



# Constituency Parsing

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EXERCISE

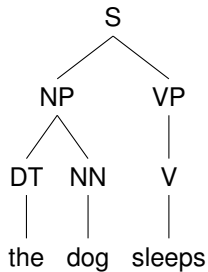
## A pcfg

Assume the following grammar

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vp	→	v		0.1	nn	→	woman	0.1
np	→	dt	nn	0.2	nn	→	telescope	0.3
np	→	np	pp	0.8	nn	→	dog	0.5
pp	→	p	np	1.0	dt	→	the	1.0
					p	→	with	0.6
					p	→	in	0.4

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$$\underbrace{1.0}_{\text{det} \rightarrow \text{the}} \cdot \underbrace{0.5}_{\text{n} \rightarrow \text{dog}} \cdot \underbrace{0.4}_{\text{v} \rightarrow \text{sleeps}} \cdot \underbrace{0.1}_{\text{vp} \rightarrow \text{v}} \cdot \underbrace{0.2}_{\text{np} \rightarrow \text{dt n}} \cdot \underbrace{1.0}_{\text{s} \rightarrow \text{np vp}} = 0.004$$

## Parsing Sentence

What's the best parse for the sentence

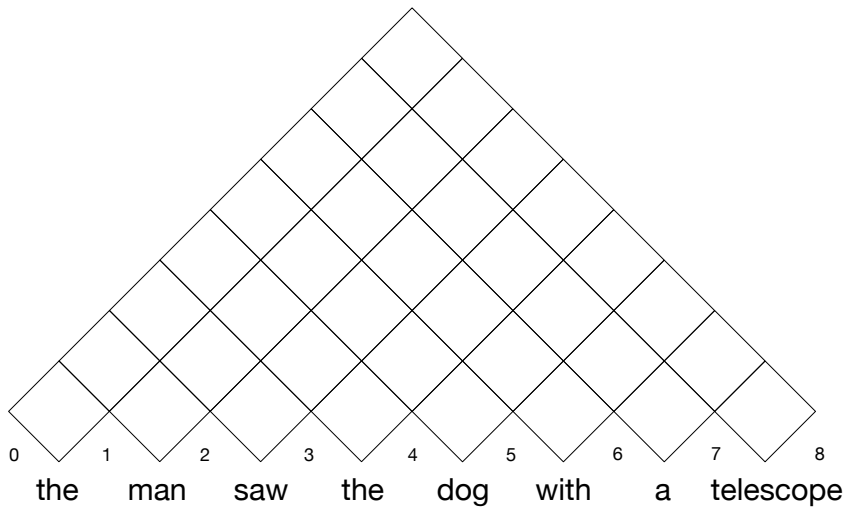
0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8  
the   man   saw   the   dog   with   the   telescope

### Under the grammar

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First, do spans for single word (e.g.,  $C[7, 8, nn]$ ).

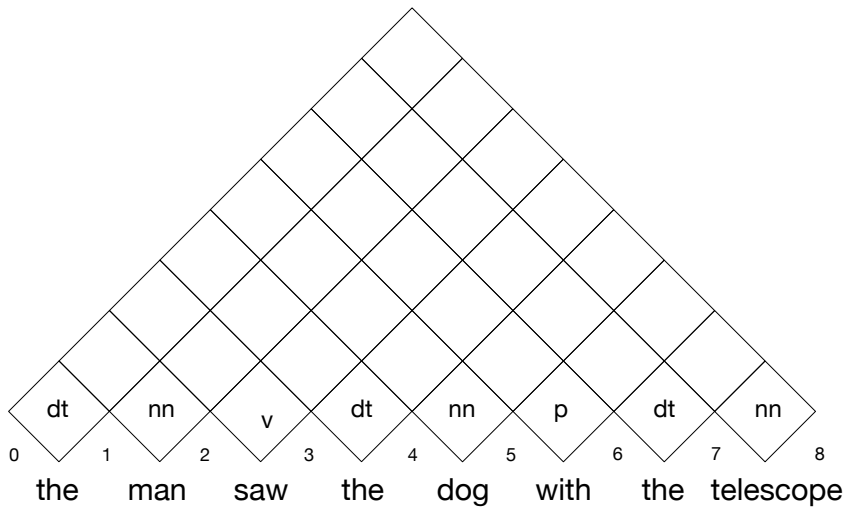
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## Span 1

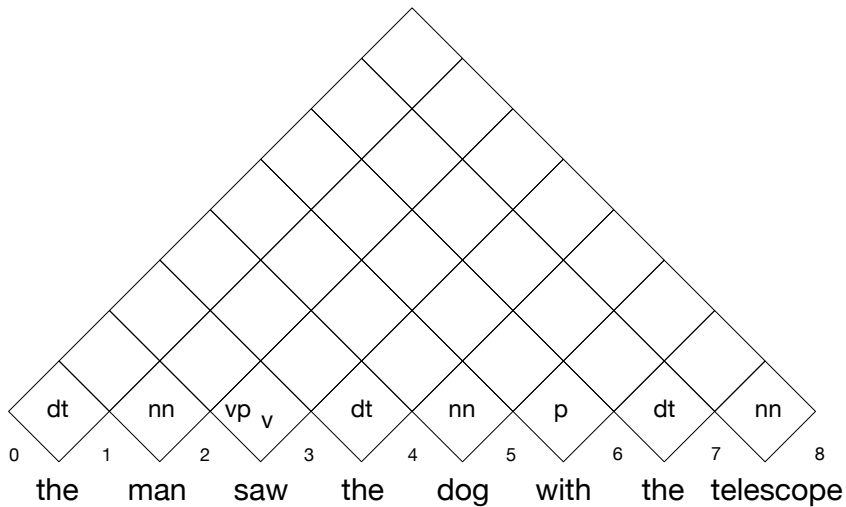
1.  $C[7, 8, nn] = \ln(0.3) = -1.2$
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3.  $C[5, 6, p] = \ln(0.6) = -0.51$
4.  $C[4, 5, nn] = \ln(0.5) = -0.69$
5.  $C[3, 4, dt] = \ln(1.0) = 0.0$
6.  $C[2, 3, v] = \ln(0.6) = -0.51$
7.  $C[2, 3, vp] = \ln(0.6) + \ln(0.1) = -2.8$
8.  $C[1, 2, nn] = \ln(0.1) = -2.3$
9.  $C[0, 1, dt] = \ln(1.0) = 0.0$

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## Span 2

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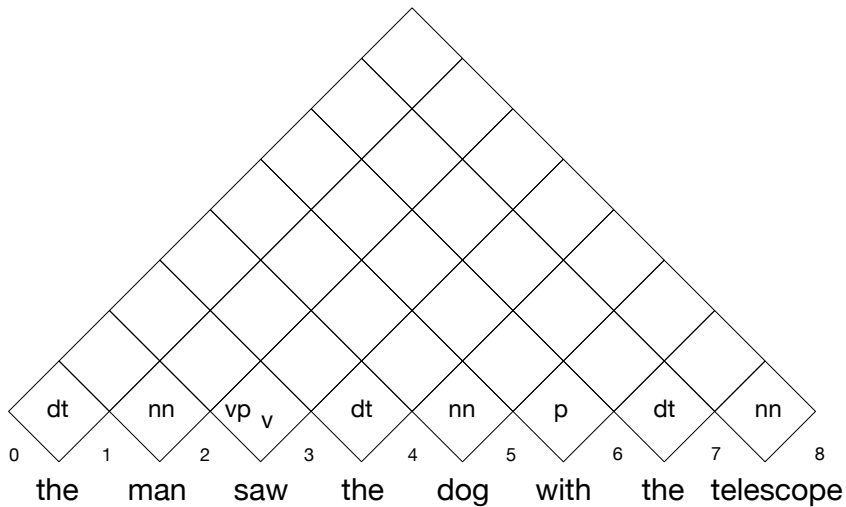
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$$3. C[6,8,np] = \underbrace{0.0}_{C[6,7,DT]} + \underbrace{-1.2}_{C[7,8,NN]} + \ln(\underbrace{0.2}_{np \rightarrow dt n}) = -1.2 + -1.6 = -2.8$$

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## Span 3

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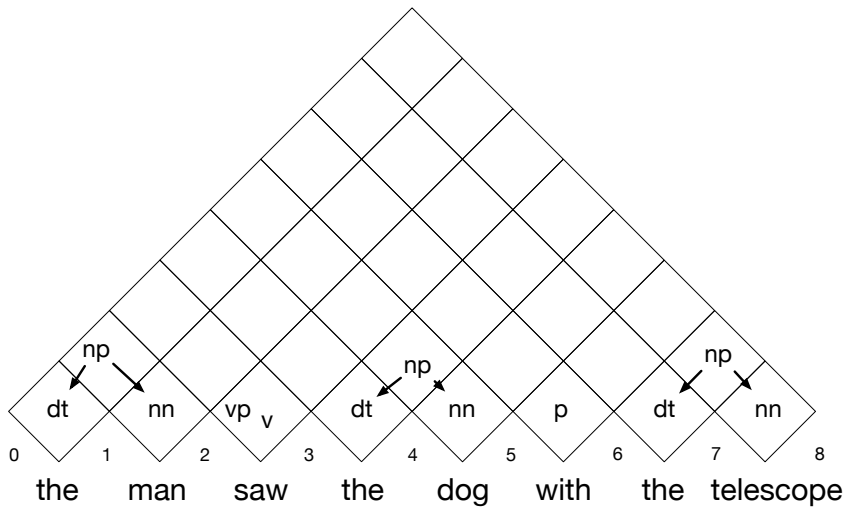
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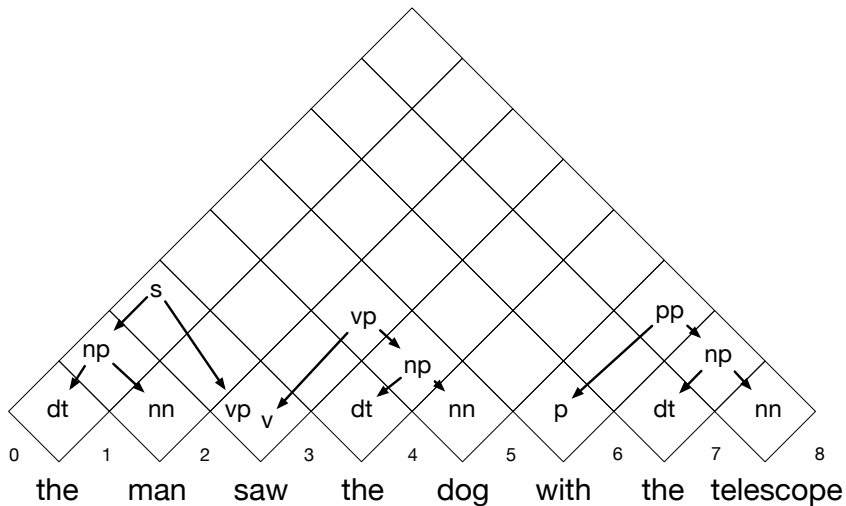
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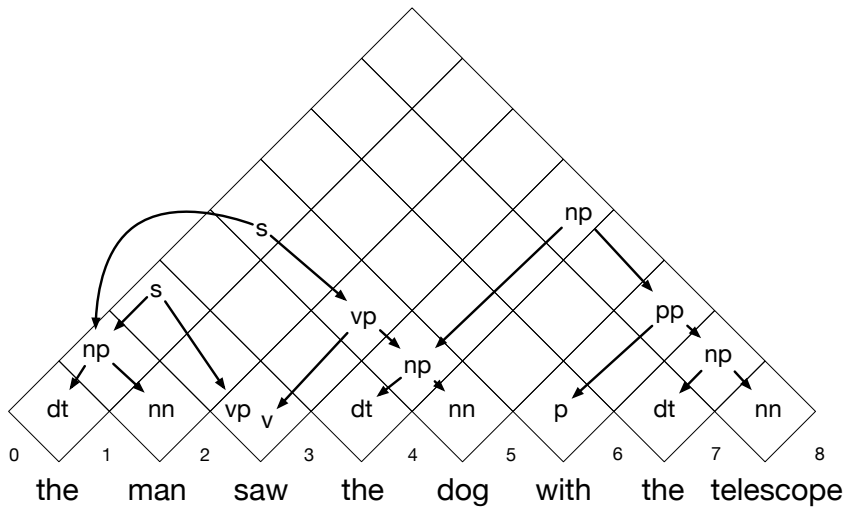
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Which is it? “dog through telescope” or “dog holding telescope”?

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## Span 8

$$1. C[0,8,s] = \underbrace{-3.9}_{C[0,2,NP]} + \underbrace{-6.7}_{C[2,8,VP]} = -10.6$$



## Span 8

