

From grammar to shared packed parse forest

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It is possible to build graph structured representation of result which can be interesting for several reasons.

- More user friendly query result representation.
- Useful for query result exploration and investigation.
- Useful for query debugging.

Example from your article [2] will be used for explanation. Let us introduce new notation for nonterminals and terminals for simplification.

$$\begin{array}{ll} q_1 = q[A, B] & q_5 = q[C, E] \\ q_2 = q[A, C] & q_6 = q[A, D] \\ q_3 = q[D, E] & q_7 = q[A, E] \\ q_4 = q[B, D] & q_8 = q[B, E] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} T_1 = \text{friendOf}_{A,B} & T_4 = \text{friendOf}_{B,D} \\ T_2 = \text{friendOf}_{A,C} & T_5 = \text{friendOf}_{C,E} \\ T_3 = \text{friendOf}_{D,E} & \end{array}$$

Now grammar from [2] (pages 6-7) can be represented as below. Let it be named G_1

$$\begin{array}{ll} q_1 \rightarrow T_1 & q_6 \rightarrow q_1 q_4 \\ q_2 \rightarrow T_2 & q_7 \rightarrow q_2 q_5 \\ q_3 \rightarrow T_3 & q_7 \rightarrow q_1 q_8 \\ q_4 \rightarrow T_4 & q_7 \rightarrow q_6 q_3 \\ & q_8 \rightarrow q_4 q_3 \end{array}$$

For each context-free grammar we can create regular tree grammar [1] (section 2.4). Moreover if G is a context-free word grammar, then the set of derivation trees of $L(G)$ is a regular tree language. By using algorithm presented in [1] (section 2.4) we can build regular tree grammar G_2 for grammar G_1 :

$$\begin{array}{ll} q_1 \rightarrow q_1(T_1) & q_6 \rightarrow q_6(q_1, q_4) \\ q_2 \rightarrow q_2(T_2) & q_7 \rightarrow q_7(q_2, q_5) \\ q_3 \rightarrow q_3(T_3) & q_7 \rightarrow q_7(q_1, q_8) \\ q_4 \rightarrow q_4(T_4) & q_7 \rightarrow q_7(q_6, q_3) \\ & q_8 \rightarrow q_8(q_4, q_3) \end{array}$$

Reduced graph. It is SPPF.

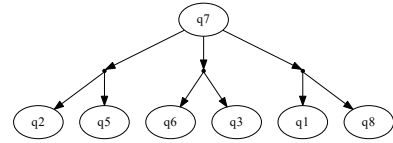


Figure 1: Input graph M

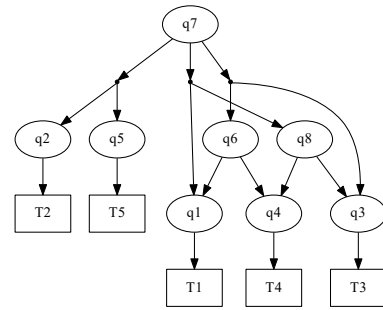


Figure 2: Input graph M

Let return information about edges back.

It is possible to build SPPF with our tool without to CNF transformation.

Query grammar.

Input graph.

Query result

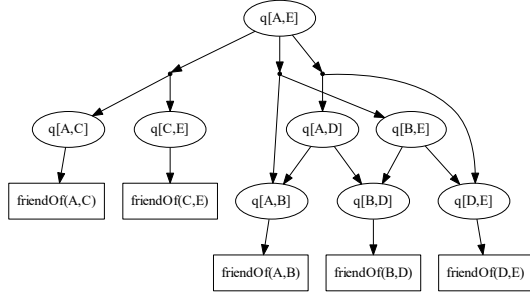


Figure 3: SPPF with information about paths

0: $s = L \ s \ R$
 1: $s = \text{middle}$
 2: $\text{middle} = L \ R$

Figure 4: Grammar G_1 for language $L = \{L^n R^n; n \geq 1\}$

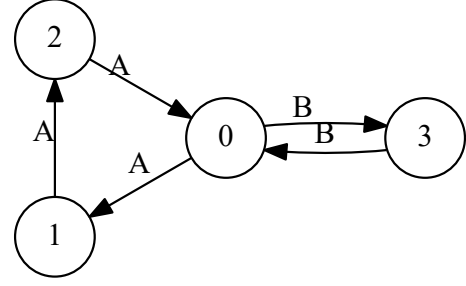


Figure 5: SPPF with information about paths

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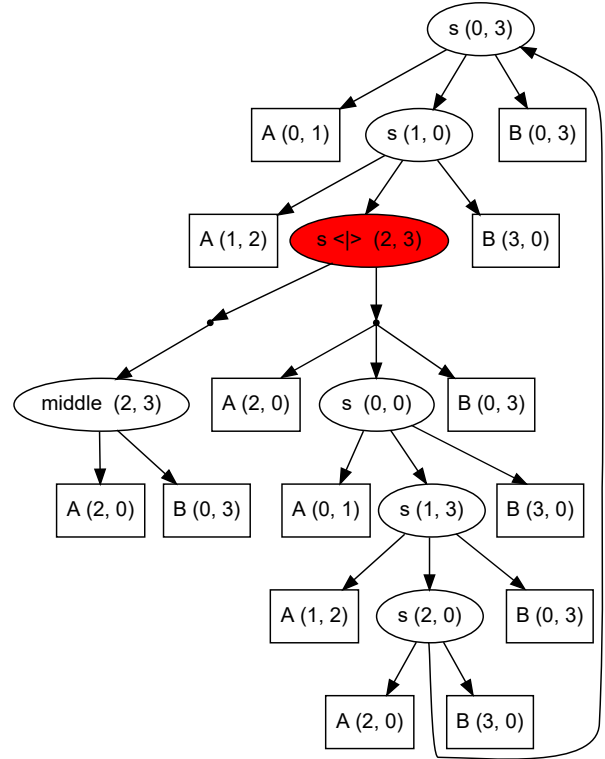


Figure 6: SPPF with information about paths