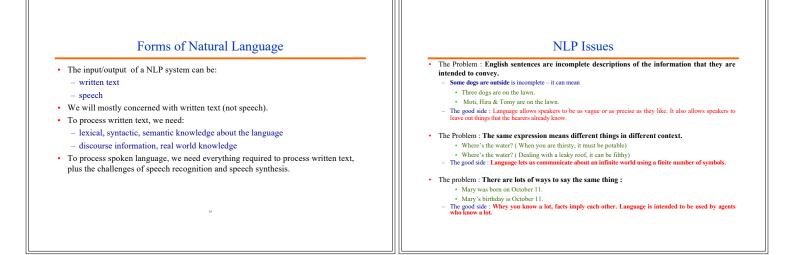
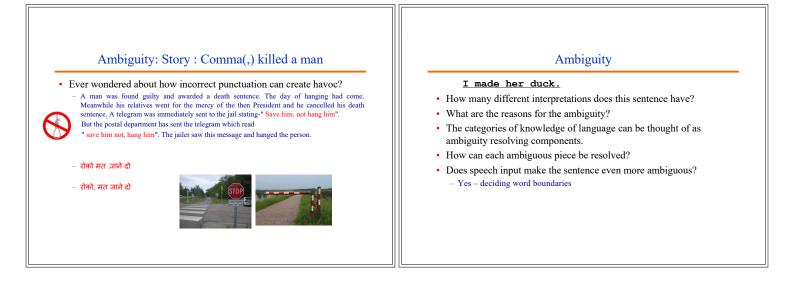


NLP Brief History of NLP 1940s-1950s: Foundations Natural language processing Development of formal language theory (Chomsky, Backus, Naur, Kleene) NLP includes Probabilities and information theory (Shannon) Understanding : processing of mapping from an input form into a more immediately useful form 1957 - 1970s: Generation Use of formal grammars as basis for natural language processing (Chomsky, Kaplan) Multilingual translation. Use of logic and logic based programming (Minsky, Winograd, Colmerauer, Kay) NLP problem can be divided into two tasks: 1970s - 1983: Probabilistic methods for early speech recognition (Jelinek, Mercer) Processing written text Discourse modeling (Grosz, Sidner, Hobbs) · using lexical, syntactic and semantic knowledge of the language as well as the required real world information. 1983 - 1993: Finite state models (morphology) (Kaplan, Kay) Processing spoken language • 1993 – present · using all the information needed above plus additional knowledge about phonology as well as enough added information to handle the further ambiguities that arise in speech. Strong integration of different techniques, different areas.





Ambiguity (cont.)

Some interpretations of : I made her duck.

- I cooked duck for her
- I cooked duck belonging to her. 3
- I created a toy duck which she owns 4. I caused her to quickly lower her head or body.
- I used magic and turned her into a duck.
- duck morphologically and syntactically ambiguous:
- noun or verb.
- her syntactically ambiguous: dative or possessive. make - semantically ambiguous: cook or create.
- make syntactically ambiguous:

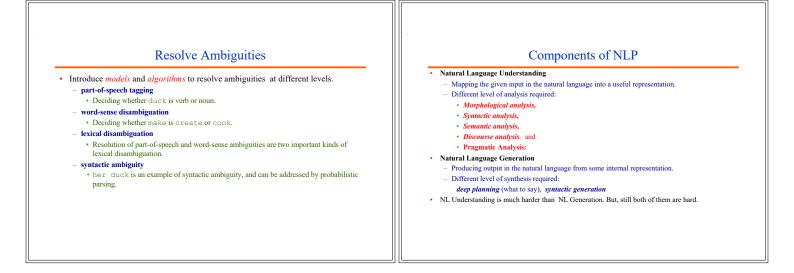
- Takes a direct object and a verb. => 4

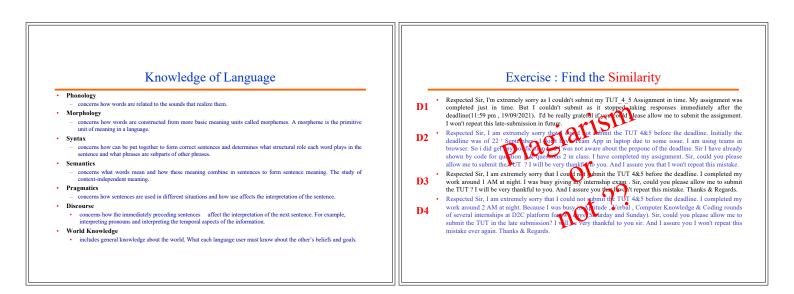
Why NL Understanding is hard?

- Natural language is extremely rich in form and structure, and very ambiguous. How to represent meaning, Which structures map to which meaning structures One input can mean many different things. Ambiguity can be at different levels. Lexical (word level) ambiguity -- different meanings of words Syntactic ambiguity -- different ways to parse the sentence
- Interpreting partial information -- how to interpret pronouns
- Contextual information -- context of the sentence may affect the meaning of that sentence
- Many input can mean the same thing.

- Transitive takes a direct object. => 2
- Di-transitive takes two objects. => :

Interaction among components of the input is not clear.



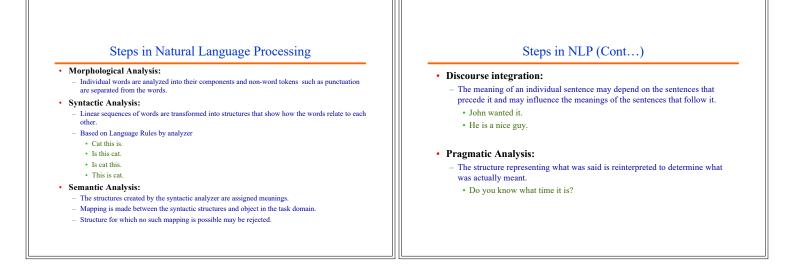


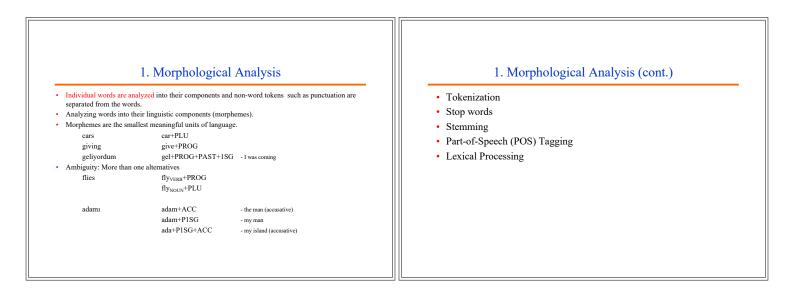
CASE Studies

- Delhi air pollution
- Machine learning predicts World Cup winner
- Making a neural synthesizer

Models to Represent Linguistic Knowledge

- Use formalisms (models) to represent the required linguistic knowledge.
 - State Machines
 - FSAs, FSTs, HMMs, ATNs, RTNs • **Formal Rule Systems**
 - Context Free Grammars, Unification Grammars, Probabilistic CFGs.
 - Logic-based Formalisms
 - first order predicate logic, some higher order logic.
 - Models of Uncertainty
 - Bayesian probability theory.



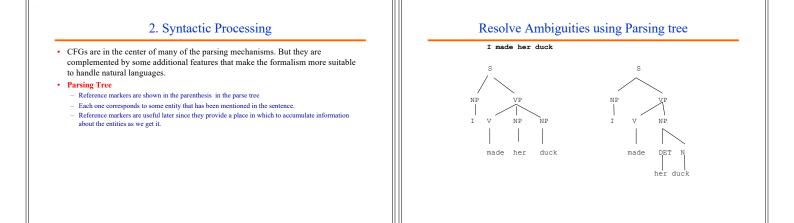


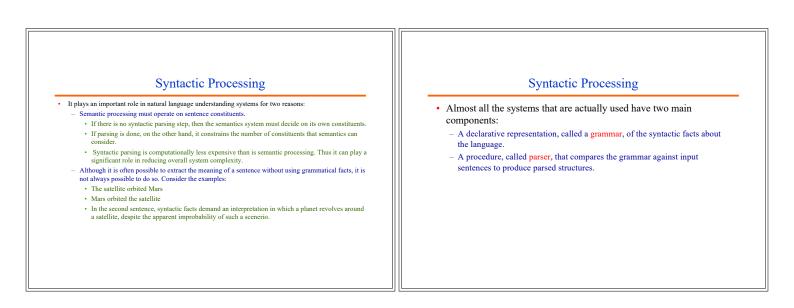
Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging

- Each word has a part-of-speech tag to describe its category.
- Part-of-speech tag of a word is one of major word groups (or its subgroups).
- open classes -- noun, verb, adjective, adverb
- closed classes -- prepositions, determiners, conjuctions, pronouns, particples
 POS Taggers try to find POS tags for the words.
- duck is a verb or noun? (morphological analyzer cannot make decision).
- A POS tagger may make that decision by looking the surrounding words.
 - Duck! (verb)
- Duck is delicious for dinner. (noun)

2. Syntactic Analysis

- Syntactic analysis must exploit the results of morphological analysis to build a structural description of the sentence.
- The goal of this process, called parsing,
 is to convert the flat list of words that forms the sentence into a structure that defines the units that are represented by that flat list.
- A flat sentence by unit nation.
 A flat sentence has been converted into a hierarchical structure and that the structure correspond to meaning units when semantic analysis is performed.
 There are different parsing formalisms and algorithms.
- Most formalisms have two main components:
 - grammar -- a declarative representation describing the syntactic structure of sentences in the language.
 - parser -- an algorithm that analyzes the input and outputs its structural representation (its parse) consistent with the grammar specification.





Context-Free Grammar

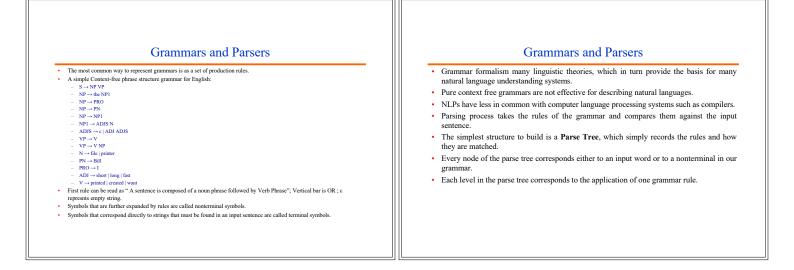
- In a context free grammar the left hand side of a production rule is always a single nonterminal symbol.
- In a general grammar, it could be a string of terminal and/or nonterminal symbols.
- A context-free grammar (CFG) G is a quadruple (V, Σ, R, S) where
 - V: a set of non-terminal symbols
 - $-\Sigma$: a set of terminals (V $\cap \Sigma = \acute{O}$)
 - R: a set of rules (R: V \rightarrow (V U $\Sigma)*)$
 - S: a start symbol.

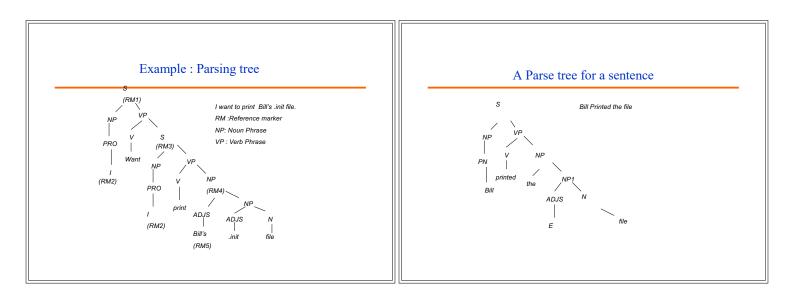
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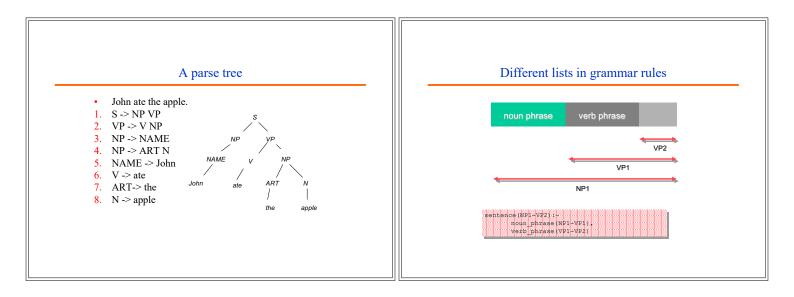
- The grammars are called *context free* because since all rules only have a nonterminal on the left hand side one can always replace that nonterminal symbol with what is on the right hand side of the rule.
- The context in which the symbol occurs is therefore not important.

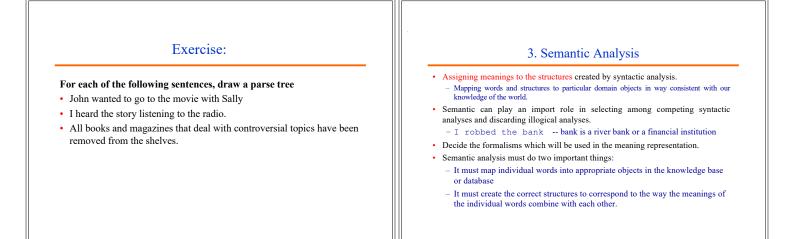
• Example

- $\begin{aligned} &- & V = \{q, f, \} \\ &- & \Sigma = \{0, 1\} \\ &- & R = \{q \rightarrow 11q, q \rightarrow 00f, \end{aligned}$
- $\begin{array}{c} f \rightarrow \ 11f, \ f \rightarrow \epsilon & \} \\ \ S = q \end{array}$
- (R= {q \rightarrow 11q | 00f, f \rightarrow 11f | ε })









	 Semantic Analysis Producing a syntactic parse of a sentence is only the first step toward understanding it. Produce a representation of the meaning of the sentence. Because understanding is a mapping process, we must first define the language into which we are trying to map. There is no single definitive language in which all sentence meaning can be described. The choice of a target language for any particular NL understanding program must depend on what is to be done with the meanings once they are constructed. 	Lexical processing • The first step in any semantic processing system is to look up the individual words in a dictionary (or lexicon) and extract their meanings. • Many words have several meanings, and it may not be possible to choose the correct one just by looking at the word itself. • The process of determining the correct meaning of an individual word is called word sense disambiguation or lexical disambiguation. • It is done by associating, with each word in lexicon, information about the contexts in which each of the word's senses may appear. • Sometimes only very straightforward info about each word sense is necessary. For example, baseball field interpretation of diamond could be marked as a LOCATION. • Some useful semantic markers are : • PHYSICAL-OBJECT • ANIMATE-OBJECT • ABSTRACT-OBJECT
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Lexical Processing

- The purpose of lexical processing is to determine meanings of individual words.
- Basic methods is to lookup in a database of meanings -- lexicon
- We should also identify non-words such as punctuation marks.
- Word-level ambiguity -- words may have several meanings, and the correct one cannot be chosen based solely on the word itself. bank in English
 - yüz in Turkish
- Solution -- resolve the ambiguity on the spot by POS tagging (if possible) or pass-on the ambiguity to the other levels

Sentence-Level Processing

- Several approaches to the problem of creating a semantic representation of a sentence have been developed, including the following:
 - Semantic grammars, which combine syntactic, semantic and pragmatic knowledge into a single set of rules in the form of grammar.
 - Case grammars, in which the structure that is built by the parser contains some semantic Case primary in the second sec
 - interpretation system that is driven by the semantic knowledge.
 - Compositional semantic interpretation, in which semantic processing is applied to the result of performing a syntactic parse

4. Discourse Integration

- · Discourses are collection of coherent sentences (not arbitrary set of sentences)
- · Discourses have also hierarchical structures (similar to sentences)
- anaphora resolution -- to resolve referring expression
 - Mary bought a book for Kelly. <u>She</u> didn't like <u>it</u>. • She refers to Mary or Kelly. -- possibly Kelly
 - It refers to what -- book.
 - Mary had to lie for Kelly. <u>She</u> didn't like <u>it</u>.
- · Discourse structure may depend on application.
 - Monologue
 - Dialogue
 - Human-Computer Interaction

5. Pragmatic Analysis

- · The final step toward effective understanding is to decide what to do as a results.
- One possible thing to do is to record what was said as a fact and be done with it.
- · For some sentences, whose intended effect is clearly declarative, that is precisely correct thing to do.
- · But for other sentences, including this one, the intended effect is different.
- We can discover this intended effect by applying a set of rules that characterize cooperative dialogues.
- The final step in pragmatic processing is to translate, from the knowledge based representation to a command to be executed by the syste
- The results of the understanding process is
- Lpr /wsmith/stuff.init
- "lpr" is th operating system's file print command.

Statistical NLP	Spell Checking
 Corpora Counting the elements in a corpus N-Grams Smoothing 	 A spell checking is one of the basic tools required for language processing. It is used in a wide variety of computing environments including word processing, character or text recognition system, speech recognition and generation. IT involves: Identifying words and non words Suggesting the complex possible alternatives for its correction "Divya sar on box" Sar sat "Divya at on box"

Some NLP Applications

- Machine Translation Translation between two natural languages. See the Babel Fish translations system on Alta Vista
- · Information Retrieval Web search (uni-lingual or multi-lingual). Query Answering/Dialogue - Natural language interface with a database
- system, or a dialogue system. • Report Generation - Generation of reports such as weather reports. .
- Some Small Applications
- Grammar Checking, Spell Checking, Spell Corrector

Machine Translation

- Machine Translation -- converting a text in language A into the corresponding • text in language B (or speech).
- · Different Machine Translation architectures:
 - interlingua based systems
 - transfer based systems
- How to acquire the required knowledge resources such as mapping rules and bi-lingual dictionary? By hand or acquire them automatically from corpora.

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· Example Based Machine Translation acquires the required knowledge (some of it or all of it) from corpora.

