Linguistics: Topic 8 Syntax

Worksheet 8.1: Syntax

Problem Set 1:

- Apply the Proform Replacement test to [the cat]
- Try to map the test result onto our embryonic structure of the sentence

The cat will chase [$_{NP}$ the mice].

Problem Set 2:

Assign a tree-structure to the example below.

It will chase them.

• Treat the pronouns it and them as N(ouns).







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Solutions Worksheet 8.1

Problem Set 1:

Applying the test:

[The cat (that lives in the house that...)] will chase the mice.

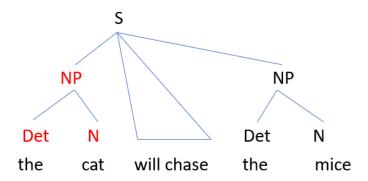
It will chase the mice.

Therefore,

[the cat] = NP

Mapping the test result onto the embryonic structure of the sentence:

[$_{NP}$ The cat] will chase [$_{NP}$ the mice].



Problem Set 2:

The tree has the same structure, except that both NPs have only one constituent each.

