

# Incremental Coarse-to-Fine Parsing

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## Understanding ... One Step at a Time

- ▶ Cognitive motivations
  - ▶ Operates on incomplete information (Cloze testing)
- ▶ Engineering motivations
  - ▶ Can make use of information about recent content/structure (coreference, pragmatics)
  - ▶ Unsegmented input
  - ▶  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  Streaming task

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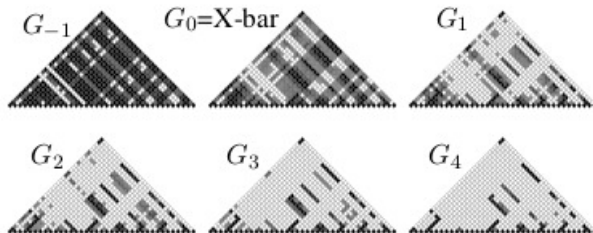
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- ▶ It has massively sped up parsers in the recent past
  - ▶ [Petrov and Klein, 2007] 50x



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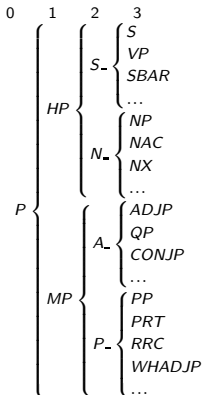
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Parse in phases

[Charniak et al., 2006]

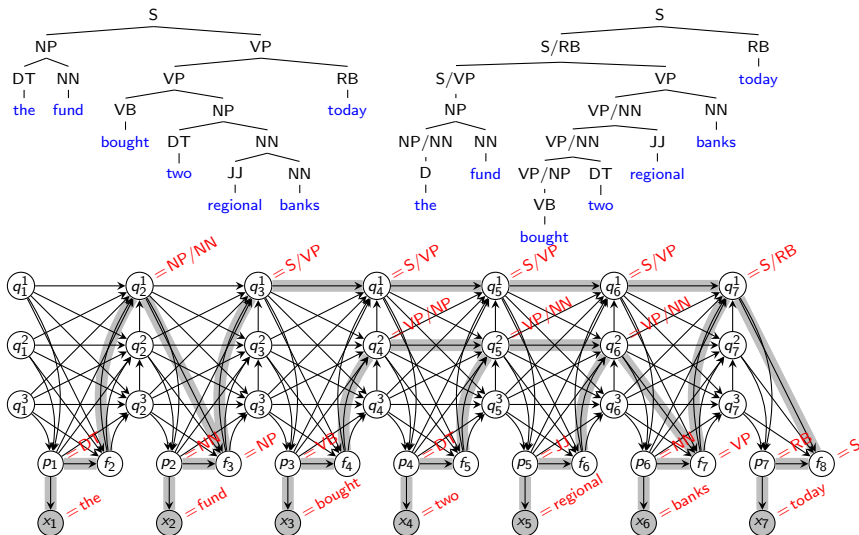


Some ways of implementing Coarse-to-Fine:

- ▶ Do it by hand [Ill and Kaplan, 1993, Charniak et al., 2006] or machine [Petrov and Klein, 2007]
- ▶ Single or Multi-layered
- ▶ If we assume the Berkeley Parser paradigm:
  - ▶ Trainer derives split-merge grammar files
  - ▶ Initialization phase creates a predictive chain back to coarse grammar



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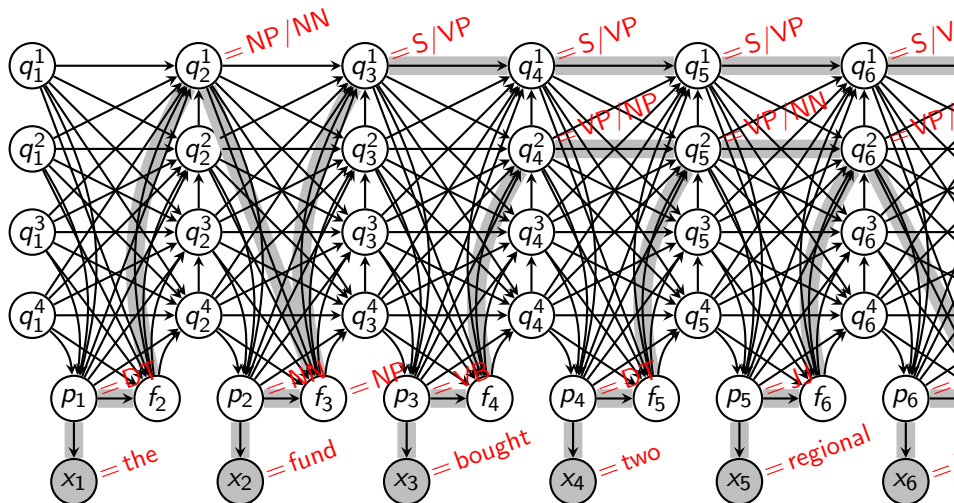
Variable Descriptions

- ▶  $q_t^d$  represents an element of working memory/incomplete constituent
- ▶ These are decomposed into  $a_t^d$  and  $b_t^d$
- ▶  $x_t$  is the observation at time  $t$
- ▶  $p_t$  is the preterminal that expands into that observation
- ▶  $f_t$  is the final state obtained by integrating a new observation into the parse (expansion state)



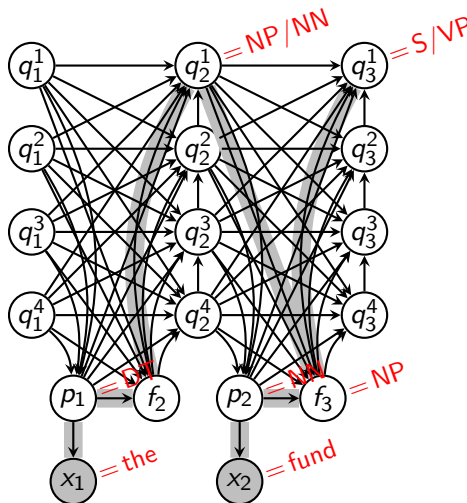
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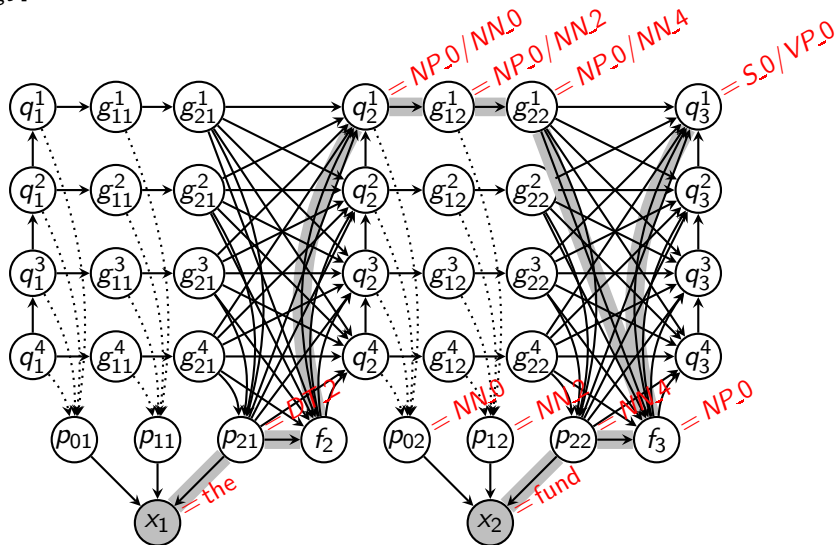
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# How does it work?

Theory/Equation time

Most likely sequence

$$\hat{q}_{1..T}^{1..D} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \operatorname{argmax}_{q_{1..T}^{1..D}} \prod_{t=1}^T P_{\theta_Q}(q_t^{1..D} \mid q_{t-1}^{1..D} p_{t-1}) \cdot P_{\theta_{P,d'}}(p_t \mid b_t^{d'}) \cdot P_{\theta_X}(x_t \mid p_t) \quad (1)$$

where  $d'$  is the lowest non-empty  $q_t^d$

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Right-Corner: Single expansion, Single reduction

E-R+, E-R-, E+R+, E+R-

$\theta_Q$

$$\begin{aligned} & P_{\theta_Q}(q_t^{1..D} \mid q_{t-1}^{1..D} p_{t-1}) \\ & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P_{\theta_F}('0' \mid b_{t-1}^{d'} p_{t-1}) \cdot P_{\theta_{A,d'}}('-' \mid b_{t-1}^{d'-1} a_{t-1}^{d'}) \cdot \llbracket a_t^{d'-1} = a_{t-1}^{d'-1} \rrbracket \cdot P_{\theta_{B,d'-1}}(b_t^{d'-1} \mid b_{t-1}^{d'-1} a_{t-1}^{d'}) \\ & \quad \cdot \llbracket q_t^{1..d'-2} = q_{t-1}^{1..d'-2} \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket q_t^{d'} \dots D = '-' \rrbracket \\ & + P_{\theta_F}('0' \mid b_{t-1}^{d'} p_{t-1}) \cdot P_{\theta_{A,d'}}(a_t^{d'} \mid b_{t-1}^{d'-1} a_{t-1}^{d'}) \cdot P_{\theta_{B,d'}}(b_t^{d'} \mid a_t^{d'} a_{t-1}^{d'+1}) \\ & \quad \cdot \llbracket q_t^{1..d'-1} = q_{t-1}^{1..d'-1} \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket q_t^{d'+1..D} = '-' \rrbracket \\ & + P_{\theta_F}('1' \mid b_{t-1}^{d'} p_{t-1}) \cdot P_{\theta_{A,d'}}('-' \mid b_{t-1}^{d'} p_{t-1}) \cdot \llbracket a_t^{d'} = a_{t-1}^{d'} \rrbracket \cdot P_{\theta_{B,d'}}(b_t^{d'} \mid b_{t-1}^{d'} p_{t-1}) \\ & \quad \cdot \llbracket q_t^{1..d'-1} = q_{t-1}^{1..d'-1} \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket q_t^{d'+1..D} = '-' \rrbracket \\ & + P_{\theta_F}('1' \mid b_{t-1}^{d'} p_{t-1}) \cdot P_{\theta_{A,d'}}(a_t^{d'+1} \mid b_{t-1}^{d'} p_{t-1}) \cdot P_{\theta_{B,d'}}(b_t^{d'+1} \mid a_t^{d'+1} p_{t-1}) \\ & \quad \cdot \llbracket q_t^{1..d'} = q_{t-1}^{1..d'} \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket q_t^{d'+2..D} = '-' \rrbracket \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

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$\theta_{F,d,g}$

$$P_{\theta_{F,d,g}}(f_G | b_G, p_G) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} P_{\theta_{F,d}}(f_G | b_G, p_G) & \text{if } g = 0 \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$\theta_{A,d,g}$

$$P_{\theta_{A,d,g}}(a_g | b_G, f_G, \pi(a_g)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\max_{a_G | a_g \prec a_G} P_{\theta_{A,d,g}}(a_G | b_G, f_G, \pi(a_G))}{\max_{a'_G | \pi(a_g) \prec a'_G} P_{\theta_{A,d,g}}(a'_G | b_G, f_G, \pi(a'_G))} \quad (4)$$

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$\theta_{B,d,g}$

### a) Active Transition

$$P_{\theta_{B,d,g}}(b_g | a_g, f_G, \pi(b_g)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\max_{b_G, a_G | b_g \prec b_G, a_g \prec a_G} P_{\theta_{B,d,g}}(b_G | a_G, f_G, \pi(b_G))}{\max_{b'_G, a_G | \pi(b_g) \prec b'_G, a_g \prec a_G} P_{\theta_{B,d,g}}(b'_G | a_G, f_G, \pi(b'_G))} \quad (6)$$

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### b) Awaited Transition

$$P_{\theta_{B,d,g}}(b_g | b'_G, f_G, \pi(b_g)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\max_{b_G | b_g \prec b_G} P_{\theta_{B,d,g}}(b_G | b'_G, f_G, \pi(b_G))}{\max_{b''_G | \pi(b_g) \prec b''_G} P_{\theta_{B,d,g}}(b''_G | b'_G, f_G, \pi(b''_G))} \quad (8)$$

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$$P_{\theta_{X,g}}(x | p_g) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\max_{p_G | p_g \prec p_G} P_{\theta_{X,g}}(x | p_G)}{\max_{p'_G | \pi(p_g) \prec p'_G} P_{\theta_{X,g}}(x | p'_G)} \quad (12)$$

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## Timing Results

System	CTF-FAWP	FAWP	Diff
5sm-2000	30.3	61.05	0.496
4sm-500	4.16	7.17	0.580
3sm-500	2.11	4.83	0.437
2sm-500	1.64	3.35	0.490
		Ave	0.50

Timing results with varying sm. (sec/sent)

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System	Time
3sm-2000	8.27
3sm-1000	4.26
3sm-500	2.00
3sm-250	0.87
3sm-100	0.33

Timing results with varying beam-width. (sec/sent)

## CTF Accuracy Results

System	Recall	Prec	F
Petrov Klein (Reported, 10-best)	91.2	91.1	91.2
Petrov Klein (5sm, U+B, 1-best)	88.5	88.8	88.7
Petrov Klein (5sm, Binary, 1-best)	88.2	87.9	88.0
FAWP (5sm, b5000)	87.9	87.7	87.8
CTF-FAWP (5sm, b5000)	88.0	87.6	87.8
FAWP (5sm, b2000)	87.7	87.6	87.6
CTF-FAWP (5sm, b2000)	86.2	86.3	86.3

Accuracy of CTF on various incarnations of FAWP.

# And Beyond!

Future Work

Where to now?

- ▶ Condition on more variables (MaxEnt)
- ▶ Weight predictions based on proportion of total beam predictions; More NP predictions make NP a better guess.



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# The Model

