Spelling correction flow chart Find no-word spelling error (search in dictionary for correct word and check if any word is absent) **YES** NO Find candidates from Find candidates for the dictionary within each word in the phrase two edit distance within two edit distance from the word Rank the candidates Asssume only one word to be error at a time and based on the probability of edit operations and generate all possible select the top k candidates phrases Rank the top k Rank the phrases based candidates based on on the contextual the contextual probability probability Choose the best **Choose the best** phrase candidate

"versatile acress whose"

(In above phrase we find that acress is not in the dictionary so we focus on finding the correct word for it)

actress cress caress access across acres acres

Finding candidates from the dictionary within one edit distance from the word acress

Rank	Correction	P(x w)P(w) 10^9	
1	across	2.8	
2	actress	2.7	
3	acres	1.0	
4	acres	1.0	
5	access	0.019	
6	caress	0.0028	
7	cress	0.00078	

Rank the candidates based on the probability of edit operations and select the top k candidates

Rank	Correction	Probability (using bi-gram model)
1	"versatile actress whose"	210 x 10^-10
2	"versatile across whose"	1 x 10^-10

Ranking the top 2
candidates (actress
and across) according to
contextual probability
calculated using
a bi gram model

Choosing actress as the corrected word for acress

Choose the best candidate

"two of thew"

(All the three words in the phrase are present in the dictionary so we are trying to find the real world error here)

