Remembering subresults (Part I): Well-formed substring tables

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Problem: Inefficiency of recomputing subresults

Two example sentences and their potential analysis:

- (1) He [gave [the young cat] [to Bill]].
- (2) He [gave [the young cat] [some milk]].

The corresponding grammar rules:

vp ---> [v_ditrans, np, pp_to].
vp ---> [v_ditrans, np, np].

Solution: Memoization

- Store intermediate results:
 - a) completely analyzed constituents: well-formed substring table or (passive) chart
 - b) partial and complete analyses: (active) chart
- All intermediate results need to be stored for completeness.
- All possible solutions are explored in parallel.

CFG Parsing: The Cocke Younger Kasami Algorithm

- Grammar has to be in Chomsky Normal Form (CNF), only
 - RHS with a single terminal: $A \rightarrow a$
 - RHS with two non-terminals: $A \rightarrow BC$
 - no ϵ rules $(A \rightarrow \epsilon)$
- A representation of the string showing positions and word indices:

 $\cdot_{0} w_{1} \cdot_{1} w_{2} \cdot_{2} w_{3} \cdot_{3} w_{4} \cdot_{4} w_{5} \cdot_{5} w_{6} \cdot_{6}$

For example: \cdot_0 the \cdot_1 young \cdot_2 boy \cdot_3 saw \cdot_4 the \cdot_5 dragon \cdot_6

The well-formed substring table (= passive chart)

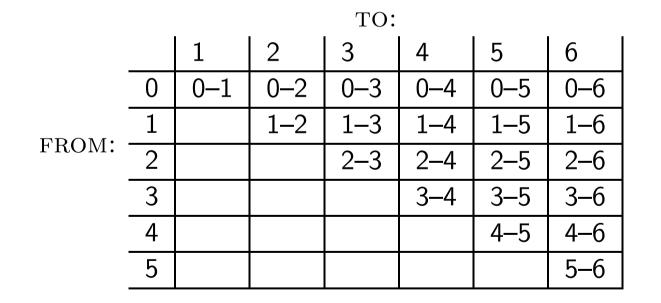
- The well-formed substring table, henceforth (passive) chart, for a string of length n is an $n \times n$ matrix.
- The field (i, j) of the chart encodes the set of all categories of constituents that start at position i and end at position j, i.e. chart(i,j) = {A | A ⇒* w_{i+1}...w_j}
- The matrix is triangular since no constituent ends before it starts.

Coverage Represented in the Chart

An input sentence with 6 words:

$$\cdot_0 w_1 \cdot_1 w_2 \cdot_2 w_3 \cdot_3 w_4 \cdot_4 w_5 \cdot_5 w_6 \cdot_6$$

Coverage represented in the chart:



Example for Coverage Represented in Chart

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Coverage represented in chart:

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|---|-----|-----------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 0 | the | the young | the young boy | the young boy saw | the young boy saw the | the young boy saw the dragon |
| 1 | | young | young boy | young boy saw | young boy saw the | young boy saw the dragon |
| 2 | | | boy | boy saw | boy saw the | boy saw the dragon |
| 3 | | | | saw | saw the | saw the dragon |
| 4 | | | | | the | the dragon |
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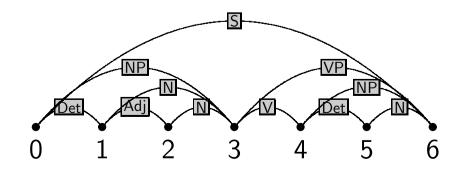
An Example for a Filled-in Chart

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Chart:

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|---|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 0 | $\{Det\}$ | {} | $\{NP\}$ | {} | {} | {S} |
| 1 | | $\{Adj\}$ | $\{N\}$ | {} | {} | {} |
| 2 | | | $\{N\}$ | {} | {} | {} |
| 3 | | | | $\{V, N\}$ | {} | $\{VP\}$ |
| 4 | | | | | $\{Det\}$ | $\{NP\}$ |
| 5 | | | | | | $\{N\}$ |



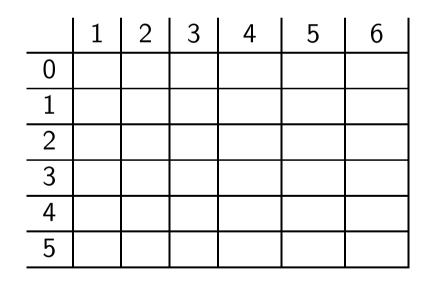
Grammar:

- $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{S} \rightarrow \mathsf{NP} \; \mathsf{VP} \\ \mathsf{VP} \rightarrow \mathsf{Vt} \; \mathsf{NP} \\ \mathsf{NP} \rightarrow \mathsf{Det} \; \mathsf{N} \end{array}$
- $\mathsf{N}\,\rightarrow\,\mathsf{Adj}\,\,\mathsf{N}$
- $Vt \to \mathsf{saw}$

$$\mathsf{Det} \to \mathsf{the}$$

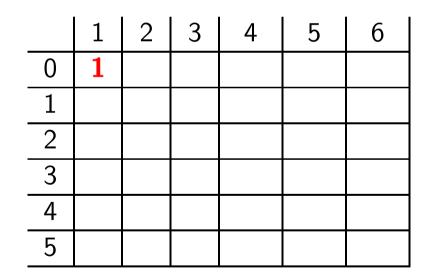
- $\mathsf{Det} \to \mathsf{a}$
- $\mathsf{N} \to \mathsf{dragon}$
- $N \rightarrow boy$
- $N \rightarrow saw$
- $\mathsf{Adj} \to \mathsf{young}$

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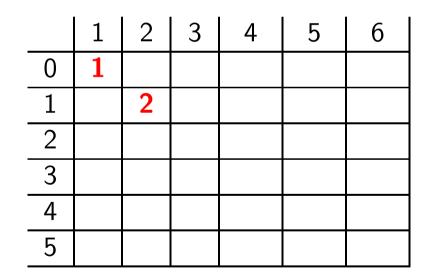
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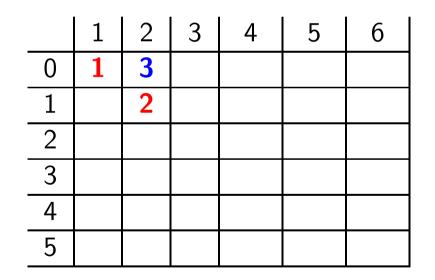
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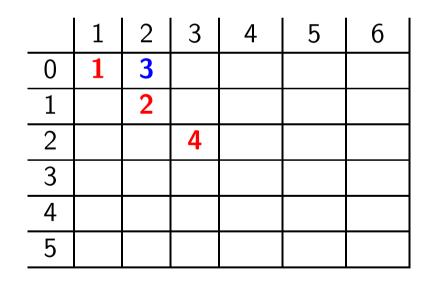
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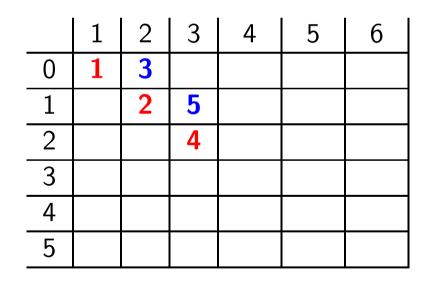
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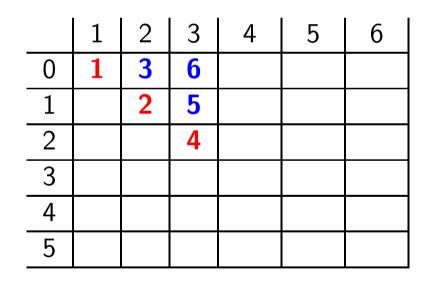
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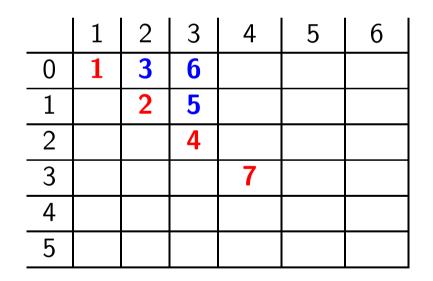
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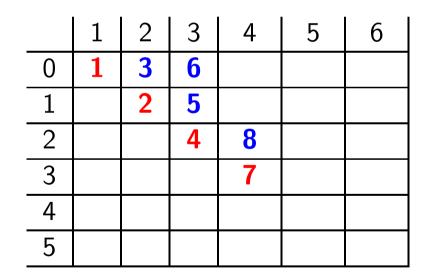
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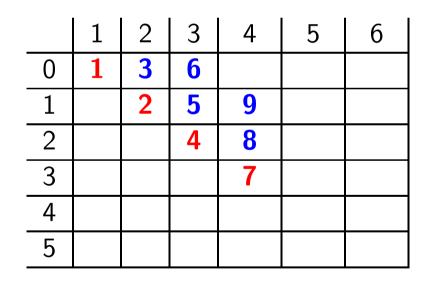
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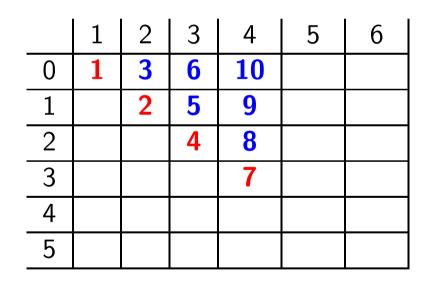
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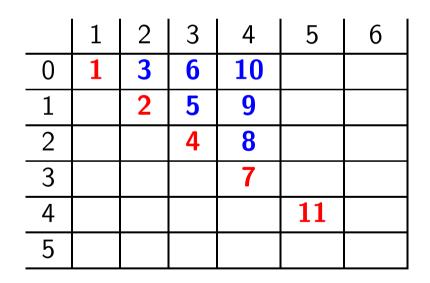
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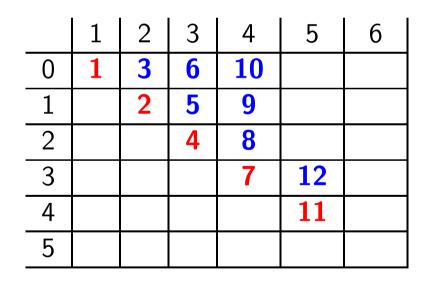
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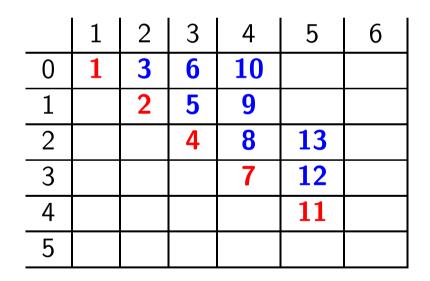
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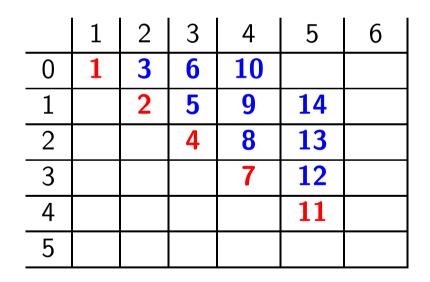
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lexical_chart_fill(j-1,j)

- Idea: Lexical lookup. Fill the field (j-1,j) in the chart with the preterminal category dominating word j.
- Realized as:

$$chart(j-1,j) := \{ \mathsf{X} \mid \mathsf{X} \to \mathsf{word}_j \in \mathsf{P} \}$$

syntactic_chart_fill(i,j)

• Idea: Perform all reduction step using syntactic rules such that the reduced symbol covers the string from *i* to *j*.

• Realized as:
$$chart(i, j) = \begin{cases} A & | A \to BC \in P, \\ i < k < j, \\ B \in chart(i, k), \\ C \in chart(k, j) \end{cases}$$

• Explicit loops over every possible value of k and every context free rule:

$$\begin{array}{l} chart(i,j):=\{\}.\\ \text{for }k:=i+1 \text{ to }j-1\\ \text{ for every }A \to BC \in P\\ \text{ if }B \in chart(i,k) \text{ and }C \in chart(k,j) \text{ then }\\ chart(i,j):=chart(i,j) \cup \{\mathsf{A}\}. \end{array}$$

The Complete CYK Algorithm

Input: start category S and input string

```
n := \text{length}(string)
```

```
for j := 1 to n

chart(j - 1, j) := \{X \mid X \rightarrow word_j \in P\}

for i := j - 2 down to 0

chart(i, j) := \{\}

for k := i + 1 to j - 1

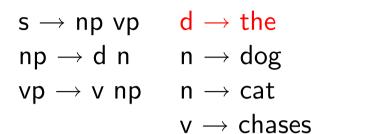
for every A \rightarrow BC \in P

if B \in chart(i, k) and C \in chart(k, j) then

chart(i, j) := chart(i, j) \cup \{A\}
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Output: if $S \in chart(0, n)$ then accept else reject

Example Application of the CYK Algorithm



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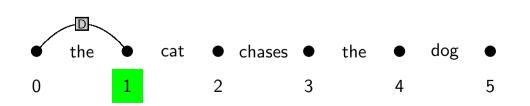
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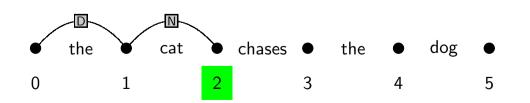
Lexical Entry: cat

- $np \to d \ n \qquad n \to dog$
- $vp \rightarrow v np$ $n \rightarrow cat$

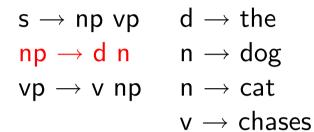
 $v \rightarrow chases$

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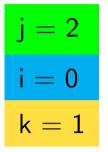


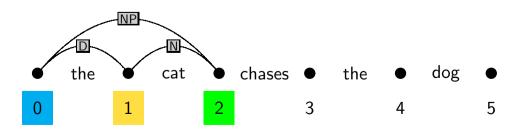


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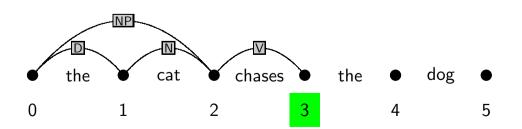
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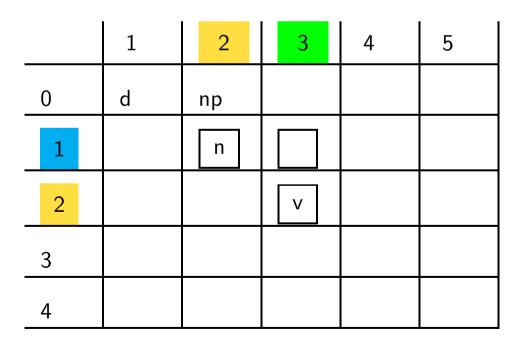
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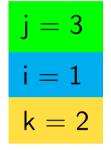
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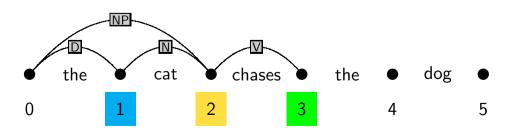




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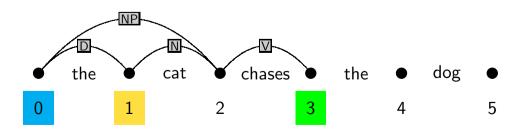
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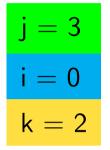
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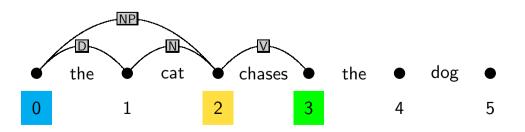
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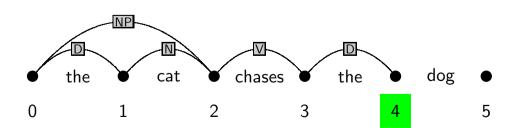
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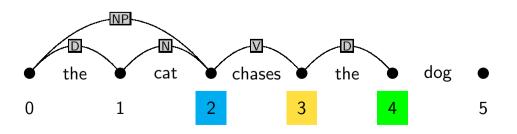




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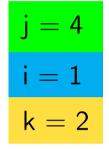
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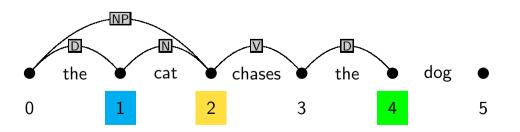
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| k = 3 |



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- $vp \rightarrow v \ np \qquad n \rightarrow cat$

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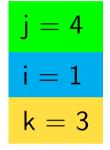


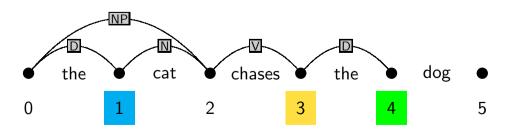


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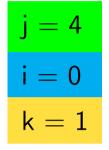


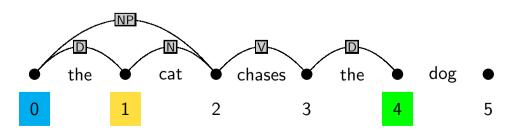


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- $np \to d \ n \qquad n \to dog$
- $vp \to v \ np \qquad n \to cat$

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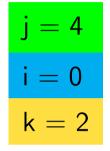
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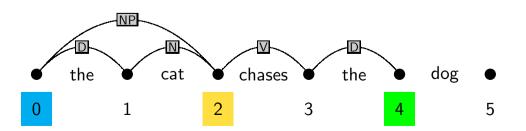




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- $np \to d \ n \qquad n \to dog$
- $vp \rightarrow v \ np \qquad n \rightarrow cat$

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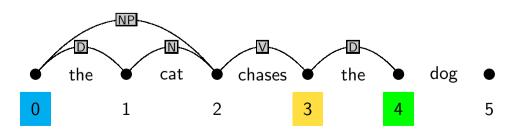




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| j = 4 |
|-------|
| i = 0 |
| k = 3 |



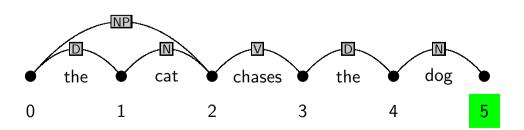
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- $np \to d \ n \qquad \textbf{n} \to \textbf{dog}$
- $vp \rightarrow v \; np ~~ n \rightarrow cat$

 $v \rightarrow chases$

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Lexical Entry: dog



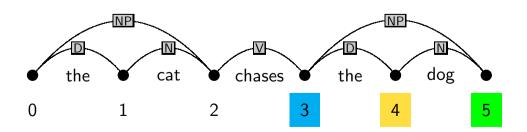


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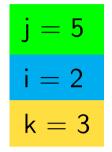
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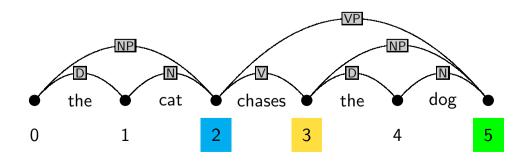
 $i = 3$
 $k = 4$



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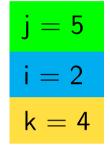
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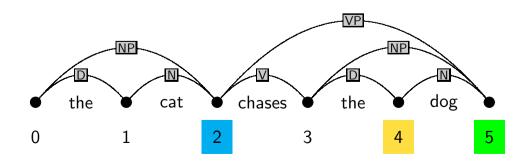




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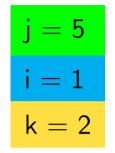
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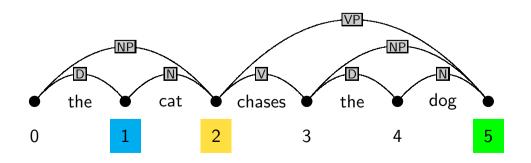




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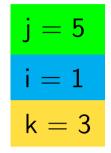
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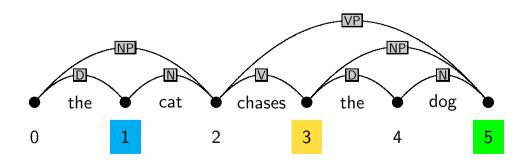




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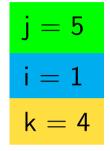


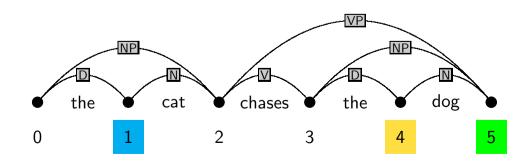


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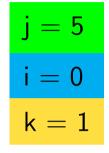
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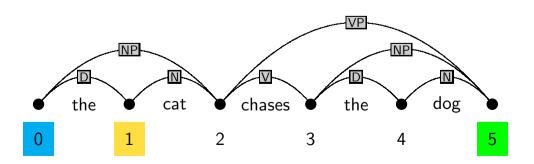


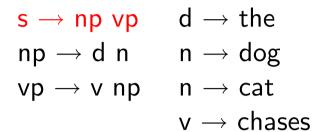


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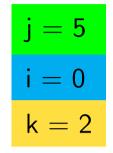
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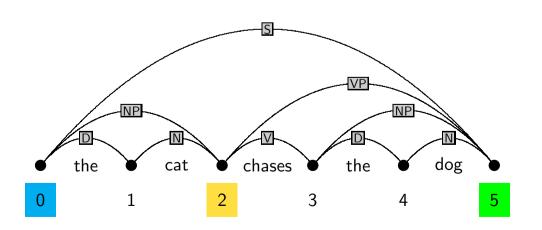






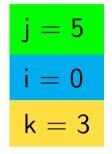
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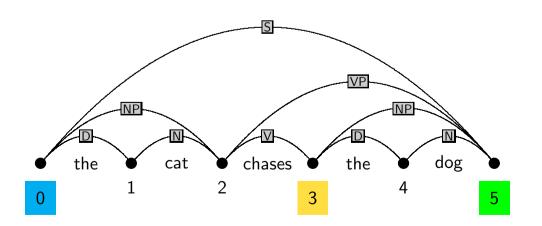


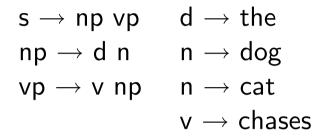


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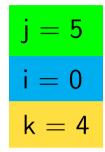
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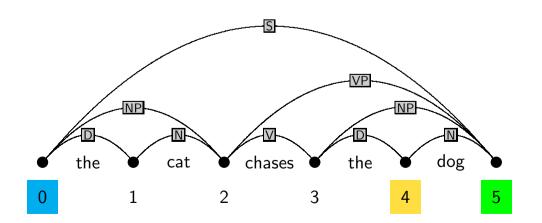






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Dynamic knowledge bases in PROLOG

- Declaration of a dynamic predicate: dynamic/1 declaration, e.g.
 - :- dynamic chart/3.

to store facts of the form chart(From,To,Category):

• Add a fact to the database: assert/1, e.g.:

```
assert(chart(1,3,np)).
```

Special versions asserta/1/assertz/1 ensure adding facts first/last.

 Removing a fact from the database: retract/1, e.g.: retract(chart(1,_,np)).

To remove all matching facts from the database use retractall/1

The CYK algorithm in PROLOG (parser/cky/cky.pl)

:- dynamic chart/3.
:- op(1100,xfx,'--->').

```
% chart(From,To,Category)
% Operator for grammar rules
```

% recognize(+WordList,?Startsymbol): top-level of CYK recognizer

```
recognize(String,Cat) :-
  retractall(chart(_,_,_)),  % init
  length(String,N),  % dete
  fill_chart(String,0,N),  % call
  chart(0,N,Cat).  % chec
```

- % initialize chart
 - % determine length of string
 - % call parser to fill the chart
 - % check whether parse successful

```
% fill_chart(+WordList,+Current minus one,+Last)
% J-LOOP from 1 to n
```

```
fill_chart([],N,N).
fill_chart([W|Ws],JminOne,N) :-
    J is JminOne + 1,
    lexical_chart_fill(W,JminOne,J),
    %
    I is J - 2,
    syntactic_chart_fill(I,J),
    %
    fill_chart(Ws,J,N).
```

```
% lexical_chart_fill(+Word,+JminOne,+J)
% fill diagonal with preterminals
```

```
lexical_chart_fill(W,JminOne,J) :-
  (Cat ---> [W]),
  add_to_chart(JminOne,J,Cat),
  fail
```

; true.

```
% syntactic_chart_fill(+I,+J)
% I-LOOP from J-2 downto 0
syntactic_chart_fill(-1,_) :- !.
syntactic_chart_fill(I,J) :-
   K is I+1,
   build_phrases_from_to(I,K,J),
   %
   IminOne is I-1,
   syntactic_chart_fill(IminOne,J).
```

```
% build_phrases_from_to(+I,+Current-K,+J)
% K-LOOP from I+1 to J-1
build_phrases_from_to(_,J,J) :- !.
build_phrases_from_to(I,K,J) :-
    chart(I,K,B),
    chart(K,J,C),
    (A ---> [B,C]),
    add_to_chart(I,J,A),
    fail
; KplusOne is K+1,
```

build_phrases_from_to(I,KplusOne,J).

```
% add_to_chart(+Cat,+From,+To): add if not yet there
add_to_chart(From,To,Cat) :-
    chart(From,To,Cat),
    !.
add_to_chart(From,To,Cat) :-
    assertz(chart(From,To,Cat).
```