

Case 1 more than one verb

- Tense is moved to the beginning because it is part of the auxiliary

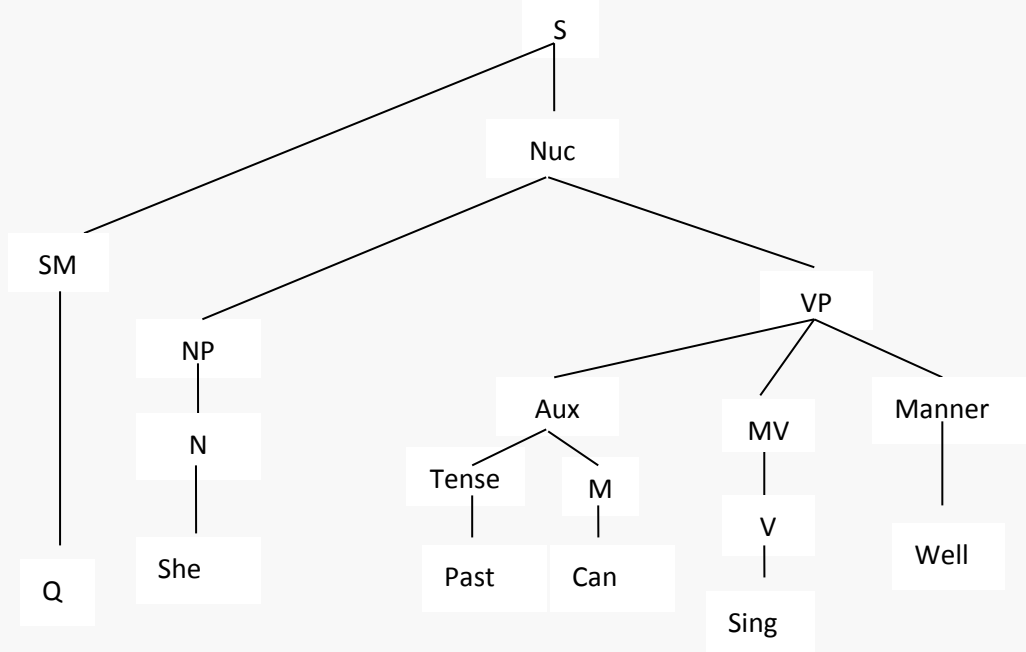
She could sing well

Q She could sing well

Q NP + Past + M + V + Manner

Case 1 requires two tree diagrams:

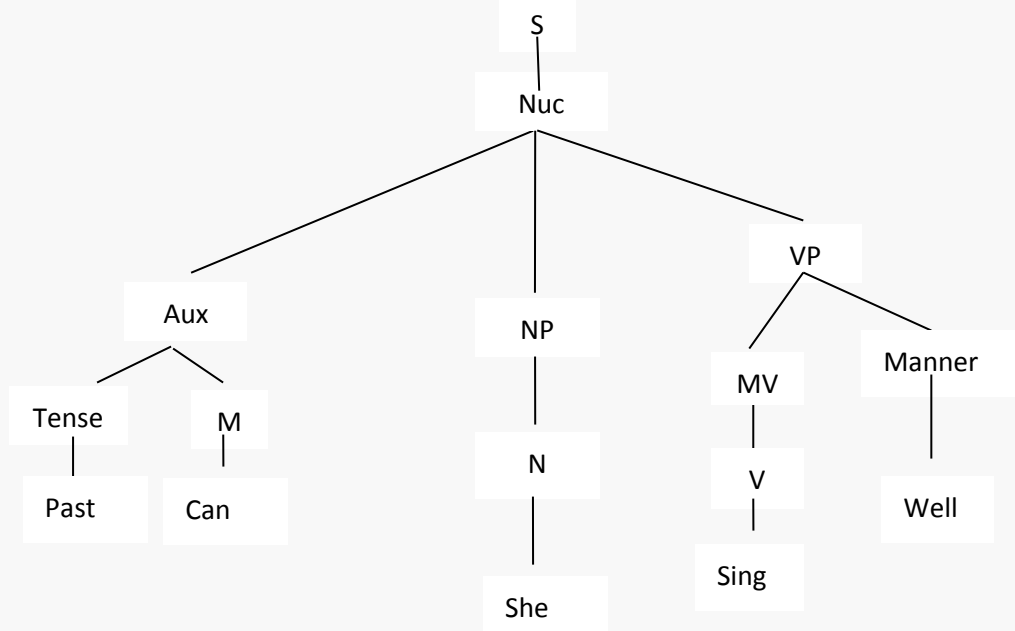
Tree 1



Rearrangement → Past + M + NP + V + Manner

Result → Could she sing well?

Tree 2

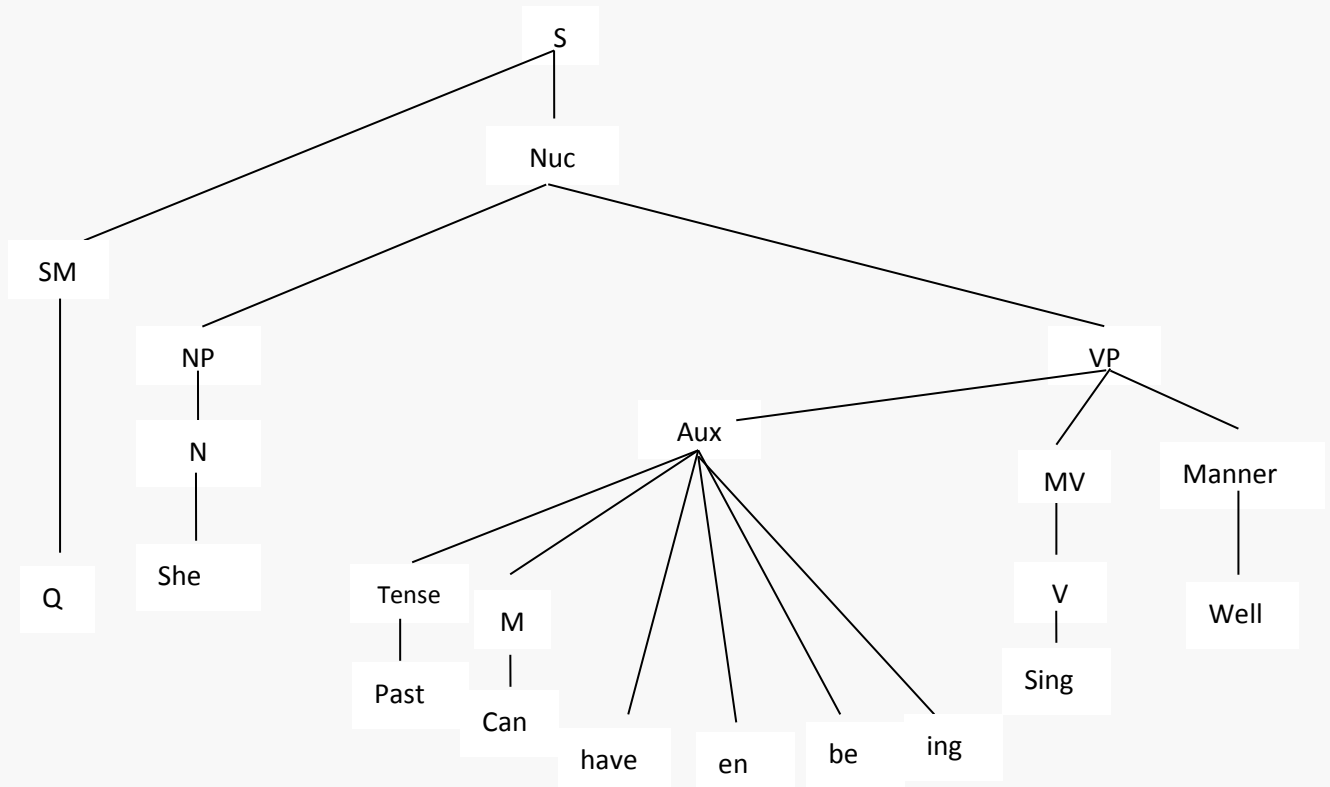


Another example showing how to deal with a full or more expanded aux

Tree 1

Q She could have been singing well

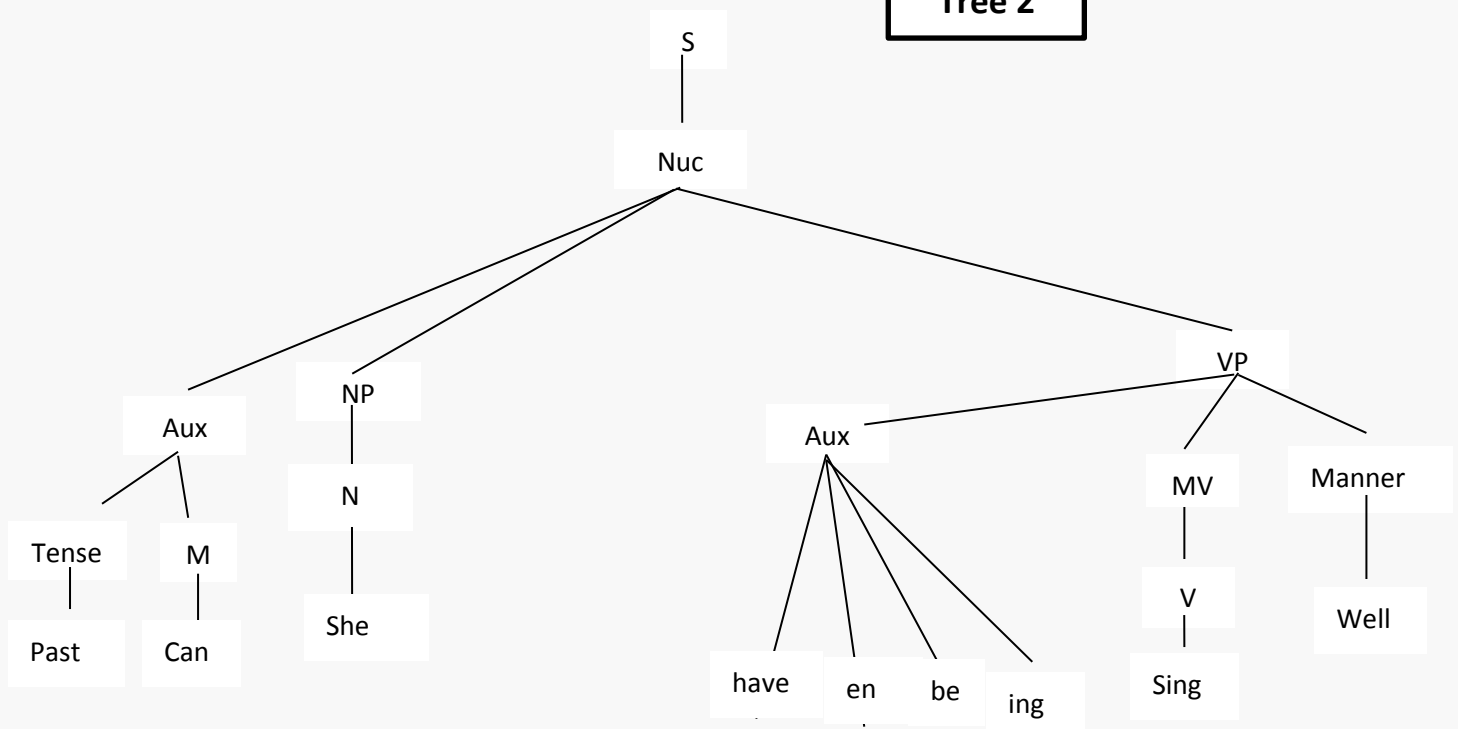
Q NP + Past + M + have + en + be + ing + V + Manner



Rearrangement → Past + M + NP + have + en + be + ing + V + Manner

Result → Could she have been singing well?

Tree 2



Case 2 Verb to be

(this case requires no tree because verb Be could be an MV or an Aux)

Q she is a doctor

Q NP + Present + be + NP

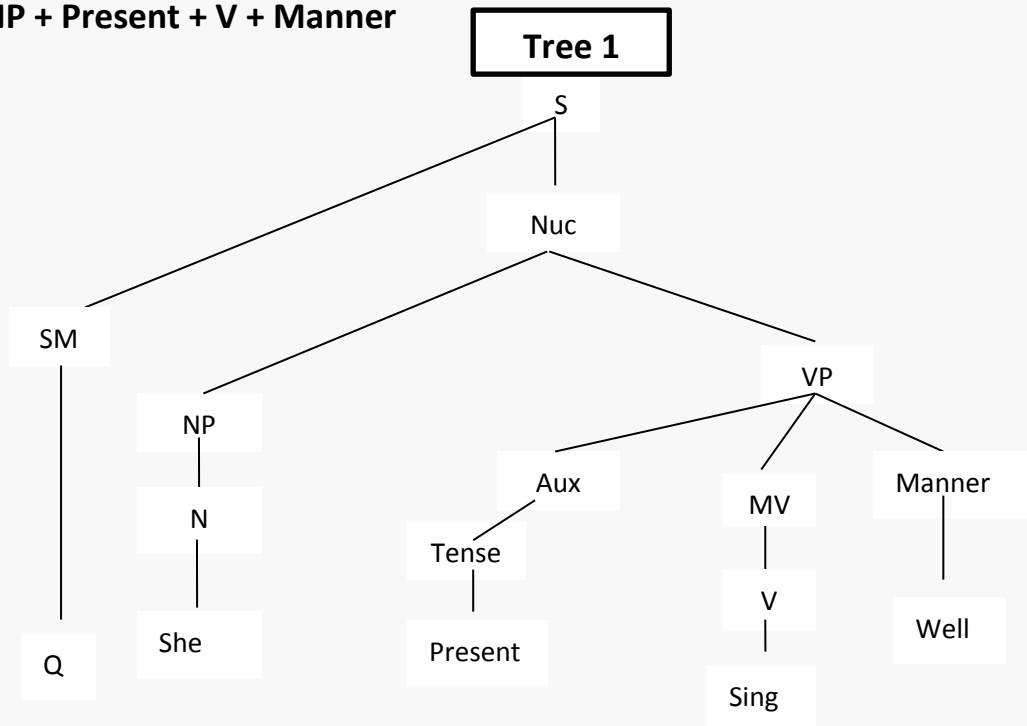
Rearrangement → Present + be + NP + NP

Result → Is she a doctor?

Case 2 Verb to do requires DO insertion and three tree diagrams

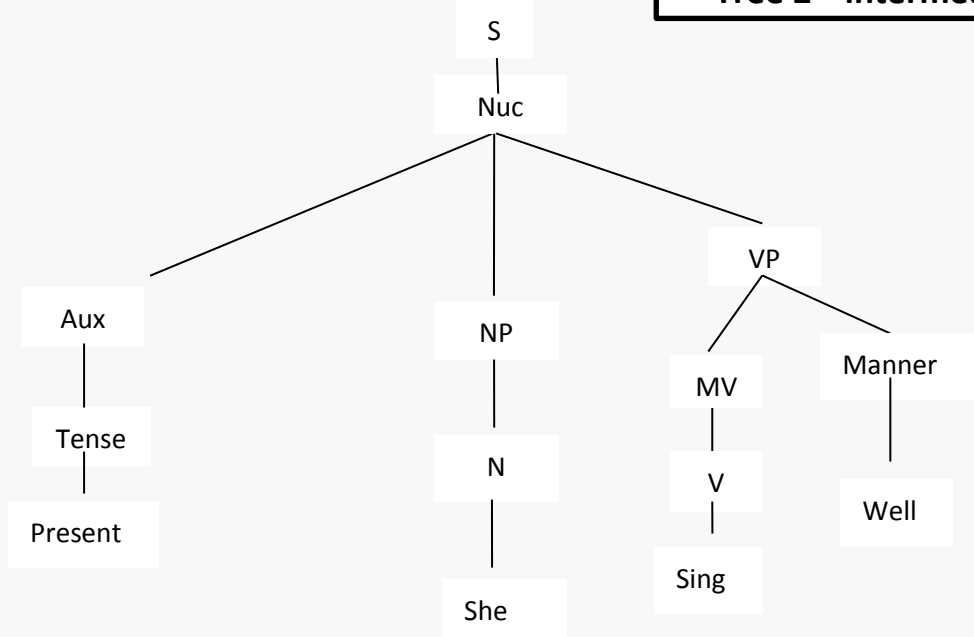
Q She sings well

Q NP + Present + V + Manner

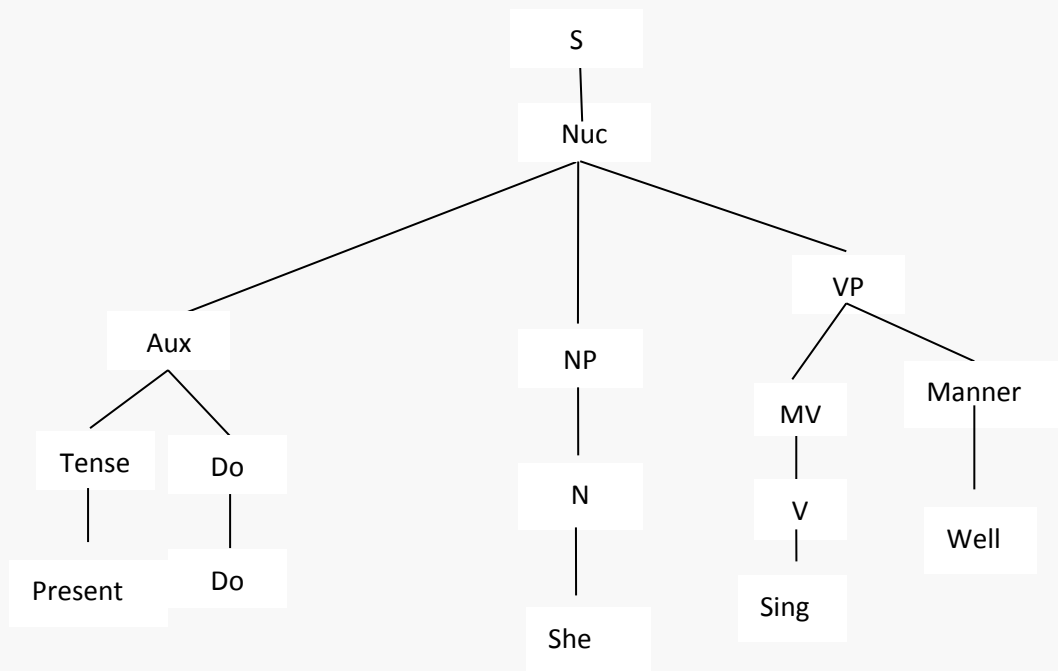


Rearrangement → Present + NP + V + Manner

Tree 2 intermediate structure



Add Do → Present + Do + NP + V + Manner



Result → Does she sing well ?