

# Topics, Trends, and Resources in Natural Language Processing (NLP)



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# Preface/Disclaimer

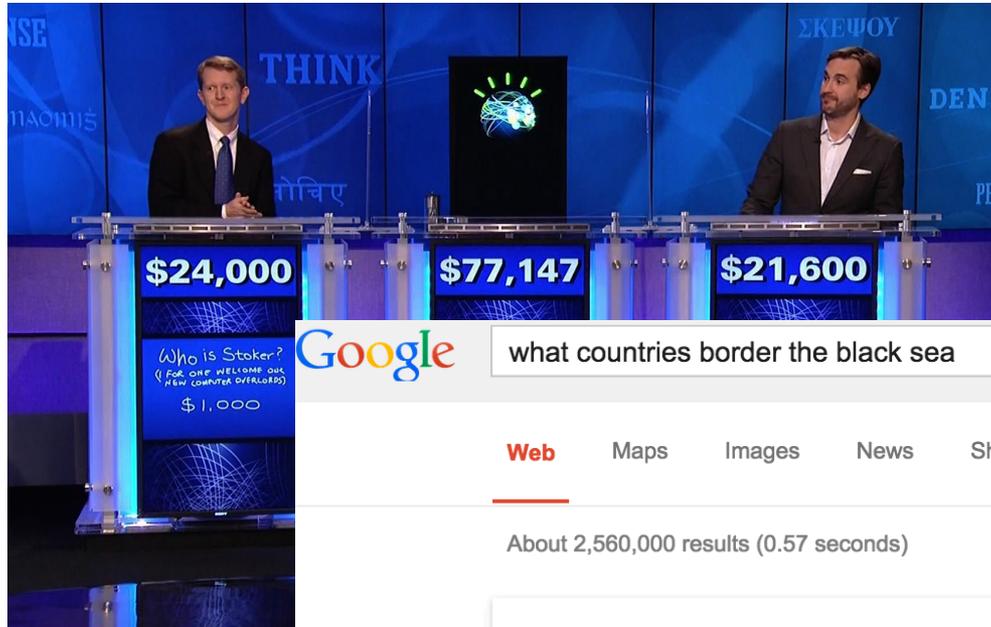
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- ▶ This is meant to be a short (2-3 hours), overview/summary style lecture on some major topics and trends in NLP, with plenty of resource pointers (demos, software, references)
- ▶ Hence, it only covers 4-5 topics in some detail, e.g., tagging, parsing, coreference, and semantics (distributional, compositional, semantic parsing, Q&A)
- ▶ For some remaining topics, citations and pointers are provided; also, please refer to the full NLP courses and books cited at the end for detailed material
- ▶ Inline cites can be matched with full references at the end
- ▶ Comments/suggestions welcome: [mbansal@ttic.edu](mailto:mbansal@ttic.edu)



# NLP Examples

## ▶ Question Answering



what countries border the black sea



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The Black Sea is an inland sea located between far-southeastern Europe and the far-western edges of the continent of Asia and the country of **Turkey**. It's bordered by **Turkey**, and by the countries of **Bulgaria**, **Romania**, **Ukraine**, **Russia** and **Georgia**.

[Black Sea - World Atlas](http://www.worldatlas.com/aatlas/infopage/blacksea.htm)  
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# NLP Examples

## ▶ Machine Translation

The screenshot shows the Google Translate interface. At the top, the Google logo is on the left, and the user's name '+Mohit' is on the right. Below the logo, the word 'Translate' is written in red. The main interface has a language selection bar with 'Hindi', 'English', 'Spanish', and 'Detect language' options. A double-headed arrow icon is in the center, and the target language is set to 'Hindi'. A blue 'Translate' button is on the right. The source text is 'This is an example of machine translation' and the target text is 'यह मशीन अनुवाद का एक उदाहरण है'. Below the target text, the phonetic transcription 'Yaha maśīna anuvāda kā ēka udāharaṇa hai' is shown.

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Translate

Hindi English Spanish Detect language

English Spanish Hindi

Translate

This is an example of machine translation

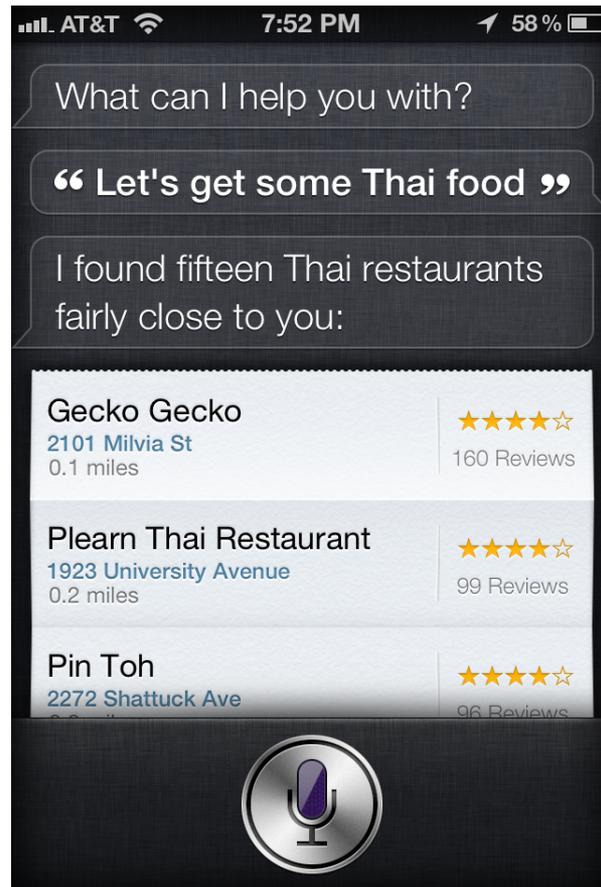
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# NLP Examples

## ▶ Automatic Speech Recognition





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- ▶ Syntactic Parsing: Constituent, Dependency, CCG, others
- ▶ Coreference Resolution
- ▶ Distributional Semantics: PMI, NNs, CCA
- ▶ Compositional Semantics I: Vector-form, Deep Learning
- ▶ Compositional Semantics II: Logic-form, Semantic Parsing, Q&A
- ▶ Other Topics: Sentiment Analysis, Machine Translation, Taxonomies, WSI/  
WSD, NER, Diachronics, Summarization, Generation, Multimodal, ...
- ▶ Some Next Topics: Humor, Sarcasm, Idioms, Human-like Dialog, Poetry



# Part-of-Speech Tagging

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- ▶ Tag sequence of words with syntactic categories (noun, verb, preposition, ...)
- ▶ Useful in itself:
  - ▶ Text-to-speech: *read, lead, record*
  - ▶ Lemmatization: *saw*[v] → *see*, *saw*[n] → *saw*
  - ▶ Shallow Chunking: `grep {JJ | NN}* {NN | NNS}`
- ▶ Useful for downstream tasks (e.g., in parsing, and as features in various word/text classification tasks)
- ▶ Demos: <http://nlp.stanford.edu:8080/corenlp/>



# Penn Treebank Tagset

<b>CC</b>	conjunction, coordinating	and both but either or
<b>CD</b>	numeral, cardinal	mid-1890 nine-thirty 0.5 one
<b>DT</b>	determiner	a all an every no that the
<b>EX</b>	existential there	there
<b>FW</b>	foreign word	gemeinschaft hund ich jeux
<b>IN</b>	preposition or conjunction, subordinating	among whether out on by if
<b>JJ</b>	adjective or numeral, ordinal	third ill-mannered regrettable
<b>JJR</b>	adjective, comparative	braver cheaper taller
<b>JJS</b>	adjective, superlative	bravest cheapest tallest
<b>MD</b>	modal auxiliary	can may might will would
<b>NN</b>	noun, common, singular or mass	cabbage thermostat investment subhumanity
<b>NNP</b>	noun, proper, singular	Motown Cougar Yvette Liverpool
<b>NNPS</b>	noun, proper, plural	Americans Materials States
<b>NNS</b>	noun, common, plural	undergraduates bric-a-brac averages
<b>POS</b>	genitive marker	's
<b>PRP</b>	pronoun, personal	hers himself it we them
<b>PRP\$</b>	pronoun, possessive	her his mine my our ours their thy your
<b>RB</b>	adverb	occasionally maddeningly adventurously
<b>RBR</b>	adverb, comparative	further gloomier heavier less-perfectly
<b>RBS</b>	adverb, superlative	best biggest nearest worst
<b>RP</b>	particle	aboard away back by on open through
<b>TO</b>	"to" as preposition or infinitive marker	to
<b>UH</b>	interjection	huh howdy uh whammo shucks heck
<b>VB</b>	verb, base form	ask bring fire see take
<b>VBD</b>	verb, past tense	pleaded swiped registered saw
<b>VBG</b>	verb, present participle or gerund	stirring focusing approaching erasing
<b>VBN</b>	verb, past participle	dilapidated imitated reunified unsettled
<b>VBP</b>	verb, present tense, not 3rd person singular	twist appear comprise mold postpone
<b>VBZ</b>	verb, present tense, 3rd person singular	bases reconstructs marks uses
<b>WDT</b>	WH-determiner	that what whatever which whichever
<b>WP</b>	WH-pronoun	that what whatever which who whom
<b>WP\$</b>	WH-pronoun, possessive	whose
<b>WRB</b>	Wh-adverb	however whenever where why



# Part-of-Speech Ambiguities

- ▶ A word can have multiple parts of speech

VBD		VB				
VBN	VBZ	VBP	VBZ			
NNP	NNS	NN	NNS	CD	NN	

Fed raises interest rates 0.5 percent

Mrs./NNP Shaefer/NNP never/RB got/VBD **around/RP** to/TO joining/VBG

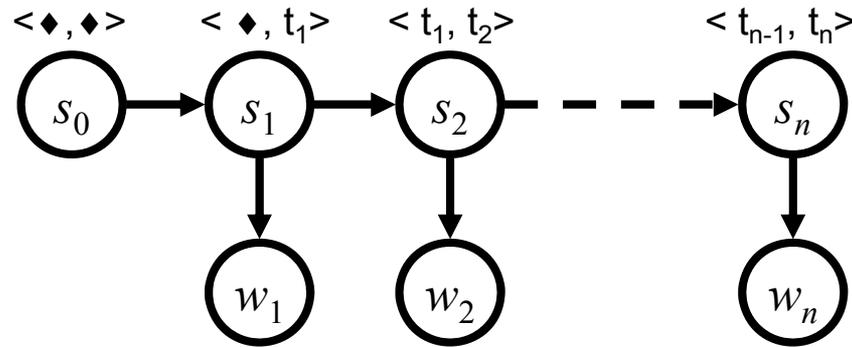
All/DT we/PRP gotta/VBN do/VB is/VBZ go/VB **around/IN** the/DT corner/NN

Chateau/NNP Petrus/NNP costs/VBZ **around/RB** 250/CD

- ▶ Disambiguating features: lexical identity (word), context, morphology (suffixes, prefixes), capitalization, gazetteers (dictionaries), ...



# Classic Solution: HMMs



$$P(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{w}) = \prod_i P(s_i | s_{i-1}) P(w_i | s_i)$$

- ▶ Trigram HMM: states = tag-pairs
- ▶ Estimating Transitions: Standard smoothing w/ backoff
- ▶ Estimating Emissions: Use unknown word classes (affixes, shapes) and estimate  $P(t|w)$  and invert
- ▶ Inference: choose most likely (Viterbi) sequence under model



# POS Tagging: Other Models

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- ▶ Discriminative sequence models with richer features: MEMMs, CRFs (SoA  $\approx$  97%/90% known/unknown)
- ▶ Universal POS tagset for multilingual and cross-lingual tagging and parsing [[Petrov et al., 2012](#)]

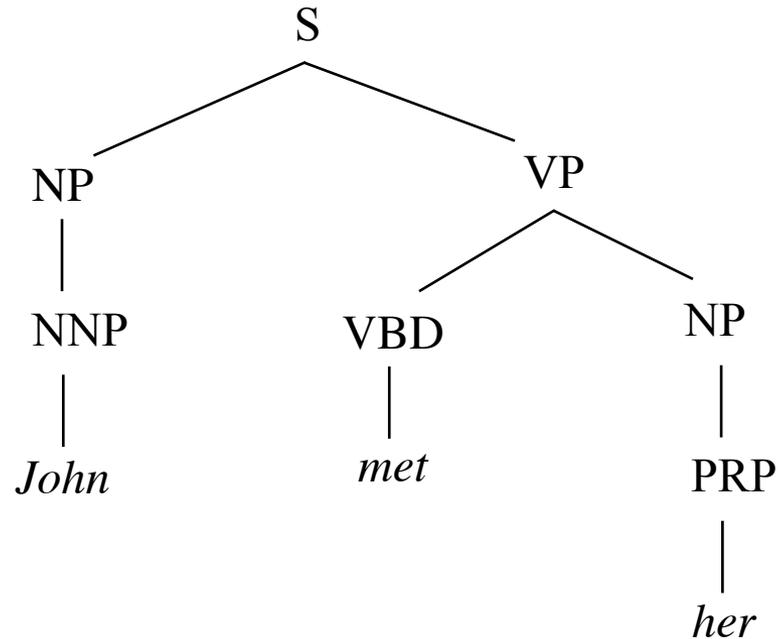
12 tags: NOUN, VERB, ADJ, ADV, PRON, DET, ADP, NUM, CONJ, PRT, ., X

- ▶ Unsupervised tagging also works reasonably well!  
[[Yarowsky et al., 2001](#); [Xi and Hwa, 2005](#); [Berg-Kirkpatrick et al., 2010](#); [Christodoulopoulos et al., 2010](#); [Das and Petrov, 2011](#)]



# Syntactic Parsing -- Constituent

- ▶ Phrase-structure parsing or Bracketing



- ▶ Demos: <http://tomato.banatao.berkeley.edu:8080/parser/parser.html>



# Probabilistic Context-free Grammars

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▶ A context-free grammar is a tuple  $\langle N, T, S, R \rangle$

$N$  : the set of non-terminals

Phrasal categories: S, NP, VP, ADJP, etc.

Parts-of-speech (pre-terminals): NN, JJ, DT, VB

$T$  : the set of terminals (the words)

$S$  : the start symbol

Often written as ROOT or TOP

*Not* usually the sentence non-terminal S

$R$  : the set of rules

Of the form  $X \rightarrow Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k$ , with  $X, Y_i \in N$

Examples:  $S \rightarrow NP VP$ ,  $VP \rightarrow VP CC VP$

Also called rewrites, productions, or local trees



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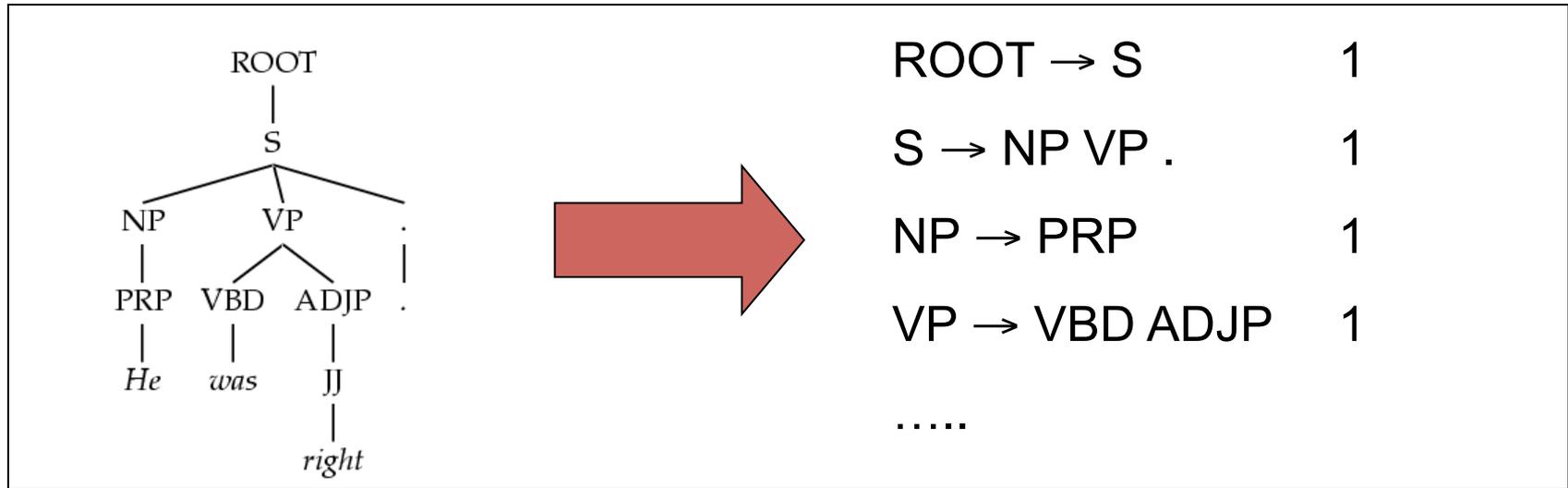
## ▶ A PCFG:

- ▶ Adds a top-down production probability per rule  $P(Y_1 Y_2 \dots Y_k | X)$
- ▶ Allows us to find the 'most probable parse' for a sentence
- ▶ The probability of a parse is just the product of the probabilities of the individual rules



# Trebank PCFG

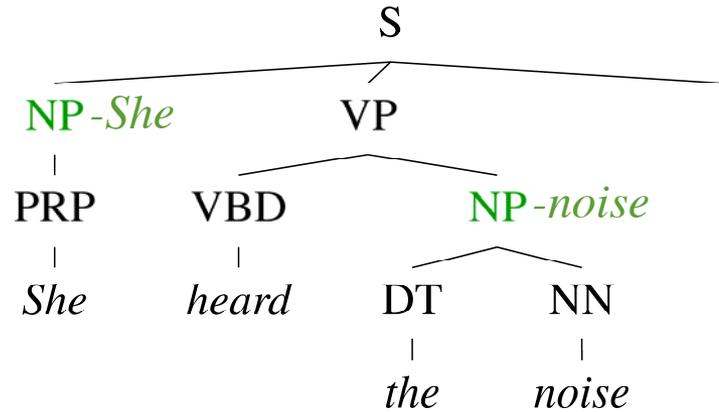
- Need a PCFG for broad coverage parsing
- Extracting a grammar right off the trees is not effective:



<i>Model</i>	<i>F1</i>
Baseline	72.0



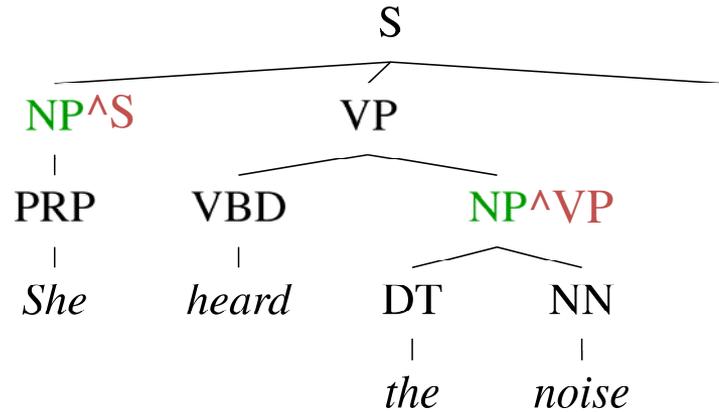
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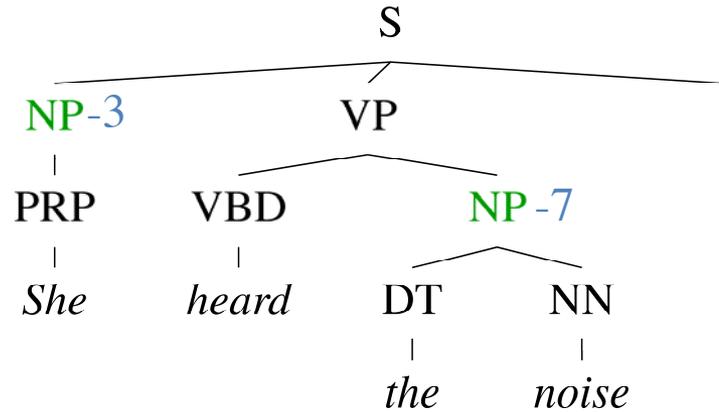
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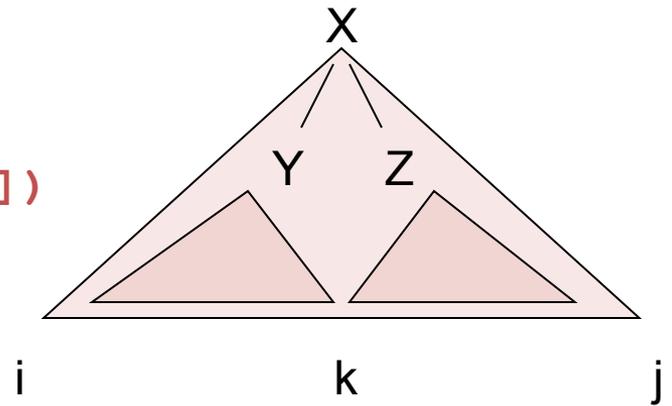


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  - ▶ Latent Tag-splitting [Matsuzaki et al., 2005; Petrov et al., 2006]



# CKY Parsing Algorithm (Bottom-up)

```
bestScore(s)
for (i : [0,n-1])
  for (X : tags[s[i]])
    score[X][i][i+1] = tagScore(X,s[i])
for (diff : [2,n])
  for (i : [0,n-diff])
    j = i + diff
    for (X->YZ : rule)
      for (k : [i+1, j-1])
        score[X][i][j] = max{score[X][i][j], score(X->YZ)
                               *score[Y][i][k]
                               *score[Z][k][j]}
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# Some Results

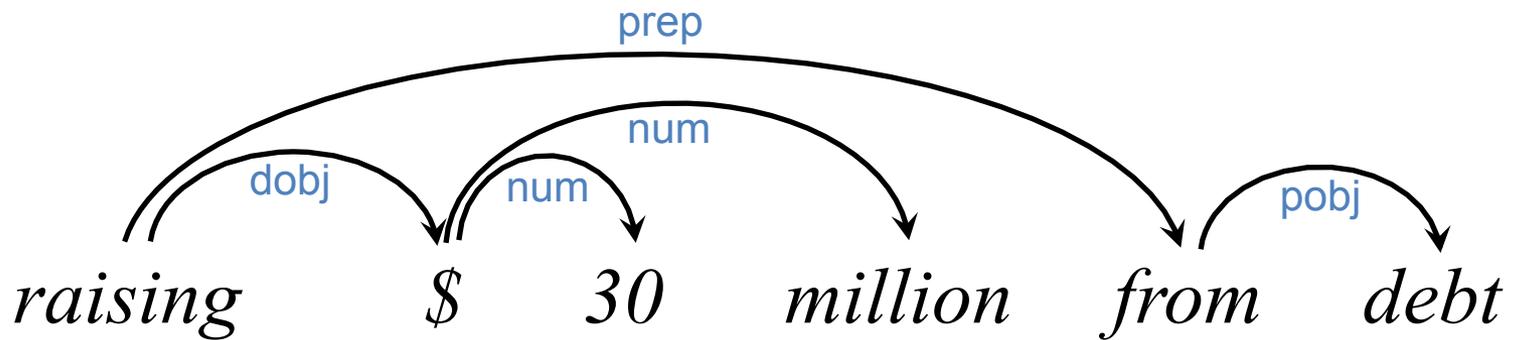
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- ▶ Collins, 1999 → 88.6 F1 (generative lexical)
- ▶ Charniak and Johnson, 2005 → 89.7 / 91.3 F1 (generative lexical / reranking)
- ▶ Petrov et al., 2006 → 90.7 F1 (generative unlexical)
- ▶ McClosky et al., 2006 – 92.1 F1 (generative + reranking + self-training)



# Syntactic Parsing -- Dependency

- ▶ Predicting directed head-modifier relationship pairs

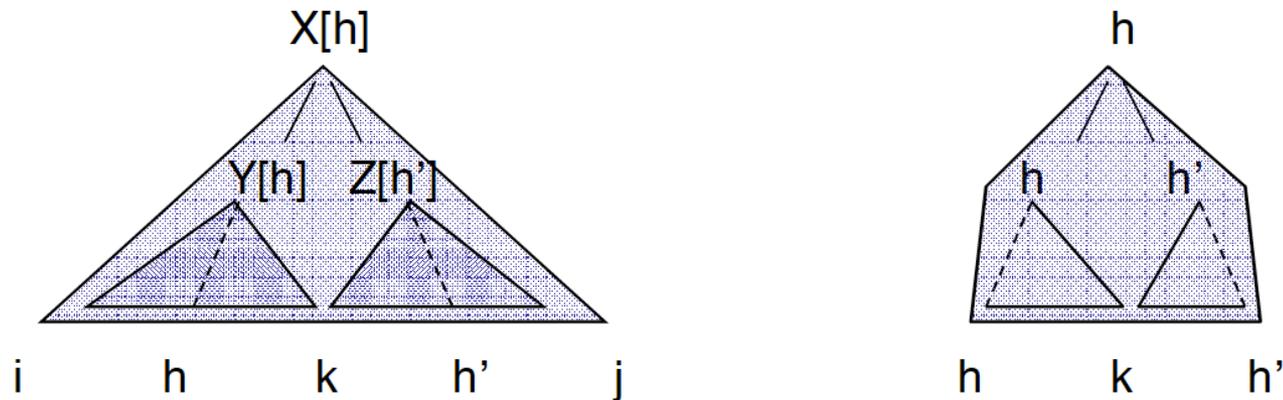


- ▶ Demos: <http://nlp.stanford.edu:8080/corenlp/>



# Syntactic Parsing -- Dependency

- ▶ Pure (projective, 1<sup>st</sup> order) dependency parsing is only cubic [Eisner, 1996]



- ▶ Non-projective dependency parsing useful for Czech & other languages – MST algorithms [McDonald et al., 2005]





# Parsing: Other Models and Methods

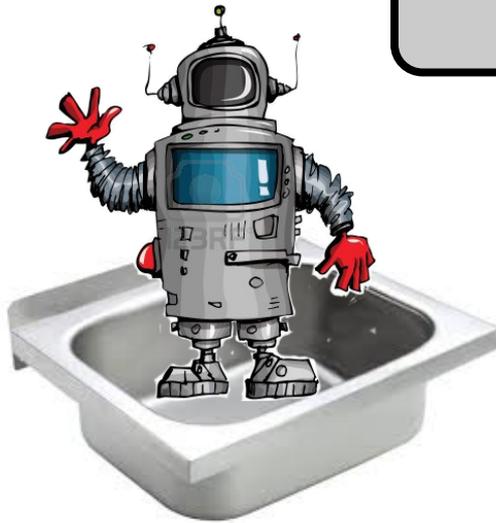
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- ▶ Combinatory Categorical Grammar [Steedman, 1996, 2000; Clark and Curran, 2004]
- ▶ Transition-based Dependency Parsing [Yamada and Matsumoto, 2003; Nivre, 2003]
- ▶ Tree-Insertion Grammar, DOP [Schabes and Waters, 1995; Hwa, 1998; Scha, 1990; Bod, 1993; Goodman, 1996; Bansal and Klein, 2010]
- ▶ Tree-Adjoining Grammar [Resnik, 1992; Joshi and Schabes, 1998; Chiang, 2000]
- ▶ Shift-Reduce Parser [Nivre and Scholz, 2004; Sagae and Lavie, 2005]
- ▶ Other: Reranking, A\*, K-Best, Self-training, Co-training, System Combination, Cross-lingual Transfer [Sarkar, 2001; Steedman et al., 2003; Charniak and Johnson, 2005; Hwa et al., 2005; Huang and Chiang, 2005; McClosky et al., 2006; Fossum and Knight, 2009; Pauls and Klein, 2009; McDonald et al., 2011]
- ▶ Other Demos: <http://svn.ask.it.usyd.edu.au/trac/candc/wiki/Demo>, <http://4.easy-ccg.appspot.com/>



# World Knowledge is Important

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*Clean the dishes in  
the sink.*



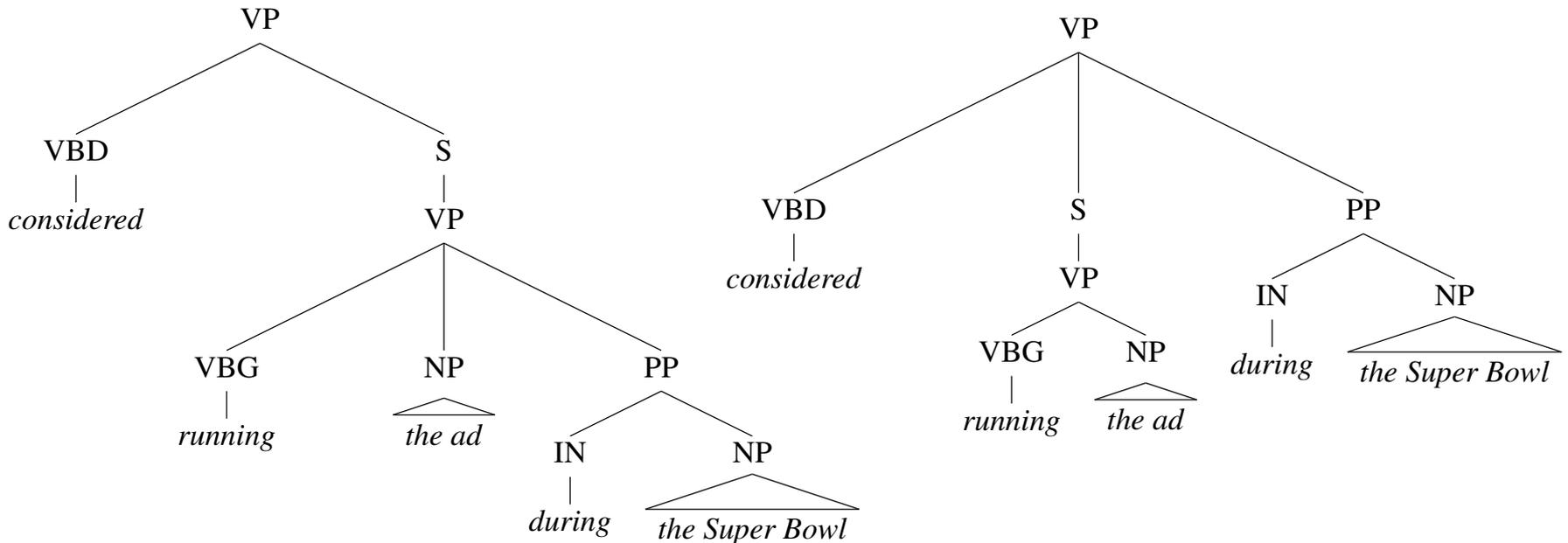


# Web Features for Syntactic Parsing

Dependency:

*They **considered** **running** the ad **during** the Super Bowl.*

Constituent:





# Web Features for Syntactic Parsing

They *considered* *running* the ad *during* the Super Bowl.



Web Ngrams

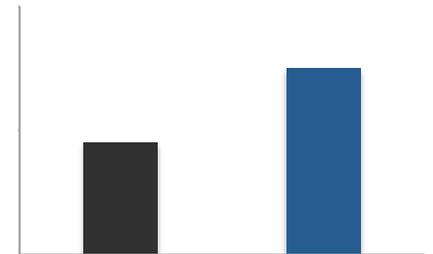


count(*running it during*)

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count(*considered it during*)

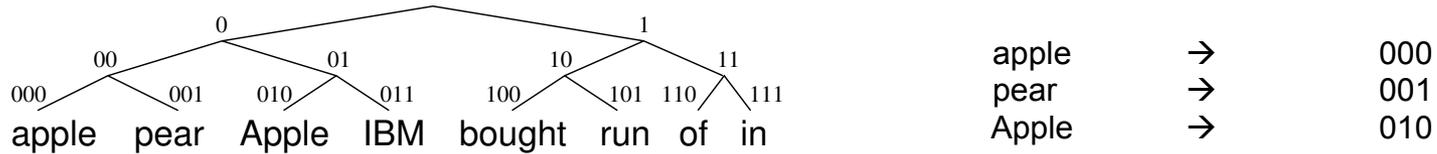
- ▶ 7-10% relative error reduction over 90-92% parsers



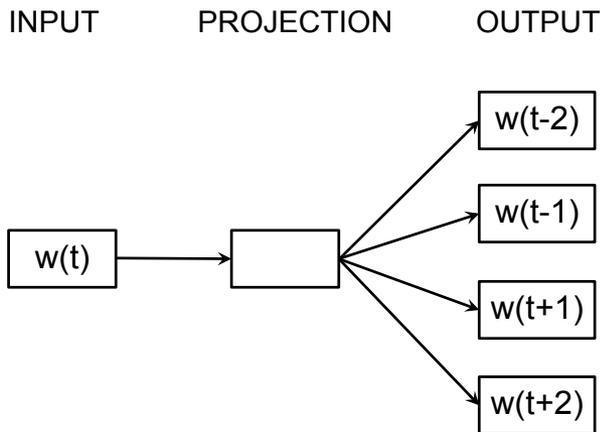


# Unsup. Representations for Parsing

- ▶ Discrete or continuous, trained on large amounts of context
- ▶ BROWN (Brown et al., 1992):



- ▶ SKIPGRAM (Mikolov et al., 2013):

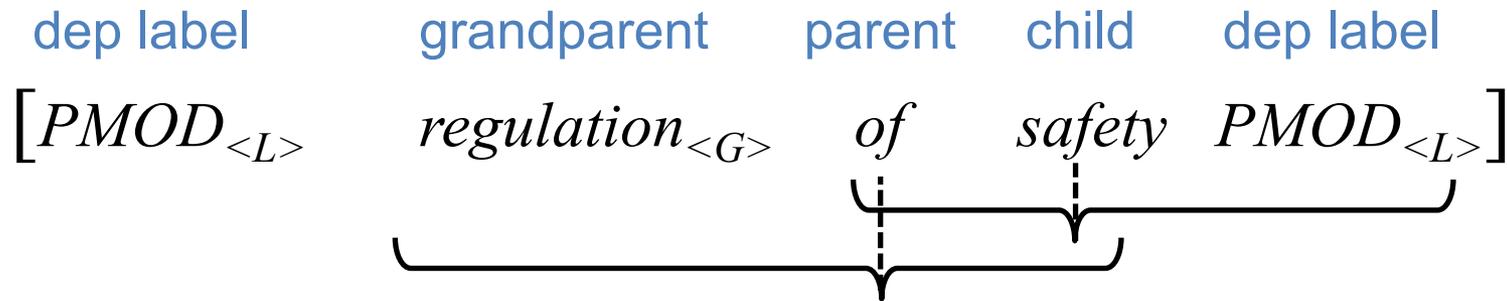


apple	→	[0.65 0.15 -0.21 0.15 0.70 -0.90]
pear	→	[0.51 0.05 -0.32 0.20 0.80 -0.95]
Apple	→	[0.11 0.33 0.51 -0.05 -0.41 0.50]



# Unsup. Representations for Parsing

- ▶ Condition on dependency context instead of linear, then convert each dependency to a tuple:



[Mr., Mrs., Ms., Prof., III, Jr., Dr.]

[Jeffrey, William, Dan, Robert, Stephen, Peter, John, Richard, ...]

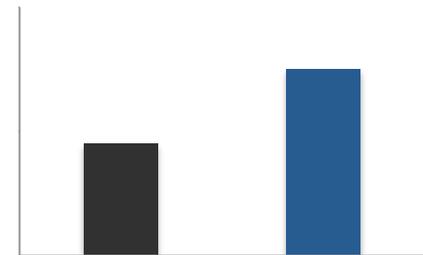
[Portugal, Iran, Cuba, Ecuador, Greece, Thailand, Indonesia, ...]

[his, your, her, its, their, my, our]

[Your, Our, Its, My, His, Their, Her]

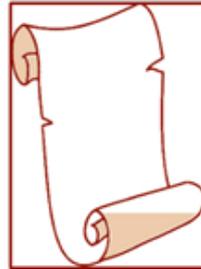
[truly, wildly, politically, financially, completely, potentially, ...]

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# Coreference Resolution



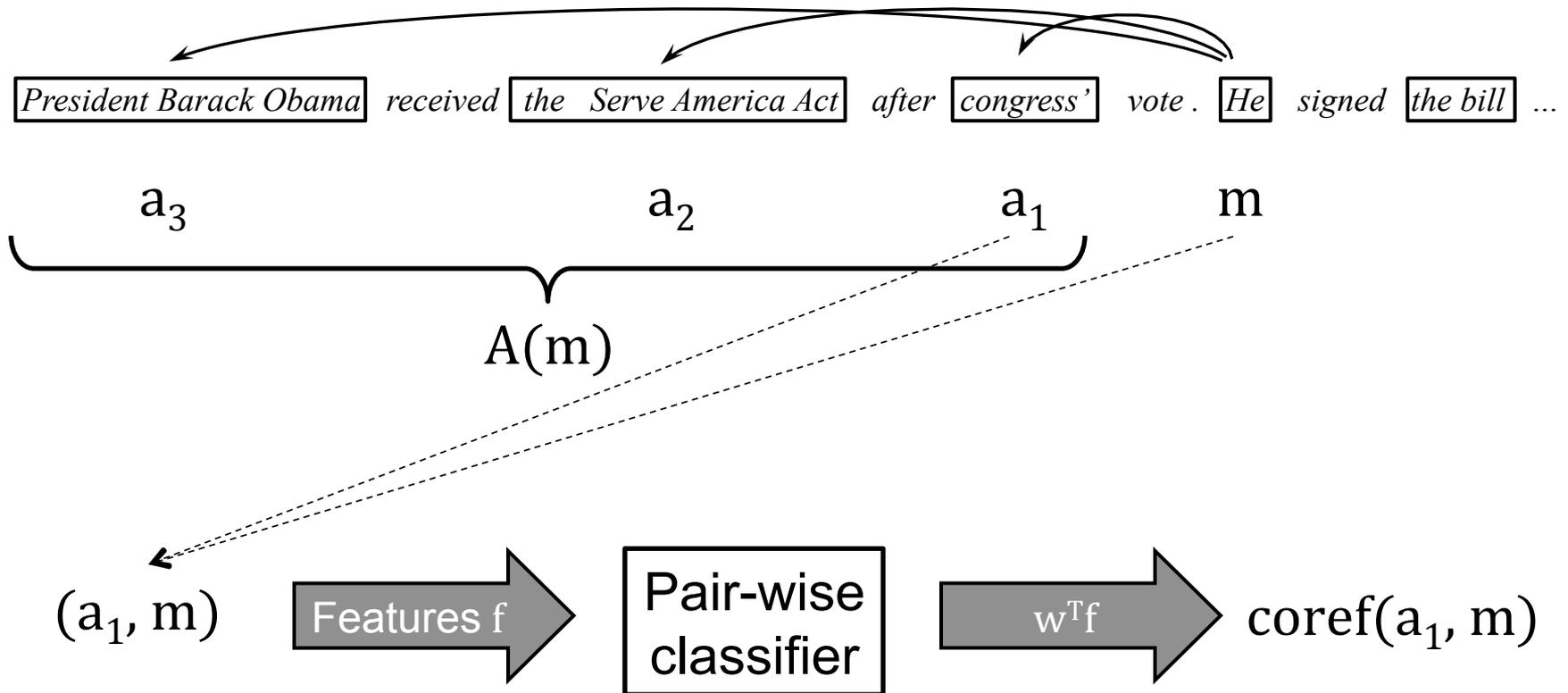
*President Barack Obama received the Serve America Act after congress' vote. He signed the bill last Thursday. The president said it would greatly increase service opportunities for the American people.*

- ▶ Mentions to entity/event clusters
- ▶ Demos: <http://nlp.stanford.edu:8080/corenlp/process>



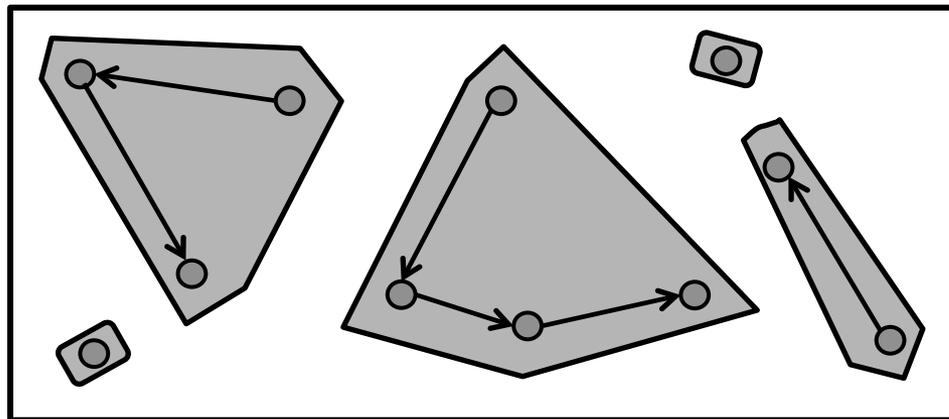
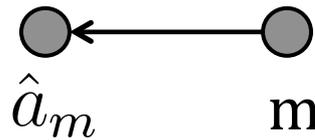
# Mention-pair Models

- ▶ Pair-wise classification approach:



# Mention-pair Model

For each mention  $m$ ,  $\hat{a}_m = \operatorname{argmax}_{a_i \in A(m)} \operatorname{coref}(a_i, m)$



# Standard features



Type	Feature	Description
LEXICAL	SOON_STR	Do the strings match after removing determiners ?
GRAMMATICAL	NUMBER	Do $NP_i$ and $NP_j$ agree in number ?
	GENDER	Do $NP_i$ and $NP_j$ agree in gender ?
	APPOSITIVE	Are the NPs in an appositive relationship ?
SEMANTIC	WORDNET_CLASS	Do $NP_i$ and $NP_j$ have the same WordNet class ?
	ALIAS	Is one NP an alias of the other ?
POSITIONAL	SENTNUM	Distance between the NPs in terms of # of sentences

- ▶ Weaknesses: All pairs, Transitivity/Independence errors (*He – Obama – She*), Insufficient information

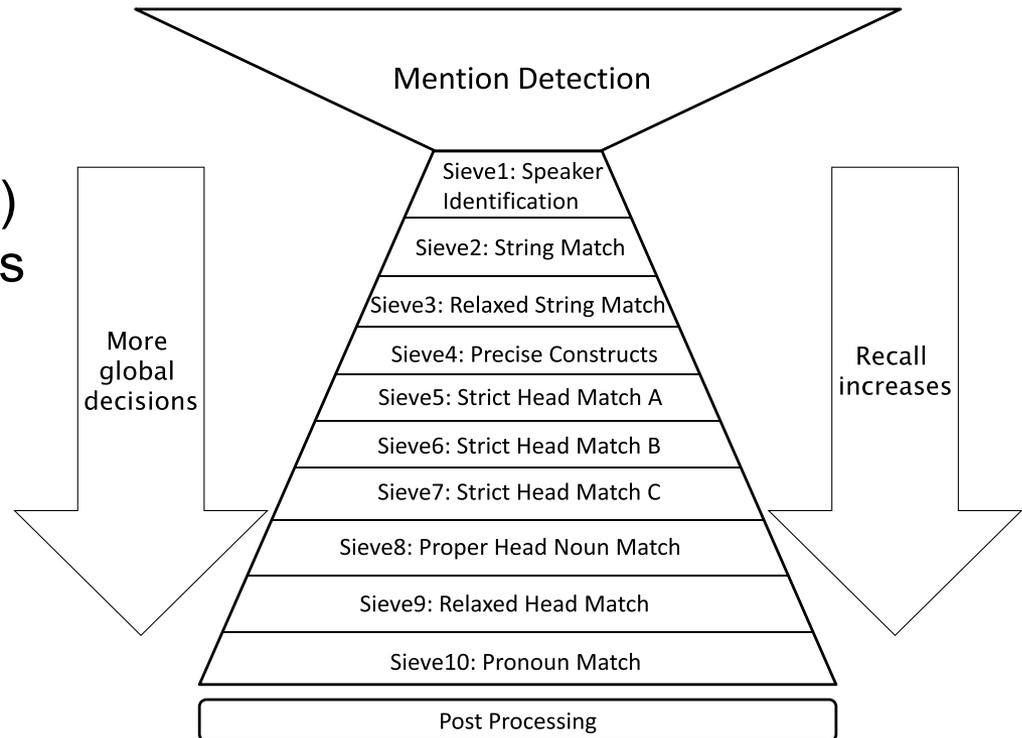


# Entity-centric Models

- ▶ Each coreference decision is globally informed by previously clustered mentions and their shared attributes

- ▶ Lee et al., 2013's deterministic (rule-based) system: multiple, cautious sieves from high to low precision

- ▶ Durrett et al., 2013's entity-level model is discriminative, probabilistic using factor graphs and BP

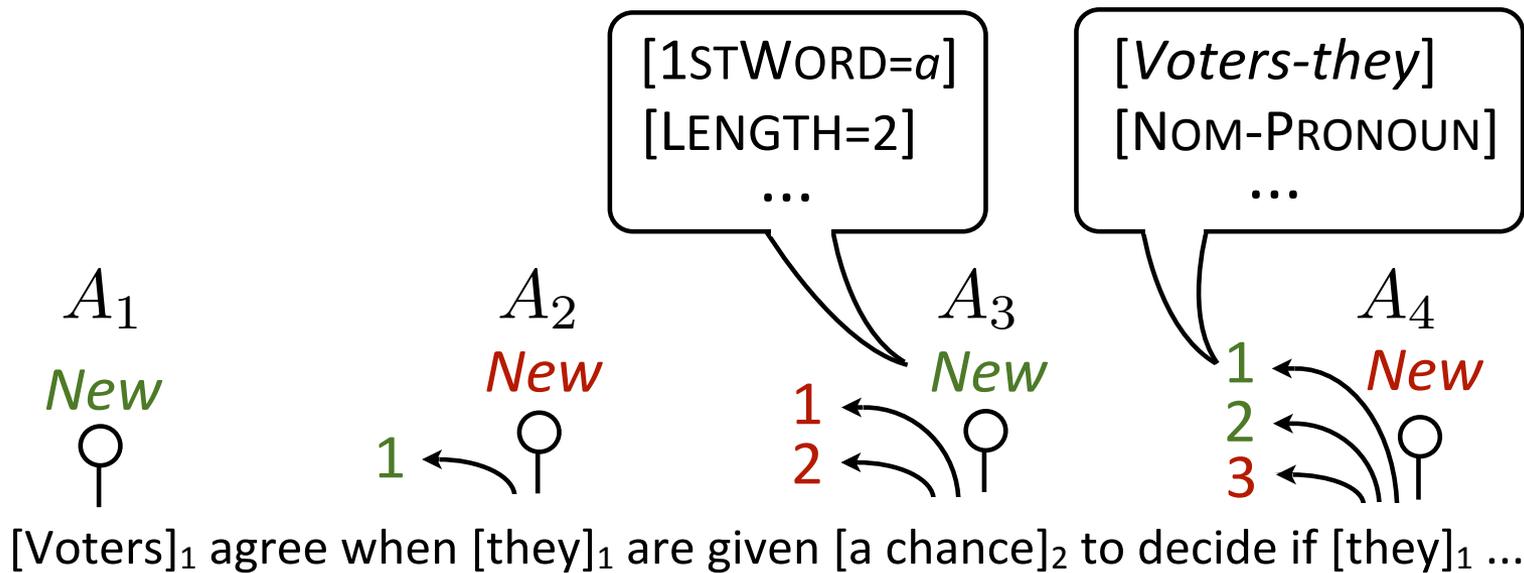




# Mention-Ranking Models (Learned)

- ▶ Log-linear model to select at most 1 antecedent for each mention or determine that it begins a new cluster

$$Pr(A_i = a|x) \propto \exp(w^\top f(i, a, x))$$





# Adding Knowledge to Coref

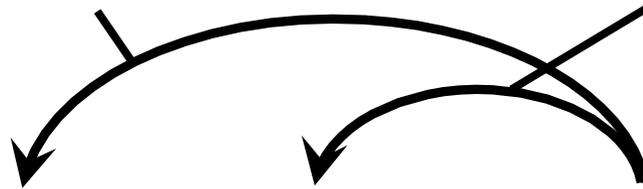
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- ▶ External corpora: Web, Wikipedia, YAGO, FrameNet, Gender/Number/Person lists/classifiers, 3D Images, Videos
- ▶ Methods:
  - ▶ Self-training, Bootstrapping
  - ▶ Co-occurrence, Distributional, and Pattern-based Features
  - ▶ Entity Linking
  - ▶ Visual Cues from 3D Images and Videos
- ▶ Daumé III and Marcu, 2005; Markert and Nissim, 2005; Bergsma and Lin, 2006; Ponzetto and Strube, 2006; Haghighi and Klein, 2009; Kobdani et al., 2011; Rahman and Ng, 2011; Bansal and Klein, 2012; Durrett and Klein, 2014; Kong et al., 2014; Ramanathan et al., 2014



# Web Features for Coreference

count(*Obama* \* *president*) vs count(*Jobs* \* *president*)



When *Obama* met *Jobs* , the president discussed the ...

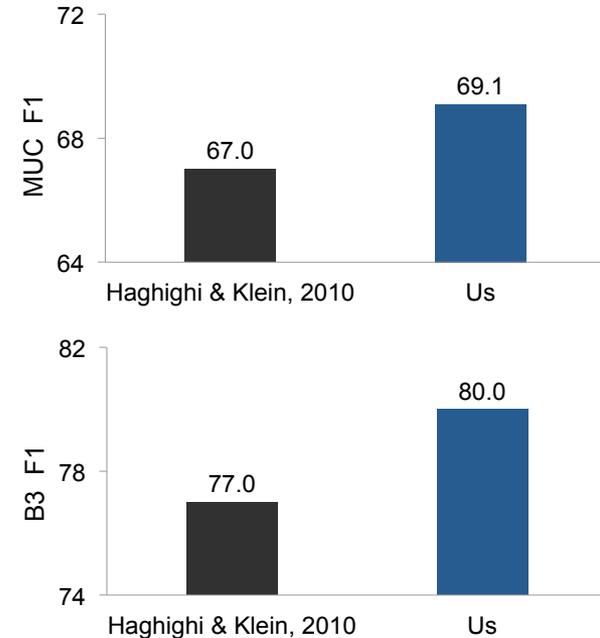
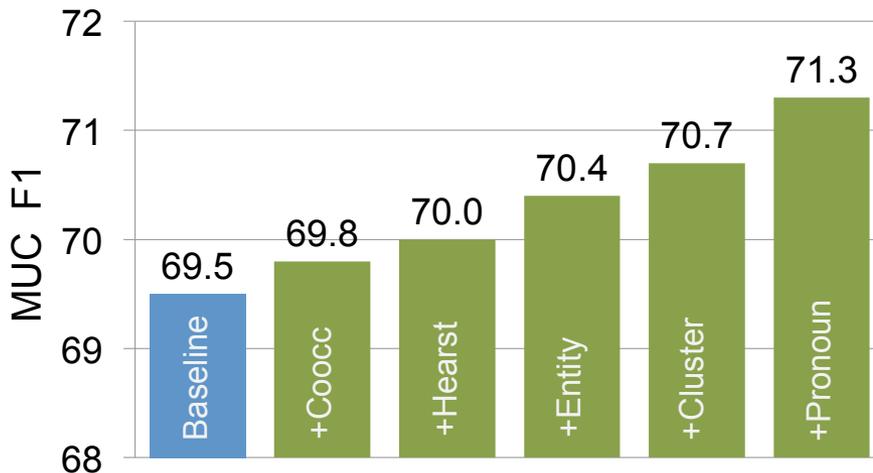


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count(*Obama signed bills*) vs count(*Jobs signed bills*)

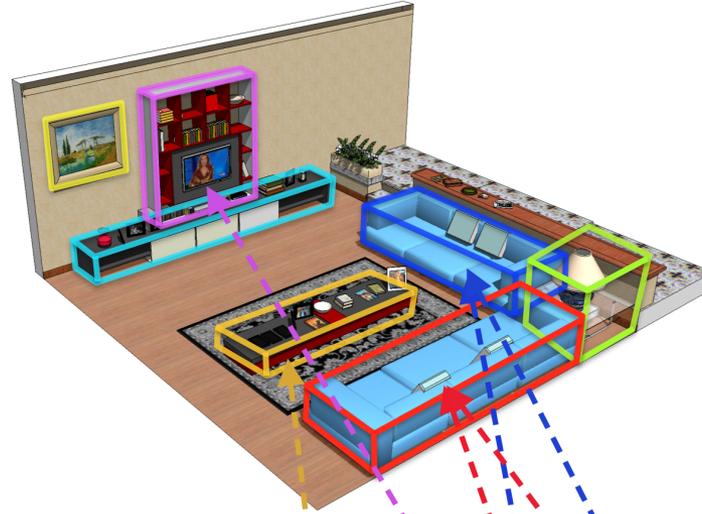


When *Obama* met *Jobs*, the ... *He* signed bills that ...



# Visual Cues for Coreference

► Joint coreference and 3D image recognition



Living room with two blue sofas next to each other and a table in front of them. By the back wall is a television stand.

Method	MUC			B <sup>3</sup>		
	precision	recall	F1	precision	recall	F1
Stanford	61.56	62.59	62.07	75.05	76.15	75.59
Ours	83.69	51.08	63.44	88.42	70.02	78.15



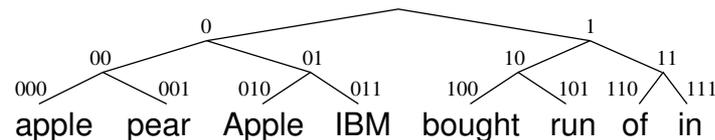
# Distributional Semantics

- ▶ Words occurring in similar context have similar linguistic behavior (meaning) [Harris, 1954; Firth, 1957]
- ▶ Traditional approach: context-counting vectors
  - ▶ Count left and right context in window
  - ▶ Reweight with PMI or LLR
  - ▶ Reduce dimensionality with SVD or NNMF

[Pereira et al., 1993; Lund & Burgess, 1996; Lin, 1998; Lin and Pantel, 2001; Sahlgren, 2006; Pado & Lapata, 2007; Turney and Pantel, 2010; Baroni and Lenci, 2010]

- ▶ More word representations: hierarchical clustering based on bigram LM LL

[Brown et al., 1992]

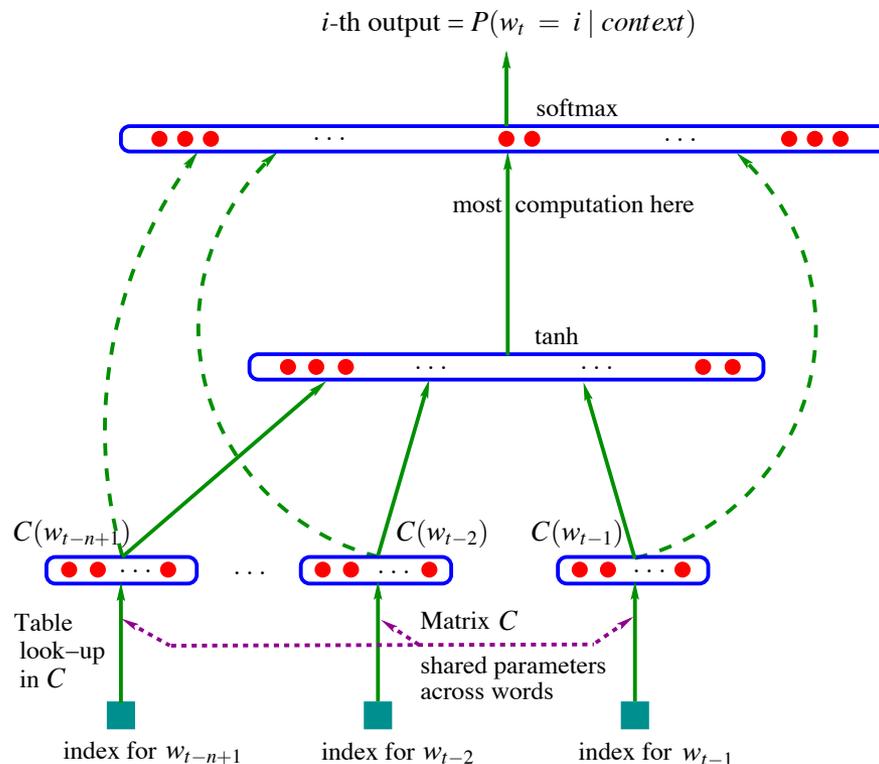




# Distributional Semantics -- NNs

## ▶ Newer approach: context-predicting vectors (NNs)

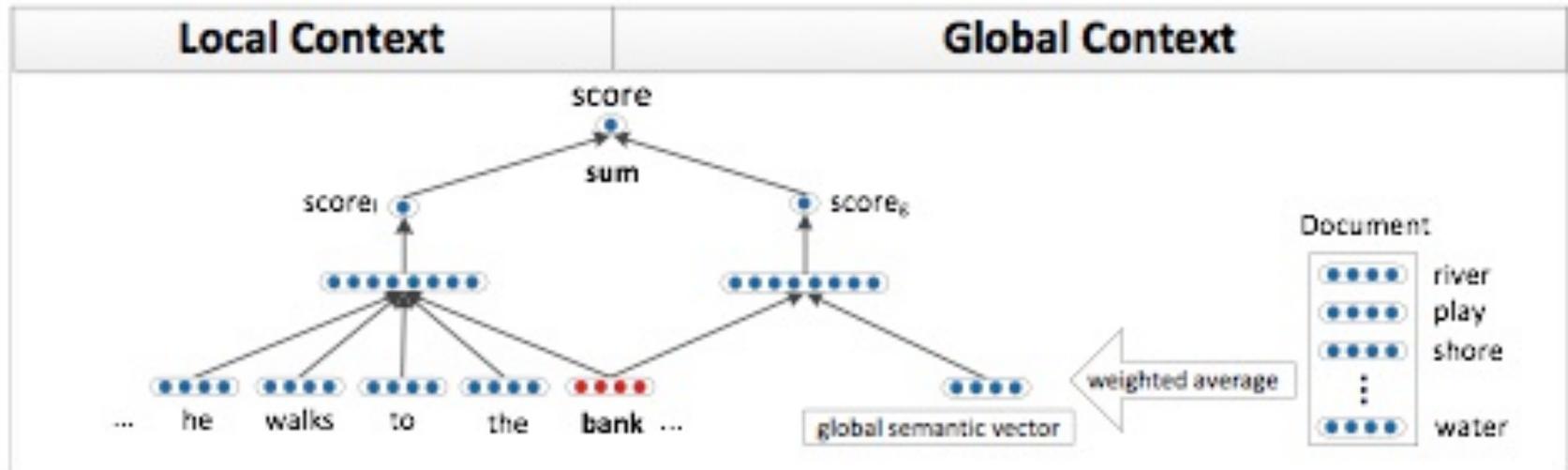
- ▶ SENNA [Collobert and Weston, 2008; Collobert et al., 2011]: Multi-layer DNN w/ ranking-loss objective; BoW and sentence-level feature layers, followed by std. NN layers. Similar to [Bengio et al., 2003].





# Distributional Semantics -- NNs

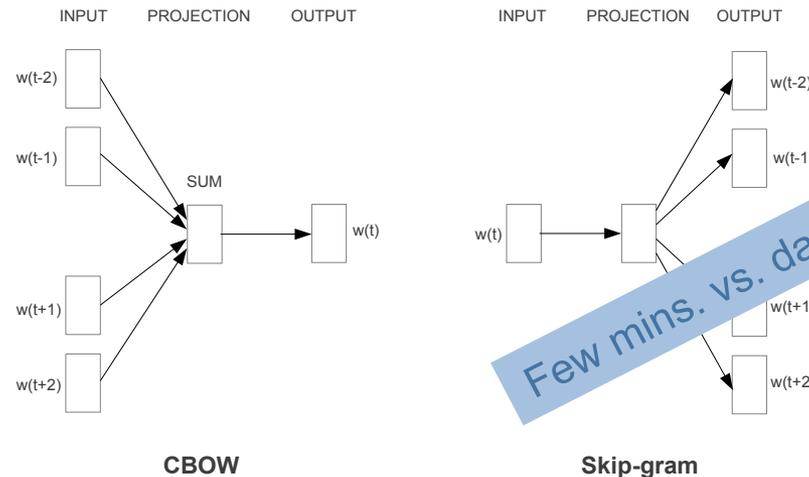
- ▶ HUANG [Huang et al., 2012]: Add global, document-level context





# Distributional Semantics -- NNs

- ▶ CBOW, SKIP, word2vec [Mikolov et al., 2013]: Simple, super-fast NN w/ no hidden layer. Continuous BoW model predicts word given context, skip-gram model predicts surrounding words given current word



- ▶ Other: [Mnih and Hinton, 2007; Turian et al., 2010]
- ▶ Comparison of count vs. predict (winner) [Baroni et al., 2014]
- ▶ Demos: <https://code.google.com/p/word2vec/>, <http://metaoptimize.com/projects/wordreprs/>, <http://ml.nec-labs.com/senna/>



# Distributional Semantics

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- ▶ Other approaches: spectral methods, e.g., CCA
  - ▶ Word-context correlation [Dhillon et al., 2011, 2012]
  - ▶ Multilingual correlation [Faruqui and Dyer, 2014]
- ▶ Some current/next directions: Train task-tailored embeddings to capture specific types of similarity/ semantics, e.g.,
  - ▶ Dependency context [Bansal et al., 2014, Levy and Goldberg, 2014]
  - ▶ Predicate-argument structures [Hashimoto et al., 2014; Madhyastha et al., 2014]
  - ▶ Lexicon evidence (PPDB, WordNet, FrameNet) [Xu et al., 2014; Yu and Dredze, 2014; Faruqui et al., 2014]



# Compositional Semantics I: NNs

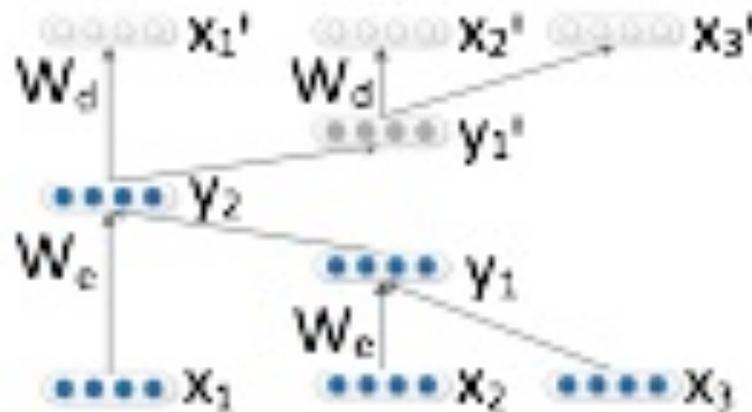
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- ▶ Composing, combining word vectors to representations for longer units: phrases, sentences, paragraphs, ...
- ▶ Initial approaches: point-wise sum, multiplication [Mitchell and Lapata, 2010; Blacoe and Lapata, 2012]
- ▶ Vector-matrix compositionality [Baroni and Zamparelli, 2010; Zanzotto et al., 2010; Grefenstette and Sadrzadeh, 2011; Socher et al., 2011; Yessenalina and Cardie, 2011]
- ▶ Linguistic information added via *say* parses [Socher et al., 2011b, 2012, 2013a, 2013b, 2014; Hermann and Blunsom, 2013]



# Compositional Semantics I: NNs

- ▶ **Socher et al., 2011**: Recursive autoencoders (unsupervised) on constituent parse trees

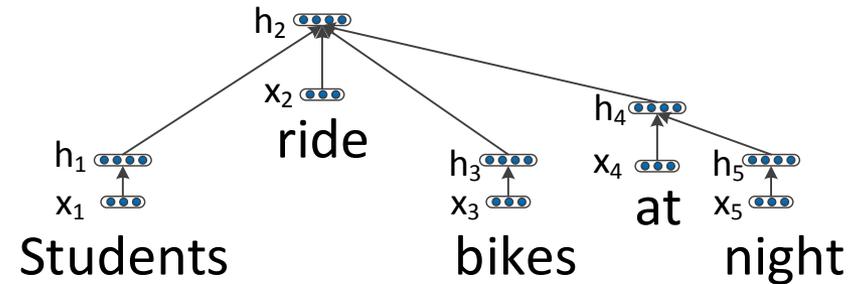
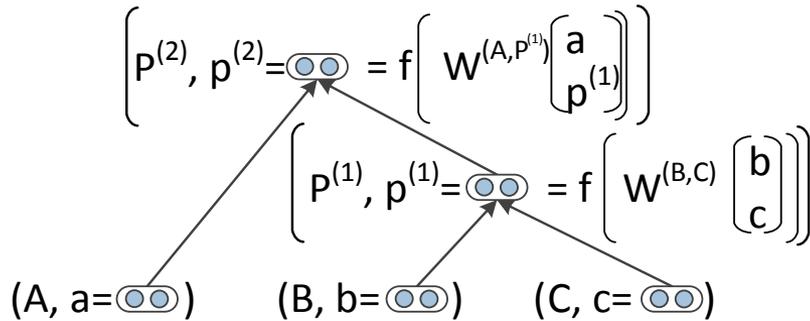


- ▶ The unfolding autoencoder which tries to reconstruct all leaf nodes underneath each node.



# Compositional Semantics I: NNs

- Socher et al., 2013a, 2014: RNNs on constituent and dependency parse trees







# Compositional Semantics I: NNs

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- ▶ Various other approaches: [Das and Smith, 2009; Collobert et al., 2011; Grefenstette et al., 2013; Hashimoto et al., 2014; Madhyastha et al., 2014; Chen and Manning, 2014]
- ▶ New Deep Learning based Generation: End-to-end MT, Parsing, Caption generation for images, videos [Sutskever et al., 2014; Vinyals et al., 2014a, 2014b; Karpathy and Fei-Fei, 2014; Kiros et al., 2014; Donahue et al., 2014; Fang et al., 2014; Venugopalan et al., 2014]
- ▶ Demos: <http://deeplearning.net/demos/>,  
<http://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/deepimagesent/rankingdemo/>,  
<https://www.metamind.io/>



# Compositional Semantics II: Logic form

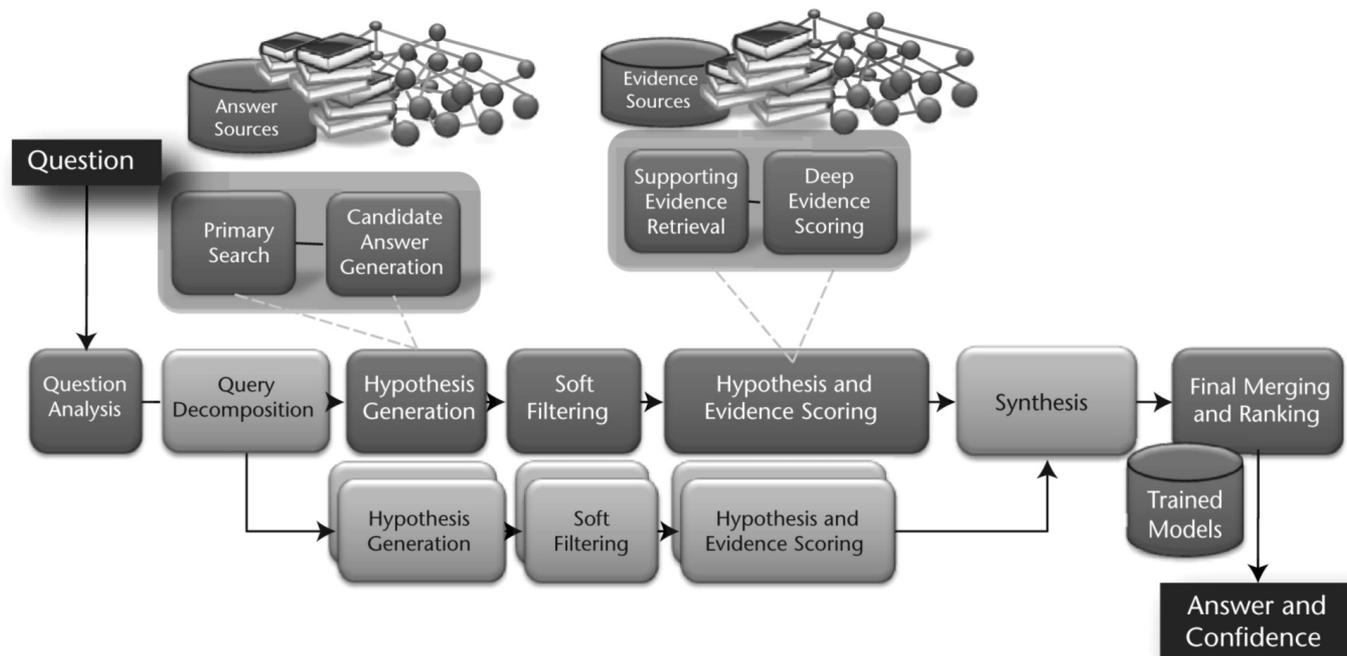
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- ▶ Logic-based, Semantic Parsing
- ▶ Useful for Q&A, IE, grounding, comprehension tasks (summarization, reading tasks)
- ▶ A lot of focus on Question Answering
- ▶ Demos: <http://demo.ark.cs.cmu.edu/parse>, [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), Facebook graph search



# Question Answering

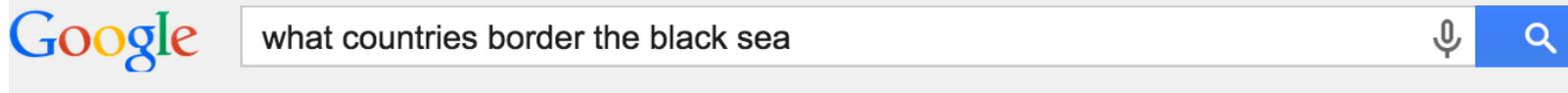
- ▶ Initial approaches to Q&A: pattern matching, pattern learning, query rewriting, information extraction
- ▶ Next came a large-scale, open-domain IE system like IBM Watson





# Deep Q&A: Semantic Parsing

- ▶ Complex, free-form, multi-clause questions



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The Black Sea is an inland sea located between far-southeastern Europe and the far-western edges of the continent of Asia and the country of **Turkey**. It's bordered by **Turkey**, and by the countries of **Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Russia** and **Georgia**.



[Black Sea - World Atlas](http://www.worldatlas.com/aatlas/infopage/blacksea.htm)  
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# Deep Q&A: Semantic Parsing

## ► Complex, free-form, multi-clause questions

The image shows a screenshot of a Google search interface. The search bar contains the query "what are the capitals of the countries that border the baltic sea". Below the search bar, the "Web" tab is selected. The search results show "About 467,000 results (0.46 seconds)". A featured snippet is displayed, titled "Important cities along the Baltic include:", followed by a bulleted list of seven cities: St. Petersburg and Kaliningrad (Russia), Stockholm (Sweden), Copenhagen (Denmark), Oslo (Norway), Helsinki (Finland), Tallinn (Estonia), and Riga (Latvia). To the right of the list is a small map of the Baltic Sea region. Below the list is a link to an encyclopedia article: "Baltic Sea - Encyclopedia of Earth" with the URL "www.eoearth.org/article/Baltic\_Sea".

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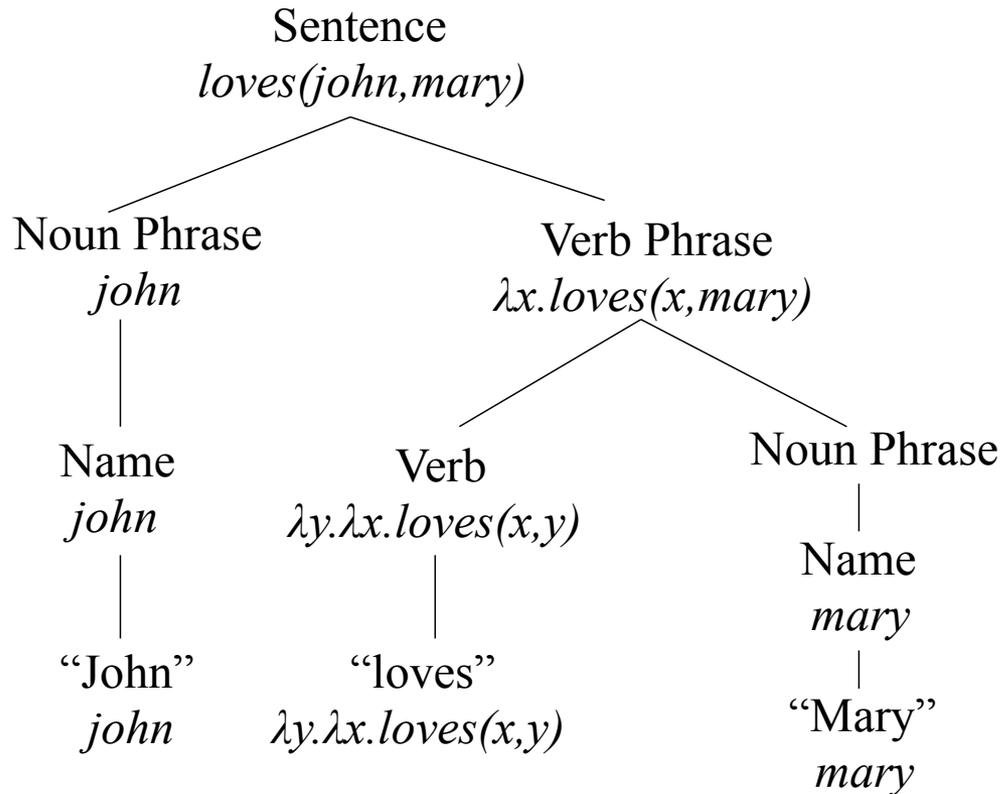
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- Riga, capital of Latvia.

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# Semantic Parsing: Logic forms

- ▶ Parsing with logic (booleans, individuals, functions) and lambda forms



[Wong and Mooney, 2007; Zettlemoyer and Collins, 2007; Poon and Domingos, 2009; Artzi and Zettlemoyer, 2011, 2013; Kwiatkowski et al., 2013; Cai and Yates, 2013; Berant et al., 2013; Poon 2013; Berant and Liang, 2014; Iyer et al., 2014]



# Semantic Parsing Ideas

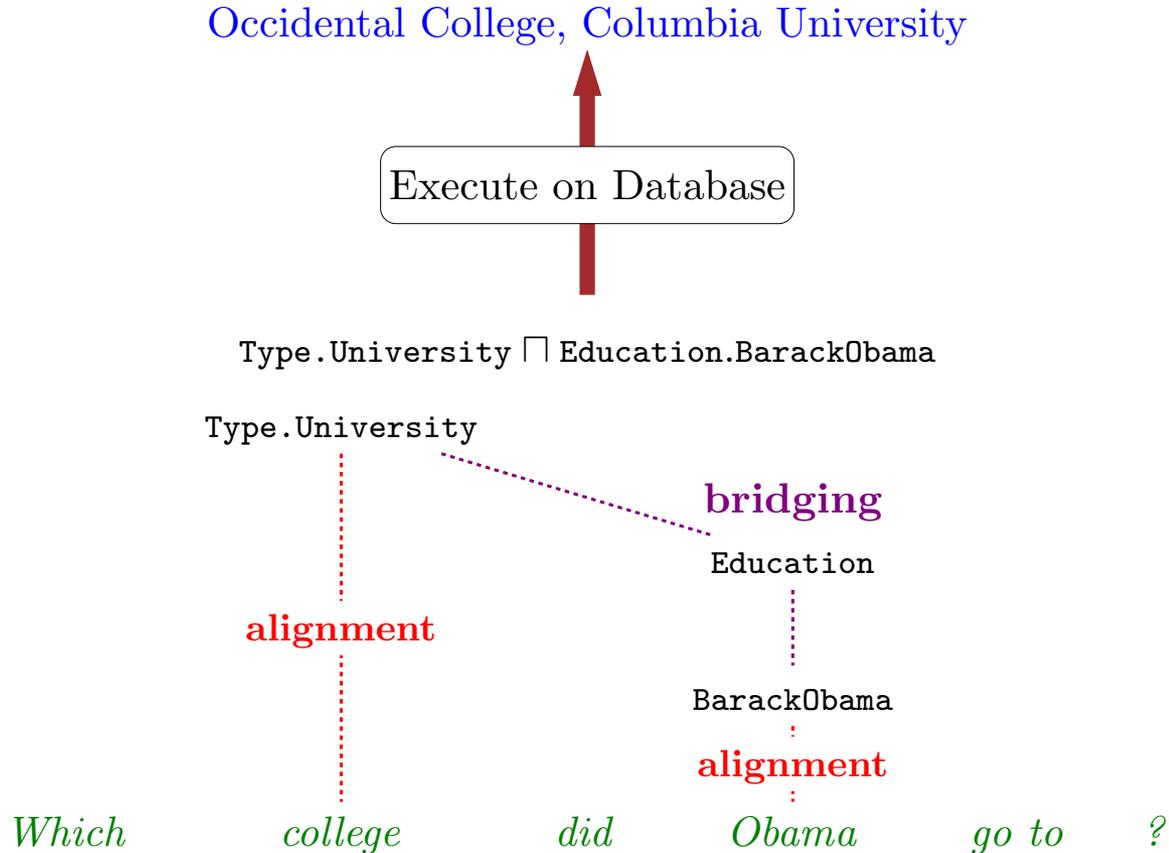
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- ▶ Various recent ideas/extensions:
  - ▶ unsupervised SP (clustering lambda forms)
  - ▶ grounded USP (via databases)
  - ▶ Dependency-based compositional semantics (DCS)
  - ▶ CCG
  - ▶ Bootstrapping w/ conversations
  - ▶ On-the-fly ontology matching
  - ▶ Question answering on Freebase
  - ▶ Paraphrasing
  - ▶ RNNs for Q&A
  - ▶ Comparison with IE approaches

[Wong and Mooney, 2007; Zettlemoyer and Collins, 2007; Poon and Domingos, 2009; Artzi and Zettlemoyer, 2011, 2013; Kwiatkowski et al., 2013; Cai and Yates, 2013; Berant et al., 2013; Poon 2013; Berant and Liang, 2014; Iyer et al., 2014; Yao and Van Durne, 2014]



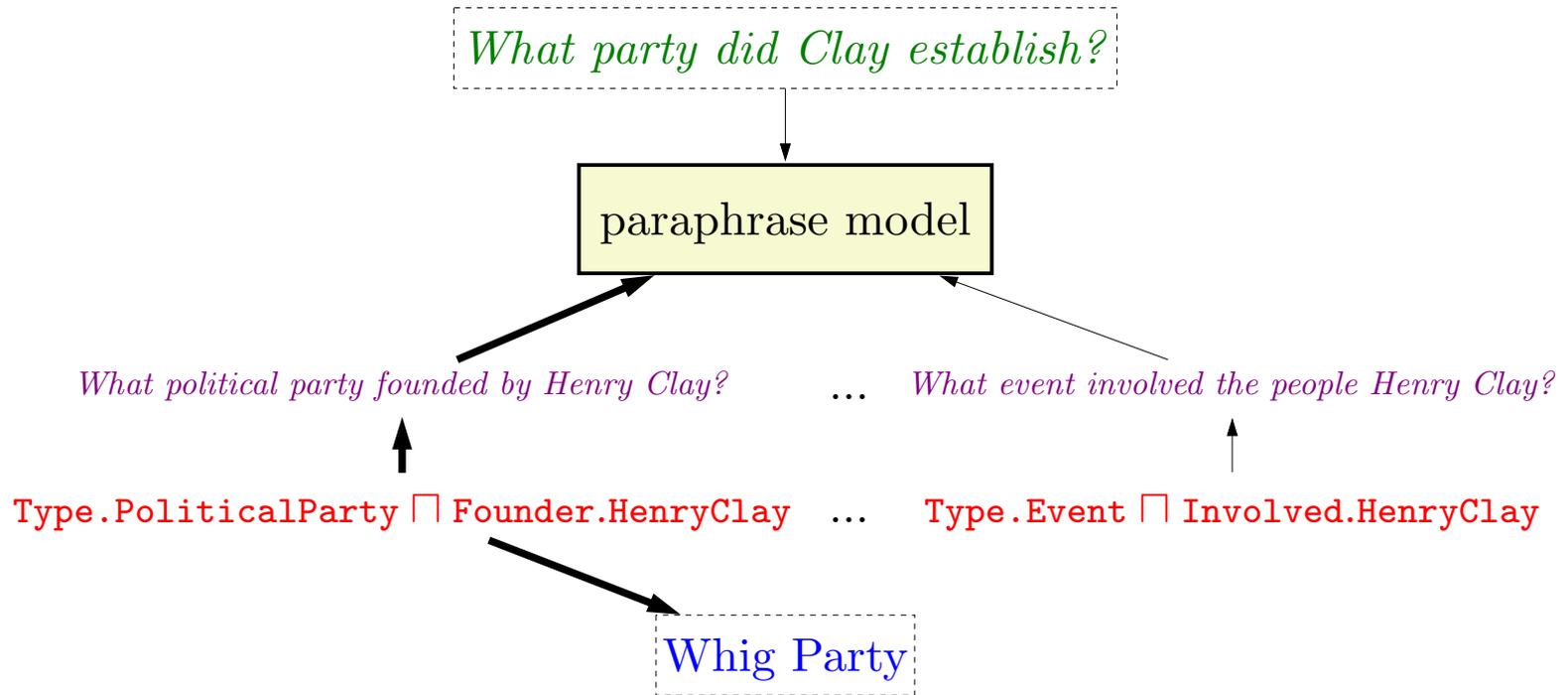
# Semantic Parsing on Freebase



Mapping questions to answers via latent logical forms. To narrow down the logical predicate space, they use a (i) coarse *alignment* based on Freebase and a text corpus and (ii) a *bridging* operation that generates predicates compatible with neighboring predicates.



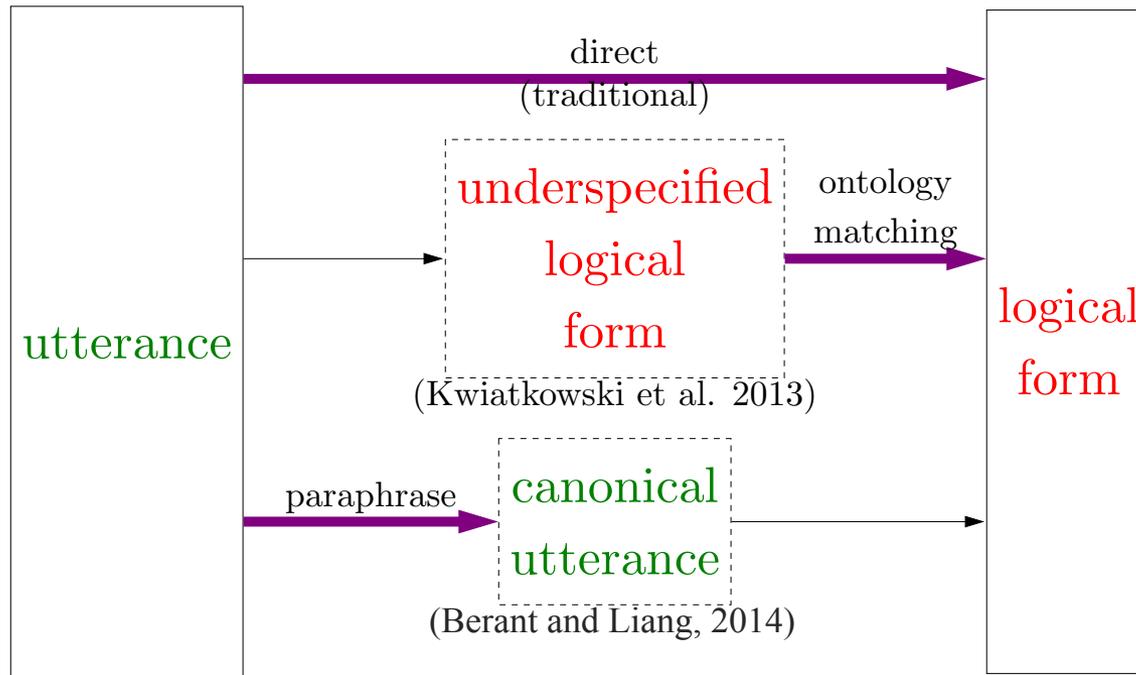
# Semantic Parsing via Paraphrasing



For each candidate logical form (red), they generate canonical utterances (purple). The model is trained to paraphrase the input utterance (green) into the canonical utterances associated with the correct denotation (blue).



# Semantic Parsing via Ontology Matching



The main challenge in semantic parsing is the mismatch between language and the knowledge base. (a) Traditional: map utterances directly to logical forms, (b) Kwiatkowski et al. (2013): map utterance to intermediate, underspecified logical form, then perform ontology matching to handle the mismatch, (c) Berant and Liang (2014): generate intermediate, canonical text utterances for logical forms, then use paraphrase models.



# Other Topics

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- ▶ **Machine Translation** [Brown et al., 1990, 1993; Vogel et al., 1996; Wu, 1997; Papineni et al., 2002; Och and Ney, 2002; Och, 2003; Galley et al., 2004; Koehn, 2004; Chiang et al., 2005; Liang et al., 2006a, 2006b; Marcu et al., 2006; Koehn et al., 2007; Gimpel and Smith, 2008; Mi et al., 2008; Chiang, 2010; Galley and Manning, 2010; Bansal et al., 2011; Kalchbrenner and Blunsom, 2013; Vaswani et al., 2013; Auli et al., 2013; Devlin et al., 2014; Sutskever et al., 2014, ...many more]  
(Demos: <http://www.statmt.org/moses/?n=public.demos>, <http://lisa.iro.umontreal.ca/mt-demo>, <https://translate.google.com/>)
- ▶ **Sentiment Analysis** [Hatzivassiloglou and McKeown, 1997; Das and Chen, 2001; Tong, 2001; Turney, 2002; Pang et al., 2002; Nenkova and Passonneau, 2004; Wiebe et al., 2005; Thomas et al., 2006; Snyder and Barzilay, 2007; Ding et al., 2008; Pang and Lee, 2008; Bansal et al., 2008; Nakagawa et al., 2010; Liu, 2012; Socher et al., 2011, 2013; ...]  
(Demos: <http://nlp.stanford.edu:8080/sentiment/rntnDemo.html>, <http://text-processing.com/demo/sentiment/>)
- ▶ **Summarization** [Teufel and Moens, 1997; Carbonell and Goldstein, 1998; Knight and Marcu, 2001; White et al., 2001; Lin, 2003, 2004; Daumé III, 2006; Zajic, et al., 2006; Shen et al., 2007; Yih et al., 2007; Schilder and Kondadadi, 2008; Martins and Smith, 2009; Gillick and Favre, 2009; Woodsend and Lapata, 2010; Wang and Cardie, 2012; Hong and Nenkova, 2014; ...]  
(Demos: <https://semantria.com/demo>, <http://www.summly.com/>)
- ▶ **Taxonomy/Ontology Induction** [Widdows, 2003; Snow et al., 2006; Yang and Callan, 2009; Kozareva and Hovy, 2010; Poon and Domingos, 2010; Navigli et al., 2011; Lao et al., 2012; Fountain and Lapata, 2012; Bansal et al., 2014; ...]

[\*Not exhaustive, various other references]



# Many Other Topics ...

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- ▶ Language Modeling
- ▶ Word Sense Disambiguation/Induction, NER
- ▶ Topic Modeling and Text Classification/Categorization
- ▶ Discourse
- ▶ Diachronics (Historical Linguistics, Language Reconstruction)
- ▶ Decipherment and OCR



# Some Next Topics

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- ▶ Metaphors, Idioms



You: *I am under the weather today.*

Siri: *The weather's looking good today ...*

- ▶ Sarcasm, Insult, Irony, Humor

- ▶ Generating realistic stories, poetry, ...

- ▶ Human-like dialog systems (Turing test)



# Resources: Software and Demos

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- ▶ **POS tagging:** <http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/tagger.shtml>, <https://code.google.com/p/universal-pos-tags/>, <http://www.ark.cs.cmu.edu/TweetNLP/>, ...
- ▶ **Parsing:** <https://code.google.com/p/berkeleyparser/>, <http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/lex-parser.shtml>, <https://github.com/BLLIP/bllip-parser>, <http://www.cs.columbia.edu/~mccollins/code.html>, <http://www.ark.cs.cmu.edu/TurboParser/>
- ▶ **Coreference:** <http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/dcoref.shtml>, <http://nlp.cs.berkeley.edu/projects/coref.shtml>, <http://www.cs.utah.edu/nlp/reconcile/>, <http://www.bart-coref.org/>, [http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/software\\_view/Coref](http://cogcomp.cs.illinois.edu/page/software_view/Coref)
- ▶ **Word embeddings:** <https://code.google.com/p/word2vec>, <http://metaoptimize.com/projects/wordreprs/>, <http://ml.nec-labs.com/senna/>, <http://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/>, <http://ttic.uchicago.edu/~mbansal/data/syntacticEmbeddings.zip>, <http://www.socher.org/index.php/Main/ImprovingWordRepresentationsViaGlobalContextAndMultipleWordPrototypes>, <http://www.wordvectors.org/web-eacl14-vectors/de-projected-en-512.txt.gz>
- ▶ **Compositional embeddings:** <http://nlp.stanford.edu/sentiment/>, <http://nal.co/DCNN>, <http://www.socher.org/index.php/Main/ParsingWithCompositionalVectorGrammars>, <http://www.socher.org/index.php/Main/DynamicPoolingAndUnfoldingRecursiveAutoencodersForParaphraseDetection>
- ▶ **Semantic Paring, Q&A (Compositional Semantics II):** <http://www-nlp.stanford.edu/software/sempr/>, <https://bitbucket.org/yoavartzi/spf>, <https://code.google.com/p/jacana/>, <http://cs.umd.edu/~miyyer/qblearn/>, <http://alchemy.cs.washington.edu/usp/>, <http://www.ark.cs.cmu.edu/SEMAFOR/>,
- ▶ **Most of the demo links are inline with each topic's slides**



# Resources: Courses and Books

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- ▶ Berkeley NLP course: <http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~klein/cs288/fa14/>
- ▶ CMU NLP course: [www.ark.cs.cmu.edu/NLP](http://www.ark.cs.cmu.edu/NLP)
- ▶ Stanford NLP course: <http://web.stanford.edu/class/cs224n>
- ▶ Many others: Brown, Columbia, Cornell, JHU, MIT, Maryland, UPenn, ...
- ▶ Books:
  - ▶ Jurafsky and Martin, Speech and Language Processing, 2nd edition, 2009
  - ▶ Manning and Shuetze, Foundations of Statistical Natural Language Processing
- ▶ Many others references (in the material above) ...



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