Elements of Language Processing and Learning
Lab assignment
Stage 1: Computing the Probability of a Tree
Report

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The objective is to compute the probability of a parse tree, e.g. a tree in the test set.

In general, the probability of a tree is the multiplication of the probability of the production, with the probabilities of the children. We actually compute the log probability to avoid arithmetic underflow due to the multiplication of small probabilities. Therefore, in the algorithm we perform an addition.

First step: annotate, call logScoreHelper Base: If the tree is a preterminal with one child, a leaf with a terminal (a word), the lexicon is called to compute the probability of this production. The probability of the children is not Recursive: If the tree is an inner node with trees as children, the grammar is called to compute the probability of the production. The probability of the children is computed via a recursive call to logScoreHelper.

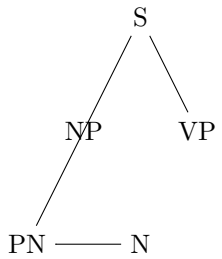

Figure 1: The probability of a tree is a multiplication of the probability of the production with the probability of its children