

COMP5046

Natural Language Processing

Lecture 7: Dependency Parsing

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The course topics

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Week 1: Introduction to Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Week 2: Word Embeddings (Word Vector for Meaning)

Week 3: Word Classification with Machine Learning I

Week 4: Word Classification with Machine Learning II

NLP and
Machine
Learning

Week 5: Language Fundamentals

Week 6: Part of Speech Tagging

Week 7: Dependency Parsing

Week 8: Language Model and Natural Language Generation

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NLP
Techniques

Week 9: Information Extraction: Named Entity Recognition

Week 10: Advanced NLP: Attention and Reading Comprehension

Week 11: Advanced NLP: Transformer and Machine Translation

Week 12: Advanced NLP: Pretrained Model in NLP

Advanced
Topic

Week 13: Future of NLP and Exam Review

Lecture 7: Parsing

1. Linguistic Structure
2. Dependency Structure
3. Dependency Parsing Algorithms
4. Transition-based Dependency Parsing
5. Deep Learning-based Dependency Parsing

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Computer Language

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Source Code	Token List
<code>"print: 4 * var + 1"</code>	<code>[id: "print"]</code> <code>[op: ':']</code> <code>[num: 4]</code> <code>[op: '*']</code> <code>[id: "var"]</code> <code>[op: '+']</code> <code>[num: 1]</code> <code>[newline]</code>

Tokenisation

A token can be a variable or function name, an operator or a number.

Parsing Computer Language

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Abstract Syntax Tree

```
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    └─ [op: '*']  
        └─ [num: 4]  
        └─ [id: "var"]  
    └─ [num: 1]
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Parsing

The parser turns a list of tokens into a tree of nodes – logical order

Can we apply this in a human (natural) language?

Parsing Natural Language (Human Language)

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A: Possible! But it is much more difficult than parsing computer language!

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Why?

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- No **brackets** around phrases
- Ambiguity!

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Natural Language: Linguistic Structure

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- Associating tree structures to a sentence, given a grammar
(Context Free Grammar or Dependency Grammar)
will talk about this soon!

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Syntactic Ambiguities

Grammars are declarative

- *They don't specify how the parse tree will be constructed*

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Ambiguity

1. *Prepositional Phrase (PP) attachment ambiguity*
2. *Coordination Scope*
3. *Gaps*
4. *Particles or Prepositions*
5. *Gerund or adjective*

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There are many more ambiguities...

Syntactic Ambiguities – PP attachment Ambiguity

I saw the man with the telescope

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I saw the man with the telescope *I saw the man with the telescope*



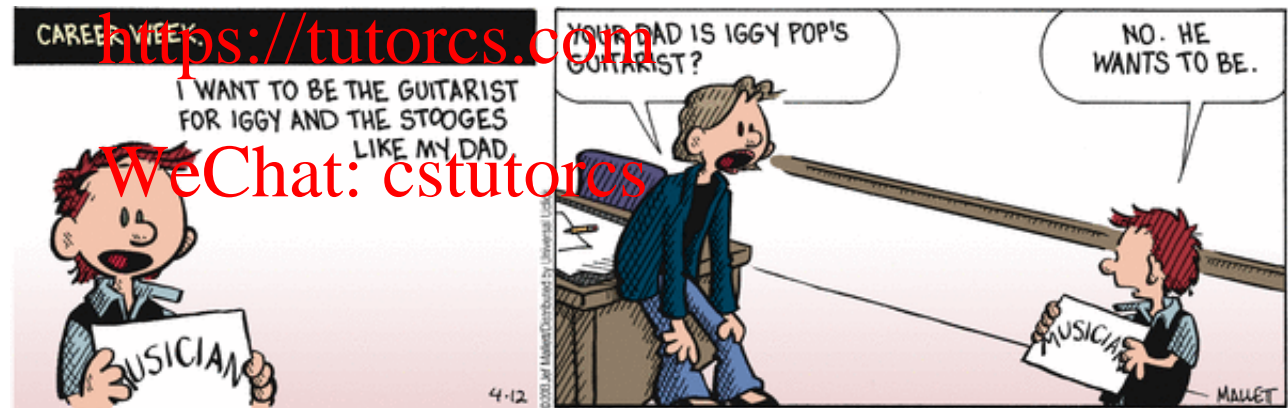
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Syntactic Ambiguities – PP attachment Ambiguity Multiply

- A key parsing decision is how we 'attach' various constituents
 - *PPs, adverbial or participial phrases, infinitives, coordinations*

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Syntactic Ambiguities – Coordination Scope Ambiguity

I ate red apples and bananas
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Syntactic Ambiguities - Gaps

She never saw a dog and did not smile
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Syntactic Ambiguities – Particles or Prepositions

- Some verbs are followed by adverb particles.

(e.g. put on, take off, give away, bring up, call in)

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She ran up a large bill

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She ran up a large hill

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Difference between an **adverb particle** and a **preposition**.

- the **particle** is closely tied to its verb to form idiomatic expressions
- the **preposition** is closely tied to the noun or pronoun it modifies.

Syntactic Ambiguities – Gerund or Adjective

Dancing shoes can provide nice experience

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Gerund



Adjective

When and Where do we use Parsing?

Syntactic Analysis checks whether the generated tokens form a meaningful expression

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- *Humans communicate complex ideas by composing words together into bigger units to convey complex meanings*
- *We need to understand sentence structure in order to be able to interpret language correctly*

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- *Grammar Checking*
- *Question Answering*
- *Machine Translation*
- *Information Extraction*
- *Text Classification*
- *Chatbot*
- *... and many others*

Two main views of linguistic structure

Constituency Grammar (a.k.a context-free grammar, phrase structure grammar)

- Noam Chomsky (1928 -)
- Immediate constituent analysis
- Insists on classification and distribution

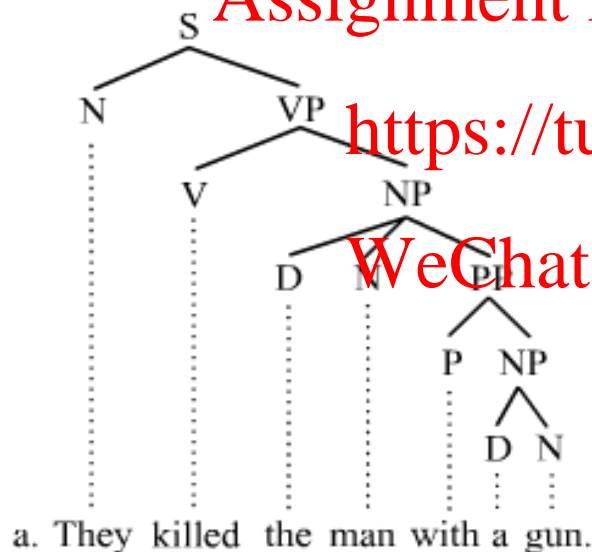
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Dependency Grammar

- Lucien Tesnière (1893 – 1954)
- Functional dependency relations
- Emphasises the relations between syntactic units, thus adding meaningful links (semantics)

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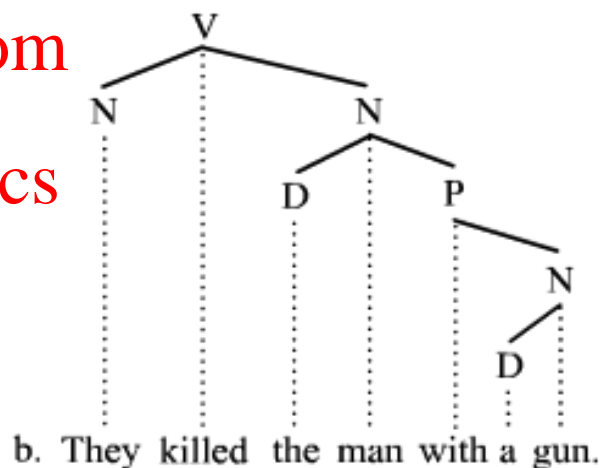
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Constituency grammars

One-to-one-or-more correspondence. For every word in a sentence, there is at least one node in the syntactic structure that corresponds to that word.

Dependency Parsing



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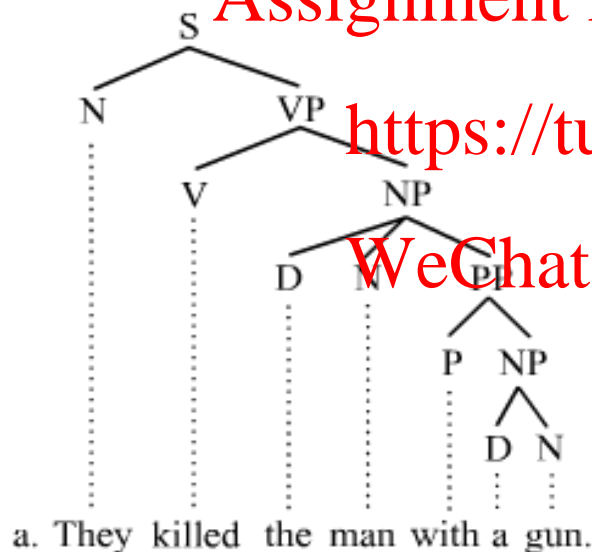
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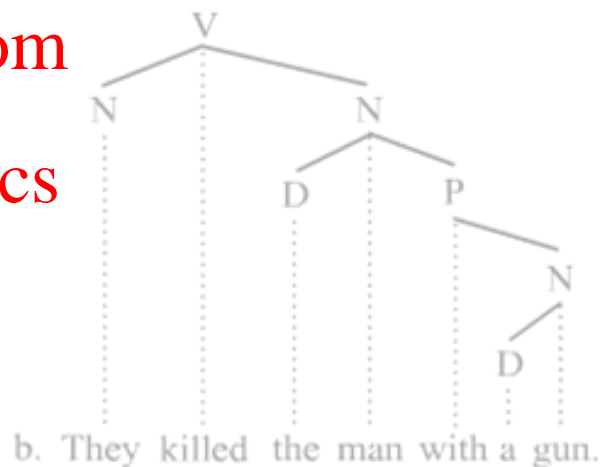
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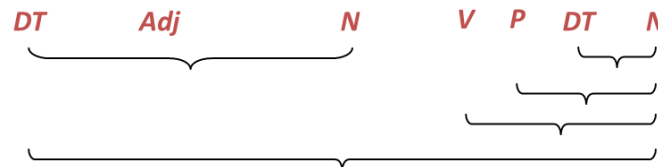
Constituency Grammar

- A **basic observation about syntactic structure** is that groups of words can act as single units
- Such groups of words are called **constituents**
- Constituents tend to have **similar internal structure**, and behave similarly with respect to other units

Examples

- **noun phrases (NP)**
 - she, the house, Robin Hood and his merry men, etc.
- **verb phrases (VP)**
 - blushed, loves Mary, was told to sit down and be quiet, lived happily ever after
- **prepositional phrases (PP)**
 - on it, with the telescope, through the foggy dew, etc.

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A sample context-free grammar

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I prefer a morning flight
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I, prefer, a, morning, flight

PRP

VBP

DT

NN

NN

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I, prefer, a, morning, flight

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Grammar rule	Example
$S \rightarrow \text{NPVP}$	I want a morning flight
$\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{Pronoun}$	I
$\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{Proper-Noun}$	Sydney
$\text{NP} \rightarrow \text{Det Nominal}$	a flight
$\text{Nominal} \rightarrow \text{Nominal Noun}$	morning flight
$\text{Nominal} \rightarrow \text{Noun}$	flights
$\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{Verb}$	do
$\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{Verb NP}$	want + a flight
$\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{Verb NP PP}$	leave + Melbourne + in the morning
$\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{VerbPP}$	leaving + on Thursday
$\text{PP} \rightarrow \text{Preposition NP}$	from + Sydney

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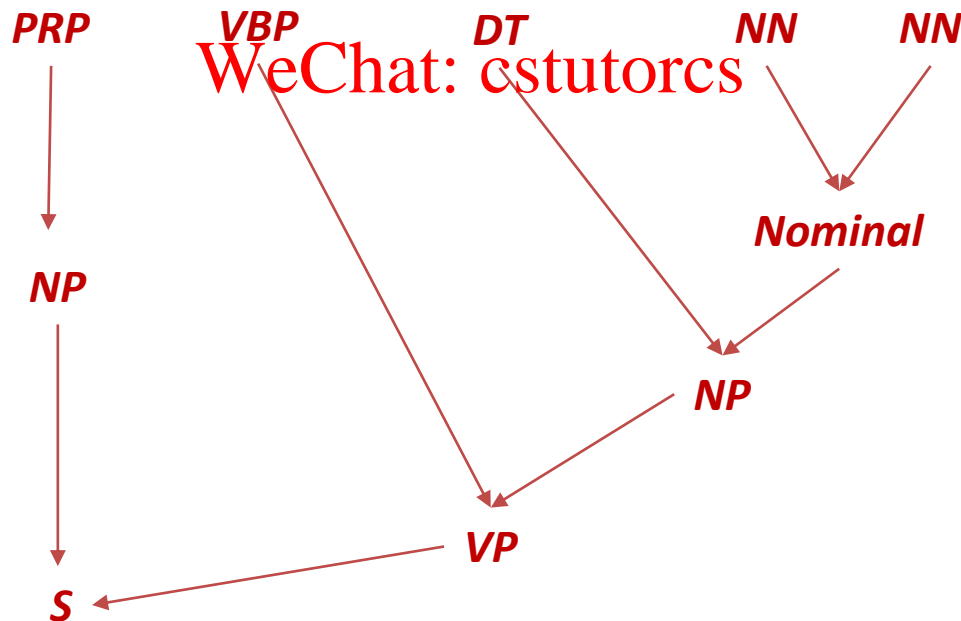
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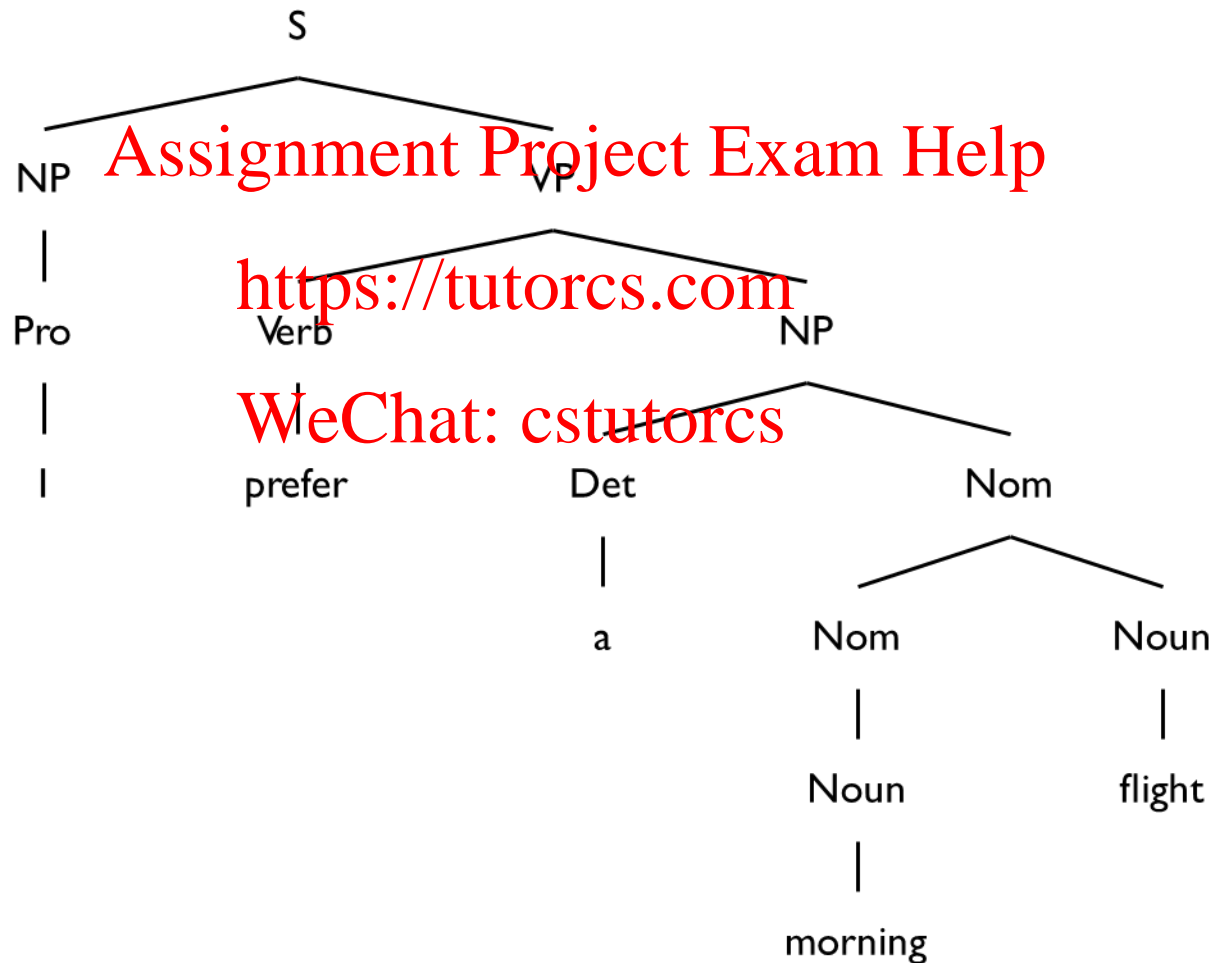
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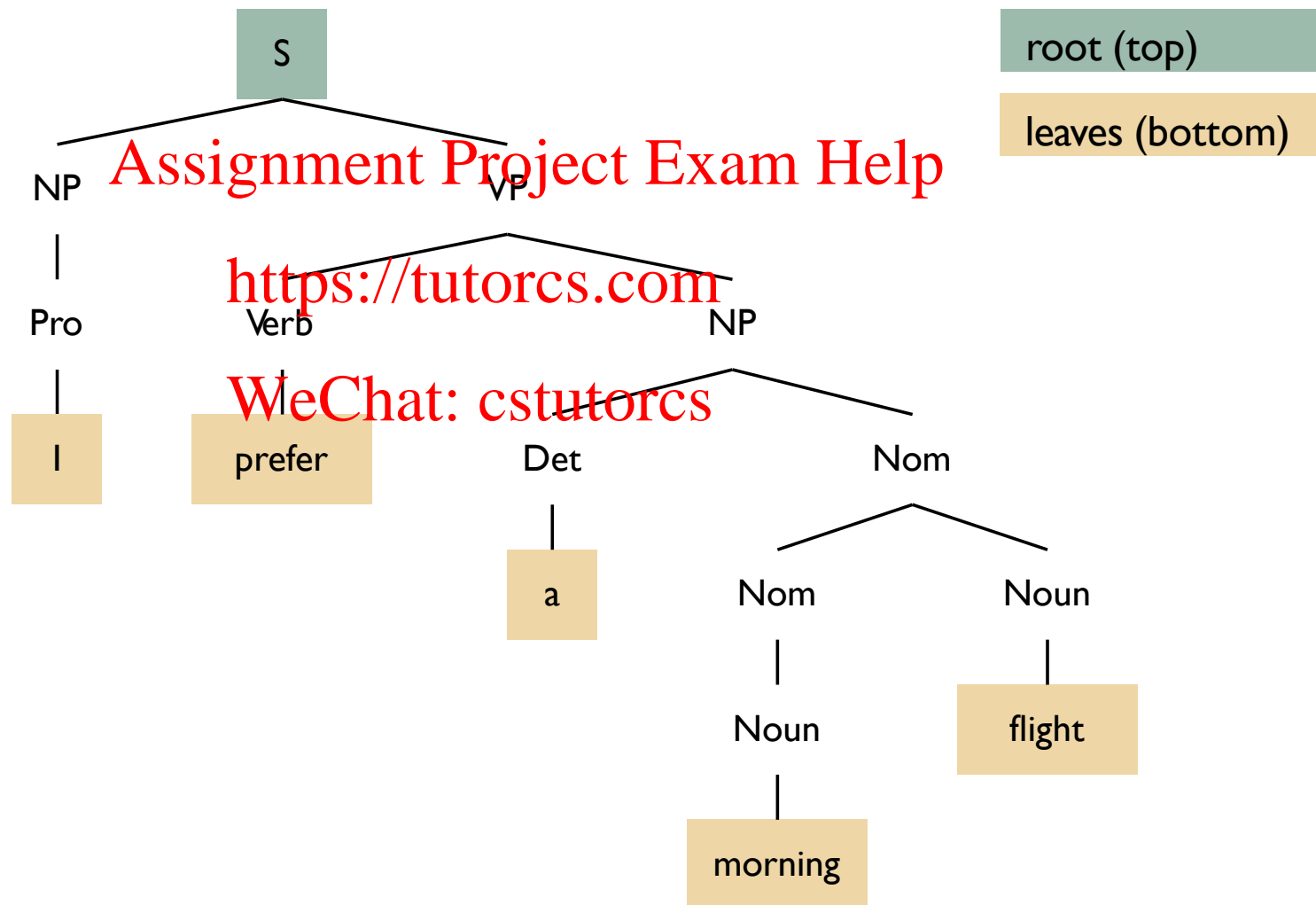


A sample context-free grammar



1 Linguistic Structure

A sample context-free grammar



Treebanks

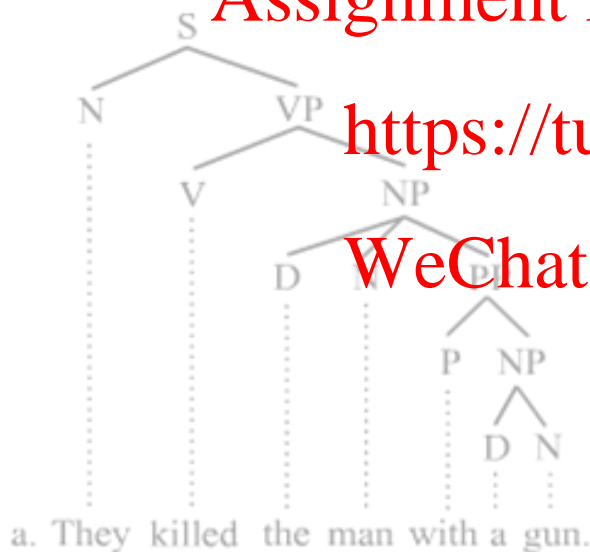
Corpora where each sentence is annotated with a parse tree

- Treebanks are generally created by
 - parsing texts with an existing parser
 - having human annotators correct the result
- This requires detailed annotation guidelines for annotating different grammatical constructions
- Penn Treebank is a popular treebank for English (Wall Street Journal section)

```
( (S
  (NP-SBJ
    (NP (NNP Pierre) (NNP Vinken) )
    ( , , )
    (ADJP
      (NP (CD 61) (NNS years) )
      (JJ old) )
    ( , , ) )
  (VP (MD will)
    (VP (VB join)
      (NP (DT the) (NN board) )
      (PP-CLR (IN as)
        (NP (DT a) (JJ nonexecutive) (NN director) ))
      (NP-TMP (NNP Nov.) (CD 29) )))
  ( . . ) ))
```

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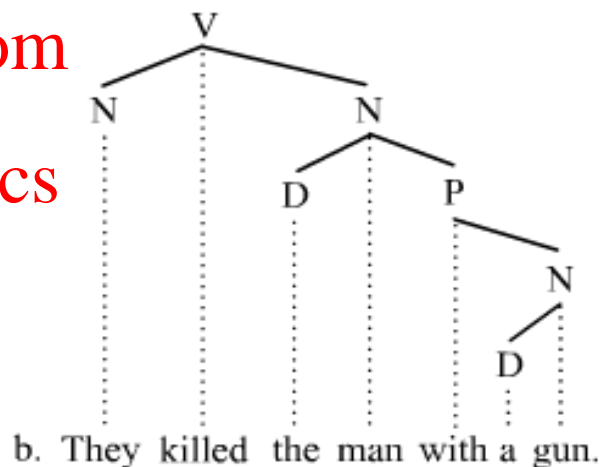
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Dependency Structure

Syntactic structure: lexical items linked by binary asymmetrical relations (“arrows”) called **dependencies**

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Red – **modifier**, dependent, child, subordinate

Hat - **head**, governor, parent, regent

Compound – **dependency relations** (e.g. subject, prepositional object, etc)

***Head** determines the syntactic/semantic category of the construct

*The arrows are commonly typed with the name of **grammatical relations**

Dependency Parsing

Represents Lexical/syntactic dependencies between words

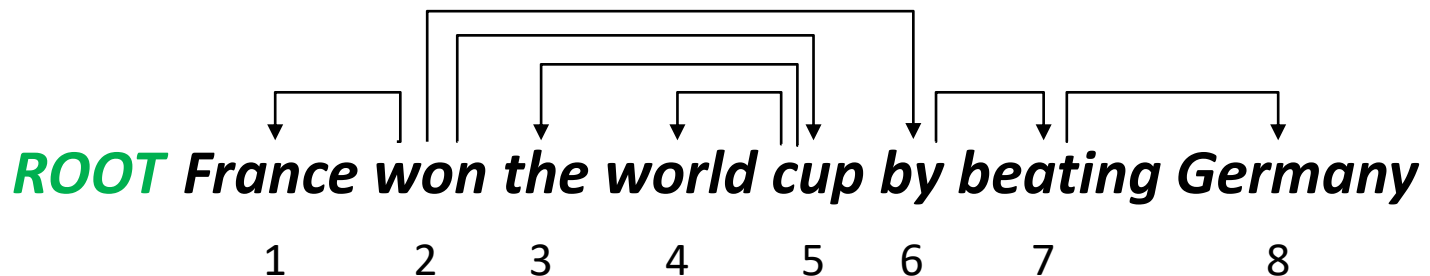
- A sentence is parsed by choosing for each word what other word (including ROOT) it is dependent of

Dependencies form a tree (connected, acyclic, single-head)

- *How to make the dependencies a tree - Constraints*

Only one word is a dependent of ROOT (the main predicate of a sentence)

- Don't want cycles $A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow A$



Dependency Grammar/Parsing History

Panini's grammar (4th century BCE)

The notion of dependencies between grammatical units

Ibn Maḍā' (12th century)

The first grammarian to use the term dependency in the grammatical sense

Sámuel Brassai, Franz Kern, Heimann Hariton Tiktin (1800 - 1930)

The dependency seems to have coexisted side by side with that of phrase structure

Lucien Tesnière (1959)

Was dominant approach in "East" in 20th Century (Russia, China, ...)

Good for free-er word order languages

David Hays (1962)

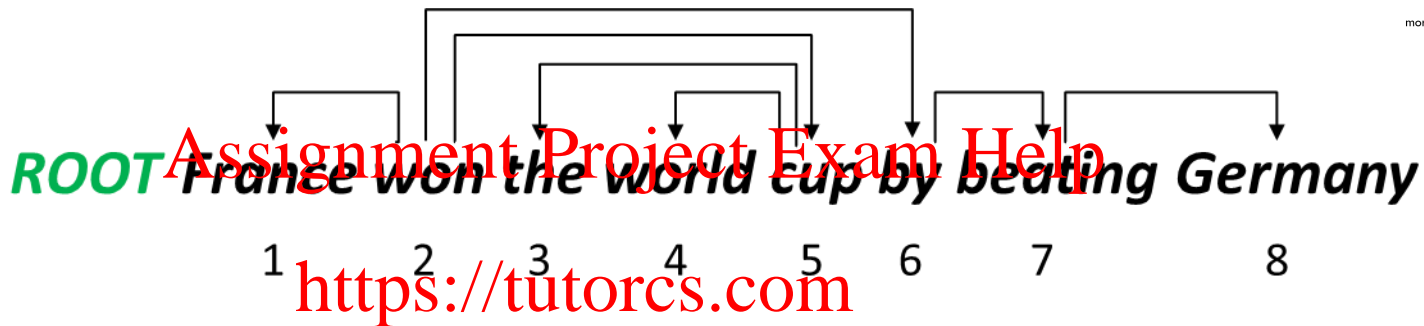
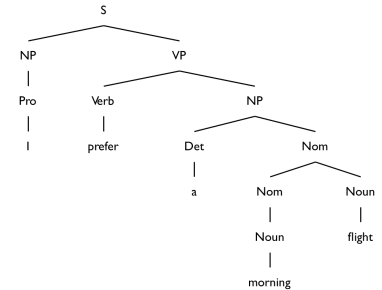
The great development surrounding dependency-based theories has come from computational linguistics

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Dependency Grammar/Parsing



Some people draw the arrows one way; some the other way!

- Tesnière had them point from head to dependent...

Usually add a fake ROOT so every word is a dependent of precisely 1 other node

Projectivity vs Non-Projectivity

- There are no crossing dependency arcs when the words are laid out in their linear order, with all arcs above the words
- Dependencies parallel to a CFG tree must be projective
 - Forming dependencies by taking 1 child of each category as head
- But dependency theory normally does allow non-projective structures to account for displaced constituents

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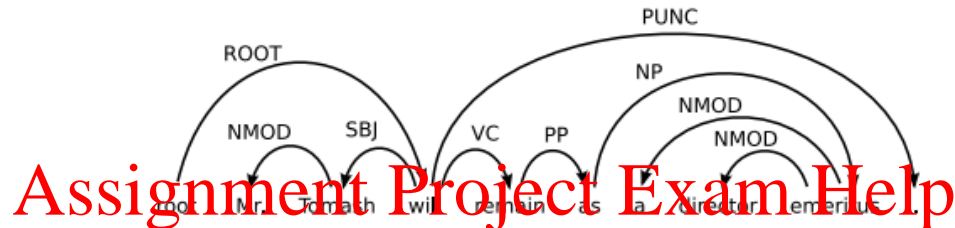


Figure 1: A projective dependency graph.

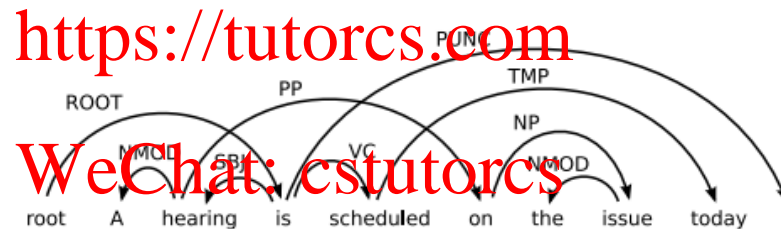


Figure 2: Non-projective dependency graph.

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Dependency Relations

- The following list shows the 37 universal **syntactic relations** used in Universal Dependencies v2.

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|---|---|
| • <u>acl</u> : clausal modifier of noun (adjectival clause) | • <u>fixed</u> : fixed multiword expression |
| • <u>advcl</u> : adverbial clause modifier | • <u>flat</u> : flat multiword expression |
| • <u>advmod</u> : adverbial modifier | • <u>goeswith</u> : goes with |
| • <u>amod</u> : adjectival modifier | • <u>iobj</u> : indirect object |
| • <u>appos</u> : appositional modifier | • <u>list</u> : list |
| • <u>aux</u> : auxiliary | • <u>mark</u> : marker |
| • <u>case</u> : case marking | • <u>nmod</u> : nominal modifier |
| • <u>cc</u> : coordinating conjunction | • <u>nsubj</u> : nominal subject |
| • <u>ccomp</u> : clausal complement | • <u>nummod</u> : numeric modifier |
| • <u>clf</u> : classifier | • <u>obj</u> : object |
| • <u>compound</u> : compound | • <u>obl</u> : oblique nominal |
| • <u>conj</u> : conjunct | • <u>orphan</u> : orphan |
| • <u>cop</u> : copula | • <u>parataxis</u> : parataxis |
| • <u>csubj</u> : clausal subject | • <u>punct</u> : punctuation |
| • <u>dep</u> : unspecified dependency | • <u>reparandum</u> : overridden disfluency |
| • <u>det</u> : determiner | • <u>root</u> : root |
| • <u>discourse</u> : discourse element | • <u>vocative</u> : vocative |
| • <u>dislocated</u> : dislocated elements | • <u>xcomp</u> : open clausal complement |
| • <u>expl</u> : expletive | |

Dependency Relations with annotations

- The idea of dependency structure goes back a long way
- [Universal Dependencies: <http://universaldependencies.org/> ;
- cf. Marcus et al., 1993, *The Penn Treebank*, *Computational Linguistics*]
- Starting off, building a treebank seems a lot slower and less useful than building a grammar
- But a treebank gives us many things
 - Reusability of the labor
 - Many parsers, part-of-speech taggers, etc. can be built on it
 - Valuable resource for linguistics
 - Broad coverage, not just a few intuitions
 - Frequencies and distributional information
 - A way to evaluate systems

2 Dependency Structure

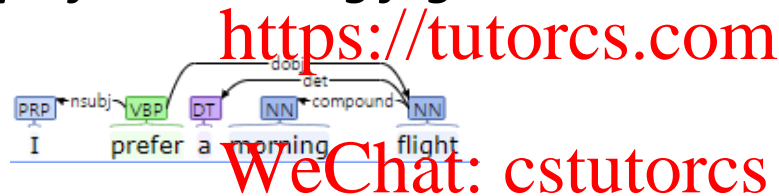
Dependency Parsing

Exercise – Let's do it together!

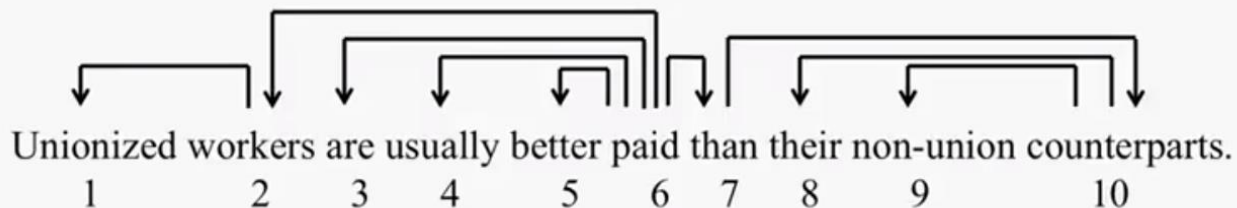
- Simpler to parse than context-free grammars

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ROOT *I prefer a morning flight*



ROOT *Unionised workers are usually better paid than their non-union counterparts*



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Dependency Parsing Approaches

Methods of Dependency Parsing

- Dynamic programming

Extension of the CYK algorithm to dependency parsing (Eisner, 1996)

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- Constraint Satisfaction (Karlsson, 1990)

$word(pos(x)) = DET \rightarrow (label(x) = NMOD, word(mod(x)) = NN, pos(x) < mod(x))$
A determiner (DET) modifies a noun (NN) on the right with the label NMOD.

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- **Graph-based Dependency Parsing**

Create a **Minimum Spanning Tree** for a sentence

McDonald et al.'s (2005) MSTParser scores dependencies independently using an Machine Learning classifier

- **Transition-based Dependency Parsing (Nivre 2008)**
- **Neural Dependency Parsing**

Dependency Parsing Approaches

Graph-based dependency parsers

MST Parser (McDonald et al., 2005)

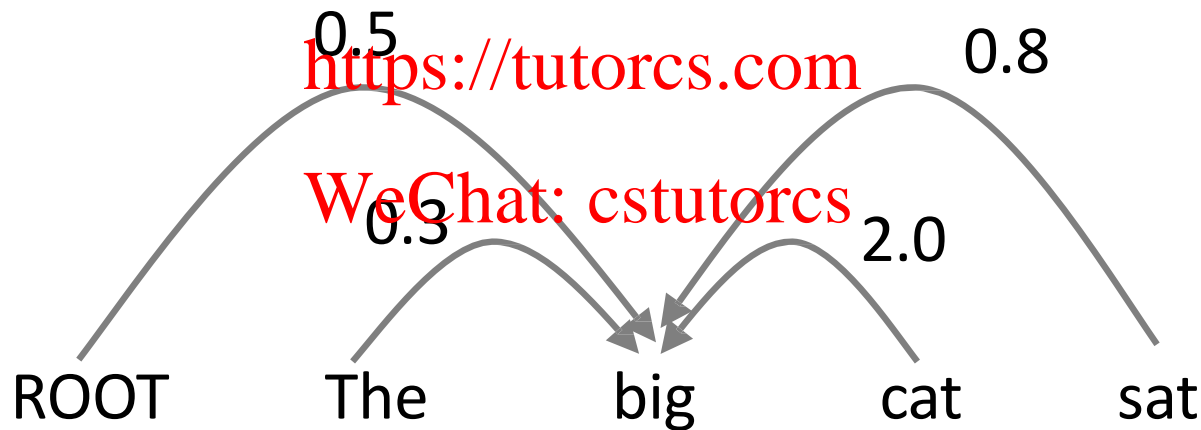
- **Projectivity**
 - English dependency trees are mostly projective (can be drawn without crossing dependencies)
 - Other languages are not
- **Idea**
 - Dependency parsing is equivalent to search for a maximum spanning tree in a directed graph
 - Chu and Liu (1965) and Edmonds (1967) give an efficient algorithm for finding MST for directed graphs

Dependency Parsing Approaches

Graph-based dependency parsers

- Compute a score for every possible dependency for each edge

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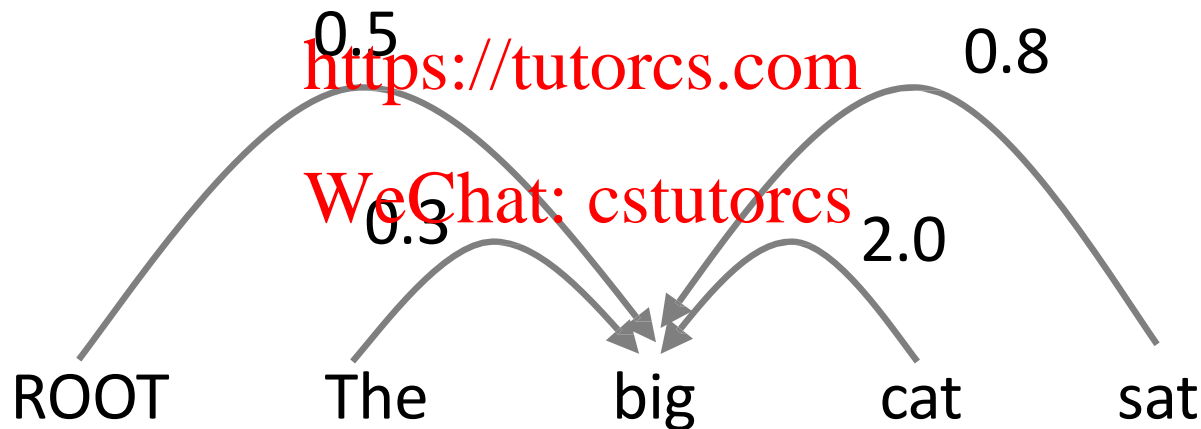


e.g., picking the head for "big"

Dependency Parsing Approaches

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- Compute a score for every possible dependency for each edge
 - Then add an edge from each word to its highest-scoring candidate head
 - And repeat the same process for each other word



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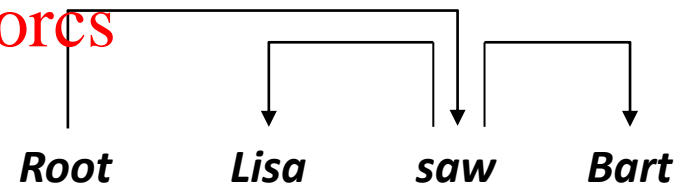
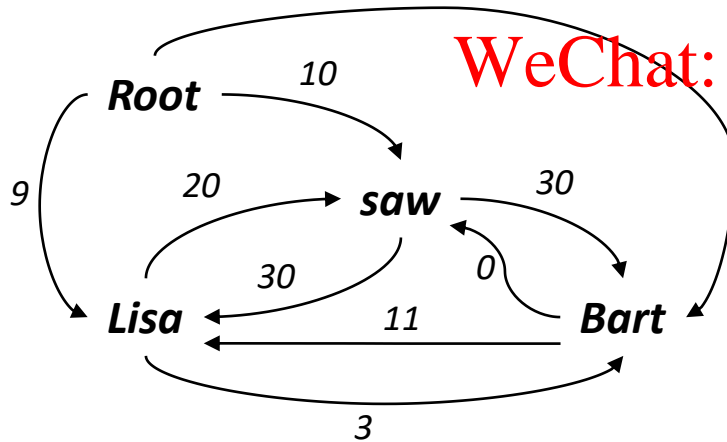
Graph-based dependency parsers

- Consider the sentence “Lisa saw Bart”

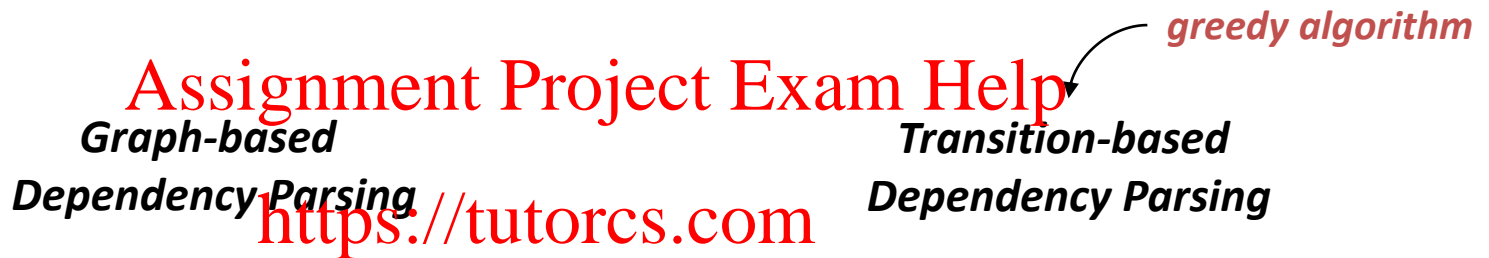
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Methods of Dependency Parsing



- Non-deterministic dependency parsing
 - Build a complete graph with directed/weighted edges
 - Find the highest scoring tree from a complete dependency graph
- Deterministic dependency parsing
 - Build a tree by applying a sequence of transition actions
 - Find the highest scoring action sequence that builds a legal tree

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Greedy transition-based parsing (Nivre 2008)

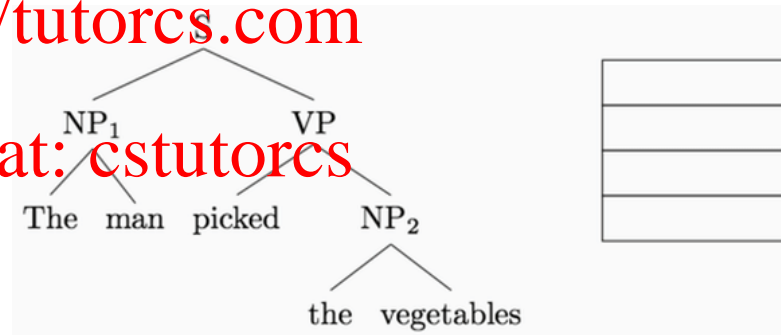
- A simple form of greedy discriminative dependency parser
- **Transition**: an operation that searches for a dependency relation between each pair of words (e.g. Left-Arc, Shift, etc.)
- Design a dumb but really fast algorithm and let the machine learning(deep learning) do the rest.
- Eisner's algorithm (Dynamic Programming-based Dependency Parsing) searches over many different dependency trees at the same time.
- A transition-based dependency parser only builds one tree, in one left-to-right sweep over the input

Transition-based parsing – The arc-standard algorithm

- A sequence of bottom up actions
 - Roughly like “shift” or “reduce” in a shift-reduce parser, but the “reduce” actions are specialized to create dependencies with head on left or right

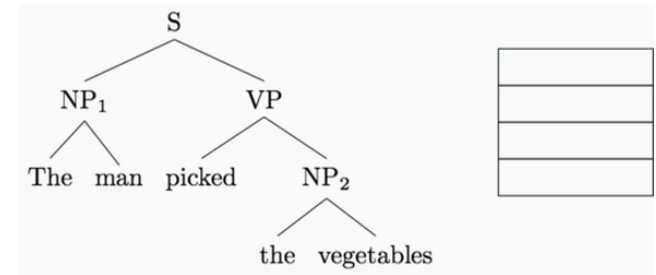
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- It is implemented in most practical transition- based dependency parsers, including **MaltParser**. The arc-standard algorithm is a simple algorithm for transition-based dependency parsing.

Transition-based parsing



A sentence

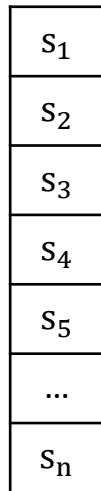
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Input buffer



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Stack buffer



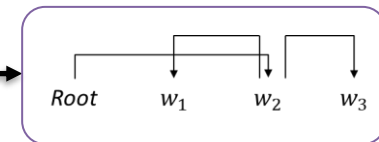
Parser (Classifier)

"predict" the optimal (best) transition given the current configuration



With machine learning

Dependency Relations



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Transition-based parsing – The arc-standard algorithm

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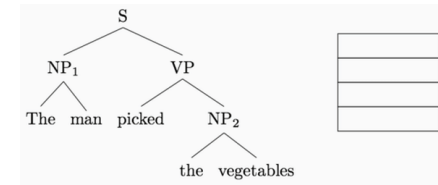
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- **Initial configuration:**
 - All words are in the buffer.
 - The stack is empty or starts with the ROOT symbol
 - The dependency graph is empty.



Transition-based parsing – The arc-standard algorithm

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Possible Transition

Shift

- **Push** the next word in buffer onto the stack

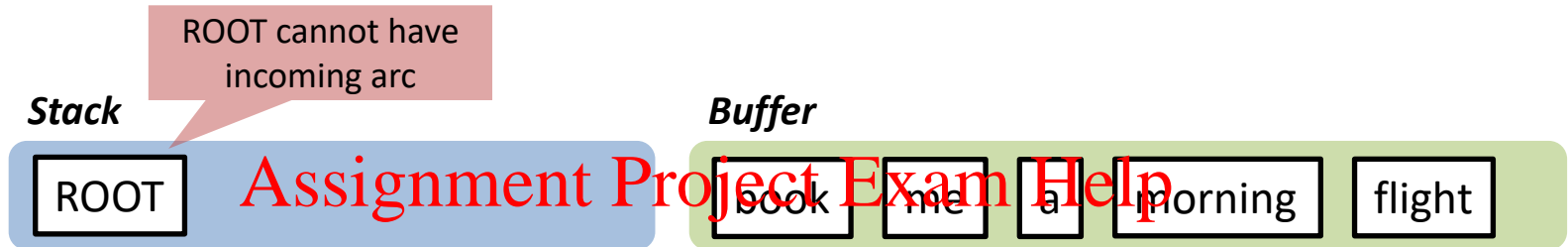
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Right-Arc

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Transition-based parsing – The arc-standard algorithm



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Left Arc and Right Arc require 2 elements in stack to be applied

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Possible Transition

Shift

- *Push* the next word in buffer onto the stack

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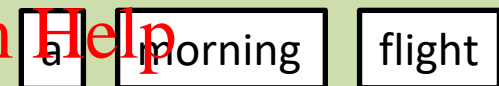
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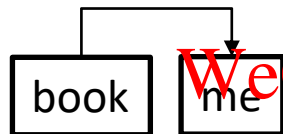
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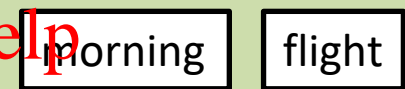
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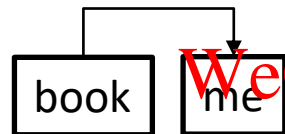
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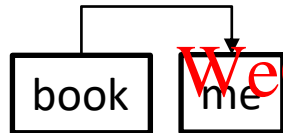
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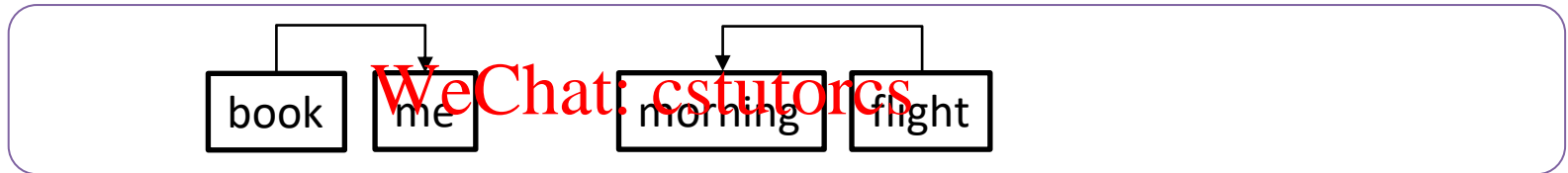
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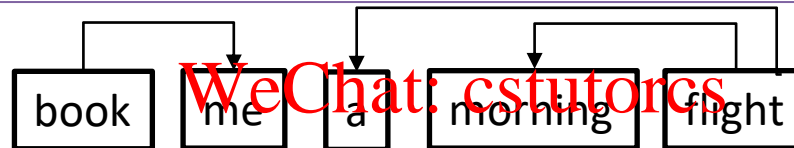
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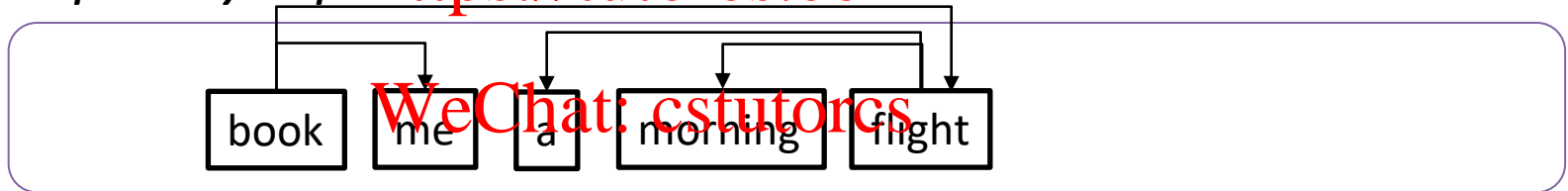
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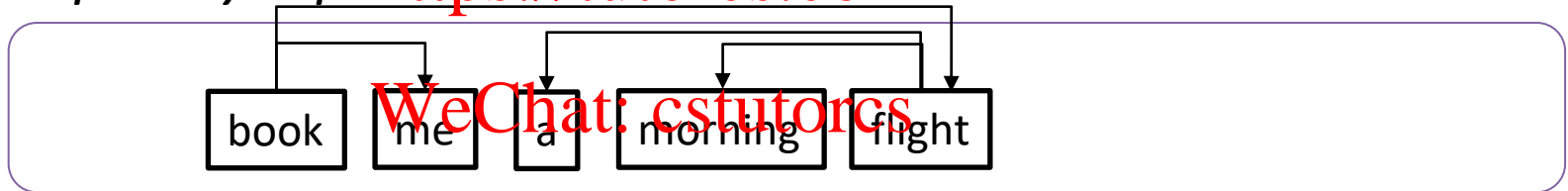
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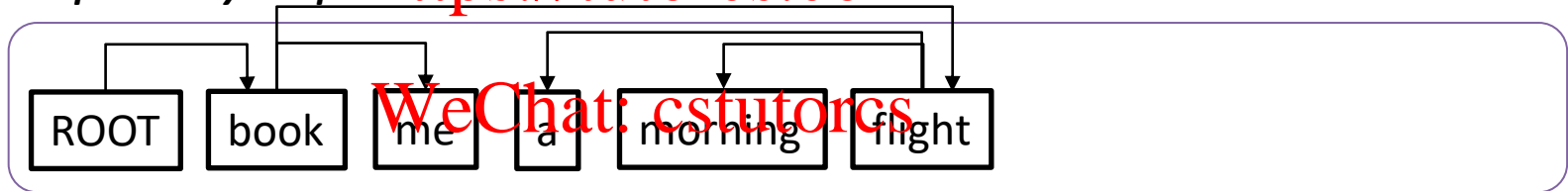
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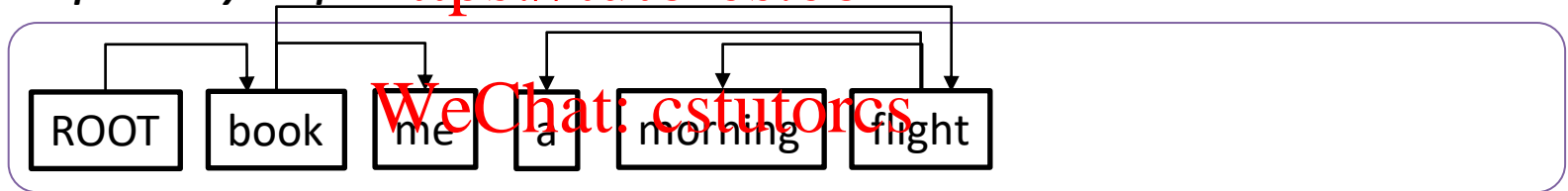
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- **Terminal configuration:**
 - The buffer is empty.
 - The stack contains a single word.

Transition-based parsing



(a) Arc-standard: *is* and *example* are eligible for arcs.

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(b) Arc-eager: *example* and *with* are eligible for arcs.



(c) Easy-first: All unreduced tokens are active (bolded).

Transition-based parsing – The arc-standard algorithm

Start: $\sigma = [\text{ROOT}], \beta = w_1, \dots, w_n, A = \emptyset$

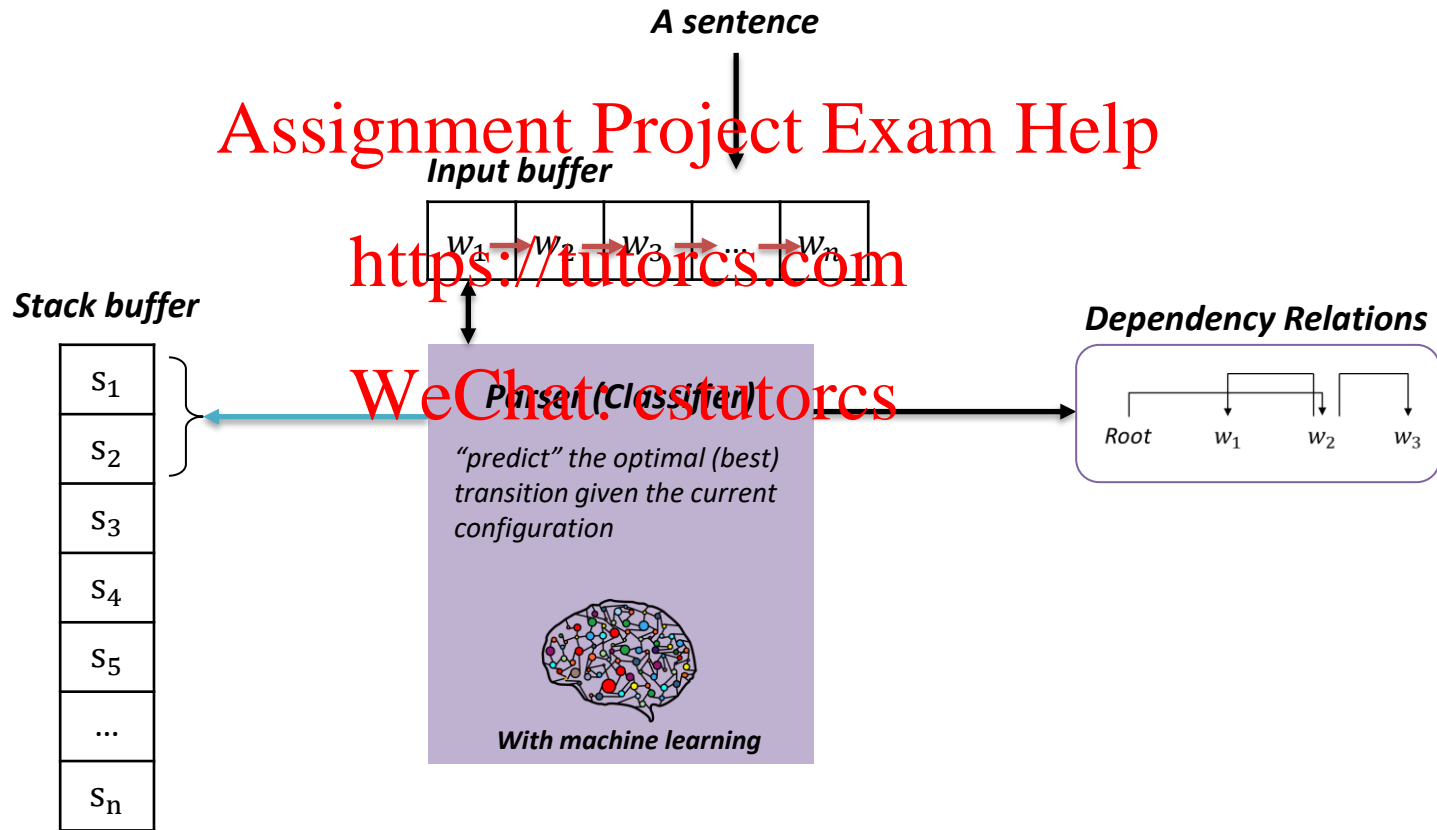
1. Shift $\sigma|w_i|\beta, A \rightarrow \sigma|w_i, \beta, A$
2. Left-Arc_r $\sigma|w_i|w_j, \beta, A \rightarrow \sigma|w_j, \beta, A \cup \{r(w_j, w_i)\}$
3. Right-Arc_r $\sigma|w_i|w_j, \beta, A \rightarrow \sigma|w_i, \beta, A \cup \{r(w_i, w_j)\}$

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Finish: $\sigma = [w], \beta = \emptyset$

How to choose the next action?

Transition-based parsing



How to choose the next action?

Stand back, You know machine learning!

Goal: Predict the next transition (class), given the current configuration.

- We let the parser run on gold-standard trees.
- Every time there is a choice to make, we simply look into the tree and do 'the right thing'.
- We collect all (configuration, transition) pairs and train a classifier on them.
- When parsing unseen sentences, we use the trained classifier as a guide.

What if the number of pairs is far too large?

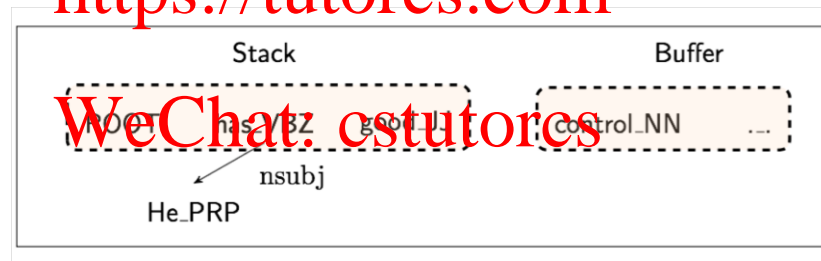
Feature Representation

- Define a set of features of configurations that you consider to be relevant for the task of predicting the next transition.

Example: word forms of the top most two words on the stack and the next two words in the buffer

- Describe every configuration in terms of a feature vector.

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- In practical systems, we have thousands of features and hundreds of transitions.
- There are several machine-learning paradigms that can be used to train a guide for such a task
- Examples: perceptron, decision trees, support-vector machines, memory-based learning

Evaluation of Dependency Parsing

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\# \text{ correct deps}}{\# \text{ of deps}}$$

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Unlabeled attachment score (UAS) = head

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Labeled attachment score (LAS) = head and label

Evaluation of Dependency Parsing



Gold Standard

1	2	she	nsubj
2	0	saw	root
3	5	the	det
4	5	video	nn
5	2	lecture	obj

Parsed (assume this is what you classified)

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2	0	saw	root
3	4	the	det
4	5	video	nsubj
5	2	lecture	ccomp

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Unlabeled attachment score (UAS) = 4 / 5 = 80%

Labeled attachment score (LAS) = 2 / 5 = 40%

Lecture 7: Parsing

1. Linguistic Structure
2. Dependency Structure
3. Dependency Parsing Algorithms
4. Transition-based Dependency Parsing
5. Deep Learning-based Dependency Parsing

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Distributed Representations

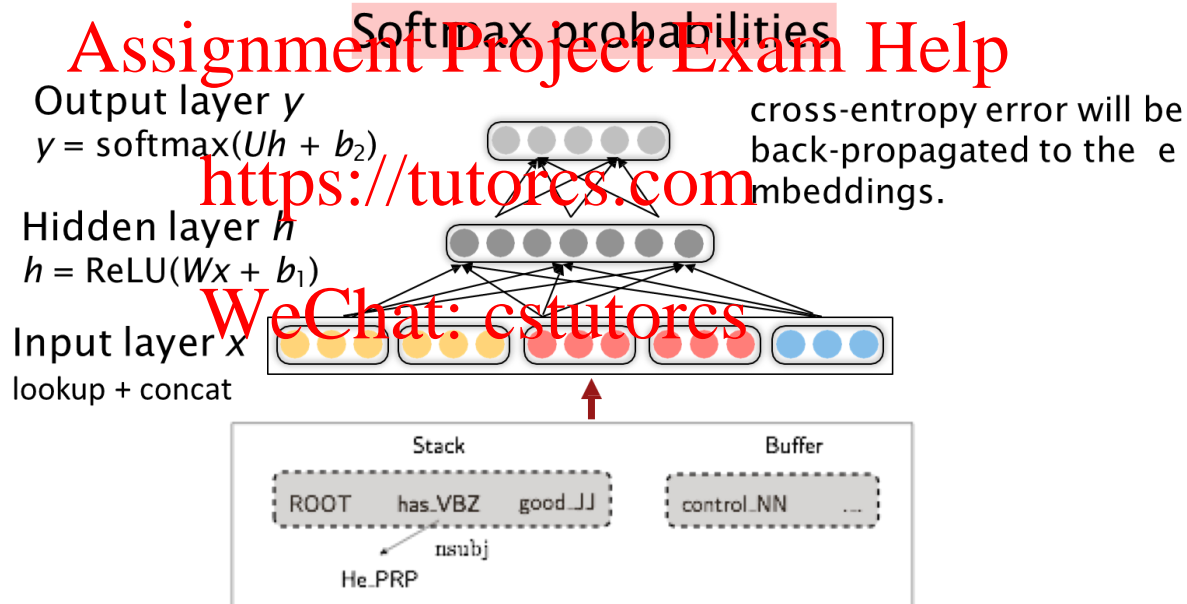
- Represent each word as a d -dimensional dense vector (i.e., word embedding)
 - Similar words are expected to have close vectors.
 - NNS (plural noun) should be close to NN (singular noun).
- Meanwhile, part of speech tags (POS) and dependency labels are also represented as d -dimensional vectors.
- The smaller discrete sets also exhibit many semantical similarities

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Neural Dependency Parsing (Chen & Manning, 2014)



Neural Dependency Parsing

*Accuracy and parsing speed
on PTB + Stanford dependencies*

Parser	Dev		Test		Speed (sent/s)
	UAS	LAS	UAS	LAS	
standard	90.2	87.8	89.4	87.3	26
eager	89.8	87.4	89.6	87.4	34
Malt:sp	89.8	87.2	89.3	86.9	469
Malt:eager	89.6	86.9	89.4	86.8	448
MSTParser	91.4	88.1	90.7	87.6	10
Our parser	92.0	89.7	91.8	89.6	654





















Accuracy and parsing speed on CTB

Parser	Dev		Test		Speed (sent/s)
	UAS	LAS	UAS	LAS	
standard	82.4	80.9	82.7	81.2	72
eager	81.1	79.7	80.3	78.7	80
Malt:sp	82.4	80.5	82.4	80.6	420
Malt:eager	81.2	79.3	80.2	78.4	393
MSTParser	84.0	82.1	83.0	81.2	6
Our parser	84.0	82.4	83.9	82.4	936

Chen, D., & Manning, C. (2014). A fast and accurate dependency parser using neural networks. In *Proceedings of the 2014 conference on empirical methods in natural language processing (EMNLP)* (pp. 740-750).

- PTB: English Penn Treebank
- CTB: Chinese Penn Treebank

Dependency Parsing Trends – Penn Treebank

RANK	MODEL	LAS [↑]	UAS	POS	PAPER	CODE	RESULT	YEAR
1	Label Attention Layer + HPSG + XLNet	96.26	97.42	97.3	Rethinking Self-Attention: Towards Interpretability in Neural Parsing			2019
2	Deep Biaffine + RoBERTa	96.33	97.49		Deep Biaffine Attention for Neural Dependency Parsing			2016
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6	CVT + Multi-Task + Large	95.02	96.61		Semi-Supervised Sequence Modeling with Cross-View Training			2018
7	CVT + Multi-Task	94.83	96.44		Semi-Supervised Sequence Modeling with Cross-View Training			2018
8	SpanRel	94.7			Generalizing Natural Language Analysis through Span-relation Representations			2019
9	CRFPar	94.49	96.14		Efficient Second-Order TreeCRF for Neural Dependency Parsing			2020
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Semi-Supervised Sequence Modeling with Cross-View Training (Clark, 2018)

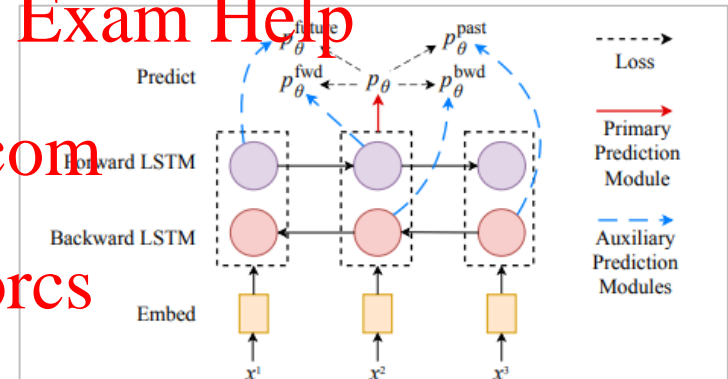
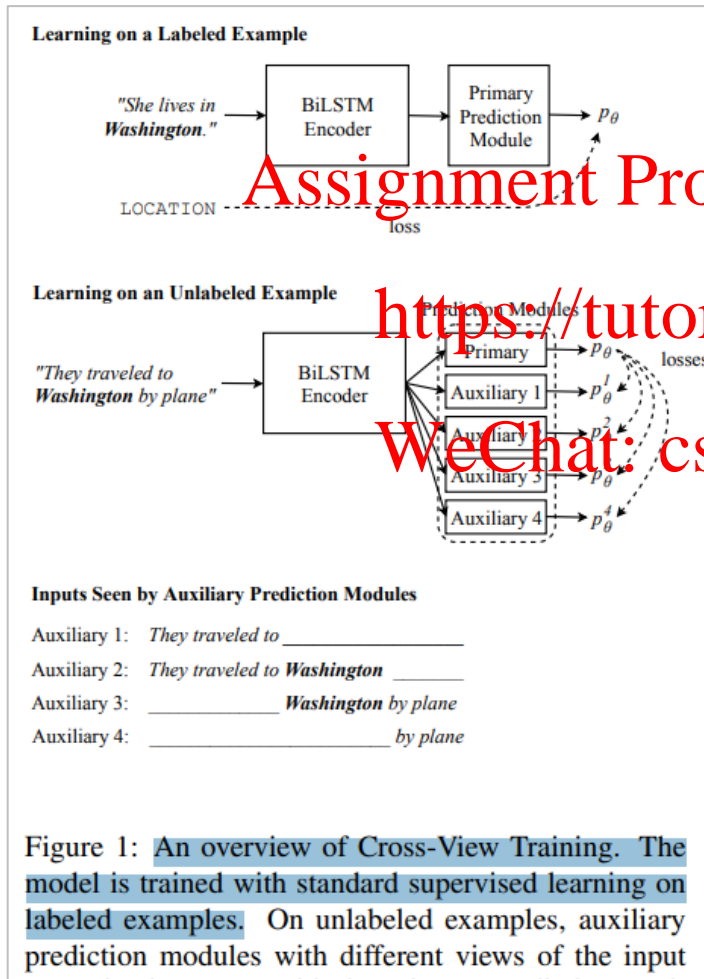






















Figure 2: Auxiliary prediction modules for sequence tagging models. Each one sees a restricted view of the input. For example, the "forward" prediction module does not see any context to the right of the current token when predicting that token's label. For simplicity, we only show a one layer Bi-LSTM encoder and only show the model's predictions for a single time step.

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