

Formal Model and Verification

Exercise 4: BNF, parsing trees, and derivation trees

1. We have the following grammar for English sentences.

$S ::= N A$

$N ::= John \mid Frank \mid Mary \mid Susan$

$A ::= V N \mid A \text{ and } A$

$V ::= hates \mid loves \mid misses$

Please draw the parsing tree of the following sentence.

“John hates Frank and loves Mary and misses Susan.”

2. Please extend the BNF in problem 1 to include the following sentences.

“John likes dogs that have a tail.”

“A cat that has green eyes hates dogs.”

3. Please draw the derivation trees of the two sentences in your grammar for problem 2.

4. Please design a grammar in BNF for the following sentences.

Every husky is a dog.

Some dog is a husky.

Some dog that is a husky is a puppy.

Every husky is a dog that is a puppy.

5. Please draw the parsing trees for the sentences in your grammar proposed in problem 4.