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- Syntactic category of a phrase $=$ Contexts where it occurs

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|  |  | John $\square$ Mary | $\square$ loves kids | A cat hits $\square$ | Everyone $\square$ |
| strings | John |  | © | © |  |
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- Learner should uniformly learn a rich class of languages


## Clark \& Eyraud's Algorithm

let $G$ := vacuous grammar;
For $n=1,2,3, \ldots$
let $D:=\left\{w_{1}, w_{2}, \ldots, w_{n}\right\}$;
If $D \nsubseteq L(G)$
then update $G$ by $D$;
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output G
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the man who was hungry died ． the man ordered dinner ． the man died． the man was hungry ． was the man hungry？ the man was ordering dinner ．


## Grammar

$\llbracket m a n \rrbracket \rightarrow$ man who was hungry】
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## Theorem

- Clark and Eyraud's algorithm identifies every Substitutable CFL in the limit from positive data
- Polynomial-time update
- Polynomially many examples are enough for convergence w.r.t. the size of the grammar to be learnt


## Substitutable Languages

- $\left\{a^{n} b c^{n} \mid n \geqq 0\right\}$ is substitutable
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- Conjecture is not updated infinitely many times
- K will contain a $p$-kernel for each nonterminal of $G_{0}$
- $\Rightarrow K$ will be converged
- $X$ will be fiducial on $K$
- Infinite update of $X$ does not update our conjecture



## Theorem

- The algorithm identifies every CFL in CNF with the $p$-FKP in the limit from positive data \& membership queries
- Polynomial-time update (Polynomial number of MQs)
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## Distributional Learning of

Multiple Context-Free Grammars

## Multiple CFGs

- $B \rightarrow a C D \quad$ (context-free rule) $a$ :terminal symbol

$$
\left.\left.\left.\right|_{a u v} ^{B} \quad\right|_{u} ^{C} \&\right|_{v} ^{D} \quad \begin{gathered}
B \rightarrow g(C, D) \\
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$$

- $B \rightarrow f(C, D) \quad$ (multiple of rule)

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## Other Related Formalisms

## Trees and Stubs

## Tree (0-stub):


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- $\llbracket S_{0} \rrbracket(0, \ldots, 0) \rightarrow \llbracket S_{1} \rrbracket\left(0, \ldots, 0, \llbracket S_{2} \rrbracket(0, \ldots, 0), \mathrm{o}, \ldots, \mathrm{o}\right)$ if $L_{0} / S_{0}[\mathrm{o}, \ldots, \mathrm{o}] \cap X \subseteq L_{0} / S_{1}\left[\mathrm{o}, \ldots, \mathrm{o}, \mathrm{S}_{2}[\mathrm{o}, \ldots, \mathrm{o}], \mathrm{o}, \ldots, \mathrm{o}\right] \cap X$
- $\llbracket S_{0} \rrbracket(0, \ldots, 0) \rightarrow a(0, \ldots, o)$ if $L_{0} / S_{0} \cap X \subseteq L_{0} / a \cap X$


## Context-Free Formalisms

- Context-Free Grammars
- Multiple Context-Free Grammars
- (Multiple) Simple Context-Free Tree Grammars
- Simple Macro Grammars
- Hyper-Edge Replacement Grammars
- Linear Context-Free Lambda Grammars
(2nd order ACG)
- etc.
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- All incorrect rules should be rejected


## CFG with Montague Semantics

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$N P\left(w_{1} w_{2}, Z_{1} Z_{2}\right):-\operatorname{Det}\left(w_{1}, X_{1}\right) N\left(w_{2}, Z_{2}\right)$,
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V(found , $\lambda y z$. find $y z$ ) :-,
$\operatorname{Det}(\mathrm{a}, \lambda u v . I n t e r s e c t u v):-$
N (unicorn , $\lambda y$. unicorn $y$ ) :-

- ( John found a unicorn, Intersect ( $\lambda y$. unicorn $y$ ) ( $\lambda y$.find $y$ John) )
- Semantics-driven learning


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