

Dependency grammars

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- ▶ Based on synt word and a
dependent
- ▶ “Shallower”

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Head and dependents

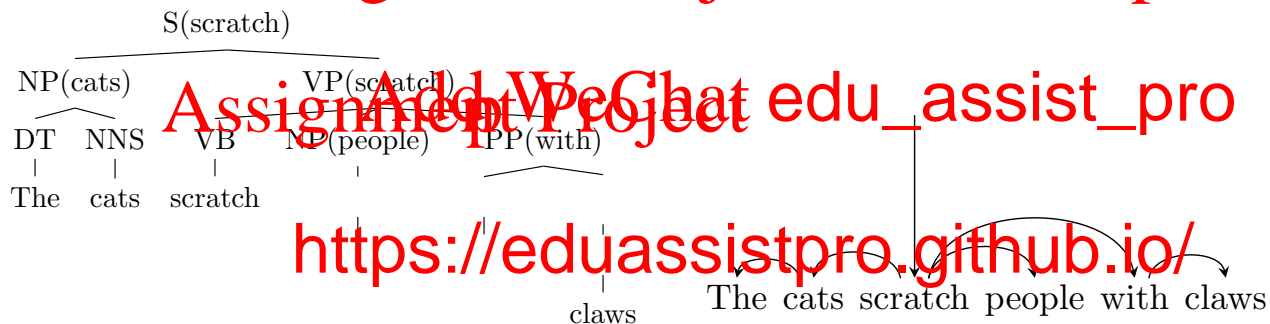
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- ▶ The head sets the syntactic category of the construction: for example, nouns are the heads of noun phrases, and verbs are the heads of verb phrases.
- ▶ The modifier may be optional while the head is not. For example, in the sentence "The cat *leapt* *with claws*," the subtree headed by *leapt* is the grammatical core, while *with claws* is an optional modifier.
- ▶ The head determines the morphological features of the dependents: for example, in languages that require gender agreement, the gender of the noun determines the gender of the adjectives and determiners.
- ▶ Edges should first connect content words, and then connect function words.

Relationship between phrase structures and dependency structures

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(a) lexicalized consistency parse

Figure 11.1: Dependency grammar is closely linked to lexicalization. Each lexical head has a dependency path to every other word in the constituent. (This example is based on the lexicalization rules from § 10.5.2, which make the preposition the head of a prepositional phrase. In the more contemporary Universal Dependencies annotations, the head of *with claws* would be *claws*, so there would be an edge *scratch* → *claws*.)

Labeled dependencies

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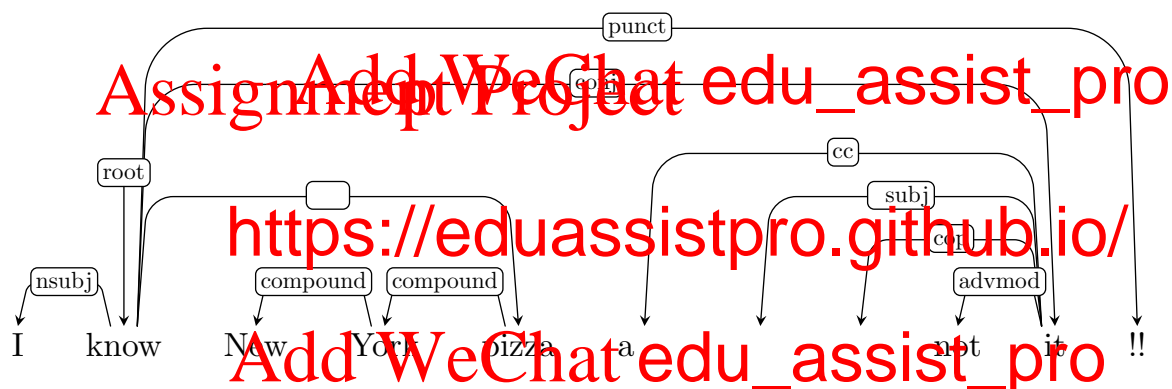


Figure 11.3: A labeled dependency parse from the English UD Treebank (reviews-361348-0006)

Projectivity

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- **Projectivity:** An edge from i to j is projective iff all k between i and j are descendants of i . A dependency parse is projective iff all its edges are projective.
- Informally, a dependency parse is projective iff all dependencies are drawn on a sentence.

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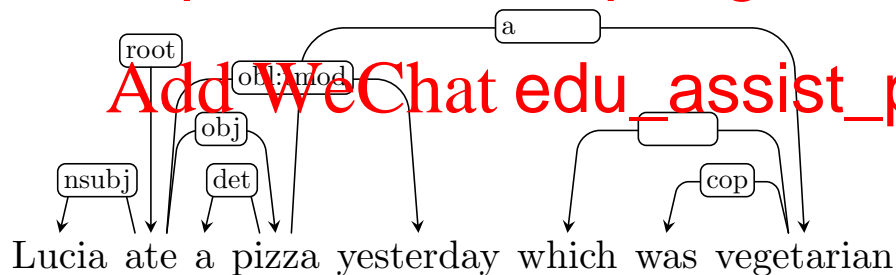


Figure 11.5: An example of a non-projective dependency parse. The “crossing edge” arises from the relative clause *which was vegetarian* and the oblique temporal modifier *yesterday*.

Main dependency parsing approaches

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► Graph-base

► Transition- <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

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Graph-based approach

- ▶ Let $\mathbf{y} = \{(i \xrightarrow{r} j) \mid i \in \{1, 2, \dots, M, \text{ROOT}\}, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\}\}$ is a relation from headword $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, M, \text{ROOT}\}$ to modifier $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$. The special node ROOT indicates the root of the graph, and M is the length of the input \mathbf{w} .
- ▶ Given a scoring function $\phi(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}; \theta)$

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$\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{w})$

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where $\mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{w})$ is the set of valid dependencies for \mathbf{w} .

- ▶ The set of possible labels $|\mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{w})|$ is exponential in the length of the input.
- ▶ Algorithms that search over this space of possible graphs are known as **graph-based dependency parsers**.

Factorization

Dependency parsers that are arc-factored.

- First-order factorization:

$$\psi(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}; \theta) = \sum_r$$

- Second-order

$$\psi(\mathbf{y},$$

$$\begin{aligned} & + \sum_{k \xrightarrow{r'} i \in \mathbf{y}} \psi_{grandparent}(i \rightarrow j, k, r', \mathbf{w}; \theta) \\ & + \sum_{i \xrightarrow{r'} s \in \mathbf{y}, s \neq j} \psi_{sibling}(i \xrightarrow{r} j, s, r', \mathbf{w}; \theta) \end{aligned}$$

Computing scores for dependency arcs

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► Linear $\psi(i \rightarrow j, \mathbf{w}; \theta) = \theta \cdot \mathbf{f}(i \rightarrow j)$

► Neural $\psi(i \rightarrow j, \mathbf{w}; \theta) = \text{ard}(\mathbf{f}(i \rightarrow j), \mathbf{w}; \theta)$

► Generative: $\psi(i \rightarrow j, \mathbf{w}; \theta) = \log$

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Linear feature-based arc scores

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- ▶ The length and direction of the arc;
- ▶ The words w_i and w_j linked by the dependency arc;
- ▶ The prefixes, s_i and s_j , of the words w_i and w_j respectively;
- ▶ The neighbors of w_i and w_j , w_{i+1} , w_{i-1} , w_{j+1} , w_{j-1} , and w_{j+2} ;
- ▶ The prefixes, suffixes, and part-of-speech tags of the words.

Learning a linear model with Perceptron

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- ▶ For a model with feature-based arc scores and perceptron loss, we obtain the usual structured perceptron update rule
 - ▶ Finding the tree with the highest score.

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$y' \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathbf{x})$

- ▶ Update the weights

$$\theta = \theta + f(\mathbf{w}, y) - f(\mathbf{w}, \hat{y})$$

Learning a linear model with CRF

- ▶ A CRF for arc-factored dependency parsing is built on the probability model:

$$p(y|\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\exp \sum_r s_r(\mathbf{w}; \theta)}{\sum_y \exp \sum_r s_r(\mathbf{w}; \theta)}$$

Where the pos is the score of one possible dependency graph, and the exponent is the sum of the scores of all possible graphs.

- ▶ Questions: How do we compute the score of one dependency graph? How do we compute the sum of scores for all possible graphs?
- ▶ Such a model is trained to minimize the negative log conditional-likelihood.

Neural arc scores

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- Given vector representation \mathbf{x}_i in the input, a set of arc scores can be computed from a feedforward neural network.

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- where unique
- Specifically computed as:
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$$\mathbf{z} = g(\Theta_r[\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{x}_j] + b_r^{(z)})$$

$$\psi(i \xrightarrow{r} j) = \beta_r \mathbf{z} + b_r^{(y)}$$

where Θ_r is a matrix, β_r is a vector, each b_r is a scalar, the function g is an element-wise *tanh* activation function.

SOA in neural dependency parsing: Biaffine models

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Tutorial: <http://www.cse.chalmers.se/~richajo/nlp2019/I7/Biaffine%20dependency%20parsing.html>

Bi-affine models for dependency parsing

- ▶ The input is a sequence of words and their POS embeddings

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{v}_i^{(word)} \oplus \mathbf{v}_i^{(pos)}$$

- ▶ The input is fed into a BiLSTM to get a sequence of hidden states

$$\mathbf{h}_i$$

- ▶ Each hidden state \mathbf{h}_i is projected into four vectors

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(arc-dep)} = \text{MLP}(\mathbf{h}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(arc-head)} = \text{MLP}^{(arc-head)}(\mathbf{h}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(rel-dep)} = \text{MLP}^{(rel-dep)}(\mathbf{h}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(rel-head)} = \text{MLP}^{(rel-head)}(\mathbf{h}_i)$$

Predicting the arcs with hidden vectors

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- ▶ Given a dependent, pair it up with each potential (other tokens) in the sentence, and compute a score

$$\mathbf{s}_i^{(arc)} = \mathbf{h}_i^{(arc-head)} \mathbf{b}^T(arc)$$

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- ▶ The head is the pair with the highest score

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$$y_i^{(arc)} = \arg \max_j ij$$

Predicting relations with hidden states

- ▶ Given a head transformation to predict the relation labels
- ▶ First use the relation vectors to compute a score for each possible label:

$$s_i^{(rel)} = \mathbf{h}_i^{(rel-head)} \mathbf{U}^{(rel)} \mathbf{b}_j^{(rel)}$$

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What's the shape of \mathbf{U} ?

- ▶ Find the relation label with the highest score:

$$y_i'^{(rel)} = \operatorname{argmax}_j s_{ij}^{(rel)}$$

Breaking potential cycles in factored graph-based
dependency parsing

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- ▶ Since in factored graph-based dependency parsing, for each dependency, a predicted independence edge with the highest score, it is possible that the dependency model might be broken and j is the head of i .
- ▶ When this happens, we need to break the cycle, the resulting dependency tree is well-formed.
- ▶ One algorithm that can do this is the Chu-Liu/Edmonds algorithm.

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The Chu-Liu-Edmonds algorithm

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- ▶ Assuming a model that assigns a score to each possible edge in a dependency tree
- ▶ $x = \text{root}$ John saw Mary

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The Chu-Liu-Edmonds algorithm

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- ▶ start by removing all incoming arcs to v and finding the highest scoring incoming arc for each node

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The Chu-Liu-Edmonds algorithm

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- ▶ If not a tree, identify cycles and contract
- ▶ Recalculate arc weights into and out of cycle
- ▶ New incoming arc weights equal to the weight of the minimum spanning tree that includes the head of the incoming arc and all nodes in cycle
 - ▶ root \rightarrow
 - ▶ root \rightarrow

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The Chu-Liu-Edmonds algorithm

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- This is the final dependency tree

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