Reading #3: tree kernel

Basics

• Paper: Collins and Duffy 2001

• Due: Feb 25 at 11am

Questions

 Suppose you want to build a reranking for parsing using SVM. According to the paper:

Q1: What does training data look like? That is, a classifier is trained with (x, y) pairs. For this reranking problem, what is x and what is y?

 Q2: What happens at test time? That is, what formulas does one need to calculate in order to determine the correct ranking of the candidate parse trees?

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 Q3: Conceptually, a parse tree is represented as a feature vector. What are the features? What are the feature values? How many features are there?

 Q4: In practice, is it necessary to represent a parse tree as a feature vector? Why or why not?