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An Animated and Narrated Glossary of
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Feature Geometry



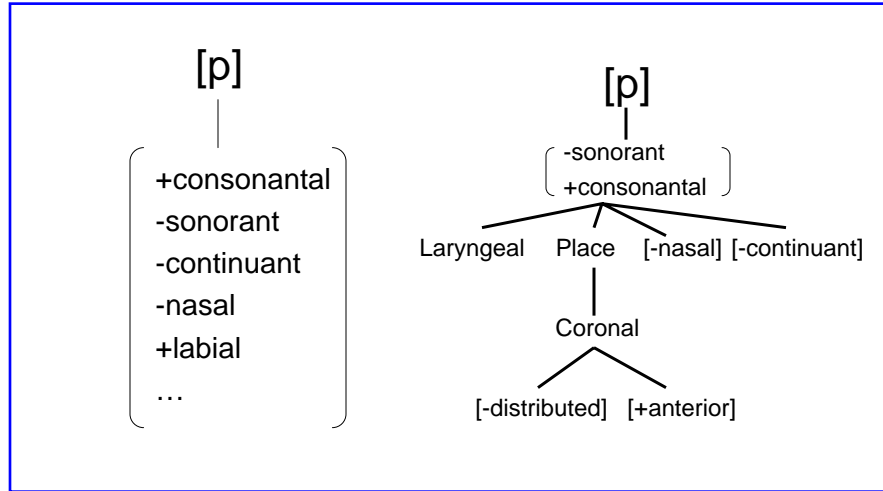
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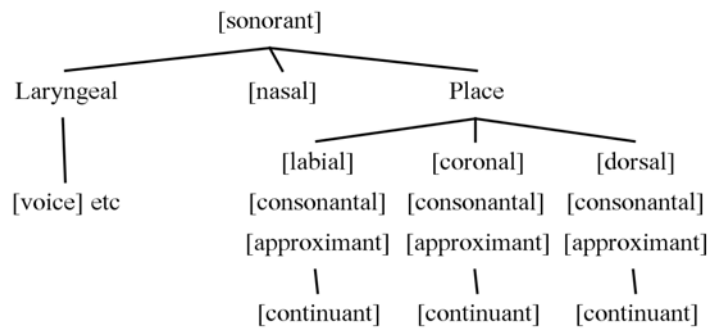
Feature Geometry is the idea that the set of distinctive features used to describe a phone/phoneme/segment is organized into subgroups.



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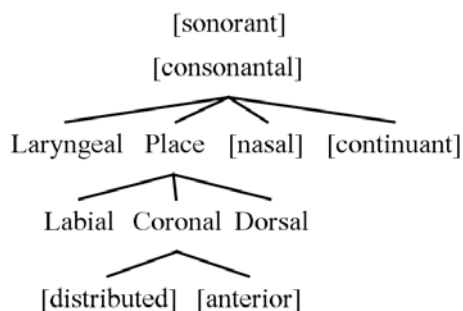


Feature Tree - 1





Feature Tree - 2



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