

## COMP9414: Artificial Intelligence

### Tutorial Week 8: Language Processing

1. Trace the bottom up chart parsing algorithm using the following grammar and lexicon to parse the sentence “<sub>0</sub> This <sub>1</sub> is <sub>2</sub> the <sub>3</sub> house <sub>4</sub> that <sub>5</sub> Jack <sub>6</sub> built <sub>7</sub>”. Number the rules and lexical entries for convenience.

1. $S \rightarrow NP VP$	1. this: PRO
2. $NP \rightarrow PRO$	2. is: VERB
3. $NP \rightarrow ART NOUN$	3. the: ART
4. $NP \rightarrow NAME$	4. house: NOUN
5. $NP \rightarrow NP REL S$	5. that: PRO, REL
6. $VP \rightarrow VERB$	6. Jack: NAME
7. $VP \rightarrow VERB NP$	7. built: VERB

2. Consider the conjunction construction in English. Conjunction involves conjoining phrases and clauses with the connectives ‘and’, ‘or’, ‘but’, ‘if’, ‘so’, ‘although’, ‘because’, etc. This question focuses on the use of ‘and’.

- (i) Write context free grammar rules to accept the following sentences that use ‘and’.

Today is hot and humid.

John and Mary went to the beach.

John went to the park and Mary went to the beach.

John went to the park and to the beach.

John talks quickly and in a loud voice.

- (ii) Your grammar will probably overgenerate. Show this by giving examples of nonsentences generated by your grammar.

Augment the grammatical categories with syntactic features to rule out these sentences. Consider person, number, gender and case agreement.

- (iii) Write semantic rules to compute a meaning representation for conjunctive sentences.

- (iv) Consider the English conjunction ‘but’. Are there any syntactic, semantic or pragmatic differences between ‘but’ and ‘and’?