

# Parsing

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Cocke-Younger-Kasami Algorithm is a dynamic programming parsing algorithm.

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Follows bottom up parsing approach.

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Builds a parse tree incrementally.

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Each entry in the table is based on previous entries.

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The process is iterated until the entire sentence is parsed.

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Algo. Assumes the sentence to be in CNF

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## Chomsky Normal Form

- $A \rightarrow BC$
- $A \rightarrow w$ , where  $w$  is a word

# Algorithm

Let  $w = w_1 w_2 w_3 \dots w_i \dots w_j \dots w_n$

and  $w_{ij} = w_i \dots w_{i+j-1}$

//initialization step

For  $i=1$  to  $n$  do

for all rules  $A \rightarrow w_i$  do

chart  $[i,1] = \{A\}$

//recursive step

For  $j=2$  to  $n$  do

for  $i=1$  to  $n-j+1$  do

begin

chart  $[i,j] = \phi$

for  $k=1$  to  $j-1$  do

chart  $[i,j] = \text{chart}[i,j] \cup \{A \mid A \rightarrow BC \text{ is a production}$

and

$B \in \text{chart}[i,k] \text{ and } C \in \text{chart}[i+k,j-k]\}$

end

If  $S \in \text{chart}[1,n]$  then accept else reject

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- TO get a better understanding of the whole idea, we work out an example.
- Consider the following grammar
  - $S \rightarrow NP VP$
  - $VP \rightarrow \text{Verb NP}$
  - $NP \rightarrow \text{Det Noun}$
  - $\text{Det} \rightarrow \text{an} \mid \text{then}$
  - $\text{Verb} \rightarrow \text{wrote}$
  - $\text{Noun} \rightarrow \text{girl}$
  - $\text{Noun} \rightarrow \text{easy}$

# CYK Example

- The sentence to be parsed is  
The girl wrote an essay.
- Since we are using a bottom up approach
- We start from terminal nodes

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1

Det→ The

1

1

Det→ The
Noun→ Girl

2



1

1

Det→ The

2

Noun→ Girl

3

Verb→wrote

1

1

Det→ The

2

Noun→ Girl

3

Verb→wrote

4

Det → an

1

1

Det→ The

2

Noun→ Girl

3

Verb→wrote

4

Det → an

5

Noun →  
essay

	1	2
1	Det→ The	NP → Det Noun
2	Noun→ Girl	
3	Verb→wrote	
4	Det → an	
5	Noun → essay	

	1	2
1	Det→ The	NP → Det Noun
2	Noun→ Girl	
3	Verb→wrote	
4	Det → an	NP → Det Noun
5	Noun → essay	

	1	2	3
1	Det→ The	NP → Det Noun	
2	Noun→ Girl		
3	Verb→wrote		VP → Verb NP
4	Det → an	NP → Det Noun	
5	Noun → essay		

	1	2	3	4
1	Det→ The	NP → Det Noun		
2	Noun→ Girl			
3	Verb→wrote		VP → Verb NP	
4	Det → an	NP → Det Noun		
5	Noun → essay			

	1	2	3	4	5
1	Det→ The	NP → Det Noun			S→ NPVP
2	Noun→ Girl				
3	Verb→wrote		VP → Verb NP		
4	Det → an	NP → Det Noun			
5	Noun → essay				



# CYK Example

- The entry in the  $[1,n]$ th cell contains a start symbol which indicates that  $S^* \rightarrow w_1n$
- i.e. the parse is successful
- It is possible to have multiple entries in the cell.
- This shows multiple parsed trees are produced.
- Ambiguity has occurred and needs to be resolved.