Assignment 3 Tutorial

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Infinitives

- Yelling "Run!" makes sense

- Yelling "To run!" likely doesn't
  - There's no agent for run

- Nor does "Nadia to run!"
  - Just sounds incomplete
  - Is Nadia even running?

Dependent clauses

- Do not parse on their own
  - "to go", "that I LARP"

- Use semantics from independent (surrounding) clause
  - [Nadia wanted [to go]]
  - [Nadia knows [that I LARP]]
  - Prime candidate for NP gap features

Verb control

- Occurs when an infinitive clause is a dependent clause
- The independent clause's verb decides whether the clause's subject or object, or a new NP will fill the gap
  - Nadia commanded Ross [to eat]
  - Nadia knew [Ross to wait]
  - Nadia wanted [to eat]
  - Subject control mostly when missing object NP

Question 1

- NPs receive roles

- Verbs give roles

- Embedded clauses can take roles like NPs

Question 2

- Part A
  - Straightforward application of heuristics mentioned in lecture 6 slides
- Part B
  - Determine counts first
  - Be explicit (so that you get marks for showing work even if Part A is wrong)
- Part C
  - You'll see the problem soon enough if you try to calculate the probabilities

Question 2 Part B

- Pr(true|n) is better defined as Pr(Un(a,n,v,p),a=N|n=x,v=y) where Un is a predicate which determines if an attachment is unambiguous given some attachment, noun, and a predicate
  - p is not yet grounded
  - Z marginalizes out variable a in the denominator
- Pr(p|true,n) is better defined as Pr(p=w|a=N,Un(a,n,v,p),n=x,v=y)