Scattered Context Generators of Sentences With Their Parses

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Scattered Context Grammar (SC grammar)

Scattered context grammar $G = (V, T, P, S)$

V is a finite alphabet

T is a set of terminals, $T \subset V$

S is a starting symbol, $S \in (V - T)$

P is a finite set of productions of the form $(A_1, \ldots, A_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$; $A_1, \ldots, A_n \in (V - T)$; $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in V^*$

Propagating scattered context grammar (PSC grammar)

- special case of SC grammar
- every $(A_1, \ldots, A_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ satisfies $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in V^+$

SC Grammars – Generated Language

Derivation step

If

- $(A_1, \ldots, A_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in P$
- $u = u_1 A_1 \ldots u_n A_n u_{n+1}$
- $v = u_1 x_1 \ldots u_n x_n u_{n+1}$

then $u \Rightarrow v\ [(A_1, \ldots, A_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \ldots, x_n)]$

Generated language

$L(G) = \{x : x \in T^*, S \Rightarrow^* x\}$

Generative power

- $\mathscr{L}(SCG) = \mathscr{L}(RE)$
- $\mathscr{L}(CF) \subset \mathscr{L}(PSCG) \subseteq \mathscr{L}(CS)$

SC Grammars – Example

Example

$$G_1 = (V_1, T_1, P_1, S),$$

where

$$V_1 = \{a, b, c, A, B, C, S\}, T_1 = \{a, b, c\},$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 = \{&(S) \rightarrow (ABC), \\ &(A, B, C) \rightarrow (aA, bB, cC), \\ &(A, B, C) \rightarrow (\varepsilon, \varepsilon, \varepsilon)\} \end{aligned}$$

$S \Rightarrow ABC \Rightarrow aAbBcC \Rightarrow aaAbbBccC \Rightarrow aaaAbbbBcccC \Rightarrow aaabbbccc$

$L(G_1) = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

G_1 is a SC grammar

G_1 is not a PSC grammar

Production Labels I

- for every grammar, G, there is a set of production labels
- we denote them $lab(G)$
- every $p \in lab(G)$ uniquely identifies one production
- we write $p : (A_1, \ldots, A_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$

Example

$G_2 = (\{S, A, B, C, a, b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, P_2, S)$
$lab(G_2) = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$\begin{aligned} P_2 = \{ & 1 : (S) \rightarrow (ABC), \\ & 2 : (A, B, C) \rightarrow (aA, bB, cC), \\ & 3 : (A, B, C) \rightarrow (\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon)\} \end{aligned}$$

$L(G_2) = \{a^n b^n c^n \ : \ n \geq 0\}$

Production Labels II

- to express that $x \Rightarrow y$ by $p : (A_1, \ldots, A_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$, we write $x \Rightarrow y$ [p]

Example

$S \Rightarrow ABC$ [1] $\Rightarrow aAbBcC$ [2] $\Rightarrow aaAbbBccC$ [2] $\Rightarrow aabbcc$ [3] in G_2

- to express that $x \Rightarrow^* y$ by productions labeled with $p_1, \ldots, p_n$, we write $x \Rightarrow^* y$ [$p_1 \ldots p_n$]
- $p_1 \ldots p_n \in lab(G)^*$

Example

$S \Rightarrow^* aabbcc$ [1223] in G_2
$1223 \in lab(G_2)^*$

Proper Generator of its Sentences with Their Parses I

Parse

If $S \Rightarrow^* x\ [\rho], x \in T^*, \rho \in lab(G)^*$, then x is a sentence generated by G according to parse ρ

Example

aabbcc is a sentence generated according to parse 1223 in G_2

Proper generator of its sentences with their parses

- G is a proper generator of its sentences with their parses if $L(G) = \{x : x = y\rho, y \in (T - lab(G))^*, \rho \in lab(G)^*, S \Rightarrow^* x\ [\rho]\}$

Proper Generator of its Sentences with Their Parses II

Example

$G_3 = (\{S, A, B, C, a, b, c, 1, 2, 3, \$\}, \{a, b, c, 1, 2, 3\}, P_3, S)$
$lab(G_3) = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_3 = \{1 &: (S) \to (ABC1\$) \\
2 &: (A, B, C, \$) \to (aA, bB, cC, 2\$) \\
3 &: (A, B, C, \$) \to (\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon, 3)\}
\end{aligned}
$$

$S \Rightarrow ABC1\$ \; [1] \Rightarrow aAbBcC12\$ \; [2] \Rightarrow aaAbbBccC122\$ \; [2] \Rightarrow aabbcc1223 \; [3]$
$S \Rightarrow^* aabbcc1223 \; [1223]$

$L(G_3) = \{a^n b^n c^n \rho \, : \, n \geq 0, S \Rightarrow^* a^n b^n c^n \rho \, [\rho], \rho = 12^n 3\}$

G_3 is a proper generator of its sentences with their parses

Theorem 1

- let $G = (V, T, P, S)$ be a proper generator of its sentences with their parses
- we define the weak identity π from V^* to $(V - lab(G))^*$ as
  - $\pi(a) = a$ for every $a \in (V - lab(G))$
  - $\pi(p) = \epsilon$ for every $p \in lab(G)$

Example

$\pi(aabbcc1223) = aabbcc$ in G_3

Theorem

For every recursively enumerable language, L, there exists a PSC grammar, G, such that G is a proper generator of its sentences with their parses and $L = \pi(L(G))$.

Leftmost derivation step in SC grammars

Derivation step in SC grammars

If

$$(A_1, \ldots, A_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in P,$$
$$u = u_1 A_1 \ldots u_n A_n u_{n+1},$$
$$v = u_1 x_1 \ldots u_n x_n u_{n+1},$$

then $u \Rightarrow v\ [(A_1, \ldots, A_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \ldots, x_n)]$

- $alph(w)$ denotes the set of all symbols occuring in w

Example

$alph(bacaab) = \{a, b, c\}$

Leftmost derivation step in SC grammars

every $A_i \notin alph(u_i)$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$

Language Generated in a Leftmost Way

Language generated in a leftmost way

$L(G) = \{x : x \in T^*, S \Rightarrow^* x\}$

- and every step in every generation of $x \in T^*$ is leftmost

Proper leftmost generator of its sentences with their parses

$L(G) = \{x : x = y\rho, y \in (T - lab(G))^*, \rho \in lab(G)^*, S \Rightarrow^* x\ [\rho]\}$

- and G generates $L(G)$ in a leftmost way

Language Generated in a Leftmost Way – Example

Example

$G_4 = (\{S, A, B, C, a, b, c, 1, 2, 3, 4, \$\}, P_4, S, \{a, b, c, 1, 2, 3, 4\})$
$lab(G_4) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$\begin{aligned} P_4 = \{1 &: (S) \to (ABC1\$), \\ 2 &: (A, B, C, \$) \to (AA, BB, CC, 2\$), \\ 3 &: (A, B, C, \$) \to (a, b, c, 3\$), \\ 4 &: (A, B, C, \$) \to (\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon, 4)\} \end{aligned}$$

$S \Rightarrow ABC1\$ \ [1] \Rightarrow AABBCC12\$ \ [2] \Rightarrow AabBCc123\$ \ [3] \Rightarrow$
$AAabBBCCc1232\$ \ [2] \Rightarrow aAabBbcCc12323\$ \ [3] \Rightarrow$
$aabbcc123234\$ \ [4]$
$S \Rightarrow^* aabbcc123234 \ [123234]$
$L(G_4) = \{a^n b^n c^n \rho \ : \ n \geq 0, S \Rightarrow^* a^n b^n c^n \rho \ [\rho]\}$
G_4 is a proper generator of its sentences with their parses
G_4 is not a proper leftmost generator of its sentences with their parses

Theorem 2

- let $G = (V, T, P, S)$ be a proper generator of its sentences with their parses
- we define the weak identity π from V^* to $(V - lab(G))^*$ as
  - $\pi(a) = a$ for every $a \in (V - lab(G))$
  - $\pi(p) = \epsilon$ for every $p \in lab(G)$

Example

$\pi(aabbcc123234) = aabbcc$ in G_4

Theorem

For every recursively enumerable language, L, there exists a PSC grammar, G, such that G contains no more than six nonterminals, G is a proper leftmost generator of its sentences with their parses and $L = \pi(L(G))$.

Queue Grammar

- we represent the recursively enumerable language by a queue grammar

Queue Grammar $G = (V, T, W, F, s, P)$

V is a finite alphabet of symbols

T is a set of terminals, $T \subset V$

W is a finite alphabet of states

F is a set of final states, $F \subset W$

s is a starting string, $s \in (V - T)(W - F)$

P is a finite set of productions of the form: (a, b, x, c)

a $\in V$

b $\in (W - F)$

x $\in V^*$

c $\in W$

Queue Grammar – Derivation Step

Derivation Step

If $u = arb$, $v = rxc$, $a \in V$, $r, x \in V^*$, $b, c \in W$, and $(a, b, x, c) \in P$, then $u \Rightarrow v \; [(a, b, x, c)]$.

Generated Language

$L(G) = \{w \, : \, s \Rightarrow^* wf, w \in T^*, f \in F\}$

Generative Power

$\mathscr{L}(QG) = \mathscr{L}(RE)$

Lemma

For every QG there exists an equivalent QG which generates every string so that it first uses only productions rewriting symbols over $(V - T)^*$, and then only symbols over T^*.

Queue Grammar – Example

Example

$G_5 = (\{A, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{\bar{e}, \bar{f}\}, \{\bar{f}\}, A\bar{e}, P_5)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_5 = \{\ & 1 : (A, \bar{e}, bAa, \bar{e}),\\
& 2 : (A, \bar{e}, \varepsilon, \bar{f}),\\
& 3 : (a, \bar{e}, a, \bar{e}),\\
& 4 : (b, \bar{e}, b, \bar{e})\}
\end{aligned}
$$

$A\bar{e} \Rightarrow bAa\bar{e}$ [1] $\Rightarrow Aab\bar{e}$ [4] $\Rightarrow abbAa\bar{e}$ [1] $\Rightarrow bbAaa\bar{e}$ [3] $\Rightarrow bAaab\bar{e}$ [4] $\Rightarrow Aaabb\bar{e}$ [4] $\Rightarrow aabb\bar{f}$ [2]

$L(G_5) = \{a^n b^n \ : \ n \geq 0\}$

Proof Sketch

Basic idea

1. represent the recursively enumerable language by a QG
2. initiate the derivation
3. simulate QG by PSC grammar
   1. simulate generation of words from $(V - T)^*$
   2. simulate generation of words from T^+
4. check if the simulation was correct
5. complete the derivation

- every production has to add its label to the sentential form to create the parse in the correct order
- generated sentence has to precede this parse

QG Simulation – Example

Example

$G_5 = (\{A, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{\bar{e}, \bar{f}\}, \{\bar{f}\}, A\bar{e}, P_5)$

$$\begin{aligned} P_5 = \{ \; & 1 : (A, \bar{e}, bAa, \bar{e}), \\ & 2 : (A, \bar{e}, \varepsilon, \bar{f}), \\ & 3 : (a, \bar{e}, a, \bar{e}), \\ & 4 : (b, \bar{e}, b, \bar{e})\} \end{aligned}$$

Queue	A
States	$\bar{e}$
Productions	

Example

$G_5 = (\{A, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{\bar{e}, \bar{f}\}, \{\bar{f}\}, A\bar{e}, P_5)$

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Queue	A	b	A	a
States	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$		
Productions	1			

QG Simulation – Example

Example

$G_5 = (\{A, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{\bar{e}, \bar{f}\}, \{\bar{f}\}, A\bar{e}, P_5)$

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Queue	A	b	A	a	b
States	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$		
Productions	1	4			

QG Simulation – Example

Example

$G_5 = (\{A, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{\bar{e}, \bar{f}\}, \{\bar{f}\}, A\bar{e}, P_5)$

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$2 : (A, \bar{e}, \varepsilon, \bar{f})$,
$3 : (a, \bar{e}, a, \bar{e})$,
$4 : (b, \bar{e}, b, \bar{e})\}$

Queue	A	b	A	a	b	b	A	a
States	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$				
Productions	1	4	1					

QG Simulation – Example

Example

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& 3 : (a, \bar{e}, a, \bar{e}), \\
& 4 : (b, \bar{e}, b, \bar{e})\}
\end{aligned}
$$

Queue	A	b	A	a	b	b	A	a	a
States	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$				
Productions	1	4	1	3					

QG Simulation – Example

Example

$G_5 = (\{A, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{\bar{e}, \bar{f}\}, \{\bar{f}\}, A\bar{e}, P_5)$

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& 2 : (A, \bar{e}, \varepsilon, \bar{f}), \\
& 3 : (a, \bar{e}, a, \bar{e}), \\
& \color{red}{4 : (b, \bar{e}, b, \bar{e})}\}
\end{aligned}
$$

Queue	A	b	A	a	b	b	A	a	a	b
States	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$				
Productions	1	4	1	3	4					

QG Simulation – Example

Example

$G_5 = (\{A, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{\bar{e}, \bar{f}\}, \{\bar{f}\}, A\bar{e}, P_5)$

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& 3 : (a, \bar{e}, a, \bar{e}),\\
& {\color{red} 4 : (b, \bar{e}, b, \bar{e})}\}
\end{aligned}
$$

Queue	A	b	A	a	b	b	A	a	a	b	b
States	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$				
Productions	1	4	1	3	4	4					

QG Simulation – Example

Example

$G_5 = (\{A, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{\bar{e}, \bar{f}\}, \{\bar{f}\}, A\bar{e}, P_5)$

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& 3 : (a, \bar{e}, a, \bar{e}), \\
& 4 : (b, \bar{e}, b, \bar{e})\}
\end{aligned}
$$

Queue	A	b	A	a	b	b	A	a	a	b	b
States	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{f}$			
Productions	1	4	1	3	4	4	2				

QG Simulation – Example

Example

$G_5 = (\{A, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{\bar{e}, \bar{f}\}, \{\bar{f}\}, A\bar{e}, P_5)$

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& 3 : (a, \bar{e}, a, \bar{e}), \\
& 4 : (b, \bar{e}, b, \bar{e})\}
\end{aligned}
$$

Queue	A	b	A	a	b	b	A	a	a	b	b
States	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{f}$			
Productions	1	4	1	3	4	4	2				
Prod. (queue)	1,2	4	1,2	3	4	4	1,2				
Prod. (state)	1-4	1-4	1-4	1-3,4	1-4	1-4	1,2-4				
Simulated pr.	1	4	1	3	4	4	2				

QG Simulation – Example

Example

$G_5 = (\{A, a, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{\bar{e}, \bar{f}\}, \{\bar{f}\}, A\bar{e}, P_5)$

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& 3 : (a, \bar{e}, a, \bar{e}), \\
& 4 : (b, \bar{e}, b, \bar{e})\}
\end{aligned}
$$

Queue	A	b	A	a	b	b	A	a	a	b	b
States	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{f}$			
Productions	1	4	1	3	4	4	2				
Prod. (queue)	1,2	4	1,2	3	4	4	1,2				
Prod. (state)	1-4	1-4	1-4	1-3,4	1-4	1-4	1,2-4				
Simulated pr.	1	4	1	3	4	4	2				

Construction I

- $Q = (V, T, W, F, s, R)$, $L(Q) = L$
- α: injection from $lab(Q)$ to $\{\bar{0}\}^*\{\bar{1}\}$
- $f(a) = \{\alpha(r) : r : (a, b, x, c) \in R\}$ for all $a \in V$
- $g(b) = \{\alpha(r) : r : (a, b, x, c) \in R\}$ for all $b \in W$

Constructed PSC grammar

$G = (\{S, A, B, \#, \bar{0}, \bar{1}\} \cup T \cup \mathrm{lab}(G), T \cup \mathrm{lab}(G), P, S)$

- the construction of P and $lab(G)$ is demonstrated on the following slides

Construction II

Step 1 (initialization)

For every $\bar{a}_0 \in f(a_0)$, $\bar{q}_0 \in g(q_0)$ such that $s = a_0 q_0$, add

$\lfloor 1\bar{a}_0\bar{q}_0 \rfloor : (S) \to (A\lfloor 1\bar{a}_0\bar{q}_0 \rfloor AA\bar{q}_0 A\bar{a}_0 AB)$

Step 2 (simulation of Q's productions generating words over V-T)

For every $r : (a, b, x, d) \in R$, $x \in (V - T)^*$ and $d \in (W - F)$, $\bar{x} \in f(x)$, $\bar{d} \in g(d)$, add

$\lfloor 2r\bar{x}\bar{d} \rfloor : (A, A, A, A, A, B) \to (A, \lfloor 2r\bar{x}\bar{d} \rfloor A, \alpha(r)A, \bar{d}A, \bar{x}A, B)$

Step 3 (separation of steps 2 and 4)

Add
$\lfloor 3 \rfloor : (A, A, A, A, A, B) \to (A, \lfloor 3 \rfloor A, A, A, B, A)$

Construction III

Step 4 (simulation of Q's productions generating words over T)

For every $r : (a, b, c, d) \in R$, $c \in T$ and $d \in (W - F)$, $\bar{d} \in g(d)$, add

$\lfloor 4r\bar{d} \rfloor : (A, A, A, A, B, A) \rightarrow (cA, \lfloor 4r\bar{d} \rfloor A, \alpha(r)A, \bar{d}A, B, A)$

Step 5 (simulation of Q's final step)

For every $r : (a, b, c, d) \in R$, $c \in T$ and $d \in F$, add

$\lfloor 5r \rfloor : (A, A, A, A, B, A) \rightarrow (c, \lfloor 5r \rfloor A, \alpha(r)A, A, B, AA)$

Construction IV

Step 6 (simulation verification)

Add

$\lfloor 6 \rfloor : (A, \bar{0}, A, \bar{0}, A, \bar{0}, B, A, A) \rightarrow (\lfloor 6 \rfloor, A, \#, A, \#, A, B, A, A),$
$\lfloor 7 \rfloor : (A, \bar{1}, A, \bar{1}, A, \bar{1}, B, A, A) \rightarrow (\lfloor 7 \rfloor, A, \#, A, \#, A, B, A, A)$

Step 7 (finishing the derivation)

Add

$\lfloor 8 \rfloor : (A, A, A, B, A, A) \rightarrow (\lfloor 8 \rfloor B, \#, \#, \#, \#, \#),$
$\lfloor 9 \rfloor : (B, \#) \rightarrow (\lfloor 9 \rfloor, B),$
$\lfloor 10 \rfloor : (B) \rightarrow (\lfloor 10 \rfloor)$

Theorem 3

- $\rho((A_1, \ldots, A_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \ldots, x_n)) = n$
- $\rho_{\max}(G) = \rho(p)$, $p \in P$, such that $\rho(p) \geq \rho(r)$ for all $r \in P$

Theorem

For every recursively enumerable language, L, there exists a PSC grammar, G, such that G is a proper leftmost generator of its sentences preceded by their parses, G contains no more than six nonterminals, $\rho_{\max}(G) = 4$, and $L = \pi(L(G))$.

Theorem

For every recursively enumerable language, L, there exists a PSC grammar, G, such that G is a proper leftmost generator of its sentences preceded by their parses, G contains no more than nine nonterminals, $\rho_{\max}(G) = 2$, and $L = \pi(L(G))$.

Conclusion

We have proved that

- for every RE there is a PSC grammar which generates its sentences with their parses
- there are canonical versions of these generators
- the number of needed nonterminals can be reduced

Future investigation

- which other grammars can be used as proper generators of their sentences with their parses?
  - grammar systems seem to be appropriate candidates
- is it possible to generate sentences together with other useful information (e.g. derivation trees)?