

Dependency Parsing

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Shift-Reduce Parsing

- Alternative to arc-factored models
- Cognitively plausible
- Better at short-range dependencies

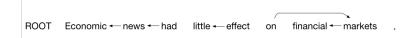
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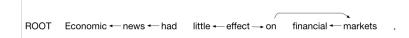
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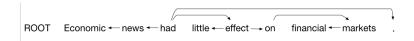














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 - Right: The buffer's next word is the child of the top of the stack

Initial and Final Conditions

- Initially the stack has root, the buffer has the sentence's words, and there are no edges
- At the end, the buffer must be empty

Action: Left

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- Stack and buffer must be non-empty; w_i cannot be the root

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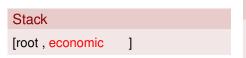


Buffer

[economic, news, had, little, effect, on, financial, markets, .]

ROOT Economic effect financial had little on markets news

Next transition: 1. Shift



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Next transition: 2. Left

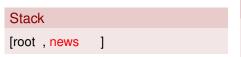


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[news, had, little, effect, on, financial, markets, .]

ROOT Economic ← news little effect financial had on markets

Next transition: 3. Shift



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[had, little, effect, on, financial, markets, .]

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> Next transition: 4. Left

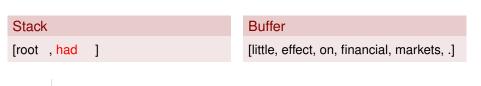


Buffer

[had, little, effect, on, financial, markets, .]

ROOT Economic ← news ← had little effect financial on markets

Next transition: 5. Shift



ROOT Economic ← news ← had little effect financial markets on

> Next transition: 6. Shift



ROOT Economic ← news ← had little effect financial markets on

> Next transition: 7. Left



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> Next transition: 8. Shift

Stack Buffer [root , had , effect] [on, financial, markets, .]

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> Next transition: 9. Shift

Stack

[root , had , effect , on]

Buffer

[financial, markets, .]

ROOT Economic ← news ← had little ← effect financial markets on

> Next transition: 10. Shift

Stack Buffer [root , had , effect , on , financial] [markets, .]

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> Next transition: 11. Left

Stack Buffer [root , had , effect , on] [markets, .]

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> Next transition: 12. Right

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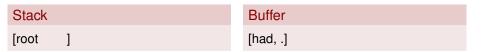
ROOT financial ← markets Economic ← news ← had little ← effect on

> Next transition: 13. Right



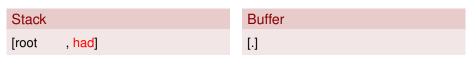
ROOT Economic ← news ← had little ← effect → on financial ← markets

> Next transition: 14. Right



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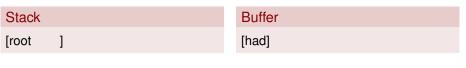
15. Shift



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Next transition:

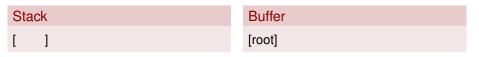
16. Right





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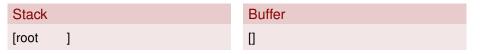
17. Right

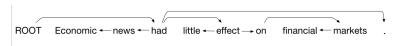




Next transition:

18. Shift





Next transition:

Transition Sequence Algorithm

- Start with root on stack, buffer with whole sentence
- If there's nothing on the stack, you must shift
- If the top of the stack is the child of the top of the buffer, then make a left edge
- If the top of the buffer is is a child of the top of the stack and the top of the buffer has no children that have yet to be added to the tree, then make a right

How to apply to data

- Create oracle for all sentences
- Create three-way classifier for each possible actions
- Features
 - The top of the stack
 - Top two words on buffer
 - The parts of speech of the words

Complexity

- A word can only enter the stack once
- So complexity is O(2N)

Comparison

- Shift-reduce parsers are faster
- Shift-reduce parsers do better at local (deeper) connections
- Arc-factored models do better at long-distance dependencies (e.g., verbs)