

CZ4045 Natural Language Processing

Tutorial 7: Statistical Parsing



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 (NP (DT the) (NN board))
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 (NP
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PCFG: Example

Grammar		Lexicon
$S \rightarrow NP VP$	[.80]	$Det \rightarrow that [.10] \mid a [.30] \mid the [.60]$
$S \rightarrow Aux NP VP$	[.15]	$Noun \rightarrow book [.10] \mid flight [.30]$
$S \rightarrow VP$	[.05]	$\mid meal [.15] \mid money [.05]$
$NP \rightarrow Pronoun$	[.35]	$\mid flights [.40] \mid dinner [.10]$
$NP \rightarrow Proper-Noun$	[.30]	$Verb \rightarrow book [.30] \mid include [.30]$
$NP \rightarrow Det Nominal$	[.20]	$\mid prefer; [.40]$
$NP \rightarrow Nominal$	[.15]	$Pronoun \rightarrow I [.40] \mid she [.05]$
$Nominal \rightarrow Noun$	[.75]	$\mid me [.15] \mid you [.40]$
$Nominal \rightarrow Nominal Noun$	[.20]	$Proper-Noun \rightarrow Houston [.60]$
$Nominal \rightarrow Nominal PP$	[.05]	$\mid NWA [.40]$
$VP \rightarrow Verb$	[.35]	$Aux \rightarrow does [.60] \mid can [.40]$
$VP \rightarrow Verb NP$	[.20]	$Preposition \rightarrow from [.30] \mid to [.30]$
$VP \rightarrow Verb NP PP$	[.10]	$\mid on [.20] \mid near [.15]$
$VP \rightarrow Verb PP$	[.15]	$\mid through [.05]$
$VP \rightarrow Verb NP NP$	[.05]	
$VP \rightarrow VP PP$	[.15]	
$PP \rightarrow Preposition NP$	[1.0]	



Probabilistic Context-free grammar (PCFG)

- $G = (T, N, S, R, \mathbf{P})$
 - T: a set of terminals (e.g. 'boy')
 - N: a set of nonterminals (e.g. Noun)
 - S: the start symbol, a nonterminal
 - R: rules of the form $X \rightarrow \gamma$
 - $\mathbf{P(R)}$ gives the probability of each rule

$$\forall X \in N, \sum_{X \rightarrow \gamma \in R} P(X \rightarrow \gamma) = 1$$

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A1.

- NP -> NN NN
- NP -> CD NN
- ADJP -> NP JJ
- NP -> NP ADJP
- NP -> DT NN
- NP -> DT JJ NN
- PP -> IN NP
- NP -> NN CD
- VP -> VB NP PP NP
- VP -> MD VP
- S -> NP VP
- NP -> NN
- NP -> DT NN VB NN
- NP -> NP NP
- NP -> NP PP
- VP -> VB NP
- NP -> JJ NN



A1.

- NP -> CD NN (1/12)
- NP -> DT JJ NN (1/12)
- NP -> DT NN (1/12)
- NP -> DT NN VB NN (1/12)
- NP -> NN (1/12)
- NP -> NN CD (1/12)
- NP -> NN NN (3/12)
- NP -> NP ADJP (1/12)
- NP -> NP NP (1/12)
- NP -> NP PP (2/12)
- VP -> VB NP (1/3)
- VP -> VB NP PP NP (1/3)
- VP -> MD VP (1/3)
- S -> NP VP (2/2)
- ADJP -> NP JJ (1/1)
- PP -> IN NP (2/2)



Q2. Probability of a parse tree

- Assign arbitrary probabilities ($0 < P < 1$) to the rules of the revised L1 grammar from Q3 of Tutorial 6. Based on them, calculate the probability of the phrase structure of the following sentence
- Please repeat that.



Probability of parse trees

- A derivation (parse tree) consists of the bag of grammar rules that are in the tree
 - The probability of a tree is the product of the probabilities of the rules in the derivation.

$$P(T, S) = \prod_{node \in T} P(rule(n))$$

1. $S \rightarrow NP VP$
2. $NP \rightarrow Pro$
 $Pro \rightarrow I$
3. $VP \rightarrow Verb NP$
 $Verb \rightarrow prefer$
4. $NP \rightarrow Det Nom$
 $Det \rightarrow a$
5. $Nom \rightarrow Nom Noun$
 $Noun \rightarrow morning$
6. $Nom \rightarrow Noun$
 $Noun \rightarrow flight$



Tutorial 6, Answer 3.

- $S \rightarrow NP VP$
- $S \rightarrow Aux NP VP$
- $S \rightarrow VP$
- $NP \rightarrow Pronoun$
- $NP \rightarrow ProperNoun$
- $NP \rightarrow Det Nominal$
- $NP \rightarrow NP Conj NP$
- $Nominal \rightarrow Noun$
- $Nominal \rightarrow Nominal Noun$
- $Nominal \rightarrow Nominal PP$
- $VP \rightarrow Verb$
- $VP \rightarrow Verb NP$
- $VP \rightarrow Verb NP PP$
- $VP \rightarrow Verb PP$
- $VP \rightarrow VP PP$
- $VP \rightarrow Aux VP$
- $VP \rightarrow Verb VP$
- $VP \rightarrow Inf Verb PP$
- $VP \rightarrow Adv Verb NP$
- $PP \rightarrow Preposition NP$
- -----
- $Det \rightarrow the$
- $Noun \rightarrow fare$
- $Verb \rightarrow like \mid fly \mid repeat \mid need \mid is$
- $Pronoun \rightarrow I \mid that \mid what$
- $ProperNoun \rightarrow American airlines \mid Philadelphia \mid Atlanta \mid Denver$
- $Aux \rightarrow would$
- $Preposition \rightarrow from \mid to \mid on \mid between$
- $Conj \rightarrow and$
- $Inf \rightarrow to$
- $Adv \rightarrow please$



Assign random values

- $S \rightarrow NP VP$ [.40]
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- $S \rightarrow VP$ [.30]
- $NP \rightarrow Pronoun$ [.10]
- $NP \rightarrow ProperNoun$ [.10]
- $NP \rightarrow Det Nominal$ [.10]
- $NP \rightarrow NP Conj NP$ [.70]
- $Nominal \rightarrow Noun$ [.30]
- $Nominal \rightarrow Nominal Noun$ [.40]
- $Nominal \rightarrow Nominal PP$ [.30]
- $VP \rightarrow Verb$ [.10]
- $VP \rightarrow Verb NP$ [.10]
- $VP \rightarrow Verb NP PP$ [.10]
- $VP \rightarrow Verb PP$ [.10]
- $VP \rightarrow VP PP$ [.10]
- $VP \rightarrow Aux VP$ [.10]
- $VP \rightarrow Verb VP$ [.10]
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- $VP \rightarrow Adv Verb NP$ [.20]
- $PP \rightarrow Preposition NP$ [1.00]
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- $Preposition \rightarrow from$ [.10] | to [.10] | on [.10] | $between$ [.70]
- $Conj \rightarrow and$ [1.00]
- $Inf \rightarrow to$ [1.00]
- $Adv \rightarrow please$ [1.00]



Sentence: Please repeat that

$S \rightarrow NP VP [.40]$

$S \rightarrow Aux NP VP [.30]$

$S \rightarrow VP [.30]$

$NP \rightarrow Pronoun [.10]$

$NP \rightarrow ProperNoun [.10]$

$NP \rightarrow Det Nominal [.10]$

$NP \rightarrow NP Conj NP [.70]$

$VP \rightarrow Verb [.10]$

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$VP \rightarrow Verb NP PP [.10]$

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$VP \rightarrow Aux VP [.10]$

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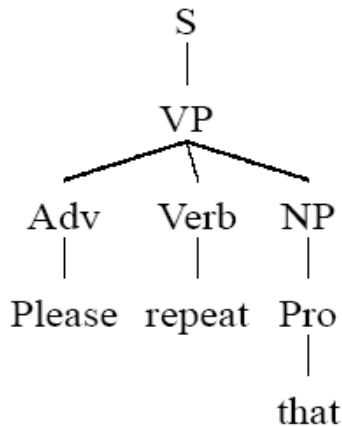
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$Verb \rightarrow \text{like} [.30] \mid \text{fly} [.30] \mid \text{repeat} [.10] \mid$
 $\text{need} [.10] \mid \text{is} [.20]$

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$Adv \rightarrow \text{please} [1.00]$



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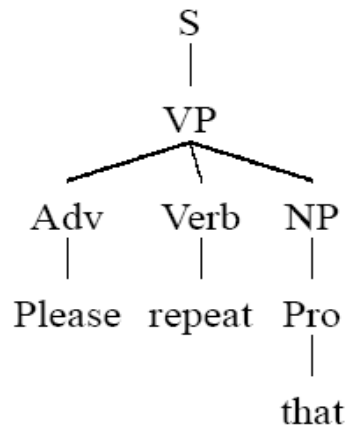
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$$P = 3.6 \times 10^{-5}$$



Q3.

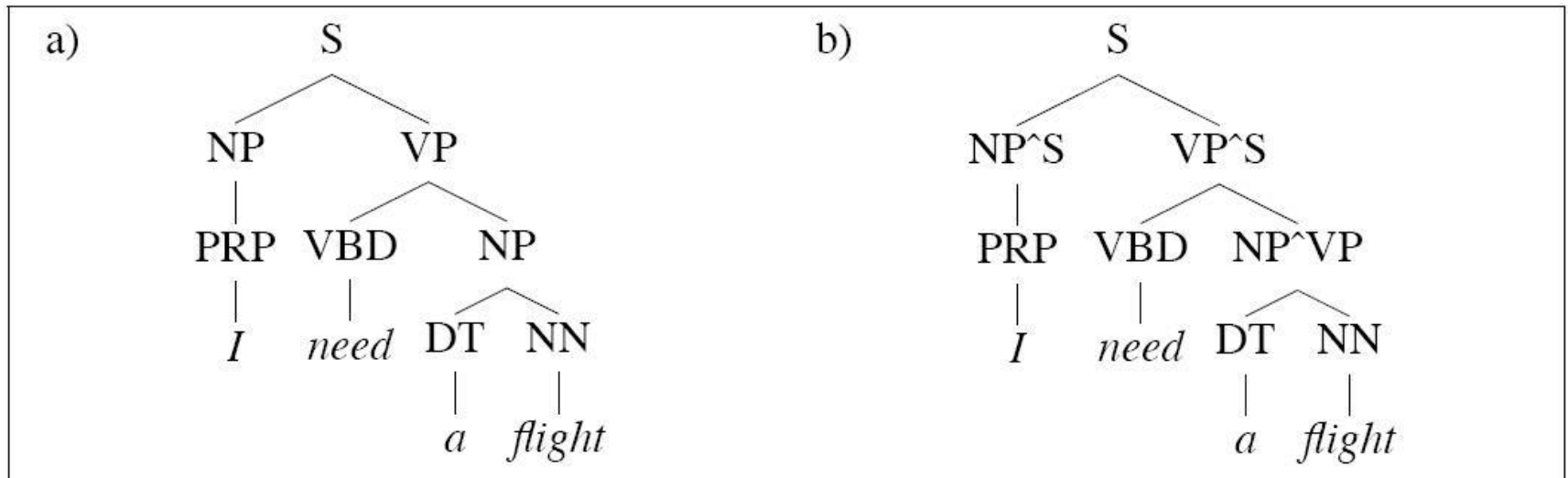
- Use two sentences from Q3 of Tutorial 6 as examples to show the improved version of the revised L1 grammar
 - Splitting non-terminals
 - Lexicalization



Improving PCFG: Splitting Non-Terminals

Review

- Encoding contextual dependencies into PCFG symbols



Improving PCFG: Splitting Non-Terminals

Grammar

$S \rightarrow NP VP$

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$Nominal \rightarrow Noun$

$Nominal \rightarrow Nominal Noun$

$Nominal \rightarrow Nominal PP$

$VP \rightarrow Verb$

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$VP \rightarrow VP PP$

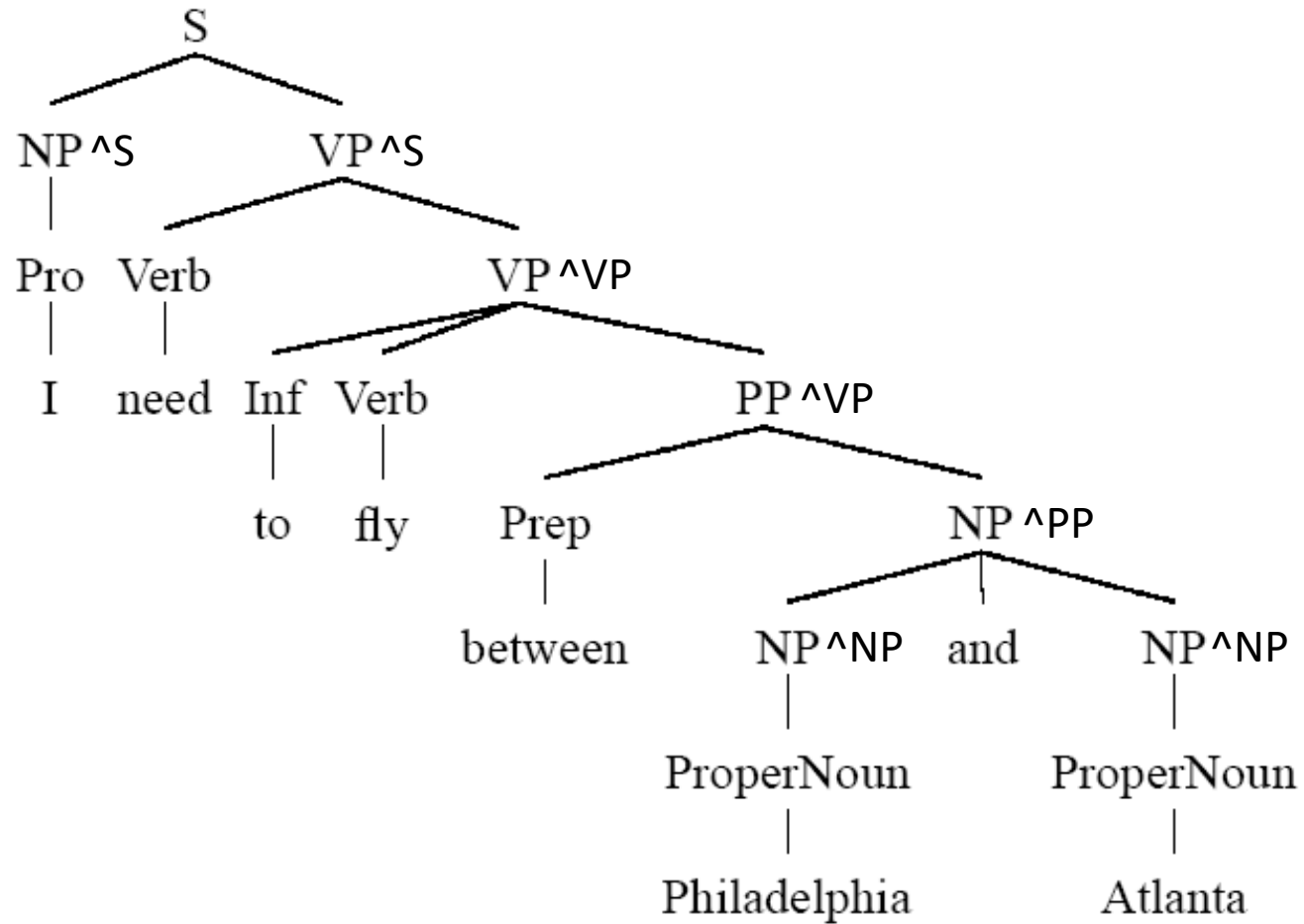
$PP \rightarrow Preposition NP$

$\left[\begin{array}{l} NP^S \rightarrow Pronoun \\ NP^{VP} \rightarrow Pronoun \\ NP^{PP} \rightarrow Pronoun \end{array} \right.$

$\left[\begin{array}{l} NP^S \rightarrow Det Nominal^NP \\ NP^{VP} \rightarrow Det Nominal^NP \\ NP^{PP} \rightarrow Det Nominal^NP \end{array} \right.$



A3-a.



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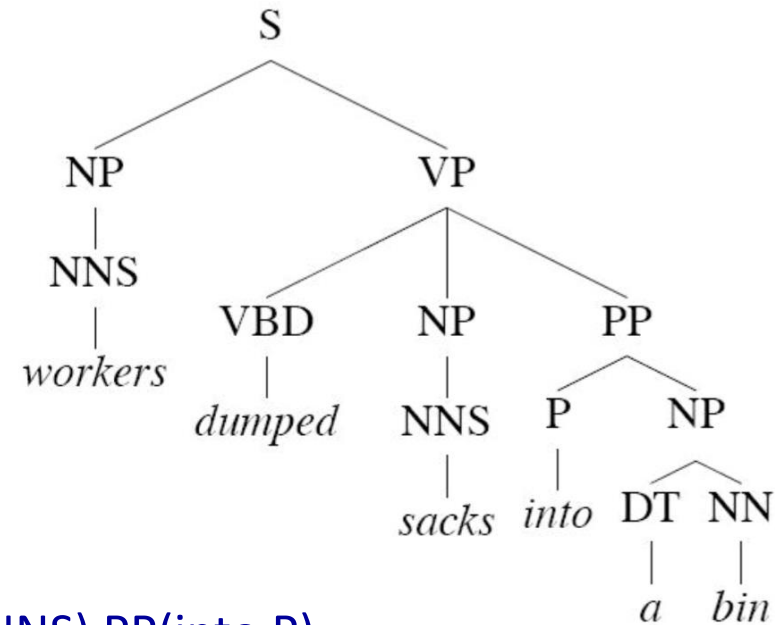
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 - $NP^{PP} \rightarrow ProperNoun$ [.05]
 - ...
 - $Nominal^{NP} \rightarrow Noun$ [.20]
 - $Nominal^{Nominal} \rightarrow Noun$ [.10]
 - ...



Improving PCFG: Lexicalized PCFG

- (Review) Lexical head
 - E.g. N is the head of NP
 - E.g. V is the head of VP
 - The word in the phrase that is grammatically the most important
- VP \rightarrow VBD NP PP

How to add lexical information to rules?



VP(**dumped**) \rightarrow VBD(dumped) NP(sacks) PP(into)

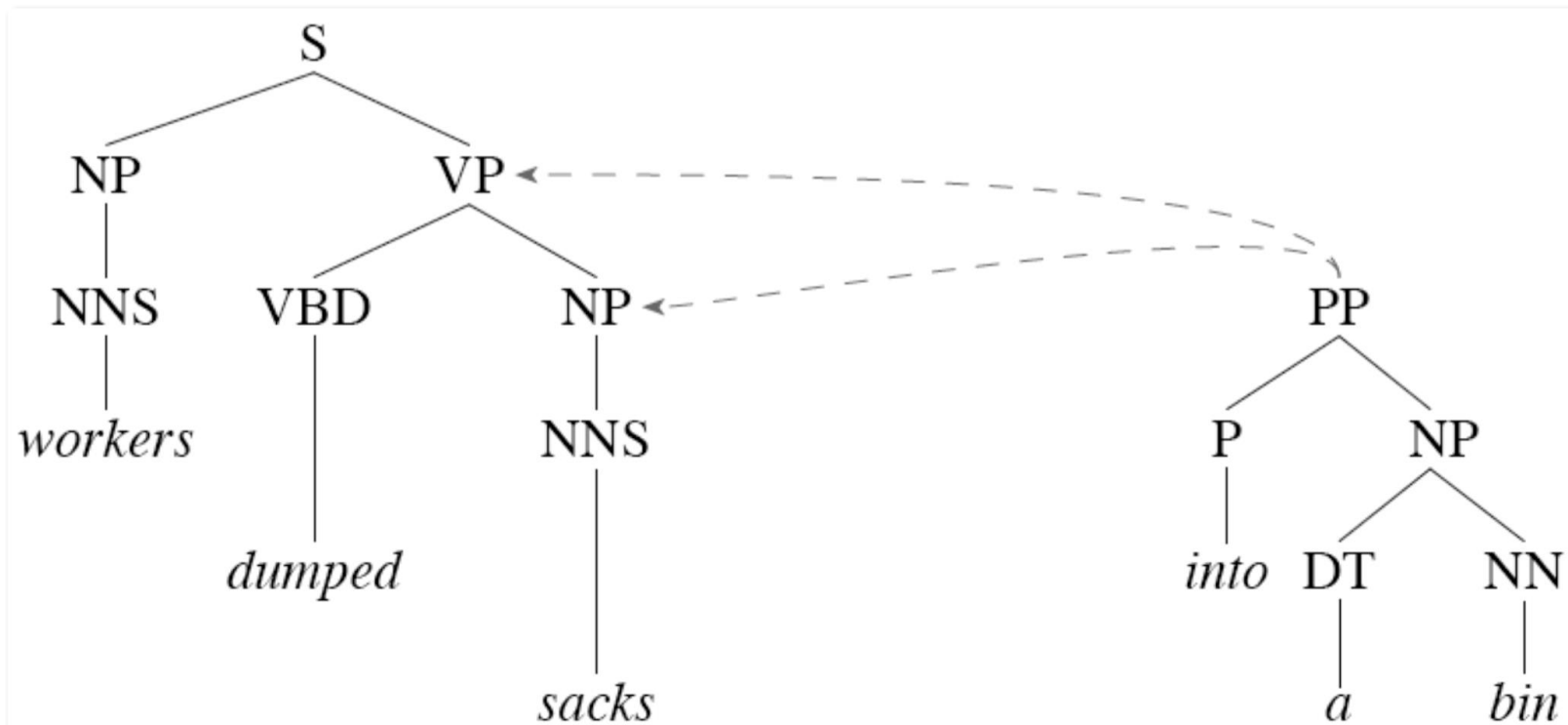
VP(**dumped,VBD**) \rightarrow VBD(dumped,VBD) NP(sacks,NNS) PP(into,P)



PP Attachment

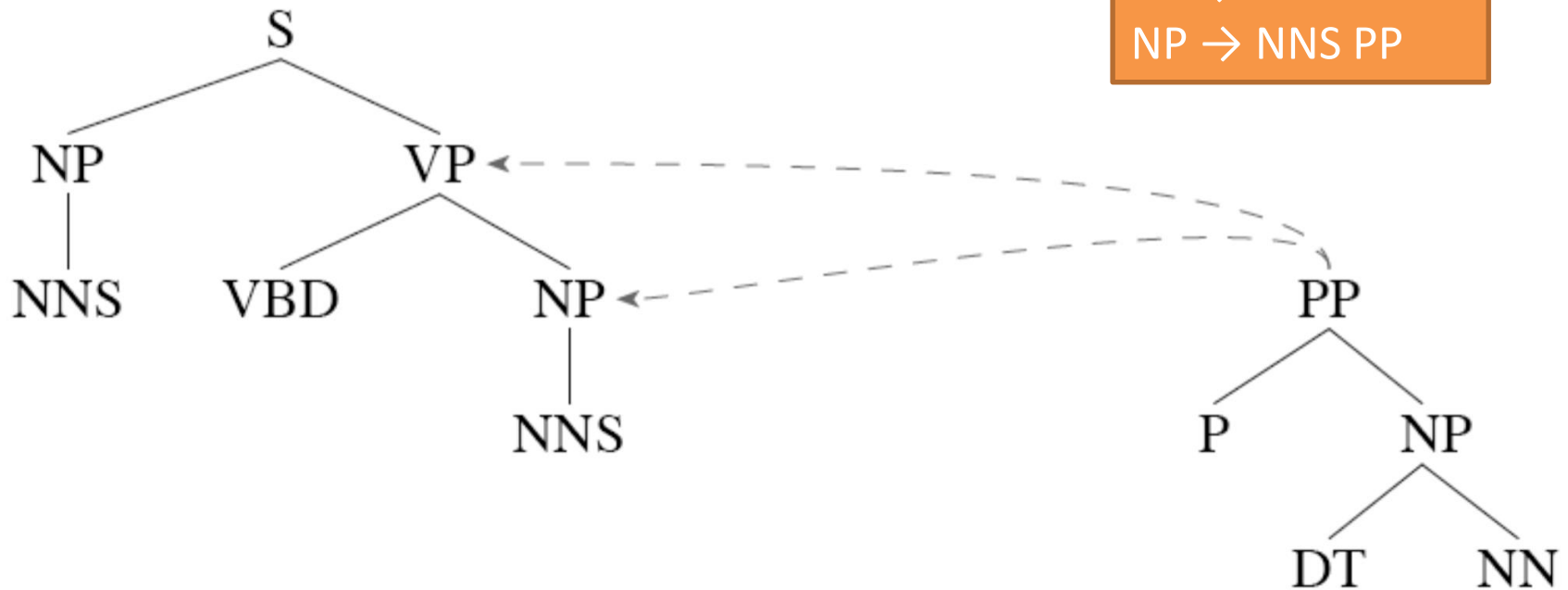
Review

- E.g. Workers dumped sacks into a bin.



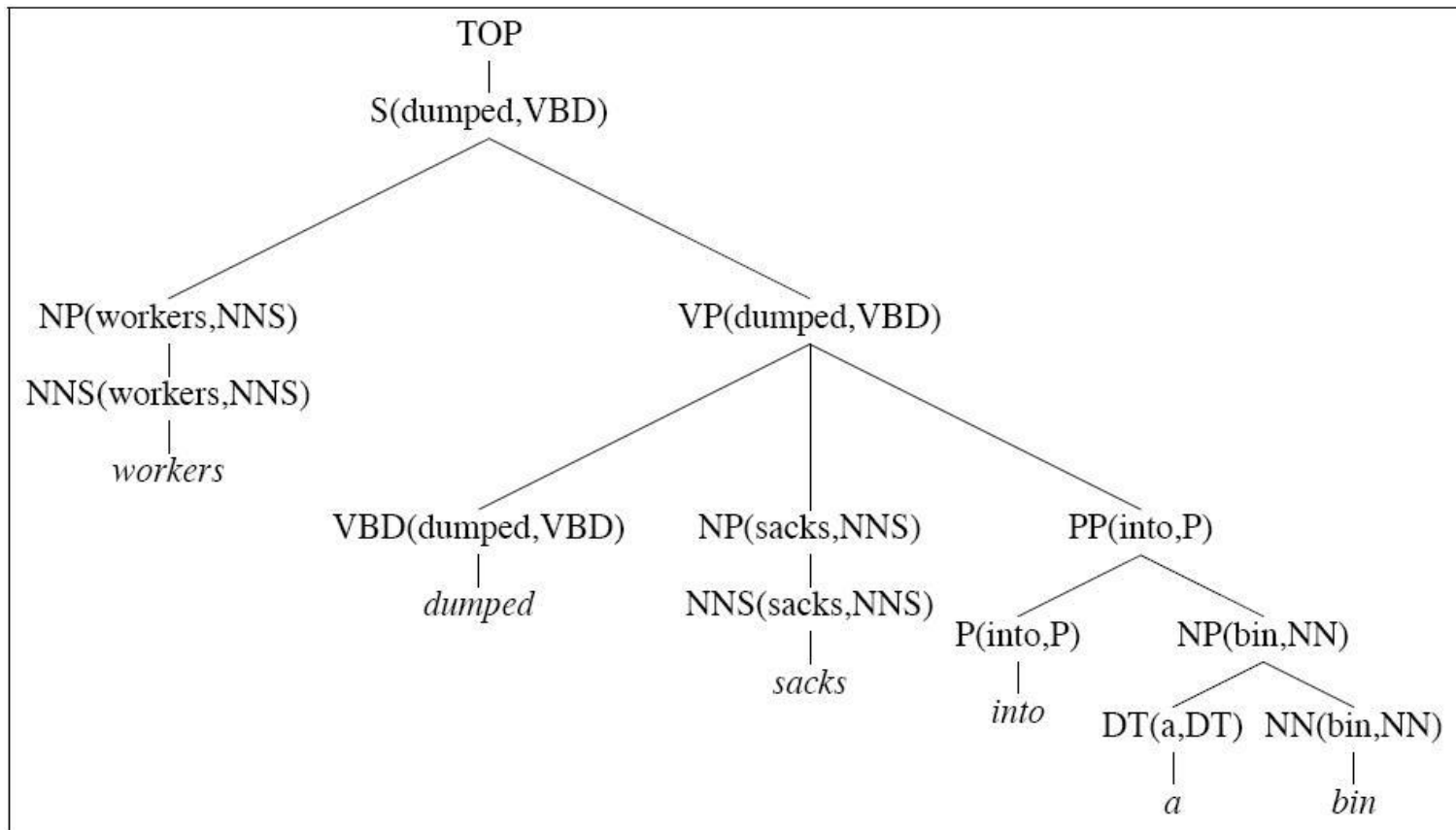
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- NNS VBD NNS P DT NN



Improving PCFG: Lexicalized PCFG

Review



Internal Rules

TOP	→	S(dumped,VBD)
S(dumped,VBD)	→	NP(workers,NNS) VP(dumped,VBD)
NP(workers,NNS)	→	NNS(workers,NNS)
VP(dumped,VBD)	→	VBD(dumped,VBD) NP(sacks,NNS) PP(into,P)
PP(into,P)	→	P(into,P)
NP(bin,NN)	→	DT(a,DT) NN(bin,NN)

Lexical Rules

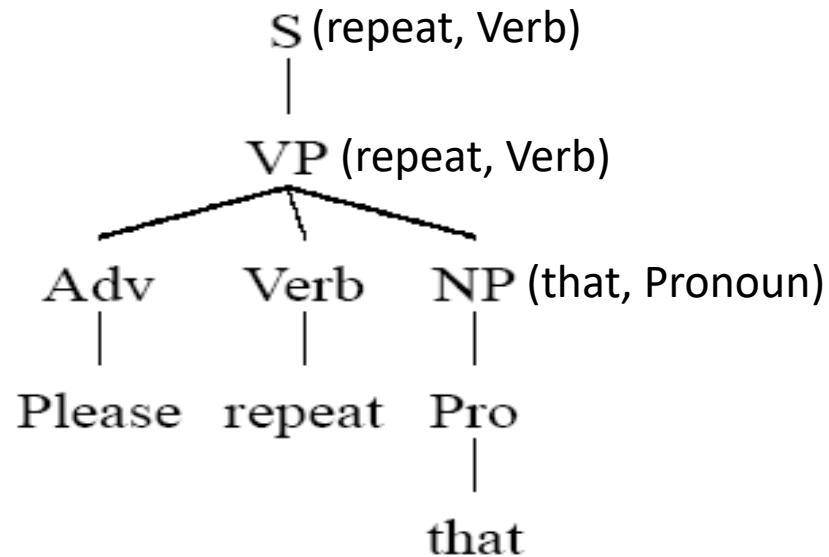
NNS(workers,NNS)	→	workers
VBD(dumped,VBD)	→	dumped
NNS(sacks,NNS)	→	sacks
P(into,P)	→	into
DT(a,DT)	→	a
NN(bin,NN)	→	bin



A3-b.

VP(repeat) → Adv(please) Verb(repeat) NP(that)

VP(repeat, Verb) → Adv(please, Adv) Verb(repeat, Verb) NP(that, Pronoun)



A3-b.

VP(fly) → Inf(to) Verb(fly) PP(between)

VP(fly, Verb) → Inf(to, Inf) Verb(fly, Verb) PP(between, prep)

