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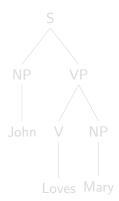
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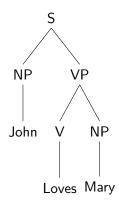
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A grammar describes:

- how trees can be built
 - CFG's elementary rules
 - ► TSG's larger units: fragments
- ▶ how likely constructions are: *probabilistic* grammars
 - ▶ PCFG's independence
 - PTSG's derivations

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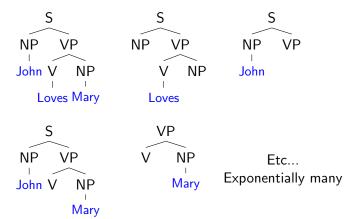
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 $S \rightarrow NP \ VP$ $VP \rightarrow V \ NP$ $NP \rightarrow John$ $NP \rightarrow Mary$

 $V \rightarrow loves$

Grammar: Tree fragments



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- Assumption
 - Language is an infinite parse tree distribution
 - ► Treebank is a finite sample
- Estimate the true distribution
- Expected estimation should improve when the treebank grows → expected loss should decline
- ▶ Consistency: Expected loss becomes 0 when the sample size approaches ∞

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- Assumption
 - An estimator should approach any distribution
 - Even finite distributions!
- ▶ If there's a distribution that doesn't match its expected estimate, the estimator is biased.
- What about unseen data?
- Bias is good

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Extraction: Maximal Overlap

Estimation: relative frequency

► Coverage: PCFG rules

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► Held-out estimation - HC and EC

Extraction: Shortest derivations

► Estimation: relative frequency in shortest derivations

Coverage: smoothing PCFG rules with probability p_{unkn}

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- Shortest derivations or Maximal overlap
- Held-out estimation or one vs. the rest.

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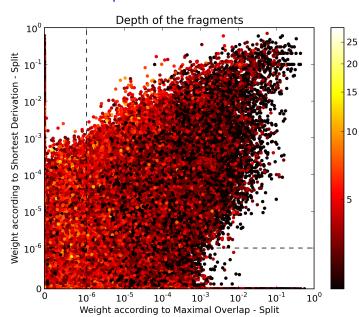
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Maximal overlap ↔ shortest derivation



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Split \leftrightarrow one vs. the rest

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Outlook

- ▶ Why not?
- Is it just grammar size?

So shortest derivations are not as useful as they seem

And a split moves weight to large fragments

Performance is not related to consistency