

Computational Linguistics (INF2820 — Beyond CFGs)



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Limitations of the CKY Algorithm

Built-In Assumptions

- *Chomsky Normal Form* grammars: $\alpha \rightarrow \beta_1\beta_2$ or $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$ ($\beta_i \in C$, $\gamma \in \Sigma$);
- breadth-first (aka exhaustive): always compute all values for each cell;
- rigid control structure: bottom-up, left-to-right (one diagonal at a time).

Generalized Chart Parsing

- Liberate order of computation: no assumptions about earlier results;
- *active edges* encode partial rule instantiations, ‘waiting’ for additional (adjacent and passive) constituents to complete: $[1, 2, VP \rightarrow V \bullet NP]$;
- parser can fill in chart cells in *any* order and guarantee completeness.



Generalized Chart Parsing

- The parse *chart* is a two-dimensional matrix of *edges* (aka chart items);
- an edge is a (possibly partial) rule instantiation over a substring of input;
- the chart indexes edges by start and end string position (aka vertices);
- dot in rule RHS indicates degree of completion: $\alpha \rightarrow \beta_1 \dots \beta_{i-1} \bullet \beta_i \dots \beta_n$
- *active* edges (aka *incomplete* items) — partial RHS: $[1, 2, VP \rightarrow V \bullet NP]$;
- *passive* edges (aka *complete* items) — full RHS: $[1, 3, VP \rightarrow V NP \bullet]$;

The Fundamental Rule

$$[i, j, \alpha \rightarrow \beta_1 \dots \beta_{i-1} \bullet \beta_i \dots \beta_n] + [j, k, \beta_i \rightarrow \gamma^+ \bullet] \\ \mapsto [i, k, \alpha \rightarrow \beta_1 \dots \beta_i \bullet \beta_{i+1} \dots \beta_n]$$



(Even) More Active Edges

	0	1	2	3
0	$S \rightarrow \bullet NP VP$ $NP \rightarrow \bullet NP PP$ $NP \rightarrow \bullet kim$	$S \rightarrow NP \bullet VP$ $NP \rightarrow NP \bullet PP$ $NP \rightarrow kim \bullet$		$S \rightarrow NP VP \bullet$
1		$VP \rightarrow \bullet VP PP$ $VP \rightarrow \bullet V NP$ $V \rightarrow \bullet adored$	$VP \rightarrow V \bullet NP$ $V \rightarrow adored \bullet$	$VP \rightarrow VP \bullet PP$ $VP \rightarrow V NP \bullet$
2			$NP \rightarrow \bullet NP PP$ $NP \rightarrow \bullet snow$	$NP \rightarrow NP \bullet PP$ $NP \rightarrow snow \bullet$
3				

- Include all grammar rules as *epsilon* edges in each $chart_{[i,i]}$ cell.
- after initialization, apply *fundamental rule* until fixpoint is reached.



Recap: Grammatical Categories

Number — Person — Case — Gender

*That dog barks. — Those dogs bark.
I bark. — You bark. — They bark. — Sam shaved himself.
We bark. — You bark. — Those dogs bark.
I saw her. — She saw me. — My dog barked.*

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Tense — Aspect — Mood

*The dog barks. — The dog barked — The dog will bark.
The dog has barked. — The dog is barking.
If I were a carpenter, ...*

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Limitations of (Our) Context-Free Grammars

Agreement and Valency (For Example)

That dog barks.

**That dogs barks.*

**Those dogs barks.*

The dog chased a cat.

**The dog barked a cat.*

**The dog chased.*

**The dog chased a cat my neighbours.*

The cat was chased by a dog.

**The cat was chased of a dog.*

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Agreement and Valency in Context-Free Grammars



A Really Complicated Language

[...] *omdat ik Henk de nijlpaarden zag voeren .*



A Really Complicated Language

[...] *omdat ik Jan Henk de nijlpaarden zag helpen voeren .*



More Terminology: Grammatical Functions

Licensing — Government — Agreement

*The dog barks. — *The dog a cat barks — *The dog barks a cat.*

*Kim depends on Sandy — *Kim depends in Sandy*

The class meets on Thursday in 508 at 12:15.

- **Constituent** node in analysis tree (terminal or instantiation of rule);
- **Head** licenses additional constituents and can govern their form;
- **Specifier** precedes head, singleton, nominative case, agreement;
- **Complement** post-head, licensed and governed, order constraints;
- **Adjunct** ‘free’ modifier, optional, may iterate, designated position;
- **Government** directed: a property of c_1 determines the form of c_2 ;
- **Agreement** bi-directional: co-occurrence of properties on c_1 and c_2 .



A Highly Ambiguous Example

The manager placed his bid on my desk.



Structured Categories in a Unification Grammar

- All (constituent) categories in the grammar are typed feature structures;
 - specific TFS configurations may correspond to ‘traditional’ categories;
- labels like ‘S’ or ‘NP’ are mere abbreviations, not elements of the theory.

word $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{HEAD } \textit{noun} \\ \text{SPR } \langle \langle \text{HEAD } \textit{det} \rangle \rangle \\ \text{COMPS } \langle \rangle \end{array} \right]$

‘N’

‘lexical’

phrase $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{HEAD } \textit{verb} \\ \text{SPR } \langle \rangle \\ \text{COMPS } \langle \rangle \end{array} \right]$

‘S’

‘maximal’

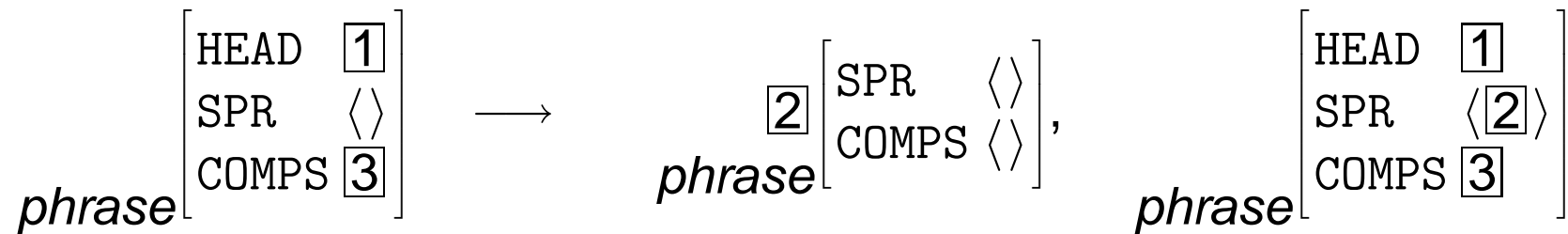
phrase $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{HEAD } \textit{verb} \\ \text{SPR } \langle \langle \text{HEAD } \textit{noun} \rangle \rangle \\ \text{COMPS } \langle \rangle \end{array} \right]$

‘VP’

‘intermediate’



Interaction of Lexicon and Phrase Structure Schemata



$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{ORTH} & \textit{“Kim”} \\ \text{HEAD} & \textit{noun} \\ \text{SPR} & \langle \rangle \\ \text{COMPS} & \langle \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{ORTH} & \textit{“sleeps”} \\ \text{HEAD} & \textit{verb} \\ \text{SPR} & \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \text{HEAD} & \textit{noun} \\ \text{SPR} & \langle \rangle \\ \text{COMPS} & \langle \rangle \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \\ \text{COMPS} & \langle \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$
