

# Presupposition projection as a scope phenomenon

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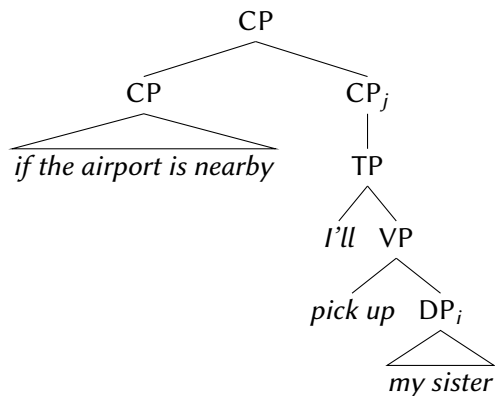
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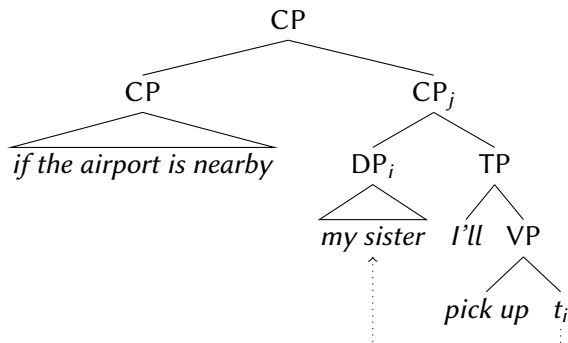
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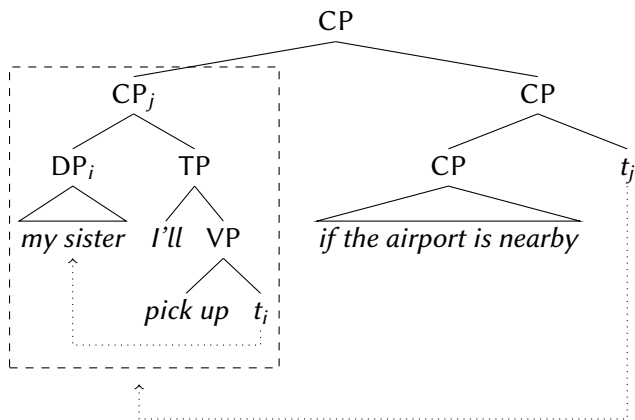
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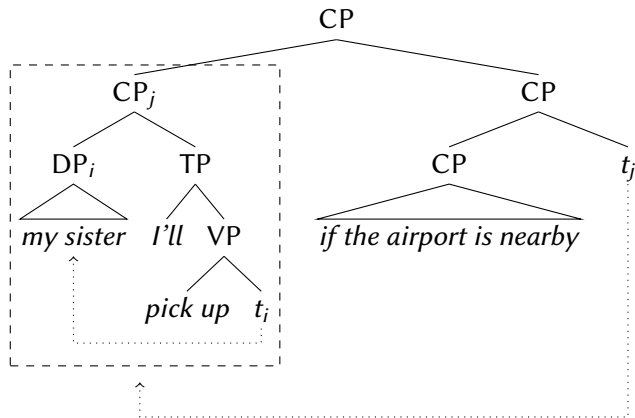
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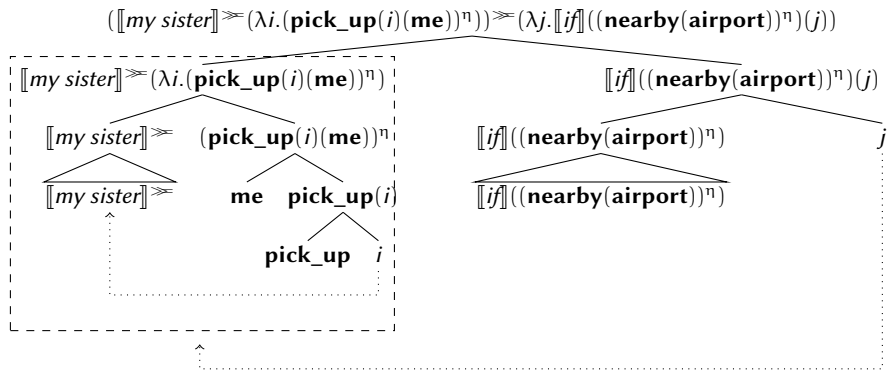
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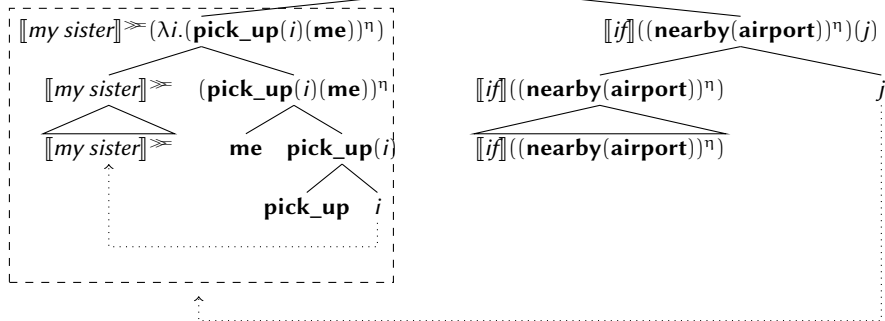
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1 if I have a sister, and I pick her up if the airport is nearby  
 0 if I have a sister, the airport is nearby, and I don't pick her up  
 # if I don't have a sister

For examples like

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we simply don't scope the consequent clause above the filter, allowing presupposition satisfaction to go through.

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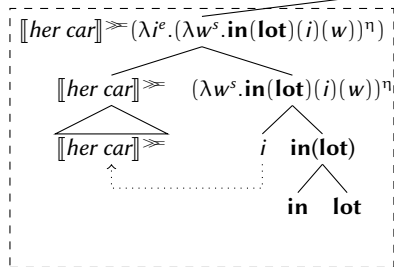
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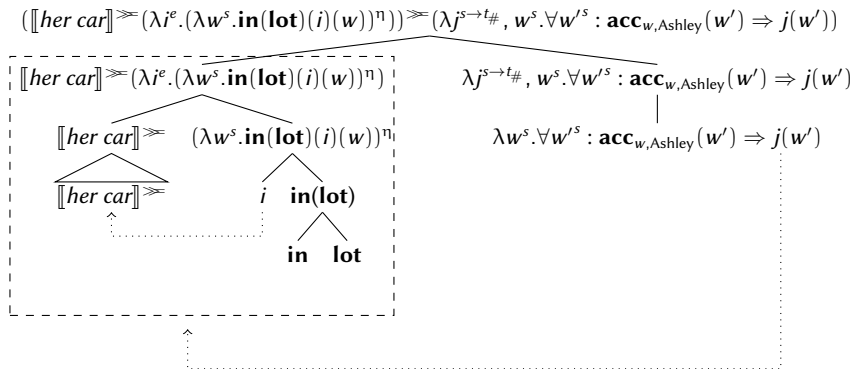


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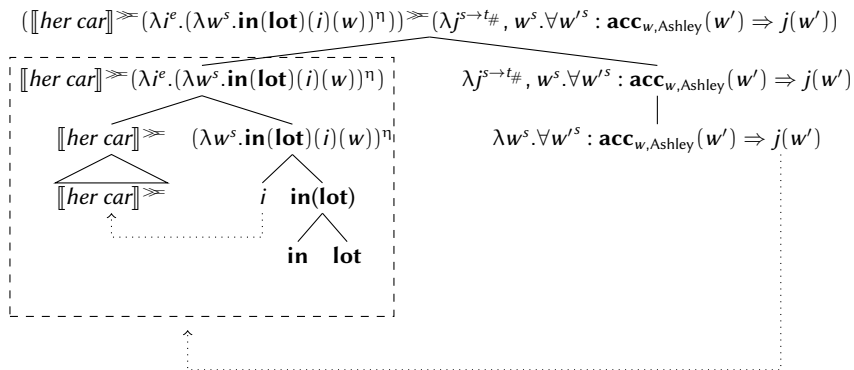


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