

# **Dependency Parsing**

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#### **Shift-Reduce Parsing**

- Alternative to arc-factored models
- Cognitively plausible
- Better at short-range dependencies

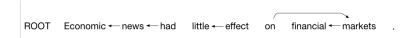
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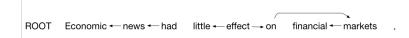
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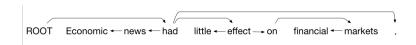












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  - Right: The buffer's next word is the child of the top of the stack

#### Initial and Final Conditions

- Initially the stack has root, the buffer has the sentence's words, and there are no edges
- At the end, the buffer must be empty

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- Stack and buffer must be non-empty; w<sub>i</sub> cannot be the root

## **Action: Right**

- Add an edge  $(w_i, w_i)$
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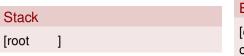
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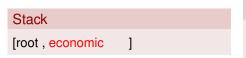


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[economic, news, had, little, effect, on, financial, markets, .]

ROOT Economic news had little effect on financial markets .

Next transition: 1. Shift



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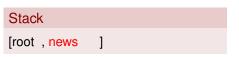


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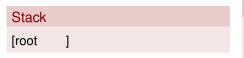


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[had, little, effect, on, financial, markets, .]

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> Next transition: 4. Left

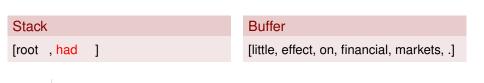


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[had, little, effect, on, financial, markets, .]

ROOT Economic ← news ← had little effect on financial markets

Next transition: 5. Shift



ROOT Economic ← news ← had little effect financial markets on

> Next transition: 6. Shift

## Stack Buffer [root , had , little ] [effect, on, financial, markets, .]

ROOT Economic ← news ← had little effect financial markets on

> Next transition: 7. Left



ROOT Economic ← news ← had little ← effect financial markets on

> Next transition: 8. Shift

## Stack Buffer [root , had , effect ] [on, financial, markets, .]

ROOT Economic ← news ← had little ← effect financial markets on

> Next transition: 9. Shift

## Stack

[root , had , effect , on ]

## Buffer

[financial, markets, .]

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> Next transition: 10. Shift

## Stack

## Buffer

[root , had , effect , on , financial ]

[markets, .]

ROOT Economic ← news ← had little ← effect financial markets on

> Next transition: 11. Left

## Stack Buffer [root , had , effect , on ] [markets, .]

ROOT Economic ← news ← had little ← effect on financial - markets

> Next transition: 12. Right

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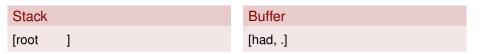
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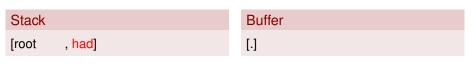
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> Next transition: 14. Right



Next transition:

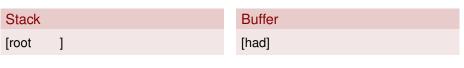
15. Shift

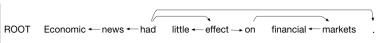




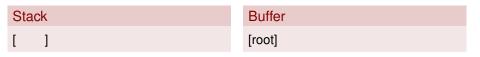
Next transition:

16. Right





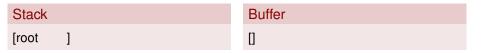
Next transition: 17. Right

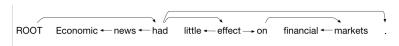




Next transition:

18. Shift





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#### Transition Sequence Algorithm

- Start with root on stack, buffer with whole sentence
- If there's nothing on the stack, you must shift
- If the top of the stack is the child of the top of the buffer, then make a left edge
- If the top of the buffer is is a child of the top of the stack and the top of the buffer has no children that have yet to be added to the tree, then make a right

#### How to apply to data

- Create oracle for all sentences
- Create three-way classifier for each possible actions
- Features
  - The top of the stack
  - Top two words on buffer
  - The parts of speech of the words

## Complexity

- A word can only enter the stack once
- So complexity is O(2N)

#### Comparison

- Shift-reduce parsers are faster
- Shift-reduce parsers do better at local (deeper) connections
- Arc-factored models do better at long-distance dependencies (e.g., verbs)