

LING/C SC 581:

Advanced Computational Linguistics

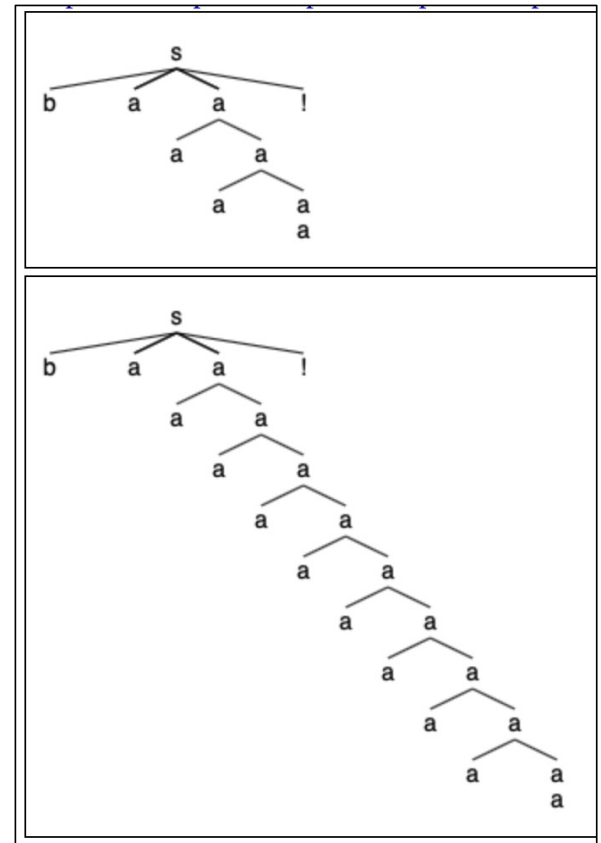
Lecture 24

Last Time

- Prolog grammar rule re-cap.
 1. is a string a member of the language (*generated by the grammar*)? **Give me a parse.**
 2. what are the strings (*and associated parses*) of the language?
- **Example** (*each nonterminal with a parse tree argument*):

$\text{S}(\text{s}(\text{b}, \text{a}, \text{A}, !)) \rightarrow [\text{b}, \text{a}], \text{a}(\text{A}), [!]$
 $\text{a}(\text{a}(\text{a})) \rightarrow [\text{a}]$
 $\text{a}(\text{a}(\text{a}, \text{A})) \rightarrow [\text{a}], \text{a}(\text{A})$

```
1. s(Tree, [b,a,a,a,a,!], []).
2. s(Tree, String, []).
```



Language $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$ is not context-free

- But we can still write grammars for it:
 1. CFG (context-free grammar) + extra arguments for grammatical constraints
 2. CFG + counting, cf. Perl
 3. CSG (context-sensitive grammar) rules

Extra arguments

- A CFG+EA for $a^n b^n c^n$ $n > 0$: Set membership question

```
[?- [abc_parse].  
true.
```

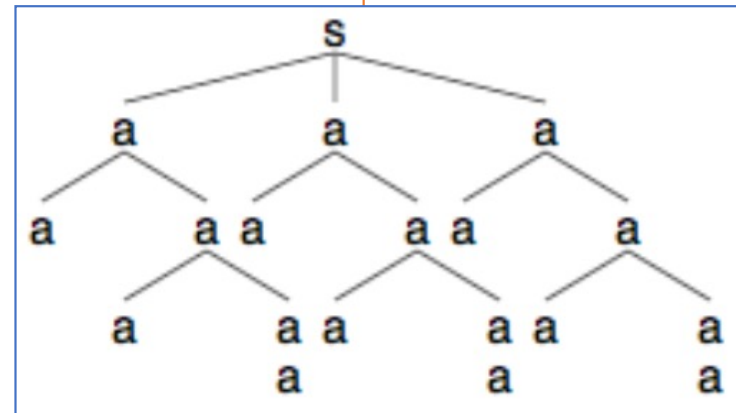
```
[?- s(Parse,[a,a,a,b,b,b,c,c,c],[]).  
Parse = s(a(a, a(a, a(a))), a(a, a(a, a(a))), a(a, a(a, a(a)))) ;  
false.
```

```
[?- s(Parse,[a,a,a,b,b,b,c,c],[]).  
false.
```

```
[?- s(Parse,[a,a,a,b,b,c,c,c],[]).  
false.
```

```
[?- s(Parse,[a,a,b,b,b,c,c,c],[]).  
false.
```

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?- █
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Extra arguments

- A context-free grammar (CFG) + extra argument (EA) for the context-sensitive language $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$:

1. $s(s(A, A, A)) \rightarrow a(A), b(A), c(A)$.

2. $a(a(a)) \rightarrow [a]$.

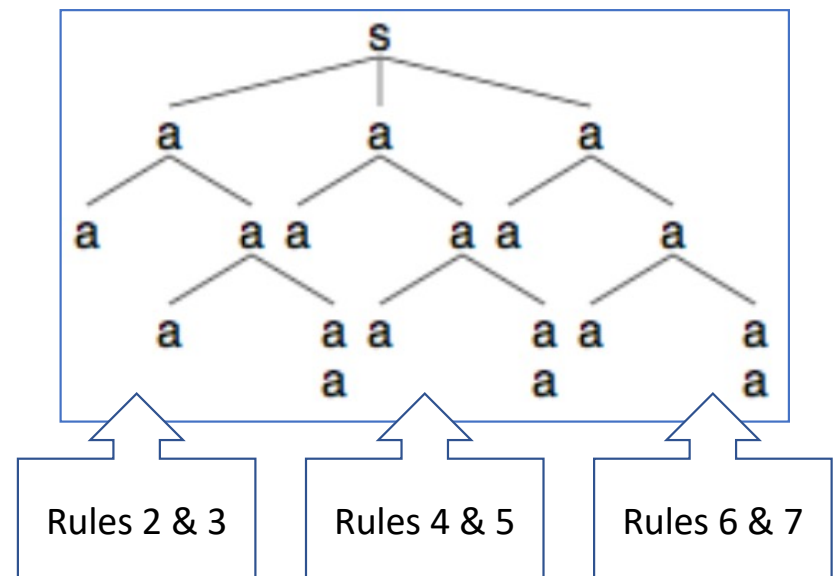
3. $a(a(a, X)) \rightarrow [a], a(X)$.

4. $b(a(a)) \rightarrow [b]$. % cf. $b(b)$

5. $b(a(a, X)) \rightarrow [b], b(X)$.

6. $c(a(a)) \rightarrow [c]$. % cf. $c(c)$

7. $c(a(a, X)) \rightarrow [c], c(X)$.



Extra arguments

- A CFG+EA for $a^n b^n c^n$ $n > 0$:

```
?- s(_, [a,a,b,b,c,c,c], []).  
false.
```

```
?- s(_, [a,a,b,b,c,c], []).  
true .
```

```
?- s(_, [a,a,b,b,c], []).  
false.
```

```
?- s(_, [a,a,b,b,c,c,c], []).  
false.
```

```
?- s(_, [a,a,a,b,b,b,c,c,c], []).  
true .
```

Set membership
question

Extra arguments

- A CFG+EA grammar for $a^n b^n c^n$ $n > 0$:

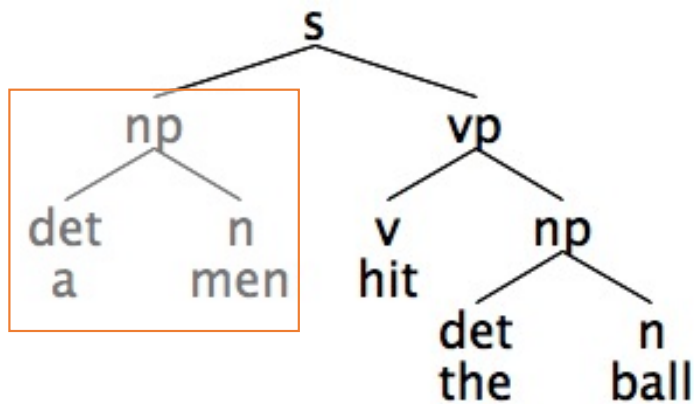
language
enumeration

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?- s(Parse, Sentence, []).  
Parse = s(a(a), a(a), a(a)),  
Sentence = [a, b, c] ;  
Parse = s(a(a, a(a)), a(a, a(a)), a(a, a(a))),  
Sentence = [a, a, b, b, c, c] ;  
Parse = s(a(a, a(a, a(a))), a(a, a(a, a(a))), a(a, a(a, a(a)))),  
Sentence = [a, a, a, b, b, b, c, c, c] ;  
Parse = s(a(a, a(a, a(a, a(a)))), a(a, a(a, a(a, a(a)))), a(a, a(a, a(a, a(a))))),  
Sentence = [a, a, a, a, b, b, b, b, c|...] [write]  
Parse = s(a(a, a(a, a(a, a(a)))), a(a, a(a, a(a, a(a)))), a(a, a(a, a(a, a(a))))),
```

Extra Arguments: Agreement

- **Idea:**

- We can also use an extra argument to impose constraints between constituents within a DCG rule

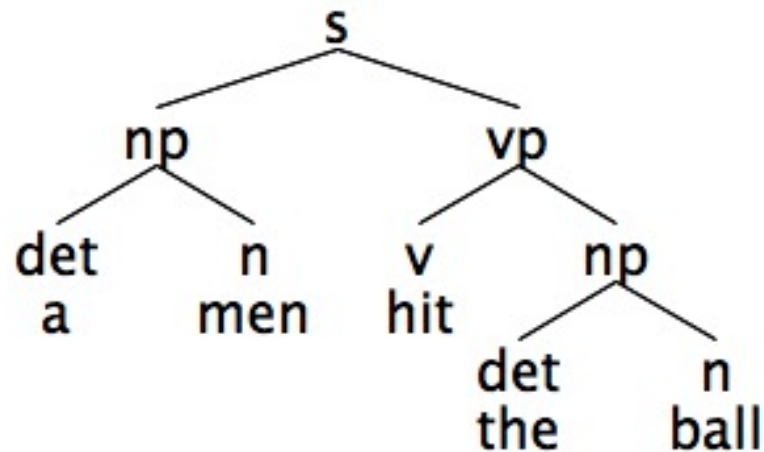


- **Example:**

- English determiner-noun number agreement
- Data:
 - the man
 - the men
 - a man
 - ***a men**
- Lexical Features (Number):
 - *man* valued singular (sg)
 - *men* valued plural (pl)
 - *the* valued (sg/pl)
 - *a* valued singular (sg)

Extra Arguments: Agreement

```
np(np(D,N)) --> det(D, Number), common_noun(N, Number).  
det(dt(the), sg) --> [the].  
det(dt(the), pl) --> [the].  
det(dt(a), sg) --> [a].  
common_noun(nn(ball), sg) --> [ball].  
common_noun(nn(man), sg) --> [man].  
common_noun(nns(men), pl) --> [men].
```



Extra Arguments: Agreement

Note:

- Use of the extra argument for agreement here is basically “syntactic sugar” and **lends no more expressive** power to the grammar rule system
- i.e. *we can enforce the agreement without the use of the extra argument at the cost of more rules*

- Instead of

```
np(np(D,N)) --> det(D,Number),  
common_noun(N,Number).
```

we could have written:

```
np(np(D,N)) --> detsg(D), common_nounsg(N).
```

```
np(np(D,N)) --> detpl(D), common_nounpl(N).
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```
detsg(dt(a)) --> [a].
```

```
detsg(dt(the)) --> [the].
```

```
detpl(dt(the)) --> [the].
```

```
common_nounsg(nn(ball)) --> [ball].
```

```
common_nounsg(nn(man)) --> [man].
```

```
common_nounpl(nn(men)) --> [men].
```

Language $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

1. CFG (context-free grammar) + extra arguments for grammatical constraints
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3. CSG (context-sensitive grammar) rules

Another grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- Use Prolog's arithmetic predicates.
- $\{ \dots \}$ embeds Prolog code inside grammar rules

-Number is +Expr

[ISO]

True when *Number* is the value to which *Expr* evaluates. Typically, `is/2` should be used with unbound left operand. If equality is to be tested, `==/2` should be used. For example:

`?- 1 is sin(pi/2).` Fails! `sin(pi/2)` evaluates to the float 1.0, which does not unify with the integer 1.

`?- 1 == sin(pi/2).` Succeeds as expected.

```
?- X is 7*8.  
X = 56.
```

```
?- Y = 2, X is 3+Y.  
Y = 2,  
X = 5.
```

```
?- X is 3+Y.
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ERROR: is/2: Arguments are not sufficiently instantiated
```

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?-
```

These are not nonterminal or terminal symbols. Used in grammar rules, we must enclose these statements within curly braces. Recall `(?{... Perl code ...})`

Another Grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- Explicit computation of the number of a's using arithmetic.
- $\{ \dots \}$ embeds Prolog code inside grammar rules

```
1 s --> a(N), b(N), c(N).  
2 a(1) --> [a].  
3 a(N) --> [a], a(M), {N is M+1}.  
4 b(1) --> [b].  
5 b(N) --> [b], b(M), {N is M+1}.  
6 c(1) --> [c].  
7 c(N) --> [c], c(M), {N is M+1}.
```

Another Grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

```
[trace] ?- s([a,a,b,b,c,c],[]).
```

```
Call: (7) s([a, a, b, b, c, c], []) ?
```

```
Call: (8) a(_G446, [a, a, b, b, c, c], _G448) ?
```

```
Call: (9) a(_G446, [a, b, b, c, c], _G448) ?
```

```
Call: (10) a(_G446, [b, b, c, c], _G448) ?
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Fail: (10) a(_G446, [b, b, c, c], _G448) ?
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Redo: (9) a(_G446, [a, b, b, c, c], _G448) ?
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Exit: (9) a(1, [a, b, b, c, c], [b, b, c, c]) ?
```

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^ Call: (9) _G452 is 1+1 ?
```

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^ Exit: (9) 2 is 1+1 ?
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Call: (9) _G452=[b, b, c, c] ?
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Exit: (9) [b, b, c, c]=[b, b, c, c] ?
```

```
Exit: (8) a(2, [a, a, b, b, c, c], [b, b, c, c]) ?
```

Parsing the a's

Another Grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- Computing the b's

```
Call: (8) b(2, [b, b, c, c], _G451) ?  
Call: (9) b(_G449, [b, c, c], _G451) ?  
Call: (10) b(_G449, [c, c], _G451) ?  
Fail: (10) b(_G449, [c, c], _G451) ?  
Redo: (9) b(_G449, [b, c, c], _G451) ?  
Exit: (9) b(1, [b, c, c], [c, c]) ?  
Call: (9) 2 is 1+1 ?  
Exit: (9) 2 is 1+1 ?  
Call: (9) _G455=[c, c] ?  
Exit: (9) [c, c]=[c, c] ?  
Exit: (8) b(2, [b, b, c, c], [c, c]) ?
```

Another Grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- Computing the c's

```
Call: (8) c(2, [c, c], []) ?  
Call: (9) c(_G452, [c], _G454) ?  
Call: (10) c(_G452, [], _G454) ?  
Fail: (10) c(_G452, [], _G454) ?  
Redo: (9) c(_G452, [c], _G454) ?  
Exit: (9) c(1, [c], []) ?  
Call: (9) 2 is 1+1 ?  
Exit: (9) 2 is 1+1 ?  
Call: (9) []=[] ?  
Exit: (9) []=[] ?  
Exit: (8) c(2, [c, c], []) ?  
Exit: (7) s([a, a, b, b, c, c], []) ?
```


Another grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- Grammar is “correct” but not so efficient...
 - consider string $[a, a, b, b, b, b, b, b, c, c]$

1. $s \rightarrow a(X), b(X), c(X).$
2. $a(1) \rightarrow [a].$
3. $a(N) \rightarrow [a], a(M), \{N \text{ is } M+1\}.$
4. $b(1) \rightarrow [b].$
5. $b(N) \rightarrow [b], b(M), \{N \text{ is } M+1\}.$
6. $c(1) \rightarrow [c].$
7. $c(N) \rightarrow [c], c(M), \{N \text{ is } M+1\}.$

counts upwards

could
change to
count
down

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A context-sensitive grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

Non-contracting grammar definition

- A CSG (type-1) has rules of the form $\text{LHS} \rightarrow \text{RHS}$
 - such that both LHS and RHS can be arbitrary strings of terminals and non-terminals, and
 - $|\text{RHS}| \geq |\text{LHS}|$ (otherwise type-0)
 - **Notation:** $|\text{symbols}| = \# \text{ symbols}$
 - **(exception:** $S \rightarrow \varepsilon$, S not in RHS)

A context-sensitive grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

Context-sensitive definition

- Consider a context-free rule of the form $N \rightarrow \gamma$
 - N a single nonterminal
 - γ a nonempty string of terminals and nonterminals
- Then a CSG rule has the form $\alpha N \beta \rightarrow \alpha \gamma \beta$
 - α, β are strings of terminals and nonterminals (possibly empty)
 - (**exception:** $S \rightarrow \varepsilon$, S not in RHS)

A context-sensitive grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- SWI Prolog permits some quirky extensions to the DCG rules:
 - General format: LHS \rightarrow RHS.
 - LHS must begin with a nonterminal. Cannot have a rule like, e.g. `[a], a \rightarrow [a]`.
 - Rest of LHS could be anything...
- Examples:

- `s \rightarrow a, b.`
- `a, b \rightarrow [c].`
- `a \rightarrow [a].`
- `a \rightarrow [a], a.`
- `b \rightarrow [b].`

- `s \rightarrow a, b.`
- `a, b \rightarrow [c].`
- `a, [a], b \rightarrow [d].`
- `a \rightarrow [a].`
- `a \rightarrow a, [a].`
- `b \rightarrow [b].`

- `s \rightarrow a, b.`
- `a \rightarrow [a].`
- `b \rightarrow [b].`
- `[a], b \rightarrow [c].`

**ERROR: No permission to
define `dcg_nonterminal` `'[a]'`**

A context-sensitive grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- This is *almost* a normal Prolog DCG ([abc_cs.prolog](#)):
 - (but rules 5 & 6 have more than only a single non-terminal on the LHS, \therefore not context-free):

1. $s \rightarrow [a, b, c].$
2. $s \rightarrow [a], a, [b, c].$
3. $a \rightarrow [a, b], c.$
4. $a \rightarrow [a], a, [b], c.$
5. $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c.$
6. $c, [c] \rightarrow [c, c].$

- *satisfies noncontracting constraint*
- **Note:** rules 5 and 6 are responsible for shuffling the c's to the end

A context-sensitive grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- Case: $n = 1$

- Rule 1 suffices.

1. $s \rightarrow [a, b, c].$

2. $s \rightarrow [a], a, [b, c].$

3. $a \rightarrow [a, b], c.$

4. $a \rightarrow [a], a, [b], c.$

5. $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c.$

6. $c, [c] \rightarrow [c], c.$

A context-sensitive grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- Case: $n = 2$

1. $s \rightarrow [a, b, c].$
2. $s \rightarrow [a], a, [b, c].$
3. $a \rightarrow [a, b], c.$
4. $a \rightarrow [a], a, [b], c.$
5. $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c.$
6. $c, [c] \rightarrow [c, c].$

Note: list notation

- $[a, b, c]$ is short for $[a], [b], [c]$
- $[b, c]$ is short for $[b], [c]$
- etc.

- Sentential forms:

- (expanding items in red)

1. s
2. $[a], a, [b, c]$ (rule 2)
3. $[a], [a, b], c, [b, c]$ (rule 3)
4. $[a, a, b], c, [b], [c]$ (list notation)
5. $[a, a, b], [b], c, [c]$ (rule 5)
6. $[a, a, b], [b], [c, c]$ (rule 6)
7. $[a, a, b, b, c, c]$ (list notation)

A context-sensitive grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- Case: $n = 3$

1. $s \rightarrow [a, b, c].$
2. $s \rightarrow [a], a, [b, c].$
3. $a \rightarrow [a, b], c.$
4. $a \rightarrow [a], a, [b], c.$
5. $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c.$
6. $c, [c] \rightarrow [c, c].$

Note: list notation

- $[a, b, c]$ is short for $[a], [b], [c]$
- $[b, c]$ is short for $[b], [c]$
- etc.

1. s
2. $[a], a, [b, c]$ (rule 2)
3. $[a], [a, b], c, [b, c]$ (rule 3)
3. $[a], [a], a, [b], c, [b, c]$ (rule 4)
4. $[a, a], [a, b], c, [b], c, [b, c]$ (rule 3)
5. $[a, a], [a, b], [b], c, c, [b, c]$ (rule 5)
6. $[a, a, a, b, b], c, [b], c, [c]$ (rule 5)
7. $[a, a, a, b, b], [b], c, c, [c]$ (rule 5)
8. $[a, a, a, b, b], [b], c, [c, c]$ (rule 6)
9. $[a, a, a, b, b], [b], [c, c], [c]$ (rule 6)
10. $[a, a, a, b, b, b, c, c, c]$

A context-sensitive grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

?- listing([s,a,c]).

1. **s([a, b, c|A], A).**
2. **s([a|A], C) :- a(A, B), B=[b, c|C].**
3. **a([a, b|A], B) :- c(A, B).**
4. **a([a|A], D) :- a(A, B), B=[b|C], c(C, D).**
5. **c(A, C) :- A=[b|B], c(B, D), C=[b|D].**
6. **c([c, c|A], [c|A]).**

1. **s --> [a,b,c].**
2. **s --> [a],a,[b,c].**
3. **a --> [a,b], c.**
4. **a --> [a],a,[b],c.**
5. **c,[b] --> [b], c.**
6. **c,[c] --> [c,c].**

Difference lists

s(List1, List2)

?-s([a,b,c],[])

List1	List2	Difference
[1,2,3]	[3] =>	[1,2]
[1,2,3,4,5]	[5] =>	[1,2,3,4]
[1,2,3,4,5]	[4,5] =>	[1,2,3]

A context-sensitive grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

- $c, [c] \rightarrow [c, c].$ $c([c, c|A], [c|A]).$
- Grammar rule says:
 - nonterminal c gets expanded into terminal c when the nonterminal c is followed by a terminal c
 - cf. context-free counterpart $c \rightarrow [c].$
- Prolog code says:
 - nonterminal c expands into terminal c
 - Input: $[c, c, \dots]$ (c is right context, but not part of
 - Output: $[c, \dots]$ nonterminal c expansion)

A context-sensitive grammar for $\{a^n b^n c^n \mid n > 0\}$

• $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c.$ $c(A, C) :- A=[b|B], c(B, D), C=[b|D].$

• Grammar rule says:

- flip order of nonterminal c and terminal b

• Prolog code says:

- Input: $[b, \dots c \dots, \dots]$
- Call c : $[\dots c \dots, \dots]$
- Exit c : $[\dots]$
- Output: $[b, \dots]$

Example:

- (A) $[b, c, c]$
- (B) $[c, c]$
- (D) $[c]$
- (C) $[b, c]$

Example:

- $[b, b, c, c, c]$
- $[b, c, c, c]$
- $[b, c, c]$
- $[b, b, c, c]$

↑	b	↑	... c ...	↑	... rest of string ...
A		B		D	

Dotted Rules

- Dot (●) indicates where we are in a grammar rule

- Examples:

• S -> ● NP VP	[the, man, saw, the, dog]
• S -> NP ● VP	[saw, the, dog]
• S -> NP VP ●	[]
• VP -> ● V NP	[saw, the, dog]
• VP -> V ● NP	[the, dog]
• VP -> V NP ●	[]
• NP -> ● DT NN	[the, man, saw, the, dog]
• NP -> DT ● NN	[man, saw, the, dog]
• NP -> DT NN ●	[saw, the, dog]

Dotted Rules

- Dot (●) can also indicate where we are in the grammar
- $S \rightarrow \bullet NP VP$; $NP \rightarrow \bullet DT NN$ [the, man, saw, the, dog]
- $S \rightarrow \bullet NP VP$; $NP \rightarrow DT \bullet NN$ [man, saw, the, dog]
- $S \rightarrow NP \bullet VP$; $NP \rightarrow DT NN \bullet$ [saw, the, dog]

- $S \rightarrow NP \bullet VP$; $VP \rightarrow \bullet V NP$ [saw, the, dog]
- $S \rightarrow NP \bullet VP$; $VP \rightarrow V \bullet NP$ [the, dog]
- $S \rightarrow NP \bullet VP$; $VP \rightarrow V \bullet NP$; $NP \rightarrow \bullet DT NN$ [the, dog]
- $S \rightarrow NP \bullet VP$; $VP \rightarrow V \bullet NP$; $NP \rightarrow DT \bullet NN$ [dog]
- $S \rightarrow NP VP \bullet$; $VP \rightarrow V NP \bullet$; $NP \rightarrow DT NN \bullet$ []

Used in various parsing algorithms:

- Earley Algorithm (in textbook)
- LR Algorithm (in this course)

Dotted rule: $n = 2$ $[a,a,b,b,c,c]$

• Derivation:

- $S \rightarrow abc; S \rightarrow aAbc; A \rightarrow abC; A \rightarrow aAbC; Cb \rightarrow bC; Cc \rightarrow cc$

1. $S \rightarrow \bullet aAbc$ $[a,a,b,b,c,c]$
2. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow \bullet abC$ $[a,b,b,c,c]$
3. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow \bullet bC$ $[b,c,c]$
4. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ $[c,c]$
5. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow cc\bullet$ $[c]$
6. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow bC\bullet$ $[b,c]$
7. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow abC\bullet$ $[b,c]$
8. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow aA\bullet bC$ $[b,c]$
9. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow aAb\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ $[c,c]$
10. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow aAb\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow cc\bullet$ $[c]$
11. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow aAb\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow bC\bullet$ $[b,c]$
12. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow aAbC\bullet$ $[b,c]$
13. $S \rightarrow aA\bullet bc$ $[b,c]$
14. $S \rightarrow aAbc\bullet$ $[]$

• Grammar:

1. $s \rightarrow [a,b,c].$
2. $s \rightarrow [a],a,[b,c].$
3. $a \rightarrow [a,b],c.$
4. $a \rightarrow [a],a,[b],c.$
5. $c,[b] \rightarrow [b],c.$
6. $c,[c] \rightarrow [c,c].$

Trace: n = 2

[a,a,b,b,c,c]

s spans [a,a,b,b,c,c] leaving [] afterwards

dot (•) indicates our current position

1. **Call:** (10) s([a, a, b, b, c, c], []) ?
2. **Call:** (11) a([a, b, b, c, c], _10600) ?
3. **Call:** (12) c([b, c, c], _10644) ?
4. **Call:** (13) c([c, c], _10782) ?
5. **Exit:** (13) c([c, c], [c])
6. **Exit:** (12) c([b, c, c], [b, c])
7. **Exit:** (11) a([a, b, b, c, c], [b, c])
8. **Exit:** (10) s([a, a, b, b, c, c], [])

rule 2: $s \rightarrow \bullet[a], a, [b, c]$
rule 2: $s \rightarrow [a] \bullet a, [b, c]$
rule 3: $a \rightarrow \bullet[a, b], c$
rule 3: $a \rightarrow [a, b] \bullet c$
rule 5: $c, [b] \rightarrow \bullet[b], c$
rule 5: $c, [b] \rightarrow [b] \bullet c$
rule 6: $c, [c] \rightarrow \bullet[c, c]$
rule 6: $c, [c] \rightarrow [c, c] \bullet$
rule 5: $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c \bullet$
rule 3: $a \rightarrow [a, b], c \bullet$
rule 2: $s \rightarrow [a], a \bullet[b, c]$
rule 2: $s \rightarrow [a], a [b, c] \bullet$

• Grammar:

1. $s \rightarrow [a, b, c] .$
2. $s \rightarrow [a], a, [b, c] .$
3. $a \rightarrow [a, b], c .$
4. $a \rightarrow [a], a, [b], c .$
5. $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c .$
6. $c, [c] \rightarrow [c, c] .$

Dotted rule: $n = 3$ [a,a,a,b,b,b,b,c,c]

• Derivation:

- $S \rightarrow abc; S \rightarrow aAbc; A \rightarrow abC; A \rightarrow aAbC; Cb \rightarrow bC; Cc \rightarrow cc$

1. $S \rightarrow \bullet aAbc$ [a,a,a,b,b,b,c,c]
2. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow \bullet aAbC$ [a,a,b,b,b,c,c]
3. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow \bullet abC$ [a,b,b,b,c,c]
4. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow \bullet bC$ [b,b,c,c]
5. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow \bullet bC$ [b,c,c]
6. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [c,c]
7. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [c,c]
8. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [b,c]
9. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [b,c,c]
10. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [b,b,c]
11. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [b,b,c,c]
12. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [b,c,c]
13. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [c,c]
14. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [c]
15. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [b,c]
16. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [b,c]
17. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ [b,c]
18. $S \rightarrow a\bullet Abc; A \rightarrow a\bullet AbC; A \rightarrow ab\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cb \rightarrow b\bullet C; Cc \rightarrow \bullet cc$ []

• Grammar:

1. $s \rightarrow [a,b,c]$
2. $s \rightarrow [a],a,[b,c]$
3. $a \rightarrow [a,b],c$
4. $a \rightarrow [a],a,[b],c$
5. $c,[b] \rightarrow [b],c$
6. $c,[c] \rightarrow [c],c$

Trace: n = 3

[a,a,a,b,b,b,b,c,c]

1. **Call:** (10) s([a, a, a, b, b, b, c, c, c], []) ?
2. **Call:** (11) a([a, a, b, b, b, c, c, c], _13226) ?
3. **Call:** (12) a([a, b, b, b, c, c, c], _13270) ?
4. **Call:** (13) c([b, b, c, c, c], _13314) ?
5. **Call:** (14) c([b, c, c, c], _13452) ?
6. **Call:** (15) c([c, c, c], _13590) ?
7. **Exit:** (15) c([c, c, c], [c, c])
8. **Exit:** (14) c([b, c, c, c], [b, c, c])
9. **Exit:** (13) c([b, b, c, c, c], [b, b, c, c])
10. **Exit:** (12) a([a, b, b, b, c, c, c], [b, b, c, c])
11. **Call:** (12) c([b, c, c], _14236) ?
12. **Call:** (13) c([c, c], _14374) ?
13. **Exit:** (13) c([c, c], [c])
14. **Exit:** (12) c([b, c, c], [b, c])
15. **Exit:** (11) a([a, a, b, b, b, c, c, c], [b, c])
16. **Exit:** (10) s([a, a, a, b, b, b, c, c, c], []) ?

rule 2: $s \rightarrow \bullet[a], a, [b, c]$

rule 4: $a \rightarrow \bullet[a], a, [b], c$

rule 3: $a \rightarrow \bullet[a, b], c$

rule 5: $c, [b] \rightarrow \bullet[b], c$

rule 5: $c, [b] \rightarrow \bullet[b], c$

rule 6: $c, [c] \rightarrow \bullet[c, c]$

rule 6: $c, [c] \rightarrow [c, c] \bullet$

rule 5: $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c \bullet$

rule 5: $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c \bullet$

rule 3: $a \rightarrow [a, b], c \bullet$; rule 4: $a \rightarrow [a], a \bullet[b], c$

rule 5: $c, [b] \rightarrow \bullet[b], c$

rule 6: $c, [c] \rightarrow \bullet[c, c]$

rule 6: $c, [c] \rightarrow [c, c] \bullet$

rule 5: $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c \bullet$

rule 4: $a \rightarrow [a], a [b], c \bullet$; rule 2: $s \rightarrow [a], a \bullet[b, c]$

rule 2: $s \rightarrow [a], a [b, c] \bullet$

• Grammar:

1. $s \rightarrow [a, b, c].$
2. $s \rightarrow [a], a, [b, c].$
3. $a \rightarrow [a, b], c.$
4. $a \rightarrow [a], a, [b], c.$
5. $c, [b] \rightarrow [b], c.$
6. $c, [c] \rightarrow [c, c].$