungry.
He opened the refrigerator.*

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- Multidisciplinary research area
 - Linguistics: Study of language
 - Psycholinguistics: how people communicate.
 - Computer Science: computer models (algorithms) for NLP
 - Philosophy: semantics, meaning, understanding
 - Logic: formal reasoning mechanisms
 - Artificial Intelligence: techniques, knowledge representation, commonsense, etc.
 - Statistics: probabilistic models of language.
 - Machine Learning: learning rules and models
 - Deep Learning: learning large neural language models
 - Linguistic Engineering: implementation of large and complex NLP systems



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