

Introduction to NLP

Dependency Parsing 2
Transition-based Dependency Parsing

Transition-Based Parsing

- Similar to shift-reduce
- Produces a single (projective) tree
- Data structures
 - Stack of partially processed (unattached) words
 - Input buffer
 - Set of dependency arcs
 - Attach the word on the top of the stack to the word at the current position in the buffer (or in the other direction)

Transition-Based Parsing

Initial configuration

- Stack (including the root token w0)
- Buffer (sentence)
- Arcs (empty)

Goal configuration

- Stack (empty)
- Buffer (empty)
- Arcs (complete tree)

MaltParser (Nivre 2008)

- The reduce operations combine an element from the stack and one from the buffer
- Arc-standard parser
 - The actions are shift, left-arc, right-arc
- Arc-eager parser
 - The actions are shift, reduce, left-arc, right-arc

(Arc-Eager) MaltParser Actions

Shift
$$\frac{[\ldots]_S \quad [w_i, \ldots]_Q}{[\ldots, w_i]_S \quad [\ldots]_Q}$$
Reduce
$$\frac{[\ldots, w_i]_S \quad [\ldots]_Q \quad \exists w_k : w_k \to w_i}{[\ldots]_S \quad [\ldots]_Q}$$
Left-Arc_r
$$\frac{[\ldots, w_i]_S \quad [w_j, \ldots]_Q \quad \neg \exists w_k : w_k \to w_i}{[\ldots]_S \quad [w_j, \ldots]_Q \quad w_i \stackrel{r}{\leftarrow} w_j}$$
Right-Arc_r
$$\frac{[\ldots, w_i]_S \quad [w_j, \ldots]_Q \quad \neg \exists w_k : w_k \to w_j}{[\ldots, w_i, w_j]_S \quad [\ldots]_Q \quad w_i \stackrel{r}{\rightarrow} w_j}$$

[Example from Nivre and Kuebler]

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Transition Configuration
            ([ROOT],
                                      [Economic, \dots, .],
                                                              Ø)
    SH \Rightarrow ([ROOT, Economic],
                                     [news, . . . , .],
LA_{ATT} \Rightarrow ([ROOT],
                               [news, ..., .], A_1 = \{(\text{news, ATT, Economic})\}
    SH \Rightarrow ([ROOT, news], [had, ..., .], A_1)
                          [had, ..., .], A_2 = A_1 \cup \{(\text{had, SBJ, news})\}
 LA_{SBI} \Rightarrow ([ROOT],
RA_{PRED} \Rightarrow ([ROOT, had], [little, ..., .], A_3 = A_2! \cup \{(ROOT, PRED, had)\})
    SH \Rightarrow ([ROOT, had, little], [effect, ..., .], A_3)
LA_{ATT} \Rightarrow ([ROOT, had],
                              [effect, ..., .], A_4 = A_3 \cup \{(\text{effect, ATT, little})\}
 RA_{OBI} \Rightarrow ([ROOT, had, effect], [on, ..., .], A_5 = A_4 \cup \{(had, OBI, effect)\})
RA_{ATT} \Rightarrow ([ROOT, ...on], [financial, markets, .], A_6 = A_5 \cup \{(effect, ATT, on)\})
    SH \Rightarrow ([ROOT, ..., financial], [markets, .],
LA_{ATT} \Rightarrow ([ROOT, \dots on],
                                      [markets, .], A_7 = A_6 \cup \{(\text{markets, ATT, financial})\}
  RA_{PC} \Rightarrow ([ROOT, ..., markets], [.],
                                                              A_9 = A_7 \cup \{(\text{on, PC, markets})\}\
    RE \Rightarrow ([ROOT, ..., on],
                                   [.],
                                                               A_8)
    RE \Rightarrow ([ROOT, ..., effect], [.],
                                                              A_8)
    RE \Rightarrow ([ROOT, had],
                             [.],
                                                              A_8
  RA_{PIJ} \Rightarrow ([ROOT, ..., .], [],
                                                              A_9 = A_8 \cup \{(\text{had}, \text{PU}, .)\})
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Figure 3.7: Arc-eager transition sequence for the English sentence in figure 1.1 ($LA_r = Left-Arc_r$, $RA_r = Right-Arc_r$, RE = Reduce, SH = Shift).

[Example from Kuebler, McDonald, Nivre]

Example

- Example: "People want to be free"
 - [ROOT] [People, want, to, be, free] Ø
 - Shift [ROOT, People] [want, to, be, free]
 - LA_{nsubj} [ROOT] [want, to, be, free] $A_1 = \{nsubj(want, people)\}$
 - RA_{root} [ROOT, want] [to, be, free] $A_2 = A_1 \cup \{root(ROOT, want)\}$

Characteristics

- The next action is chosen locally using a classifier (e.g. SVM)
- There is no search
- The final list of arcs is returned as the dependency tree
- Trained on a dependency treebank
- Very fast method

Parsing

Oracle-based

Assuming an oracle, parsing is deterministic

In practice

- Approximate the oracle with a classifier
- $o(c) = argmax_t w.f(c,t)$

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Parse(w_1, ..., w_n)

1 c \leftarrow ([]_S, [0, 1, ..., n]_B, \{ \})

2 while B_c \neq []

3 t \leftarrow o(c)

4 c \leftarrow t(c)

5 return G = (\{0, 1, ..., n\}, A_c)
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[Example from McDonald and Nivre]

Greedy Transition-Based Parsing

- Beam search with q=1
- Score is computed using a linear model
- Because of the greedy property, errors can propagate

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Parse (sent = w_1...w_n)

c = cs (sent)

While c is not in C_t

t^* = argmax_t score (c,t)

c = t^*(c)

Return Gc
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Feature Model

Table 3.1: Feature model for transition-based parsing.

\mathbf{f}_i	Address	Attribute
1	STK[0]	FORM
2	BUF[0]	FORM
3	BUF[1]	FORM
4	LDEP(STK[0])	DEPREL
5	RDEP(STK[0])	DEPREL
6	LDEP(BUF[0])	DEPREL
7	RDEP(BUF[0])	DEPREL

[Example from Kuebler, McDonald, Nivre]

Feature Vectors

```
(ROOT
                           Economic
\mathbf{f}(c_0)
                                        news
                                                    NULL
                                                                      NULL
                                                                               NULL)
                                                            NULL
             (Economic
 \mathbf{f}(c_1)
                                        had
                           news
                                                    NULL
                                                            NULL
                                                                      NULL
                                                                               NULL)
                                                                      ATT
 \mathbf{f}(c_2)
             (ROOT
                                        had
                                                                               NULL)
                                                    NULL
                                                            NULL
                           news
                                                    ATT
 \mathbf{f}(c_3)
                           had
                                        little
             (news
                                                            NULL
                                                                      NULL
                                                                               NULL)
\mathbf{f}(c_4)
                                        little
                                                                      SBJ
             (ROOT
                           had
                                                                               NULL)
                                                    NULL
                                                            NULL
                                                    SBJ
                                        effect
 \mathbf{f}(c_5)
             (had
                           little
                                                            NULL
                                                                      NULL
                                                                               NULL)
                           effect
\mathbf{f}(c_6)
             (little
                                                    NULL
                                                                               NULL)
                                         on
                                                            NULL
                                                                      NULL
                           effect
                                                    SBJ
                                                                      ATT
 \mathbf{f}(c_7)
             (had
                                        on
                                                            NULL
                                                                               NULL)
\mathbf{f}(c_8)
             (effect
                                        financial
                                                    ATT
                           on
                                                            NULL
                                                                      NULL
                                                                               NULL)
\mathbf{f}(c_0)
             (on
                           financial
                                        markets
                                                    NULL
                                                                               NULL)
                                                            NULL
                                                                      NULL
             (financial
                           markets
f(c_{10})
                                                                               NULL)
                                                    NULL
                                                            NULL
                                                                      NULL
f(c_{11})
             (on
                           markets
                                                                      ATT
                                                                               NULL)
                                                    NULL
                                                            NULL
                                                    ATT
             (effect
                                                                               ATT)
f(c_{12})
                                                            NULL
                                                                      NULL
                           on
             (had
                           effect
                                                    SBJ
                                                                      ATT
                                                                               ATT)
f(c_{13})
                                                            NULL
                                                                      SBJ
                                                                               OBJ)
                           had
f(c_{14})
             (ROOT
                                                    NULL
                                                            NULL
                                                    SBJ
f(c_{15})
             (had
                                                            OBI
                                                                               NULL)
                                        NULL
                                                                      NULL
                                                                      SBJ
                                                                               PU)
f(c_{16})
             (ROOT
                           had
                                        NULL
                                                    NULL
                                                            NULL
                                                                              PRED)
f(c_{17})
             (NULL
                                                                      NULL
                                         NULL
                                                    NULL
                                                            NULL
                           ROOT
                                                            PRED
f(c_{18})
             (ROOT
                                                                      NULL
                                                                               NULL)
                           NULL
                                        NULL
                                                    NULL
```

Figure 3.5: Feature vectors for the configurations in figure 3.2.

[Example from Kuebler, McDonald, Nivre]

Complexity

- Arc-eager is O(n³) like Eisner
- Arc-standard is O(n⁵)

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