TG and LFG: Two Different Grammar Theories

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Abstract

This paper discusses the principal differences between Transformational Generative Grammar (TG) and Lexical-Functional Grammar (LFG), the grammar theories which have been developed by Chomsky (1957, 1965, 1972) and Bresnan (1982) respectively. The differences between the two grammar theories can be seen from their different approach in analyzing double-object constructions in English such as I gave Mary some apples and its variation I gave some apples to Mary.