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Dependency Parsing II

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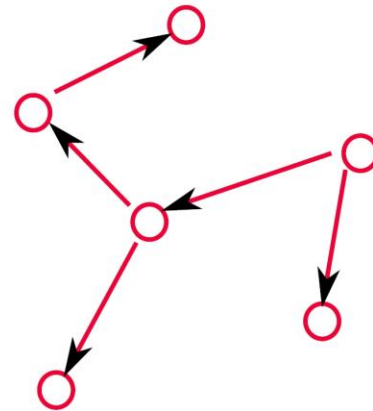
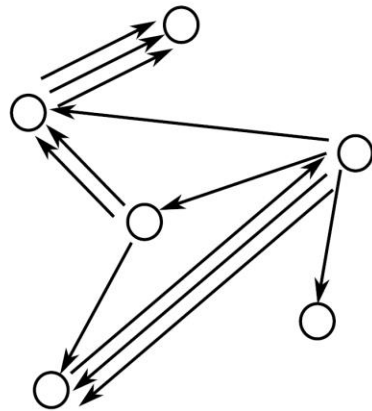
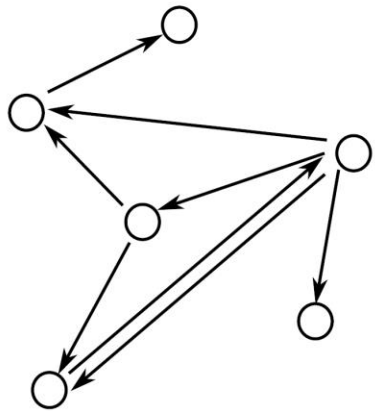
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Graph-based Dependency Parsing

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Directed Spanning Trees

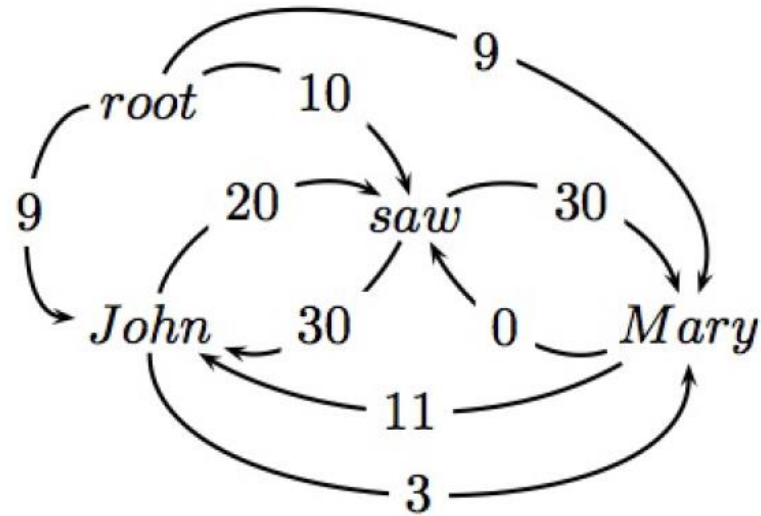
- ▶ A directed spanning tree of a (multi-)digraph $G = (V, A)$, is a subgraph $G' = (V', A')$ such that:
 - ▶ $V' = V$
 - ▶ $A' \subseteq A$, and $|A'| = |V'| - 1$
 - ▶ G' is a tree (acyclic)
- ▶ A spanning tree of the following (multi-)digraphs



Dependency Parsing as Finding the Maximum Spanning Tree

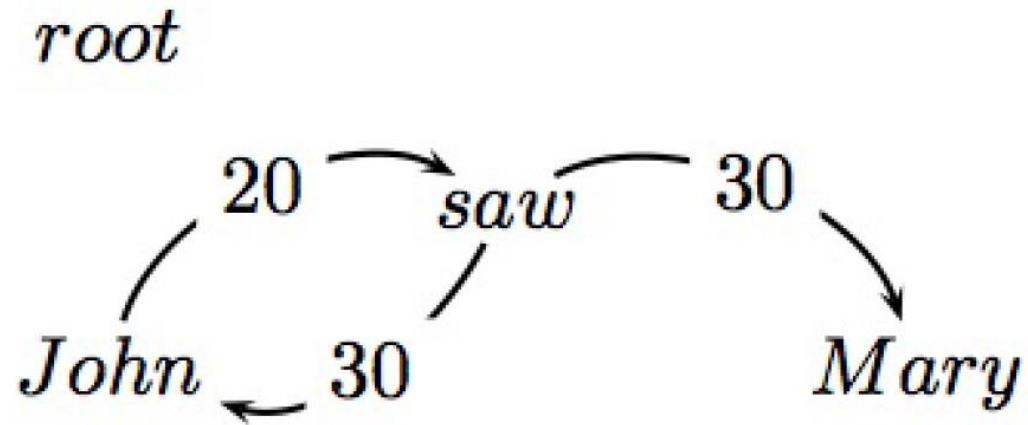
- Views parsing as finding the best directed spanning tree
 - of multi-digraph that captures all possible dependencies in a sentence
 - needs a score that quantifies how good a tree is
- Assume we have an **arc factored** model
 - i.e. weight of graph can be factored as sum or product of weights of its 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

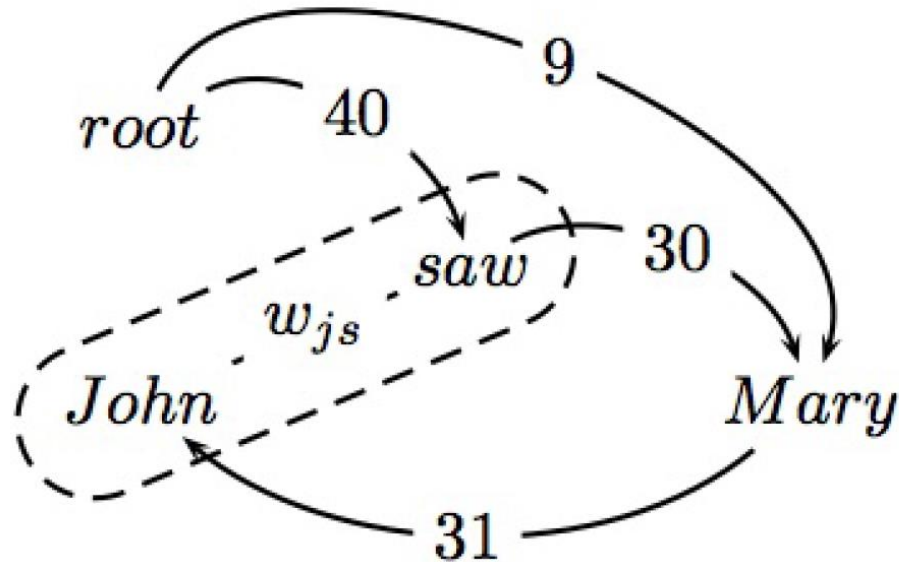
- ▶ Find highest scoring incoming arc for each vertex



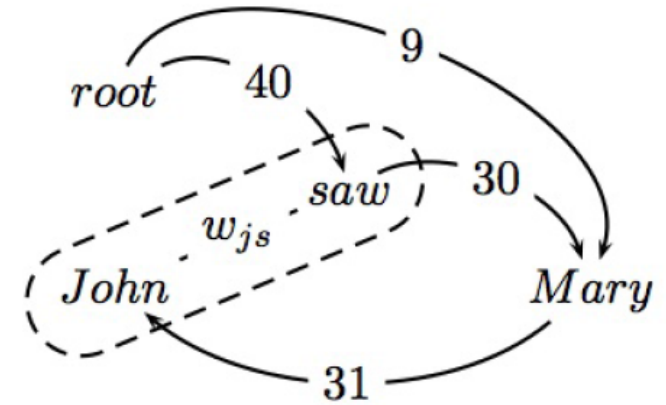
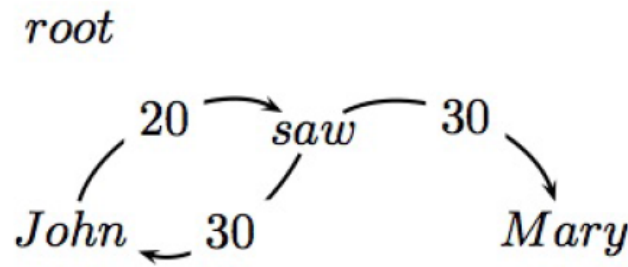
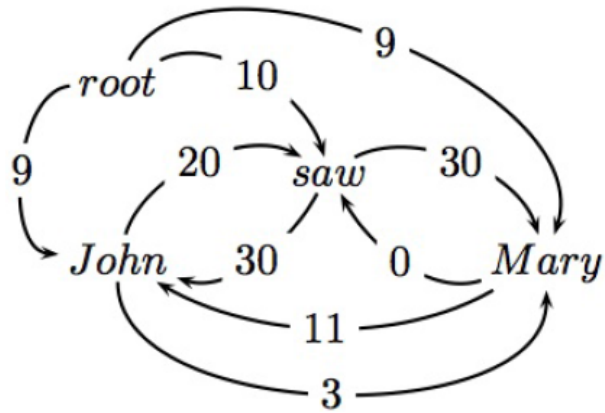
- ▶ If this is a tree, then we have found MST!!

Chu-Liu-Edmonds illustrated

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



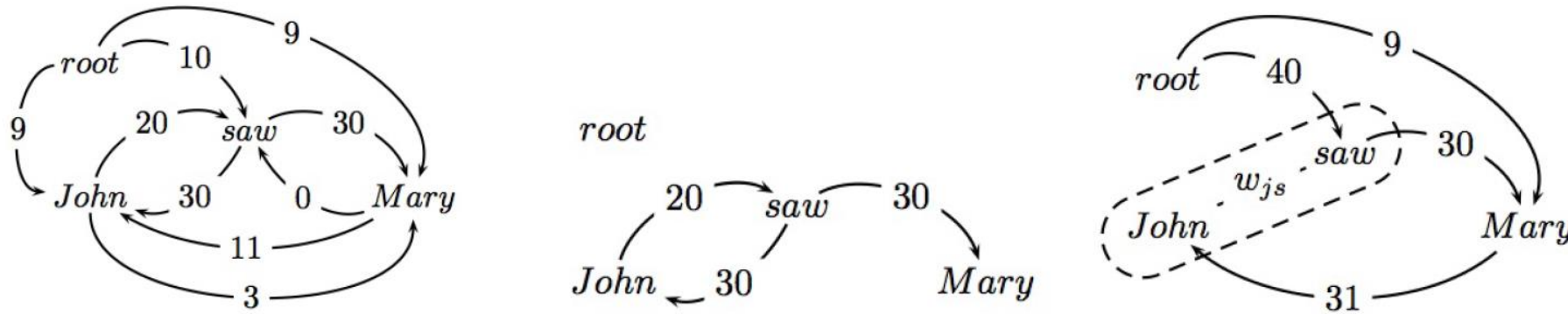
Chu-Liu-Edmonds illustrated



► 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

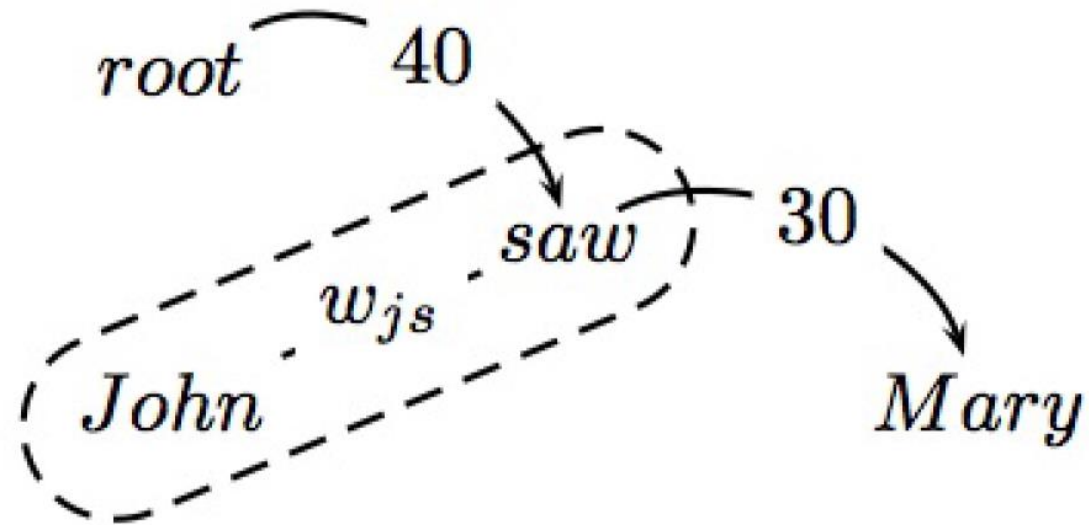
Chu-Liu-Edmonds illustrated



► 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

Chu-Liu-Edmonds algorithm

```
function MAXSPANNINGTREE( $G=(V,E)$ ,  $root$ ,  $score$ ) returns spanning tree
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 $F \leftarrow []$ 
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 $T' \leftarrow []$ 
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 $score' \leftarrow []$ 
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```
for each  $v \in V$  do
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   $bestInEdge \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{e=(u,v) \in E} score[e]$ 
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   $F \leftarrow F \cup bestInEdge$ 
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```
  for each  $e=(u,v) \in E$  do
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     $score'[e] \leftarrow score[e] - score[bestInEdge]$ 
```

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  if  $T=(V,F)$  is a spanning tree then return it
```

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  else
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     $C \leftarrow$  a cycle in  $F$ 
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     $G' \leftarrow \text{CONTRACT}(G, C)$ 
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```
     $T' \leftarrow \text{MAXSPANNINGTREE}(G', root, score')$ 
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     $T \leftarrow \text{EXPAND}(T', C)$ 
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```
  return  $T$ 
```

```
function CONTRACT( $G, C$ ) returns contracted graph
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function EXPAND( $T, C$ ) returns expanded graph
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Figure 15.13 The Chu-Liu Edmonds algorithm for finding a maximum spanning tree in a weighted directed graph.

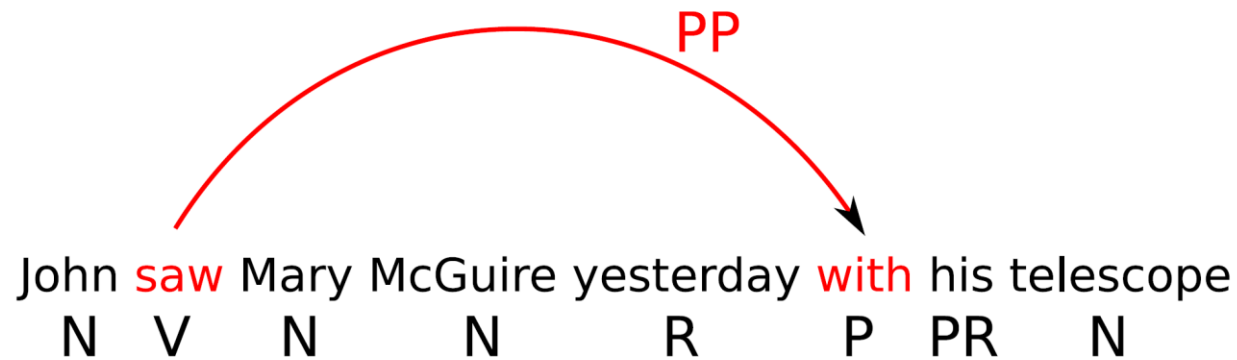
For dependency parsing, we will view arc weights as linear classifiers

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, \mathbf{f} , and a corresponding weight vector \mathbf{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

This is the exact same perceptron algorithm as for multiclass classification, sequence labeling

$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\hat{y} \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} w \cdot \phi(x, \hat{y})$$

Algorithm 40 STRUCTUREDPERCEPTRONTRAIN(\mathbf{D} , $MaxIter$)

```
1:  $w \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$  // initialize weights
2: for  $iter = 1 \dots MaxIter$  do
3:   for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbf{D}$  do
4:      $\hat{y} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\hat{y} \in \mathcal{Y}(x)} w \cdot \phi(x, \hat{y})$  // compute prediction
5:     if  $\hat{y} \neq y$  then
6:        $w \leftarrow w + \phi(x, y) - \phi(x, \hat{y})$  // update weights
7:     end if
8:   end for
9: end for
10: return  $w$  // return learned weights
```

Comparing dependency parsing algorithms

Transition-based

- Locally trained
- Use greedy search algorithm
- Can define features over a rich history of parsing decisions

Graph-based

- Globally trained
- Use exact search algorithm
- Can only define features over a limited history of parsing decisions to maintain arc-factored assumption

Dependency Parsing: what you should know

- Interpreting dependency trees
- 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)
- Graph-based dependency parsing
 - Chu-Liu-Edmonds algorithm
 - Structured perceptron

Parsing with Context Free Grammars

Agenda

- Grammar-based parsing with CFGs
 - CKY algorithm
- Dealing with ambiguity
 - Probabilistic CFGs

Sample Grammar

Grammar	Lexicon
$S \rightarrow NP VP$	$Det \rightarrow that \mid this \mid a$
$S \rightarrow Aux NP VP$	$Noun \rightarrow book \mid flight \mid meal \mid money$
$S \rightarrow VP$	$Verb \rightarrow book \mid include \mid prefer$
$NP \rightarrow Pronoun$	$Pronoun \rightarrow I \mid she \mid me$
$NP \rightarrow Proper-Noun$	$Proper-Noun \rightarrow Houston \mid NWA$
$NP \rightarrow Det Nominal$	$Aux \rightarrow does$
$Nominal \rightarrow Noun$	$Preposition \rightarrow from \mid to \mid on \mid near \mid through$
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Grammar-based parsing: CKY

Grammar-based Parsing

- Problem setup
 - Input: string **and a CFG**
 - Output: parse tree assigning proper structure to input string
- “Proper structure”
 - Tree that covers all and only words in the input
 - Tree is rooted at an S
 - Derivations obey rules of the grammar
 - Usually, more than one parse tree...

Parsing Algorithms

- Two naive algorithms:
 - Top-down search
 - Bottom-up search
- A “real” algorithm:
 - CKY parsing

Top-Down Search

- Observation
 - trees must be rooted with an S node
- Parsing strategy
 - Start at top with an S node
 - Apply rules to build out trees
 - Work down toward leaves

Bottom-Up Search

- Observation
 - trees must cover all input words
- Parsing strategy
 - Start at the bottom with input words
 - Build structure based on grammar
 - Work up towards the root S

Top-Down vs. Bottom-Up

- Top-down search
 - Only searches valid trees
 - But, considers trees that are not consistent with any of the words
- Bottom-up search
 - Only builds trees consistent with the input
 - But, considers trees that don't lead anywhere

Parsing as Search

- Search involves controlling choices in the search space
 - Which node to focus on in building structure
 - Which grammar rule to apply
- General strategy: backtracking
 - Make a choice, if it works out then fine
 - If not, back up and make a different choice

Shared Sub-Problems

- Observation
 - ambiguous parses still share sub-trees
- We don't want to redo work that's already been done
- Unfortunately, naïve backtracking leads to duplicate work

Efficient Parsing with the CKY (Cocke Kasami Younger) Algorithm

- Solution: Dynamic programming
- Intuition: store partial results in tables
 - Thus avoid repeated work on shared sub-problems
 - Thus efficiently store ambiguous structures with shared sub-parts
- We'll cover one example
 - CKY: roughly, bottom-up

CKY Parsing: CNF

- CKY parsing requires that the grammar consist of binary rules in Chomsky Normal Form
 - All rules of the form:


$$A \rightarrow B C$$

$$D \rightarrow w$$

- What does the tree look like?

CKY Parsing with Arbitrary CFGs

- What if my grammar has rules like $VP \rightarrow NP PP PP$
 - Problem: can't apply CKY!
 - Solution: rewrite grammar into CNF
 - Introduce new intermediate non-terminals into the grammar

$A \rightarrow B C D$  $A \rightarrow X D$
 $X \rightarrow B C$ (Where X is a symbol that doesn't occur anywhere else in the grammar)

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CNF Conversion

Original Grammar

$S \rightarrow NP VP$
 $S \rightarrow Aux NP VP$

 $S \rightarrow VP$

 $NP \rightarrow Pronoun$
 $NP \rightarrow Proper-Noun$
 $NP \rightarrow Det Nominal$
 $Nominal \rightarrow Noun$
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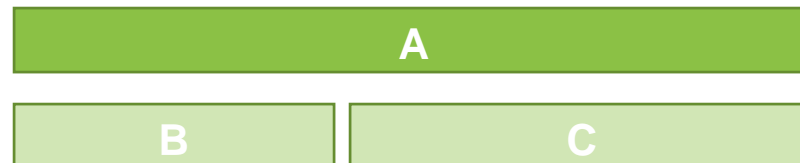
 $VP \rightarrow Verb PP$
 $VP \rightarrow VP PP$
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CNF Version

$S \rightarrow NP VP$
 $S \rightarrow X1 VP$
 $X1 \rightarrow Aux NP$
 $S \rightarrow book \mid include \mid prefer$
 $S \rightarrow Verb NP$
 $S \rightarrow X2 PP$
 $S \rightarrow Verb PP$
 $S \rightarrow VP PP$
 $NP \rightarrow I \mid she \mid me$
 $NP \rightarrow TWA \mid Houston$
 $NP \rightarrow Det Nominal$
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CKY Parsing: Intuition

- Consider the rule $D \rightarrow w$
 - Terminal (word) forms a constituent
 - Trivial to apply
- Consider the rule $A \rightarrow B C$
 - “If there is an A somewhere in the input, then there must be a B followed by a C in the input”
 - First, precisely define span $[i, j]$
 - If A spans from i to j in the input then there must be some k such that $i < k < j$
 - Easy to apply: we just need to try different values for k



CKY Parsing: Table

- Any constituent can conceivably span $[i, j]$ for all $0 \leq i < j \leq N$, where $N =$ length of input string
 - We need half of an $N \times N$ table to keep track of all spans
- Semantics of table: cell $[i, j]$ contains A iff A spans i to j in the input string
 - must be allowed by the grammar!

		TO:					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
FROM:	0	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-4	0-5	0-6
	1		1-2	1-3	1-4	1-5	1-6
	2			2-3	2-4	2-5	2-6
	3				3-4	3-5	3-6
	4					4-5	4-6
	5						5-6

CKY Parsing: Table-Filling

- In order for A to span $[i, j]$
 - $A \rightarrow B C$ is a rule in the grammar, and
 - There must be a B in $[i, k]$ and a C in $[k, j]$ for some $i < k < j$
- Operationally
 - To apply rule $A \rightarrow B C$, look for a B in $[i, k]$ and a C in $[k, j]$
 - In the table: look left in the row and down in the column

TO:

	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-4	0-5	0-6
1		1-2	1-3	1-4	1-5	1-6
2			2-3	2-4	2-5	2-6
3				3-4	3-5	3-6
4					4-5	4-6
5						5-6

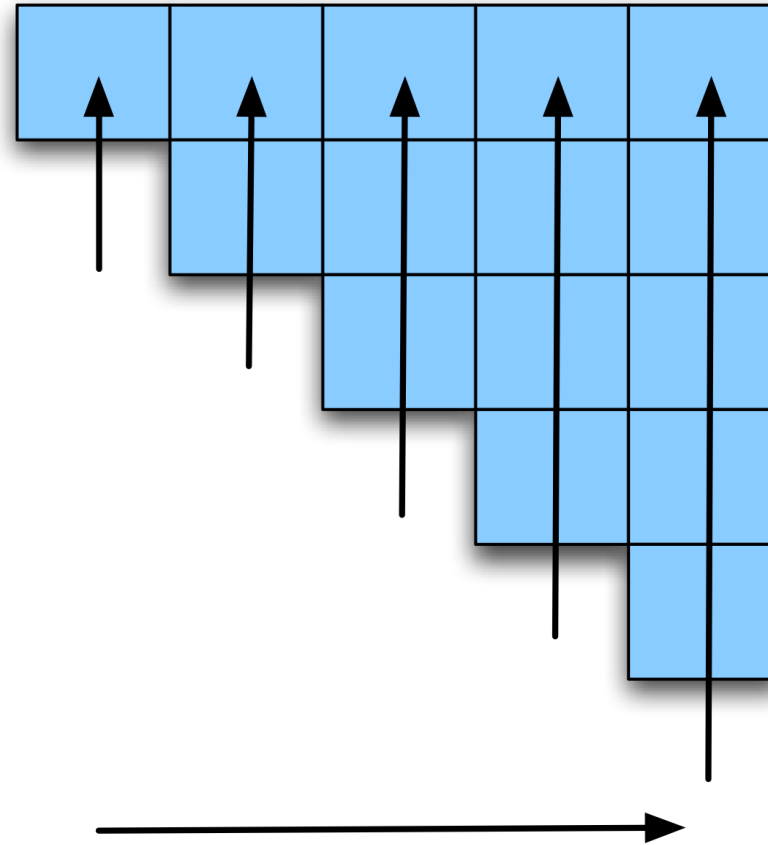
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CKY Parsing: Canonical Ordering

- Standard CKY algorithm:
 - Fill the table a column at a time, from left to right, bottom to top
 - Whenever we're filling a cell, the parts needed are already in the table (to the left and below)
- Nice property: processes input left to right, word at a time

CKY Parsing: Ordering Illustrated

<i>Book</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>flight</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>Houston</i>
S, VP, Verb Nominal, Noun [0,1]		S,VP,X2 [0,3]		S,VP,X2 [0,5]
	Det [1,2]	NP [1,3]		NP [1,5]
		Nominal, Noun [2,3]		Nominal [2,5]
			Prep [3,4]	PP [3,5]
				NP, Proper- Noun [4,5]



CKY Algorithm

function CKY-PARSE(*words*, *grammar*) **returns** *table*

for $j \leftarrow$ **from** 1 **to** LENGTH(*words*) **do**

$table[j-1, j] \leftarrow \{A \mid A \rightarrow words[j] \in grammar\}$

for $i \leftarrow$ **from** $j-2$ **downto** 0 **do**

for $k \leftarrow i+1$ **to** $j-1$ **do**

$table[i, j] \leftarrow table[i, j] \cup$

$\{A \mid A \rightarrow BC \in grammar,$

$B \in table[i, k],$

$C \in table[k, j]\}$

CKY: Example

	<i>Book</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>flight</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>Houston</i>
S, VP, Verb, Nominal, Noun [0,1]	[0,2]	S,VP,X2 [0,3]	[0,4]	?	[0,5]
	Det [1,2]	NP [1,3]	[1,4]	?	[1,5]
		Nominal, Noun [2,3]	[2,4]	?	[2,5]
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					NP, Proper- Noun [4,5]

Filling column 5

CKY: Example

Recall our CNF grammar:

$S \rightarrow NP VP$
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 $X1 \rightarrow Aux NP$
 $S \rightarrow book \mid include \mid prefer$
 $S \rightarrow Verb NP$
 $S \rightarrow X2 PP$
 $S \rightarrow Verb PP$
 $S \rightarrow VP PP$
 $NP \rightarrow I \mid she \mid me$
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CKY: Example

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- $S \rightarrow NP VP$
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- $S \rightarrow X2 PP$
- $S \rightarrow Verb PP$
- $S \rightarrow VP PP$
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S, VP, Verb, Nominal, Noun			S,VP,X2		?
[0,1]	[0,2]	[0,3]	[0,4]	[0,5]	
	Det	NP			?
	[1,2]	[1,3]	[1,4]	[1,5]	
		Nominal, Noun			?
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Diagram illustrating the CKY (Cocke-Kasner-Yang) parsing algorithm for the sentence "Book the flight through Houston". The table shows the partial parse tree structure, with the root node S and its children VP, Verb, Nominal, and Noun. The nodes are labeled with their constituent types and the span of the words they cover. The span [0,1] is for the root S. The span [0,2] is for the VP. The span [0,3] is for the Verb. The span [0,4] is for the Nominal. The span [0,5] is for the Noun. The span [1,2] is for the Det. The span [1,3] is for the NP. The span [1,4] is for the NP. The span [1,5] is for the NP. The span [2,3] is for the Nominal. The span [2,4] is for the Prep. The span [2,5] is for the PP. The span [3,4] is for the Prep. The span [3,5] is for the PP. The span [4,5] is for the NP, Proper-Noun. The nodes [0,5] and [1,5] are highlighted in green with a red question mark, indicating they are the current nodes being processed in the CKY algorithm.

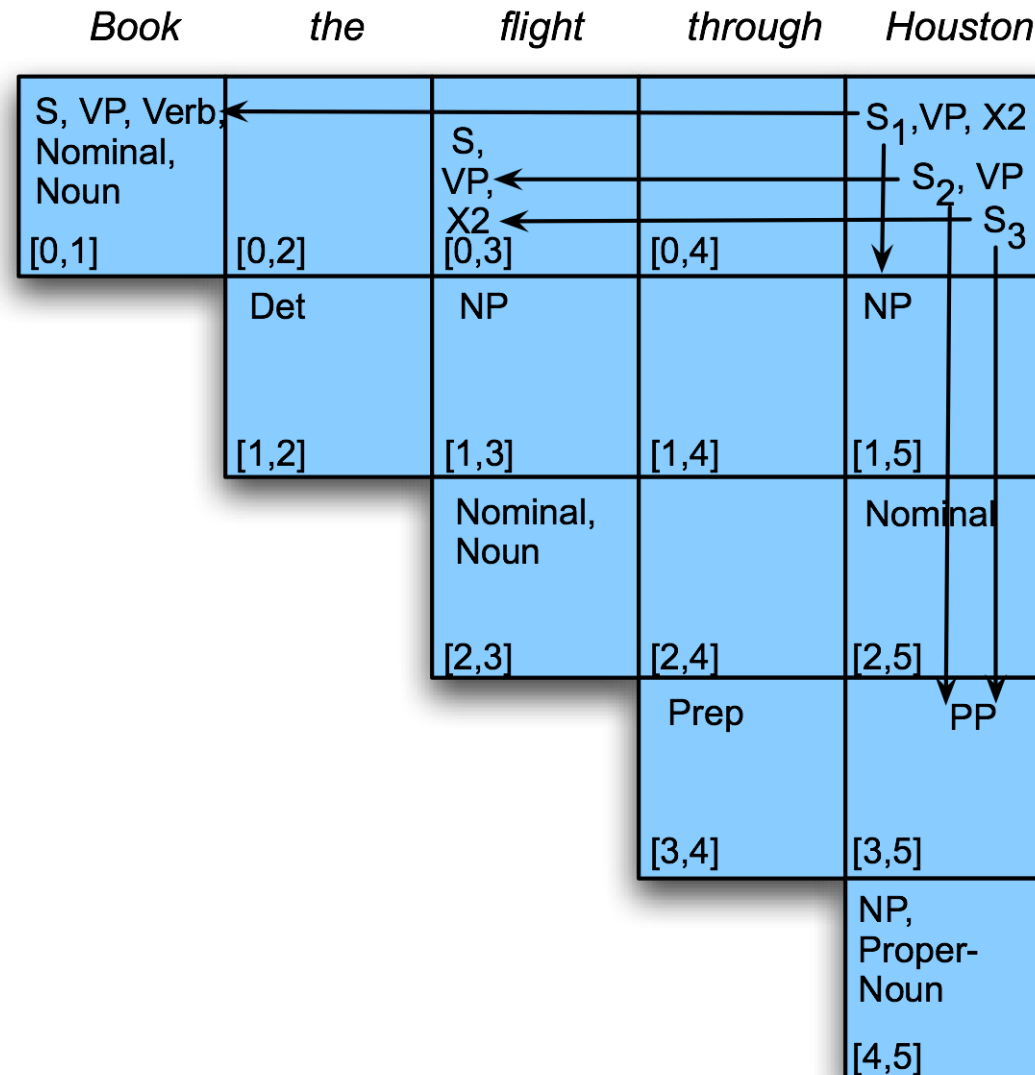
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- $VP \rightarrow VP PP$
- $PP \rightarrow Preposition NP$

	<i>Book</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>flight</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>Houston</i>
S, VP, Verb, Nominal, Noun [0,1]	[0,2]	[0,3]	[0,4]	[0,5]	?
	Det ←	NP		NP	
	[1,2]	[1,3]	[1,4]	[1,5]	
		Nominal, Noun [2,3]	[2,4]	Nominal [2,5]	
			Prep [3,4]	PP [3,5]	
				NP, Proper- Noun [4,5]	

CKY: Example



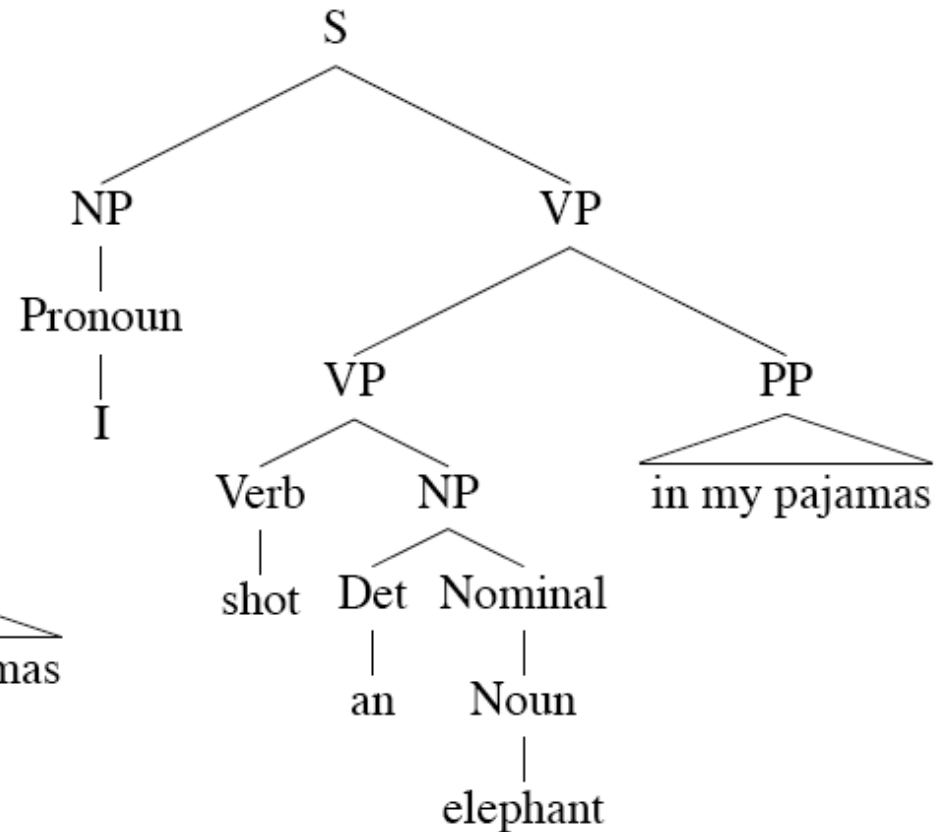
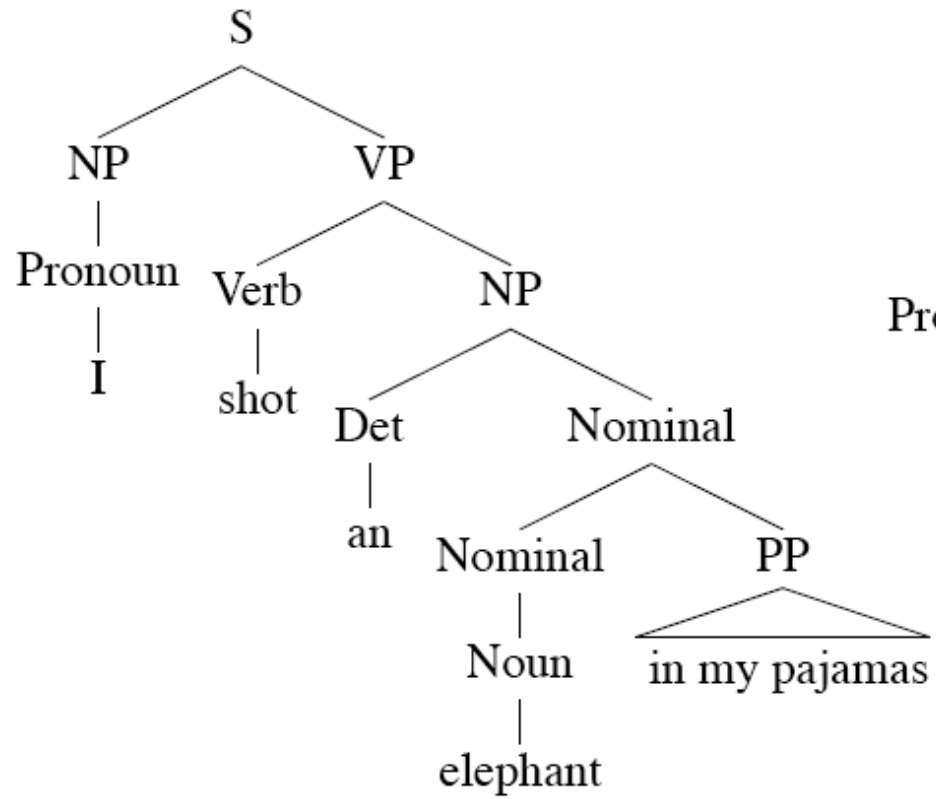
CKY Parsing: Recognize or Parse

- Recognizer
 - Output is binary
 - Can the complete span of the sentence be covered by an S symbol?
- Parser
 - Output is a parse tree
 - From recognizer to parser: add backpointers!

Ambiguity

- CKY can return multiple parse trees
 - Plus: compact encoding with shared sub-trees
 - Plus: work deriving shared sub-trees is reused
 - Minus: algorithm doesn't tell us which parse is correct!

Ambiguity



PROBABILISTIC Context-free grammars

Simple Probability Model

- A derivation (tree) consists of the bag of grammar rules that are in the tree
 - The probability of a tree is the product of the probabilities of the rules in the derivation.

$$P(T, S) = \prod_{node \in T} P(rule(n))$$

Rule Probabilities

- What's the probability of a rule?
- Start at the top...
 - A tree should have an S at the top. So given that we know we need an S , we can ask about the probability of each particular S rule in the grammar:
 $P(\text{particular rule} \mid S)$
- In general we need
for each rule in the grammar $P(\alpha \rightarrow \beta \mid \alpha)$

Training the Model

- We can get the estimates we need from a treebank

$$P(\alpha \rightarrow \beta | \alpha) = \frac{\text{Count}(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)}{\sum_{\gamma} \text{Count}(\alpha \rightarrow \gamma)} = \frac{\text{Count}(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)}{\text{Count}(\alpha)}$$

For example, to get the probability for a particular *VP* rule:

1. count all the times the rule is used
2. divide by the number of *VPs* overall.

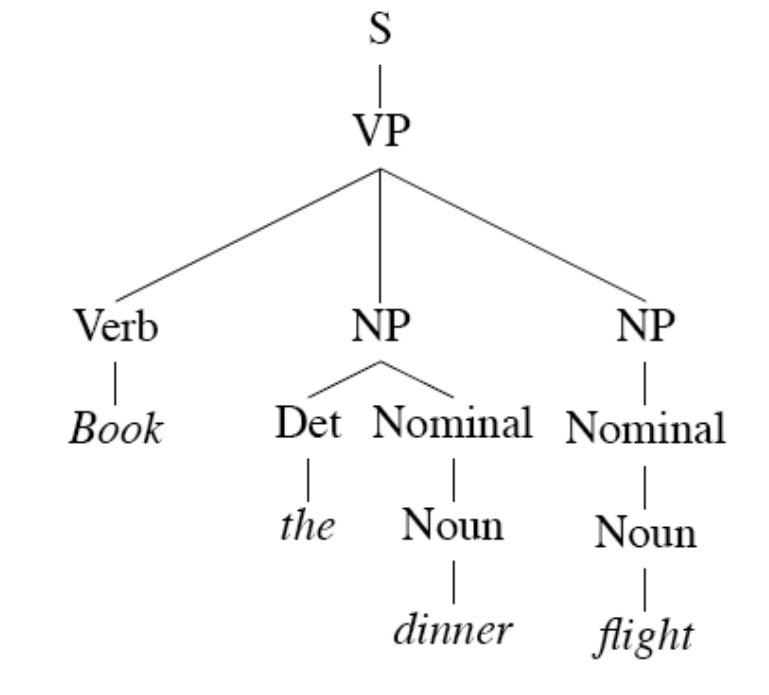
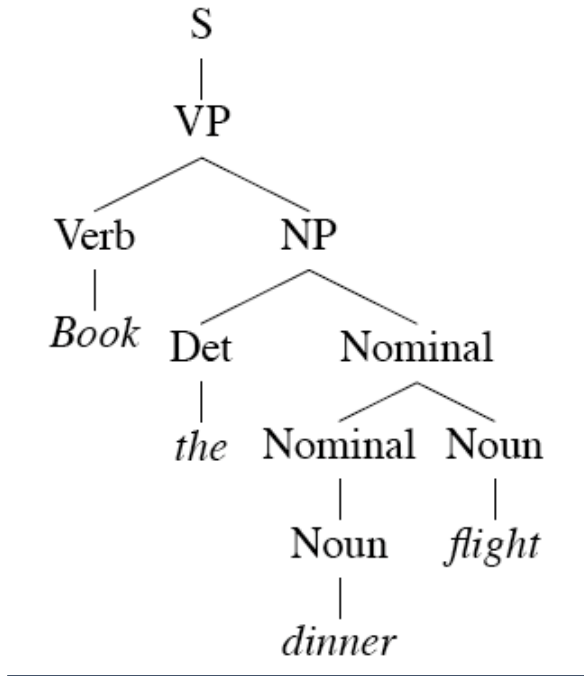
Parsing (Decoding)

How can we get the best (most probable) parse for a given input?

1. Enumerate all the trees for a sentence
2. Assign a probability to each using the model
3. Return the argmax

Example

- Consider...
 - *Book the dinner flight*



Examples

- These trees consist of the following rules.

Rules	P	Rules	P
S → VP	.05	S → VP	.05
VP → Verb NP	.20	VP → Verb NP NP	.10
NP → Det Nominal	.20	NP → Det Nominal	.20
Nominal → Nominal Noun	.20	NP → Nominal	.15
Nominal → Noun	.75	Nominal → Noun	.75
		Nominal → Noun	.75
Verb → book	.30	Verb → book	.30
Det → the	.60	Det → the	.60
Noun → dinner	.10	Noun → dinner	.10
Noun → flights	.40	Noun → flights	.40

$$P(T_{left}) = .05 * .20 * .20 * .20 * .75 * .30 * .60 * .10 * .40 = \mathbf{2.2 \times 10^{-6}}$$

$$P(T_{right}) = .05 * .10 * .20 * .15 * .75 * .75 * .30 * .60 * .10 * .40 = \mathbf{6.1 \times 10^{-7}}$$

Dynamic Programming

- Of course, as with normal parsing we don't really want to do it that way...
- Instead, we need to exploit dynamic programming
 - For the parsing (as with CKY)
 - And for computing the probabilities and returning the best parse (as with Viterbi)

Probabilistic CKY

- Store probabilities of constituents in the table
 - $\text{table}[i,j,A]$ = probability of constituent A that spans positions i through j in input
- If A is derived from the rule $A \rightarrow B C$:
 - $\text{table}[i,j,A] = P(A \rightarrow B C \mid A) * \text{table}[i,k,B] * \text{table}[k,j,C]$
 - Where
 - $P(A \rightarrow B C \mid A)$ is the rule probability
 - $\text{table}[i,k,B]$ and $\text{table}[k,j,C]$ are already in the table given the way that CKY operates
- Only store the MAX probability over all the A rules.

Probabilistic CKY

```
function PROBABILISTIC-CKY(words, grammar) returns most probable parse
                                     and its probability

for j ← from 1 to LENGTH(words) do
  for all { A |  $A \rightarrow \text{words}[j] \in \text{grammar}$  }
    table[j - 1, j, A] ←  $P(A \rightarrow \text{words}[j])$ 
  for i ← from j - 2 downto 0 do
    for k ← i + 1 to j - 1 do
      for all { A |  $A \rightarrow BC \in \text{grammar}$ ,
                and table[i, k, B] > 0 and table[k, j, C] > 0 }
        if (table[i, j, A] <  $P(A \rightarrow BC) \times \text{table}[i, k, B] \times \text{table}[k, j, C]$ ) then
          table[i, j, A] ←  $P(A \rightarrow BC) \times \text{table}[i, k, B] \times \text{table}[k, j, C]$ 
          back[i, j, A] ← {k, B, C}
    return BUILD_TREE(back[1, LENGTH(words), S]), table[1, LENGTH(words), S]
```

Grammar-based parsing with CFGs

summary

- CKY algorithm finds all the parses of a given sentence efficiently
 - Using dynamic programming
- Probabilistic CFGs help deal with ambiguity
 - Requires computing probability of rules based on their frequency in the training data
- Lexicalized grammars help improve performance further