

**6.891: Lecture 8 (October 1st, 2003)**

**Log-Linear Models for Parsing,  
and the EM Algorithm Part I**

# Overview

- Ratnaparkhi's Maximum-Entropy Parser
- The EM Algorithm Part I

# Log-Linear Taggers: Independence Assumptions

- The input sentence  $S$ , with length  $n = S.length$ , has  $|\mathcal{T}|^n$  possible tag sequences.

- Each tag sequence  $T$  has a conditional probability

$$P(T | S) = \prod_{j=1}^n P(T(j) | S, j, T(1) \dots T(j-1)) \quad \text{Chain rule}$$
$$= \prod_{j=1}^n P(T(j) | S, j, T(j-2), T(j-1)) \quad \text{Independence assumptions}$$

- Estimate  $P(T(j) | S, j, T(j-2), T(j-1))$  using log-linear models
- Use the Viterbi algorithm to compute

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{T \in \mathcal{T}^n} \log P(T | S)$$

# A General Approach: (Conditional) History-Based Models

- We've shown how to define  $P(T \mid S)$  where  $T$  is a tag sequence
- How do we define  $P(T \mid S)$  if  $T$  is a parse tree (or another structure)?

# A General Approach: (Conditional) History-Based Models

- Step 1: represent a tree as a sequence of **decisions**  $d_1 \dots d_m$

$$T = \langle d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \rangle$$

$m$  is **not** necessarily the length of the sentence

- Step 2: the probability of a tree is

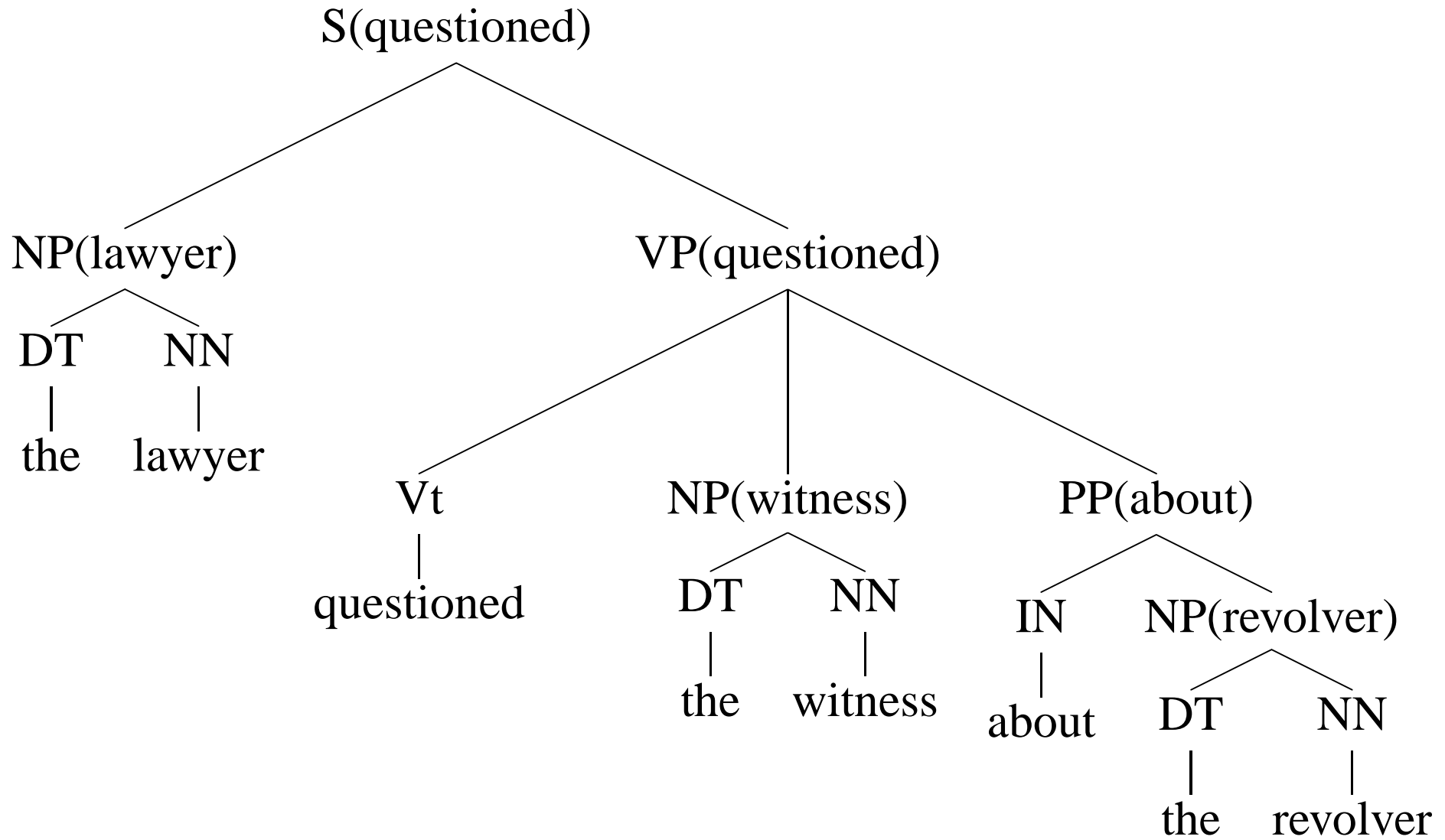
$$P(T \mid S) = \prod_{i=1}^m P(d_i \mid d_1 \dots d_{i-1}, S)$$

- Step 3: Use a log-linear model to estimate

$$P(d_i \mid d_1 \dots d_{i-1}, S)$$

- Step 4: Search?? (answer we'll get to later: beam or heuristic search)

# An Example Tree



# Ratnaparkhi's Parser: Three Layers of Structure

1. Part-of-speech tags
2. Chunks
3. Remaining structure

## Layer 1: Part-of-Speech Tags

DT	NN	Vt	DT	NN	IN	DT	NN
the	lawyer	questioned	the	witness	about	the	revolver

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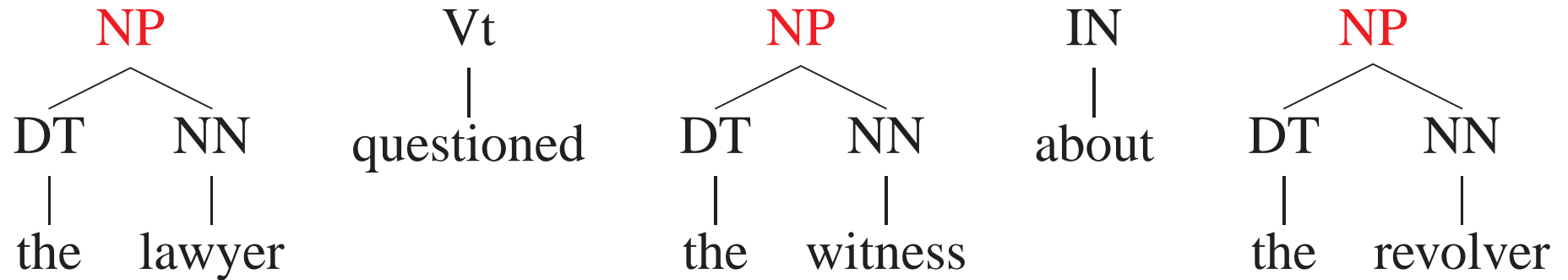
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- First  $n$  decisions are tagging decisions

$$\langle d_1 \dots d_n \rangle = \langle \text{DT, NN, Vt, DT, NN, IN, DT, NN} \rangle$$



## Layer 2: Chunks



**Chunks are defined as any phrase where all children are part-of-speech tags**

(Other common chunks are ADJP, QP)

## Layer 2: Chunks

Start(NP)	Join(NP)	Other	Start(NP)	Join(NP)	Other	Start(NP)	Join(NP)
DT	NN	Vt	DT	NN	IN	DT	NN
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Next  $n$  decisions are chunk tagging decisions

$$\langle d_1 \dots d_{2n} \rangle = \langle \text{DT, NN, Vt, DT, NN, IN, DT, NN,} \\ \text{Start(NP), Join(NP), Other, Start(NP), Join(NP),} \\ \text{Other, Start(NP), Join(NP)} \rangle$$

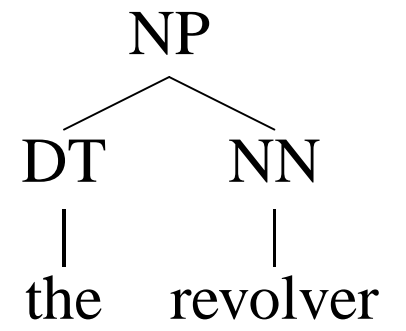
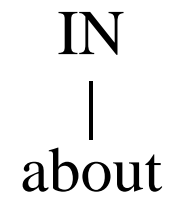
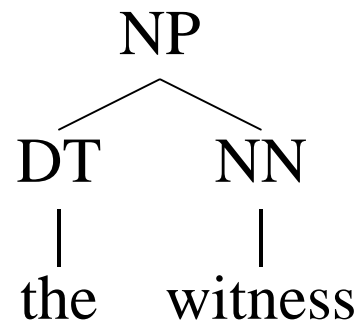
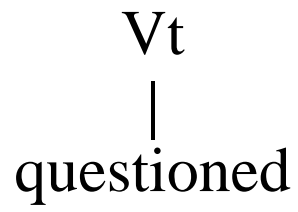
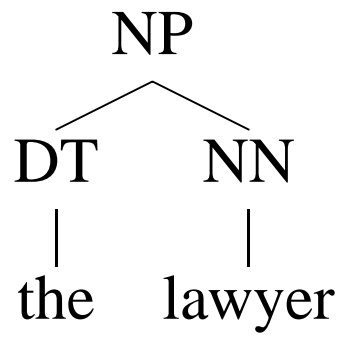
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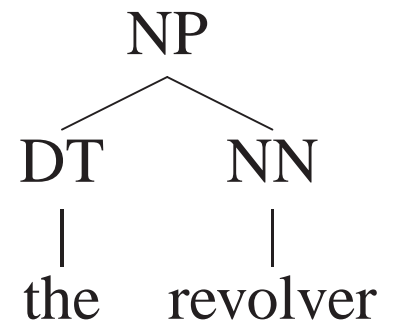
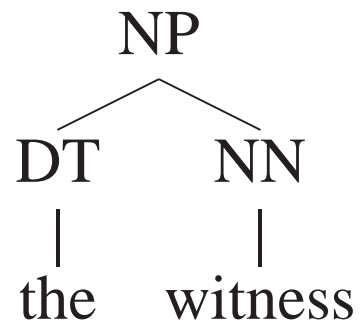
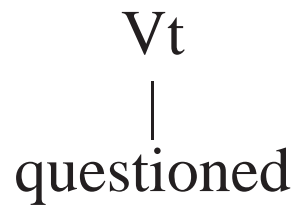
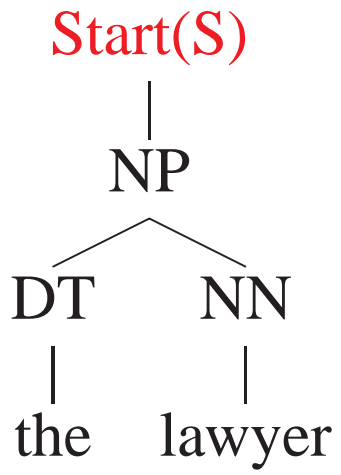
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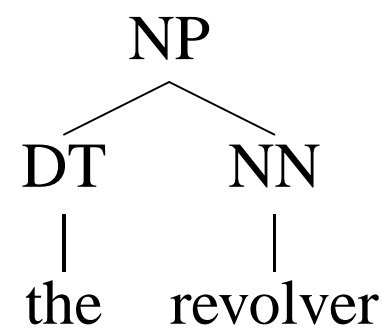
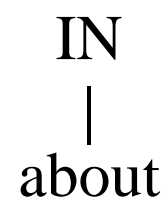
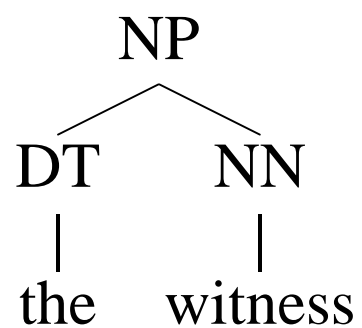
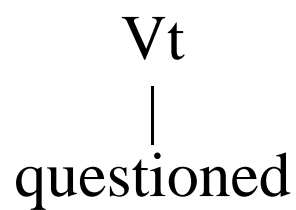
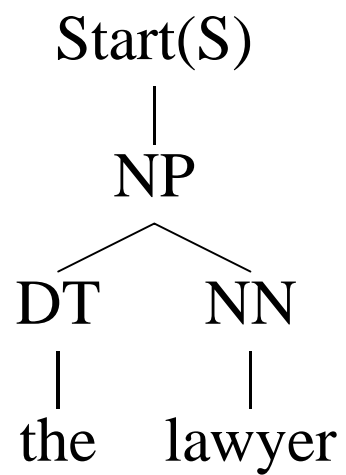
- Join(X) or Start(X), where X is a label (NP, S, VP etc.)
- Check=YES or Check=NO

### **Meaning of these actions:**

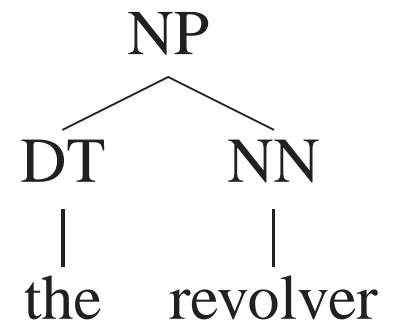
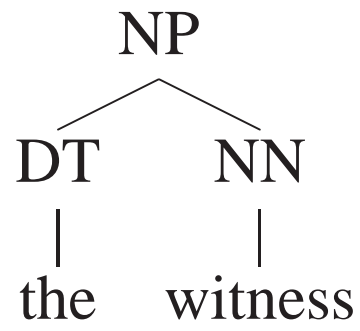
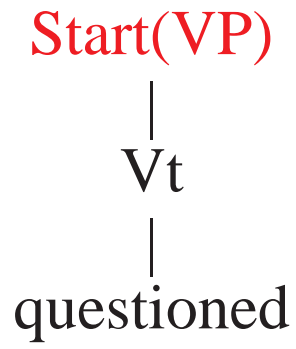
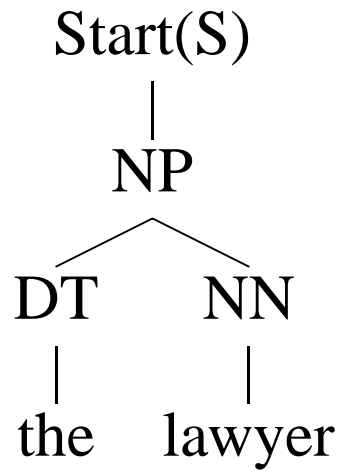
- Start(X) starts a new constituent with label X  
(always acts on leftmost constituent with no start or join label above it)
- Join(X) continues a constituent with label X  
(always acts on leftmost constituent with no start or join label above it)
- Check=NO does nothing
- Check=YES takes previous Join or Start action, and converts it into a completed constituent

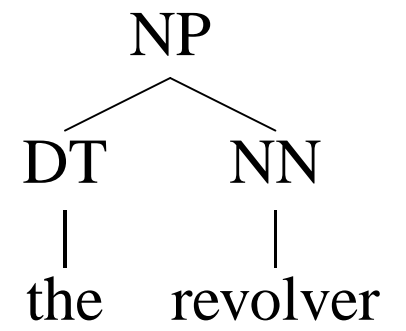
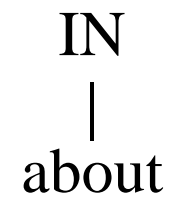
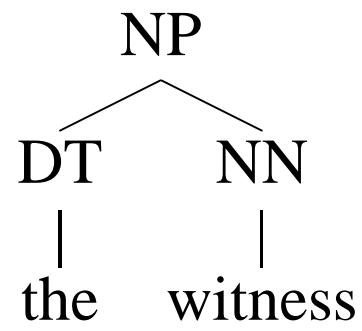
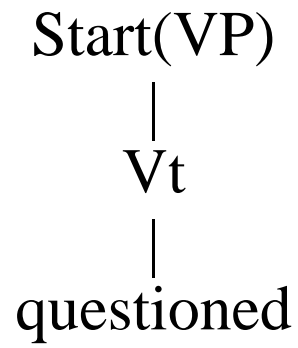
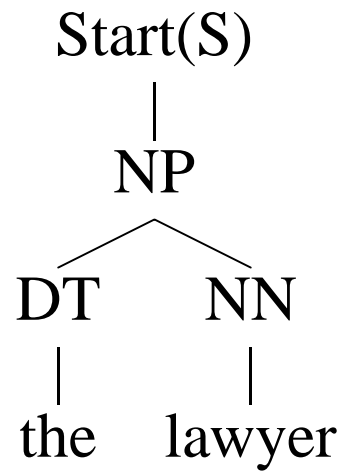






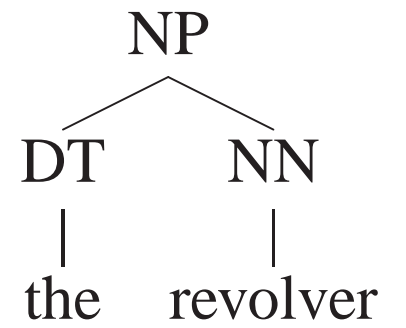
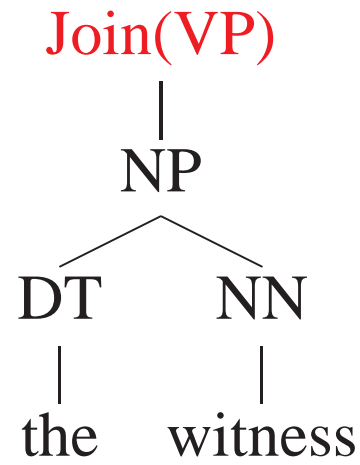
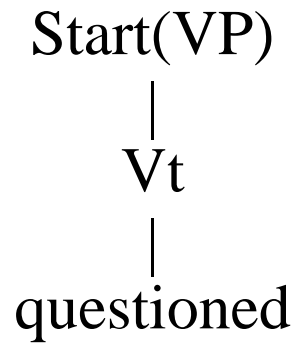
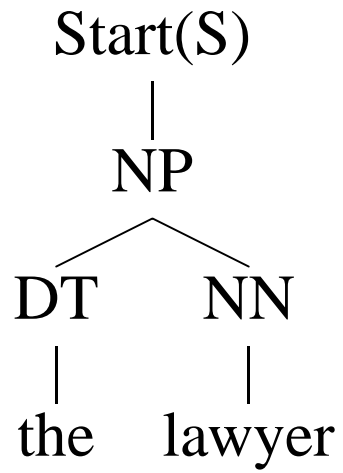
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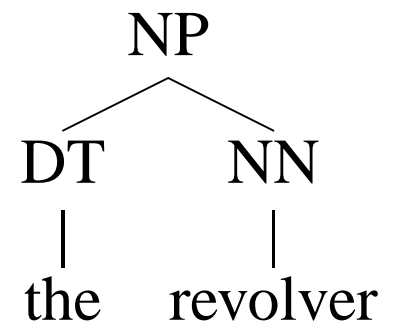
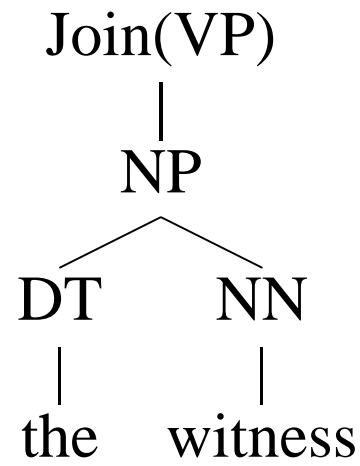
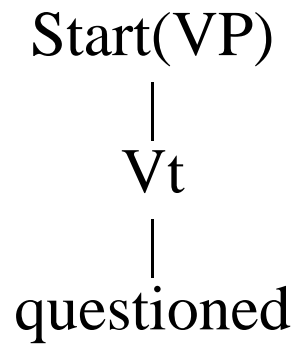
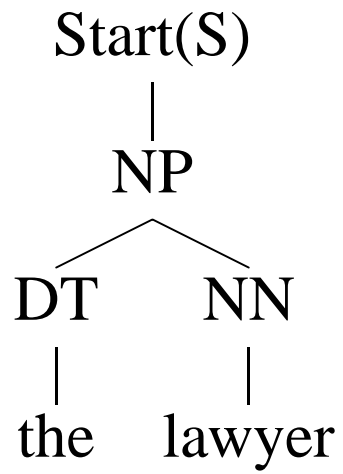




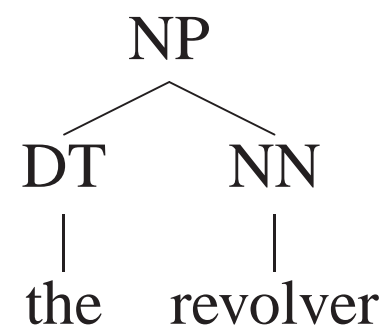
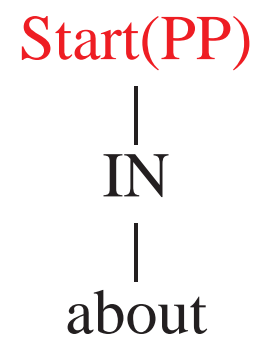
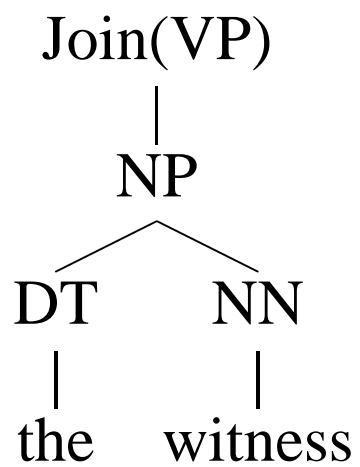
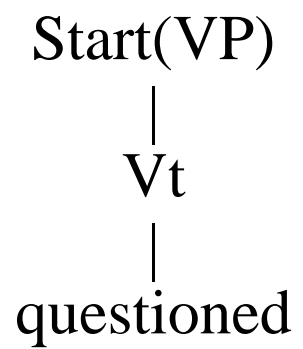
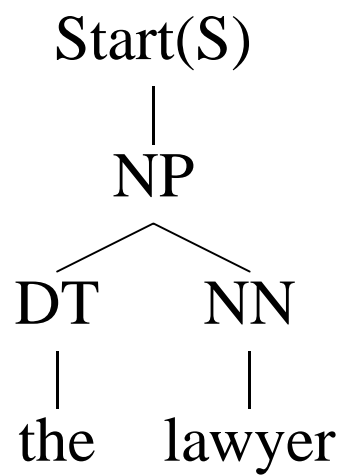
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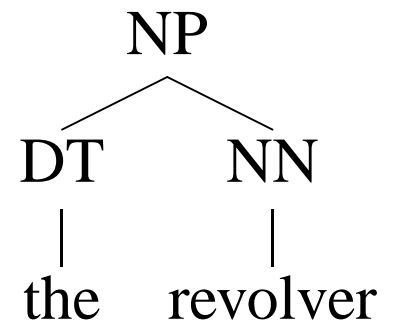
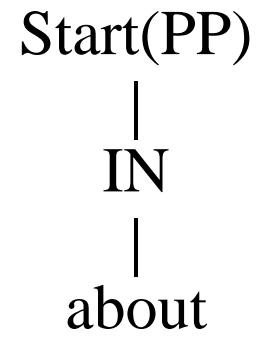
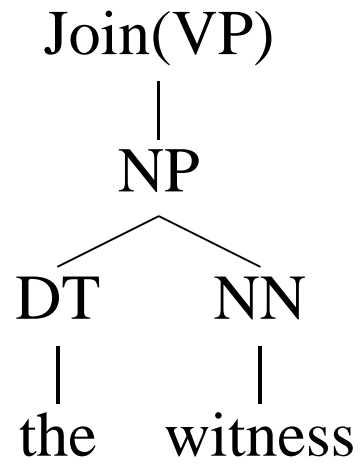
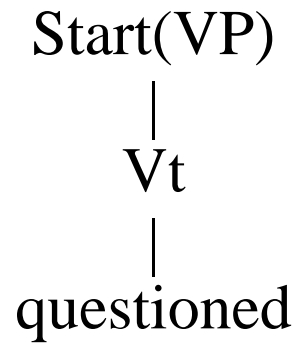
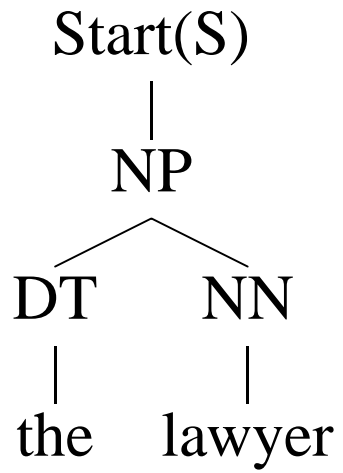




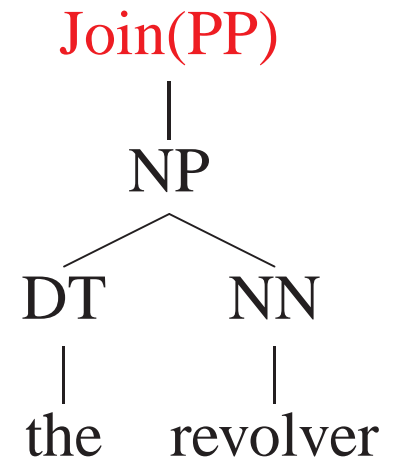
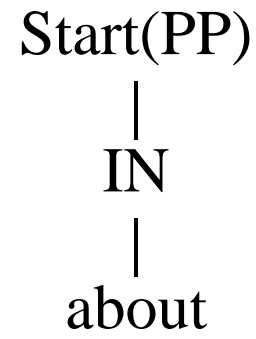
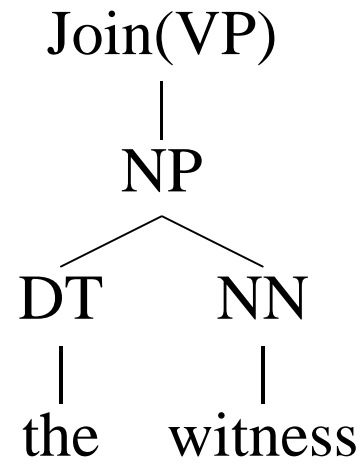
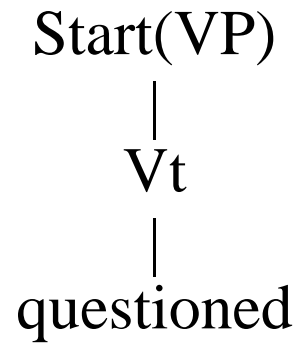
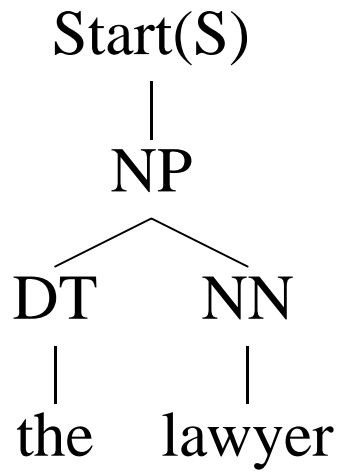


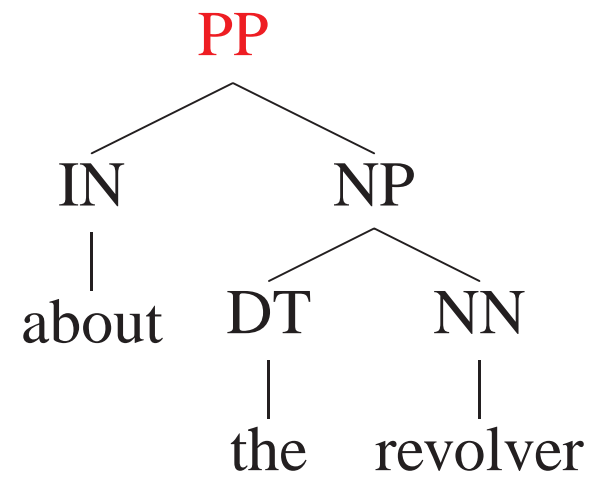
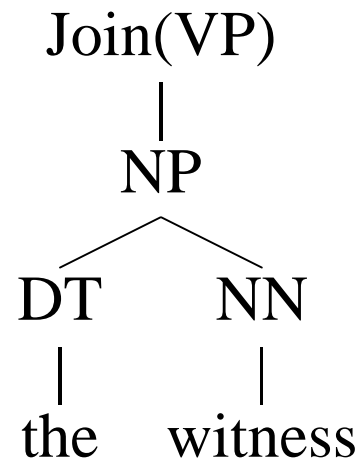
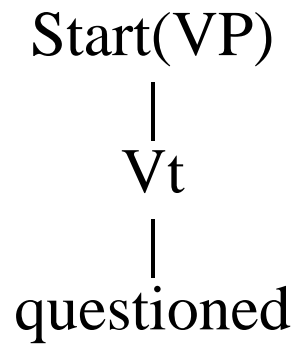
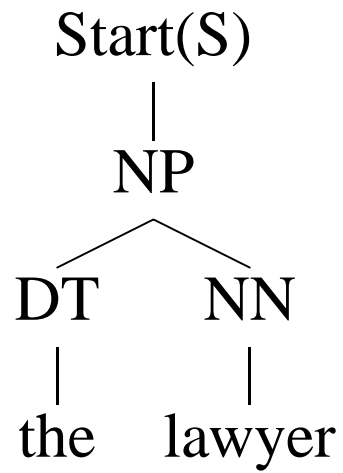
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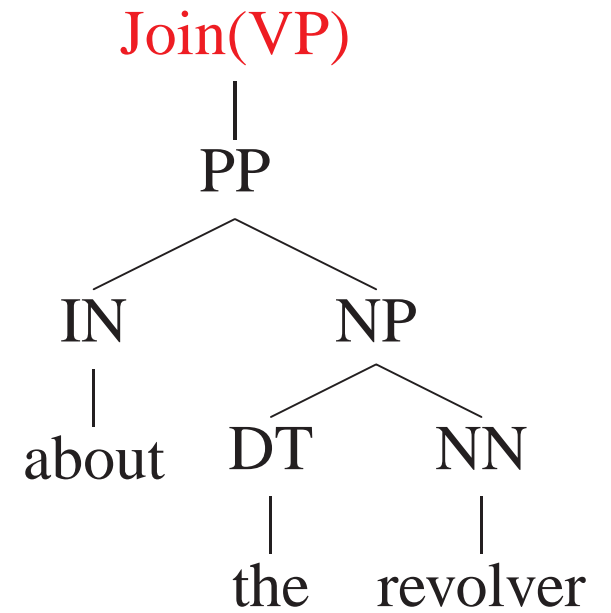
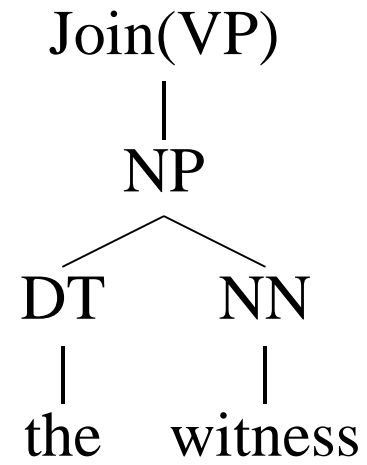
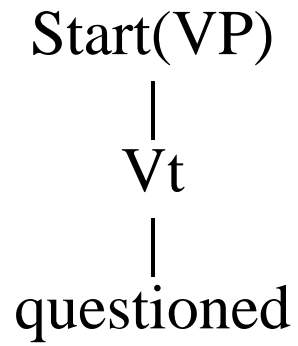
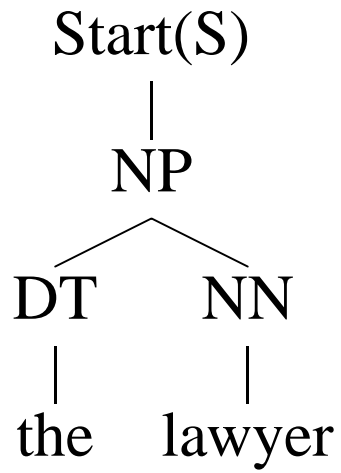


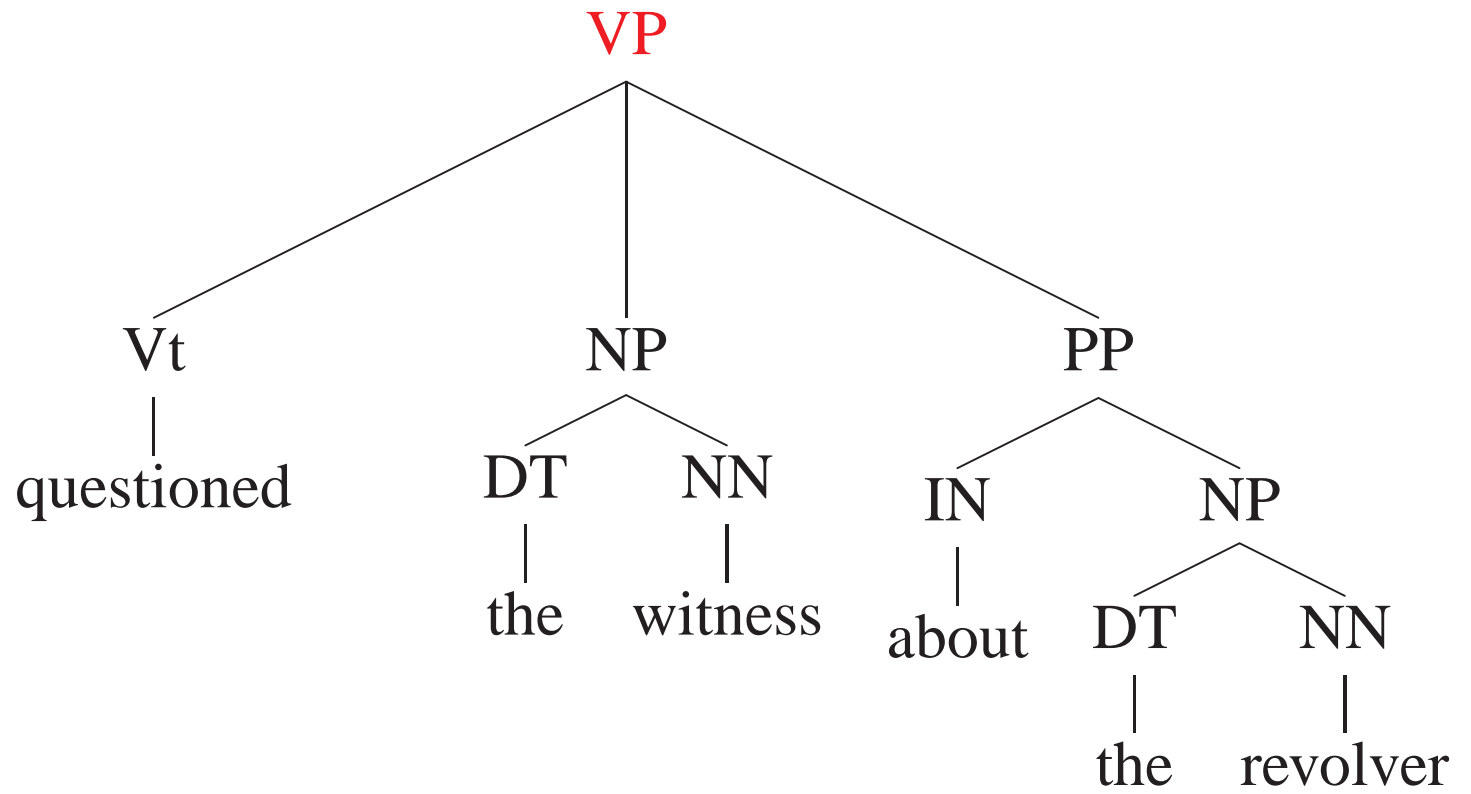
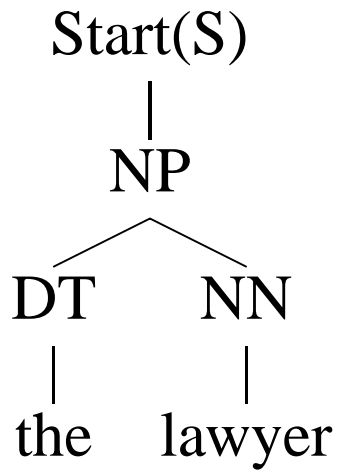
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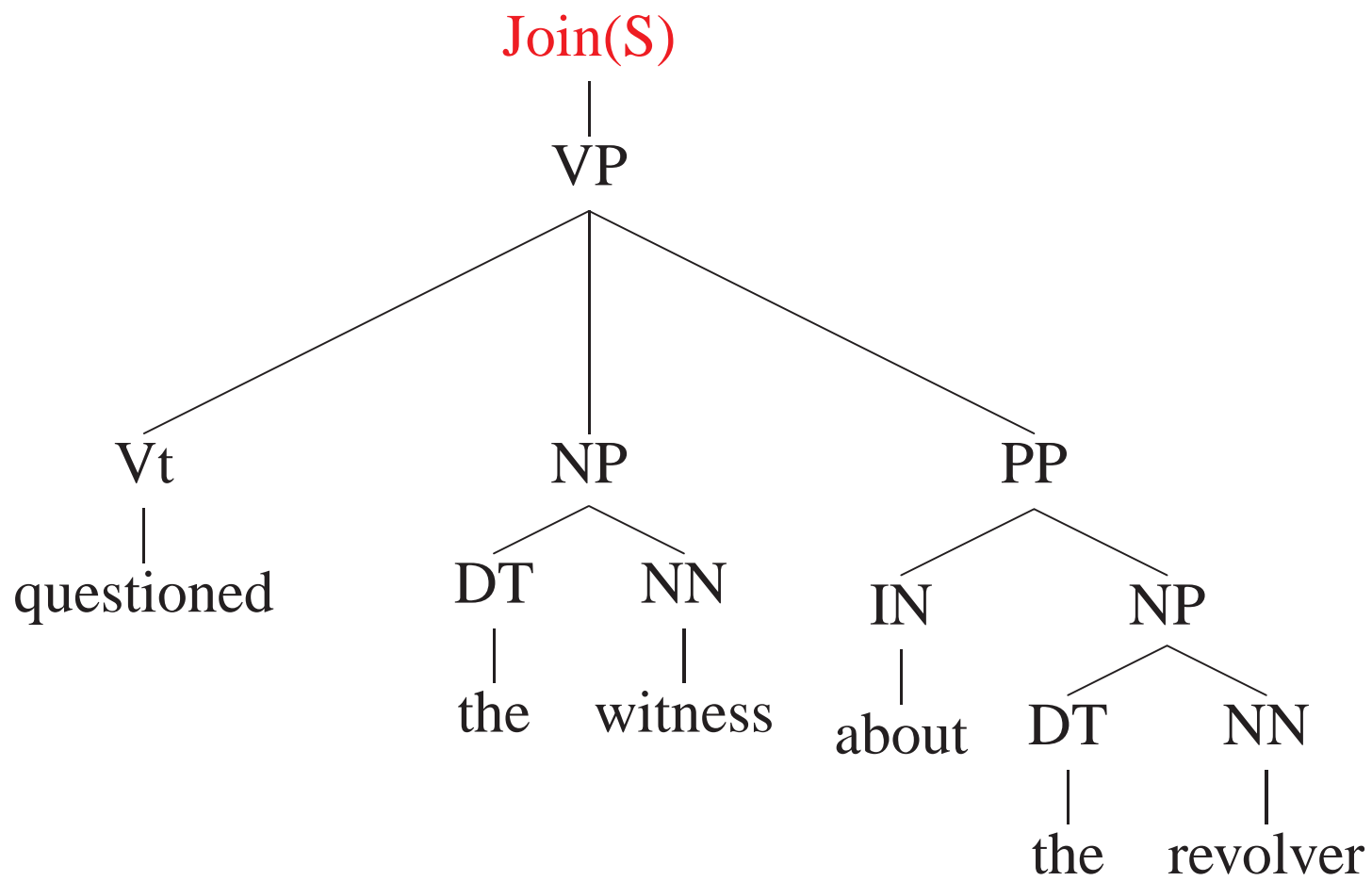
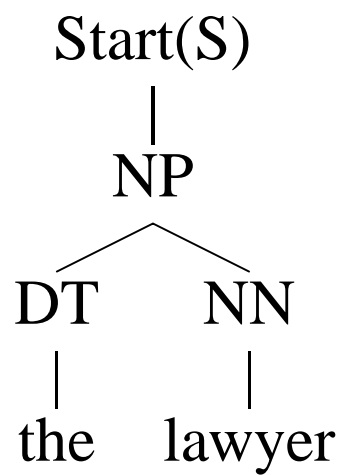
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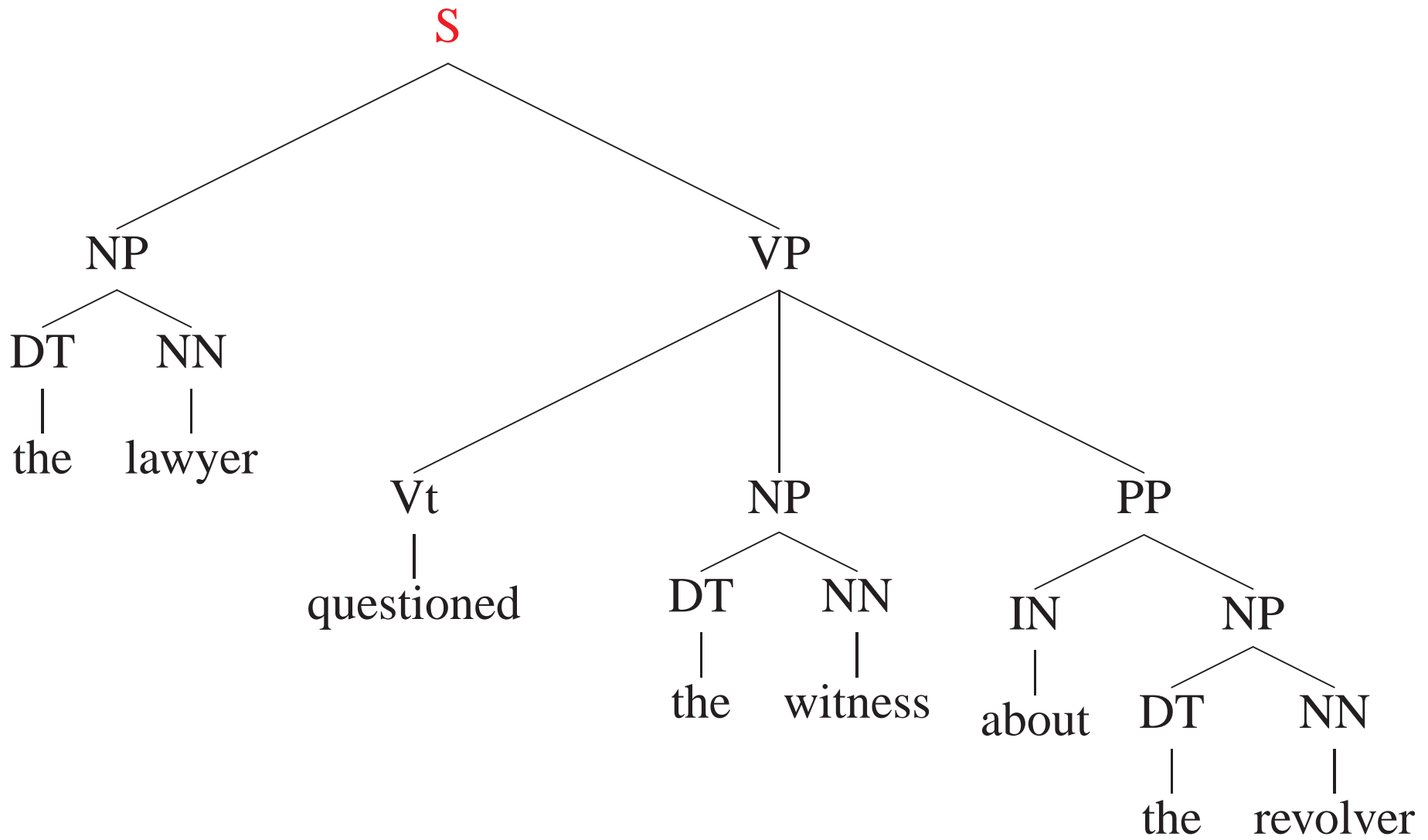




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## The Final Sequence of decisions

$\langle d_1 \dots d_{2n} \rangle = \langle$  DT, NN, Vt, DT, NN, IN, DT, NN,  
Start(NP), Join(NP), Other, Start(NP), Join(NP),  
Other, Start(NP), Join(NP),  
Start(S), Check=NO, Start(VP), Check=NO,  
Join(VP), Check=NO, Start(PP), Check=NO,  
Join(PP), Check=YES, Join(VP), Check=YES,  
Join(S), Check=YES  $\rangle$

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# Applying a Log-Linear Model

- Step 3: Use a log-linear model to estimate

$$P(d_i \mid d_1 \dots d_{i-1}, S)$$

- A reminder:

$$P(d_i \mid d_1 \dots d_{i-1}, S) = \frac{e^{\phi(\langle d_1 \dots d_{i-1}, S \rangle, d_i) \cdot \mathbf{W}}}{\sum_{d \in \mathcal{A}} e^{\phi(\langle d_1 \dots d_{i-1}, S \rangle, d) \cdot \mathbf{W}}}$$

where:

$\langle d_1 \dots d_{i-1}, S \rangle$  is the history

$d_i$  is the outcome

$\phi$  maps a history/outcome pair to a feature vector

$\mathbf{W}$  is a parameter vector

$\mathcal{A}$  is set of possible actions

(may be context dependent)

## Reminder: Implementing FEATURE\_VECTOR

- Intermediate step: map history/tag pair to set of **feature strings**

Hispaniola/**NNP** quickly/**RB** became/**VB** an/**DT** important/**JJ**  
base/**Vt** from which Spain expanded its empire into the rest of the  
Western Hemisphere .

e.g., Ratnaparkhi's features:

“TAG=Vt;Word=base”

“TAG=Vt;TAG-1=JJ”

“TAG=Vt;TAG-1=JJ;TAG-2=DT”

“TAG=Vt;SUFF1=e”

“TAG=Vt;SUFF2=se”

“TAG=Vt;SUFF3=ase”

“TAG=Vt;WORD-1=important”

“TAG=Vt;WORD+1=from”

## Reminder: Implementing FEATURE\_VECTOR

- Next step: match strings to integers through a hash table

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e.g., Ratnaparkhi's features:

“TAG=Vt;Word=base”	→ 1315
“TAG=Vt;TAG-1=JJ”	→ 17
“TAG=Vt;TAG-1=JJ;TAG-2=DT”	→ 32908
“TAG=Vt;SUFF1=e”	→ 459
“TAG=Vt;SUFF2=se”	→ 1000
“TAG=Vt;SUFF3=ase”	→ 1509
“TAG=Vt;WORD-1=important”	→ 1806
“TAG=Vt;WORD+1=from”	→ 300

In this case, sparse array is:

$A.length = 8, A(1..8) = \{1315, 17, 32908, 459, 1000, 1509, 1806, 300\}$

# Applying a Log-Linear Model

- Step 3: Use a log-linear model to estimate

$$P(d_i \mid d_1 \dots d_{i-1}, S) = \frac{e^{\phi(\langle d_1 \dots d_{i-1}, S \rangle, d_i) \cdot \mathbf{W}}}{\sum_{d \in \mathcal{A}} e^{\phi(\langle d_1 \dots d_{i-1}, S \rangle, d) \cdot \mathbf{W}}}$$

- The big question: how do we define  $\phi$ ?
- Ratnaparkhi's method defines  $\phi$  differently depending on whether next decision is:
  - A tagging decision  
(same features as before for POS tagging!)
  - A chunking decision
  - A start/join decision after chunking
  - A check=no/check=yes decision



## Layer 2: Chunks

Start(NP)	Join(NP)	Other	Start(NP)	Join(NP)	IN	DT	NN
DT	NN	Vt	DT	NN	about	the	revolver
the	lawyer	questioned	the	witness			

⇒ “TAG=Join(NP);Word0=witness;POS0=NN”

“TAG=Join(NP);POS0=NN”

“TAG=Join(NP);Word+1=about;POS+1=IN”

“TAG=Join(NP);POS+1=IN”

“TAG=Join(NP);Word+2=the;POS+2=DT”

“TAG=Join(NP);POS+2=IN”

“TAG=Join(NP);Word-1=the;POS-1=DT;TAG-1=Start(NP)”

“TAG=Join(NP);POS-1=DT;TAG-1=Start(NP)”

“TAG=Join(NP);TAG-1=Start(NP)”

“TAG=Join(NP);Word-2=questioned;POS-2=Vt;TAG-2=Other”

...



## Layer 3: Join or Start

- Looks at head word, constituent (or POS) label, and start/join annotation of  $n$ 'th tree relative to the decision, where  $n = -2, -1$
- Looks at head word, constituent (or POS) label of  $n$ 'th tree relative to the decision, where  $n = 0, 1, 2$
- Looks at bigram features of the above for  $(-1,0)$  and  $(0,1)$
- Looks at trigram features of the above for  $(-2,-1,0)$ ,  $(-1,0,1)$  and  $(0, 1, 2)$
- The above features with all combinations of head words excluded
- Various punctuation features

## Layer 3: Check=NO or Check=YES

- A variety of questions concerning the proposed constituent

# The Search Problem

- In POS tagging, we could use the Viterbi algorithm because

$$P(T(j) \mid S, j, T(1) \dots T(j-1)) = P(T(j) \mid S, j, T(j-2) \dots T(j-1))$$

- Now: Decision  $d_i$  could depend on arbitrary decisions in the “past”  $\Rightarrow$  no chance for dynamic programming
- Instead, Ratnaparkhi uses a beam search method

# Overview

- Ratnaparkhi's Maximum-Entropy Parser
- The EM Algorithm Part I

## An Experiment/Some Intuition

- I have one coin in my pocket,

Coin 0 has probability  $\lambda$  of heads

- I toss the coin 10 times, and see the following sequence:

HHTTHHHTHH

(7 heads out of 10)

- What would you guess  $\lambda$  to be?

## An Experiment/Some Intuition

- I have three coins in my pocket,

Coin 0 has probability  $\lambda$  of heads;

Coin 1 has probability  $p_1$  of heads;

Coin 2 has probability  $p_2$  of heads

- For each trial I do the following:

First I toss Coin 0

If Coin 0 turns up **heads**, I toss **coin 1** three times

If Coin 0 turns up **tails**, I toss **coin 2** three times

I don't tell you whether Coin 0 came up heads or tails,  
or whether Coin 1 or 2 was tossed three times,

but I do tell you how many heads/tails are seen at each trial

- You see the following sequence:

$\langle HHH \rangle, \langle TTT \rangle, \langle HHH \rangle, \langle TTT \rangle, \langle HHH \rangle$

What would you estimate as the values for  $\lambda$ ,  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ ?



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- We have data points  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  drawn from some (finite or countable) set  $\mathcal{X}$
- We have a parameter vector  $\Theta$
- We have a parameter space  $\Omega$
- We have a distribution  $P(X | \Theta)$  for any  $\Theta \in \Omega$ , such that

$$\sum_{X \in \mathcal{X}} P(X | \Theta) = 1 \text{ and } P(X | \Theta) \geq 0 \text{ for all } X$$

- We assume that our data points  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are drawn at random (independently, identically distributed) from a distribution  $P(X | \Theta^*)$  for some  $\Theta^* \in \Omega$

## A First Example: Coin Tossing

- $\mathcal{X} = \{\text{H}, \text{T}\}$ . Our data points  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are a sequence of heads and tails, e.g.

HHTTHHHHTHH

- Parameter vector  $\Theta$  is a single parameter, i.e., the probability of coin coming up heads
- Parameter space  $\Omega = [0, 1]$
- Distribution  $P(X | \Theta)$  is defined as

$$P(X | \Theta) = \begin{cases} \Theta & \text{If } X = \text{H} \\ 1 - \Theta & \text{If } X = \text{T} \end{cases}$$

# Log-Likelihood

- We have data points  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  drawn from some (finite or countable) set  $\mathcal{X}$
- We have a parameter vector  $\Theta$ , and a parameter space  $\Omega$
- We have a distribution  $P(X | \Theta)$  for any  $\Theta \in \Omega$

- The likelihood is

$$Likelihood(\Theta) = P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n | \Theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | \Theta)$$

- The log-likelihood is

$$L(\Theta) = \log Likelihood(\Theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log P(X_i | \Theta)$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Given a sample  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , choose

$$\Theta_{ML} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta \in \Omega} L(\Theta) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta \in \Omega} \sum_i \log P(X_i | \Theta)$$

- For example, take the coin example:

say  $X_1 \dots X_n$  has  $Count(H)$  heads, and  $(n - Count(H))$  tails

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} L(\Theta) &= \log \left( \Theta^{Count(H)} \times (1 - \Theta)^{n - Count(H)} \right) \\ &= Count(H) \log \Theta + (n - Count(H)) \log(1 - \Theta) \end{aligned}$$

- We now have

$$\Theta_{ML} = \frac{Count(H)}{n}$$

## A Second Example: Probabilistic Context-Free Grammars

- $\mathcal{X}$  is the set of all parse trees generated by the underlying context-free grammar. Our sample is  $n$  trees  $T_1 \dots T_n$  such that each  $T_i \in \mathcal{X}$ .
- $R$  is the set of rules in the context free grammar  
 $N$  is the set of non-terminals in the grammar
- $\Theta_r$  for  $r \in R$  is the parameter for rule  $r$
- Let  $R(\alpha) \subset R$  be the rules of the form  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  for some  $\beta$
- The parameter space  $\Omega$  is the set of  $\Theta \in [0, 1]^{|R|}$  such that

$$\text{for all } \alpha \in N \quad \sum_{r \in R(\alpha)} \Theta_r = 1$$

- We have

$$P(T \mid \Theta) = \prod_{r \in R} \Theta_r^{\text{Count}(T,r)}$$

where  $\text{Count}(T, r)$  is the number of times rule  $r$  is seen in the tree  $T$

$$\Rightarrow \log P(T \mid \Theta) = \sum_{r \in R} \text{Count}(T, r) \log \Theta_r$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation for PCFGs

- We have

$$\log P(T \mid \Theta) = \sum_{r \in R} \text{Count}(T, r) \log \Theta_r$$

where  $\text{Count}(T, r)$  is the number of times rule  $r$  is seen in the tree  $T$

- And,

$$L(\Theta) = \sum_i \log P(T_i \mid \Theta) = \sum_i \sum_{r \in R} \text{Count}(T_i, r) \log \Theta_r$$

- Solving  $\Theta_{ML} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta \in \Omega} L(\Theta)$  gives

$$\Theta_r = \frac{\sum_i \text{Count}(T_i, r)}{\sum_i \sum_{s \in R(\alpha)} \text{Count}(T_i, s)}$$

where  $r$  is of the form  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  for some  $\beta$

# Models with Hidden Variables

- Now say we have two sets  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$ , and a joint distribution  $P(X, Y | \Theta)$

- If we had **fully observed data**,  $(X_i, Y_i)$  pairs, then

$$L(\Theta) = \sum_i \log P(X_i, Y_i | \Theta)$$

- If we have **partially observed data**,  $X_i$  examples, then

$$\begin{aligned} L(\Theta) &= \sum_i \log P(X_i | \Theta) \\ &= \sum_i \log \sum_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(X_i, Y | \Theta) \end{aligned}$$



- The **EM (Expectation Maximization) algorithm** is a method for finding

$$\Theta_{ML} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta} \sum_i \log \sum_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(X_i, Y \mid \Theta)$$

# The Three Coins Example

- e.g., in the three coins example:

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{H, T\}$$

$$\mathcal{X} = \{HHH, TTT, HTT, THH, HHT, TTH, HTH, THT\}$$

$$\Theta = \{\lambda, p_1, p_2\}$$

- and

$$P(X, Y | \Theta) = P(Y | \Theta)P(X | Y, \Theta)$$

where

$$P(Y | \Theta) = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{If } Y = H \\ 1 - \lambda & \text{If } Y = T \end{cases}$$

and

$$P(X | Y, \Theta) = \begin{cases} p_1^h(1 - p_1)^t & \text{If } Y = H \\ p_2^h(1 - p_2)^t & \text{If } Y = T \end{cases}$$

where  $h$  = number of heads in  $X$ ,  $t$  = number of tails in  $X$

# The Three Coins Example

- Fully observed data might look like:

$(\langle HHH \rangle, H), (\langle TTT \rangle, T), (\langle HHH \rangle, H), (\langle TTT \rangle, T), (\langle HHH \rangle, H)$

- In this case maximum likelihood estimates are:

$$\lambda = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$p_1 = \frac{3}{3}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{0}{3}$$

# The Three Coins Example

- Partially observed data might look like:

$\langle H H H \rangle, \langle T T T \rangle, \langle H H H \rangle, \langle T T T \rangle, \langle H H H \rangle$

- How do we find the maximum likelihood parameters?

# The EM Algorithm

- $\Theta^t$  is the parameter vector at  $t$ 'th iteration
- Choose  $\Theta^0$  (at random, or using various heuristics)
- Iterative procedure is defined as

$$\Theta^t = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta} Q(\Theta, \Theta^{t-1})$$

where

$$Q(\Theta, \Theta^{t-1}) = \sum_i \sum_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(Y | X_i, \Theta^{t-1}) \log P(X_i, Y | \Theta)$$

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- Key points:
  - Intuition: fill in hidden variables  $Y$  according to  $P(Y | X_i, \Theta)$
  - EM is guaranteed to converge to a local maximum, or saddle-point, of the likelihood function
  - In general, if

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta} \sum_i \log P(X_i, Y_i | \Theta)$$

has a simple (analytic) solution, then

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta} \sum_i \sum_Y P(Y | X_i, \Theta) \log P(X_i, Y | \Theta)$$

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## The Three Coins Example

- Partially observed data might look like:

$$\langle H H H \rangle, \langle T T T \rangle, \langle H H H \rangle, \langle T T T \rangle, \langle H H H \rangle$$

- Say  $X = \langle H H H \rangle$ , current parameters are  $\lambda, p_1, p_2$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\langle H H H \rangle) &= P(\langle H H H \rangle, H) + P(\langle H H H \rangle, T) \\ &= \lambda p_1^3 + (1 - \lambda) p_2^3 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y = H \mid \langle H H H \rangle) &= \frac{P(\langle H H H \rangle, H)}{P(\langle H H H \rangle, H) + P(\langle H H H \rangle, T)} \\ &= \frac{\lambda p_1^3}{\lambda p_1^3 + (1 - \lambda) p_2^3} \end{aligned}$$

## The Three Coins Example

- After filling in hidden variables for each example, partially observed data might look like:

$$(\langle HHH \rangle, H) \quad P(Y = H \mid HHH) = 0.6$$

$$(\langle HHH \rangle, T) \quad P(Y = T \mid HHH) = 0.4$$

$$(\langle TTT \rangle, H) \quad P(Y = H \mid TTT) = 0.3$$

$$(\langle TTT \rangle, T) \quad P(Y = T \mid TTT) = 0.7$$

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$$(\langle HHH \rangle, H) \quad P(Y = H \mid HHH) = 0.6$$

$$(\langle HHH \rangle, T) \quad P(Y = T \mid HHH) = 0.4$$



# EM for Probabilistic Context-Free Grammars

- A PCFG defines a distribution  $P(S, T \mid \Theta)$  over tree/sentence pairs  $(S, T)$
- If we had tree/sentence pairs (**fully observed data**) then

$$L(\Theta) = \sum_i \log P(S_i, T_i \mid \Theta)$$

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- EM algorithm is then  $\Theta^t = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Theta} Q(\Theta, \Theta^{t-1})$ , where

$$Q(\Theta, \Theta^{t-1}) = \sum_i \sum_T P(T \mid S_i, \Theta^{t-1}) \log P(S_i, T \mid \Theta)$$

- Remember:

$$\log P(S_i, T \mid \Theta) = \sum_{r \in R} \text{Count}(S_i, T, r) \log \Theta_r$$

where  $\text{Count}(S, T, r)$  is the number of times rule  $r$  is seen in the sentence/tree pair  $(S, T)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow Q(\Theta, \Theta^{t-1}) &= \sum_i \sum_T P(T \mid S_i, \Theta^{t-1}) \log P(S_i, T \mid \Theta) \\ &= \sum_i \sum_T P(T \mid S_i, \Theta^{t-1}) \sum_{r \in R} \text{Count}(S_i, T, r) \log \Theta_r \\ &= \sum_i \sum_{r \in R} \text{Count}(S_i, r) \log \Theta_r \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{Count}(S_i, r) = \sum_T P(T \mid S_i, \Theta^{t-1}) \text{Count}(S_i, T, r)$   
**the expected counts**

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- We'll see next week that there are efficient (dynamic programming) algorithms for computation of

$$\text{Count}(S_i, r) = \sum_T P(T \mid S_i, \Theta^{t-1}) \text{Count}(S_i, T, r)$$