

Distributional Learning of Context-Free Grammars and Simple Context-Free Tree Grammars

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Finite Context Property — Dual Approach

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Grammatical Inference

- Algorithmic learning of formal languages
 - String languages
 - Tree languages ...
- More theoretical rather than heuristic
- Motivations/Applications:
 - Mathematical model of natural language acquisition
 - Grammar extraction from tagged/untagged corpora
 - Biological sequences

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Heuristics has preceded Theory

(Brill et al. 1990, Adriaans 1999, van Zaanen 2000, Klein & Manning 2002, etc.)

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Notation

A Context-Free Grammar

A tuple $\langle \Sigma, V, I, R \rangle$

- Σ : finite set of terminal symbols
- V : finite set of nonterminal symbols
- $I \subseteq V$: set of initial symbols
- R : set of productions

Bottom-up derivation:

- $\alpha N \gamma \Rightarrow \alpha \beta \gamma$ if $N \rightarrow \beta \in P$
- $\mathcal{L}(G, N) = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid N \xRightarrow{*} w \}$
- $\mathcal{L}(G) = \bigcup_{S \in I} \mathcal{L}(G, S)$

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Syntactic congruence

$$u \equiv_L v \quad \text{iff} \quad L \otimes u = L \otimes v$$

Let $[u] = \{v \in \Sigma^* \mid v \equiv_L u\}$.

Example

For $L = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$,

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$$L \circ aab = L \circ aaabb = \{ \lambda, aabb, \dots, a^k ab^{k+1}, \dots \}$$

$$[aab] = \{ a^{k+1} b^k \mid k \geq 1 \}.$$

$\forall I \subseteq r, I \circ aabb \in L$ iff $I \circ aab \in L$ iff $I \circ a^{k+1} b^k \in L$.

Keywords of Distributional Learning

- Observe, model, exploit the relation between “substrings” and “contexts”
(Observation table indexed by strings and contexts)
- Objectivity
- Symmetric approaches

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 - $S_1: L \otimes \lambda = \{ \square, a\square b, ab\square, \square ab, \dots \} = \{ u\square v \mid uv \in L \}$
 - $S_2: L \otimes ab = L \otimes aabb = \{ \square, a\square b, aa\square bb, \dots \} = \{ a^n\square b^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$
- Dyck grammar: $S \rightarrow SS$, $S \rightarrow aSb$, $S \rightarrow \lambda$.
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Examples not generated by congruential CFGs

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- $\{ a^m b^n \mid m \leq n \}$

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Identification in the limit

- Input: Infinite sequence of the elements w_1, w_2, \dots of the learning target L_* in an arbitrary order
- Each time the learner gets an example w_i , it outputs a grammar G_i as her conjecture. After some point the conjecture should be stable and represent the target.

Membership Queries (MQs)

- Q: $w \in \Sigma^*$?
- A: Yes (if $w \in L_*$) ;
No (otherwise).

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$$V_K = \{ \llbracket u \rrbracket \mid u \in K \}.$$

We want $\llbracket u \rrbracket$ to generate all and only v s.t. $v \equiv_{L^*} u$,
i.e., $\mathcal{L}(G_{K,F}, \llbracket u \rrbracket) = [u]$.

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$$[[aabb]] \in I_K$$

$$[[aabb]] \Rightarrow [[a]][[abb]] \Rightarrow [[a]][[ab]][[b]] \Rightarrow a[[ab]]b \Rightarrow a[[aabb]]b \Rightarrow aaabbb$$

$$aaabbb \in \mathcal{L}(G_{K,F}), \text{ in fact } \mathcal{L}(G_{K,F}) = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$$

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Particularly for $\llbracket u \rrbracket \in I_K$, we have $v \in [u] \subseteq L_*$.

Completeness

Suppose L_* is generated by a congruential CFG G_* .

If $K \cap \mathcal{L}(G, \alpha) \neq \emptyset$ for every rule $N \rightarrow \alpha$ of G_* , then $L_* \subseteq \mathcal{L}(G_{K,F})$.

Proof. For a rule $N \rightarrow PQ$ of G_* , let $v_N, v_P, v_Q \in K$ be the shortest in $\mathcal{L}(G_*, N), \mathcal{L}(G_*, P), \mathcal{L}(G_*, Q)$, resp. Moreover we have $u_P u_Q \in K \cap \mathcal{L}(G_*, PQ)$.

$G_{K,F}$ has $\llbracket v_N \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket v_P \rrbracket \llbracket v_Q \rrbracket$ since

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket v_N \rrbracket &\rightarrow \llbracket u_P u_Q \rrbracket \text{ by } [v_N] = [u_P u_Q], \\ \llbracket u_P u_Q \rrbracket &\rightarrow \llbracket u_P \rrbracket \llbracket u_Q \rrbracket, \\ \llbracket u_P \rrbracket &\rightarrow \llbracket v_P \rrbracket \text{ by } [u_P] = [v_P], \\ \llbracket u_Q \rrbracket &\rightarrow \llbracket v_Q \rrbracket \text{ by } [u_Q] = [v_Q]. \end{aligned}$$

Learning Algorithm

Data: Positive data w_1, w_2, \dots of L_* ;

Result: Sequence of CFGs G_1, G_2, \dots

let $K := \emptyset$; $F := \emptyset$; $\hat{G} := G_{K,F}$;

for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ **do**

 let $D := \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$;

 let $F := \text{Con}(D)$;

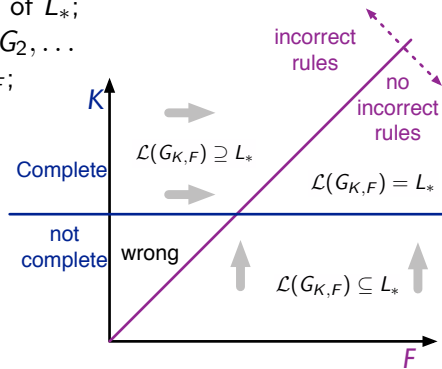
if $D \not\subseteq \mathcal{L}(\hat{G})$ **then**

 let $K := \text{Sub}(D)$;

end if

 output $\hat{G} = G_{K,F}$ as G_n ;

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- Further generalization: each nonterminal is represented by sets rather than a single object.

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Rule validation	contexts	strings

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For string set S and context set C , define

- $C \odot S = \{ lur \mid l \square r \in C \text{ and } u \in S \}$,
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- Every regular language has the 1-CP.

Theorem

Theorem (Clark 2010, Yoshinaka 2011)

The class of CFGs with the k -CP is “efficiently” identifiable in the limit from positive data and MQs.

(k is known to the learner)

Grammar Construction

$D \subseteq L_*$: given set of positive examples.

- $F \subseteq \text{Con}(D)$ and $K \subseteq \text{Sub}(D)$.

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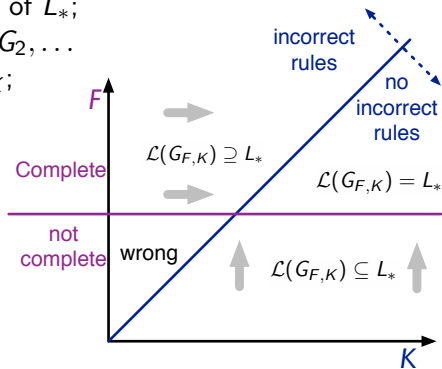
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Combined Property (Yoshinaka 2012)

Every nonterminal N admits either an m -kernel or n -context:

- a finite set $S_N \subseteq \Sigma^*$ s.t. $|S_N| \leq m$ and $S_N \equiv_{\mathcal{L}(G)} \mathcal{L}(G, N)$, or
- a finite set $C_N \subseteq \Sigma^* \square \Sigma^*$ s.t.
 $|C_N| \leq n$ and $\mathcal{L}(G) \oslash C_N \equiv_{\mathcal{L}(G)} \mathcal{L}(G, N)$

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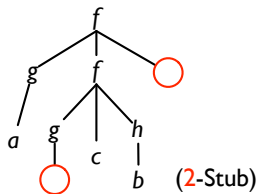
Learning Simple Context-Free Tree Grammars

Simple Context-Free Tree Grammars

- Tree version of context-free (string) grammars
- (essentially) more general than Tree Adjoining (Substitution) Grammars
- (CFG) CF derivation trees yield strings
- (SCFTG) CF derivation trees yield trees

Trees and Stubs

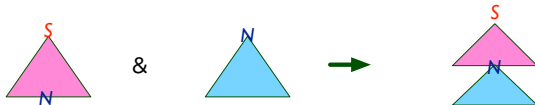
- A ranked alphabet: $\Sigma = \bigcup_{0 \leq i \leq r} \Sigma_i$,
- If t_1, \dots, t_k are trees and $f \in \Sigma_k$ then $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ is a tree,
- special symbol O of rank 0, which is a “hole”,
- a *k-stub* is a tree t over $\Sigma \cup \{O\}$ that contains exactly k holes,
(0-stub = usual tree)
- each nonterminal of a CFG derives strings
- each nonterminal of rank k of an SCFTG derives k -stubs



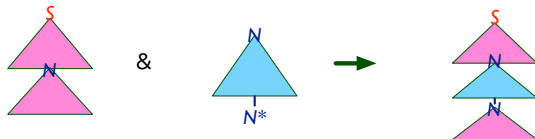
Derivations of Different Formalisms

CFG) $S \Rightarrow$  N  & $N \Rightarrow$  \rightarrow $S \Rightarrow$   

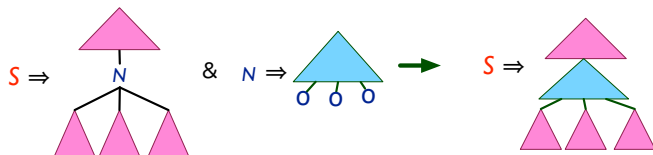
TSG)



TAG)



SCFTG)



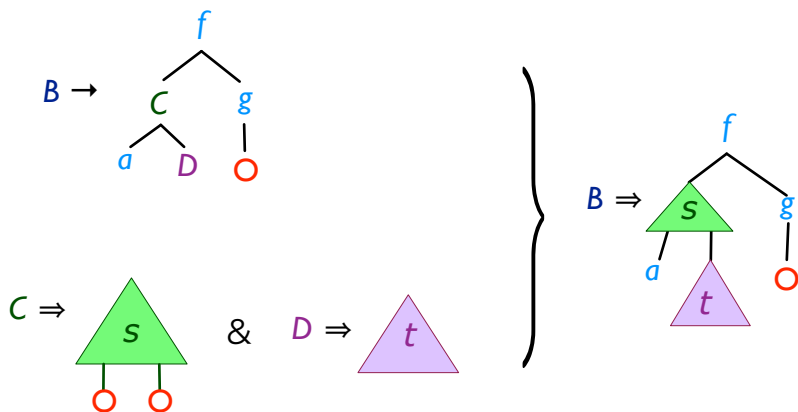
r -Simple Context-free Tree Grammar

A tuple $\langle \Sigma, V, I, R \rangle$ where

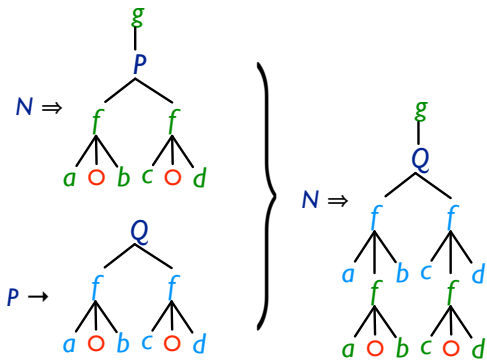
- Σ, V : finite set of ranked terminal/nonterminal symbols,
- $0 \leq \text{rank}(a) \leq r$ for all $a \in \Sigma, V$,
- $I \subseteq V_0$: set of initial symbols (rank 0)
- $R \subseteq \bigcup_{k \leq r} V_k \times (k\text{-stubs})$: set of productions

$$\mathcal{L}(G) = \bigcup_{S \in I} \mathcal{L}(G, S)$$

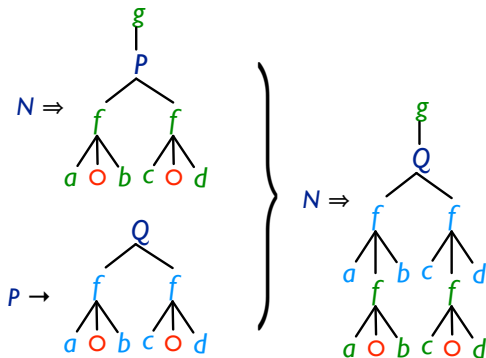
Derivation of SCFTG



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Typical String languages of 2-SCFTGs:

$\{ a^n b^n c^n d^n \mid n \geq 1 \},$

$\{ a^n b^n c^n d^n e^n f^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$ – not generated by a TAG

Substructure/Context Decomposition

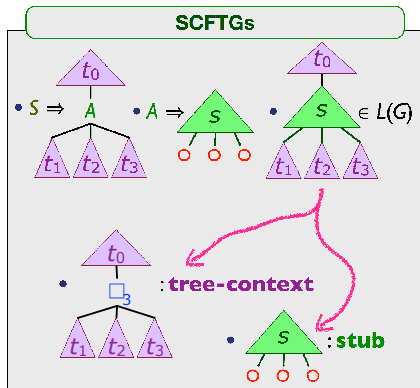
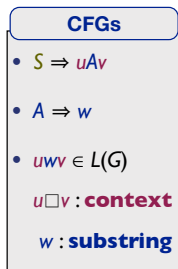
CFGs

- $S \Rightarrow uAv$
- $A \Rightarrow w$
- $uvw \in L(G)$

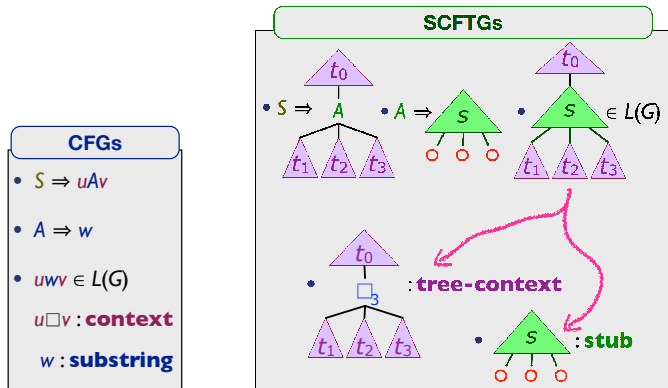
$u \square v$: **context**

w : **substring**

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- k -tree context = tree with a hole \square_k of rank k

Every technique on the distributional learning of CFGs can be translated and applied to the learning of SCFTGs!

Congruential SCFTGs

Congruential simple context-free tree grammars

An SCFTG G is said to be *congruential* if it satisfies the following:
For any nonterminal N of rank k , if $s, t \in \mathcal{L}(G, N)$, then $s \equiv_{\mathcal{L}(G)} t$,
that is, for any k -tree-context c , $c \odot s \in \mathcal{L}(G)$ iff $c \odot t \in \mathcal{L}(G)$.

Grammar Construction

$D \subseteq \Sigma^*$: finite set of tree examples

The learner's hypothesis G is computed from sets K_k, F_k with

$0 \leq k \leq r$:

- $K_k \subseteq \text{Sub}_k(D)$, where
 $\text{Sub}_k(D)$ is the set of k -stubs extracted from D ,
- $F_k \subseteq \text{Con}_k(D)$, where
 $\text{Con}_k(D)$ is the set of k -tree-contexts extracted from D .

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- $V = \bigcup_{k \leq r} V_k$ with $V_k = \{ \llbracket s \rrbracket \mid s \in K_k \}$,
- $I = \{ \llbracket t \rrbracket \mid t \in L_* \cap K_0 \}$ (by MQ),
- $R_K = \{ \llbracket f(o, \dots, o) \rrbracket \rightarrow f(o, \dots, o) \mid f \in \Sigma \}$
 $\cup \{ \llbracket s_0 \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket s_1 \rrbracket(o, \dots, o, \llbracket s_2 \rrbracket(o, \dots, o), o, \dots, o)$
 $\mid s_0 = s_1(o, \dots, o, s_2(o, \dots, o), o, \dots, o) \}$,
- $R_{K,F} = \{ \llbracket s \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket t \rrbracket \mid c \odot s \in \mathcal{L}(G) \text{ iff } c \odot t \in \mathcal{L}(G) \text{ for all } c \in F \}$,

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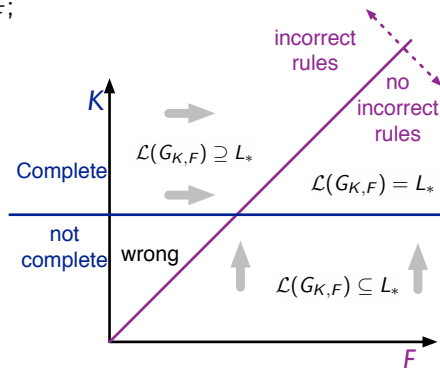
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Other Properties and Learning

Similarly one can define k -KP and k -CP for SCFTGs and design learning algorithms for the corresponding classes.

Other “context-free” formalisms

$$N \rightarrow \alpha[P_1, \dots, P_k]$$

- Context-free grammars (Clark & Eyraud'07 etc....)
 - $N \rightarrow$ string
- Simple context-free tree grammars (Kasprzik & Yoshinaka '11)
 - $N \rightarrow$ tree/stub
- Multiple CFGs (Yoshinaka '12 etc.)
 - $N \rightarrow$ tuple of strings
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 - $N \rightarrow \lambda$ -term

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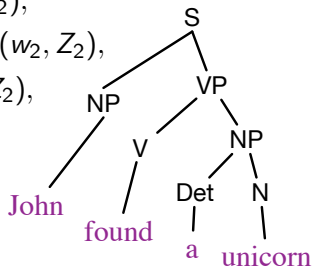
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Summary

Distributional Learning

- Context-substring relation
- Primal-dual approaches
- Correctness of rules
- Monotonicity with respect to the two sets

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Rule validation	contexts	strings

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