GWV – Grundlagen der Wissensverarbeitung

Tutorial 5 : Searching

Exercise 1.1 : (Search and Parsing)

A syntactic structure of a sentence can be described as a dependency tree. Figure **??** shows an example of such a tree. As you can see, every word is attached to another word except "isst", which is the root of the tree, as it's the main verb of the sentence. A parser takes a sentence as input and produces a (dependency) tree as output.

Read the following paper (especially Section 3):

Nivre, J. (2003). An Efficient Algorithm for Projective Dependency Parsing. In Proceedings of the 8th International Workshop on Parsing Technologies (IWPT 03), Nancy, France, 23-25 April 2003, pp. 149-160. `http://stp.lingfil.uu.se/~nivre/docs/iwpt03.pdf`

1. (a) By what operations is the input transformed into the output? What do these operations do?
   (b) When does the parsing algorithm terminate?
   (c) Describe the formal properties of a dependency tree as defined in the paper.
   (d) For each property: Give an example dependency tree that violates the property (it doesn't need to make sense linguistically).

   (4 Pt.)

2. Try to use the proposed parser actions to produce depicted in Figure **??**. Write down the steps and the intermediate states. (2 Pt.)

3. If you view parsing using the proposed parsing algorithm as a search problem:
   - What are the search states?
   - What is the start state?

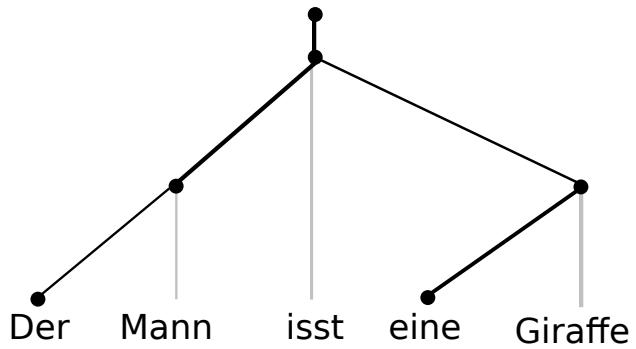

Figure 1: example for a dependency tree

- What are the end states?
- What are the state transitions?
- Can the search space be created before parsing starts?
- What is the advantage of the proposed algorithm in contrast to simply trying to find a good dependency tree by enumerating all possible trees and selecting the best one from them?
- For the search strategies discussed so far: are they a good fit for this search problem and why (not)?
- How would you design a parser using the parser actions together with an appropriate search procedure?

(6 Pt.)

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