Trees Abound Part I: Tree Automata

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Trees Abound - Part I: Tree Automata

Motivation

Trees?





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is in L(G) if and only if all the productions in it are in G



Theorem

Local tree languages are not closed under union

Proof.

The following single-element tree languages are local:



But their union is not local as it must also recognize:

My dog scored well *I sleeps



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Example (Typical fragments [Post, ACL 2011])





Theorem

local tree languages \subsetneq tree substitution languages

Proof.

Can trivially express all finite tree languages

Remarks

- can express many finite-distance dependencies
- extended domain of locality



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Counterexample must be infinite ~> artificial example

$$L_1 = \{ \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{C}^n(a), a) \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \} \qquad \qquad L_2 = \{ \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{C}^n(b), b) \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$$

Their union is not a tree substitution language



Theorem

Tree substitution languages are not closed under intersection

Proof.

Ideas?



Experiment [POST, GILDEA, ACL 2009]

grammar	size	Prec.	Recall	F1
CFG	46k	75.37	70.05	72.61
"spinal" TSG	190k	80.30	78.10	79.18
"minimal subset" TSG	2,560k	76.40	78.29	77.33

(on WSJ Sect. 23)


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Experiment [SHINDO et al., ACL 2012 best paper]

	F1 score	
grammar	<i>w</i> ≤ 40	full
TSG [POST, GILDEA, 2009]	82.6	
TSG [Сонм et al., 2010]	85.4	84.7
CFGlv [COLLINS, 1999]	88.6	88.2
CFGIv [PETROV, KLEIN, 2007]	90.6	90.1
CFGlv [PETROV, 2010]		91.8
TSGlv (single)	91.6	91.1
TSGlv (multiple)	92.9	92.4
Discriminative Parsers		
CARRERAS et al., 2008		91.1
CHARNIAK, JOHNSON, 2005	92.0	91.4
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Let us look at a really old model



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Overview





Regular Tree Grammars



Theoretical Properties





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Definition (BRAINERD, 1969)

A regular tree grammar is a tuple $G = (Q, \Sigma, I, P)$ with

- alphabet of nonterminals Q
- alphabet of terminals Σ
- initial nonterminals $I \subseteq Q$
- finite set of productions $P \subseteq Q \times T_{\Sigma}(Q)$

Remark

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Instead of (q, r) we write q \rightarrow r
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Example

- $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6\}$
- $\Sigma = \{VP, NP, S, \dots\}$
- $I = \{q_0\}$
- and the following productions:





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Example (Productions)



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$$q_0 \Rightarrow_G \bigvee_{\substack{f = 0 \\ f = 0 \\ g_1}} S$$



Example (Productions)



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Theorem

tree substitution languages \subsetneq regular tree languages

Proof.

We can express the union counterexample easily

Remarks

• can organize finite information transport (even over unbounded distance)



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Theorem (BRAINERD, 1969)

Any G is equivalent to a regular tree grammar in normal form

Proof.

Simply cut large rules introducing new states



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Berkeley Parser

Example (Berkeley parser — English grammar)

- $S-1 \rightarrow ADJP-2 \ S-1 \qquad 0.00354$
- $\text{S-1} \rightarrow \text{ADJP-1 S-1}$
- $\text{S-1} \rightarrow \text{VP-5 VP-3}$
- $\text{S-2} \rightarrow \text{VP-5} \text{ VP-3}$
- $\text{S-1} \rightarrow \text{PP-7 VP-0}$
- $\text{S-9} \rightarrow \text{``NP-3}$

 $0.0035453455987323125 \cdot 10^{0}$

- $2.108608433271444 \cdot 10^{-6}$
- $1.6367163259885093\cdot 10^{-4}$
 - $9.724998692152419\cdot 10^{-8}$
- $1.0686659961009547\cdot 10^{-5}$
- $0.012551243773149695\cdot 10^{0}$

~ Regular tree grammar



Recent NLP Result

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Remarks

- bottom-up: rules written as $X(q_1, \ldots, q_k) \rightarrow q$
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- top-down deterministic if ∀q ∈ Q, k ∈ N, X ∈ Σ
 ∃ at most one q₁,..., q_k ∈ Q: q → X(q₁,..., q_k) ∈ P
- bottom-up deterministic if ∀k ∈ N, X ∈ Σ, q₁,..., q_k ∈ Q
 ∃ at most one q ∈ Q: X(q₁,..., q_k) → q ∈ P

(red determines blue)

Theorem (THATCHER, WRIGHT, 1968; DONER, 1970) top-down deterministic \subseteq bottom-up deterministic = RTL

Proof.

By a standard subset construction and a simple counterexample

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Remark

finite tree languages ⊈ top-down deterministic



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finite tree languages $\not\subseteq$ top-down deterministic



Operations on Regular Tree Languages

Theorem

Regular tree languages are closed under

- all BOOLEAN operations
- substitution (quotients) and iteration
- (non-deterministic) relabelings
- linear homomorphisms
- inverse homomorphisms


Operations on Regular Tree Languages

Theorem

Regular tree languages are closed under substitution

Definition

 $\textit{L},\textit{L}' \subseteq \textit{T}_{\Sigma}$ tree languages and $X \in \Sigma$

$$L[\mathsf{X} \leftarrow L']$$

contains all trees obtained from a tree of L by replacing each leaf labeled X by a tree of L'



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$$t \in L$$

 $t_1, t_2, t_3 \in L'$



Efficient Representation

Definition

A tree automaton is minimal in C if all equivalent tree automata of C are at least as large

Theorem

Complexity of minimization problems:

outp. \setminus inp. model	DTA	NTA
$\mathcal{C}=DTA$	NL	(EXPTIME)
$\mathcal{C} = NTA$	PSPACE	PSPACE



Overview



2 Regular Tree Grammars

3 Theoretical Properties





Definition (BERSTEL, REUTENAUER, 1982)

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Full Minimization

Theorem (BERSTEL, REUTENAUER, 1982)

Weighted tree automata over fields can effectively be minimized

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- even smaller than bisimulation-minimal WTA
- implementations for weighted string automata are efficient
- no implementation for WTA yet



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Trees Abound — Part II: Tree Transducers

Idea

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- join two productions $q_1 \rightarrow r_1$ and $q_2 \rightarrow r_2$ to $(q_1, q_2) \rightarrow (r_1, r_2)$
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From Automata to Transducers

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Next rule:

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Remarks

- synchronization breaks the normalization proof
- the grammar/automaton model makes a difference

Output model: RTG and input model:

- NTA ~> linear top-down tree transducer
- RTG ~> linear extended top-down tree transducer











Extended Top-down Tree Transducers



Extended Multi Bottom-up Tree Transducers



Rule Transformation

Synchronous grammar rule:



Top-down tree transducer rule:





Top-down Tree Transducer

Definition (THATCHER, 1970)

A top-down tree transducer is a system $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, I, R)$ with

- alphabet of states Q
- input alphabet Σ; output alphabet Δ
- initial states $I \subseteq Q$
- finite set of rules R ⊆ Q(Σ(X)) × T_Δ(Q(X)) such that var(r) ⊆ var(ℓ) and ℓ is linear for all (ℓ, r) ∈ R



Top-down Tree Transducer

Example

Mirror-image top-down tree transducer $(Q, \Sigma, \Sigma, Q, R)$ with

- $Q = \{q\}$
- $\Sigma = \{\sigma^{(2)}, \gamma^{(1)}, \alpha^{(0)}\}$
- the following rules in R




Top-down Tree Transducer

Definition

Sentential forms $\xi, \zeta \in T_{\Delta}(Q(T_{\Sigma}))$

$$\xi \Rightarrow_M \zeta$$

if there exist $\ell \to r \in R$, position $w \in pos(\xi)$, substitution $\theta \colon X \to T_{\Sigma}$

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$$\xi = \xi[\ell\theta]_w$$

•
$$\zeta = \xi [r\theta]_w$$



Derivation Example



Example





Derivation Semantics

Definition

$$M = \{ \langle t, u \rangle \in T_{\Sigma} \times T_{\Delta} \mid \exists q \in I \colon q(t) \Rightarrow^*_M u \}$$



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Example

Top-down tree transducer N with

$$\{\langle \sigma(t, u), \sigma(u, t) \rangle \mid t, u \in T_{\{\gamma, \alpha\}}\} \subseteq N$$





Definition

Transducer $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, I, R)$ is

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Mirror-image transducer is linear, nondeleting, and strict (Ins-TOP)





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Remark

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Regular Look-Ahead

Can be simulated by allowing un-linked nonterminals on the input side



- these develop without effect on the output
- can generate any regular tree language



Composition

Definition (COMP)

 $\tau \subseteq \mathit{T}_{\Sigma} imes \mathit{T}_{\Delta} ext{ and } \tau' \subseteq \mathit{T}_{\Delta} imes \mathit{T}_{\Gamma}$

$$\tau ; \tau' = \{ (s, u) \mid \exists t \in T_{\Delta} : (s, t) \in \tau, (t, u) \in \tau' \}$$

Example (Double mirror-image)





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composition closure indicated in subscript



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Overview







Extended Top-down Tree Transducers





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Simulation by Copying and Deletion



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Corollary

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