

Probabilistic CKY

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How to solve this combinatorial explosion of ambiguity?

1. First try parsing without any weird rules, throwing them in only if needed.
2. Better: every rule has a weight. A tree's weight is total weight of all its rules. Pick the overall lightest parse of sentence.
3. Can we pick the weights automatically? We'll get to this later ...

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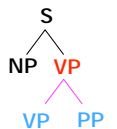
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... since it just breeds worse options

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inferior stock

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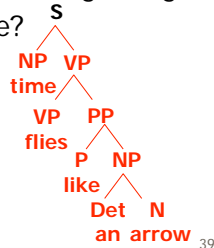
(and its backpointers so you can recover best parse)

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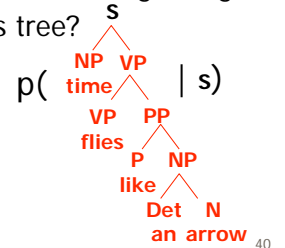
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- You rolled a lot of independent dice ...

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 &= p(\text{time}) \\
 & \quad * p(\text{flies} \mid \text{time}) \\
 & \quad * p(\text{like} \mid \text{time flies}) \\
 & \quad * p(\text{an} \mid \text{time flies like}) \\
 & \quad * p(\text{arrow} \mid \text{time flies like an})
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Chain rule + backoff (to get trigram model)

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Chain rule – written differently

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Chain rule: One node at a time

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\text{time flies like an arrow} \mid s) &= p(\text{S} \mid s) * p(\text{S} \mid \text{S}) \\
 &* p(\text{S} \mid \text{S}) * \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Chain rule + backoff *model you used in homework 1! (called "PCFG")*

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Simplified notation *model you used in homework 1! (called "PCFG")*

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\text{time flies like an arrow} \mid s) &= p(s \rightarrow \text{NP VP} \mid s) * p(\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{flies} \mid \text{NP}) \\
 &* p(\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{VP NP} \mid \text{VP}) \\
 &* p(\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{flies} \mid \text{VP}) * \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Already have a CKY alg for weights ...

$$\begin{aligned}
 w(\text{time flies like an arrow} \mid s) &= w(s \rightarrow \text{NP VP}) + w(\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{flies} \mid \text{NP}) \\
 &+ w(\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{VP NP}) \\
 &+ w(\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{flies}) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Just let $w(x \rightarrow yz) = -\log p(x \rightarrow yz \mid x)$
 Then lightest tree has highest prob

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Need only best-in-class to get best parse

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Why probabilities not weights?

- We just saw probabilities are really just a special case of weights ...
- ... *but* we can estimate them from training data by counting and smoothing! Yay!
- Warning: What kind of training corpus do we need?

A slightly different task

- Been asking: What is probability of generating a given *tree* with your homework 1 generator?
 - To pick tree with highest prob: useful in parsing.
- But could also ask: What is probability of generating a given *string* with the generator?

(i.e., with the *-t* option turned off)

 - To pick string with highest prob: useful in speech recognition, as substitute for an n-gram model.
 - ("Put the file in the folder" vs. "Put the file and the folder")
 - To get prob of generating string, must add up probabilities of all trees for the string ...

Could just add up the parse probabilities

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	VP 4			S 21
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2		P 2		PP 12
		V 5		VP 16
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oops, back to finding exponentially many parses

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2⁻²⁷

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Any more efficient way?

time 1 flies 2 like 3 an 4 arrow 5

NP 3	NP 10			NP 24
Vst 3	S 2 ⁻⁸			S 22
	S 2 ⁻¹³			S 27
0				NP 24
				S 27
				S 27
				S 22
				S 27
				S 27
1	NP 4			NP 18
	VP 4			S 21
				VP 18
				S 21
				S 27
				S 27
				S 27
				S 27
2		P 2		PP 2 ⁻¹²
		V 5		VP 16
				VP 16
				VP 16
				VP 16
				VP 16
				VP 16
3			Det 1	NP 10

1 S → NP VP
6 S → Vst NP
2⁻² S → S PP

1 VP → V NP
2 VP → VP PP

1 NP → Det N
2 NP → NP PP
3 NP → NP NP
0 PP → P NP

Add as we go ... (the "inside algorithm")

time	1	flies	2	like	3	an	4	arrow	5
0	NP 3		NP 10					NP 24	
	Vst 3		S 2 ⁻⁸ +2 ⁻¹³					S 22	
1			NP 4					NP 18	
			VP 4					S 21	
2					P 2			VP 18	
					V 5			PP 2 ⁻¹²	
3							Det 1	VP 16	
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0	NP 3		NP 10					NP 2 ⁻²²	
	Vst 3		S 2 ⁻⁸ +2 ⁻¹³					+2 ⁻²⁷	
1			NP 4					S 2 ⁻²²	
			VP 4					+2 ⁻²⁷	
2					P 2			+2 ⁻²⁷	
					V 5			+2 ⁻²²	
3							Det 1	+2 ⁻²⁷	
								NP 18	
								S 21	
								VP 18	
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