Lecture 19

Syntactic Parsing – PART III

A typical grammar and an input sentence [Lect. 17]

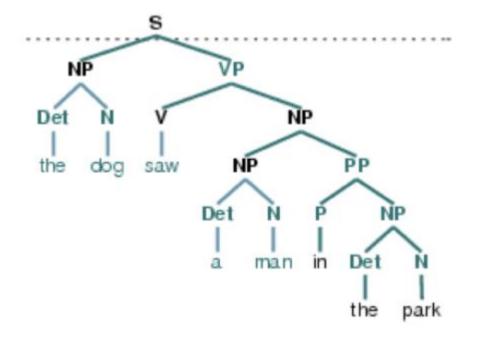
Starts with S

- S→NP VP
- NP→Noun
- NP→Pronoun
- NP→Det Noun
- NP→Det Adj Noun
- VP→Verb
- VP→ Verb NP
- $VP \rightarrow Verb PP$
- VP→ Verb NP PP
- PP→Preposition NP
- PP→Preposition VP
- Noun→girl|boy|book|table, Pronoun→i, Det→the|a, Adj→small, Verb→read|want, Preposition→on|under|in|to [lexicon]

Test sentence: i read a book on the table \$ (grammatically correct or not?)-----Yes/ACCEPT/Grammatically correct [use parsing]

Aim of parsing

- To construct the "proper" tree for an input sentence given the grammar
- S on the top, entire input sentence is covered



Bottom up parsing – 2nd type of parsing

Given an input grammar and a test sentence, conduct bottom up parsing in the following manner:

- Start from the leftmost leaf node (leftmost word in input sentence)
- Construct the tree up using 1 rule from the grammar at a time
- SUCCESS if you reach the root node S on the top and the entire input sentence is matched else ERROR!
- SUCCESS: the sentence is grammatically or syntactically correct
- ERROR: the sentence is grammatically or syntactically incorrect
- Syntax: relative placement or ordering of words in a sentence

Shift-Reduce parser: An example of bottom up parsing

- Task: match the input string from left to right and simultaneously construct a tree with S on the top
- SHIFT: push the leftmost input word into the stack
- REDUCE: replace RHS by LHS of rule [RHS - top of the stack]
- SUCCESS: (\$S,\$) else ERROR!

Test sentence: i read a book on the table \$

STACK	Input	ACTION
\$	$\mathbf{id}_1*\mathbf{id}_2\$$	shift
$\mathbf{\$} \mathbf{id}_1$	$*\mathbf{id}_2\$$	reduce by $F \to \mathbf{id}$
F	$*\mathbf{id}_2\$$	reduce by $T \to F$
T	$*\mathbf{id}_2\$$	shift
T *	$\mathbf{id}_2\$$	shift
$T * id_2$	\$	reduce by $F \to \mathbf{id}$
T * F	\$	reduce by $T \to T * F$
T	\$	reduce by $E \to T$
\$E	\$	accept

Class Assignment : Slide 2 example

Test sentence: i read a book on the table \$