

# Backpropagation of Syntax Errors in Context-Sensitive Languages

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## Main Idea

- $GF(2^n)$  matrices are useful structures for studying finite state machines
- The operators  $\{\text{XOR}, \wedge, \top\}$  are *functionally complete* logical primitives
- We use them to implement probabilistic context-sensitive program repair

## Algebraic Parsing

Given a CFG,  $\mathcal{G}' : \langle \Sigma, V, P, S \rangle$  in Chomsky Normal Form (CNF), we can define a *recognizer*,  $R : \mathcal{G}' \rightarrow \Sigma^n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$  for bounded strings  $\sigma : \Sigma^n$  using the following construction. Let  $2^V$  be our domain, 0 be  $\emptyset$ ,  $\oplus$  be  $\cup$ , and  $\otimes$ :

$$x \otimes y := \{ W \mid \langle X, Y \rangle \in x \times y, (W \rightarrow XY) \in P \}$$

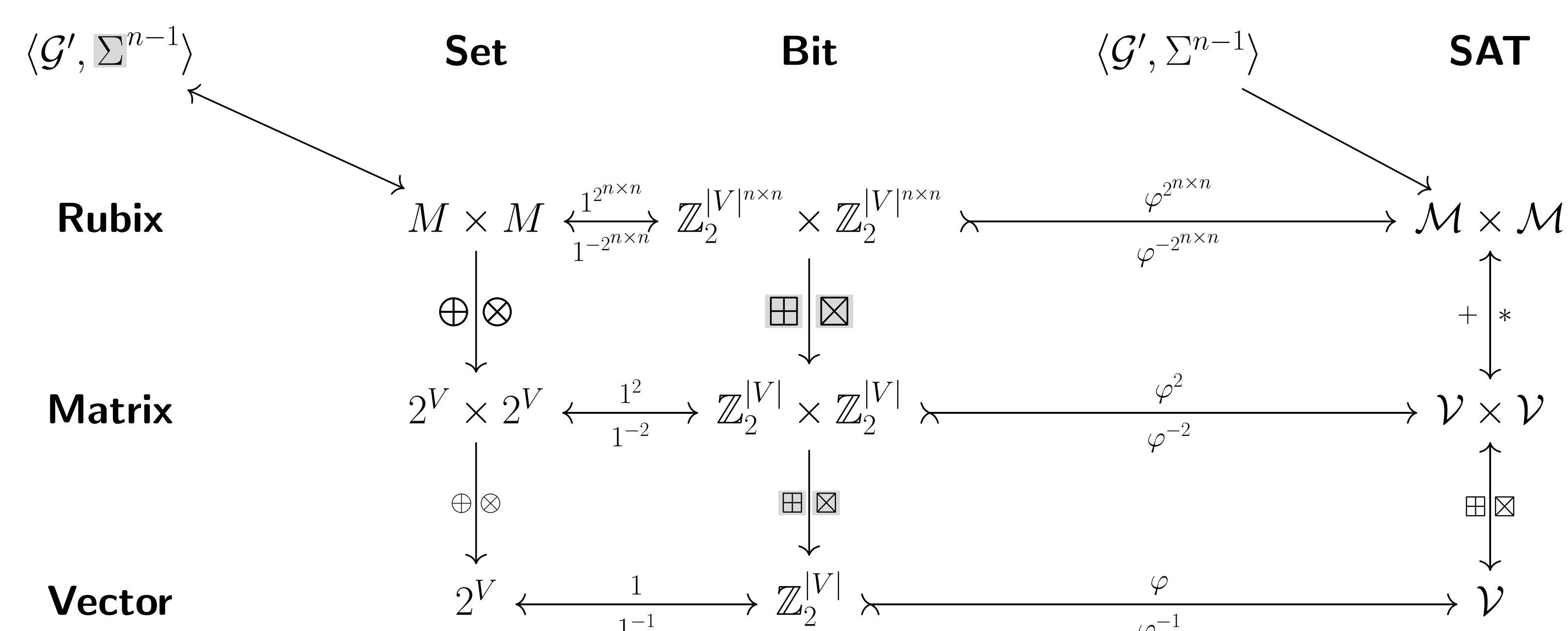
Valiant (1975) shows that if we let  $\sigma_r^\dagger := \{V \mid (V \rightarrow \sigma_r^\dagger) \in P\}$ , initialize the matrix  $M_{r+1=c}^0(\mathcal{G}', e) := \sigma_r^\dagger$  and solve for its fixpoint  $M^* = M + M^2$ ,

$$M^0 := \begin{pmatrix} \emptyset & \sigma_1^\dagger & \emptyset & \dots & \emptyset \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \emptyset & \dots & \dots & \dots & \sigma_n^\dagger \\ \emptyset & \dots & \dots & \dots & \emptyset \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow M^* = \begin{pmatrix} \emptyset & \sigma_1^\dagger & \dots & \dots & \mathcal{T} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \emptyset & \dots & \dots & \dots & \sigma_n^\dagger \\ \emptyset & \dots & \dots & \dots & \emptyset \end{pmatrix}$$

the recognizer is then defined as:  $R(\mathcal{G}', \sigma) := S \in \mathcal{T}^? \iff \sigma \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G})^?$

## Galois Connection

- CYK parser can be lowered onto a tensor  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{n \times n \times |V|}$  and  $GF(2^{|V|})^{n \times n}$
- Binarized CYK parser can be compiled to SAT to solve for  $M^*$  directly
- Enables sketch-based synthesis in  $\sigma$  or  $\mathcal{G}$ : just use variables for holes!
- We simply encode the characteristic function, i.e.  $1_{\subseteq V} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{B}^{|V|}$
- $\oplus, \otimes$  are defined as  $\boxplus, \boxtimes$ , so that the following diagram commutes:



## Probabilistic Programming

Let  $\mathbf{R} : GF(2^{n \times n})$  be a matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{0,c} = P_c + \mathbf{M}_{r+1=c} = \top$ , where  $P$  is a feedback polynomial with coefficients  $P_{1..n}$  and  $\oplus := \vee, \otimes := \wedge$ :

$$\mathbf{M}^t V = \begin{pmatrix} P_1 & \dots & P_n \\ \top & \circ & \dots & \circ \\ \circ & \dots & \dots & \circ \\ \circ & \dots & \circ & \top & \circ \end{pmatrix}^t \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ \vdots \\ V_n \end{pmatrix}$$

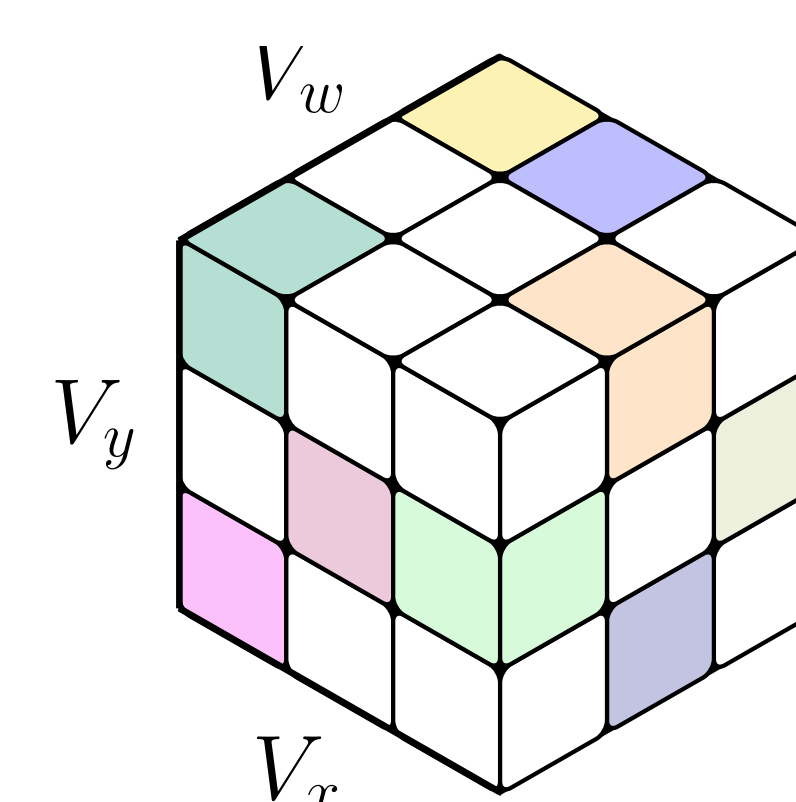
Selecting any  $V \neq 0$  and coefficients  $P_j$  from a *primitive polynomial*, then powering the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  generates an ergodic sequence over  $GF(2^n)$ :

$$\mathbf{S} = (V \mathbf{M} V \mathbf{M}^2 V \mathbf{M}^3 V \dots \mathbf{M}^{2^n-1} V)$$

This sequence has *full periodicity*, i.e.,  $\forall i, j \in [0, 2^n), \mathbf{S}_i = \mathbf{S}_j \Rightarrow i = j$ .

## Brozowski's Derivative

$$\begin{aligned} o &\rightarrow \text{so} \mid \text{rs} \mid \text{rr} \mid \text{oo} \\ r &\rightarrow \text{so} \mid \text{ss} \mid \text{rr} \mid \text{os} \\ s &\rightarrow \text{so} \mid \text{rs} \mid \text{or} \mid \text{oo} \end{aligned} \quad \mathcal{H}_{\{o\}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 o}{\partial \bar{o} \partial \bar{o}} & \frac{\partial^2 o}{\partial \bar{o} \partial \bar{r}} & \frac{\partial^2 o}{\partial \bar{o} \partial \bar{s}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 o}{\partial \bar{r} \partial \bar{o}} & \frac{\partial^2 o}{\partial \bar{r} \partial \bar{r}} & \frac{\partial^2 o}{\partial \bar{r} \partial \bar{s}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 o}{\partial \bar{s} \partial \bar{o}} & \frac{\partial^2 o}{\partial \bar{s} \partial \bar{r}} & \frac{\partial^2 o}{\partial \bar{s} \partial \bar{s}} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\mathcal{H}_{\{r\}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial \bar{o} \partial \bar{o}} & \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial \bar{o} \partial \bar{r}} & \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial \bar{o} \partial \bar{s}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial \bar{r} \partial \bar{o}} & \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial \bar{r} \partial \bar{r}} & \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial \bar{r} \partial \bar{s}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial \bar{s} \partial \bar{o}} & \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial \bar{s} \partial \bar{r}} & \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial \bar{s} \partial \bar{s}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\{s\}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial \bar{o} \partial \bar{o}} & \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial \bar{o} \partial \bar{r}} & \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial \bar{o} \partial \bar{s}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial \bar{r} \partial \bar{o}} & \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial \bar{r} \partial \bar{r}} & \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial \bar{r} \partial \bar{s}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial \bar{s} \partial \bar{o}} & \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial \bar{s} \partial \bar{r}} & \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial \bar{s} \partial \bar{s}} \end{pmatrix}$$

It is well-known that the family of CFLs is not closed under intersection. For example, consider  $\mathcal{L}_\cap := \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1) \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}_1)$ :  $\mathcal{L}_\cap$  generates the language  $\{ a^d b^d c^d \mid d > 0 \}$ , which is not context free.

