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Dependency Parsing (3)

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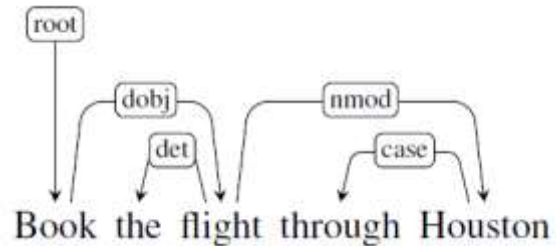
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Dependency Parsing: what you should know

- Transition-based dependency parsing
 - Shift-reduce parsing
 - Transition systems: arc standard, arc eager
 - Oracle algorithm: how to obtain a transition sequence given a tree
 - How to construct a multiclass classifier to predict parsing actions
 - What transition-based parsers can and cannot do
 - That transition-based parsers provide a flexible framework that allows many extensions
 - such as RNNs vs feature engineering, non-projectivity (but I don't expect you to memorize these algorithms)
- Next: Graph-based dependency parsing

Generating Training Examples

- What we have in a treebank



- What we need to train an oracle
 - Pairs of configurations and predicted parsing action

Step	Stack	Word List	Predicted Action
0	[root]	[book, the, flight, through, houston]	SHIFT
1	[root, book]	[the, flight, through, houston]	SHIFT
2	[root, book, the]	[flight, through, houston]	SHIFT
3	[root, book, the, flight]	[through, houston]	LEFTARC
4	[root, book, flight]	[through, houston]	SHIFT
5	[root, book, flight, through]	[houston]	SHIFT
6	[root, book, flight, through, houston]	[]	LEFTARC
7	[root, book, flight, houston]	[]	RIGHTARC
8	[root, book, flight]	[]	RIGHTARC
9	[root, book]	[]	RIGHTARC
10	[root]	[]	Done

Figure 14.8 Generating training items consisting of configuration/predicted action pairs by simulating a parse with a given reference parse.

Generating training examples

- Approach: simulate parsing to generate reference tree

- Given

- A current config with stack S , dependency relations R_c
- A reference parse (V, R_p)

- Do

LEFTARC(r): **if** $(S_1 r S_2) \in R_p$

RIGHTARC(r): **if** $(S_2 r S_1) \in R_p$ **and** $\forall r', w$ s.t. $(S_1 r' w) \in R_p$ **then** $(S_1 r' w) \in R_c$

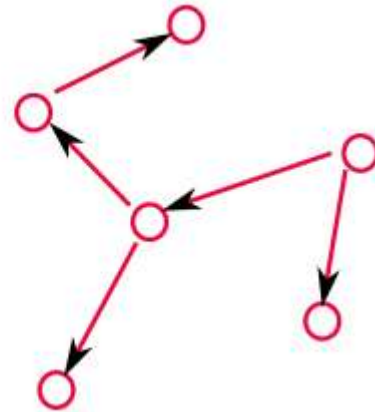
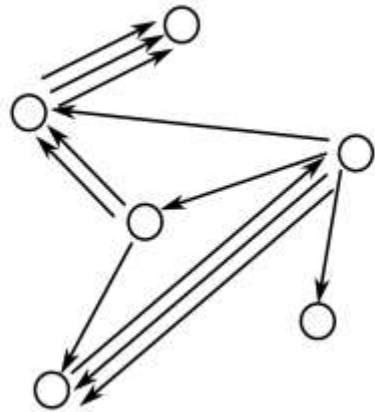
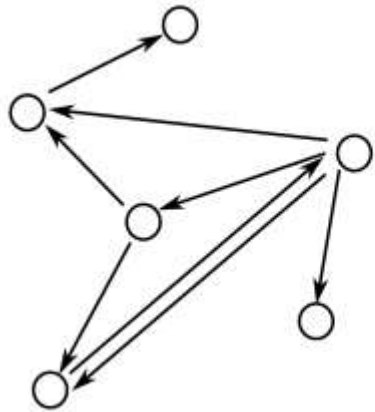
SHIFT: **otherwise**

Additional condition on RightArc makes sure a word is not removed from stack before its been attached to all its dependent

Graph-based Dependency Parsing

Directed Spanning Trees

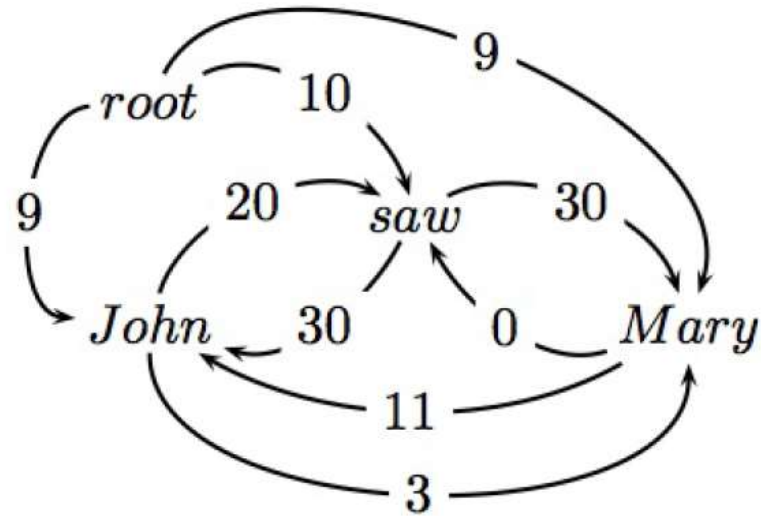
- ▶ A directed spanning tree of a (multi-)digraph $G = (V, A)$, is a subgraph $G' = (V', A')$ such that:
 - ▶ $V' = V$
 - ▶ $A' \subseteq A$, and $|A'| = |V'| - 1$
 - ▶ G' is a tree (acyclic)
- ▶ A spanning tree of the following (multi-)digraphs



Dependency Parsing as Finding the Maximum Spanning Tree

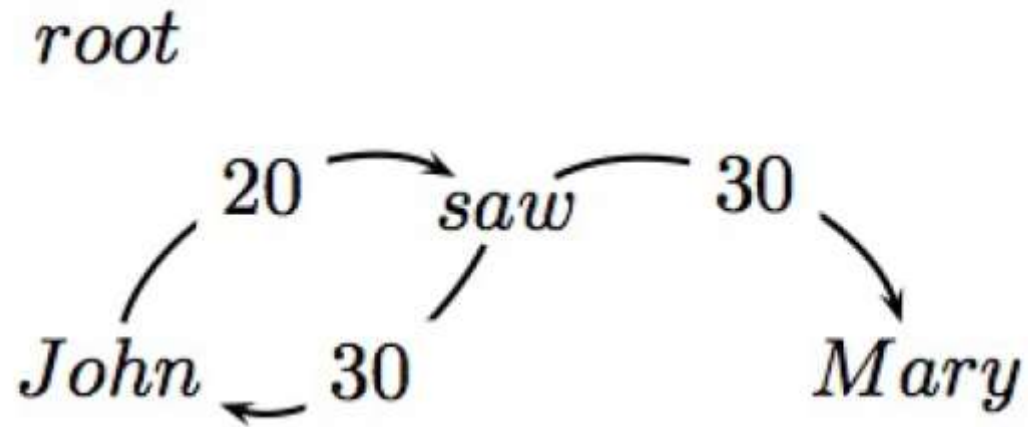
- Views parsing as finding the best directed spanning tree
 - of multi-digraph that captures all possible dependencies in a sentence
 - needs a score that quantifies how good a tree is
- Assume we have an **arc factored** model
 - i.e. weight of graph can be factored as sum or product of weights of its arcs
- Chu-Liu-Edmonds algorithm can find the maximum spanning tree for us
 - Recursive algorithm
 - Naïve implementation: $O(n^3)$

Chu-Liu-Edmonds illustrated (for unlabeled dependency parsing)



Chu-Liu-Edmonds illustrated

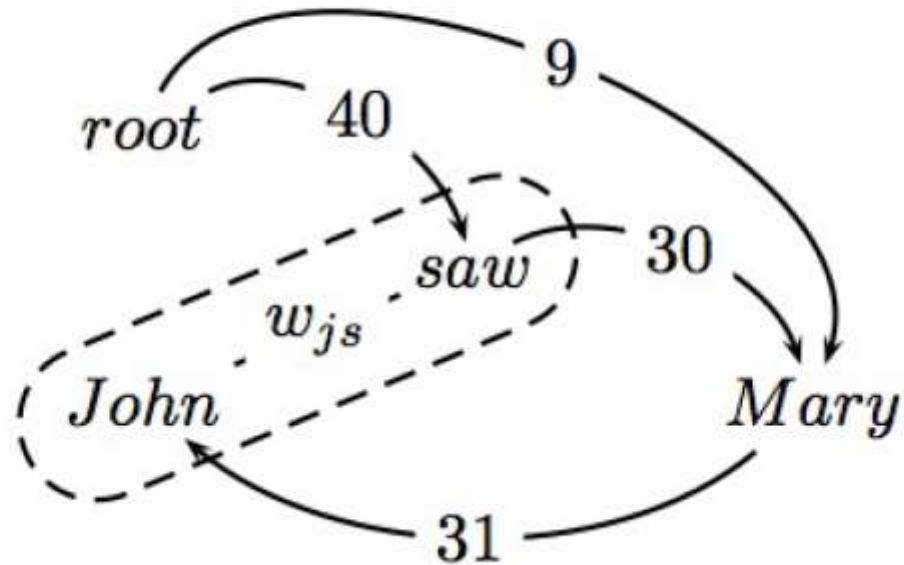
- ▶ Find highest scoring incoming arc for each vertex



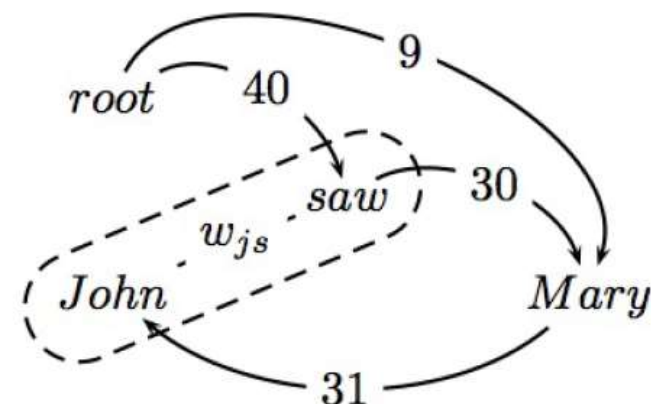
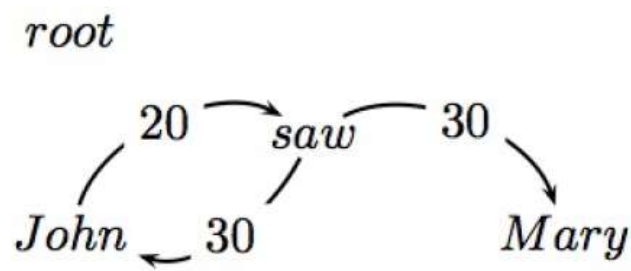
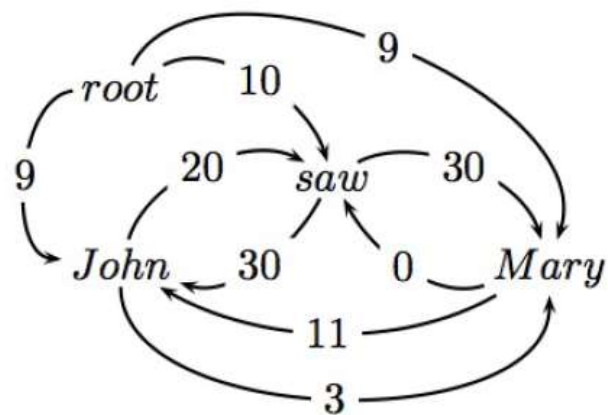
- ▶ If this is a tree, then we have found MST!!

Chu-Liu-Edmonds illustrated

- ▶ If not a tree, identify cycle and contract
- ▶ Recalculate arc weights into and out-of cycle



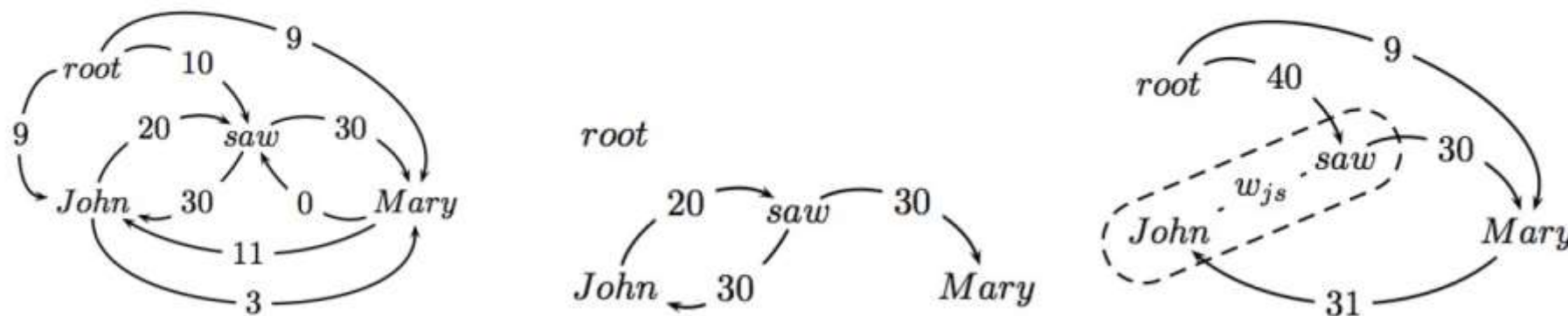
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► Outgoing arc weights

- Equal to the max of outgoing arc over all vertexes in cycle
- e.g., *John* → *Mary* is 3 and *saw* → *Mary* is 30

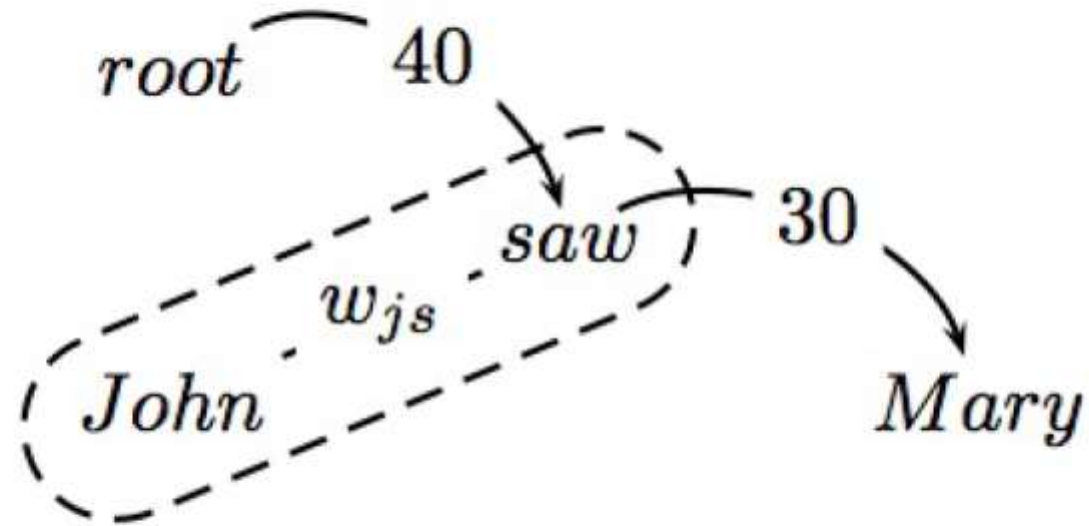
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► Incoming arc weights

- Equal to the weight of best spanning tree that includes head of incoming arc, and all nodes in cycle
- $root \rightarrow saw \rightarrow John$ is 40 (**)
- $root \rightarrow John \rightarrow saw$ is 29

- ▶ This is a tree and the MST for the contracted graph!!



- ▶ Go back up recursive call and reconstruct final graph

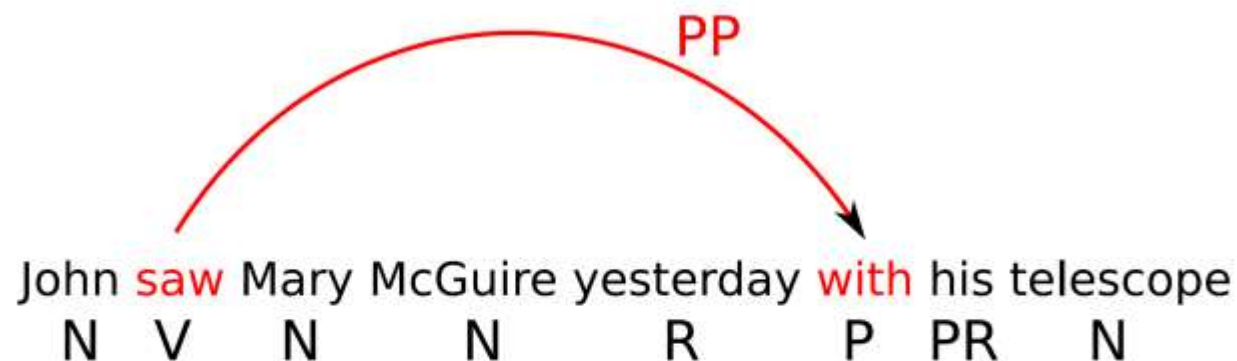
Arc weights as linear classifiers

Weight of arc from
head **i** to dependent **j**,
with label **k**

$$w_{ij}^k = e^{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(i,j,k)}$$

- ▶ Arc weights are a linear combination of features of the arc, **f**, and a corresponding weight vector **w**
- ▶ Raised to an exponent (simplifies some math ...)
- ▶ What arc features?

Example of classifier features



- ▶ Features from [McDonald et al. 2005]:
 - ▶ Identities of the words w_i and w_j and the label l_k

head=saw & dependent=with

Typical classifier features

- Word forms, lemmas, and parts of speech of the headword and its dependent
- Corresponding features derived from the contexts before, after and between the words
- Word embeddings
- The dependency relation itself
- The direction of the relation (to the right or left)
- The distance from the head to the dependent
- ...

How to score a graph G using features?

Arc-factored model assumption

By definition of arc weights as linear classifiers

$$\begin{aligned} G &= \arg \max_{G \in T(G_x)} \prod_{(i,j,k) \in G} w_{ij}^k = \arg \max_{G \in T(G_x)} \prod_{(i,j,k) \in G} e^{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(i,j,k)} \\ &= \arg \max_{G \in T(G_x)} \log \prod_{(i,j,k) \in G} e^{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(i,j,k)} \\ &= \arg \max_{G \in T(G_x)} \sum_{(i,j,k) \in G} \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(i,j,k) \\ &= \arg \max_{G \in T(G_x)} \mathbf{w} \cdot \sum_{(i,j,k) \in G} \mathbf{f}(i,j,k) = \arg \max_{G \in T(G_x)} \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{f}(G) \end{aligned}$$

Learning parameters with the Structured Perceptron

Training data: $\mathcal{T} = \{(x_t, G_t)\}_{t=1}^{|\mathcal{T}|}$

1. $\mathbf{w}^{(0)} = 0; i = 0$
2. for $n : 1..N$
3. for $t : 1..T$
4. Let $G' = \arg \max_{G'} \mathbf{w}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{f}(G')$
5. if $G' \neq G_t$
6. $\mathbf{w}^{(i+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(i)} + \mathbf{f}(G_t) - \mathbf{f}(G')$
7. $i = i + 1$
8. return \mathbf{w}^i

Dependency parsing algorithms

Transition-based

- Locally trained
- Use greedy search algorithms
- Define features over a rich history of parsing decisions

Graph-based

- Globally trained
- Use exact (or near exact) search algorithms
- Define features over a limited history of parsing decisions

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 - Oracle
 - Learning/predicting parsing actions
- Graph-based dependency parsing
- A flexible framework that allows many extensions
 - RNNs vs feature engineering, non-projectivity