

# CKY Algorithm, Chomsky Normal Form

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- The rationale is to fill in a chart with the solutions to the subproblems encountered in the bottom-up parsing process.

# Dynamic programming

## Definition

**Dynamic programming:** a method of reducing the runtime of algorithms by discovering solutions to subproblems along the way to the solution of the main problem; to optimally plan a multi-stage process

- good for problems with overlapping subproblems
- generally involves the caching of partial results in a table for later retrieval
- many application (outside of NLP)

What are the subproblems for the parsing task?



# Well-formed substring table (WFST)

## Definition

A **well-formed substring table** is a data structure containing partial constituency structures. It may be represented as either a chart or a graph.

# Well-formed substring table (WFST)

## Example

*the brown dog*

*NP* → *DT Nom*, *Nom* → *JJ NN*, *DT* → *the*, etc.

the	brown	dog
<i>DT</i> <sub>1</sub>		<i>NP</i> <sub>5</sub>
	<i>JJ</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>Nom</i> <sub>4</sub>
		<i>NN</i> <sub>3</sub>

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## Setting up the CKY algorithm

- 1 For an input of length  $n$ , create a matrix  $(n + 1 \times n + 1)$ , indexed from 0 to  $n$ .
- 2 Each cell in the matrix  $[i, j]$  is the set of all categories of constituents spanning from position  $i$  to  $j$ .
- 3 The algorithm forces you to fill in the table in the most efficient way.
- 4 Process cells left to right (across columns), bottom to top (backwards across rows).

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$NP \rightarrow DT \text{ Nom}$ ,  $Nom \rightarrow JJ \text{ NN}$ ,  $DT \rightarrow \textit{the}$ , etc.

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$DT_1$		$NP_5$
	$JJ_2$	$Nom_4$
		$NN_3$

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# CKY: assumptions

**Critical observation:** any portion of the input string spanning  $i$  to  $j$  can be split at  $k$ , and structure can then be built using sub-solutions spanning  $i$  to  $k$  and sub-solutions spanning  $k$  to  $j$ .

## Example

●<sub>0</sub> *the* ●<sub>1</sub> *brown* ●<sub>2</sub> *dog* ●<sub>3</sub>

- $k = 1$ : possible constituents are  $[0,1]$  and  $[1,3]$
- $k = 2$ : possible constituents are  $[0,2]$  and  $[2,3]$

## Simple grammar

$S \rightarrow NP VBZ$	$DT \rightarrow the$
$S \rightarrow NP VP$	$NN \rightarrow chef$
$VP \rightarrow VP PP$	$NNS \rightarrow fish$
$VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$	$NNS \rightarrow chopsticks$
$VP \rightarrow VBZ PP$	$VBP \rightarrow fish$
$VP \rightarrow VBZ NNS$	$VBZ \rightarrow eats$
$VP \rightarrow VBZ VP$	$IN \rightarrow with$
$VP \rightarrow VBP NP$	
$VP \rightarrow VBP PP$	
$NP \rightarrow DT NN$	
$NP \rightarrow DT NNS$	
$PP \rightarrow IN NP$	

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0							
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

Build an  $n+1 \times n+1$  matrix, where  $n =$  number of words in input

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	[0,1]						
1		[1,2]					
2			[2,3]				
3				[3,4]			
4					[4,5]		
5						[5,6]	
6							[6,7]

Illustrate the numbering of cells:  $[i,j]$ 's represent spans.



	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0							
1		[1,2]					
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

Notice how the spans (e.g. [1,2]) differ from the word indices (e.g. 'chef', 2).

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]						
1		[1,2]					
2			[2,3]				
3				[3,4]			
4					[4,5]		
5						[5,6]	
6							[6,7]

'the' is labelled DT

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]						
1		NN [1,2]					
2			[2,3]				
3				[3,4]			
4					[4,5]		
5						[5,6]	
6							[6,7]

'chef' is labelled NN

	the 1	chef 2	eats 3	fish 4	with 5	the 6	chopsticks 7
0	<b>DT</b> [0,1]	<b>NP</b> [0,2]					
1		<b>NN</b> [1,2]					
2			[2,3]				
3				[3,4]			
4					[4,5]		
5						[5,6]	
6							[6,7]

Found an NP: [0,1], [1,2]

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]					
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]				
3				[3,4]			
4					[4,5]		
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'eats' is labelled VBZ

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]				
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]				
3				[3,4]			
4					[4,5]		
5						[5,6]	
6							[6,7]

Found an S: [0,2],[2,3]

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]				
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]				
3				NNS [3,4]			
4					[4,5]		
5						[5,6]	
6							[6,7]

'fish' is labelled NNS

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]				
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]				
3				NNS,VBP [3,4]			
4					[4,5]		
5						[5,6]	
6							[6,7]

'fish' is labelled VBP



	the 1	chef 2	eats 3	fish 4	with 5	the 6	chopsticks 7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]				
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			
3				NNS, VBP [3,4]			
4					[4,5]		
5						[5,6]	
6							[6,7]

Found a VP: [2,3], [3,4]

	the 1	chef 2	eats 3	fish 4	with 5	the 6	chopsticks 7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]	S [0,4]			
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			
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	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]	S [0,4]			
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			
3				NNS,VBP [3,4]			
4					IN [4,5]		
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6							[6,7]

'with' is labelled IN

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]	S [0,4]			
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			
3				NNS,VBP [3,4]			
4					IN [4,5]		
5						DT [5,6]	
6							[6,7]

'the' is labelled DT

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]	S [0,4]			
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			
3				NNS, VBP [3,4]			
4					IN [4,5]		
5						DT [5,6]	
6							NNS [6,7]

'chopsticks' is labelled NNS

	the 1	chef 2	eats 3	fish 4	with 5	the 6	chopsticks 7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]	S [0,4]			
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			
3				NNS,VBP [3,4]			
4					IN [4,5]		
5						DT [5,6]	NP [5,7]
6							NNS [6,7]

Found an NP: [5,6], [6,7]

	the 1	chef 2	eats 3	fish 4	with 5	the 6	chopsticks 7
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1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			
3				NNS,VBP [3,4]			
4					IN [4,5]		PP [4,7]
5						DT [5,6]	NP [5,7]
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Found a PP: [4,5],[5,7]

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]	S [0,4]			
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			
3				NNS, <b>VBP</b> [3,4]			<b>VP</b> [3,7]
4					IN [4,5]		<b>PP</b> [4,7]
5						DT [5,6]	NP [5,7]
6							NNS [6,7]

Found a VP: [3,4], [4,7]



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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]	S [0,4]			
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			VP [2,7]
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1		NN [1,2]					
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6							NNS [6,7]

Found another VP: [2,4],[4,7]

	the	chef	eats	fish	with	the	chopsticks
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]	S [0,4]			S [0,7]
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			VP <sub>1</sub> , VP <sub>2</sub> [2,7]
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4					IN [4,5]		PP [4,7]
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6							NNS [6,7]

Found an S node: [0,2] [2,7]

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0	DT [0,1]	NP [0,2]	S [0,3]	S [0,4]			$S_1$ , $S_2$ [0,7]
1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			$VP_1$ , $VP_2$ [2,7]
3				NNS, VBP [3,4]			VP [3,7]
4					IN [4,5]		PP [4,7]
5						DT [5,6]	NP [5,7]
6							NNS [6,7]

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1		NN [1,2]					
2			VBZ [2,3]	VP [2,4]			VP <sub>1</sub> , VP <sub>2</sub> [2,7]
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Recognition algorithm returns **True** when a root node is found in [0,n]

# The CKY Algorithm (recognition)

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function CKY-Parse (words, grammar) returns table

for j  $\leftarrow$  1 to length(words) do: (loop over columns)

    table[j-1,j]  $\leftarrow$  {A|A  $\rightarrow$  words[j]  $\in$  grammar} (add POS)

    for i  $\leftarrow$  j-2 downto 0 do: (loop over rows, backwards)

        for k  $\leftarrow$  i+1 to j-1 do: (loop over contents of cell)

            table[i,j]  $\leftarrow$  table[i,j]  $\cup$ 

                {A|A  $\rightarrow$  B C  $\in$  grammar,

                    B  $\in$  table[i,k]

                    C  $\in$  table[k,j] }
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**for all**  $\{A|A \rightarrow B C\}$ : (all productions)

$back[i,j,A] \leftarrow \{k,B,C\}$  (add back pointer)

**return** buildtree( $back[1, length(words),S]$ ),  $table[1,LENGTH(words),S]$   
(follow back pointer)

## Issues with CKY

### Efficiency

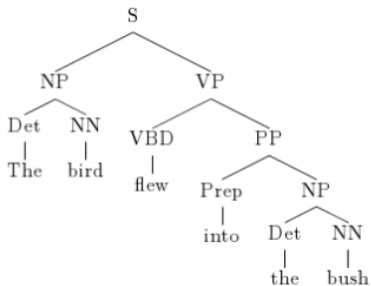
- The CKY can be performed in cubic time:  $O(n^3)$ , where  $n$ =number of words in sentence.
- The complexity of the inner most loop is bounded by the square of the number of non-terminals.
- The more rules, the less efficient; but this increases at a constant rate  $L = r^2$  where  $r$  is the number of non-terminals.

## Issues with CKY

### Grammar requirements

- The basic algorithm requires a binary grammar, in fact a grammar in Chomsky Normal Form.
- Basic algorithm can be extended to account for arbitrary CFGs.
- However, transforming a grammar into a CNF grammar is easier and more efficient than parsing with an arbitrary grammar.
- Later, we'll look at the Earley Algorithm for parsing arbitrary CFGs.

# Binary tree



# Chomsky Normal Form grammar

## Definition

**CNF grammar:** a context-free grammar where the RHS of each production rule is restricted to be either two non-terminals or one terminal, and no empty productions are allowed.

There can be:

- no mixed rules ( $NP \rightarrow the\ NN$ )
- no unit productions ( $NP \rightarrow NNP$ ), except for  $NN \rightarrow dog$
- no right hand sides of more than two non-terminals ( $VP \rightarrow VBZ\ NP\ PP$ ).

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**Strong equivalence:** Two grammars are strongly equivalent if they generate the same set of strings AND the same structures over those strings. If only the variable names are diff. then the grammar are said to be *isomorphic*.



## Symbol naming conventions

- Use new symbols (binarization):  $X_1, X_2, \dots, Y_3$   
 $S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$  becomes:  
 $S \rightarrow NP X_1, X_1 \rightarrow VP PUNC$
- Delete a symbol (unary collapsing):  
 $SBAR \rightarrow S, S \rightarrow NP VP$  becomes  
 $SBAR \rightarrow NP VP$

# CNF conversion algorithm

- 1 Removing unit-productions (unary collapsing):
  - while there is a unit-production  $A \rightarrow B$ ,
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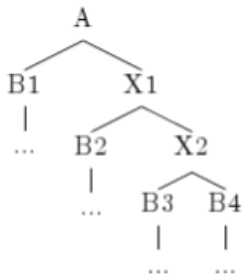
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- 3 Remove rules with more than two nonterminals on the RHS (binarization)
  - **foreach** rule  $p$  of form  $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \dots B_k$
  - replace  $p$  with  $A \rightarrow B_1 X_1$ ,  $X_1 \rightarrow B_2 X_2$ ,  $X_2 \rightarrow B_3 X_3$ , ...,  $X_{(k-2)} \rightarrow B_{k-1} B_k$  ( $X_i$ 's are new variables.)

# Binarization



# A sample CFG

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 $NP \rightarrow NN$  (unit production)  
 $NN \rightarrow \text{dog}$

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 $S \rightarrow S \text{ and } S$  (mixed)  
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 $NN \rightarrow dog$  (OK)

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 $NN \rightarrow \text{cat}$  (OK)  
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 $VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$  (OK)  
 $VP \rightarrow VBZ$  (unit production)  
 $VBZ \rightarrow sleeps$

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 $VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$  (OK)  
 $VP \rightarrow VBZ$  (unit production)  
 $VBZ \rightarrow sleeps$  (OK)  
 $VBZ \rightarrow eats$  (OK)  
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 $VP \rightarrow VBZ$  (unit production)  
 $VBZ \rightarrow sleeps$  (OK)  
 $VBZ \rightarrow eats$  (OK)  
 $DT \rightarrow the$  (OK)

# Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 1

Non-CNF grammar || CNF grammar || Action

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Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
<hr/> $NP \rightarrow NN$	<hr/>	<hr/>

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Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
<hr/> $NP \rightarrow NN$ $NN \rightarrow dog$	<hr/>	<hr/>

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Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
<hr/> $NP \rightarrow NN$ $NN \rightarrow dog$ $NN \rightarrow cat$	<hr/>	<hr/>

# Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 1

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
<hr/> $NP \rightarrow NN$ $NN \rightarrow dog$ $NN \rightarrow cat$	<hr/> $NP \rightarrow dog$	<hr/> (collapse rule)



# Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 1

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$NP \rightarrow NN$ $NN \rightarrow dog$ $NN \rightarrow cat$	$NP \rightarrow dog$ $NP \rightarrow cat$	(collapse rule) (collapse rule)

# Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 1

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$NP \rightarrow NN$		
$NN \rightarrow dog$		
$NN \rightarrow cat$		
	$NP \rightarrow dog$	(collapse rule)
	$NP \rightarrow cat$	(collapse rule)
$VP \rightarrow VBZ$		

# Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 1

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$NP \rightarrow NN$		
$NN \rightarrow dog$		
$NN \rightarrow cat$		
$VP \rightarrow VBZ$	$NP \rightarrow dog$	(collapse rule)
$VBZ \rightarrow sleeps$	$NP \rightarrow cat$	(collapse rule)

# Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 1

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$NP \rightarrow NN$ $NN \rightarrow dog$ $NN \rightarrow cat$		
$VP \rightarrow VBZ$ $VBZ \rightarrow sleeps$ $VBZ \rightarrow eats$	$NP \rightarrow dog$ $NP \rightarrow cat$	(collapse rule) (collapse rule)

# Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 1

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$NP \rightarrow NN$		
$NN \rightarrow dog$		
$NN \rightarrow cat$		
$VP \rightarrow VBZ$		
$VBZ \rightarrow sleeps$		
$VBZ \rightarrow eats$		
	$NP \rightarrow dog$	(collapse rule)
	$NP \rightarrow cat$	(collapse rule)
	$VP \rightarrow sleeps$	(collapse rule)
	$VP \rightarrow eats$	(collapse rule)

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 2

Non-CNF grammar || CNF grammar || Action

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 2

Non-CNF grammar		CNF grammar		Action
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$S \rightarrow S \text{ and } S$				

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 2

Non-CNF grammar		CNF grammar		Action
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$S \rightarrow S \text{ and } S$				



## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 2

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$S \rightarrow S \text{ and } S$	$S \rightarrow S X_1$	(new symbol)

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 2

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$S \rightarrow S \text{ and } S$	$S \rightarrow S X1$ $X1 \rightarrow X2 S$	 (new symbol) (new symbol)

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 2

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$S \rightarrow S \text{ and } S$	$S \rightarrow S X1$ $X1 \rightarrow X2 S$ $X2 \rightarrow \text{and}$	 (new symbol) (new symbol)

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 3

Non-CNF grammar    ||    CNF grammar    ||    Action

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 3

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
<hr/> $S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$	<hr/>	<hr/>

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 3

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
<hr/> $S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$	<hr/> $S \rightarrow NP X_3$	<hr/> (new symbol)

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 3

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
<hr/> $S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$	<hr/> $S \rightarrow NP X3$ $X3 \rightarrow VP PUNC$	<hr/> (new symbol)

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 3

<u>Non-CNF grammar</u>	<u>CNF grammar</u>	<u>Action</u>
$S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$	$S \rightarrow NP X3$	(new symbol)
$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	$X3 \rightarrow VP PUNC$	



## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 3

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$	$S \rightarrow NP X3$	(new symbol)
$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	$X3 \rightarrow VP PUNC$	
	$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	(carry over)

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 3

<u>Non-CNF grammar</u>	<u>CNF grammar</u>	<u>Action</u>
$S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$	$S \rightarrow NP X3$	(new symbol)
$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	$X3 \rightarrow VP PUNC$	
$VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$	$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	(carry over)

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 3

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$	$S \rightarrow NP X3$	(new symbol)
$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	$X3 \rightarrow VP PUNC$	(carry over)
$VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$	$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	(carry over)
	$VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$	(carry over)

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<u>Non-CNF grammar</u>	<u>CNF grammar</u>	<u>Action</u>
$S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$	$S \rightarrow NP X3$	(new symbol)
$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	$X3 \rightarrow VP PUNC$	(carry over)
$VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$	$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	(carry over)
$DT \rightarrow the$	$VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$	(carry over)

## Conversion of CFG to CNF: Step 3

Non-CNF grammar	CNF grammar	Action
$S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$	$S \rightarrow NP X3$	(new symbol)
	$X3 \rightarrow VP PUNC$	
$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	$NP \rightarrow DT NP$	(carry over)
$VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$	$VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$	(carry over)
$DT \rightarrow the$	$DT \rightarrow the$	(carry over)

## CFG in CNF

$NP \rightarrow dog$        $S \rightarrow NP X3$   
 $NP \rightarrow cat$        $X3 \rightarrow VP PUNC$   
 $VP \rightarrow sleeps$      $NP \rightarrow DT NP$   
 $VP \rightarrow eats$        $VP \rightarrow VBZ NP$   
 $S \rightarrow S X1$        $DT \rightarrow the$   
 $X1 \rightarrow X2 S$   
 $X2 \rightarrow and$

## Homework 2 discussion

Homework: CKY and toCNF

## Symbol naming conventions

Refer to NLTK `treetransforms` module

- Create new symbols from old (binarization):

$S \rightarrow NP VP PUNC$  becomes:

$S \rightarrow NP S|\langle VP-PUNC \rangle, S|\langle VP-PUNC \rangle \rightarrow VP PUNC$

- Create new symbols from old (unary collapsing):

$SBAR \rightarrow S, S \rightarrow NP VP$  becomes

$SBAR+S \rightarrow NP VP$