

# Welcome to the Statistical Methods of Language Technologyb SoSe21 course

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## Topic of this week;

In this first practice class, we are going to focus on two main topics, which will be useful to complete the assignment;

- Earley Parsing
- Rule-based Chunking

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## In class Exercises

### Problem 6.1 Earley Parsing

Assume the following grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow NP VP \mid NP \\ VP &\rightarrow V NP \mid V NP PP \\ NP &\rightarrow NP PP \mid D N \mid R \\ PP &\rightarrow P NP \\ P &\rightarrow with \mid in \mid of \\ V &\rightarrow see \mid take \mid make \\ N &\rightarrow man \mid telescope \\ D &\rightarrow the \mid an \mid a \\ R &\rightarrow I \end{aligned}$$

Parse the sentence “I see the man with the telescope top down with the Earley algorithm

## Hints:

**States** (table entries) represent:

- Completed constituents and their locations
- In-progress constituents
- Predicted constituents

The table entries are called states and are represented with dotted rules:

Example taken from Lecture Notes (week5, slide 31)

- $S \rightarrow \bullet VP$  (A VP is predicted)
- $NP \rightarrow Det \bullet Nominal$  (An NP is in progress)
- $VP \rightarrow V NP \bullet$  (A VP has been found)

With offsets:

- $S \rightarrow \bullet VP$  [0,0] (A VP is predicted at the start of the sentence)
- $NP \rightarrow Det \bullet Nominal$  [1,2] (An NP is in progress; the Det goes from 1 to 2)
- $VP \rightarrow V NP \bullet$  [0,3] (A VP has been found starting at 0 and ending at 3)

## Example from the lecture

### EXAMPLE: BOOK THAT FLIGHT

Chart[0]	S0	$\gamma \rightarrow \bullet S$	[0,0]	Dummy start state
	S1	$S \rightarrow \bullet NP VP$	[0,0]	Predictor
	S2	$S \rightarrow \bullet Aux NP VP$	[0,0]	Predictor
	S3	$S \rightarrow \bullet VP$	[0,0]	Predictor
	S4	$NP \rightarrow \bullet Pronoun$	[0,0]	Predictor
	S5	$NP \rightarrow \bullet Proper-Noun$	[0,0]	Predictor
	S6	$NP \rightarrow \bullet Det Nominal$	[0,0]	Predictor
	S7	$VP \rightarrow \bullet Verb$	[0,0]	Predictor
	S8	$VP \rightarrow \bullet Verb NP$	[0,0]	Predictor
	S9	$VP \rightarrow \bullet Verb NP PP$	[0,0]	Predictor
	S10	$VP \rightarrow \bullet Verb PP$	[0,0]	Predictor
	S11	$VP \rightarrow \bullet VP PP$	[0,0]	Predictor

Chart[1]	S12	<i>Verb</i> → <i>book</i> •	[0,1]	Scanner
	S13	<i>VP</i> → <i>Verb</i> •	[0,1]	Completer
	S14	<i>VP</i> → <i>Verb</i> • <i>NP</i>	[0,1]	Completer
	S15	<i>VP</i> → <i>Verb</i> • <i>NP PP</i>	[0,1]	Completer
	S16	<i>VP</i> → <i>Verb</i> • <i>PP</i>	[0,1]	Completer
	S17	<i>S</i> → <i>VP</i> •	[0,1]	Completer
	S18	<i>VP</i> → <i>VP</i> • <i>PP</i>	[0,1]	Completer
	S19	<i>NP</i> → • <i>Pronoun</i>	[1,1]	Predictor
	S20	<i>NP</i> → • <i>Proper-Noun</i>	[1,1]	Predictor
	S21	<i>NP</i> → • <i>Det Nominal</i>	[1,1]	Predictor
	S22	<i>PP</i> → • <i>Prep NP</i>	[1,1]	Predictor

Chart[2]	S23	<i>Det</i> → <i>that</i> •	[1,2]	Scanner
	S24	<i>NP</i> → <i>Det</i> • <i>Nominal</i>	[1,2]	Completer
	S25	<i>Nominal</i> → • <i>Noun</i>	[2,2]	Predictor
	S26	<i>Nominal</i> → • <i>Nominal Noun</i>	[2,2]	Predictor
	S27	<i>Nominal</i> → • <i>Nominal PP</i>	[2,2]	Predictor

Chart[3]	S28	<i>Noun</i> → <i>flight</i> •	[2,3]	Scanner
	S29	<i>Nominal</i> → <i>Noun</i> •	[2,3]	Completer
	S30	<i>NP</i> → <i>Det Nominal</i> •	[1,3]	Completer
	S31	<i>Nominal</i> → <i>Nominal</i> • <i>Noun</i>	[2,3]	Completer
	S32	<i>Nominal</i> → <i>Nominal</i> • <i>PP</i>	[2,3]	Completer
	S33	<i>VP</i> → <i>Verb NP</i> •	[0,3]	Completer
	S34	<i>VP</i> → <i>Verb NP</i> • <i>PP</i>	[0,3]	Completer
	S35	<i>PP</i> → • <i>Prep NP</i>	[3,3]	Predictor
	S36	<i>S</i> → <i>VP</i> •	[0,3]	Completer
	S37	<i>VP</i> → <i>VP</i> • <i>PP</i>	[0,3]	Completer

Download the **PC5-data.tar.gz** file from Moodle and unpack it. For evaluation, you need to have access to Perl (Windows users can use Babun, <http://babun.github.io/> (<http://babun.github.io/>)).

We want to try a rule-based approach to chunking. As a preprocessing step for Information Extraction, we want to build our own NP Chunker.\

Download the `PC5-data.tar.gz` file from Moodle and unpack it (same data as last week). For evaluation, you need to have access to Perl (Windows users can use Babun, <http://babun.github.io/> (<http://babun.github.io/>)). Python with NLTK <http://www.nltk.org/install.html> (<http://www.nltk.org/install.html>) should also be installed.

Read the train, val and test files (you can either small or medium dataset)

```
In [ ]: with open('PC5-data/test.small.data','r') as f:
        test_small=f.read()

with open('PC5-data/val.small.data','r') as f:
    val_small=f.read()

with open('PC5-data/train.small.data','r') as f:
    train_small=f.read()

#print(test_small)
```

**a) Download the chunking scripts from Moodle (PC6-scripts.zip) and unpack them into the same folder as the chunking data. Run the following script ( 6-chunking\_1.py ).**

What chunks do you see? Ideas for additional rules?

```
In [1]: import nltk
from nltk.chunk.regexp import RegexpChunkRule

## Grammar section
sentence = [ ("Barack", "NNP"), ("Obama", "NNP"), ("was", "VBD"), ("born", "VBN"), ("in", "IN"), ("the", "DT"), ("state", "NN"), ("Hawaii", "NNP") ]

# NP chunking rules
grammar = """NP:
            {<NNP><NNP>}
            {<DT><NN><NNP>}
            """

cp = nltk.RegexpParser(grammar)

result = cp.parse(sentence)
print(result)
result.draw()
```

```
(S
  (NP Barack/NNP Obama/NNP)
  was/VBD
  born/VBN
  in/IN
  (NP the/DT state/NN Hawaii/NNP))
```

**b) Run the second script ( 6-chunking\_2.py ).**

Which rules are missing to get the correct NP chunks? Add those rules to the grammar. (Try to solve this task without modifiers like "+", "\*", etc.)

```
In [ ]: import nltk
from nltk.chunk.regexp import RegexpChunkRule

## Grammar section
sentence = [("the", "DT"), ("little", "JJ"), ("yellow", "JJ"), ("dog", "NN")

# NP chunking rules
grammar = """NP:
            {<DT><JJ>*<NN>}
            {<DT><NN>}
            """

cp = nltk.RegexpParser(grammar)

result = cp.parse(sentence)
print(result)
result.draw()
```

**c) Think of the following phrases:**

- The whole idea
- Oil and auto companies
- George Bush
- the Obama administration
- which
- he
- 100 million dollars

Create rules to cover these phrases.

In [ ]:

**d) Add your rules from the previous task and run your ruleset on the training set ( 6-chunking\\_3.py ).**

What is the performance? Use the `conlleval.pl` script!

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In [ ]: import sys
import nltk
from nltk.chunk.regexp import RegexpChunkRule

# helper functions for tuple creation
def group(lst, n):
    for i in range(0, len(lst), n):
        val = lst[i:i+n]
        if len(val) == n:
            yield tuple(val)

def postag(lst):
    for i in range(0, len(lst), 3):
        val = lst[i:i+2]
        if len(val) == 2:
            yield tuple(val)

# open file
raw_annotations = open("train.small.data").read()
split_annotations = raw_annotations.split()

# create tuples of gold annotation and postagged text
reference_annotations = list(group(split_annotations, 3))

postagged_text = list(postag(split_annotations))

## Grammar section

# NP chunking rules
grammar = """NP:
                {<NNP>+}
                {<DT><NN>}
            """
cp = nltk.RegexpParser(grammar)

result = cp.parse(postagged_text)

# Convert prediction to multiline string and then to list (includes pos tag
multiline_string = nltk.chunk.tree2conllstr(result)
listed_pos_and_np = multiline_string.split()

formatted_prediction = list(group(listed_pos_and_np, 3))

# output tab-separated result, add gold annotation
for n,res in enumerate(formatted_prediction):
    print (res[0] + "\t" + res[1] + "\t" + reference_annotations[n][2] + "\t"

```

e) How would you progress to improve the performance?

Resources: For an explanation of the POS tags used, consider Penn Treebank: [https://www.ling.upenn.edu/courses/Fall\\_2003/ling001/penn\\_treebank\\_pos.html](https://www.ling.upenn.edu/courses/Fall_2003/ling001/penn_treebank_pos.html) ([https://www.ling.upenn.edu/courses/Fall\\_2003/ling001/penn\\_treebank\\_pos.html](https://www.ling.upenn.edu/courses/Fall_2003/ling001/penn_treebank_pos.html)) A general tutorial on Information Extraction with NLTK: <http://www.nltk.org/book/ch07.html#ref-chunkex-grammar> (<http://www.nltk.org/book/ch07.html#ref-chunkex-grammar>) Documentation of the RegexpChunk parser: <http://www.nltk.org/api/nltk.chunk.html#nltk.chunk.regexp.RegexpChunkRule> (<http://www.nltk.org/api/nltk.chunk.html#nltk.chunk.regexp.RegexpChunkRule>)

**Good luck with your assignment :-)**