

Intelligent Systems (AI-2)

Computer Science cpsc422, Lecture 27

Nov, 15, 2017

Lecture Overview

- **Recap Probabilistic Context Free Grammars (PCFG)**
- CKY parsing for PCFG (only key steps)
- PCFG in practice: Modeling Structural and Lexical Dependencies

Sample PCFG

$S \rightarrow NP VP$	[.80]	$Det \rightarrow \underline{that} [.05] \mid \underline{the} [.80] \mid a [.15]$
$S \rightarrow Aux NP VP$	[.15]	$Noun \rightarrow \underline{book} [.10]$
$S \rightarrow VP$	[.05]	$Noun \rightarrow \underline{flights} [.50]$
$NP \rightarrow Det Nom$	[.20]	$Noun \rightarrow \underline{meal} [.40]$
$NP \rightarrow Proper-Noun$	[.35]	$Verb \rightarrow \underline{book} [.30]$
$NP \rightarrow Nom$	[.05]	$Verb \rightarrow \underline{include} [.30]$
$NP \rightarrow Pronoun$	[.40]	$Verb \rightarrow \underline{want} [.40]$
$Nom \rightarrow Noun$	[.75]	$Aux \rightarrow \underline{can} [.40]$
$Nom \rightarrow Noun Nom$	[.20]	$Aux \rightarrow \underline{does} [.30]$
$Nom \rightarrow Proper-Noun Nom$	[.05]	$Aux \rightarrow \underline{do} [.30]$
$VP \rightarrow Verb$	[.55]	$Proper-Noun \rightarrow \underline{TWA} [.40]$
$VP \rightarrow Verb NP$	[.40]	$Proper-Noun \rightarrow \underline{Denver} [.40]$
$VP \rightarrow Verb NP NP$	[.05]	$Pronoun \rightarrow \underline{you} [.40] \mid \underline{I} [.60]$

PCFGs are used to....

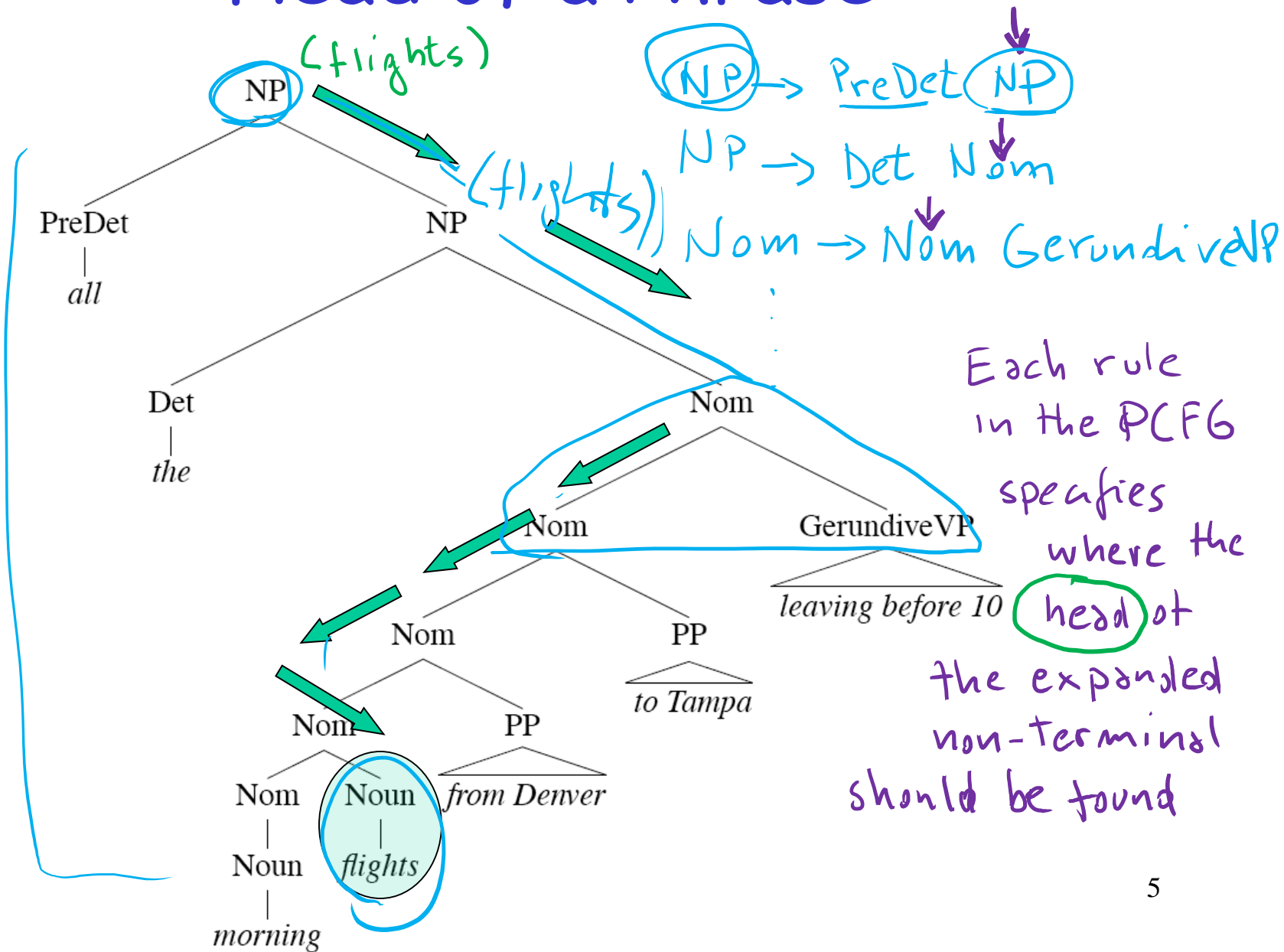
- Estimate Prob. of parse tree

$$\underline{P(Tree)} = \prod_{\text{node} \in Tree} P(\text{expansion for node})$$

- Estimate Prob. to sentences

$$P(\text{Sentence}) = \sum_{\text{Trees} \in \text{Parse Trees of Sentence}} P(\text{Tree})$$

Head of a Phrase



Acquiring Grammars and Probabilities

Manually parsed text corpora (e.g., PennTreebank)

- **Grammar:** read it off the parse trees

Ex: if an NP contains an ART, ADJ, and NOUN then we create the rule $NP \rightarrow ART ADJ NOUN$.

- **Probabilities:**

$$P(A \rightarrow \alpha | A) = \frac{\text{count}(A \rightarrow \alpha)}{\sum_{\forall \gamma} \text{count}(A \rightarrow \gamma)} = \frac{\text{count}(A \rightarrow \alpha)}{\text{count}(A)}$$

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Probabilistic Parsing:

- (Restricted) Task is to find the max probability tree for an input

$$\hat{Tree}(Sentence) = \underset{Tree \in \text{Parse-trees}(Sentence)}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(Tree)$$

Probabilistic CKY Algorithm

Ney, 1991
Collins, 1999

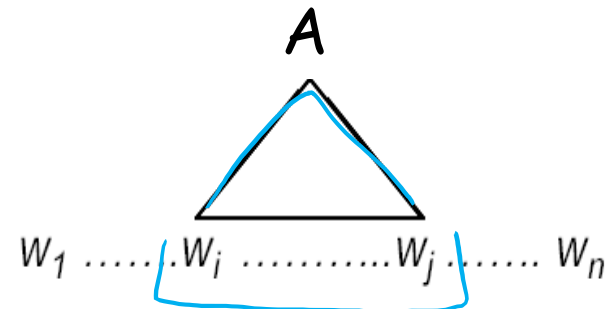
CYK (Cocke-Kasami-Younger) algorithm

- A **bottom-up** parser using dynamic programming
- Assume the PCFG is in Chomsky normal form (CNF)

Definitions

$A \rightarrow BC$ $A \rightarrow w$

- $w_1 \dots w_n$ an input string composed of n words
- w_{ij} a string of words from word i to word j
- $\mu[i, j, A]$: a table entry holds the maximum probability for a constituent with non-terminal A spanning words $w_i \dots w_j$



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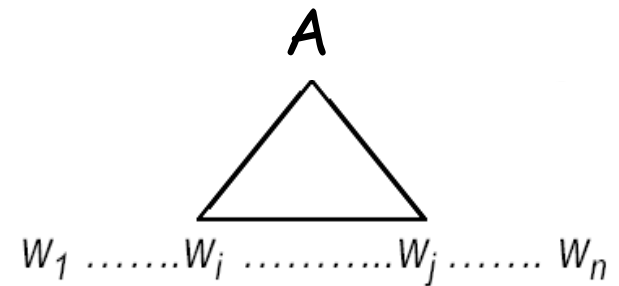
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	1	2	3	4	...
1					...
2					
3					
4					
...					...

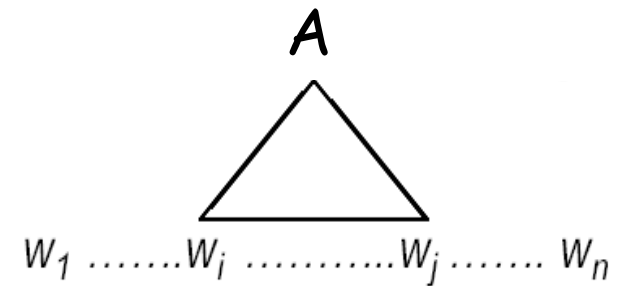
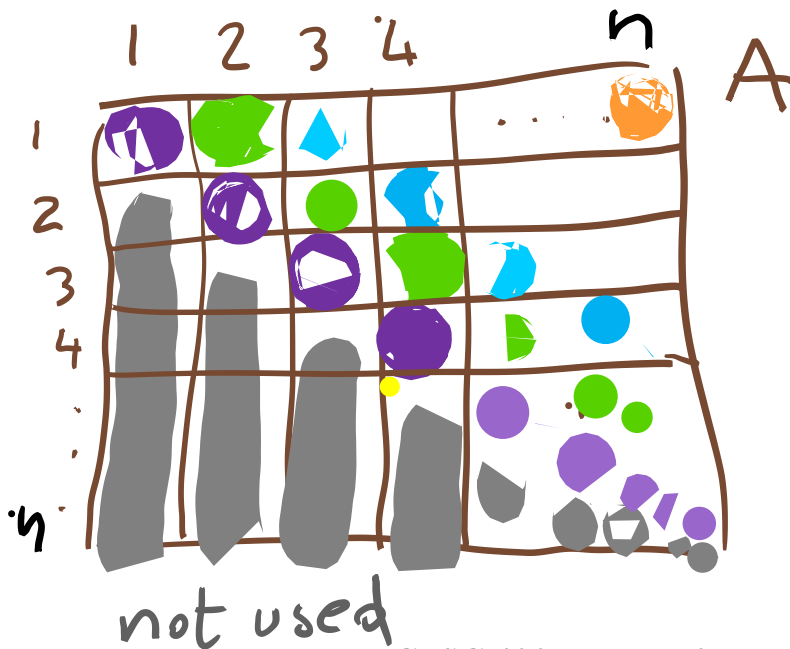
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spanning one word
spanning two words
spanning three words
spanning n words

CKY: Base Case

Fill out the table entries by induction: **Base case**

- Consider the input strings of length one (i.e., each individual word w_i)
- Since the grammar is in CNF: $A \Rightarrow w_i$ iff $A \rightarrow w_i$
- So $\mu[i, i, A] = P(A \rightarrow w_i)$

Noun \rightarrow book .3

$A \Rightarrow w_i$ iff $A \rightarrow w_i$

Aux \rightarrow "Can" .4

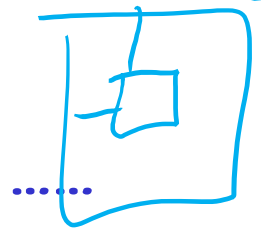
"Can₁ you₂ book₃ TWA₄ flights₅?"

Aux

Noun Verb

1	.4	

	.2	
		.5

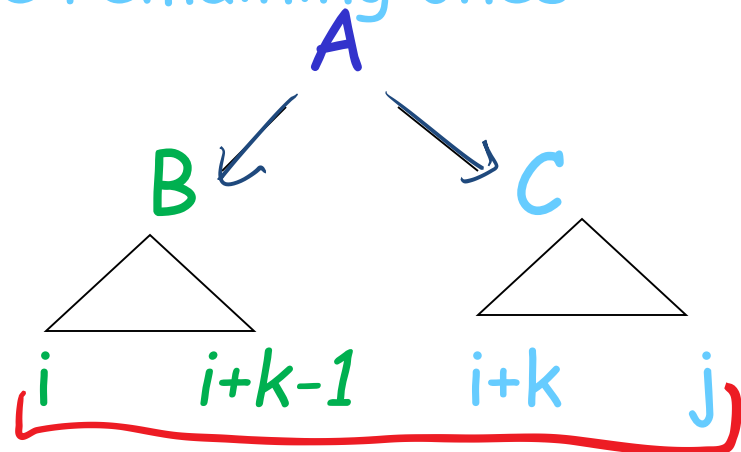


CKY: Recursive Case

Recursive case

- For strings of words of length = 2, 3 ... n
 $A \Rightarrow w_{ij}$ iff there is at least one rule $A \rightarrow BC$
 where B derives the first k words (between i
 and $i+k-1$) and C derives the remaining ones
 (between $i+k$ and j)

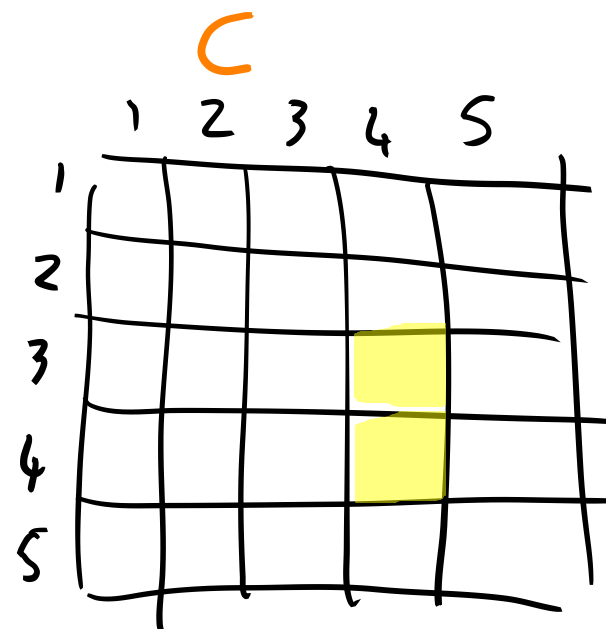
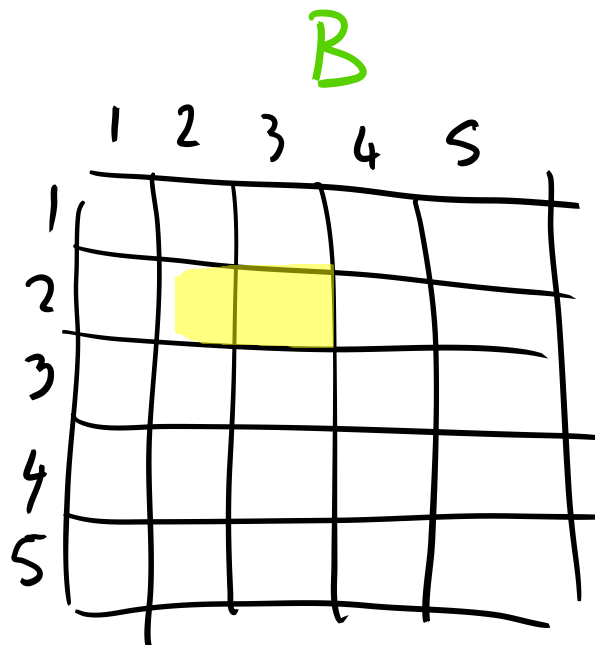
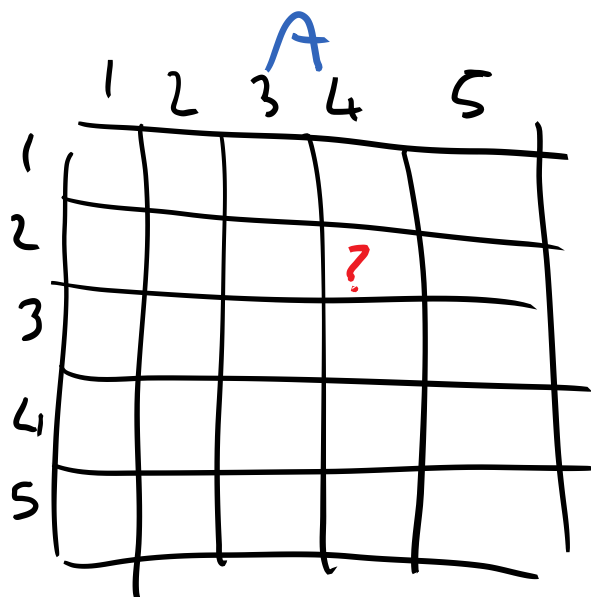
$$\mu[i, j, A] = \mu[i, i+k-1, B]^* \mu[i+k, j, C]^* P(A \rightarrow BC)$$



- (for each non-terminal) Choose the max. among all possibilities

Probabilistic CKY Algorithm (visual)

$A \rightarrow BC$



CKY: Termination

The max prob parse will be $\mu [1, n, S]$

"Can₁ you₂ book₃ TWA₄ flight₅ ?"

		5	
1		1.7×10^{-6}	S
5			

CKY: Termination

Any other entry in this matrix for S?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Cannot Tell

"Can₁ you₂ book₃ TWA₄ flight₅?"

1		5
		1.7×10^{-6}
5	1,3 and 1,4 and 3,5 !	

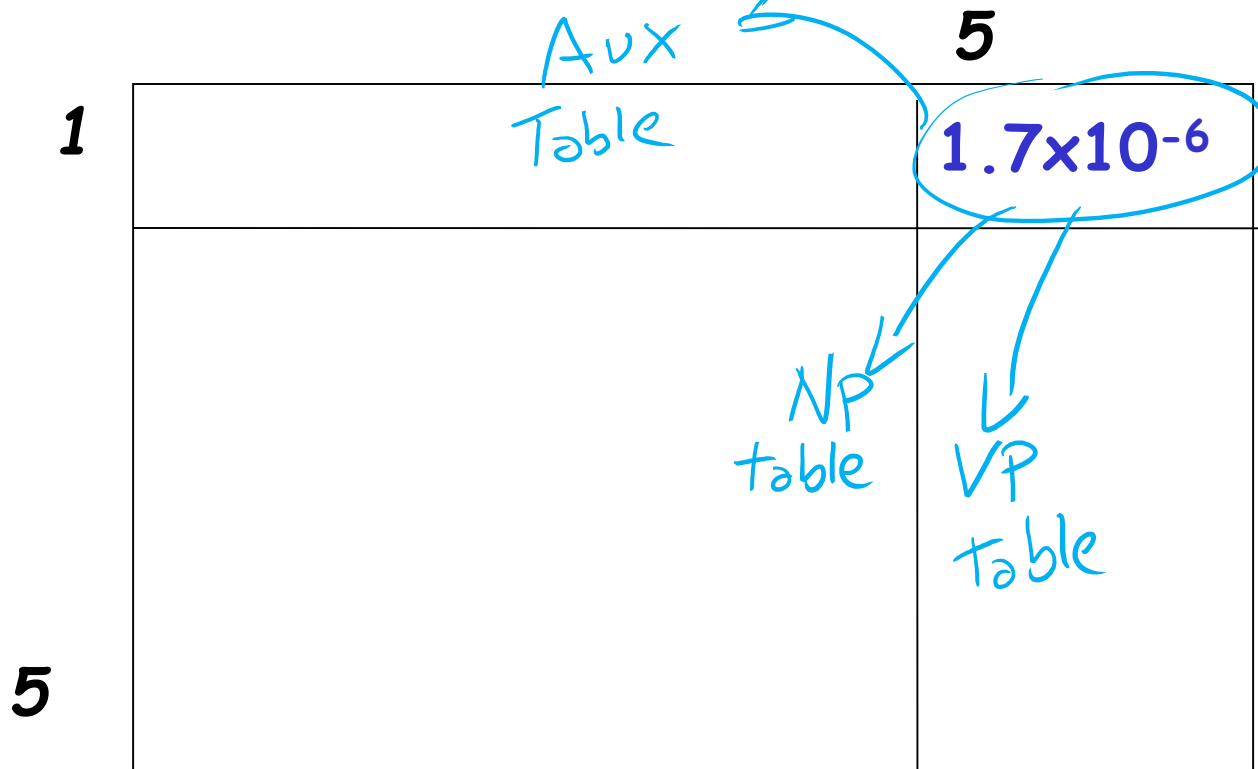
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CKY: anything missing?

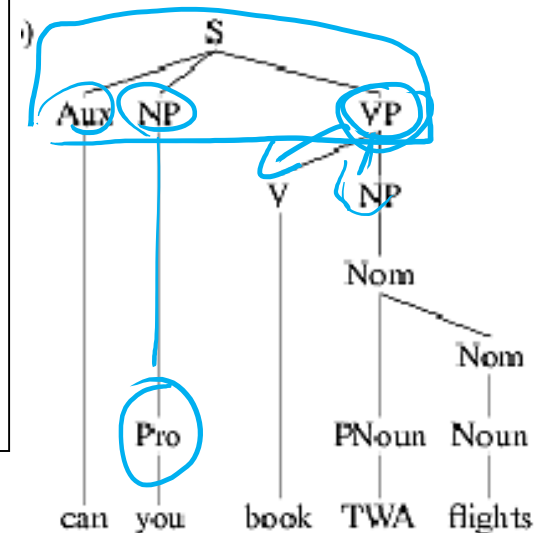
The parse tree!!

The max prob parse will be $\mu[2, 4, 5]$

"Can₁ you₂ book₃ TWA₄ flight₅ ?"



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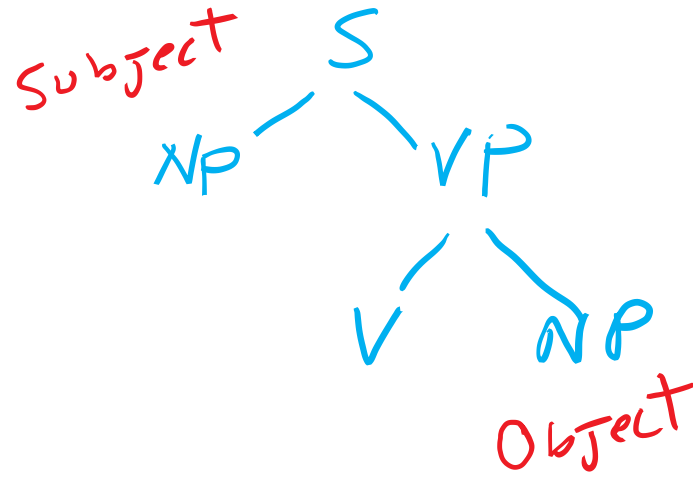
Problems with PCFGs

- Most current PCFG models are not vanilla PCFGs
 - Usually augmented in some way
- Vanilla PCFGs **assume independence of non-terminal expansions**
- But statistical analysis shows this is not a valid assumption
 - **Structural** and **lexical** dependencies

Structural Dependencies: Problem

E.g. Syntactic **subject** of a sentence tends to be a **pronoun**

- Subject tends to realize "old information"
- "Mary bought a new book for her trip. She didn't like the first chapter. So she decided to watch a movie."

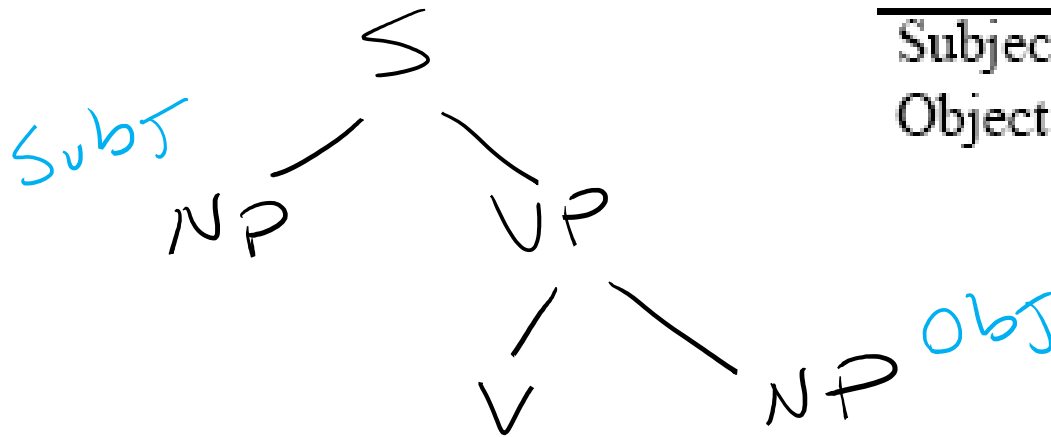


In Switchboard corpus:

	Pronoun	Non-Pronoun
Subject	91%	9%
Object	34%	66%

All data
Pronoun Non-Pronoun
62.5% 37.5%

How would you address this problem?

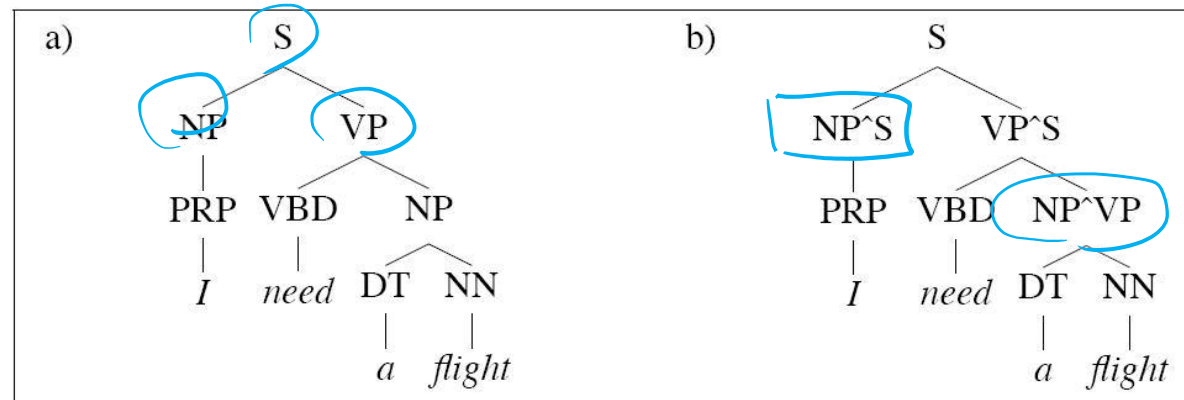


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Structural Dependencies: Solution

Split non-terminal. E.g., NP_{subject} and NP_{object}

Parent Annotation:



Hand-write rules for more complex struct. dependencies

Splitting problems?

- Automatic/Optimal split - Split and Merge algorithm [Petrov et al. 2006- COLING/ACL]

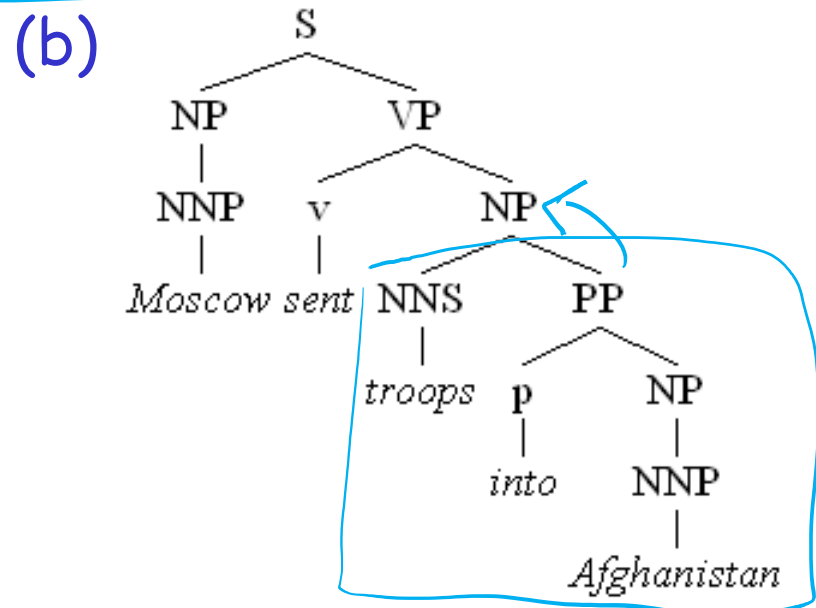
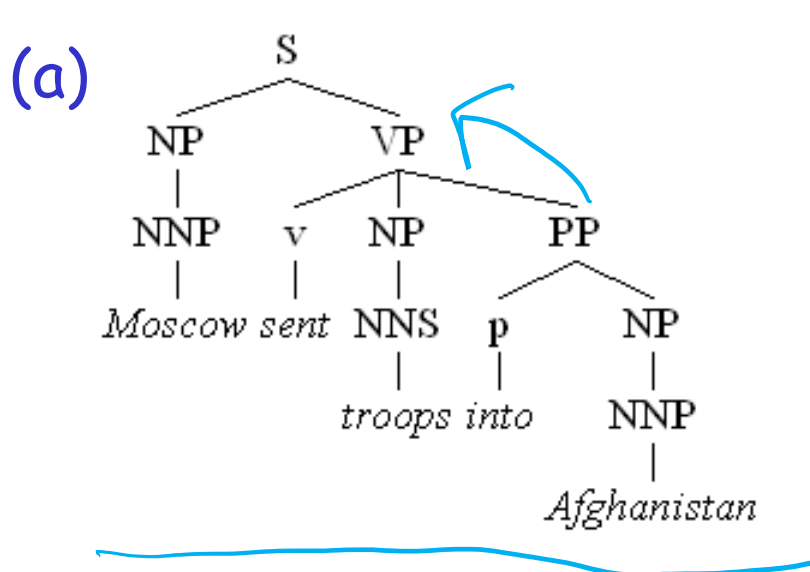
Lexical Dependencies: Problem

Local tree	Verb			
	<i>come</i>	<i>take</i>	<i>think</i>	<i>want</i>
VP → V	9.5%	2.6%	4.6%	5.7%
VP → V NP	1.1%	32.1%	0.2%	13.9%
VP → V PP	34.5%	3.1%	7.1%	0.3%
VP → V SBAR	6.6%	0.3%	73.0%	0.2%
VP → V S	2.2%	1.3%	4.8%	70.8%
VP → V NP S	0.1%	5.7%	0.0%	0.3%
VP → V PRT NP	0.3%	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%
VP → V PRT PP	6.1%	1.5%	0.2%	0.0%

Table 12.2. Frequency of common subcategorization frames (local trees expanding VP) for selected verbs. The data show that the rule used to expand VP is highly dependent on the lexical identity of the verb. The counts ignore distinctions in verbal form tags. Phrase names are as in table 12.1, and tags are Penn Treebank tags (tables 4.5 and 4.6).

Lexical Dependencies: Problem

Two parse trees for the sentence
"Moscow sent troops into Afghanistan"



Typically NP-attachment more frequent than VP-attachment

Lexical Dependencies: Solution

- Add lexical dependencies to the scheme...
 - Infiltrate the influence of particular **words** into the probabilities of the rules

All the words?

- (a) - $P(\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{V NP PP} \mid \text{VP} = \text{"sent troops into Afg."})$
- (b) - $P(\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{V NP} \mid \text{VP} = \text{"sent troops into Afg."})$

A. Good Idea

B. Bad Idea

C. Cannot Tell

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Not likely to have significant counts
in any treebank!

A. Good
Idea

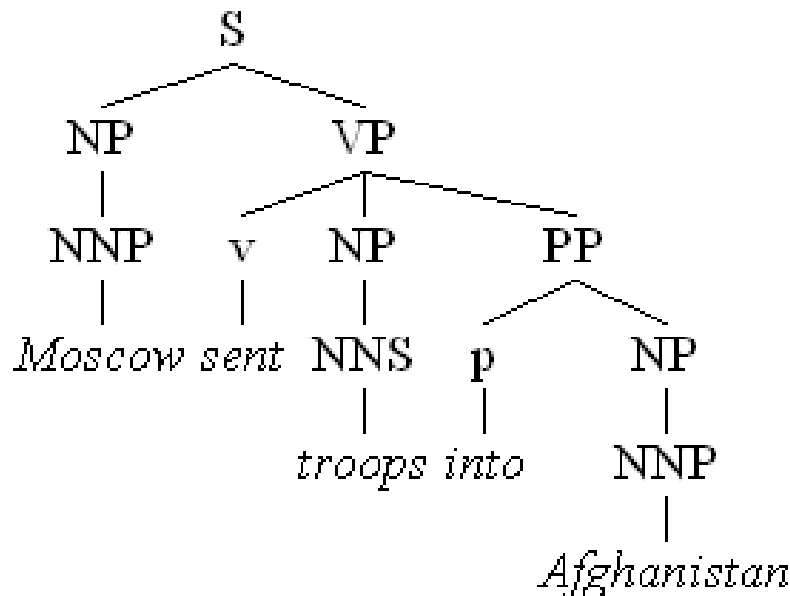
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Use only the Heads

- To do that we're going to make use of the notion of the **head** of a phrase
 - The head of an **NP** is its **noun**
 - The head of a **VP** is its **verb**
 - The head of a **PP** is its **preposition**



More specific rules

- We used to have rule r
 - VP \rightarrow V NP PP $P(r|VP)$
 - That's the count of this rule divided by the number of VPs in a treebank
- Now we have rule r
 - VP($h(VP)$) \rightarrow V($h(VP)$) NP PP $P(r | VP, h(VP))$
 - eg. - VP($sent$) \rightarrow V($sent$) NP PP $P(r | VP, sent)$

What is the estimate for $P(r | VP, sent)$?

How many times was this rule used with *sent*, divided by the number of VPs that *sent* appears in total

For each verb reflect probabilities like the ones in slide 21

NLP Practical Goal for FOL (and Prob. Parsing) the ultimate Web question-answering system?

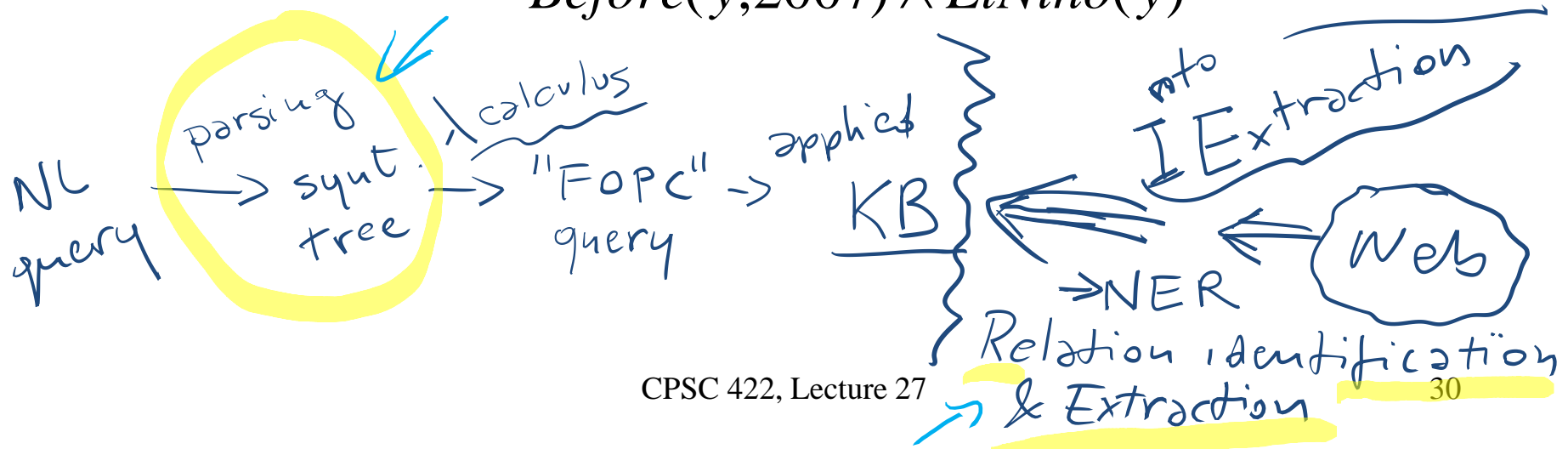
Map NL queries into FOL so that answers can be effectively computed

- *What African countries are not on the Mediterranean Sea?*

$$\exists c \text{ Country}(c) \wedge \neg \text{Borders}(c, \text{Med.Sea}) \wedge \text{In}(c, \text{Africa})$$

- *Was 2007 the first El Nino year after 2001?*

$$\text{ElNino}(2007) \wedge \neg \exists y \text{ Year}(y) \wedge \text{After}(y, 2001) \wedge \text{Before}(y, 2007) \wedge \text{ElNino}(y)$$



PCFG Parsing State of the art(~2010)

Parser	F1 ≤ 40 words	F1 <u>all words</u>
Klein & Manning unlexicalized 2003	86.3	85.7
Matsuzaki et al. simple EM latent states 2005	86.7	86.1
Charniak generative, lexicalized ("maxent inspired") 2000	90.1	89.5
Petrov and Klein NAACL 2007	90.6	90.1
Charniak & Johnson discriminative Perankar 2005	92.0	91.4
Fossum & Knight 2009 combining constituent parsers		92.4

sentence length

hand crafted "states"

no limit on sentence length

✓

"○+★"

From C. Manning
(Stanford NLP)

Parser	Training Set	WSJ 22	WSJ 23
baseline LSTM+D	WSJ only	< 70	< 70
LSTM+A+D	WSJ only	88.7	88.3
LSTM+A+D ensemble	WSJ only	90.7	90.5
baseline LSTM	BerkeleyParser corpus	91.0	90.5
LSTM+A	high-confidence corpus	93.3	92.5
LSTM+A ensemble	high-confidence corpus	93.5	92.8
Petrov et al. (2006) [12]	WSJ only	91.1	90.4
Zhu et al. (2013) [13]	WSJ only	N/A	90.4
Petrov et al. (2010) ensemble [14]	WSJ only	92.5	91.8
Zhu et al. (2013) [13]	semi-supervised	N/A	91.3
Huang & Harper (2009) [15]	semi-supervised	N/A	91.3
McClosky et al. (2006) [16]	semi-supervised	92.4	92.1
Huang & Harper (2010) ensemble [17]	semi-supervised	92.8	92.4

Table 1: F1 scores of various parsers on the development and test set. See text for discussion.

Grammar as a Foreign Language

Computation and Language [[cs.CL](#)] Published 24 Dec 2014

Updated 9 Jun 2015

Oriol Vinyals, Lukasz Kaiser, Terry Koo, Slav Petrov, Ilya Sutskever, Geoffrey Hinton *Google*

Fast and Accurate Shift-Reduce Constituent Parsing by Muhua Zhu, Yue Zhang, Wenliang Chen, Min Zhang and Jingbo Zhu (ACL - 2013)

- **Announcing SyntaxNet: The World's Most Accurate Parser Goes Open Source, 2016**; Posted by Slav Petrov, Senior Staff Research Scientist (different parsing framework)

CKY/PCFG Beyond syntax..... Discourse Parsing.... And Dialog

- CKY Probabilistic parsing Paper in Reading
- Conversation Trees: A Grammar Model for Topic Structure in Forums, Annie Louis and Shay B. Cohen, EMNLP 2015. [corpus]

Beyond NLP..... Planning....

- Li, N., Cushing, W., Kambhampati, S., & Yoon, S. (2012). Learning probabilistic hierarchical task networks as probabilistic context-free grammars to capture user preferences. ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology. (CMU+Arizona State)

Discovering Discourse Structure: Computational Tasks

The bank was hamstrung in its efforts to face the challenges of a changing market by its links to the government, analysts say.

Discourse Segmentation



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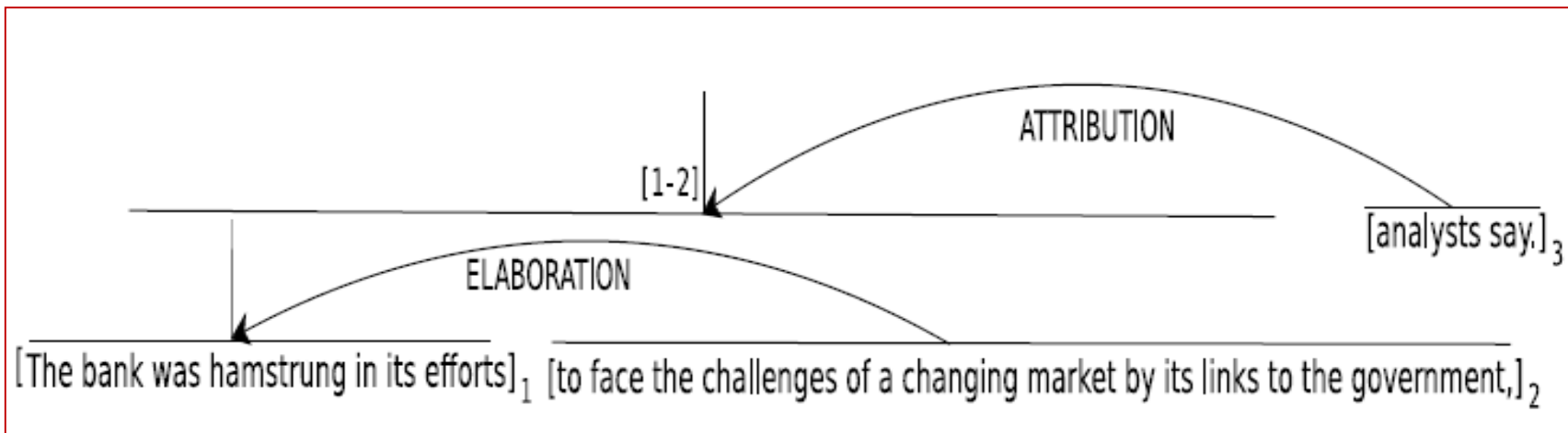
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Discourse Parsing



422 big picture: Where are we?

StarAI (statistical relational AI)

Hybrid: Det +Sto

Prob CFG

Prob Relational Models

Markov Logics

Deterministic

Stochastic

<p>Query</p>	<p><i>Logics</i> <i>First Order Logics</i></p> <p><i>Ontologies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Resolution • SAT 	<p><i>Belief Nets</i></p> <p>Approx. : Gibbs</p> <p><i>Markov Chains and HMMs</i></p> <p>Forward, Viterbi...</p> <p>Approx. : Particle Filtering</p> <p><i>Undirected Graphical Models</i> <i>Markov Networks</i> <i>Conditional Random Fields</i></p>
<p>Planning</p>		<p><i>Markov Decision Processes and Partially Observable MDP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value Iteration • Approx. Inference <p><i>Reinforcement Learning</i></p>

Applications of AI

Representation

Reasoning
Technique

Learning Goals for today's class

You can:

- Describe the key steps of CKY probabilistic parsing
- Motivate introduction of structural and lexical dependencies
- Describe how to deal with these dependencies within the PCFG framework

Next class on Fri : paper discussion

- Portions of our Journal of Computational Linguistics paper only sections 1, 3 and 4 are mandatory
- **CODRA: A Novel Discriminative Framework for Rhetorical Analysis**

Assignment-3 due on Mon
Assignment-4 will be out on the
same day