



# Dependency Parsing

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SHIFT-REDUCE

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## Shift-Reduce Parsing

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

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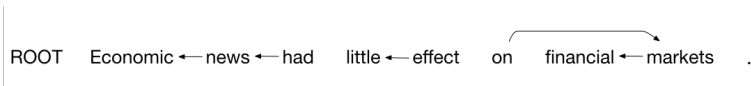
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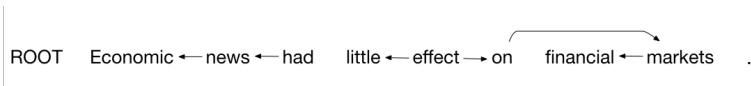
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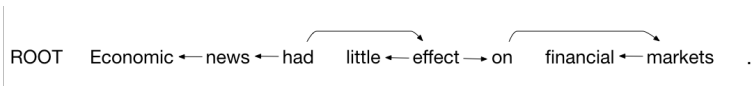




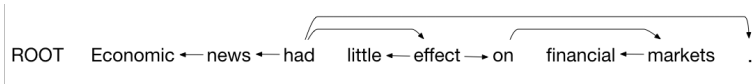
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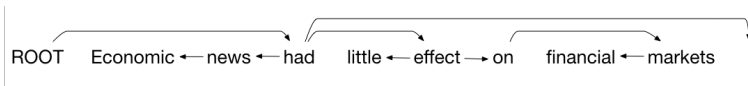
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## Initial and Final Conditions

- 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

## Action: Left

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## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root     ]

### Buffer

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

ROOT   Economic   news   had   little   effect   on   financial   markets   .

Next transition: 1. Shift



## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root , economic ]

### Buffer

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

ROOT   Economic   news   had   little   effect   on   financial   markets   .

Next transition: 2. Left

## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root     ]

### Buffer

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

ROOT   Economic ← news   had   little   effect   on   financial   markets   .

Next transition: 3. Shift

## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root , news ]

### Buffer

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

ROOT Economic ← news had little effect on financial markets .

Next transition: 4. Left

## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root     ]

### Buffer

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

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

Next transition:    5. Shift

## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root , **had** ]

### Buffer

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

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

Next transition:      6. Shift

## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root , had , little ]

### Buffer

[effect, on, financial, markets, .]

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

Next transition:      7. Left

## Shift Reduce Example

Stack

[root , had ]

Buffer

[effect, on, financial, markets, .]

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

Next transition: 8. Shift

## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root , had , effect ]

### Buffer

[on, financial, markets, .]

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

Next transition:      9. Shift



## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root , had , effect , on ]

### Buffer

[financial, markets, .]

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

Next transition:      10. Shift

## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root , had , effect , on , financial ]

### Buffer

[markets, .]

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

Next transition:            11. Left

## Shift Reduce Example

### Stack

[root , had , effect , on ]

### Buffer

[markets, .]

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Next transition:            12. Right

## Shift Reduce Example

Stack

[root , had , effect ]

Buffer

[on, .]

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Next transition:

13. Right

## Shift Reduce Example

Stack

[root , had ]

Buffer

[effect, .]

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Next transition:

14. Right

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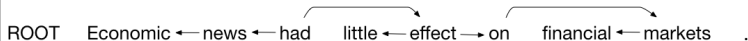
Stack

[root    ]

Buffer

[had, .]

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Next transition:

15. Shift

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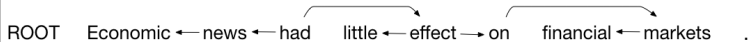
Stack

[root , had]

Buffer

[.]

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Next transition:

16. Right

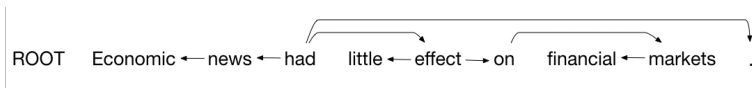
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[root ]

Buffer

[had]



Next transition:

17. Right



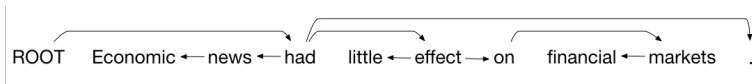
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Stack

[ ]

Buffer

[root]



Next transition:

18. Shift

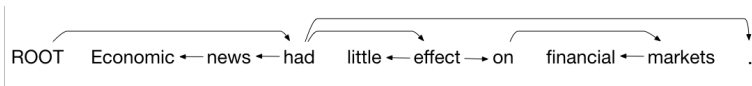
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Stack

[root    ]

Buffer

[]



Next transition:

## 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)