

Algorithmic Properties of CatLog3

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- ▶ CatLog is a categorial grammar parser (theorem-prover), being developed by Glyn Morrill and his team in UPC, Barcelona.
- ▶ In categorial grammars, words (lexemes) of the target language are associated with syntactic types, that is, formulae of a non-classical logic.
- ▶ $a_1 \dots a_n$ is accepted, if there exist such formulae A_1, \dots, A_n that A_i is associated with a_i and the sequent $A_1, \dots, A_n \Rightarrow S$ is derivable.
- ▶ The calculus used in CatLog is an extension of the Lambek calculus (Lambek, 1958).

The Lambek Calculus with the Unit

$$\overline{A \Rightarrow A} \text{ } id$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow B \quad \Delta_1, C, \Delta_2 \Rightarrow D}{\Delta_1, C / B, \Gamma, \Delta_2 \Rightarrow D} /L \quad \frac{\Gamma, B \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma \Rightarrow C / B} /R$$

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$$\frac{\Delta_1, \Delta_2 \Rightarrow A}{\Delta_1, I, \Delta_2 \Rightarrow A} I L \quad \overline{\Lambda \Rightarrow I} I R$$

Parasitic Extraction and Subexponentials

“the paper that John signed [] without reading []”

- ▶ Two *gaps* (extraction sites); the one after “*reading*” is the *parasitic* one.
- ▶ Parasitic extraction is handled using a *subexponential* modality which allows *non-local contraction*:

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, !A, \Gamma_2, !A, \Gamma_3 \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, !A, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3 \Rightarrow C} \quad \frac{\Gamma_1, !A, \Gamma_2, !A, \Gamma_3 \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, !A, \Gamma_3 \Rightarrow C}$$

- ▶ Another important rule for ! is *dereliction*:

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, A, \Gamma_2 \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, !A, \Gamma_2 \Rightarrow C}$$

- ▶ One can also impose permutation rules, but usually not weakening (which is linguistically inadequate).

Parasitic Extraction and Subexponentials

“the paper that John signed [] without reading []”

- ▶ In the lexicon, “that” receives a type with !, namely, $(CN \setminus CN) / (S / !N)$.

- ▶ The corresponding sequent is derived as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 N, (N \setminus S) / N, \textcolor{red}{N}, ((N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S)) / (N \setminus S), (N \setminus S) / N, \textcolor{red}{N} \Rightarrow S \\
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 \hline
 CN, (CN \setminus CN) / (S / !N), N, (N \setminus S) / N, ((N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S)) / (N \setminus S), (N \setminus S) / N \Rightarrow CN \quad N \Rightarrow N \\
 \hline
 N / CN, CN, (CN \setminus CN) / (S / !N), N, (N \setminus S) / N, ((N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S)) / (N \setminus S), (N \setminus S) / N \Rightarrow N
 \end{array}$$

- ▶ The sequent on top corresponds to

“John signed the paper without reading the paper”

and is derivable in the Lambek calculus.

The Workflow

General idea: contraction leads to undecidability.

Technical issues: undecidability proof becomes more involved for sophisticated versions of contraction which involve **brackets**.

System with contraction	Undecidability proof
Lambek calculus with full-power exponential (allows weakening, permutation, and contraction)	Lincoln et al. 1992
Lambek calculus with a <i>relevant</i> modality (permutation & contraction, no weakening) no brackets	K. K. S., FG 2016
The system with brackets of Morrill & Valentin 2015, Morrill 2017	K. K. S., FCT 2017
The new system with brackets of Morrill 2018–19 (resembling Morrill 2011)	this talk

Brackets

**“the paper that John signed and Pete ate a pie”*

- ▶ This noun phrase is clearly ungrammatical.
- ▶ However it is generated by our grammar, since “*John signed the paper and Pete ate a pie*” is a correct sentence.
- ▶ In order to address this issue, Morrill (1992) and Moortgat (1996) introduce *brackets* which embrace *islands* not allowed to be penetrated by *!N*.
- ▶ *Strong* islands, like *and*-coordinated sentences, are double-bracketed; no penetration possible.
- ▶ Subject groups, *without*-clauses, ... are *weak* islands. These are single-bracketed and can be penetrated using the special form of contraction. This is used for parasitic extraction.

The Lambek Calculus with Brackets

- Now the antecedents are built using both comma (metasyntactic product) and brackets.
- Lambek rules: $\overline{A \Rightarrow A}$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow B \quad \Xi(\Delta_1, C, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow D}{\Xi(\Delta_1, C / B, \Gamma, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow D} /L \quad \frac{\Gamma, B \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma \Rightarrow C / B} /R \quad \overline{\Lambda \Rightarrow \mathbf{I}} \mathbf{I}R$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad \Xi(\Delta_1, C, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow D}{\Xi(\Delta_1, \Gamma, A \setminus C, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow D} \setminus L \quad \frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \setminus C} \setminus R \quad \frac{\Xi(\Delta_1, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow A}{\Xi(\Delta_1, \mathbf{I}, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow A} \mathbf{I}L$$

$$\frac{\Xi(\Delta_1, A, B, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow D}{\Xi(\Delta_1, A \bullet B, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow D} \bullet L \quad \frac{\Delta \Rightarrow A \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow B}{\Delta, \Gamma \Rightarrow A \bullet B} \bullet R$$

- Rules operating brackets, using *bracket modalities*:

$$\frac{\Xi(\Delta_1, A, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow B}{\Xi(\Delta_1, [\Box^{-1}A], \Delta_2) \Rightarrow B} \Box^{-1}L \quad \frac{[\Xi] \Rightarrow A}{\Xi \Rightarrow [\Box^{-1}A]} \Box^{-1}R$$

$$\frac{\Xi(\Delta_1, [A], \Delta_2) \Rightarrow B}{\Xi(\Delta_1, \langle \rangle A, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow B} \langle \rangle L \quad \frac{\Xi \Rightarrow A}{[\Xi] \Rightarrow \langle \rangle A} \langle \rangle R$$

Lambek Grammars with Brackets

- ▶ For bracketed calculi, the definition of acceptance of a word by the grammar should be modified.
- ▶ $a_1 \dots a_n$ is *t-accepted* by the grammar, if there exists such Π that $\Pi \Rightarrow S$ is derivable and removing all brackets (but not bracket modalities) from Π yields A_1, \dots, A_n , where A_i is associated with a_i .
- ▶ For example, “*John likes Mary and Pete likes Ann*” should be bracketed as follows: “[[*John*] *likes Mary and* [*Pete*] *likes Ann*]” before deriving.
- ▶ In CatLog, the bracketing is requested from the user. However, there exist bracket induction (guessing) algorithms for fragments of the CatLog calculus (Morrill et al., FG 2018).
- ▶ We shall discuss bracket induction in the end of the talk.

Contraction with Brackets

- ▶ In Morrill's systems, the $!$ -formulae are kept in special areas called *stoups*. Stoups are multisets of formulae.
- ▶ This is an element of *focusing* used to facilitate proof search.
- ▶ Each bracketed domain has a stoup, as well as the whole antecedent.
- ▶ Morrill presents two versions of the rule set for $!$. Their general idea is that contraction erases one $!$ -formula from a weak island, provided the same formula is in the outer area. However, the island has to be somehow modified, in order to prevent double usage.

Two Morrill's Systems

- ▶ The rules operating the stoup and ! on the left (dereliction and permutation) are the same in both systems:

$$\frac{\Xi(\zeta; \Gamma_1, A, \Gamma_2) \Rightarrow B}{\Xi(\zeta, A; \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2) \Rightarrow B} !P \qquad \frac{\Xi(\zeta, A; \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2) \Rightarrow B}{\Xi(\zeta; \Gamma_1, !A, \Gamma_2) \Rightarrow B} !L$$

- ▶ The older system (Morrill 2017 in *Linguistics and Philosophy*) uses the following versions of contraction and right rule for !:

$$\frac{\Xi(\zeta, A; \Gamma_1, [A; \Gamma_2], \Gamma_3) \Rightarrow B}{\Xi(\zeta, A; \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3) \Rightarrow B} !C \qquad \frac{\zeta; \Lambda \Rightarrow A}{\zeta; \Lambda \Rightarrow !A} !R$$

Undecidability proved in our FCT 2017 paper.

- ▶ The new system (Morrill 2018 in *J. Lang. Model.* and 2019 in *J. Log. Lang. Inform.*, resembling Morrill 2011 book):

$$\frac{\Xi(\zeta, A; \Gamma_1, [\xi, A; \Gamma_2], \Gamma_3) \Rightarrow B}{\Xi(\zeta, A; \Gamma_1, [[\xi; \Gamma_2]], \Gamma_3) \Rightarrow B} !C \qquad \frac{\emptyset; !A \Rightarrow B}{\emptyset; !A \Rightarrow !B} !R$$

- ▶ The right rule is not needed in undecidability proofs. In linguistic applications, one needs $!A \Rightarrow !A$.

Lambek and Bracket Rules with Stoups

$$\frac{}{\emptyset; A \Rightarrow A} id$$

$$\frac{\zeta_1; \Gamma \Rightarrow B \quad \Xi(\zeta_2; \Delta_1, C, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow D}{\Xi(\zeta_1, \zeta_2; \Delta_1, C / B, \Gamma, \Delta_2) \Rightarrow D} /L \quad \frac{\zeta; \Gamma, B \Rightarrow C}{\zeta; \Gamma \Rightarrow C / B} /R$$

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Example of Derivation

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{N \Rightarrow N}{[M] \Rightarrow \langle \rangle N \quad S \Rightarrow S} \\
 \frac{\langle \rangle N \setminus S \Rightarrow \langle \rangle N \setminus S \quad [M], \langle \rangle N \setminus S \Rightarrow S}{[M], \langle \rangle N \setminus S, (\langle \rangle N \setminus S) \setminus (\langle \rangle N \setminus S) \Rightarrow S} \\
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Undecidability Proof Sketch

- ▶ Encoding semi-Thue systems.
- ▶ Each rewriting rule $x_1 \dots x_m \rightarrow y_1 \dots y_k$ is encoded by $A_i = (x_1 \bullet \dots \bullet x_m) / (y_1 \bullet \dots \bullet y_k)$.
- ▶ $Z_i = []^{-1}(!A_i \bullet \langle \rangle \langle \rangle I)$.
- ▶ **Theorem.** The sequent

$$I / !Z_1, \dots, I / !Z_n, I / \langle \rangle \langle \rangle I, !Z_1, \dots, !Z_n; [[\wedge]], a_1, \dots, a_\ell \Rightarrow s$$

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- The \mathbf{I} / \dots formulae are used to handle the base ($s \rightarrow s$) case.
- For the rewriting step, one uses contraction and puts $!Z_i$ into the island:

$$[[\wedge]] \rightsquigarrow [![]^{-1}(!A_i \bullet \langle \rangle \langle \rangle \mathbf{I}); \wedge]$$

Next, $[]^{-1}$ removes the brackets, the extra $!$ over A_i puts it into the right place, and $\langle \rangle \langle \rangle \mathbf{I}$ restores the island.

- The backward translation is done by forgetting brackets and mapping onto the Lambek calculus with a full-power subexponential: this yields a sequent equivalent to $!A_1, \dots, !A_n, a_1, \dots, a_\ell \Rightarrow s$ (Lincoln et al. 1992).

Positive Results

- ▶ The calculi discussed above are actually used in CatLog—so how could they be undecidable?
- ▶ Linguistically interesting sequents fall into decidable fragments.
- ▶ For the older system, such a fragment is guarded by the *bracket non-negative condition* (BNNC): in any negative \neg -formula there should be no positive occurrences of \neg^{-1} and no negative occurrences of \neg .
- ▶ Derivability problem for sequents obeying BNNC is decidable (Morrill & Valentin, 2015), belonging to NP (K. K. S., FCT 2017).

Positive Results

- ▶ For the new system, we introduce a dual *bracket non-positive condition* (BNPC): in any negative $!$ -formula there should be no *negative* occurrences of $[]^{-1}$ and no *positive* occurrences of $\langle \rangle$.
- ▶ The reason for such a dualisation is as follows. In Morrill's older system, $!C$ removes a pair of brackets (when viewed from top to bottom). In the new system, it replaces one pair of brackets with two, i.e., adds a pair of brackets.
- ▶ Under the BNPC, Morrill's new system is decidable and belongs to NP.
- ▶ Interestingly enough, one does not need to invent sophisticated proof-search algorithms: once the BNPC is imposed, the standard non-deterministic proof search would terminate in polynomial time.

Decidability Proof Idea

- ▶ The only rule which could potentially make proof search infinite, is $!C$ (contraction).
- ▶ However, we can estimate the number of contractions using brackets.
- ▶ For the new calculus, we have

$$\#[] = \#B^+ - \#B^- + \#!C,$$

where $\#[]$ is the number of bracket pairs in the goal sequent; $\#B^+$ is the number of $[]^{-1}L$ and $\langle \rangle R$ applications; $\#B^-$ is the number of $[]^{-1}R$ and $\langle \rangle L$; $\#!C$ is the number of $!C$.

- ▶ This gives $\#!C \leq \#B^- + \#[]$, and the latter is bounded by the number of bracket pairs and bracket modalities ($[]^{-1}$, $\langle \rangle$) in the goal sequent.
- ▶ Thus, we get the necessary complexity bound and quickly achieve NP decidability.

Additive Connectives

- ▶ The systems in question can be extended by *additive* operations, \wedge (additive conjunction) and \vee (additive disjunction).
- ▶ Inferences rules for them are as follows:

$$\frac{\Xi(A) \Rightarrow D}{\Xi(A \wedge B) \Rightarrow D} \quad \frac{\Xi(B) \Rightarrow D}{\Xi(A \wedge B) \Rightarrow D} \wedge L \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \wedge B} \wedge R$$
$$\frac{\Xi(A) \Rightarrow D \quad \Xi(B) \Rightarrow D}{\Xi(A \vee B) \Rightarrow D} \vee L \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \vee B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \vee B} \vee R$$

Additive Connectives

- ▶ The systems with additive operations are conservative extensions of the *multiplicative-additive Lambek calculus* (MALC).
- ▶ MALC is PSPACE-complete.
- ▶ The lower bound is due to Kanovich (1994), and the upper one is based on the fact that MALC proofs' depth can be bounded polynomially.
- ▶ For Morrill's systems extended with additive operations, under bracket restrictions (BNNC for the older one and BNPC for the new one), we also obtain the PSPACE upper bound.

Bracket Induction

- ▶ Finally, let us discuss more complicated algorithmic problems than derivability.
- ▶ These problems arise in practical parsing using categorial grammars.
- ▶ First, a word of the language can have several syntactic types, so before proving the sequent the algorithm should determine which types to use.
- ▶ This is not an issue, because our algorithms are already non-deterministic.
- ▶ A more serious issue is as follows. In order for our algorithms to work, the sequent should be properly bracketed before starting proof search.
- ▶ In real life, brackets should also be guessed, or *induced*.

Bracket Induction

- ▶ Formally, the *bracket induction problem* is formulated as follows: given a sequent of the form $A_1, \dots, A_n \Rightarrow B$ (without brackets and stoups), determine whether there is a way to put brackets on its left-hand side, so that the resulting sequent would be derivable in the given calculus.
- ▶ For Morrill's older system, bracket induction is decidable for sequents obeying the BNNC.
- ▶ The reason is in the following estimation on the maximal number of brackets in the goal:

$$\#[] = \#B^+ - \#B^- - \#!C \leq \#B^+ \leq n.$$

Bracket Induction

- ▶ In contrast, for the newer system bracket induction is undecidable even under the BNPC.
- ▶ The undecidability proof here involves creating an unbounded number of empty strong islands, $[[\wedge]]$, at the stage of guessing brackets.
- ▶ Each island allows one application of $!C$, thus, the number of contraction also becomes unbounded.
- ▶ This allows more or less standard undecidability encodings.
- ▶ Thus, for the newer system bracket induction is essentially harder than derivability check.

![Thank you]