

Syntactic Parsing.

Syntactic parsing is the process of analyzing the grammatical structure of a sentence based on a set of grammar rules. It determines how words are arranged hierarchically to convey meaning.

Why is "Syntactic" / "Parsing" important?

- *) Helps understand sentence structure in NLP application.
- *) Essential for machine translation, question answering, sentiment analysis, and grammar checking.
- *) Aids in resolving ambiguities in language processing.

Types of Syntactic Parsing :-

① constituency parsing (Phrase-structure parsing)

↳ Uses context-free Grammars (CFGs) to construct hierarchical parse trees.

② Dependency parsing:

→ Focuses on word-to-word relationships rather than phrase structure

Constituency Parsing :-

→ Constituency parsing is a phrase-structure analysis technique in NLP that represents a sentence using a hierarchical tree based on CFG rules.

→ It breaks a sentence into constituents (phrases) such as noun phrases (NP), verb phrases (VP), prepositional phrases (PP) etc.

CFG :- (write about CFG). also parsing
- top down
- bottom up.

Real-Time NLP appn:-
chatbot & AI assistants

ex:- "set an alarm for 7 A.M".

constituency parse tree:

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(S
  (VP (V set)
    (NP (Det an) (N alarm))
    (PP (P for)
      (NP (N 7 AM))))))
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The AI assistant analyzes the structure to understand:

- Main Action (v) : "set"
- What to set (NP) : "an alarm"
- Additional context (PP) : "for 7 AM".

How Parsing Helps ?

- *) Identifies the main action (set) and the object (alarm).
- *) Extract the time reference (7 AM) from the prepositional phrase (PP).
- *) Helps the AI accurately process under Commands.

Dependency parsing .

Dependency parsing is a syntactic analysis technique in NLP that identifies relationships between words in a sentence.

Instead of focusing on phrase structure (like constituency parsing), dependency parsing represents a sentence as a directed graph where:

- Nodes represent words
- Edges (arcs) represents relationships between words, called dependencies

Why is dependency parsing important?

- Helps in sentence structure analysis
- Used in machine translation, information extraction, chatbots and search engines.
- Resolve ambiguity in NLP by identifying the correct syntactic relations.

Key components of Dependency Grammar:

Grammar:

① Head: A word that governs another word.
(e.g. a verb governs a noun)

② Dependent: A word that depends on another word.
(e.g. an object depends on a verb)

③ Relations: Describe how words relate to each other. (e.g. subject-verb, verb-object).

Ex:

Sentence: "The dog chased the cat".

Head: "chased" (verb)
Dependent: "dog" (subject),
"cat" (object),
"the" (determiner)

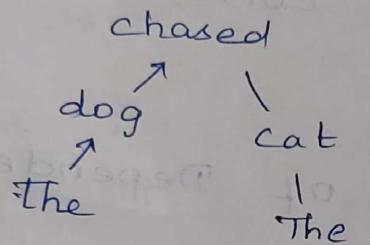
Relations :-

"dog" → subject of "chased"

"cat" → object of "chased"

"the" → modifies "dog" & "cat"

Dependency Tree Representation:

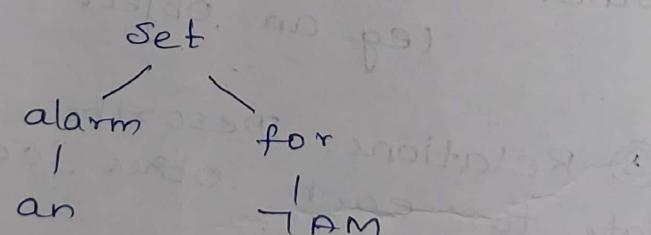


Real-Time Ex: AI chatbots

Consider a voice assistant (e.g. Siri, Alexa) where a user asks:

"Set alarm for 7AM".

Dependency Tree:



Dependency Analysis:

"set" (verb) → Head of the sentence.

"alarm" (noun) → Object of "set" (obj)

"for" (preposition) → connects "alarm" and "7AM" (Prep)

"7AM" → Time Specification.

How parsing Helps?

- Identifies the action ("set").
- Determines the object ("alarm")
- Extracts additional context (for 7 AM)
- Helps AI interpret user commands correctly.

Dependency parsing vs constituency parsing.
Dependency parsing (DP) vs Constituency Parsing (CP)

Feature	DP	CP
Focus	Direct relationship between words	phrase structure (NP, VP, etc)
Grammar used	Dependency grammar	Context-free grammar (CFG)
Representation	Tree with arrows (head-dependent)	Hierarchical tree (nested phrases)
Best used for	Information extraction, Question Answering	Machine translation, speech recognition

Ex:-
The cat sat on the mat
"sat" is the head

"The cat sat" → NP, VP, PP.

Dynamic parsing in NLP.

Dynamic parsing is an efficient parsing technique that uses dynamic programming to analyze the structure of sentences.

Instead of recomputing results for the same subproblems, dynamic parsing stores intermediate results and reuse them.

This significantly improves parsing efficiency, especially for longer and complex sentence.

Why is dynamic parsing important?

- Avoids redundant computations, making parsing faster.
- Helps in efficient syntactic parsing, particularly for large-scale NLP tasks.

→ used in probabilistic parsing where multiple parse tree exist for a sentence.

Types of Dynamic parsing in NLP:-

Dynamic parsing is commonly used in context free grammar (CFG) parsing and can be categorized into :-

① CYK Algorithm (cocke- Younger- Kasami) Algorithm

→ Works for CNF (Chomsky Normal Form grammars)

→ uses bottom-up dynamic programming to parse sentences

→ Time complexity: $O(n^3)$ where n is the sentence length.

② Early parsing Algorithm

→ works for any CFG (not just CNF)

→ uses both top-down & bottom-up

parsing.

→ Efficient for both left recursive and right recursive grammars.

→ Time complexity: $O(n^3)$ in worst case, & $O(n^2)$ for unambiguous grammar.

Ex :-

CYK Alg :-

The CYK alg works only for Chomsky Normal Form (CNF), where:

1. Rules must be in the form

$$A \rightarrow BC \quad \text{OR}$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

2. No empty rules (ϵ)



Ex :- CYK

Converted to CNF.

$$S \rightarrow NP \quad VP$$

$$NP \rightarrow Det \ N$$

$$VP \rightarrow V \ NP$$

$$Det \rightarrow "The"$$

$$N \rightarrow "dog" \ | "cat"$$

$$V \rightarrow "chased"$$

Note:-

NP \rightarrow Det N Pp

\Downarrow to CNF

Nominal \rightarrow Noun Pp

NP \rightarrow Det Nominal

Sentence to parse:

"The dog chased the cat".

CYK Table construction:

Words	1 st step (Terminals)	2 nd Step	3 rd step final parse.
The	Det	NP	S
dog	N	NP	
chased	V	VP	

the	Det	NP
cat	N	NP

The top-right cell(s) indicates a valid parse.

Real-Time Application:- Machine Translation
(Google Translate)

→ Sentence : "El perro persiguió al gato".
(Spanish) \rightarrow "The dog chased the cat".

→ CYK parsing ensures that grammar rules are applied correctly in translation.

Early parsing Alg - Ex:

Unlike CYK, Early parsing works for any left and right - recursive rules.

Ex :- Grammar

$$S \rightarrow NP \quad VP$$

$$NP \rightarrow Det \quad N \mid N$$

$$VP \rightarrow v \quad NP$$

$$Det \rightarrow "The"$$

$$N \rightarrow "dog" \mid "cat"$$

$$v \rightarrow "chased"$$

Sentence :- "The dog chased the cat".

Earley Table

Step	Scanned word	Predicted Rules	Completed rules
1.	The	Det \rightarrow "The"	$NP \rightarrow Det \ N$
2.	dog	N \rightarrow "dog"	$NP \rightarrow Det \ N$
3.	chased	v \rightarrow "chased"	$VP \rightarrow v \ NP$
4.	the	Det \rightarrow "The"	$NP \rightarrow Det \ N$
5.	cat	N \rightarrow "cat"	$NP \rightarrow Det \ N$
6.	End	S \rightarrow NP VP	Sentence parsed.

Real-time Appli:- Speech Recognition (Siri, Alexa)

- Sentence : " Remind me to call John at 5 PM".
- Earley parsing helps recognizes sentence structure dynamically, even if words are spoken differently.

Ex :- ②

CYK.

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$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow NP \quad VP \\ NP \rightarrow Det \quad N \\ VP \rightarrow V \quad NP \\ V \rightarrow \text{includes} \\ Det \rightarrow \text{the} \\ Det \rightarrow a \\ N \rightarrow \text{meal} \\ N \rightarrow \text{flight} \end{array}$$

Syntactic grammar rules

Lexical rules [words]

Sentence :- the flight includes a meal.

Parse using CYK.

0 the 1 flight 2 includes 3 a 4 meal
 [0,1] the [1,2] flight 5x5 [2,3] includes [3,4] a [4,5] meal

	1	2	3	4	5
0	the	NP			S
1		Noun: flight			
2			Verb: includes		VP
3				det: a	NP
4					noun: meal

25/3/25 8th hor.

A : - 3, 18, 44, 52

B : 76, 99

C : 52, 55

D : 12, 23, 47, 44, 49, 73, 63, 69, 66, 2004, 68, 264, 226.

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Probabilistic Context-Free Grammar (PCFG)

PCFGs are used when we want to find the most probable parse structure of the sentence.

PCFGs are grammar rules, similar to what we have seen, along with probabilities associated with each production rule.

For eg:-

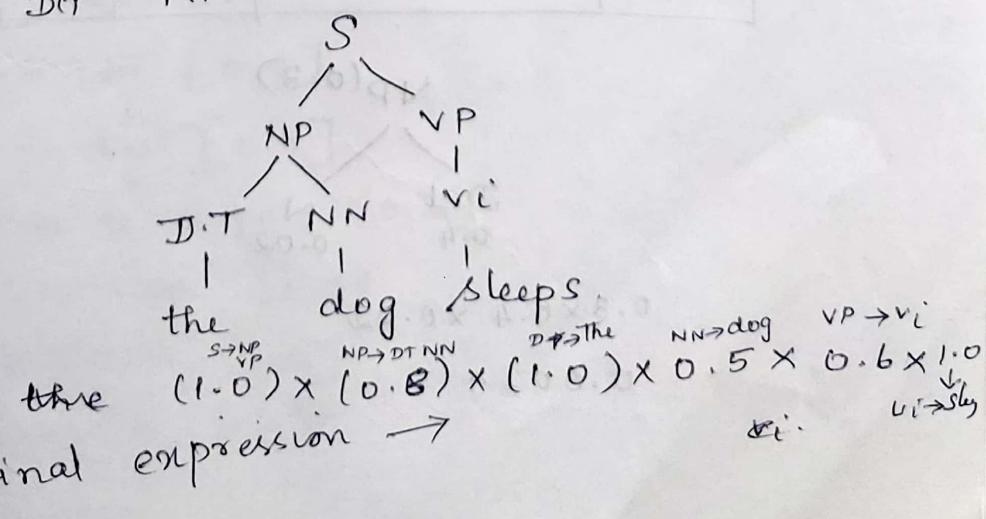
$$NP \rightarrow \text{Det } N(0.5) | N(0.3) | \\ N \text{ PP}(0.2)$$

eg:-

$S \rightarrow NP \quad VP \quad (1.0)$	
$\frac{VP \rightarrow V_t \quad NP}{VP \rightarrow v_i \quad NP} \quad (0.8) \quad (0.6)$	
$\frac{VP \rightarrow VP \quad PP}{NP \rightarrow DT \quad NN} \quad (0.2) \quad (0.8)$	
$\frac{NP \rightarrow NP \quad PP}{PP \rightarrow IN \quad NP} \quad (0.2) \quad (1.0)$	

$V_t \rightarrow \text{sleeps}$	1.0
$V_t \rightarrow \text{saw}$	1.0
$NN \rightarrow \text{dog}$	0.5
$NN \rightarrow \text{man}$	0.1
$NN \rightarrow \text{woman}$	0.1
$NN \rightarrow \text{telescope}$	0.3
$DT \rightarrow \text{the}$	1.0
$IN \rightarrow \text{with}$	0.6
$IN \rightarrow \text{in}$	0.4

The dog sleeps :-



Probabilistic CYK

Cocke Younger
Kasami

$$\begin{array}{ll} S \rightarrow NP \quad VP [0.30] \\ NP \rightarrow Det \quad N [0.3] \\ VP \rightarrow V \quad NP [0.20] \end{array}$$

Syntactic
grammar
rules

$$\begin{array}{ll} V \rightarrow \text{includes} [0.05] \\ Det \rightarrow \text{the} [0.4] \\ Det \rightarrow \text{a} [0.4] \\ N \rightarrow \text{meal} [0.01] \\ N \rightarrow \text{Flight} [0.02] \end{array}$$

Prepositional
rule
words

0 the 1 flight 2 includes 3 a 4 meal 5

	1	2	3	4	5	
0	Det 0.4	NP 0.024 0.0024			S 0.30	$(0.30 \times 0.0024) \times 0.00001 = 0.0000012$
1		N 0.02				
2			V 0.05		VP 0.000 0.012	$0.20 \times 0.000 = 0.000012$
3				Det 0.4	NP 0.0012	$0.3 \times 0.4 = 0.12$
4					N 0.01	$= 0.001$

NP(0.3)

Det
0.4 N
0.02

$$0.3 \times 0.4 \times 0.02$$

$$0.0024$$

PCFG

Probabilistic context free Grammar

~~DOG saw the~~

The cat saw the dog with a telescope

This sentence has two major parses due to prepositional phrase(PP) attachment ambiguity.

A PCFG helps us resolve this by assigning probabilities to grammar rules based on how frequently they appear in training data (like a treebank)

Given:- Grammar rules with prob

$S \rightarrow NP VP [1.0]$

$NP \rightarrow Det N [0.7]$

$NP \rightarrow NP PP [0.3]$

$VP \rightarrow V NP [0.6]$

$VP \rightarrow VP PP [0.4]$

$PP \rightarrow P NP [1.0]$

$Det \rightarrow 'the' [1.0]$

$N \rightarrow 'cat' [0.3]$

$N \rightarrow 'dog' [0.4]$

$N \rightarrow 'telescope' [0.3]$

$V \rightarrow 'saw' [1.0]$

$P \rightarrow 'with' [1.0]$

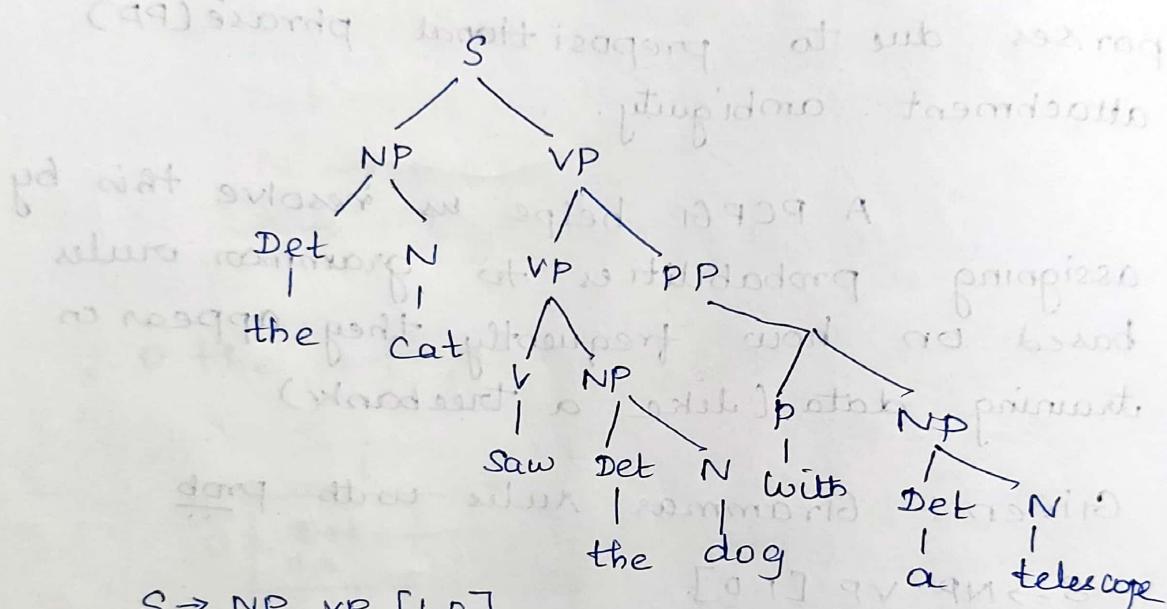
$Det \rightarrow 'a' [1.0]$

Two Parse Trees [Ambiguity]

Parse 1: PP attaches to VP (the cat saw [the dog with a telescope])

$VP \rightarrow VP \text{ PP}$

(implies the cat used the telescope to see)



$S \rightarrow NP \text{ VP } [1.0]$

$NP \rightarrow Det \text{ N } [0.7]$

$Det \rightarrow 'the' [1.0]$

$N \rightarrow 'cat' [0.3]$

$VP \rightarrow VP \text{ PP } [0.4]$

$VP \rightarrow V \text{ NP } [0.6]$

$V \rightarrow 'saw' [1.0]$

$NP \rightarrow Det \text{ N } [0.7]$

$Det \rightarrow 'the' [1.0]$

$N \rightarrow 'dog' [0.4]$

$PP \rightarrow P \text{ NP } [1.0]$

$P \rightarrow 'with' [1.0]$

$NP \rightarrow Det \text{ N } [0.7]$

$Det \rightarrow 'a' [1.0]*$

$N \rightarrow 'telescope' [0.3]$

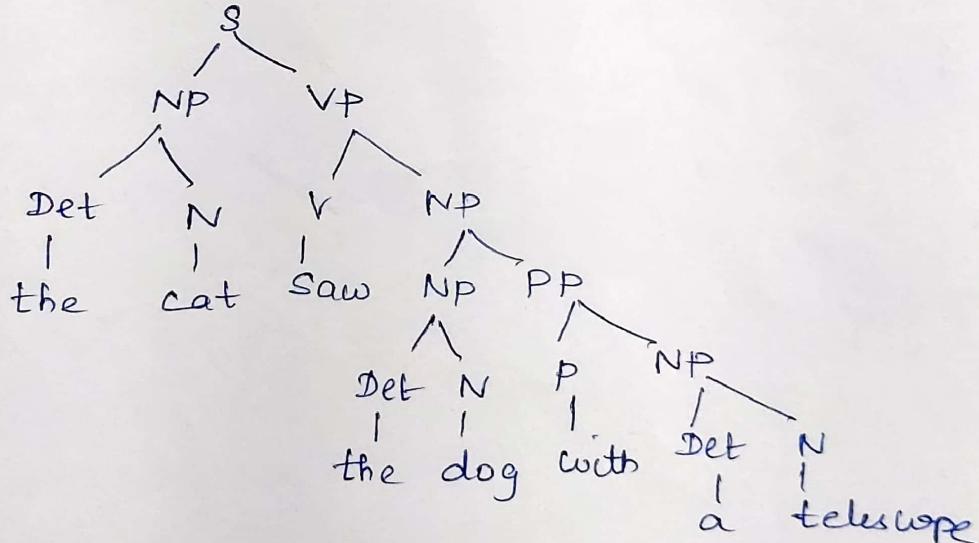


Multiply all the rule
probabilities:

$$P_1 \approx 1.0 \times 0.7 \times 0.3 \times 0.4 \times 0.6 \times 1.0 \times 0.7 \times 1.0 \\ 1.0 \times 0.4 \times 1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.7 \times 1.0 \\ \times 0.3 = \sim 0.0179$$

Parse 2: PP attaches to NP [the cat
saw [the dog who had a telescope]]

$NP \rightarrow NP \quad PP$
(Implies the dog had the telescope)



prob :-

$S \rightarrow NP \quad VP \quad [1.0]$
 $NP \rightarrow Det \quad N \quad [0.7]$
 $Det \rightarrow 'the' \quad [1.0]$
 $N \rightarrow 'cat' \quad [0.3]$
 $VP \rightarrow V \quad NP \quad [0.6]$
 $V \rightarrow 'saw' \quad [1.0]$
 $NP \rightarrow NP \quad PP \quad [0.3]$

$NP \rightarrow NP \quad PP \quad [0.3]$
 $NP \rightarrow Det \quad N \quad [0.7]$
 $Det \rightarrow 'the' \quad [1.0]$
 $N \rightarrow 'dog' \quad [0.4]$
 $PP \rightarrow P \quad NP \quad [1.0]$
 $P \rightarrow 'with' \quad [1.0]$
 $NP \rightarrow Det \quad N \quad [0.7]$
 $Det \rightarrow 'a' \quad [1.0]$
 $N \rightarrow 'telescope' \quad [0.3]$

Multiply all rule prob.

$$P_2 \approx 1.0 \times 0.7 \times 0.3 \times 0.6 \times 1.0 \times 0.3 \times 0.7$$

$$\times 0.1 \times 1.0 \times 0.4 \times 1.0 \times 1.0 \times 0.1$$

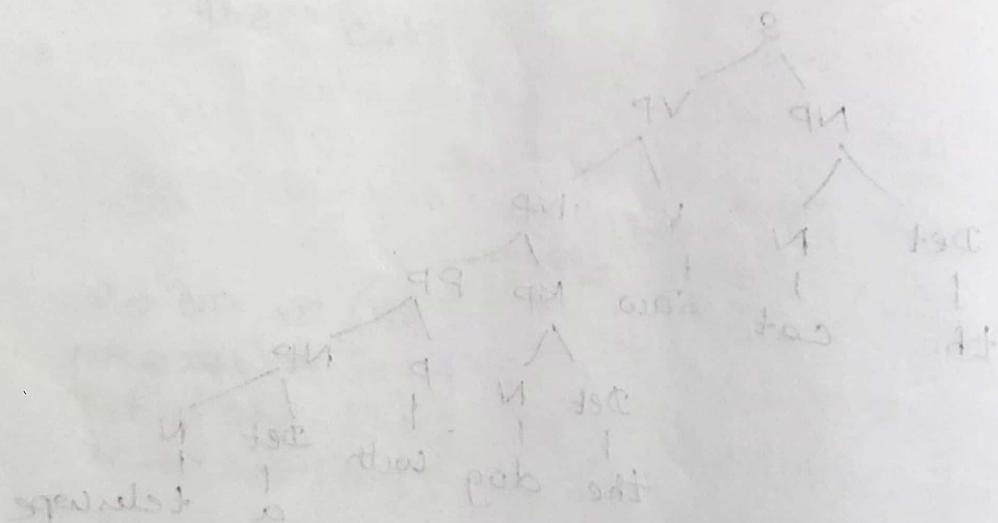
$$\times 0.7 \times 1.0 \times 0.3 = \approx 0.0138$$

$P_1 > P_2$, so the parser using PCFG

with prefer the VP attachment \rightarrow

that the cat used a telescope
to see the dog

(parser will output [see cat dog used a telescope])



[S-V] see the dog

[S-V] used a telescope

[S-V] the dog

[S-V] see the

[S-V] dog

[S-V] the

[S-V] a

[S-V] telescope

[S-V] to

[S-V] see

[S-V] the

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